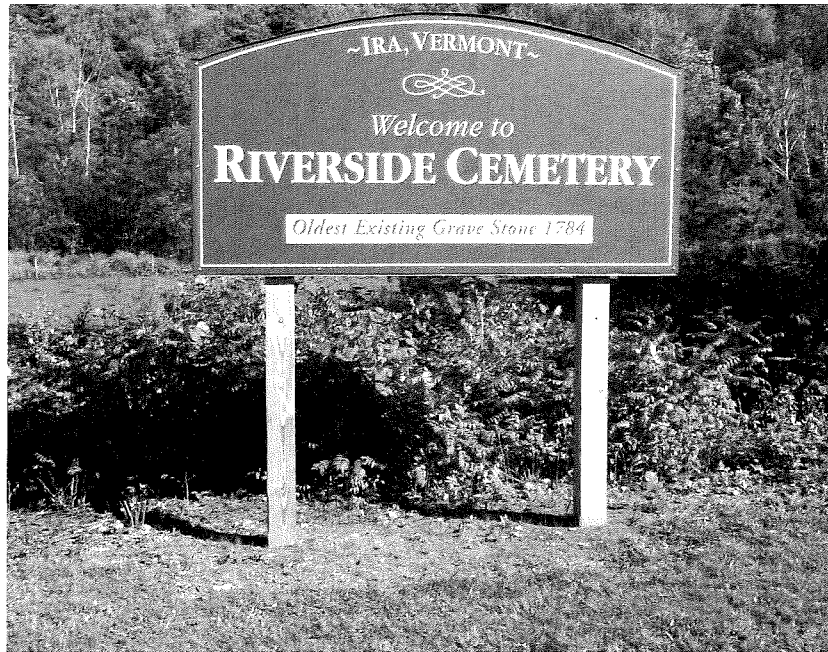


2014

Annual Report



Town of Ira, Vermont

Year Ending December 31, 2014

COVER DEDICATION IRA RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

The picture on the front cover of the Town Report this year is of the Ira Riverside Cemetery. For a number of years the cemetery has been taken care of by a committee of one: Paul Meigs. Paul has single-handedly overseen cemetery operations such as maintenance, plot sales, and burials. Doug Hewitt has been doing the lawn care for the past 20 years, give or take. In 2014 the Cemetery Committee was expanded and now also includes Nathan Hewitt, Chair and Alta Johnston, Secretary. During the two work sessions at the cemetery put on this summer, volunteers from the community worked on straightening and repairing damaged and leaning stones, cut brush, fixed part of the perimeter fencing, and general clean up. Lew Hoffman spearheaded a successful campaign to collect donations and install a sign. Lew has also spent countless hours documenting the plots at the cemetery and will have all the information computerized and on record at the Town Office. Bill Johnson is in the process of surveying both the new and old sections of the cemetery. The Town Clerk is now responsible for the sales of cemetery plots and maintains the records.

The oldest cemetery stone in the facility is dated 1784 (231 years ago) and belongs to Lydia Carpenter. There are approximately 450 headstones on the site. The Cemetery Committee is working diligently to preserve the site and the monuments. Thank you to all the folks who have volunteered their time over the years to take care of this historic cemetery.

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Town Office Hours:

Tuesday 3:00-7:00 and Friday 8:30-2:30
or by appointment

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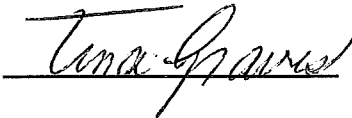
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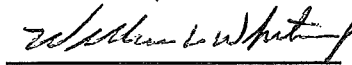
AUDITOR'S REPORT 2014

We have examined the financial records of the Town of Ira for the Year ending December 31, 2014. 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, 2014. During 2015 an external audit will be performed by Gene A. Besaw & Associates and their report will be available at the Town Office.

Dated January 31, 2015 at the Town Of Ira.

Robert Toppin 

Tina Graves 

Bill Whiteman 

Treasurer's Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES		
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014		
General Operating – Merchants	\$	98,572.00
Petty Cash		300.00
Money Market – Merchants		
Building Reserve	\$	30,000.00
Cemetery Fund		36,982.00
Professional Audit Reserve		16,000.00
Reappraisal Reserve		16,701.00
Money Market – Merchants–Other		105,346.00
Total Money Market – Merchants		205,029.00
Equipment Savings		113,586.00
George Putnam Fund		4,530.00
Total Cash Balances	\$	422,017.00

ASSET		
Buildings		
Town Hall	\$	87,500.00
Town Office Building		212,408.00
Old School House		5,000.00
Town Garage		40,100.00
Total Buildings	\$	345,008.00
Equipment		
1970 Caterpillar Grader		25,000.00
2007 International Truck		88,285.00
Total Equipment		113,285.00
Total Assets	\$	458,293.00

DISTRIBUTION OF INSURANCE SETTLEMENT/LAWSUIT		
Insurance Settlement/Lawsuit	\$	136,404.80
Disbursed to:		
Cemetery Fund	\$	32,630.27
Professional Audit Reserve		10,000.00
Reappraisal Reserve		5,941.43
Building Reserve		30,000.00
Equipment Reserve		31,778.20
Applied to Surplus		26,054.90
	\$	136,404.80

TOWN OF IRA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS
January 1 - December 31, 2014

REVENUES	
CURRENT TAXES GENERAL FUND	\$ 75,129.09
CURRENT TAXES HIGHWAY FUND	101,707.00
SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES	459,988.97 *
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	3,017.78
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	28,624.75
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	2,272.98
CURRENT USE	21,832.00
DOG LICENSES	234.00
BANK INTEREST	56.15
USE OF TOWN HALL	275.00
CIVIL FINES	2,106.50
RAILROAD TAX	15.42
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT	2,151.66
PREVIOUS YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND	22,826.74
MISC. OTHER REVENUE	188.43
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	70.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	11,320.30
HIGHWAY GRANTS	13,000.00
INSURANCE SETTLEMENT	136,404.80
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 881,221.57</u>
GENERAL EXPENDITURES	
SELECTMEN SALARY	\$ 1,837.50
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00
PAYROLL TAXES	1,902.73
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	656.50
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	2,397.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	945.66
POSTAGE	834.86
PHOTOCOPIER	490.00
LEGAL SERVICES	1,740.56
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS	651.94
VLCT	1,249.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	3,608.94
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	12,218.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	967.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,709.18
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE	1,240.11
TOWN REPORT	497.25
RECORD RESTORATION	1,260.00
ELECTIONS	750.00
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE	2,000.00
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE (SETTLEMENT)	10,000.00
TRANSFER TO REAPPRAISAL RESERVE (SETTLEMENT)	5,941.43
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	1,000.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND (SETTLEMENT)	32,830.27
TRANSFER TO BUILDING RESERVE (SETTLEMENT)	30,000.00
IVFD TRUCK COMMITMENT	15,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	17,850.00
MISCELLANEOUS	50.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	6,000.00
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SALARY	45.00
LISTERS SALARY	1,200.00
SALARIES-REAPPRAISAL	-
CONSULTANT	474.23
TREASURER SALARY	6,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	883.54
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	754.95
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	1,619.07
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,400.33
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	625.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	702.00
TOWN OFFICE MISCELLANEOUS	-
CEMETERY MOWING	1,560.00
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC	1,078.14
TOWN HALL HEAT	3,245.63
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	296.99
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,181.91
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	530.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING	243.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 179,395.72</u>

ARTICLES		
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$	25,000.00
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	\$	15,000.00
PURCHASE/INSTALL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS	\$	-
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY		2,703.00
RAVNAH & HOSPICE		973.00
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL		300.00
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH		286.00
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER		375.00
BROC		250.00
TOTAL ARTICLES		<u>44,887.00</u>
	\$	44,887.00

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES		
SALARIES	\$	9,640.00
PAYROLL TAXES		797.71
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE		1,500.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES		2,481.92
ROADSIDE MOWING		1,200.00
WINTER SAND		7,560.50
GRAVEL		7,005.11
WINTER SALT		3,393.53
CHLORIDE		4,590.00
CULVERTS INSTALLATION		3,585.00
CULVERTS		1,811.66
DITCHING		7,094.00
GRADING		12,425.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		4,240.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		1,064.18
LOADER RENTAL		3,200.00
TRUCKING GRAVEL		2,437.50
TRUCKING WINTER SAND/SALT		3,400.00
FUEL FOR TRUCK		5,554.55
TRUCK MAINTENANCE		4,829.31
SANDER/PLOW MAINTENANCE		562.54
TRANSFER TO EQUIPMENT RESERVE		13,000.00
TRANSFER TO EQUIPMENT RESERVE (SETTLEMENT)		31,778.20
HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSE		17,150.00
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC		478.03
TOWN GARAGE HEAT		2,181.99
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE		401.25
TOWN GARAGE MISCELLANEOUS		99.14
TOWN HIGHWAY		<u>153,461.12</u>
TRANSFER TO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$	459,988.97 *
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	<u>837,732.81</u>
GENERAL FUND SURPLUS		39,074.38
HIGHWAY FUND SURPLUS		4,414.38
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$	<u>43,488.76</u>

* School taxes transferred to School District

SELECT BOARD BUDGET REPORT

	2014 BUDGET	2014 ACTUAL	2015 BUDGET
TAX REVENUE			
CURRENT GENERAL FUND TAXES	68,761.00	75,129.09	48,971.00
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	3,000.00	3,017.78	3,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	-	28,624.75	-
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	2,000.00	2,272.98	2,000.00
CURRENT USE	23,000.00	21,832.00	22,000.00
DOG LICENSES	200.00	234.00	200.00
BANK INTEREST	70.00	56.15	50.00
USE OF TOWN HALL	-	275.00	-
CIVIL FINES	-	2,106.50	1,500.00
RAILROAD TAX	200.00	15.42	-
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT	2,000.00	2,151.66	2,000.00
PREVIOUS YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND	13,000.00	22,826.74	-
MISCELLANEOUS OTHER REVENUE	900.00	188.43	150.00
INSURANCE SETTLEMENT	-	26,054.90	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-	-	39,074.00
TOTAL REVENUE	113,131.00	184,785.40	118,945.00
GENERAL EXPENDITURES			
SELECTMEN SALARY	2,000.00	1,837.50	2,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00	200.00	200.00
PAYROLL TAXES	2,500.00	1,902.73	2,500.00
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	1,000.00	656.50	1,000.00
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COM	2,400.00	2,397.00	1,200.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	2,000.00	945.66	1,500.00
POSTAGE	1,000.00	834.86	1,200.00
PHOTOCOPIER	570.00	490.00	1,100.00
LEGAL SERVICES	4,000.00	1,740.56	2,000.00
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS	800.00	651.94	800.00
VT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS (VLCT)	1,249.00	1,249.00	1,287.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	3,534.00	3,608.94	3,128.00
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	14,500.00	12,218.00	12,218.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	-	967.00	899.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	1,709.18	2,000.00
COMPUTER SOFT/HARDWARE	2,500.00	1,240.11	4,000.00
TOWN REPORT	800.00	497.25	800.00
INTEREST PAID OUT	1,500.00	-	-
RECORD RESTORATION	1,300.00	1,260.00	2,800.00
ELECTIONS	1,000.00	750.00	1,000.00
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
TRANSFER TO REAPPRAISAL RESERVE	-	-	-
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
IVFD TRUCK COMMITMENT	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	17,850.00	17,850.00	17,425.00
MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	50.00	250.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SALARY	500.00	45.00	500.00
LISTERS SALARY	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
SALARIES-REAPPRAISAL	-	-	-
CONSULTANT	3,500.00	474.23	2,000.00
TREASURER SALARY	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	1,000.00	883.54	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	1,000.00	754.95	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	1,500.00	1,619.07	2,000.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	550.00	1,400.33	1,500.00
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	300.00	625.00	800.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	1,200.00	702.00	800.00
TOWN OFFICE MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-
CEMETERY MOWING	1,500.00	1,560.00	-
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC	1,000.00	1,078.14	1,500.00
TOWN HALL HEAT	2,200.00	3,245.63	2,500.00
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	300.00	296.99	360.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	2,200.00	1,181.91	10,000.00
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	300.00	530.00	700.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING	-	243.00	250.00
TOWN HALL MISCELLANEOUS	-	-	-
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	113,131.00	100,824.02	118,945.00

ARTICLES			
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
PURCHASE/INSTALL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS	-	-	-
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	2,703.00	2,703.00	-
RAVNAH & HOSPICE	973.00	973.00	-
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL	300.00	300.00	-
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH	286.00	286.00	-
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER	375.00	375.00	-
BROC	250.00	250.00	-
TOTAL ARTICLES	44,887.00	44,887.00	-
TOTAL GENERAL & ARTICLES	158,018.00	145,711.02	118,945.00
HIGHWAY TAX REVENUE			
CURRENT HIGHWAY TAXES	101,707.00	101,707.00	126,586.00
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	100.00	70.00	100.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	11,000.00	11,320.30	11,000.00
HIGHWAY GRANTS	-	13,000.00	13,000.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	11,543.00	-	4,414.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE	124,350.00	126,097.30	155,100.00
HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES	8,910.00	9,640.00	18,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	740.00	797.71	1,500.00
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES	1,800.00	2,481.92	1,200.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	1,100.00	1,200.00	1,300.00
WINTER SAND	7,500.00	7,560.50	8,000.00
GRAVEL	10,000.00	7,005.11	15,000.00
WINTER SALT	3,250.00	3,393.53	4,500.00
CHLORIDE	6,000.00	4,590.00	6,000.00
CULVERTS INSTALLATION	6,000.00	3,585.00	7,500.00
CULVERTS	5,000.00	1,811.66	2,500.00
DITCHING	8,000.00	7,094.00	8,000.00
GRADING	10,500.00	12,425.00	12,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	6,000.00	4,240.00	6,000.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	1,064.18	1,500.00
LOADER RENTAL	4,000.00	3,200.00	4,000.00
TRUCKING GRAVEL	6,000.00	2,437.50	10,000.00
TRUCKING WINTER SAND/SALT	5,000.00	3,400.00	5,000.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	6,000.00	5,554.55	7,000.00
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	4,829.31	8,000.00
SANDER/PLOW MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	562.54	3,000.00
GRADER MAINTENANCE	-	-	2,500.00
TRANSFER TO EQUIPMENT RESERVE	13,000.00	13,000.00	15,000.00
HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSE	-	17,150.00	-
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	350.00	478.03	600.00
TOWN GARAGE HEAT	1,000.00	2,181.99	1,500.00
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE	200.00	401.25	1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS TOWN GARAGE	1,500.00	99.14	1,500.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	124,350.00	121,682.92	155,100.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	282,368.00	267,393.94	274,045.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT - GENERAL		39,074.38	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT - HIGHWAY		4,414.38	
		<u>310,882.70</u>	

Select Board Report

This year the amount of money needed to be raised from taxes is \$175,557. The litigation involving the embezzlement case has been settled with the Town receiving an additional \$136,404.80. We have replenished the accounts that were short, started a building reserve, and added money to the professional audit reserve. We used \$26,054.90 to reduce the amount of money to be raised by taxes. See the Treasurers reports on page 2 for the disbursement amounts to each account.

In the spring of 2014, we appealed our common level of appraisal (CLA) to the Division of Property Valuation and Review. Based on our 2013 equalized education grand list they calculated our CLA to be 85.73%. We felt that this was low and argued that we completed a reappraisal in 2013 and our current sales were at fair market value. Following the hearing, the review board adjusted our CLA to 93.38%, which means tax payers are paying a lower education tax rate. We were very excited with the outcome. Our current CLA based on the 2014 equalized education grand list is 100.41%.

We will again place an article on the warning asking voters to allocate funds to continue the weekly sheriff's patrol.

We were awarded the grant for the Park-and-Ride at the Town Hall. The paving and line painting were completed this fall. Signs and lighting will be installed this coming spring.

The Select Board meets at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month, unless otherwise posted.

Larry Taggart, Chair

Steve Martelle, Select board Member

Melanie MacDonald, 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 a spayed/neutered dog is \$8.00 and \$12.00 for an unspayed/un-neutered dog. A current rabies certificate must be on file or provided at the time of license purchase. There were 93 dogs licensed in 2014: 81 spayed/neutered and 12 unspayed/un-neutered for revenue of \$234 for the Town. Licenses will be available on Town Voting Day, March 3rd, 2015 during voting hours.

We currently have 321 registered voters. During the General Election on November 4th, we had an amazing turn out of 151 voters. If you are a new resident or recently turned 18, and want to get in on the voting action, an application to be added to Ira's checklist must be completed by February 25th, 2015 to take part in voting during Town Meeting Day.

The Vital Book from 1903-1920 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 next year.

The Town Office will continue to serve the community by offering motor vehicle registrations, Fish and Wildlife licenses, and free notary services. The various associations and agencies annual reports will be available at the Town Office during normal office hours.

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

Karen Davis

Town Clerk

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – December 31, 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>		<u>Total Due</u>
Bowen, J	2014	\$	6.97
Cassidy, Kathi Rene	2014		1,103.11
Clark, Robert H Jr.	2012		4,183.77
Czarnecki, Paul & Karen	2014		345.81
Everbank	2014		2,968.50
Fitzgerald, Clyde	2009		707.09
	2011		449.56
	2013		778.31
	2014		722.39
Jones, Leroy & Linda	2014		14,784.37
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2014		1,170.47
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2014		5,939.29
McCaulley, Harry & Andrea	2009		69.68
	2010		60.71
	2011		60.79
	2012		47.28
	2013		20.38
	2014		13.63
North Meadows, Inc.	2013		17.83
	2014		16.26
Prescott, Neal W, Kenneth & Daniel	2013		229.29
	2014		209.05
		\$	<u>33,904.54</u>

Statement of Taxes Raised

	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Grand List Value</u>	
Non-Residential Education	1.6224	133,651.32	\$ 216,835.88
Homestead Education	1.0613	310,120.00	329,130.33
Bond Payment	0.0402	443,972.92	17,847.70
Articles	0.1051	443,972.92	46,661.58
Highway Budget	0.2292	443,972.92	101,758.60
IVFD Reserve	0.0338	443,972.92	15,006.27
Town Budget	0.0809	443,972.92	35,917.39
Late HS-122 Penalty			297.65
Total Property Taxes Billed			<u>\$ 763,455.40</u>
2014 Property Taxes Collected			637,832.92
State Payments			100,822.61
2014 Delinquent Property Taxes			<u>24,799.87</u>
			<u>\$ 763,455.40</u>

Vital Statistics

Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Beulah May Hewitt	83	November 15, 2014

Ira Riverside Cemetery

Burials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Burial</u>
Wayne F Johnston	August 17, 2014
Judith Johnston	August 17, 2014
Beulah May Hewitt	November 19, 2014

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 92 years old in May of 2014.

Past Recipients

Carrie Perry	Ruth Johnson	Harry Berg
Stewart Lincoln	Bessie Berg	Enid DeDoming

Regional Ambulance Service

Regional Ambulance was formed 31 years ago to provide emergency ambulance services to its member towns. Ira joined the ambulance service at its inception. Regional Ambulance Service responded to 56 calls in Ira during 2014.

The Ambulance Services offers monthly CPR classes, lectures, demonstrations and child car seat inspections are held every Thursday afternoon.

Please feel free to contact Regional Ambulance Service with any questions, 773-1746, or visit their website www.rasvt.com for more information on their services and membership details.

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 the Town Clerk @ 235-2745 or Alta Johnston @ 235-2247 for an Application and Rental Agreement Form or from the website: townofira.com
3. Return completed and signed Application and Rental Agreement Form 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.

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

Report of the Ira Planning Commission for 2014

The planning commission worked this past year on revisions to the plan adopted in 2009, with assistance provided by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. The revisions include general updates in information, incorporation of data from the most recent census, and changes required by revisions to state law applicable to town plans. By the time you read this report, the new town plan will probably have been adopted by the selectboard. The Conservation Fund acquired the lands formerly owned by Yankee Forest, LLC and efforts continue to raise funds to allow the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife to acquire those lands and add them to the Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area.

Rutland Free Library Update

“Our” library has enjoyed another rich year of offering both traditional and innovative services to the greater Rutland community. Fresh paint and flooring are brightening up the first floor and plans are underway for a new area designed as an “internet cafe”. Use of the free WiFi continues to expand with over 3000 patrons taking advantage of this service in the past year. An additional smaller meeting room is now open and available as a quiet study area, a space for business folk or non-profits to meet or to hold job interviews.

In addition to the large continuously updated collections of books, magazines, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs Ira residents have access to:

- Online and downloadable ebooks, audiobooks and children’s ebooks
- Individual technology assistance
- Professional reference services
- Kits for homeschoolers/teachers
- Over 30 databases including Consumer Reports, Ancestry, VT Historical Newspapers, Car Repair, and multiple educational sites ranging from GED or college prep to language learning, career development and life long learning
- Business resources, including databases like Morningstar, Value Line, business forms and marketing information
- Extensive children’s programs: Story Time, Tales to Tails, Babies & Toddles Rock
- Cultural programs for adults: Science Pub, book clubs, VT Humanities Series
- Museum passes

Rutland Free Library and members of the Board of Trustees appreciate the past support of Ira residents and hope they continue to feel well served. They ask that a request for \$2757 be placed on the March 2015 ballot. This is a \$54 increase from last year’s allocation.

Submitted by Kay Jones, Ira representative to RFL Board of Trustees

Cemetery

There has been a lot of activity at the Riverside Cemetery this past year. The first annual work project took place on May 17, 2014 with a group of very enthusiastic volunteers cutting brush, raking, spreading top soil, and replacing some of the fence.

Another work group was held on October 11, 2014. This time the volunteers participated in the restoration of some of the headstones. We were very fortunate to have Jim Leberge an experienced grave stone repairer from the Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) join us. Jim demonstrated the use of proper tools and materials necessary to repair broken stones. Over a period of time a total of 18 headstones have been restored. Some of the fence on the north side of the cemetery was replaced, more brush was cut, and holes were filled.

Barry Trutter the VOCA webmaster took pictures and featured our project on the VOCA website.

An application for a grant has been submitted and approved to assist with the cost of gravestone repairs through VOCA. The grant is for \$750.00. VOCA requires a match of one dollar for every two granted. The grant was written and submitted by Lew Hoffman.

One of the pine trees in section III of the cemetery was removed. A sign recognizing the Ira Riverside Cemetery has been placed on the back side of the cemetery. Lew Hoffman over saw the design of the sign and obtained donations for the cost of the sign.

Bill Johnson has surveyed the boundaries of the cemetery. This is near completion.

After each work session, a pot luck lunch was enjoyed at the Town Hall by the volunteers.

Another work session will be held in May 2015. Hopefully there will be more interest among the citizens of Ira to join in on this wonderful endeavor of restoring the final resting place of our fore fathers.

The cemetery committees anticipates purchasing a new mower in the spring and continue to work on the fencing, stone restoration, and the finalization of the survey.

It is interesting to observe some of the old stones, noting names and realizing many of their descendants still reside in Ira.

Respectively Submitted:
Nathan Hewitt, Chair
Alta Johnston
Paul Meigs

CONSTABLES REPORT 2014

Vermont State Police

1/1/14 to 12/22/14

87 reports to Ira

Automobile Accidents	23	Motorist/Citizen Assistance	16	Directed Patrol	9
Citizen/Family Dispute	5	Assault /Intimidation	4	Traffic Hazard	3
E911 Hang-up/False Alarm	4	Welfare Check	4	DLS Criminal	1
Motor Vehicle Disturbance	2	Missing Person	2	Impeding Police Officer	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	Vandalism	2	Agency Assist	2
Suspicious Person / circumstance	4	Condition of Release Violation	1	Littering/canine use/not classified	3

Rutland County Sheriff

3/19/2014 to 12/31/2014

The Rutland County Sheriff's Patrol was contracted with the Town of Ira in March 2014 to do 8 hours of patrol work per week. Monthly reports from the Sheriff's Patrol are on file at the town office or available on the Rutland County Sheriff's Patrol website (www.rutlandsheriff.net). These reports breakdown the patrol activity in Town. The Patrol started in the 3rd week in March and officers were in Ira on 60 different days during the balance of the year. The Sheriff's department did roving patrols in North and South Ira and documented each road visit. The patrol did stationary traffic enforcement and issued numerous tickets which netted \$2106.50 in revenues for the town. The Sheriff's Department did some case work investigation in Ira. Other activities included citizen assist, motorist assist, traffic control, and medical assist. If you are going to be out of town for a while the Sheriff's Department has a program where they will check your house periodically; they can be reached at 775-8002. Several homeowners have taken advantage of this service.

The Town of Tinmouth has contracted with the Sheriff's patrol for 8 hours per week. The Town of West Rutland uses the Sheriff's patrol for 40 hours per week.

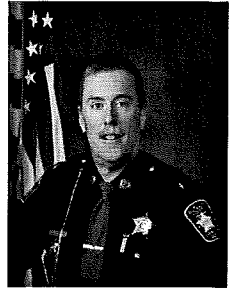
The Neighborhood Watch Program has been discussed considerably and a number of residents have researched the program. The Sheriff's Patrol coordinator passed away in 2014 and his position is expected to be filled soon. Monies for the Neighborhood Watch signs were budgeted in 2014 only if the Ira citizen's organized a Neighborhood Watch.

The plan is to try and get this program off the ground in 2015.



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**RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S
DEPARTMENT
88 GROVE STREET
P.O. BOX 303
RUTLAND, VT, 05701
802-775-8002**



**Stephen P. Benard
SHERIFF**

**2014 REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR
THE TOWN OF IRA VERMONT**

The past year has had its share of challenges for our Department. We lost a brother in Sgt. Jason Allen and have suffered as a result. I am proud of the fact that during that struggle we stayed on track, and persevered. We miss Sgt. Allen and all of the good thing he brought to the Department and to the citizens of Rutland County.

During 2014, we switched to the Valcour dispatch platform. The switch was done for its ease of use, but also because it saved the taxpayers a fair amount of money. It is an internet based system that has proven to be better at statistical accounting of events than the old system and it better tracks some things that are important to the towns we serve.

The department has seen the departure of several deputies as they further their law enforcement careers. Most notably Lt. Craig Hanson and Detective Sgt. Jeff Stephenson have accepted employment with Vermont State Police. That has created some movement in our organization and I am pleased to announce the promotion of Andrew Cross and Jim Bennick to the rank of Sergeant, along with David Fox and Jonathon Bixby to the rank of Lieutenant.

With the above promotions, and a little restructuring we will be able to start offering community programs, as I have spoken about at several meetings in the past few months. Information will be forthcoming.

During 2014 there were 7 incidents handled by the Rutland County Sheriff's Office for the Town of Ira. The breakdown of calls is as follows:

- 2 Sex Offender Registry Checks
- 3 Citizen/ Motorist Assist
- 2 Motor Vehicle Complaints

Motor Vehicle enforcement resulted in 223 traffic stops, 120 tickets issued, (67 local tickets) that will produce an estimated town revenue of \$4,788.00. There were 115 warnings issued.

We have also developed a web site, www.rutlandsheriff.net that contains valuable information for citizens and provides a conduit for contacting our deputies or myself.

I want to thank the Select board and the citizens of the Town of Ira for your continued support.
Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen P. Benard
Sheriff

IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. 2014

Incidents Report – 25 calls

Automobile (4 North Ira)	8	911 telephone malfunction	1
Down wires/tree on power line (1 North Ira)	3	Forest Fire	1
Missing Person (North Ira)	2	Hang glider crash investigation (North Ira)	1
Appliance malfunction smoke/fire	3	Mutual Aid Responses 2-Middletown, 2-Tinmouth, 2-Rutland Town	6

8 calls to North Ira

The Ira Volunteer Fire Department was busy in 2014. 32% of the calls were auto accidents. In order to be prepared for these types of emergencies, the IVFD has geared up to handle them. Engine #1 is set up with a full light system to provide scene illumination; a hydraulic power unit for operating the jaws and spreaders for extrication; a set of stabilizer jack units to stabilize vehicles; a set of inflatable air bags for lifting; and numerous tools and chains/hooks for working around accidents.

24% of the calls were Mutual Aid out of town. 24% of the calls required Mutual Aid assistance from other towns. There were some large structure fires that Ira was called on for Mutual Aid. At the Foley's Motel complex, Ira assisted in setting up a large diameter hose to bring water in from a hydrant some 1500 ft. away. Likewise, Ira volunteers manned several hose lines on the fire. At the Rutland Plywood fire, Ira was brought in to provide relief and backup for some of the 7 departments that were working the fire. The Mutual Aid system in Rutland County is very strong. No one department has enough equipment or man power to do it all alone.

Of note, 32% of the calls in 2014 were in North Ira. Based on the type of call, West Rutland has been called in to assist on a number of these calls. However, if West Rutland responds and they have their own call they would be released. And you say it can't happen. On November 23, Ira was toned out for 2 calls at the same time.

VOLUNTEERS:

3 new recruits have joined the roster at the firehouse this year; however there are some others who have moved out of town or who are not as active as they used to be. The IVFD continues to look for help whether it is administratively or in some other capacity. Occasionally grants come up and it would be a great help if there was a volunteer or volunteers who would take charge of the grant writing and follow-up.

In 2014, a dry hydrant grant was awarded to the IVFD for \$5000 from the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts Rural Fire Protection Program. In the summer of 2015 a dry hydrant will be installed in the Castleton River in North Ira.

Tim Perry
Fire Chief

**Ira Volunteer Fire Department
Treasurer's Report
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014**

	2014 Actual	2015 Proposed Budget
Bank Balance at 12-31-2013	36,561.80	
Revenue:		
Town of Ira	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
Town of Ira - Reserve Fund for Engine 2	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fundraising - Tent Revenue	4,700.00	
Fundraising - Other	387.00	
Corporate Contributions	2,000.00	150.00
Individual Contribution	1,187.25	150.00
Dividend - Credit Union of VT	29.19	50.00
Total Revenue	\$ 48,303.44	\$ 46,350.00
Expenses:		
Loan on Engine 2 - Principal	\$ 15,895.45	\$ 15,000.00
Loan on Engine 2 - Interest	2,570.53	2,300.00
Firefighter Apparel	1,320.80	600.00
Air Pack Maintenance	2,178.74	700.00
Dues & Memberships	530.00	400.00
Building & Repair	529.92	1,000.00
Electricity	1,051.17	1,000.00
Heating Oil	2,254.71	3,000.00
Telephone	379.44	400.00
Building & Vehicle Liability Insurance	5,360.00	4,458.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	2,034.00	1,016.00
Fire Schools		500.00
Turn Out Gear	4,139.13	5,500.00
New Equipment	4,088.84	2,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	240.55	1,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	226.07	3,500.00
Fuel, Vehicles	1,098.23	1,200.00
Communications, Dues	900.00	900.00
Communications, New	837.26	2,000.00
Communications, Repair	150.00	700.00
Training Expense	1,000.00	2,000.00
Fundraising Fees		100.00
Printing, Copying & Postage	59.91	150.00
Miscellaneous	326.50	400.00
Special Projects - Well	7,300.00	
Total Expenses	54,471.25	50,324.00
Expenses in Excess of Revenues	(6,167.81)	\$ (3,974.00)
Bank Balance at 12-31-2014	\$30,393.99	
Summary of Bank Balances:		
Checking Account	\$ 13,700.61	
Savings Account	16,693.38	
Bank Balance at 12-31-2014	\$ 30,393.99	

Respectfully Submitted
William L. Whiteman, Jr.
Treasurer

2015 – Annual Report of the Ira School Board

We have budgeted for total education expenses of \$746,021 in the upcoming fiscal year (FY) 2016, down slightly from \$758,118 in FY 2015. Because Ira does not have any school, our education expenses are beyond our control and are determined by the number of students for whom we pay tuition, special education expenses, and other factors such as our common level of appraisal and base education rate that are set by the State.

In recent years we have budgeted our education expenses more accurately so that we are not collecting excessive tax revenue and our end of year surpluses have decreased from \$191,173 in FY 14, to \$45,959 in FY 15 and \$10,848 in FY 16. Fortunately, we did set aside \$150,000 of these previous years surplus education revenues in a tax stabilization fund and we have been using these surpluses to lower the amount of education taxes we need to raise for the past several years.

Last year we applied \$48,000 from this tax stabilization fund to our budget and this year we are applying another \$32,000 from this fund along with the \$10,848 surplus left over from the last fiscal year. This will reduce the amount of money that we need to raise in taxes by \$42,848 and will leave us with \$70,000 left in the tax stabilization fund for future years to cover any unanticipated expenses such as an increase in the total number of students attending school, special education expenses, and/or changes in the various factors determined by the State Tax Commissioner.

Respectfully,

The members of the Ira School Board
Philip Lapp, Chair
Indra Lovko, Vice Chair
Laura Caruso, Secretary

IRA TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FUND BALANCES	<u>Budget 2013-2014</u>	<u>Actual 2013-2014</u>	<u>Budget 2014-2015</u>	<u>Budget 2015-2016</u>
Total Revenue	870,923	869,282	758,118	746,021
Total Expenditures	870,923	858,434	758,118	746,021
Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ 10,848	\$ -	\$ -
WARNED ARTICLES				
Tax Stabilization Fund Transfer	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES	<u>Budget 2013-2014</u>	<u>Actual 2013-2014</u>	<u>Budget 2014-2015</u>	<u>Budget 2015-2016</u>
LOCAL REVENUE				
Prior Year Carryover	191,174	191,174	45,959	10,848
Tax Stabilization Revenue	0	0	48,000	32,000
Tuition Refund	0	0	0	12,324
Interest Income	500	263	300	300
SU Assessment Refund	859	859	2,147	544
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 192,532.97	\$ 192,295.53	\$ 96,406.26	\$ 56,015.62
STATE REVENUE				
State Support Grant	611,361	611,361	600,089	654,032
From State to Tech Center	31,844	31,844	22,861	15,142
Block Grant	23,884	23,884	21,014	20,832
Intensive	7,974	6,546	15,011	0
Prior Year Intensive	0	24	0	0
PreSchool	3,327	3,327	2,736	0
TOTAL STATE REVENUE	\$ 678,389.76	\$ 676,986.04	\$ 661,711.44	\$ 690,005.73
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 870,922.73	\$ 869,281.57	\$ 758,117.70	\$ 746,021.35
EXPENDITURES				
FUND TRANSFERS	100,000	100,000	0	0
BOARD OF EDUCATION	2,450	313	5,150	5,150
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	41,114	37,394	32,863	36,147
FISCAL SERVICES	2,600	2,400	0	0
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED	248,625	246,752	274,110	305,233
SECONDARY REGULAR ED	368,773	367,138	347,687	340,444
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	4,427	4,476	4,227	2,417
ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED	9,898	19,142	24,459	18,790
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	0	0	1,500	1,500
SECONDARY SPECIAL ED	39,590	27,503	31,406	12,013
EEE PROGRAM	3,706	3,597	0	0
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	49,740	49,719	36,716	24,327
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 870,923	\$ 858,434	\$ 758,118	\$ 746,021

Report of the Superintendent
Joan Paustian, Ed.D
2014-2015

Recent legislation continues to place additional mandated requirements on our school districts and supervisory unions. Transportation has been centralized for this year and all special education teachers will become supervisory union employees in fiscal year FY16. Proficiency based learning where students must show mastery of specified graduation requirements will be the requirement for current seventh graders. Dual enrollment which allows high school students to earn both high school graduation credits at the same time as college credit has been in place now for several years but will soon become the financial responsibility of the school districts rather than the state. Vermont's share of teacher retirement costs for teachers who are not yet vested will also shift to the local school districts in the next school year.

Assessing student achievement is done through a variety of measures. Many of the assessments are given so that teachers and administrators can track student progress over time. Many of our students will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) which measures students at the state level. Traditionally Vermont students rank in the top five states in reading and mathematics at the fourth and eighth grade levels. The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) will be replaced by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) in Spring 2015. This testing measures students' application of knowledge and is taken digitally. This has required that we have technology equipment and broad band capacity in place to allow our student to take the online assessments. Some of our schools have gone to 1:1 computing which allows this to happen and gives students expanded learning opportunities by using technology as a tool for learning. Chromebooks have been purchased for many of our students at some schools, and the smaller Netbooks have been moved to a classroom of younger students.

Despite new requirements which add costs to our budgets, the Boards have worked diligently together to use cost savings measures whenever possible. Several positions have been reduced and efficiencies have been utilized whenever possible. Boards continue to meet with area legislators in an effort to keep communications open so that there is common understanding about areas of interest and concern.

Teachers and administrators continue to refine their practices through continued learning opportunities. Teams have been chosen to participate in Vermont Agency of Education pilots and Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements. The newly developed English Language Arts Curriculum is being implemented, while math and project based learning is being researched and planned.

Congratulations to Janet Chandler, Poultney High School Social Studies Teacher and Department Chair, and Sherry Lantman, Middletown Springs Elementary School Grade 1 and Grade K Teacher for being selected as University of Vermont Teacher of the Year from the RSWSU this year. Our dedicated faculty, staff and administrators are devoted to helping our students achieve the expected outcomes.

We welcomed new RSWSU faculty and staff this year - Tammy Rescott, Director of Student Support Services; Kathy Buck, Assistant Director of Student Support Services; Regina Murphy, School Counselor MSES & WVS, Greg Styles, RSWSU Technology Integration Specialist and Technology Coordinator and PHS Principal Jim Frail among several other faculty and staff at the school levels.

I invite you to share your thoughts with us about our schools. We welcome hearing how you think we are doing with regard to students being prepared for college or the job market. It is also important for us to know what you think we could do better or differently. We generally have some questions at budget time. We would appreciate your input and welcome your questions.

Thank you for your continued support and for allowing us the pleasure to serve your communities.

Estimated Students & Tuition Rates for Fiscal 2015-2016

<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	13	\$ 11,700	\$ 152,100
Clarendon Elementary	K-6	2	\$ 16,075	\$ 32,150
Castleton_Hubbardton	K-6	1	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500
Maple Street School	K-6	2	\$ 12,294	\$ 24,588
Tinmouth Elementary	K-6	4	\$ 14,200	\$ 56,800
Rutland Public School	K-6	1	\$ 9,270	\$ 9,270
Sugarwood School	K-6	1	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,210
Tuition Adjustment	K-6	-	\$ 10,615	\$ 10,615
Sub-Total		24	\$ 93,864	\$ 305,233
Mill River H.S	7-12	7	\$ 15,746	\$ 110,222
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	9	\$ 16,300	\$ 146,700
Rutland Public School	7-12	3	\$ 14,000	\$ 42,000
Rutland Town	7-12	2	\$ 13,300	\$ 26,600
FairHaven	7-12	1	\$ 14,600	\$ 14,600
Tuition Adjustment	7-12	-	\$ 322	\$ 322
Sub-Total		22	\$ 74,268	\$ 340,444
Grant Total		46		\$ 645,677

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
INTEREST INCOME				
Interest Income CB Checking	\$ -	\$ 19.52	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST INCOME	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT				
Ira	\$ 41,113.82	\$ 37,393.50	\$ 32,862.55	\$ 36,147.49
Middletown Springs	\$ 77,570.32	\$ 75,047.34	\$ 84,115.03	\$ 97,792.14
Poultney	\$ 278,697.77	\$ 253,493.75	\$ 270,561.81	\$ 296,966.06
Tinmouth	\$ 59,446.54	\$ 58,560.55	\$ 60,998.18	\$ -
Wells	\$ 91,697.30	\$ 87,899.53	\$ 99,804.16	\$ 101,009.27
CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT	\$ 548,526	\$ 512,395	\$ 548,342	\$ 531,915
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME				
Miscellaneous Income	\$ -	\$ 1,248.88	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. - Fingerprinting	\$ -	\$ 823.00	\$ -	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$ -	\$ 2,072	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 548,526	\$ 514,486	\$ 548,342	\$ 531,915

	<u>Budget FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT				
Curriculum K Marcoux.50	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 6,500.10	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Group Health Insurance	\$ 3,683.57	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fica & Medi	\$ 1,071.00	\$ 148.86	\$ 765.00	\$ -
Municipal Retirement	\$ 560.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 85.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Prof Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00	\$ -
Travel	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Supplies	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Dues & Fees	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,500.00
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT	\$ 20,200	\$ 6,649	\$ 15,865	\$ 2,100
TECHNOLOGY				
Technology G Styles .40	\$ 47,277.00	\$ 15,394.00	\$ -	\$ 26,265.00
Tech Gary Ackerman	\$ -	\$ 20,400.09	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
Insurance Buyback	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 995.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
Group Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,960.50
Fica & Medi	\$ 3,731.44	\$ 2,776.31	\$ 2,352.38	\$ 2,009.27
Municipal Retirement	\$ 1,951.08	\$ 635.78	\$ -	\$ -
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 425.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 242.50	\$ 194.00
Professional Services	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Communication	\$ 200.00	\$ 179.40	\$ 200.00	\$ -
Travel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 548.39	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,350.00
Supplies-Tech Related	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,592.12	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Computer Software	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Dues & Fees - Spam Filter	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,427.10	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 62,585	\$ 45,328	\$ 46,045	\$ 40,779
ADMINISTRATION				
Admin Asst J Dente	\$ 33,404.80	\$ 35,256.00	\$ 35,256.00	\$ 39,388.02
Board Secretary	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 833.30	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Group Health Insurance	\$ 13,739.83	\$ 13,258.56	\$ 13,855.66	\$ 14,548.38
Fica & Medi	\$ 2,631.97	\$ 2,622.46	\$ 2,773.58	\$ 3,089.68
Municipal Retirement	\$ 1,376.19	\$ 1,463.44	\$ 1,450.24	\$ 1,615.52
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 425.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 485.00

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ -
Legal Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,314.90	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Legal Fees - Special Ed	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Repair/Maint Services	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,269.06	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance	\$ 2,414.32	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,414.32	\$ 2,500.00
Communications	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,807.49	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Advertising	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 1,982.08	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,500.00
Travel	\$ 350.00	\$ 845.74	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Supplies	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,735.12	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	\$ 300.00	\$ 340.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 86,392	\$ 88,098	\$ 89,035	\$ 93,677
SUPERINTENDENT				
Superintendent J Paustian	\$ 107,161.00	\$ 109,304.26	\$ 109,304.00	\$ 115,960.49
Group Health Insurance	\$ 13,739.83	\$ 13,258.56	\$ 13,855.66	\$ 14,548.44
Fica & Medi	\$ 8,197.82	\$ 8,319.59	\$ 8,361.76	\$ 8,870.98
Life Insurance	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ 1,240.00
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 425.00	\$ 423.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 485.00
Travel	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,246.37	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
Supplies	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ 375.00
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 5,006.00	\$ 4,850.00	\$ 4,850.00
SUPERINTENDENT	\$ 138,239	\$ 138,798	\$ 140,721	\$ 148,580
FISCAL SERVICES				
Payroll/Bene L Alderman	\$ 28,431.00	\$ 30,106.35	\$ 29,991.00	\$ 33,501.78
RSWSU Treasurer	\$ 1,772.00	\$ 1,807.44	\$ 1,807.00	\$ 1,916.83
Business Mgr L Milazzo	\$ 68,508.00	\$ 69,888.09	\$ 69,878.00	\$ 75,190.00
AP/AR Clerk K Marino	\$ 25,760.80	\$ 28,265.69	\$ 28,197.00	\$ 31,595.04
Group Health Insurance	\$ 32,400.35	\$ 31,263.96	\$ 32,669.84	\$ 34,303.50
Fica & Medi	\$ 9,522.09	\$ 9,417.14	\$ 12,434.53	\$ 10,878.59
Municipal Retirement	\$ 4,978.87	\$ 5,169.88	\$ 5,122.64	\$ 5,688.15
Workman's Comp	\$ 4,056.14	\$ 5,151.29	\$ 4,695.77	\$ 3,344.41
Unemployment	\$ 4,490.80	\$ 3,102.00	\$ 4,490.80	\$ 1,209.22
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 1,384.03	\$ 1,455.00	\$ 1,455.00
Professional Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 696.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
Prof Svs - Finger Print	\$ -	\$ 657.00	\$ -	\$ -
Audit	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00
Repair & Maint - Tech Rel	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,832.16	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Travel	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,671.95	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,250.61	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 631.24	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,250.00
Misc. Expenditures	\$ 13,296.50	\$ -	\$ 16,414.48	\$ -
FISCAL SERVICES	\$ 209,342	\$ 198,895	\$ 224,006	\$ 213,183
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT				
Prof Services - Cleaning	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,322.50	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Prof Service - Shoveling	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Rent	\$ 30,019.35	\$ 30,019.44	\$ 30,919.57	\$ 31,847.16
Supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 105.87	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
PLANT OPERATIONS & MAINT	\$ 31,769.35	\$ 31,447.81	\$ 32,669.57	\$ 33,597.16
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 548,526	\$ 509,216	\$ 548,342	\$ 531,915

* .5 FTE Director Educational Advancement and .5 FTE Curriculum Coordinator are funded through Federal Title Grant and are not showing in the local budget.

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
SPECIAL ED BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT				
Ira	\$ 4,427.38	\$ 4,476.25	\$ 4,227.03	\$ 2,417.44
Middletown Springs	\$ 18,594.98	\$ 18,800.43	\$ 17,753.52	\$ 20,145.31
Poultney	\$ 56,670.42	\$ 57,296.70	\$ 63,405.44	\$ 64,464.98
Tinmouth	\$ 6,198.33	\$ 6,267.21	\$ 8,454.06	\$ -
Wells	\$ 27,449.73	\$ 27,752.85	\$ 26,207.58	\$ 28,203.43
SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT	\$ 113,341	\$ 114,593	\$ 120,048	\$ 115,231
SPECIAL ED BILLBACK				
Special Ed Billbacks	\$ -	\$ 16,526.25	\$ -	\$ -
Middletown Springs	\$ 48,342.21	\$ 33,941.69	\$ 103,010.95	\$ 123,948.84
Poultney	\$ 152,662.11	\$ 215,323.94	\$ 576,178.98	\$ 644,076.02
Tinmouth	\$ 25,583.05	\$ 20,238.24	\$ 67,414.92	\$ -
Wells	\$ 69,885.86	\$ 78,732.76	\$ 153,613.58	\$ 164,471.11
SPECIAL ED BILLBACK	\$ 296,473	\$ 364,763	\$ 900,218	\$ 932,496
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 409,814	\$ 479,356	\$ 1,020,266	\$ 1,047,727
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION				
SpEd Director T Rescott .75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,392.50
SpEd Director P Eaton	\$ 53,550.00	\$ 54,856.12	\$ 54,621.00	\$ -
Teacher K Hansen	\$ -	\$ 1,220.00	\$ -	\$ -
Admin Asst M Muratorri	\$ 25,350.00	\$ 26,618.80	\$ 26,619.00	\$ 29,645.46
Insurance Buyback	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.02	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,625.00
Group Health Insurance	\$ 13,212.09	\$ 13,330.35	\$ 15,233.10	\$ 7,400.40
Fica & Medi	\$ 6,035.85	\$ 6,156.26	\$ 6,329.61	\$ 6,782.72
Municipal Retirement	\$ 1,014.00	\$ 1,124.76	\$ 1,124.76	\$ 1,245.82
Workman's Comp	\$ 1,580.02	\$ 1,253.72	\$ 1,580.02	\$ 1,467.75
Unemployment	\$ 1,755.12	\$ 2,494.00	\$ 1,755.12	\$ 472.77
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,000.00
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 743.75	\$ 536.00	\$ 848.75	\$ 848.75
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 523.07	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Communications	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,684.97	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
Advertising	\$ 750.00	\$ 114.50	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Travel	\$ -	\$ 582.40	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 148.33	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Misc. Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,786.26	\$ -
SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION	\$ 113,341	\$ 114,903	\$ 120,048	\$ 115,231
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	\$ -
TINMOUTH SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,498	\$ -
WELLS SPECIAL ED				
Wells Teacher	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,157.00	\$ 53,317.26
Group Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,854.61	\$ 14,548.80
Fica & Medi	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,565.63	\$ 4,078.77
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Dental & Eye	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
WELLS SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,627	\$ 73,995
MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED				
Middletown Teacher	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,618.00	\$ 42,296.37
Group Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,939.52	\$ 18,837.00
Fica & Medi	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,310.24	\$ 3,235.67
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Dental & Eye	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

	Budget FY14	Actual FY14	Budget FY15	Budget FY16
MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,868	\$ 66,369
PES SPECIAL ED				
PES Teacher Dunleavy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,654.00	\$ 40,580.00
PES Teacher - Lloyd	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,010.00	\$ 40,580.00
Teacher S Kinney .40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,148.80	\$ 25,780.53
PES Teacher - Pease	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,656.00
Insurance Buyback	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Group Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,975.83	\$ 23,232.30
Fica & Medi	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,170.93	\$ 11,788.38
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 5,100.00
Dental & Eye	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,212.50	\$ 1,649.00
TSA Match	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 515.61
PES SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143,422	\$ 196,382
PHS SPECIAL ED				
PHS Teacher - Chase	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,748.00	\$ 40,445.00
PHS Teacher - Kerber	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,884.00	\$ 41,838.00
PHS Teacher - Colutti	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,629.00	\$ 44,354.00
PHS Teacher - Burch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,723.00	\$ 44,443.00
Insurance Buyback	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,554.00	\$ 1,500.00
Group Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,951.66	\$ 41,451.90
Fica & Medi	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,491.66	\$ 13,202.37
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Dental & Eye	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 1,940.00
PHS SPECIAL ED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 214,921	\$ 235,174
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES				
ITN Counselor	\$ -	\$ 8,605.45	\$ -	\$ -
Fica & Medi	\$ -	\$ 658.32	\$ -	\$ -
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 9,264	\$ -	\$ -
SPEECH SERVICES				
Speech Services H Weeden	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 82,890.00	\$ 81,000.00	\$ 85,932.90
Speech Services K Stedman	\$ 85,312.50	\$ 77,563.35	\$ 85,312.50	\$ 90,508.16
Speech Services K Riley	\$ -	\$ 42,923.10	\$ 33,095.15	\$ 32,120.50
Group Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ 11,265.78	\$ 10,215.03	\$ 4,796.93
Fica & Medi	\$ 12,722.91	\$ 15,419.58	\$ 21,236.91	\$ 15,954.96
Dental/Eye	\$ -	\$ 468.35	\$ 266.75	\$ 242.50
Misc. Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,068.81	\$ -
SPEECH SERVICES	\$ 179,035	\$ 230,530	\$ 232,195	\$ 229,556
OT SERVICES				
OT Services B Tyler	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 39,708.47	\$ 49,980.00	\$ 53,019.25
Substitute	\$ -	\$ 7,507.50	\$ -	\$ -
Group Health Insurance	\$ 14,052.10	\$ 13,148.10	\$ 13,854.61	\$ 19,501.65
Fica & Medi	\$ 3,748.50	\$ 3,233.82	\$ 5,322.87	\$ 4,055.97
Municipal Retirement	\$ 1,960.00	\$ 1,646.64	\$ 1,999.20	\$ 2,120.77
Dental/Eyecare	\$ 425.00	\$ 372.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 485.00
OT SERVICES	\$ 69,186	\$ 65,617	\$ 71,642	\$ 79,183
PT SERVICES				
PT M Duffy .80	\$ 35,437.50	\$ 48,286.41	\$ 36,146.00	\$ 38,349.99
Group Health Benefits	\$ 8,431.26	\$ 10,606.77	\$ 8,312.98	\$ 8,728.65
Fica & Medi	\$ 2,710.97	\$ 3,196.00	\$ 3,849.55	\$ 2,933.77
Retirement	\$ 1,417.50	\$ 1,927.86	\$ 1,445.84	\$ 1,534.00
Dental/Eyecare	\$ 255.00	\$ -	\$ 291.00	\$ 291.00
PT SERVICES	\$ 48,252	\$ 64,017	\$ 50,045	\$ 51,837
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 409,814	\$ 484,331	\$ 1,020,266	\$ 1,047,727

* The Assistant Special Ed Director, Special Ed Team Leader and 25% of the Special Ed Director are funded through Federal IDEA-B Grant and are not showing in the local budget

Director of Student Support Services Annual Town Report
Submitted for the 2014-2015 School Year
On 12/2/2014

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 have available to them a **free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment** that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living.

As of December 1, 2014 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 would like to recognize the efforts of all our Special Educators, Instructional Assistants and Service Providers. They are professional and dedicated to meeting the student's needs. They take their responsibilities with the students very seriously and they consistently exceed expectations. I am very fortunate to have such a wonderful staff at RSWSU.

Sincerely,

Tammy Rescott
Director of Student Support Services
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
ITN BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
ITN ASSESSMENTS				
Middletown Springs	\$ 70,763.87	\$ 68,902.19	\$ 76,752.38	\$ 76,083.65
Tinmouth	\$ 57,565.04	\$ 59,298.79	\$ 57,683.29	\$ 52,172.26
Wells	\$ 41,557.43	\$ 37,156.37	\$ 37,685.61	\$ 66,588.44
ITN ASSESSMENTS	\$ 169,886	\$ 165,357	\$ 172,121	\$ 194,844
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 169,886	\$ 165,357	\$ 172,121	\$ 194,844
ITN ART PROGRAM				
ITN Art T MacDonald .55	\$ 22,084.13	\$ 22,084.00	\$ 22,084.13	\$ 23,576.99
Insurance Buyback	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00	\$ 825.00
Fica & Medi	\$ 1,689.44	\$ 1,752.60	\$ 2,402.44	\$ 1,866.75
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 907.50	\$ -	\$ 907.50	\$ 907.50
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 233.75	\$ -	\$ 266.75	\$ 266.75
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 325.35	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Dues & Fees	\$ 350.00	\$ 381.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
ITN ART PROGRAM	\$ 27,090	\$ 25,368	\$ 27,836	\$ 28,793
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION				
Teacher T Tinsley .80	\$ 42,947.81	\$ 42,947.06	\$ 44,044.00	\$ 47,021.59
Group Health Insurance	\$ 10,991.86	\$ 10,606.77	\$ 11,084.32	\$ 11,638.70
Fica & Medi	\$ 3,285.51	\$ 2,872.01	\$ 4,791.37	\$ 3,597.15
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 1,320.00	\$ -	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,320.00
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 388.00	\$ 372.00	\$ 388.00	\$ 388.00
TSA Match	\$ 858.96	\$ 858.94	\$ 880.88	\$ 940.43
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 542.25	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 198.21	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Dues & Fees	\$ 350.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION	\$ 60,842	\$ 58,892	\$ 63,559	\$ 65,956
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM				
ITN Music M Barron .55	\$ 34,400.14	\$ 25,357.80	\$ 25,357.00	\$ 27,071.26
Group Health Insurance	\$ 7,556.90	\$ (1,255.55)	\$ 3,876.69	\$ -
Fica & Medi	\$ 2,631.61	\$ 1,939.86	\$ 2,758.81	\$ 2,070.95
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 907.50	\$ -	\$ 907.50	\$ 907.50
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 233.75	\$ -	\$ 266.75	\$ 266.75
Prof Srvs - Kelly Service	\$ 500.00	\$ 108.45	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Dues & Fees	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
ITN MUSIC PROGRAM	\$ 46,780	\$ 26,151	\$ 34,217	\$ 31,366
ITN HEALTH SERVICES				
Nurse A Arlen .60	\$ 20,739.62	\$ 24,072.95	\$ 20,736.00	\$ 28,025.70
Insurance Buyback	\$ 879.00	\$ 439.50	\$ 879.00	\$ 900.00
Group Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ 4,570.10	\$ -	\$ -
Fica & Medi	\$ 1,653.82	\$ 1,875.12	\$ 2,323.55	\$ 2,212.82
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 966.90	\$ -	\$ 966.90	\$ 966.90
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 249.05	\$ -	\$ 284.00	\$ 291.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 208.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Communications	\$ 130.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Travel	\$ 125.00	\$ 343.38	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Dues & Fees	\$ 350.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
ITN HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 25,501	\$ 31,466	\$ 26,239	\$ 33,446
ITN COUNSELOR				
ITN Counselor R Murphy.70	\$ 8,985.69	\$ 12,197.05	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 27,647.77
Group Health Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,180.28
Fica & Medi	\$ 687.41	\$ 933.19	\$ 2,470.70	\$ 2,115.05
Dental/Eye Care	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 339.50
ITN COUNSELOR	\$ 9,673	\$ 13,130	\$ 20,271	\$ 35,283
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 169,886	\$ 155,007	\$ 172,121	\$ 194,844

REPORT OF EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM
2014-2015

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 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, Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist 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 serves 13 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 60% Instructional Assistants and one part-time Teacher. A Speech/Language Pathologist, a Physical Therapist, and an Occupational Therapist serve students each week. The staff is currently serving approximately 15 children ages 3-5 years through our center-based/home-based and outreach 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 morning 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 FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
EEE ASSESSMENT				
Ira	\$ 3,706.06	\$ 3,597.37	\$ -	\$ -
Poultney	\$ 85,239.47	\$ 82,718.03	\$ 108,330.99	\$ 83,153.52
Wells	\$ 29,648.51	\$ 28,771.80	\$ 14,444.13	\$ -
EEE ASSESSMENT	\$ 118,594	\$ 115,087	\$ 122,775	\$ 83,154
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 118,594	\$ 115,087	\$ 122,775	\$ 83,154

	<u>Budget FY14</u>	<u>Actual FY14</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>
EEE DIRECT SVS				
Teacher S Kinney .60	\$ 60,372.35	\$ 61,362.00	\$ 60,372.00	\$ 38,671.86
IA D Ellis .60	\$ 18,336.60	\$ 18,652.70	\$ 18,707.00	\$ 11,908.80
IA EEE J DaCosta .50	\$ 7,425.23	\$ 7,162.20	\$ 7,576.20	\$ 8,036.74
Insurance Buyback	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.03	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Group Health Insurance	\$ 6,990.30	\$ 6,745.08	\$ 7,048.53	\$ 4,440.24
Fica & Medi	\$ 6,704.01	\$ 6,622.51	\$ 9,388.53	\$ 4,484.23
Municipal Retirement	\$ 793.46	\$ 806.10	\$ 808.28	\$ -
Workman's Comp	\$ 674.65	\$ 521.99	\$ 674.65	\$ 590.19
Unemployment	\$ 772.50	\$ 487.00	\$ 772.50	\$ 207.03
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,650.00
Dental/Eye Care	\$ 1,167.50	\$ 955.00	\$ 970.00	\$ 291.00
TSA Match	\$ 1,207.45	\$ 1,207.44	\$ 1,207.44	\$ 773.44
Prof Svs - Kelly Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 696.71	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Travel	\$ 500.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,447.63	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Dues & Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
EEE DIRECT SVS	\$ 110,594	\$ 108,169	\$ 114,775	\$ 75,154
EEE HEALTH SVS				
Prof Svs - Health Svs	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
EEE HEALTH SVS	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
EEE PLANT OPERATIONS				
Rentals & Leases	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
EEE PLANT OPERATIONS	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 118,594	\$ 115,669	\$ 122,775	\$ 83,154

District: **Ira**
County: **Rutland**

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Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page.	9,459	Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page.	1.00
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Expenditures		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$958,766	\$870,923	\$758,118	\$746,021	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	\$958,766	\$870,923	\$758,118	\$746,021	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	\$958,766	\$870,923	\$758,118	\$746,021	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	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)	\$158,835	\$227,719	\$135,167	\$76,848	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	\$158,835	\$227,719	\$135,167	\$76,848	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$799,931	\$643,204	\$622,951	\$669,173	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	71.25	68.76	66.35	64.03	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$11,227.10	\$9,354.33	\$9,388.86	\$10,450.94	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	Exempt	Exempt	-	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	\$11,227	\$9,354	\$9,389	\$10,451	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,451 / \$9,459)	128.707%	102.222%	101.119%	110.487%	27.
Prorating the local tax rate						
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (110.487% x \$1.000)	\$1.1455	\$0.9609	\$0.9910	\$1.1049	28.
29.	Percent of Ira equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	29.
30.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.10)	\$1.1455	\$0.9609	\$0.9910	\$1.1049	30.
31.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	103.76%	90.69%	93.38%	100.41%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.1049 / 100.41%)	\$1.1038	\$1.0595	\$1.0613	\$1.1004	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 (110.487% x 1.94%)	2.32%	1.84%	1.96%	2.14%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.14%)	2.32%	1.84%	1.96%	2.14%	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-	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%.

CHILD FIND NOTICE

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, 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
Jim Frail, 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

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 25, 2015. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on February 25th to accept applications to be added to the checklist.

The checklist will be posted by February 1, 2015. If your name is not on the list, an application to be added to the checklist must be completed by February 25, 2015.

EARLY ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day (March 3, 2015) can request an Early Absentee Voter Ballot.

Early Absentee Voter Ballots must be requested by Monday March 2, 2015. 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 7:00 pm on March 3, 2015.

If you are ill or disabled two Justices of the Peace can deliver the ballot to you. Request must be made by 5:00pm on March 2, 2015. The Justices of the Peace will bring the ballot back to the Town Clerk's office or polling place so it can be placed in the ballot box and counted.

Voter Information

Notice to Voters on Election Day

ELECTION DAY INFORMATION

Polls are open from 10:00am – 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

If your name was dropped from the checklist in error, explain the situation to your Town Clerk and ask that it be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk, a Selectman or other members of the Board of Civil Authority call an immediate meeting of the members of the board who are present at the polls. They should investigate the problem and clear it up.

If you are still not satisfied, you may take a brief written request to a superior court judge, who will rule on your request before the polls close that day. Call the Secretary of State's office at 1-800-439-VOTE for more information.

If you have physical disabilities, are visually impaired or can't read, you may bring the person of your choice to assist you or you can request assistance from two election officials.

If you cannot get from the car into the polling place, two election officials may bring a ballot to your car.

THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED BY LAW

Do not knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.

Do not mislead the Board of Civil Authority about your own or another person's eligibility to vote. You can only register to vote and remain on the checklist in the town of your principal dwelling residence.

Do not display any campaign literature, stickers, buttons, etc. within the building containing a polling place. However, a voter may bring a small card or paper into the polling place for his or her own use in remembering candidates so long as it is not publicly displayed.

Do not solicit votes or otherwise campaign within the building containing a polling place.

Do not interfere with the process of a voter going to and from the polling place. This includes not socializing in a manner that will disturb other voters.

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

March 2, 2015 and March 3, 2015

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 2, 2015, to act on the articles 1 - 3 from the floor and to recess to Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 10:00AM (polls open) through 7:00PM (polls close) to act on articles 4 and 5 by Australian Ballot:

March 2, 2015

- 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 \$746,021.35 for the support of its students for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.
- Article 3. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

March 3, 2015

- 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 22, 2015.

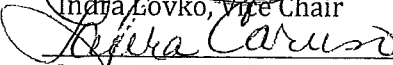
SCHOOL DIRECTORS



Phil Lapp, Chair

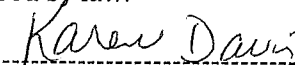


Indra Lovko, Vice Chair



Laura Caruso, Clerk

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



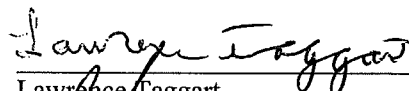
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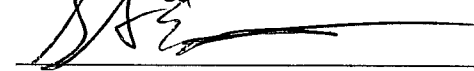
WARNING
Town of Ira, Vermont


The legal voters of the Town of Ira, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ira Town Hall on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:30 pm for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 2 -13, and to meet again, on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 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 or before October 20, 2015
- Article 4. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$175,557 for General Town and Highway expenses?
- Article 5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$25,000 for the Ira Volunteer Fire Department?
- Article 6. Shall the Town of Ira exempt from the payment of property taxes, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §3840, the real estate of Ira Volunteer Fire Department, for a period of five years?
- Article 7. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$12,880 for the Rutland County Sheriff s Department to patrol the roads of Ira for 8 hours a week for 46 weeks?
- Article 8. Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of \$2,757 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. To transact any other legal and proper business to come before this meeting.

Date: January 27, 2015


Lawrence Faggart


Steve Martelle


Melanie MacDonald

Received and recorded this 27th day of
January, 2015.

Town Officers

2014 Election Results

Positions	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2012	3 Year	2015
	Bob Toppin	March 2014	3 Year	2017
	Bill Whiteman	March 2013	3 Year	2016
First Constable	Mike Ryan	March 2014	2 Year	2016
Grand Juror	Tim Martin	March 2014	1 Year	2015
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2013	3 Year	2016
	Bob Tyminski	March 2012	3 Year	2015
	Nathan Hewitt	March 2014	3 Year	2017
Moderator	Steve Pietryka	March 2014	1 Year	2015
School Directors	Indra Lovko	March 2013	3 Year	2016
	Laura Caruso	March 2012	3 Year	2015
	Philip Lapp	March 2014	3 Year	2017
Second Constable	Fran Lloyd	March 2014	2 Year	2016
Select Board	Steven Martelle	March 2013	3 Year	2016
	Larry Taggart	March 2012	3 Year	2015
	Mark Coderre	March 2014	3 Year	2017
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2014	1 Year	2015
Town Agent	Tim Martin	March 2014	1 Year	2015
Town Clerk	Karen Davis	March 2012	3 Year	2015
Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2012	3 Year	2015
Justices	Mary Ann Black	November 2014	2 Year	2017
	Donald Berg	November 2014	2 Year	2017
	Alta Johnston	November 2014	2 Year	2017
	Larry Taggart	November 2014	2 Year	2017
	Bob Toppin	November 2014	2 Year	2017

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

NOTES

**Town of Ira
53 West Road
Ira, VT 05777**