

**Annual Report
of the Town of**

Brookfield



VERMONT

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Fire.....	911
White River Valley Ambulance.....	911 (802-234-6800)
Williamstown Rescue Unit	911 (476-4111)
Sheriff-Orange County.....	685-4875
State Police.....	911 (802-234-9933)
Fire Warden.....	728-5739
Town Garage.....	276-3090
Town Clerk.....	276-3352
Sheriff – Orange County.....	685-4875

Town Clerk's Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Selectboard Meetings: Town Clerk's Office 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7:00 P.M.

Brookfield Library Hours:

Winter: Tuesday: 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., Wednesday: 1:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Summer: (Memorial Day to Labor Day) Tuesday: 9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.; Wednesday: 2:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M., Thursday: 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.; Saturday: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Library Trustees meet First Tuesday at Brookfield Library at 7:00 P.M.

Brookfield Elementary School.....	276-3153
Randolph Union High School	728-3397

Chartered: August 5, 1781

Please visit our website @ www.brookfieldvt.org and see us on Facebook

Town E-mail address: townclerk@brookfieldvt.org

Landfill Hours:

Wednesday and Friday 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Saturday 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. *except holidays*

Telephone number: 728 6737

Household Hazardous Waste Days for Residents: One day in Spring and One day in Fall

Exact Times and Dates to be announced

For acceptable materials contact (802) 223-7221

Cover Photo: Floating Bridge Opening, May 2015, Courtesy of Perry Kacik

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TOWN OF BROOKFIELD ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of Brookfield are hereby warned to meet for the annual Town Meeting at the Brookfield Elementary School auditorium at 1725 Ridge Road, Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

Article:

1. To elect all officers as required by law for the ensuing year by Australian ballot. For this purpose, the polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
2. To hear and act on reports of the Town Officers.
3. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues.
4. To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law in two installments, and if so, to set the dates.
5. To see if the Town will authorize support of the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation for the sum of \$648.50.
6. To see if the Town will authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,500.00 to complete a speed limit study on selected Town highways and to allow the Selectboard to engage the service of a qualified consultant to perform this study.
7. To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town General Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.
8. To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town Highway Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.
9. To transact any other proper business.

Dated at Brookfield, Vermont, this 30th day of January 2016.

Attest: Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

There will be an informational meeting about the Town Budget on Monday evening, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Brookfield met for the annual Town Meeting, at the Brookfield Elementary School auditorium at 1725 Ridge Road, Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect all officers as required by law for the ensuing year by Australian ballot.

Polls were declared open at 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Article 2: To hear and act on reports of the Town Officers.

John Benson, Selectboard Chair, addressed the meeting reporting on the storm damage from 2013. There is one project remaining for repair, the culvert on Old Cross Road. The Planning Commission, the Selectboard, and Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission are working together on a new Hazzard Mitigation plan. There was a change in the Road Crew. The Floating Bridge is scheduled to reopen this spring. Brookfield has a new website (brookfieldvt.org). Brookfield, Randolph, and Braintree are working together with Solarize Upper Valley. An ATV group has requested the use of some of the roads in West Brookfield; there will be public forums concerning this in the near future.

Mr. Benson also recognized Mike LeFebvre for his service as 1st and 2nd Constable for close to 20 years. Mr. Benson spoke of the dedication to G. G. LaRocque and his work for the Town. Mr. Benson recognized Teresa Godfrey for the work she has been doing for the Town.

Kevin Wheatley, the new Brookfield Fire Department Chief, spoke about John Benson's expertise at accident scenes and that he commanded with ease. Mr. Benson will be missed as Fire Chief. The Brookfield Fire Department presented Mr. Benson with a plaque and his hat signed by all the Fire Department volunteers to thank him for his 28 years of service as Chief.

Patsy French, State Representative, spoke to the crowd about the current State budget. She said the Legislators will pass a balanced budget when they are done. She apologized for Rep. Marjorie Ryerson not being able to stop in due to being on the Selectboard in Randolph. Rep. French spoke about the Water Quality, the Child Protection, and Education Reform bills. Rep. French also spoke about tax exemptions and possible new taxes.

Article 3: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of revenues.

Motion by L. Stowell, seconded by D. Montie, to approve authorization.

C. Keeler indicated that on page 12 of the Town Report, that by splitting the tax receipts, the Town has not had to borrow money for the last couple of years. Motion carried.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to have all taxes paid into the treasury as provided by law in two installments, and if so, to set the dates.

Motion by D. Montie, seconded by L. Runnion that first payment of 2015/2016 property taxes due November 7, 2015; second payment due May 9, 2016. Motion carried.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to increase the oversight of our roads by authorizing and funding a Patrol Officer, part time, already trained, who will respond to our needs.

Motion by L. Stowell, seconded by S. Edson.

Skip Smith, Article petitioner, discussed the need of a Patrol Officer. Some of his reasons included the speed through Town, trash being dropped along the roadsides, the increase in drug use, and breaking and entering.

C. Keeler stated we can vote on a concept but not a dollar amount because this was not warned as a major expenditure.

J. Benson said there are problems throughout the whole Town. The process to train a Constable would take a year and if an individual has been retired for longer than 2 years, they would have to be retrained and the requirements are increasing. The Town would have to consider the cost of training, radar training, uniforms, vehicle purchase, insurance, and where to hold anyone arrested.

E. Godin praised Orange County Sheriff's Department and K. Joyal, 2nd Constable in their investigating a theft at their property.

D. Bohnyak, OCSD Investigations Officer, said the Town could be hit hard with liabilities and only paying for roughly 2 hours a week for patrol does not afford much time for investigating any incidences.

Motion called by P. Kacik, seconded by D. Montie. Motion carried.

Vote on main motion (Article 5). Motion denied.

Article 6: To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$441,426.00 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town General Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

Motion by L. Runnion, seconded by A. Adler.

L. Stowell questioned if the Town would double the coverage of Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Amendment made by L. Stowell, seconded by S. Dilcer to amend the line item for OCSD from \$6,000 to \$12,000. Amendment carried.

Motion called by L. Stowell, seconded by D. Montie to amend the line item increase to \$12,000. Motion carried.

G. Brees questioned how the contribution line items are increased, i.e. Arts Bus. J. Kimmel stated it is by written request.

C. Sandusky, Executive Director for the Arts Bus, said they provide services to 13 towns now and small non-profit groups have a harder time receiving grants after they are established and have to turn to the towns for support.

Vote on main motion (Article 6). Motion carried.

Article 7: To see if the Town will approve the purchase of a Highway Department truck(s) for up to \$175,000.00, to be financed and paid for over a term of up to three (3) years.

Motion by E. Nielson, seconded by Billie Gosh.

J. Benson said one of the trucks is due to be traded in this year. The first payment would be out of the current budget and we would finance 2 payments. The Highway Department is also looking at a used diesel pick-up truck for running errands and for small jobs. M. Sanchez noted that the Town will need to address potential personal use of the smaller vehicle. Motion carried.

Article 8: To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$687,491.00 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town Highway Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

Motion by D. Montie, seconded by M. Maeder.

There was discussion concerning whether the amount of calcium chloride purchased is adequate, the paving of Northfield Road under I-89, and if the State would give us funding for paving.

J. Benson said the Town gets some funds for maintaining class 2 and 3 roads. Motion carried.

Mark MacDonald, State Senator, spoke on the budget, loss of sales tax from on line purchases, and a payroll tax.

Article 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to pursue, and if appropriate, enter into contract(s) with Emergency Medical Service Provider(s) to provide EMS services to the Town of Brookfield.

Motion by L. Stowell, seconded by P. Kacik.

J. Benson stated the Selectboard had met with Pat Edwards, WRVA director and Dave Jennings, Barre Town EMS director to work together on where a division of service should be. Pat Edwards recently resigned and WRVA has not appointed a new director. WRVA has appointed someone to work with D. Jennings to establish the line. The cost of coverage will be similar. Currently the whole Town is covered by WRVA.

J. Benson stated Brookfield needs a representative to volunteer to attend the meetings at WRVA.

Motion carried.

Article 10: To transact any other proper business.

P. Kacik, Floating Bridge Celebration Planning Committee, reported the last day the bridge should be worked on is May 22, 2015 per the contract. He is recruiting for help with the celebration and has a sign-up sheet.

S. Edson, President of the Randolph Area Food Shelf, wanted to thank the Town for the money donated and for all who have volunteered for the RAFS.

S. Edson, representative for ECFiber, said the fiber will be coming into Kibbee Road and into West Brookfield. They are going to be coming up the Ridge Road and hopefully into Town.

B. Hale asked the Selectboard, concerning Article 5, that “We the Town, resolve to ask the Selectboard to present recommendations for appropriate Law Enforcement strategies for the Town at the next Town Meeting.”

M. Merriam said the Energy Committee meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Brookfield Library if anyone is interested in joining them. She said there is a “Button-up” presentation DVD in the Library.

B. Fallon reminded everyone Green-Up day is on May 2nd and to be sure to read the report on the Cemetery Commission.

Motion by E. Keeler, seconded by M. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD OFFICERS 2015

Moderator for Town & School Meeting.....	Charles Keeler
Town Clerk.....	Teresa Godfrey
Administrative Assistants.....	Teresa Godfrey, Karyn "KC" Peterson
Assistant Town Clerk/Assistant Treasurer.....	Karyn "KC" Peterson
Selectboard term exp 2017.....	Cory Haggett
Selectboard term exp 2018	John Benson
Selectboard term exp 2016	Jeffrey Kimmel
School Dir/term exp 2017.....	James A. Merriam
School Dir/term exp 2018.....	Kate Forrer
School Dir/term exp 2016.....	Kristin Husher
Lister/term exp 2017.....	Teresa Godfrey
Lister/term exp 2018.....	Stuart Edson
Lister/term exp 2016.....	Phyllis Humez
Auditor/term exp 2016.....	Mary Waldo
Auditor/term exp 2017	Brenda Flint
Auditor/term exp 2018	Ginny Brees
Treasurer.....	Teresa Godfrey
Delinquent Tax Collector	Teresa Godfrey
Constable.....	Kevin Joyal
Second Constable.....	Vacant
Grand Juror (3)	Charles Barnum, Mary Doyle, Alice Kempe
911 Coordinator.....	Charles Barnum
Agent to Deed Land.....	Charles Barnum
Agent to Defend Suits.....	Vacant
Memorial Day Comm.	Mary Doyle, Alice Kempe
Library Trustee/term exp.	
2018.....	Daniel Childs
2018.....	Kym Anderson
2016.....	Amy Borgman
2017.....	Michael Foran
2017.....	Catherine Wright
Cemetery Committee	
2017.....	Melanie Larocque
2017.....	Michael Herold
2016.....	Bonnie Fallon
Justice of the Peace (7)	
L. Brassard	D. Bohnyak
B. Fallon	R. Fink
	E. Deforge
	C. Koren
	T. Elzey
Town Forester.....	Jon Binhammer
Town Services Officer.....	Cory Haggett
Health Officer.....	Starr Strong
Administrative Officer.....	Diane (Dee) Montie

Fence Viewer(not mandated)
Weigher of Coal.....(not mandated)
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood.....(not mandated)

Planning Commission: (6)
Aaron Adler (Chair) Martha Judy Dan Mason
Jeff Girard Clay Purvis William White

Board of Adjustment: (5)
Jeff Kimmel (Chair) Tom Allen Kym Anderson
Hank Buermann Neil Husher

Report of the Brookfield Selectboard for 2015

Completion of Storm Damage Work – The last of the FEMA storm damage projects was completed this past year. The study completed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation concluded that the damaged stream-crossing culvert on Old Cross Road was undersized. Therefore both FEMA and VTrans approved the replacement of the crossing with a new precast box culvert. The box was slightly oversized to allow for the creation of a move natural channel bottom through the culvert. This work was completed by the Town Road Crew with assistance from Stan Wheatley.

Ridge Road – As everyone is aware, the Town received a VTrans grant a few years ago to repave the majority of the Ridge Road. Last year, to help preserve this investment, the Town had all the cracks in the new paved section sealed. The Town was also notified in late summer that we had been awarded a grant to complete the paving of the Ridge Road. This work will be completed this coming summer. As a part of the paving, the banking of the curve, where a young man lost his life a few years ago, will be improved.

VT Route 65 – VTrans is in the process of completing plans for improvements to VT Route 65. At last word, they hope to have the project out to bid in the spring and under construction this summer. The plan is to repave the paved section and regravell the gravel sections along with sign and drainage improvements. The Town has asked VTrans to consider making improvements to the RT 65/West Street intersection as a part of the project.

Farnsworth Lane - The Town, working with VTrans, previously revised the class designation of a number of roads such that the maintenance/function of these roads matched their classification. Farnsworth Lane was one of these roads with the intent of returning this road to a through road between East Hill Road and Cemetery Street. This work was completed this summer by the Town Road Crew. The Crew did a great job and the Town has received a number of positive compliments from residents who now use this road.

Floating Bridge – May 23rd saw the opening of the 8th floating bridge across Sunset Lake. The celebration went smoothly thanks to the hard work of Perry Kacik and his team. With an estimated 2,000 people in Town for the event, that was quite an accomplishment.

The Selectboard wishes to extend our thanks and appreciation to all those that worked so hard over the many years since the 7th bridge was closed to traffic to bring this to reality. Someone will have to make note in 2115 if the 8th bridge achieves its design life of 100 years.

Police Committee – In response to discussions at last years' Town Meeting, the Selectboard appointed a committee, with input from the town Constable, Orange County Sheriff, VT State Police and others, to assess current public safety services and make recommendation on how these services could or should be improved in the future. The committee is now fact gathering and will be developing recommendations over the coming year.

Emergency Medical Services – As reported last year, the Town was working with White River Valley Ambulance Service (WRVA) and Barre Town Ambulance Service (BTAS) on a plan to divide the Town into two service areas with the objective of improving EMS response times. Shortly into the new year, WRVA approached the Board with an alternate plan. They proposed using their mutual aid agreement with Williamstown, Chelsea, and Northfield to improve response time to Brookfield. The plan envisions that an ambulance from Williamstown, Chelsea, or Northfield, depending on the specific area of Town the incident occurs, would respond simultaneously with WRVA. Thus the mutual aid ambulance would stabilize the person, and if a higher level of care is required, the WRVA team would take over. This trial is ongoing with WRVA reporting response times to the Town. In addition, there is once again some movement on establishing a First Response Team in Brookfield. Andy Courville is spearheading this effort working with WRVA. If anyone would like more information or would like to participate, please contact Andy.

Road Signs – As we have reported in the past, road signs seem to be a very popular collectible item. The Road Crew has tried a number of tactics to discourage the thefts, which in some instances have resulted in the sign, post, and accompanying hardware all being taken. This cost us upwards of \$2,000 annually in replacements. Please if you encounter someone taking a road sign - report it. Thank you

Delinquent Taxes – Thanks to the hard work of our Delinquent Tax Collector, Teresa Godfrey, we were able to accomplish several things last year including a reduction in the amount of revenue that to be raised by property taxes to meet the obligations of the Town, make the first two payments on the new Town dump truck as opposed to one, and assist the Fire Department in updating much needed life safety equipment. In addition, the Town was able to purchase a “new to us” utility truck for the Road Crew.

Ordinance – The public assemblage ordinance was updated to: better define when a permit is required, recognize the difference between events that accrue in the Village where traffic/parking are of a higher concern than in more rural areas of the Town, and to reduce the event size triggering a permit.

Town Office – In a continuing effort to implement the recommendations of the Energy Audit completed for the Town Office/Library a number of years ago, the old windows in the second floor of the building are being replaced, the exterior walls of the library insulated, and the ceiling insulated. A new rug has been installed in the Town Office and Teresa has painted both the walls and ceiling.

Thank you – Once again, the Selectboard wants to recognize all those who serve or volunteer to make our small Town run. We greatly appreciate all your efforts.

Respectfully submitted, Brookfield Selectboard: John Benson, Jeff Kimmel & Cory Haggett

Brookfield Board of Listers - 2015 Report

For the Grand List year April 2014 – March 2015, the Brookfield Board of Listers completed 46 site visits to adjust the value for changes made to properties, processed 63 Property Transfer Tax Returns (the document notifying us of changes in ownership), and continued with our management of 150 Brookfield properties that are enrolled in Vermont's Current Use program.

All of these activities can require researching the Land Records (original deeds), making changes to our software systems for record-keeping (NEMRC) and property valuation (CAMA), updating our physical file folders for each property with a change, referring to the survey maps we have on file (digitally), and updating our parcel maps for any subdivisions or newly combined properties. Management of our Current Use properties additionally requires on-going communication and exchanges of files with the Property and Valuation unit of the Vermont Tax Department.

We handled several property owner requests for information via phone and email at the town office, as well as in person.

The Brookfield Listers are members of Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors (VALA). We stay current with concerns, challenges and changes in assessment practices across Vermont by attending the bimonthly VALA meetings and monitoring the Vermont Listers listserve.

We also downloaded HS 122 (Homestead Declaration) information from the State and investigated any discrepancies.

Reminder to all residents: Every Vermont resident who is eligible to claim **Homestead** status for his/her home is required to file two VT State forms – the HS 122 “Homestead Declaration” and the Part B “Property Tax Adjustment Claim” form. These forms are due to the State of Vermont **each year by April**

15th. For all eligibility requirements, and for the forms and instructions associated with these two forms, please refer to Vermont's website tax.vermont.gov.

Reminder to Veterans: Any **disabled veteran** who is planning to apply for the Veterans Tax Exemption must submit a Property Tax Exemption For Disabled Veterans And Their Survivors form (Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs form 3802) and letter of eligibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs **before May 1st** of each year. The veterans exemptions **cannot** be applied to your tax bill if we have not received notification from the State that the exemption form has been approved.

It is the goal of the Listers to keep the Brookfield Grand List and information on our 928 parcels up to date. Please contact us at the town office if you have any questions. The Listers can be reached at the Town Clerk's Office number (802) 276-3352 or by email at listeners@brookfieldvt.org. We will call (or email) you to arrange a time to meet.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Edson, Teresa Godfrey, Phyllis Humez

Brookfield Listers

Brookfield Planning Commission - 2015 Report

The Planning Commission prepares the town plan every five years and from time to time proposes revisions to the land use bylaws for public review, subject to approval by the Selectboard.

During 2015, the Planning Commission rewrote the Town Plan with the assistance of the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission, funded primarily by a grant from the State of Vermont to support revising the plan to meet current requirements, including new requirements to plan for flood-related issues. The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing process on the plan and submitted it to the Selectboard for review.

The Planning Commission also approved several applications requiring site plan or access road reviews and participated in proceedings before state regulatory authorities concerning development in Brookfield.

The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Town Clerk's office. The public is welcome to attend.

Aaron Adler (Chair), Jeff Girard, Martha Judy, William White

VITAL STATISTICS 2015

Marriages:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name #1</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Name #2</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
June 8, 2015	Julie Ann Marie Benedict	Brookfield, VT	Scott Lawrence Brock	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT
June 27, 2015	John Benjamin Kenealy Jr.	Brookfield, VT	Kathryn Ann Berno	Brookfield, VT	Fairlee, VT
August 15, 2015	Angela Lynn Stewart	Colchester, VT	Cory Roy Hagggett	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT
August 31, 2015	Glenn Roger Dunning	Brookfield, VT	Monica Lynn Kapusta	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT
September 5, 2015	Andrew Joseph Tetreault	Brookfield, VT	Claudia H. D. Lovell	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT
September 5, 2015	Elaine Frances Manghi	E. Montpelier, VT	George Neun Buck	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT
September 5, 2015	Kassandra May McNeill	Brookfield, VT	Kyle David Larocque	Brookfield, VT	Williamstown, VT
October 3, 2015	Carl William Bushey Jr.	Brookfield, VT	Frances Louise Palmer	Brookfield, VT	Northfield, VT
October 3, 2015	Ronald Paul Tucker	Brookfield, VT	Sherrie Gene Cook	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT
November 7, 2015	Ruby Sharon Sharkey	Marlow, NH	Lougee Wayne Knox	Marlow, NH	W. Brookfield, VT
November 20, 2015	Cecile Marie Sayah	Brookfield, VT	Kathryn Gail Natzke	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT

Births:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
Hershel Bond Marcum	January 25, 2015	Burlington, VT	Brookfield, VT	Joseph D. Marcum	Taylor E. Mayo
Jase Caleb Farrington	June 02, 2015	Randolph, VT	Brookfield, VT	Josh W. Farrington	Jennifer M. Pratt-Raymond
Isaac George Hayward	September 20, 2015	Randolph, VT	Brookfield, VT	Richard A. Hayward	Chelsea L. Hayward
Silas Levi Duclos	October 08, 2015	Middlebury, VT	Brookfield, VT	Colin J. Duclos	Heidi A. Schwartz
Grace Lee Larkins	November 03, 2015	Randolph, VT	Brookfield, VT	James C. Larkins II	Anissa K. Cassinell
Finley Edward Barton Perry	November 5, 2015	Berlin, VT	Brookfield, VT	Nathan A. Perry	Mikayla A-J. Perry

Deaths:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
Raymond H. Doane, Jr.	92	March 13, 2015	Brookfield, VT	Veterans Cemetery, Randolph Ctr., VT
Margaret P. Council	85	April 03, 2015	Hartford, VT	Valley Crematory, White River Jct., VT
Gordon B. Pettingell	95	April 04, 2015	Hartford, VT	Veterans Cemetery, Randolph Ctr., VT
Norman R. Runnion	85	June 19, 2015	Randolph, VT	Green Mountain Crematory, Northfield, VT
Norma J. De Varney	69	October 01, 2015	Brookfield, VT	Green Mountain Crematory, Northfield, VT

Burials:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
Madeline R. Pfundt	90	April 19, 2015	Tucson, AZ	West Brookfield Cemetery
Avery G. Flint	73	January 30, 2015	Lebanon, NH	West Brookfield Cemetery
Winifred A. Lowell	98	July 31, 2015	Chelsea, VT	West Brookfield Cemetery
Victor C. Montgomery	91	September 24, 2015	Randolph, VT	East Brookfield Cemetery
Sylvia W. Kogut	79	September 01, 2015	Springfield, VT	Brookfield Center Cemetery
Norma N. Keith	94	November 05, 2015	Boscawen, NH	East Brookfield Cemetery

Respectfully submitted: Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

Town of Brookfield General Ledger
Combining Balance Sheet for Previous Year - Period 12 Jun
All Funds

Account	General Fund	Fire Department	Cemetery	Library	Highway Equipment	Fire Truck	Reappraisal	Recreation/Cons	Total
ASSET									
Lake Sunapee GF Checking	354,352.37	-	20,945.90	1,686.58	-	-	-	-	376,984.85
CB Del Tax Checking	-	2,704.91	5,215.85	1.03	-	-	-	-	7,921.79
NSB GF Checking	442,039.34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	442,039.34
Lake Sunapee Tax Sale Sav	3,018.28	4,747.09	17,780.70	-	-	-	-	-	25,546.07
Due To/From Other Funds	(51,061.10)	9,992.33	912.02	-	20,000.00	1,625.59	-	(2,500.00)	(21,031.16)
NSB GF Cert of Deposit	103,382.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103,382.90
CD 15837	-	-	42,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	42,000.00
CD 16987	-	-	10,146.63	-	-	-	-	-	10,146.63
Lake Sunapee Highway Savi	-	-	-	-	88,552.38	-	61,184.12	31,512.08	181,248.58
Vanguard Investments	-	-	-	23,462.17	-	-	-	-	23,462.17
Fidelity Investments	-	-	-	5,423.19	-	-	-	-	5,423.19
Edward Jones Investmnts	-	-	-	1,679.03	-	-	-	-	1,679.03
Total Asset	\$ 851,731.79	\$ 17,444.33	\$ 97,001.10	\$ 32,252.00	\$ 108,552.38	\$ 1,625.59	\$ 61,184.12	\$ 29,012.08	\$ 1,198,803.39
LIABILITY									
Due To/From Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,680.84	-	7,680.84
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	844.49	-	844.49
Perpetual Care Restricted	-	-	75,152.42	-	-	-	-	-	75,152.42
Federal Deposit	1,775.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,775.63
State Tax Deposit	126.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	126.19
VMERS-DB	401.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	401.24
St of VT - Dogs	944.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	944.00
Total Liability	\$ 3,247.06	\$ -	\$ 75,152.42	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,525.33	\$ -	\$ 86,924.81
FUND BALANCE									
Fund Balance	\$ 745,866.15	\$ 17,440.79	\$ 19,147.33	\$ 32,252.00	\$ 108,508.11	\$ 1,625.59	\$ 52,631.51	\$ 29,012.08	\$ 1,006,483.56
Total Prior Years Fund Balance	\$ 745,866.15	\$ 17,440.79	\$ 19,147.33	\$ 32,252.00	\$ 108,508.11	\$ 1,625.59	\$ 52,631.51	\$ 29,012.08	\$ 1,006,483.56
Fund Balance Current Year	\$ 102,618.58	\$ 3.54	\$ 2,701.35	\$ -	\$ 44.27	\$ -	\$ 27.28	\$ -	\$ 105,395.02
Total Fund Balance	\$ 848,484.73	\$ 17,444.33	\$ 21,848.68	\$ 32,252.00	\$ 108,552.38	\$ 1,625.59	\$ 52,658.79	\$ 29,012.08	\$ 1,111,878.58
Total Liability Fund Balance	\$ 851,731.79	\$ 17,444.33	\$ 97,001.10	\$ 32,252.00	\$ 108,552.38	\$ 1,625.59	\$ 61,184.12	\$ 29,012.08	\$ 1,198,803.39

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10-4-1-10-00 Property Taxes Received	\$ 322,626.00	\$ 255,088.23	\$ 317,751.00	\$ 170,602.44	\$ 332,040.00
10-4-1-10-01 Del Tax Principal	\$ -	\$ 135,843.71	\$ -	\$ 92,358.81	\$ -
10-4-1-30-00 PILOT	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 9,612.04	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,631.04	\$ 9,500.00
10-4-1-40-00 Current Use-Hold Harmless	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 72,672.00	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 78,026.00	\$ 75,000.00
10-4-1-60-00 Judicial-Local Fines	\$ 250.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 496.00	\$ 300.00
10-4-2-02-00 Town Clerk's Fees	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,684.31	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 4,468.57	\$ 8,600.00
10-4-2-03-00 Book Restoration Fund	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,138.39	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,108.90	\$ 1,800.00
10-4-2-04-00 Copier Reimbursement	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,646.85	\$ 800.00	\$ 759.50	\$ 1,000.00
10-4-2-05-00 Dog Licenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 255.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 200.00
10-4-2-07-00 Marriage Licenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 535.00	\$ 250.00
10-4-2-08-00 Permits	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,500.00
10-4-2-10-00 Posting Fees	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 50.00
10-4-2-16-00 Liquor Licenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
10-4-2-30-00 Miscellaneous Income	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,996.20	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,115.00	\$ 500.00
10-4-3-10-00 Int. Bank Accounts	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,722.58	\$ 700.00	\$ 820.26	\$ 1,000.00
10-4-3-40-00 Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 10,980.42	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,337.66	\$ 12,000.00
10-4-3-50-00 Int. Delinquent Taxes	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 23,944.52	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 26,215.46	\$ 12,000.00
Total Town Income	\$ 445,326.00	\$ 528,034.25	\$ 441,426.00	\$ 397,191.64	\$ 455,840.00
10-4-9-00-00 Highway Income - Other	\$ -	\$ 132.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
10-4-9-02-01 FEMA Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,476.19	\$ -
10-4-9-03-01 DR427 TREES GRANT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,772.80	\$ -
10-4-9-10-00 Property Taxes Raised	\$ 497,692.00	\$ 414,262.08	\$ 537,491.00	\$ 266,157.00	\$ 539,250.00
10-4-9-20-00 St. of VT-Highway Aid	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 142,515.62	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 71,199.98	\$ 140,000.00
10-4-9-30-00 RT 65 Maintenance					
Contract	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 38,356.06	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
10-4-9-35-00 Highway Permits	\$ -	\$ 280.00	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
Total Highway Income	\$ 637,692.00	\$ 595,546.48	\$ 687,491.00	\$ 408,625.97	\$ 691,300.00
Total Income	\$ 1,083,018.00	\$ 1,123,580.73	\$ 1,128,917.00	\$ 805,817.61	\$ 1,147,140.00
10-5-1-10-00 Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 16,640.00	\$ 16,640.00	\$ 17,472.00	\$ 9,072.00	\$ 18,084.00
10-5-1-11-00 Assistant Town Clerk	\$ 7,430.00	\$ 3,210.04	\$ 4,130.00	\$ 628.91	\$ 400.00

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10-5-1-15-00	Treasurer's Salary	\$ 13,312.00	\$ 13,312.00	\$ 13,978.00	\$ 7,257.87	\$ 14,467.00
10-5-1-16-00	Assistant Treasurer's Salary	\$ 4,060.00	\$ 161.54	\$ 1,377.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 400.00
10-5-1-17-00	Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,305.55	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,087.78	\$ 12,000.00
10-5-1-20-00	Selectmen's Salaries	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00
10-5-1-25-00	Admin. Assistant Salary	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,141.32	\$ 8,261.00	\$ 4,348.59	\$ 14,300.00
10-5-1-50-00	Lister's Salaries	\$ 20,160.00	\$ 14,962.50	\$ 20,160.00	\$ 8,718.50	\$ 20,200.00
10-5-1-52-00	Constable's Salary	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 2,000.00
10-5-1-54-00	2nd Constable Salary	\$ 800.00	\$ 333.34	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
10-5-1-55-00	Admin Officer Salary	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ -	\$ 3,150.00
10-5-1-58-00	Auditor's Salaries	\$ 750.00	\$ 355.94	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00
10-5-1-65-00	Health Officer's Salary	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
10-5-1-68-00	BCA/ Elections	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,383.82	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
10-5-2-40-00	Social Security	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,844.66	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,001.82	\$ 15,000.00
10-5-2-45-00	Medicare	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,238.11	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,637.64	\$ 4,000.00
10-5-2-50-00	Workman's Comp	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 2,159.00	\$ 2,735.00	\$ (96.00)	\$ 2,500.00
10-5-2-60-00	VT Employees Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 1,024.63	\$ 1,302.00
10-5-2-80-00	Mileage	\$ 850.00	\$ 822.19	\$ 850.00	\$ 194.93	\$ 850.00
10-5-2-81-00	Constable Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$ 652.97	\$ 750.00	\$ 161.00	\$ 750.00
10-5-2-94-00	Training	\$ 650.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 750.00
10-5-2-94-01	Constable Training	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
10-5-2-95-00	Professional/Legal Services	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 715.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,697.18	\$ 7,000.00
10-5-2-96-00	Audit	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,224.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
10-5-3-04-00	Orange County Sheriff	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,580.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 12,000.00
10-5-3-10-00	Fire Department Budget	\$ 26,750.00	\$ 69,655.08	\$ 30,550.00	\$ 14,016.30	\$ 30,350.00
10-5-3-15-00	Fire Truck	\$ 36,621.00	\$ 36,620.60	\$ 36,621.00	\$ 36,620.60	\$ 36,621.00
10-5-3-22-00	Librarian Salary	\$ 11,550.00	\$ 11,400.83	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 5,762.28	\$ 11,100.00
10-5-3-22-01	Assistant Librarian	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
10-5-3-25-00	Library Budget	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00
10-5-3-30-00	Cemetery Budget	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 22,644.02	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 25,033.27	\$ 28,000.00
10-5-3-60-00	Ambulance Service	\$ 77,490.00	\$ 71,032.72	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 38,747.10	\$ 80,000.00
10-5-3-70-00	Emergency Management	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00
10-5-3-80-00	Street Lights	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,629.16	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,247.07	\$ 4,800.00

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10-5-4-12-00 Advertising and Notices	\$ 1,200.00	\$	1,335.91	\$	1,200.00	\$	319.97	\$	1,500.00	\$
10-5-4-14-00 Tax Bill Preparation	\$ 500.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$
10-5-4-16-00 Town Report	\$ 2,500.00	\$	1,759.50	\$	1,800.00	\$	-	\$	2,000.00	\$
10-5-4-18-00 Book Restoration	\$ 1,200.00	\$	-	\$	1,200.00	\$	-	\$	1,200.00	\$
10-5-4-20-00 Office Supplies	\$ 2,200.00	\$	3,445.54	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,171.98	\$	3,500.00	\$
10-5-4-22-00 Dog Licenses	\$ 300.00	\$	148.68	\$	150.00	\$	-	\$	150.00	\$
10-5-4-24-00 Dog and Animal Control	\$ 1,500.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00	\$
10-5-4-28-00 Postage	\$ 3,500.00	\$	1,556.74	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,365.94	\$	3,000.00	\$
10-5-4-30-00 Administrative Other	\$ 100.00	\$	55.00	\$	100.00	\$	55.00	\$	100.00	\$
10-5-4-40-00 Lister's Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	205.44	\$	500.00	\$
10-5-4-41-00 Lister Computer Support	\$ 1,000.00	\$	794.63	\$	1,000.00	\$	215.00	\$	1,000.00	\$
10-5-4-42-00 Lister Training	\$ 500.00	\$	315.00	\$	500.00	\$	215.00	\$	500.00	\$
10-5-4-43-00 Lister Mileage	\$ 500.00	\$	346.73	\$	500.00	\$	293.50	\$	500.00	\$
10-5-4-44-00 Tax Maps	\$ 1,600.00	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$
10-5-4-45-00 M&S Cost Tables	\$ 195.00	\$	238.81	\$	232.00	\$	-	\$	250.00	\$
10-5-4-46-00 VALA Membership	\$ 50.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00	\$
10-5-4-47-00 Blueprints/Reproductions	\$ 100.00	\$	-	\$	50.00	\$	-	\$	50.00	\$
10-5-4-50-00 Computer Hardware	\$ 250.00	\$	-	\$	1,100.00	\$	1,149.00	\$	250.00	\$
10-5-4-51-00 Computer Software	\$ 300.00	\$	-	\$	250.00	\$	-	\$	250.00	\$
10-5-4-52-00 Computer Support	\$ 1,800.00	\$	2,156.91	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,451.36	\$	2,200.00	\$
10-5-5-10-00 Electricity	\$ 1,350.00	\$	1,195.72	\$	1,350.00	\$	484.65	\$	1,350.00	\$
10-5-5-20-00 Heat	\$ 2,800.00	\$	2,173.09	\$	2,800.00	\$	644.00	\$	2,500.00	\$
10-5-5-30-00 Telephone	\$ 1,600.00	\$	1,654.59	\$	1,750.00	\$	545.70	\$	1,750.00	\$
10-5-5-40-00 ISP	\$ 500.00	\$	503.88	\$	600.00	\$	201.54	\$	600.00	\$
10-5-6-10-00 Buildings and Grounds	\$ 20,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	2,193.89	\$	10,000.00	\$
10-5-6-20-00 Copier Expense	\$ 500.00	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	499.00	\$	3,500.00	\$
10-5-6-55-00 Office Equipment	\$ 250.00	\$	247.94	\$	250.00	\$	-	\$	300.00	\$
10-5-7-10-00 Property/Liability Insurance	\$ 1,478.00	\$	1,541.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	-	\$	2,150.00	\$
10-5-7-20-00 Officers/Employees Bond	\$ 917.00	\$	956.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,450.00	\$
10-5-7-30-00 VLCT	\$ 2,400.00	\$	2,294.00	\$	2,400.00	\$	2,357.00	\$	2,600.00	\$
10-5-7-40-00 Two Rivers Planning Comm.	\$ 1,667.00	\$	1,667.00	\$	1,770.00	\$	1,718.00	\$	1,850.00	\$

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10-5-7-50-00 Orange County	\$ 36,000.00		\$ 36,851.56		\$ 36,000.00		\$ -		\$ 37,210.00	
10-5-7-60-00 Brookfield Planning Comm.	\$ 250.00		-		\$ 1,250.00		\$ 4,963.83		\$ 350.00	
10-5-7-70-00 Interest Expense	\$ 500.00		-		\$ 250.00		\$ -		\$ 100.00	
10-5-7-80-00 Bank Charges	\$ 750.00		\$ 203.34		\$ 750.00		\$ 130.62		\$ 500.00	
10-5-7-85-00 Errors and Omissions	\$ 1,981.00		\$ 2,066.00		\$ 2,155.00		\$ -		\$ 2,850.00	
10-5-7-90-00 Solid Waste Transfer Facility	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 652.78		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 840.80		\$ 1,800.00	
10-5-8-10-00 CVCAC	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00	
10-5-8-11-00 Arts Bus	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	
10-5-8-15-00 Stage Coach	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00		\$ 2,350.00	
10-5-8-17-00 Red Cross	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
10-5-8-18-00 Green Up VT	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 200.00	
10-5-8-20-00 Memorial Day	\$ 250.00		-		\$ 150.00		\$ -		\$ 150.00	
10-5-8-30-00 VT Visiting Nurses	\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,200.00		\$ 3,600.00	
10-5-8-40-00 Randolph Senior Citizens	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	
10-5-8-60-00 Clara Martin Center	\$ 1,905.00		\$ 1,905.00		\$ 1,905.00		\$ 1,905.00		\$ 1,905.00	
10-5-8-70-00 Ctr. for Independent Living	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
10-5-8-71-00 Randolph Area Food Shelf	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
10-5-8-71-01 RACDC	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	
10-5-8-85-00 Orange Co. Parent Child	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00	
10-5-8-90-00 Safe Line	\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00	
10-5-8-96-00 CV Council on Aging	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00	
10-5-8-97-00 Orange Co. Court Diversion	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	
Total General Town Expenses	\$ 445,126.00		\$ 433,919.74		\$ 447,226.00		\$ 216,251.69		\$ 455,839.00	
10-6-1-00-00 Highway Salaries	\$ 153,252.00		\$ 125,277.63		\$ 154,000.00		\$ 65,025.54		\$ 154,000.00	
10-6-1-10-00 Highway Comm. Salary	\$ 600.00		-		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
10-6-2-30-00 Vt. Employ. Ret. Fund	\$ 5,231.00		\$ 7,063.63		\$ 5,245.00		\$ 2,247.59		\$ 5,500.00	
10-6-2-40-00 Unemployment	\$ 5,750.00		\$ 821.00		\$ 5,760.00		\$ 823.00		\$ 5,700.00	
10-6-2-50-00 Health Insurance	\$ 48,145.00		\$ 28,672.43		\$ 44,536.00		\$ 17,186.17		\$ 40,000.00	
10-6-2-60-00 Dental Insurance	\$ 2,900.00		\$ 1,318.29		\$ 3,510.00		\$ 896.34		\$ 3,510.00	
10-6-2-70-00 Life Insurance	\$ 340.00		\$ 145.00		\$ 340.00		\$ 145.20		\$ 340.00	
10-6-2-80-00 Workman's Comp	\$ 9,847.00		\$ 10,372.00		\$ 10,350.00		\$ -		\$ 10,000.00	

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10-6-2-95-00 Mileage Expense	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,171.83	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	\$	3,000.00
10-6-3-01-00 Training	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	500.00
10-6-3-10-00 Salt	\$	12,000.00	\$	17,975.28	\$	15,000.00	\$	3,531.94	\$	15,000.00
10-6-3-15-00 Chloride	\$	8,500.00	\$	8,313.12	\$	8,500.00	\$	8,243.20	\$	8,500.00
10-6-3-20-00 Gravel	\$	40,000.00	\$	56,619.90	\$	40,000.00	\$	25,746.82	\$	50,000.00
10-6-3-25-00 Sand	\$	50,000.00	\$	20,634.25	\$	50,000.00	\$	54,600.00	\$	50,000.00
10-6-3-30-00 Contract Plowing	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,845.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	-	\$	3,000.00
10-6-3-40-00 Roadside Mowing	\$	8,250.00	\$	5,170.00	\$	8,500.00	\$	8,500.00	\$	8,500.00
10-6-3-50-00 Diesel Fuel	\$	50,000.00	\$	30,694.90	\$	50,000.00	\$	-	\$	50,000.00
10-6-3-60-00 Contract Highway Repairs	\$	6,000.00	\$	750.00	\$	6,000.00	\$	-	\$	2,500.00
10-6-4-10-00 Equipment Maint/Repair	\$	45,000.00	\$	72,639.98	\$	50,000.00	\$	22,381.82	\$	55,000.00
10-6-4-10-01 Uniforms & Safety Equip.	\$	4,000.00	\$	3,556.15	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,067.56	\$	4,000.00
10-6-4-20-00 Building Maint/ Repair	\$	7,500.00	\$	10,811.36	\$	7,000.00	\$	988.58	\$	20,000.00
10-6-4-30-00 Electricity	\$	1,600.00	\$	1,728.28	\$	1,800.00	\$	663.56	\$	1,800.00
10-6-4-40-00 Telephone	\$	1,400.00	\$	1,172.88	\$	1,400.00	\$	497.32	\$	1,400.00
10-6-4-50-00 Radios	\$	900.00	\$	(25.00)	\$	900.00	\$	4,546.75	\$	750.00
10-6-4-60-00 Vehicle Insurance	\$	13,277.00	\$	14,441.00	\$	14,450.00	\$	-	\$	17,100.00
10-6-4-70-00 Green Up Vermont	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,005.40	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
10-6-5-10-00 Culverts	\$	7,000.00	\$	-	\$	7,000.00	\$	-	\$	6,000.00
10-6-5-15-00 Bridges	\$	3,500.00	\$	8,947.19	\$	7,500.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
10-6-5-20-00 Wheatley Land	\$	6,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	1,500.00
10-6-5-30-00 Erosion Control	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,193.51	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,832.00	\$	2,000.00
10-6-5-50-00 New Equipment	\$	5,000.00	\$	15,623.59	\$	5,000.00	\$	-	\$	5,000.00
10-6-5-60-00 Road Signs	\$	2,500.00	\$	565.14	\$	2,500.00	\$	-	\$	2,000.00
10-6-5-85-00 Loader Lease	\$	13,700.00	\$	13,677.98	\$	13,700.00	\$	13,677.98	\$	13,700.00
10-6-5-87-01 2015 Truck	\$	50,000.00	\$	46,537.81	\$	60,000.00	\$	154,866.00	\$	55,000.00
10-6-5-90-00 Paving	\$	20,000.00	\$	-	\$	50,000.00	\$	14,544.75	\$	50,000.00
10-6-5-95-00 Road Reconstruction	\$	45,000.00	\$	72,117.55	\$	45,000.00	\$	9,399.00	\$	40,000.00
10-6-7-23-00 Fema - 2013	\$	-	\$	8,078.00	\$	-	\$	55,135.55	\$	-
10-6-7-25-00 FEMA Tree Cleanup	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	34,433.88	\$	-
Total Highway Expenses	\$	637,692.00	\$	594,915.08	\$	687,491.00	\$	506,980.55	\$	691,300.00
Total Expenses	\$	1,082,818.00	\$	1,028,834.82	\$	1,134,717.00	\$	723,232.24	\$	1,147,139.00

Brookfield Tax Rates – 2015 - 2016

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE		
Description	Credits	Debits
General Town Expenses		447,426.00
Town Highway Budget		687,491.00
Town Highway State Aid	142,400.00	
State Snowplow Funding	20,000.00	
Town Clerk's Fees	10,000.00	
Interest	15,000.00	
Hold Harmless	78,026.00	
PILOT Program	8,500.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,500.00	
Fiscal Year Adjustment	176,000.00	
	(455,426.00)	
To Be Raised By Taxes		679,491.00
Municipal Grand List (1%)	1,598,970.00	
Municipal Tax Rate		.4250

EDUCATION TAX RATES	
Residential Rate	1.3282
Non-Residential Rate	1.3756

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.7532
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.8006

Approved by the Selectboard: 8-10-15

Brookfield Delinquent Tax Report
December 31, 2015
Teresa Godfrey, Delinquent Tax Collector

The delinquent taxes are finally getting caught up. I have several property owners who are under a payment plan and are working at paying their back taxes while maintaining their current taxes. I had one tax sale in October and successfully sold the property, which the owner had stated in writing that he no longer wanted the property. Property owners with an "*" next to their name have made consistent payments in the last 6 months. I will be starting the tax sale process after January 14, 2016 for properties that are not making regular payments **and** are delinquent for more than one year.

Principals Owed:

<u>Year</u>	<u>2014 report</u>	<u>2015 report</u>
2003	\$ 1,610.10	\$ 1,430.10
2006	3,602.15	3,602.15
2008	3,287.57	3,287.57
2009	16,061.67	12,232.32
2010	20,920.07	12,089.54
2011	23,862.48	7,760.23
2012	53,631.59	18,915.68
2013-6	11,697.88	3,496.82
2013-2014	75,353.81	32,751.56
2014-2015		62,794.07
Totals	\$210,027.32	\$158,360.04

DELINQUENCIES

2003/2006/2008

PRINCIPAL \$8,319.82
MOORCROFT, JAMES

KING, KARL
LACKEY, PAUL*
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
TOMASI, DONNA

2009

PRINCIPAL \$12,232.32
ALCORN, EVERETT
BROWN, GAYLEN *
LACKEY, PAUL *
MOORCROFT, JAMES
TOMASI, DONNA

2011
PRINCIPAL \$7,760.23
DOW & HOLLANDER*
KING, KARL
LACKEY, PAUL*
LAVOIE, MARK*
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
TOMASI, DONNA

2010

PRINCIPAL \$12,089.54
ALCORN, EVERETT
HUMPHREY, WALTER

2012**PRINCIPAL \$18,915.68**

ALCORN, EVERETT
DOERFER, JANE *
DOW & HOLLANDER *
FONTANELLA, WAYNE *
FOOTE, PHILIP *
FRENCH, JAMES
JAVERY, THOMAS *
KING, KARL
LACKEY, PAUL *
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL *
TOMASI, DONNA

2013-6**PRINCIPAL \$3,496.82**

BROWN, GAYLEN *
DOW & HOLLANDER *
FRENCH, JAMES
JAVERY, THOMAS *
KING, KARL
LACKEY, PAUL *
MOORCROFT, JAMES
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL *
TOMASI, DONNA

2013-2014**PRINCIPAL \$33,915.06**

ALCORN, EVERETT
BROWN, GAYLEN *
DE MARTINI, PAUL
DOW & HOLLANDER *
FOOTE, PHILIP *
FRENCH, JAMES
GODIN, DANIELLE
GRADY, WILLIAM *
JAVERY, THOMAS *
JDI PROPERTIES INC *
KARALEKAS, GEORGE
KING, KARL
LACKEY, PAUL *
LAVOIE, MARK *
MAXEY, WALTER *

MOORCROFT, JAMES
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
PENNEY, JOSEPH*
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL*
TAPLIN, THERESA*
TOMASI, DONNA
ZANI, CHARLES*

2014-2015**PRINCIPAL \$62,794.07**

ALCORN, EVERETT
BROWN, GAYLEN*
BURNS, RICHARD
CAMP, Nanci
DE MARTINI, PAUL
DOERFER, JANE*
DOW & HOLLANDER*
FOOTE, PHILIP*
FRENCH, JAMES
HOOD, DOUGLAS*
JAVERY, THOMAS*
JDI PROPERTIES INC.*
KARALEKAS, GEORGE
KING, KARL
KIRKPATRICK, JAMES JR*
LACKEY, PAUL *
MARTIN, PATRICK
MAXEY, WALTER*
MDL-PRL LLC
MOORCROFT, JAMES
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
PEMBERTON, PATRICK*
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL*
TAPLIN, THERESA*
TOMASI, DONNA
TOULIS, STEVEN*
YOUNG, THOMAS
ZEBORA, GEORGE

Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department 2015

During the past year, the Fire Department responded to the following calls:

Accidents	22	Chimney fires	3
Rescue	2	Vehicle fires	1
Structure fires	1	Power Line/Tree	5
False alarms	3	Grass/Forest Fire	4
Mutual Aid	11	CO2 Detector	2
Hazardous Mat.	1		

The Fire Department logged 895 man-hours on these calls and over 430 man-hours in training/equipment maintenance during 2015.

Kevin Stoddard and Jessica Kelley completed the Firefighter 1 course this Spring and are now certified.

In September 2015 we purchased a new 4 gas detector. This allows us to check the air quality in your home for any unsafe levels of CO2 or other abnormal gases. We also purchased 4 new “Scott” SCBAs and 4 spare bottles. This will update our now-ageing SCBAs and allow us to also get better serviceability as nobody in the Northeast is able to service the “Survivair” PACs we have now. In October we received 10 new sets of bunker cats and pants. A lot of the ones that were in service were worn heavily or did not fit properly as they had been passed down from other people.

In November our Engine 1 went back to Dingee Machine for a couple of minor warranty issues. While it was there they serviced the pump and upgraded the reflective string on the back for better visibility. Two of our scene lights were also upgraded to LED ones which are more reliable and give us better visibility at a fire or accident scene.

I hope everyone has a fire and accident free 2016, but always remember we are here 24/7 if you need us.

Sincerely: Kevin Wheatley, Fire Chief

Fire Department Proposed 2016 Budget

	ITEM	2016 (Proposed) Budget (12 month)	2015 Budget (12 Month)
	Building		
5150	Fuel Oil	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
5120	Electricity	\$800.00	\$800.00

5156	LP Gas	\$100.00	\$100.00
5141	Maintenance	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
5400	Dues & Training	\$600.00	\$600.00
5140	Apparatus Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
5145	Fuel (gas for portables/etc.)	\$200.00	\$100.00
5160	Compensation	\$7,500.00	\$6,500.00
5200	Air Compressor/Generator	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Communications		
5110	Radio Repairs	\$2,100.00	\$1,500.00
5100	Dispatch Services	\$7,400.00	\$6,800.00
5115	Depreciation	\$400.00	\$400.00
5155	Equipment Maintenance	\$500.00	\$500.00
5170	Personal Safety Equipment	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
5130	Auxiliary Equipment	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
5210	Fire Hose	\$650.00	\$650.00
5600	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00
5800	Air Bottle	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$30,350.00	\$30,550.00

Brookfield Cemetery Committee 2015

Besides the excellent mowing maintenance by Jason's Handiwork, various townspeople have helped committee members tackle the many and varied projects needing attention. Fencing at the Old Brookfield Center Cemetery has been repaired and repainted. Two huge, dying trees at the back were removed. Low, overhanging branches on the road side were removed. Ron LaPerle and Bill Behuniak helped with this huge job and others. Ron has righted downed gravestones, and Joe Managan of Kirk Yard Service is 'cementing' back together broken gravestones. There are many more needing repair. Melanie Laracque has been invaluable, with her years of knowledge of town history, in leading the huge job of putting records to rights. Many hours have been spent probing for grave markers which tend to end up beneath the sod.

Bonnie's term is finished, but she is still mapping East Hill Cemetery. We never found an old map for it. Melanie's and Mike's terms expire in March, 2017. New committee members, and volunteers are needed. With five cemeteries, there are many tasks that need attention: the hunt for corner stones; spending time with people looking for new, and old grave sites; reclamation of old stones; clearing brush; setting out flags at veterans' graves, then removing and burning them at summer's end; leveling and seeding sunken gravesites (which we hope to begin this year); tending to financial concerns.

Serving the town in this capacity has its rewards: our long and rich history becomes apparent; honoring those who took part, and respectfully working with those looking for a resting place give our lives deeper meaning. All of this requires well-tended cemeteries. Please consider taking our places or being a volunteer.

Budget: \$30,000

Expenses:

Jason's Handiwork	
(Jason Herring, Randolph)	\$13,338.30
Mike Herold	226.78
Melanie Larocque	275.08
Ron LaPerle	1,285.40
William Behuniak	525.00
Kirk Yard Service	
(repair of gravestones)	6,930.00
Flag 'stands'	644.79

Totals:	\$23,225.35
Balance:	6,774.65

Sale of 2 full plots	\$4,300.00
Sale of 2 1/4 plots	1,150.00

Budget request for July 2016 - June 2017: \$30,000

Respectfully submitted: Michael Herold, Melanie Larocque, Bonnie Fallon

Proposed Library Budget FY 2016-2017

Income:

Town of Brookfield:	\$4,700.00
Book Sale:	\$ 200.00
Vermont State:	\$ 50.00
Donations:	\$ 50.00
Dividends/Gains:	\$1,065.00
Total:	\$6,065.00

Expenses:

Computer/Equipment:	\$ 150.00
Maintenance:	\$ 250.00
Media:	\$3,800.00
Memberships:	\$ 225.00
Postage:	\$ 240.00
Programs:	\$ 500.00
Rental:	\$ 150.00
Supplies:	\$ 50.00
Telephone:	\$ 340.00
Travel:	\$ 400.00
Total:	\$6,065.00

Note: the budget envisions no increase in the contribution from the Town. Rentals include venue rentals for programs. Memberships includes membership for Shelburne Museum and VINS for use by Town residents.

The Trustees of the Library would like to change the way the librarian's pay is represented in the town budget. As it stands now there is a single line item in the budget; however, there is a librarian and an assistant, and they receive different rates of pay. To remedy this situation, the Trustees suggest that there be two line items in the budget for librarian pay: the first, for the Librarian, would be for \$11,100.00; the second, for the assistant librarian, would be \$1,200.00. The total

of these two lines would be \$12,300.00, an increase of \$550.00 from the prior fiscal year.

Highway Department

Note: if anyone has need for fill material, please contact the Highway Department. Remainder from ditch cleaning and related maintenance will be available in Fall 2016.

As in the past: too many road signs are being stolen in the town of Brookfield. Not only are the signs expensive, but the time and cost invested in their replacement must be considered. All should consider the cost involved in keeping our town roads marked. If you know anyone with Brookfield road signs please have them returned to the town garage.

We want to thank Arnold Chase for his valuable help with road repair and grading. We've been fortunate to have his expertise.

Ray Peck, Road Foreman

Note: The Town's policy regarding use of the Town's sand supply for private driveways is: residents are allowed to collect up to 15 gallons of sand (the equivalent of 3 x 5-gallon buckets) per trip to the Highway Department garage. (Adopted by the Selectboard: December 26, 2005)

Brookfield Town Forester Report – 2015

This year was the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the legislation that allowed for the creation of town forests. So to honor this occasion I lead a hike at the Brookfield Town Forest to see the forest management that had been completed and talk about how the town forest benefits the residents of Brookfield. That same day, Murray Evans and I installed two wooden "Brookfield Town Forest" signs to let residents know the location of the several units of the town forest. Below is a

photo of our hiking group that day. Thanks to Kate Forrer for the photo.

Finally, I wanted to thank all those landowners in Brookfield who continue to allow for various recreational uses of their land. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Jon Binhammer, Town Forester, 276-3260 (maple@myfairpoint.net)



Town Constable Report 2015

I responded to a total of 47 calls in 2015; that is 57 man hours.

Many of the calls were neighbors fighting with neighbors. We need to stop using our animals as a tool for those who can't get along.

Please keep in mind animals don't take care of themselves we have to be responsible pet owners.

All dogs need to be licensed and updated Rabies shots by April 1st every year.

Thank you for a great year and looking forward to serving you in 2016.

Kevin Joyal, First Constable

Green Up Day 2016

Green Up Day 2016 will be Saturday, May 7th. The Town Garage will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to receive roadside trash. Please take you own tires and hazardous waste to the Randolph landfill.

The trash bin provided by Doug Haggett turned in a bill for \$349.40. The collected tires cost \$656. No income for metal items was listed; probably a bin needs to be filled up, and not much was brought in.

With more than 1,000 people in Brookfield, the average number of 40 arriving at the garage with trash, some making two trips, is underwhelming. Fewer than 10 kids came with parents. Green Up is no longer stated funded – it is privately run and much less sponsored by businesses.

Again, I make a plea for a larger than \$100 contribution from the Town, but more importantly, contributions by citizens would help maintain this valuable annual service. Call me for the address.

The Green Up bags should be at the Brookfield Elementary School and Town Office at least a week before May 7th.

Respectfully submitted: Bonnie Fallon (276-3105)

Brookfield Historical Society - 2015

Last winter was unusually cold and long in Brookfield. The annual Ice-Out Contest sponsored by the Historical Society finally came to a conclusion on April 28th when a cinder block attached to "Dunkin," the ice-out monitor on Brookfield's Sunset Pond, fell through the decaying ice at 5:32 am. Seventeen guesses in the pool specified the correct ice-out day, but contestant Tim Schroeder of Brookfield won the prize money with the closest estimate of 5:00 am.

Brookfield's unique Floating Bridge, first constructed in 1820, was replaced for the eighth time in May and celebrated with impressive ceremony and community festivities. Several members of the Historical Society deserve special recognition for the roles they played in paving the way for this achievement. Elinor Gray provided valuable historical research about the bridge that was instrumental in convincing state and federal authorities to replace the historic structure. Perry Kacik presided over the daunting task of organizing dozens of volunteers engaged in planning and executing the activities associated with the opening of the bridge. Greg Wight, the treasurer of the celebration committee, was remarkably successful devising a strategy to finance celebration activities.

Settlement of the estate of James W. Gerard (1935-2013) provided a generous legacy to strengthen several Brookfield institutions: the Library, the Pond Village Church, and the Historical Society. James and his life partner, Richard Slappey, co-founded the Ashgate Publishing Company headquartered in Brookfield where Jim's family had long maintained a home. Recognizing the importance of institutions that sustain communities, Jim supported worthy endeavors in Brookfield and elsewhere in Vermont. Committed to public service, Jim served on a number of public boards including the Brookfield Historical Society, the Gifford Medical Center, and the Vermont Public Research Interest Group.

Progress was made this past summer in removing trees that constituted substantial hazards either for visitors to the Marvin Newton House or passersby. The Brookfield Selectboard made arrangements to remove two very large and lifeless maple trees bordering the Ridge Road. Offers to replace these ancient landmarks with maple saplings would be gratefully considered. Later in the summer the Sauer Family (Greg, Kathleen and their son Rafe) removed a large maple tree overhanging the north side of the Newton House. This volunteer effort, not the first of its kind by the Sauers, was another important step in eliminating a potential threat to the historic headquarters of the Society. Thanks to their hard work and the prudent initiative of the selectboard the Society was spared considerable expense.

In August the Society hosted the annual Helen Daly and Margaret Stone Ice Cream Social at the Marvin Newton House. The event, organized by Pat and Ray Mayer, was well attended and favored by fine summer weather. As she has done in the past Barbara Daly provided a choice array of cookies from her kitchen. Those attending the event enjoyed the lively music of the Bear Mountain Jammers led by Larry Brassard.

At the 82nd annual meeting of the Society held in October singer, musician,

and scholar Burt Porter presented a program on “The British Ballad Tradition in New England.” The performance, co-sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council, was well received by a greatly appreciated audience.

The Society has completed the first step of a multi-stage commitment to preserve the integrity of the historic Marvin Newton House. New clapboards on the south side of the house were painted last summer and restoration of window sash began. However, volunteers are needed for the upcoming painting season to continue the window reglazing project.

Society announcement, newsletters, and an archive of Brookfield-related historical materials can be found at:

<http://brookfieldhistoricalsociety.wordpress.co>

Current Trustees:

Gary Lord, President; Roy MacAskill, Vice President; Greg Wight, Treasurer; Janet Martin, Secretary; Jackie Wilder, Curator; Elinor Gray, Historian/Genealogist; Greg Sauer, News and Blog Editor; Perry Kacik, Membership Director; Bonnie Fallon, Pat Mayer, Barbara Daly, Elaine Manghi Buck

Submitted by Gary Lord

Brookfield Community Partnership

2015 was the second year of a \$19,000 matching grant from the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation (VDHP) to make improvements to the exterior of the historic Brookfield Town Hall in a way that preserves its historic character.

We replaced a number of rotten or cracked clapboards on the front and sides of the building. Additional clapboards were installed in the space where two windows had been taken out, when the building was used as a post office many years ago. One can see where there had been two windows, because the casings are still in place, but now there are clapboards where the window panes had been. This helps to preserve the architectural and historical integrity of the original building.

The door to the lower level of the building was re-hung. It had been out of alignment for decades, but now it opens and closes properly and it can be locked. This makes the lower level more accessible, as we renovate the space for future uses.

All of these projects were contracted out to professional restorationists, thanks to the VDHP grant, a grant from the Lamson Howell Foundation, and matching funds from generous donors.

Another critical project was the procurement and installation of an electrically-operated movie screen in the auditorium. The screen was donated and the installation was accomplished by volunteers. This is another example of the ways the Old Town Hall is rising again thanks to creative and generous folks in Brookfield.

The Old Town Hall was a popular setting for a number of weddings and other events in 2015. Renters have heard about the beautiful large hall, and the newly-outfitted caterer's kitchen. The Rental committee has worked hard to attract rentals that are convenient and accommodating. Rentals range from \$75 to \$300. Brookfield residents and non-profit organizations receive a discounted rate.

Throughout the summer there was an exciting mix of events at the Old Town Hall. The activities included pot luck suppers, a cheese tasting, family fun days, movies, Bingo, musical events, a tea party, a No Strings Marionettes show, a Souper Supper, an Energy Fair, and a Market Day with a silent auction and an indoor yard sale. Most events were free of charge. The Events Committee is an enthusiastic group, which welcomes new members for this year.

Board of Trustees: Ted Elzey, Chair; Steve Reid, Vice Chair; Jon Binhammer, Secretary; Dan Childs, Treasurer; Billi Gosh, Elinor Gray, Betsy Hale, Perry Kacik, Curtis Koren, Ed Koren.

For information contact us at 276-3020.

Floating Bridge Celebration Committee

The Brookfield Floating Bridge Celebration Committee would like to thank all the volunteers, supporters, vendors, parade participants and guests who worked on and attended the May 23 and 24, 2015 rousing celebration, ceremony, parade and musical events. Many told us that this was a wonderful event that brought cheer and fellowship to nearly everyone involved, with the kind of fun and friendship that is a heritage in our town. It was reported that our town was visited by nearly 2,000 during the festivities - not bad for a town of about 1,200!

Special thanks go to the 3 musical groups who graciously brought harmony and foot-stomping to us for the two days: the Trailer Blazers Band, The Bear Mountain Jammers, and the Flowting Bridge Band (yes it's spelled that way!), all Brookfield-based ensembles.

Also kudos for excellent safety support service from the Orange County Sheriff's Department, White River Valley Ambulance and Stockwell's Auto Towing. And we kept the village pretty clean and comfortable with Haggett Trucking & Rubbish Removal and JB Portable Toilets. Thank you to our Selectboard, John Benson, Cory Haggett and Jeff Kimmel, for giving us the initial encouragement to organize the Celebration. And we want to thank the Norwich University group of graduates, commissioned officers that were awaiting assignment orders, who gave superb traffic/parking advice and support.

And, of course, thanks to all the generous organizations, businesses and people who provided financial and other support for the event:

Brookfield Community Partnership, Brookfield Historical Society, Brookfield Town Selectboard, Century 21 The Mill Stone Agency, Chelsea Animal Hospital, First Congregational Church of Brookfield, Floating Bridge Food & Farms Coop, Frankenburg Agency Inc., Haggett Trucking & Rubbish Removal, Hance Electric, JB Portable Toilets, Kacik Consulting Services LLC, The Klemick Family, Ed Koren, Liberty Orchard, Mascoma Savings Bank, Miller Construction, Northfield Savings Bank, Orange County Sheriff's Department, Rural Vermont Real Estate, Sheriff Bill Bohnyak, Sprague Ranch, Town of Randolph, T. Y. Lin International, White River Valley Chamber of Commerce

The Celebration was highlighted throughout our state media outlets, on the Associated Press and even national networks. Many of the media reports, photos and videos about the Celebration are on our Facebook page which can be accessed via the Town website at www.brookfieldvt.org.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in for the Celebration!

Brookfield Floating Bridge Celebration Committee: Perry Kacik (Chair), John Benson, Bill Bohnyak, Carol Bushey, Ted Elzey, Elinor Gray, Betsy Hale, Clotilde Hyrshko, Joy Kacik, Gary Lord, Laura Olsen, Mari Omland, Sandra Schmidt, Patty Schroeder, Tim Schroeder, Emma Schumann, Greg Wight

Dog Licenses Sold 2015

There were 244 dogs registered in 2015 (an increase of 33 from last year. For every license sold, \$4.00 is paid to the State of Vermont for rabies control and spay/neuter programs. This amount has been increased to \$5.00 by the State beginning August 1, 2015. Some of the money goes towards the purchase of the tags and registration forms.

It is extremely important that all dogs are registered. Several times during the year, the Town Constable is contacted for stray dogs. With a current tag, he is able to find the owner.

A second reason to register is that we keep a copy of current rabies certificates at the office. If a dog bites anyone, we have proof that the dog has had its rabies shot.

Registration Fees:

(Please note the increase of \$1.00 for the State.)

On or before April 1 st	spayed/neutered dog	\$ 9.00
	unaltered dog	13.00
After April 1 st	spayed/neutered dog	11.00
	unaltered dog	17.00

2016 Rabies Clinics

There will be 2 rabies clinics in the area this year. You will be able to register your dog(s) at the clinics. The first will be held at the Randolph Regional Veterinary Hospital at 86 Dylan Drive in Randolph on Saturday, **March 12th from 9-12**. The second will be held at the Brookfield Elementary School on **March 26th from 9-12** with Dr. William Barry.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

Brookfield Public Safety Advisory Committee

The Brookfield Public Safety Advisory Committee was formed in response to actions taken at the March 3, 2015 Town Meeting. In that meeting there was discussion in response to Article 5 (which was voted down) and Article 6 (which was passed with an amendment) about law enforcement needs in Brookfield. The amendment to Article 6 increased the budget for the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) contract from \$6,000 to \$12,000. The Town Selectboard agreed to appoint a committee to advise the board on law enforcement matters. The committee has met several times and will hold additional meetings as required.

The committee has met with William (Bill) Bohnyak, Orange County Sheriff and Sgt. Eric Hudson, Vermont State Police to learn how their agencies provide law enforcement services to the Town of Brookfield.

The committee has recommended the following to the Select Board:

- That the 2016/2017 budget for the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) be continued at \$12,000 per year.

- That the Selectboard update the Town of Brookfield Traffic Ordinance dated November 14, 1994.
- That the Selectboard purchase and install sufficient signs to conform with the updated traffic ordinance.

The committee has determined that there should be a Community Law Enforcement Education event held for interested citizens. The event is planned for April 16th at the Brookfield Elementary School. More information will be available at the Town Meeting on March 1, 2016 and will be posted on the town website <http://www.brookfieldvt.org/>.

Respectfully Submitted: Stuart Edson, Joy Kacik, Kevin Joyal, Lewis Stowell

ECFiber and Brookfield

Brookfield is a member of ECFiber, a consortium of 24 towns in East-Central Vermont that is building a community-owned, fiber-optic network to deliver high-speed Internet to every home, business, and civic institution in our territory. Our top priority is reaching as many unserved locations as possible, with a focus on back roads and outlying neighborhoods. By the end of 2015 there will be about 1200 subscribers.

As a result of a grant from the Vermont Telecommunications Authority, fiber optic cable was installed in the Kibbee Road/Snow Road neighborhood during the summer of 2015. ECFiber anticipates hooking up residents along that route, as well as residents in West Brookfield in early 2016. During 2015 ECFiber also extended its network into Chelsea and Tunbridge, expanded service in Randolph and Norwich, and successfully lobbied the state legislature to allow for the creation of telecommunication utility districts. This law enabled creation of the East Central Vermont Telecommunications District (ECVTD), which became active early in 2016. By replacing the “inter-local contract” with the more familiar municipal utility district, ECFiber expects to open the possibility of much larger investments. Utility Districts are a standard means for doing public business. The result of this switch should be a much more rapid completion of the ECFiber network, including Brookfield.

For more information visit ECFiber.Net, or contact local delegates Dan Childs or Stuart Edson, or send an e-mail to Brookfield@ecfiber.net.

Brookfield Administrative Officer 2015 Report

The following actions have been taken during the year 2015:

Development Permit Actions	27
Subdivision Permit Actions	2

Notification Letters	20
Referral to the Board of Adjustment	4
Referral to the Planning Commission	3

Notification letters are from the Administrative Officer and also Brookfield land owners in accord with the Development Bylaws

I have answered by telephone over 50 inquiries from property owners, real estate agents, real estate appraisers, potential purchasers and title attorneys, as well as state officials.

There are Town Planning maps at the Town Offices. These maps are helpful in clarifying the various zoning districts as well as FEMA floodplains and more or less than 25% slope and wetlands. Please refer to the maps when you apply for building permits or wish to determine what zoning district a particular lot is in. If you are a real estate person, please purchase a map for reference.

Also, there are State permits that must be obtained before building certain structures. Be certain the State permits are in place prior to applying for a building or subdivision permit.

There is a booklet in the Town Office that includes all the applicable bylaws for development, including:

- Development Bylaws (dated April 12, 2010)
- Subdivision Regulations (dated November 14, 2005)
- Flood Hazard Bylaws (dated 2006)
- Shoreland Bylaws (dated 1980)

Please refer to the appropriate bylaws when you apply for a permit. There is also a Town Plan (dated January 24, 2011).

Please check the town website for information and application forms (brookfieldvt.org).

Respectfully submitted,
Diane (Dee) Montie, Administrative Officer
Marda Donner, Assistant Administrative Officer.

9-1-1 Report

If an emergency responder cannot locate your residence, is it because you do not have your assigned 9-1-1 address displayed so it can be seen from the road? Is your residence one of the many throughout Brookfield that does not display your 9-1-1 address? Emergency responders – State Police and/or

ambulance – may be responding based on receiving a phone call. Help them help you – show/display your 9-1-1 address.

Is there someone residing in your residence who has a physical disability? Hard of hearing? There is an E911 Disability Designation form on the E911 website – link <http://e911.vermont.gov/sites/e911/files/pdf/E911-DisabilityDesignation.pdf> - where these disabilities can be identified so the emergency responders will be aware of the disability challenges when responding to and approaching a residence. Help them help you in a time of need.

Questions? Contact me at 276-3277, Chuck Barnum, 9-1-1 Coordinator

Safeline is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides free and confidential services to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County, Vermont.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, Safeline staff and volunteers provided approximately 3,284 services and worked with 434 individuals throughout our service area. Of that number, **approximately 63 services for 7 victims identified themselves as residents of Brookfield.** It is likely that these statistics are understated, as victims often choose not to give any identifying information out of fear for their own safety.

A trained advocate is always available to provide crisis support, safety planning, resources, information and referral through Safeline's 24/7 Hotline (1-800-639-7233). Survivors can also choose from a wide array of other free and confidential services including legal advocacy, economic empowerment, financial management, and day shelter services.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline is a resource to the community and is committed to changing our culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline offers a full range of prevention education activities, media resources and training curricula.



CLARA MARTIN CENTER On behalf of the Clara Martin Center, we would like to request that the amount of \$1905 be placed on the warning for Town Meeting 2016. This is the same figure we have asked for in prior years.

Clara Martin Center provides a multitude of services throughout greater Orange County to best meet the needs of community members in a holistic approach. These include individual, couples, and group therapy and services for co-occurring mental health and substance abuse. We also offer psychiatric

consultations and evaluations and medication management services. Services are confidential and include:

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School/Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community/resource asst.
- Hospital Diversion
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol & drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24 hour emergency services

Clara Martin Center is your local community mental health agency, providing behavioral health and substance abuse services to the greater Orange County area for the last 50 years. In 2015, 37 Town of Brookfield community members accessed Clara Martin Center services.

With 50 years of experience and leadership under our belt, Clara Martin Center remains positioned to meet the needs and challenges of the communities we serve. Recent events in our communities have spotlighted opiate use, where Clara Martin Center is at the forefront of this epidemic, providing help to those in the community dealing with this problem. Anyone can get help through our Substance Abuse programming by simply walking through our doors, or calling 728-4466.

Prevention programming for at-risk teens through Clara Martin Center's TAY (Transition Age Youth) puts clinicians out on the street to engage and connect with youth in order to intervene and/or treat substance abuse and mental health issues that impact their ability to thrive in the world. This program aims to reduce the risk factors for youth by helping them to obtain and keep stable housing, jobs, and build skills to achieve long term success in their lives for themselves and others. For more information about Clara Martin Services, visit our website at www.claramartin.org.

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) would like to request \$350 from the Town of Brookfield for fiscal year 2015-16.

CVCOA is the primary agency serving older Vermonters aged 60 and over as well as their families and caregivers throughout the 54 towns of Central Vermont. We are a private nonprofit organization that assists these elders to remain independent for as long as possible. All services are made available to our clients at no charge, without regard to health, income, or other resources.

The funding provided by the 54 Central Vermont towns we serve is essential to CVCOA, and directly serves its mission of supporting elders and family caregivers in leading self-determined, healthy, interdependent, meaningful and dignified lives

in their homes and communities. We accomplish this by connecting seniors to a wide array of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive.

The financial support from Brookfield helps to ensure that the resources are available to support the well-being of older Vermonters in your town.

All of us at CVCOA thank the residents of Brookfield for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of those who have contributed to making the Central Vermont Communities what they are today.

Your annual appropriation supports our Case Management Department which provides a variety of services in helping older Vermonters remain as independent as possible in their homes and communities. These services include in-home case management, information and assistance, and health insurance counseling.

In the past year, we have touched the lives of thousands of elders throughout Central Vermont, including 20 Brookfield families. Brenda Traegle is the Case Manager dedicated to serving the seniors in Brookfield and provided at least 31 hours of service directly with 5 seniors in the past year. In addition, our Senior HelpLine has responded to 18 calls and 14 seniors received nutritional support through our wellness programs.

Greater Randolph Senior Center

The Greater Randolph Senior Center requests that you put to ballot our request for a \$2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) appropriation from Brookfield's voters. Our service area is Brookfield, Braintree, and Randolph. [We request \$2,000 from Braintree and Brookfield and \$15,000 from Randolph.] During our fiscal year 2014, the Center provided over 14,823 meals (partially funded through Central VT Council on Aging); just over 10,000 of them were delivered to people at home through our Meals on Wheels program, which helps seniors and the disabled to live independently in their own homes and continue to participate in their communities. The Center served over 4,500 lunches to people who came to the Center to meet with friends and join in such activities as bingo, card games, book club, mahjongg, foot clinics, flu clinics, crafts, writing and exercise classes, live music, speakers, and trips. Adults of all ages are welcome and encouraged to become involved in our activities and take advantage of our meals programs.

While we are aware that Brookfield residents are able to go to other senior centers, our center is tasked with providing the Meals on Wheels program to any Brookfield resident who needs it. If there is anyone who could benefit from a nutritious meal delivered to their home each day (Monday-Thursday, with frozen meals included for the weekend, if requested), please have them call us. For our fiscal year (ending Sept 30, 2014) we were delivering to four residents in Brookfield. For this fiscal year, we were delivering to two residents. There is a group from Brookfield who join friends at lunch for some of our more popular menus. We no longer have a Brookfield resident on the board; however, we would

like to have two. There are many Brookfield residents receiving our newsletter and who use the Center for family parties/dinners or for meetings.

We receive revenues from participant donations in our meals programs; from community members of Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph; from municipal contributions, fundraising activities, Bequests, gifts made “In Memory of” and from the Central Vermont Council on Aging and Vermont Center for Independent Living.

We depend heavily on volunteers. Volunteers help in the kitchen, serve lunch and set and bus lunch tables, deliver Meals on Wheels, bake goods for our many fund raisers, fold and label the monthly newsletters, provide computer and AARP tax assistance, host educational programs, and, in general, make the Center a rewarding place to visit. [We reimburse 30 cents a mile to our drivers.] Our Board of Directors is made up of volunteers and each serves a 3-year term.

The continued support of the Brookfield community helps to ensure that our Meals on Wheels program is available to any residents who need it, whether on a temporary or permanent basis, and that the Center remains open and functioning as a social center.

Emilie P. Daniel, Executive Director

Vermont Center for Independent Living

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary numbers for our FY’15 (10/2014-9/2015) show VCIL responded to over **2,250** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **313** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **16** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL’s Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **221** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 68 of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **103** individuals with information on assistive technology; 42 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **481** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '15, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at: 1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

Capstone Community Action

Capstone Community Action thanks the residents of Brookfield for their generous support this year!

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action (formerly known as Central Vermont Community Action Council) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 18,187 people in 8,895 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, healthcare navigation, ongoing disaster relief, and more.

Programs and services accessed by 74 Brookfield households representing 106 individuals this past year included:

- 16 individuals in 8 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 16 households with 32 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 4 individuals in 3 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 1 homeless individual with 1 homeless family member worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.

- 1 household received emergency furnace repairs, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 3 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 10 residents, including 1 senior.
- 1 person attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 1 entrepreneur received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 2 childcare providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 21 children in their care.
- 13 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 5 people received information and assistance for signing up for Vermont Health Connect.

Capstone Community Action respectfully requests a budget allocation of \$300 from the citizens of Brookfield to be determined at the next Town Meeting. Our request remains the same as last year; we are not seeking an increase.

County of Orange, Vermont Annual Report 2015

This report highlights the activities and expenses of Orange County during the county's 2015 fiscal year which began February 1, 2015, and ended January 31, 2016.

County Support for the Sheriff's Department

The Orange County budget supports operations at the Sheriff's Department except the salaries of the Sheriff and deputies. The Sheriff's department budget accounts for about 60% of the total county budget. We support the Sheriff's department at a higher level than many surrounding counties due to the fact that there are no other 24/7 staffed law enforcement agencies in Orange County. The specific spending on the budget varies some year to year based on the size of the department and whether the Sheriff requests increases for various expenditures. You can call the Sheriff's department directly for assistance at all hours: 685-4875.

County Courthouse

A significant repair, repainting and restoration project on the courthouse bell tower was completed in October 2015. The project has been in the works for over two years. The final cost of the project was \$137,800. An \$18,000 grant from the Vermont Division of Historic Preservation helped defray the cost. The remaining funds were taken from the county capital reserve fund.

Constructed in 1847, the bell tower is original to the courthouse and contains the original bronze bell that was cast in 1714. Several years ago we learned that the tower needed repainting which involved lead paint remediation. Further investigation revealed important structural repairs. The original copperclad dome had lost almost all of its gilding and we looked to restore that as well. The project was put out to bid in 2014 and Skyline Engineers of Fitchburg, MA was awarded the contract. Steve Quinn led the crew that worked on the project and he personally regilded the dome. A significant amount of the work is not visible from the sidewalk yet means that the bell tower ought to be structurally sound and looking good for another hundred years.

Beginning with the 2016 budget we are rebuilding the capital reserve fund knowing that we are looking to replace the courthouse boiler in 2017. We encourage more interest and participation in the budgeting process. The preliminary budget hearing is always held in mid-December and the annual meeting in the last week of January. As per statute, we send notices of these meetings and copies of the proposed budget to town clerks and selectboards and publish notices in *The Journal Opinion* and *The Herald of Randolph*.

Please contact us with questions or comments at the courthouse (685-4610).

The Assistant Judges of Orange County: Joyce McKeeman, Corinth and Vickie Weiss, Tunbridge.

Orange County Sheriff's Department

In 2015 the Orange County Sheriff's Office provided a wide variety of proactive and reactive services in the Town of Brookfield. In addition to the town contract hours, the Sheriff's office utilized funding from DUI grants and other sources to provide Brookfield with law enforcement presence.

The Sheriff's office responded to over 52 calls for service in Brookfield in 2015. The nature of these calls varied to include burglaries larcenies, vandalisms, family problems, juvenile problems, sex crimes and traffic problems to name a few. This year 27 traffic tickets were issued throughout the Town.

This year the Town voted to increase our contract, which went into effect July 1st. This has increased our presence in your community which resulted in 10 less complaints. During the month of November, I met with the newly formed Public Safety Advisory Committee made up of several town residents. Our current goal is see how the Sheriff's office can best serve the Town.

Once again prescription drug abuse, mainly opiates, appears to be the biggest factor behind thefts and burglaries. I have been working with our legislators in Montpelier on this issue. I have informed our legislators that as we tighten up the prescription drugs the addiction to these drugs drives people to switch to the street heroin. I have made recommendations about drug users going to rehabilitation on a

volunteer basis instead of jail. However if a drug user does not want to go voluntarily then they must go through drug treatment in jail.

The Orange County Sheriff's Office looks forward to continuing to provide law enforcement services to the Town of Brookfield.

William Bohnyak, Sheriff

Orange County Parent Child Center Inc. (OCPCC)

One of 15 parent child centers in Vermont, the Orange County Parent Child Center strengthens families with young children and connects them to their communities. We accomplish this through home visiting, supervised visitation, weekly playgroups, case management, onsite programming, and community outreach events. Some of our programs serve all families while others require income eligibility or place an emphasis on pregnant and parenting teens and families lacking support due to social isolation, poverty, insecure housing, or lack of other vital community resources.

OCPCC's programs include: Children's Integrated Services Family Support and Family Support Nursing, Welcome Baby visits, six free community playgroups, Kids Place supervised visitation and exchanges, Reach Up case management, Families Learning Together program, Early Care & Education for children 6 weeks to 5 years, parent education, kinship care support groups, and resource & referral services. You can learn more at www.orangecountypcc.org.

Last year, with the continued support of your community, we were able to serve 18 families from Brookfield including 45 adults and 39 children. Your support of \$1,000 allows us to continue serving young children and families in Brookfield.

Mary Ellen Otis, Executive Director

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCCDP) is a community based, cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders referred by the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion.

A citizen Review Board, comprised of volunteers throughout Orange County, interviews each offender. The main criteria for acceptance into the program are an admission of wrongdoing and a willingness to take responsibility for the offense. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs of both the victim and the community, and held responsible for amending the wrongdoing. Approximately 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete it. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.

The Orange County Court Diversion program also administers Orange County's Teen Alcohol Safety Program for civil offenses of underage drinking and minors in possession of marijuana.

A total of 150 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2015. Of this amount, 58 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 99 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. During FY15, OCCDP processed 7 cases in which the offender either resided in Brookfield, and/or the offense occurred in Brookfield. OCCDP's FY15 operating budget was \$105,422.00

For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Brookfield appropriated \$200.00 for FY15 to support OCCDP. Our program is requesting the same appropriation for FY16.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

The Arts Bus Project: The Arts Bus, Inc. has been on the road since 2010, providing children ages 1-14 with opportunities to explore their individual creativity and develop their innovative abilities through the arts. A diverse curriculum of performing, visual and literary arts instruction and related projects and activities is offered by a talented and committed staff of artist-mentors, all of whom live and work in the communities we serve.

When a child or adult walks onto the bus, they will find any number of activities prepared for them to enjoy: ceramics, music and movement, painting, mask making, visual arts, writing and storytelling, paper arts, theater and drama, clowning and mime. . . the list goes on, limited only by the boundless imaginations of our artists. There is no charge to participants to come on board the bus and enjoy our art activities; Arts Bus funds its programming through local donations, grants, and fundraisers.

Arts Bus thanks all those who have contributed to our organization, which has kept the bus rolling, as well as our wonderful volunteers! Working together on this locally developed, grassroots organization has made it possible to not only arrive at our 5 year milestone, but to grow and expand along the way (our original route in 2010 included 4 towns, and we are now up to 13 towns with 100+ stops a year).

The Arts Bus is requesting \$1,200 in town appropriations for the 2016 fiscal year. This past year, Arts Bus made numerous stops in Brookfield, at a variety of locations: including the elementary school, in-home Child Cares, and a Floating Bridge event.

For more information, visit our website at: www.artsbusvt.org

Randolph Area Food Shelf: The Randolph Area Food Shelf has been serving the community since 1977, providing food supplies to people in need in the towns of Randolph, Braintree, Brookfield, and East Granville.

In 2015 we provided food to 375 households in our service area, representing 1,022 individuals. Of these 375 households, 30 are in Brookfield, representing 72 individuals. Food Shelf clients made a total of 2,670 visits in 2015.

In addition to our regular pantry, the Food Shelf administers two USDA federal nutrition programs: the Commodity Supplemental Food Program and The Emergency Food Assistance Program. Also in 2015, the Food Shelf expanded the School Kids Program (SKiP), adding three new meal sites. During June, July and August, SKiP served over 2,756 lunchtime meals (2,482 to kids, 274 to adults) – an increase of nearly 1,000 meals from 2014. During the 2015 holiday season, we prepared and handed out 151 Christmas Boxes, which contain all the ingredients for a complete and healthy Christmas dinner.

The Randolph Area Food Shelf is overseen by a 9-member Board of Trustees and operates solely from the help of over 70 dedicated volunteers; there is no paid staff.

Money appropriated from the Town of Brookfield by vote at town meeting will help us continue our mission as we strive to create a community in which every individual has access to sufficient food.

Many thanks to the Brookfield community for your support! For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit us on the web at www.randolphareafoodshelf.org or call us at 802-431-0144.

Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program: On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the RFP Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps towns identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to help finance the costs of construction. During the 17 years of the program, 991 grants totaling \$2.1 million have been provided to 213 Vermont towns for installation of new dry hydrants and other fire protection systems, as well as for dry hydrant replacement and repair.

We are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your 2016 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received over \$7,000 in town appropriations. We are deeply grateful for this support. 213 Vermont communities have benefitted from the RFP program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns, and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Tom Maclay, Chair
Rural Fire Protection Task Force.

For more information please contact Troy Dare at (802) 828-4582 or dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com

VISITING NURSE & HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH

Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Brookfield, VT

The Visiting Nurse & Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, VNH made 539 homecare visits to 23 Brookfield residents. We provided approximately \$19,205 in unreimbursed – or charity - care to Brookfield residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 308 home visits to 19 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 86 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Hospice Services:** 145 home visits to 5 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots.

Brookfield's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Jeanne McLaughlin, President & CEO (Contact: 888-300-8853)

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) 2015 Year-End Report

TRORC is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont, governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each member town. As advocates for our member towns, we articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. Our staff provides

technical services to local, state, and federal levels of government and to the region's citizens, non-profits, and businesses. Highlights from 2015 include:

Technical Assistance

In 2014, TRORC staff assisted numerous towns with revisions to municipal plans, ranging from minor updates to comprehensive, substantive overhauls. A number of our towns incorporated a new flood resiliency requirement that is required for all plans adopted after July 2014. Many towns have improved and clarified implementing regulations, easing permitting by making results more predictable. Collaborative efforts to improve town plans, zoning, and other ordinances demonstrate a regional commitment to foster vibrant, resilient towns and villages.

Emergency Management and Preparedness

Our LEPC #12 efforts with local emergency response and town officials continue across the region. With TRORC's help, all thirty member towns successfully completed annual updates to Local Emergency Operations Plans, which are critical components to disaster response efforts. Further, we have been working diligently with numerous TRORC towns to update Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP), often in tandem with the remaining TS Irene property buy-outs in the region.

Working Landscape and Economic Development

TRORC is committed to projects that preserve and protect our region's natural, scenic, and economic heritage. We continually seek to find a healthy, equitable balance between development and conservation that will both secure the region's future vitality and prosperity while ensuring effective stewardship of our landscape. To this end, we assisted in completing a new Economic Development Action Plan, since approved by the East Central Vermont Economic Development District. In addition, TRORC applied for and received \$400,000 in federal funding to assess contaminated properties leading to redevelopment and tax payments on delinquent properties.

Transportation

Transportation infrastructure and public transit services are integral components to safety and growth. We continue to work with towns on grants to enhance our roadways, inventory infrastructure, establish new park and ride locations, and make downtowns and village centers more accessible and pedestrian-friendly. We have also continued sponsoring Transportation Advisory Committee meetings and facilitating meetings with our region's road foremen.

Specifically in Brookfield this past year, we assisted in updating the Town Plan, the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the Floating Bridge project. Throughout our region, we also completed the annual updates to the Local Emergency Operations Plans.

We are committed to serving you, and welcome opportunities to assist you in the future.

Respectfully submitted, Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director and William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

Vermont 2-1-1 is an Information and Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont. By dialing 2-1-1 from any phone in Vermont, you will receive up-to-date information and referrals on health services, human service resources, and community programs all across the state.

2-1-1 is a local call, free and confidential, and you will receive person-to-person assistance, 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Language translation services are also available, as is accessibility for persons who have special needs.

Vermont 2-1-1 is the entry point for the Fuel and Food Partnerships, Flu and other health clinics, plus all other local, state, and federal services.

2-1-1 serves as the Public Inquiry Line for the Vermont Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security during a disaster or emergency incident. Vermont 2-1-1 staff will assist callers with evacuation routes, shelters, commodity points of distribution locations, federal reimbursement procedures and more.

Dialing the simple, three-digit number, 2-1-1, helps ensure that Vermonters have access to community, regional, and state-based services to help them with everyday needs and in difficult times.

- An Information & Referral program of the United Ways of Vermont
- Just dial 2-1-1 for 24/7 free and confidential information and referrals
- Helps to solve problems as well as links callers throughout Vermont with governmental programs, community-based organizations, support groups, and other local, regional, and state resources.
- More than 2600 programs and over 850 agencies are listed in the 2-1-1 database.

For further information: **Dial** 2-1-1 or 1-866-652-4636 www.vermont211.org

Stagecoach Transportation Services 2015: Thank you for your past support of community transportation services. **In the past year, Stagecoach's Dial-A-Ride System provided 193 trips for Brookfield residents** either by volunteer drivers or on wheelchair accessible vehicles. Stagecoach's Bus and Dial-a-Ride systems provided a total of 68,235 rides — 6,807 more rides than in the previous year. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment and access critical healthcare services.

Dial-A-Ride System –Focuses on specialized populations including elders, persons with disabilities and low-income families/individuals who are unable to access the bus system. **In Brookfield, Dial-A-Ride offers direct access from home to medical treatments, social services, adult day care services, pharmacies, social events and food shopping.**

Bus System – Promotes economic development, energy conservation, mobility independence and quality of life. **Brookfield residents can access bus services** to employment and shopping centers in Montpelier, Randolph, White River Junction, and the Hanover-Lebanon NH.

Volunteer Driver Program – Stagecoach uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services, and are the foundation of our Dial-A-Ride Program. ***Volunteer Drivers connect friends, support independence and promote healthy living.***

If you are interested in becoming a Stagecoach Volunteer Driver, please contact our office.

Information-- Please feel free to contact us with questions or to request additional information on Stagecoach services at 802-728-3773.

White River Valley Ambulance

White River Valley Ambulance is the non-profit regional ambulance service for the following towns: Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Hancock, Pittsfield, Randolph, Rochester and Stockbridge. Roughly half of the operating funds are from per capita contributions from the member towns and the remainder from services rendered.

For the last two years, WRVA has been able to keep the town per capita contributions at the same rate. There are a couple of reasons for this. Each town is represented on the Board of Directors as volunteers and each spending decision is heavily scrutinized, making sure that the expenditure maintains or elevates the level of service available to our neighbors.

The other reason is that the full time crew at WRVA has stepped up as the daily operating group that makes this complicated and technical service the best it can be, including personal sacrifices to advance their training certifications to reach the highest attainable level available in the EMS industry. We have one of the most dedicated and professional team of EMT's in the area.

We also want to say how appreciative the Ambulance crew is for the many First Responders in our towns who take time from their daily lives to be the very first on the scene in our towns until the Ambulance arrives. It has been documented that these neighbors of ours are instrumental in the medical outcome for the patient of 911 calls WRVA responds to. WRVA would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you.

WRVA would also like to extend an invitation to our town citizens to contact WRVA at www.wrva.net or (802) 234-6800 to join the ranks of this wonderful group of neighbors who are First Responders. WRVA will be involved through the process along with First Responders from their town. It is a very important and rewarding contribution.

Brookfield Student Aid Fund

This fund was established by Anna Clark Jones for the purpose of assisting the residents of the Town of Brookfield to further their education. The funds may be used to help with tuition costs purchase books, room and board, etc. The loans bear interest at the rate of 1% per annum until graduation. Following graduation the rate of interest charged will be the current savings rate.

As of December 1, 2015, the balance on hand was \$7,375.00. There are no loans outstanding at this time.

Loans may be applied for by contacting any one of the following trustees:

Sharon Wheatley (276-3130)

Monique Perry (276-3159)

A. Roy MacAskill (276-3394)

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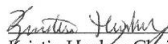
BROOKFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BROOKFIELD, VERMONT TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016

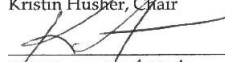
The legal voters of the Brookfield Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet for the Annual Meeting at the Brookfield School in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The Annual Meeting will follow the Brookfield Town Meeting which begins at 10:00 a.m. The following business will be transacted:

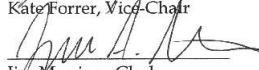
POLLS will be open from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Brookfield School for voting on ARTICLE I, ARTICLE II, ARTICLE III, and ARTICLE IV.

- ARTICLE I: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following Town School District Officers:
Moderator for a term of one year.
SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a term of three years.
- ARTICLE II: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following:
Shall the voters of the Brookfield Town School District approve the school board to expend **\$1,153,770**, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? This represents a **-22%** decrease from the previous year. It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of **\$13,545** per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is **-2.33%** lower than spending for the current year.
- ARTICLE III: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following:
Shall the legal voters of the Brookfield Town School District appropriate the sum of **\$80,883** for the support of the Building Maintenance Fund, which will come from surplus funds from the 2014-2015 school year?
- ARTICLE IV: To vote by Australian Ballot on the Orange Southwest Unified District proposal and board members. (See addendum)
- ARTICLE V: To see whether the Town School District will authorize the school board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing school year.
- ARTICLE VI: To do any other business proper to come before this meeting.

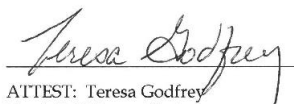
Dated at Braintree, Vermont, this 11 day of January, 2016.


Kristin Husher, Chair


Kate Forrer, Vice-Chair


Jim Merriam, Clerk
Brookfield School Board

Received and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Brookfield Town School District, at Brookfield, Vermont on January 21, 2016 before being posted.


ATTEST: Teresa Godfrey
Brookfield Town Clerk

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Here is some basic information about the Brookfield Town School District meeting warned. If you have any questions, contact your Town Clerk.

REGISTER TO VOTE: Deliver your application to the checklist to your Town Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 (the Wednesday before your town meeting), or mail to the Department of Motor Vehicles, or other voter registration agency [Department of Social Welfare, Department of Health (WIC), Department of Aging & Disabilities (home health, adult day care, etc.)] with a postmark before the deadline.

EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS: You, or a family member on your behalf, may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone, mail or e-mail at any time up until 5 p.m., or closing of the Town Clerk's Office on the day before the election, March 1, 2016. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

You can also go to the Town Clerk's office and vote your ballot while at the office. Or, you can pick up your ballot at the Town Clerk's Office and take it home to vote. (You cannot pick up a ballot for your spouse or anyone else.)

If you take your ballot or have a ballot sent to you, you must return the ballot to the Town Clerk's Office or to the polling place not later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

If you are ill or disabled, you can request that a pair of justices of the peace deliver a ballot to you. You can request assistance in reading or marking your ballot from the justices. They must return the ballot to the Town Clerk for you.

Brookfield Town Clerk: 276-3352

**BROOKFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
BUDGET INFORMATIONAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016
7:00 PM
BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

IMPORTANT MEETING REGARDING
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016
BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

WARNING ADDENDUM

BROOKFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BROOKFIELD, VERMONT

MARCH 1, 2016

The voters of the town school district of Brookfield are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Brookfield Elementary School on the 1st day of March, 2016 to vote by Australian ballot between the hours of 7:00 am, at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close, upon the following articles of business:

Article I

Shall the town school district of Brookfield, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed Orange Southwest Unified District (OSUD), join with the school districts of Braintree, Randolph, and Randolph Union High School, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed Orange Southwest Unified District (OSUD), for the purpose of forming a unified district, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements:

(a) Grades. The union school district shall operate and manage a school offering instruction in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

(b) Board of School Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of 8 members elected by Australian ballot by all qualified voters residing in the proposed unified district towns of Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph, as follows:

1. Two (2) Orange Southwest Unified District (OSUD) directors shall be elected from the nominations of Braintree residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Braintree.
2. Two (2) OSUD directors shall be elected from the nominations of Brookfield residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Brookfield.
3. Four (4) OSUD directors shall be elected from the nominations of Randolph residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Randolph.

(c) Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The OSUD shall assume the indebtedness of member districts, acquire the school properties of member districts, and pay for them, all as specified in the final report.

(d) Final Report. The provisions of the final report approved by the State Board of Education on the 16th day of February, 2016, which is on file in the town clerk's office, shall govern the OSUD.

Article II

The Board of Directors shall be composed of 8 members elected by Australian ballot by all qualified voters residing in the proposed unified district towns of Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph, as follows:

1. Two (2) Orange Southwest Unified District (OSUD) directors shall be elected from the nominations of Braintree residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Braintree.
2. Two (2) OSUD directors shall be elected from the nominations of Brookfield residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Brookfield.

3. Four (4) OSUD directors shall be elected from the nominations of Randolph residents received from the clerk of the proposed member district of Randolph.

2016 Brookfield Elementary Administrators' Town Report

The OSSU Elementary Administrators are pleased to report that Brookfield Elementary School continues to provide the children of our town with an exceptional educational experience. Through an effective partnership with our sister elementary schools in the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union, we share resources, expertise, and focused goals which enable us to intentionally and cost-effectively prepare our students for the next stages of their educational lives. Our close-knit community is fortunate to have highly skilled and dedicated teachers who educate, inspire and support our students every day. Additionally, we couldn't do our work as educators without the ongoing, positive support of the Brookfield community! We thank you for your continued belief in the value of our wonderful school!

Over the course of the past year, our school system has continued to successfully navigate various federal and state requirements while maintaining our commitment of quality to our students and focusing on improving the effectiveness of our work. The 14-15 school year marked the required official transition from the Vermont Framework of Learning Standards to the Common Core Standards and the implementation of the standardized SBAC assessment (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium). This created a significant shift across our system and directly impacted both curriculum and assessment. Because this change created a need to adjust teaching practices and how we report student learning, we have transitioned to a new reporting system aligned with the Common Core. Additionally, professional staff from all three schools are working together in structured partnerships to redesign and align our system-wide practices to support student learning throughout this time of transition. And, most importantly, this work is intended to build more effective teaching-learning practices that will remain constant, regardless of the shifting winds of future government mandates or political agendas.

While change can sometimes be difficult, it can also be positive and lead to more effective approaches to support student learning. During this current school year, all three elementary schools are each engaged in a focused effort to develop pro-active and positive behavior expectations across all grade levels. Using the research-based

PBIS framework (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), we are intentionally engaging staff and students to clearly define how we interact and support each other as a community. Research shows that schools using the PBIS approach with fidelity over the long term have seen significant increases in academic success, while at the same time seeing significant decreases in behavior referrals. As part of our commitment to supporting the social and emotional development of our students, we are looking forward to developing this work over time.

We are pleased to report that the OSSU Pre-K program, housed at RES, continues to successfully serve three- and four-year-olds from Randolph, Braintree, and Brookfield. Now in its second year, this program continues to evolve and grow to provide high quality preparation for our future incoming kindergartners, at no cost to parents. It also provides us with the opportunity to get to know families and students as they enter our system, and to provide early supports or interventions as needed, which is truly an investment that pays off in the long run.

Our small school community is indebted to the spirit of volunteerism and a commitment to our youngest citizens that brings so many local folks into our building to support a variety of learning experiences. Our students engage with Brookfield community members both inside and outside our building through the 4 Winds Science Program, XC Skiing, PAWS Reading Program, and through a multitude of other activities from chaperoning field trips to creating award-winning classroom projects for the Tunbridge Fair. The relationships that students forge with our community volunteers are priceless and truly speak to the genuine caring of the larger Brookfield family.

As we look to the future and consider the path ahead for Brookfield Elementary, we are committed to a fiscally responsible long-term vision of a high quality education for each child. With your ongoing support, we believe that our community school will continue to successfully prepare our youngest citizens to pursue their dreams and be contributing members of society well into the future. We invite you to visit us, share your ideas or ask questions, and become a part of the investment we are making in our town's most precious resource -- our children.

OSSU Superintendent's Annual Report – 2016

The 2015/2016 school year has been productive and full of creative and innovative changes in our schools. It is hard to believe the 21st Century is 15% over and yet it seems the millennial was yesterday. As I do every year, I strongly encourage you to visit our schools: your involvement significantly improves the overall educational environment for all of our students.

Community engagement has been a growing focus of school boards, administrators, teachers, staff, and students. More than ever before our curriculum, programs, and student demonstrations of work involve direct interaction and involvement with community members. For example, Randolph Union High School's (RUHS) senior project typically involves 100 or more community volunteers. The Grade 6 Challenge, now in its 11th year, involves nearly 30 community and business leaders. Brookfield, Braintree, and Randolph elementary schools' Farm-to-School initiative involves over 20 local farm operations that serve to increase our students' exposure to fresh, locally grown produce and actively engages them in the food production industry.

More recently, RUHS implemented, in partnership with GW Plastics, an Entrepreneurship and Manufacturing course that takes place on the floor of GW Plastic's manufacturing plant. The Problem Based Laboratory at RUHS provides high school students an opportunity to engage local and regional corporate executives across a variety of industry sectors (Communications, Finance, Government, Higher Education, Engineering, Health Services, etc...). And, the Randolph Technical Career Center (RTCC) continued to build relationships with higher education and employers (local, regional, national) to increase student exposure to real-world experiences.

During the past two years, we successfully completed work developing the Randolph Union Community Scholarship. The \$2.36 million endowment became a reality with the help of some very generous community/family donors. In recent months, we have acted to secure additional scholarship support for Brookfield, Braintree, and Randolph students to attend college. As a result, I am proud to announce that Vermont Technical College has agreed to match up to 25% of our scholarship awards starting this fall. During the past 14 years, the number of our students qualifying for Free and Reduced Lunch has increased by over 150%. Coupled with significant, annual increases in college tuition rates, the viability of our most needy students attending college has been tested. In time, our goal is to ensure that financial need does not restrict any student from attending VTC or other colleges in the Vermont State College system. In fact, it is our hope that the Randolph Union Community Scholarship, in the future, will enable students to attend VTC at little or no cost.

As many of you are aware, Vermont has been slow to recover from the 2009 Great Depression. As such, the Vermont Legislature has taken aggressive steps to control/reduce education spending. This past year, the Legislature passed Act 46 that required all school districts to explore governance consolidation (not school mergers) and that placed spending thresholds on some school districts.

The concept of governance consolidation has long been a topic for review and discussion on the part of Vermont's Legislature. I believe, in the past three decades, there have been in excess of 35 studies to examine the issue. For the

Orange Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU), governance consolidation would not represent a change in how our schools operate, but would require our existing 5 school boards (Braintree Elementary, Brookfield Elementary, Randolph Elementary, Randolph Union High School, and the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union boards) to merge into one governing body. For many years, the 5 school boards have acted as one board and, therefore, I see many positives in formalizing the collaboration and success our school boards have realized. In addition, such a move would result in significant tax savings (8 cents year one, and 6, 4, and 2 cents in each of the following years). The district would also receive a one-time \$150,000 allocation, and retain its small schools grants (all of which, if lost, would further increase local property tax rates).

The section of Act 46 related to spending thresholds, however, represents a significantly more complex and contentious issue. Constitutionally, Vermont is required to provide an equal educational opportunity (EEO) for all children. In brevity, to achieve EEO the state is required to ensure its education funding system is equitable; that is, all towns must have equal spending power for equal tax effort (Horizontal Equity), and additional financial assistance must be provided for schools that experience higher than normal costs and needs (Vertical Equity).

The spending thresholds, as written, are a clear violation of fiscal equity and, hence, Vermont's legal responsibilities as related to EEO. Specifically, the implementation of the spending thresholds would breach the fundamental conditions of Horizontal Equity. For example, it would allow the highest spending school districts in Vermont to continue to spend at those levels without tax penalties, and heavily penalize our lowest spending school districts if they exceed the marginal threshold allowances under Act 46 (this would result in unequal spending power and tax rates for towns across Vermont).

The OSSU has a strong history of fiscal responsibility. The 2016/2017 proposed school budgets represent a 0.9% (Less than 1) increase over the current year. This includes over \$218,000 in newly required early education spending under Act 166. Without these newly required expenditures, the proposed budgets represent a - 0.29% decrease. Over the past decade, OSSU budgets have remained relatively flat and have averaged a 0.37% annual increase. Moreover, during the past five years, OSSU school budgets have remained tax-neutral.

It is ironic that the Legislature, through Act 46, imposed spending thresholds to control education spending increases and, yet, continued to pass new, un-funded requirements on to schools. For example, in the past few years alone the Legislature passed laws related to Dual Enrollment, Corrections Education, Early Education, Education Quality Reviews, the Common Core Standards, Smarter Balance Assessments, increased reporting requirements, etc...all of which resulted in significant cost implications for schools.

Despite the legislative challenges identified above, it is my hope you share the pride and enthusiasm I have for our students! Brookfield, Braintree, and Randolph are wonderful communities that truly value the importance of public education and the role it plays in preparing our future leaders.

Sincerely,

Brent Kay

Orange Southwest Supervisory Union Board Annual Report

During 2015, The Orange Southwest Supervisory Union boards identified goals and approaches to ensure that we have continual progress towards meeting outcomes, engage with our community and to provide a future-focused approach to our work. As has been our pattern, we continue to meet together, with members of the local districts attending the OSSU board meeting on the same evening as the local district boards. Board members are aware and informed of the agenda items which are discussed as a group in the OSSU board meeting and specific action items are addressed at the local district level. This approach has helped the board to function as a cohesive whole, putting the needs of the entire Supervisory Union (SU) into perspective as we uphold the needs of the individual districts.

This year the Vermont legislature passed Act 46 which has created the need for quick action to ensure that our SU is prepared to meet the fiscal and governance challenges set forth in the act. We have established a consolidation committee to create and shepherd the required articles through the process established by Act 46. We expect to put the proposed Unified District item on the ballot for Town Meeting Day (March 1, 2016) for voter approval. This work is in addition to the steady and ongoing commitment to leadership the OSSU board provides for our community.

The goals we established for 2015 were:

- Increasing community connections
- Careful use of resources
- Future-focused agendas

Accomplishments in 2015:

- Sound budgets for all districts which have allowed us to continue to provide expert instruction, improve buildings, and ensure that resources are allocated to keep kids learning. Thank you for approving our budgets and allowing us to continue the work we are doing.
- Right sizing our school staff to meet the needs of our students as enrollment continues to decline.
- Continual progress towards achieving the student outcomes as set forth by the board.

- Community engagement – the OSSU board sponsored Chris Herren to address the students and the community and share his personal story of addiction and healing. In addition we have recently held three community meetings to discuss the ramifications of Act 46. We have identified a direction and a plan for improving our community communication, and we will be implementing it this year.
- Consolidation: A committee has been established and is working to create articles of agreement and prepare the community to be ready to vote for unification in 2016.

Our schools remain places where our kids are valued, respected and feel safe to explore their limits while learning and experiencing at the hands of skilled faculty. We couldn't do it without your help and support. Thank you.

Randolph Union (RU)

Randolph Union is a unique place where we celebrate our strengths, push creative boundaries, and collaboratively problem-solve to face the complex challenges that confront high schools in our state and nation. On Tuesday, February 2, you will head to the polls to vote on the Randolph Union budget for the 2016-2017 school year (SY 16-17). As you read this narrative, and the associated budget numbers, we believe you'll feel confident in the quality of our current programs, the thoughtfulness of our future plans, and the prudence with which we treat the resources this community commits to public education.

Our People Make the Difference

As every student and family knows, a teacher can make all the difference in the quality of a student's learning experience. At RU we treat each new hiring decision as among the most important we ever make. This year we have been delighted to welcome several wonderful new faculty members to the RU family. **Ben Beaudoin** and **Emily Therrien** joined our humanities department as teachers of Social Studies and English, respectively. Both have had very strong first semesters at RU and bring expertise in their content areas and a strong set of diverse instructional skills. **Marissa Meyer** is the newest member of our mathematics department. Marissa began her position here by receiving certification in AP calculus, so that we could continue a tradition of offering the highest possible levels of academic rigor to our students. **Thomas Peppard** joined us this year in the part-time role of choral teacher and, as many of you can attest, our concerts are as strong as ever. The newest member of our special education department is **Kara Raymond**. Kara is a very strong fit to an already cohesive, high-performing department and brings our ability to serve students with intensive needs to a whole new level. Additionally, our world languages department has added **Alisa Vereshchagin** to the fold. Alisa teaches mostly middle school Spanish but in addition, she, and department chair Simona Talos, team up to teach a new

language and culture exploratory that gives students a taste of Spanish, French, Russian and Romanian.

Each of these teachers brings many talents and a special love of learning to our school. We are also excited to have welcomed our new Director of Athletics and Student Activities, **Steve Croucher**. Steve joins us from the private sector with particularly strong experience coordinating large-scale athletic events and activities in Vermont and Colorado. He comes with a passion for team sports as well as an excitement for lifelong individual activities and endurance sports. Finally, we are thrilled to have **Sadie Lyford** join the RU family this year as our new school nurse. Sadie joins us from Gifford and comes with the benefit of knowing many RU students from her time at the hospital. Sadie's medical expertise, communication skills and creativity make her a welcome addition to the school.

Our Curriculum is Compelling

Teachers at RU continue to push themselves to increase the rigor and relevance of their curriculum by engaging students in solving real-life challenges in collaboration with experts in our community. Our PBL Lab, which develops Project Based Learning electives, is in its second year and our students and faculty are taking on topics as diverse and important as Climate Change, Foreign Aid, Preventable Disease, and Youth Media. These classes and others bring our students into contact with professionals from many sectors. Our Foreign Aid PBL is working in collaboration with a non-profit in Montpelier and will be participating in a literacy initiative when they travel to Central America in the spring. (Please visit their RUHS Nicaragua Service Learning facebook page.) Students in one of our Youth Media offerings are in their second year of partnership with WGDR, working now on a radio story about declining enrollment and school spending in Vermont. (Please visit Radio Free Randolph on Tumblr.com for a sample of their work.) Students in our documentary film class are studying topics as challenging as opiate addiction in our community. (Please check out the 1.13.16 VPR piece on "opiate addiction," which mentions this courageous work of our students.)

This is just a sample of the dynamic, community-engaged curriculum that is alive at RU this year. We are also in our second year of an important partnership with GW Plastics, through which our STEM teacher and the engineers at GW Plastics teach RU students about the exciting world of entrepreneurship and high tech manufacturing, from concept to production to product. This is an example of your school's expanding capacity for community economic development and career and workforce development. (You can check out a 5.19.15 VPR story on "high-tech, high-paying jobs" that spotlights our efforts in this regard.)

Our Place is Welcoming

As always, the OSSU maintenance department has been working hard on many

upgrades throughout the school. Our cafeteria now has a more airy and open feel with new café-style lighting. Fresh paint in many parts of the building gives the school a lighter, brighter feel. And our Student Services suite now houses a wonderful student workspace, which has become a special place where seniors congregate to work on college applications, financial aid forms, scholarship applications, and a wide-variety of post-secondary planning options with Ms. Merrill and Ms. Taft. Additionally, our recent winter break provided time for maintenance to remove all of the old lockers from the middle school boys' and girls' locker rooms. Beautiful new lockers are now installed and soon, a fresh coat of paint on the wall will top off the job!

Our Future Looks Bright

There are many exciting things currently happening in education in Vermont and in our district. This school year, much of our “behind the scenes” work relates to a statewide shift toward proficiency-based graduation requirements. This means that we will slowly adopt a system, with full implementation for the class of 2020, where students earn a RU diploma by showing evidence of being proficient in standards from all content areas as well as the transferrable skills we call Habits of Mind/Work/Heart. This may seem like a big shift, and it is, but it’s also something that we already do in many ways, including Senior Project. Senior Project is a great example of a complex task, aligned to standards, where students need to be proficient in all of the standards to receive a RU diploma. So, our move toward proficiency-based graduation might be best described as a move to use the assessment structure currently in Senior Project throughout students’ learning opportunities at RU.

Another focus area this year is our implementation of another statewide expectation, Personal Learning Plans (PLPs). The essential ingredients here are that students reflect on themselves as people and as students; that they set goals with teachers and family members and compile evidence of progress, and that the goals are both short and long-term, including college and career planning. These essential PLP elements are largely carried by the work of Advisory, which includes Personal Learning Portfolios, twice-annual Student-Led Conferences with families, and a portfolio defense at the end of 8th and 10th grades. (For a picture of what some of this work looks like, please check out the Recent Happenings section on our website, for a link to a video of the 8th grade portfolio defense.) Related to the work of PLPs, Portfolios and Advisory, we are proud to again share with you that two of our teachers, Lisa Floyd and Angela Bauer, were granted Rowland Fellowships for this school year. This accomplishment allows them to lead strategic work on how to best utilize Advisory at RU to support the academic and personal goals of our student body. Committees of teachers, students, and community members are helping in this effort, and a proposal for improving Advisory is taking shape. Our planning this year will also support the evolution of science and math programming at RU. Our teacher teams are hard at work

aligning our learning pathways to the rigorous expectations of the Common Core Math Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). In science, new offerings for 2016-17 include courses that engage students in the first two years of high school in a broad range of NGSS science domains including Physical Science, Life Science, and Earth & Space Science. Revisions to our middle school science programming will allow more integration of the hands-on applied science of our current STEM classes. We are especially glad to note that our evolving science pathways will provide more opportunities for more of our students to access rigorous learning opportunities, whether that be the challenges of applied learning at Tech Center programs, or the rigor of Advanced Placement courses at RU. In mathematics, our focus for next school year includes continued strong differentiated instruction coupled with rigorous standards-based courses for all students. Our goals in the evolution of our math programming are to have all students achieving at or beyond the level of Algebra II while continuing to provide in-house opportunities to accelerate to advanced levels, including AP Calculus.

Our Budget is Sound

Each year we feel so lucky to have such a high level of support for our budget. Please know that we never take this for granted and work annually to present a budget that provides for the needs of our students while understanding that we must be prudent with our community resources. This year we are proud to present a budget that allows for continued innovation while representing a decrease of 0.66% (\$53,970) from our current budget. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or ideas you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Barnett and T. Elijah Hawkes
Randolph Union Principals

Randolph Technical Career Center Annual Report

Budget Highlight

For the 2016 school year we are asking voters to approve a budget of \$3,051,115. This means the RTCC budget will be increasing only \$12,869 or .42%. To achieve this, we carefully use a state equipment grant and other grant funds and by careful decision making on every purchase. Much of the credit for this budget can be passed directly to our program instructors for their careful and frugal use of your tax dollars.

So What Do You Get From RTCC?

- ✓ A school whose teachers care deeply about our students and in helping them connect with what's important to them and to gain skills (technical, academic, personal) so students are able to 1) make the most of their education and 2) start on a path toward college, career and beyond.

- ✓ Students receive an extremely high quality technical education program. Every program is organized around industry-approved competencies so that students learn exactly what is “prescribed” by our state and national business leaders. Programs then benefit from the review and advice of nearly 75 local program advisory board members.
- ✓ Students leave our programs truly “College and Career Ready” and earn college credit by successful completion of their technical programs and by taking college courses outside of their programs as well.
- ✓ Every program provides opportunities for students to learn and apply state-of-the-art skills that are important components of their field of study. Students get to use current software and equipment that is exactly what they will experience when they go on to college and career.
- ✓ Programs also provide students a way to earn valuable industry-recognized certifications (IRCs) putting them well ahead of students who don’t participate in technical education. This past year, our student body of 160 earned 188 individual “IRCs.”
- ✓ Every year almost all of our students participate in some kind of business-based experience from business tours to guest speakers. More than half of our students participate in formal internships or multiple job shadows of varying intensities with over 90 business partners throughout the region. These “co-ops” may be paid or unpaid, long or short-term but they all help our students to clarify their college and career plans, gain experience, and often propel them into a paid position. Businesses from across our region welcome RTCC students and often celebrate how prepared they are for working in the real world.

Program Accomplishments

There is not enough room in this report to describe the accomplishments of all of our programs so, please, **check out our Web Site! Or follow us on Twitter @RTCC_VT** Visit our website at www.randolphtech.org to see what’s happening at RTCC! The site includes access to program information, adult education calendars and course offerings, applications for enrollment, and other RTCC information.

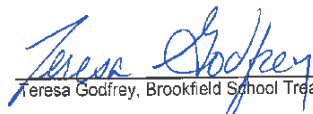
Finally, to all the taxpayers in all our sending towns, thank you for your ongoing support. We take seriously the public’s trust that we are making the best use of your very hard-earned dollars.

Jason Gingold, Director
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 802-728-9595

**BROOKFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2016-17 BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 ACTUAL	2015-16 BUDGET	2016-17 PROPOSED	BALANCE
1 GENERAL FUND					
<u>REVENUE:</u>					
A. LOCAL TAXES	0	0	0	0	0
B. STATE REVENUES	1,234,503	1,178,335 -4.55%	1,045,436 -11.28%	1,049,634 0.40%	4,198
C. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	97,714	88,746 -9.18%	95,339 7.43%	87,436 -8.29%	-7,903
D. OTHER REVENUES	24,550	23,321 -5.01%	15,500 -33.54%	16,700 7.74%	1,200
E. SURPLUS/DEFICIT	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	1,356,767	1,290,401 -4.89%	1,156,275 -10.39%	1,153,770 -0.22%	-2,505
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>					
F. INSTRUCTION	548,873	535,310 -2.47%	481,290 -10.09%	457,078 -5.03%	-24,212
G. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	128,051	132,387 3.39%	149,151 12.66%	136,078 -8.76%	-13,073
H. ADMINISTRATION	144,359	80,550 -44.20%	93,481 16.05%	97,006 3.77%	3,525
I. SUPPORT SERVICES	64,130	64,413 0.44%	62,265 -3.33%	64,059 2.88%	1,794
J. MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	91,188	60,968 -33.14%	39,300 -35.54%	39,800 1.27%	500
K. TRANSPORTATION	112,904	120,678 6.89%	129,201 7.06%	130,745 1.20%	1,544
L. FOOD SERVICE	12,000	12,000 0.00%	12,000 0.00%	12,000 0.00%	0
SCHOOL TOTAL:	1,101,504	1,006,306 -8.64%	966,688 -3.94%	936,766 -3.10%	-29,922
M. OTHER EXPENDITURES	225,612	203,213 -9.93%	189,587 -6.71%	217,004 14.46%	27,417
TOTAL VOTER APPROVAL	1,327,116	1,209,519 -8.89%	1,156,275 -4.40%	1,153,770 -0.22%	-2,505
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	29,650	80,883	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,356,767	1,290,401 -4.89%	1,156,275 -10.39%	1,153,770 -0.22%	-2,505

The 2014-15 financials as presented are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:


Teresa Godfrey, Brookfield School Treasurer

Brookfield School District – Revenues

Account Name	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed	Difference Under (Over)
<u>A. LOCAL TAXES:</u>					
Educational Above Block	0	0	0	0	0
<u>B. STATE REVENUES:</u>					
Homestead Property Tax	442,868	359,220	0	0	0
Non-Residential Property Tax	397,405	354,907	0	0	0
State Grant for Technical Centers	0	0	0	0	0
State Education Fund	275,104	320,046	940,436	914,734	-25,702
Education Jobs Fund	0	0	0	0	0
State Transportation	30,241	35,594	38,000	51,900	13,900
Hold Harmless Capital Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Small Schools Grant	88,885	108,568	67,000	83,000	16,000
Total State Revenues	1,234,503	1,178,335	1,045,436	1,049,634	4,198
<u>C. SPECIAL ED:</u>					
Core Block Grant	30,988	29,780	23,021	24,236	1,215
Special Ed Reimbursement	48,945	41,242	56,254	52,437	-3,817
Extraordinary Reimbursement	0	8,150	8,503	2,369	-6,134
Care and Custody	5,838	0	0	0	0
Essential Early Ed	11,943	9,574	7,561	8,394	833
Total Special Ed	97,714	88,746	95,339	87,436	-7,903
<u>D. OTHER REVENUES:</u>					
Transportation	14,801	10,023	9,000	9,200	200
Interest	9,340	9,579	6,500	7,500	1,000
Rental Income	0	0	0	0	0
Services to Other LEA's	0	0	0	0	0
Title I - Salary Reimb	0	0	0	0	0
Title II - Salary Reimb	0	0	0	0	0
Prior Year Refunds	409	3,718	0	0	0
Total Other Revenues:	24,550	23,321	15,500	16,700	1,200
E. SURPLUS/DEFICIT	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,356,767	1,290,401	1,156,275	1,153,770	-2,505

Brookfield School District – OSSU Revenues

Account Name	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed	Balance Under (Over)
<u>A. LOCAL</u>					
Central Office Assessment	619,680	634,680	660,083	681,277	21,194
Elementary Admin Assessment	0	367,376	375,157	387,365	12,208
Maintenance Assessment	1,248,256	1,248,256	1,267,446	1,298,758	31,312
Technology Assessment	423,637	432,108	449,627	451,266	1,639
Transportation Assessment	430,659	469,428	503,306	509,478	6,172
Pre-School Assessment	0	0	0	218,102	218,102
Total Assessments:	2,722,232	3,151,848	3,255,619	3,546,246	290,627
<u>B. SPECIAL ED:</u>					
IDEA-B - Pre-School	0	0	20,769	20,769	0
IDEA-B	0	0	75,395	86,030	10,635
State Placed Students	0	20,831	17,000	0	-17,000
Excess Costs	0	36,241	9,950	8,755	-1,195
Assessments	178,810	1,933,755	2,194,289	2,187,522	-6,767
Total Assessments:	178,810	1,990,828	2,317,403	2,303,076	-14,327
<u>C. OTHER REVENUES:</u>					
Interest	138	321	500	350	-150
State of VT - RED Reimb	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Svcs - EPSDT	1,124	1,174	750	900	150
Admin Svcs - Other Grants	0	0	0	0	0
Admin Svcs - VIP	21,943	15,338	15,000	14,000	-1,000
Admin Svcs - RAVEN	12,750	13,198	11,500	12,000	500
Maint Svcs - OSSU	12,418	12,350	12,350	12,350	0
Sale of Equipment	0	2,250	0	0	0
Prior Year Refunds	821	4,245	0	0	0
Total Other Revenues:	49,193	48,876	40,100	39,600	-500
D. BEGINNING BALANCE:	349,030	457,528	0	0	0
TOTAL	3,299,265	5,649,080	5,613,122	5,888,922	275,800

Brookfield School District – Expenditures

Account Name	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed	Difference	% Inc/Dec
<u>F. INSTRUCTION:</u>						
Salaries	379,372	394,317	325,250	316,150	-9,100	-2.80%
Benefits	126,074	119,249	119,740	104,628	-15,112	-12.62%
Title I/Title II Services	0	0	0	0	0	
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT/Speech Svcs	1,188	808	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Repair of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	
Staff Training	5,545	1,936	10,500	10,500	0	0.00%
Travel/Field Trips	3,029	2,428	4,300	4,300	0	0.00%
Supplies/Textbooks/Equip	33,665	16,572	20,500	20,500	0	0.00%
Total Instruction	548,873	535,310	481,290	457,078	-24,212	-5.03%
<u>G. SPECIAL PROGRAMS:</u>						
Salaries	63,427	0	0	0	0	
Benefits	18,085	2	0	0	0	
OSSU Assessment	0	132,385	149,151	136,078	-13,073	-8.76%
Transportation	81	0	0	0	0	
Supplies/Textbooks	0	0	0	0	0	
Tuition	5,789	0	0	0	0	
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	40,669	0	0	0	0	
Speech Services	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Special Programs	128,051	132,387	149,151	136,078	-13,073	-8.76%
<u>H. ADMINISTRATION:</u>						
Salaries	115,237	20,101	21,750	22,885	1,135	5.22%
Benefits	24,147	2,608	10,110	10,752	642	6.35%
OSSU Assessment	0	48,984	49,901	51,649	1,748	3.50%
Postage/Telephone	3,985	3,214	7,600	7,600	0	0.00%
Travel	513	1,621	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Supplies/Equipment	478	4,022	1,620	1,620	0	0.00%
Total Administration	144,359	80,550	93,481	97,006	3,525	3.77%
<u>I. SUPPORT SERVICES:</u>						
Guidance	25,734	25,540	18,641	19,309	668	3.58%
School Nurse	15,199	15,139	15,794	16,220	426	2.70%
Media Services	5,038	4,531	4,600	4,600	0	0.00%
Board of Education	6,658	5,875	10,430	10,430	0	0.00%
Legal Fees	0	740	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Fiscal Services	11,502	12,587	11,800	12,500	700	5.93%
Total Support Services	64,130	64,413	62,265	64,059	1,794	2.88%
<u>J. MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:</u>						
Salaries	0	0	0	0	0	
Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	
Contracted Svcs	49,878	29,839	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
General Liability Insurance	3,659	4,140	4,800	4,800	0	0.00%
Utilities	23,075	26,989	29,500	30,000	500	1.69%
Supplies/Equipment	14,576	0	0	0	0	
Total Maintenance	91,188	60,968	39,300	39,800	500	1.27%
<u>K. TRANSPORTATION:</u>						
Salaries	4,691	2,850	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Benefits	484	400	300	300	0	0.00%
Contracted Svcs/Rent	0	0	0	0	0	
Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	
Repairs/Supplies/Equip	0	0	0	0	0	
Diesel Fuel	0	0	0	0	0	
OSSU Transportation Assessment	107,729	117,428	125,901	127,445	1,544	1.23%
Total Transportation	112,904	120,678	129,201	130,745	1,544	1.20%
<u>L. FOOD SERVICE</u>						
	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	0.00%
<u>SCHOOL TOTAL</u>	1,101,504	1,006,306	966,688	936,766	-29,922	-3.10%
<u>M. OTHER EXPENDITURES:</u>						
OSSU Technology Assess	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	0	0.00%
OSSU Maintenance Assess	110,693	110,692	100,693	100,693	0	0.00%
OSSU PreSchool Assess	0	0	0	32,715	32,715	
OSSU Admin/EEE	81,919	59,521	55,894	50,596	-5,298	-9.48%
Total Other Expenditures	225,612	203,213	189,587	217,004	27,417	14.46%
TOTAL VOTER APPROVAL	1,327,116	1,209,519	1,156,275	1,153,770	-2,505	-0.22%
Surplus/Deficit	29,650	80,883	0	0	0	
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,356,767	1,290,401	1,156,275	1,153,770	-2,505	-0.22%


Brookfield School District – OSSU Expenditures

Account Name	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed	Balance Under (Over)	Percent Inc/Dec
<u>E. CENTRAL OFFICE:</u>						
Salaries	338,358	355,876	384,479	401,994	17,515	4.56%
Benefits	111,468	116,165	144,454	148,083	3,629	2.51%
Contracted Services	2,980	2,800	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Travel	1,387	1,552	1,850	1,850	0	0.00%
Total Central Office	454,194	476,393	533,783	554,927	21,144	3.96%
<u>F. SPECIAL EDUCATION:</u>						
Salaries	125,337	971,805	1,096,532	1,155,970	59,438	5.42%
Benefits	44,857	289,679	425,362	450,354	24,992	5.88%
Transportation	0	67,243	74,900	44,000	-30,900	-41.26%
Travel/Conferences	956	8,218	6,000	8,000	2,000	33.33%
Supplies/Equipment	2,416	18,285	20,750	21,100	350	1.69%
Tuition	0	374,584	311,000	282,000	-29,000	-9.32%
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	0	88,707	157,500	117,000	-40,500	-25.71%
Speech Services	0	161,516	225,359	224,652	-707	-0.31%
Total Special Education	173,566	1,980,037	2,317,403	2,303,076	-14,327	-0.62%
<u>G. ELEMENTARY ADMINISTRATION</u>						
Salaries	0	277,024	283,535	292,040	8,505	3.00%
Benefits	0	84,307	91,622	95,325	3,703	4.04%
Total Elementary Admin	0	361,331	375,157	387,365	12,208	3.25%
<u>H. MAINTENANCE:</u>						
Salaries	463,779	450,161	527,850	554,990	27,140	5.14%
Benefits	216,662	203,094	372,835	376,507	3,672	0.98%
Contracted Services	54,557	23,013	32,000	32,000	0	0.00%
Repairs/Maintenance	112,891	196,552	125,286	125,286	0	0.00%
Supplies/Travel/Equipment	257,095	147,548	129,700	130,200	500	0.39%
Care of Grounds	111,043	124,245	69,400	69,400	0	0.00%
Vehicle Services	20,241	16,537	22,725	22,725	0	0.00%
Total Maintenance Svcs	1,236,269	1,161,150	1,279,796	1,311,108	31,312	2.45%
<u>I. TECHNOLOGY:</u>						
Salaries	97,383	138,860	180,177	186,610	6,433	3.57%
Benefits	45,192	56,284	76,914	72,120	-4,794	-6.23%
Contracted Services	24,425	16,890	15,500	15,500	0	0.00%
Lease Payment	108,290	108,440	108,500	108,500	0	0.00%
Repairs/Maintenance	1,220	618	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Supplies	24,796	30,729	41,536	41,536	0	0.00%
Equipment	96,133	17,509	25,000	25,000	0	0.00%
Total Technology	397,438	369,331	449,627	451,266	1,639	0.36%
<u>J. TRANSPORTATION:</u>						
Salaries	184,732	211,190	213,593	203,603	-9,990	-4.68%
Benefits	50,432	47,104	48,913	48,690	-223	-0.46%
Travel/Conferences	0	51	500	100	-400	-80.00%
Repairs/Supplies/Equip	91,165	82,301	87,300	89,085	1,785	2.04%
Diesel Fuel	74,200	56,631	78,000	68,000	-10,000	-12.82%
Bus Fund Reserve	25,000	50,000	75,000	100,000	25,000	33.33%
Total Transportation	425,529	447,277	503,306	509,478	6,172	1.23%
<u>K. TEACHER MENTORING:</u>						
Contracted Svcs	0	7,391	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Supplies	0	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Total Teacher Mentoring	0	7,391	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
<u>L. C.A.R.</u>						
Salaries	10,745	7,699	12,000	12,000	0	0.00%
Benefits	403	0	1,000	0	-1,000	-100.00%
Travel/Conferences	0	0	1,500	0	-1,500	-100.00%
Supplies	6,094	1,942	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
Total CAR	17,242	9,641	18,000	15,500	-2,500	-13.89%
<u>M. OTHER EXPENSES:</u>						
Contracted Services	10,874	10,166	10,500	10,500	0	0.00%
Legal Fees	3,220	1,168	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Staff Development	0	75	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Repairs/Maintenance	33,593	33,381	34,050	34,550	500	1.47%
Board Expenses	20,965	85,810	29,000	29,300	300	1.03%
Building Construction	27,250	79,774	0	0	0	
Insurance	5,426	7,268	5,800	6,500	700	12.07%
Travel/Conferences	4,985	3,207	4,850	4,850	0	0.00%
Supplies/Equipment	31,185	32,870	35,850	36,400	550	1.53%
Total Other Expenses	137,499	253,719	126,050	128,100	2,050	1.63%
<u>N. PRE-SCHOOL</u>						
Salaries	0	0	0	83,565	83,565	
Benefits	0	0	0	38,167	38,167	
Tuition/Partnerships	0	0	0	90,000	90,000	
Supplies/Travel/Equip	0	0	0	6,370	6,370	
Total Pre-School	0	0	0	218,102	218,102	
SUPRLUS/DEFICIT	457,528	582,811	0	0	0	
<u>TOTAL OSSU</u>	3,299,265	5,649,080	5,613,122	5,888,922	275,800	4.91%

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 ACTUAL	2015-16 BUDGET	2016-17 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
1 GENERAL FUND					
<u>REVENUE:</u>					
A. LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	2,722,232	3,151,848	3,255,619	3,546,246	290,627
		15.78%	3.29%	8.93%	
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	178,810	1,990,828	2,317,403	2,303,076	-14,327
		1013.38%	16.40%	-0.62%	
C. OTHER REVENUES	49,193	48,876	40,100	39,600	-500
		-0.64%	-17.96%	-1.25%	
D. BEGINNING BALANCE:	349,030	457,528	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	3,299,265	5,649,080	5,613,122	5,888,922	275,800
		71.22%	-0.64%	4.91%	
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>					
E. CENTRAL OFFICE	454,194	476,393	533,783	554,927	21,144
		4.89%	12.05%	3.96%	
F. SPECIAL EDUCATION	173,566	1,980,037	2,317,403	2,303,076	-14,327
		1040.79%	17.04%	-0.62%	
G. ELEM ADMINISTRATION	0	361,331	375,157	387,365	12,208
				3.25%	
H. MAINTENANCE	1,236,269	1,161,150	1,279,796	1,311,108	31,312
			10.22%	2.45%	
I. TECHNOLOGY	397,438	369,331	449,627	451,266	1,639
		-7.07%	21.74%	0.36%	
J. TRANSPORTATION	425,529	447,277	503,306	509,478	6,172
			12.53%	1.23%	
K. TEACHER MENTORING	0	7,391	10,000	10,000	0
				0.00%	
L. C.A.R.	17,242	9,641	18,000	15,500	-2,500
		-44.08%	86.69%	-13.89%	
M. OTHER EXPENSES	137,499	253,719	126,050	128,100	2,050
		84.52%	-50.32%	1.63%	
N. PRE-SCHOOL	0	0	0	218,102	
TOTAL:	2,841,738	5,066,269	5,613,122	5,888,922	57,698
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	457,528	582,811	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,299,265	5,649,080	5,613,122	5,888,922	275,800
		71.22%	-0.64%	4.91%	

The 2014-15 financials as presented are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:


George Gray, OSSU Treasurer

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
ACT 130 - 2016-17**

State Property Yield Rate	\$1.00
State Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$1.538

RANDOLPH UNION HIGH SCHOOL		
BUDGET - Draft 2		\$8,137,469.00
REVENUE - Categorical Grants		<u>-\$1,015,806.00</u>
Total Education Spending (Act 68)		\$7,121,663.00
Equalized Pupils - 2016-17 Final State 12/15/15		487.41
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (Act 68)		\$14,611.24
	Excess Spending Threshold	\$17,103.00
	2016-17 Allowable Growth	\$14,654.54
Property Yield	\$9,955.00	146.77%
RUHS Tax Rate		\$1.4677

BREAKDOWN OF EQUALIZED PUPILS

	<u>Elem %</u>	<u>% RUHS</u>	<u>Prorated Tax Rate</u>	<u>2016 Town CLA</u>	RUHS Projected Tax Rate
Braintree	49.21%	50.79%	\$0.7455	105.64%	\$0.7057
Brookfield	44.96%	55.04%	\$0.8078	111.25%	\$0.7261
Randolph	48.76%	51.24%	\$0.7521	103.71%	\$0.7252

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
BUDGET - Draft 2		\$1,153,770.00
REVENUE - Categorical Grants		<u>-\$239,036.00</u>
Total Education Spending (Act 68)		\$914,734.00
Equalized Pupils - 2016-17 Final State 12/15/15		67.24
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (Act 68)		\$13,604.02
	Excess Spending Threshold	\$17,103.00
	2016-17 Allowable Growth	N/A
Property Yield	\$9,955.00	136.66%
Brookfield Elementary Tax Rate		\$1.3666

	<u>Elem %</u>	<u>Prorated Tax Rate</u>	<u>2016 Town CLA</u>	BRK Projected Tax Rate
Brookfield	44.96%	\$0.6144	111.25%	\$0.5523

	Total Proj Tax	Tax Rates
	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2015-16</u>
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	\$1.278	\$1.328
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	\$1.382	\$1.376

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

ESTIMATES
ONLY

District: Brookfield County: Orange		T032 Orange Southwest		Property dollar equivalent yield 9,955	Homestead tax rate per \$9.955 of spending per equalized pupil 1.00
				11,157	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,328,303	\$1,243,285	\$1,156,275	\$1,153,770
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,328,303	\$1,243,285	\$1,156,275	\$1,153,770
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Total Budget	\$1,328,303	\$1,243,285	\$1,156,275	\$1,153,770
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$212,931	\$209,117	\$215,839	\$239,036
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$212,931	\$209,117	\$215,839	\$239,036
Education Spending		\$1,115,372	\$1,034,168	\$940,436	\$914,734
Equalized Pupils		78.25	71.78	67.81	67.24
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		\$14,253.96	\$14,407.47	\$13,868.69	\$13,604.02
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	NA
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per equp)	-	-	-	NA
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per equp)	NA	NA	-	NA
25.	plus Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	NA	NA	NA	NA
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	plus Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$14,254	\$14,407	\$13,869	\$13,604.02
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	155,764% based on \$9,151	155,169% based on \$9,285	146,619% based on \$9,459	NA
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$13,604.02 + (\$9,955.00 / \$1,000)]	\$1,464 based on \$9.94	\$1,5207 based on \$9.98	\$1,4515 based on \$9.99	\$1,3666 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Brookfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	47.02%	44.70%	43.76%	44.96%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (44.96% x \$1.37)	\$0.6885	\$0.6798	\$0.6352	\$0.6144
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	107.04%	122.75%	111.59%	111.25%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.6144 / 111.25%)	\$0.6432 based on \$9.94	\$0.5538 based on \$9.98	\$0.5692 based on \$9.99	\$0.5523 based on \$1.00
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [\$13,604.02 + \$11,157] x 2.00%	2.80% based on 1.80%	2.79% based on 1.80%	2.64% based on 1.80%	2.44% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (44.96% x 2.44%)	1.32% based on 1.80%	1.25% based on 1.94%	1.16% based on 1.94%	1.10% based on 2.00%
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at Randolph UHSD	52.98%	55.30%	56.24%	55.04%
37.		-	-	-	-
<div>- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065.</div> <div>- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.</div> <div>- The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.</div>					

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of School Directors
Brookfield School District
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Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Brookfield School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Brookfield School District basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

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Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Brookfield School District, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated December 9, 2015, on my consideration of the Brookfield School District internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters.

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The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Brookfield School District internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William Yacavoni', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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