

Town of
MARSHFIELD
VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31
2015



The 2015 Town Report is dedicated to John Lewis Warshow 1956- 2015

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator Michael Caccavo

Town Clerk & Treasurer Bobbi Brimblecombe

Selectpersons

Term Expires 2016 (appointed)..... Laurie Colgan

Term Expires 2017..... Andrew Perchlik

Term Expires 2018..... Christopher Martin

School Directors

Term Expires 2016..... Jill Wilson

Term Expires 2017..... Patrick Healy

Term Expires 2018..... Jack Hoffman

Auditors

Term Expires 2016..... Doris Dufresne

Term Expires 2017..... Thomas Maclay

Term Expires 2018..... Wilmer Brandt

Listers

Term Expires 2016..... Karen O'Donnell

Term Expires 2017..... Lois Burnham

Term Expires 2018..... Meg Eberhardt

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Bobbi Brimblecombe

First Constable Shawn Codling

Second Constable James Arisman

Budget Committee

Term Expires 2016..... Betsy Brigham

Term Expires 2017..... Doris Dufresne

Term Expires 2018..... Deanna Martin

Term Expires 2019..... Michael Caccavo

Term Expires 2020..... Thomas Maclay

Library Trustees

Term Expires 2016..... Annie Reed

Term Expires 2016..... Grace Gouge

Term Expires 2017..... Laurie Colgan

Term Expires 2018..... Liza Earle-Centers

Term Expires 2018..... Jennifer Barlow

Town Juror Michael Caccavo

Town Agent Michael Caccavo

Cemetery Trustees Board of Selectpersons

Justices of the Peace (Elected at General Election)

James Arisman, Christopher Bellamy, Lawrence Black, Lois Burnham, Judy Henkin, Mary Leahy, James Malloy

Appointed by Selectpersons

Planning Commission*

Term Expires 2016 Michael Schumacher
Term Expires 2016 Faeterri Silver
Term Expires 2017 Robert Light
Term Expires 2018 Melissa Seifert
Term Expires 2018 Jon Groveman

* The Town Selectpersons and Village Trustees are Ex-officio members.

Development Review Board

Term Expires 2016 Michael Schumacher
Term Expires 2016 Les Snow
Term Expires 2017 Gary Leach
Term Expires 2018 James Arisman
Term Expires 2018 Jenny Warshow

Zoning Administrator (Term expires 4/15/2016)..... Robert Light

Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Term expires May 2016..... vacant

Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Advisory Committee vacant

Representative to Northeast Kingdom Waste Mgmt District vacant

Conservation Commission

Term expires 2016 Anthony Mayhew
Term expires 2016 Sarah Norton
Term expires 2017 Allen Banbury
Term expires 2017 Steve Fiske
Term expires 2017 Bob Popp
Term expires 2018 Anne Miller
Term expires 2018 Taber Allison
Term expires 2019 Anne Reed
Term expires 2019 Ed Jalbert

Energy and Climate Change Committee

Lawrence Black, Wes Cate, Dan Chodorkoff, Michael Horowitz, Anne Miller, John Morris, Richard Phillips, Nick Seifert, Joel Trupin

Stranahan Stewardship Committee

Jim Brimblecombe, John Domey, Jenny Warshow, Diana Batzel, Ed Jalbert

Recreation Committee

Lincoln Earle-Centers, Laurie Martin, Drew McNaughton, Penni Ann Stearns,

Fire Chief..... Thomas Maclay II

Fire Warden (Term expires 6/30/2020)..... Thomas Maclay

Health Officer (Term expires 06/30/2016)..... James Arisman

Town Service Officer Beth Stern

Cemetery Sexton Joe Mangan

Pound Keeper Laurie Speicher (dogs), CVHS (cats)

Dog Officer Josephine Guertin

Fence Viewers.....Richard Phillips
Dennis Ducharme
Wilmer Brandt

Tree Warden..... Ronald Smith

Inspector of Lumber, Shingles & WoodDennis Ducharme

Weigher of Coal Albert St. Cyr

Assistant Town Clerk Winnie Valenza
(Appointed by the Town Clerk)

Road Foreman Daniel Tetreault

Road Crew..... Scott Ciampi
Timothy Ksepka
Guthrie Perry

Building Superintendent..... Ernie Penley

TOWN MEETING 2015

Moderator Michael Caccavo opened Town Meeting at 9:00 on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Twinfield Union School. A total of 134 out of 1,090 registered voters checked in for the open meeting. Moderator Caccavo explained the rules for Town Meeting. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Representative Janet Ancel spoke about legislative issues. She is currently serving on the Ways and Means Committee. Rob Billings commented that he is discouraged that the legislature is considering a payroll tax, as this does not create an atmosphere that will result in new jobs for young people. He feels that the legislature should cut the budget rather than adding another tax. Representative Ancel stated that she shares his concerns. During the meeting, the crowd passed the hat and raised \$587.50 for the Onion River Food Shelf.

Article 1. To elect all Town Officers required by Law:

Moderator Michael Caccavo 1 year

Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe 1 year

Town Treasurer Bobbi Brimblecombe 1 year

Selectperson 3 years

Chris Martin was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

Chris Martin 3 years

Auditor 3 years

Wilmer Brandt was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

Wilmer Brandt 3 years

Lister 3 years

Meg Eberhardt was nominated. Moved and seconded to have the clerk cast one ballot. All in favor.

Meg Eberhardt 3 years

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Bobbi Brimblecombe 1 year

First Constable Shawn Codling 1 year

Second Constable	James Arisman	1 year
Town Juror	Michael Caccavo	1 year
Town Agent	Michael Caccavo	1 year
Budget Committee Member	Tom Maclay	5 years
Library Trustee	Liza Earle-Centers	3 years
Library Trustee	Jennifer Barlow	3 years

Article 2. To elect School Directors to serve on the Union District Board, as follows:

School Director 3 years

Anh Ducharme and Jack Hoffman were nominated. Neither nominee was present. Betsy Brigham spoke in favor of Jack Hoffman, and read part of a prepared statement. Paper ballots were cast as follows:

Ballots Cast:	82
Necessary for election:	42
Jack Hoffman	47
Anh Ducharme	34
Spoiled	1

Jack Hoffman 3 years

Article 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Michael Schumacher spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission. They are going to be reviewing the current zoning map in the coming year. He explained the current map. They want to make the zones fair, and look at how the town can be built out in a logical way. The map has changed very little since the 60's and 70's. They want to avoid strip development and protect rural character. They also want to promote even distribution of property rights among all landowners. He noted that currently the buildable and agricultural land is one district; they would like to protect farm land. Current zoning would allow farms to be split into 2-acre lots. They are looking at a way to split the agricultural and residential districts. They would love to have feedback. All Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and they would like to hear from people. He encouraged people to email or start a conversation on Front Porch Forum.

Tim Booth asked if there is a difference in taxes between the districts. Sue Morris asked what percent of land is forested. Mike answered 67%. Rob Billings asked Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe the value of the grand list the previous year.

Bobbi didn't have the figure but noted that the growth in the grand list was less than 1%, as there are not many new houses. Rob Billings stated that the Planning Commission needs to look at the percent of buildable land, and allow people to build. Jill Wilson noted that more houses doesn't necessarily mean more kids at our school, or lower school taxes. Tim Booth asked whether it makes more sense to allow more housing on Route 2, to take advantage of it being a state road. Albert Whitcomb asked about industry. He feels that we should have a place for industrial development so that people don't have to travel so far for work. Julia Wilk asked whether separating the agricultural and residential districts would limit agriculture at peoples' homes. Zoning Administrator Bob Light stated that you can have livestock anywhere, and agricultural buildings are exempt from zoning. He noted that the Planning Commission has talked about making Route 2 the place for commercial development because of trucks and accessibility.

Planning Commissioner Faeterri Silver stated that this is what the commission will be working on for the next year, and they would like people to come to their meetings. She noted that next year the map may look very different.

Saul Gresser asked what percentage of the Forestry and Conservation District is state-owned. Mike Schumacher replied that we don't know the percentage. Bobbi stated that it is over 3,000 acres.

Rob Billings agreed with Jill Wilson. School taxes depend on the number of equalized pupils. He feels that two things bring people to a town – a good school and a place to build.

Moving away from the Planning Commission report, Brett Engstrom asked why the Martin Covered Bridge Park is referred to on the list of assets as the Thorndike property. Bobbi stated that the property was donated to the Town by Charles Thorndike. She explained that it wasn't given to the Town in lieu of delinquent taxes, as was reported in the newspaper. The Town did pay the taxes that became due later in the year, after the property was deeded to the Town, but the property was a purely generous gift with no strings attached. Mike Dunn asked that it stay listed as the Thorndike property.

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,015,993 allocated as follows, with \$259,853 from other income, \$112,909 previous year surplus to be applied and \$643,231 to be raised in taxes:

- \$262,977 for the payment of indebtedness and general expenses (\$112,050 from other income and \$150,927 from surplus and taxes);
- \$605,443 for the support of highways and bridges (\$90,008 from other income, \$515,435 from surplus and taxes);
- \$63,548 in support of the Marshfield Fire Department (all from surplus and taxes);
- \$18,347 in support of the Planning and Zoning Department (\$2,000 from permit fees, \$16,347 from surplus and taxes);
- \$3,950 in support of the Marshfield Recreation Committee (all from surplus and taxes);

\$61,728 in support of the Old Schoolhouse Common (\$25,330 from building lease/rentals, \$30,465 allocated from other town departments, \$5,933 from surplus and taxes).

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

Rob Billings stated that he is happy to see the surplus applied to the tax rate. He feels that the budget is reasonable and he supports it.

All in favor.

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$74,850 in support of the Jaquith Public Library.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

All in favor.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,455 in support of the Marshfield Historical Society. This amount includes \$6,455 for rent and to reauthorize \$2,000 previously approved at Town Meeting in 2014 but unspent, to finish the development of the Hap Hayward History Center including but not limited to archival supplies to protect the collection, to purchase or design a computer cataloging system that will be available to the public for researching the collection, and renovating two large display cabinets donated by Norwich University.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

Jennifer Barlow commended the people who took on the project to make the Historical Society more available to the public. Janet Nielsen stated that they intend to do programs several times each year. The next program will be March 19th; it will be a talk about what it was like to grow up in Marshfield. Tim Booth stated that his father-in-law was a veteran, and he has photos and memorabilia. He asked if they Society would like to display them. Janet said they would. Rich Phillips stated that there is a real nucleus of energy now and he is excited to learn more about the Town. He commends the development of the History Center and the dedication to Hap Hayward. Library Director Susan Green thanked the Historical Society for the development of the room. She invited people to come to the Library and see the new room.

All in favor.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

Lee Light stated that 2 or 3 years ago, she brought up that the stones need to be cleaned in the Rich-Hollister Cemetery and the trees are growing into the wall. She

asked if anything has been done. Selectboard Member Chris Martin stated that he has spoken with the adjoining landowner, and the trees will get trimmed. Some will get removed. The Cemetery Sexton cleans stones as time permits.

Anne Reed asked why we appropriate money when there is already money in the fund. Bobbi explained that we can only spend the earnings from the perpetual care funds. Liza asked why the amount is increased by \$500 this year. Chris Martin explained that the mowing cost might increase, and there are other small projects to be done.

All in favor.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$15,000 in support of the Cabot Ambulance Service.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

All in favor.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,500 in support of the Plainfield Fire and Rescue Service.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

All in favor.

Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the fifth year cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

Winnie Valenza asked how many years the Town will be asked to pay this. Tawnya Kristen of Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) explained that they will ask for this funding every year, to leverage state funding. They have seen an increase of 1% ridership, with a recent decrease, likely a result of lower gas prices. Merv Spooner asked if the bus picks up in other towns. Tawnya explained that it picks up in every town all the way to St. Johnsbury, in cooperation with Rural Community Transport (RCT). RCT asks for funds from their towns, and GMTA asks for funds from their towns. Tim Booth asked how many people from Marshfield ride the bus. Tawnya stated that 482 people were picked up at the St. Johnsbury Welcome Center, 20 at the Marshfield Village Store, 274 at the Old Schoolhouse Common, and 785 at the Plainfield Park & Ride.

Beth Stern noted that Maple Hill residents would use the Plainfield Park & Ride. She asked what would happen if one town didn't approve the request. Tawnya stated that they would question why it wasn't supported, and consider whether to continue the route.

Steve Fiske thinks these numbers are low. He asked why more people don't use it. He noted that they stop at the OSC three times in the morning and one at noon, and you can transfer all the way to Burlington.

Betsy Brigham stated that rural towns are not used to budgeting for transportation but it is another thing that draws people to our town; it's an important community service.

Joanne Brooking noted that they are very accommodating. They pick up at several different locations and they go out of their way to help people. She also feels that we need to do our part and change our ways to prevent climate change.

Rich Phillips noted that his son takes the bus and as a result he has very few miles on his car. In Vermont 40-50% of fossil fuel use goes to transportation. He urged people to think of their own carbon footprint and do their part.

Marilyn Davis reminded people that riding the bus means you don't have to look for parking in Montpelier.

Laurie Martin stated that the cost per person is comparable to the cost of school buses.

Selectboard Member Andy Perchlik asked how much money is collected in fares. Tawnya stated that \$13,600 was collected in fares last year but it is a small percentage of the funding.

All in favor.

Article 11. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$11,582.00 to be allocated as recommended by the Budget Committee:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 600
Capstone Community Action	\$ 300
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,400
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$ 3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	\$ 150
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 200
Friends of the Winooski	\$ 300
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 882
Green Up Vermont	\$ 100
Home Share Now	\$ 200
Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,100
Our House of Central Vermont	\$ 100
People's Health & Wellness	\$ 300
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	\$ 50
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 1,600
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 300
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	\$ 250
Vt. Association of Conservation Districts	\$ 100

VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 100
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	\$ 200

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

Laurie Martin asked what the Green Mountain Transit request is for. Mike Caccavo explained that it is not for the commuter bus. It's for occasional service such as for the Twin Valley Seniors.

Laurie asked why we are being asked to give money to the Twinfield Learning Center and Together Mentoring, since they are school programs. Betsy Brigham explained that TLC is not funded by the school. It is funded by fees and grants, and the town match helps with grants. The Mentoring program has broad-based funding from towns, schools, grants, and businesses. Our appropriation shows community support, and helps to get grants.

Joan Misek stated that her child has attended TLC. They provide a subsidized rate for families who need it.

Beth Stern pointed out that information about all of the organizations is on the Town's website.

School Board Member Jill Wilson pointed out that TLC serves a need. When the Board asked the administration to cut the school budget, this is one of the programs that had money taken away. She asked voters to look at what else we spend money on in the school before cutting this. She noted that there was almost no attendance at the school budget meeting.

Rob Billings stated that he trusts the Selectboard and Budget Committee judgement and supports this article.

Marilyn Davis feels that judging by the school newsletter, kids who get involved in TLC will like school a lot better. She feels that the benefits far outweigh the pittance that they are asking for.

All in favor.

- Article 12.**
- a. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes;
 - b. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts;
 - c. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide funds for the amounts previously voted;
 - d. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, August

14, 2015, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers;

- e. To see if the Town will vote to have the School taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, November 6, 2015, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers; and
- f. To see if the Town will accept hand canceled, legible postmark on or before the due date as evidence of timely payment for town and school taxes.

Moved and seconded to accept this article as printed.

Tim Booth asked why we are borrowing money instead of collecting taxes quarterly. Treasurer Bobbi Brimblecombe explained that the town puts the borrowing out to bid, and because of our tax dates, the money can be invested at a higher rate than the loan rate, and it doesn't cost the town anything to borrow. Tim asked for dollar amounts. In 2014 the Town paid \$14,087 in tax anticipation note interest, and earned \$17,280 in interest on the investment. Bobbi explained that the Town would not be able to collect taxes quarterly, because our fiscal year starts in January (rather than July) so we don't have a budget or tax rate in time to have a collection in the spring.

All in favor.

Article 13. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Mike Caccavo praised the Selectboard, stating that some towns expect to see a budget increase every year. Rich Phillips also praised the Selectboard and all of the volunteers who serve on the various boards and commissions, almost 100 people that make the town work.

Liza Earle-Centers stated that the Town has not been able to find anyone to plow the sidewalks. She stated that one of the reasons why she moved to Marshfield was to enjoy a walking lifestyle. She has talked to the Selectboard and been assured that the Town has money in the budget for the sidewalk maintenance but no one came forward to bid on the work. She has seen many people walking in Route 2 and doesn't want to see this become the norm.

Rob Billings stated that Road Foreman Dan Tetreault has done an excellent job and he encouraged the Board to work with him in some capacity now that he is retiring. Chris Martin stated that he will still be here part time as a supervisor and to fill in when the regular crew wants time off.

Jamie Spector thanked the Town on behalf of Twin Valley Seniors. They were sad to leave the Old Schoolhouse Common but they have a nice new space at Blueberry Hill. Their expenses are up but so is the usage, and they are able to support more seniors.

Betsy Brigham urged the Selectboard to look at other options for the sidewalk maintenance next year.

Marilyn Davis would like to see recycling offered at each end of town. Currently the town only has hazardous materials pickup once each year. Bobbi explained that the Northeast Kingdom Waste District (NEKWMD) would be willing to have recycling collection in Marshfield if we provided a space. Currently Marshfield residents are allowed to take recyclables to Cabot. They would also allow hazardous waste collection at the Cabot facility if there was more storage space, and Cabot is working on that. Sarah Hooker asked how much the town had to pay to be a member of the Central Vermont Solid Waste District. Bobbi stated that it was between \$4,000 and \$5,000 when we left the district. The NEKWMD does not charge for membership. Merv Spooner stated that recycling is free with Casella.

Joe Gainza stated that the mentoring program is looking for male mentors. Volunteers make a difference in a child's life.

John Warshow noted that the Town has the following vacancies: NEKWMD representative, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Recreation Committee

Jenny Warshow asked people to fill out the Stranahan Town Forest survey.

Rich Phillips was asked to give an update about the solar panels. He stated that the Old Schoolhouse Common is using less power than was originally projected, because an old pump was replaced and because the Twin Valley Seniors moved. Because of that, the panels are producing most of the power that is used in the building. He stated that there are many ways to get solar, including leasing or buying over time. He noted that the payback time is dropping. He noted that weatherization, though, is still the best return.

Ernie asked why two solar panels have not been tracking. Rich explained that last year they would get stuck in the snow. The company is working on it. They stay flat when it is below 0 to protect the hydraulics. Information is transmitted to the manufacturer and they are analyzing the data but so far the panels are producing more power than last year.

Terri Weinstein informed the crowd that she is collecting boxtops and labels. So far the school has received \$900 in box tops; they used the money to buy L.L. Bean sleds this year. The money from the labels is being used for playground equipment. She asked families to donate board games. She urged people to volunteer for the mentoring program, because for some kids this is the only time they get out of the house.

Susan Green invited people to sign up for a library card and have the option to use Listen-Up Vermont to borrow books for their e-readers.

Allen Banbury reminded people that the Conservation Commission is doing their annual plant sale.

Beth Stern informed people that the Central Vermont Council on Aging has a new program for Veterans at home, and anyone interested should get in touch for more information.

Laurie Martin stated that she fully supports TLC and the mentoring programs; she just wanted to question the funding mechanism.

Mike Caccavo thanked Tessa Brimblecombe for running the microphone to people who were speaking.

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the 2015 Town Meeting.
Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk



2015 AUDITORS' REPORT

As directed by 24 VSA §1681, the Auditors have examined the financial records of the Town and the supporting data. We believe that all records and accounts contained herein are a true and accurate account of the Town's financial affairs.

State Law 24 VSA §1684 requires that the Auditors publish a statement showing the condition of the Town's indebtedness, trust funds, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit. A list of these follows:

- Assets -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Cash on Hand		120.43
General Fund - Sweep Account	0.1%	100,921.25
Merchants Bank Cheking	3.50%	1,151.57
Union Bank CD	0.5%	637,006.76
Fire Dept. Investments	2.15 to 3.25%	42,836.55
A/R Delinquent Taxes	12.00%	81,899.59
Owed from GMP		68.83

- Indebtedness -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Truck Loan - 2015	2.00%	88,000.00
Truck Loan - 2016	2.00%	110,000.00
Tractor/Mower Loan	2.00%	7,500.00
Pellet Boiler Loan	2.35%	7,000.00
Cabot Road Paving Loan	1.00%	20,000.00
Grader Loan	2.00%	48,000.00
Solar Panel internal loan	0.50%	25,611.79

The investments of the Cemetery Fund and Jaquith Library appear with their reports.

The solar installation was funded with an internal loan from the designated funds to the general fund. The designated funds would have earned 0.50%, so this is the interest rate that was used for 2015.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Marshfield Budget Committee recommends that the following amounts of tax monies be voted by the taxpayers:

	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Taxes</u>
Administration	254,476	110,015	144,461
Highways	603,960	87,297	516,663
Buildings & Grounds	61,004	55,795	5,209
Zoning and Planning	21,445	2,000	19,445
Fire Department	63,548		63,548
Recreation Committee	2,250		2,250
Total Selectboard Budget	1,006,683	255,107	751,576
Less Surplus			<u>(107,861)</u>
			643,715
Jaquith Public Library			76,822
Marshfield Cemetery Fund			8,500
Marshfield Historical Society			6,455
Cabot Ambulance			15,000
Plainfield Fire and Rescue			<u>5,500</u>
			755,992

The Budget Committee received many requests from organizations outside the Town. The following organizations have provided services to many citizens of Marshfield. We feel the voters should have the opportunity to choose the ones they wish to support.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	500
Capstone Community Action	300
Central Vermont Council on Aging	1,400
Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation	100
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	250
Family Center of Washington County	250
Friends of the Winooski	300
Green Mountain Transit	882
Green Up Vermont	100
Onion River Food Shelf	1,100
Twin Valley Seniors	1,600
Twinfield Learning Center	200
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts	100
Vermont Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	150
Vermont Center for Independent Living	100
Washington County Mental Health	800
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	<u>200</u>
TOTAL OUTSIDE APPROPRIATIONS	11,782

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Betsy Brigham, Doris Dufresne, Thomas Maclay, Deanna Martin

BUDGET AND ESTIMATED TAX RATE

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Administration	259,821	281,635	272,508	265,584	272,115	261,649	261,927	254,476
Highways	463,243	477,899	512,990	642,306	593,966	609,698	605,443	603,960
Flood Repairs	0	0	0	82,918	1,200	0	0	0
Fire Department	43,321	46,068	46,068	56,904	58,142	58,037	63,548	63,548
Planning & Zoning	17,470	17,874	18,374	17,317	20,862	21,194	18,347	21,445
Recreation	1,875	2,275	2,275	3,140	3,140	2,790	3,950	2,250
Buildings & Grounds	55,575	61,195	63,003	71,652	75,556	65,727	61,728	61,004
Total Selectboard Budget	841,305	886,946	915,218	1,139,821	1,024,982	1,019,095	1,014,943	1,006,683
Less Regular Income	-215,938	-248,678	-237,558	-258,160	-265,355	-252,449	-258,803	-255,107
Less Flood Reimbursements	0	0	0	-345,525	-22,473	0	0	0
Net Selectboard Budget	625,367	638,268	677,660	536,136	737,154	766,647	756,140	751,576
Less Surplus/Plus Deficit	-37,064	-13,354	-27,914	73,254	-135,661	-95,863	-112,909	-107,861
Total Tax, Selectboard Budget	588,303	624,914	649,746	609,389	601,492	670,783	643,231	643,715
Jaquith Library	58,628	59,805	63,773	63,957	65,383	75,000	74,850	76,822
Historical Society	4,375	4,375	4,375	4,375	4,375	5,501	8,455	6,455
History Center	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0
Cemeteries	6,500	6,500	5,000	6,500	6,500	8,000	8,500	8,500
EMS	10,500	12,500	12,000	14,000	14,000	20,500	20,500	20,500
Other Appropriations and Bus	7,825	15,783	15,983	17,308	18,315	18,915	19,915	20,115
Total Taxes to be Raised	676,132	723,877	750,877	715,529	710,065	803,699	775,451	776,107
Tax Rate	0.592	0.632	0.6513	0.6158	0.6096	0.6813	0.6567	0.6540 *
*estimate								0.6649 *

with the law enforcement contract, taxes would be 789,107 and the estimated rate would be:

TAXES NEEDED FOR INDIVIDUAL WARNING ARTICLES

	Taxes Needed	Effect on Tax Rate	Taxes for \$100,000 Property	Taxes for \$150,000 Property	Taxes for \$200,000 Property
Article 4	\$ 643,715.39	0.5453	\$ 545.28	\$ 817.92	\$ 1,090.55
Article 5	\$ 76,822.00	0.0651	\$ 65.07	\$ 97.61	\$ 130.15
Article 6	\$ 6,455.00	0.0055	\$ 5.47	\$ 8.20	\$ 10.94
Article 7	\$ 8,500.00	0.0072	\$ 7.20	\$ 10.80	\$ 14.40
Articles 8 & 9	\$ 20,500.00	0.0174	\$ 17.37	\$ 26.05	\$ 34.73
Article 11	\$ 13,000.00	0.0110	\$ 11.01	\$ 16.52	\$ 22.02
Article 12	\$ 8,333.00	0.0071	\$ 7.06	\$ 10.59	\$ 14.12
Article 13	\$ 11,782.00	0.0100	\$ 9.98	\$ 14.97	\$ 19.96
Total	\$ 789,107.39	0.668	\$ 668.44	\$ 1,002.65	\$ 1,336.87
Every \$10,000 in the budget	\$ 10,000.00	0.0085	\$ 8.47	\$ 12.71	\$ 16.94
For a penny on the tax rate	\$ 11,805.30	0.0100	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00

* The Selectboard budget includes Highways, General Government, the Town Office, the Fire Department, the Old Schoolhouse Common, Employment Taxes and Benefits, and Zoning and Planning.

SELECTBOARD REPORT

2015 started on a slippery note in Marshfield; we received many complaints over the conditions of the sidewalks in the village. The combination of large quantities of snow and no contractors interested in sidewalk snow removal made for difficult conditions for foot traffic in the village. Thankfully we found someone that can remove the snow in 2016.

After a lot of discussions with the Road Foreman, Dan Tetreault, the Selectboard was forced to allow Dan to retire. After a brief hiatus we got him back on a part time basis to continue much of the administrative aspects of the job as well as filling in for the road crew during vacations, sick days etc. This prompted the need to find another road crew member. We were able to hire a great young man, Guthrie Perry, who has a lot of experience and background in road maintenance.

2015 was also the year to replace one of the dump trucks. We replaced the 2007 six wheeler with another ten wheeler.

After the ground thawed out Ernie and Dan tackled another project at the Old Schoolhouse, fixing a chronic drainage problem that was affecting the gym. The school house also saw the addition of a new water fountain.

The town applied for and received reimbursement money from FEMA due to the wind storm that swept through some sections of town in December 2014, downing many trees and leaving quite a mess for the road crew to clean up.

Other projects in town included replacing a retaining wall along the side walk on the village and the installation of a new bus shelter at the Old Schoolhouse. This was mostly funded by a transportation grant.

Along with the usual dog issues around town we also were involved with cows roaming at large.

In June the town suffered the loss of long time Selectboard member John Warshow. John had selflessly served the town for 20 years. Over those years John dedicated countless hours to the town working to improve life for all residents. He was attentive to the operational details of town government recognizing the importance of day-to-day efficient and professional town services. John was also a leader on many visionary projects to preserve the town's cultural history and create recreational opportunities for generations to come such as the preservation of the Martin Covered Bridge and the town's acquisition of the Stranahan Memorial Town Forest. John brought humor, calmness, thoughtfulness, and respectful consideration of all viewpoints to town governance and Marshfield is all the better because of his service.

John's passing left an empty seat to fill. We were happy to be able to appoint Laurie Colgan, a previous Selectperson to fill the void.

After several complaints from residents around town about speeding and illegal activity, the board looked into options. That led to discussions with the state police and a short term contract to patrol in Marshfield to determine how effective their service might be in town.

The Road Crew spent a substantial amount of time and resources trying to keep up with the beaver populations around town. We have been in contact with a beaver specialist from the state who is going to try to assist the town next summer, in developing some infrastructure to help alleviate drainage issues that they cause along the roadways.

Before the end of the year the board made one final purchase of a newer wood chipper. The old chipper was due for some maintenance, and in consideration of its age and the availability of a newer model at a good price we decided it was time to trade.

2015 ended with record warmth and little snow which helped create a budget surplus that should allow town taxes to remain flat for 2016.

TOWN ASSETS

Property:		<u>Cost</u>
Mears property	37 acres	7,500
Old Town forest	50 acres	195
Gravel pit	4 acres	1,000
Railroad depot	8.1 acres	2,000
Thorndike property/Martin Covered Bridge Park	70 acres & bridge	1,321
Anderson lot	1.05 acres	1,455
Virginia Stranahan Town Forest	619.6 acres	0
Town garage		41,000
Salt Shed		51,722
Old village school lot & bldg	3 acres	1
Fire station and land	2.20 acres	81,000
Total Property		<u>187,195</u>
Equipment - major:		
2011 Pickup		39,604
2012 International truck		89,650
2015 International truck		112,448
2016 International truck		134,767
2007 Challenger tractor & mower		70,000
2013 John Deere grader		188,000
2000 John Deere loader		87,200
2004 John Deere excavator		56,500
Trailer for excavator		8,170
Pressure washer & Trailer		7,745
Generator		1,299
2011 Chipper		17,900
Sander		4,045
York rake (2009)		5,195
Tools		9,979
Solar Panels at Old Schoolhouse		63,448
Roller shelves (6)		3,100
Computers and printers		15,227
Office equipment		15,615
Office furniture		840
Air conditioners (2)		987
Total Equipment		<u>931,718</u>

TOWN ASSETS

Fire Station Improvements

Security System	9,377
Air Vacuum System	15,912
Sprinkler System	15,577
Total Fire Station Improvements	40,866

Fire Station Equipment

Standby Generator	14,369
Communications Equipment	25,010
Computers	4,162
1937 Chev. Amer. LaFrance Pumper	4,353
1991 Ford L-8000 pumper	99,168
1996 Ford LN 8000 tanker	83,531
Total Fire Station Equipment	230,593

TOTAL **1,332,750**



BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2015

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
- Assets -			
Cash on Hand	120.43		120.43
Sweep Account	100,921.25		100,921.25
Checking, Merchants Bank	1,151.57		1,151.57
CD at Union Bank	37,443.76	599,563.00	637,006.76
Fire Dept Invest Account		42,836.55	42,836.55
Delinquent Taxes	81,999.59		81,999.59
Reserve for Del Taxes	(81,999.59)		(81,999.59)
Solar Panel Loan		25,611.79	25,611.79
Owed from GMP	68.83		68.83
Total Assets	<u>139,705.84</u>	<u>668,011.34</u>	<u>807,717.18</u>
- Liabilities -			
Damage Deposit	1,296.54		1,296.54
Performance Bond	500.00		500.00
Prepayments	4,131.74		4,131.74
Payroll Liabilities	27.91		27.91
Solar Panel Loan	25,611.79		25,611.79
Grader Loan		48,000.00	48,000.00
Pellet Boiler Loan		7,000.00	7,000.00
Cabot Road Paving Loan		20,000.00	20,000.00
2007 Tractor/Mower Loan		7,500.00	7,500.00
2015 Truck Loan		88,000.00	88,000.00
2016 Truck Loan		110,000.00	110,000.00
Total Liabilities	<u>31,567.98</u>	<u>280,500.00</u>	<u>312,067.98</u>
- Fund Balances -			
Fund Balances, 12/31/14	25,889.04	278,097.12	303,986.16
2015 Surplus(Deficit)	<u>107,860.61</u>	<u>83,802.43</u>	<u>191,663.04</u>
Fund Balances, 12/31/15	133,749.65	361,899.55	495,649.20
Liabilities + Fund Balance	165,317.63	642,399.55	807,717.18

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES
General Fund

	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
Income				
Selectboard Managed Income				
Property Taxes	804,320	778,451	768,634	779,107
Natural Disasters	0	0	17,974	0
Town Office	13,672	13,150	15,400	13,150
General Government	98,966	94,850	104,632	93,865
Highways	90,008	90,008	90,788	87,297
Buildings & Grounds	55,149	55,795	56,010	55,795
Zoning/Planning	1,590	2,000	1,640	2,000
Total Selectboard Income	1,063,705	1,034,254	1,055,078	1,031,214
Previous Year Surplus	95,863	112,909	112,909	107,861
Total Income	1,159,569	1,147,163	1,167,987	1,139,075
Expenses				
Selectboard Managed Expenses				
Natural Disasters	0	0	5,400	0
Town Office	107,667	109,080	105,743	112,000
General Government	51,978	58,673	40,774	44,597
Highways	549,365	605,443	568,497	603,960
Buildings & Grounds	61,547	61,728	58,867	61,004
Fire Department	56,396	63,548	58,686	63,548
Zoning/Planning	13,389	18,347	13,091	21,445
Recreation	2,790	3,950	3,298	2,250
Employ. Benefits	72,615	94,174	73,551	97,879
Total Selectboard Expenses	915,747	1,014,943	927,906	1,006,683
Other Town Departments	91,497	91,805	91,805	91,777
Outside Appropriations	39,415	40,415	40,415	40,615
Total Expenses	1,046,659	1,147,163	1,060,126	1,139,075
Surplus	112,909		107,861	

PROPERTY TAXES

	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
Town Taxes				
Town Taxes Collected	771,764	775,451	739,768	776,107
State Adjustments - Town Tax	3,023		9,571	
Total Town Taxes	774,787	775,451	749,339	776,107
Education Taxes				
Education Tax Collected	1,518,378		1,472,111	
State Adjustments - School Tax	23,982		28,752	
Annual Adjust - Prev Yr Ed Tax	43,227		43,169	
School Tax Admin. Fee	3,754		3,703	
Revised Homestead Bill Fees	315			
Education Tax Liability	(1,668,454)		(1,645,647)	
Total Education Taxes	(78,798)		(97,912)	
Delinquent Tax Income	104,440		112,424	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	3,891	3,000	4,783	3,000
Total Property Taxes	804,320	778,451	768,634	779,107

TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

If you own the home that serves as your primary residence, you are required to file your homestead declaration by April 15th. Even if you are not eligible for income sensitivity, you must file. The penalty for filing after April 15th can be as much as 8% of your school tax. In 2015, this amounted to \$3,144 in extra taxes. In addition, a fee will be withheld from your state payment if you file your application for income sensitivity after April 15th. These fees are assessed by the tax department and paid to the town. **You are required by law to file the homestead declaration by April 15th even if you get an extension for filing your income tax returns. Even if you are not required to file income tax returns, you still need to file the homestead declaration, every year.**

Taxpayers should be aware that due to Supreme Court decision a couple of years ago, tax bills are no longer public. That means we are not able to fax the bills on your behalf to your accountant or bank. You will need to send them a copy.

We are now able to debit your bank account directly for payment of your property taxes, on the due date. Anyone wishing to sign up for this service should contact the town office for an enrollment form.

If you do not wish to take advantage of that service, payment is preferable in the form of a check or money order. When a check is presented at the town office, whether for taxes, dog license, or some other purpose, it is scanned and submitted to the bank electronically. Residents need to be aware that their funds will be withdrawn from their account sooner than in the past, perhaps even the same day. *We do not accept post-dated checks.*

The following policy was approved by the voters at Town Meeting 2008:

To avoid delinquent penalties and interest, your payment must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date, or **hand-cancelled** by the post office and mailed by the tax due date. To be considered timely, you must ask the post office to hand-stamp the envelope and be sure that the postmark is legible. **Metered or illegible postmarks (postal service or others) will not be accepted.**

The Town Clerk's Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 – 12:00 and 12:30 – 4:00. **A payment drop box has been installed for those taxpayers who are unable to get to the office during open hours. The depository is located on the outside of the Old Schoolhouse Common, to the left of the front door.** The box will be emptied at 4:00 on the due date, and taxes left in the box after the office is closed that day will be considered delinquent.

Taxpayers have the option of paying more often than the August and November due dates. We are happy to accept quarterly or monthly payments. If you have any questions about tax payment options, please call me at 426-3305.

Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk/Treasurer

TAXES ASSESSED – 2015

Taxable Grand List as of the Date of Town Tax Rate Setting: \$118,083,958

Setting the Town Tax Rate:		Setting the Local Agreement Rate:	
Amount of Taxes Needed	775,451.12	Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran	270,000
Divided by Grand List (in 100ths)	1,180,839.58	Multiplying by Homestead Education Rate	1.7149
Equals Town Tax Rate	0.6567	Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran	120,000
		Multiplying by Non-Residential Education Rate	1.69
		Equals Amount of School Tax to Make Up	6,658.23
		Divided by Grand List Equals Local Rate	0.0056

Total Tax Rate, Homestead Property		Total Tax Rate, Non-Residential Property			
Town	0.6567	Town	0.6567		
Local Agreement	0.0056	Local Agreement	0.0056		
School	1.7149	School	1.69		
Total	2.3772	Total	2.3523		
Town Tax		Homestead Education		Non Residential Education	
Taxes Billed ¹	781,827.72		1,389,729.12		625,458.68
Taxes Paid To Treasurer	-739,768.46				3,143.96
State Adjustments	-9,570.95				2,018,331.76
Delinquent Taxes	32,488.31				-1,472,110.72
					-455,499.71
					90,721.33
					2,800,159.48
					-2,211,879.18
					-465,070.66
					123,209.64

¹ Reflects changes to the Grand List after the tax rate was set

² Includes an administrative fee (.225 of 1%) that the town keeps

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Balance Due</u>
2012	1,808.94	77.35	1,731.59
2013	4,923.13	1,328.02	3,595.11
2014	64,481.72	61,694.67	2,787.05
2015	<u>123,209.64</u>	<u>49,323.80</u>	<u>73,885.84</u>
Balance due	194,423.43	112,423.84	81,999.59

COMPARISON OF DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNTS IN PRIOR YEARS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Billed During Year</u>	<u>Amount of Taxes Turned Over to Collector</u>	<u>Balance of Delinquent Tax Account Dec. 31</u>
2015	2,800,159.48	123,209.64	81,999.59
2014	2,830,897.81	112,371.00	71,213.79
2013	2,591,841.78	124,607.17	63,282.49
2012	2,440,175.38	130,583.26	50,186.68
2011	2,412,330.10	128,344.17	40,804.94
2010	2,416,810.10	128,555.83	52,669.60
2009	2,276,189.13	158,765.64	56,338.54
2008	2,135,705.29	121,715.21	43,113.12
2007	1,940,836.23	112,870.08	104,445.90
2006	1,780,415.91	111,521.09	74,050.39
2005	1,665,353.22	124,952.07	55,491.38
2004	1,621,502.81	111,298.79	48,333.68
2003	1,771,745.16	130,883.32	61,038.67
2002	1,542,907.66	100,234.17	62,778.52
2001	1,463,678.32	108,203.40	66,822.09
2000	1,275,939.37	122,526.25	65,963.94
1999	1,149,456.77	112,632.76	66,014.55
1998	1,166,789.54	93,957.85	68,078.83
1997	1,138,613.48	102,635.59	84,822.26
1996	1,205,525.84	109,367.50	84,162.17

FYI - The delinquent tax collector received \$ 8,997 in fees in 2015.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office has seen a busy year, with many changes and more still to come. The State recently developed a new election management system that will improve and streamline the way we track voter registrations, absentee ballots, and election results. Citizens may now register to vote, view a sample ballot, change their address, or request an absentee ballot via a website: <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>

Beginning with the general election in the fall of 2016, Marshfield will use a vote tabulator for counting votes on election night. A new law makes this mandatory for any towns with over 1,000 registered voters (we have 1,070 as of the date of this report). The legislature has removed the deadline for voter registration, beginning in 2017; after this election cycle, citizens will be able to register to vote at the polls on Election Day. It remains to be seen how this will work on Town Meeting Day when the election officials are busy with the open meeting.

The Town has vacancies on several boards and committees. If you are interested in serving your neighbors in some way, please contact the Town Clerk or watch on Front Porch Forum for a description of the available seats.

Our web address is <http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/>. Information continues to be added to the website. Please let me know if you have suggestions for what else might be added. I can be reached at 426-3305 or clerk@town.marshfield.vt.us

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
Town Office Income				
Office Fees	9,470	9,000	11,001	9,000
Dog Licenses	3,460	3,300	3,383	3,300
Marriage Licenses	315	450	540	450
Liquor/Tobacco Licenses	325	300	395	325
Automobile Registration Fees	102	100	81	75
Total Town Office Income	13,672	13,150	15,400	13,150
Town Office Expenses				
Town Office Staff Expenses				
Clerk/Treasurer	42,856	42,943	42,943	43,372
Assistant	27,733	27,319	28,120	28,151
Custodian	687	1,484	828	1,514
Additional Wages	92	100	80	100
Social Security	3,867	4,448	3,918	4,528
Medicare	904	1,040	916	1,059
Retirement	4,813	5,022	5,033	5,252
Mileage	374	500	492	500
Total Staff Expenses	81,326	82,856	82,331	84,476
OSC Allocation	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Postage	1,937	2,000	1,718	2,500
Supplies	1,758	2,000	1,625	2,000
Telephone	1,207	1,200	1,222	1,250
Computer Expense	5,606	5,000	3,542	4,150
Office Equipment	966	600	664	1,250
Town Report	1,613	1,700	1,470	1,700
Advertising	184	500	153	500
Printing	0	250	0	250
Elections Expense	202	50	0	1,000
Marriage License Expense	245	350	420	350
Dog License Expense	1,450	1,400	1,426	1,400
Total Town Office Expenses	107,667	109,080	105,743	112,000
NET COST	93,995	95,930	90,343	98,850

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>
General Government Income				
Interest Income	17,280	14,000	13,490	7,815
Current Use Refund	69,617	69,000	77,706	73,000
Vermont Forests & Parks	9,857	9,800	10,299	10,000
Traffic fines	1,100	1,000	1,050	2,000
Stranahan Town Forest Income	2,163	2,100	2,044	2,100
to Stranahan Fund	(1,082)	(1,050)	(1,022)	(1,050)
Miscellaneous Income	31	0	1,066	0
General Government	98,966	94,850	104,632	93,865
General Government Expenses				
Town Officer Expenses				
Delinq. Tax Collector Wages	8,359	8,000	8,997	9,000
Delinquent Tax Penalty	(8,359)	(8,000)	(8,997)	(9,000)
Lister Wages	3,553	9,000	2,299	4,000
Selectboard Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Health Officer Stipend	350	500	250	500
First Constable Stipend	125	125	125	125
Second Constable Stipend	125	125	125	125
Fire Warden Stipend	25	25	25	25
Auditors Stipend	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
BCA Stipend	363	500	128	500
Social Security	1,004	1,462	945	1,090
Medicare	235	342	221	255
Mileage	222	400	106	400
Total Town Officer Expenses	9,303	15,779	7,525	10,320
Lister Services/Supplies	871	1,000	2,374	1,000
Health Officer expense	0	100	0	100
Energy Committee	200	500	90	500
Conservation Commission	48	300	199	300
County Tax	10,012	10,500	10,015	10,500
Town Officers' Liability Ins.	2,196	2,275	2,275	2,285
General Liability Insurance	2,342	945	945	1,236
Employment Practices Ins.	956	1,075	1,075	1,795

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	14,087	13,300	10,310	3,614
Bank Service Charge	67	75	56	75
Legal Services	3,605	4,000	798	4,000
VLCT Dues	2,602	2,674	2,674	2,697
Traffic Control/Law Enforce.	862	1,500	1,215	5,400
Town Newsletter	3,333	3,300	0	0
9-1-1 Signs/Expenses	39	100	0	25
Repeater Station	250	250	250	250
Transfer to Reappraisal Fund	1,000	500	500	0
Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted	206	500	473	500
General Government	51,978	58,673	40,774	44,597
NET INCOME	46,988	36,177	63,858	49,268

EMPLOYMENT TAXES AND BENEFITS

	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>
Employee Expenses				
Workmen's Compensation	10,201	13,870	14,112	14,099
Unemployment Insurance	818	746	746	675
Health Insurance	60,417	77,808	57,221	81,355
Training	1,179	1,500	1,372	1,500
Benefits Administration	0	250	0	250
Retirement Gift	0	0	100	0
Employment Benefits	72,615	94,174	73,551	97,879

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>
Highway Department Income				
Highway/State Aid	85,054	85,054	85,009	85,000
Sanding Twinfield	2,657	2,657	2,657	0
Plow/Sand Other Towns	2,297	2,297	2,297	2,297
VLCT Safety Grant	0	0	99	0
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	727	0
Total Highway Income	90,008	90,008	90,788	87,297
Highway Department Expenses				
Highway Staff Expenses				
Road Crew Wages	159,612	177,580	168,749	175,798
Social Security	9,351	11,010	9,919	10,899
Medicare	2,187	2,575	2,320	2,549
Retirement	10,069	10,326	9,350	9,355
Mileage	970	2,000	724	1,500
Pagers	232	300	347	300
Uniforms	2,019	2,000	2,125	2,000
Total Staff Expenses	184,442	205,791	193,535	202,401
Garage Expenses				
Electricity	1,404	1,400	1,625	1,600
Heating Oil	7,917	6,800	5,326	6,000
Supplies	343	1,000	425	1,000
Telephone	1,289	1,300	1,217	1,300
Rubbish Removal	1,059	750	800	750
Fuel Tank Assessment	50	50	50	50
Equipment Shed	0	420	0	0
Safety Equipment	2,735	2,000	662	2,000
Garage Insurance	1,650	1,448	1,448	1,482
Misc. Garage Exp.	1,850	2,000	3,082	2,000
Total Garage Expenses	18,297	17,168	14,634	16,182

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>
Equipment/Maintenance				
2011 Pickup	385	1,600	107	1,600
2007 International	4,691	3,000	1,193	0
2009 International	55	0	0	0
2012 International	3,856	3,000	1,963	3,000
2015 International	2,774	3,000	516	4,000
2016 International	0	0	1,946	4,000
2013 Grader	2,990	3,500	4,869	3,500
2000 Loader	2,109	1,500	78	1,000
2004 Excavator	298	1,500	609	1,000
Tractor/Mower	1,645	600	513	600
Trailer for Excavator	176	500	0	500
Sanders	854	2,000	0	2,000
Plows	2,193	2,000	979	2,000
Chain Saws	207	500	359	500
Chipper	0	1,000	0	1,000
Tire Chains	12,380	9,000	2,880	9,000
Compressor/Washer	0	0	438	438
Tools	542	1,000	995	1,000
Tractor Loan Payment	7,950	7,800	7,800	7,650
To Equipment Fund	76,000	68,000	80,574	70,000
Vehicle Insurance	7,103	8,384	8,384	8,389
Misc. Equip. Expenses	2,302	2,000	7,241	2,000
Total Equip. Maint.	128,508	119,884	121,442	123,177
Materials				
Staymat	43,118	80,000	78,832	80,000
Stone	5,506	6,000	1,577	4,000
Winter Sand	58,854	55,000	55,784	55,000
Salt	16,029	19,000	15,179	19,000
Chloride	11,590	12,500	12,588	13,000

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	2014	2015	2015	2016
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Equip./Vehicle Fuel	38,994	35,000	26,871	33,000
Grease & Oil	1,419	2,500	447	2,000
Welding Supplies	591	500	503	500
Cold Patch	792	700	182	600
Erosion Control	860	1,000	2,285	3,000
Mulch Hay	593	1,000	1,259	1,400
Misc. Materials	41	1,000	138	1,000
Total Materials	<u>178,386</u>	<u>214,200</u>	<u>195,644</u>	<u>212,500</u>
Highway Infrastructure				
Culverts Purchased	7,979	14,000	9,632	14,000
Culverts Reimbursed	(280)	0	(1,186)	0
Road Signs	95	2,000	629	2,000
Guardrails	879	2,000	0	2,000
to Paving Fund	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Paving Loan Payment	20,598	20,400	20,400	20,200
to Bridge Fund	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Private Contracts	3,460	3,000	6,767	4,500
Total Infrastructure	<u>39,732</u>	<u>48,400</u>	<u>43,241</u>	<u>49,700</u>
Total Highway Expenses	549,365	605,443	568,497	603,960
NET COST	459,357	515,435	477,709	516,663

WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1st to April 30th. No vehicles are to be parked on town roads during these months. VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.
2. Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and school bus routes first. The road crew usually starts operations at 3:30 a.m. to have these roads clear by 7:00 a.m. In most cases there will be no maintenance between 8:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.
3. Each road crew member has a specific route that takes approximately 4½ hours to complete. After 16 hours on the job, they are required to stop operations and take off a minimum of 6 hours.
4. The Town does not plow Class IV and private roads and certain Class III roads, or sections thereof, as set forth by statute.
5. Salt will be applied to paved roads with a minimum amount of sand added as necessary. (Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees). Sand will be applied to gravel roads.
6. Please note: according to 23 VSA §1126, it is illegal to plow snow from private property on or across public highways.
7. The road crew makes every effort to avoid mailboxes. However, because of snow conditions or oncoming traffic, the plows occasionally hit them. The Town has permitted mailboxes to be located in the Town right-of-way. If the mailboxes are damaged as a result of snow or ice clearing operations, the Town will not repair them.

WINTER SAND POLICY

The Town of Marshfield makes sand available to Town residents to help them with icy sidewalks and driveways. Residents will find the sand pile outside the Town Garage gate on School Street. The sand is supplied only for Town residents and only for use at their home. Landlords and businesses should arrange for sand spreading from a number of local contractors.

Because the sand is intended for home use, residents are asked to limit themselves to collecting two buckets per trip. It is highly recommended residents pick up their sand now and before a storm so they do not need to drive on icy roads. During a storm, the Road Crew is busy maintaining the roads and might not be able to restock the pile. Sand is piled outside the Town Garage gate for 24/7 access. The public must not enter the Town Garage yard to find sand or salt.

On another note, please remember that it is illegal to plow snow across a town road. The snow that is left in the road will freeze, causing a dangerous situation for other drivers and for the snow plow. Under 19 VSA §1105, you could be fined \$1,000 plus damages and legal fees.

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

We issued over 160 burning permits in 2015. Fortunately we did not have any fire calls for grass or brush fires in Marshfield in 2015. I saw several brush piles being burnt that I did not issue permits for. I only ask that you call for a permit. If it is safe to burn I will issue you one.

Permits cover the burning of brush and natural wood only. State Law prohibits burning anything that is not natural materials. A Fire Warden can only issue permits to burn the natural materials. You have to deal with the Environmental Protection Agency if you want to burn the other types of materials.

I would like to repeat something I said in 2006. I would like to ask all residents to resist that urge to burn debris in the spring when conditions are so dangerous. Out of control fires make a lot of hard work for the volunteer fire fighters. These events take them away from home and families and place them in harm's way in many cases. They volunteer so much of their time without adding to it with unnecessary burning.

The Fire Wardens are given daily weather reports and fire danger reports. This is how we know when to issue permits and when to say sorry, not today. We were lucky last year. There was a lot of precipitation throughout the spring and summer so it was safe to burn. Next spring we might not be so lucky.

Please call when you want to burn. It only takes a phone call. State law states that you can not burn without a permit, even when it's raining. The permit system keeps the Fire Department alert to places where burning is taking place. Many times neighbors see smoke and call the Fire Department. We can save unnecessary time and expense when we have this knowledge.

You may obtain a permit by calling me at 426-3265 or Assistant Fire Warden Tim Maclay at 454-7853. Please get a permit before you strike the match.

Let's have a safe year in 2016. Save the environment and be careful what you burn.

Tom Maclay, Fire Warden.

MARSHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Town of Marshfield Fire Department continues the long tradition of an all volunteer fire department. Your support, both financially and the thanks we receive, keep us going. 2015 marked the 106th anniversary of our fire department, and this coming August marks the 27th anniversary of the opening of our current firehouse.

As we continue to respond to alarms in our community, our responsibilities over the years have changed, increased, and diversified to much more than just putting out fires. From accidents and search and rescue, to fire prevention classes in the local schools, in today's world, emergency preparedness is the buzz word. Planning for every conceivable disaster and having all the pieces in place if it should happen and just trying to keep up on the latest technology and paper work keeps us very busy.

During 2015 the Marshfield Fire Department responded to 51 alarms.

2015 Call Break Down

Classification	Total
Motor Vehicle Accidents	17
CO2 / Fire Alarm Activations	3
Chimney Fires	8
Structure Fires	5
Vehicle or Electrical Fires/ Furnace Malfunctions	5
Service Calls: Smoke, Odor removal, Etc.	5
Grass, Brush, Wildland Fires	2
Hazardous Cond., Hazmat Spills, Downed Lines, Etc.	6
Water Rescues, Medical Assists, Etc.	0
Agricultural, Involving Tractors or Farm Animals	0
	51

According to Caleb Pitkin's Marshfield Vermont, a Photographic Album, the first auto in Marshfield was George Ormsbee's Rambler, purchased in 1901. Dr. Frank Corson began his practice in Marshfield in Aug of 1915. The first week here he went to an automobile accident near Joe Mears' farm. From that time forward, accidents have become a regular occurrence in Marshfield, and again have occupied the top spot in terms of emergency call volume.

There is a definite connection between serious injuries and seat belt usage. Today's vehicle safety systems are unsurpassed in terms of accident survivability and injury reductions. However, your air bags, seat belts, and seat belt pretensioners only work as designed when they're used together. The probability of serious injury or death resulting from a vehicular accident is dramatically increased when seat belts are not used. So please help us help you, and BUCKLE UP!

Serving your community through the fire department is a terrific way to become involved. There is always a need for more personnel to help not only as fire fighters, but as truck drivers, for station maintenance, for assistance with the paper work, as well as teaching our local students about fire safety. The Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department continues to look towards our future. The requirements for becoming a member of your fire department include honesty, integrity, and above all, a willingness to attend trainings. If you are interested in serving our community through the fire department, please come down to the station. Meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of every month at 7 p.m. We are always looking for new members!

This year Marshfield Fire Dept. will be upgrading our engine. Built in 1992, our truck is 24 yrs. old. Because the truck chassis is in such excellent condition, we will be doing a complete refurbishing for the engine. This will bring the truck into full NFPA and OSHA compliancy, and will also result in a cost savings of approx. 66% of the cost of replacing the truck. Engine 2, when completed, will be our primary response vehicle for both structure fires and motor vehicle accidents.

We have been running a siren test on the fire station during training nights (Tuesdays) for several months. Residents of Marshfield Village should be able to hear the siren. In the event of an emergency that affects residents of Marshfield Village, we will sound the siren continuously for five minute intervals. If you hear the siren continuously for five minutes or more, please call the firehouse for more information and instructions. The station number is 426 3809.

As always, all members of our department are very grateful for your support towards our efforts in helping to protect the lives and property of our community and our surrounding towns. We truly consider it an honor to serve and represent our community through your local fire department.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Maclay, Chief
Will Schwarz, Assistant Chief
Tim Morris, Assistant Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>
Fire Dept Administration				
Worker's Compensation	1,702	1,700	2,121	1,700
Fireman's Disability	2,010	2,100	2,010	2,100
Office Supplies	200	500	199	500
Operating Supplies	110	100	0	100
Postage	49	50	0	50
Dues & Subscriptions	0	400	256	400
Liability and Vehicle Ins.	7,173	7,200	7,741	7,200
Total Administration	<u>11,244</u>	<u>12,050</u>	<u>12,327</u>	<u>12,050</u>
Firefighting				
Operating Supplies	632	1,000	240	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	229	450	62	450
Small Tools & Equipment	1,687	200	1,687	200
Personnel Protective Gear	1,800	3,000	94	3,000
Contract Services	0	100	0	100
Breathing App. Maint.	1,429	1,200	2,234	1,200
Repairs	0	100	0	100
Total Firefighting	<u>5,777</u>	<u>6,050</u>	<u>4,317</u>	<u>6,050</u>
Fire Prevention				
Operating Supplies	60	150	47	150
Books, Handouts	0	150	425	150
Total Fire Prevention	<u>60</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>472</u>	<u>300</u>
Fire Department Training				
Operating Supplies	118	300	80	300
Books, Training Aids	0	100	0	100
Contract Services	0	300	0	274
Total Training	<u>118</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>674</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Fire Dept Communications				
Operating Supplies	2,173	1,500	847	1,500
Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	360	0
Computers and Software	217	200	0	200
Capitol West	7,227	11,400	10,156	11,400
Radio/Pager Repairs	<u>1,378</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total Communications	10,995	14,100	11,750	14,100
Fire Station				
Fire Station Heating Oil	3,606	2,500	1,143	2,500
Operating Supplies	106	500	81	500
Repairs & Maintenance	1,105	300	394	300
Small Tools & Equipment	67	300	0	300
Telephone	1,545	1,800	1,565	1,800
Insurance	1,067	948	948	974
Contract Services	708	900	2,077	900
Electricity	1,575	2,000	1,801	2,000
To FD Building Fund	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Fire Station - Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Fire Station	11,780	11,748	12,259	11,774
Trucks/Fire Fighting/Rescue				
Operating Supplies	0	500	148	500
Repair & Maintenance	1,222	3,000	2,333	3,000
Tools & Equipment	<u>200</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>
Total Trucks/Fire/Rescue	1,422	3,600	2,482	3,600
To FD Equipment Fund	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total Expenses	56,396	63,548	58,686	63,548

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS
Old Schoolhouse Common

	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>
Buildings & Grounds Income				
Allocations from Other Town Budgets				
Town Clerk's Office	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Library	12,840	12,836	12,840	12,836
Historical Society	3,227	6,455	6,455	6,455
Total Allocations	<u>27,241</u>	<u>30,465</u>	<u>30,469</u>	<u>30,465</u>
Lease Income - Private				
Rebop Records	4,692	4,686	4,692	4,686
Food Shelf	5,016	5,014	5,016	5,014
Sunwise Surveying	4,788	4,788	4,788	4,788
Ellie Blachly	4,548	4,546	4,548	4,546
Schumacher	4,169	4,546	4,548	4,546
Seniors Kitchen Use	1,850	0	0	0
Total Businesses	<u>25,063</u>	<u>23,580</u>	<u>23,592</u>	<u>23,580</u>
Total Leases/Allocations	<u>52,304</u>	<u>54,045</u>	<u>54,061</u>	<u>54,045</u>
Gymnasium	1,204	1,000	1,314	1,000
Bandstand Rental	68	50	35	50
Meeting Room	84	50	35	50
Kitchen	25	100	425	100
Community Dinners	400	400	0	400
Other Income	1,065	150	140	150
Total Income	<u>55,149</u>	<u>55,795</u>	<u>56,010</u>	<u>55,795</u>
Buildings & Grounds Expenses				
OSC Staff Expenses				
Wages	11,598	11,263	10,884	11,372
Social Security	719	698	675	705
Medicare	168	163	158	165
Milage	29	0	0	0
Total Staff Expenses	<u>12,514</u>	<u>12,124</u>	<u>11,716</u>	<u>12,242</u>
Building Maintenance	3,498	3,500	3,265	3,500

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS
Old Schoolhouse Common

	2014	2015	2015	2016
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Net Cost of Electricity				
Electricity used at OSC	4,170	4,000	3,537	4,000
Solar Meter Charge	255	220	225	240
Electricity Produced	(3,537)	(3,000)	(3,715)	(3,000)
Solar Incentive	(1,469)	(1,220)	(1,589)	(1,600)
Total Cost of Electricity	(582)	0	(1,543)	(360)
Heating Oil	460	0	276	0
Pellet Fuel for Boiler	5,184	5,000	6,607	5,000
Propane for Cooking	490	750	279	300
Janitorial Supplies	813	1,000	1,105	1,000
Heating Repairs	382	500	0	500
Solar Panel Expenses	72	100	0	100
Contract Labor	2,400	3,000	2,100	3,000
Alarm System Expense	691	750	666	750
Insurance	5,617	4,985	4,985	5,117
Rubbish Removal	1,255	1,350	1,304	1,350
Water Expense	2,099	2,150	2,102	2,150
Sewer Expense	2,898	2,928	2,928	2,928
Elevator Maintenance	150	500	0	500
Pellet Boiler Loan Pmt	7,484	7,329	7,319	7,165
Solar Panel Loan Payments				
Principle	12,612	12,612	12,612	12,612
Interest	139	150	145	150
Total Loan Payments	12,751	12,762	12,757	12,762
Transfer to Building Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous Expense	370	0	0	0
Total Expenses	61,547	61,728	58,867	61,004
NET COST	6,398	5,933	2,857	5,209
Cost Including Allocations in Other Town Budgets	33,639	36,398	33,326	35,674

ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

We want to thank the townspeople of Marshfield for voting 'yes' on our changes to the Subdivision Regulations at last year's Town Meeting. The changes adopted clarify and strengthen our subdivision review process. We would also like to thank the Conservation Commission for helping us develop the appropriate wording for the Natural Resource Protection and Protection of Farmland and Open Fields sections of the subdivision regulations.

The Planning Commission started off this year by developing user guides and a checklist for those pursuing a subdivision application. Our goal was to ensure that the revised subdivision bylaws would be as easy for applicants to follow as possible.

The Planning Commission then turned its attention to reviewing our zoning bylaws. The Commission's goal is to ensure that the bylaws, including the zoning districts, are best serving the town.

To begin this important process, the Planning Commission requested assistance from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC). The CVRPC helped us create maps from the Vermont Natural Resources Atlas. We looked at many different criteria such as: landscape connectivity; forest cover; open space/fields and farms; agricultural soils; rare, threatened and endangered species; deer wintering areas; wetlands; ridge lines and source water protection areas. These maps will help us determine how to best amend our zoning bylaws to protect important resources while directing growth into the most suitable areas. We also reviewed the Build Out Analysis done in 2008 and the town Survey conducted by the Planning Commission last year.

Initially, we had considered incremental adjustments to existing district lines and minor updates to the bylaws. However, after review of the mapping data and survey results, we concluded that in order to fix the current (negative) growth projections, maintain rural character, protect important natural features, and make the districting fair, a full revision of the bylaws and zoning district map is necessary.

Over the next year the Planning Commission intends to conduct significant public outreach on options and ideas for altering our zoning. We will review mapping information and other data that will help us in this effort at public meetings as we begin to shape a proposal to revise our zoning.

To assist us with this effort, the Planning Commission worked with staff from the CVRPC to put together a grant application that was filed with the state. Unfortunately our grant application was not accepted by the state. While this will make our zoning update effort more difficult, we are committed to moving forward this year with the zoning update work, and to taking steps that increase our chances of being awarded a planning grant in the future.

Finally, the Planning Commission worked to make some clarifying changes to the zoning bylaws recommended by the Zoning Administrator (ZA). The changes are designed to clear up ambiguities in certain zoning provisions, and will improve the implementation of zoning in Marshfield. These amendments are to be approved by the voters at this 2016 Town Meeting.

The Planning Commission meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Old Schoolhouse Common. All are welcome to attend these meetings and all are encouraged to give us your valuable input as residents or land owners of the town of Marshfield.

ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	2015 Actual	2016 Budget
Zoning / Planning Income				
Building Permits	90	270	180	270
Accessory Use Permits	640	800	720	800
Site Plan Review	140	200	140	200
Conditional Use Permits	140	200	0	200
Subdivision Permits	215	250	255	250
Lot Line Adjustment	65	130	65	130
Certificate of Occupancy	120	150	280	150
Appeal to DRB	180	0	0	0
Total Income	1,590	2,000	1,640	2,000
Zoning / Planning Expenses				
Zoning/Planning Staff Expense				
Zoning Administrator	8,688	9,083	8,954	9,174
Planning Comm. Clerk	700	1,000	634	1,000
DRB Clerk	263	600	104	600
Social Security	598	662	601	668
Medicare	140	155	141	156
Mileage	363	500	360	500
Total Staff Expense	10,752	12,000	10,794	12,098
Advertising	275	500	177	500
Legal Fees	0	2,000	0	1,000
Regional Planning Dues	1,747	1,747	1,747	1,747
Postage	109	200	14	200
Supplies	100	50	0	50
Printing	77	200	0	200
Copying	0	50	8	50
Maps	328	500	353	500
Development Review Board	0	100	0	100
Planning Grant Expenses	0	1,000	0	0
Study/Downtown Designation	0	0	0	5,000
Total Expense	13,389	18,347	13,091	21,445
NET COST	11,799	16,347	11,451	19,445

FEE SCHEDULE FOR ZONING AND SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

Building permits for one and two family dwellings and additions requiring additional sewage disposal	\$100.00
Accessory buildings, additions not requiring additional sewage disposal and signs	\$50.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$50.00
Lot Line Adjustment	\$75.00
Minor Subdivision	\$225.00
Major Subdivision	\$300.00 up to 4 lots, \$75.00 each additional lot
Planned Unit Development	\$350.00, plus \$75.00 per unit
Appeal to Development Review Board	\$125.00
Site plan approval	\$150.00
Conditional use permit	\$150.00
Site plan approval and conditional use, if applied for simultaneously	\$175.00
Wireless Telecommunications Facility, small scale	\$500.00
Wireless Telecommunications Facility, other	\$1,000.00
Filing land plats	
11" x 17"	\$15.00
18" x 24"	\$15.00

The proper fee must be paid before the application will be deemed complete and considered.

The fee should be paid with a check or money order payable to the Town of Marshfield.

PERMITS NEEDED

Highway Access: A permit is required from the Selectboard for any access from property to Town highways, and from the State for any access from property to State highways.

Please be reminded that the Town of Marshfield is not responsible for driveway culverts. They must be maintained by the property owner.

Zoning Permit: No land or building development may commence, nor shall any land or structure be used, extended in any way, or be occupied unless a zoning permit and a certificate of occupancy shall have been duly issued by the Administrative Officer, as provided for in section 4443 of the Act. (Act 250, V.S.A. 24; Marshfield Zoning Regulations, Section 130).

Subdivision: No subdivision of land may legally occur without a hearing before the Marshfield Development Review Board. In most cases a lot-line adjustment permit may be approved by the Zoning Administrator. Application forms and copies of the Marshfield Subdivision regulations are available at the Town Clerk's Office. A sub-divider is welcome to come to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Development Review Board to ask questions.

Conditional Use: Commercial uses other than home occupations require a conditional use permit from the Development Review Board.

Site Plan Review: Commercial uses and additional dwellings on a single building lot require a site plan review by the Development Review Board.

For specific questions about zoning, call Zoning Administrator Bob Light at 454-7725, or check the Town's website for copies of the zoning regulations. <http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us>

RECREATION COMMITTEE

2015 has been another great year for the Marshfield Recreation Committee. The tradition of “Friday Fun Days” down at the gym after school through the winter has continued to be lots of fun for a large multi-age group of kids and teens who come down for what’s often a rousing indoor soccer match. Some days it’s basketball or ping pong. We also hosted some fun card game events last winter, and hope to continue that tradition into a new year. Other activities included pick-up basketball evening in the summer, and continuing the tradition of having a delightful all-ages kickball game during the Harvest Festival.

This past year also saw the second (older) dugout rebuilt to match the new one. We now have two beautiful new dugouts for the ballfield. Thanks to Ernie Penley and the crew that worked to so quickly rebuild this dugout during baseball season. Also, rec-committee initiative teamed up with Ernie’s “Get ‘er done!” attitude and hard work to get drinking fountains installed inside and out (you have to really look for the one on the playground to find it hiding by the stairwell on the building), as well as making needed repairs to the gym space. The gym needed floor repairs, nets on the basketball goals, and caging on the lights to keep them from being continually broken by stray balls. Thanks to Jacob Gouge for the help in troubleshooting how to protect the lights. The outdoor basketball court also got much needed new nets (the old ones were so stiff you never knew if a swish would go through, or come tumbling back out!), as well as a four-square court for folks to enjoy. Much to the delight of youngsters far and wide, Marshfield is now a sandbox destination spot. Our playground’s newest addition has been packed with eager kiddos digging all summer and fall.

The new ice rink our committee purchased last year was a huge success, and with plenty of donated skates for those in need we expect lots of use into the years ahead. It’s been great for a village so full of families to have our own skating space close by. There were many occasions last year when driving by the Common the whole rink would be full of kids swarming about on skates! Thanks again to all those who helped build and fill the rink last year (especially all those volunteer firefighters), and to those to shoveled after snows, and helped pack it up in the spring. Our sponsorship of cardio dance fitness classes in the gym last year was so popular that it wound up sticking around for three extra five-week sessions. We hope to continue hosting them this winter. Thanks to Julie Shedd for leading these classes, and to Liza Earle-Centers for the initiative to invite the classes to town.

Marshfield is such a wonderful town to raise a family in, and it’s great as a committee to be a part of making fun more and more accessible and visible in town. As always, we look forward to seeing everyone out and about. Let us know if you have anything you hope for the town to consider around activities and recreation. The newest brainstorm has been to get a tether ball set up for the playground next spring, for older kids to enjoy.

Feel free to contact Lincoln with any questions or ideas you have for the Rec. Committee: 426-2018, or LincolnisLincoln@hotmail.com

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>
Recreation/Programming Expenses				
Little League Field	1,792	1,000	2,418	300
From Recreation Fund	0	0	(1,418)	0
Portapotty Rental	588	600	588	600
Recreational Programs	206	400	110	400
Seasonal Events	0	350	0	350
To Playground Fund	500	600	600	600
Ice Skating Rink	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Rec/Programming Expenses	2,790	3,950	3,298	2,250



Ice skating at the Old Schoolhouse Common

OUTSIDE APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Outside Appropriations				
Cabot Ambulance	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed	600	600	600	500
Capstone Community Action	350	300	300	300
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,200	1,400	1,400	1,400
Central Vt Economic Devel Corp	0	0	0	100
Central Vermont Home Health	3,000	3,200	3,200	3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Svc	150	150	150	250
Family Center of Washington Cty	200	200	200	250
Friends of the Winooski	300	300	300	300
Green Mountain Transit	882	882	882	882
GMTA Commuter Bus	8,333	8,333	8,333	8,333
Green Up Vermont	0	100	100	100
Home Share Now	200	200	200	0
Onion River Food Shelf	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Our House	0	100	100	0
People's Health & Wellness	200	300	300	0
Plainfield Fast Squad	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	50	50	50	0
Twin Valley Seniors	1,300	1,600	1,600	1,600
Twinfield Learning Center	300	300	300	200
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250	250	250	250
VT Assoc. for the Blind	150	150	150	150
VT Assoc of Conservation Districts	100	100	100	100
Vt Ctr for Independent Living	100	100	100	100
Washington Cty Mental Health	0	0	0	800
Washington Cty Youth Service	150	200	200	200
Total Outside Appropriations	<u>39,415</u>	<u>40,415</u>	<u>40,415</u>	<u>40,615</u>

Information submitted by these organizations may be found on the town's website

OTHER TOWN ENTITIES

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Other Town Entitites				
Cemeteries	8,000	8,500	8,500	8,500
Historical Society	5,501	8,455	8,455	6,455
Marshfield History Center	2,996	0	0	0
Jaquith Public Library	75,000	74,850	74,850	76,822
Total Other Town Entities	<u>91,497</u>	<u>91,805</u>	<u>91,805</u>	<u>91,777</u>

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Bandstand Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		1,526.58
Interest	7.16	
Balance, December 31, 2015	7.16	1,533.74
Bridge Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		69,745.02
Interest	336.26	
Budget Appropriation	3,500.00	
Bridge Repairs		
Balance, December 31, 2015	3,836.26	73,581.28
Conservation Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		6,042.86
Interest	31.42	
Proceeds from Plant Sale	577.08	
Donations/Sale of Marshfield Booklets	122.00	
Balance, December 31, 2015	6,773.36	6,773.36
Energy Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		487.67
Interest	2.29	
Balance, December 31, 2015	2.29	489.96
Engineering Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		3,285.42
Interest	15.41	
Balance, December 31, 2015	15.41	3,300.83
Fire Department Building Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		2,000.02
Interest	16.10	
Budget Appropriation	2,500.00	
Balance, December 31, 2015	2,516.10	4,516.12
Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		137,655.02
Interest, Bank Account	642.60	
Interest, Investments	1,311.50	
Budget Appropriation	15,000.00	
Truck Purchase, 1980 GMC	(3,510.00)	
Truck Purchase (totalled)	(27,330.79)	
Insurance proceeds	102,444.50	
Change in Market Value of Investments	(139.87)	
Balance, December 31, 2015	102,118.04	226,072.96
Fire Department Ed Duke Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		15,354.47
Interest	70.43	
Donations	450.00	
Jackets	(680.00)	
Balance, December 31, 2015	15,194.90	15,194.90

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Highway Equipment Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		53,143.60
Interest	303.51	
Budget Appropriation	68,000.00	
Surplus FEMA funds	12,573.87	
Proceeds from Truck Loan	110,000.00	
Transfer for Tractor Payment	7,800.00	
Principal Payment - Tractor	(7,500.00)	
Interest Payment - Tractor	(300.00)	
Principal Payment - Grader	(16,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Grader	(1,280.00)	
Principal Payment - 2015 Truck	(22,000.00)	
Interest Payment - 2015 Truck	(2,200.00)	
Chipper Purchase	(17,900.00)	
Truck Purchase	<u>(134,767.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2015		49,873.98
Lister Training Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		260.91
Interest	0.27	
Lister Classes	<u>(261.18)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2015		0.00
Martin Covered Bridge Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		18,649.65
Interest	83.12	
Maintenance of Grounds	(382.15)	
Mowing	<u>(1,500.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2015		16,850.62
OSC Building Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		23,425.21
Interest	117.84	
Budget Appropriation	3,000.00	
Transfer for Pellet Boiler Loan	7,319.08	
Principal Payment - Pellet Boiler Loan	(7,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Pellet Boiler Loan	<u>(319.08)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2015		26,543.05
Paving Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		34,657.38
Interest	171.84	
Budget Appropriation	3,500.00	
Transfer for Paving Loan	20,399.53	
Principal Payment - Paving Loan	(20,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Paving Loan	<u>(399.53)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2015		38,329.22
Pet Control Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		8,711.99
Interest	44.57	
Pet Control Surcharge on Dog Licenses	1,059.00	
Dog Impoundment Fees		
Stray Cat to Humane Society	<u>(60.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2015		9,755.56

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Playground Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		4,256.18
Interest	21.61	
Budget Appropriation	600.00	
Donations	37.00	
Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>4,914.79</u>	
Reappraisal Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		145,902.27
Interest	717.95	
Budget Appropriation	500.00	
State Appropriation	7,913.50	
Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>155,033.72</u>	
Records Restoration		
Balance, January 1, 2015		31,147.04
Interest	148.90	
Fees Collected	4,141.00	
Land Records Software	(2,310.00)	
Land Records Microfilm	(327.54)	
Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>32,799.40</u>	
Recreation Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		1,988.11
Interest	7.61	
Donation	4.00	
Recreation Fees	1,169.00	
Fitness Class Expense	(950.00)	
Little League Field (above town budget)	(1,417.97)	
Sand Box	(282.20)	
Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>518.55</u>	
Solar Project Loan		
Balance, January 1, 2015		(38,223.79)
Principle Payments from General Fund	12,612.00	
Interest Payments from General Fund	144.97	
Interest Expense	(144.97)	
Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>(25,611.79)</u>	
Stranahan Town Forest Fund		
Balance, January 1, 2015		1,081.51
Interest	6.62	
Income from Sugaring and Haying, half	1,021.99	
Advertising, Logging Bid	(82.16)	
Labor, Work on Thompson Road	(98.66)	
Balance, December 31, 2015	<u>1,929.30</u>	
Total Designated Funds, December 31, 2015		642,399.55
Fire Dept Investment Account		42,836.55
Designated Funds in Bank Accounts		<u>599,563.00</u>
		<u>642,399.55</u>

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND PROJECTION

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Balance, January 1	53,144	49,874	45,559	52,823	3,166	16,088	33,069	56,309	63,889	48,209
Appropriation	68,000	70,000	75,000	80,000	85,000	90,000	95,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
FEMA payment	12,574									
Extra for tractor/chipper	7,800	7,650	5,500							
Interest	304									
Purchases:										
Pickup				(40,000)					(40,000)	
a. Purchase truck in 2014, 2020, 2026						(100,000)				
b. Purchase truck in 2015, 2021, 2027	(134,767)						(100,000)			
c. Purchase truck in 2017, 2023, 2029			(135,000)						(100,000)	
Purchase Chipper	(17,900)									
Purchase Grader										
Purchase/Overhaul Excavator		(10,000)							(120,000)	
Purchase Loader					(110,000)					
Loans:										
a. Borrow for truck in 2014, 2020, 2026						100,000				
b. Borrow for truck in 2015, 2021, 2027	110,000						100,000		100,000	
c. Borrow for truck in 2017, 2023, 2029			125,000						110,000	
Borrow for Excavator										
Borrow for Grader										
Borrow for Loader					110,000					
Payments:										
a. Pmt on 2014/2020/2026 truck loan	(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)	(22,319)	(22,000)	(21,600)	(21,200)	(20,800)
b. Pmt on 2015/2021/2027 truck loan		(23,595)	(23,276)	(22,957)	(22,638)	(22,319)	(22,000)	(21,600)	(21,200)	(20,800)
c. Pmt on 2017/2023/2029 truck loan				(27,500)	(27,000)	(26,500)	(26,000)	(25,500)	(25,000)	(24,500)
Pmts on Excavator	(17,280)	(16,960)	(16,640)	(16,320)						
Pmts on Grader	(7,800)	(7,650)								
Pmts on tractor						(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)
Pmts on loader										
Balance, December 31	49,874	45,559	52,823	3,166	16,088	33,069	56,309	63,889	48,209	37,569

DESIGNATED FUNDS POLICY

The Town of Marshfield has designated some town funds to be set aside for future projects. This designated fund balance is segregated into several categories.

The following categories are funded through transfers from the general fund, to be shown as individual line items in the town budget and approved by the voters:

- **Bridge Fund:** This money is used to pay for town highway bridge work.
- **Engineering Fund:** This money has been set aside to allow the town to hire an engineer if required for major development projects.
- **Highway Equipment Fund:** This money is used to buy plow trucks and other major pieces of highway equipment.
- **Fire Department Equipment Fund:** This money is used to replace fire trucks and other equipment for the fire department.
- **Fire Department Building Fund:** This money is used for capital improvements to the Fire Station.
- **Old Schoolhouse Common Building Fund:** This money is used for capital improvements to the Old Schoolhouse Common.
- **Paving Fund:** This money is used for town highway paving projects.
- **Reappraisal Fund:** This category is funded through a line item in the town budget and also by an appropriation from the State of Vermont. It is used for town-wide reappraisals.

The following categories are funded through a combination of transfers and fundraising:

- **Conservation Fund:** This category is funded through donations and proceeds from fundraising, and may also include a line item in the town budget. It will be used for future conservation projects.
- **Energy Fund:** This category is funded through donations and proceeds from fundraising, and may also include a line item in the town budget. It will be used for projects undertaken by the Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee.
- **Playground Fund:** This category is funded through donations and a transfer from the general fund. It is used for maintenance of the

playground at the Old Schoolhouse Common, primarily for replacing the woodchips under the playground equipment, and may be used to purchase other equipment in the future.

- **Stranahan Fund:** This category is funded by one-half of the revenue from the Stranahan Town Forest. It is used for Town Forest expenses. This fund will be capped at \$5,000.

The following categories of designated funds are either statutory or they are funded solely through donations:

- **Bandstand Fund:** This fund originated from donations that were raised to build the bandstand. It is used for maintenance of the bandstand.
- **Ed Duke Fund:** This category was established in memory of a Marshfield firefighter. It is funded through donations and used at the discretion of the fire department.
- **Lister Training Fund:** The State has changed the method for funding lister training; they will now reimburse training after the fact, so the fund will no longer be needed.
- **Martin Covered Bridge Fund:** This category is funded through donations and grants for the rehabilitation of the covered bridge and the creation of the surrounding park. It is used for maintenance and improvements of the bridge and park.
- **Pet Control Fund:** This category is funded through a surcharge on dog licenses, as allowed by statute, for the purpose of rabies control. It is used to pay for the dog officer and other animal control expenses.
- **Records Restoration Fund:** This category is funded by a portion of the recording fees that are received when land records are recorded at the town office. It is used for records restoration, preservation, and computerization.

Any remaining categories of designated funds result from grants that have been obtained for a specific purpose, and those funds are returned if unspent.

MARSHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Marshfield Conservation Commission has been in existence for nine years. The Commission is composed of nine community members appointed by the Select Board. We meet monthly on the first Wednesday (sign up to be on our distribution list).

The primary goal of the Conservation Commission is to encourage community involvement in protecting and enhancing the town's natural resources. We are strictly non-regulatory and provide advisory information to the Select Board and other town boards as requested. Marshfield is one of approximately 110 towns that have conservation commissions since the enabling legislation passed in 1977.

Members: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed (Chair).

Note: Tony Mayhew recently stepped off the board after serving for nine years. We are soliciting volunteers to fill the position. Tony also coordinated Green Up for the town; that position also needs to be filled.

The Marshfield Conservation Commission has been involved in the following activities during 2015:

Field Trips:

- A trip to the Stranahan Town Forest on Mother's Day to view the Spring flora;
- A birding trip to the Stranahan Town Forest later in May to observe spring migrants;
- Above trips were co-sponsored by the Jaquith Library and were well attended.
- Mushroom walk.

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Worked with the Selectboard and Stranahan Stewardship Committee to resolve the presence of Class 3 (i.e. unmapped) wetlands in the stands to be logged;
- Mapped the wetlands on the ground so they could be avoided during winter logging activity;
- Some members participated in the Stranahan Forest trail maintenance.

Tree and Shrub Sale:

- Sold trees and shrubs at a sale undertaken jointly with the Plainfield Conservation Commission. Material was locally sourced whenever possible.
- Surplus plant materials were planted at The Martin Covered Bridge property.
- The MCC made ca. \$580 as a result of the sale. These funds will be used for future conservation projects in Marshfield;

Natural Marshfield Series:

- The Conservation Commission and the Jaquith Library have sponsored a monthly lecture/discussion on a natural history related topic. Topics included:
 - Pollinators by a staff person of North Winds
 - Bats by staff of VT Fish & Wildlife Dept
 - Microscopes
 - Mushroom foraging including a field trip
 - Arsenic in groundwater by State toxicologist
 - Big Cats by Susan Morse (jointly sponsored with Town of Plainfield)
 - Future Talks include vernal pool, rare plants, and presentation by Sue Morse on Impact of Climate Change on Animals of the North by Sue Morse on Wed, March 9th at Goddard.

Green Up:

- In 2015 members of the Marshfield Conservation Commission organized trash pickup in Marshfield. Tony and Pat Mayhew served as town coordinators, and other members served as block coordinators. Julie Shedd, a teacher at Twinfield, organized students to help. Both the amount of trash collected and the number of volunteers was up from previous years whereas amount of tires decreased. Efforts entailed the following activities:
 - Collecting bags of trash at the town garage, about 150 bags collected along with 45 tires, and a number of metal chairs, foam, inner tubes, carpets, and mattresses;
 - Advertising via press releases and posters;
 - Arranging for trucks at the town garage;
 - Procuring and distributing trash bags;
 - Approximately 115 volunteers participated.

Tree Plantings:

- Assisted Friends of the Winooski with tree planting along the Winooski in Marshfield.
- Participated in a Martin Covered Bridge Workday where we wrapped most of the planted trees with hardware cloth to deter rodents and beavers as well as performing general clean up and maintenance activities.

Water Quality Monitoring

- For the 9th consecutive year we partnered with The Friends of the Winooski River, the Cabot Conservation Committee, and the Plainfield Conservation Commission to conduct water quality sampling thru a state grant;
- Bacteria monitoring was done at 5 locations on the Winooski River in Marshfield; highest levels occurred just above the GMP hydro station;
- Water quality sampling for alkalinity, chloride, phosphorous, and nitrogen was done on the Winooski above & below the water treatment facility and at the Martin Covered Bridge and on 2 streams: Naismith, Marshfield Brooks.
- A report will be available on the Friends of the Winooski website.
- The Conservation Commission and Friends are always looking for additional volunteers to assist in this effort.

Other:

- Participated in the Marshfield Energy Committee's Climate Change Brainstorm
- Participated in field visit to Stranahan Town Forest to review the mountain bike trail proposed by the Vt. Mt Bike Assoc.
- Provided information on beaver baffles and their maintenance to the Town Highway Dept.
- Participated in a facilitated retreat to identify longer term projects for our involvement.

Marshfield Natural History:

MEADOW, MARSH, AND MOUNTAIN: A journey through the natural landscape of Marshfield. Published by the Conservation Commission the booklet features 10 essays depicting various natural features in Marshfield, authored by local residents with illustrations by local artists. It is available for a minimum \$3 donation at venues around Marshfield and Plainfield and at Town Meeting

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY GARDENS

Marshfield Community Gardens began growing in 2013 with help from local volunteers. In 2014 we rebuilt our four raised beds using heat treated hemlock 2x8 boards that we filled with topsoil and compost graciously donated by Bob Light.

Last year we had a 4-H garden bed, a private bed, and two community beds that helped to supply food for the Wednesday community suppers. This year we had two private beds and a 4-H bed, and a community bed. Out of the community beds for both years resulted in cherry tomatoes, kale, parsley, leeks, oregano, lemon balm, Swiss chard, and flowers harvests. There is already garlic planted in one bed for 2016.

Thank you again Bob for the compost in 2014 and all those who have helped with labor, planting and harvests. Potential future projects: food shelf fresh crops, more private beds, more community harvest, winter harvests, workshops and classes, seed swaps, garden protection and other work days, signage, and children's activities. There are no fees to get involved and anyone is welcome.

If you would like more information on the Marshfield Community Gardens, please contact Melissa Seifert at emaell@gmail.com

VIRGINIA STRANAHAN MEMORIAL TOWN FOREST

This year in the Stranahan Town Forest the beavers were exceptionally busy creating a new dam that backs up to the Thompson Road in one of its lowest areas. Unfortunately for people, this has created at times an impassable area for walking and definitely impassable for any vehicles to do maintenance. The Stranahan Committee has been working to come up with solutions that will not be catastrophic for the beavers but also work within our financial resources. So far some trenching work and site leveling has been done by Danny Tetreault to help alleviate the wetness and was paid for out of the Stranahan fund. Efforts will resume in the spring.

The beavers were not the only ones busy in the Stranahan Forest this year. Sarah Galbraith and Tristan Von Duntz spearheaded the process of building the forest's first bike path. After much discussion, many meetings, presentations, and walking the layouts; the first leg of the trail has been built. This has been a collaboration of the Stranahan Committee, Conservation Commission, Select Board, VT Mountain Bike Association, and interested citizens. Many thanks to all who participated. Sarah and Tristan and the members of the bike club have worked really hard to make their vision a reality and it is exciting to see it all come together. The process was a model of the shared benefit this great asset provides our town and how it builds community. The trail building will continue as will the enjoyment.

It seemed like Rich Phillips was competing with the beavers to see who could be busier and I think Rich may have won. He has been a regular at meetings, contacted and met with many to find solutions and answers, brush hogged the Thompson Road, opened up fields and the old apple orchard that have not been cut for years, overseen the road repairs, and has just been an overall amazing help. Many thanks to Rich for all the hours he has spent making the Stranahan land more enjoyable for everyone. Also thanks to John Schmidt for brush hogging and Mark Howard for helping clear trails. Many volunteers and groups help throughout the year to maintain the land; thank you to all, you are much appreciated.

An amazing cultural event took place on the Stranahan land this year that not everyone may be aware of but if you ran in to the same guy out there painting all year, you might. Thirteen Vermont artists depicted thirteen conserved properties over the course of several months. This was a partnership between the Vermont Land Trust, the Shelburne Museum, the artists, and owners of the conserved land. The Virginia Stranahan Memorial Town Forest was one of the chosen properties and Neil Riley from Marshfield was the artist. All the artists works were displayed at the Shelburne Museum in a special exhibit titled, "Eyes on the Land". It was a wonderful display. The Land Trust also created a video in conjunction with the exhibit that is a beautiful depiction of the Stranahan Land. It can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/VermontLandTrust> or through the Land Trust's website.

Many other events take place on the land that have become almost "regular" events. The annual wildflower and bird walks took place. Earth Walk again used the land. Anne Reed's Wildlife Ecology Class from CCV St. Johnsbury not only used the land for studies but also built a 90 foot boardwalk on a very wet portion of trail. Many thanks to them. On the working side, sugaring and haying leases continue to bring in revenue. According to Jim Brimblecombe syrup quality was excellent in 2015 but sap total only average. The area next to the Hollister Hill Parking area has been cut and will provide decent hay in the near future. A large area of forest to be logged was put out to bid this year though no bids have been offered at this time. The committee has not made much progress on updating the Management Plan but we do thank everyone for their input on the surveys from town meeting last year. We continue with our struggles.

The bike trail has been deemed the "Uncle Maple" trail in memorial to John Warshow. John was a champion of the Stranahan Forest and helped this committee and the town struggle through many conflicts. He will be sorely missed but always remembered in our hearts and through our town forest. Already the John L. Warshow Memorial Fund has built two bridges. He was a great bridge builder; let's continue his work. Thank you John.

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Weatherization

During 2015 the Committee continued to help Marshfield residents weatherize their homes. We also began to work with landlords to help reduce the energy use of their rental units.

Twinfield Solar

The Committee began the year with continued high hopes for Twinfield. However, it became obvious that the administration and school board are too busy with other issues to focus on energy at this time. Therefore, the Committee has backed off this project and hopes it will be revived at a future date.

Solar Tax Credit Expiring

The federal 30% tax credit for solar electric was reauthorized in late 2015. The tax credit is now available through 2021. While it gives residents more time to think about going solar, this development should not be taken as an excuse to procrastinate. The cost of going solar is at a record low; those who take the plunge early will reap the greatest rewards.

Solar at OSC

During 2015, the town solar system at the Old Schoolhouse Common had a banner year, producing 26,630 kWh of electricity. In the three years it has been running, it has saved the town almost \$15,000 and prevented the release of nearly 48,000 pounds of carbon dioxide.

Hopefully, this success will inspire you to take actions to reduce electric use and install solar.

We meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the dining area of the Old Schoolhouse Common. Please attend and give us your thoughts.

Anne Miller
Nick Seifert
Michael Horowitz

Lawrence Black
Joel Trupin
Dan Chodorkoff

Wes Cate
John Morris

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

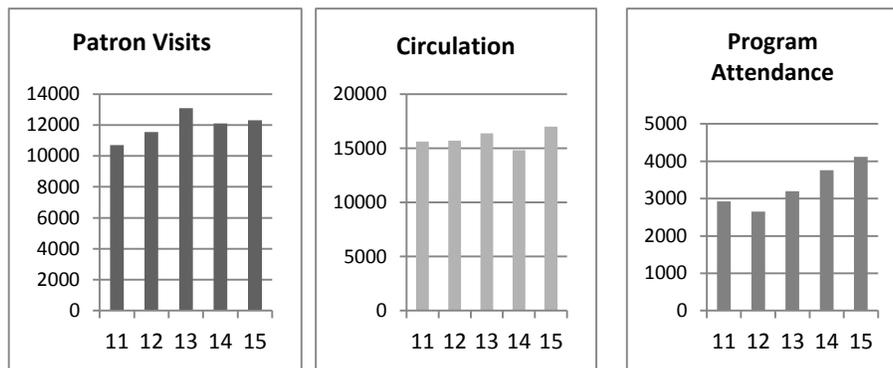
Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.

—Lady Bird Johnson

And based on this past year's activity, this library is hopping with the community's interest. Whether checking out books, videos, audiobooks or magazines; visiting the library for story time, quiet reading or computer time; checking out a free pass to the state park or museum; or attending a concert, lecture, film, reading, art show, festival or other event, this community showed up!

The Year in Numbers

The Jaquith continues to serve more and more people, as evidenced through steady increases in patron visits, program attendance and material circulation.



Programming Highlights from 2015

There is so much happening in your small community library! Here is a sample of the many things the Jaquith provided in 2015.

Harvest Festival – 260 people came out to enjoy family friendly activities, including music with Cold Country Blue Grass and the ReBops, face painting, cider pressing, pop-corn popping, arts and crafts, community kickball, book sale, bake sale, BBQ, vendors and the Friends of the Jaquith annual Chili Cook-off.

Local Eats! - Local culinary experts share their stories of crafting delicacies in this new programming series. We learned about salumi with Peter Coleman, beermaking with Josh Pitts, bread making with Jules & Helen Rabin and chocolate with Nutty Steph Chocolatier, Jaquelyn Rieke.

Natural Marshfield – In this series about the local environment, participants learn about bats, bees, mushrooms, wildlife corridors, climate change, pollinators and more. The Jaquith co-sponsored a program about Cougars by Susan Morse at the Goddard Haybarn Theater, with 180 attendees.

Summer – We had a total of 1386 participants in our summer programs!! The 2015 summer reading programs were based on the theme *Every Hero has a Story*. We held 16 summer reading events for children and families and 6 summer concerts. 89 children registered for the summer reading challenge and the 60 who completed it earned t-shirts and prizes. 56 children signed up for the Race to Read challenge and got to sign the hood of Kyle Streeter's #37 Allen Lumber Street Stock car, check out some other race cars and meet Ken Squier who encouraged them to continue their love of reading.

Library Services – Much more than books (and it's all free!)

Come to the Library!

Borrow a book, video, audio book or magazine. Find a comfy chair and read a pile of cookbooks or plan a garden. Come to a book group. Access the internet with high speed wireless service. Peruse art in the Second Floor Art Gallery. Attend a concert, a lecture, a film, a reading, an art opening. Volunteer! We need help with shelving, processing books, circulation, tidying up, moving books, cleaning DVDs and CDs or helping with events.

Stay at home!

Download an audio book with Listen-Up Vermont. Take an online class on UniversalClass (hundreds of classes). Research the best new fridge on Consumer Reports online. Learn anything about anything on Vermont Online Library. Find a new livelihood at Career Transitions. Finally fix that '67 Chevy Impala with the repair manual from ChiltonLibrary.com. Learn a new language at

Powerspeak Languages. Or find out who you are with Heritage Quest, a genealogical research program.

Get Out of Town!

Check out a free state park or museum pass. Go swimming, hiking, birdwatching, snowshoeing or reading lakeside. Go to Ben & Jerry's, ECHO Museum, Vermont Historical Museum, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Farms, Billings Farm and Museum, and Vermont Historical sites.

Deep Gratitude

We have such deep gratitude for the many, many wonderful volunteers who give their time to help shelving, working the circulation desk, processing books, helping with computers, planning and providing programs, working tirelessly at events and many other unseen tasks. Thank you to the musicians who donate their concerts and to the people who helped plan, set-up and clean-up afterwards. Thank you to all of the artists and authors who share their creativity with us. Thanks to the Library Trustees and the Friends for their work. Thanks to all of the bakers who supplied library programs and concerts with treats. Thank you to those who sponsored the summer concert series, presented the summer library programs, assisted with the summer programming, and the summer concert barbeque, bake and book sales. Thank you to all of the companies and local businesses who donated silent auction items, space for programs and food for events. And thank you to all the generous donors who gave financial support.

This library could not function as fully as it does without the selfless gifts of time, enthusiasm, energy and love of the library that these countless individuals give. **Thank you!**

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday:	9 am to 12 pm; 3 pm to 7 pm
Tuesday and Thursday:	3 pm to 6 pm
Saturday:	9 am to 1 pm

Check out www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org or call 426-3581 to find out all the great things that are happening at your library.

SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Town Account

	<u>Actual 2014</u>	<u>Budget 2015</u>	<u>Actual 2015</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>
Available, Jan. 1	21,017	21,017	21,017	21,021
Income				
Previous Year's Surplus	1,000	1,200	1,200	1,600
Town Appropriation	75,000	74,850	74,850	76,822
Fundraising	3,451	3,825	4,361	3,825
Interest	20	11	22	11
Total Income	<u>79,471</u>	<u>79,886</u>	<u>80,432</u>	<u>82,258</u>
Expenses				
Books	6,492	6,500	6,777	6,500
Magazines	517	535	598	535
Computer Expenses	1,682	1,835	2,059	2,130
Telephone	682	339	223	368
Old Schoolhouse Common	12,840	12,840	12,840	12,840
Insurance	1,261	1,147	1,147	1,147
Supplies	1,172	1,100	1,228	1,000
Postage	1,001	1,000	900	800
Programs	0	200	11	50
Maintenance	11	15	0	0
Equipment	0	0	45	0
Conference Fees	0	50	0	140
Mileage	0	25	0	50
Service Charge	75	0	47	50
Payroll Expenses				
Librarian	26,370	27,141	27,364	27,412
Children's Librarian	6,833	6,941	6,645	7,011
Substitutes	1,920	1,200	2,508	2,178
Custodian Wages	956	1,035	969	1,066
Social Security	2,001	2,213	2,069	2,335
Medicare Expense	468	518	484	546
Retirement Expense	1,797	1,900	1,933	1,987
Total Health Insurance	12,192	13,352	10,984	14,113
Total Payroll Expenses	<u>52,538</u>	<u>54,300</u>	<u>52,954</u>	<u>56,648</u>
Total Expenses	78,271	79,886	78,829	82,258
Surplus, Town Account Applied to next year	<u>1,200</u> <u>(1,200)</u>	0	<u>1,603</u> <u>(1,600)</u>	0
Available, Dec. 31	21,017	21,017	21,021	21,021

JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY
Jaquith Account

	Actual 2014	Actual 2015
Available, Jan. 1	<u>8,042</u>	<u>9,130</u>
Income		
Grants	2,017	2,050
Donations	15,343	7,166
Conscience Can	110	86
Book Replacements	126	64
Book Sale	<u>224</u>	<u>220</u>
Total Income	17,821	9,585
Expenses		
Payroll	1,600	1,550
Marshfield History Center	6,473	0
Playgroup	300	364
Books	1,936	1,500
Programs	5,136	5,555
Expansion Expenses	522	176
Other Donation/Grant Purchases	<u>766</u>	<u>627</u>
Total Expenses	16,734	9,772
Net Income (Loss)	1,088	(186)
Available, December 31	9,130	8,944
Balances		
Town Account Balance	21,017	21,021
Jaquith Account Balance	9,130	8,944
Plus Surplus to be Applied	1,200	1,600
Less Prepayments	<u>(320)</u>	<u>(64)</u>
Total, Checking and Savings Accts	31,027	31,500
Mutual Fund Balance, December 31	69,452	69,995

MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

During the year many visitors came to the Marshfield Historical Society's new Hap Hayward History Center, now located in the Jaquith Public Library in the Old School House Common and open during Library hours. An exhibit honors Marshfield's historian and sawyer Hap Hayward. Other objects on display are Civil War and World War 1 memorabilia, items from long-ago Marshfield businesses, such as Bancroft Drugs, sports, and an exhibit commemorating long-time librarian, Zula Mears. New displays of vintage clothing and items for sale by the Marshfield Historical Society are now in the two exhibit cases donated during the year by Norwich University and refinished by Rich Phillips

We offered three public programs during the year. In March, a panel of long-time residents, Brian Ducharme, Stanley Folsom, and Audrey Huntington, talked about "Growing up in Marshfield Years Ago," attracting an overflow audience of about 50 people. Videos of the program are for sale for \$5.

In May, Marshfield resident, Greg Sanford, gave a talk, "Reflections and Musings," about his experiences as Vermont's first State Archivist. Again about 50 people attended. During Marshfield Foliage Day in October, Janet Nielsen lead a group of people on "A Walking Tour of Marshfield Village." A 28 page booklet was written to accompany the walk. Copies are for sale for \$3.

On January 13, 2016, Dawn Andrews will give an illustrated talk, "Early 20th Century Hill Farm Life in Marshfield and Cabot; the Sketches and Humor of Stanley Lyndes."

We are currently working on reprinting Caleb Pitkin's "Marshfield, Vermont; A Photographic Album 1860-1930," and protecting and making available electronically the entire collection.

The Society meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the new Hap Hayward History Center. Meetings are open to all interested in Marshfield's history. We welcome donations of Marshfield photos, documents, and historical items. Visit us on our web site: www.town.marshfield.vt.us.

MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>
Checking Balance, Jan. 1	2,080	2,265	4,178
Income			
Book Sales	125	200	
Card Sales	10	10	
Mug Sales	6	12	
Other Sales	42	27	
Appropriation	5,501	8,455	6,455
Interest Income	2	3	
Total Income	<u>5,686</u>	<u>8,707</u>	<u>6,455</u>
Expense			
Rent	5,501	6,455	6,455
Other Expenses	0	339	
Total Expense	<u>5,501</u>	<u>6,794</u>	<u>6,455</u>
Net Income	185	1,913	0
Checking Balance, Dec. 31	2,265	4,178	4,178

CEMETERY BYLAWS

The following restrictions shall apply to the use and operation of all cemeteries in the Town of Marshfield.

1. A concrete liner, vault or air-tight urn (for cremations) shall be used for all burials.
2. All vaults or liners shall be covered with at least twelve (12) inches of earth.
3. In one standard grave lot the following shall be permitted:
 - A. One (1) standard burial and one cremated burial which shall be immediately in front of the headstone;
 - B. Two (2) cremated burials immediately in front of the headstone and one (1) infant burial;
 - C. Four (4) cremated burials.
4. Vaults and liners shall be centered as close as possible in each grave lot. Vaults/liners shall not be placed closer than four (4) feet from the edge of the travelled road.
5. All monument foundations shall be at least four feet deep, and shall be 6 inches wider and 6 inches longer than the monument to allow for a 3 inch protective apron on all sides, and shall be buried at or just below ground level. Installation of the monument foundation shall be overseen by the Sexton or his/her designee. The fee for this service shall be \$20.00 per hour.
6. All corner markers shall be installed by the Sexton or his/her designee. The fee for this service shall be \$20.00 per hour.
7. No trees, shrubs or bushes shall be planted except with the approval of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners or Board of Selectmen or their authorized representative.
8. The opening date for burials shall not be earlier than May 1st and the closing date for burials shall not be later than November 1st.
9. Cost of grave lots: \$500.00 for Marshfield residents, \$750.00 for non-residents.
10. Excavation, back fill and reseeding:

Adults	\$600.00
Infants	\$225.00
Cremations	\$225.00

Most recent revision February 21, 2012 by the Marshfield Selectboard

To schedule any work in the cemeteries, call Sexton Joe Mangan at 426-3121.

CEMETERY FUNDS

In recent years, voters have had questions about our cemetery funds. By statute, whenever a cemetery lot is purchased, the town has to set aside some of the revenue (at least 20%) for perpetual care, and only the earnings from the perpetual care fund may be used for cemetery operations. Marshfield has never reported a perpetual care fund balance separately from the cemetery operating funds. In 2015 the Treasurer undertook the task of separating the two fund balances.

The 1980 town report includes a note that states "Investments, Savings Accounts and Certificates of Deposit are Perpetual Care." The 1995 town report includes balances for investments and savings accounts. In 1996 the checking and savings accounts were combined into one account, without a note about what the balance was in each account at that time.

The Treasurer estimated how much of the 1996 transfer was savings vs. checking, and followed the 1980 policy. With the Selectboard's approval, the savings account balance and investments have been allocated to perpetual care, and the checking balance has been allocated to operating funds.

The income and expenses from 1996 through 2014 were allocated as follows: 100% of lot purchases, and increase in market value of investments was allocated to perpetual care. Dividends, appropriations from the general fund, and burial fees were allocated to operating funds.

The Selectboard decided on the following policy for 2015: All revenue from lot purchases, mutual fund dividends, and changes in market value of investments will be allocated to the perpetual care fund. Income from burials and bond interest will be allocated to the operating fund. These decisions will be revisited from time to time depending on the balances in the two funds and any capital repairs that need to be made in the cemetery.

In 2015, work was done to improve the drainage in the Eaton Cemetery. The Sexton fixed and cleaned stones in several of the cemeteries, and the gate at the Hollister-Rich cemetery was repaired.

CEMETERY OPERATING FUND

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Balance, Jan. 1	29,688	38,419
- Income -		
Investment Income		
Bond Interest Income	3,405	2,486
Mutual Fund Dividends	5,120	
Money Market Earnings	0	1
Total Investment Income	8,525	2,487
Appropriation	8,000	8,500
Burials	1,500	1,275
Total Income	18,025	12,262
- Expense -		
Operating Expenses		
Sexton	269	800
Additional Labor	0	879
Burials	825	775
Capital Repairs	0	6,843
Cemetery Mowing	8,000	8,000
Setting Stones/Markers	0	100
Insurance	100	25
Flags	100	100
Total Operating Expenses	9,294	17,521
Net Income	8,731	(5,259)
Balance, December 31	38,419	33,160

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Balance, Jan. 1	104,052	107,699
- Income -		
Investment Income		
Mutual Fund Dividends	0	1,834
Change in Market Value	817	(3,644)
Capital Gains	2,831	0
Total Investment Income	3,648	(1,811)
Lot Sales	0	2,750
Total Income	3,648	939
 Balance, December 31	 107,699	 108,639

Balance Sheet as of December 31

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash/Money Market	10,502	8,978
Bonds/Government Securities	45,244	44,992
Mutual Funds	90,372	87,829
Total Assets	146,118	141,799
 Perpetual Care Fund Balance	 107,699	 108,639
Operating Fund Balance	38,419	33,160
Total Both Funds	146,118	141,799

CABOT AMBULANCE SERVICE

EMS is a field that has been marked by continual changes since its inception in the 1970's. 2015 was no different in that respect. New Vermont State Protocols were implemented that saw changes to some of the most basic skills and equipment that have been around for decades. Spinal immobilization practices were changed to meet new recommendations based on modern research. Some new medications were added to better treat our patients, and new tools were added to guide us in our treatment plan. Nationally, there were changes to the continuing education requirements, which have the potential to result in better interdepartment cooperation and training.

Cabot's crew has taken these changes seriously, and completed the required training quickly. We remain dedicated to providing the best care we can to our patients, and want to make sure that we are using the best practices to treat them.

Cabot currently has a roster of eight active, two semi-active, and two administrative members. Of the active members, four are Advanced EMT's, two are EMT's, the other two are EMR's who are currently in an EMT class. One of our EMTs will be retiring when her license expires this year, and we want to take the opportunity to thank Beth Wade of Cabot for her years of service and dedication. She will be missed.

2015 was a relatively calm year in Marshfield and Cabot as far as emergencies go. Call volume was down, and tragedies were fewer than in the previous year. We responded to 78 calls in Cabot and 44 in Marshfield, 2 in Peacham, and 1 each in Plainfield and West Danville, for a total of 128. We transported 69 patients, 23 patients refused transport or care, and were cancelled 13 times. There were 2 standby calls for fires, domestic disputes or mental health issues, 1 patient pronounced dead at the scene, 1 time no patient was found, 23 patients who required no treatment, 6 patients who were treated and released, and 1 patient who was transported by private vehicle. Due to insufficient crew or a higher level of care needed there were 11 patients who were treated and transferred to another service for transport or care. Overall, there were fewer traffic accidents and related fatalities than 2014.

The dedication of the Cabot EMT's has not lessened, but due to lower staffing levels, we have had to rely on other departments for mutual aid a bit more than usual in the past year. When this happens, Capitol West Dispatch is very good at making sure there is minimal, if any, delay, in getting the help to the patient. We also call Barre Town EMS paramedics

for patients that can use a higher level of care than we can provide on our own. This partnership also allows us to train and work with some of the most experienced medics in the district.

If you or someone you know would like to know more about EMS in our area, or is interested in volunteering some time, please call the number below. We would be glad to show you what we do and why we love doing it. CPR classes are also available if you need one.

Finally, please make sure your 911 address is prominently displayed at the end of your driveway. It can be frustrating to be unable to determine the proper residence in the middle of the night if it is not marked.

As always, stay well and be safe.

Respectfully

Joshua Gouge
Vice President of Cabot Ambulance Service
(802)426-4196

PLAINFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE

This past years call volume again went over the 200 mark after dropping slightly the previous year. The squad has met the training requirements of the new protocols the state of Vermont has set forth. The biggest change is related to immobilizing patients due to trauma related accidents, the use of back boards and KED boards will be almost totally non-existent from this point forward. We have picked up a couple of new members this year and lost a long term member Monica Light who has moved to Barre, we would like to thank her for her years of service to our community. I am proud of our squad for their dedication to make our community a better place to live. We still have room for a few more members and if you think you may have what it takes to be a part of this dedicated team please contact me.

Thanks for your continued support!

Greg Light
Head of Service
802-839-8878

DOGS

Dog licenses for the current year are available beginning on January 2. The deadline for licensing is April 1. Puppies must be licensed when they are six months old. You may license your dog by stopping by the office, or via the mail if you send the following:

- Current rabies certificate (if we already have one on file, we will mail yours back to you). A dog's first rabies shot is good for one year; subsequent shots are good for three years.
- Spay/neuter certificate if applicable
- A description of the dog, including name, breed, size, color, and age
- A check for the appropriate fee, made payable to the Town of Marshfield

The 2016 dog license fees are as follows:

	Current	Late	New Dog After Oct. 1
Neutered/spayed dog or wolf-hybrid:			
License	4.00	6.00	2.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	4.00	4.00	4.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total	12.00	14.00	10.00
Unneutered/Unspayed dog or wolf-hybrid:			
License	8.00	12.00	4.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	4.00	4.00	4.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
Total	16.00	20.00	12.00

Dog Licenses Issued in 2015

Male	41
Male Neutered	137
Female	42
Female Spayed	<u>154</u>
Total	374

2016 RABIES CLINICS

We have been unable to find a veterinarian willing to hold a clinic in Marshfield this year. Danville Animal Hospital will hold a clinic for rabies only on Saturday, March 26th from 9:00-11:30 – the cost will be \$10. The Hardwick Veterinary Clinic will take walk-ins on each Saturday in March, from 9:00 – 1:00 – the cost will be \$15. You should contact the clinic directly to see if other vaccines will be available.

DOG ORDINANCE

Marshfield's Civil Ordinance #4, Regulating Domestic Pets, prohibits an owner from allowing their dog to run at large or be a nuisance to others. Marshfield does not have a leash law but dogs are required to be under their owner's control at all times.

Dogs that are not licensed, or dogs that violate the ordinance may be picked up by Marshfield's Dog Officer. Violations that may cause your dog to be impounded include excessive barking, damage to property, scattering refuse, harassing pedestrians, cyclists, or passersby, worrying or attacking livestock or other pets, obstructing traffic, or threatening.

If your dog is impounded, you will be required to pay an impoundment fee and boarding fees before getting your dog back. In addition, the town ordinance allows the Selectboard to impose penalties. If your dog is found to be threatening or attacking livestock, the state statute requires the Selectboard to see that the dog is destroyed.

If you have a complaint about a neighbor's dog causing a disturbance or nuisance, the ordinance requires you to first contact the owner when feasible. If you are unable to resolve the issue with the owner, you should report the issue to the Selectboard. You will be required to follow up the report with a written complaint.

Full text of the ordinance is available on the town's website, <http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/>, or at the Town Clerk's office.

BIRTHS

<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Name of Parents</u>
Bailey, Jona August Wolfe	F	Jessica Marin Walker & David James Bailey
Boucher, Kendal Rose	F	Sarah Anne Boucher & Matthew Stephen Boucher
Burgess, Beryl Martin	M	Nicole Laimoon Martin & Trevor Miles Burgess
Campbell, Sadie Tianna	F	Raven Tianna Campbell & Christopher Patrick Campbell
Coutu, Dominic Allan	M	Brooke Ann Foster & Dakota Ross Coutu
Farnsworth, Storm	M	Jessyca Rose Manning & Thomas Mark Farnsworth
Fontaine, Jace Jeffrey	M	Tammy Marie Fontaine & Jamie Keith Fontaine
Harvey, Jillian Marie	F	Tara Darlene Harvey & Thomas Allyn Harvey
Kuehnl, Gunnar Ursa	M	Jennifer Ann Prusak & Justin Kane Kuehnl
MacHarg, Maeve Skye	F	Nicole Jean MacHarg & Iain Micheil MacHarg
MacLay, Joseph Presley	M	Kayla Francesca MacLay & Jeffrey Allen MacLay
Moody, Sarah Angela	F	Angela Hope Moody & Mathew David Moody
Russell, Althea Hazel	F	Julia Linden Morse & Jesse Day Russell
Seifert, Micah Orion	M	Melissa Mae Seifert & Nicholas Meier Seifert
Stalberg, Hazel June Hope	F	Ilisa Deborah Stalberg & Jessica Lyn MacLeod
Von Duntz, Elise Autumn *	F	Sarah Galbraith & Tristan Purnell Von Duntz
Watkins, Cassidy Lynn	F	Sarah Elizabeth Watkins & Stephen Paul Watkins

* Born in 2014 - all others born in 2015

MARRIAGES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location of Ceremony</u>
Bairl, Michael Paul	Marshfield	Savard, Hilary Huguette	Marshfield	8/22/2015	Woodbury
Brule, Shawna LeAnn	Marshfield	Marsha, Giles Collin	Marshfield	9/19/2015	Marshfield
Dolan, Daniel Michael	Marshfield	Armell, Rebecca Ann	Marshfield	9/5/2015	Marshfield
Driscoll, Anna Sibley	Marshfield	Allen, Luke Daniel	Marshfield	7/25/2015	Bradford
Graham-Gray, Eleanor Mae	Marshfield	King, Adrian Lee Jr.	Marshfield	6/20/2015	Marshfield
Green, Elizabeth Lynn	Marshfield	Sanborn, Frank Leo	Marshfield	7/18/2015	Marshfield
Horton, Stephanie Doris	Marshfield	Newland, Francis Archie	Marshfield	6/27/2015	Cabot
Pitkin, Hannah Carpenter	Marshfield	Clark, Nicholas Todd	Marshfield	1/31/2015	Marshfield
Purdy, Matthew James	Marshfield	Morris, Heather Jean	Marshfield	10/17/2015	Marshfield
Reil, Joshua John William	Marshfield	Anaya, Dorianne Jennifer	Marshfield	5/16/2015	Peacham
Rexford, Brandy Elizabeth	Marshfield	Zuraw, Jesse Adam	Marshfield	8/1/2015	Marshfield
Sargeant, Monica Marie	Marshfield	Hobbs, Glenn Allen	Marshfield	10/3/2015	Williamstown

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Benway, Patricia	71	F	10/10/2015	St. Johnsbury
Bickford, Charles Edward	80	M	5/20/2015	Marshfield
Bradley, Shareef Nahem	33	M	5/10/2015	Marshfield
Brandt, Rachel Maryan	60	F	4/13/2015	Cabot
Brickey, Dennis Paul	65	M	4/17/2015	Berlin
Brown, Russell Norman	63	M	12/18/2015	Marshfield
Casey, Judith Ainslie	79	F	3/13/2015	Burlington
Clark, Joyce M	84	F	7/18/2015	Berlin
Copping, Richard A	86	M	9/19/2015	Montpelier
Goss, William Richard	85	M	9/17/2015	Marshfield
Lareau, Arlene Ella	80	F	4/11/2015	Burlington
Roberts, Kyle Aaron	25	M	6/26/2015	Berlin
Thomas, Judith Poulin	72	F	9/20/2015	East Calais
Warshow, John Lewis	59	M	6/28/2015	Burlington
Wilson, George Henry III	82	M	11/17/2015	Marshfield

SUMMARY OF CIVIL ORDINANCES ADOPTED **as of December 31, 2015**

#1 Burning and Disposal of Solid Waste

Prohibits dumping and burning of solid waste and requires the removal and proper disposal of hazardous fluids (antifreeze, oil, gasoline) and the battery from junked or long unused vehicles.

#2 Regulating Cemetery Operations

Incorporates already existing by-laws and covers cemetery closure to all persons at night, vandalism, driving over graves, etc.

#3 Regulating use of External Facilities - Old Schoolhouse Common and other town lands and buildings

Restricts the use of the Town land and facilities surrounding the Old Schoolhouse Common, prohibits smoking on the Old Schoolhouse Common property, limits motor vehicles to parking areas and graveled driveways, prohibits alcoholic beverages, and makes it unlawful to deface or destroy Town property.

#4 Regulating Domestic Pets

Brings together in one document the licensing, rabies, vicious dog, nuisance and disturbance control requirements.

#5 Road Naming and Road Addressing

Authorizes the Selectboard to name all public and private roads in Marshfield, establishes a numbering system unique for each dwelling, and requires the numbers to be displayed at each dwelling.

#6 Traffic Ordinance

Sets speed limits on Town roads.

The complete text of these ordinances can be reviewed online at www.town.marshfield.vt.us/ordinances or obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The NEKWMD finished 2015 with 44 of 49 towns reporting increased recycling volumes. Recycling markets were steady to declining through the end of the year. Unfortunately, the steep drop in global oil prices drove the cost of many commodities, including recyclables, down in 2015. In spite of the poor recycling markets the District ended 2015 with a surplus of \$2,386. While we exceeded budgeted expenses by 2.87% (\$21,340.92) revenues were 3.19% (\$23,727.27) above 2015 projections.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District in 2015. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources approved our new Solid Waste Implementation Plan in November of 2015. This plan along with Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) will guide our efforts over the course of the next several years. The NEKWMD assisted 14 towns in implementing unit-based pricing, held two hauler meetings, and served on a state-wide committee relating to the Universal Recycling Law in 2015. 2016 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Vermont's Universal Recycling Law.

The NEKWMD is entering 2016 with a proposed budget of \$716,673 - a decrease of 3.6%. The surcharge rate of \$23.25 will remain unchanged for 2016. Our surcharge on trash remains just below the State average of \$24.04.

The NEKWMD was staffed by ten full-time and three part-time employees in 2015. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 50,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Marshfield does not currently have a representative to the Board. Please let the Selectboard or Town Clerk know if you are interested in serving on this Board.*

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, MAY 7	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Danville Stump Dump
SATURDAY, MAY 14	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Guildhall Town Clerks
SATURDAY, JUNE 4	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 11	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Newbury Recycling Center
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Barnet Transfer Station
FRIDAY, JUNE 17	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Ryegate Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 25	8 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Jay Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 23	8 a.m. – 11a.m.	Greensboro Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13	8 a.m. – 12p.m.	Westmore Transfer Station
SATURDAY, AUGUST 27	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Brighton Recycling Center
SATURDAY, SEPT. 24	8 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Lyndon Recycling Center

Not going to be able to make any of these dates? NOT A PROBLEM! The NEKWMD will be accepting these materials by appointment at our Lyndonville facility from May 2, 2016 to October 8, 2016. Due to regulatory handling requirements, hazardous wastes will not be accepted without an appointment. Scheduling ahead ensures that a qualified individual will be on-site ready to accept your hazardous waste.

****HHW Collections are free and open to residents of all DISTRICT TOWNS****

What are *Household Hazardous Products*? They are consumer products that contain ingredients that **may be**:

- Toxic**- poisonous if eaten, breathed, or absorbed through the skin
- Corrosive**- can burn or destroy living tissue if spilled on skin
- Reactive**- creates fumes, heat, or explosion hazards if mixed with certain materials such as water
- Explosive**- can explode with exposure to heat or pressure
- Flammable/Ignitable**- can easily be set on fire

To determine if a product in your home is hazardous, check the label for the following words:
Danger indicates that the substance is extremely flammable, corrosive, or toxic.
Poison means that the substance is highly toxic.
Caution/Warning is put on all other hazardous substances that are a somewhat lesser hazard, but are still dangerous if the directions are not followed closely.
 Conditionally Exempt Generator businesses can also use the Lyndonville collections for the actual cost of the disposal of their materials. Please call ahead for pricing and an appointment

**CONTACT THE NEKWMD IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY
 802-626-3532 or 800-734-4602 or www.nekwmd.org**

FRONT PORCH FORUM

Neighbors are talking on Front Porch Forum

Have you joined our local Front Porch Forum? FPF helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting a statewide network of online local forums. One-third of Vermont households participate with thousands more joining every month. People use their FPF to find lost animals, offer assistance to neighbors in need, organize local projects, draw crowds to events, highlight small businesses, share crime reports, seek contractor recommendations, and much more. Started 10 years ago, FPF is a free service and it's based in Vermont.

Learn more at <http://frontporchforum.com>



WARNING – TOWN MEETING 2016

The legal voters of the Town of Marshfield, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Twinfield Union School in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 9:00 E.S.T. in the forenoon to act upon all Articles not involving voting by Australian Ballot; and on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 to meet at Twinfield Union School between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to vote on Article 17 by Australian ballot.

Article 1. To elect all Town Officers required by Law:

Moderator	1 year
Town Clerk	1 year
Town Treasurer	1 year
Selectperson	3 years
Auditor	3 years
Lister	3 years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year
First Constable	1 year
Second Constable	1 year
Town Juror	1 year
Town Agent	1 year
Budget Committee Member	5 years
Library Trustees (2)	3 years

Article 2. To elect School Directors to serve on the Union District Board, as follows:

School Director	3 years
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Article 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,006,683 allocated as follows, with \$255,107 from other income, \$107,861 previous year surplus to be applied and \$643,715 to be raised in taxes:

- \$254,476 for the payment of indebtedness and general expenses (\$110,015 from other income and \$144,461 from surplus and taxes);
- \$603,960 for the support of highways and bridges (\$87,297 from other income, \$51,663 from surplus and taxes);
- \$63,548 in support of the Marshfield Fire Department (all from surplus and taxes);

\$21,445 in support of the Planning and Zoning Department (\$2,000 from permit fees, \$19,445 from surplus and taxes);

\$2,250 in support of the Marshfield Recreation Committee (all from surplus and taxes);

\$61,004 in support of the Old Schoolhouse Common (\$25,330 from building lease/rentals, \$30,465 allocated from other town departments, \$5,209 from surplus and taxes).

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$76,822 in support of the Jaquith Public Library.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$6,455 in support of the Marshfield Historical Society.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,500 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$15,000 in support of the Cabot Ambulance Service.

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,500 in support of the Plainfield Fire and Rescue Service.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to explore other options for ambulance services.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to enter into a contract with the Vermont State Police for law enforcement, through the end of 2016, at a cost of \$13,000?

Article 12. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,333 as its share of the cost of commuter bus service along Route 2 with service into Montpelier. This appropriation funds a portion of the total cost of the service, which will also be supported by appropriations from other towns, State and Federal funds, and rider fares.

Article 13. To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$11,782 to be allocated as recommended by the Budget Committee:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	\$ 500
Capstone Community Action	\$ 300
Central VT Council on Aging	\$ 1,400

Central Vermont Economic Development Corp	\$100
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$ 3,200
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	\$ 250
Family Center of Washington County	\$ 250
Friends of the Winooski	\$ 300
Green Mountain Transit	\$ 882
Green Up Vermont	\$ 100
Onion River Food Shelf	\$ 1,100
Twin Valley Senior Center	\$ 1,600
Twinfield Learning Center	\$ 200
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	\$ 250
VT Association of Conservation Districts	\$ 100
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired	\$ 150
VT Center for Independent Living	\$ 100
Washington County Mental Health	\$800
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	\$ 200

- Article 14.**
- a. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes;
 - b. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts;
 - c. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide funds for the amounts previously voted;
 - d. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, August 12, 2016, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers;
 - e. To see if the Town will vote to have the School taxes paid to the Treasurer on or before the close of business on Friday, November 11, 2016, with interest of one percent per month or fraction thereof to be paid by delinquent taxpayers; and
 - f. To see if the Town will accept hand canceled, legible postmark on or before the due date as evidence of timely payment for town and school taxes.

Article 15. To see if the voters will approve the following?

- Whereas, the earth's temperature continues to increase at an unprecedented rate, polar ice is melting at an increasing rate and we are experiencing unusual weather and extreme weather events at an increasing frequency; and
- Whereas, scientists nearly unanimously agree the increase in global temperature is the cause of the changing weather, the increase is primarily caused by carbon dioxide emissions from combustion of fossil fuels and unless these emissions are cut substantially we will leave to future generations a much less desirable place to live; and
- Whereas, Marshfield town government and its various committees have the ability to affect the reduction of fossil fuel use through decisions about town infrastructure and operations, through education and assistance to residents to reduce fossil fuel use and to implement climate sensitive requirements in land use regulations.
- Be it resolved, that all elements of Marshfield's government and committees should take all responsible and legal actions within their respective subject areas and in collaboration with others to reduce fossil fuel use by the town's operations and to assist residents to do the same.
- Be it further resolved, that the Select Board or its designee should provide a report on progress under this resolution in the 2016 town report.

Article 16. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Article 17. To see if the voters will adopt the proposed zoning bylaw amendment dated October 5, 2015 and approved by the Town of Marshfield Selectboard on January 5, 2016. Polls will be open for voting on this Article at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. The polling place will be at Twinfield Union School. Text of the proposed amendment is available from the Town Clerk.

(to be voted by Australian ballot)

Laurie Colgan, Christopher Martin, Andrew Perchlik

Marshfield, Vermont, January 22, 2016 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting for the year 2016 and that it was recorded before posting.

Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS for Town Meeting

BEFORE ELECTION DAY:

CHECKLIST POSTED at Clerk's Office by January 31, 2016. If your name is not on the checklist, then you must register to vote.

REGISTER TO VOTE no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at Town Clerk's Office. All Clerks' offices will be open from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016. Voters may register online at <https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us/>

REQUEST EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You or a family member can request early or absentee ballots at any time during the year of the election in person, in writing, by telephone or email. The latest you can request ballots for Town Meeting is the close of the Town Clerk's office on February 29, 2016. (Any other person authorized by you who is not a family member must apply in writing or in person for a ballot for you.)

WAYS TO VOTE YOUR EARLY BALLOT:

- You may vote in the Town Clerk's office before the deadline.
- Voter may take his or her ballots out of the Clerk's office and return in same manner as if the ballots were received by mail.
- Have ballot mailed to you, and mail or deliver it back to the clerk's office before Town Meeting Day or to the polling place before 7:00 p.m. on Town Meeting Day.
- If you are sick or disabled before Town Meeting Day, ask the town clerk to have two justices of the peace bring a ballot to you at your home. (Ballots can be delivered on any of the eight days preceding the day of the election or on the day of election, but the request must be made before Election Day.)

SAMPLE BALLOTS will be posted by February 20, 2016.

WARNING
NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$716,673?

NOTICE

The polls will be open at Twinfield Union School from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

PHONE NUMBERS, MEETINGS and OTHER INFORMATION

Town Web Address: <http://town.marshfield.vt.us>

Town Clerk's hours: Tues. - Friday 8:00-12:00 & 12:30-4:00
Telephone: 426-3305 email: clerk@town.marshfield.vt.us

SELECTBOARD:

Laurie Colgan	426-3653
Andrew Perchlik	426-3032
Christopher Martin	454-8441

ROAD FOREMAN:

Daniel Tetreault	371-7213
Town Garage	426-3752

LIBRARY:

Susan Green	426-3581
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VILLAGE CLERK:

Deborah Tousignant	426-3393
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VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

Arthur Gilman, President	426-3272
Bruce Hayden	426-3310
Brendan McLane	426-3013
Jennifer Potter	426-2125
Brad Washburn	426-3634

DOG OFFICER:

Josephine Guertin	748-4230
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Jaquith Library Trustees meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Marshfield Conservation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Marshfield Development Review Board meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. when required.

Marshfield Energy Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Marshfield Fire Department meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. (at the Marshfield Fire Station).

Marshfield Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Marshfield Planning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Marshfield Selectboard meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee meets the last Thursday of March and September at 7:00 p.m.

Stranahan Stewardship Committee meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Town Clerk's Office
122 School Street, Room 1
Marshfield, VT 05658
<http://town.marshfield.vt.us>

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting on March 1, 2016

Need a Ride? Call one of your Selectboard members listed inside this cover.