

**Annual Report
of the Town of**

Brookfield



VERMONT

January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

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. – 12:00 P.M., 1:00 P.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: btownhall@aol.com

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

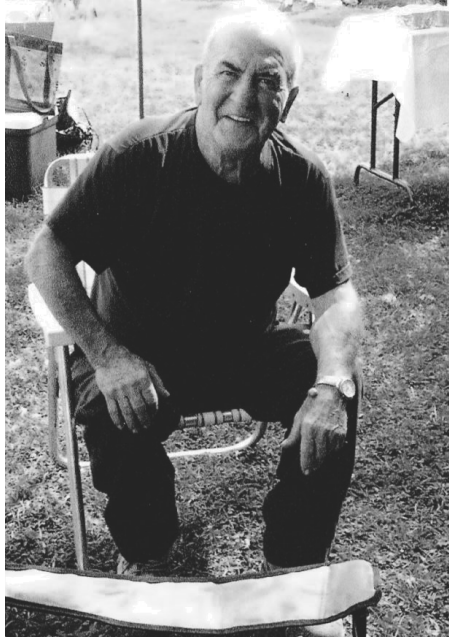
Exact Times and Dates to be announced

For acceptable materials contact (802) 223-7221

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This year's town report is dedicated to the memory of longtime resident Gerard (G.G.) LaRocque. The Brookfield community lost a valuable member and friend on September 25, 2014 as G.G. passed away from a sudden illness.

Born in Randolph, VT on June 1, 1938, G.G. grew up just south of the Brookfield line in Randolph Center on the farm currently owned by Chester and Elizabeth Abbot. As a young man, he worked on Dan Chase's Brookfield farm where he met and then married Mr. Chase's daughter Melanie on November 26, 1960.

In 1999, G.G. retired after 43 years working for first the Central Vermont Railway and then the New England Central Railroad. In his retirement, G.G. kept busy plowing snow, brush hogging fields, and rototilling gardens for many Brookfield residents. He also spent a great deal of time offering a helping hand to his children and grandchildren.

G.G.'s work for the Town included mowing roadsides each summer and helping the road crew with various tasks. G.G. was a fixture at Town meeting and was a regular at many other Town events and gatherings. G.G. and Melanie made their home on West Street where they raised their three children: Paula, Cathy and Dennis. In addition to his wife and children, G.G. leaves behind eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. On October 3, 2014 over 275 family and community members celebrated his life, a testimony to the lives he touched.

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 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. For this purpose, the polls will be open from 9:00 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 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.
6. To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 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.
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.
8. To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 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 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.
10. To transact any other proper business.

Dated at Brookfield, Vermont, the 22nd day of January 2015.

Attest: Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

There will be an informational meeting about the Town Budget on Monday evening, February 23, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Clerk's Office.

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD 2014 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 4, 2014 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 general Town road maintenance, the status of road repairs triggered by the previous year's storm damage, and plans to replace the Floating Bridge with potential opening in Spring 2015.

Mr. Benson also recognized Chris and Jane Woodruff for their services to the Town, including Chris's work as Assistant Fire Chief for 23 years, and Jane's service as Town Clerk for the last 13 years.

Charlie Keeler spoke about Ed Koren receiving title of "State Cartoonist Laureate." He also noted that Claudia Smith is retiring after being our mail carrier for many years.

Sam Dilcer has stepped down as Auditor and was a huge help working on the Town Report during the past 9 years. Martina Rutkovsky stepped up to produce the 2013 Town Report.

Patsy French, State Representative, spoke on several issues including the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission, and commended Ms. Woodruff for her service to the Town.

Mark McDonald, State Senator, spoke on several issues including renewable energy, old landfills and the proposed bottle bill.

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

Motion by P. Flint, seconded by M. Herold to approve authorization. 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 2014/2015 property taxes due November 8, 2014; second payment due May 2, 2015. Motion carried.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve an allocation of up to \$500 for cleaning and an additional name placed on the War Memorial monument located by the Town Office.

Motion by C. Barnum, seconded by S. Dilcer. Motion carried.

Article 6: To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$445,826 (\$445,326.00 + \$500.00) to meet expenses and liabilities of the Town General Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide same.

Motion by L. Runnion, seconded by M. Lefebvre. Motion carried.

Article 7: To approve a 12 month budget for the financial year of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$637,692 to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town Highway Fund and to authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide same.

Motion by A. Adler, seconded by M. Evans. Motion carried.

Article 8: 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.

John Benson, Selectboard Chair, discussed the issue with several members of the meeting. He indicated the Board had met with White River Valley Ambulance and Barre Town Ambulance services and expected to arrive at a workable allocation of services for the best interests of the Brookfield residents.

Motion by S. Dilcer, seconded by M. Lefebvre. Motion carried.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote on the following question:

As Delinquent Taxpayers are currently charged (a) 8% mandatory Delinquent Tax Collector Fee, and (b) 18% interest (1 ½% per month, maximum as allowed by law) interest after 3 months (1 % per month for 1st 3 months or 12% APR), should we LOWER the interest to ½% per month (6% per year) as collected on all delinquent taxes?

There was discussion on the article by members of the Board, Delinquent Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Article presenter J. Moorcroft, along with questions from members of the meeting. Motion then presented.

Motion called by K. Ring, seconded by J. Cole.

Motion by M. Evans, seconded by S. Isham. Motion denied.

Article 10: To transact any other proper business.

Being no other proper business to be presented to the Town,

Charles Keeler, Moderator, adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a. m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jane B. Woodruff, Town Clerk

Teresa Godfrey, Assistant Town Clerk

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD OFFICERS 2014

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 2015.....	Cory Haggett		
Selectboard term exp 2015	John Benson		
Selectboard term exp 2016	Jeffrey Kimmel		
School Dir./term exp 2017.....	James A. Merriam		
School Dir./term exp 2015.....	Laura Rochet		
School Dir./term exp 2016.....	Kristin Husher		
Lister./term exp 2014.....	Teresa Godfrey		
Lister./term exp 2015.....	Stuart Edson		
Lister./term exp 2016.....	Phyllis Humez		
Auditors./term exp 2015.....	Ginny Brees, Brenda Flint		
Treasurer.....	Teresa Godfrey		
Delinquent Tax Collector	Cecelia Barnes		
Constable.....	Michael Lefebvre		
Second Constable.....	Kevin Joyal		
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.			
2015.....	Daniel Childs		
2015.....	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	E. Deforge	T. Elzey
B. Fallon	R. Fink	C. Korn	
Town Forester.....	Jon Binhammer		
Town Services Officer.....	Jeff Kimmel		
Health Officer.....	David Pattison		
Administrative Officer.....	Diane (Dee) Montie		
Assistant Administrative Officer	Marda Donner		
Civil Defense.....	John Benson		

Fence ViewerSam Dilcer
 Weigher of Coal.....Chuck Barnum
 Inspector of Lumber, Shingles and Wood.....**Vacant**

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
Hank Buermann	Neil Husher

Report of the Brookfield Selectboard for 2014

Energy – This past year the lighting within the Town Garage was replaced with more energy efficient fixtures. Working with the Towns of Randolph and Braintree and Solarize the Upper Valley, the three Towns provide the opportunity for residents to purchase net meter solar systems at a very competitive group rate purchase. Over the next year the street lights throughout Town will be replaced with new LED fixtures. This program, made available by Efficiency Vermont and GMP will replace the fixtures at no cost to the Town, but the Town will receive the benefits of reduced energy usage and improved lighting.

Policy Updates – Two Town Policies were up dated this past year. The first established a clear policy for the distribution of compensation to individuals serving in various Town positions. The second updated the dog and pet ordinance to reflect changes in boarding costs and to clarify that these costs are the responsibility of the pet owner.

Web Site – When the Town was informed that our web site was no longer serviceable, Stuart Edson volunteered to investigate options and then to help get the new system up and running once selected. We encourage you to visit the new site (brookfieldvt.org) and please let us know if you have any suggestions. Thank you Stuart.

Ambulance Service – The Town continues to work with White River Valley Ambulance and Barre Town to define the coverage areas, change in E911 addressing, and service agreements. More on this subject will be presented at Town Meeting.

Storm Damage – The Town Road Crew has done a great deal of work over the past few years in rebuilding several roads heavily damaged by storm events. At this point we have one storm-related FEMA/State funded project to complete. This is the replacement of the McKeage Road Bridge over the Second Branch of the White River. This will be completed this summer.

Town Dump Truck – As presented in the warning, the Town plans to replace one of the Town dump trucks this year. The Selectboard is also considering adding a used one ton or three quarter ton truck to our inventory. This would save on fuel when doing small projects around town or when having to run into Randolph for parts and plowing tight areas in place of a Town Dump truck.

Floating Bridge – 2014 saw real work get underway on the construction of the new Floating Bridge. The Town along with our Historical Society is working with the Agency of Transportation to plan the celebration for opening the new bridge this spring/summer. Information will be posted on the Town website as it becomes available.

Appreciation and Recognition - The Selectboard wishes to extend our thanks and appreciation to all those who work for, performed services for, or volunteer to make our community a great place to live, work, recreate, and raise your families. We thank Cory Haggett for joining the Selectboard this past year. Cory is a Brookfield native and is a great asset to the Board. We also extend our fond memories and appreciation to the family and friends of GG Larocque. In addition to performing the roadside mowing for many years, GG was also a great friend to the Road Crew, volunteering to run for a part or bring in much-appreciated food on those long winter nights of plowing. He will be truly missed.

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

Brookfield Board of Listers - 2014 Report

For tax year 2014, the Brookfield Board of Listers completed 13 site visits to value any new structures and subdivided lands. We updated the property information using NEMRC software for the Grand List and CAMA software for property valuation. We handled many property owner requests for information via phone and email at the town office, as well as in person.

We processed 60 Property Transfer Tax Returns (PTTR), all which required deed research/verification, as well as updated the records in NEMRC and CAMA for each property. We downloaded HS 122 (Homestead Declaration) information from the state and investigated any discrepancies.

There are presently 148 Brookfield parcels that are enrolled in Vermont's Current Use Program. The Listers checked, verified, and corrected the values and acreage on all 145 parcels. We also recalculated the value on all Current Use parcels with exempted land greater than 2 acres to comply with Vermont Tax Department (PVR) requirements.

The Brookfield Listers are members of Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors (VALA).

We continued to update our parcel map to our Geographic Information System (GIS) to be kept current with any land subdivisions and survey maps being filed with the Town. We decided this year to save mapping costs by only having

printed maps produced every other year. This will save the town \$1100 this year. We have digitized all new recorded survey maps and investigated any acreage changes. All records have been updated to reflect any changes in value.

All Vermont residents who own and occupy a Vermont homestead should note that the state HS 122 Homestead Declaration form **must be filed each year by April 15th**. This form also includes the Property Tax Adjustment Claim which needs to be completed by residents with total household income less than \$99,000 in order to be eligible for state property tax adjustment.

We would also like to remind any disabled veteran, who is planning on applying for the Veterans Tax Exemption, that you have to submit a Property Tax Exemption For Disabled Veterans And Their Survivors form (Office of Veterans Affairs form 3802) and letter of eligibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs **before May 1st** of each year. 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 don't hesitate to contact us at the Town Office if you have any questions. Our hours are by appointment or chance only. The Listers can be reached at the Town Clerk's Office number (802) 276-3352 or by email: listers@brookfieldvt.org

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Edson, Teresa Godfrey, Phyllis Humez
Brookfield Listers

VITAL STATISTICS 2014

Marriages:

Date	Name #1	Name #2	Residence	Residence	Place of Marriage
June 27, 2014	Jasmine E. Young	Taylor E. Margison	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT
July 19, 2014	Robert K. Limkeman	Samantha S. Merrill	Solon, OH	W. Brookfield, VT	Randolph, VT
August 4, 2014	Susan G. Provost	Gabriele A. Davis	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT
October 4, 2014	Laura M. Dunwoody	Wilson M. Ballantyne	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT
October 11, 2014	Mikayla A. J. Manchester	Nathan A. Perry	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT	Brookfield, VT

Births:

Name	Date of Birth	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Lily Avery Girard	January 18, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Jeffrey J. Girard	Shelby A. Girard
Mia Karen Higgins	February 6, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Jeffrey T. Higgins	Katie N. Higgins
Maybelle Bea Johnson	March 14, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Zachary A. Johnson	Jennifer Johnson
Zayden Septimus Cameron	April 12, 2014	W. Brookfield, VT	William E. Cameron	Kristali L. Cameron
Lily Jade Barber	April 28, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Terrence A. Barber	Sage A. Barber
Boden Alexander Noyes	July 1, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Dennis G. LaRocque	Emily M. Noyes
Averie Jordan Ashline	September 12, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Curtis A. Ashline	Bethany A. Brandt-Ashline
Bentley Carter Paquette	October 5, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Philip S. Paquette	Jodi L. Prucha
Iris Lillian Freitag	November 12, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Gabriel C. Freitag	Katherine A. Forrer

Deaths:

Name	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
Harriet E. Lavender	102	January 10, 2014	Randolph, VT	Brookfield Center Cemetery
Fleda M. Stone	88	February 6, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Mountain View Cemetery
Emile Y. Fredette	84	March 8, 2014	Randolph, VT	Randolph, VT
Joan Bott	80	April 13, 2014	Berlin, VT	Veterans Cemetery
Robert L. DeForge	78	August 1, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Green Mountain Crematory
Peter H. Smithers	64	August 25, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Randolph, VT
Roy A. Lyon	42	October 6, 2014	Bethel, VT	Green Mountain Crematory
Gerard G. LaRocque	76	September 25, 2014	Hanover, NH	
Katherine B. Bushey	89	November 1, 2014	Randolph, VT	
Joan M. Cullen	80	December 3, 2014	Brookfield, VT	Websterville, VT
				Green Mountain Crematory

Burials:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Place of Burial</u>
Pauline Holman	85	April 1, 2014	Randolph, VT	Brookfield Center Cemetery
John A. Beaulieu	56	October 17, 2014	Sacramento, CA	West Brookfield Cemetery
Charlotte Starr Allen	91	May 27, 2012	Concord, MA	East Hill Cemetery
William Starr	78	October 14, 2001	Boston, MA	East Hill Cemetery
Christopher Starr	59	March 20, 2007	Brunswick, ME	East Hill Cemetery
Judith B. Bigelow	76	December 16, 2013	Williston, VT	Brookfield Center Cemetery
Zita Champney	81	September 8, 2014	Randolph, VT	Brookfield Center Cemetery
Lorren Pelletier	67	July 5, 2014	Peterborough, NH	East Brookfield Cemetery
Sara E. Pike(Starr)	67	1967		East Hill Cemetery

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

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09:27 am

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

Account	All Funds								Recreation/ Cons	Total
	General Fund	Fire Department	Cemetery	Library	Highway Equipment	Fire Truck	Reappraisal			
ASSET										
RNB GF Checking	64852.18	0	16631.4	1686.58	0	0	0	0	0	83170.16
CB Del Tax Checking	0	2703.56	5213.24	1.03	0	0	0	0	0	7917.83
NSB GF Checking	635423.52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	635423.5
RNB Tax Sale Savings	3016.77	4244.9	17771.84	0	0	0	0	0	0	25033.51
Due To/From Other Funds	-32478.06	10492.33	536.64	0	0	1625.59	0	-500	-20323.5	
NSB GF Cert of Deposit	103012.52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103012.5
CD 15837	0	0	42000	0	0	0	0	0	0	42000
CD 16987	0	0	10146.63	0	0	0	0	0	0	10146.63
RNB Highway Savings	0	0	0	0	88508.11	0	52692.34	29512.08	170712.5	
Vanguard Investments	0	0	0	23462.17	0	0	0	0	23462.17	
Fidelity Investments	0	0	0	5423.19	0	0	0	0	5423.19	
Edward Jones Investmnts	0	0	0	1679.03	0	0	0	0	1679.03	
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Total Asset	773826.93	17440.79	92299.75	32252	88508.11	1625.59	52692.34	29012.08	1087658	
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LIABILITY										
Due To/From Other Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	8388.5	0	8388.5	
Accounts Payable	-464.57	0	0	0	0	0	60.83	0	-403.74	
Perpetual Care Restrict	0	0	73152.42	0	0	0	0	0	73152.42	
Federal Deposit	-70.64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-70.64	
State Tax Deposit	-31.54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-31.54	
VMERS-DB	-657.98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-657.98	
St of VT - Dogs	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	
Transfer-out General	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	
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Total Liability	-900.73	0	73152.42	0	0	0	8449.33	0	80701.02	
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FUND BALANCE										
Fund Balance	467474.71	17441.51	16057.14	32252	88382.13	1624.5	44239.69	28712.08	696183.8	
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Total Prior Years Fund Balance	467474.71	17441.51	16057.14	32252	88382.13	1624.5	44239.69	28712.08	696183.8	
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Fund Balance Current Year	307252.95	-0.72	3090.19	0	125.98	1.09	3.32	300	310772.8	
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Total Fund Balance	774727.66	17440.79	19147.33	32252	88508.11	1625.59	44243.01	29012.08	1006957	
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Total Liability Fund Balance	773826.93	17440.79	92299.75	32252	88508.11	1625.59	52692.34	29012.08	1087658	
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TOWN INCOME

	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	Actual July – Dec 2013	2015 Proposed
4110 Property Taxes Raised	\$354,972.47	\$322,626.00	\$199,528.46	\$317,751.00
4130 PILOT	\$9,522.00	\$9,300.00	\$9,612.04	\$9,400.00
4140 Current Use - Hold Harmless	\$76,674.00	\$72,000.00	\$72,642.00	\$74,000.00
4160 Judicial - Local Fines	\$327.50	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	\$441,495.97	\$404,176.00	\$281,782.50	\$401,401.00
4202 Town Clerk's Fees	\$10,899.54	\$10,000.00	\$3,729.38	\$9,600.00
4203 Book Restoration Fund	\$2,823.70	\$1,600.00	\$907.09	\$1,600.00
4204 Copier Reimbursement	\$1,211.44	\$500.00	\$818.60	\$800.00
4205 Dog Licenses	\$942.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
4207 Marriage Licenses	\$210.00	\$200.00	\$240.00	\$200.00
4208 Permits	\$810.00	\$1,000.00	\$943.00	\$1,000.00
4210 Posting Fees	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$65.00	\$25.00
4216 Liquor Licenses	\$115.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
4222 Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4230 Miscellaneous Income	\$332.23	\$500.00	\$110.00	\$500.00
	\$17,343.91	\$15,450.00	\$6,813.07	\$15,325.00
4310 Interest on Bank Accounts	\$1,431.22	\$700.00	\$809.80	\$700.00
4340 Delinquent Tax Penalties	\$9,354.15	\$13,000.00	\$6,647.39	\$12,000.00
4350 Delinquent Tax Interest	\$16,791.83	\$12,000.00	\$9,671.97	\$12,000.00
	\$27,577.20	\$25,700.00	\$17,129.16	\$24,700.00
Total Town Income	\$486,417.08	\$445,326.00	\$305,724.73	\$441,426.00

	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	Actual July – Dec 2013	2015 Proposed
4910 Property Taxes Raised	\$650,139.00	\$497,692.00	\$297,862.79	\$537,491.00
4920 Vermont State Highway Aid	\$142,674.49	\$135,000.00	\$71,257.82	\$140,000.00
4930 RT 65 Maintenance Contract	\$29,908.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
4935 Highway Permits	\$1,210.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
4936 FEMA Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Highway Income	\$823,931.49	\$637,692.00	\$369,140.61	\$687,491.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,310,348.57	\$1,083,018.00	\$674,865.34	\$1,128,917.00

TOWN EXPENSES

5110 Town Clerk's Salary	\$14,210.72	\$16,640.00	\$8,320.00	\$17,472.00
5111 Ass't Town Clerk's Salary	\$7,903.51	\$7,430.00	\$1,697.08	\$4,130.00
5115 Treasurer's Salary	\$16,500.20	\$13,312.00	\$6,656.00	\$13,978.00
5116 Ass't Treasurer's Salary	\$5,145.74	\$4,060.00	\$130.02	\$1,377.00
5117 Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	\$8,173.59	\$12,000.00	\$6,470.52	\$12,000.00
5120 Selectmen's Salaries	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00
5125 Admin. Ass't Salary	\$8,242.17	\$7,300.00	\$2,784.46	\$8,261.00
5150 Lister's Salaries	\$13,251.00	\$20,160.00	\$6,111.00	\$20,160.00
5152 Constable's Salary	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$750.00	\$2,250.00
5154 2nd Constable's Salary	\$625.00	\$800.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
5155 Administrative Officer's Salary	\$3,150.00	\$3,100.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.00
5158 Auditor's Salary	\$250.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
5165 Health Officer's Salary	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
5168 BC/VElections	\$631.01	\$2,600.00	\$769.11	\$1,500.00

	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	Actual July – Dec 2013	2015 Proposed
	\$81,632.94	\$91,702.00	\$33,888.19	\$87,278.00
5240 Social Security	\$14,867.74	\$15,000.00	\$6,311.27	\$15,000.00
5245 Medicare	\$3,477.20	\$4,000.00	\$1,476.11	\$4,000.00
5250 Workman's Comp	\$1,704.00	\$2,070.00	\$0.00	\$2,735.00
5260 VT Employees Retirement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,230.00
5280 Mileage	\$808.69	\$850.00	\$389.20	\$850.00
5281 Constable's Mileage	\$652.80	\$500.00	\$352.24	\$750.00
	\$21,510.43	\$22,420.00	\$8,528.82	\$24,565.00
5270 Training	\$495.00	\$650.00	\$245.00	\$750.00
5275 Constable Training	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
5293 Townwide Reappraisal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5295 Professional/Legal Services	\$1,931.00	\$10,000.00	\$585.00	\$7,500.00
5296 Audit	\$12,900.00	\$14,000.00	\$7,125.00	\$14,000.00
	\$15,326.00	\$26,150.00	\$7,955.00	\$23,750.00
5304 Orange County Sheriff	\$4,509.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,800.00	\$6,000.00
5310 Fire Department Budget	\$28,898.38	\$26,750.00	\$6,565.50	\$30,550.00
5315 Fire Truck	\$36,620.60	\$36,621.00	\$36,620.60	\$36,621.00
5322 Librarian's Salary	\$10,882.46	\$11,550.00	\$5,713.50	\$11,700.00
5325 Librarian Budget	\$4,500.00	\$4,600.00	\$2,300.00	\$4,700.00
5330 Cemetery Budget	\$19,374.28	\$30,000.00	\$9,280.91	\$30,000.00
5360 Ambulance Service	\$82,980.50	\$77,490.00	\$38,745.12	\$80,000.00
5370 Emergency Management	\$42.40	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

	2013	2014	2015
	Actual	Budget	Proposed
		July - Dec 2013	
5380 Street Lights	\$4,561.35	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	\$192,368.97	\$197,611.00	\$204,671.00
5412 Advertising and Notices	\$88.88	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
5414 Tax Bill Preparation	\$367.50	\$500.00	\$0.00
5416 Town Report	\$1,395.50	\$2,500.00	\$1,800.00
5418 Book Restoration	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
5420 Office Supplies	\$3,072.74	\$2,200.00	\$2,000.00
5422 Dog Licenses	\$110.52	\$300.00	\$150.00
5424 Dog and Animal Control	\$156.14	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
5428 Postage	\$1,965.77	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
5430 Administrative - Other	\$85.25	\$100.00	\$100.00
5440 Lister Supplies	\$1,706.34	\$1,000.00	\$500.00
5441 Lister Computer Support	\$2,008.50	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5442 Lister Training	-\$391.85	\$500.00	\$500.00
5443 Lister Mileage	\$225.32	\$500.00	\$500.00
5444 Tax Maps	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$500.00
5445 M & S Cost tables	\$477.62	\$195.00	\$232.00
5446 VALA membership	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
5447 Blueprints/Reproduction	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
5450 Computer Hardware	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$1,100.00
5451 Computer Software	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$250.00
5452 Computer Support	\$1,826.72	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
	\$14,744.95	\$20,295.00	\$16,932.00
		\$4,998.55	

	2013	2014	Actual	2015
	Actual	Budget	July – Dec 2013	Proposed
5510 Electricity	\$1,146.84	\$1,350.00	\$504.85	\$1,350.00
5520 Heat	\$2,002.27	\$2,800.00	\$495.78	\$2,800.00
5530 Telephone	\$1,564.84	\$1,600.00	\$789.14	\$1,750.00
5540 ISP	\$525.87	\$500.00	\$251.94	\$600.00
	\$5,239.82	\$6,250.00	\$2,041.71	\$6,500.00
5610 Building & Grounds	\$5,324.15	\$20,000.00	\$4,165.70	\$15,000.00
5620 Copier Expenses	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
5655 Office Equipment	\$207.28	\$250.00	\$247.94	\$250.00
	\$5,781.43	\$20,750.00	\$4,413.64	\$15,750.00
5710 Property/Liability Insurance	\$1,478.00	\$1,478.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
5720 Officers/Employees Bond	\$917.00	\$917.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
5730 VT League of Cities & Towns	\$2,093.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,294.00	\$2,400.00
5740 Two Rivers Planning Commission	\$1,615.00	\$1,667.00	\$1,667.00	\$1,770.00
5750 Orange County	\$30,099.11	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	\$36,000.00
5760 Brookfield Planning Commission	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
5770 Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
5780 Bank Charges	\$513.94	\$750.00	\$98.62	\$750.00
5785 Errors and Omissions	\$1,981.00	\$1,981.00	\$0.00	\$2,155.00
5790 Solid Waste Transfer Facility	\$928.73	\$2,000.00	\$652.78	\$2,000.00
	\$39,625.78	\$47,943.00	\$4,712.40	\$49,175.00
5810 CVCAC	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
5811 Art Bus	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,200.00

	2013	2014	Actual	2015
	Actual	Budget	July – Dec 2013	Proposed
5815 Stage Coach	\$900.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
5817 Red Cross	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
5818 Green Up VT	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
5820 Memorial Day	\$100.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
5830 VT Visiting Nurses	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
5840 Randolph Senior Citizens Center	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5860 Clara Martin Center	\$1,905.00	\$1,905.00	\$1,905.00	\$1,905.00
5870 VT Center for Independent Living	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
5871 Randolph Area Food Shelf	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
5880 Resource C&D Council	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
5885 Orange Co. Parent Child Center	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5890 Safe Line	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
5896 CV Council on Aging	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
5897 Orange County Court Diversion	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	\$11,505.00	\$12,205.00	\$11,955.00	\$12,805.00

Total General Town Expenses \$387,735.32 \$445,326.00 \$181,793.18 \$441,426.00

Highway Expenses

6100 Highway Salaries	\$136,045.77	\$153,252.00	\$58,052.33	\$154,000.00
6110 Hwy Commissioner Salary	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0
	\$136,645.77	\$153,852.00	\$58,052.33	\$154,000
6230 VT Employee Retirement Fund	\$4,134.90	\$5,231.00	\$1,880.89	\$5,245.00

	2013	2014	Actual	2015
	Actual	Budget	July – Dec 2013	Proposed
6240 Unemployment	\$2,868.00	\$5,750.00	\$539.00	\$5,760.00
6250 Health Insurance	\$32,601.34	\$48,145.00	\$13,646.29	\$44,536.00
6260 Dental Insurance	\$1,488.00	\$2,900.00	\$556.18	\$3,510.00
6270 Life Insurance	\$238.00	\$340.00	\$75.40	\$340.00
6280 Workman's Compensation	\$10,302.00	\$9,847.00	\$0.00	\$10,360.00
6295 Mileage Expense	\$2,631.46	\$3,000.00	\$302.32	\$3,000.00
	\$54,263.70	\$75,213.00	\$17,000.08	\$72,741.00
6301 Training	-\$95.39	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
6310 Salt	\$13,807.84	\$12,000.00	\$7,135.89	\$15,000.00
6315 Chloride	\$6,440.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,313.12	\$8,500.00
6320 Gravel	\$60,567.65	\$40,000.00	\$8,364.00	\$40,000.00
6325 Sand	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$20,634.25	\$50,000.00
6330 Contract Plowing	\$2,145.00	\$3,000.00	\$350.00	\$3,000.00
6340 Roadside Mowing	\$7,490.00	\$8,250.00	\$5,170.00	\$8,500.00
6350 Diesel Fuel	\$72,502.94	\$50,000.00	\$50.00	\$50,000.00
6360 Contract Highway Services	\$2,215.00	\$6,000.00	\$750.00	\$6,000.00
	\$190,073.04	\$178,250.00	\$50,767.26	\$181,500.00
6410 Equipment Maintenance/Repair	\$62,673.13	\$45,000.00	\$17,031.31	\$50,000.00
6415 Uniforms & Safety Equipment	\$4,037.02	\$4,000.00	\$1,690.51	\$4,000.00
6420 Building Maintenance/Repair	\$5,419.75	\$7,500.00	\$6,264.24	\$7,000.00
6430 Electricity	\$2,368.84	\$1,600.00	\$728.67	\$1,800.00
6440 Telephone	\$1,421.79	\$1,400.00	\$531.60	\$1,400.00
6450 Radios	\$755.90	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00

	2013	2014	Actual	2015
	Actual	Budget	July – Dec 2013	Proposed
6460 Vehicle Insurance	\$13,277.00	\$13,277.00	\$0.00	\$14,450.00
6470 Green Up VT	\$979.40	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
	\$90,932.83	\$74,677.00	\$26,246.33	\$80,550.00
6510 Culverts	\$3,888.90	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00
6515 Bridges	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
6520 Wheatley Land	\$2,052.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
6530 Erosion Control	\$877.15	\$3,000.00	\$1,193.51	\$3,000.00
6550 New Equipment	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
6560 Road Signs	\$2,998.33	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
6585 Loader - Lease	\$13,677.98	\$13,700.00	\$13,677.98	\$13,700.00
6587 New Truck	\$46,566.35	\$50,000.00	\$46,537.81	\$60,000.00
6590 Paving	\$102,895.36	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
6595 Road Reconstruction	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$19,220.90	\$45,000.00
	\$172,956.07	\$155,700.00	\$84,630.20	\$198,700.00
6600 Interest Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6700 Highway Equipment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6721 Storm Damage Recovery	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,078.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,078.00	\$0.00
Total Highway Expenses	\$644,871.41	\$637,692.00	\$244,774.20	\$687,491.00
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES	\$1,032,606.73	\$1,083,018.00	\$426,567.38	\$1,128,917.00

Brookfield Tax Rates - 2014

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE		
Description	Credits	Debits
General Town Expenses		445,826.00
Town Highway Budget		637,692.00
Town Highway State Aid	136,815.00	
State Snowplow Funding	12,000.00	
Town Clerk's Fees	10,000.00	
Interest	15,000.00	
Hold Harmless	72,694.00	
PILOT Program	9,445.00	
Forest & Parks	500.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues	7,000.00	
Fiscal Year Adjustment	50,000.00	
	(313,454.00)	
To Be Raised By Taxes		770,064.00
Municipal Grand List (1%)	1,590,170.76	
Municipal Tax Rate		0.4843

EDUCATION TAX RATES	
Residential Rate	1.2235
Non-Residential Rate	1.2342

TOTAL RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.7078
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	1.7185

Approved by the Selectboard: 8-11-14

**Brookfield Delinquent Tax Report
December 31, 2014**

Celia Barnes, Delinquent Tax Collector

Principals Owed	
2003	\$ 1,610.10
2006	3,602.15
2008	3,287.57
2009	16,061.67
2010	20,920.07
2011	23,862.48
2012	53,631.59
2013-6	11,697.88
<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>75,353.81</u>
TOTAL	\$210,027.32

DELINQUENCIES

2003/2006/2008

PRINCIPAL \$8,499.82

MOORCROFT, JAMES

2009

PRINCIPAL \$16,061.67

ALCORN, EVERETT
BROWN, GAYLEN
BURNS, RICHARD
LACKEY, PAUL
MOORCROFT, JAMES
SNOW, LEON & BARBARA
TOMASI, DONNA

2010

PRINCIPAL \$20,920.07

ALCORN, EVERETT
BURNS, RICHARD
HOOD, DOUGLAS
KING, KARL
KOUTOUDAKIS, DAVID
LACKEY, PAUL
LAVOIE, MARK
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE

SNOW, LEON & BARBARA
TOMASI, DONNA
TOULIS, STEVEN

2011

PRINCIPAL \$23,862.48

BURNS, RICHARD
CAMP, BETH & VERNON
DOW & HOLLANDER
FOOTE, MARIE
HOOD, DOUGLAS
KING, KARL
KOUTOUDAKIS, DAVID
LACKEY, PAUL
LAVOIE, MARK & SHARON
MCRAE & SCHOENBECK
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
SNOW, LEON & BARBARA
TOMASI, DONNA
TOULIS, STEVEN
ZANI, CHARLES & SUSAN

2012

PRINCIPAL \$53,631.59

ALCORN, EVERETT
BRINKMAN, STANLEY
BURNS, RICHARD
CAMP, BETH & VERNON
DAVIS, MICHAEL
DE MARTINI, PAUL III
DOERFER, JANE A.
DOW & HOLLANDER
FONTANELLA, WAYNE
FOOTE, MARIE
FRENCH, JAMES
GADBOIS, MATTHEW
HAGGETT, ADAM
JAVERY, THOMAS E.

KING, KARL
KOUTOUDAKIS, DAVID
LACKEY, PAUL
MCRAE & SCHOENBECK
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
PENNEY, JOSEPH W.
SMEDY, DONALD R.
SNOW, LEON & BARBARA
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL
TOMASI, DONNA
TOULIS, STEVEN
YOUNG, PHILIP
ZANI, CHARLES & SUSAN

2013-6

PRINCIPAL \$11,697.88

BRINKMAN, STANLEY
BROWN, GAYLEN
BURNS, RICHARD
CAMP, BETH & VERNON
DE MARTINI, PAUL III
DOW & HOLLANDER
FOOTE, MARIE
FRENCH, JAMES
HAGGETT, ADAM
HOLMES, LISA
JAVERY, THOMAS E.
JDI PROPERTIES INC.
KIDDER, THOMAS C.
KING, KARL
KOUTOUDAKIS, DAVID
LACKEY, PAUL
LAROCQUE, AARON
LAVOIE, MARK
MAXEY, WALTER
MCRAE & SCHOENBECK
MOORCROFT, JAMES
MURRAY, NANCY J.
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE

PENNEY, JOSEPH W.
SMEDY, DONALD R.
STRAUSS, JANET M.
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL
TAPLIN, THERESA M.
TOMASI, DONNA
TOULIS, STEVEN
ZANI, CHARLES & SUSAN

2013-2014

PRINCIPAL \$75,353.81

ALCORN, EVERETT
BARRON 2009 TRUST
BEAULIEU, ROBERT
BRINKMAN, STANLEY
BROWN, GAYLEN
BRYCE, STARR
BURNS, RICHARD
CAMP, BETH & VERNON
DE MARTINI, PAUL III
DOW & HOLLANDER
ECCLES, CHARLES M.
TRUST
ECG ENTERPRISES INC.
FOOTE, MARIE
FREEMAN, JAMES C.
FREIMAN, ALVIN
FRENCH, JAMES
FULLMAN, ALLEN E.
GADBOIS, MATTHEW
GASSNER, BARBARA
GODIN, DANIELLE
GOLDEN, PATRICK
HAGGETT, ADAM
HOLMES, LISA
HORD, ERIC RANDOLPH
JAVERY, THOMAS E.
JDI PROPERTIES INC.
KARALEKAS, GEORGE

KING, KARL
KLAR, JOHN & JACQUELINE
KOUTOUDAKIS, DAVID
LACKEY, PAUL
LAMSON, CAROLYN
LAROCQUE, AARON
LATHROP, WARREN
LAVOIE, MARK
LE BARON, FRANCIS
LEDREW, CARLETON
LEMIEUX, JONATHAN
LYFORD, CINDY L.
MARTIN, PATRICK E.
MAXEY, WALTER
MAYOTTE, RICKY A.
MCRAE & SCHOENBECK
MOORCROFT, JAMES
NEURATH, JEFFREY
NEWMAN, LAWRENCE
PEMBERTON, PATRICK
PENNEY, JOSEPH W.
RANDALL, CHARLES E.
SMEDY, DONALD R.
SNOW, BARBARA & LEON
SPRAGUE, SALLY A.
STRAUSS, JANET M.
SULLIVAN, MICHAEL
TAPLIN, THERESA M.
TELEPHONE OPERATING CO.
TOMASI, DONNA
TOULIS, STEVEN
YOUNG, PHILIP
ZANI, CHARLES & SUSAN

Brookfield Volunteer Fire Department 2014

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

Accidents	22	Chimney fires	2
Rescue	2	Vehicle fires	1
Structure fires	0	Power Line/Tree	1
False alarms	1	Grass/Forest Fire	4
Mutual Aid	8	Road washout/closure	2

The Fire Department logged 616 man-hours responding to calls and 400 man-hours in training/equipment maintenance during 2014.

As noted last year, all our SCBA's were tested and each Firefighter face piece fit tested to be sure they provide a proper seal. As an interior Firefighter's survival depends upon the air he carries, it is vital that these apparatus function properly and that the face piece seals fully to prevent the Firefighter from breathing in a variety of toxins that can be present. This year two SCBA's have been upgraded and four bottles were replaced as they reached the end of their useful lives. Over the next two years eight additional bottles will have to be retired/replaced.

Two other items that are scheduled for replacement this coming year are: the multi-gas detector unit which measures oxygen levels, CO₂, and explosive gas. Parts for this unit are no longer available and one of the sensors is no longer functional. The second item is the Fire Station furnace. We were informed this fall as the unit was serviced, that it was on borrowed time and should be replaced next year. As the trucks carry large quantities of water, a loss of heat within the station could permanently disable both of these vehicles.

For the past 28 years, I have had the pleasure of serving as Fire Chief. As of January 2015, I am retiring from this position. I want to thank all the men and women who have served our community as Firefighters over that period. They are a great group of people and we, and I personally, appreciate all they have done for us. I have never figured out just what makes someone put on the gear and run into a burning building, when everyone else knows you should be getting out, but they do, and ask for little in return. To you the Public, I also thank you for all the support you have given to me and the Department over the years. I know that I leave the Department and you in good hands and that it will continue to serve our community well into the future.

As always, I wish all Brookfield residents a fire safe 2015, and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted: *John Benson, Fire Chief*

Fire Department Proposed 2015 Budget

	ITEM	2015 (Proposed) Budget (12 month)	2014 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	\$800.00
5400	Dues & Training	\$600.00	\$600.00
5140	Apparatus Maintenance	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5145	Fuel (gas for portables/etc.)	\$100.00	\$100.00
5160	Compensation	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
5200	Air Compressor/Generator	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Communications		
5110	Radio Repairs	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
5100	Dispatch Services	\$6,800.00	\$6,500.00
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
5210	Fire Hose	\$650.00	\$650.00
5600	Miscellaneous Expenses		\$200.00
5800	Air Bottle	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$30,550.00	\$26,750.00

Brookfield Cemetery Committee 2014

2014 was a busy time for the committee. We removed the fence at East Brookfield and the north side of the new cemetery on Ridge Rd. The fence at West Brookfield was completed and received a coat of paint. The granite posts on the side and back of East Brookfield and the north side of Ridge Rd were left in place in case it is necessary to re-install some fencing.

Part of the back at the new cemetery on Ridge Rd. was cleared and leveled. Trees were removed and the piles of dirt at West Brookfield was spread, leveled and seeded. Grave stones that were lying down or crooked in East Brookfield are now standing upright. Post markers were put in place in the new cemetery on Ridge Rd. in order to have a reference for new grave stones. At the present the grave stones are going in a South East direction when they should be going due South.

Some of our projects for 2015 will be as follows: (1) clear and level the remaining back part of the new cemetery, (2) remove two large trees in the back part of the old cemetery on Ridge Road and remove dead branches from the other trees, (3) remove some trees at East Hill cemetery, (4) continue putting crooked and down grave stones up in all the cemeteries, (5) hire someone to fix all the grave stones that are in pieces, and (6) continue mapping all cemeteries.

Thanks to Alice and Richard Kempe and friends for painting the fence in West Brookfield. Thanks to Ron Laperle and William Behuniak for all the work they did. Thanks to everyone who helped.

Budget:	\$30,000.00
Expenses:	
Jason's Handiwork	\$6,124.98
Mike Herold	126.78
Melanie LaRocque	275.08
Ron Laperle	865.40
William Behuniak	525.00
(Total Expenses):	\$7,900.91

Balance: 22,099.09

Sale of Plots: 4,300.00

Breakdown for sale of plots:

- corner markers: 300.00
- perpetual care: 2,000.00
- saving account: 2,000.00

Other Income:

Checking Account:	\$18,795.90
Savings Account:	17,774.78
Money Market:	5,214.13
CD 15837:	42,000.00
CD 16987:	10,146.63

Budget request for 2015-2016: \$30,000.00

Brookfield Free Public Library 2014

This is what the Brookfield Free Public Library (the oldest continuously operating public library in the State of Vermont) can offer our community:

BOOKS (hard copies, audio, and e-), MAGAZINES: Laura Rochat, our Librarian, continues to refine our collection. Almost any item we may not have can be borrowed through the mid-state Regional Library or through inter-library loan. Talk to Laura about accessing audio or e-books through our library. We have a particularly good selection of children's and Young Adult Reader's books.

DVDs: Perfect for our long, cold winters; come and browse and borrow from our extensive collection.

INTERNET CONNECTION: We have Wi-Fi at the library. We also have cozy chairs, a table for your laptop, a computer you can use, a Keurig coffee maker, and a warm and comfortable space to welcome you.

MEETING SPACE: Several groups use our friendly space to meet. These include the Listers, the Library Trustees, the knitting group (meets the first and third Sunday nights, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.) and the Brookfield Energy Committee. A screen and projector are available and there is no charge for using the space. Please call Laura if you are interested in using our library for a meeting.

PROGRAMS: The library sponsored several programs in 2014 and plan to do so in the upcoming year, many in cooperation with our community partners. Laura Rochat continues to read to pre-schoolers at the Orange County Parent-Child Center's playgroup, run by MaryLou

Maeder, every two weeks. In April, Barb Schaedler's program on Elements of Garden Design was held in the Pond Village Church. Tommy Zani helped a young and enthusiastic group reduce an electric typewriter to its very basic elements at our Deconstruction Event in July at the library. Our Vermont Council on the Humanities program, "1964 – A Watershed Year in Vermont Politics," was held in August at the Old Town Hall. Another successful Library Book Sale was held in August alongside the Brookfield Floating Bridge Cooperative's Market at the Old Town Hall. And our annual Spelling Bee was another enormous success, thanks to the tireless work of library trustee Kym Anderson and the support of an anonymous Brookfield family which allowed for generous participation prizes and the pizza party that followed!

SEASONAL PASSES: Our wonderful library also has seasonal passes, available to be borrowed, to the following: Vermont State Parks and Historical Sites, ECHO, and the Shelburne Museum.

Please come and visit us. Borrow books and magazines, enjoy the Wi-Fi, join us at our programs, and let us know what our library can do for you. You can visit us Tuesday and Saturday 9-12:30, Wednesday 1-4:30 and Thursday 2-5:30; reach us by phone at (802) 276-3382 or by e-mail: library@brookfieldvt.org.

Library Trustees: Kym Anderson, Amy Borgman, Dan Childs, Mike Foran, Cat Wright

Proposed Library Budget FY 2015-2016

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:	\$ 125.00
Postage:	\$ 200.00
Programs:	\$ 500.00

Rental:	\$ 150.00
Supplies:	\$ 50.00
Telephone:	\$ 440.00
Travel:	\$ 400.00
Total:	\$6,065.00

Note: the budget includes a requested \$100.00 increase in the contribution from the Town.

Highway Department 2014

Major work for 2014 included resurfacing a large portion of West Street, using \$20,000 in materials. And it was a relief to finish repairs resulting from the floods of 2013, including work on East Hill and Bear Hill Road.

Road conditions in December 2014 and January 2015 were tough, with a combination of hectic weather and a plague of truck problems. We apologize for the issues at that time and we are now (hopefully) back to regular operations.

Moving forward, we plan to focus on road repairs around town that are historically troublesome. One major project will be completing continuing repairs on Old Cross Road.

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 2015.

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 – 2014

In 2014 we closed out the timber harvest on the Brookfield Town Forest. The final harvest tally was 300.68 thousand board feet of sawlogs and 610.5 cords of pulpwood. As a result of this harvest, the Town of Brookfield received \$33,973.

As part of this harvest, a new landing and a new trail were constructed, and all existing trails from previous work were re-opened. Waterbars were installed on all trails, wet areas have been mulched and landings have been seeded and mulched. Space was left for two small parking areas at roadside at each of the landings west of Halfway Brook road for public use.

The Selectboard decided to place most of the revenue from the timber sale into a conservation and recreation fund for the town. The Selectboard will entertain proposals from Brookfield citizens regarding the use of this fund for conservation and recreation pursuits.

A boardwalk upgrade on the Sunset Brook Natural Area on Rt. 65 has been postponed because the lumber from the former Floating Bridge was used for other purposes.

As usual, please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions about your trees, your forests, or other natural resources.

Jon Binhammer, Town Forester, 276-3260

Town Constable Report 2014

In 2014, I logged in 65 hours and responded to 57 calls. The Town of Brookfield has a "no leash" law so you need to be responsible to keep your animals on your property. Noise was a big complaint. You cannot let your dog(s) bark for more than a half hour, day or night, continuously. We all need to have your dogs licensed and up to date rabies shots. We need to respect our neighbors. Licenses are due by April 1st each year.

So just keep in mind, animals don't take care of themselves. We need to be responsible pet owners.

Thank you for a great year. I look forward to serving you in 2015. Please keep your animals safe.

Kevin Joyal, Second Constable

Green Up Day

Green Up Day 2015 is on May 2.

Remember; do not leave any hazardous waste. Our highway crew is very cooperative about providing the drop-off center and retrieving big items some people have to leave by the road. Hazardous waste provides headaches for them. Take it to the landfill on the advertised day. The first Saturday in May 2015 is the 2nd. May some new faces, especially younger ones, appear at the town garage between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM.

The stalwarts who have come out year after year are getting longer in the tooth. I am immensely grateful for their community spirited efforts, as I am for the few energetic, willing young families who help out.

Green-Up Vermont is a private organization. Since 1977, the year of inception, businesses have been the primary economic supporters. They are dropping by the wayside.

I would appreciate a contribution from the town greater than \$100. Any and all of us are encouraged to donate to this important Montpelier-based organization.

See you May 2, 2015

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Fallon

Brookfield Historical Society - 2014

Last winter proved to be longer and colder than expected. The 11th Annual Ice-Out Contest sponsored by the Historical Society came to a conclusion on April 23rd when "Dunkin," the ice-out monitor on Brookfield's Sunset Pond plunged through the rotting ice at 2:10 pm—almost one month later than the ice-out of the previous year. Eight of the estimates specified the correct day, but contestant Richard Hale of Brookfield won the prize money with the closest estimate of 2:00 pm. Readers are encouraged to join in what has become a winter tradition in Brookfield by competing in the current ice-out contest. It is fun and provides the Society with an important stream of revenue.

Early in the summer master gardeners Carol Rogers and Jackie Wilder, with the assistance of Jonathan Wilder, continued the process started the previous year of improving the gardens of the Marvin Newton House. A most generous gift of plant materials appropriate for

a 19th century garden was provided by John and Lynn Lipkvich.

In June the Brookfield Society participated in the biannual Vermont History Expo held as usual at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. The Society's exhibit the "Art of the Floating Bridge" was viewed by hundreds at the two-day event and received much favorable comment. The mixed media exhibit showcased artistic depictions of the Brookfield's floating bridge from the late 19th century to the present. Featured art ranged from photographs by Ella Colt Benham to contemporary works by Gene Parent and Vermont Cartoonist Laureate Ed Koren. The exhibit, transported with the assistance of Charlie Ballou, was remounted at the Marvin Newton House as a featured summer exhibit. Bonnie Fallon, Elinor Gray and Jackie Wilder jointly curated the exhibit. Barbara Daly and Jackie Wilder arranged a second exhibit of historic costumes from the Society's collections.

The Brookfield Historical Society hosted the annual Helen Daly and Margaret Stone Ice Cream Social in August at the Marvin Newton House. The event, favored by perfect summer weather, was well attended by visitors of all ages. Again this year Barbara Daly provided a choice array of cookies from her kitchen. Pat and Ray Mayer expertly orchestrated the event that was much enlivened by the music of the Bear Hill Jammers, featuring Larry Brassard, Marlene Brassard, and Gail Osha.

The Marvin Newton House Museum is an architecturally significant late Federal Period landmark in Brookfield that is a valuable community legacy. Those who have passed by it in recent months have noticed that the clapboards on the south side of the main part of the house have been replaced due to the deterioration caused by time and weather. This is only the first step of a multi-stage commitment that the Society is undertaking to preserve the integrity of the building. Clapboards on the east end of the ell also need to be replaced. The entire building needs to be repainted and the window sash needs to be restored. The interior of the building needs plaster restoration and repainting. All of this represents a significant financial challenge that will require foundation and community support. The trustees of the Society are currently working on a preservation timetable and fundraising strategy. Details will be forthcoming in the spring. The architectural and historical significance of the Marvin Newton House are considered in a separate article in the October issue of the

Society's newsletter. An archive of *The Brookfield Historical Historical Society News* can be found at:

<http://brookfieldhistoricalsociety.wordpress.co>

At the annual meeting of the Society held on October 26th at the Pond Village Church the featured program was an appearance of the highly accomplished singer Linda Radtke, accompanied by pianist Arthur Zorn. They presented: "Vermont History Through Song," a selection of songs Vermonters sang in their communities from the 19th century. The performance, co-sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council, was enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience.

This summer, 2015, volunteers will be needed to assist with carpentry, painting, and gardening projects at the Marvin Newton House. Additionally, the Society's important collection of furniture is due for cleaning and waxing. If you can be of assistance with any of these projects, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

Submitted by Gary Lord

Dog Licenses Sold 2014

There were 211 dogs registered in 2014. For every license sold, \$4.00 is paid to the State of Vermont for rabies control and spay/neuter programs. Some of the money goes towards the purchase of the tags and registration forms.

It is extremely important that all dogs are registered. During 2014, a family was out of town visiting a relative and took their dog with them. The dog got loose and someone caught him. Because he had up to date tags, they were able to contact the Town office and return the dog to the owner. Several times the Constable was 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. A dog bit a child during the summer and because there was no proof of rabies shot, the child had to have the rabies vaccine to prevent rabies.

Registration fees:

On or before April 1 st	spayed/neutered dog	\$ 8.00
	unaltered dog	12.00
After April 1 st	spayed/neutered dog	10.00
	unaltered dog	16.00

2015 Rabies Clinic

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 Brookfield Elementary School on March 14th from 9-11 with Dr. William Barry. The second will be held at the Randolph Regional Veterinary Hospital on Dylan Drive in Randolph from 9-12.

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Godfrey, Town Clerk

ECFiber and Brookfield

Brookfield is a member of the East Central Vermont Community Fiber-Optic Network, a joint venture of 24 municipalities via an inter-local contract. Its goal is to provide high-speed fiber-optic broadband to every resident, business and civic institution in the member towns. ECFiber made major progress this past year and 2015 promises accelerating growth.

In 2014, ECFiber focused on customer connections along the 140 miles of fiber hung in 2013 and added 60 miles to the network. There are now over 1000 subscribers in 11 towns. By 2016, 300 miles of network will pass 3800 premises in 19 towns. As projected, ECFiber reached “cash-flow positive” (before debt service and capital expenditures) during 2014. Offerings expanded to a top service level of 400 Mbps, fastest in the area, with 1Gbps service projected for late 2015 or early 2016.

ECFiber will reach Randolph in 2015. The Vermont Telecom Authority (VTA) has committed to several exciting projects that will allow us to connect subscribers in Randolph and neighbouring towns, with the first connections occurring early in 2015 in S. Randolph along Rt. 14. In later phases, projects will connect portions of Braintree and Brookfield after passing thru a large swath of Randolph.

The main form of fundraising continues to be investment financing through the sale of promissory notes to (mainly) local investors, who invested \$1.5 million in 2015. As a result, ECFiber has now raised over \$6.3 million in total, most of which is going into the construction of additional route miles and connection of customers along those routes.

ECFiber Governing Board meetings occur monthly and are open to the public. More information is available at www.ecfiber.net. Or contact your local representatives: Stuart Edson, Dan Childs, or Clark Adams

Brookfield Administrative Officer 2014 Report

The following actions have been taken during the year 2014:

Development Permit Actions	14
Subdivision Permit Actions	2
Notification Letters	1
Referral to the Board of Adjustment and/or the Planning Commission	2

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 violence and stalking in Orange County and northern Windsor County, Vermont.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, Safeline staff and volunteers provided approximately 2,962 services and worked with 417 individuals. Of that number, approximately 58 services for 8 victims and survivors were 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). Victims can also choose from a wide array of other free and confidential services including legal advocacy, advocacy while at the hospital, economic empowerment programming, financial literacy, and day shelter services. This co-location of services is enormously beneficial to service users who have safety concerns, transportation issues, limited financial resources and/or difficulty finding childcare.

In addition to providing direct services, Safeline acts as a resource to the community and is committed to changing our culture of violence. As part of this work, Safeline also 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 2015. 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 continues to provide a broad range of programming. The Agency continues to increase access to services for at-risk young adults while contracting with partnering schools to deliver services for students and families in Bethel, Bradford, Braintree, Brookfield, Blue Mountain, Rochester, Strafford, Tunbridge and Wilder. Clara Martin Center also provides mental health and substance abuse services within its Criminal Justice Program at the Springfield, St. Johnsbury and Newport correctional facilities.

This past year has seen rapid changes within the entire health care system throughout our nation, state, and communities. Despite such dramatic transitions, the Clara Martin Center has adapted remarkably and is well poised to continue to lead Central Vermont in providing our communities with the services they need to thrive.

It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these successes and, in turn, meet our mission and strategic plan to provide local community mental health and substance abuse services to all our community members in need. Town funds support services to the under- and uninsured and allows the Clara Martin Center to assist the community in its service needs as a whole.

FY14 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED Town of Brookfield	
Children & Family Services	673	Children & Family Services	13
School Services	138	School Services	2

Adult Services	858	Adult Services	13
CSP Services*	173	CSP Services*	0
Safe Haven & Chris's Place	34	Safe Haven & Chris's Place	
Substance Abuse Services	681	Substance Abuse Services	5
Corrections Services	213	Corrections Services	
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	503	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	3
Central VT Substance Abuse Services	734	Central VT Substance Abuse Services	2
Total Served by Program	4007	Total seen within program:	32

*CSP is our community support program that serves the chronically mentally ill population. Town Appropriations Request = \$1,905.00

Clara Martin Center (CMC) 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.

Clara Martin Center continues to enhance a broad range of programming. The Agency continues to increase access to services for at risk young adults while contracting with partnering schools to deliver services for students and families. Clara Martin Center also provides mental health and substance abuse services within its Criminal Justice Program and for returning veterans and their families.

We here at CMC are embracing the challenges and continue to adjust to the changes that have occurred throughout this fiscal year. The launch of the Vermont Health Exchange is one. The other is the new "Hub and Spoke" model. CMC contracts with CVSAS and other healthcare providers to create a coordinated, systemic response to the complex issue of opiate and other addictions in Vermont.

Town funds support services to the under and uninsured and allows the Clara Martin Center to assist the community in its service needs as a whole. It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these successes.

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 an estimated 54 residents in your town. Brenda Traegle is the Case Manager dedicated to serving the seniors in Brookfield and worked directly with 17 families in the past year.

The 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 14 (Oct. 2013-Sept.2014) show VCIL responded to over **2,000** 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 **244** individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including **10** peers who were served by the AgrAbility program and **16** peers who received specialized Benefits to Work Counseling).

VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **196** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **51** of these

received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **122** individuals with information on assistive technology; **36** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **392** 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 14, one resident of Brookfield received services from the following programs:

- Information Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling Program (PAC)

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 18,815 people in 9,237 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 37 Brookfield households representing 76 individuals this past year included:

- 11 individuals in 8 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 15 households with 27 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs, as well as other utility costs.
- 2 individuals worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.

- 1 household was weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents, including 1 senior and 1 resident with disabilities.
- 3 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 2 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 2 women received training, counseling, and technical assistance from the Vermont Women's Business Center to pursue dreams of business ownership.
- 2 child care providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 19 children in their care.
- 3 people received information and assistance for signing up for Vermont Health Connect.

County of Orange, Vermont Annual Report 2014

This report highlights the activities and expenses of Orange County during the county's 2014 fiscal year which began February 1.

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 county has finished nearly three years of significant upgrades and energy efficiency work at the Sheriff's building and jail on Rt. 113 in Chelsea including a new roof installed late fall 2013. This concludes all renovations and improvements and we can now return to a schedule of regular maintenance. 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. You can call the Sheriff's department directly for assistance at all hours (685-4875).

County Courthouse

We completed the finishing touches on a significant, state-funded project to create a new handicapped entrance to the courthouse this past year. The new entrance gets regular use and provides very good, ADA compliant access to the courthouse.

Planned repairs to the courthouse bell tower have been delayed until June 2015 due to significantly higher cost estimates than originally budgeted. During the contractor inspection process all bidders determined that the tower requires more extensive repairs than we'd thought. The bid has been awarded to an experienced steepjack company, Skyline Engineering of Fitchburg, Mass. An \$18,000 grant from the

Department of Historic Preservation will be used to help pay for the project. The remainder of the cost will be met from the current capital reserve fund, any budget surplus from 2014 and \$35,000 allocated in the 2015 budget.

The unexpected higher cost and subsequent delay in the bell tower project has tabled for this year the plan to replace the boiler in the courthouse. We have been told that the boiler has reached the end of its expected lifespan and we are in the process of deciding how to proceed with replacement. We have spoken with an engineer about a wood pellet boiler rather than staying with fuel oil. No decision has been made yet on that.

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 3rd or 4th 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 Office: In 2014 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 64 calls for service in Brookfield in 2014. 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 is about a 25% increase in calls for service over the last year.

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 a 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

The 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 36 adults and 36 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 179 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2014. Of this amount, 68 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 111 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. During FY14, OCCDP processed 7 cases in which the offender either resided in Brookfield, and/or the offense occurred in Brookfield. OCCDP's FY14 operating budget was \$103,164.00

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 FY14 to support OCCDP. Our program is requesting the same appropriation for FY15.

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: Since 2010, The Arts Bus, Inc. has invited hundreds of children aboard the green painted, bio-diesel operated school bus to engage in creative activities with inspiring artist mentors. Converted into a traveling arts studio, music space, and free library, The Arts Bus is a vehicle of hope that is on the road from May – September and currently employs the services of over a dozen area artists to provide year-round programming. Service communities include pre-schools, after-school programs, Town Rec youth and community projects, public libraries, summer camps, farmer's markets, special events and festivals. A fundamental goal of the cultural outreach mission is to integrate an appreciation of the arts with the daily life of communities while focusing on the core mission of nurturing the innate creativity of all children. In 2013 The Arts Bus began building alliances with town, business and organizational partners to share the collective work of enhancing the creative life of the broader community. These collaborative efforts have created greater opportunities to bring Arts Bus activities to a more children. Brookfield is one of 13 towns receiving the services of The Arts Bus.

In 2014, due to reduced funding, just one "Stop" was made in Brookfield, serving children at a childcare center. A "Stop" includes materials and 1-2 hours of time, leadership, and creative inspiration with local artist/mentors. Costs for a "Stop" are approximately \$500. An increase in town appropriation from \$500 to \$1,200 is requested for FY15, and will be combined with funds from other revenue sources to ensure a minimum of **three** Stops in the Town of Brookfield throughout the year 2015. The Arts Bus anticipates continued participation in the long-term stewardship and creative life of the community, and thanks the Town for its continued support.

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

In 2014 we provided food to 393 households in our service area (a 9% increase over 2013), representing just shy of 1200 individuals. Of these 393 households, 27 are in Brookfield. The Food Shelf also administers two USDA federal nutrition programs, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). We also prepared and handed out 151 Christmas Boxes during the 2014 holiday season.

In an effort to increase our services in 2014 we implemented the Summer Kids Program (SKiP). During June, July, and August we provided over 1700 lunchtime meals to area children.

The Randolph Area Food Shelf is overseen by a 9 member Board of Trustees and operates solely with the help of over 50 dedicated volunteers; there is no paid staff.

Money appropriated from the Town of Brookfield by vote at town meeting will help us maintain and continue our mission, helping to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry in these tough economic times.

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 by phone 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 16 years of the program, 968 grants totaling \$2 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 after the floods of 2011.

We are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your 2015 town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. To date in 2014, VACD has received over \$6,000 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, 2013 and June 30, 2014, VNH made 521 homecare visits to 32 Brookfield residents. This is a 48% increase in services provided and includes approximately \$25,839 in unreimbursed care to Brookfield residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 355 home visits to 26 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Long-Term Care:** 162 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who need extended care in the home to avoid admission to a nursing home.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services:** 4 home visits to 4 residents for well baby, preventative and palliative medical care.

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) 2014 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 2014 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 were among the first in Vermont to satisfy new flood resiliency requirements ahead of the July 2014 statutory deadline. 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, and 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. In Brookfield, we have begun work with town members to draft a new HMP, have provided floodplain bylaw comments, and conducted public outreach on the Floating Bridge.

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 continue to refine the goals and action that will guide our focus on working landscapes and the region's economy from our East Central Vermont Sustainability Plan, pursue brownfield assessment work, and begin an update to our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy..

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. TRORC staff have provided guidance to Brookfield on a new highway timesheet system, and have assisted with town highway culvert updates.

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.

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- 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 2014: Since 1976 Stagecoach Transportation Services has worked to create a network of community transportation alternatives that connect the people and places in Orange and

Northern Windsor Counties. Our goal is to provide services that are safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable for everyone.

Over the past 38 years, Stagecoach has provided transportation services to medical appointments, pharmacies, senior meal sites, grocery markets, and other vital or quality-of-life services.

Brookfield residents can access scheduled route service to reach employment and shopping opportunities in the Montpelier area and the Upper Valley via the 89er and the 89er North.

Brookfield residents can utilize the transportation alternative available to seniors, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable populations that Stagecoach provides for accessing a variety of destinations including grocery shopping, medical appointments, errands, and social events. Stagecoach provides transportation to Senior Citizens from their homes in Brookfield to the Randolph Area Senior Center, Gifford Adult Day Program, and Royalton Senior Center for meals and social gatherings.

In FY14, Stagecoach provided a total of 61,428 Scheduled Bus and Dial-a-Ride trips either by Stagecoach volunteer drivers or on our wheelchair accessible buses. All of Stagecoach's transportation programs enable community members to maintain their independence, gain and keep employment, and access healthcare services.

The state and local grants through which we provide these rides require us to raise up to 20% "local match" dollars. Stagecoach's requests from towns accounts for approximately 5% of the 20% requirement.

White River Valley Ambulance

As we enter 2015, the staff of White River Valley Ambulance is working to develop a more efficient and effective operational model which we believe will help hold down the costs of doing business. Our goal is to maintain quality equipment, enhance our core educational opportunities, and provide the highest quality in prehospital care and transportation for our residents and visitors to the 10 towns we serve in the White River Valley, Route 100 Corridor, and the geographic center of the State of Vermont.

This 2015 budget level funds our operation with no increase in our per capita rate. We are so fortunate to provide prehospital care in the most beautiful rural areas of Vermont. We thank each of you for your continued support allowing us to follow the mission created over 40 years ago by the founders of our organization.

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, 2014, the balance on hand was \$7,270.32. 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)

W A R N I N G

BROOKFIELD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BROOKFIELD, VERMONT TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

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 3, 2015. The Annual Meeting will follow the Brookfield Town Meeting which begins at 10:00 a.m. The following business will be transacted:

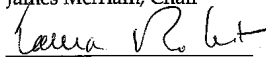
POLLS will be open from 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at the Brookfield School for voting on ARTICLE I, ARTICLE II, and ARTICLE III.

- 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 legal voters of the Brookfield Town School District appropriate the sum of **\$1,156,275** for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2015?
- ARTICLE III: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following:
- Shall the legal voters of the Brookfield Town School District appropriate the sum of **\$29,650** for the support of the Building Maintenance Fund, which will come from surplus funds from the 2013-2014 school year?
- ARTICLE IV: 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 V: To do any other business proper to come before this meeting.

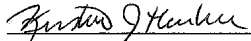
Dated at Randolph, Vermont, this 12th day of January, 2015.



James Merriam, Chair



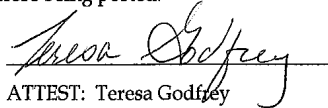
Laura Rochat, Vice-Chair



Kristin Husher, Clerk

Brookfield School Board

Received and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Brookfield Town School District, at Brookfield, Vermont on January 13, 2015 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 25, 2015 (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 2, 2015. 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 24, 2015

6:00 PM

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT MEETING REGARDING

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE ON

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

2015 Brookfield Elementary Principals' Town Report

The OSSU Elementary Administrators are pleased to report to you that Brookfield Elementary School continues to provide the children of our town with an outstanding 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. At the same time, the family-like environment of our small school continues to nurture and support the social and emotional development of each child. In our rapidly changing world, where we cannot even imagine the types of jobs our children may experience in their futures, we are committed to providing our students with a foundation that will allow them to choose their own paths as well-rounded, confident and creative thinkers and learners. We couldn't do this without the ongoing, positive support of the Brookfield community! We thank you for your continued belief in the value of our wonderful school!

One of our most significant challenges as we move into the future is the continued decline in student enrollment. Across Vermont, many small towns such as ours are wrestling with this issue and the resulting impact on taxpayers. It is our responsibility as administrators to respond by adjusting our school budget appropriately to our student numbers while continuing to maintain the quality of education our students deserve. Here in Brookfield, we have thoughtfully planned for a reduction in staffing over a period of time to serve both purposes. The implementation of that plan, both in the current year and looking ahead to next year and beyond, has resulted in a budget that reflects an appropriate decline in expenditures to align with declining enrollment. We invite you to attend our budget information meeting to hear more details and to ask questions.

Unlike most school districts across the state, our school benefits from an economy of scale shared with the other school districts in the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union. By sharing the administration of Special Education, school administration, maintenance, technology, food services, and transportation, we do not have to shoulder the burden of these expenses alone. This partnership is the key to our continued viability as a school, despite our small size and significant reductions in our budget. Years ago, small schools were able to adequately fund the education of their local children. Today, with multitudes of unfunded state and federal requirements ranging from the kind of food we serve in the cafeteria to the content we teach our students, the financial burden to comply with those regulations is crushing to most schools with small enrollments. Through the coordinated partnership of the school boards of the OSSU school districts, a small school like Brookfield experiences a tremendous financial benefit. We commit ourselves to continuing to explore every opportunity to be fiscally responsible in the face of continued financial challenges while maintaining the quality of education our students require in the 21st century.

One of the positive partnerships this current year that has benefitted our community is the opening of a regional OSSU pre-K program for 3 and 4-year-olds, housed in Randolph Elementary School. Several Brookfield families have participated in this program. Looking

ahead to the 15-16 school year, we are anticipating expanding that program by opening another location at Brookfield Elementary School. This program would be open to any families in Brookfield, Braintree or Randolph, but housed in our school. While this is currently in the planning stages, we expect to have it up and running at the start of the next school year. This plan will not only increase our enrollment, but will be a positive plus for young families who may be looking to live in our area. Financially, this program will be funded through grants until state funding begins after the second year, and we will not need to increase staffing. In short, this is an example of how we are working together as a system to insure our school remains educationally and financially viable into the future.

If we were only to measure the value of our school by looking at finances, we would have a very narrow vision of what is truly important. At Brookfield Elementary, our value is not in how many students are enrolled or how big our school might be. Rather, our value lies in the impact we have on the lives of our students. In our small, tight-knit learning community, students learn that their presence is important to the good of the whole. Students are members of a learning community where they can make a difference; where their ideas and their individual voices can make positive change. In this multi-age, family-like community, where every adult knows every child and vice-versa, there is a sense of mutual care, respect, and responsibility. This solid foundation allows our students to move on to the next stages of their academic lives with great success, wherever they may go.

Consistently, year after year, standardized assessment data shows that Brookfield students achieve academic growth that meets or exceeds expectations. Classroom data based on a multitude of measures (including paper and pencil tests, presentations, projects, and performances), demonstrates a working depth of knowledge, creativity and application of skills on a daily basis that reflects the ability of our teaching staff to support the needs and strengths of each individual child. Further, our students lives are enriched through art, music, physical education and hands-on learning through field trips and community-based learning. Despite the inconsistency of the requirements that come down to us from federal or state education agencies, our school maintains a consistent and high quality approach to implementing the best practices and experiences which are developmentally appropriate for our students. The success of the students who have passed through our school speaks to the effectiveness of our efforts.

Yet another strength of our school lies in the commitment of community members who volunteer to work with our students. From the folks who work with the Four Winds science program to the cross-country skiing coordinators to the School Club fund-raisers, we are rich indeed in the depth of care so many Brookfield community members have for our school. These individuals give of their own time (sometimes a significant commitment!) to offer students enriching experiences that impact their understanding of the world - from the environment to the arts. Their contribution to our students is appreciated and valued by our entire school community.

As we look to the future and consider the path ahead for Brookfield Elementary, we continue to be committed to a long term vision of a high quality education for every child.

Along with the Brookfield School Board, we invite you to participate in developing that vision for the future of our students. With your ongoing support, we believe that our community school will continue to successfully prepare your youngest citizens to pursue their dreams 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.

Susan McKelvie, Erica McLaughlin, Pat Miller
Elementary Administrative Team

OSSU Superintendent's Annual Report – 2015

The Orange Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) completed another productive and successful year. In addition to continuing its strong history of collaboration and fiscal constraint, the school district implemented several creative and innovative 21st Century programs.

The Superintendent of Education to the Legislature wrote in the Twenty-eighth Vermont School Report of 1884:

Too much importance may be given to grading. All scholars cannot be made to pass through the mold, and lose their individuality; and, they ought not to be. There should be elasticity in the courses of study. If less prominence could be given to mechanical test-examinations and marks for promotion, and more to the development of self-activity and the cultivation of habits of right thinking on the part of scholars, better results would be obtained.

Despite this sage advice, in the spring of 2015, the OSSU, along with school systems from across the United States, will implement the new national Smarter Balance (SBAC) assessments. SBAC assessments were designed to assess student progress as outlined in the new, Federal, Common Core Standards (CCS). The cost of implementing the CCS and SBAC assessments has been substantial, both in hard costs (materials, supplies, technology, etc...) and soft costs (people, time, etc...).

In addition to preparing for the CCS and SBAC assessments, the OSSU has been following the guidance of 1884 by focusing its efforts on creating a teaching-learning environment that balances the acquisition of knowledge in key foundational areas (mathematics, science, arts, English, etc...) with the development of skills in the areas of adaptability, creative thinking, and citizenship. In the fall of 2014, Randolph Technical Career Center (RTCC) in partnership with Middlebury College and Middlebury Interactive implemented Vermont's first full-year, full-immersion Spanish/Global Business Management program. Randolph Union High School (RUHS) implemented a Problem Based Learning (PBL) laboratory for students in grades 9 through 12, and a S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) laboratory for grades 7 and 8 students. The OSSU, in anticipation of new legislative mandates, significantly expanded its early education program. Lastly, RUHS successfully completed its inaugural international student exchange with Cuxhaven,

Germany. These programs are representative of the OSSU's efforts to improve the overall quality of educational opportunities available to our children.

School spending and residential property taxes have garnered significant attention over the past few years. During the past year, these issues have been the center of attention for the Governor's Office, Legislature, and many state agencies. In short, nearly everyone believes that action is needed to stem school spending increases and alleviate property tax burdens on local residents.

The OSSU boards have been very successful in constraining school expenditures and ensuring value for the resources it consumes. Between 2006/2007 and 2013/2014, audited expenditures in OSSU schools decreased by over \$178,000 and the proposed 2015/2016 school budgets represent a 0.72% increase over the previous year. Unlike most school districts in Vermont, the OSSU boards, administrators, and staff have worked diligently to reduce spending, mitigate increases in local property taxes, and improve the quality of educational services for all students.

In closing, I strongly encourage you to become involved in our schools. On a daily basis, I am amazed at the accomplishments and abilities of our students. I am also proud of the accomplishments of our School Boards, Administrators, and Staff who continue to improve in their respective areas. Lastly, I invite you to visit our website (www.orangesouthwest.org) to learn more about our alumni, our staff, and our student outcomes.

Orange Southwest Supervisory Union Board Annual Report

During the 2014 fiscal year, the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) board has worked closely with Brent Kay on several key areas.

- **Our students are prepared to be successful** in the next phase of their lives. A little history to put our work in context may be helpful. Following 18 months of facilitated community conversations, the OSSU Board adopted our "Ends Statements" in November 2010. These can be viewed on the [OSSU website](http://www.orangesouthwest.org). Since that time, the schools have worked to embed the Ends Statements in the daily learning environment. In 2012 the report cards were aligned with the Board's Ends Statements so that the students, teachers and parents have a clear understanding of expectations. The work of the board is to evaluate how well our students are achieving the established outcomes. One of the challenges in evaluating learning outcomes is that the standardized tests have changed frequently which makes it difficult to track progress over time. In 2013 and 2014 the schools began assessing student progress in relation to our Ends Statements. A longitudinal accountability system for all grades and schools has been established. The administration has established the expectation that the reporting measures used to monitor student learning are aligned with the board's established expectations. Report cards are reflecting the habits of work, habits of heart, and habits of mind. This alignment establishes base line data from which progress can be evaluated going forward.

- **We strive to ensure that our school system uses the resources in a responsible way**, with the focus on instruction. The OSSU has seen steadily declining student enrollment and the board has encouraged and supported cost saving measures. We currently have consolidated all services including administration, support services, special education, instructional technology, buildings/maintenance, food services, and transportation. Through prudent management of resources our buildings are clean and maintained and that staffing resources are “right sized.” In addition, the board feels strongly that the per-pupil spending must be kept within a reasonable level. To achieve this, the administration has examined all elements of student education and devised methods to keep the per-pupil costs at the mid range of all Vermont school districts.
- **We strive to continuously improve.** One of the roles we take very seriously is to set future directions/expectations and to assess whether the schools are achieving the desired outcomes. Creating the opportunity for future-focused leadership requires ongoing board development. We have committed resources and time to becoming more adept at all aspects of our work.
- **We work collaboratively** with the administrator to ensure that the OSSU is in a strong position to address the needs of our future citizens.

Innovations in our schools this year:

- Continued collaboration in K-6 instruction across all three schools with an emphasis on common assessment and data collection
- Partnerships with UVM and Vermont Reads Institute with our three elementary schools to coordinate and improve literacy instruction
- The STREAM laboratory in grades 7 & 8
- Problem Based Learning lab to provide 7-12 grade students with opportunities to work on real problems in real time at RUHS
- Spanish/Global Business Management Program Randolph Technical Career Center
- Expansion of early educational services for three and four year olds. Pre-K is running at the Randolph Elementary School. There are plans for expansion of the Pre-K program in Brookfield and East Randolph

Looking forward, here are some of the issues our communities face:

- **Community engagement** – The board is working towards increased meaningful community engagement, and will have a plan to share during the March town meeting.
- **District consolidation** – The board has approved a study committee to evaluate the potential to create a Regional Educational District (RED). As members of our community may recall, voters of Braintree and Randolph approved the ballot initiative in November of 2012, while voters of Brookfield did not. The board is exploring ways to protect the small schools within the RED.
- **Declining enrollment in our smaller schools** continues to be a concern that has

the potential to drive up the per-pupil cost to an unacceptable level. Community members will need to begin the discussion about addressing declining enrollment now. The board will continue to assist communities to understand the educational and financial implications of declining enrollment. As Vermont continues to recover from the 2008 recession, we have been working to minimize school budget and tax increases. We are proud that our latest audited statement revealed that our actual expenditures decreased by over \$250,000 from 2006 to 2012, and that we are continuing to work to keep future expenditures as low as possible.

Finally, here are the OSSU board's goals for the upcoming year:

- Increasing community connections
- Careful use of resources
- Future-directed focus

It is my honor to serve the communities of Braintree, Brookfield and Randolph as the chair of the OSSU board.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Husher

Randolph Union (RU)

At Randolph Union we understand that we are only as strong as the community that works with and supports us. It is only by working together we effectively support the academic and social emotional growth of the youth of Randolph, Brookfield and Braintree. On Tuesday, February 3rd, you will head to the polls to vote on the Randolph Union budget for the 2015-2016 School Year (SY 15-16). As you read this narrative, and the associated budget numbers, we believe you'll feel confidence in the soundness of our goals and be as excited as we are for our future endeavors.

People & Passion

We begin by sharing a bit about the success of our current school year. In August, we were thrilled to welcome four new members of our faculty. Sara Dillon joined us as our choral music teacher and brought additional talent and enthusiasm to our dynamic music program. Carol McNair joined our middle school grades to teach math. Her engaging standards-based instruction and colorful, inviting room greet our 8th graders daily. Courtney Chadburn is the newest member of our physical education department and supports both middle and high school students in their pursuit of physical health and athletic skills. Patrick O'Donnell returned to his alma mater (RU) to join our foreign language department and inspire our students in the exploration the Spanish language learning. Finally – another story of return – we're delighted to have Katy Sutton, former English teacher at RU, rejoining us this year as our Director of Project Based Learning and Sr. Project Coordinator.

Our newest faculty members join current faculty and staff in making our students' educational experience one that is rich, varied, and steeped in love and support. They also join the employees of other OSSU departments, who collaborate with us to ensure that the

schooling of children takes place in a safe and healthy environment. From Food Services to Transportation to Technology to Maintenance – the support we receive from the other sectors of the OSSU is crucial to what we do.

A healthy educational experience wouldn't be possible without a well-managed physical plant. We are lucky to have our facility and grounds cared for by Mark McKinstry and his very capable crew. This year, like every other year in recent memory, is characterized by valuable facility improvements and the ongoing preservation of our capital assets. This year alone our maintenance team completely renovated our old industrial arts room and turned it into a 21st century problem-based learning lab and conference room. In this space, student teams work on real world problems in collaboration with each other and with experts from our community. We also have a new electrical transformer for the building, which means that we'll now be able to add additional electrical panels, outlets, and – in the future – additional air heating/cooling units to meet the needs of our school through the changing Vermont seasons. This year, as well, finds us with a new generator that, in a power outage, can provide enough power to allow learning to continue throughout our entire campus. Our roof replacement is also in the final stage of completion and should be complete by summer 2015. In addition to sustaining the regular school program, the RU campus hosts countless extra-curricular school activities and hundreds of community activities every year. The improvements mentioned above, combined with additional security camera upgrades and new exterior LED lighting provide our school and community with a safe, multi-purpose space we can all be proud to call our own.

Tradition & Change

The growth of any institution is guided by the past, and those traditions that are strong become the foundation for the future. Here at RU we have many strong traditions. Senior Project remains as an essential culmination of student learning, a project that effectively blends the end of secondary school with the next stage of learning and life – whatever that may be for our graduates. Our traditions of foreign cultural exchange also remain strong, grounded in the long-standing Shizukuishi Exchange program and our community's commitment to hosting exchange students every year. Building on this, our foreign language programs are constantly pursuing new opportunities to enrich language learning with experiences abroad – and we have an exchange program with a school in Germany, as well. Our school has one of the healthiest menus of foreign exchange opportunities in the region. Other extra-curricular offerings blend longstanding programs like the Encore Theater Company and Rotary Interact with new opportunities like the Cooking Club and our Gay-Straight Alliance, GLOW.

In the realm of academics we continue curriculum and instructional practices that stand the test of time, while looking to innovate where interest and need demand. We believe that we approach the challenges of state mandates and tough budgetary times in ways that ensure the durability of our strong foundation while adapting in ways that are student centered. Declining enrollment here, and throughout the state, requires creative thinking to not just sustain good work, but to continue to improve.

By next year (SY 15-16) we will have reduced personnel in our student services department, but we feel confident that supports for students will remain plentiful. Social-emotional and academic support will remain in place through the shared efforts of RUHS and RTCC counselors, a strong advisory system, and pedagogy that meets the needs of students in ways that helps avert the onset of many a crisis. In a similar vein, an anticipated reduction in our math department will be offset by strengthened targeted supports for struggling learners, multiple collaborative teaching partnerships in mathematics, the addition of another special educator to our faculty, and improved differentiated instruction. Additional changes include a reduction of three paraprofessional positions to be offset by improved use of student targeted study time, learning lab enrichment opportunities and additional special educator co-teaching partnerships in high school English, middle school social studies and high school science.

In 2015-16, structural change at RU occurs in parallel with the implementation of state mandated student personal learning plans (PLPs), the continued development of student digital portfolios, and use of a sophisticated, online post-secondary planning tool called Naviance. Professional development of our teachers supports not only individual areas for growth, but skills that will foster our shift toward a more comprehensive proficiency-based graduation system, which is another important statewide priority.

What else is happening at RU? Well, we are building multiple dual enrollment opportunities for students. This means that in some of our courses students will be able to earn both high school and college credit simultaneously. We continue to grow our project-based learning lab with support from our community advisory board and many community partners. We are developing more and more student internship opportunities including a unique partnership with GW Plastics that has students from RU learning the nuts-bolts-and-theory of engineering and design at GW Plastics in Royalton. We will never cease to look for ways to improve the educational opportunities we provide to the students of Randolph, Brookfield, and Braintree.

Fiscal Prudence

As we conclude this report we want to thank you for your enduring support. We hope that it is obvious to the voters and citizenry of our towns that we make careful use of the community's resources to provide the high quality educational opportunities for our young people. We are proud to say that everything mentioned in this report – both what we are doing now and our plans for next year – is undertaken with fiscal prudence in mind. This means careful long-term planning, economies of scale, targeted efficiencies, and protection of resources and assets. Given all of the upward pressures on school budgets these days, we are proud to present a SY 15-16 budget that keeps costs down to a 1.8% increase over SY 14-15. As always, we thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact us with your thoughts, questions, and ideas.

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

Randolph Technical Career Center Annual Report 2014-2015

Bill Sugarman, RTCC Director

Budget Highlight

For the 2015 school year we are asking voters to approve a budget of \$3,038,246. This means the RTCC budget will be increasing only \$39,788 or 1.3%. 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 100 local program advisory board members.
- ✓ Students leave our programs truly "College and Career Ready" and earn college credit 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 135 earned 390 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 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. Despite the economic downturn, businesses from across our region welcome RTCC students.

Program Accomplishments

There is not enough room in this report to describe the accomplishments of all of our programs so, please, **check out our website!** Check out the professional-level work in all our programs from the award winning videography in our Digital Filmmaking program to diversified agriculture work in our redesigned Agricultural Technology program to the community service work that happens from all of our programs. Visit our website at www.randolphtech.org! The site now includes easy access to program information, adult education calendars and course offerings, applications and “happenings” at RTCC and much more.

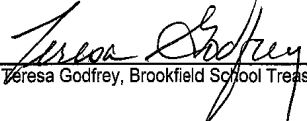
Finally, to the taxpayers in all our sending school towns, thank you for your ongoing support. We take seriously the public’s trust that we are making the best use of your very hard-earned dollars.

Randolph Technical Career Center: www.randolphtech.org 728-9595

**BROOKFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
2015-16 BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2012-13 ACTUAL	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED	BALANCE
1 GENERAL FUND					
REVENUE:					
A. LOCAL TAXES	0	0	0	0	0
B. STATE REVENUES	1,212,538	1,234,503	1,132,168	1,045,436	-86,732
		1.81%	-8.29%	-7.66%	
C. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	112,065	97,714	98,117	95,339	-2,778
		-12.81%	0.41%	-2.83%	
D. OTHER REVENUES	59,134	24,550	13,000	15,500	2,500
		-58.48%	-47.05%	19.23%	
E. SURPLUS/DEFICIT	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	1,383,736	1,356,767	1,243,285	1,156,275	-87,010
		-1.95%	-8.36%	-7.00%	
EXPENDITURES:					
F. INSTRUCTION	581,468	548,873	556,705	481,290	-75,415
		-5.61%	1.43%	-13.55%	
G. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	143,809	128,051	148,546	149,151	605
		-10.96%	16.01%	0.41%	
H. ADMINISTRATION	139,288	144,359	92,547	93,481	934
		3.64%	-35.89%	1.01%	
I. SUPPORT SERVICES	60,415	64,130	69,597	62,265	-7,332
		6.15%	8.53%	-10.53%	
J. MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	66,696	91,188	39,950	39,300	-650
		36.72%	-56.19%	-1.63%	
K. TRANSPORTATION	108,567	112,904	120,726	129,201	8,475
		3.99%	6.93%	7.02%	
L. FOOD SERVICE	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0
		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
SCHOOL TOTAL:	1,112,244	1,101,504	1,040,071	966,688	-73,383
		-0.97%	-5.58%	-7.06%	
M. OTHER EXPENDITURES	225,038	225,612	203,214	189,587	-13,627
		0.26%	-9.93%	-6.71%	
TOTAL VOTER APPROVAL	1,337,282	1,327,116	1,243,285	1,156,275	-87,010
			-6.32%	-7.00%	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	46,454	29,650	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,383,736	1,356,767	1,243,285	1,156,275	-87,010
		-1.95%	-8.36%	-7.00%	

The 2013-14 financials as presented are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:


 Teresa Godfrey, Brookfield School Treasurer

Brookfield School District – Revenues

	2012-13	2013-14		2014-15	2015-16	Difference
	Actual	Actual		Budget	Proposed	Under
Account Name						(Over)
<u>A. LOCAL TAXES:</u>						
Educational Above Block	0	0		0	0	0
<u>B. STATE REVENUES:</u>						
Homestead Property Tax	468,825	442,868		534,380	0	-534,380
Non-Residential Property Tax	367,663	397,405		346,196	0	-346,196
State Grant for Technical Centers	0	0		0	0	0
State Education Fund	260,385	275,104		153,592	940,436	786,844
Education Jobs Fund	0	0		0	0	0
State Transportation	36,246	30,241		31,000	38,000	7,000
Hold Harmless Capital Debt	0	0		0	0	0
Small Schools Grant	79,419	88,885		67,000	67,000	0
Total State Revenues	1,212,538	1,234,503		1,132,168	1,045,436	-86,732
<u>C. SPECIAL ED:</u>						
Core Block Grant	30,808	30,988		29,780	23,021	-6,759
Special Ed Reimbursement	48,600	48,945		50,075	56,254	6,179
Extraordinary Reimbursement	0	0		8,688	8,503	-185
Care and Custody	22,975	5,838		0	0	0
Essential Early Ed	9,682	11,943		9,574	7,561	-2,013
Total Special Ed	112,065	97,714		98,117	95,339	-2,778
<u>D. OTHER REVENUES:</u>						
Transportation	54,074	14,801		8,000	9,000	1,000
Interest	4,951	9,340		5,000	6,500	1,500
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	109	409		0	0	0
Total Other Revenues:	59,134	24,550		13,000	15,500	2,500
<u>E. SURPLUS/DEFICIT</u>						
	0	0		0	0	0
TOTAL	1,383,736	1,356,767		1,243,285	1,156,275	-87,010

Brookfield School District – Expenditures

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16		
Account Name	Actual	Actual	Budget	Proposed	Difference	% Inc/Dec
<u>F. INSTRUCTION:</u>						
Salaries	421,889	379,372	378,120	325,250	-52,870	-13.98%
Benefits	128,574	126,074	142,385	119,740	-22,645	-15.90%
Title I/Title II Services	0	0	0	0	0	
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT/Speech Svcs	1,058	1,188	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Repair of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	
Staff Training	10,042	5,545	10,500	10,500	0	0.00%
Travel/Field Trips	2,510	3,029	4,200	4,300	100	2.38%
Supplies/Textbooks/Equip	17,396	33,665	20,500	20,500	0	0.00%
Total Instruction	581,468	548,873	556,705	481,290	-75,415	-13.55%
<u>G. SPECIAL PROGRAMS:</u>						
Salaries	75,995	63,427	0	0	0	
Benefits	19,010	18,085	0	0	0	
OSSU Assessment	0	0	148,546	149,151	605	0.41%
Transportation	2,497	81	0	0	0	
Supplies/Textbooks	0	0	0	0	0	
Tuition	12,833	5,789	0	0	0	
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	14,828	40,669	0	0	0	
Speech Services	18,645	0	0	0	0	
Total Special Programs	143,809	128,051	148,546	149,151	605	0.41%
<u>H. ADMINISTRATION:</u>						
Salaries	112,699	115,237	22,060	21,750	-310	-1.41%
Benefits	23,949	24,147	9,784	10,110	326	3.33%
OSSU Assessment	0	0	48,983	49,901	918	1.87%
Postage/Telephone	2,112	3,985	7,600	7,600	0	0.00%
Travel	338	513	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Supplies/Equipment	191	478	1,620	1,620	0	0.00%
Total Administration	139,288	144,359	92,547	93,481	934	1.01%
<u>I. SUPPORT SERVICES:</u>						
Guidance	24,169	25,734	26,868	18,641	-8,227	-30.62%
School Nurse	14,770	15,199	15,599	15,794	195	1.25%
Media Services	6,028	5,038	4,600	4,600	0	0.00%
Board of Education	7,746	6,658	10,930	10,430	-500	-4.57%
Legal Fees	262	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Fiscal Services	7,441	11,502	10,600	11,800	1,200	11.32%
Total Support Services	60,415	64,130	69,597	62,265	-7,332	-10.53%
<u>J. MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:</u>						
Salaries	0	0	0	0	0	
Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	
Contracted Svcs	37,196	49,878	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
General Liability Insurance	3,813	3,659	5,000	4,800	-200	-4.00%
Utilities	23,114	23,075	29,950	29,500	-450	-1.50%
Supplies/Equipment	2,574	14,576	0	0	0	
Total Maintenance	66,696	91,188	39,950	39,300	-650	-1.63%
<u>K. TRANSPORTATION:</u>						
Salaries	43,370	4,691	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Benefits	9,010	484	300	300	0	0.00%
Contracted Svcs/Rent	4,697	0	0	0	0	
Insurance	1,111	0	0	0	0	
Repairs/Supplies/Equip	23,293	0	0	0	0	
Diesel Fuel	27,087	0	0	0	0	
OSSU Transportation Assessment	0	107,729	117,426	125,901	8,475	7.22%
Total Transportation	108,567	112,904	120,726	129,201	8,475	7.02%
<u>L. FOOD SERVICE</u>	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	0.00%
<u>SCHOOL TOTAL</u>	1,112,244	1,101,504	1,040,071	966,688	-73,383	-7.06%
<u>M. OTHER EXPENDITURES:</u>						
OSSU Technology Assess	29,081	33,000	33,000	33,000	0	0.00%
OSSU Maintenance Assess	110,693	110,693	110,693	100,693	-10,000	-9.03%
OSSU Admin/EEE	85,264	81,919	59,521	55,894	-3,627	-6.09%
Total Other Expenditures	225,038	225,612	203,214	189,587	-13,627	-6.71%
TOTAL VOTER APPROVAL	1,337,282	1,327,116	1,243,285	1,156,275	-87,010	-7.00%
Surplus/Deficit	46,454	29,650	0	0	0	
TOTAL	1,383,736	1,356,767	1,243,285	1,156,275	-87,010	-7.00%

District: **Brookfield**
County: **Orange**

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Orange Southwest

Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page.	Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.
9,459	1.00

Expenditures		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.	Budget (focal budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,349,879	\$1,328,303	\$1,243,285	\$1,156,275	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,349,879	\$1,328,303	\$1,243,285	\$1,156,275	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$1,349,879	\$1,328,303	\$1,243,285	\$1,156,275	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$85,284	\$81,919	\$59,521	\$55,894	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$253,011	\$212,931	\$209,117	\$215,839	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$253,011	\$212,931	\$209,117	\$215,839	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$1,096,868	\$1,115,372	\$1,034,168	\$940,436	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	81.52	78.25	71.78	67.81	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$13,455.20	\$14,253.96	\$14,407.47	\$13,868.69	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-	18.
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	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	NA	NA	NA	-	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$14,841	threshold = \$15,456	threshold = \$16,166	threshold = \$17,103	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$13,455	\$14,254	\$14,407	\$13,869	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$13,869 / \$9,459)	154.250% <small>based on \$8,723</small>	155.764% <small>based on \$9,151</small>	155.169% <small>based on \$9,286</small>	146.619% <small>based on \$9,459</small>	27.
Prorating the local tax rate						
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (146.619% x \$1,000)	\$1,3728 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$1,4642 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$1,5207 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$1,4662 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	28.
29.	Percent of Brookfield equalized pupils not in a union school district	47.27%	47.02%	44.70%	43.76%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (43.76% x \$1.47)	\$0.6489	\$0.6885	\$0.6798	\$0.6416	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	102.80%	107.04%	122.75%	111.59%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.6416 / 111.59%)	\$0.6312 <small>based on \$0.89</small>	\$0.6432 <small>based on \$0.94</small>	\$0.5538 <small>based on \$0.98</small>	\$0.5750 <small>based on \$1.00</small>	32.
<p>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.</p>						
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (146.619% x 1.94%)	2.78% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	2.80% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	3.01% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	2.84% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (43.76% x 2.84%)	1.31% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.32% <small>based on 1.80%</small>	1.35% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	1.24% <small>based on 1.94%</small>	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Randolph UHSD	52.73%	52.98%	55.30%	56.24%	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,459. The Tax Commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.00 and \$1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

**TOWN OF BROOKFIELD
ACT 130 - 2015-16**

State Residential Tax Rate	\$1.00
State Non-Residential Tax Rate	\$1.535

RANDOLPH UNION HIGH SCHOOL

BUDGET -			\$8,191,439.00
REVENUE - Categorical Grants			-\$1,011,469.00
Total Education Spending (Act 68)			\$7,179,970.00
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Equalized Pupils - 2015-16 (Frozen 12/22/14)			498.99
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (Act 68)			\$14,389.01
Excess Spending Threshold			\$17,103.00
Spending Adj. Percent Increase		\$9,459.00	152.12%
RUHS Tax Rate			\$1.52

BREAKDOWN OF EQUALIZED PUPILS

	<u>Elem %</u>	<u>% RUHS</u>	<u>Prorated Tax Rate</u>	<u>2015 Town CLA</u>	<u>RUHS Projected Tax Rate</u>
Braintree	49.12%	50.88%	\$0.7740	107.03%	\$0.7231
Brookfield	43.76%	56.24%	\$0.8555	111.59%	\$0.7667
Randolph	48.38%	51.62%	\$0.7852	107.93%	\$0.7275

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUDGET -			\$1,156,275.00
REVENUE - Categorical Grants			-\$215,839.00
Total Education Spending (Act 68)			\$940,436.00
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Equalized Pupils - 2015-16 (Frozen 12/22/14)			67.81
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (Act 68)			\$13,868.69
Excess Spending Threshold			\$17,103.00
Spending Adjustment Percent Increase		\$9,459.00	146.62%
Brookfield Elementary Tax Rate			\$1.47

	<u>Elem %</u>	<u>Prorated Tax Rate</u>	<u>2015 Town CLA</u>	<u>BRK Projected Tax Rate</u>
Brookfield	43.76%	\$0.6416	111.59%	\$0.5750

	<u>Total Proj Tax</u>	<u>Tax Rates</u>
	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	\$1.342	\$1.224
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	\$1.376	\$1.234

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Brookfield Elementary School
S.U.: Orange Southwest S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports":
<http://www.state.vt.us/educ/>

FY2014 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment < 100
(47 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
31 out of 47

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	North Hero School	PK - 6	53	6.40	0.40	8.28	132.50	16.00
	Stockbridge Central School	PK - 6	54	5.29	0.80	10.21	67.50	6.61
	Woodbury Elementary School	PK - 6	55	3.40	1.00	16.18	55.00	3.40
	Brookfield Elementary School	PK - 6	58	6.90	1.00	8.41	58.00	6.90
<- Larger	Wardsboro Central School	PK - 6	61	5.14	0.67	11.87	91.04	7.67
	Barnard Academy	PK - 6	62	6.80	0.60	9.12	103.33	11.33
	Pomfret School	K - 6	63	7.07	0.50	8.91	126.00	14.14
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			65.43	6.69	0.78	9.78	84.06	8.60

School District: Brookfield
LEA ID: T032

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs. Including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to each other.

FY2013 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE < 100
(45 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District
Student FTE enrolled in school district
Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE
(1 is largest)
24 out of 45

School district data (local, union, or joint district)

Smaller ->	Shrewsbury	PK-6	62.22	\$16,082	
	Wardsboro	PK-6	63.82	\$13,658	
	Holland	PK-6	64.21	\$11,852	
	Brookfield	K-6	66.05	\$17,628	
<- Larger	Leicester	PK-6	66.78	\$15,716	
	Sunderland	PK-6	67.02	\$13,472	
	Bolton	PK-4	67.14	\$15,890	
Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data				62.16	\$14,733

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

FY2015 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates			
			SchIDist	SchIDist	SchIDist	MUN	MUN	MUN	
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate	
Smaller ->	T110	Leicester	PK-6	67.70	12,997.00	1.3718	1.4468	104.18%	1.3887
	T254	Worcester	PK-6	68.11	14,083.09	1.4864	1.5627	99.05%	1.5777
	U043	Lakeview USD #43	PK-6	69.90	15,923.35	1.6807	-	-	-
	T032	Brookfield	K-6	71.78	14,407.47	1.5207	1.5019	122.75%	1.2235
<- Larger	T190	Shrewsbury	PK-6	71.81	12,011.53	1.2678	1.3767	105.66%	1.3029
	T208	Townshend	PK-6	73.18	16,057.80	1.6948	1.6907	103.31%	1.6366
	T029	Bridport	PK-6	75.03	16,861.36	1.7797	1.7549	95.57%	1.8363

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16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and cost per pupil.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Randolph UHS #2
S.U.: Orange Southwest S.U.

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FY2014 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Junior/Senior high school
 (23 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
 7 out of 23

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Oxbow UHS #30	7 - 12	390	35.00	2.00	11.14	195.00	17.50
	Stowe Middle/High School	6 - 12	408	35.95	2.00	11.35	204.00	17.98
	Enosburg Middle-High School	6 - 12	420	41.04	3.00	10.23	140.00	13.68
	Randolph UHS #2	7 - 12	445	42.00	2.00	10.60	222.50	21.00
	Vergennes UHS #5	7 - 12	511	50.40	2.00	10.14	255.50	25.20
	Mill River UHS #40	7 - 12	522	57.75	3.00	9.04	174.00	19.25
-> Larger	Otter Valley UHS #8	7 - 12	542	42.55	3.00	12.74	180.67	14.18
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			387.83	37.17	2.14	10.43	180.90	17.34

School District: Randolph UHSD #2
LEA ID: U002

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FY2013 School District Data

Cohort Description: Senior high school district
 (25 school districts in cohort)

School district data (local, union, or joint district)

Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs
7-12	332.80	\$14,209
9-12	337.60	\$14,552
7-12	366.19	\$14,597
7-12	383.10	\$14,198
9-12	389.99	\$15,393
7-12	491.20	\$14,433
7-12	502.53	\$17,806

Cohort Rank by FTE
 (1 is largest)
 18 out of 25

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data

605.67 **\$14,514**

FY2015 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates			
			SchIDist	SchIDist	SchIDist	MUN	MUN	MUN	
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate	
Smaller ->	U040	Mill River USD #40	7-12	432.13	14,180.47	1.4967	-	-	-
	U016	Fair Haven UHSD #16	9-12	470.57	13,483.90	1.4232	-	-	-
	U004	Woodstock UHSD #4	7-12	487.51	16,339.22	1.7245	-	-	-
	U002	Randolph UHSD #2	7-12	498.70	14,086.09	1.4867	-	-	-
	U005	Vergennes UHSD #5	7-12	600.42	15,182.08	1.6024	-	-	-
	U008	Otter Valley UHSD #8	7-12	611.88	14,453.29	1.5255	-	-	-
-> Larger	U019	Harwood UHSD #19	7-12	743.07	15,420.82	1.6276	-	-	-

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of School Directors
Brookfield School District
Brookfield, Vermont 05036

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, 2014, 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, 2014, 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 10, 2014, 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 black ink, appearing to read 'William Yacavoni', written in a cursive style.

William Yacavoni
Certified Public Accountant
License # 92-0000153
December 10, 2014

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2012-13 ACTUAL	2013-14 ACTUAL	2014-15 BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED	DIFFERENCE
1 GENERAL FUND					
REVENUE:					
A. LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	2,267,191	2,722,232	3,151,843	3,255,619	103,776
		20.07%	15.78%	3.29%	
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	171,753	178,810	2,261,736	2,317,403	55,667
		4.11%	1164.88%	2.46%	
C. OTHER REVENUES	67,390	49,193	43,600	40,100	-3,500
		-27.00%	-11.37%	-8.03%	
D. BEGINNING BALANCE:	388,329	349,030	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	2,894,663	3,299,265	5,457,179	5,613,122	155,943
		13.98%	65.41%	2.86%	
EXPENDITURES:					
E. CENTRAL OFFICE	435,110	454,194	518,830	533,783	14,953
		4.39%	14.23%	2.88%	
F. SPECIAL EDUCATION	169,090	173,566	2,261,736	2,317,403	55,667
		2.65%	1203.10%	2.46%	
G. ELEM ADMINISTRATION	0	0	367,375	375,157	7,782
				2.12%	
H. MAINTENANCE	1,149,133	1,236,269	1,260,606	1,279,796	19,190
			1.97%	1.52%	
I. TECHNOLOGY	503,136	397,438	438,107	449,627	11,520
		-21.01%	10.23%	2.63%	
J. TRANSPORTATION	71,816	425,529	469,425	503,306	33,881
			10.32%	7.22%	
K. TEACHER MENTORING	16,637	0	10,000	10,000	0
			0.00%	0.00%	
L. C.A.R.	17,419	17,242	18,000	18,000	0
		-1.02%	4.40%	0.00%	
M. OTHER EXPENSES	183,291	137,499	113,100	126,050	12,950
		-24.98%	-17.74%	11.45%	
TOTAL:	2,545,633	2,841,738	5,457,179	5,613,122	155,943
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	349,030	457,528	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,894,663	3,299,265	5,457,179	5,613,122	155,943
		13.98%	65.41%	2.86%	

The 2013-14 financials as presented are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:


 George Gray, OSSU Treasurer

