

**2016**  
**Annual Report**



**Town of Ira, Vermont**

Year Ending December 31, 2016

## Cover Dedication

2016 Kenworth Truck  
Model # T270  
10' stainless steel dump body  
Stainless steel sander V Box spreader with screen  
6 cylinder diesel  
Automatic Transmission  
10' plow with wing

Purchased from Green Mountain Kenworth  
Went into service April 2016

With the addition of the wing on the new truck, the truck can stay more toward the center of the road instead of riding the ditch. The sander on the new truck is in the rear of the truck and broadcasts the width of the traveled section of the road... unlike the old truck where the sander was in front of the driver's side rear tire and sanded the center of the road.

Cover photo by Zoë Davis

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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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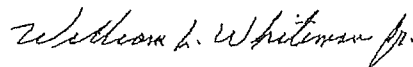
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# AUDITOR'S REPORT 2016

We have examined the financial records of the Town of Ira for the Year ending December 31, 2016. 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, 2016.

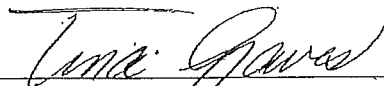
On June 15, 2016, a special informational meeting was held at the Town Hall to discuss benefits of moving to a fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> rather than the current December 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion was followed by a vote and the towns people approved changing to a fiscal year beginning in 2017. This fiscal year change is reflected in the town budget.

Dated January 17, 2017 at the Town Of Ira.



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William Whiteman



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Tina Graves



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Jerti Hoffman

Treasurer's Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF CASH BALANCES		
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016		
General Operating – Merchants		\$ 156,258.56
Petty Cash		300.00
Money Market – Merchants		
Building Reserve	\$ 35,000.00	
Cemetery Fund	33,757.65	
Professional Audit Reserve	12,000.00	
Reappraisal Reserve	21,993.33	
Garage Building Fund	40,000.00	
Money Market – Merchants–Other	66,381.63	
Total Money Market – Merchants		209,132.61
Equipment Savings		32,714.81
George Putnam Fund		4,835.02
Total Cash Balances		\$ 403,241.00

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	
2016 Kenworth T270	135,905.00	
Total Equipment		178,905.00
Total Assets		\$ 523,913.00

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED				
	Tax Rate	Grand List Value		
Non-Residential Education	1.4948	135,354.00	\$	202,327.05
Homestead Education	1.0008	314,443.00	\$	314,694.61
IVFD Reserve	0.0333	449,988.64	\$	14,984.68
Bond Payment	0.0378	449,988.64	\$	17,009.55
Articles	0.1191	449,988.64	\$	53,593.65
Highway Budget	0.2813	449,988.64	\$	126,581.81
Town Budget	0.0374	449,988.64	\$	16,829.56
Late Homestead Penalty			\$	312.76
Total Property Taxes Billed			\$	746,333.67
2016 Property Taxes Collected				624,025.25
State Payments				106,892.10
2016 Delinquent Property Taxes				15,416.32
			\$	746,333.67

TOWN OF IRA  
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND  
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES - CASH BASIS  
January 1 - December 31, 2016

REVENUES	
CURRENT TAXES GENERAL FUND	\$ 54,239.28
CURRENT TAXES HIGHWAY FUND	126,578.00
SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES	432,458.47 *
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	6,853.37
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	34,631.21
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	1,852.69
CURRENT USE	24,707.00
DOG LICENSES	238.00
BANK INTEREST	111.23
USE OF TOWN HALL	150.00
CIVIL FINES	1,615.10
RAILROAD TAX	7.71
FISH & GAME NATURAL RESOURCE/PILOT	2,183.21
PREVIOUS YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND	14,216.75
MISC. OTHER REVENUE	200.04
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	90.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	11,320.21
HIGHWAY GRANTS	18,763.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 730,215.27
GENERAL EXPENDITURES	
SELECTMEN SALARY	\$ 2,700.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SALARY	1,500.00
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00
AUDITORS SALARY	600.00
PAYROLL TAXES	2,152.81
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	925.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	220.00
POSTAGE	1,434.99
PHOTOCOPIER	1,947.00
LEGAL SERVICES	1,377.50
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARINGS	704.17
VLCT	1,352.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	3,470.21
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	10,326.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	2,971.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	993.91
COMPUTER SOFTWARE/HARDWARE	3,354.57
TOWN REPORT	810.00
RECORD RESTORATION	1,153.22
ELECTIONS	800.00
TRANSFER TO PROFESSIONAL AUDIT RESERVE	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	1,000.00
TRANSFER TO BUILDING RESERVE	5,000.00
IVFD TRUCK COMMITMENT	15,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	17,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	50.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	6,000.00
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK SALARY	175.00
LISTERS SALARY	1,800.00
CONSULTANT	2,634.68
TREASURER SALARY	8,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	791.85
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	211.03
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	2,035.53
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	851.41
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	970.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	826.00
TOWN HALL ELECTRIC	502.70
TOWN HALL HEAT	995.93
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	341.16
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	3,757.79
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	850.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING	273.00
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 111,486.46

ARTICLES			
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$	36,000.00	
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT		12,000.00	
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY		2,840.00	
RAVNAH & HOSPICE		973.00	
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL		300.00	
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH		286.00	
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CENTER		375.00	
IRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY		825.00	
TOTAL ARTICLES		<u>825.00</u>	\$ 53,599.00

HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES			
SALARIES	\$	12,000.00	
PAYROLL TAXES		2,149.29	
LABOR FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE		5,320.00	
SIGN AND BRIDGES		60.00	
ROADSIDE MOWING		1,200.00	
WINTER SAND		3,240.00	
GRAVEL		11,852.25	
WINTER SALT		3,473.10	
CHLORIDE		1,730.00	
CULVERTS INSTALLATION		2,677.48	
DITCHING		2,320.00	
GRADING		6,795.00	
EQUIPMENT RENTAL		495.00	
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT		110.13	
TRUCKING GRAVEL		4,514.10	
TRUCKING WINTER SAND/SALT		1,800.00	
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT		2,690.56	
TRUCK MAINTENANCE		8,492.64	
GRADER MAINTENANCE		1,458.38	
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE		2,265.68	
TRANSFER TO EQUIPMENT RESERVE		15,000.00	
TRANSFER TO GARAGE BUILDING FUND		40,000.00	
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC		570.12	
TOWN GARAGE HEAT		62.98	
TOWN GARAGE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE		1,412.75	
TOWN GARAGE MISCELLANEOUS		30.00	
HIGHWAY GRANT EXPENSE		28,929.82	
TOWN HIGHWAY		<u>28,929.82</u>	\$ 160,649.28
TRANSFER TO SCHOOL DISTRICT			\$ 432,458.47 *
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			<u>\$ 758,193.21</u>
GENERAL FUND DEFICIT			(24,079.87)
HIGHWAY FUND DEFICIT			(3,898.07)
TOTAL DEFICIT			<u>\$ (27,977.94)</u>

\* School taxes transferred to School District

Select Board Budget

	2016 BUDGET	2016 ACTUAL	6 months Budget FY - 2017	12 months Budget FY - 2018	Total
<b>TAX REVENUE</b>					
CURRENT GENERAL FUND TAXES	48,815.00	54,239.28	46,430.00	77,338.00	123,768.00
MUNICIPAL TAX ADJUSTMENT	5,000.00	6,853.37	-	6,000.00	6,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX REVENUE	39,841.00	34,631.21	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
DELINQUENT TAX INTEREST	2,000.00	1,852.69	-	500.00	500.00
CURRENT USE	25,000.00	24,707.00	-	25,000.00	25,000.00
DOG LICENSES	200.00	238.00	200.00	200.00	400.00
BANK INTEREST	70.00	111.23	50.00	100.00	150.00
USE OF TOWN HALL	-	150.00	-	-	-
CIVIL FINES	1,500.00	1,615.10	800.00	1,000.00	1,800.00
RAILROAD TAX	-	7.71	-	-	-
F&G NAT RESOURCE/PILOT	2,000.00	2,183.21	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
PREV YEAR SCHOOL TAX REFUND	12,000.00	14,216.75	-	-	-
MISC OTHER REVENUE	-	200.04	-	-	-
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-12,611.00	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>123,815.00</b>	<b>141,005.59</b>	<b>47,480.00</b>	<b>122,138.00</b>	<b>169,618.00</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
SELECTMAN SALARY	2,700.00	2,700.00	-	2,700.00	2,700.00
ADMIN ASST SALARY	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
HEALTH OFFICER	200.00	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
AUDITORS SALARY	600.00	600.00	-	600.00	600.00
PAYROLL TAXES	3,000.00	2,152.81	1,500.00	3,000.00	4,500.00
CONSULTANTS/TAX MAPS	1,000.00	-	-	700.00	700.00
RUTLAND REG PLANNING COMMISSION	925.00	925.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
EDUCATION SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS	1,500.00	220.00	250.00	750.00	1,000.00
POSTAGE	1,200.00	1,434.99	1,300.00	2,000.00	3,300.00
PHOTOCOPIER	2,000.00	1,947.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
LEGAL SERVICES	2,000.00	1,377.50	2,000.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
ADVERTISING NOTICES/HEARING	800.00	704.17	800.00	1,000.00	1,800.00
VLCT	1,352.00	1,352.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
RUTLAND COUNTY TAX	3,598.00	3,470.21	-	3,600.00	3,600.00
REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE	1,728.00	1,728.00	-	1,728.00	1,728.00
INSURANCE LIABILITY	9,004.00	10,326.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
INSURANCE WORKERS COMP	4,500.00	2,971.00	-	4,000.00	4,000.00
TOWN OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,000.00	993.91	600.00	1,100.00	1,700.00
COMP SOFT/HARDWARE	4,300.00	3,354.57	-	4,300.00	4,300.00
TOWN REPORT	800.00	810.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
RECORDS RESTORATION	1,200.00	1,153.22	-	500.00	500.00
ELECTIONS	1,000.00	800.00	700.00	700.00	1,400.00
TRANSFER TO AUDIT FUND	1,500.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO CEMETERY FUND	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
TRANSFER TO BUILDING RESTORATION	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	-
IRVD TRUCK COMMITMENT	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,000.00
TOWN OFFICE MORTGAGE	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00	10,625.00	21,250.00
MORTGAGE INTEREST	6,375.00	6,375.00	5,950.00	5,525.00	11,475.00
MISCELLANEOUS	250.00	50.00	125.00	250.00	375.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00
ASST TOWN CLERK SALARY	500.00	175.00	250.00	500.00	750.00
LISTERS SALARY	1,800.00	1,800.00	-	1,800.00	1,800.00
CONSULTANT	3,000.00	2,634.68	1,500.00	4,000.00	5,500.00
TREASURER SALARY	8,000.00	8,000.00	5,000.00	8,000.00	13,000.00
CONSTABLE SALARY	200.00	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT	-	-	4,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00
TOWN OFFICE ELECTRIC	1,000.00	791.85	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
TOWN OFFICE HEAT	1,000.00	211.03	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE TELEPHONE	2,000.00	2,035.53	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	851.41	750.00	1,500.00	2,250.00
TOWN OFFICE LAWN MOWING	800.00	970.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
TOWN OFFICE CLEANING	800.00	826.00	450.00	900.00	1,350.00
TOWN HALL LIGHTS	1,200.00	502.70	400.00	700.00	1,100.00
TOWN HALL HEAT	2,000.00	995.93	500.00	1,200.00	1,700.00
TOWN HALL TELEPHONE	360.00	341.16	180.00	360.00	540.00
TOWN HALL REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	6,000.00	3,757.79	1,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00
TOWN HALL LAWN MOWING	700.00	850.00	450.00	900.00	1,350.00
TOWN HALL CLEANING	300.00	273.00	150.00	300.00	450.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>123,815.00</b>	<b>111,486.46</b>	<b>47,480.00</b>	<b>122,138.00</b>	<b>169,618.00</b>



Select Board Budget

	2016 BUDGET	2016 ACTUAL	6 months Budget FY - 2017	12 months Budget FY - 2018	Total
<b>ARTICLES</b>					
IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	36,000.00	36,000.00	-	-	
RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY	2,840.00	2,840.00	-	-	
RAVNAH & HOSPICE	973.00	973.00	-	-	
SOUTHWESTERN VT COUNCIL	300.00	300.00	-	-	
RUTLAND MENTAL HEALTH	286.00	286.00	-	-	
RSVP & VOLUNTEER CTR	375.00	375.00	-	-	
IRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY	825.00	825.00	-	-	
RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFFS DEPT	12,000.00	12,000.00	-	-	
<b>TOTAL ARTICLES</b>	<b>53,599.00</b>	<b>53,599.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY TAX REVENUE</b>					
CURRENT HIGHWAY TAXES	126,578.00	126,578.00	26,600.00	114,400.00	141,000.00
OVERWEIGHT PERMITS	100.00	90.00	-	100.00	100.00
STATE AID TO BACK ROADS	11,000.00	11,320.21	5,500.00	11,000.00	16,500.00
HIGHWAY GRANTS	-	18,763.00	-	-	0.00
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	48,422.00	-	-	-	0.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY REVENUE</b>	<b>186,100.00</b>	<b>156,751.21</b>	<b>32,100.00</b>	<b>125,500.00</b>	<b>157,600.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES</b>					
SALARIES	18,000.00	12,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00	20,000.00
FICA/MEDI EXPENSE	2,500.00	2,149.29	1,250.00	2,500.00	3,750.00
LABOR FOR RD MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	5,320.00	3,000.00	8,000.00	11,000.00
SIGNS/BRIDGES	600.00	60.00	-	300.00	300.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	2,000.00	1,200.00	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
WINTER SAND	8,000.00	3,240.00	-	8,000.00	8,000.00
GRAVEL	15,000.00	11,852.25	2,000.00	15,000.00	17,000.00
WINTER SALT	5,500.00	3,473.10	-	5,500.00	5,500.00
CHLORIDE	6,000.00	1,730.00	-	3,000.00	3,000.00
CULVERTS & INSTALLATION	10,000.00	2,677.48	2,000.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
DITCHING	8,000.00	2,320.00	2,500.00	6,000.00	8,500.00
GRADING	12,000.00	6,795.00	3,000.00	10,000.00	13,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	3,000.00	495.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	1,500.00	110.13	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
TRUCKING GRAVEL	10,000.00	4,514.10	2,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00
TRUCKING WINTER SAND/SALT	4,000.00	1,800.00	-	4,000.00	4,000.00
DIESEL FUEL FOR EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	2,690.56	1,500.00	3,000.00	4,500.00
TRUCK MAINTENANCE	8,000.00	8,492.64	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
GRADER MAINTENANCE	2,500.00	1,458.38	1,250.00	2,500.00	3,750.00
BACKHOE MAINTENANCE	2,500.00	2,265.68	1,250.00	3,000.00	4,250.00
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	15,000.00
TRANSFER TO BUILDING FUND	40,000.00	40,000.00	-	-	-
TOWN GARAGE ELECTRIC	500.00	570.12	400.00	800.00	1,200.00
HEAT	1,000.00	62.98	100.00	400.00	500.00
REPAIRS/ MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	1,412.75	750.00	1,500.00	2,250.00
MISC TOWN GARAGE	1,500.00	30.00	100.00	500.00	600.00
GRANT EXPENSE	-	28,929.82	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>186,100.00</b>	<b>160,649.28</b>	<b>32,100.00</b>	<b>125,500.00</b>	<b>157,600.00</b>

### Select Board Report

This year has been a busy year at the Select Board. Much has been accomplished and a lot of research and education was involved. Several road projects were completed and made possible by Better Road Grants through the Department of Transportation with a value of \$18,763:

- Culverts #33 and #36 on the Cross Road replaced
- A new catch basin and culvert installed on the West Road near the Middletown Hill Road intersection
- Culverts #51 and # 52 on Pyka Road replaced
- Ditching and reshaping of Pyka Road
- Network Inventory and Capital Budget Grant (\$2,721) to be completed in 2017

We took delivery of the new Kenworth Truck and you can read more about the truck in the dedication on the inside front cover of the town report.

The select board meeting minutes are posted on the town's website for more information regarding 2016.

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

The select board meets at 5:30 pm on the first Monday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Your input would be helpful and appreciated.

Steve Martelle, Chair  
Melanie MacDonald, Select Board Member  
Robert Toppin, 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 \$9.00 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 101 dogs licensed in 2016: 92 spayed/neutered and 9 unspayed/un-neutered for revenue of \$238 for the Town. Licenses will be available on Town Voting Day, March 7, 2017 during voting hours.

The Town Office will continue to serve the community by offering motor vehicle renewal registrations, Fish and Wildlife licenses, copies of vital records, marriage licenses, Green Mountain Passports and free notary services. The various associations and agencies annual reports will be available at the Town Office during normal office hours

Beginning with Town Meeting this year we will vote at the Town Office for all elections. Polls will open at 10:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. Also new this year, eligible persons may register to vote on any day up to and including the day of election. Voter registration is available during normal business hours on the days preceding the election and during polling hours on Election Day.

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

Karen Davis  
Town Clerk

## Ira Cemetery 2016

The cemetery committee would like to thank the people who came out for the annual work day. We can always use the extra help. More gravestones were repaired. We anticipate having our next annual work day in early summer. Our continued focus will be on repairing gravestones and painting the shed.

Effective July 1, 2017 the cost of resident and non-resident lots will increase by \$100.00 for a single lot and \$200.00 for a double lot. A permit fee of \$100.00 will also be required to have a grave opened and/or a monument set. This has been done to help cover operating costs and upkeep of the cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a lot, contact the town clerk.

Ira Cemetery Committee

Nathan Hewitt  
 Barbara Favreau  
 Jean Marie Raiche  
 Christina Hewitt

Ira Riverside Cemetery			
Revenue			
	Lot Sales & Contributions	\$271.00	
	Gain/(loss) Investments	355.06	
	Transfer from General Fund	1,000.00	
Total Revenue			\$1,626.06
Expenditures			
	Repairs and Maintenance	\$230.33	
	Cemetery Wages	1,900.00	
	Payroll Taxes	145.35	
Total Expenditures			\$2,275.68
			(\$649.62)

### Regional Ambulance Service

Regional Ambulance was formed 33 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 2016.

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.rasvt.com](http://www.rasvt.com) for more information on their services and membership details.

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT – December 31, 2016**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>		<u>Total Due</u>
Bowen, J	2016	\$	6.01
Bullock, Barbara	2016		1182.08
Clark, Robert H Jr.	2012		2181.47
Crossman, Timothy D	2015		702.17
	2016		693.28
Czarnecki, Paul	2016		106.92
Fitzgerald, Clyde	2011		262.72
	2013		621.35
	2014		656.71
	2016		623.15
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2016		1009.74
Killoleet Rock, LLC	2016		2773.25
North Meadows, Inc.	2013		13.98
	2014		14.78
	2015		14.20
	2016		14.02
North, Russell K	2016		96.55
Notte, Albert	2016		1150.39
Prescott, Neal W	2013		179.81
	2014		190.05
	2015		182.64
	2016		180.33
Secretary of Housing	2016		2560.72
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			15,416.32

**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)

## Town Hall Committee – 2016

The Town Hall Committee met once in 2016. Steve Martelle (certified building inspector) reviewed the Town Hall and has submitted a formal report which is available at the town office.

The sills on a number of the windows on the ground floor are showing some signs of rot and need some attention. The floor of the hall is starting to heave and needs further inspection to determine how to fix it. In 2015 the west side of the slate roof was worked on by Primo Roofing. This year 90 slates were repaired or replaced on the east side to complete the project. The floors were refinished this fall. Numerous smaller repair items were identified and will be addressed in 2017.

A representative from the Preservation Trust did her annual inspection and requested Ira to follow up and get a certified mason to repoint some of the brick work. The representative also has shared some contact information from other towns that have been able to use the upstairs of their town hall. In 2017 the committee will reach out to those towns for information.

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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](http://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.

### Vital Statistics

#### Births

<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Clark Kahle Jones	M	June 3, 2016	Erin Kahle & Andrew Jones

#### Marriages

		<u>Date of Marriage</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
Sarah Joy Hewitt	Caleb Jeffrey Broome	August 6, 2016	Ira
Jason David Yendell	Rosa Lynn Nash	September 18, 2016	Wallingford
Jason David Rockwell	Jenilee Elizabeth Raiche	September 24, 2016	Ira

#### Deaths

	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Robert A Tyminski	59	March 16, 2016
Thomas H Pawlusiak	66	June 21, 2016
John A Johnson	68	July 31, 2016
Francis J Pawlusiak	72	November 14, 2016

#### Ira Historical Society

Thanks to generous funding from the town, the Society applied for and received tax exempt status as a 501(c) (3) non profit organization from the IRS. Donations and memberships are now tax deductible on Federal tax forms. Membership fees are \$10.00 for individuals and \$15.00 for families. We continue to have an active website at [www.iravhs.com](http://www.iravhs.com) thanks to Lew Hoffman. The Society holds meetings every three months and all interested are welcome to attend. Thank you for your support.

## Rutland Free Library Update

As “our” library enters its 130<sup>th</sup> year, there is an increasing demand and appreciation for cultural and educational programming, access to computers for research and career growth, availability of a diverse collection of books, periodicals and DVD’s, and online resources. Over the past twelve months RFL staff has helped young children learn to love reading; hosted dozens of public forums on a wide range of important issues, assisted local groups such as the Young Professionals introduce the area to statewide audiences, partnered with organizations such as Wonderfeet Kids Museum, Rutland Area Homeschoolers, and the Rutland County Parent-Child Center to maximize resources and services; collaborated with CCV to provide free job skills and technology training, and supported students of both online and local colleges. In contrast to many other libraries across the state, RFL’s circulation numbers are up and its meeting spaces both large and small are increasingly booked solid. RFL staff also secured special funding to help replace worn flooring and remodel two public restrooms. As one recent RFL patron commented: *Thank you for being so responsive, accommodating & kind...public libraries rule!*

Recently one unanticipated issue has emerged for RFL, related to how the guideline language of the Nella Fox Fund is interpreted. Basically the guideline states the fund is to be used for books, periodicals and programming. Our long-standing accountant had interpreted the guideline to include e- books, even though these could not have been imagined during Ms. Fox’s lifetime. Operating under this interpretation RFL has always been in strict compliance in its use of the Nella Fox funds. However, this past July RFL engaged a different accountant who assumed a more literal/conservative interpretation of the guideline, that it applies to “regular print” books/periodicals only. RFL is in the process of securing a “legal opinion” regarding a 21<sup>st</sup> century definition of “books”, and hopefully this issue will be resolved soon. Meanwhile RFL is now following the more conservative definition of books and is currently compliant with its use of the Nella funds. Unfortunately, this shift has some negative budgetary implications, which the RFL Director and Board of Trustees are actively addressing.

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 \$2801 be placed on the March 2017 ballot. This is a decrease in funding, since the Rutland Board of Aldermen decided to approve only level funding, and contributing towns generally following suit. Clearly these towns could also choose to vote for a larger contribution.

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

## Constables Report 2016

There have been 3 break-ins / thefts in 2016 that have been reported this year. Ira is not alone. Middletown Springs, Tinmouth, West Rutland, and Clarendon use the services of the Sheriff's patrol as well. As presented in the Sheriff's report, "the effect of drug abuse is real" which has shown up in the crime rate in our communities. The Sheriff's Patrol has been doing road patrols and traffic stops in order to show their presence in town.

The Constables have provided house watch services, they have responded to an animal control issue, and they took care of a sick racoon.

Keep your doors and cars locked up and report any suspicious activity. For all emergencies call 911.

Mike Ryan, 1<sup>st</sup> Constable – 438-5505 or 438-2996  
Fran Lloyd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable – 235-9317

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### 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 16 members under the leadership of Richard Gallo. 4 Meetings were held in 2016. Meetings are held on the last Monday of the third month, once a quarter. Next meeting to be held on April 24th, 2017, 6:30pm at the Ira Town Hall.

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 2 break-ins, 175 fines issued, 1 domestic, 1 theft and 1 call for suspicious activity.

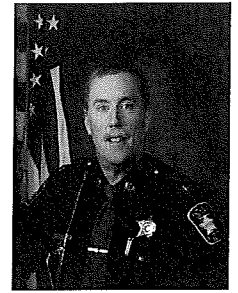
If you are going away the Sheriff's Patrol will send out one of their officers to check on your house for towns under contract. Contact the Sheriff's office for the details. There have been a number of residents that have installed security systems in their homes. There are a number of installers listed in the yellow pages.

Richard





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



**Stephen P.**

Established  
**Benard 1781**  
SHERIFF

## **2016 REPORT**

The Rutland County Sheriff's Department has added several new deputies this year, bringing our staffing to thirty-two sworn officers. Of these, fifteen are currently Level III certified, and we are planning on sending three deputies to the Level III training (16 weeks) at the Vermont Police Academy in February 2017. This will allow us to continue to provide the citizens of Rutland County with the high level of service that they have come to expect. We currently have full service patrol contracts in twelve towns in Rutland County, along with several private contracts and upwards of seven deputies a day assigned to court details.

Again, this year, we are seeing the effects of drug abuse in our communities. The number of quality of life complaints, petty thefts and misc. crimes accounts for many our complaints. Dealing with these issues takes time away from bigger investigations. Please continue to be aware of your surroundings, keep track of what is happening in your neighborhoods and do not ever hesitate to call us of any law enforcement agency if you see something that you think is out of place.

This year we are also taking part in a pilot project, partnering with the Vermont Governors Highway Safety Program. We are the coordinators of all highway safety efforts in the County. This has led to our ability to offer educational classes to our schools and coordinate and conduct saturation patrols and checkpoints in areas identified as high crash corridors. We have aggressive goals of increasing seatbelt use in the county, reducing crashes and distracted driving through a combination of education and enforcement. If you would like to learn more about this partnership, or schedule an educational session or talk on highways safety for your club or organization please contact Lt. Kevin Geno at our office.

I want to thank the Jean Colutti and Dave Lewis, our County Side Judges, the Select board and the citizens for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen P. Benard  
Sheriff

IRA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2016

Incident Reports 2016	Mutual Aid
1 Brush Fire	Middletown (6)
3 Auto accidents	4 Standby
1 Auto Fire	1 Brush Fire
2 Chimney Fires	1 House Fire
1 Missing Person	Tinmouth (5)
1 Fire Alarm Activation	3 Standby
	2 House Fires
Total Calls: 20	

The Fire Department started off busy this year with multiple calls mutual aid to surrounding towns as well as our own. That being said, the latter part of the year was a time to enhance our training. Once every two weeks there were drills which included live fires, hose lines, mutual aid, water supply, car extrication, rope rescue, and numerous other drills with surrounding departments.

The budget allowed for new equipment to be purchased to keep the apparel and trucks up to date with current regulations. One thousand feet of three inch hose was replaced on Engine 1, new hose nozzles, six inch suction pipe to replace the aging leaky pipes, and one pair of firefighter turnout gear to replace the outdated gear of one interior firefighter. The tires of Rescue 2 were replaced as well as regular maintenance to the trucks.

With the recent change in 2015 to the dispatch call center, we have added a secondary more detailed paging system which allows for pages to be sent via cellular devices. The base station at the fire department allows for tracking of all firefighters responding to the station and/or directly to the scene by a GPS tracking system. We continue to ask that you be as specific as possible with any calls to dispatch as service comes out of Rockingham, VT rather than Rutland as previous.

This past Fall we had an open house at the department which allowed for several new faces to inquire about the application process. We would like to include that anyone interesting in joining or supporting the Ira Volunteer Fire Department is welcome to contact any of the current members or by calling (802) 747-8398. Fire permits can be obtained by that same number. We continue to advise safety with chimneys as this time of year warrants extra caution. We would like to thank those who donated time, money, and other items to the department making 2016 a successful and safe year. Here's to the same in 2017.

2016 Membership:

Tim Perry, Chief	Bob Toppin	Jeff St. Germain
Dan Perry, Asst. Chief	Fran Llyod	Nick Cupoli
Steve Martelle, President	Bill Johnson	Macalyster Perry
Bill Whiteman, Treasurer	Josh Melen	
Ashley Melen, Secretary	Marcus Rockwell	

**Ira Volunteer Fire Department  
Treasurer's Report  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

**Note: The Actual for 2016 is for 12 months while the Budget is for 18 months.**

	2016 Actual	Budget for Jan 2017 to June 2018
<b>Bank Balance at 12-31-2015</b>	<b>\$ 27,213.74</b>	
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Town of Ira	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 44,901.00
Town of Ira - Reserve Fund for Engine 2	15,000.00	10,000.00
Corporate Contributions	190.00	240.00
Individual Contribution	1,700.00	
Dividend - Credit Union of VT	25.67	
Total Revenue	<b>52,915.67</b>	<b>55,141.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Loan on Engine 2 - Principal	15,913.28	10,000.00
Loan on Engine 2 - Interest	1,166.72	1,710.00
Firefighter Apparel	661.76	900.00
Air Pack Maintenance	629.00	1,050.00
Dues & Memberships	360.00	400.00
Building Maintenance & Repairs		1,500.00
Electricity	1,065.03	1,800.00
Telephone	348.30	600.00
Building & Vehicle Liability Insurance	4,588.00	4,600.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	1,123.00	1,116.00
Fire Schools	555.00	1,000.00
Turn Out Gear	4,090.84	5,500.00
Hose Line Fund		2,000.00
New Equipment	4,626.38	3,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	520.83	2,250.00
Vehicle Maintenance	4,675.83	3,500.00
Vehicle Fuel & Heat	1,320.20	5,550.00
Communications, Dues	1,000.00	2,300.00
Communications, New	2,893.89	2,000.00
Communications, Repair		1,050.00
Training Expense		3,000.00
Dry Hydrant	1,642.53	
Miscellaneous	79.83	600.00
Total Expenses	<b>47,260.42</b>	<b>55,426.00</b>
<b>Revenues in Excess of Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,655.25</b>	<b>\$ (285.00)</b>
<b>Bank Balance at 12-31-2016</b>	<b>\$ 32,868.99</b>	
<b>Summary of Bank Balances:</b>		
Checking Account	\$ 18,118.91	
Savings Account	14,750.08	
Bank Balance at 12-31-2016	<b>\$ 32,868.99</b>	

Respectfully Submitted  
*William L. Whiteman, Jr.*, Treasurer

## 2017- Annual Report of the Ira School Board

The most noteworthy developments in education this past year are the result of Act 46, which has encouraged consolidation of town school districts where possible. After extensive review of our options and discussion with our townspeople and potential regional school district partners and consultants, we have determined that the best way to meet the educational needs of our students in an efficient and cost effective manner is to remain as a stand-alone town school district and to maintain K-12 school choice. The Ira School District has now formally made this proposal to the State Agency of Education for their consideration.

Rutland Town School District has also proposed to continue as a stand-alone district, continuing to operate PreK-8 schools with 9-12 choice. The school districts of Poultney, Proctor and West Rutland have proposed to merge together as a single new preK-12 school district named "Quarry Valley Unified Union School District" and Middletown Springs and Wells have proposed to merge into a single new PreK-6 district with 7-12 choice named "Wells Springs Unified Union School District". None of these towns anticipates any school closures.

These proposals will be all reviewed by the Agency of Education on January 17, 2017 and if approved this would also result in the merger of the current Rutland Central and Rutland Southwest Supervisory Unions into a single new Supervisory Union (name still to be determined). The Ira Town School District has requested to remain under the umbrella of this new regional Supervisory Union.

Kathleen White has been appointed to fill the vacancy on our School Board created when Laura Caruso moved away. Philip Lapp will be completing his term in March, 2017 and will not be running for another term. Anyone interested in serving on the school board should contact any one of the current school board members or the Town Clerk.

Respectfully,

Phil Lapp  
Indra Lovko  
Kathleen White

**IRA TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>2015- 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Budget 2017-2018</b>
Total Revenue	746,021	747,012		707,300	686,032
Total Expenditures	746,021	682,888		707,300	686,032
<b>Fund Balance</b>	\$ -	\$ 64,123		\$ -	\$ -

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>2015- 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Budget 2017-2018</b>
<b>LOCAL REVENUE</b>					
Prior Year Carryover	10,848	10,848		63,441	64,123
Tax Stabilization Revenue	32,000	32,000		-	-
Tuition Refund	-	-		5,310	-
Interest Income	300	203		200	200
SU Assessment Refund	544	544		145	1,843
Prior Year Tuition Refund	12,324	17,114		-	-
<b>LOCAL REVENUE</b>	\$ 56,016	\$ 60,709		\$ 69,095	\$ 66,167
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>					
State Support Grant	654,032	654,032		609,192	615,695
From State to Tech Center	15,142	15,142		6,836	4,171
Block Grant	20,832	17,129		18,336	-
Intensive	-	-		3,840	-
<b>STATE REVENUE</b>	\$ 690,006	\$ 686,302		\$ 638,204	\$ 619,865
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	\$ 746,021	\$ 747,012		\$ 707,300	\$ 686,032

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016</b>	<b>2015- 2016</b>	<b>Budget 2016-2017</b>	<b>Budget 2017-2018</b>
BOARD OF EDUCATION	5,150	4,468		5,150	5,600
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	36,147	36,147		30,400	33,215
ELEMENTARY REGULAR ED	305,233	300,706		324,341	308,118
SECONDARY REGULAR ED	340,444	288,470		298,484	319,246
SPECIAL ED	34,720	28,819		37,392	12,522
VOCATIONAL	24,327	24,277		11,531	7,332
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	\$ 746,021	\$ 682,888		\$ 707,300	\$ 686,032

## Report of the Superintendent

Board members and a number of community members from our four Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union communities (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, and Wells) have worked tirelessly and have attended many meetings to comply with the requirements of Act 46, a law passed by the Vermont legislators in 2015.

The goal of Act 46 is to achieve sustainable governance, to improve and increase educational opportunities and outcomes for students, and to provide greater economic and operational efficiencies. Incentives will be given to complying school districts: tax reductions, retaining small schools grants, and the ability to determine the merger partners. Penalties were also established with Act 46 for districts not merging: no tax incentives, the loss of small schools grants, the requirement to conduct a self-study, and an uncertain school district future to be determined by the Vermont Secretary of Education in 2018.

Each school district board explored options and reached out to other like districts. Strategies for finding potential merger partners and for forming new school districts were diverse (details can be found on the rwsu.org website or by contacting school board or study committee members). An extensive Act 46 proposal has been sent to the Vermont State Board of Education for their approval on January 17, 2018. Once the proposal is approved by the State Board of Education, voter approval for the mergers of the new school districts is also necessary. The vote will be March 7, 2017.

The proposal will include:

- Merging Poultney, Proctor, and West Rutland School districts into the Quarry Valley Unified Union School District (PreK-12) –voter approval is required
- Merging Wells and Middletown Springs into the Wells Springs Unified Union School District (PreK-6 and tuitioning 7-12) - voter approval is required
- Merging Rutland Central and Rutland Southwest Supervisory Unions into a newly formed supervisory union (yet to be named) – requires Vermont State Board of Education approval
  - Including Rutland Town School District as a stand-alone in the new SU
  - Including Ira School District as a stand-alone in the new SU

RSWSU schools have been focusing on both Proficiency Based Learning and Personalization as required by the new Vermont Educational Quality Standards. Our Curriculum, Instructional Strategies and Assessments are being updated in order to better support our students. Teachers have been meeting at grade and department levels to accomplish the work needed to change and improve our curriculum, instruction and assessments. Administrators and teachers have been analyzing data to inform and personalize/differentiate instruction. Most students have Chromebooks or other devices on their desks to access information and use as a learning tool. All students in grades 7-12 are in the process of developing their own electronic Personal Learning Plan.

Our SU and schools have remained stable with only a few personnel changes this year.

Our schools are the heart of our communities and all of our students benefit from your support. We would like to thank our communities for their involvement in our many programs and activities. Your input in the Act 46 forums has been valuable as the study committees create proposals that will benefit from the Act 46 merger decisions. The journey has been challenging, yet we are optimistic that the mergers will result in greater opportunities and outcomes for the students of each community, while creating greater operational and economic efficiencies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Joan Paustian

Director of Student Support Services Annual Town Report  
Submitted for the 2015-2016 School Year  
On 12/13/2016

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, 2016 our Child Count for special education recognized 138 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

## Estimated Students & Tuition Rates for Fiscal 2017-2018

<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	7	\$ 13,500	\$ 94,500
Clarendon Elementary	K-6	3	\$ 16,985	\$ 50,954
Castleton_Hubbardton	K-6	3	\$ 13,596	\$ 40,788
Tinmouth Elementary	K-6	4	\$ 15,450	\$ 61,800
Rutland Town	K-6	1	\$ 14,111	\$ 14,111
Sugarwood School	K-6	2	\$ 9,270	\$ 18,540
New Students - School unknown	K-6	2	\$ 13,712	\$ 27,425
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>22</b>	<b>\$ 96,624</b>	<b>\$ 308,118</b>
Mill River H.S	7-12	2	\$ 15,353	\$ 30,706
Maple Street School	7-8	2	\$ 15,216	\$ 30,432
Long Trail School	7-12	1	\$ 15,216	\$ 15,216
Burr & Burton	7-12	1	\$ 15,216	\$ 15,216
West Rutland H.S.	7-12	9	\$ 17,000	\$ 153,000
Rutland Public School	7-12	5	\$ 14,935	\$ 74,675
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>\$ 92,937</b>	<b>\$ 319,246</b>
<b>Grant Total</b>		<b>42</b>		<b>\$ 627,364</b>



District: Ira County: Rutland		T101 Rutland Southwest		Property dollar equivalent yield <b>10,076</b>	Homestead tax rate per \$10,076 of spending per equalized pupil <b>1.00</b>	
				<b>11,875</b>	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income	
Expenditures		FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$758,118	\$746,021	\$707,300	\$686,032	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.	<b>Locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$758,118</b>	<b>\$746,021</b>	<b>\$707,300</b>	<b>\$686,032</b>	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$758,118</b>	<b>\$746,021</b>	<b>\$707,300</b>	<b>\$686,032</b>	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
<b>Revenues</b>						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$135,167	\$76,848	\$91,271	\$66,167	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.	<b>Offsetting revenues</b>	<b>\$135,167</b>	<b>\$76,848</b>	<b>\$91,271</b>	<b>\$66,167</b>	13.
14.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$622,951</b>	<b>\$669,173</b>	<b>\$616,029</b>	<b>\$619,865</b>	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	66.35	64.03	61.79	55.61	15.
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>		<b>\$9,388.86</b>	<b>\$10,450.93</b>	<b>\$9,969.72</b>	<b>\$11,146.65</b>	
16.	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	16.
17.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	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)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	Exempt	Exempt	Exempt	-	21.
22.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	NA	-	-	-	23.
24.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$16,166 \$16,166.00	threshold = \$17,103 \$17,103.00	Allowable growth NA	threshold = \$17,386 \$17,386.00	24.
25.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-	-	-	25.
26.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$9,389	\$10,451	\$9,970	\$11,146.65	26.
27.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	101.119% based on \$9,285	110.487% based on \$9,285	102.770% based on yield \$9,701	110.628% based on yield \$10,076	27.
<b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>						
28.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$11,146.65 + (\$10,076.00 / \$1.000)]	\$0.9910 based on \$0.98	\$1.0938 based on \$0.99	\$1.0277 based on \$1.00	\$1.1063 based on \$1.00	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 \$1.11)	\$0.9910	\$1.0938	\$1.0277	\$1.1063	30.
31.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	93.38%	100.41%	102.69%	101.04%	31.
32.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.1063 / 101.04%)	\$1.0613 based on \$0.98	\$1.0893 based on \$0.99	\$1.0008 based on \$1.00	\$1.0949 based on \$1.00	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 by line 30) [(\$11,146.65 + \$11,875) x 2.00%]	1.82% based on 1.80%	1.99% based on 1.80%	2.00% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 2.00%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.00%)	1.82% based on 1.80%	1.99% based on 1.80%	2.00% based on 2.00%	2.00% based on 0.00%	34.
35.		-	-	-	-	35.
36.		-	-	-	-	36.
37.		-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,076 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$11,875 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.550. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and the income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.  
 - 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%.

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	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Actual FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>
<b>CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT</b>				
Ira	36,147	36,147	30,400	33,214
Middletown Springs	97,792	97,792	96,361	96,765
Poultney	296,966	296,966	292,890	288,613
Wells	101,009	101,009	112,091	122,435
<b>CENTRAL OFFICE ASSMNT</b>	<b>\$ 531,915</b>	<b>\$ 531,915</b>	<b>\$ 531,742</b>	<b>\$ 541,026</b>
<b>ITN ASSESSMENTS</b>				
Middletown Springs	76,084	76,084	84,001	50,491
Tinmouth	52,172	49,385	50,703	18,040
Wells	66,588	66,588	62,326	75,458
<b>ITN ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 194,844</b>	<b>\$ 192,057</b>	<b>\$ 197,031</b>	<b>\$ 143,990</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>				
Miscellaneous Income	-	3,096	-	-
Interest Income CB Checki	-	26	-	-
Misc - Fingerprinting	-	559	-	-
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,681</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT</b>				
Ira	2,417	2,417	3,330	3,213
Middletown Springs	20,145	20,145	19,150	14,460
Poultney	64,465	64,465	67,442	60,250
Wells	28,203	28,203	24,979	23,297
<b>SPECIAL ED ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 115,231</b>	<b>\$ 115,231</b>	<b>\$ 114,901</b>	<b>\$ 101,220</b>
<b>SPECIAL ED BILLBACKS</b>				
Special Ed Billbacks	932,496	342,044	328,366	336,482
<b>SpEd-SVS-BILLBACK</b>	<b>\$ 932,496</b>	<b>\$ 342,044</b>	<b>\$ 328,366</b>	<b>\$ 336,482</b>
<b>EEE ASSESSMENT</b>				
Poultney	83,154	83,154	81,175	-
<b>EEE ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$ 83,154</b>	<b>\$ 83,154</b>	<b>\$ 81,175</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 1,857,640</b>	<b>\$ 1,268,082</b>	<b>\$ 1,253,216</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,718</b>
<b>EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT</b>				
Tuition Reimbursement	-	2,236	-	-
Dental/Eye Care	-	296	-	-
Travel	200	139	200	-
Supplies	400	96	200	200
Dues & Fees	1,500	650	500	500
<b>EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT</b>	<b>\$ 2,100</b>	<b>\$ 3,417</b>	<b>\$ 900</b>	<b>\$ 700</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>				
Tech Crdntr G Styles .40	26,265	26,265	26,265	27,729
Group Health Insurance	2,961	3,001	3,179	2,978
Fica & Medi	2,009	2,009	2,009	2,121
Dental/Eye Care	194	-	194	194
Travel	1,350	1,195	1,350	1,350
Supplies-Tech Related	2,000	3,219	4,000	4,000
Computer Software	3,000	-	-	-

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Dues & Fees - Spam Filter	3,000	1,117	4,500	4,500
<b>TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$ 40,779</b>	<b>\$ 36,807</b>	<b>\$ 41,498</b>	<b>\$ 42,872</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Admin Asst J Hughes	39,388	39,693	39,390	41,594
Board Secretary	1,000	325	1,000	1,000
Group Health Insurance	14,548	7,421	7,948	7,444
Fica & Medi	3,090	2,969	3,090	3,258
Municipal Retirement	1,616	1,593	1,616	1,664
Dental/Eye Care	485	385	485	485
Legal Fees	6,000	2,583	6,000	6,000
Legal Fees - Special Ed	4,000	-	4,000	4,000
Repair/Maint Services	3,500	2,397	2,500	2,500
Insurance	2,500	2,757	2,500	2,840
Communications	8,000	6,994	7,000	7,000
Advertising	2,500	2,502	2,500	2,500
Travel	700	601	700	700
Supplies	6,000	6,361	4,000	4,000
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	350	735	350	350
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 93,677</b>	<b>\$ 77,316</b>	<b>\$ 83,078</b>	<b>\$ 85,335</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>				
Superintendent J Paustian	115,960	116,428	115,960	118,859
Group Health Insurance	14,548	14,587	15,623	14,753
Fica & Medi	8,871	8,664	8,871	9,093
Life Insurance	1,240	1,240	1,240	1,240
Dental/Eye Care	485	235	485	485
Travel	2,250	1,762	2,250	2,250
Supplies	375	-	-	-
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	4,850	6,470	5,000	6,500
<b>SUPERINTENDENT</b>	<b>\$ 148,580</b>	<b>\$ 149,385</b>	<b>\$ 149,429</b>	<b>\$ 153,180</b>
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>				
Payroll/Bene L Alderman	33,502	33,759	33,501	35,378
RSWSU Treasurer	1,917	1,917	1,917	2,024
Business Mgr L Milazzo	75,190	75,190	75,190	79,381
AP/AR Clerk K Marino	31,595	32,797	32,547	34,359
Group Health Insurance	34,304	34,187	36,838	35,178
Fica & Medi	10,879	10,202	10,951	11,562
Municipal Retirement	5,688	5,718	5,650	5,965
Workmans Comp	3,344	3,396	3,497	3,498
Unemployment	1,209	489	504	504
Dental/Eye Care	1,455	1,455	1,455	1,455
Prof Svs - Finger Print	-	849	-	-
Audit	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
Repair & Maint Svs	-	-	-	2,000
Repair & Maint - Tech Rel	2,000	2,069	2,000	-
Travel	2,250	1,702	2,250	2,250
Supplies	2,000	1,405	2,000	2,000
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	1,250	466	1,250	1,250
Misc. Expenditures	-	-	6,136	-
<b>FISCAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 213,183</b>	<b>\$ 212,200</b>	<b>\$ 222,285</b>	<b>\$ 223,403</b>

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<b>PLANT OPERATIONS &amp; MAINT</b>				
Fica & Medi	-	15	-	-
Prof Services - Cleaning	1,500	1,365	1,500	1,500
Repair & Maintenance	-	725	-	-
Building Rent	31,847	31,848	32,803	33,786
Supplies	250	84	250	250
<b>PLANT OPERATIONS &amp; MAINT</b>	<b>\$ 33,597</b>	<b>\$ 34,037</b>	<b>\$ 34,553</b>	<b>\$ 35,536</b>
<b>ITN ART PROGRAM</b>				
ITN Art T MacDonald .55	23,577	24,268	25,533	26,949
Insurance Buyback	825	825	825	825
Fica & Medi	1,867	1,920	1,953	2,125
Tuition Reimbursement	908	2,016	908	908
Dental/Eye Care	267	-	267	267
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500	271	500	500
Supplies	500	-	-	-
Dues & Fees	350	-	-	-
<b>ITN ART PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 28,793</b>	<b>\$ 29,299</b>	<b>\$ 29,986</b>	<b>\$ 31,573</b>
<b>ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>				
Teacher T Tinsley .80	47,022	46,498	47,850	-
Group Health Insurance	11,639	10,146	12,427	-
Fica & Medi	3,597	3,042	3,660	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,320	-	1,320	-
Dental/Eye Care	388	388	388	-
TSA Match	940	927	957	-
Prof Serv - Kelly Service	500	868	500	-
Supplies	200	200	-	-
Dues & Fees	350	199	-	-
<b>ITN PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>\$ 65,956</b>	<b>\$ 62,267</b>	<b>\$ 67,102</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>ITN MUSIC PROGRAM</b>				
ITN Music M Barron .55	27,071	27,666	29,012	29,737
BuyBack	-	825	-	825
Fica & Medi	2,071	2,148	2,219	2,338
Tuition Reimbursement	908	1,500	908	908
Dental/Eye Care	267	-	267	267
Prof Srvs - Kelly Service	500	108	500	500
Supplies	200	-	-	-
Dues & Fees	350	-	-	-
<b>ITN MUSIC PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$ 31,366</b>	<b>\$ 32,248</b>	<b>\$ 32,906</b>	<b>\$ 34,575</b>
<b>ITN HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
Nurse A Ridlon .50	-	20,881	22,563	-
Nurse C Bongartz .50	-	-	-	30,750
Nurse A Arlen .60	28,026	-	-	-
Insurance Buyback	900	750	750	750
Fica & Medi	2,213	1,655	1,783	2,410
Tuition Reimbursement	967	-	825	825
Dental/Eye Care	291	-	243	243
OPEB Retirement	-	1,097	-	1,097

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Repair & Maintenance	200	115	-	-
Travel	300	-	500	500
Supplies	200	-	-	-
Dues & Fees	350	-	150	150
<b>ITN HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 33,446</b>	<b>\$ 24,498</b>	<b>\$ 26,813</b>	<b>\$ 36,724</b>
<b>ITN COUNSELOR</b>				
ITN Counselor R Murphy.70	27,648	-	-	-
Counselor N Houde .70	-	35,130	36,000	36,831
Buy back	-	1,050	1,050	1,050
Group Health Insurance	5,180	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	2,115	2,768	2,834	2,898
Tuition Reimbursement	-	-	-	-
Dental/Eye Care	340	340	340	340
Dues & Fees	-	-	-	-
<b>ITN COUNSELOR</b>	<b>\$ 35,283</b>	<b>\$ 39,287</b>	<b>\$ 40,224</b>	<b>\$ 41,118</b>
<b>SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION</b>				
SpEd Drctr T Rescott .75	56,393	56,393	56,393	59,536
Admin Asst M Muratorri	29,645	6,753	-	-
Admin Asst R Putnam	-	10,504	29,640	-
Asst K Burchfield	-	4,808	-	13,991
Insurance Buyback	2,625	2,315	2,625	1,825
Group Health Insurance	7,400	55	-	-
Fica & Medi	6,783	6,240	6,782	5,764
Municipal Retirement	1,246	723	1,186	-
Workmans Comp	1,468	7,524	7,749	7,981
Unemployment	473	269	277	285
Tuition Reimbursement	3,000	-	1,238	1,238
Dental/Eye Care	849	485	849	849
Repair & Maintenance	2,000	1,598	2,000	2,000
Communications	1,350	1,521	1,350	2,000
Advertising	750	281	750	750
Supplies	500	305	500	2,500
Dues, Fees, Mtng, Conf	750	730	750	2,500
Misc. Expenditures	-	-	2,814	-
<b>SPECIAL ED ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 115,231</b>	<b>\$ 100,501</b>	<b>\$ 114,901</b>	<b>\$ 101,220</b>
<b>Wells Special Ed</b>				
Wells Teacher	53,317	-	-	-
Group Health Insurance	14,549	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	4,079	-	-	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	-	-	-
Dental & Eye	550	-	-	-
<b>Wells Special Ed</b>	<b>\$ 73,995</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Middletown Special Ed</b>				
Middletown Teacher	42,296	-	-	-
Group Health Insurance	18,837	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	3,236	-	-	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	-	-	-
Dental & Eye	500	-	-	-

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<b>Middletown Special Ed</b>	\$ 66,369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>PES Special Ed</b>				
PES Teacher Dunleavy	40,580	-	-	-
PES Teacher - Lloyd	40,580	-	-	-
Teacher S Kinney .40	25,781	-	-	-
PES Teacher - Pease	45,656	-	-	-
Insurance Buyback	1,500	-	-	-
Group Health Insurance	23,232	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	11,788	-	-	-
Tuition Reimbursement	5,100	-	-	-
Dental & Eye	1,649	-	-	-
TSA Match	516	-	-	-
<b>PES Special Ed</b>	<b>\$ 196,382</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>PHS Special Ed</b>				
PHS Teacher - Chase	40,445	-	-	-
PHS Teacher - Kerber	41,838	-	-	-
PHS Teacher - Colutti	44,354	-	-	-
PHS Teacher - Burch	44,443	-	-	-
Insurance Buyback	1,500	-	-	-
Group Health Insurance	41,452	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	13,202	-	-	-
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	-	-	-
Dental & Eye	1,940	-	-	-
<b>PHS Special Ed</b>	<b>\$ 235,174</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>SPEECH SERVICES</b>				
Speech Services H Weeden	85,933	85,932	85,932	90,723
Speech Services K Stedman	90,508	90,508	90,508	95,554
Speech Services K Riley	32,121	35,768	31,975	32,774
Group Health Insurance	4,797	8,026	7,767	7,293
Fica & Medi	15,955	16,116	15,944	16,757
Dental/Eye	243	235	243	243
Misc. Expenditures	-	-	8,010	-
<b>SPEECH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 229,556</b>	<b>\$ 236,585</b>	<b>\$ 240,378</b>	<b>\$ 243,343</b>
<b>OT SERVICES - ELEM</b>				
OT Services B Tyler .60	53,019	33,216	31,812	34,865
Substitute	-	1,680	-	-
Buyback	-	900	900	900
Group Health Insurance	19,502	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	4,056	2,696	2,502	2,736
Municipal Retirement	2,121	-	-	-
Dental/Eyecare	485	-	291	291
<b>OT SERVICES - ELEM</b>	<b>\$ 79,183</b>	<b>\$ 38,491</b>	<b>\$ 35,505</b>	<b>\$ 38,792</b>
<b>PT SERVICES - ELEM</b>				
PT M Duffy .80	38,350	51,194	38,350	40,488
Group Health Benefits	8,729	11,691	9,374	8,852
Fica & Medi	2,934	3,467	2,934	3,097
Retirement	1,534	2,045	1,534	1,620

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	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Actual FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>
Dental/Eyecare	291	300	291	291
<b>PT SERVICES - ELEM</b>	<b>\$ 51,837</b>	<b>\$ 68,697</b>	<b>\$ 52,482</b>	<b>\$ 54,347</b>
<b>EEE DIRECT SVS</b>				
Teacher S Kinney .60	38,672	37,478	38,370	-
IA D Ellis .60	11,909	12,508	11,908	-
IA EEE D Silvestri (.50)	-	2,031	8,036	-
IA EEE J DaCosta .50	8,037	2,322	-	-
IA A Ray .60	-	4,115	-	-
Insurance Buyback	-	1,213	-	-
Group Health Insurance	4,440	4,009	4,742	-
Fica & Medi	4,484	4,456	4,461	-
Workmans Comp	590	463	477	-
Unemployment	207	32	33	-
Tuition Reimbursement	1,650	-	990	-
Dental/Eye Care	291	527	291	-
TSA Match	773	726	767	-
Prof Svs - Kelly Services	2,000	1,468	2,000	-
Travel	500	-	-	-
Supplies	1,500	664	1,500	-
Dues & Fees	100	70	100	-
<b>EEE DIRECT SVS</b>	<b>\$ 75,154</b>	<b>\$ 72,081</b>	<b>\$ 73,675</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EEE HEALTH SVS</b>				
Prof Svs - Health Svs	500	-	-	-
<b>EEE HEALTH SVS</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>EEE PLANT OPERATIONS</b>				
Rentals & Leases	7,500	7,500	7,500	-
<b>EEE PLANT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,857,640</b>	<b>\$ 1,224,617</b>	<b>\$ 1,253,216</b>	<b>\$ 1,122,718</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 43,465</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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SPECIAL ED BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Actual FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>
<b>SPECIAL ED REVENUE</b>				
VT LEAS Excess Cost	-	-	-	49,500
Ira Special Ed Rev	32,303	26,401	34,062	10,295
Middletown Springs Sped R	283,883	213,133	298,480	69,188
Poultney Sped Revenue	967,556	895,039	920,984	277,293
Wells Sped Revenue	337,954	282,879	266,278	134,943
Special Ed Block Grant	-	-	-	292,236
Intensive Reimbursement	-	-	-	506,127
Extraordinary Reimburseme	-	-	-	53,100
EEE Preschool Grant	-	-	-	54,915
State Placed Revenue	-	-	-	18,000
<b>SPECIAL ED REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 1,621,695</b>	<b>\$ 1,417,453</b>	<b>\$ 1,519,804</b>	<b>\$ 1,465,597</b>
<b>IRA SPECIAL ED</b>				
Psych Evaluations	1,500	1,750	1,500	-
Ira Excess Cost	18,790	15,621	14,962	16,800
Ira Excess Cost	12,013	9,030	17,600	13,500
<b>IRA SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 32,303</b>	<b>\$ 26,401</b>	<b>\$ 34,062</b>	<b>\$ 30,300</b>
<b>MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SPECIAL ED</b>				
Direct Instruction				
MSES Teacher - Pettis	42,296	43,307	45,349	45,349
Insurance	18,837	21,282	20,824	19,599
Fica & Medi	3,236	3,102	3,469	3,469
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	-	-	1,500
Dental & Eye	500	-	500	485
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	4,000	2,006	4,000	4,000
Supplies	1,300	59	800	800
Books & Periodicals	-	-	300	300
Dues & Fees	500	1,608	500	500
Summer School	2,415	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	185	-	-	-
Professional Services	17,548	6,507	15,500	4,000
Speech Services	29,884	25,641	36,057	29,056
Supplies	-	-	300	300
OT Services	12,996	5,532	5,606	6,465
PT Services	5,734	7,333	7,497	9,881
Excess Cost	133,952	96,757	148,778	84,650
Professional Services	9,000	-	9,000	-
<b>MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 283,883</b>	<b>\$ 213,133</b>	<b>\$ 298,480</b>	<b>\$ 210,354</b>
<b>WELLS SPECIAL ED</b>				
Direct Instruction				
Wells Teacher - Grossarth	53,317	55,724	56,956	58,249
New Hire	-	-	-	44,979
Insurance	14,549	15,875	15,623	29,170
Fica & Medi	4,079	3,723	4,357	7,897
Tuition Reimbursement	1,500	2,200	1,500	3,000
Dental & Eye	550	449	550	1,100
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	7,000	1,292	10,000	7,000
Equipment Repair	250	-	250	250
Advertising	250	-	250	250
Travel	100	-	100	100
Supplies	2,250	2,191	1,500	1,500
Dues & Fees	500	175	500	500
Misc. Expenditures	(20,584)	-	-	-
Summer School	3,250	150	1,000	1,000
Fica & Medi	250	11	77	150
Professional Services	25,098	2,385	18,500	5,000
Speech Services	48,901	39,886	45,071	54,480
Supplies	-	-	750	750
OT Services	18,771	7,376	6,540	11,314
PT Services	17,203	19,555	18,744	14,822
Psych services	12,000	1,200	7,500	-
Excess Cost	148,720	130,686	76,510	119,150
<b>WELLS SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 337,954</b>	<b>\$ 282,879</b>	<b>\$ 266,278</b>	<b>\$ 360,661</b>



**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union  
SPECIAL ED BUDGET**

	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Actual FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>Budget FY18</u>
<b>POULTNEY ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED</b>				
Direct Instruction				
PES Teacher - Thompson-Du	40,580	40,057	43,949	43,949
PES Teacher Pyenta	40,580	37,888	39,970	-
PES Teacher S Kinney .40	25,781	24,985	25,580	25,580
PES Teacher - Pease	45,656	45,467	47,684	48,974
Insurance Buyback	1,500	-	-	-
Insurance	23,232	50,674	52,710	30,364
Fica & Medi	11,788	11,308	12,025	9,065
Tuition Reimbursement	5,100	5,208	6,000	6,000
Dental & Eye	1,649	105	1,649	1,164
TSA Match	516	519	512	512
OPEB Retirement	-	1,097	-	-
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	20,000	5,043	25,000	25,000
Professional Services	36,695	6,637	3,580	4,000
Excess Cost	87,352	47,645	9,150	124,000
Supplies	4,500	2,979	1,500	1,500
Books & Periodicals	-	-	1,500	1,500
Dues & Fees	500	400	500	500
Misc. Expenditures	(24,363)	-	(60,570)	5,626
Summer School	7,060	-	3,100	2,000
Fica & Medi	540	-	237	153
Prof Services	17,640	10,178	18,900	19,000
Evaluations	33,000	18,320	37,500	-
Speech Services	92,369	111,111	111,177	101,696
Supplies	-	-	500	500
OT Services	25,991	17,692	15,884	12,931
PT Services	15,769	18,780	13,121	9,881
Transportation	-	14,542	-	35,000
<b>POULTNEY ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 513,435</b>	<b>\$ 470,635</b>	<b>\$ 411,157</b>	<b>\$ 508,895</b>
<b>POULTNEY SECONDARY SPECIAL ED</b>				
PHS Teacher - Chase	40,445	41,636	43,772	45,062
PHS Teacher - Kerber	41,838	42,986	45,150	45,150
PHS Teacher - Coloutti	44,354	44,204	46,395	46,395
PHS Teacher - Burch	44,443	45,510	47,728	-
New Hire (.50 FTE)	-	-	-	22,490
Buyback	1,500	2,125	1,500	3,000
Insurance	41,452	34,457	44,260	18,265
Fica & Medi	13,202	13,186	14,118	12,400
Tuition Reimbursement	6,000	3,666	6,000	6,000
Dental & Eye	1,940	787	1,940	1,698
Prof Svs - Kelly Svs	25,000	6,019	25,000	25,000
Travel	250	163	250	250
Excess Cost	22,851	34,939	60,400	19,500
Supplies	5,000	3,995	2,500	2,500
Books & Periodicals	-	-	3,000	3,000
Dues & Fees	500	77	500	500
Summer School	2,000	-	500	500
Transition Services	2,500	-	-	-
Fica & Medi	344	-	38	38
Clinician R James .50	31,875	31,875	32,557	32,557
Insurance	3,683	7,324	3,951	3,680
Fica & Medi	2,438	2,439	2,491	2,491
Dental & Eyecrae	-	-	243	243
Annuity	-	-	651	-
Professional Services	40,500	25,317	37,500	-
Speech Services	73,351	59,829	48,076	58,112
OT Services	7,220	-	934	1,616
PT Services	1,434	-	1,874	4,941
Transportation	-	23,872	38,500	-
<b>POULTNEY SECONDARY SPECIAL ED</b>	<b>\$ 454,121</b>	<b>\$ 424,405</b>	<b>\$ 509,827</b>	<b>\$ 355,387</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,621,695</b>	<b>\$ 1,417,453</b>	<b>\$ 1,519,804</b>	<b>\$ 1,465,597</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 Mattison, 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.

## Voter Information

### REGISTER TO VOTE

Beginning January 1, 2017, eligible persons may register to vote on any day up to and including the day of election. Registration is available during all normal business hours of your town clerk's office on days preceding the election and during polling hours on election day. 17 V.S.A § 2144

Last year, Secretary of State Jim Condos announced the launch of VT's new Elections Management Platform. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information. Over 25,000 Vermonters registered to vote online in 2016. For the November General Election, nearly 6,500 Vermonters requested an absentee ballot through the My Voter Page.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot; and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>

Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

### EARLY or ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day can request an Early or Absentee Ballot.

A voter can request an Early or Absentee Voter Ballot for him/herself by phone, in writing or in person at the Town Clerk's office. Requests made by phone or in writing will be mailed to the voter. A voter requesting an early or absentee ballot in person may vote at that time or take the ballot with them and return the ballot by mail or in person before the close of the polls on Election Day.

A family member can request an Early or 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. The requested ballot will be mailed to the voter. (NOTE: A voter can only pick up his or her own ballot from the Clerk's office.)

All early or absentee ballots must be returned to the town clerk's office by person or by mail and must be received before the polls close at 7:00 pm on Election Day.

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 the day before the election. 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.

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

**March 6 and March 7, 2017**

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 6, 2017, to act on the articles 1 - 3 from the floor and to recess to Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 10:00AM (polls open) through 7:00PM (polls close) to act on articles 4 and 5 by Australian Ballot:

**March 6, 2017**

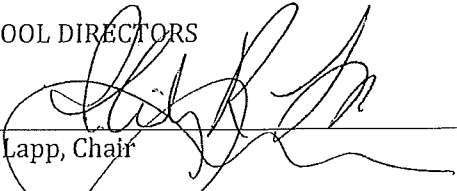
- Article 1. To hear the reports of the School Board and other District officials and act thereon.
- Article 2. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Ira School District approve the school board to expend \$686,031.99, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?  
It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$11,146.65 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.8% higher than spending for the current year.
- Article 3. To transact any other lawful business that comes before the meeting.

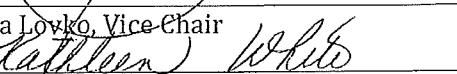
**March 7, 2017**

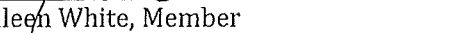
- Article 4. To elect a moderator for a term of one (1) year.
- Article 5. To elect a school director for a term of three (3) years.  
To elect a school director to complete the balance of a two (2) year term.

Dated at Ira, Vermont, January 10, 2017.

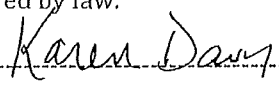
SCHOOL DIRECTORS

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phil Lapp, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Indra Lowko, Vice-Chair

  
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Kathleen White, Member

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

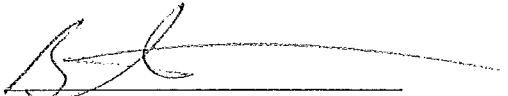

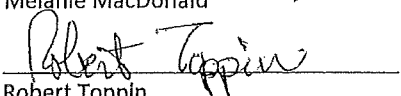
  
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Town Clerk

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

The legal voters of the Town of Ira, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Ira Town Hall on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:30 pm for an informational hearing and to act on Articles 2 -12, and to meet again at the Town Office, on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 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 24, 2017?
Article 4.	To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$264,768 for General Town and Highway expenses?
Article 5.	Shall the Town of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$44,901 for the support of the Ira Volunteer Fire Department to provide services to the residents of Ira?
Article 6.	Shall the Town of Ira vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,801 for the support of the Rutland Free Library to provide services to residents of Ira?
Article 7.	Shall the Town vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$973 for the support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice to provide services to residents of the town?
Article 8.	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 9.	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 10.	Shall the Town of Ira vote to appropriate the sum of \$375 to support The RSVP & the Volunteer Center in 2017 (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)?
Article 11.	Shall the Town of Ira vote to raise the funds of \$300 needed to support the Bird's Eye View?
Article 12.	To transact any other legal and proper business to come before this meeting.

Dated: January 20, 2017

  
 Steve Martelle, Chair  
  
 Melanie MacDonald  
  
 Robert Toppin

Received and recorded this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

## NOTES

## Town Officers

Positions	Officer	Year Elected	Term	Term Ends
Auditors	Tina Graves	March 2015	3 Year	2018
	Jerri Hoffman	Appointed April 2016 to complete 3 <sup>rd</sup> of 3 year term	3 Year	2017
	Bill Whiteman	March 2016	3 Year	2019
Delinquent Tax Collector	Deborah Perry	March 2016	1 Year	2017
First Constable	Mike Ryan	March 2016	2 Year	2018
Second Constable	Fran Lloyd	March 2016	2 Year	2018
Grand Juror	Tim Martin	March 2016	1 Year	2017
Listers	Karen Davis	March 2016	3 Year	2019
	Nathan Hewitt	March 2014	3 Year	2017
	Vacant		3 Year	2018
Moderator (Town & School)	Vacant		1 Year	2017
School Directors	Indra Lovko	March 2016	3 Year	2019
	Kathleen White	Appointed December 2016 to complete 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 3 year term	3 Year	2018
	Philip Lapp	March 2014	3 Year	2017
Select Board	Steven Martelle	March 2016	3 Year	2019
	Robert Toppin	March 2016 to complete 2 yrs. of 3 year term	3 year	2018
	Melanie MacDonald	March 2015 to complete 2 yrs. of 3 yr. term	3 Year	2017
Town Agent	Tim Martin	March 2016	1 Year	2017
Town Clerk	Karen Davis	March 2015	3 Year	2018
Treasurer	Deborah Perry	March 2015	3 Year	2018
Justices	Mary Ann Black	November 2016	2 Year	2019
	Donald Berg	November 2016	2 Year	2019
	Alta Johnston	November 2016	2 Year	2019
	Larry Taggart	November 2016	2 Year	2019
	Bob Toppin	November 2016	2 Year	2019

## 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

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