

2013

ANNUAL REPORT



Lucelia Lincoln

Town of Ira, Vermont

Year Ending December 31, 2013

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AUDITOR'S REPORT 2013

We have examined the financial records of the Town of Ira for the Year ending December 31, 2013. To the best of our knowledge these Statements are true and correct, and present fairly the financial position of the Town of Ira and the results of its operation for the year ending December 31, 2013.

Dated January 31, 2014 at the Town Of Ira.

Robert Toppin *Robert Toppin*
Tina Graves *Tina Graves*
Bill Whiteman *William L. Whiteman Jr.*

Statement of Taxes Raised			
	Tax Rate	Grand List Value	
Non-Residential Education	1.5878	130,834.68	\$ 207,739.34
Homestead Education	1.0595	315,385.00	334,150.42
Bond Payment	0.0122	446,495.48	5,447.32
Articles	0.0703	446,495.48	31,388.68
Highway Budget	0.234	446,495.48	104,479.91
IVFD Reserve	0.0336	446,495.48	15,002.22
Town Budget	0.06	446,495.48	26,789.68
Total Property Taxes Billed			<u>724,997.57</u>
2013 Property Taxes Collected			592,444.62
State Payments			111,149.08
2013 Delinquent Property Taxes			<u>21,403.87</u>
			\$ 724,997.57

TOWN OF IRA SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013	
CASH BALANCE JULY 1, 2012	\$ 354,032.89
REVENUES:	
State Sources/Property Taxes	786,210.20
Interest	<u>325.19</u>
Total Revenue	786,535.39
EXPENDITURES:	
Warrants	<u>(769,957.12)</u>
CASH Balance June 30, 2013	\$ 370,611.16

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES	
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013	
General Operating – Merchants	\$ 67,317.41
Petty Cash	300.00
Money Market – Merchants	
Cemetery Savings	4,781.36
Professional Audit Reserve	4,000.00
Reappraisal Account	7,600.00
Money Market – Merchants–Other	<u>88,626.92</u>
Total Money Market – Merchants	105,008.28
Truck Savings	81,791.76
George Putnam Fund	<u>3,875.06</u>
Total Cash Balances	\$ 258,292.51

change to equipment

ASSETS	
Buildings	
Town Hall	87,500.00
Town Office Building	212,408.06
Old School House	5,000.00
Town Garage	<u>40,100.00</u>
Total Buildings	\$ 345,008.06
Equipment	
2007 International Truck	<u>88,285.00</u>
Total Equipment	88,285.00

TOWN OF IRA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS

BALANCE AS REPORTED IN 2012 TOWN REPORT	\$	95,222.36
CONVERSION VARIATION		122.42
CHECKBOOK BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2013	\$	95,344.78

REVENUES		
CURRENT TAXES	\$	136,674.19
SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES		455,540.48 *
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT		3,068.82
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE		28,964.71
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST		2,383.82
CURRENT USE		22,926.00
DOG LICENSES		208.00
BANK INTEREST		72.59
USE OF TOWN HALL		525.00
RAILROAD TAX		244.50
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT		2,114.64
PREVIOUS YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND		6,587.51
MISC OTHER REVENUE		763.06
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS		60.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS		11,320.86
HIGHWAY GRANTS		19,754.36
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	691,208.54

GENERAL EXPENDITURES		
SELECTMAN SALARY	\$	2,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES		2,187.72
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS		3,410.00
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		875.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS		393.96
POSTAGE		1,168.52
PHOTOCOPIER		490.00
LEGAL SERVICES		468.88
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS		233.97
VLCT		1,216.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX		3,238.35
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY		13,634.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP		847.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES		1,478.24
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE		3,088.10
TOWN REPORT		308.00
RECORD RESTORATION		975.00
ELECTIONS		317.00
TRANSFER TO AUDIT FUND		2,000.00
TRANSFER TO REAPPRAISAL FUND		45.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND		500.00
IRVD TRUCK COMMITMENT		15,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE		18,275.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY		6,000.00
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SALARY		220.00
LISTER'S SALARY		1,200.00
SALARIES-REAPPRAISAL		1,698.38
CONSULTANT		5,050.00
TREASURER SALARY		6,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY		200.00
TOWN OFFICE LIGHTS		777.18
TOWN OFFICE HEAT		649.98
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE		1,505.30
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		1,583.06
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING		312.21
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING		1,161.18
CEMETERY MOWING		1,430.00
TOWN HALL LIGHTS		945.32
TOWN HALL HEAT		2,257.87
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE		260.04
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		2,928.20
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING		306.61
	\$	108,363.07

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ARTICLES		
5-IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$	25,000.00
6-RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY		2,611.00
7-RAVNAH & HOSPICE		973.00
8-SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL		300.00
9-RUTLAND NATURAL RESOURCES		250.00
10-RUTLAND COUNTY WOMENS SHELTER		200.00
11 RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH		286.00
12-NORTHERN VT RESOURCE CENTER		100.00
13-RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER		375.00
14-VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING		50.00
15-PARENT CHILD CENTER		500.00
16-BROC		250.00
17-NEIGHBOR WORKS		100.00
18-GREEN UP		50.00
19-AMERICAN RED CROSS		250.00
20-VT TRAILS & GREENWAYS		35.00
21-THE MENTOR CONNECTOR		50.00
	\$	31,380.00

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES		
SALARIES	\$	8,910.00
PAYROLL TAXES		681.61
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE		1,550.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES		2,251.36
ROADSIDE MOWING		1,100.00
WINTER SAND		6,204.85
GRAVEL		8,171.91
WINTER SALT		1,223.55
CHLORIDE		2,368.93
CULVERTS INSTALLATION		27,259.15
CULVERTS		4,980.90
DITCHING		11,585.00
GRADING		7,660.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		5,790.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		1,500.00
LOADER RENTAL		3,000.00
TRUCKING GRAVEL		4,100.00
TRUCKING WINTER SAND/SALT		3,080.00
FUEL FOR TRUCK		6,016.20
TRUCK MAINTENANCE		2,394.47
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND (equipment account)		13,000.00
TOWN GARAGE LIGHTS		356.38
TOWN GARAGE HEAT		667.78
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE		100.27
	\$	123,952.36

TRANSFER TO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$	455,540.48 *
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	719,235.91
CHECKBOOK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013	\$	67,317.41

* School taxes transferred to School District

SELECT BOARD BUDGET REPORT

	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET
TAX REVENUE			
CURRENT GENERAL FUND TAXES	78,715.45	32,313.63	68,761.00
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	1,000.00	3,068.82	3,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	30,000.00	28,964.71	-
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	2,000.00	2,383.82	2,000.00
CURRENT USE	22,000.00	22,926.00	23,000.00
DOG LICENSES	200.00	208.00	200.00
BANK INTEREST	80.00	72.59	70.00
USE OF TOWN HALL	-	525.00	-
RAILROAD TAX	150.00	244.50	200.00
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT	2,000.00	2,114.64	2,000.00
PREVIOUS YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND	-	6,587.51	13,000.00
MISC OTHER REVENUE	100.00	763.06	900.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	15,403.55		-
RESERVE	30,000.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	181,649.00	100,172.28	113,131.00
GENERAL EXPENDITURES			
SELECTMAN SALARY	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00	-	200.00
PAYROLL TAXES	2,500.00	2,187.72	2,500.00
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	7,000.00	3,410.00	1,000.00
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COM	875.00	875.00	2,400.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	2,000.00	393.96	2,000.00
POSTAGE	1,000.00	1,168.52	1,000.00
PHOTOCOPIER	500.00	490.00	570.00
LEGAL SERVICES	6,000.00	468.88	4,000.00
ADVERT NOTICES/HEARINGS	800.00	233.97	800.00
VLCT	1,216.00	1,216.00	1,249.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	3,400.00	3,238.35	3,534.00
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	14,000.00	13,634.00	14,500.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	-	847.00	-
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,500.00	1,478.24	2,000.00
COMP SOFT/HARDWARE	2,300.00	3,088.10	2,500.00
TOWN REPORT	325.00	308.00	800.00
INTEREST PAID OUT	2,500.00	-	1,500.00
RECORD RESTORATION	1,000.00	975.00	1,300.00
ELECTIONS	600.00	317.00	1,000.00
TRANSFER TO AUDIT FUND	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TRANSFER TO REAPPRAISAL FUND	-	45.00	-
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
IRVD TRUCK COMMITMENT	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	18,275.00	18,275.00	17,850.00
MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	-	250.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SALARY	500.00	220.00	500.00
LISTERS SALARY	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
SALARIES-REAPPRAISAL	1,000.00	1,698.38	-
CONSULTANT	5,500.00	5,050.00	3,500.00
TREASURER SALARY	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOWN OFFICE LIGHTS	1,000.00	777.18	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	1,200.00	649.98	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	1,900.00	1,505.30	1,500.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	-	1,583.06	550.00
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	200.00	312.21	300.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	1,600.00	1,161.18	1,200.00
CEMETERY MOWING	1,500.00	1,430.00	1,500.00
TOWN HALL LIGHTS	900.00	945.32	1,000.00
TOWN HALL HEAT	1,500.00	2,257.87	2,200.00
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	-	260.04	300.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,450.00	2,928.20	2,200.00
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	150.00	306.61	300.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	120,269.00	108,363.07	113,131.00
ARTICLES			
5-IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	25,000.00	25,000.00	-

SELECT BOARD REPORT

This year the amount of money needed to be raised from taxes is \$170,468. Itemized copies of the select board orders are available at the Town Office for review during normal business hours. The litigation involving the embezzlement case is still on-going. At the request of concerned citizens due to numerous local break-ins, we have placed an article on the warning asking the voters to allocate funds for a weekly sheriff patrol. This year we will be requesting bids for a professional audit to be completed early 2015. We have completed the conversion of our town books to the new NEMRC accounting program. NEMRC is the standard for municipalities used by the majority of towns in Vermont. We will be looking into transitioning to a fiscal year to align with the school fiscal year. We also are anticipating setting up a reserve fund for significant repairs on the town hall.

The board adopted a new policy for requesting appropriations from area agencies. They now need to submit a petition annually asking to be placed on the warning for town meeting.

We applied for a Park-and-Ride Grant for the Town Hall parking lot. We were awarded the grant and hopefully the work will be completed by the end of the year.

We're also looking into all the specifications, along with the costs of a salt shed. This would be beneficial to the town to have salt and sand covered to eliminate waste and it will be better for our equipment. When sand is wet it does not spread well so you end up spreading more. When the sand freezes it chunks up and can break the spreader chain on the sander which is very expensive to replace. We're hoping to have this completed so we can bring this item back next year (2015) to the voters.

The Select Board meets on the first Monday of each month.

Larry Taggart, Chair

Mark Coderre, Select board Member, Road Commissioner

Steve Martelle, Select board Member

TOWN CLERK REPORT

All dogs 6 months and older are required by State law to be licensed on or before April 1st of each year. A license for spay/neutered dog is \$8.00 and \$12.00 for an un-spay/un-neutered dog. A current rabies certificate must be on file or provided at the time of purchasing the license. We had 86 dogs licensed in 2013; 9 un-spay/un-neutered and 77 spay/neutered for revenue of \$208 for the Town. Licenses will be available during Town Meeting Day.

We currently have 323 registered voters. If you are a new resident or recently turned 18, an application to be added to Ira's checklist must be completed by February 26, 2014 to take part in voting at Town Meeting.

A couple of things took place this year. We had an E911 technician come and assist with assigning 911 addresses to camps that did not previously have numbers. The vital book from 1921-1939 was sent to be preserved. The preservation of the Town's land and vital records is important to maintaining our heritage and I hope to continue preserving other record books this year.

The various associations and agencies annual reports will be available at the Town Office for reviewing during normal office hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Karen Davis

Town Clerk

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – December 31, 2013

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
Clark, Robert H Jr.	2012	3,809.99
Crossman, Timothy D	2013	760.39
Czarnecki, Paul & Karen	2013	2,728.99
Dydo, Randy & Elaine	2013	1,874.63
Eno, Glenn & Dianne	2012	58.74
	2013	727.42
Fitzgerald, Clyde	2009	760.69
	2011	402.28
	2013	669.58
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2012	2,046.04
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2013	5,619.50
Littlejohn, Gary	2013	1,705.61
* Maccabee, Pamela A	2013	999.95
McCaulley, Harry & Andrea	2009	63.20
	2010	54.47
	2011	54.43
	2012	41.40
	2013	17.58
Mitiguy, Mary R	2009	7,018.89
North Meadows, Inc	2013	15.38
Notte, Albert & Mary Jane	2013	1,231.48
Prescott, Neal W, Kenneth & Daniel	2013	197.79
Rysewyk, Douglas & Jacqueline	2012	2,834.24
	2013	2,450.43
Sumner, Lori & Kelton	2013	2,485.59
		38,628.69

* Tax paid in full by time of printing

Vital Statistics

Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Chloe Jessica Beverly Bishop	Female	February 16, 2013	Arlene Atkins & Brian Bishop Jr.
Nathanyall Bruce Butler	Male	July 1, 2013	Cerribah Waters & Nathan Butler
Rockland Michael Raiche	Male	October 6, 2013	Bobbi Jean & Michael Raiche
Trevor Robert Tyminski	Male	October 6, 2013	Chelsie Crossman & Timothy Tyminski

Marriages

		<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mark S Fitzgerald	Christen Hebert	February 23, 2013	Ira
Daniel Miller	Rebekah Hewitt	May 11, 2013	Ira
Justin Martelle	Megan Greeno	May 25, 2013	Brandon
Christopher Dunbar	Danielle Angier	September 14, 2013	Killington
Nathan Butler	Cerribah Waters	October 4, 2013	Ira
Timothy Harte	Tammy Peterson	December 31, 2013	Ira

Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Charlotte E. Lincoln	89	January 2, 2013
Horatio E. Weaver, Jr.	63	February 10, 2013

Burials – Ira Riverside Cemetery

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Burial</u>
Charlotte E. Lincoln	May 18, 2013
Jean E Hoague	June 25, 2013
Kristen L. Parker	July 13, 2013

2013 Report of the Board of Listers

The process of tax mapping the town was completed in December 2012 by Cartographics Associates, Inc. of Littleton, NH. The select board adopted the tax maps on February 2, 2013. We then spent much of 2013 adjusting the land schedule to be on the same level of fair market value. Together with our appraisal consultant we conducted field inspections on all parcels and reviewed all changes to assessed values based on the adjusted land schedule.

We would like to thank everyone who provided us with a survey of their property. If you do have a certified survey we encourage you to bring it by the town office to be recorded. This will allow us to keep the tax maps up to date.

We will begin inspections in early spring for the 2014 grand list. If you have made any changes to your property call us to schedule an appointment.

284	Parcels on the grand list
8	Non-taxable parcels
42	Parcels in the current use program
\$44,649,548	Grand List value
12	Property transfers during year

Bob Tyminski
Nathan Hewitt
Karen Davis

Ira's Golden Cane

For many years an old cane has been passed down to Ira's Oldest Resident. The tradition began with the Perry Family, and it has since evolved to incorporate the entire town. The cane has been passed from house to house over the years to honor the oldest resident.

The cane is now in the possession of Mrs. Lucelia Lincoln, who turned 91 years old in May of 2013.

Past Recipients

Carrie Perry

Ruth Johnson

Harry Berg

Stewart Lincoln

Bessie Berg

Enid DeDoming

Ira Town Hall

2013

During 2013 the upstairs windows were painted, some of the soffit was repaired and the furnace room's door was replaced. The lawn care and cleaning was put out to bid and Jordan Martelle was awarded the contract. Activities and functions are being held regularly at the Town Hall. For more information on renting the Town Hall visit the town's website or contact the Town Clerk.

4	Rentals	1	Green Up
12	Senior Lunches (monthly)	1	Ira Fire Department Community Auction
60	Bone Builders	1	Ira Fire Department Pampered Chef Fundraiser
6	Foot and Blood Pressure Clinic	1	Ira Valley Community Supper
1	Town Meeting	1	The Conservation Fund - informational meeting on Herrick Mtn.
1	Christmas Tree Lighting		

TOWN HALL RENTAL PROCEDURES

1. Rental fees for the Ira Town Hall are as follows:
 - Ira Residents \$150.00 with a \$75.00 security deposit.
 - Non-Residents \$275.00 with a \$75.00 security deposit
2. Contact Alta Johnston for an Application/Rental Agreement Form @235-2247 or from the website:townofira.com
3. Return completed and signed Application and Rental Agreement Forms and Certificate of Insurance to Alta Johnston for review and approval from the Select Board. *** The Select Board meets on the 1st Monday of each month, so applications should be received well in advance of the planned event.*
4. Arrangements need to be made with Alta Johnston to make payment and pick up the key prior to the event.
5. PAYMENT must be made in 2 separate checks, one for the rental fee and the second check for the security deposit. Make checks payable to Town of Ira.
6. After the event, return the key to Alta Johnston, who will inspect the Town Hall prior to refunding the security deposit.
7. In case of emergency (i.e. death/funeral) for Ira residents only, the Town Hall may be obtained without prior notice, with no charge. Call Alta Johnson to make arrangements.
8. Refer to the terms and conditions of the Rental Agreement for additional requirements and responsibilities.

Report of the Ira Planning Commission for 2013

It was a quiet year for the planning commission. Our town plan will expire in December of 2014 and is due for an update, as it is every 5 years under Vermont law. In 2013, with the assistance of the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, the town applied for a grant to cover costs of updating the town plan, but with limited state funds and many towns competing, our application was not approved. We will still move forward with updating the plan without state funding, as we did 5 years ago.

We learned in 2013 that the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife seeks to acquire, in 2014, the lands owned by Yankee Forest, LLC. These lands include the parcel designated by the State several years ago as a rare and irreplaceable natural area on Herrick Mountain, and another parcel north of Herrick. The Conservation Fund has purchased the property and looks to close with the State in 2014. The lands are to be added to the existing Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

Cemetery Report

Committee: Nathan Hewitt, Chair
Paul Meigs
Alta Johnston

During 2013, the Cemetery Committee looked at several issues at the cemetery. There has been some concern with the condition of the two trees on the north side of the cemetery, and tree service companies have been called for advice and bids.

The wooden fence posts on the north side have rotted and need replacing. The fence along the roadside is showing its age and needs some work. The committee chair, Nathan Hewitt, plans on putting together a work committee in the spring.

Thank you to Paul Meigs for his continued dedication and volunteer work at the cemetery. Likewise, many thanks to Doug Hewitt for his years of lawn care.

Bill Johnson (surveyor) has remarked the boundary lines on the new section. Lew Hoffman has put together the format for a computer generated layout of all the cemetery plots, and at some point, all the records will be computerized.

The cemetery lots are 4' x 12' and currently cost \$600 for residents of Ira and \$800 for non-residents. Double lots are also available at \$1000 for Ira residents and \$1400 for non-residents.

Contact the town clerk at 235-2745 for information on purchasing a lot.

Rutland Free Library Update

It has been an exciting and fruitful year at the Rutland Free Library. Reflecting the evolution of libraries around the country, enhanced technology continues to support new services and opportunities. In addition to the long standing book, magazine, CD and DVD collections at RFL, Ira residents can now enjoy the following:

- Computer classes, as well as individualized tech assistance with electronic devices such as tablets, e-readers
- Free downloads of e-books
- Expanded access to collections at other libraries across the state
- 24/7 free access to 30 full text data bases, such as Consumer Reports, Car Repair, and those supporting general academic studies
- Free use of new videoconferencing system
- Expanded children's programs, including Story Hour and Baby-Toddler Rock hour which promote literacy in young children
- Multiple "clubs", already launched or in active planning stages, such as the Leggo Club, Robotics Club, Tech Club and Science Pub.

Rutland Free Library staff and members of the Board of Trustees appreciate the past support of Ira residents and hope they feel they have been well served. They ask that a request for \$2,703 be placed on the March 2014 ballot. This is a \$92 increase from last year's allocation.

Regional Ambulance Service

Regional Ambulance was formed 30 years ago to provide emergency ambulance services to its member towns. Ira joined the ambulance service at its inception. Regional Ambulance Service responded to 22 calls in Ira during 2013.

Monthly CPR classes for the general public are held at Regional Ambulance. Child car seat inspections are held every Thursday afternoon. Regional Ambulance has seven life support equipped ambulances with 2 being brand new.

Please feel free to contact Regional Ambulance Service with any questions, 773-1746.

Vermont 2-1-1

Vermont 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, 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, 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Dialing the three-digit number, 2-1-1, helps ensure that Vermonters have access to community, regional, state, and federal-based services to help them with both everyday needs and personal or family issues during difficult times.

2-1-1 also serves as the Public Inquiry Line for the Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security and the School Crisis Team during a disaster or emergency incident.

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

CONSTABLES REPORT 2013

There were a total of 80 complaints reported to VT State Police, Rutland County Sheriff's Patrol, Castleton Police Dept., and VT State Game Warden in Ira during 2013. Of note were:

7	Burglaries	1	Theft
12	Suspicious complaints	11	Motor vehicle complaints
8	Crash investigations		

The burglaries have continued. There is an article on the Town Warning for a vote of an expenditure of \$1,750 for the purchase and installation of Neighborhood Watch signs and posts. Another article on the Town Warning calls for a vote of an expenditure of \$15,000 for Sheriff's Patrol coverage of 8 hours per week.

Please keep your doors locked and your mail and newspaper retrieved whenever you are away. Have a neighbor watch the area and report any suspicious activity promptly. Detailed information, such as license plate numbers, car make and model, suspicious individuals would be helpful. The State Police sponsor regular meetings that our constables attend and they share information concerning activity in the area.

911 signs help emergency responders (Regional Ambulance, Fire Dept., constables and State Police). The signs can be purchased locally. Call Fran Lloyd for details: 235-9317

Ira Volunteer Fire Department
Treasurer's Report
For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed Budget
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REVENUE:		
Town of Ira	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Town of Ira - Reserve Fund for Engine 2	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fundraising - New Water Well	5,615.00	
Fundraising - Tent Revenue	1,200.00	2,000.00
Fundraising - Other	300.00	
Corporate Contributions		150.00
Individual Contribution	190.00	150.00
Dividend - Credit Union of VT	17.77	50.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 47,322.77</u>	<u>\$ 42,350.00</u>
EXPENSES:		
Loan on Engine 2 - Principal	\$ 15,144.40	\$ 15,000.00
Loan on Engine 2 - Interest	3,445.36	3,300.00
Firefighter Apparel	368.00	600.00
Air Pack Maintenance	113.60	500.00
Dues & Memberships	406.00	400.00
Building & Repair	1,594.39	1,000.00
Electricity	1,063.54	1,000.00
Heating Oil	3,584.79	2,000.00
Telephone	349.65	300.00
Building & Vehicle Liability Insurance	4,420.00	4,151.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,016.00	1,018.00
Fire Schools		500.00
Turn Out Gear	1,839.81	2,500.00
New Equipment	2,459.49	1,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,120.15	1,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	1,616.95	2,000.00
Fuel, Vehicles	1,084.00	2,200.00
Communications, Dues	900.00	900.00
Communications, Repair	1,169.09	700.00
Communications, New	814.00	1,000.00
Training Expense	700.00	2,000.00
Fundraising Fees		100.00
Printing, Copying & Postage	1.11	150.00
Reserve for New Water Well	5,615.00	
Miscellaneous	116.16	400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>48,941.49</u>	<u>43,719.00</u>
EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF REVENUE	<u>\$ (1,618.72)</u>	<u>\$ (1,369.00)</u>

CASH	
Cash Balance as of 1-1-2013	\$ 32,562.06
Expenses in Excess of Income	(1,618.72)
Cash Balance 12-31-13	<u>\$ 30,943.34</u>

Checking Account	\$ 22,897.61
Savings Account	13,660.73
Less: Reserve for New Water Well	(5,615.00)
TOTAL UNRESERVED CASH	<u>\$ 30,943.34</u>

BALANCE DUE: LOAN ON ENGINE 2	
Balance at 1-1-2013	\$ 69,982.76
Principal Payments	(15,144.40)
BALANCE DUE 12-31-2013	<u>\$ 54,838.36</u>

Note: The new water well has not yet been installed at the Fire House. The funds raised for this purpose have been reserved for when the new well is installed this summer

Respectfully submitted,
William L. Whiteman, Jr., Treasurer

IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

8 - Automobile Accidents	1 - Flood Assessment
5 - 5 Trees on power lines & across the road	1 - Grass Fire
1 - CO meter	1 - Fire in Wood pile
1 - Chimney Fire	8 - Mutual Aid Assistance with
1 - False Alarm	West Rutland, Clarendon, Tinmouth, M. Springs
Total: 27 Incidents	

The Ira Volunteer Fire Dept. had a busy year in 2013. Ira assisted Clarendon Fire on two Mutual Aid calls for structure fires in the Chippenhook area. Likewise, Ira responded to West Rutland, Tinmouth, and Middletown Springs to help out our neighbors. West Rutland has been very helpful responding to North Ira calls in conjunction with the Ira crew. The Rutland County Mutual Aid system works well and it is reassuring to have access to firefighters and equipment at any time.

Eight out of 27 calls were automobile related. Over the years, Ira, under the guidance of Tim Perry, has geared up to handle these incidents. The hydraulic jaws, spreaders, and power unit were serviced this year. A ram was added to the extrication equipment which might be used for dash rolls, for example. Reflective vests were purchased for the firefighters to provide some added protection while working in the roadway.

As noted in the Treasurer's report, the fundraiser monies for the well/water system for the firehouse are in the savings account. A site plan has been drafted for the firehouse property, and a location for the well has been determined. Come spring, a well will be drilled, and water will be hooked up to the firehouse. The water will be used for washing the trucks and perhaps topping off the tanks. Many thanks go to Sara Meling and her committee for making this project successful.

There is a core group of individuals who have provided 24-hour coverage for the Fire Dept. for many years. The group needs help and assistance. Consider joining our ranks. Meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Please visit the Irafire.com website and see all we have to offer. If you have any questions, give Tim Perry a call at 747-8398 or 235-2001.

Members:

Tim Perry	Fire Chief	Ted Sheloski	Asst. Chief	Dan Perry	President
Cassandra Perry	Secretary	Bill Whiteman	Treasurer	Fran Lloyd	Captain
Bob Toppin	Lieutenant	Bill Johnson	Past Chief		
Dave McLellan		Eric May		Darren May	

OUR TOWN—IRA

The following is a re-print of an article that Alice Ann Fish Raiche, town clerk, wrote for the 1990 Town Report. Some editing of that article may show up to reflect current dates and events. Her resources at the time were "The History of Rutland County" published in 1886, the "History of Ira, Vt." written in 1926, Stewart and Charlotte Lincoln, and Mary Ryan.

By the time of Vermont Statehood, March 4, 1791, most of Vermont had been the subject of a charter, either by New Hampshire or Vermont. Vermont had begun chartering towns in 1779 and by early 1791 had issued charters to more than 90 towns. When statehood came, only 13 pieces of land remained ungranted by either Vermont or New Hampshire, Ira being one of them. Today only three Vermont towns are without either a NH or VT charter, according to the Office of our Secretary of State. Ira was granted to certain individuals in 1780, but a charter was never issued, probably because the granting fees were never paid. The "History of Rutland County" relates that November 6, 1772, a patent for the Town of Ira was granted to Henry Van Vleck for 5000 acres according to records of NY patents. These were termed Civil Grants.

The same book speaks about the Taconic Mountains which extend from Massachusetts and enters Rutland County at Danby and that the most important peak is Bird Mountain with elevation of nearly 2500 feet. Of interest is the likelihood that in the spring of 1767, Col. Amos Bird and others visited the region, before unknown to them, traveling from Connecticut to Ticonderoga. In their travels, they had passed Castleton, the point for which they had set out. Tradition says that in surveying the town, Col. Bird lost his way and wandering around, reached the top of a high mountain where he stayed the night. Thus, we have Bird Mountain, the summit consisting of rock and quartz conglomerate and nearly destitute of soil and vegetation. In this respect, it differs from other mountains of the range. Hills, valleys, woods, and cultivated fields can be seen from the summit.

Herrick Mountain, two miles east of Bird Mt. is 2661 feet in elevation. This mountain has the appearance of two mountains with a chasm between. Pitcher Mountain lies to the east of Ira Valley and was named for Col. Pitcher who, for a time, made his home here near its western base.

The Castleton River cuts through the northern part of Ira, while Ira Brook flows the length of southern Ira and empties into Clarendon River. These rivers have always been a great source of enjoyment for fishermen in these areas.

From the "History of Ira, Vt.", we learn the district, now Town of Ira, is supposed to have been settled as early as 1761 when men from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut forced their way into what was then wilderness. Clearing small plots of land, building primitive cabins, they began making homes for the families they had left behind. They went back a year or two later and brought their families here.

The town was organized on May 31, 1779. Fifty-two men took the Freeman's Oath on that date. The first birth was in 1773, marriage in 1779, and death in 1785. About the earliest family to settle were the John Lee's in 1770 in Ira Hollow. He owned 324 acres of the best land in Ira, but he sympathized too fervently and openly with England in the Revolutionary difficulty with the Mother Country, so was "obliged" to leave town. His farm was confiscated by James Claghorn, Commissioner of Probate in Rutland and Bennington Counties and was sold to Thomas Collins of MA. This farm now belongs to Cathy Baker and Stan Shapiro.

Isaiah Mason came to Ira in 1780 from MA, Jason Newton arrived in 1782 also from MA, and he might well be called the patriarch of the town, having three wives and a family of 17, but large families were the rule rather than exception in those days. In 1790, Preserved Fish immigrated to this town from MA. He served as Justice of the Peace for more than forty years and represented the town for thirteen years. They had twelve children which of course helped to populate the town. Numerous descendants still live in town today.

2014 -Annual Report of the Ira School Board Chair

The residents of Ira have been fortunate that for the past two years the portion of our taxes related to education spending has gone down. Over this time period the voters also decided to set aside \$150,000 in a tax stabilization fund, anticipating that education costs might rise in future years, and that this money could be used to cushion those increases.

This year, even though our school budget has gone down, our education tax rate is going to increase. The major drivers behind this increase are as follows:

1. There has been statewide increase in the base education tax rate (determined by the Tax Commissioner)
2. There has been a large decrease in our common level of appraisal. This means that the fair market value of homes in Ira has increased compared with the assessed value.
3. In response to voter concerns about our large education surplus in recent years, the school board has budgeted actual education expenses more accurately and as a result we have a smaller surplus to apply towards the budget (about \$46,000 this year compared with a previous surplus of about \$191,000 the year before). In other words, previous tax rates were artificially low because we had a large surplus from prior years carrying forward.

Taken together, these factors would have resulted in an increase in Ira's education tax rate from \$1.06 last year to \$1.28 this year. Looking back across a longer time frame, three years ago this rate was \$1.25.

In order to minimize this anticipated increase, the school board has authorized the transfer of \$48,000 from the tax stabilization fund to be applied towards this year's school budget and this will decrease the projected tax rate from \$1.28 to \$1.18.

We chose this amount because if we used a larger amount of money from the tax stabilization fund then our contribution would be so large that Ira would have to send the additional money back to the state to be distributed back to less wealthy towns, rather than staying local to reduce Ira's tax rates.

Respectfully,

Philip Lapp
Ira School Board Chair

IRA TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FUND BALANCES	Budget 2012-2013	Actual 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015
Total Revenue	1,045,701	919,803	870,923	
Total Expenditures	1,045,701	873,844	870,923	
Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 45,959	\$ -	\$ -
WARNED ARTICLES				
Tax Stabilization Fund Transfer	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
REVENUES	Budget 2012-2013	Actual 2012-2013	Budget 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015
LOCAL REVENUE				
Prior Year Carryover	80,335	80,335	191,174	
Tax Stabilization Revenue	-	-	-	
Interest Income	1,000	325	500	
SU Assessment Refund	4,914	4,914	859	
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 86,249	\$ 85,574	\$ 192,533	\$ -
STATE REVENUE				
State Support Grant	764,566	764,566	611,361	
From State to Tech Center	35,365	35,365	31,844	
Non Enrolled Tech Student	-	1,264	-	
Block Grant	24,389	24,389	23,884	
Intensive	44,448	8,418	7,974	
Prior Year Intensive	-	227	-	
PreSchool	3,749	-	3,327	
TOTAL STATE REVENUE	\$ 872,517	\$ 834,229	\$ 678,390	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES	\$ 958,766	\$ 919,803	\$ 870,923	\$ -
EXPENDITURES	Budget 2011-2012	Actual 2011-2012	Budget 2012-2013	Budget 2014-2015
FUND TRANSFERS	50,000	50,000	100,000	
BOARD OF EDUCATION	1,250	1,463	2,450	
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	42,966	42,966	41,114	
FISCAL SERVICES	2,600	2,544	2,600	
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED	269,211	262,008	248,625	
SECONDARY REGULAR ED	423,571	405,126	368,773	
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	3,718	3,718	4,427	
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED	35,000	21,507	9,898	
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	-	3,150	-	
SECONDARY SPECIAL ED	76,300	27,171	39,590	
EEE PROGRAM	-	-	3,706	
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	54,149	54,190	49,740	

Report of the Superintendent

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Board and the Southwest Vermont Superintendents meet periodically with county legislators to gain a deeper understanding of legislative initiatives and to share our perspective of educational needs. Dual Enrollment and flexible pathways are outcomes of recent legislation that demonstrates joint support. Dual enrollment enables all Vermont juniors and seniors to enroll in 2-3 credit college courses and get both college and high school credit for this work. Flexible pathways empower students to use alternative approaches to earn high school credit. For example, a student could be earning biology credit doing an internship in a medical facility on school mornings, or taking online English credits at night from home. Students no longer need to be limited by the traditional school day. Learning and instruction will be customized on individual learning plans based on standards, measured by authentic learning, and delivered anytime, anywhere!

The RSWSU welcomed several Administrators this year. We are excited to have Kathi Marcoux, a veteran curriculum director and teacher, join us as part-time Curriculum Coordinator. Her expertise has been very helpful to align the many curriculum initiatives in progress in the RSWSU. Dr. Gary Ackerman, a high school teacher and integration specialist, joined our team in two different capacities. Gary works half time as a Technology Integration specialist assisting teachers and students in classrooms learn technology as a while incorporating curriculum content into lessons. Gary also provides part-time Technology Coordinator services for Tinmouth, Wells, Middletown Springs, and the RSWSU ensuring that all systems (hardware and software) are functioning appropriately. Tinmouth hired an interim principal, Daryl Houk for their period through sixth grade school. Daryl's experience includes teaching, assistant principal, and Pre-Secondary Director.

Many curriculum programs are underway in RSWSU schools. The Collins Writing Program has now been adopted by all schools. The four elementary schools are in the initial stages of training and implementation while Poultney High School teachers have already been using the Program for two years. Having Pre-Kindergarten to 12 programs ensures that all students will have the same vocabulary and develop a full range of skills using a consistent writing process. Turning to math, teachers at all levels are deepening their understanding of math best practices while aligning the mathematics curriculum with the Common Core Standards. Instructional consultants are assisting teachers to strengthen their instructional practices. In addition, preschool and elementary teachers are working with the new Next Generation Science Standards which focuses on the best way to have students learn the expected outcomes.

We are most fortunate to have a very dedicated faculty and staff in all our schools and offices. Each plays a needed and valuable role in this educational organization. All are to be commended for their service and devotion to our school communities. I am pleased to report that all teachers across the RSWSU met Highly Qualified Teacher requirements for the courses taught last year. In addition, two teachers are selected annually for their contributions to their schools as a UVM Teacher of the Year. This year we are pleased to recognize Kay Mahoney, PES Grade 5 teacher and Steve Kainen, WVS Kindergarten teacher. Congratulations to Wells Village School, who regained Adequate Yearly Progress status this past year. Principal Kristen Caliguiri was honored by the Vermont Principals' Association as the Vermont Elementary Principal of the Year. These are just a sampling of the accolades that faculty and staff have received this year. Students have performed well academically in all schools and we are very proud of each and every one.

We wish to thank all of the volunteers who give in so many ways to the benefit of our students and schools. We also want to thank the communities for their continued support. We appreciate you being besides us in the many efforts needed to educate our children and to provide them with rich experiences that will help them grow to be well educated, high achieving, confident, successful, and contributing young people. It takes the collaborative efforts of all (parents, faculty, staff, volunteers, and community) to achieve this goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Joan Paustian

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union					
CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET					
	Budget FY13	Actual FY13	Budget FY14	Budget FY15	
INTEREST INCOME					
Interest Income CB Checking	-	60.05	-	-	-
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT					
Ira	42,965.96	42,965.96	41,113.82	32,862.55	
Middletown Springs	79,341.60	79,341.60	77,570.32	84,115.03	
Poultney	263,288.79	263,288.80	278,697.77	270,561.81	
Tinmouth	50,564.18	50,564.20	59,446.54	60,998.18	
Wells	90,697.84	90,697.84	91,697.30	99,804.16	
TOTAL CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT	\$ 526,858	\$ 526,858	\$ 548,526	\$ 548,342	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME					
Miscellaneous Income	-	938.25	-	-	-
Misc - Fingerprinting	-	772.25	-	-	-
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ -	\$ 1,711	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 526,858	\$ 528,629	\$ 548,526	\$ 548,342	
	Budget FY13	Actual FY13	Budget FY14	Budget FY15	
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT					
Curriculum Coordinator	-	-	14,000.00	10,000.00	
Group Health Insurance	-	-	3,683.57	-	
Fica & Medi	-	-	1,071.00	765.00	
Municipal Retirement	-	-	560.00	-	
Dental/Eye Care	-	-	85.00	-	
Prof Services	-	-	-	2,250.00	
Travel	-	-	200.00	200.00	
Supplies	-	-	400.00	400.00	
Dues & Fees	-	-	200.00	2,250.00	
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,200	\$ 15,865	
TECHNOLOGY					
Tech Crd N Striglia	45,900.00	47,277.10	47,277.00	-	
Tech Gary Ackerman	-	-	-	30,000.00	
Insurance Buyback	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	750.00	
Fica & Medi	3,626.10	3,731.47	3,731.44	2,352.38	
Municipal Retirement	1,896.00	1,951.04	1,951.08	-	
Dental/Eye Care	425.00	356.00	425.00	242.50	
Professional Services	1,500.00	259.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Communication	200.00	179.40	200.00	200.00	
Travel	1,000.00	1,620.23	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Supplies-Tech Related	1,000.00	39.97	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Computer Software	-	-	-	3,000.00	
Computer Hardware	1,000.00	2,855.36	-	-	
Dues & Fees - Spam Filter	4,000.00	656.91	1,000.00	3,000.00	
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY	\$ 62,047	\$ 60,426	\$ 62,585	\$ 46,045	
ADMINISTRATION					
Admin Asst J Dente	32,448.00	33,404.80	33,404.80	35,256.00	
Board Secretary	1,000.00	749.97	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Group Health Insurance	12,505.19	12,441.46	13,739.83	13,855.66	
Fica & Medi	2,558.77	2,508.10	2,631.97	2,773.58	
Municipal Retirement	1,337.92	1,366.20	1,376.19	1,450.24	
Dental/Eye Care	425.00	-	425.00	485.00	
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	
Legal Fees	20,000.00	4,394.80	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Legal Fees - Special Ed	4,000.00	34.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Repair/Maint Services	4,000.00	2,825.34	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Insurance	2,647.10	2,344.00	2,414.32	2,414.32	
Communications	8,000.00	7,904.75	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Advertising	2,750.00	1,972.09	2,750.00	2,750.00	
Travel	350.00	682.01	350.00	700.00	
Supplies	7,000.00	6,057.73	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	100.00	345.00	300.00	350.00	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 99,122	\$ 77,030	\$ 86,392	\$ 89,035	
SUPERINTENDENT					
Superintendent J Paustian	105,060.00	107,161.08	107,161.00	109,304.00	
Group Health Insurance	12,505.19	12,441.46	13,739.83	13,855.66	
Fica & Medi	8,037.09	8,187.79	8,197.82	8,361.76	
Life Insurance	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	1,240.00	
Dental/Eye Care	425.00	425.00	425.00	485.00	
Travel	2,250.00	1,682.60	2,250.00	2,250.00	
Supplies	375.00	-	375.00	375.00	
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	4,350.00	4,559.00	4,850.00	4,850.00	
TOTAL SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 134,242	\$ 135,697	\$ 138,239	\$ 140,721	
FISCAL SERVICES					
Payroll/Bene L Alderman	27,616.88	28,431.00	28,431.00	29,991.00	
RSWSU Treasurer	1,720.74	1,772.00	1,772.00	1,807.00	
Business Mgr L Milazzo	66,500.00	68,508.00	68,508.00	69,878.00	
AP/AR Clerk K Marino	25,025.91	25,820.25	25,760.80	28,197.00	
Group Health Insurance	29,488.73	28,175.51	32,400.35	32,669.84	
Fica & Medi	9,246.06	9,018.73	9,522.09	12,434.53	
Municipal Retirement	4,765.71	4,990.39	4,978.87	5,122.64	
Workman's Comp	3,380.46	4,559.00	4,056.14	4,695.77	
Unemployment	4,648.70	4,360.00	4,490.80	4,490.80	
Dental/Eye Care	1,275.00	1,275.00	1,275.00	1,455.00	
Professional Services	1,000.00	3,040.42	1,000.00	2,000.00	
Prof Sys - Finger Print	-	556.50	-	-	
Audit	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	
Repair & Maint - Tech Rel	2,000.00	1,778.80	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Travel	2,250.00	1,552.69	2,250.00	2,250.00	

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union

ITN BUDGET

		<u>Budget FY13</u>	<u>Actual FY13</u>	<u>Budget FY14</u>
ITN ASSESSMENTS				
	Middletown Springs	65,551.10	65,551.16	70,763.87
	Tinmouth	52,916.21	52,916.23	57,565.04
	Wells	50,232.67	50,232.68	41,557.43
TOTAL ITN ASSESSMENTS		\$ 168,700	\$ 168,700	\$ 169,886
TOTAL REVENUES		168,700	168,700	169,886
		<u>Budget FY13</u>	<u>Actual FY13</u>	<u>Budget FY14</u>
ITN ART PROGRAM				
	Teacher A Simpson (.63)	23,863.16	-	-
	ITN Art Macdonald, T (.55)	-	21,468.00	22,084.13
	Buyback	-	825.00	825.00
	Group Health Insurance	4,007.90	581	-
	Fica & Medi	1,825.53	1,705	1,689
	Tuition Reimbursement	945.00	-	908
	Dental/Eye Care	267.75	-	234
	Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500.00	282	500
	Supplies	500.00	-	500
	Dues & Fees	350.00	-	350
TOTAL ITN ART PROGRAM		\$ 32,259	\$ 24,861	\$ 27,090
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
	Teacher T Tinsley (.80)	39,716.40	41,749.62	42,947.81
	Group Health Insurance	10,004.19	9,866.61	10,991.86
	Fica & Medi	3,038.30	2,853.14	3,285.51
	Tuition Reimbursement	1,200.00	930.00	1,320.00
	Dental/Eye Care	388.00	376.00	388.00
	TSA Match	-	863.21	858.96
	Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500.00	563.96	500.00
	Supplies	200.00	200.17	200.00
	Dues & Fees	350.00	315.00	350.00
TOTAL ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION		\$ 55,397	\$ 57,718	\$ 60,842
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM				
	Teacher ITN Music (.55)	36,436.00	38,176.06	34,400.14
	Group Health Insurance	7,878.30	7,794.41	7,556.90
	Fica & Medi	2,787.35	2,522.93	2,631.61
	Tuition Reimbursement	945.00	900.00	907.50
	Dental/Eye Care	267.75	297.50	233.75
	Prof Srvs - Kelly Service	500.00	-	500.00
	Supplies	200.00	151.88	200.00
	Dues & Fees	350.00	-	350.00
TOTAL ITN MUSIC PROGRAM		\$ 49,364	\$ 49,843	\$ 46,780

Director of Student Support Services Annual Town Report
Submitted for the 2013-2014 School Year
On 12/18/13

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union (RSWSU) provides special education programming in accordance with the **Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA)** and the **Vermont Agency of Education Special Education Rules and Regulations**, which ensures that all students with disabilities are entitled to a **free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment** for the individual. Our programs are designed to meet the needs of a diverse student population.

As of December 1, 2013 our Child Count for special education recognized 142 eligible students in a multitude of disability categories including Autism, Developmental Delay, Emotional Disturbance, Hard of Hearing, Learning Impaired, Other Health Impaired, (such as chronic health impairments, attention deficit or attention deficit with hyperactivity), Specific Learning Disabled, Speech or Language Impaired and Traumatic Brain Injured.

RSWSU provides special education services from Early Essential Education (EEE) serving identified 3 & 4 year old students along with their regular education peers typically through grade 12, or in some instances through the time the student turns 22.

Beyond direct instruction, many students also need to access related services such as Speech and/or Language instruction, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Counseling. Any one, or a combination of services may be necessary to address the needs of the whole child. However, for a very small percentage of our students, specialized instruction may not be enough, and a special day program may be required. Also, on occasion, a student may require a residential treatment facility to meet their needs.

To be legally compliant, each eligible child is provided with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Depending on the need, a student may require any combination of the services detailed above. We are legally required to provide a free and appropriate public education to each student on an IEP and we must do it in the least restrictive environment possible.

Finally, I'd like to recognize the efforts of all of our Special Educators, Instructional Assistants and service providers. They are a professional group dedicated to meeting student's needs. They take their mission with kids very seriously and they consistently exceed expectations. I am very proud of all of them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Eaton
Director of Student Support Services
RSWSU

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union					
SPECIAL ED BUDGET					
	Budget FY13	Actual FY13	Budget FY14	Budget FY15	
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT					
Ira	3,718.39	3,718.40	4,427.38	4,227.03	
Middletown Springs	11,155.16	11,155.16	18,594.98	17,753.52	
Poultney	60,423.80	60,423.84	56,670.42	63,405.44	
Tinmouth	9,295.97	9,295.95	6,198.33	8,454.06	
Wells	26,028.71	26,028.72	27,449.73	26,207.58	
TOTAL SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	\$ 110,622	\$ 110,622	\$ 113,341	\$ 120,048	
SPED-SVS-BILLBACK					
Special Ed Billbacks	288,651.73	312,091.37	-	-	
Middletown Springs	-	-	48,342.21	103,010.95	
Poultney	-	-	152,662.11	576,178.98	
Tinmouth	-	-	25,583.05	67,414.92	
Wells	-	-	69,885.86	153,613.58	
TOTAL SPED-SVS-BILLBACK	\$ 288,652	\$ 312,091	\$ 296,473	\$ 900,218	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 399,274	\$ 422,713	\$ 409,814	\$ 1,020,266	
	Budget FY13	Actual FY13	Budget FY14	Budget FY15	
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION					
SpEd Director D McIntyre	52,500.00	-	-	-	
SpEd Director P Eaton	-	53,550.01	53,550.00	54,621.00	
Admin Asst M Muratorri	-	18,011.50	25,350.00	26,619.00	
Admin Asst Sped J Covino	26,071.50	6,313.82	-	-	
Insurance Buyback	1,500.00	1,375.03	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Group Health Insurance	9,378.93	12,688.18	13,212.09	15,233.10	
Fica & Medi	6,125.47	5,957.28	6,035.85	6,329.61	
Municipal Retirement	1,042.86	1,051.98	1,014.00	1,124.76	
Workman's Comp	2,680.06	1,534.00	1,580.02	1,580.02	
Unemployment	2,828.46	1,704.00	1,755.12	1,755.12	
Tuition Reimbursement	3,000.00	1,845.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	
Dental/Eye Care	794.75	414.00	743.75	848.75	
Professional Services	-	546.24	-	-	
Repair & Maintenance	2,500.00	2,002.09	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Communications	1,300.00	1,327.82	1,300.00	1,350.00	
Advertising	750.00	300.80	750.00	750.00	
Supplies	-	-	500.00	500.00	
Supplies	150.00	227.52	-	-	
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	-	-	750.00	750.00	
Misc. Expenditures	-	-	-	1,786.26	
TOTAL SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	\$ 110,622	\$ 108,849	\$ 113,341	\$ 120,048	
TINMOUTH SPECIAL ED					
Tinmouth Teacher	-	-	-	32,571.00	
Group Health Insurance	-	-	-	13,383.32	
Fica & Medi	-	-	-	3,543.56	
Tuition Reimbursement	-	-	-	1,500.00	
Dental & Eye	-	-	-	500.00	
TOTAL TINMOUTH SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,498	
WELLS SPECIAL ED					
Wells Teacher	-	-	-	51,157.00	
Group Health Insurance	-	-	-	13,854.61	
Fica & Medi	-	-	-	5,565.63	
Tuition Reimbursement	-	-	-	1,500.00	
Dental & Eye	-	-	-	550.00	
TOTAL WELLS SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,627	
MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED					
Middletown Teacher	-	-	-	39,618.00	
Group Health Insurance	-	-	-	17,939.52	
Fica & Medi	-	-	-	4,310.24	
Tuition Reimbursement	-	-	-	1,500.00	
Dental & Eye	-	-	-	500.00	
TOTAL MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,868	
PES SPECIAL ED					
PES Teacher	-	-	-	48,654.00	
PES Teacher	-	-	-	38,010.00	
PES Teacher (.5)	-	-	-	24,148.80	
Insurance Buyback	-	-	-	1,500.00	
Group Health Insurance	-	-	-	13,975.83	
Fica & Medi	-	-	-	12,170.93	
Tuition Reimbursement	-	-	-	3,750.00	
Dental & Eye	-	-	-	1,212.50	
TOTAL PES SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143,422	
PHS SPECIAL ED					
PHS Teacher	-	-	-	36,748.00	
PHS Teacher	-	-	-	37,884.00	
PHS Teacher	-	-	-	41,629.00	
PHS Teacher	-	-	-	42,723.00	
Insurance Buyback	-	-	-	2,554.00	
Group Health Insurance	-	-	-	27,951.66	
Fica & Medi	-	-	-	17,491.66	
Tuition Reimbursement	-	-	-	6,000.00	
Dental & Eye	-	-	-	1,940.00	
TOTAL PHS SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214,921	
SPEECH SERVICES					
Speech Services - Weeden	63,000.00	83,220.00	81,000.00	81,000.00	
Speech Services - Stedman	75,075.00	87,165.00	85,312.50	85,312.50	
Speech Services Kudrez	23,625.00	-	-	-	
Speech Services - Riley	-	-	-	33,095.15	

REPORT OF EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM
2013-2014

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Early Education Program provides necessary intervention to handicapped and at-risk preschoolers. Children who are eligible for the Early Education Program fall into one of two categories: 1) Children who display a 40% delay in one or more learning areas, such as speech/language, cognitive, motor skills, behavior and self help, and are eligible for Essential Early Education; and 2) Children who are at-risk in any number of developmental areas, such as social, speech/language, general knowledge, large and small motor skills.

The Early Education Program continues to serve the children from the towns of Ira, Tinmouth, Wells and Poultney. The program and curriculum are similar to that of most preschool programs and maximum attention is paid to addressing the individual strengths and needs of each of the students. The teachers have backgrounds in early education and early intervention of handicapped and at-risk children. Direct services from a Speech/Language Pathologist and an Early Interventionist are available to ALL children, not just children with specific needs in these areas.

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Early Education center-based program is able to serve 30 students in three separate class sessions. Essential Early Education children are served both in the home and center-based programs. Essential Early Education children are given priority when selecting a center-based enrollment as mandated by law. At-risk children fill the remainder of the openings within the center-based program.

The Rutland Southwest Early Education Program provides a developmentally appropriate preschool curricula, which, through his/her play, allows each child to grow across all developmental areas. Socially, our goal is to increase the self-esteem, self-reliance, and independence of our students. By regarding each child as a whole person, we recognize the importance of the family; parents are the child's primary educators. The Rutland Southwest Early Education staff works closely with parents to plan and implement programs for children.

The Early Education staff currently includes two full-time and one part-time positions. These positions are: Early Interventionist/Teacher and Teacher Assistants. A Speech/Language Pathologist, a Physical Therapist, and an Occupational Therapist serve students each week. The staff is currently serving approximately thirty children ages 3-5 years through our center-based/home-based programs.

The Early Education Center-Based Program is located at Poultney Elementary School, is licensed, and currently is a Four Star Program. This program currently runs three classes providing services to children 3-5 years old. The staff also provides home-based services to children 3-5 years old and early intervention services to children birth to 3 years old in collaboration with the Children's Integrated Services (Part C).

Other services provided by the Early Education Program include: preschool screenings for 3 and 4 year old children from all towns in the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union; evaluations of children with developmental delays to determine Special Education eligibility for Essential Early Education; coordination of the transition process from Children's Integrated Services to Essential Early Education, from preschool to kindergarten; and support for families and existing community preschools through assistance, consultation and/or direct services as appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Kinney
Darlene Ellis

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union

EEE BUDGET

		<u>Budget FY13</u>	<u>Actual FY13</u>	<u>Budget FY14</u>
EEE ASSESSMENT				
	Ira	-	-	3,706.06
	Poultney	84,286.52	84,286.51	85,239.47
	Tinmouth	10,114.38	10,114.38	-
	Wells	13,485.84	13,485.84	29,648.51
TOTAL EEE ASSESSMENT		\$ 107,887	\$ 107,887	\$ 118,594
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 107,887	\$ 107,887	\$ 118,594
		<u>Budget FY13</u>	<u>Actual FY13</u>	<u>Budget FY14</u>
EEE DIRECT SVS				
	Teacher S Kinney	55,221.00	58,688.25	60,372.35
	IA D Ellis	17,815.05	18,370.00	18,336.60
	EEE IA K Eaton	-	5,744.35	-
	IA EEE - DaCosta	5,340.60	6,830.88	7,425.23
	Substitutes	-	2,237.32	-
	Insurance Buyback	1,500.00	1,500.01	1,500.00
	Group Health Insurance	6,361.74	6,259.63	6,990.30
	Fica & Medi	6,110.56	6,993.34	6,704.01
	Municipal Retirement	986.23	794.82	793.46
	Workman's Comp	463.50	655.00	674.65
	Unemployment	633.06	750.00	772.50
	Tuition Reimbursement	1,500.00	-	1,650.00
	Dental/Eye Care	955.00	729.80	1,167.50
	TSA Match	-	1,105.39	1,207.45
	Prof Svs - Kelly Services	1,000.00	1,679.92	1,000.00
	Travel	500.00	-	500.00
	Supplies	1,500.00	1,475.23	1,500.00
	Dues & Fees	-	40.00	-
TOTAL EEE DIRECT SVS		\$ 99,887	\$ 113,854	\$ 110,594
EEE HEALTH SVS				
	Prof Svs - Health Svs	500.00	250.00	500.00
TOTAL EEE HEALTH SVS		\$ 500	\$ 250	\$ 500
EEE PLANT OPERATIONS				
	Rentals & Leases	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
TOTAL EEE PLANT OPERATIONS		\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 107,887	\$ 121,604	\$ 118,594

District: IR3 County: Rutland		T101 Rutland Southwest		Statutory calculation See note at bottom of page	Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page
				\$ 1.51	\$ 0.98
Expenditures					
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,045,701	\$908,786	\$770,923	\$758,118
2.	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	\$50,000	\$100,000	-
3.	Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-
4.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,045,701	\$958,786	\$870,923	\$758,118
5.	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$1,045,701	\$958,786	\$870,923	\$758,118
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - Informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - Informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$164,074	\$158,835	\$227,719	\$135,168
11.	Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditure)	-	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed
13.	All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-
14.	Total local revenues	\$164,074	\$158,835	\$227,719	\$135,168
15.	Education Spending	\$881,827	\$798,951	\$643,204	\$622,950
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	73.83	71.25	68.76	66.35
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil					
17.	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$11,841.31	\$11,227.10	\$8,354.33	\$8,388
18.	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-
19.	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	-	-	-	-
20.	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-
21.	Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-
22.	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	NA	NA	Exempt	-
23.	Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-
24.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	\$11,841	\$11,227	\$8,354	\$8,388
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	130.763%	128.707%	100.000%	100.000%
26.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$9,389 / \$9,151)				
Prorating the local tax rate					
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (102.599% x \$0.990)	\$1,2159	\$1,1455	\$0,9609	\$1,0187
29.	Percent of the equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x \$1.02)	\$1,2159	\$1,1455	\$0,9609	\$1,0167
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	97.43%	103.78%	90.89%	85.73%
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,016 / 85.73%)	\$1,2480	\$1,1038	\$1,0595	\$1,1848
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.					
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (102.599% x 1.84%)	2.32%	2.32%	1.84%	1.89%
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 1.89%)	2.52%	2.32%	1.84%	1.89%
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-
36.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be \$9,382. The tax commissioner has recommended base tax rates of \$1.01 and \$1.51. 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 1.84%.

Estimated Students & Tuition Rates for Fiscal 2014-2015

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Estimated Student Count</u>	<u>Estimated & Budgeted Tuition Rate</u>	<u>Estimated & Budgeted Total Tuition</u>
West Rutland Elementary	K-6	11	\$ 11,400	\$ 125,400
Clarendon Elementary	K-6	1	\$ 14,700	\$ 14,700
Castleton_Hubbardton	K-6	1	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
Maple Street School	K-6	2	\$ 12,054	\$ 24,108
Tinmouth Elementary	K-6	5	\$ 10,800	\$ 54,000
Rutland Town	K-6	1	\$ 12,900	\$ 12,900
Rutland Public School	K-6	2	\$ 9,000	\$ 18,000
Sugarwood School	K-6	1	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,210
Tuition Adjustment	K-6	-	\$ 5,292	\$ 5,292
Sub-Total		24	\$ 95,856	\$ 274,110
Mill River H.S	7-12	13	\$ 15,513	\$ 201,669
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	5	\$ 15,500	\$ 77,500
Long Trail School	7-12	1	\$ 13,477	\$ 13,477
Rutland Public School	7-12	1	\$ 13,500	\$ 13,500
Rutland Town	7-12	1	\$ 13,900	\$ 13,900
FairHaven	7-12	1	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500
Tuition Adjustment	7-12	-	\$ 13,141	\$ 13,141
Sub-Total		22	\$ 99,531	\$ 347,687
Grant Total		46	\$ 195,387	\$ 621,797

CHILD FIND NOTICE

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, Tinmouth, and Wells) are responsible for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for every child with an educational disability ages 3-21 living within a member town.

We are searching for any child including those birth through 2 years of age who might be eligible for and in need of special education and related services help. Anyone can and should make a referral of any child living in one of these towns they believe may be eligible for special education. They can do so by contacting in writing or by telephone:

The Principal of the school which the child is or will be likely to attend
OR
The Superintendent of Schools
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
168 York Street
Poultney, Vermont 05764
Tel: 287-5286

Referral information will be handled in confidence. The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a multi-disciplinary team of people including the child's parents.

Please. If you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and its member districts, will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

The following person(s) have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the specified school district's non-discrimination policies:

Poultney School District:

Kristen Caliguiri, Principal PES, 96 School Circle, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5212
Tom Fitzgerald, Principal PHS, 154 East Main Street, Poultney, VT 05764 Tel: 287-5861

Middletown Springs School District:

Rick Beal, Principal, 15 Schoolhouse Road, Middletown Springs, VT Tel: 235-2365

Tinmouth School District:

Daryl Houk, Interim Principal, Rt 140, Tinmouth, VT Tel: 446-2458

Wells School District:

Linda O'Leary, Principal, Rt 30, Wells, VT Tel: 645-0386

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal law related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union or its member districts including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Schools, Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, 168 York Street, Poultney, VT 05764, Tel: 802-287-5286.

Voter Information

Notice to Voters before Election Day

REGISTER TO VOTE

Applications to the voter checklist for Town Meeting are accepted no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday February 26, 2014. **The Town Clerk's office will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on February 26th to accept applications to be added to the checklist.**

The checklist will be posted by February 2, 2014. If your name is not on the list, an application to be added to the checklist must be completed by February 26, 2014.

EARLY ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day (March 4, 2014) can request an Early Absentee Voter Ballot.

Early Absentee Voter Ballots must be requested by Monday March 3, 2014. The Town Clerk's office will be open on this day from 4:00 – 5:00 pm.

HOW TO REQUEST AN EARLY ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT

You can request an Early Absentee Voter Ballot for yourself by phone, in writing or in person at the Town Clerk's office. Request made by phone or in writing will be mailed to the voter.

A family member can request an Early Absentee Voter Ballot for a member of their family; by phone, in writing or in person at the Town Clerk's office. Family members include: person's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents, and spouse's grandparents.

Request by other unrelated authorized persons (except health care workers) on behalf of a voter must be in writing or in person at the Town Clerk's office.

Request by family members and authorized persons will be mailed to the voter.

HOW TO VOTE BY EARLY ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT

You can vote in person at the Town Clerk's office at the time of the request.

Take the ballot and return it by mail to the Town Clerk's office or return it in person to the Town Clerk or the polling place by 7:00pm on March 4, 2014.

If you are ill or disabled two of Justices of the Peace can deliver the ballot to you. Request must be made by 5:00pm on March 3, 2014. The Justices of the Peace must return ballot to the Town Clerk for you on that day

**IRA TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
Annual School District Meeting**

March 3, 2014 and March 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Ira Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Ira Town Hall in said Town at seven o'clock in the evening on Monday, March 3, 2014, to act on the articles 1 and 2 from the floor and to recess to Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 10:00AM (polls open) through 7:00PM (polls close) to act on articles 4 and 5 by Australian Ballot:

March 3, 2014

- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 2. To act on the School Board's proposed budget of \$750,117.00 for the support of its students for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
- Article 3. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

March 4, 2014

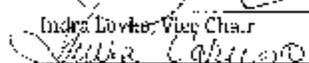
- Article 4. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To elect a school director for a term of three (3) years.

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 23 2014.

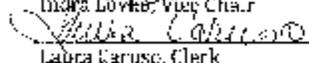
SCHOOL DIRECTORS



Phil Lapp, Chair

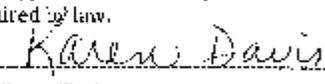


Indra Lovha, Vice Chair



Laura Caruso, Clerk

A true copy, Attested and duly recorded
as required by law.



Karen Davis
Town Clerk

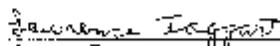
WARNING
Town of Ira, Vermont

The legal voters of the Town of Ira, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ira Town Hall on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:30 pm for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 2-14, and to meet again, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, to cast their Australian Ballots for Town Officers.

- Article 1. To Elect Town Officers as required by State statute.
- Article 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to have taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on before October 21, 2014
- Article 4. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$170,468 for General Town and Highway expenses?
- Article 5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 for J.E. Ira Volunteer Fire Department?
- Article 6. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$15,000 for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department to patrol the roads of Ira for 8 hours a week?
- Article 7. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$1,750 to purchase and install Neighborhood watch signs and posts?
- Article 8. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$2,703 for the Rutland Free Library Association?
- Article 9. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$973 for the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Rutland Area Hospice, Inc.? (\$250 for Rutland Area Hospice & \$723 for RAVNAH)
- Article 10. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$300 for the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging Inc.?
- Article 11. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$286 for Rutland Mental Health Services?
- Article 12. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$375 for the RSVP & the Volunteer Center (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)?
- Article 13. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$250 for the BRCC Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?
- Article 14. To transact any other legal and proper business to come before this meeting.

Date: January 24, 2014

Received and recorded this 24th day of January, 2014



Laurence Tappin


Steve Martel

Town Officers

Positions	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2012	3 Year	2015
	Bob Toppin	March 2011	3 Year	2014
	Bill Whiteman	March 2013	3 Year	2016
First Constable	Mike Ryan	March 2012	2 Year	2014
Grand Juror	Tim Martin	March 2013	1 Year	2014
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2013	3 Year	2016
	Bob Tyminski	March 2012	3 Year	2015
	Nathan Hewitt	2012 to complete 2 yrs of 3 yr term	3 Year	2014
Moderator	Steve Pietryka	March 2013	1 Year	2014
School Directors	Indra Lovko	March 2013	3 Year	2016
	Laura Caruso	March 2012	3 Year	2015
	Philip Lapp	2012 to complete 2 yrs of 3 yr term	3 Year	2014
Second Constable	Fran Lloyd	March 2012	2 Year	2014
Select Board	Steven Martelle	March 2013	3 Year	2016
	Larry Taggart	March 2012	3 Year	2015
	Mark Coderre	March 2011	3 Year	2014
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2013	1 Year	2014
Town Agent	Tim Martin	March 2013	1 Year	2014
Town Clerk	Karen Davis	March 2012	3 Year	2015
Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2012	3 Year	2015
Justices	Mary Ann Black	November 2012	2 Year	2015
	Donald Berg	November 2012	2 Year	2015
	Alta Johnston	November 2012	2 Year	2015
	Larry Taggart	November 2012	2 Year	2015
	Bob Toppin	Appointed March 2013	2 Year	2015

Appointed Officers

Assistant Town Clerk	Alta Johnston
Assistant Treasurer	Donald Berg
Health Officer	Larry Taggart
Fire Warden	Tim Perry
Cemetery Committee	Paul Meigs Alta Johnston Nathan Hewitt
Road Commissioner	Mark Coderre
Planning Commission	Tim Martin Bob Toppin Bob Kirbach Bob Kulig Barbara Cosgrove

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