

Town of  
**MARSHFIELD**  
**VERMONT**

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31  
**2014**



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## TOWN OFFICERS

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**Moderator** ..... Michael Caccavo

**Town Clerk & Treasurer** ..... Bobbi Brimblecombe

**Selectpersons**

Term Expires 2015 ..... Christopher Martin

Term Expires 2016 ..... John Warshow

Term Expires 2017 ..... Andrew Perchlik

**School Directors**

Term Expires 2015 ..... Anh Ducharme

Term Expires 2016 ..... Jill Wilson

Term Expires 2017 ..... Patrick Healy

**Auditors**

Term Expires 2015 ..... Wilmer Brandt

Term Expires 2016 ..... Doris Dufresne

Term Expires 2017 ..... Thomas Maclay

**Listers**

Term Expires 2015 ..... Meg Eberhardt

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

Term Expires 2017 ..... Lois Burnham

**Collector of Delinquent Taxes** ..... Bobbi Brimblecombe

**First Constable** ..... Shawn Codling

**Second Constable** ..... James Arisman

**Budget Committee**

Term Expires 2015 ..... Thomas Maclay

Term Expires 2016 ..... Betsy Brigham

Term Expires 2017 ..... Doris Dufresne

Term Expires 2018 ..... Deanna Martin

Term Expires 2019 ..... Michael Caccavo

**Library Trustees**

Term Expires 2015 ..... Liza Earle-Centers

Term Expires 2015 (appointed) ..... Joshua Hayes-High

Term Expires 2016 ..... Annie Reed

Term Expires 2016 ..... Grace Gouge

Term Expires 2017 ..... Laurie Colgan

**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 2015 ..... Melissa Seifert  
Term Expires 2015 ..... Jon Groveman  
Term Expires 2016 ..... Michael Schumacher  
Term Expires 2016 ..... Faeterri Silver  
Term Expires 2017 ..... Robert Light

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

**Development Review Board**

Term Expires 2015 ..... James Arisman  
Term Expires 2015 ..... Jenny Warshow  
Term Expires 2016 ..... Michael Schumacher  
Term Expires 2016 ..... Les Snow  
Term Expires 2017 ..... Gary Leach

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

**Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission**

Term expires May 2015 ..... vacant

**Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission**

Transportation Advisory Committee ..... vacant

**Representative to Northeast Kingdom Waste Mgmt District** ..... vacant

**Conservation Commission**

Term expires 2015 ..... Anne Reed  
Term expires 2015 ..... Ed Jalbert  
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 ..... Michael Zahner

**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**

Term expires 2015 ..... Diana Batzel  
Term expires 2015 ..... Ed Jalbert  
Term expires 2016 ..... Jim Brimblecombe  
Term expires 2016 ..... John Domey  
Term expires 2017 ..... Jenny Warshow

**Recreation Committee**

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

**Fire Chief** ..... Thomas Maclay II

**Fire Warden** (Term expires 6/30/2015)..... 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 & Wood** .....Dennis 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

**Building Superintendent**..... Ernie Penley

## TOWN MEETING 2014

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Moderator Michael Caccavo opened Town Meeting at 9:00 on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at Twinfield Union School. The meeting was recessed until 9:10 a.m. to allow people more time to get through the line. A total of 172 out of 1,108 registered voters checked in for the open meeting. Representative Janet Ancel spoke about the economy and Vermont schools, stating that we have some of the best schools in the country. Chris Martin asked if the State has any plans to change the procedures for reappraisals. Janet stated that they are considering requiring a rolling reappraisal, where towns would reappraise 1/3 of the properties every year. Tim Booth stated that we are one of the highest-spending states for education, and state mandates make it hard for small businesses to survive. Janet acknowledged that we spend more per student, in part because of our small size, and the legislature is looking at that, and she acknowledged that the legislature needs to be careful with small businesses because they are so important to our economy. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and passed the hat for the food shelf, collecting \$555. Moderator Caccavo explained the rules for the meeting, and warned voters that we will start on time next year.

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

<b>Moderator</b>	Michael Caccavo	1 year
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Bobbi Brimblecombe	1 year

**Selectperson** 3 years

Michael Schumacher, Andy Perchlik, and Faeterri Silver were nominated. Michael and Faeterri spoke about their qualifications and reasons for wanting to serve. Tim Maclay read prepared remarks from Andy, who was not able to attend the meeting. Paper ballots were cast as follows:

Ballots Cast:	130
Necessary for election:	66
Michael Schumacher	49
Faeterri Silver	25
Andy Perchlik	56

Since no one received more than 50% of the vote, the Moderator declared that Faeterri would be dropped from the list, and paper ballots were cast as follows:

Ballots Cast:	124
Necessary for election:	63
Michael Schumacher	50
Faeterri Silver	1
Andy Perchlik	73

Andy Perchlik 3 years

Helen Ducharme was thanked for her service on the Selectboard.

**Auditor** 3 years

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

**Lister** 3 years Tom Maclay 3 years

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

Lois Burnham 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** Michael Caccavo 5 years

**Library Trustee** Laurie Colgan 3 years

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

**School Director** 3 years

Patrick Healy, Dick Lashoones, Terri Weinstein, and Tim Booth were nominated. Patrick spoke about his qualifications and reasons for wanting to serve. Terri declined the nomination but encouraged people to volunteer their time at the school. Tim Booth declined the nomination and spoke in favor of Dick Lashoones. Paper ballots were cast as follows:

Ballots Cast:	114
Necessary for election:	58
Patrick Healy	65
Dick Lashoones	46
Spoiled	3

Patrick Healy 3 years



Allen Banbury asked what the 112,720 in other income is. Bobbi explained that it is office fees, licenses, current use, interest, and money paid by the State in lieu of taxes for the portion of the Groton State Forest that is located in Marshfield.

Rob Billings asked how much our grand list is grown and what can we do to increase it? Bobbi stated that in recent years, the grand list has grown less than 1%. Rob made the comment that we need to do what we can to grow the grand list.

The article was approved by voice vote (not unanimous).

At this point, Tim Maclay asked Tim Morris and Darrell Burkhalter to come forward and be recognized for 25 years of service to the Marshfield Fire Department.

Moderator Caccavo explained that due to a change in the law, we are allowed to discuss Australian Ballot articles during the open meeting. Allen Banbury moved to take up Article 15 out of order. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

**Article 15.** To see if the voters will adopt the proposed amendments to the Marshfield Subdivision Regulations approved by the Marshfield Selectboard on January 7, 2014.

Michael Schumacher addressed the voters on behalf of the Planning Commission. He explained the reasons for the proposed amendments. The existing regulations contained ambiguous, subjective language open to interpretation. The proposed regulations are more objective. The existing regulations failed to give concrete instructions to the applicant, the Zoning Administrator, and the Development Review Board. The proposed regulations clarify the role of each party. The process for obtaining a permit has been clarified, and the process has been streamlined for smaller developments. The existing regulations referred to vague or out-of-date state regulations and resources; they have been replaced with up-to-date references. Michael explained that the Planning Commission tried to make simple lot line adjustments go through quickly, and they improved the process for larger developments. They addressed concerns that were brought up in the public forums. The proposed amendments have been approved unanimously by the Planning Commission and Selectboard, and they sought public input throughout the process.

Tim Booth asked whether the new regulations address the 600' buildable area. Planning Commission Chair Jon Groveman stated that the zoning districts are defined in the Zoning Regulations, and only the Subdivision Regulations are being voted on today. He indicated that the Planning Commission has heard concerns about the 600' line and will be looking at the zoning districts, with town input, as they work on the Zoning Regulations.

Catherine Cerulli thanked everyone involved in this process for all of their work.

At 12:10 p.m. the meeting recessed for lunch. The meeting was reconvened at 1:00.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$74,999 in support of the Jaquith Public Library.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Rob Billings moved to amend the article to add \$1. Joe Gainza seconded. Approved by voice vote (not unanimous).

Rich Phillips asked if someone could explain the increase. Library Trustee Pam Quinn explained that the increase is due to health insurance. A few years ago the Librarian chose to get insurance from another job, but now she is only working at the library so she needs to be back on our health insurance plan. Bobbi explained that the Town chose to set up a health reimbursement account (HRA) because with the new health insurance, the employee out-of-pocket maximum has increased from \$3,000 per family to \$12,500 per family. The amount budgeted for health insurance in 2014 includes a one-time expenditure for setting up the HRA. The Town has to put 20% of our maximum contribution for each employee into the account to set it up. After this initial 20% deposit, the Town will only pay into the account when an employee exceeds \$3,000 in expenses. Because there is no way to know how much each employee will spend in health expenses, the Town budgeted ½ of the HRA limit for each person, plus the initial 20%, but the true expense could be more or less depending on how healthy the employees are.

Winnie asked if the Trustees adjusted anything during the years that the Librarian was not on our health insurance. Pam explained that the library bought 2 laptop computers in 2012 (both of which were stolen), and put in broadband in 2013 through a program that was only offered to rural public libraries. They felt it was an opportunity they couldn't pass up. They increased the budget for substitutes to give the librarian time to get certified. They also purchased a new rug.

Jill Wilson asked whether the 20% is a one-time expense, and Rob Billings asked whether the situation with the health insurance and HRA is the same for the other town employees. Bobbi replied yes to both questions.

All in favor of the article as amended.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be used together with an anonymous gift of up to \$10,000 for the development of a Marshfield History Center which will be located adjacent to the upstairs library room and open to visitors during the Jaquith Public Library's regular hours. The room will contain display cases with exhibits about the history of Marshfield, a computer for doing genealogical research and for viewing the Marshfield Historical Society's photo collection, a locked space for Historical Society research and projects, and the Vermont book collection.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Historical Society President John Johnson stated that the project has been discussed at Selectboard meetings, and the minutes are in Field Notes if anyone

wants to read the discussion. He also referred voters to page 68 in the Town Report. He feels very fortunate that a donor has offered to help with this project. He stated that the Society was organized in 1994, and they published the history book in 1998. Hap Hayward was very active in the Society during the first decade. In 2003 he asked John to hold it together. John wants the new area to be named the Hap Hayward room. He feels that there is new enthusiasm to set up a center named for Hap, to capture local history.

Chris Martin explained that the Historical Society moved from upstairs to downstairs a few years ago when the building was reorganized to accommodate the pellet boiler. We have since lost the upstairs tenant (Headstart). This space sits right behind the library and will be connected to the library. The space will be sectioned off to allow for displays that can be viewed during regular library hours.

Beth Stern asked what the \$15,000 is for. John stated that the \$10,000 is for display cases, and the \$5,000 will be used to build a wall to section off the space, and to build bookcases for the Vermont books.

Michael Schumacher wondered if the \$5,000 will be enough. Chris replied that the work will be done by our Building Superintendent, Ernie Penley. John confirmed that the money is for materials only;

All in favor.

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,501 in support of the Marshfield Historical Society. This amount equals the rent for the existing Historical Society space for 6 months, and the rent for the new space for 6 months, should Article 6 be approved.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Rob Billings asked how the amount was calculated. Chris Martin explained that it's based on the square footage of each space.

All in favor.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the support, improvement and repair of the cemeteries.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

All in favor.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$15,000 in support of the Cabot Ambulance Service.

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Vice President Josh Gouge explained that the budget increase is due to new protocols, requiring more training and more equipment. He noted that the service

is also experiencing lower revenues due to cuts in Medicaid reimbursements. He explained that while the Cabot Ambulance members get a stipend, it is not truly compensation; it is based on the number of calls, and it is to cover their vehicle expense.

Rob Billings noted that between Article 9 and 10 we are spending \$20,500 on emergency services. He wonders if we should start thinking about whether we want our own service. Lucy Blue noted that she needed to call once and they were very fast. She lives in the Town of Marshfield but in Plainfield Village, so we should not be thinking in terms of “us” and “them.”

All in favor.

**Article 10.** 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 adopt the article as warned.

Tim Morris stated that Chief Pat Martin asked him to speak on behalf of the Fire and Rescue service. They received 240 calls last year. They are going to give their members a \$300 stipend this year. In order to be eligible for the stipend, the members need to be certified, and they need to attend a minimum number of calls and 60 hours of training. With all of the time that they need to put it, the stipend amounts to about 6¢ per hour.

All in favor.

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 as its share of the fourth 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 adopt the article as warned.

Bobbi noted that this is actually the fifth year of operation; the article was corrected.

Maddy Willwerth from GMTA stated that ridership has increased 20%. She doesn't have current numbers from RCT but from July to November their ridership increased 25%. Sue Morris asked how the mid-day bus is doing. Maddy replied that it is doing very well, twice as well as the evening run that was discontinued to make the mid day run possible. She clarified that this appropriation is separate from the \$882 requested in Article 12; that money is used to support their other ride programs for seniors, etc. Winnie Munding asked whether the mid day run could be extended to St. Johnsbury. Maddy replied that RCT would have to make that decision. Lize Earle-Centers asked whether there are guidelines for what age a child can ride alone. Maddy replied that there are no guidelines. Children under 5 ride for free, and children over 5 ride for half-fare.

All in favor.

**Article 12.** To see if the voters will appropriate the sum of \$10,582.00 to be allocated as recommended by the Budget Committee:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education	600.00
Central Vt Community Action Council	350.00
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,200.00
Central Vermont Home Health	3,000.00
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	150.00
Family Center of Washington County	200.00
Friends of the Winooski	300.00
Green Mountain Transit	882.00
Home Share Now	200.00
Onion River Food Shelf	1,100.00
People's Health & Wellness	200.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	50.00
Twin Valley Seniors	1,300.00
Twinfield Learning Center	300.00
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250.00
Vt. Association of Conservation Districts	100.00
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired	150.00
Vt Ctr for Independent Living	100.00
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	150.00

Moved and seconded to adopt the article as warned.

Michelle Gonzales explained that she teaches for Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, and she would be happy to talk to anyone about what they do and about volunteer opportunities. Mike Caccavo told voters that Twin Valley Seniors has a new website.

All in favor.

- Article 13.**
- 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 15, 2014, 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 7, 2014, 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 adopt the article as warned.

All in favor.

**Article 14.** To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Joe Gainza moved to ask the State to investigate the feasibility of establishing a state bank. Moderator Caccavo explained that no binding action may be taken at this time so anything that is passed will be advisory only. Janet Nielsen explained that she tried to do a petition to get this on the warning but she was too late. She spoke to nearly 40 people, and only 1 person turned her down. This item is on the warning in other towns. She feels that it makes sense to keep the money in Vermont rather than on Wall Street and it would help to start local businesses. Marilyn asked for clarification – can the Selectboard send a letter requesting this if the vote is advisory only? Mike Caccavo stated that they can. The motion carried (not unanimous).

Rob Billings would like the Selectboard to send a letter to the Legislature asking them to do what they can to promote participation in Town Meeting, including making it a holiday. He is concerned that issues are being decided by only 5% of the voters. Bobbi explained that we have the option of holding the meeting in the evening, or on a Saturday, but that doesn't guarantee more participation. Rich Phillips feels that we should have a committee to look into options to increase participation. He noted that the towns who have switched to Saturday meetings have seen a decline in participation.

Jill Wilson commented that at the Twinfield Annual Meeting there were about 10 people from 2 towns.

Jacob Gouge noted that it is easy to speculate, but we should ask those who are not at town meeting why they do not come. He asked if we could add that question to the survey that the Planning Commission intends to include with the tax bills this summer. He noted that he sometimes chooses to work instead of coming to the meeting.

Belynda Justice feels that childcare would help. The childcare that was available today was not advertised.

Joe Gainza asked if Twinfield teaches about Town Meeting. He feels that it should be added to the curriculum. Jill Wilson stated that there is some in the lower grades, but there could be more. She moved to have the Selectboard send a letter to the school to ask them to incorporate citizenship and town meeting participation in the curriculum. Bobbi stated that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade did a unit on government but they focused on the state level. She inquired of the teachers whether it would be

possible to speak to the class about town meeting but it never happened. Beth Stern stated that the school is too small to offer a separate civics class but there should be some focus in high school.

Marilyn Davis stated that educating people about town meeting won't help those who have to work. Belynda Justice echoed that sentiment. Joe Gainza stated that the more people want to come to town meeting, the more pressure the legislature will feel to change the law. He feels that it is up to all of us to talk to kids and help them understand the purpose and importance of town meeting.

Doug Duprey stated that town meeting is unique to New England, and our neighbors who move here from another part of the country may not know about Town Meeting. We need to educate our neighbors and invite them to come with us next year.

All in favor.

Mike Caccavo stated that some moderators have sent letters to our Congressional delegation, asking them not to refer to their public forums as town meetings.

Marilyn Davis commended the Selectboard for doing an amazing job on the budget, stating that it's basically level funded and it's not their fault that the income will be lower.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

**Article 15.** To see if the voters will adopt the proposed amendments to the Marshfield Subdivision Regulations approved by the Marshfield Selectboard on January 7, 2014. Polls will be open for voting on the 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)**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>No</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Blank</b>	<b><u>6</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>251</b>

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

## 2014 AUDITORS' REPORT

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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		152.14
General Fund - Sweep Account		66,654.18
Community National Bank	3.50%/.30%	558,752.72
Fire Dept Equip Fund CD	2.15%	8,959.68
Fire Dept Equip Fund CD	3.25%	7,966.50
Fire Dept Equip Fund CD	3.10%	4,915.85
Fire Dept Equip Fund Bond	3.70%	19,306.66
Fire Dept Equip Fund Cash/Edward Jones		516.23
A/R Delinquent Taxes	12.00%	71,213.79

### - Indebtedness -

	Interest Rate	Balance
Truck Loan - 2015	2.00%	110,000.00
Tractor/Mower	2.00%	15,000.00
Pellet Boiler Loan	2.35%	14,000.00
Cabot Road Paving Loan	1.00%	40,000.00
Grader Loan	2.00%	64,000.00

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 0.30%, so this is the interest rate that was used for 2014. The balance is \$38,223.79

## TOWN ASSETS

<b>Property:</b>		<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	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
<b>Total Property</b>		<b>187,195</b>

<b>Equipment - major:</b>		
2011 Pickup		39,604
2012 International truck		89,650
2015 International truck		112,448
2007 International truck		84,037
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
Chipper		12,000
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		15,835
Office equipment		14,016
Office furniture		840
Air conditioners (2)		987
<b>Total Equipment</b>		<b>874,097</b>

## TOWN ASSETS

<b>Fire Station Improvements</b>	
Security System	9,377
Air Vacuum System	15,912
Sprinkler System	15,577
Total Fire Station Improvements	<u>40,866</u>
<b>Fire Station Equipment</b>	
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	<u>230,593</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,332,750</b>

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

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Thankfully, 2014 was an uneventful year for the Select board, although there was lots of town related activity going on. Andrew Perchlik was elected to the select board replacing Helen Ducharme who did not seek re-election.

A surplus at the end of the year allowed us to cut municipal taxes by 2 cents and to put additional funds in the Highway Equipment fund and start a Fire house building fund. We received a donation of \$2,500 from Cabot Creamery; that money was deposited to the Town's paving fund.

The Marshfield Historical Society, using grant money and funds approved at last year's meeting creating a wonderful history center named in honor of Hap Hayward. It is upstairs and accessible from inside the library and open when the library is open. There is still more work to be done. The opening celebration in September was attended by over 200 people.

A permit was granted to Brian Holm's Peugeot salvage yard on Maple Hill. This will give the town and the State of VT some environmental oversight as his business winds down over the next few years. The town is still at odds with property owners and tenants at SASS Ave regarding cleanup of garbage, cars and other junk; a court ordered cleanup is expected momentarily.

The ball field repairs were completed by a team of volunteers led by Chris Martin. A new dugout was built by Ernie Penley, Dennis Florio, Dwight Baker, Tom DiMatteo and a crew supplied by Schumacher Construction (Chris Rivers and Chad Pelkey).

Drainage along the outside of the Old Schoolhouse Common was improved. At this time it appears that this has solved the issue of water in the basement.

The Twin Valley Seniors relocated to Route 2 in East Montpelier and we were able to immediately find new tenants. With the seniors cooking and refrigeration needs terminated, the electric load of the building was less than expected, and the solar collectors produced 92 % of the power used. With the amount of electricity we produced, and the incentive on the kilowatts produced, we generated more income than it cost for electricity for the building. The difference will be rebated to the town in cash by Green Mountain Power.

We worked with VT emergency planning and VTRANS on the potential for damage to Route 2 should an extreme flood event produce more flow than the culvert adjacent to Water Tower Farm. That work is not complete.

Repairs were made to the Onion River Road bridge and the Nasmith Brook Road bridge. State funds for repaving Creamery St. were unavailable, so we will reapply this year.

Our exceptional road foreman of 17 years Dan Tetreault informed the board that he would like to work less beginning in the spring of 2015. We've included a few photos that suggest what he might be doing now that he will have more time. We have been discussing with him different ideas to strike an agreement that is mutually beneficial and will provide for continuation of the high standards we have become accustomed to.

Once again we express our tremendous gratitude to all of you who volunteer or are employed by the Town of Marshfield. There is no way we could make this happen without you.



## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

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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	262,977	112,050	150,927
Highways	605,443	90,008	515,435
Buildings & Grounds	61,728	55,795	5,933
Zoning and Planning	18,347	2,000	16,347
Fire Department	63,548		63,548
Recreation Committee	3,950		3,950
<b>Total Selectboard Budget</b>	<b>1,015,993</b>	<b>259,853</b>	<b>756,140</b>
Less Surplus			<u>(112,909)</u>
			<b>643,231</b>
Jaquith Public Library			74,850
Marshfield Cemetery Fund			8,500
Marshfield Historical Society			8,455
Cabot Ambulance			15,000
Plainfield Fire and Rescue			<u>5,500</u>
			<b>755,536</b>

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	600
Capstone Community Action	300
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,400
Central Vermont Home Health	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	100
People's Health & Wellness	300
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	50
Twin Valley Seniors	1,600
Twinfield Learning Center	300
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250
VT Association of Conservation Districts	100
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired	150
Vt Ctr for Independent Living	100
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	<u>200</u>
<b>TOTAL OUTSIDE APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>11,582</b>

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

**BUDGET AND ESTIMATED TAX RATE**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Administration	247,188	259,821	281,635	272,508	265,584	272,115	261,649	262,977
Highways	440,839	463,243	477,999	512,990	642,306	593,966	609,698	605,443
Flood Repairs	0	0	0	0	82,918	1,200	0	0
Fire Department	41,428	43,321	46,068	46,068	56,904	58,142	58,037	63,548
Planning & Zoning	28,399	17,470	17,874	18,374	17,317	20,862	21,194	18,347
Recreation	1,800	1,875	2,275	2,275	3,140	3,140	2,790	3,950
Buildings & Grounds	46,427	55,575	61,195	63,003	71,652	75,556	65,727	61,728
<b>Total Selectboard Budget</b>	<b>806,081</b>	<b>841,305</b>	<b>886,946</b>	<b>915,218</b>	<b>1,139,821</b>	<b>1,024,982</b>	<b>1,019,095</b>	<b>1,015,993</b>
Less Regular Income	(238,192)	(215,938)	(248,678)	(237,558)	(258,160)	(265,355)	(252,449)	(259,853)
Less Flood Reimbursements	(1,933)	0	0	0	(345,525)	(22,473)	0	0
<b>Net Selectboard Budget</b>	<b>565,956</b>	<b>625,367</b>	<b>638,268</b>	<b>677,660</b>	<b>536,136</b>	<b>737,154</b>	<b>766,647</b>	<b>756,140</b>
Less Surplus/Plus Deficit	(65)	(37,064)	(13,354)	(27,914)	73,254	(135,661)	(95,863)	(112,909)
Total Tax, Selectboard Budget	565,891	588,303	624,914	649,746	609,389	601,492	670,783	643,231
Jaquith Library	56,928	58,628	59,805	63,773	63,957	65,383	75,000	74,850
Historical Society	4,185	4,375	4,375	4,375	4,375	4,375	5,501	8,455
History Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	0
Cemeteries	6,500	6,500	6,500	5,000	6,500	6,500	8,000	8,500
EMS	10,500	10,500	12,500	12,000	14,000	14,000	20,500	20,500
Other Appropriations and Bus	8,000	7,825	15,783	15,983	17,308	18,315	18,915	19,915
<b>Total Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>652,004</b>	<b>676,132</b>	<b>723,877</b>	<b>750,877</b>	<b>715,529</b>	<b>710,065</b>	<b>803,699</b>	<b>775,451</b>
Tax Rate	0.576	0.592	0.632	0.6513	0.6158	0.6096	0.6813	0.6583 *

\*estimate

**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	\$ 643,231.11	0.5461	\$ 546.05	\$ 819.08	\$ 1,092.11
Article 5	\$ 74,850.00	0.0635	\$ 63.54	\$ 95.31	\$ 127.08
Article 6	\$ 8,455.00	0.0072	\$ 7.18	\$ 10.77	\$ 14.36
Article 7	\$ 8,500.00	0.0072	\$ 7.22	\$ 10.82	\$ 14.43
Articles 8 & 9	\$ 20,500.00	0.0174	\$ 17.40	\$ 26.10	\$ 34.81
Article 10	\$ 8,333.00	0.0071	\$ 7.07	\$ 10.61	\$ 14.15
Article 11	\$ 11,582.00	0.0098	\$ 9.83	\$ 14.75	\$ 19.66
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 775,451.11</b>	<b>0.658</b>	<b>\$ 658.30</b>	<b>\$ 987.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,316.60</b>
Every \$10,000 in the budget	\$ 10,000.00	0.0085	\$ 8.49	\$ 12.73	\$ 16.98
For a penny on the tax rate	\$ 11,779.63	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.

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**December 31, 2014**

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>- Assets -</b>			
Cash on Hand	152		152
Sweep Account	66,654		66,654
CNB Investment Account	79,321	479,432	558,753
Fire Dept Invest Account		41,665	41,665
Delinquent Taxes	71,214		71,214
Reserve for Del Taxes	(71,214)		(71,214)
Solar Panel Loan		38,224	38,224
Owed from GMP	63		63
Total Assets	<u>146,190</u>	<u>559,321</u>	<u>705,511</u>
<b>- Liabilities -</b>			
Damage Deposit	1,297		1,297
Performance Bond	500		500
Prepayments	2,306		2,306
Payroll Liabilities	3,289		3,289
Solar Panel Loan	38,224		38,224
Grader Loan		64,000	64,000
Pellet Boiler Loan		14,000	14,000
Cabot Road Paving Loan		40,000	40,000
2007 Tractor/Mower Loan		15,000	15,000
2015 Truck Loan		110,000	110,000
Total Liabilities	<u>45,615</u>	<u>243,000</u>	<u>288,615</u>
<b>- Fund Balances -</b>			
Fund Balances, 12/31/13	25,889	235,035	260,924
2014 Surplus(Deficit)	112,909	43,063	155,972
Fund Balances, 12/31/14	<u>138,798</u>	<u>278,097</u>	<u>416,895</u>
Liabilities + Fund Balance	184,413	521,097	705,511

**SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES**  
**General Fund**

	<b>2013 Actual</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Selectboard Managed Income</b>				
Property Taxes	701,614	806,699	804,320	778,451
Natural Disasters	37,705	0	0	0
Town Office	15,946	15,070	13,672	13,150
General Government	92,888	94,650	100,048	95,900
Highways	95,873	88,950	90,008	90,008
Buildings & Grounds	58,251	48,119	55,149	55,795
Zoning/Planning	1,708	2,660	1,590	2,000
<b>Total Selectboard Income</b>	<b>1,003,985</b>	<b>1,056,148</b>	<b>1,064,787</b>	<b>1,035,303</b>
Previous Year Surplus	135,661	95,863	95,863	112,909
Grant Income	12,117	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,151,763</b>	<b>1,152,011</b>	<b>1,160,650</b>	<b>1,148,213</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Selectboard Managed Expenses</b>				
Natural Disasters	1,560	0	0	0
Town Office	93,468	111,328	107,667	109,080
General Government	39,472	57,929	53,059	59,723
Highways	536,299	609,698	549,365	605,443
Buildings & Grounds	73,841	65,727	61,547	61,728
Fire Department	58,142	58,037	56,396	63,548
Zoning/Planning	13,786	21,194	13,389	18,347
Recreation	2,784	2,790	2,790	3,950
Employ. Benefits	115,859	92,392	72,615	94,174
<b>Total Selectboard Expense</b>	<b>935,210</b>	<b>1,019,095</b>	<b>916,829</b>	<b>1,015,993</b>
Other Town Entitites	76,258	93,501	91,497	91,805
Outside Appropriations	32,315	39,415	39,415	40,415
Grant Expenses	12,117	0	0	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,055,900</b>	<b>1,152,011</b>	<b>1,047,741</b>	<b>1,148,213</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>95,863</b>		<b>112,909</b>	

## TAX PAYMENT INFORMATION

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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, or watch for the flyer included with your tax bill.

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

## PROPERTY TAXES

	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget
<b>Town Taxes</b>				
Town Taxes Collected	677,198	803,699	771,764	775,451
State Adjustments - Town Tax	2,722		3,023	
<b>Total Town Taxes</b>	679,920	803,699	774,787	775,451
<b>Education Taxes</b>				
Education Tax Collected	1,412,410		1,518,378	
State Adjust. - School Tax	23,854		23,982	
Annual Adjust - Prev Yr Ed Tax	40,600		43,227	
School Tax Admin.Fee	3,541		3,754	
Revised Homestead Bill Fees	405		315	
Education Tax Liability	(1,573,771)		(1,668,454)	
<b>Total Education Taxes</b>	(92,962)		(78,798)	
<b>Taxes abated</b>	(338)		0	
<b>Delinquent Tax Income</b>	111,511		104,440	
<b>Interest on Delinquent Taxes</b>	3,482	3,000	3,891	3,000
<b>Total Property Taxes</b>	701,614	806,699	804,320	778,451

## TAXES ASSESSED – 2014

Taxable Grand List as of the Date of Town Tax Rate Setting: \$117,970,233

<b>Setting the Town Tax Rate:</b>		<b>Setting the Local Agreement Rate:</b>	
Amount of Taxes Needed	803,699.00	Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran	270,000
Divided by Grand List (in 100ths)	1,179,702.33	Multiplying by Homestead Education Rate	1.7092
Equals Town Tax Rate	0.6813	Value of Exempt Property@30,000 per veteran	90,000
		Multiplying by Non-Residential Education Rate	1.7279
		Equals Amount of School Tax to Make Up	6,169.95
		Divided by Grand List Equals Local Rate	0.0052

**Total Tax Rate, Homestead Property**

Town	0.6813
Local Agreement	0.0052
School	<u>1.7092</u>
Total	2.3957

**Total Tax Rate, Non-Residential Property**

Town	0.6813
Local Agreement	0.0052
School	<u>1.7279</u>
Total	2.4144

	Town Tax	Homestead Education	Non Residential Education	Late Homestead Filing Penalty	Total School Taxes <sup>2</sup>	Total Taxes
Taxes Billed <sup>1</sup>	808,672.05	1,401,485.07	619,239.78	1,500.91	2,022,225.76	2,830,897.81
Taxes Paid To Treasurer	-771,763.92				-1,518,377.83	-2,290,141.75
State Adjustments	<u>-3,023.19</u>				<u>-425,361.87</u>	<u>-428,385.06</u>
Delinquent Taxes	33,884.94				78,486.06	112,371.00

<sup>1</sup> Reflects changes to the Grand List after the tax rate was set

<sup>2</sup> 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	0.00	1,808.94
2013	61,473.55	56,550.42	4,923.13
2014	<u>112,371.00</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>47,889.28</u>	<u>64,481.72</u>
Balance due	175,653.49	104,439.70	71,213.79

### 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>
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 \$ 8,359 in fees in 2014.

<sup>1</sup>An additional 92.74 was delinquent but was later credited by a state adjustment.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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**Want lower taxes?** If you own the home that serves as your primary residence, you are required to file your homestead declaration by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Even if you are not eligible for income sensitivity, you must file. The penalty for filing after April 15<sup>th</sup> is 3% of your school tax. In 2014, this amounted to \$1,501 in extra taxes. In addition, since 2007, Marshfield taxpayers paid \$2,025 in additional fees because they filed their application for income sensitivity after April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Vermont Tax Department has informed us that they will no longer be providing us with copies of the Vermont income tax forms. You can download and print the forms at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov), you can email them at [taxforms@state.vt.us](mailto:taxforms@state.vt.us), or you can call them at (855) 297-5600 to have forms sent to you.

The State has asked us to pass along information about 211.

**VERMONT 2-1-1** is a valuable 3-digit number to remember for information about health, community, and human services in your community and throughout the state. At Vermont 2-1-1, callers will speak with specialists who problem solve and make referrals to the appropriate local and state government programs and services, or community-based organizations, support groups, and other valuable resources as needed.

Dialing 2-1-1:

- \* is a local call from anywhere in Vermont for accurate, updated information from a database of over 850 agencies and organizations
- \* provides free, confidential telephone assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- \* enables live translation services for non-English speakers
- \* provides access for persons who have special needs
- \* provides the ability to transfer emergency calls to 9-1-1 when necessary

## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
<b>Town Office Income</b>				
Office Fees	11,461	11,000	9,470	9,000
Dog Licenses	3,488	3,300	3,460	3,300
Marriage Licenses	630	450	315	450
Liquor/Tobacco Licenses	250	200	325	300
Automobile Registration Fees	117	120	102	100
<b>Total Town Office Income</b>	<b>15,946</b>	<b>15,070</b>	<b>13,672</b>	<b>13,150</b>
<b>Town Office Expense</b>				
<b>Town Office Staff Expenses</b>				
Clerk Treasurer	41,074	42,101	42,856	42,943
Assistant	26,104	26,783	27,733	27,319
Custodial	76	500	687	1,484
Additional Wages	0	0	92	100
Social Security	*	4,271	3,867	4,448
Medicare	*	999	904	1,040
Retirement	*	4,650	4,813	5,022
Mileage	525	600	374	500
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<b>67,779</b>	<b>79,904</b>	<b>81,326</b>	<b>82,856</b>
OSC Allocation	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Postage	1,837	2,200	1,937	2,000
Supplies	2,148	2,500	1,758	2,000
Telephone	1,177	1,200	1,207	1,200
Computer Expense & Upgrade	1,734	7,000	5,606	5,000
Office Equipment Maintenance	3,864	3,000	966	600
Town Report	1,488	1,600	1,613	1,700
Advertising	283	500	184	500
Printing	18	250	0	250
Elections Expense	0	250	202	50
Marriage License Expense	490	350	245	350
Dog License Expense-to State	1,476	1,400	1,450	1,400
<b>Total Town Office Expense</b>	<b>93,468</b>	<b>111,328</b>	<b>107,667</b>	<b>109,080</b>
<b>NET COST</b>	<b>77,522</b>	<b>96,258</b>	<b>93,995</b>	<b>95,930</b>

\* payroll taxes were not separated by department prior to 2014.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
<b>General Government Income</b>				
Interest Income	5,356	14,000	17,280	14,000
Current Use Refund	69,622	68,000	69,617	69,000
Vermont Forests & Parks	9,751	9,750	9,857	9,800
Traffic fines	1,472	1,500	1,100	1,000
Stranahan Town Forest Income	2,326	1,100	2,163	2,100
Miscellaneous Income	4,360	300	31	0
<b>Total General Government Income</b>	<b>92,888</b>	<b>94,650</b>	<b>100,048</b>	<b>95,900</b>
<b>General Government Expenses</b>				
<b>Town Officer Expenses</b>				
Delinq. Tax Collector Wages	8,920		8,359	8,000
Delinquent Tax Penalty	(8,920)		(8,359)	(8,000)
Lister Wages	4,939	9,000	3,553	9,000
Selectboard Stipend	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Health Officer Stipend	350	500	350	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	180	500	363	500
Town Officers Social Security	*	1,461	1,004	1,462
Town Officers Medicare	*	342	235	342
Town Officers Mileage	242	400	222	400
<b>Total Town Officer Expenses</b>	<b>9,286</b>	<b>15,778</b>	<b>9,303</b>	<b>15,779</b>
Lister Services/Supplies	380	1,000	871	1,000
Health Officer expense	17	100		100
Energy Committee Expense	447	500	200	500
Conservation Commission	259	300	48	300
Stranahan Town Forest	1,000	0	0	0
Transfer to Stranahan Fund	0	0	1,082	1,050
County Tax	10,173	10,173	10,012	10,500
Town Officers' Liability Ins.	2,086	2,196	2,196	2,275
General Liability Insurance	384	2,341	2,342	945
Employment Practices Ins.	910	956	956	1,075

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	<u>2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	3,783	13,300	14,087	13,300
Bank Service Charge	25	0	67	75
Legal Services	1,846	2,000	3,605	4,000
VLCT Dues	2,395	2,602	2,602	2,674
Traffic Control	1,074	1,500	862	1,500
Town Newsletter	3,333	3,333	3,333	3,300
9-1-1 Signs/Expenses	30	100	39	100
Repeater Station	250	250	250	250
Transfer to Reappraisal Account	1,000	1,000	1,000	500
Miscellaneous/Unbudgeted	795	500	206	500
<b>Total General Gov't Expenses</b>	<b>39,472</b>	<b>57,929</b>	<b>53,059</b>	<b>59,723</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>53,416</b>	<b>36,721</b>	<b>46,989</b>	<b>36,177</b>

## EMPLOYMENT TAXES AND BENEFITS

	<u>2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Employment Taxes and Benefits</b>				
Workmen's Compensation	9,170	10,527	10,201	13,870
Unemployment Insurance	1,090	819	818	746
Health Insurance	72,061	79,046	60,417	77,808
Training	1,218	2,000	1,179	1,500
Benefits Administration	0	0	0	250
Social Security	15,104	*	*	*
Medicare	3,532	*	*	*
Retirement	13,683	*	*	*
<b>Total Employ. Tax and Benefits</b>	<b>115,859</b>	<b>92,392</b>	<b>72,615</b>	<b>94,174</b>

\* Beginning in 2014, payroll taxes and retirement are allocated by town department.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
<b>Highway Department Income</b>				
Highway/State Aid	85,120	84,000	85,054	85,054
Sanding - Twinfield	2,657	2,650	2,657	2,657
Plow/Sand Other Towns	2,297	2,300	2,297	2,297
VLCT Safety Grant	2,800	0	0	0
Misc. Highway Income	3,000	0	0	0
<b>Total Highway Income</b>	<b>95,873</b>	<b>88,950</b>	<b>90,008</b>	<b>90,008</b>
<b>Highway Department Expenses</b>				
<b>Highway Staff Expenses</b>				
Road Crew Wages	154,142	174,432	159,612	177,580
Social Security	*	10,815	9,351	11,010
Medicare	*	2,529	2,187	2,575
Retirement	*	9,849	10,069	10,326
Mileage	1,277	2,000	970	2,000
Pagers	262	300	232	300
Uniforms	3,863	3,500	2,019	2,000
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<b>159,543</b>	<b>203,425</b>	<b>184,442</b>	<b>205,791</b>
<b>Garage Expenses</b>				
Electricity	1,345	1,400	1,404	1,400
Heating Oil	7,119	6,800	7,917	6,800
Supplies	145	1,000	343	1,000
Telephone	1,112	1,300	1,289	1,300
Rubbish Removal	740	750	1,059	750
Fuel Tank Assessment	50	50	50	50
Equipment Shed	0	420	0	420
Safety Equipment	0	3,000	2,735	2,000
Garage Insurance	1,356	1,650	1,650	1,448
Misc. Garage Expenses	809	2,000	1,850	2,000
<b>Total Garage Expenses</b>	<b>12,675</b>	<b>18,370</b>	<b>18,297</b>	<b>17,168</b>
<b>Equipment/Maintenance</b>				
2011 Pickup	835	1,600	385	1,600
2007 International	3,271	3,000	4,691	3,000
2012 International	251	3,000	3,856	3,000
2015 International	0	0	2,774	3,000

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<b>2013 Actual</b>	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>
<b>2013 Grader</b>	3,239	3,500	2,990	3,500
<b>2000 Loader</b>	139	1,500	2,109	1,500
<b>2004 Excavator</b>	7,804	1,500	298	1,500
<b>Tractor/Mower</b>	789	600	1,645	600
<b>Trailer for Excavator</b>	35	500	176	500
<b>Sanders</b>	1,863	3,000	854	2,000
<b>Plows</b>	1,907	2,000	2,193	2,000
<b>York Rake</b>	294	0	0	0
<b>Chain Saws</b>	411	500	207	500
<b>Chipper</b>	0	1,000	0	1,000
<b>Tire Chains</b>	6,747	9,750	12,380	9,000
<b>2009 International</b>	4,868	3,000	55	0
<b>1998 Grader</b>	(823)	0	0	0
<b>Tools</b>	727	1,000	542	1,000
<b>Tractor Loan Payment</b>	8,100	7,950	7,950	7,800
<b>Trans. To Equip Fund</b>	62,000	64,000	76,000	68,000
<b>Vehicle Insurance</b>	6,648	7,103	7,103	8,384
<b>Misc. Equip. Expenses</b>	1,289	2,000	2,302	2,000
<b>Total Equip./Maint.</b>	110,394	116,503	128,508	119,884
<b>Materials</b>				
<b>Staymat</b>	60,517	85,000	43,118	80,000
<b>Stone</b>	8,886	7,000	5,506	6,000
<b>Winter Sand</b>	55,128	56,000	58,854	55,000
<b>Salt</b>	14,211	10,000	16,029	19,000
<b>Chloride</b>	12,896	12,500	11,590	12,500
<b>Equip./Vehicle Fuel</b>	47,483	40,000	38,994	35,000
<b>Grease &amp; Oil</b>	3,364	2,500	1,419	2,500
<b>Welding Supplies</b>	360	500	591	500
<b>Cold Patch</b>	0	500	792	700
<b>Erosion Control</b>	1,664	2,000	860	1,000
<b>Mulch Hay</b>	472	300	593	1,000
<b>Misc. Materials</b>	96	1,000	41	1,000
<b>Total Materials</b>	205,077	217,300	178,386	214,200

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
<b>Highway Infrastructure</b>				
<b>Culverts Purchased</b>	11,884	14,000	7,979	14,000
<b>Culverts Reimbursed</b>	(90)	0	(280)	0
<b>Road Signs</b>	1,208	3,000	95	2,000
<b>Guardrails</b>	2,991	5,000	879	2,000
<b>To Paving Account</b>	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
<b>Paving Loan Payment</b>	21,052	21,600	20,598	20,400
<b>To Bridge Account</b>	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
<b>Private Contracts</b>	4,564	3,500	3,460	3,000
<b>Total Infrastructure</b>	<u>48,609</u>	<u>54,100</u>	<u>39,732</u>	<u>48,400</u>
<b>Total Highway Expenses</b>	536,299	609,698	549,365	605,443
<b>NET COST</b>	440,426	520,748	459,357	515,435

\* payroll taxes were not separated by department prior to 2014.



**BUILDINGS and GROUNDS**  
**Old Schoolhouse Common**

	<u>2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Income</b>				
<b>Allocations from Other Town Budgets</b>				
Town Clerk's Office	11,174	11,174	11,174	11,174
Library	12,840	12,836	12,840	12,836
Historical Society	3,228	3,228	3,227	6,455
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<u>27,242</u>	<u>27,238</u>	<u>27,241</u>	<u>30,465</u>
<b>Lease Income - Private</b>				
Rebop Records	4,692	4,686	4,692	4,686
Sunwise Surveying	4,788	4,788	4,788	4,788
Food Shelf	5,016	5,014	5,016	5,014
Blachly	4,548	1,137	4,548	4,546
Schumacher	4,546	2,273	4,169	4,546
Seniors Kitchen Use	4,932	1,233	1,850	0
<b>Total Businesses</b>	<u>28,522</u>	<u>19,131</u>	<u>25,063</u>	<u>23,580</u>
<b>Total Lease/Allocations</b>	55,764	46,369	52,304	54,045
Gymnasium	1,890	1,000	1,204	1,000
Bandstand Rental	0	50	68	50
Meeting Room	27	50	84	50
Kitchen	100	100	25	100
Community Dinners	400	400	400	400
Other Income	70	150	1,065	150
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>58,251</u>	<u>48,119</u>	<u>55,149</u>	<u>55,795</u>
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Expenses</b>				
<b>OSC Staff Expenses</b>				
Wages	12,294	12,720	11,598	11,263
Social Security	*	789	719	698
Medicare	*	184	168	163
Mileage	33	0	29	0
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<u>12,326</u>	<u>13,693</u>	<u>12,514</u>	<u>12,124</u>
<b>Building Repairs/Maintenan</b>	3,058	2,500	3,498	3,500

**BUILDINGS and GROUNDS**  
**Old Schoolhouse Common**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Net Cost of Electricity</b>				
<b>Electricity Used</b>	5,137	2,000	4,170	4,000
<b>Solar Meter Charge</b>	192		255	220
<b>Electricity Produced</b>	(3,293)		(3,537)	(3,000)
<b>Solar Incentive</b>	(1,380)		(1,469)	(1,220)
<b>Total Net Cost, Electricity</b>	<u>656</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>(582)</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Heating Fuel Expense</b>	0	0	460	0
<b>Pellet Fuel for Boiler</b>	5,284	5,000	5,184	5,000
<b>Propane for Cooking</b>	969	1,100	490	750
<b>Janitorial Supplies</b>	1,379	1,000	813	1,000
<b>Heating Repairs</b>	450	500	382	500
<b>Solar Panel Expenses</b>	0	0	72	100
<b>Capital Repairs</b>	1,260	1,500	0	0
<b>Contract Labor</b>	2,100	3,000	2,400	3,000
<b>Alarm System Expense</b>	587	300	691	750
<b>Insurance</b>	5,292	5,617	5,617	4,985
<b>Rubbish Removal</b>	1,253	900	1,255	1,350
<b>Water Expense</b>	1,950	1,800	2,099	2,150
<b>Sewer Expense</b>	2,808	2,808	2,898	2,928
<b>Elevator Maintenance</b>	150	650	150	500
<b>Marketing &amp; Advertising</b>	248	0	0	0
<b>Pellet Boiler Loan Payment</b>	7,650	7,494	7,484	7,329
<b>Solar Panel Loan Payments</b>				
<b>Solar Loan Principal</b>	12,612	12,612	12,612	12,612
<b>Solar Loan Interest</b>	179	253	139	150
<b>Total Solar Loan Payment</b>	<u>12,791</u>	<u>12,865</u>	<u>12,751</u>	<u>12,762</u>
<b>Transfer to Building Fund</b>	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<b>Miscellaneous Expense</b>	281	0	370	0
<b>Roof loan payment</b>	10,347	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>73,841</u>	<u>65,727</u>	<u>61,547</u>	<u>61,728</u>
<b>NET COST</b>	15,590	17,609	6,398	5,933
<b>Cost Including Allocations</b>				
<b>in Other Town Budgets</b>	42,832	44,846	33,639	36,398

\* payroll taxes were not separated by department prior to 2014

## **FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT**

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The year 2014 yielded only one uncontrolled grass and brush fire. I believe it was the result of lack of knowledge on how to safely burn brush. It burned over an acre of brush land, nearly burned a barn and burned a parked vehicle. It was a close call for the barn but we managed to prevent the fire from setting it on fire. This brings to mind the need to remind potential brush burners about how to safely burn brush.

1. Location; It is very important to safely locate your burn pile. It need to be away from other combustible materials such as dead grass, leaves and other brush. Keep it out in the open spaces. Make sure grass is wet. Start small and keep it small.
2. Weather: Weather can play an important part in any brush burning activity. Wind is the most important factor. High winds can spread burning embers to other locations well beyond the perimeter of the fire. Preferably burn right after rain or during the rain.
3. Be considerate of neighbors. The smoke can be very annoying, especially to those with respiratory problems.
4. Don't forget you need a fire permit from the Fire Warden before you burn.

The Fire wardens are available to assist you most of the time. Just call. We can make a site visit if you are unsure about your situation.

The Fire Wardens can only issue permits to burn brush, leaves and any untreated wood products. You have to contact the State of Vermont to burn other materials.

In 2014 we issued 186 permits. I wish to thank those that called and asked permission. I have observed a few incidents where people were burning without a permit. If it gets out of control and damages other properties you could be liable for damages.

You can contact us at:

Tom Maclay- 426-3265  
Tim Maclay- 454-7853

Thanks again for your cooperation. Help us have a good year by burning safely.

Tom Maclay, Fire Warden

## MARSHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

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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. 2014 marked the 105th anniversary of our fire department, and this coming August marks the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2014 the Marshfield Fire Department responded to 76 alarms.

### Marshfield Volunteer Fire Department 2014 Call Break Down

Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	18
CO2/Fire Alarm Activations.....	15
Chimney Fires .....	7
Structure Fires.....	6
Vehicle or Electrical Fires/Furnace Malfunctions .....	2
Service Calls: Smoke, Odor removal, Etc.....	8
Grass, Brush, Wildland Fires .....	6
Hazardous Cond., Hazmat Spills, Downed Lines, Etc.....	9
Water Rescues, Medical Assists, Etc. ....	3
Agricultural, Involving Tractors or Farm Animals .....	2
	<u>76</u>

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. This past year our newest member, Deb Petersen, completed the minimum training requirements for Firefighter One certification. We are so thankful for her commitment and her enthusiasm towards volunteering. 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 23 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>2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Fire Department Expenses</b>				
<b>Fire Dept Administration</b>				
Worker's Compensation	1,548	1,670	1,702	1,700
Fireman's Disability	2,010	2,100	2,010	2,100
Office Supplies	244	500	200	500
Operating Supplies	0	100	110	100
Postage	52	50	49	50
Dues & Subscriptions	96	400	0	400
Liability and Vehicle Ins.	6,614	7,000	7,173	7,200
Unclassified	122	0	0	0
<b>Total Administration</b>	<u>10,686</u>	<u>11,820</u>	<u>11,244</u>	<u>12,050</u>
<b>Firefighting</b>				
Operating Supplies	0	1,000	632	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	481	450	229	450
Small Tools & Equipment	0	200	1,687	200
Hose	370	0	0	0
Personnel Protective Gear	7,922	3,000	1,800	3,000
Contract Services	0	100	0	100
Breathing App. Maint.	2,259	1,200	1,429	1,200
Repairs	0	100	0	100
Unclassified	(1,883)	0	0	0
<b>Total Firefighting</b>	<u>9,149</u>	<u>6,050</u>	<u>5,777</u>	<u>6,050</u>
<b>Fire Prevention</b>				
Operating Supplies	0	150	60	150
Books, Handouts	0	150	0	150
<b>Total Fire Prevention</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>Fire Department Training</b>				
Operating Supplies	166	300	118	300
Books, Training Aids	0	100	0	100
Contract Services	0	300	0	300
<b>Total Training</b>	<u>166</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>700</u>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

	<u>2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Fire Dept Communications</b>				
Operating Supplies	1,202	1,200	2,173	1,500
Repairs & Maintenance	870	500	0	0
Computers and Software	192	200	217	200
Capitol West	5,173	8,500	7,227	11,400
Radio/Pager Repairs	285	500	1,378	1,000
<b>Total Communications</b>	<u>7,723</u>	<u>10,900</u>	<u>10,995</u>	<u>14,100</u>
<b>Fire Station</b>				
Fire Station Heat	3,059	2,500	3,606	2,500
Operating Supplies	0	700	106	500
Repairs & Maintenance	592	300	1,105	300
Small Tools & Equipment	972	400	67	300
Telephone	1,476	1,800	1,545	1,800
Insurance	1,042	1,067	1,067	948
Contract Services	943	900	708	900
Electricity	1,885	2,000	1,575	2,000
To FD Building Fund	0	0	2,000	2,500
<b>Total Fire Station</b>	<u>9,969</u>	<u>9,667</u>	<u>11,780</u>	<u>11,748</u>
<b>Trucks/Fire Fighting/Rescue</b>				
Operating Supplies	116	500	0	500
Repair & Maintenance	2,265	3,000	1,222	3,000
Tools & Equipment	176	100	200	100
<b>Total Trucks/Fire/Rescue</b>	<u>2,557</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>1,422</u>	<u>3,600</u>
Transfer to FD Equip. Fund	17,892	15,000	15,000	15,000
<b>Total Fire Department Expenses</b>	<u>58,142</u>	<u>58,037</u>	<u>56,396</u>	<u>63,548</u>

## ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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It has been another busy year for the Planning Commission. We got much feedback from our town forums of 2013 regarding elder housing. A subcommittee was assembled to address this issue but has been tabled for now due to lack of funding for such projects. Though we will continue to look into this issue for we also got much feedback about this from our 2014 survey.

In August 2014 the Marshfield Planning Commission sent out a survey to all taxpayers and residents to get input. Approximately 10% of surveys were returned. Reported here are the recurring themes from responders.

Most of those responding are residents from all over Marshfield and have lived less than 30 years in town in the Rural Residential/Agricultural district and their homes were built between 1960 and 2004 though we have many historic houses.

In their words what they liked most about where they live is good neighbors and community, few neighbors and privacy, beauty, forest and open fields, and good roads and road crew. They miss less traffic and peace and quiet. The least desirable aspects are traffic, speeding, noise, and high taxes (with few services). Most commute to work but about one third has a home business.

When asked to define 'rural character' many said farms, gardens, and agriculture, forest and wildlife, open land and fields, low density, little development, little traffic, dirt roads, peaceful, private and quiet, and small local community. Suggestions for any development in the village showed interest in restaurant, pub, affordable healthy groceries, small local service businesses, sidewalks and crosswalks, and elder housing. Development in the town included more agriculture, home occupations, elder housing, and no further development. Over three-quarters of those responding believe Marshfield could provide basic needs with economic development from within with a more comprehensive general store and especially with affordable healthful fresh local groceries. Most respondents shop in Marshfield Village more than once a week, but buy less than 10%, mostly gas, for groceries are not affordable.

For the most part responders have little familiarity with our zoning regulations but feel the current system is fine or needs work as opposed to perfect or terrible and most disagree that zoning should be repealed. Many would like to separate Agriculture from Rural Residential zone. Most agree that wetlands and significant wildlife habitat should be protected,

historic structures should be preserved, there should be incentives to encourage agricultural use of farmland, and that affordable housing should be encouraged, and that it is a good idea and would like elder housing apartments in the village.

Finally, the most important question was stated a bit confusing regarding how far back the buildable area could be, but the overall consensus from both those who have familiarity with our regulations and those that do not was that most want an increase in the distance. A full report of the survey results can be viewed on the town website under our Planning Commission page or at the Town Clerk's office.

The Planning Commission is reviewing our involvement in the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and is exploring all options with regard to our regional affiliations. Michael Schumacher, one of our members, was selected by the Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC) elections committee and elected to the CVEDC Board of Directors. They have been helpful in helping us define a task list for furthering our chances of receiving funding and assistance as we consider ways to encourage economic growth within our village.

Marshfield is due to update their current zoning regulations for vote at Town Meeting 2016. This year we will look at and revise regulations that need clarification and also look into making changes to the boundaries between the Agriculture and Rural Residential and the Forestry and Conservation districts. The Planning Commission will also look into possible Village Center Designation to allow for more financial assistance for economic development in the Village.

The Planning Commission continues to look for your feedback. We will have an information table set up at our 2015 Town Meeting. You can communicate with us via email to [mpc@gmail.com](mailto:mpc@gmail.com) or in writing delivered to the Town Clerk's office. Please give us your input. It is very important to have your opinions in mind as we review our zoning and make decisions on your behalf. Thank you very much.

The current members of the Planning Commission are Jon Groveman (chair), Michael Schumacher, Faeterri Silver, Bob Light (Zoning Administrator) and Melissa Seifert. The public is encouraged to attend our monthly meetings which are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays at the Old Schoolhouse Common. Minutes are printed in Fieldnotes and are posted on the town's website.

## PERMITS NEEDED

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**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://town.marshfield.vt.us>

## FEE SCHEDULE FOR ZONING AND SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS

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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.

## ZONING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

	<u>2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Zoning / Planning Income</b>				
Building Permits	180	360	130	270
Accessory Use Permits	920	1,200	600	800
Site Plan Review	70	350	140	200
Conditional Use Permits	250	200	140	200
Subdivision Permits	90	200	215	250
Lot Line Adjustment	0	0	65	130
Certificate of Occupancy	148	250	120	150
Appeal to DRB	0	0	180	0
Map Update Fee	50	100	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>1,708</u>	<u>2,660</u>	<u>1,590</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Zoning / Planning Expenses</b>				
<b>Zoning/Planning Staff Expense</b>				
Zoning Administrator	8,332	9,495	8,688	9,083
Planning Comm. Clerk	914	1,000	700	1,000
DRB Clerk	63	600	263	600
Social Security	*	688	598	662
Medicare	*	161	140	155
Mileage	330	900	363	500
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<u>9,639</u>	<u>12,844</u>	<u>10,752</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Advertising	206	500	275	500
Legal Fees	0	2,000	0	2,000
Regional Planning Dues	1,667	1,750	1,747	1,747
Postage	24	200	109	200
Supplies	16	50	100	50
Printing	0	200	77	200
Copying	0	50	0	50
Maps	2,008	2,500	328	500
Development Review Bd	0	100	0	100
Planning Grant Expenses	0	1,000	0	1,000
Miscellaneous	225	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>13,786</u>	<u>21,194</u>	<u>13,389</u>	<u>18,347</u>
<b>NET COST</b>	12,078	18,534	11,799	16,347

\* payroll taxes were not separated by department prior to 2014.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

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2014 was a productive year for the Marshfield Recreation Committee. Last winter, and now this winter, kids and teens in town have had a blast down at the gym on Friday afternoons for “Friday Fun Day”; often enjoying mixed-age games of indoor soccer, basketball, or ping pong. Thanks this season to Pam Quinn for being a regular on Fridays – hosting snacks and board/card games.

Baseball season went well in the spring, and then we accomplished our goal of tearing down and rebuilding one of the unusable dugouts damaged in the 2011 flooding. Lots of thanks to the many volunteers who helped with that process; especially Ernie Penley in his heading up the building and design of the new dugout. Thanks also to Chris Martin and the many volunteers who helped to redo the baseball field’s infield and fencing (including fancy red clay for the baselines).

We hosted an awesome game of all-ages kickball at the annual Harvest Festival in the autumn. And, this 2014-2015 winter we are excited to have purchased and set up a new ice rink in the village – down on the basketball court. Many thanks to Joshua Gouge for plowing the court out just in the nick of time, and to the volunteer fire dept. crew who showed up to help fill the rink!

Our committee is also a sponsor of a series of family dances (Dance Sing & Jump Around) at the Plainfield Opera House in late 2014 into 2015. Coming up this winter we are sponsoring a cardio fitness dance class at the Old Schoolhouse Common Gym that has garnered lots of enthusiasm and interest. It’s been a great year. 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.

Feel free to contact Lincoln at 426-2018 (LincolnisLincoln@hotmail.com) or Laurie at 454-8441 (laurie.martin34@gmail.com) with any questions or ideas you have for the Rec. Committee.

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

	<u>2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Recreation/Programming Expenses</b>				
<b>Little League Field</b>	1,056	1,000	1,792	1,000
<b>From Rec. Fund for Ballfield</b>	0	0	(792)	0
<b>Portapotty Rental</b>	0	540	588	600
<b>Recreational Programs</b>	453	400	206	400
<b>Seasonal Events</b>	330	350	0	350
<b>Transfer to Playground Fund</b>	500	500	500	600
<b>Ice Skating Rink</b>	444	0	1,000	1,000
<b>From Rec. Fund for Rink</b>	0	0	(504)	0
<b>Total Rec./Programming Expenses</b>	<u>2,784</u>	<u>2,790</u>	<u>2,790</u>	<u>3,950</u>

## OUTSIDE APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>Outside Appropriations</b>				
Cabot Ambulance	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Central Vermont Adult Basic Ed	600	600	600	600
Capstone Community Action	350	350	350	300
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,400
Central Vermont Home Health	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,200
Circle / Battered Women's Svc	150	150	150	150
Family Center of Washington Cty	200	200	200	200
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	100	0	0	100
Home Share Now	0	200	200	200
Onion River Food Shelf	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Our House	100	0	0	100
People's Health & Wellness	200	200	200	300
Plainfield Fast Squad	4,000	5,500	5,500	5,500
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	100	50	50	50
Twin Valley Seniors	1,000	1,300	1,300	1,600
Twinfield Learning Center	0	300	300	300
Twinfield Mentoring Program	250	250	250	250
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually	100	150	150	150
VT Assoc of Conservation Dist.	100	100	100	100
Vt Ctr for Independent Livin	100	100	100	100
Washington Cty Youth Serv Bur.	150	150	150	200
<b>Total Outside Appropriations</b>	<u>32,315</u>	<u>39,415</u>	<u>39,415</u>	<u>40,415</u>

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

## OTHER TOWN ENTITIES/ACTIVITIES

	<u>2013</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>
Cemeteries	6,500	8,000	8,000	8,500
Historical Society	4,375	5,501	5,501	8,455
Marshfield History Center	0	5,000	2,996	0
Jaquith Public Library	65,383	75,000	75,000	74,850
<b>Total Other Town Entities</b>	<u>76,258</u>	<u>93,501</u>	<u>91,497</u>	<u>91,805</u>

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

<b>Bandstand Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		1,521.88
Interest	4.70	
Balance, December 31, 2014	<u>4.70</u>	<b>1,526.58</b>
<b>Bridge Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		74,485.40
Interest	228.12	
Budget Appropriation	3,500.00	
Bridge Repairs	<u>(8,468.50)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>69,745.02</b>
<b>Conservation Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		5,072.18
Interest	17.08	
Proceeds from Plant Sale	888.60	
Sale of Marshfield Booklets	<u>65.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>6,042.86</b>
<b>Energy Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		995.64
Interest	1.85	
LED Lights for Town Meeting Giveaway	(109.82)	
Home Energy Audits	<u>(400.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>487.67</b>
<b>Engineering Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		3,275.34
Interest	<u>10.08</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>3,285.42</b>
<b>Fire Department Building Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		0.00
Interest	0.02	
Surplus Transfer	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>2,000.02</b>
<b>Fire Department Capital Equipment Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		122,111.21
Interest, Bank Account	261.61	
Interest, Investments	1,033.54	
Budget Appropriation	15,000.00	
Change in Market Value of Investments	<u>(751.34)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>137,655.02</b>
<b>Fire Department Ed Duke Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		12,444.19
Interest	41.96	
Grant for Dry Hydrant Repair	1,915.00	
Sale of logs	2,023.20	
Donations	1,000.00	
Pump Repair	(132.85)	
Dry Hydrant Repair	(1,848.25)	
Jackets	<u>(88.78)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>15,354.47</b>

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

<b>Highway Equipment Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		13,763.45
Interest	65.64	
Metals Recycling	460.00	
Budget Appropriation	64,000.00	
Surplus Transfer	12,000.00	
Proceeds from Truck Loan	110,000.00	
Transfer for Tractor Payment	7,950.00	
Principal Payment - Tractor	(7,500.00)	
Interest Payment - Tractor	(450.00)	
Principal Payment - Grader	(16,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Grader	(1,600.00)	
Final Principal Payment - 2009 Truck	(16,887.40)	
Final Interest Payment - 2009 Truck	(210.09)	
Truck Purchase	<u>(112,448.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>53,143.60</b>
<b>Lister Training Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		428.45
Interest	1.13	
State Appropriation for 2013	391.33	
Lister Classes	<u>(560.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>260.91</b>
<b>Martin Covered Bridge Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		20,089.54
Interest	60.11	
Mowing	<u>(1,500.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>18,649.65</b>
<b>OSC Building Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		20,358.53
Interest	66.68	
Budget Appropriation	3,000.00	
Transfer for Pellet Boiler Loan	7,484.03	
Principal Payment - Pellet Boiler Loan	(7,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Pellet Boiler Loan	<u>(484.03)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>23,425.21</b>
<b>Paving Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		28,564.79
Interest	92.59	
Budget Appropriation	3,500.00	
Transfer for Paving Loan	20,598.28	
Donation from Cabot Creamery	2,500.00	
Principal Payment - Paving Loan	(20,000.00)	
Interest Payment - Paving Loan	<u>(598.28)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>34,657.38</b>
<b>Pet Control Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		7,892.28
Interest	26.51	
Pet Control Surcharge on Dog Licenses	1,086.00	
Dog Impoundment Fees	90.00	
Animal Control Officer	<u>(382.80)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>8,711.99</b>

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

<b>Playground Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		5,559.80
Interest	14.83	
Budget Appropriation	500.00	
Repair	(28.45)	
Wood Chips	<u>(1,790.00)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>4,256.18</b>
<b>Reappraisal Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		136,578.31
Interest	439.00	
Budget Appropriation	999.96	
State Appropriation	<u>7,885.00</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>145,902.27</b>
<b>Records Restoration</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		29,935.22
Interest	93.84	
Fees Collected	3,882.00	
Land Records Software	(2,660.00)	
Land Records Microfilm	<u>(104.02)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>31,147.04</b>
<b>Recreation Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		3,338.32
Interest	8.91	
Christmas Lights for Gazebo	(63.49)	
Ballfield Repairs Above Town Budget	(792.10)	
Ice Rink Above Town Budget	<u>(503.53)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>1,988.11</b>
<b>Solar Project Loan</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		(50,992.54)
Returned Merchandise Not Needed	156.75	
Principle Payments from General Fund	12,612.00	
Interest Payments from General Fund	138.87	
Interest Expense	<u>(138.87)</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>(38,223.79)</b>
<b>Stranahan Town Forest Fund</b>		
Balance, January 1, 2014		0.00
Interest	0.01	
Income from Sugaring and Haying, half	<u>1,081.50</u>	
Balance, December 31, 2014		<b>1,081.51</b>
<b>Total Designated Funds, December 31, 2014</b>		<b>521,097.12</b>
Fire Dept Investment Account		41,664.92
Designated Funds in Sweep Account		<u>479,432.20</u>
		<b>521,097.12</b>

## HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND PROJECTION

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Balance, January 1</b>	<b>13,764</b>	<b>53,144</b>	<b>54,940</b>	<b>20,020</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>9,580</b>	<b>25,500</b>	<b>44,340</b>	<b>15,140</b>	<b>10,500</b>
Appropriation	76,000	68,000	70,000	75,000	80,000	85,000	90,000	95,000	100,000	100,000
Extra for tractor	7,950	7,800	7,650							
Interest	66									
Scrap metal	460									
<b>Purchases:</b>			(40,000)					(40,000)		(100,000)
Pickup				(125,000)						
a. Replace 2011 truck in 2017,2023										
b. Replace 2009 truck in 2014,2020	(112,448)						(100,000)			
c. Replace 2007 truck in 2015, 2021		(134,724)						(100,000)		
Purchase Grader										
Purchase Excavator						(70,000)				
Purchase Loader										
<b>Loans:</b>										
a. Borrow to replace 2011 in 2017, 2023				110,000						100,000
b. Borrow to replace 2007 in 2014, 2020	110,000						100,000			
c. Borrow to replace 2009 in 2015,2021		110,000						100,000		
Borrow for Excavator										
Borrow for Grader										
Borrow for Loader						70,000				
<b>Payments:</b>										
a. Pmt on 2017/2023			(23,760)	(23,320)	(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)	(21,200)
b. Pmt on 2014/2020		(24,200)	(24,200)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)	(22,440)	(22,000)	(21,600)	(21,600)
c. Pmt on 2009/2015/2021 truck	(17,097)		(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)	(22,880)	(22,440)	(24,200)	(23,760)	(23,320)
Pmts on Excavator			(16,960)	(16,640)	(16,320)					
Pmts on Grader	(17,600)	(17,280)	(16,960)							
Pmts on tractor	(7,950)	(7,800)	(7,650)							
Pmts on loader							(15,400)	(15,120)	(14,840)	(14,560)
<b>Balance, December 31</b>	<b>53,144</b>	<b>54,940</b>	<b>20,020</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>9,580</b>	<b>25,500</b>	<b>44,340</b>	<b>15,140</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>29,820</b>

## DESIGNATED FUNDS POLICY

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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:** This category is funded through an annual appropriation from the Vermont Tax Department and can only be used for training that is approved by the Tax Department.
- **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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Marshfield voters agreed at the 2014 Town Meeting to appropriate \$5,000 in order to support the development of a permanent and accessible history center which included a move of the collection of Marshfield's historical artifacts, documents and photos from where they had been stored in the basement of the Old Schoolhouse Common to a space adjacent to the library's second floor. Immediately following that vote, members of the Marshfield Historical Society began planning the steps necessary for creating a history center. The Jaquith Library had extended the invitation to relocate next to the library's event space and served as conduit for a generous anonymous donation to purchase secure display cases for exhibiting the collection in rotating sequence.

These two fund amounts, the special town appropriation and the donation were critical to the project; the dedication by many volunteers carrying out the move and helping to transform an empty room into the new history center made it happen. The volunteer design and construction team was led by the untiring generosity of Ernie Penley. Volunteers for the design and construction of the new center, move, and design of displays and new signs included Sally Burkart, Valerie Ducharme, Susan Green, Tracey Hambleton, Mary Leahy, Doug Malnati, Janet Nielsen, Michael, Katheryn, and Joel Trupin, Janet Van Fleet, and David and Jenny Nielsen Warshow. The volunteers worked hard to bring this part of the project in well below budget and the new room now houses display cabinets for exhibiting Marshfield's historic treasures, new carpeting and a secure storage space for the permanent collection not currently on display. The last part of this project includes properly archiving and documenting the permanent collection and establishing a computer program that will allow people to go online and see what the Marshfield Historical Society has in its permanent collection. The history center is now open to the public during library hours and there is a public computer in the library that is dedicated to online genealogical research. The town's new space has been named "The Hap Hayward History Center" in honor of the man, respectfully remembered, who inspired a passion for preservation of local history many years ago.

In September, the Society completed the first phase of its work to create this new public resource and hosted a grand open house. Over 200 people spent the evening reminiscing and inspecting the Hap Hayward exhibit and displayed samples from the collection of Civil War items, old postcards of Marshfield, artifacts from early town merchants and recreation events.

Vermont Historical Society Director Mark Hudson, Vermont State Curator, David Schutz and Marshfield's legislative Representative, Janet Ancel delivered congratulations and helped to frame the context for the town's local history within the fabric of Vermont's historical legacy. U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy sent greetings, now preserved in the Congressional Record, congratulating "...the people of Marshfield on successfully undertaking this impressive effort to protect their history for generations to come." Town residents and neighbors, one by one, offered their own heartwarming, sometimes hilarious memories of Hap Hayward in tribute to this extraordinary man. Spontaneously, stories of Marshfield's earlier years, the life here, the people, the industry, the adventures and the hardships were told one after another, each story contributing convincing proof that an understanding of history evolves continuously.

The Historical Society also presented two well attended illustrated talks in February on the Industrial History of Marshfield; one at the Jaquith Library, one at Twin Valley Senior Citizens Center. Similar programs of historical significance will be on the organization's annual agenda and will be widely publicized. Ideas for future programs and displays are actively encouraged.

At the Marshfield Historical Society's annual meeting the following officers were elected: President Jenny Nielsen Warshow, Vice President Mary Leahy and Secretary Janet Nielsen. Bylaws and a collection policy were also adopted.

The Historical Society meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 in the new Hap Hayward History Center. All are welcome.

## MARSHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

	<u>2013 Actual</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Budget</u>
<b>Checking Bal. Jan. 1</b>	1,471	2,080	2,265
<b>- Income -</b>			
Interest Income	2	2	0
DVD/CD Sales	50	0	0
Mug Sales	12	6	0
Other Sales	56	42	0
Card Sales	10	10	0
Book Sales	450	125	0
Donations	200	0	0
Appropriation	4,375	5,501	8,455
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>5,155</u>	<u>5,686</u>	<u>8,455</u>
<b>- Expenses -</b>			
Rent	4,546	5,501	6,455
Other Expenses	0	0	2,000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>4,546</u>	<u>5,501</u>	<u>8,455</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Checking Bal. Dec. 31</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>2,265</b>

## JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### **The Year in Numbers**

This year the Jaquith Library saw 12,109 patrons; circulated over 14,830 books, audio books, and videos and magazines; did 361 interlibrary loans; and offered free programs to 3,763 people. As you can see, the Jaquith continues to grow.

### **Come to the Library**

There is so much happening at the Jaquith Library. We have a new room upstairs: the **Hap Hayward History Center**, thanks to collaboration **between the library and the Marshfield Historical Society**. Come and see the exhibits and enjoy the new spaciousness of the library! Also, there are many new programs, art shows, books, movies and audio materials at the library. If you haven't been in for a while, please visit!

Did you know that the Jaquith Library now has **high powered fiber connect broad band service**? This means the library can offer much faster internet connections to our patrons. We also offer a service to all of our patrons called **Listen-up Vermont** where you can download **audio books and e-books for free**. We offer **Universal Class: an on-line program** with free on-line courses. You just need a patron number and then follow the easy directions. Another wonderful service is the **Vermont Online Library**. Here is a small sampling of what "VOL" offers:

**InfoTrac Junior Edition** and **InfoTrac Student Edition**-reference materials designed for students in junior high, middle school and high school; **Career Transitions**-for students, job seekers and entrepreneurs; **ChiltonLibrary.com**-auto repair manuals dating back to the 1940's; **Science in Context**- information on hundreds of today's hottest scientific subjects; **Powerspeak Languages**-interactive language lessons with a virtual coach; **LegalTrac**-875 titles including major law revues, legal newspapers etc. and **Heritage Quest**-a genealogical research program.  
**All of our services are free and open to the public.**

In addition to the above, the Jaquith has **free state park and museum passes** for three-day loans. You can use the park day pass at any of the state parks. Picture yourself and a companion swimming or hiking, or just sitting by a lake and reading. The museums you can visit include: **the Echo Museum, Vermont Historical Museum, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Farms, Billings Farm and Museum, and Vermont Historical sites**. We also have passes for **Ben and Jerry's**. Call ahead to reserve the passes.

### **Programming in 2014**

We held so many wonderful programs however this report only allows us the space to highlight a few:

This year on Sunday, October 5 we held our second **Harvest Festival**.

225 people came out for the event. There were lots of family friendly free activities such as: music with two different bands, face painting, cider pressing, pop-corn popping, nature crafts, an art table, community kickball, a petting zoo, book sale, bake sale, and BBQ. This is the first year we had an all you can eat “**Chili-Cook-off**” in our “**Chili Tent**”. People voted for the best tasting chili and the cooks won prizes. The Friends of the Jaquith Library ran and organized the Chili Cook-off. It was a great success and will be repeated next year so start working on your recipes now! If you want to help with the Harvest Festival next fall, call the library and give us your contact information.

In 2014 we started a **new program series** which will continue through June 2015 called **Natural Marshfield: A series about the local environment**. Participants learn about bats, bees, wildlife corridors, climate change, pollinators and more on the third Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. **New also in 2014 was folk dancing** once a month on Wednesday nights with Larry Gordon, and Sue and John Morris. We hope to bring folk dancing back in the spring.

Another new program at the Jaquith is our **Parenting Group on the fourth Tuesday of the month** from 7 to 8 p.m. where parents can share parenting tips and troubleshoot common frustrations with other parents.

Our 2014 summer reading programs were based on the theme “**Fizz, Boom, Read**” with a focus on science. We held 18 summer reading programs for children and families and 6 summer concerts. 387 people participated in our summer reading programs and our summer concert series brought in 771 people. The theme for 2015 is “**Every Hero Has a Story**”.

We are continuing the following programs through May: **Community Sing-a-Long, Monthly Book Group, Story time/playgroup, Parenting Group, Classic Film Series, All in the Family Film Series, Art and Author Night, and Natural Marshfield**. We are excited to offer programs that will enrich the lives of the people in our community.

To learn all about our 2015 programs please go to our website at [www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org](http://www.jaquithpubliclibrary.org) or give us your e-mail address and we will send you the new e-mail version of the Overdue News. If you do not have a computer we have print copies at the library and we can mail them out by special request. To contact the Jaquith call: 426-3581 or e-mail us at: [jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:jaquithpubliclibrary@gmail.com).

#### **Become a Friend of the Jaquith Library**

New people are always needed to volunteer so contact the library if you want to become an active member and volunteer with the Friends. They do so much important work. For example they ran the Friends Annual Plant Swap last May which was a wonderful event with gardeners exchanging all kinds of perennials and annual plants. The 2014 Friend’s Annual Book Sale was a great success with 102 people participating. The Friends also run the Chili

Festival, bake for our events, and run book and bake sales at all of our summer concert series.

**Ongoing Programs:**

**Preschool Story Time & Playgroup**

Fourth Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

**Library Trustees' Meeting**

Second Mondays at 7 pm

**Classic Film Night**

First Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

**Monthly Book Club for adults:**

Fourth Mondays at 7 p.m.

**All in the Family Film Series**

Third Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

**Natural Marshfield**

Third Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

**Library Hours:**

Monday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. & 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sundays Closed

**We want to thank all of the wonderful volunteers** in 2014 that made it a great year by coming into the library to help with shelving, circulation, processing books, computers, and other library tasks. Thank you to the performers for their donated concerts and to the people who help plan, set-up and clean-up afterwards. Thank you to the people who volunteered their time to teach and run programs. Thank you to all of the artists who shared their art with us in our upstairs gallery. We want to thank the Library Trustees and the Friends for their hard work. Also, many thanks to all of the people who baked for library programs and concerts, helped with the Harvest Festival and book and plant sales. Thank you to those who sponsor the summer concert series, present the summer library programs, assist with the summer programming, and the summer concert barbeque, bake and book sales. Thank you to all of the companies and local businesses who donate silent auction items, space for programs and food goods for events. Thank you to the Marshfield Historical Society for all of their hard work on the new Hap Hayward History Center. There are too many volunteers to list everyone's names but we want you all to know how grateful we are for your help.

**A special thank you needs to go to all of the people who donated money to the library. We really could not run the Jaquith without your generosity!**

**JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Town Account**

	<b>Actual 2013</b>	<b>Budget 2014</b>	<b>Actual 2014</b>	<b>Budget 2015</b>
<b>Available, Jan. 1</b>	<b>21,015</b>	<b>21,017</b>	<b>21,017</b>	<b>21,017</b>
<b>- Income -</b>				
Prev. Yr Surplus	0	1,000	1,000	1,200
Appropriation	65,383	74,999	75,000	74,850
Fundraising	3,459	3,850	3,451	3,825
Interest	22	16	20	11
Copy Income	220	320	342	300
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>69,084</b>	<b>80,185</b>	<b>79,813</b>	<b>80,186</b>
<b>- Expenses -</b>				
Books	6,636	6,500	6,492	6,500
Magazines	535	535	517	535
Computer Expenses	4,114	1,856	3,944	2,135
Internet/Phone Grant	0	0	(1,920)	(461)
Telephone	141	800	682	800
OSC Allocation	12,840	12,840	12,840	12,840
Insurance	1,184	1,261	1,261	1,147
Supplies	1,538	1,000	1,172	1,100
Postage	1,050	1,000	1,001	1,000
Total Programs	584	200	0	200
Maintenance	0	0	11	15
Equipment	192	0	0	0
Conference Fees	30	200	0	50
Mileage	0	50	0	25
Service Charge	21	0	75	0
Miscellaneous	109	0	0	0
Payroll Expenses				
Librarian	25,287	25,848	26,370	27,141
Children's Librarian	6,931	6,737	6,833	6,941
Substitutes	1,780	1,200	1,920	1,200
Custodian	800	1,035	956	1,035
Social Security	2,148	2,117	2,001	2,213
Medicare	502	495	468	518
Retirement	1,659	1,745	1,797	1,900
Health Insurance	0	14,766	12,192	13,352
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>39,108</b>	<b>53,943</b>	<b>52,538</b>	<b>54,300</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>68,082</b>	<b>80,185</b>	<b>78,613</b>	<b>80,186</b>
Surplus, Town Account	1,002	0	1,200	0
Applied to next year	(1,000)		(1,200)	
<b>Available, Dec. 31</b>	<b>21,017</b>	<b>21,017</b>	<b>21,017</b>	<b>21,017</b>

**JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**Jaquith Account**

	2013 Actual	2014 Actual
<b>Balance, Jan. 1</b>	7,767	8,042
<b>- Income -</b>		
Grants	2,067	2,017
Donations	6,057	15,343
Conscience Can	0	110
Book Replacements	187	126
Book Sale	284	224
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>8,594</b>	<b>17,821</b>
<b>- Expenses -</b>		
Payroll	1,650	1,600
Marshfield History Center	0	6,473
Playgroup	399	300
Books	1,116	1,936
Concerts	2,350	2,575
Other Programs	2,606	2,561
Expansion Expenses	0	522
Other Donation/Grant Purchases	198	766
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>8,319</b>	<b>16,734</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>1,088</b>
<b>Balance, Dec. 31</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>9,130</b>
<b>Total Town and Jaquith Funds</b>	<b>29,059</b>	<b>30,147</b>
<b>- Library Investments -</b>		
<b>Mutual Fund Balance, Dec. 31</b>	<b>66,676</b>	<b>69,452</b>

## CEMETERY BYLAWS

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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

	<b>2013 Actual</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>
Money Market Balance, Jan. 1	5,440	13,286
Mutual Fund Balance Jan. 1	96,773	93,172
Bond Value Jan. 1	80,859	74,101
Owed From (to) General Fund	(29,028)	(46,820)
<b>Total Assets, Jan. 1</b>	<b>154,044</b>	<b>133,739</b>
<b>- Income -</b>		
Investment Income		
Interest	4,261	3,405
Dividends	2,057	5,120
Change in Market Value	(10,914)	817
Capital Gains	2,084	2,831
Total Investment Income	(2,512)	12,173
Appropriation	6,500	8,000
Burials	1,125	1,500
Setting Markers	20	0
<b>Total Cemetery Income</b>	<b>5,133</b>	<b>21,673</b>
<b>- Expenses -</b>		
Sexton	250	250
Payroll Taxes	19	19
Grave Digging	500	825
Capital Repairs	14,304	0
Mowing	8,000	8,000
Insurance	0	100
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,365	100
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>25,438</b>	<b>9,294</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>(20,305)</b>	<b>12,379</b>
Cash Balance, Dec. 31	0	10,502
Money Market Balance, Dec. 31	13,286	0
Mutual Fund Balance Dec. 31	93,172	90,372
Bond Value Dec. 31	74,101	45,244
Owed From (to) General Fund	(46,820)	0
<b>Total Assets, Dec. 31</b>	<b>133,739</b>	<b>146,118</b>

## MARSHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The Marshfield Conservation Commission has been in existence for eight years. The Commission is composed of nine community members appointed by the Select Board. We meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 7 PM at the Old Schoolhouse Common. The meetings are open to the public, and we welcome attendance by any interested community members. We participate in service activities on town land and lead field trips that are posted on flyers, in Field Notes, or via email (if you 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: Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Ed Jalbert, Tony Mayhew, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed, and Mike Zahner (chair).

The Marshfield Conservation Commission has been involved in the following activities during 2014:

### 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;
- A trip to Beaver Meadow in July to view the recent beaver activity and discuss the history of the marsh;
- Above trips were co-sponsored by the Jaquith Library and were well attended.
- Steve Fiske led a Twinfield class in surveying endangered mussels

### 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;
- Conducted an "Invasives Day" to remove invasive plants, mostly honeysuckle, in the stands to be logged.

### Natural Marshfield Series:

- Beginning in the fall the Conservation Commission and the Jaquith Library have sponsored a monthly lecture/discussion on a natural history related topic. It kicked off in November with a presentation on Connecting Wildlife Habitats.

#### Tree and Shrub Sale:

- Sold trees and shrubs at a sale undertaken jointly with the Plainfield Conservation Commission. Material was locally sourced whenever possible. The resulting funds will be used for future conservation projects in Marshfield;
- Surplus plant materials were planted at The Old Schoolhouse property;
- The MCC made \$ 947 as a result of the sale.

#### Green Up:

- In 2014 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. Both the amount of trash collected and the number of volunteers was up from previous years. Efforts entailed the following activities:
  - Collecting bags of trash at the town garage, about 100 bags collected along with 100 tires, and a number of sofas.
  - Advertising via press releases and posters;
  - Arranging for trucks at the town garage;
  - Procuring and distributing trash bags;
  - Over 90 volunteers participated.

#### Tree Plantings:

- Assisted Friends of the Winooski with tree planting along the Winooski in Marshfield.
- Removed vines from plantings at Martin Covered Bridge and placed wire mesh around the remainder of trees on the Rte 2 side of the Winooski to discourage girdling by rodents.

#### Water Quality Monitoring

- For the 8th 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 at the Martin Covered Bridge and on 3 streams: Naismith, Marshfield, and Creamery Brooks;
- A report is available on the Friends of the Winooski website.
- The Conservation Commission and Friends are always looking for additional volunteers to assist in this effort.

#### 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.

## ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

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### Weatherization:

During 2014 the Committee completed 16 home energy visits (HEV) to help homeowners identify actions they might take to save fuel and electricity. Out of the 16 homes, 9 used over 2 times more fuel energy than a fairly well air sealed and insulated home. One house was over 3.6 times more. There were 4 using small enough amounts of fuel that improvements would likely not be cost effective. We suggested 12 homeowners have a professional audit prepared to pinpoint the specific actions and costs necessary to save fuel as a basis to plan improvements. Of the 12 recommended for audit, 1 homeowner has completed the audit and 1 has completed the improvements. We have now performed a total of 88 visits since 2010. We did not recommend an audit for 18 of these homes but did for 70 homes. Of the 70, we believe there have been 21 audits and 8 improvement projects completed. We realize a few other homeowners proceeded with improvements on their own without an audit.

Many homes continue to have heat loss that could be corrected and result in significant savings. We encourage homeowners to proceed with audit and improvements. We continue to offer home energy visits to help owners get started. Generally, weatherization has a relatively quick payback (2 to 7 years) and can have up to a 20% return on investment. Try to get that from any other investment! And the investment is really a one-time cost for energy savings lasting many years into the future. Where better to invest if you have or can borrow the money? Even if money is tight an audit usually finds improvements that can be made easily for small expense, with savings on fuel costs paying back the audit cost quickly. We believe there are probably at least another 80 homes in Marshfield, beyond those already identified that could benefit from audits and corrections.

While we recommend an audit in most instances to properly identify the problems and solutions, we realize some residents will not go that route for many different reasons. If you choose to work on the problem w/o the audit and you need hands-on assistance with weatherization projects (short of major insulation and attic sealing projects), please call us. We may be able to help get your home tighter by simple door/window weatherstripping and closing cracks and holes with foam or wood. Stopping air flow is the most cost effective way to reduce heat loss.

### Twinfield Solar:

The Committee has been assisting Twinfield in the pursuit of a solar power generation project. By year's end the School Board had agreed with gathering information from solar companies about systems they would propose for Twinfield. The school sought information on two options: 1) An on-site system capable of producing about 50% of the school's annual electric energy use; and 2) An allotment for substantially all of the school's annual use with a larger off-site commercial system. Three responses were received and a fourth has expressed interest. Twinfield is deciding whether and which project to pursue to the next phase, which (tentatively) will be a formal request for proposals. The resulting proposals will be evaluated from financial, legal and siting standpoints to determine whether to proceed and with which project. These projects have no costs up front. A system that will produce half of the school's power can be purchased at about 60 % of the initial installed cost after 7 years. Potentially, a solar system could be operating by the fall of 2015

#### Solar Tax Credit Expiring

The federal 30% tax credit for solar electric is due to expire at the end of 2016. This is the primary incentive and may well not be renewed by Congress. Residents need move along if they intend to pursue a solar system.

#### Solar Systems in Town

There are now approximately 28 residential solar electric systems in town. Approximately 9 were installed in 2014. Let's see if we can double that number in 2015. The Committee is working on a brochure providing current information on available design and financing options to assist homeowners in making the solar implementation decisions.

#### Electric Use and Solar at OSC

It appears that the electric use has dropped significantly at OSC, from about 36,000 kWh/year in 2010 to below 30,000 kWh/year in 2013 (about a 17% reduction). We believe this was the result of the installation of more efficient lighting and the replacement of a larger than necessary pump in the heating system running 24/7 during the heating season with a smaller, more efficient pump. During 2014, the electric use has dropped further to 26,500 kWh due to the Senior Center moving out mid year. The Center used a large commercial style freezer drawing an unusually high amount of energy. We expect the use will drop to about 22,000 kWh in 2015 when the full effect of that move is experienced.

The solar system was designed to produce 24,000 kWh out of the original 36,000 kWh use and has produced about 24,000 kWh annually for the last two years. The reduction in use has resulted in the elimination of a power bill for OSC (we have a \$500 credit at January 1, 2015). With the further use reduction anticipated in 2015, the town may be able to come close to eliminating the power bill not only at Old Schoolhouse Common but also at the Fire Station and Town Garage. This is a great outcome. The investments are paying off quicker than anticipated.

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

#### Focus for 2015

- Twinfield Solar
- Renewed Weatherization Effort
- Work with homeowners who already have had HEVs to see what work they need to proceed with through audit and improvements
- Provide hands-on weatherization assistance to homeowners in certain circumstances
- Promote and perform more HEVs
- Expand the HEVs to rental property owners.
- Further investigate Group Solar options and possible promotion
- Engage residents in learning more about climate change and its results, and actions they can take. Encourage sharing understanding/opinions through meetings, social media, etc. Hopefully, this will be a collaborative effort of Conservation, Planning, Library and Energy Committees.

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

## VIRGINIA STRANAHAN MEMORIAL TOWN FOREST

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The six hundred and twenty acre Stranahan Memorial Town Forest continued to be a popular spot for outdoor activities including hunting, hiking, skiing, snow machining on the VAST trail, biking, snowshoeing, and outdoor education. Sugaring, haying, and pasturing produced a modest income for the town of \$2,163. For the first time, half of that revenue will go into a designated fund to help maintain the forest. Efforts continue to put 95 acres out to bid for logging.

The trails did not suffer the extreme weather events of the previous year though December ice may have wreaked some havoc. The trails are maintained by a volunteer crew including Bruce MacDonald, Robert Dutil, Anne Reed, Diana Batzel, and Jenny Warshow. Ed Jalbert and Michael Zahner spent a day pulling out invasives. Anyone interested in joining the trails crew contact Jenny at 454-7161.

Jim Brimblecombe maintained approximately 2800 spouts this year. Syrup quality was excellent in 2014 though sap total was down from the previous year due to below freezing temperatures until the end of March. With the recent December storm there is sure to be damage to the tubing system but hopefully not to the extent of last year. His lease brought in 1,547 dollars to the town. Bob Light has less than 100 taps next to the parking lot along the Thompson Road which brought in 41 dollars to the town.

Revenue from haying and pasturing this year by the Martin and Newton families totaled 575 dollars. Luke Mulligan agreed to restore the hayfield next to the parking lot in exchange for future haying.

The Town Forest continued to provide a number of educational opportunities this year. Anne Reed visited the Forest many times with her class from CCV-Montpelier to explore wildlife ecology. Earth Walk once again used the town forest for a one week intensive outdoor experience for teenage boys. The Conservation Commission led nature walks on spring wild flowers and birds. Twinfield used the property for field trips.

The Vermont Land Trust and Brett Engstrom met with the Selectboard, the Stranahan Stewardship Committee and members of the Conservation Commission to give a presentation in the field about wetlands and the importance of their preservation. The wetlands issue and their sensitivity have delayed the efforts of the Stewardship Committee to get the logging project out to bid. Brett completed a wetlands map for the 95 acres that are scheduled to be logged and he and Ed Jalbert have marked those areas. Thank you gentlemen for your efforts.

This year the committee will be updating the Stranahan Town Forest Management Plan. We encourage your input and comments. Let us know how the town forest is important to you and the community. Please attend our monthly meetings or send us your comments via the Town Clerk. The Stewardship Committee meets the third Monday of the month, 6:30pm, at the Old Schoolhouse Commons. All meetings are open to the public.

Stranahan Stewardship Committee

## **CABOT EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE**

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Sheila Brown, President 802.426.2064  
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John Christman, Sr., Treasurer 802.563.2030  
Marcy Martin, Secretary 802.563.2766

### **2014 Annual Report**

During 2014 Cabot Ambulance volunteers were tasked with completing our training and upgrading our individual licensures to the new Scope of Practice for Emergency Medical personnel. To date we have only 1 person left to complete his upgrading which should be done in the coming month or so. We saw a reduction in our staffing losing Glenn and Ruth Goodrich who retired from service. They still keep an interest in the ambulance service and offer their facility for training location of which we are extremely grateful! We have accepted two new people onto the squad with a tentative third new person interested in joining. They will be starting their Emergency Medical Responder course in January.

Currently we have seven active members, four semi active, three auxiliary members from other services and two administrative personnel in addition to the two (and potentially third) new members. All new personnel will be trained to the current updated Scope of Practice for EMS.

We took possession of our new Stryker power stretcher which was approved by the voters of Cabot for UDAG funds. We appreciate the support the town shows and are loving the new stretcher. Thank you all! It is surely helping to reduce any back injury when lifting the stretcher with patients on it.

In 2014 Cabot Ambulance members responded to a total of 198 calls for service. There were 96 calls in Cabot, 100 calls in Marshfield, 1 call in Hardwick and 1 call in Peacham. 101 patients were treated and transported by Cabot; 21 calls were cancellations; 4 dead at scene calls; 3 responses where no patient was found; 24 patients required no treatment or transport; 5 patients refused care; 7 standby calls (due to fire, mental health, domestic, etc.); 8 patients were treated and released; 17 were treated and transported by other EMS services such as Barre Town EMS, East Montpelier Fire Dept., Danville Rescue, or Calex Ambulance due to our ambulance being out of service, insufficient crew makeup available to transport, or just needed extra ambulances due to more patients than we can handle; 3 patients were treated and transported by private vehicle; 5 patient dispositions are unknown due to incomplete information being provided on the call. We appreciate our mutual aid backup services that help out when we are unable to get to a call.

In closing, we would like to remind everyone to have your 911 number clearly displayed and let the dispatchers know what town you actually live in so we may find you in the event of an emergency! Often people have mailing addresses that do not reflect the town they actually live in causing delay in getting the right service out to you in a timely manner.

We are always looking for people who have a genuine interest in volunteering for their community in some way. Helping people in need during a medical emergency has a personal rewarding feeling knowing you helped someone in need.

Respectfully submitted;  
Sheila Brown, President  
Cabot Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc.  
802-426-2064 (Home)  
802-279-8751 (Cell)

## **PLAINFIELD FAST SQUAD**

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The past year was another busy year for our squad even though the actual number of calls received was down from the previous year. After three straight years of large increases in call volumes we saw a decrease for the first time in awhile, probably due to the fact that we lost some of the people who had been ill for awhile who had needed frequent care. This year was also the first year that active certified members received a stipend ranging from \$300 to \$350 a person, I would like to thank the communities of Plainfield and Marshfield for supporting this and Linda and Carol for all of the extra paperwork this has created for them. I would like to thank Aletta Powell for her years of service doing paperwork for the squad which made my life a little less hectic, thankfully Rhea Wilson has stepped up to take over doing a majority of the paperwork for us. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Amy Holt for her many years of service as an EMT, she will be missed for the years of experience she brought to our squad. As the years go by and people come and go, we have been really fortunate to be able to attract new members to step up and carry on the excellent quality of care people in our community have come to expect from us. We just had one new member and a lower certified member finish the EMT course and are waiting to take the final test to become official EMTs. Last year I came up with the idea of doing a Sunday potluck dinner before our regular monthly training, which has turned out to be very successful in many ways, training attendance is up and I also believe that it has really brought our squad closer together on a personal level. I would have to say our squad probably has some of the best cooks in Central Vermont! (Who knew?!) Our membership numbers are very strong and our team has become like a second family to many of us. I would like to thank all of our members for their commitment to make our community a safer and better place to live. Remember: in an emergency, call 911.

Greg Light  
Head of service for the Plainfield Fast Squad

**SUMMARY OF CIVIL ORDINANCES ADOPTED**  
**as of December 31, 2014**

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#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](http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/ordinances) or obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

## **WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN**

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1. The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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

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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.



## **NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT – Executive Committee Report**

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The NEKWMD finished 2014 with 40 of 49 towns reporting increased recycling volumes. This resulted in a District-wide increase of 15% more recycling compared to 2013. 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 2014.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District in 2014. 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 legislature passed Act 148, the Universal Recycling Law, early in 2012. This piece of legislation includes, among other things, mandatory pay-as-you-throw for trash disposal and phased-in landfill bans for certain recyclables, leaf and yard wastes, and source separated organics. 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 2014. 2015 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with the law.

The NEKWMD is entering 2015 with a proposed budget of \$743,598 - an increase of 7% percent. The increase is in response to the provisions of the Universal Recycling Law. We will be entering 2015 with a surcharge rate increase of 5.6%. The surcharge on non-recycled waste (trash) will increase \$1.25 per ton to \$23.25 per ton in 2015. Our surcharge on trash remains just below the State average of \$24.04.

The NEKWMD was staffed by ten full-time and one part-time employee in 2014. 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 50,500 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***

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Corinth Transfer Station
SATURDAY, MAY 23	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Bloomfield Town Clerks
SATURDAY, JUNE 6	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Derby Recycling Center
SATURDAY, JUNE 13	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Westfield Transfer Station
FRIDAY, JUNE 19	4 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Ryegate Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JUNE 27	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Lunenburg Transfer Station
SATURDAY, JULY 11	8 a.m. – 11a.m.	Greensboro Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15	9 a.m. – 12p.m.	Cabot Recycling Center
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Morgan Transfer Station
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26	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 1, 2015 to October 10, 2015. 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](http://www.nekwmd.org)**

## DOGS

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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 2015 dog license fees are as follows:

	Current	Late	New Dog After Oct. 1
<b>Neutered/spayed dog or wolf-hybrid:</b>			
License	4.00	6.00	2.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>
<b>Unneutered/Unspayed dog or wolf-hybrid:</b>			
License	8.00	12.00	4.00
Town Pet Control Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Spay/Neuter Surcharge	3.00	3.00	3.00
State Rabies Control Surcharge	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>	<u>1.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>19.00</b>	<b>11.00</b>

### Dog Licenses Issued in 2014

Male	37
Male Neutered	147
Female	45
Female Spayed	<u>153</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>382</b>

## **2015 RABIES CLINICS**

We have been unable to find a veterinarian willing to hold a clinic in Marshfield this year. Danville Animal Hospital will take walk-ins on the last 2 Saturdays in March from 9:00-12:00. Hardwick Veterinary Clinic will take walk-ins on each Saturday in March, 9:00 – 1:00. There will also be a rabies clinic at the Cabot Fire Station on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m., and at the Groton Town Garage on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 p.m. You should contact the clinic or Town Clerk's Office 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, [www.town.marshfield.vt.us/ordinances.htm](http://www.town.marshfield.vt.us/ordinances.htm), or at the Town Clerk's office.

## BIRTHS

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Name of Child	Gender	Name of Parents
Barnett, Rilynn Avery	F	Debrah Lynn Durkee & Derrick Nathan Barnett
Bresette, Despina Jean Hurley	F	Ashley Rosalind Saage Bresette & David William Hurley
Budbill-Roethlein, Riley Wolf	F	Nadine Wolf Budbill & Marie B. Roethlein
Campbell, Malcolm Connelly	M	Margaret Mann Campbell & Justin Everett Campbell
Carey, Michael Steven	M	Heather Colgan Carey & Benjamin Richard Carey
Davis, Hunter Lee Scott	M	Harley Elizabeth Davis
Dolan, Ruben Armell	M	Rebecca Ann Armell & Daniel Michael Dolan
Duquette, Max Ronald	M	Ariel Maxfield Duquette & Lance Michael Duquette
Farnsworth, Jamison Colby	M	Desiree Michelle Farnsworth
Franks, Riley Marie	F	Bethany Nicole Morris & Scott Douglas Franks
Gouge, John Richard	M	Grace Elizabeth Gouge & Jacob Richard Gouge
Mangan, Amanda Judith	F	Amanda Cynthia Mangan & David John Mangan
Martin, Xzavier Jaxson Lee	M	Shay-lea Glenna Marie Perry & Justin Albert Martin
Michaud, Kathryn June	F	Jenna Estes & Ray Gary Michaud
Morse, Jackson Rayne	M	Halle Lauren Johnson & Christopher Michael Morse Jr.
Spates, Liev Oskari	M	Jamie Anne Spector & Peter Nelson Gates
Spongberg, Stacia Lynn	F	Jessica Lynn Spongberg & Jay Lance Spongberg
Stanley, Lyvia Elaine	F	Ashley Lynn Stanley & Thomas James Stanley
Stewart, Everly Ryan	F	Hillary Ariel Stewart & Joshua Adam Stewart
Tibbitts, Norah Rose	F	Rita Anne Tibbitts & Ryan Andrew Tibbitts
Von Duntz, Elise Autumn	F	Sarah Galbraith & Tristan Purnell Von Duntz
Wike, Olivia Grace	F	Jennifer Marie Bickford & Christopher David Wike Sr.
Young, Lilah Rose	F	Emily Ruth Fallier & Joseph Erastus Young III

## 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>
Diana Joyce Batzel	Marshfield	Tracey Jan Hambleton	Marshfield	2/14/2014	Marshfield
Mark Anthony Chouinard	Marshfield	Tricia Louise Austin	Marshfield	6/13/2014	Marshfield
Mark Louis Sackman	New York	Lissa Strata Green-Stark	New York	7/5/2014	Marshfield
Ashley Readawn Whitehead	Marshfield	Eldon Dwain Miller	Stowe	9/29/2014	Stowe
Derek Richard Tucker	Marshfield	Heather Jane Keough	Marshfield	10/11/2014	Barre City
Priyal Parikh	Marshfield	Krunal Modi	Kansas	10/25/2014	Marshfield
Kay Ellen Roberts	Marshfield	David Lee Santamore	Marshfield	12/13/2014	Hardwick

## DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Bolman, Mary Lois	85	F	7/25/2014	California
Bolman, Michael Allen	73	M	2/11/2014	California
Bowen, Ruth Leach	87	F	12/26/2013	Randolph
Brandt, Mark A.	29	M	3/2014	Danville
Brown, Abbie Irene	94	F	4/5/2014	Berlin
Brown, Robert E	64	M	5/12/2014	Williston
Brown, Walter Francis	69	M	10/7/2014	Marshfield
Carter, Shirley Joyce	78	F	10/10/2014	Marshfield
Craig, Ronald Rae	66	M	7/20/2014	Marshfield
Eardensohn, Kathleen Ondis	62	F	12/19/2014	Marshfield
Fleury, Clifton Earl Jr.	57	M	10/24/2014	Marshfield
Kreuzer, Madeline	92	F	3/30/2014	Berlin
Martell, Robert Wayne	60	M	9/23/2014	Barre City
Nute, Helen Marjorie	87	F	12/25/2014	Marshfield
Partlow, Robert Alexander	78	M	3/14/2014	Marshfield
Stephenson, Susan Rebecca	71	F	4/30/2014	New Mexico
Swortz, Walter F.	71	M	5/18/2014	Bennington
Wells, Mervin Ralph	92	M	5/30/2014	Marshfield
Williams, Kenneth	71	M	12/30/2014	Hanover, NH

## **WARNING – TOWN MEETING 2015**

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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 3, 2015 at 9:00 E.S.T. in the forenoon to transact the following business:

**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 \$1,015,993 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).

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

**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.

**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 appropriate the sum of \$8,333.00 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.

**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	600.00
Capstone Community Action	300.00
Central Vt Council on Aging	1,400.00
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	3,200.00
Circle fka Battered Women's Services	150.00
Family Center of Washington County	200.00
Friends of the Winooski	300.00
Green Mountain Transit	882.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00
Home Share Now	200.00
Onion River Food Shelf	1,100.00
Our House of Central Vermont	100.00
People's Health & Wellness	300.00
Sexual Assault Crisis Team	50.00
Twin Valley Senior Center	1,600.00
Twinfield Learning Center	300.00
Twinfield Together Mentoring Program	250.00
Vt. Association of Conservation Districts	100.00
VT Assoc. for Blind & Visually Impaired	150.00
Vt Center for Independent Living	100.00
Washington County Youth Services Bureau	200.00

**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.

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

Christopher Martin, Andrew Perchlik, John Warshow

Marshfield, Vermont, January 22, 2015 I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Warning for the Annual Town Meeting for the year 2014 and that it was recorded before posting.

Attest, Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

**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 3, 2015 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 \$743,598?

**NOTICE**

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

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**NOTICE TO VOTERS for Town Meeting**

**BEFORE ELECTION DAY:**

**CHECKLIST POSTED** at Clerk’s Office by February 1, 2015. 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 25, 2015 at Town Clerk’s Office. All Clerks’ offices will be open from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2015.

**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 March 2, 2015. (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 21, 2015.

## **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](mailto:clerk@town.marshfield.vt.us)

**SELECTBOARD:**

John Warshow	454-7161
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  
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