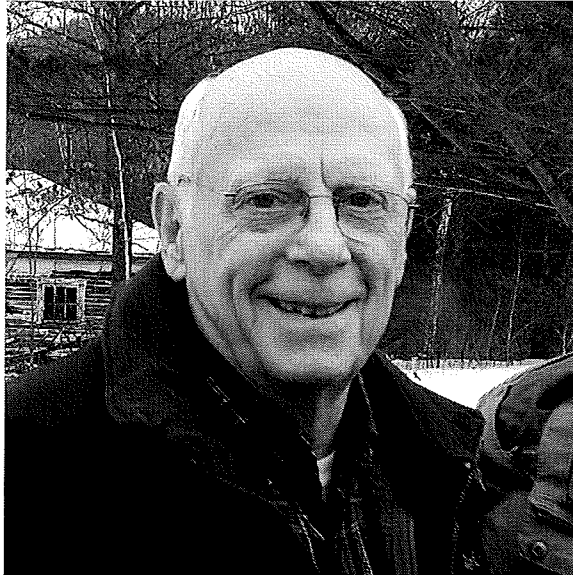
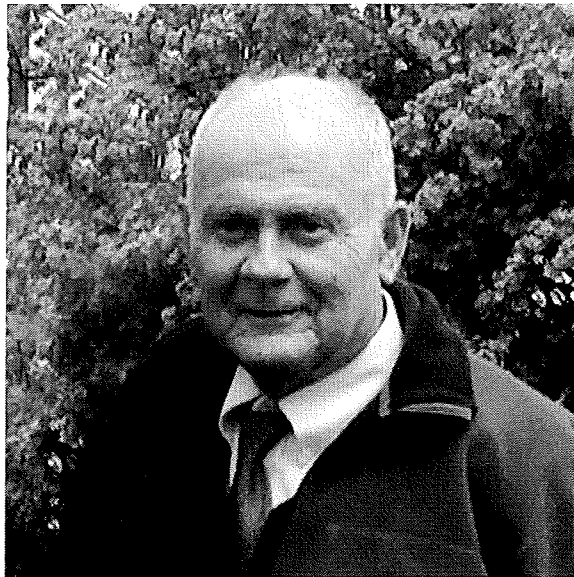


**2015**

**Annual Report**



Lew Hoffman



Bill Johnson

**Town of Ira, Vermont**

Year Ending December 31, 2015

## COVER DEDICATION

### **Lew Hoffman:**

Lew was on the Select Board in the late seventies for five years. Lew was on the new Town office construction committee and worked tirelessly on the blue prints for the building and made changes as ideas came up. More recently Lew has worked hard computerizing the plots and burials at the Ira Riverside Cemetery. The paper records of the cemetery were not complete and Lew and a core of volunteers have inventoried the cemetery stone by stone. Last but not least Lew has been working diligently on researching the history of Ira. He is working on organizing a group of interested individuals into forming an Ira Historical Society. Lew has organized a lot of Ira historical information and put a web site together where it is all displayed. Thank you Lew for all your efforts over the years.

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### **Bill Johnson:**

Bill was the first Fire Chief at the inception of the Ira Volunteer Fire Dept. As Fire Chief from the mid 1970's until the early 80's. (1975-1982) Bill spent countless hours on building construction, training, building an inventory of fire gear and fund raising. Above and beyond Bill was on call 24/7 to respond to emergencies. Please note Bill still responds to fire calls today. Bill did the original survey of the fire house property and again when additional land was purchased. Bill has worked on documentation of the property at the Town shed.

Bill spent a career as a surveyor. He spent 40 years on the Fire Dept., brought up a family, was active in the Army reserves, and still had time to do some surveying for the town. Bill started surveying projects at the cemetery in the 60's. Another section was done in the 70's and more recently Bill finalized the entire cemetery survey including a certified map and the associated paperwork.

Thank you Bill for all your efforts over the years.

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# AUDITOR'S REPORT 2015

We have examined the financial records of the Town of Ira for the Year ending December 31, 2015. 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, 2015.

During 2015 an external audit was performed by Gene A. Besaw and Associates and a full report is available at the Town office. The Town Treasurer, Deborah Perry, spent countless hours reviewing the books with the Besaw representatives. In essence, the audit report verified the 2014 numbers as reported in the 2014 Town Report. The external auditor reported that the proper controls are in place to prepare and maintain accurate financial records for the Town Of Ira.

The Ira auditors confer with other officers in the Town that moving to a fiscal year ending June 30 would make the preparation and presentation of the financial statements much less stressful. Certainly, having 6 months to put the Town report together would make the project more timely.

Dated January 31, 2016 at the Town Of Ira.

Robert Toppin Robert Toppin

Tina Graves Tina Graves

Bill Whiteman William B. Whiteman Jr.

Treasurer's Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES		
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015		
General Operating – Merchants		\$ 121,768.21
Petty Cash		300.00
Money Market – Merchants		
Building Reserve	\$ 30,000.00	
Cemetery Fund	34,762.33	
Professional Audit Reserve	10,500.00	
Reappraisal Reserve	19,494.33	
Money Market – Merchants–Other	114,312.94	
Total Money Market – Merchants		209,069.60
Equipment Savings		128,609.13
George Putnam Fund		4,479.96
Total Cash Balances		\$ 464,226.90

ASSETS		
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		
Backhoe	\$ 18,000.00	
1970 Caterpillar Grader	25,000.00	
2007 International Truck	88,285.00	
Total Equipment		131,285.00
Total Assets		\$ 476,293.00

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED			
	Tax Rate	Grand List Value	
Non-Residential Education	1.5287	134,224.86	\$ 209,775.64
Homestead Education	1.0893	311,464.00	339,277.78
IVFD Reserve	0.0335	448,852.27	15,036.57
Bond Payment	0.0389	448,852.27	17,460.37
Articles	0.1085	448,852.27	48,700.47
Highway Budget	0.2828	448,852.27	126,935.47
Town Budget	0.0370	448,852.27	16,607.39
Late Homestead Penalty			375.73
Total Property Taxes Billed			\$ 774,169.42
2015 Property Taxes Collected			653,837.45
State Payments			102,243.05
2015 Delinquent Property Taxes			18,088.92
			\$ 774,169.42

TOWN OF IRA  
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND  
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS  
January 1 - December 31, 2015

REVENUES			
CURRENT TAXES GENERAL FUND	\$	33,429.15	
CURRENT TAXES HIGHWAY FUND		126,586.00	
SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES		465,666.84	*
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT		5,747.30	
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE		52,724.98	
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST		2,219.67	
CURRENT USE		25,161.00	
DOG LICENSES		206.00	
BANK INTEREST		107.90	
CIVIL FINES		1,670.00	
RAILROAD TAX		15.42	
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT		2,171.94	
PREVIOUS YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND		12,986.11	
MISC. OTHER REVENUE		878.42	
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS		90.00	
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS		11,319.85	
HIGHWAY GRANTS		13,000.00	
TOTAL REVENUES			\$ 753,980.58
GENERAL EXPENDITURES			
SELECTMEN SALARY	\$	2,000.00	
HEALTH OFFICER		200.00	
PAYROLL TAXES		1,883.55	
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		925.00	
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS		705.00	
POSTAGE		1,076.59	
PHOTOCOPIER		1,460.25	
LEGAL SERVICES		800.00	
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS		388.96	
VLCT		1,287.00	
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX		3,124.59	
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE		1,728.00	
INSURANCE LIABILITY		9,171.00	
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP		2,470.00	
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES		1,601.39	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE		3,669.55	
TOWN REPORT		427.13	
RECORD RESTORATION		2,791.00	
ELECTIONS		250.00	
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE		3,000.00	
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND		1,000.00	
IVFD TRUCK COMMITMENT		15,000.00	
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE		17,425.00	
TOWN CLERK SALARY		6,000.00	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SALARY		280.00	
LISTER'S SALARY		1,799.99	
CONSULTANT		288.00	
TREASURER SALARY		6,000.00	
CONSTABLE SALARY		200.00	
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC		723.89	
TOWN OFFICE HEAT		661.02	
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE		1,996.98	
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		919.24	
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING		577.50	
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING		778.23	
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC		916.28	
TOWN HALL HEAT		1,754.26	
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE		359.76	
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		7,685.07	
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING		495.00	
TOWN HALL CLEANING		245.59	
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES		<u>104,064.82</u>	\$ 104,064.82

ARTICLES	
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 31,000.00
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	\$ 10,185.00
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	2,757.00
RAVNAH & HOSPICE	973.00
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL	300.00
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH	286.00
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER	375.00
VT TRAILS & GREENWAYS	(35.00)
TOTAL ARTICLES	<u>\$ 45,841.00</u>

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	
SALARIES	\$ 12,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	971.96
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE	3,000.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	1,200.00
WINTER SAND	6,650.00
GRAVEL	8,304.51
WINTER SALT	5,302.55
CULVERTS INSTALLATION	7,000.00
CULVERTS	1,000.00
DITCHING	4,700.00
GRADING	4,280.00
LOADER RENTAL	2,400.00
TRUCKING GRAVEL	3,200.00
TRUCKING WINTER SAND/SALT	5,000.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	2,936.42
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	8,015.37
SANDER/PLOW MAINTENANCE	50.08
TRANSFER TO EQUIPMENT RESERVE	15,000.00
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	287.07
TOWN GARAGE HEAT	179.87
TOWN GARAGE MISCELLANEOUS	1,147.72
HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSE	9,971.44
TOWN HIGHWAY	\$ 102,596.99
TRANSFER TO SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$ 465,666.84 *
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 718,169.65</u>
GENERAL FUND DEFICIT	(12,610.76)
HIGHWAY FUND SURPLUS	48,421.69
TOTAL SURPLUS	<u>\$ 35,810.93</u>

\* School taxes transferred to School District

SELECT BOARD BUDGET REPORT

	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET
<b>TAX REVENUE</b>			
CURRENT GENERAL FUND TAXES	48,971.00	33,429.15	48,815.00
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	3,000.00	5,747.30	5,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	-	52,724.98	39,841.00
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	2,000.00	2,219.67	2,000.00
CURRENT USE	22,000.00	25,161.00	25,000.00
DOG LICENSES	200.00	206.00	200.00
BANK INTEREST	50.00	85.07	70.00
CIVIL FINES	1,500.00	1,670.00	1,500.00
RAILROAD TAX	-	15.42	-
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT	2,000.00	2,171.94	2,000.00
PREVIOUS YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND	-	12,986.11	12,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS OTHER REVENUE	150.00	878.42	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	39,074.00	-	(12,611.00)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>118,945.00</b>	<b>137,295.06</b>	<b>123,815.00</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>			
SELECTMEN SALARY	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,700.00
SELECTBOARD ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	-	-	1,500.00
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOWN AUDITORS SALARY	-	-	600.00
PAYROLL TAXES	2,500.00	1,883.55	3,000.00
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COM	1,200.00	925.00	925.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	1,500.00	705.00	1,500.00
POSTAGE	1,200.00	1,076.59	1,200.00
PHOTOCOPIER	1,100.00	1,460.25	2,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	2,000.00	800.00	2,000.00
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS	800.00	388.96	800.00
VT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS (VLCT)	1,287.00	1,287.00	1,352.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	3,128.00	3,124.59	3,596.00
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,728.00	1,728.00	1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	12,218.00	9,171.00	9,004.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	899.00	2,470.00	4,500.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	1,601.39	2,000.00
COMPUTER SOFT/HARDWARE	4,000.00	3,669.55	4,300.00
TOWN REPORT	800.00	427.13	800.00
RECORD RESTORATION	2,800.00	2,791.00	1,200.00
ELECTIONS	1,000.00	250.00	1,000.00
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TRANSFER TO BUILDING FUND	-	-	5,000.00
IVFD TRUCK COMMITMENT	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	17,425.00	17,425.00	17,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	-	250.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SALARY	500.00	280.00	500.00
LISTERS SALARY	1,800.00	1,799.99	1,800.00
CONSULTANT	2,000.00	288.00	3,000.00
TREASURER SALARY	6,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	1,000.00	723.89	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	1,000.00	661.02	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	2,000.00	1,996.98	2,000.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	919.24	1,500.00
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	800.00	577.50	800.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	800.00	778.23	800.00
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC	1,500.00	916.28	1,200.00
TOWN HALL HEAT	2,500.00	1,754.26	2,000.00
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	360.00	359.76	360.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	10,000.00	7,685.07	6,000.00
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	700.00	495.00	700.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING	250.00	245.59	300.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>118,945.00</b>	<b>104,064.82</b>	<b>123,815.00</b>



	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL	2016 BUDGET
<b>ARTICLES</b>			
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	31,000.00	31,000.00	-
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	12,880.00	10,185.00	-
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	2,757.00	2,757.00	-
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	-
VT TRAILS & GREENWAYS		(35.00)	
<b>TOTAL ARTICLES</b>	<b>48,571.00</b>	<b>45,841.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL &amp; ARTICLES</b>	<b>167,516.00</b>	<b>149,905.82</b>	<b>123,815.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY TAX REVENUE</b>			
CURRENT HIGHWAY TAXES	126,586.00	126,586.00	126,578.00
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	100.00	90.00	100.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	11,000.00	11,319.85	11,000.00
HIGHWAY GRANTS	13,000.00	13,000.00	-
HIGHWAY SAVINGS INTEREST	-	22.83	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	4,414.00	-	48,422.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>	<b>155,100.00</b>	<b>151,018.68</b>	<b>186,100.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES</b>			
SALARIES	18,000.00	12,000.00	18,000.00
PAYROLL TAXES	1,500.00	971.96	2,500.00
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES	1,200.00	-	600.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	1,300.00	1,200.00	2,000.00
WINTER SAND	8,000.00	6,650.00	8,000.00
GRAVEL	15,000.00	8,304.51	15,000.00
WINTER SALT	4,500.00	5,302.55	5,500.00
CHLORIDE	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
CULVERTS INSTALLATION	7,500.00	7,000.00	10,000.00
CULVERTS	2,500.00	1,000.00	-
DITCHING	8,000.00	4,700.00	8,000.00
GRADING	12,000.00	4,280.00	12,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	6,000.00	-	3,000.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
LOADER RENTAL	4,000.00	2,400.00	-
TRUCKING GRAVEL	10,000.00	3,200.00	10,000.00
TRUCKING WINTER SAND/SALT	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	7,000.00	2,936.42	5,000.00
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	8,000.00	8,015.37	8,000.00
SANDER/PLOW MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	50.08	-
GRADER MAINTENANCE	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
BACKHOE LOADER MAINTENANCE	-	-	2,500.00
TRANSFER TO EQUIPMENT RESERVE	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
TRANSFER TO GARAGE BUILDING FUND	-	-	40,000.00
HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSE	-	9,971.44	-
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	600.00	287.07	500.00
TOWN GARAGE HEAT	1,500.00	179.87	1,000.00
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	1,147.72	1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS TOWN GARAGE	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>155,100.00</b>	<b>102,596.99</b>	<b>186,100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>322,616.00</b>	<b>252,502.81</b>	<b>309,915.00</b>
SURPLUS/DEFICIT - GENERAL	-	(12,610.76)	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT - HIGHWAY		48,421.69	
		<u>288,313.74</u>	

## Select Board Report

The Select board of the Town of Ira has concluded a challenging but successful 2015. Many projects were completed this year including;

- Developed and updated long-needed policies and procedures
- Installation of new road signs
- Installation of Neighborhood Watch signs
- Installation of new hot air furnace and chimney liner at the Town Hall
- Completion of the Park and Ride grant
- Installation of new culverts on West Road
- The purchase of a John Deere backhoe
- Ordered a new Kenworth T300 Town Truck – expected to be delivered the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2016
- Completed an inventory of culverts

Appreciation is extended to the many volunteers who serve in various town positions, on boards, commissions, fire department and committees. They provide a tremendous value to the town and need to be thanked for their time and talents.

We also appreciate the many people that have attended board meetings and offered comments and suggestions regarding issues before the board.

The Select Board meets at 5:30 pm on the first Monday of each month, unless otherwise posted.

Steve Martelle, Chair  
Melanie MacDonald, Select board Member  
Mark FitzGerald, Select board Member

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## Town Clerk Report

All dogs 6 months and older are required by State law to be licensed on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. A license for a spayed/neutered dog is \$8.00 and \$13.00 for an unspayed/un-neutered dog. A current rabies certificate must be on file or provided at the time of license purchase. There were 85 dogs licensed in 2015: 76 spayed/neutered and 9 unspayed/un-neutered for revenue of \$206 for the Town. Licenses will be available on Town Voting Day, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 during voting hours.

We currently have 311 registered voters. If you are a new resident and would like to register to vote an application must be completed by February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to take part in voting during Town Meeting Day. The Presidential Primary will also be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Secretary of State has a new online voter registration system. All eligible Vermonters can submit their voter registration application online and can create a My Voter Page. Creating a My Voter Page will allow you to request an absentee ballot, update voter registration information, find your polling place and view a sample ballot. The online voter registration page can be found at <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us> and the My Voter Page login can be found at <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>.

The vital record books volumes 9 and 10 were 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, 2015**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>		<u>Total Due</u>
Clark, Robert H Jr.	2012	\$	2511.87
Crossman, Timothy D	2015		702.17
Czarnecki, William	2015		164.90
Dydo, Randy & Elaine	2015		1731.08
Everbank	2015		2593.57
Fitzgerald, Clyde	2011		262.72
	2013		621.35
	2014		656.71
Hewitt, Nathan	2015		485.41
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2015		1,000.48
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2015		5,189.18
North Meadows, Inc.	2013		13.98
	2014		14.78
	2015		14.20
North, Russell K	2015		2498.19
Pawluch, Shawn	2015		3527.10
Prescott, Neal W	2013		179.81
	2014		190.05
	2015		182.64
		\$	<u>22,540.19</u>

**Regional Ambulance Service**

Regional Ambulance was formed 32 years ago to provide emergency ambulance services to its member towns. Ira joined the ambulance service at its inception. Regional Ambulance Service responded to 15 calls in Ira during 2015.

The Ambulance Service offers monthly CPR classes, lectures, demonstrations and child car seat inspections are held on Wednesdays.

Please feel free to contact Regional Ambulance Service with any questions, 773-1746, or visit their website [www.rasyt.com](http://www.rasyt.com) for more information on their services and membership details.

**Vermont 2-1-1**

Vermont 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, Information and Referral program of the United Way 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](http://www.vermont211.org)

## Cemetery

The cemetery committee would like to thank all the people who helped out in 2015. A lot was accomplished.

During the fall work day brush was cut and burned, top soil was spread, and thirteen stones were repaired. Afterwards a lunch was enjoyed by all. The cemetery committee encourages volunteers to help out on work days. Hope to see you there.

Bill and Randy Johnson completed the cemetery survey in the fall. Corner pins were set and a survey map and written description have been filed with the town clerk. This brings the cemetery property up to date with the tax maps.

Lew Hoffman and volunteers have been mapping out and documenting cemetery lots. This is a very tedious and at times frustrating project. If you have a receipt from a purchased lot you are encouraged to get a copy to the town clerk. Lots may be purchased at the town clerk's office.

In 2014 the cemetery received a grant from VOCA (VT Old Cemetery Association) for stone restoration. This grant required a match of one dollar for every two dollars granted. Money from the grant was used to purchase materials and pay for hired labor for stone restoration. During the fall work day thirteen stones were repaired with the assistance of Jim Leberge. This brings the total number of stones repaired to thirty-one. Stone restoration will be an ongoing project through the coming years.

The old lawn mower of eighteen plus years was replaced with a new Toro zero turn mower. A wheel barrow was also purchased.

The cemetery committee anticipates continuing to repair fencing, restore stones, cut brush, and paint the shed in 2016.

Respectively Submitted:

Nathan Hewitt, Chair  
 Jean-Marie Raiche, Secretary  
 Barbara Favreau  
 Christina Hewitt

Ira Riverside Cemetery			
Revenue			
	Lot Sales & Contributions	\$3,650.00	
	Gain/(loss) Investments	-50.07	
	Transfer from General Fund	1,000.00	
	<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$4,599.93</b>
Expenditures			
	Repairs and Maintenance	\$4,824.23	
	Cemetery Wages	1,900.00	
	Payroll Taxes	145.35	
	<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$6,869.68</b>
			<b>(\$2,269.65)</b>

### Vital Statistics

#### Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Theresa L. Sheloski	83	February 3, 2015
Michele C. Egan	64	May 12, 2015
Anita P. Toppin	64	August 16, 2015
John A. Waldron	64	October 4, 2015
Robert H. Clark, Sr.	69	November 30, 2015

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### Ira Riverside Cemetery

#### Burials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Burial</u>
Marie R. Taggart	May 16, 2015
Fernando Parker	May 25, 2015
Jeannette F. McNeil	August 10, 2015
Cheryl A. Jones	August 29, 2015
Dennis J. Smith	September 18, 2015
Anita P. Toppin	November 15, 2015

### **IRA VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

A group of people in Ira have been working towards starting an Ira Historical Society. The goal is to preserve the history of Ira. Almost every town in the state has a Historical Society. We have started a Website ([www.iravhs.com](http://www.iravhs.com)). This has been accomplished strictly through donations of time and access to old pictures and artifacts from local residents.

We would like to form a non-profit organization. The benefits of becoming a non-profit are to formalize the entity and allow the organization to accept money in the form of dues or donations without being legally obligated to pay taxes on it.

Bill Whiteman, an Ira resident and accountant, is donating his time and service to do the official paper work required by the Vermont Secretary of State and the Internal Revenue Service. The filing fees are noted below.

Internal Revenue Service .....	\$525.00
Vermont Secretary of State.....	\$125.00
Checking account.....	\$175.00
Total.....	\$825.00

Please support preserving Ira's history by supporting the funding, as well as actively participating in Ira's Historical Society. Your support is truly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Lew Hoffman  
Local Historian

## PLANNING COMMISSION

Ira has received a couple of grants that the Rutland Regional Planning Commission is working on. Steve Martelle, Karen Davis, Bob Toppin, Tim Martin and the Rutland Regional Planning Commission are working on a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town. The plan looks at the potential exposures to flooding, ice storms, etc. and formulates a plan to reduce the effects. If Ira has a catastrophe that meets the requirements for a FEMA disaster reimbursement Ira will receive an additional 12% with this plan in place and may have a better chance at grant funding. Once the plan draft is complete a public hearing will be announced for comments. The other grant that is being worked on is a culvert inventory on the Ira Town Roads. The Planning Commission looked at each culvert and inventoried the size, location, condition etc. for each one. RRPC is working on a map and spread sheet which should help the Select Board in future planning.

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## Rutland Free Library Update

“Our” library has enjoyed another busy and exciting year, offering both traditional and innovative services to the greater Rutland community, including those of us lucky enough to live in Ira. Of course the large continuously updated collection of print and e-books, magazines, audiobooks, DVDs and CDs remain available, as well as 30 plus databases, the Vermont History room, personalized technology assistance and individual reference services. The library’s circulation and patron usage has been increasing, with an average of over 400 people visiting the library each day, and over 400 using the free patron computers during any given week. Community outreach and partnerships also continue to grow, as well as community use of the library’s large and small meetings rooms. Just a few highlights to reflect the richness and diversity of RFL’s offerings:

- For children: Story Time; Babies and Toddlers Rock; Tales to Tails; summer reading program; after school Lego Club; Lego Robotics Club; Halloween and Early New Year’s Eve parties; meeting space/materials for homeschoolers, and a new partnership with Wonderfeet Museum.
- For adults: Book club; foreign language classes; local authors’ program; 1st Wednesdays by Vermont Humanities Council (speakers on history, art, film, music, and international issues), and on site CPR classes offered by the Red Cross.
- For families: Special presentation by VINS Nature Center with live animals; free/discounted passes to museums, state parks and historical sites; monthly karaoke program, and of course the famous monthly book sales organized by Friends of the Library (which offer a huge selection and great bargains!).

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 \$2840 be placed on the March 2016 ballot. This is an \$83 increase (3%) from last year’s allocation. As perhaps you’ve read in recent Rutland Herald articles, the library urgently needs to replace the ten aging computers available to its patrons. Please note that all five towns which designate funding for the Rutland Free Library are being asked to contribute proportionately to this special budgetary need, thus the small increase in this year’s request.

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

## IRA TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

The Selectboard challenged a group of volunteers to put a committee together to research the maintenance priorities of the 200 hundred plus year old Ira Town Hall building. The group met twice this year. Here's what has been done so far.

First of all a new furnace and a new chimney liner have been installed. The efficiency of the new furnace will be better than the aging 35 year old model. The mortar in the brick chimney was bad and the new stainless chimney liner will be much safer. Primo Roofing Services worked on the slate roof. Some broken slates were replaced and the slates have been tightened up on one side and the other side will be worked on in 2016.

Lew Hoffman contacted NBF Architects. This was the firm that did the historical restoration in the year 2000. The bulk of the conversation was what would be required to use the upstairs of the building? The Select Board and the committee will continue to research the upstairs occupancy issue as far as what might be required for handicap access, second means of egress, and the limits of occupancy if a fire watch was provided. Public Buildings with a certain level of occupancy require a sprinkler system which is expensive. The group continues to look for grants.

During 2016 the brick work on the building will be looked at with the idea of getting some sections repointed. The Vermont Historical Group that provided the grant in 2000 will have to be contacted to get approval for the repointing. The mortar used must be "soft" in order that the brick work does not get damaged.

The other issue for 2016 is to have an historical contractor look at the window frames. A number of the frames are showing some rot and should be replaced.

On the schedule for spring is a new handicap ramp leading to the back door. The dimensions on the ramp out front are questionable and the drainage is such out front that the ramp continually ices up.

The Town Hall Committee will meet some time this winter and review the building inspection that Steve Martelle completed this fall and continue their research on the occupancy issues upstairs.

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### 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 the Town Clerk or Alta Johnston for review and approval from the Select Board. *\*\* The Select Board meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month, so applications should be received well in advance of the planned event.*
4. Arrangements need to be made with the Town Clerk or 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 the Town Clerk or 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:

## IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - 2015

Incident Report 2015	Total Calls 18	
	Mutual Aid:	
11 Motor vehicle accidents	2 Tinmouth	Chimney Fire
1 Chimney fire		Stand -by
2 Fire Alarm activations	1 Clarendon	Brush fire
	1 West Rutland	Structure Fire Dan Kearney

This year has been a busy year at the Ira Volunteer Fire Department. Much has been accomplished and a lot of training is currently being done within the department. Our American Lafrance Rescue Truck had some substantial repairs on the pump system correcting some water leaks and pump work to help with drafting/pumping water. We set up this engine with a new set of front and rear tires that will help us respond to calls in all weather and conditions much more safely and effectively without issue. Our Pierce Engine needed an oil leak fixed that required a new oil pan and the rear leaf spring suspension components fixed.

With all the work being done on the trucks we looked into grant funding for additional help with new equipment. This year Steve Martelle and Ashley Melen worked diligently submitting for two grants. One for a communications grant for new radios and pagers. We were not awarded this grant but we are resubmitting for this grant in 2016. We also recently applied for another federal grant for 8 new NFPA compliant 4500psi Scott Airpacks and a cascade system to fill these packs from the trucks. On the same grant we applied for a RIT (rapid intervention team) pack for firefighter rescue, 8 new portable radios, 8 new pagers and a new thermal imaging camera.

We would like to thank Steve Martelle and Robby Raiche as they finished installing the water system granting us running water to help wash our trucks after calls.

In 2015 the State of Vermont closed its Vermont State Police dispatch service out of Rutland. We are now being picked up by Rockingham VT. We would like to note that they are very busy now and all we can ask is that when calling in an emergency be as specific as you can be.

Training this year has been a huge success and we couldn't be more proud of the Ira department and surrounding towns. With the help from Middletown Fire we have added a second story and additional compartment to our training building behind the firehouse. We would also want to thank the Clark Farm for letting us use their tractor to help lift the massive container into place. We built a set of stairs inside to walk up to the second floor. With these new additions we have had great trainings with members from Mt. Holly, Ludlow, Wallingford, Clarendon, Middletown Springs and Rutland City.

The budget this year is due to increasing cost in the fire equipment and safety. We are trying to keep our equipment NFPA compliant. With this we are looking to replace firefighter turnout gear on a yearly basis, 1 ¾ and 2 ½ inch hose, truck inspections, air pack inspection and maintenance, and various pieces of equipment as well as firehouse repair and training cost.

The Ira Fire Department would like to express much gratitude to the townspeople for their help with meeting these goals. In addition we do need more help. We have three new members this year- Nick Cupoli, Andrew Thibault and Brad Zellars. Josh Melen and Steve Martelle are currently enrolled in the Vermont State Firefighters Firefighter 1 course at the academy in Pittsford. Our new training schedule lets us meet every third Sunday at 1:00PM for two hours. With this we have had others move on from the fire service and we appreciate their efforts. We could always use more help, with either office help or the fire department at large. If you have any questions feel free to contact members of the department.

### Membership:

Tim Perry, Fire Chief  
 Dan Perry, Assistant Chief  
 Steve Martelle, President  
 Bill Whiteman, Treasurer  
 Ashley Melen, Secretary

Bob Toppin  
 Fran Lloyd  
 Bill Johnson  
 Josh Melen  
 Ted Sheloski

Nick Cupoli  
 Andrew Thibault  
 Brad Zellars  
 Marcus Rockwell

### Junior Member:

Macalyster Perry



Ira Volunteer Fire Department

**Treasurer's Report  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015**

	2015 Actual	2016 Proposed Budget
<b>Bank Balance at 12-31-2014</b>	<b>\$ 30,393.99</b>	
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Town of Ira	31,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
Town of Ira - Reserve Fund for Engine 2	15,000.00	15,000.00
Fundraising	645.00	
Corporate Contributions	1,200.00	150.00
Individual Contribution		150.00
Dividend - Credit Union of VT	31.03	50.00
Total Revenue	<u>47,876.03</u>	<u>51,350.00</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Loan on Engine 2 - Principal	15,176.95	15,000.00
Loan on Engine 2 - Interest	1,983.05	2,000.00
Firefighter Apparel	118.00	600.00
Air Pack Maintenance		700.00
Dues & Memberships	200.00	400.00
Building & Repair	173.19	1,000.00
Electricity	1,015.93	1,200.00
Heating Oil	1,829.85	2,500.00
Telephone	410.65	400.00
Building & Vehicle Liability Insurance	8,991.00	4,458.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,116.00	1,116.00
Fire Schools	268.00	500.00
Turn Out Gear	4,584.03	5,500.00
New Equipment	2,794.51	3,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	712.01	1,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	9,526.76	3,500.00
Fuel, Vehicles	1,141.62	1,200.00
Communications, Dues	900.00	900.00
Communications, New		2,000.00
Communications, Repair		700.00
Training Expense		2,000.00
Fundraising Fees		100.00
Printing, Copying & Postage		150.00
Miscellaneous	114.73	400.00
Total Expenses	<u>51,056.28</u>	<u>50,824.00</u>
<b>Expenses in Excess of Revenues</b>	<u>(3,180.25)</u>	<u>\$ 526.00</u>
<b>Bank Balance at 12-31-2015</b>	<b>\$ 27,213.74</b>	
<b>Summary of Bank Balances:</b>		
Checking Account	\$ 2,489.33	
Savings Account	24,724.41	
Bank Balance at 12-31-2015	<u>\$ 27,213.74</u>	

Respectfully Submitted

*William L. Whiteman, Jr.*, Treasurer

**CONSTABLES REPORT 2015**

<b><u>Vermont State Police</u></b>		<b><u>RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S PATROL</u></b>	
81 Calls in Ira	Directed Patrol 20% Fish and Game 17% Automobile Accident 20% Motor Vehicle Complaint 10% Home Alarm 10%	179 Entries in their Log Traffic Stops -156	Tickets issued 98 Warnings 35 Town Revenue \$1670
Of Note:	Vandalism 1 Suspicious Activity 3 Burglary 2	Arrests:	Driving under the influence 1 Driving with a criminally suspended license 1 Telecom Communications Fraud 1
		Of Note:	Vandalism 1 Theft 2 Property Watch 9

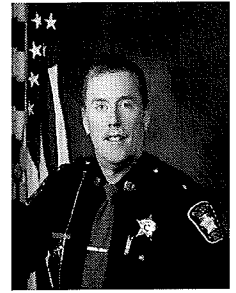
**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

In response to the numerous break-ins that occurred in 2013-2014 a Neighborhood Watch Committee has been formed. The Committee is presently made up of 7 members under the leadership of Rick Gallo. 2 Meetings were held in 2015. 15 Neighborhood watch signs have been installed by Jordan Martelle. A map of the sign locations is at the Town Office. The purpose of the Neighborhood Watch Committee is not to supersede the work of the constables but more to publicize what's being done and provide some guidance to concerned citizens. The Committee has been monitoring the work by the Sheriff's patrol. Of note: According to the yearend data provided by the State Police and the Sheriff's Patrol there were still 4 break-ins, 1 car theft, 3 incidents of vandalism and 3 calls for suspicious activity. If you are going away the Sheriff's Patrol will send out one of their officers to check on your house for towns under contract. Contact the Sheriff's office for the details. There have been a number of residents that have installed security systems in their homes. There are a number of installers listed in the yellow pages.



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



Stephen P. Bernard  
SHERIFF

**2015 REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR  
THE TOWN OF IRA VERMONT**

During 2015, the Rutland County Sheriff's Department has had some important administrative changes due to the departure of some staff. The Patrol Division is now headed by Lieutenant David Fox. Lieutenant Jonathon Bixby now takes care of state paid transports, and oversees or School Resource Deputies and other details. Deputy Andrew Cross and James Bennick are Patrol Sergeants. These changes/additions have proved to add to the depth of services we can offer, and have improved our pro-active stance to issues addressed by the patrol division.

The biggest issues that we are dealing with, as a whole, are related to the epidemic of drugs in our communities. This is not unlike what is happening in other communities and police agencies. The investigation of drug related activities is very labor and resource intensive and take time. Add to this the investigation of crimes committed by those in need of drugs and it keeps us quite busy.

I want to encourage all citizens to keep vigilant about what is going on around you. It is often tips and calls of suspicious circumstance from folks like you that solve or interrupt crime. Car descriptions and plate numbers, along with physical descriptions of suspects helps u law enforcement do their job. I know that I speak for all law enforcement when I say that we would rather respond to ten calls that turn out to be nothing than to one crime that could have been prevented with a call.

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

## 2016 – Annual Report of the Ira School Board

Our biggest challenge at this time is determining how to comply with Act 46, the new legislation passed in 2015 which requires all member school districts of a supervisory union to consolidate in one of two ways.

The “preferred education governance structure” requires current school districts to merge into one larger unified union school district with one preferred structure and a single shared school board. The Vermont Board of Education has interpreted this option to mean that Ira would need to give up school choice and all our children would be required to attend a designated school within this new larger school district. This would also result in Ira having one or more seats on this new shared school board, rather than having our own board and budget as we do now.

The “alternate structure” involves current or new supervisory unions containing multiple school districts, and encourages the merger of member districts with similar operating and tuitioning patterns (such as school choice from pre-K through grade 12 as Ira currently has) within this supervisory union. This would likely involve Ira merging school boards and budgets with one or more other choice towns under the umbrella of the supervisory union.

Ira, along with the other member towns in our Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, engaged a consultant to assist us in determining our best options. Once we have more detailed information, we will be inviting the entire Ira community to a public forum where we can explore these options together. Any change we undertake will require the approval of the residents of Ira.

P.S. There was a typographical error on the Ira School Board Warning. The correct date for articles 1, 2 and 3 is February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,

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

**IRA TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>Budget 2014-2015</u>	<u>Actual 2014-2015</u>	<u>Budget 2015-2016</u>	<u>Budget 2016-2017</u>
Total Revenue	758,118	739,020	746,021	707,300
Total Expenditures	758,118	675,579	746,021	707,300
<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 63,441</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<u>Budget 2014-2015</u>	<u>Actual 2014-2015</u>	<u>Budget 2015-2016</u>	<u>Budget 2016-2017</u>
<b>LOCAL REVENUE</b>				
Prior Year Carryover	45,959	45,959	10,848	63,441
Tax Stabilization Revenue	48,000	48,000	32,000	-
Tuition Refund	-	-	-	5,310
Interest Income	300	221	300	200
SU Assessment Refund	2,147	2,147	544	145
Prior Year Tuition Refund	-	-	12,324	-
<b>LOCAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 96,406</b>	<b>\$ 96,327</b>	<b>\$ 56,016</b>	<b>\$ 69,095</b>
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>				
State Support Grant	600,089	600,090	654,032	609,192
From State to Tech Center	22,861	22,861	15,142	6,836
Block Grant	21,014	19,767	20,832	18,336
Intensive	15,011	-	-	3,840
Prior Year Intensive	-	(24)	-	-
PreSchool	2,736	-	-	-
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 661,711</b>	<b>\$ 642,693</b>	<b>\$ 690,006</b>	<b>\$ 638,204</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 758,118</b>	<b>\$ 739,020</b>	<b>\$ 746,021</b>	<b>\$ 707,300</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
BOARD OF EDUCATION	5,150	2,669	5,150	5,150
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	32,863	32,863	36,147	30,400
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED	274,110	296,205	305,233	324,341
SECONDARY REGULAR ED	347,687	277,319	340,444	298,484
SPECIAL ED	61,592	29,807	34,720	37,392
VOCATIONAL	36,716	36,717	24,327	11,531
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 758,118</b>	<b>\$ 675,579</b>	<b>\$ 746,021</b>	<b>\$ 707,300</b>

## Report of the Superintendent

The passing of Act 46 changed the landscape for Vermont school districts and their supervisory unions in order to create more opportunities for students and to contain educational costs. The passing of Act 46 required the four school districts of Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, and Wells as well as the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union to enter into a study that would analyze everything from enrollment projections to operational cost. SES Team was hired to complete a study and present a report to the four communities, which would provide possible opportunities and challenges for each of the four districts and the supervisory union. Each school district Board will need to determine whether they would remain on the current path or whether each would seek to merge with one or more different school districts. If changes were indicated, then a study committee of the school districts wishing to merge would occur; merger plans created from study committee work requires a Vermont State Board of Education approval and a positive vote by each community involved in the proposed merger. Approval and the new merger being set in place by July 1, 2017 create some tax incentives for the communities under Act 46. Without any changes, a waiver must be presented to the Secretary of Education, who may approve or may require school districts to merge with others school districts. As one can imagine, the new law has required considerable additional work on the part of Board members, who are working diligently to gather community input and to consider what is best for their students and for their communities.

In addition to the above, Act 46 also places caps on per pupil spending for budgets to be approved for the 2016-2017 school year; requiring difficult decisions. Most of the local school district and RSWSU budgets are lower than the previous year and in all cases are under the tax cap. Boards and administrators worked diligently to ensure that all budgets for FY17 were under the tax cap to avoid any risk of penalty (amounts above the cap would be doubly taxed).

We welcomed several new administrators this year. Joining the curriculum implementation team is Bernie Peatman, who is working with all teachers to ensure that curriculum is aligned and being taught and assessed. Joe DeBonis is Poultney High School's Principal and Andrea Wallach is now the PHS Assistant Principal. Lisa Yates has joined the team as the Principal of Wells Village School. We also welcomed several new teachers and support staff.

RSWSU teachers across all grade levels are meeting during the year to further align the curriculum as well as determine the interventions needed to assist every child to meet the required standards and expectations. This work is being done for all content areas and in all grades from Pre-K through grade 12. In addition, we are working to implement proficiency based learning and individualized learning plans. Our schools will go through an evaluation in May to determine if we meet all of the Vermont Educational Quality Standards. Feedback from this evaluation process will be used to make suggested improvements, to ensure that all students are receiving the best possible educational opportunities, instruction, and supports.

The support we receive from parents, local organizations, and our communities is very much appreciated. We value the partnership and wish to acknowledge the importance of this support in providing for our students and programs. Schools have an incredible responsibility to educate our youth and we know that we cannot do it alone. Thank you for allowing us to serve you and thank you for the continuous support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Joan Paustian  
Superintendent RSWSU

## Estimated Students & Tuition Rates for Fiscal 2016-2017

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Estimated Student Count</u>	<u>Estimated &amp; Budgeted Tuition Rate</u>	<u>Estimated &amp; Budgeted Total Tuition</u>
West Rutland Elementary	K-6	9	\$ 12,051	\$ 108,459
Clarendon Elementary	K-6	3	\$ 16,552	\$ 49,656
Castleton_Hubbardton	K-6	2	\$ 13,200	\$ 26,400
Middletown Elementary	K-6	2	\$ 14,000	\$ 28,000
Tinmouth Elementary	K-6	2	\$ 14,626	\$ 29,252
Rutland Public School	K-6	1	\$ 9,373	\$ 9,373
Sugarwood School	K-6	2	\$ 9,270	\$ 18,540
New Students - School unknown	K-6	3	\$ 14,420	\$ 43,260
Tuition Adjustment	K-6	-	\$ 11,401	\$ 11,401
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>\$ 114,893</b>	<b>\$ 324,341</b>
Mill River H.S	7-12	4	\$ 16,218	\$ 64,874
Maple Street School	7-8	2	\$ 14,726	\$ 29,452
Long Trail School	7-12	2	\$ 14,726	\$ 29,452
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	5	\$ 16,789	\$ 83,945
Rutland Public School	7-12	3	\$ 14,420	\$ 43,260
Rutland Town	7-12	1	\$ 13,699	\$ 13,699
FairHaven	7-12	1	\$ 14,600	\$ 14,600
New Student - School Unknown	7-12	1	\$ 16,218	\$ 16,218
Tuition Adjustment	7-12	-	\$ 2,985	\$ 2,985
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>\$ 124,382</b>	<b>\$ 298,484</b>
<b>Grant Total</b>		<b>43</b>		<b>\$ 622,826</b>

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Actual FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>				
Interest Income CB Checki	-	20	-	-
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 19.76</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT</b>				
Ira	32,863	32,863	36,147	30,400
Middletown Springs	84,115	94,123	97,792	96,361
Poultney	270,562	270,562	296,966	292,890
Tinmouth	60,998	-	-	-
Wells	99,804	110,689	101,009	112,091
<b>CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT</b>	<b>\$ 548,341.73</b>	<b>\$ 508,236.89</b>	<b>\$ 531,914.96</b>	<b>\$ 531,742.46</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>				
Miscellaneous Income	-	5,055	-	-
Misc - Fingerprinting	-	710	-	-
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,764.23</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 548,341.73</b>	<b>\$ 514,020.88</b>	<b>\$ 531,914.96</b>	<b>\$ 531,742.46</b>

	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Actual FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>
<b>EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT</b>				
Crclm Crdntr K Marcoux.25	10,000	1,500	-	-
Fica & Medi	765	115	-	-
Prof Services	2,250	-	-	-
Travel	200	-	200	200
Supplies	400	-	400	200
Dues & Fees	2,250	300	1,500	500
<b>EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 15,865.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,914.79</b>	<b>\$ 2,100.00</b>	<b>\$ 900.00</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Tech Crdntr G Styles .40	-	25,500	26,265	26,265
Tech Gary Ackerman	30,000	345	-	-
Insurance Buyback	750	-	-	-
Group Health Insurance	-	3,047	2,961	3,179
Fica & Medi	2,352	1,977	2,009	2,009
Dental/Eye Care	243	-	194	194
Professional Services	1,500	-	-	-
Communication	200	-	-	-
Travel	2,000	207	1,350	1,350
Supplies-Tech Related	3,000	3,218	2,000	4,000
Computer Software	3,000	-	3,000	-
Dues & Fees - Spam Filter	3,000	4,473	3,000	4,500
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$ 46,044.88</b>	<b>\$ 38,767.10</b>	<b>\$ 40,778.77</b>	<b>\$ 41,497.65</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Admin Asst J Hughes	35,256	38,241	39,388	39,390
Board Secretary	1,000	375	1,000	1,000
Group Health Insurance	13,856	12,163	14,548	7,948
Fica & Medi	2,774	2,821	3,090	3,090
Municipal Retirement	1,450	1,545	1,616	1,616
Dental/Eye Care	485	78	485	485
Legal Fees	6,000	14,785	6,000	6,000
Legal Fees - Special Ed	4,000	2,900	4,000	4,000
Repair/Maint Services	4,000	2,031	3,500	2,500
Insurance	2,414	2,507	2,500	2,500
Communications	8,000	6,877	8,000	7,000
Advertising	2,750	2,090	2,500	2,500
Travel	700	629	700	700



**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Actual FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>
Supplies	6,000	3,264	6,000	4,000
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	350	210	350	350
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 89,034.80</b>	<b>\$ 90,514.96</b>	<b>\$ 93,676.60</b>	<b>\$ 83,078.35</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>				
Superintendent J Paustian	109,304	112,838	115,960	115,960
Group Health Insurance	13,856	13,971	14,548	15,623
Fica & Medi	8,362	8,405	8,871	8,871
Life Insurance	1,240	1,240	1,240	1,240
Dental/Eye Care	485	485	485	485
Travel	2,250	1,812	2,250	2,250
Supplies	375	-	375	-
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	4,850	4,923	4,850	5,000
<b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>	<b>\$ 140,721.42</b>	<b>\$ 143,673.81</b>	<b>\$ 148,579.91</b>	<b>\$ 149,428.78</b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>				
Payroll/Bene L Alderman	29,991	32,526	33,502	33,501
RSWSU Treasurer	1,807	1,862	1,917	1,917
Business Mgr L Milazzo	69,878	73,000	75,190	75,190
AP/AR Clerk K Marino	28,197	31,671	31,595	32,547
Group Health Insurance	32,670	32,943	34,304	36,838
Fica & Medi	12,435	9,862	10,879	10,951
Municipal Retirement	5,123	5,536	5,688	5,650
Workmans Comp	4,696	4,552	3,344	3,497
Unemployment	4,491	1,174	1,209	504
Dental/Eye Care	1,455	1,455	1,455	1,455
Professional Services	2,000	-	-	-
Prof Svs - Finger Print	-	572	-	-
Audit	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
Repair & Maint - Tech Rel	2,000	1,887	2,000	2,000
Travel	2,250	1,485	2,250	2,250
Supplies	2,500	2,007	2,000	2,000
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	1,500	431	1,250	1,250
Misc. Expenditures	16,414	-	-	6,136
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 224,006.02</b>	<b>\$ 207,562.63</b>	<b>\$ 213,182.52</b>	<b>\$ 222,285.14</b>
<b>PLANT OPERATIONS &amp; MAINT</b>				
Prof Services - Cleaning	1,500	1,328	1,500	1,500
Building Rent	30,920	30,920	31,847	32,803
Supplies	250	249	250	250
<b>PLANT OPERATIONS &amp; MAINT</b>	<b>\$ 32,669.57</b>	<b>\$ 32,496.72</b>	<b>\$ 33,597.16</b>	<b>\$ 34,552.57</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 548,341.69</b>	<b>\$ 514,930.01</b>	<b>\$ 531,914.96</b>	<b>\$ 531,742.49</b>

\* .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 FY15</u>	<u>Actual FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>
<b>SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT</b>				
Ira	4,227	4,153	2,417	3,330
Middletown Springs	17,754	17,444	20,145	19,150
Poultney	63,405	62,299	64,465	67,442
Tinmouth	8,454	-	-	-
Wells	26,208	25,750	28,203	24,979
<b>SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 120,047.63</b>	<b>\$ 109,646.01</b>	<b>\$ 115,231.16</b>	<b>\$ 114,901.42</b>
<b>SPECIAL ED BILLBACK</b>		16,153	-	-
Middletown Springs	103,011	40,414	123,949	54,778
Poultney	576,179	238,929	644,076	197,616
Tinmouth	67,415	-	-	-
Wells	153,614	97,085	164,471	75,972
<b>SPECIAL ED BILLBACK</b>	<b>\$ 900,218.43</b>	<b>\$ 392,579.60</b>	<b>\$ 932,495.97</b>	<b>\$ 328,365.95</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,266.06</b>	<b>\$ 502,225.61</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,727.13</b>	<b>\$ 443,267.37</b>
<b>SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION</b>				
SpEd Drctr T Rescott .75	-	54,750	56,393	56,393
SpEd Director P Eaton	54,621	-	-	-
Admin Asst M Muratorri	26,619	28,782	29,645	-
Admin Asst R Putnam	-	-	-	29,640
Insurance Buyback	1,500	3,000	2,625	2,625
Group Health Insurance	15,233	-	7,400	-
Fica & Medi	6,330	6,620	6,783	6,782
Municipal Retirement	1,125	1,211	1,246	1,186
Workmans Comp	1,580	5,729	1,468	7,749
Unemployment	1,755	459	473	277
Tuition Reimbursement	3,300	-	3,000	1,238
Dental/Eye Care	849	436	849	849
Repair & Maintenance	2,000	1,446	2,000	2,000
Communications	1,350	1,325	1,350	1,350
Advertising	750	137	750	750
Supplies	500	311	500	500
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	750	359	750	750
Misc. Expenditures	1,786	-	-	2,814
<b>SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 120,047.62</b>	<b>\$ 104,564.76</b>	<b>\$ 115,231.17</b>	<b>\$ 114,901.41</b>
<b>TINMOUTH SPECIAL ED</b>				
Tinmouth Teacher	32,571	-	-	-
Group Health Insurance	13,383	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	3,544	-	-	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	-	-	-
Dental & Eye	500	-	-	-
<b>TINMOUTH SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 51,497.88</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>WELLS SPECIAL ED</b>				
Wells Teacher	51,157	-	53,317	-
Group Health Insurance	13,855	-	14,549	-
Fica & Medi	5,566	-	4,079	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	-	1,500	-
Dental & Eye	550	-	550	-
<b>WELLS SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 72,627.24</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 73,994.83</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED</b>				
Middletown Teacher	39,618	-	42,296	-
Group Health Insurance	17,940	-	18,837	-
Fica & Medi	4,310	-	3,236	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	-	1,500	-
Dental & Eye	500	-	500	-
<b>MIDDLETOWN SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 63,867.76</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 66,369.04</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
SPECIAL ED BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Actual FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>
<b>PES SPECIAL ED</b>				
PES Teacher Dunleavy	48,654	-	40,580	-
PES Teacher - Lloyd	38,010	-	40,580	-
Teacher S Kinney .40	24,149	24,447	25,781	-
PES Teacher - Pease	-	-	45,656	-
Insurance Buyback	1,500	-	1,500	-
Group Health Insurance	13,976	2,843	23,232	-
Fica & Medi	12,171	1,829	11,788	-
Tuition Reimbursement	3,750	-	5,100	-
Dental & Eye	1,213	194	1,649	-
TSA Match	-	489	516	-
<b>PES SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 143,422.06</b>	<b>\$ 29,801.63</b>	<b>\$ 196,381.82</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>PHS SPECIAL ED</b>				
PHS Teacher - Chase	36,748	-	40,445	-
PHS Teacher - Kerber	37,884	-	41,838	-
PHS Teacher - Colutti	41,629	-	44,354	-
PHS Teacher - Burch	42,723	-	44,443	-
Insurance Buyback	2,554	-	1,500	-
Group Health Insurance	27,952	-	41,452	-
Fica & Medi	17,492	-	13,202	-
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	-	6,000	-
Dental & Eye	1,940	-	1,940	-
<b>PHS SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 214,921.32</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 235,174.27</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>SPEECH SERVICES</b>				
Speech Services H Weeden	81,000	86,400	85,933	85,932
Speech Services K Stedman	85,313	87,953	90,508	90,508
Speech Services K Riley	33,095	34,040	32,121	31,975
Group Health Insurance	10,215	4,801	4,797	7,767
Fica & Medi	21,237	15,758	15,955	15,944
Dental/Eye	267	204	243	243
Misc. Expenditures	1,069	-	-	8,010
<b>SPEECH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 232,195.15</b>	<b>\$ 229,155.65</b>	<b>\$ 229,555.95</b>	<b>\$ 240,378.45</b>
<b>OT SERVICES</b>				
OT Services B Tyler .60	49,980	51,475	53,019	31,812
Substitute	-	-	-	-
Buyback	-	750	-	900
Group Health Insurance	13,855	8,246	19,502	-
Fica & Medi	5,323	3,770	4,056	2,502
Municipal Retirement	1,999	2,089	2,121	-
Dental/Eyecare	485	165	485	291
<b>OT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 71,641.68</b>	<b>\$ 66,495.44</b>	<b>\$ 79,182.64</b>	<b>\$ 35,505.47</b>
<b>PT SERVICES</b>				
PT M Duffy .80	36,146	49,841	38,350	38,350
Group Health Benefits	8,313	11,200	8,729	9,374
Fica & Medi	3,850	3,303	2,934	2,934
Retirement	1,446	1,986	1,534	1,534
Dental/Eyecare	291	388	291	291
<b>PT SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 50,045.37</b>	<b>\$ 66,717.77</b>	<b>\$ 51,837.41</b>	<b>\$ 52,482.04</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,020,266.08</b>	<b>\$ 496,735.25</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,727.13</b>	<b>\$ 443,267.37</b>

Director of Student Support Services Annual Town Report  
Submitted for the 2014-2015 School Year  
On 1/15/2016

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, 2015 our Child Count for special education recognized 111 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

District: Ira County: Rutland		T101 Rutland Southwest		Property dollar equivalent yield	Homestead tax rate per \$9,870 of spending per equalized pupil
				9,870	1.00
				11,065	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
Expenditures		FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$870,923	\$758,118	\$746,021	\$707,300
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$870,923	\$758,118	\$746,021	\$707,300
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$870,923</b>	<b>\$758,118</b>	<b>\$746,021</b>	<b>\$707,300</b>
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-
Revenues					
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$227,719	\$135,167	\$76,848	\$91,271
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-
13.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$227,719</b>	<b>\$135,167</b>	<b>\$76,848</b>	<b>\$91,271</b>
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$643,204</b>	<b>\$622,951</b>	<b>\$669,173</b>	<b>\$616,029</b>
15.	Equalized Pupils	68.76	66.35	64.03	61.79
16.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$9,354.33</b>	<b>\$9,388.86</b>	<b>\$10,450.93</b>	<b>\$9,969.71</b>
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	NA
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	NA
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	NA
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	NA	-	NA
25.	Allowable growth per pupil spending threshold (secs. 37 & 38, Act 46, 2015)	threshold = \$15,450 NA	threshold = \$16,168 NA	threshold = \$17,103 NA	District Threshold -
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$9,354	\$9,389	\$10,451	\$9,969.71
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	102.222% based on \$9,157	101.119% based on \$9,285	110.487% based on \$9,459	NA
Prorating the local tax rate					
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$9,969.71 + (\$9,870.00 / \$1.000)]	\$0.9609 based on \$0.94	\$0.9910 based on \$0.98	\$1.0938 based on \$0.99	\$1.0101 based on \$1.00
30.	Percent of Ira equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.01)	\$0.9609	\$0.9910	\$1.0938	\$1.0101
32.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	90.69%	93.38%	100.41%	102.69%
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.0101 / 102.69%)	\$1.0595 based on \$0.94	\$1.0613 based on \$0.98	\$1.0893 based on \$0.99	\$0.9836 based on \$1.00
<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>					
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$9,969.71 + \$11,065) x 2.00%]	1.84% based on 1.80%	1.82% based on 1.80%	1.99% based on 1.80%	2.00% based on 2.00%
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.00%)	1.84% based on 1.80%	1.82% based on 1.84%	1.99% based on 1.94%	2.00% based on 2.00%
36.	Percent of equalized pupils at union 1	-	-	-	-
37.		-	-	-	-

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$9,955 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,157 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.538. New and updated data have changed the proposed property yield to \$9,870 and the income yield to \$11,065.  
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**REPORT OF EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
**2015-2016**

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 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 12 students in five morning class sessions. Essential Early Education children are served a 3 hour center-based program. 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 one 60% Instructional Assistant, one 50% Instructional Assistant and one 60% Teacher. A Speech/Language Pathologist, a Physical Therapist, and an Occupational Therapist serve students each week. The staff is currently serving approximately 12 children ages 3-5 years through our center-based program.

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. .

Other services provided by the Early Education Program include: preschool screenings for 3 and 4 year old children from Poultney and Wells 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

**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
EEE BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Actual FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>
<b>EEE ASSESSMENT</b>				
Poultney	108,331	71,382	83,154	81,175
Wells	14,444	9,518	-	-
<b>EEE ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 122,775.12</b>	<b>\$ 80,899.98</b>	<b>\$ 83,153.52</b>	<b>\$ 81,174.71</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 122,775.12</b>	<b>\$ 80,899.98</b>	<b>\$ 83,153.52</b>	<b>\$ 81,174.71</b>
<b>EEE DIRECT SVS</b>				
Teacher S. Kinney	60,372	36,671	38,672	38,370
IA D Ellis .60	18,707	11,787	11,909	11,908
IA EEE D Silvestri (.50)	-	-	-	8,036
IA EEE J DaCosta .50	7,576	7,689	8,037	-
Insurance Buyback	1,500	-	-	-
Group Health Insurance	7,049	4,265	4,440	4,742
Fica & Medi	9,389	4,191	4,484	4,461
Municipal Retirement	808	-	-	-
Workmans Comp	675	573	590	477
Unemployment	773	201	207	33
Tuition Reimbursement	1,650	-	1,650	990
Dental/Eye Care	970	359	291	291
TSA Match	1,207	426	773	767
Prof & Technical Services	-	895	-	-
Prof Svs - Kelly Services	2,000	449	2,000	2,000
Travel	500	-	500	-
Supplies	1,500	484	1,500	1,500
Dues & Fees	100	-	100	100
<b>EEE DIRECT SVS</b>	<b>\$ 114,775.13</b>	<b>\$ 67,989.23</b>	<b>\$ 75,153.53</b>	<b>\$ 73,674.71</b>
<b>EEE HEALTH SVS</b>				
Prof Svs - Health Svs	500	-	500	-
<b>EEE HEALTH SVS</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EEE PLANT OPERATIONS</b>				
Rentals & Leases	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
<b>EEE PLANT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 122,775.13</b>	<b>\$ 75,489.23</b>	<b>\$ 83,153.53</b>	<b>\$ 81,174.71</b>

### **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  
Joe DeBonis, Jr, 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:

Lisa Yates, Principal, 36 MWA Loop, 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.



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

**February 29, 2016 and March 1, 2016**

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, February 29 2016, to act on the articles 1 - 3 from the floor and to recess to Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10:00AM (polls open) through 7:00PM (polls close) to act on articles 4 and 5 by Australian Ballot:

**February 1, 2016**

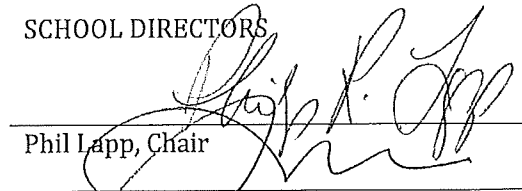
- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 2. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Ira School District approve the school board to expend \$707,299.56, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$9,970.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 4.6% lower than spending for the current year.
- Article 3. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.


**March 1, 2016**

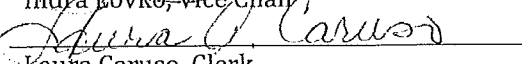
- Article 4. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To elect a school director for a term of three (3) years.

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 22, 2016.

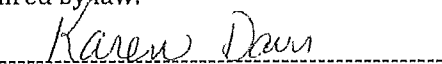
SCHOOL DIRECTORS

  
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Phil Lapp, Chair

  
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Indra Kovko, Vice Chair

  
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Laura Caruso, Clerk

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

  
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Town Clerk

# **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 24, 2016. The Town Clerk's office will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 pm on February 24<sup>th</sup> to accept applications to be added to the checklist.

The checklist will be posted by January 31, 2016. If your name is not on the list, an application to be added to the checklist must be completed by February 24, 2016.

### **EARLY ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS**

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day (March 1, 2016) can request an Early Absentee Voter Ballot.

Early Absentee Voter Ballots must be requested by Monday February 29, 2016. 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 1, 2016.

If you are ill or disabled two Justices of the Peace can deliver the ballot to you. Request must be made by 5:00 pm on February 29, 2016. 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.


**WARNING**  
**Town of Ira,**  
**Vermont**

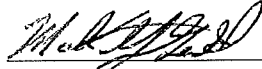
The legal voters of the Town of Ira, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ira Town Hall on Monday, February 29, 2016 at 7:30 pm for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 2 -14, and to meet again, on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, to act on Article 1 by Australian Ballot.

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 25, 2016?
Article 4.	Shall the voters establish a Town Garage Reserve Fund to cover the cost of engineering, design, construction, land acquisition and related costs in accordance with statute 24 VSA §2804?
Article 5.	To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$175,393 for General Town and Highway expenses?
Article 6.	Shall the Town of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$36,000 for the support of the Ira Volunteer Fire Department to provide services to the residents of Ira?
Article 7.	Shall the Town vote to authorize the expenditure of up to \$12,000 for the Rutland County Sheriff's Department to patrol the roads of Ira?
Article 8.	Shall the Town of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$825 for the support of the Ira Historical Society to provide necessary funds to incorporate, apply for tax exempt status and open a checking account?
Article 9.	Shall the Town of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,840 for the support of the Rutland Free Library?
Article 10.	Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$973 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice in Fiscal Year 2016? (\$250 for Rutland Area Hospice & \$723 for RAVNAH)
Article 11.	Shall the Town of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$300 for support of Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging to provide elder services to residents of the Town?
Article 12.	Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$286 for the support of Rutland Mental Health Services so that these services can be maintained?
Article 13.	Shall the Town vote of Ira to appropriate the sum of \$375 to support The RSVP & the Volunteer Center (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)?
Article 14.	To transact any other legal and proper business to come before this meeting.

Dated: January 27, 2016

  
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 Steve Martelle, Chair

  
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 Melanie MacDonal

  
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 Mark FitzGerald

Received and recorded this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016

## Town Officers

Elected March 3, 2015

Positions	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2015	3 Year	2018
	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 2015	1 Year	2016
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2013	3 Year	2016
	Bob Tyminski	March 2015	3 Year	2018
	Nathan Hewitt	March 2014	3 Year	2017
Moderator	Steve Pietryka	March 2014	1 Year	2016
School Directors	Indra Lovko	March 2013	3 Year	2016
	Laura Caruso	March 2015	3 Year	2018
	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
	John Capen	March 2015	3 Year	2018
	Melanie MacDonald	March 2015 to complete 2 yrs. of 3 yr. term	3 Year	2017
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2015	1 Year	2016
Town Agent	Tim Martin	March 2015	1 Year	2016
Town Clerk	Karen Davis	March 2015	3 Year	2018
Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2015	3 Year	2018
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	Nathan Hewitt Jean-Marie Raiche Barbara Favreau Christina Hewitt
Planning Commission	Tim Martin Bob Kirbach Bob Kulig Bob Toppin Barbara Cosgrove

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