

Town of Jericho, Vermont ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015



Pedestrian Bridge
Complete!

*Fall 2015
Photos by Phil Erb*



Please bring this report to Town Meeting on March 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
Town Meeting and Polling place is at Mt. Mansfield Union High School

**The Mt. Mansfield Lodge#26 will provide a breakfast buffet instead of a luncheon.
Please see inside back cover for more details. Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.**

TOWN MEETING ~ March 1, 2016, 9:00 am in the Mt. Mansfield Union High School Auditorium

Representative Bill Frank and Representative George Till will be available to discuss legislative issues and answer any questions before Town Meeting beginning at 8 am.

Mark your Calendar.....

Town Meeting Day ~ 1st Tuesday in March
Renew Dog License by ~ April 1, 2016
Property Tax due dates: September & March

Municipal Monthly Meetings at Town Hall

SELECTBOARD

1st & 3rd Thursday at 7 pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

1st & 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

2nd & 4th Thursday at 7 pm

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2nd Wednesday at 7 pm

MOBBS COMMITTEE

4th Monday at 7 pm

JERICO ENERGY TASK FORCE

2nd Thursday at 7 pm

JERICO TRAILS COMMITTEE

3rd Thursday at 7 pm

JERICO FIRE SERVICES TASK FORCE

3rd Monday at 7 pm

Community Meetings

MOUNT MANSFIELD MODIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

please check the website for dates: www.cesu.k12.vt.us

JERICO TOWN LIBRARY BOARD

1st Tuesday at 7pm at the Library

DEBORAH RAWSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD

3rd Thursday at 7pm at the Library

Town Officials

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE

Todd Odit, *Town Administrator*

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Paula Carrier, *Administrative/Personnel Assistant*

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TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

Jessica Alexander, *Town Clerk*

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Debbie Rackliff, *Assistant Town Clerk*

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Amy Morse, *Financial Coordinator*

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LISTERS OFFICE

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PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

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Michelle Patrick, *Zoning Administrator*

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SUMMER RECREATION OFFICE

Lynn Wagner, *Summer Rec Director*

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793-6452 *alternate*

JERICO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Doug Siple, *Road Supervisor*

899-3180 ~ jerichohighway@jerichovt.gov

Roger Miller, Mike Menosky, Jacob Johnson & Steven Towers
Road Crew

Visit www.jerichovt.gov for office hours, updates & changes throughout the year

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Child Care provided by the MMU Leo Club

Child care will be provided from 8:30 a.m. until Town Meeting adjourns. Look for signs for location

The MMU Leo Club is sponsored by the Jericho-Underhill Lions Club, and is therefore part of the world's largest service organization. We began several years ago, with the goal of being MMU's premier hands-on service group providing support outside of MMU yet primarily in our local area. We have grown from just a handful of service oriented youth and now have over 100 members. Some of accomplishments in the fall of 2015 include: collecting over 1600 items for a food shelf, providing 70 hours of childcare for a UVM parenting class taught over a 7 week period at Camel's Hump Middle School, performing over 78 hours of yardwork during our annual Fall Cleanup, and assisting the Lions Club with various activities. Planned highlights for the remainder of the school year include the Penguin Plunge, volunteering at the Special Olympics Winter Games and Summer Games, collecting food for the food shelves in Jericho and Richmond, doing a Spring Cleanup, and continuing to work with the Lions Club on activities such as a Bike Safety course. Over the summer, a group of Leo members will be traveling to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where they will be performing service for the Lakota people. Donations are earmarked to help reduce the travel expenses of this service trip. The advisor of the MMU Leo Club is Will Wright, a mathematics teacher at MMU.

AVOTER'S GUIDE TO DOING BUSINESS AT TOWN MEETING, TOWN OF JERICHO

by Dave Barrington, Moderator – Town of Jericho

Town Meeting is your chance to speak your mind about the issues relating to town business, so go ahead, speak up! (Only registered voters of the town of Jericho may speak or vote at town meeting, except by suspension of the rules, a special motion.) The Jericho moderator uses Robert's rules of order (as required by the State of Vermont), except where there is a Vermont law that specifies otherwise.

Ordinarily, you must be recognized by the moderator to speak.* Always wait for a microphone and give your name for the minutes when you begin to speak, even if you have spoken before in the meeting.

It is a Jericho tradition for the moderator to read and ask you what you wish to do with the various warned articles in the town report. Help the moderator do the town's business by making a motion to accept (not reject) each of the articles. You can also be the one to second the motion. You must give your name when you do these things. Only motions that have been warned in the town report can, if approved, be binding for the voters and officers of the town; all other motions are taken as advice.

You can modify an existing motion ("I wish to amend article # to read...") or make a new motion ("I move that..."). If your sense is that all the points of view have been made on an issue and we are going over the same ground again, you can make a motion (not interrupt) to move to vote on the previous question (meaning the motion on the floor - often said as, "I call the question"). This motion to call the question requires a two-thirds majority to pass.

Though it is my first priority to give all the voters their say, it is also important to me to finish in time to allow the school meeting to begin at the warned time. My ground rules related to time: 1) you may not speak again on a motion until all others have had the opportunity; 2) you may speak a total of twice on a motion; and 3) please speak for a maximum of one minute each time.

My best tool for moving things along is to ask the voters for unanimous consent on a motion if it seems non-controversial to me. The way I do this is to say, "if there is no objection...". This is your invitation to object. It only takes one person, and I am happy to consider anything that any one person wants to. On the other hand, I can avoid a vote and the time it takes with this phrase.

The moderator will ask for a voice vote to begin with on all motions that require a simple majority. Once the ayes and nays have been voiced the moderator will say, "The ayes (or nays) appear to have it...", which is your invitation to disagree with the moderator's opinion by saying "Division". Division means that the voters proceed to a vote by count of hands; it takes only one person asking to require a vote by hands. Any seven voters can require a paper ballot, if it comes to that.

The job of the moderator is to make sure that all the voters who wish to speak are heard, and that order prevails in town meeting. I have considerable influence on the course of events by choice of procedure and the like. If you are unhappy with my procedure please either speak up in meeting (the voters have the privilege of voting on an appeal of the moderator's decision on procedure) or speak privately to me.

New, 2009: If it's on the Australian ballot (the one you fill out in the booth) you can talk about it in town meeting, except that you cannot speak for or against someone running for town office during town meeting.

*exceptions include appealing my procedure decisions, calling for a division (show of hands) or written ballot, asking for a point of information, or making a point of order

It is this moderator's conviction that we in Vermont are in the business of modeling how to run a democracy for the rest of our country.

Policy for Collection of Delinquent Taxes

1. A notice of taxes due (including interest and penalties if applicable) will be sent to taxpayers who have not paid their taxes in a timely manner. A notice will be sent each month while the taxes are delinquent unless the Town Treasurer determines otherwise.
2. No payment arrangements will be accepted.
3. Interest will be charged at the rate of 1% per month (interest rate will increase to 1 ½ % three months after final installment payment is due)-no fraction of a month will be considered-until the taxes are paid in full. Interest will be charged on the day following the due date of each installment and will be charged on that same date in the following months.
4. A penalty will be charged following the due date of the final installment in the following manner:
 - For payments received during the first seven days following the due date, the penalty shall be 1% per day for up to seven days.
 - The penalty shall be 8% for payments received after seven days.
 - For payments received by mail, the penalty shall be charged for the postmarked date.
5. Notice will be sent to mortgage holders or lien holders 30 days after final payment is due. (Letter to include notice that the process to sell the property at a tax sale will begin within 30 days.)
6. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that the Town has the proper address for mailing property tax bills, notices, etc.
7. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% penalty fee, if applicable.
8. All delinquent taxes will be turned over to the Town Attorney for purposes of tax sales within 60 days of the due date of the final installment.
9. The Town Attorney shall be instructed to send an initial letter to the delinquent taxpayer within 10 days of receiving the list. Such letter shall demand payment within 15 days of mailing letter to taxpayer. If payment in full is not received by the due date, Town Attorney shall begin the process to sell the property at a tax sale within 30 days. Such letter shall contain a notice that each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. § 1535.
10. Costs of preparing and conducting the tax sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% (or amount specified by current statute) of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
11. A listing of delinquent taxes will be available in the Town's office for viewing by the public.
12. In the event no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgement of the Town Treasurer, proceeding with the tax sale is unadvisable, the Town Treasurer shall collect the delinquent taxes (including interest, penalties and other costs) using any or all of the methods permitted by law.
13. This collection policy is to be published in the Town's Annual Report and is to be publicly displayed in the Town's offices.

OFFICIAL WARNING

Town of Jericho

The legal voters of Jericho, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Mansfield Union High School in said Town of Jericho on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to transact the following:

- ARTICLE I Shall the voters approve the proposed fiscal year ending 2017 budget of \$3,906,650, including spending unanticipated funds such as State and Federal grants and gifts?
- ARTICLE II Shall the Town collect its taxes in equal installments due in the Town Offices on September 15, 2016, and March 15, 2017, with postmarks acceptable?
- ARTICLE III Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for the temporary needs of the Town?
- ARTICLE IV Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to sell or otherwise dispose of 2.23 +/- acres of town land located at the corner of Route 15 and Packard Road (parcel #PA05)?
- ARTICLE V Shall the Town collect its taxes by its Treasurer in accordance with 32 VSA Section 4791?
- ARTICLE VI To hear the reports of the Town Officers.
- ARTICLE VII Other Town business thought proper when met.

Polls for voting by Australian ballot will be open on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at the Mount Mansfield Union High School from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at which time they will close, to vote on the following articles:

- ARTICLE VIII To elect a Moderator for a period of one year.
- ARTICLE IX To elect a Town Clerk for a period of one year.
- ARTICLE X To elect a Selectboard member for a period of three years.
- ARTICLE XI To elect an Auditor for two years of an unexpired three year term.
- ARTICLE XII to elect an Auditor for a period of three years.
- ARTICLE XIII To elect a Grand Juror for a period of one year.
- ARTICLE XIV To elect a Town Agent for a period of one year.

- ARTICLE XV To elect a Town Library Trustee for a period of five years.
- ARTICLE XVI To elect a Town Library Trustee for a period of five years.
- ARTICLE XYTI To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a period of three years.
- ARTICLE XVIII To elect a Jericho Underhill Library District Trustee for a period of four years.
- ARTICLE XIX To elect a Jericho Underhill Library District Trustee for a period of four years.
- ARTICLE XX To elect a Jericho Underhill Park District Trustee for a period of three years.
- ARTICLE XXI To elect all school directors as required by law.

JERICO SELECTBOARD

Dated this 21st day of January. A.D.. 2016

Catherine L. McMains
Catherine McMains

Kimberly Mercer
Kimberly Mercer

Timothy Nulty
Timothy Nulty

Received for record this 22nd day of January. A.D., 2016

Town Clerk *Jessie R. Alexander*



1972 picture of the old pedestrian bridge, in Jericho Corners

SAMPLE BALLOTS- TOWN & SCHOOL

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION JERICHO, VERMONT MARCH 1, 2016		
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.		
<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for one year more than ONE</p> <p>DAVID BARRINGTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AUDITOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for three years more than ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CEMETERY COMMISSIONER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for three years more than ONE</p> <p>BERT LINDHOLM <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN CLERK</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for one year more than ONE</p> <p>JESSICA R. ALEXANDER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">GRAND JUROR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for one year more than ONE</p> <p>DONALD MESSIER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO – UNDERHILL LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for four years more than TWO</p> <p>JOANN OSBORNE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SELECT BOARD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for three years more than ONE</p> <p>WAYNE C. HOWE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN AGENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for one year more than ONE</p> <p>DONALD MESSIER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO – UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for three years more than ONE</p> <p>LIVY STRONG <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AUDITOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for two years of an unexpired three year term more than ONE</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TOWN LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not for five years more than TWO</p> <p>ROBERT GRANDCHAMP <input type="radio"/></p> <p>BETH SENIW <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> </p>

OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION JERICHO, VERMONT MARCH 1, 2016	
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: <input checked="" type="radio"/> B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office. C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.	
<p style="text-align: center;">MT MANSFIELD MODIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote for not more than TWO for three years</p> <p>SUSAN E. LILLICH <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Write-in)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> </p>

SAMPLE BALLOTS- PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than ONE

HILLARY CLINTON of New York

ROQUE "ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE of California

MARTIN J. O'MALLEY of Maryland

BERNIE SANDERS of Vermont

(Write-in)

REPUBLICAN PARTY OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY BALLOT MARCH 1, 2016

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Vote for not more than ONE

JEB BUSH of Florida

BEN CARSON of Florida

CHRIS CHRISTIE of New Jersey

TED CRUZ of Texas

CARLY FIORINA of Virginia

JOHN R. KASICH of Ohio

RAND PAUL of Kentucky

MARCO RUBIO of Florida

RICK SANTORUM of Virginia

DONALD J. TRUMP of New York

(Write-in)

TOWN COMMITTEES - APPOINTED

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Brian Swisher.....*Term expires 2016*
 Joshua Benes.....*Term expires 2016*
 Ann Kroll Lerner.....*Term expires 2017*
 Phyllis Gray.....*Term expires 2017*
 Karina Dailey.....*Term expires 2017*
 Tom Baribault (Chair).....*Term expires 2018*
 Mary Neighbours.....*Term expires 2018*
 Laura Vallett.....*Term expires 2018*
 Liz Thompson.....*Term expires 2018*

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

Christopher West.....*Term expires 2016*
 Barry King (Chair).....*Term expires 2016*
 Stephanie Hamilton.....*Term expires 2017*
 vacant (alternate).....*Term expires 2017*
 Kevin Spensley (alternate).....*Term expires 2017*
 Jeff York.....*Term expires 2018*
 Joe Flynn.....*Term expires 2018*

ENERGY TASK FORCE

Andrew Albright	Phyl Newbeck
Stuart Alexander	Roger Putzel
Chris Sims	Reed Sims
Larry Lamb	Annabelle Lowrie
Kathie Voigt Walsh (Chair)	
Catherine McMains	

FIRE SERVICES TASK FORCE

Chris Corbin
 Matt Thomson
 Chuck Lacy
 Frank Fisler
 William Bresee

MOBBS COMMITTEE

Terry Hook (Chair).....*Term expires 2016*
 Andy Dumas.....*Term expires 2016*
 Chris Smith.....*Term expires 2016*
 Pete Davis.....*Term expires 2017*
 Dick Sears.....*Term expires 2017*
 Pam Gillis.....*Term expires 2018*
 Mike Remington.....*Term expires 2018*
 Mike Rocheleau.....*Term expires 2018*

PLANNING COMMISSION

Peter Booth.....*Term expires 2016*
 Susan Breese.....*Term expires 2016*
 Katrina DeLaBruere.....*Term expires 2017*
 Phyl Newbeck (Chair).....*Term expires 2017*
 Jason Cheney.....*Term expires 2018*
 Samantha Dunn.....*Term expires 2018*
 Barbara Bedard.....*Term expires 2018*

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Kim Cleary.....*Term expires 2016*
 Aimee Randall.....*Term expires 2016*
 Chris Forleo.....*Term expires 2017*
 Therese Johansson.....*Term expires 2017*
 Katie Michaud.....*Term expires 2017*
 Ryan Dudley.....*Term expires 2018*
 Ruth Dunkley.....*Term expires 2018*
 Kim Mercer.....*Term expires 2018*

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Jim Carroll.....*Term expires 2016*
 Karen Vesosky.....*Term expires 2016*
 vacant.....*Term expires 2016*
 Patrice Dezon-Gaillard.....*Term expires 2017*
 vacant.....*Term expires 2017*
 Michael Finn.....*Term expires 2018*
 Steven Schwartz.....*Term expires 2018*
 John Abbott (Chair).....*Term expires 2018*



2015- Vermont Route 15 Pedestrian Bridge

TOWN OFFICERS - APPOINTED

Assessor.....Sandra Costes
 Administrative/Personnel Assistant.....Paula Carrier
 Animal Control Officer.....Ed Stygles
 Assistant Town Clerk.....Debbie Rackliff
 C.C.R.P.C. Rep.....Catherine McMains
 C.C.R.P.C. 1st alternate.....Tim Nulty
 2nd alternate.....Kim Mercer
 C.C.R.P.C TAC Representative.....Katherine Sonnick
 CSWD Representative.....Bert Lindholm
 CSWD Alternate Rep.....Leslie Nulty
 Delinquent Tax Collector.....Todd Odit
 Emergency Management Coordinator.....vacant
 Financial Coordinator.....Amy Morse
 Fire Warden.....Sean McCann
 Health Officer.....Richard Bernstein, M.D.

Health Officer, Deputy.....vacant
 Listers.....Sandra Costes, Lori Dykema & P. Andrew Levi
 Planning & Development Coordinator.....Katerine Sonnick
 Road Supervisor.....Doug Siple
 Road Crew Members.....Jacob Johnson
 Roger Miller
 Michael Menosky
 Steven Towers
 Service Officer.....Louise Moon Rosales
 Town Administrator.....Todd Odit
 Town Treasurer.....Brian Stevens
 Tree Warden.....Don Tobi
 Trustee of Public Funds.....Selectboard
 Winooski Valley Park District Rep.....Sonya Schuyler
 Zoning Administrator.....Michelle Patrick

TOWN OFFICERS - ELECTED

AUDITORS

Andrew Albright.....*Term expires 2016*
 Donald Messier.....*Term expires 2017*
 vacant.....*Term expires 2018*

JERICO CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Bert Lindholm.....*Term expires 2016*
 Stuart Alexander.....*Term expires 2017*
 J. Brooks Buxton.....*Term expires 2018*

SELECTBOARD

Kim Mercer.....*Term expires 2016*
 Catherine McMains.....*Term expires 2017*
 Tim Nulty.....*Term expires 2018*

TOWN AGENT

Donald Messier.....*Term expires 2016*

TOWN CLERK

Jessica Alexander.....*Term expires 2016*

TOWN MODERATOR

David Barrington.....*Term expires 2016*

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

(Elected to office February 1, 2015-Terms expire February 1, 2017)

Donna Boiney	Sarah Joslin
Peter Booth	Bert Lindholm
Mary Coburn	Don Messier
Mary Jane Dickerson	Ann Messier
Janet Gallagher	Debbie Rackliff
Jim Gallagher	Mike Weinberg

GRAND JUROR

Donald Messier.....*Term expires 2016*

JERICO TOWN LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Beth Davis Seniw (appointed).....*Term expires 2016*
 Robert Grandchamp (appointed).....*Term expires 2016*
 Regina A. Limoge.....*Term expires 2017*
 Tom Dowd.....*Term expires 2017*
 Barbara Adams (Chair)*Term expires 2018*
 Linda Porter.....*Term expires 2018*
 Christy Liddy.....*Term expires 2020*

JERICO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Joann Osborne.....*Term expires 2016*
 Kathie Russell.....*Term expires 2016*
 Gail Schermer.....*Term expires 2016*
 Ann Broekhuizen.....*Term expires 2017*
 Bev Frank.....*Term expires 2017*
 Ann Messier.....*Term expires 2018*
 Anne Exler.....*Term expires 2018*
 Lauren Montgomery Rinehart.....*Term expires 2019*
 Laura Wolf.....*Term expires 2019*

JERICO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT TRUSTEES

Livy Strong (Chair).....*Term expires 2016*
 Marcy Gibson.....*Term expires 2016*
 Carol Smith.....*Term expires 2017*
 Andrew French.....*Term expires 2017*
 Judie Jones.....*Term expires 2018*
 Marie Lynch.....*Term expires 2018*
 James Massingham.....*Term expires 2018*

**Previous Town Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
Mt. Mansfield Union High School**

Moderator: David Barrington

Selectboard Members present: Kim Mercer (Chair), Catherine McMains, Tim Nulty

Town Administrator: Todd Odit

Town Meeting began with a call to order at 9:15 a.m. by the moderator, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. David Barrington made some opening remarks, including discussing the location of amenities and the many displays around the building. Mr. Barrington made introductions. He invited Representatives George Till and Bill Frank to make comments.

Mr. Frank thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent them. He said there is a different feel in Montpelier, noting a lot of issues and questions. He said he and Mr. Till hold monthly discussion periods at the library. Mr. Frank said the next discussions will be on March 19th and April 21st, inviting people to attend. Mr. Till reminded everyone about the Doyle survey. He said they would love to see people at the library meetings or hear from them through their websites or e-mail. He introduced Senator Michael Sirotkin. Senator Sirotkin said Chittenden County has the privilege and honor of having three out of seven members on the Senate Finance Committee, so we are well-represented. He said it is a busy session and a lot of time is being spent on the waters of the State. Mr. Frank provided more information about the Doyle survey.

Mr. Barrington made some opening remarks. He discussed some housekeeping matters, noting that only registered voters may speak during the meeting. He explained the role of the moderator and drew everyone's attention to the official warning in the Town Report. Mr. Barrington noted that items on the Australian ballot can be discussed during Town Meeting, noting what types of comments would be appropriate or inappropriate.

ARTICLE I: Shall the voters approve the proposed fiscal year ending 2016 budget of \$3,916,373, including spending unanticipated funds such as State and Federal grants and gifts?

Motion made by Sonia Schuyler; seconded by Kelly King.

Mr. Barrington asked the Selectboard to present details of the budget, reminding those present how they may participate. Kim Mercer discussed the revenues, noting the following:

- Total budget of \$3,916,373 is increasing by 6%. Some of the increase is coming from different sources, so the amount raised by taxes is increasing 2.8% or \$73,319.
- There is a chart that shows the Town tax rate has been pretty flat for the past seven years, noting they try really hard to stay in the 2% range.

Intergovernmental:

- Class 2 Structure Grant is zero because the project is done. It was the bridge on Browns Trace Road that was worked on last summer.
- Special Grants, the money is being used for the Jericho Center multi-modal sidewalk to improve access from the school to the center.
- Safe Routes to School Grant of \$117,000 is anticipated for a scoping study for more sidewalks and pedestrian pathways throughout Jericho Corners.

Licenses and Fines:

- Dog Licenses is declining because the Town will not be charging for licensing prior to April 1st in order to have more dogs accounted for and vaccinated for a safer Town; after April 1st there will be a charge.
- Recording Fees reduced due to fewer recordings.
- Restoration and Computerization is reduced by \$10,000 due to fewer fees.

Bert Lindholm asked about dog licensing, whether there will be any reserve funds set aside to be used when farm and housing animals are killed by wild animals. He discussed an example. Ms. Mercer said they hadn't considered that, noting the purpose was to see if this increased the number of dogs being licensed. She said they could look into it. Catherine McMains stated there is still \$4 per fee the Town will forward to the State as required.

Ms. Mercer continued discussing the revenues, noting the following:

- Miscellaneous:
- General Dynamics, the property at Ethan Allen Firing Range, has increased to pay for road maintenance.
- School Billable Expenses reduced to reflect actual cost of working with them and collecting taxes and information in the Town Report.
- Reserve Funds:
- Road Impact Fees are not being used.
- Recreation Impact Fees are reduced slightly.

- Heavy Vehicles & Equipment Fund is down because last year money was moved from there to purchase a vehicle and will not this year.
- Reappraisal Fund of \$60,000 will be used to tackle the reappraisal this year.
- Record Preservation Fund of \$20,500 will be used to cover the cost of the digital land records contract.
- Sidewalk and Paths Fund of \$68,400 represents the local match on the Jericho Center sidewalk construction.
- Buildings and Property Fund, half of this money is moved into the general budget to cover a Highway Garage fire alarm system and the other half will be used to cover a match for a recreation needs assessment study.
- Road Improvement Fund is mostly being used for gravel road improvements, which is a standard budget item.
- Capital Projects Fund is being used for the Jericho Corners scoping study for walkability and pedestrian pathways and for Riverside crossing improvements.
- Fund Balance Use of \$100,000 will be moved in into the regular budget to reduce the tax rate increase this year.

Ms. McMains discussed the Capital Budget, noting the following:

- Highway Garage Fire Alarm money will be used to install a system, which will be paid for out of reserves.
- Jericho Library Expansion, allocated \$31,500 from operating monies, which represents a possible expense. If we go forward with any aspect of a renovation there, we will need some money available to start work.
- Debt Service continues to go down.
- Highways allocate \$220,000 for asphalt roads and \$165,000 for gravel roads, using reserves and operating money. A rating list is used and we are waiting on a transportation study to prioritize the roads.
- Jericho Center Traffic Calming uses \$15,000 for a dual purpose speed table to calm traffic and provide a raised pedestrian pathway from the Green to the store.
- Bridges and Culverts will use \$50,000 of operating money to do some short-term work on the bridge below the Town Garage. Eventually this bridge will need some major work, but this will buy some time.
- Heavy Equipment and Vehicles represents ongoing payments for vehicles and equipment of \$99,660.
- Recreation Needs Assessment is to study if there are unmet needs in Town and what people would like to see in the fu

Paths and Sidewalks:

- Further engineering is needed for the Jericho Center to Pratt Road section. We hope to construct this year using special grants and reserves of \$382,000.
- Lee River to Corners Scoping Study of \$30,000 is to study the feasibility of a sidewalk along Lee River Road from Lafayette to the Corners and if possible to Mountain View Road to increase walkability.
- Vermont Route 15 Crossing will be part of the Safe Routes to School and for pedestrian safety in that area using grant and reserves for funding. There will be a pedestrian activated crossing at Dickenson Street, similar to what is at Jericho Elementary School currently. Additionally, there will be improvements to the crossing at Jolley, including a pedestrian refuge island in the middle of Route 15 for traffic calming and pedestrian safety; and an activated system to stop traffic.

Todd Fisher asked about obtaining information similar to the Town's Capital Plan from outside agencies in the future and including it in the Town's budget in order to plan the Town's finances in that scope. Ms. McMains agreed that is a reasonable idea, noting they keep revising the budgets each year. Tim Nulty also agreed, discussing with Mr. Fisher which agencies he was referring to. Mr. Fisher clarified he was referring to any outside agencies that the Town is funding.

Peter Booth asked whether the Route 15 crossing improvements would be similar to the crossing near Fanny Allen Hospital, noting that is pretty monstrous. He asked about the scope and how it would be paid for, since Route 15 is owned by the State. Todd Odit stated grant money will be used for design and construction. He explained there will be a public process to decide on the design. He said the Town received money for a scoping study and this was the preferred alternative.

Mr. Nulty stated the changes are budget to budget, noting the most recent actual expenses we have are 2014. He discussed how comparisons are made currently and how other places do comparisons. He said there is a question inside the Selectboard whether we should have actual, although the fiscal year is only half over. Mr. Nulty said another possibility would be to have a fiscal year that is a calendar year. He said generally our actual expenditures are less than budget.

Kathy Voigt-Walsh asked how money is allocated if we tend to use less than what is budgeted. Mr. Nulty said we maintain a rainy day fund, which is currently \$534,000 in the general reserve. He explained the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) guideline is reserve of approximately 10% of the operating budget, noting our reserve is larger. He discussed how the reserve fund is used to reduce the tax burden.

Dave Schuler stated at the bottom of page 25 shows expenses were actually almost \$300,000 over budget. Ms. McMains explained that was due to the disaster and the Town was reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Mr. Schuler said it is hard to determine the trend because we don't have the information for previous years. The Selectboard members discussed how disasters and FEMA reimbursements impact actual expenses.

Mr. Nulty discussed expenditures, noting the following:

- The biggest category is salaries and the Selectboard adopted a general raise policy which includes an increase based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase, a longevity bonus, and a small amount for exceptional cases of extremely good

performance. The policy was implemented this year, so it is the first time the longevity bonus will appear. He discussed the impact of the policy on the increase in salaries.

- A reappraisal is scheduled for this year and money has been set aside for that, which is required every five years.

Jim Carroll said he thought in previous years we identified need to do a long-term Capital Budget on line by line basis, discussing an example. He explained that having a detailed Capital Budget, we can change impact fees to any development that will impact a substandard road. He stated he doesn't see evidence of us having five to ten year item-by-item budget. Mr. Carroll said that is a lost opportunity and something that gets us into trouble because these micro-storms are becoming more frequent. Ms. McMains stated we have supporting items for the Capital Budget from FY2016 to FY2020. She said they understand his concerns. She explained various assessments and studies that are being done to help with prioritization and long-term planning.

Mr. Carroll expressed concerns about outside consultants being paid a significant amount of money without seeing the expected results. He asked whether we have a competitive bid process, noting it is great that we are getting all of this grant money; however, inappropriate scopes result in the money being spent on something that is not useful. He stated there are local people who have expertise that cannot get involved at the front of process. Mr. Carroll asked why we can't get some involvement at the consultant level with people familiar with the infrastructure and the needs of the Town. He and Mr. Odit discussed the consultant bidding process. Mr. Nulty and Mr. Carroll discussed the role of the Trails Committee and grant funding in the scoping study example mentioned.

Mr. Fisher asked about road improvements, noting the amount budgeted than the actual amount spent in FY2014. He suggested level-funding it since the frost level has gone down six to eight feet and there will likely be major road improvements needed this year. Ms. McMains explained the budget has to be done by January not knowing what February will be like, which is why we have the general fund balance to deal with these issues. She discussed how the weather impacts the budget and how the general fund balance helps to keep tax rates as level as possible. She noted that is also why there is a long-term transportation study in the works.

Mr. Fisher asked why we wouldn't keep the level of spending as high as the actual. Mr. Odit explained that the majority of the difference was the Skunk Hollow Road project which wrapped up in the spring. He explained the timing and the impact on the paving costs. Mr. Fisher stated that with the speed table mentioned, he hopes we look at tables rather than bumps, discussing the reasoning. The Selectboard members agreed that is the intention.

Mr. Appleberry expressed confusion about following the fiscal years in the budget. He asked if the Selectboard members could make references to what the actual amounts are for FY2015. Ms. McMains stated they don't have the numbers because we are only halfway through the year. Mr. Appleberry and Ms. McMains discussed approaches to presenting the budget information in the report.

Ms. McMains discussed expenditures, noting the following:

- Highways and Bridges:
- Salaries increase of 4% because of the longevity bonus and the 2% increase.
- Benefits went up due to increasing health care costs.
- The Heavy Vehicles and Equipment went down \$37,000 because we bought a truck last year. We try to keep that amount level at \$110,000 and the difference of \$10,000 will be moved into reserves for future use.
- Salt budget is increasing because we know there has been a significant increase in salt costs.
- Bridge Improvement is decreasing by \$100,000 because there are no large projects anticipated.
- Gas, Oil and Diesel reduced to reflect the drop in prices.
- Culverts budget is decreasing to offset the large increase in salt costs.
- Overall, the budget for Highways and Bridges is decreasing by \$116,000.
- Summer Recreation the only change is in the budgeting process.
- Insurances have gone up by 19% due to workers compensation and casualty insurances have increased.

Public Health and Safety:

- A new heading for rescue, fire, and police services.
- Essex Rescue, Richmond Rescue, and Police Services are staying the same.
- The UJFD amount is from a working budget, noting the actual \$324,168 instead of \$321,888.

Motion made by Todd Fisher; seconded by Kelly King to amend the budget to correct the UJFD amount of \$321,888 in the report to \$324,168, which increases the final budget by \$2,280 to \$3,918,653.

Mr. Barrington called the vote to correct the clerical error. Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. McMains introduced Mathew Champlin to discuss the UJFD budget. Mr. Champlin, new Chief of UJFD, thanked Todd Fisher for four years of dedicated service. He discussed the Fire Department's call volume, including comparisons from the prior year the impact of big storms. He stated UJFD improved public protection rating through Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating

from 6.1 to 4.6, which should improve residents' homeowner's insurance premiums. Mr. Champlin stated the budget request of \$324,168 represents a 2.7% increase, noting the total budget is split 60/40 with Underhill. He discussed the budget approval process, which included a joint Selectboard meeting in which both towns Selectboards approved the budget.

Mr. Champlin discussed highlights from the budget, noting the following:

- Accounting service has been added.
- Insurance costs increased.
- Vehicle maintenance increased to reflect what has been spent.
- SCBA, air packs, are getting older and are in the Capital Budget to be replaced.
- Budget will remain relatively flat.

Lisa Rector asked about a \$55,000 discrepancy between the Town Report capital reserves balance and the balance in the 2014 audit report. Mr. Champlin stated it was an incorrect audit, noting it has been recalled by the auditors and will be corrected. Ms. Rector asked how the reserves are divided and where the extra money at the end of the year goes. Mr. Champlin responded that a Reserve Account Statement was included in the Town Report. He explained the timing of equipment purchases and transfers of extra money into reserves. He stated the biggest variable is payroll since it depends on call volume.

Dave Schuler said there has not been significant mention of the Rivers property in the reports. He said if something happens with this it could have a significant impact, asking if there is anticipated action this fiscal year. Mr. Champlin stated both the Selectboard and the Fire Department have listened to the citizens that it is the general consensus for the Fire Department and the Town to work together to find a resolution on the Rivers' property. He said negotiations are taking place, but they don't know when those will end. He stated the negotiated agreement last year was not acted on and these negotiations are in an early phase at this point. Mr. Schuler asked whether there will be a special bond vote. Ms. McMains said that is unknown at this time. She said they are trying to get the public involved in the process. Mr. Schuler, Ms. McMains, and Mr. Champlin discussed the matter further.

Ms. Rector stated there is a survey from the committee working on the Town side of the negotiations seeking input, noting the various ways to provide input. She asked how the Fire Department pays for salaries, including calls, training, and attending meetings. Mr. Champlin stated the members are paid for attending calls, meetings, and drills. He explained the meetings are held Tuesday nights to discuss business, budgets, and plans relevant to the Fire Department, noting that if a firefighter goes to off-site for training it is not paid. Ms. Rector noted the Town doesn't pay people to attend meetings for the Town Boards or committees, asking why we are paying for the Fire Department to attend meetings. She noted she feels it is appropriate to pay for training and responding to calls. Ms. Mercer thanked Ms. Rector for expressing her concern. Ms. McMains said the Town doesn't micromanage their budget.

Mr. Booth asked if there is some way to give the citizens a sense of the potential outcomes of negotiations. Ms. McMains said they know everyone is interested, which is why there have been several public meetings during the Selectboard meetings where they publicly talked about where to go from here. She said the intent is to get as much public direction as possible. She said there have been no negotiations, just public input about how to proceed.

Olaf Verdonk said this discussion is important and has serious budget implications. He applauded the work of the Fire Department. He asked if the total budget \$450,000. Mr. Champlin responded it is \$544,000. Mr. Verdonk said he brought up last year that UJFD budget is more than double another department's budget and asked the Selectboard to look at that. He said the other department has to do all the same things and have roughly the same number of calls for half the money. Mr. Champlin said he believes the difference is that the other department is a municipal fire department, so the Town budget likely carries insurance, etc., not in the fire department's budget. He said our Town breaks it out, noting he has not looked at their budget, but there is a significant difference with municipal departments.

Ms. Rector said she raised questions before the Selectboard a year and half ago providing information on the comparison of costs. She said she asked the Selectboard to form a group of citizens to evaluate the cost effectiveness of the current fire services and none of her questions were ever answered. She made a motion for the Selectboard to form a Town committee to analyze whether it is cost effective to continue with a private corporation running our Fire Department. Mr. Barrington explained a motion cannot be introduced at this point because there is a motion on the floor.

Ms. Rector thanked the Fire Department for providing information on the Rivers Land Budget. She said she sees direct costs, but no billing for labor; yet she has stacks of memos indicating that the full-time firefighter and volunteers have attended many meetings. She asked if taxpayer money is paying for attendance at those meetings. Mr. Champlin said people are not paid to attend those meetings. Ms. Rector asked about Harry. Mr. Champlin clarified that Harry receives his salary that taxpayers are funding.

Ms. Mercer continued discussion of expenditures, noting the following:

- Building and Property:
- Castle and Lowery Cemeteries, the Cemetery Commission has asked for money to address some of the Cemetery needs.

- The Cemetery on Route 15 includes headstone repair and a scoping study to tell us where people are located.
- Maintenance and Repair of Town Facilities includes \$10,000 for the Highway Garage fire alarm; money for improvements to the Town Library; and a recreation needs assessment.

Ed Dubois addressed sidewalk construction, stating this item is \$264,500, which is more than the total fiscal year change for 2016. He suggested that if you chose not to spend the money on sidewalks the budget could be kept close to the cost of living increase. Ms. Mercer stated the money being spent on the sidewalk is not coming out of the General Fund. She said our great staff apply and often receive money from State, RPC, and others to work on these really important, non-motorized pathways. Mr. Dubois and Mr. Odit discussed the portion paid by the Town and how the outside funding works.

Ms. Mercer said it is for the taxpayers to decide. She said they believe the money is well-spent and well-acquired; noting she hopes the citizens will support it. Kelly King stated she approached the Selectboard about the issue of sidewalks and paths in 1974. She said at that time there was still a chance to preserve the path from Lafayette Drive to the Elementary School. She discussed the importance of the planning and reserving the space. Ms. King stated this is not something new, it has been put off for a long time. She said we didn't get a chance to use those paths to get around safely on foot, but she wants her grandchildren to be able to get where they are going safely on foot.

Frank Popeleski said we are talking a lot about sidewalks here today. He asked if the Selectboard understands that people on fixed incomes are having a hard time keeping up with their property taxes. Ms. McMains said they understand that, noting the handout of questions includes a graph that the Selectboard has tried very hard to provide these services while maintaining an almost stable tax rate. She said the school taxes, which they have no control over, are increasing. She stated sidewalks are a safety issue, noting the multimodal pathway from Jericho Center to the school has been in process for years.

Noah King stated he walks to work every day on Route 15 and it would be nice to have sidewalks so that he wouldn't get run off the road. Mr. Carroll discussed pedestrian safety, noting the benefits of walking places instead of driving. He stated he has been waiting forty years to get from Jericho Center to the high school safely without a car. He said the grants neutralize the costs. Mr. Carroll noted there is a lot of income sensitivity for property taxes in this state. He said he hopes we could have a dialogue that focuses on the issues, noting a few of those issues.

Ms. Mercer continued discussion of expenditures, noting the following:

- Mandated Appropriations are those that the Town has no control over those amounts.
- Non-mandated Appropriations:
- Agencies we see as valuable for the citizens of Jericho and we support.
- Please provide any opinions on these agencies to the Selectboard.
- Increased the Jericho Foodshelf contribution because the Selectboard believes that they do a good job for families in need who are our neighbors.

Mr. Nulty discussed contingency and transfers of reserve funds, noting the following:

- The Contingency Fund stands at \$534,000, which is 38% above the recommended level from VLCT. Past experience indicates this is enough to weather emergencies.
- Transfers to Reserve Funds:
- Heavy Vehicles & Equipment Fund spent less, so we will be using the difference to rebuild the fund.
- Record Preservation Fund decreased due to progress in mandated preservation.
- Reappraisal Fund will be used to have a reappraisal this year, which is mandated.

Matt Thomson noted the budget is now out of balance due to the clerical error, asking how it should be adjusted. Mr. Nulty responded transfers to reserve funds will be reduced, rather than raising taxes.

Mr. Booth said in looking at the minutes from last year, the conversation about the Fire Department budget is almost identical, noting some of the points made. He stated it is unacceptable having the same conversation.

Motion made by Peter Booth; seconded by Lisa Rector; to add \$1,200 to the budget to support paying five people \$10 per hour for a two hour meeting once a month to look at the viability of a municipally-based fire department; and to reconcile the discrepancy between our budget and other budgets of similarly sized fire departments in our area.

Elizabeth Bernstein said it sounds like there is some overlap between the motion made and the motion recommended for other business. She said she likes the idea of taking it out of the budget and requiring the committee to meet. She suggested a friendly amendment that if it requires more time, then the committee continues to meet on a volunteer basis and to make recommendations to the Selectboard. Mr. Booth and Ms. Rector agreed to the amendments.

Mr. Champlin asked whether paying these people would result in them being Town employees, requiring insurance, W2s, etc.; noting that would be more than \$1,200 after taxes. Ms. Mercer and Mr. Odit discussed how they could be paid, similar to other positions that receive stipends in the Town. Ms. Rector recommended that the funding comes out of the rainy day reserve fund.

Terry Hook spoke against the motion, noting he understands the frustration. He stated money isn't the way to make something happen. He said he would strongly support a motion in other business to try to address these questions. Peter Anderson stated there is a difference between a municipal fire department and a volunteer fire department shared by two towns. He asked how you could make a municipal fire department in Jericho. Ms. Mercer responded that would be the purpose of the committee. Heidi Klein echoed Mr. Hook's comments, stating it is an important issue, but it is wrong mechanism in the budget. She said she would support a committee to be heard by the Selectboard.

Mr. Verdonk said the Fire Department volunteers get paid \$10 an hour to attend meetings. He expressed confusion about the municipal versus private entity. He asked how it is that the Fire Department is a private entity and they aren't paying property taxes. Mr. Nulty clarified they are a private non-profit. Ms. McMains further clarified that in terms of property taxes, the fire station in Jericho Center has tax abatement on it which is voted on by the taxpayers in five year increments. She stated the Rivers' property is also under tax stabilization agreement where the taxes are reduced because the land is open.

Ms. King also spoke against the amendment, saying she understands and agrees with the sentiment. She said they are a very good Fire Department and she appreciates what they do. She discussed the importance of understanding how it works, saying she doesn't think it needs to be adversarial. Ms. King said we know people are working hard and people who are complaining are doing so out of concern for the Town.

Ms. Rector echoed Mr. Hook's sentiment, saying she doesn't think the committee needs to be paid. She said she spent a lot of time trying to dissect the budgets and there were questions she couldn't answer without expert help. She suggested an amendment to the motion that the committee not be paid, but \$1,200 be allocated for experts to understand the information. Mr. Booth agreed to the amendment.

Motion by Peter Booth; seconded by Lisa Rector; to increase the budget by up to \$1,200 to support a committee of five members charged with looking at a municipal fire department; and understanding the difference between the current Fire Department budget and those of similar towns in the area; and making recommendations to the Selectboard.

Motion made by Matt Thomson to call the question; seconded by Barry King.
Vote: Motion approved: 100 for; 34 opposed; and 6 abstained.

Mr. Barrington called a vote on the amendment to the Town budget.
Vote: Motion approved: 85 for; 24 opposed; and 8 abstained.

Todd Fisher asked whether the difference in the budget of \$3,480 would come out of reserve funds. Mr. Nulty stated that is what they will do, noting they will not increase taxes if they can possibly avoid it.

Mr. Barrington called a vote on Article I. Vote: Motion approved virtually unanimously.

ARTICLE II: Shall the Town collect its taxes in equal installments due in the Town Offices on September 15, 2015, and March 15, 2016, with postmarks acceptable?

ARTICLE III: Shall the town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for the temporary needs of the Town?

ARTICLE IV: Shall the Town Collect its taxes by its Treasurer in accordance with 32 VSA Section 4791?

Mr. Barrington asked to combine Articles II, III and VI. Ms. Mercer objected.

Mr. Barrington read Article II. Motion made by Kelly King; seconded by Evergreen Herb.

Ms. Mercer said the Selectboard would like to explain this is a change to collecting taxes three times annually, not in equal time periods. She explained the primarily change will be more in line with other towns and bringing symmetry for collecting taxes for all the schools in Town. She then explained the timing, noting the Town would like to collect taxes every six months.

Mr. Lindholm objected to this change. He said three times a year is a more modest amount to pay. He said with a fixed retirement income it is easier to budget than twice a year, noting that taxes always seem to go up after reappraisals and it becomes harder and harder. Mr. Lindholm stated he would like it to stay at three times a year, noting the dates could be changed if it is a matter of budgeting. John Neill agreed with Mr. Lindholm, saying some people not good at budgeting and going from three to two could be detrimental.

Mr. Nulty clarified what the process would be if they amended it to be three times a year, but not the current collection dates. He asked if the Selectboard could be given discretion to decide on three suitable, convenient, equal dates.

Kathryn Stevens spoke in favor of the proposed changes, acknowledging the reasons for doing so. Ms. King also spoke in favor

of twice a year. Mr. Booth asked if a change is made, would it be publicized. The Selectboard members responded yes. Ms. Mercer explained how the change would be communicated.

Mr. Dubois asked for an explanation of the Underhill ID taxes timing. Ms. McMains and Mr. Dubois discussed the current timing and the impact of the change. Ms. McMains noted this change would put everyone on the same schedule. She discussed the rationale, noting she understands why people feel differently. Kris Hoffman asked about any savings to the Town associated with the change. Mr. Odit said there would be some savings, noting other benefits associated with the proposed change. Mr. Thomson asked about the timing and whether the payments would be equal amounts. Mr. Odit responded the two payments would be equal. He and Mr. Thomson discussed an example of how the change would impact tax bills.

Mr. Barrington called a vote on Article II. Vote: Motion approved virtually unanimously.

Mr. Barrington asked to combine Articles III and VI. No objection.

Motion made by Barry King; seconded by Anne Benardo.

Mr. Barrington called a vote on Articles III and VI. Vote: Motion approved without dissent.

ARTICLE V: To hear the reports of the Town Officers.

Mr. Barrington presented the written reports in the Town Report and stated this is the time to make comments regarding any of the reports. Jessica Alexander, Town Clerk, said she wanted to highlight two points in the Town Clerk report. She said the first is vital records, noting that we continue to print births and deaths in the report, which was overwhelming supported in 2004. She stated those pages are removed from electronic distribution, including the website. Ms. Alexander asked whether to keep printing the detailed information, noting the Department of Health recommends not printing the detail due to identity theft and safety concerns.

Ms. Klein asked the community to consider about having these open records on vital statistics. She said she works at the Health Department and discussed information that is shared and how the information can be used. She stated this puts us and our children at risk. Ms. Klein stated we should think seriously about having this information publicly available. Mr. Barrington noted a concern has been raised about the report, but it is not a basis to reject it. Mr. Nulty and Ms. Alexander discussed how a decision should be made on whether or not to publish the detailed information in the report. Mr. Nulty asked for a sense of the meeting.

Mr. Barrington stated the sense of the meeting is to move in the direction of removing the detail from the report.

Ms. Alexander stated dog registration is being done differently, explaining the incentive is to have the rabies vaccination on file with the Town and up-to-date to register dogs with no fee until April 1st. She noted there is a list of dogs left to register and the expiration date of the rabies information on file in the lobby. She added that new dogs are welcome to register under this incentive by April 1st.

The reports of the Town Officers stand, as is, without comment.

Mr. Barrington called a vote on Article V. Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

ARTICLE VI: Other Town business thought proper when met.

Tracie Wright addressed the chair facing the audience with a sign reading "EEC". She stated the high school is producing this, effective, engaged, citizens. She gave a shout out to the Mt. Mansfield Union High School girls' ice hockey team, noting they will be at Gutterson tonight for their first ever Division II championship.

Mr. Champlin clarified the tax stabilization mentioned earlier is available to everyone. Ms. McMains agreed, noting the question was specific to the Rivers' property. She discussed the Town and State Current Use Programs. Mr. Champlin, on behalf of the Fire Department, said they have provided the citizens with a very detailed budget and have worked closely with the Selectboards, including holding joint meetings. He stated he has never had a citizen ask them a specific question. He said questions have been asked of the Selectboard and in general ways, but the best way to understand where they spend their money is to ask. Mr. Champlin said anyone can arrange a meeting and they will be happy to explain it. He discussed their willingness to answer questions and conduct comparisons. He also discussed the various work and volunteering that he does.

Mr. Champlin welcomed the committee analysis and comparison, saying he would like to put the debate to bed. He thanked everyone for the commendation of the Fire Department and firefighters. He said it is difficult for people who volunteer with such passion, volunteering at all hours. He stated it is illegal for them not to respond to 9-1-1 call and it is illegal for the Town of Jericho to not have a fire department. Mr. Champlin stated they believe the coverage; the firefighters; the quality of equipment and people is exceptional. He noted Jericho is sharing the cost with Underhill and in order to get the same level of service for Jericho alone you will pay more.

Mr. Lindholm stated he is the Town representative to the Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD). He discussed some items coming up, noting the following:

- Act 148 will require that all recycle material be out of trash and in the blue bins, noting pamphlets have been distributed
- Implications to the haulers if recycling is found in a load of trash.
- Requirement for public areas, like the Harvest Market, to have a separate bin for recycling; noting CSWD has grant program where these organizations can by a large container at reduced prices.
- In 2020 organics, real food waste and leaf waste, will not be able to go into trash, so there will be a third container for those materials.

Mr. Verdonk responded to the Fire Department Chief saying he had asked the question twice about a comparison to Hinesburg. Mr. Champlin stated both times were in a public meeting. Mr. Verdonk said he feels he hasn't gotten a good answer, which is why the citizens voted for a committee. He stated he doesn't doubt the preparation or the commitment of the firefighters at all.

Lynn Robbins thanked Mr. Odit and the Selectboard for all of the information shared through Front Porch Forum about meetings and activities.

Ed Stygles stated the Town might save a lot of money if they got their gravel in Town instead of going to Hinesburg. Ms. McMains noted it depends on the type of gravel.

Robert Groton addressed the committee to be established, expressing concern that the committee is going to do whatever it will do with the exclusion of Underhill. He stated that anything we do should include input from Town of Underhill because they contribute 40% and it is wrong to enter into a study on our own.

Ms. Mercer said there will be another committee opportunity, noting the need for a recreation committee. She discussed the reasoning. She stated more information will be forthcoming as we form that committee.

Motion made by Paul Gross; seconded by Kelly King to adjourn Town Meeting. David Barrington adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Richardson



2015 Pedestrian bridge from the Mill Side

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL
FY2017**

	BUDGET FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	BUDGET FY2016	BUDGET FY2017	\$ CHANGE FY2017	% CHANGE FY2017
REVENUES - DETAIL						
PROPERTY TAXES						
1	GENERAL TAX REVENUE	\$2,599,304	\$2,604,027	\$2,672,123	\$2,738,590	\$66,467 2.49%
	TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$2,599,304	\$2,604,027	\$2,672,123	\$2,738,590	\$66,467 2.49%
PENALTIES AND INTEREST						
2	INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES	\$18,500	\$14,775	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$0 0%
3	PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT TAXES	\$9,500	\$9,288	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0 0%
4	PRIOR YEAR DELINQUENT TAX	\$0	\$102,004	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
	TOTAL PENALTIES AND INTEREST	\$28,000	\$126,067	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0 0%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL						
5	CURRENT USE	\$29,000	\$26,408	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$0 0%
6	FEMA REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
7	PILOT STATE ANR/UVM PAYMENT	\$1,500	\$1,797	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0 0%
8	COLLECTION FEES ON DELINQUENT TAXES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
9	STATE AID FOR ROADS	\$142,000	\$147,412	\$142,000	\$145,000	\$3,000 2%
10	CLASS 2 STRUCTURE GRANT	\$134,992	\$81,824	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
11	CLASS 2 ROAD GRANT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$175,000	\$175,000 17500000%
12	ACT 60 REVENUE	\$2,000	\$2,469	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,000 50%
13	ACT 68 REVENUE	\$8,500	\$12,740	\$8,500	\$12,500	\$4,000 47%
14	STATE GRAND LIST ASSISTANCE	\$17,800	\$17,168	\$17,800	\$17,800	\$0 0%
15	SPECIAL GRANTS	\$221,960	\$35,379	\$313,600	\$40,000	(\$273,600) -87%
16	SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT	\$0	\$0	\$117,250	\$292,680	\$175,430 150%
	TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$557,752	\$325,196	\$631,850	\$716,680	\$84,830 13%
LICENSES AND FINES						
17	PLANNING AND ZONING FEES	\$12,000	\$15,241	\$12,000	\$13,500	\$1,500 13%
18	SUMMER RECREATION FEES	\$60,000	\$63,066	\$60,000	\$80,500	\$20,500 34%
19	LAW ENFORCEMENT FINES	\$40,000	\$28,476	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0 0%
20	DOG LICENSES	\$8,000	\$2,184	\$4,500	\$3,000	(\$1,500) -33%
21	EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS	\$1,000	\$1,180	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0 0%
22	ALL OTHER LICENSES	\$200	\$403	\$200	\$200	\$0 0%
23	COPIER FEES	\$4,500	\$5,589	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0 0%
24	RECORDING FEES	\$40,000	\$25,300	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0 0%
25	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	\$500	\$267	\$500	\$500	\$0 0%
26	MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$800	\$1,440	\$800	\$800	\$0 0%
27	BURN PERMITS	\$150	\$98	\$150	\$150	\$0 0%
28	ALL OTHER FEES	\$3,000	\$2,509	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0 0%
29	RESTORATION AND COMPUTERIZATION	\$30,000	\$18,007	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0 0%
	TOTAL LICENSES AND FINES	\$200,150	\$163,760	\$176,650	\$197,150	\$20,500 12%
INTEREST						
30	INTEREST ON CHECKING	\$10,000	\$4,406	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0 0%
	TOTAL INTEREST	\$10,000	\$4,406	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0 0%
MISCELLANEOUS						
31	GENERAL DYNAMICS PLOWING	\$22,000	\$34,569	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$5,000 20%
32	COMCAST LEASE	\$11,468	\$11,468	\$12,500	\$30,000	\$17,500 140%
33	SCHOOL BILLABLE EXPENSES	\$3,200	\$202	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0 0%
34	SALE OF EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
35	NOT CLASSIFIED	\$100	\$1,577	\$100	\$100	\$0 0%
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$36,768	\$48,816	\$39,600	\$62,100	\$22,500 57%
USE OF RESERVE FUNDS						
36	ROAD IMPACT FEES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 0%
37	RECREATION IMPACT FEES	\$9,000	\$4,000	\$7,500	\$0	(\$7,500) -100%
38	HEAVY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$37,367	\$42,500	\$0	\$8,160	\$8,160 8160%
39	REAPPRAISAL FUND	\$20,000	\$59,708	\$60,000	\$12,350	(\$47,650) -79%

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	BUDGET FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	BUDGET FY2016	BUDGET FY2017	\$ CHANGE FY2017	% CHANGE FY2017
40	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
41	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
42	\$21,095	\$0	\$20,500	\$1,100	(\$19,400)	-95%
43	\$24,540	\$0	\$68,400	\$32,520	(\$35,880)	-52%
44	\$40,000	\$12,320	\$20,000	\$100,000	\$80,000	400%
45	\$0	\$42,500	\$69,000	\$0	(\$69,000)	-100%
46	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
47	\$10,000	\$0	\$12,750	\$0	(\$12,750)	-100%
48	\$100,000	\$0	\$103,480	\$0	(\$103,480)	-100%
TOTAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$266,002	\$161,028	\$361,630	\$154,130	(\$207,500)	-57%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,697,976	\$3,433,299	\$3,919,853	\$3,906,650	(\$13,203)	0%
EXPENDITURES - DETAIL						
TOWN TREASURER						
49	\$36,050	\$33,811	\$37,606	\$40,103	\$2,497	7%
50	\$27,999	\$25,062	\$29,490	\$30,804	\$1,314	4%
51	\$500	\$426	\$500	\$500	\$0	0%
52	\$1,000	\$266	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0%
53	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0	0%
54	\$250	\$570	\$250	\$250	\$0	0%
TOTAL TOWN TREASURER	\$65,899	\$60,135	\$68,946	\$72,757	\$3,811	6%
ADMINISTRATION						
55	\$122,083	\$122,690	\$128,255	\$132,080	\$3,825	3%
56	\$43,604	\$41,859	\$46,802	\$50,078	\$3,276	7%
57	\$300	\$180	\$300	\$300	\$0	0%
58	\$11,000	\$14,000	\$12,500	\$15,000	\$2,500	20%
59	\$4,000	\$7,155	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	100%
60	\$14,435	\$13,386	\$14,435	\$13,500	(\$935)	-6%
61	\$10,000	\$10,182	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0%
62	\$5,000	\$6,025	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$1,000	20%
63	\$5,000	\$3,040	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0%
64	\$1,000	\$7,304	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0%
65	\$6,000	\$3,051	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0%
66	\$4,500	\$3,798	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	0%
67	\$8,000	\$8,420	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	0%
68	\$42,250	\$16,702	\$23,700	\$22,500	(\$1,200)	-5%
69	\$3,500	\$2,398	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	0%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$280,672	\$260,189	\$269,992	\$282,459	\$12,467	5%
TOWN CLERK						
70	\$70,193	\$70,659	\$76,730	\$77,751	\$1,021	1%
71	\$39,389	\$41,961	\$43,328	\$45,864	\$2,536	6%
72	\$9,255	\$11,351	\$4,800	\$21,744	\$16,944	353%
73	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$150	(\$50)	-25%
74	\$21,095	\$16,008	\$20,500	\$21,100	\$600	3%
75	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
76	\$1,775	\$1,977	\$1,700	\$1,775	\$75	4%
77	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0	0%
78	\$5,050	\$5,367	\$5,050	\$6,050	\$1,000	20%
TOTAL TOWN CLERK	\$147,057	\$147,323	\$152,408	\$174,534	\$22,126	15%
LISTING						
79	\$32,873	\$43,769	\$33,526	\$34,462	\$936	3%
80	\$11,183	\$12,328	\$11,685	\$13,806	\$2,121	18%
81	\$800	\$584	\$800	\$800	\$0	0%
82	\$3,000	\$2,172	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0%
83	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$1,800	\$1,050	140%
84	\$20,000	\$64,622	\$60,000	\$2,000	(\$58,000)	-97%
TOTAL LISTING	\$68,606	\$123,476	\$109,761	\$55,867	(\$53,894)	-49%

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	BUDGET FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	BUDGET FY2016	BUDGET FY2017	\$ CHANGE FY2017	% CHANGE FY2017
HEALTH OFFICE						
85	HEALTH OFFICER	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$300 25%
86	TRAVEL, MEETINGS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0 0%
87	DOG WARDEN	\$2,500	\$1,945	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$500 20%
	TOTAL HEALTH OFFICE	\$3,850	\$3,145	\$3,850	\$4,650	\$800 21%
PLANNING AND ZONING						
88	SALARIES	\$64,188	\$61,768	\$66,589	\$87,129	\$20,540 31%
89	BENEFITS	\$20,036	\$25,157	\$17,653	\$43,567	\$25,914 147%
90	LEGAL EXPENSE	\$800	\$5,041	\$800	\$2,500	\$1,700 213%
91	TRAVEL, MEETING & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$1,000	\$1,865	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500 50%
92	ADVERTISEMENTS	\$1,750	\$3,418	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$250 14%
93	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	\$8,000	\$18,140	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$2,000 25%
94	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$100	\$514	\$100	\$100	\$0 0%
	TOTAL PLANNING AND ZONING	\$95,874	\$115,903	\$95,892	\$146,795	\$50,903 53%
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES						
95	SALARIES	\$253,483	\$246,049	\$264,028	\$266,563	\$2,535 1%
96	BENEFITS	\$100,460	\$96,909	\$105,145	\$109,442	\$4,297 4%
97	OFFICE EQUIPMENT/MAINTENANCE	\$500	\$19	\$500	\$500	\$0 0%
98	TRAVEL, MEETING & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$800	\$163	\$800	\$800	\$0 0%
99	TELEPHONE	\$1,500	\$4,219	\$1,500	\$3,700	\$2,200 147%
100	ELECTRICITY	\$3,800	\$3,606	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$0 0%
101	BUILDING HEAT	\$13,000	\$9,804	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$0 0%
102	BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	\$9,000	\$4,326	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0 0%
103	HEAVY VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT	\$147,367	\$199,893	\$110,000	\$118,160	\$8,160 7%
104	SMALL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	\$10,000	\$11,466	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0 0%
105	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$56,000	\$68,103	\$56,000	\$61,000	\$5,000 9%
106	HIRED EQUIPMENT	\$50,000	\$49,865	\$50,000	\$25,000	(\$25,000) -50%
107	SUMMER ROADS GRAVEL/STONE	\$60,000	\$59,778	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0 0%
108	WINTER SAND	\$56,000	\$55,590	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$0 0%
109	SALT	\$55,000	\$60,078	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0 0%
110	SALT ALTERNATIVES	\$4,500	\$2,883	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0 0%
111	ROAD IMPROVEMENT	\$400,000	\$152,044	\$400,000	\$450,000	\$50,000 13%
112	BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT	\$150,000	\$128,588	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0 0%
113	GAS, OIL AND DIESEL	\$90,500	\$74,800	\$86,000	\$77,000	(\$9,000) -10%
114	CULVERTS	\$20,000	\$17,878	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0 0%
115	GUARDRAILS	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0 0%
116	COLD & HOT PATCH	\$10,000	\$5,712	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0 0%
117	CHLORIDE	\$26,000	\$25,159	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$0 0%
118	SIGNAGE & STRIPING	\$20,000	\$10,892	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$10,000 50%
119	TREE/BRUSH MAINTENANCE	\$20,000	\$10,800	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0 0%
120	MUD SEASON GRAVEL	\$35,000	\$20,941	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0 0%
121	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$13,000	\$11,746	\$13,000	\$12,000	(\$1,000) -8%
	TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES	\$1,613,910	\$1,331,311	\$1,497,273	\$1,544,464	\$47,191 3%
SUMMER RECREATION						
122	SALARIES	\$55,788	\$53,835	\$56,900	\$55,500	(\$1,400) -2%
123	BENEFITS	\$4,268	\$4,118	\$4,268	\$4,268	\$0 0%
124	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$5,000	\$7,384	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$2,000 40%
125	TRAVEL	\$5,500	\$5,695	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$500 9%
126	PROGRAMS	\$1,600	\$3,375	\$1,600	\$2,000	\$400 25%
127	ADVERTISEMENTS	\$60	\$0	\$60	\$60	\$0 0%
128	FACILITY RENTAL	\$1,670	\$1,795	\$1,670	\$1,670	\$0 0%
129	FIELD TRIPS	\$6,500	\$9,172	\$6,500	\$12,000	\$5,500 85%
130	CIT PROGRAM	\$1,600	\$580	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0 0%
131	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$400	\$4	\$400	\$400	\$0 0%
	TOTAL SUMMER RECREATION	\$82,386	\$85,959	\$83,498	\$90,498	\$7,000 8%

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	BUDGET FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	BUDGET FY2016	BUDGET FY2017	\$ CHANGE FY2017	% CHANGE FY2017
INSURANCES						
132	UNEMPLOYMENT	\$3,200	\$4,256	\$3,200	\$4,300	\$1,100 34%
133	WORKERS COMPENSATION	\$12,000	\$14,667	\$19,000	\$21,000	\$2,000 11%
134	PROPERTY, CASUALTY & LIABILITY	\$35,000	\$41,201	\$37,500	\$43,000	\$5,500 15%
	TOTAL INSURANCES	\$50,200	\$60,124	\$59,700	\$68,300	\$8,600 14%
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY						
135	RESCUE SQUAD -ESSEX	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$13,000	\$1,500 13%
136	RESCUE SQUAD - RICHMOND	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$2,000 33%
137	UNDERHILL-JERICO FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$315,604	\$315,604	\$324,168	\$326,699	\$2,531 1%
138	POLICE SERVICES	\$117,000	\$109,525	\$117,000	\$120,000	\$3,000 3%
	TOTAL POLICE AND SAFETY	\$450,104	\$442,629	\$458,668	\$467,699	\$9,031 2%
BUILDING AND PROPERTY						
139	BUILDING-ELECTRICITY	\$8,500	\$8,402	\$8,500	\$7,300	(\$1,200) -14%
140	STREET LIGHTS	\$15,000	\$13,861	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$0 0%
141	BUILDING HEAT	\$2,800	\$2,784	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$0 0%
142	CASTLE AND LOWERY CEMETERIES	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$5,000	\$8,160	\$3,160 63%
143	JERICO CENTER CEMETERY	\$3,620	\$3,030	\$4,060	\$4,750	\$690 17%
144	JERICO GREENS	\$5,180	\$7,500	\$7,000	\$11,000	\$4,000 57%
145	MAINTENANCE/REPAIR - TOWN FACILITIES	\$73,360	\$49,519	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$75,000 100%
146	SIDEWALKS - MAINTENANCE	\$14,000	\$11,770	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$0 0%
147	SIDEWALKS - CONSTRUCTION	\$247,500	\$34,727	\$512,000	\$325,200	(\$186,800) -36%
148	TREE WARDEN	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0 0%
149	STORMWATER - PERMITS/MAINTENANCE	\$500	\$86	\$500	\$500	\$0 0%
	TOTAL BUILDING AND PROPERTY	\$372,560	\$132,779	\$643,860	\$538,710	(\$105,150) -16%
JERICO CONSERVATION						
150	SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0 0%
151	JERICO CONSV COMMISSION	\$1,700	\$291	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0 0%
	TOTAL JERICO CONSERVATION	\$2,700	\$291	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0 0%
OPEN SPACE/PUBLIC USE						
152	LAND IMPROVEMENTS	\$13,000	\$10,540	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0 0%
153	MOBBS FARM	\$3,200	\$1,111	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0 0%
154	OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0 \$0
	TOTAL OPEN SPACE/PUBLIC USE	\$16,200	\$11,651	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$0 0%
LANDFILL						
155	POST CLOSURE COSTS	\$4,600	\$1,500	\$4,600	\$2,000	(\$2,600) -57%
	TOTAL LANDFILL	\$4,600	\$1,500	\$4,600	\$2,000	(\$2,600) -57%
APPROPRIATIONS						
MANDATED						
156	CHITTENDEN COUNTY TAX	\$25,937	\$25,944	\$26,126	\$28,213	\$2,087 8%
157	CHITTENDEN RPC	\$7,207	\$7,207	\$7,196	\$7,126	(\$70) -1%
158	JERICO-UNDERHILL LIBRARY	\$143,153	\$143,153	\$147,365	\$156,772	\$9,407 6%
159	JERICO-UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT	\$19,229	\$19,229	\$22,783	\$23,776	\$993 4%
160	VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS	\$6,159	\$6,159	\$6,335	\$6,460	\$125 2%
	TOTAL MANDATED	\$201,685	\$201,692	\$209,805	\$222,347	\$12,542 6%
NON-MANDATED						
161	CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$0 0%
162	CHILD CARE RESOURCE	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0 0%
163	CHITTENDEN COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$5,000 167%
164	TENNIS COURT MAINTENANCE	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	(\$500) -100%
165	CHITTENDEN EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0 0%
166	CUSI	\$8,730	\$8,730	\$10,476	\$7,640	(\$2,836) -27%
167	COMMITTEE ON TEMPORARY SHELTER	\$700	\$700	\$750	\$750	\$0 0%

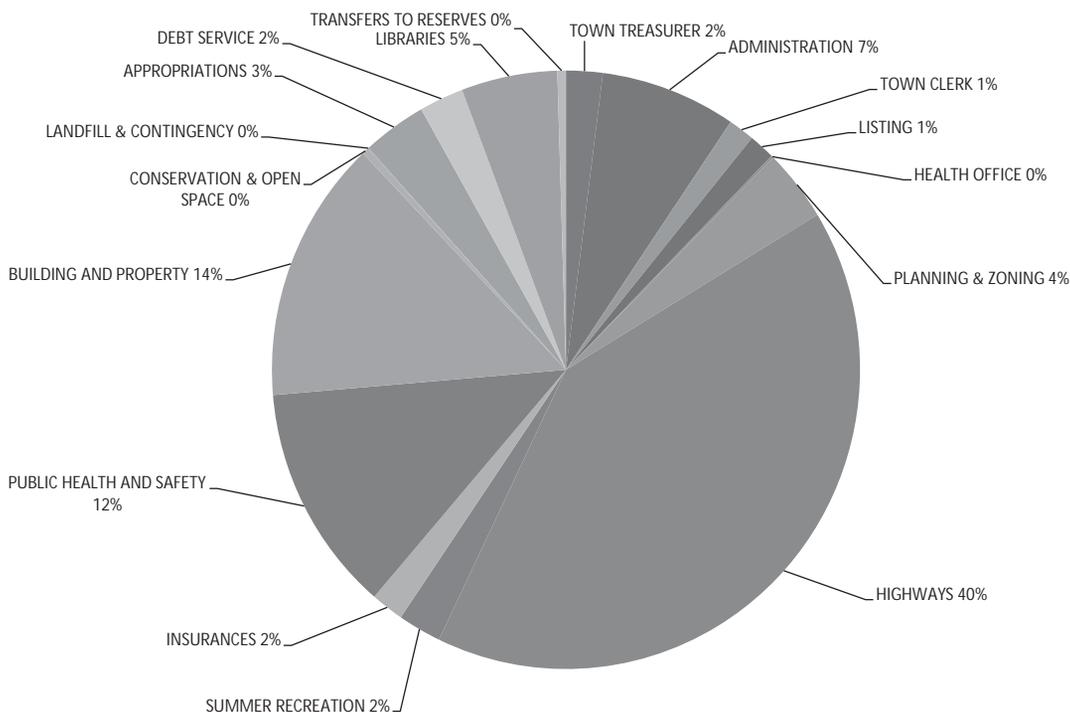
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168	HOWARD CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0	0%
169	JERICO CENTER PRESERVATION	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$5,250	\$6,750	\$1,500	29%
170	JERICO FOODSHELF	\$600	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0%
171	JERICO HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0%
172	JERICO YOUTH LEAGUE	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	0%
173	JERI-HILL XYZ SENIORS	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$0	0%
174	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	\$250	\$271	\$300	\$300	\$0	0%
175	VERMONT CARES	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0%
176	VCIL	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0	0%
177	VISITING NURSES ASSOCIATION	\$16,718	\$16,718	\$17,554	\$18,081	\$527	3%
178	WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DISTRICT	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$11,266	(\$734)	-6%
179	WOMEN HELPING BATTERED WOMEN	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,600	\$1,700	\$100	6%
	TOTAL NON-MANDATED	\$62,848	\$62,869	\$66,230	\$69,287	\$3,057	5%
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$264,533	\$264,561	\$276,035	\$291,634	\$15,599	6%
	DEBT SERVICE						
180	TOWN HALL INTEREST	\$36,781	\$39,581	\$34,629	\$31,483	(\$3,146)	-9%
181	TOWN HALL PRINCIPLE	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0	0%
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$96,781	\$99,581	\$94,629	\$91,483	(\$3,146)	-3%
	TOWN LIBRARY						
182	SALARIES	\$23,763	\$23,763	\$26,387	\$28,900	\$2,513	10%
183	TOWN CONTRIBUTION	\$10,481	\$10,481	\$12,314	\$14,200	\$1,886	15%
	TOTAL LIBRARY	\$34,244	\$34,244	\$38,701	\$43,100	\$4,399	11%
	TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS						
184	HEAVY VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$0	\$0	\$10,340	\$0	(\$10,340)	100%
185	REAPPRAISAL FUND	\$17,800	\$17,168	\$17,800	\$17,800	\$0	0%
186	OPEN SPACE FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
187	BRIDGE FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
188	RECORD PRESERVATION FUND	\$30,000	\$3,500	\$20,000	\$0	(\$20,000)	-100%
189	SIDEWALK/PATHS FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
190	BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
191	ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
192	STORMWATER	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
193	BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
194	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
	TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$47,800	\$20,668	\$48,140	\$17,800	(\$30,340)	-63%
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,697,976	\$3,195,468	\$3,919,853	\$3,906,650	(\$13,203)	0%

The firm of Fothergill, Segale & Valley was engaged to audit the financial statements of the Town of Jericho for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. Copies of the audit report, for which they gave an unqualified opinion are on file at the Town office and can be obtained on the Town website at www.jerichovt.gov. The budget and actual columns for FY15 above are contained, in summary, in the audit report, in a supplementary schedule. The schedule shows a net increase to unrestricted Fund Balance of \$237,828.

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL
FY2017**

	BUDGET FY2015	ACTUAL FY2015	BUDGET FY2016	BUDGET FY2017	\$ CHANGE FY2017	% CHANGE FY2017
REVENUE						
PROPERTY TAXES	\$2,599,304	\$2,604,027	\$2,672,123	\$2,738,590	\$66,467	2%
PENALTIES AND INTEREST	\$28,000	\$126,067	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0	0%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$557,752	\$325,196	\$631,850	\$716,680	\$84,830	13%
LICENSES AND FINES	\$200,150	\$163,760	\$176,650	\$197,150	\$20,500	12%
INTEREST	\$10,000	\$4,406	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	0%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$36,768	\$48,816	\$39,600	\$62,100	\$22,500	57%
USE OF RESERVE FUNDS	\$266,002	\$161,028	\$361,630	\$154,130	(\$207,500)	-57%
TOTAL	\$3,697,976	\$3,433,299	\$3,919,853	\$3,906,650	(\$13,203)	0%
EXPENSES						
TOWN TREASURER	\$65,899	\$60,135	\$68,946	\$72,757	\$3,811	6%
ADMINISTRATION	\$280,672	\$260,189	\$269,992	\$282,459	\$12,467	5%
TOWN CLERK	\$147,057	\$147,323	\$152,408	\$174,534	\$22,126	15%
LISTING	\$68,606	\$123,476	\$109,761	\$55,867	(\$53,894)	-49%
HEALTH OFFICE	\$3,850	\$3,145	\$3,850	\$4,650	\$800	21%
PLANNING & ZONING	\$95,874	\$115,903	\$95,892	\$146,795	\$50,903	53%
HIGHWAYS	\$1,613,910	\$1,331,311	\$1,497,273	\$1,544,464	\$47,191	3%
SUMMER RECREATION	\$82,386	\$85,959	\$83,498	\$90,498	\$7,000	8%
INSURANCES	\$50,200	\$60,124	\$59,700	\$68,300	\$8,600	14%
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY	\$450,104	\$442,629	\$458,668	\$467,699	\$9,031	2%
BUILDING AND PROPERTY	\$372,560	\$132,779	\$643,860	\$538,710	(\$105,150)	-16%
CONSERVATION & OPEN SPACE	\$18,900	\$11,943	\$13,900	\$13,900	\$0	0%
LANDFILL	\$4,600	\$1,500	\$4,600	\$2,000	(\$2,600)	-57%
APPROPRIATIONS	\$121,380	\$121,408	\$128,670	\$134,862	\$6,192	5%
DEBT SERVICE	\$96,781	\$99,581	\$94,629	\$91,483	(\$3,146)	-3%
LIBRARIES	\$177,397	\$177,397	\$186,066	\$199,872	\$13,806	7%
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES	\$47,800	\$20,668	\$48,140	\$17,800	(\$30,340)	-63%
TOTAL	\$3,697,976	\$3,195,468	\$3,919,853	\$3,906,650	(\$13,203)	0%



Capital Budget FY17-FY21

PROJECT FUNDING		Exp Line	FY17	RESERVES	OPERATING	GRANTS	FEES	BORROW
Buildings and Property								
	Town Hall Exterior Improvements	145	\$100,000	\$100,000 (44)				
	Jericho Library Expansion	145	\$31,500	\$31,500				
Debt Service								
	Town Hall Bond	180	\$91,483	\$91,483				
Highways								
	Asphalt Highway Improvement	111	\$335,000	\$160,000	\$175,000 (11)			
	Gravel Road Improvement	111	\$65,000	\$65,000				
	Riverside St Network Scoping	111	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$40,000 (15)			
Bridges & Culverts								
	Raceway Culvert	112	\$50,000	\$50,000				
Heavy Equipment/Vehicles								
	Highway - Equipment/Vehicles	103	\$118,160	\$8,160 (38)	\$110,000			
Paths and Sidewalks								
	Pratt to Lee River Multi-Use Path	147	\$25,000	\$2,500 (43)	\$22,500 (16)			
	Riverside Crosswalks Grant	147	\$234,200	\$23,420 (43)	\$210,780 (16)			
	Bike/Ped Small Construction Grant	147	\$31,000	\$3,100 (43)	\$27,900 (16)			
	Corners to Riverside Multi-Use Path Study	147	\$35,000	\$3,500 (43)	\$31,500 (16)			
*Number in () denotes revenue source in budget								
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			\$1,166,343	\$140,680	\$517,983	\$507,680	\$0	

CAPITAL BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2017 - 2021

Project	Line	Total Cost	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
BUILDINGS & PROPERTY							
Town Hall Exterior Improvements	145	\$280,000	\$100,000	\$125,000	\$55,000		
Jericho Library Expansion	145	\$750,000	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500	\$31,500
Highway Garage Improvements		\$100,000			\$25,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
DEBT SERVICE							
Town Hall Bond	180	\$427,195	\$91,483	\$89,235	\$86,860	\$81,220	\$78,397
HIGHWAYS							
Asphalt Highway Improvement	111	\$1,673,000	\$335,000	\$329,000	\$322,000	\$348,000	\$339,000
Gravel Road Improvement	111	\$736,000	\$65,000	\$71,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Riverside Street Network Scoping	111	\$50,000	\$50,000				
Skunk Hollow/VT 117 Intersection Scoping		\$50,000		\$50,000			
Barber Farm/VT 117 Intersection Scoping		\$50,000			\$50,000		
Browns Trace/Lee River Intersection Scoping		\$50,000				\$50,000	
BRIDGES & CULVERTS							
Bridge Improvements	112	\$250,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
HEAVY/EQUIPMENT/VEHICLES							
Highway - Equipment/Vehicles	103	\$679,480	\$118,160	\$153,160	\$213,160	\$115,000	\$80,000
PATHS AND SIDEWALKS							
Pratt to Lee River Multi-Use Path	147	\$434,500	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$384,500		
Riverside Crosswalks Grant	147	\$260,000	\$234,200				
Bike/Ped Small Construction Grant	147	\$31,000	\$31,000				
Corners to Riverside Multi-Use Path Study	147	\$40,000	\$35,000				
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS		\$5,861,175	\$1,166,343	\$923,895	\$1,418,020	\$925,720	\$803,897
FUNDING SOURCES							
Buildings and Property Fund			\$100,000				
Capital Projects Fund			\$0				
Sidewalks/Paths Fund			\$32,520				
Equipment Fund			\$8,160				
Grants State/Federal/Other			\$507,680				
Operating Funds			\$517,983				
Recreation Impact Fees			\$0				
Total Project Costs			\$1,166,343				



Town of Jericho Special Revenue Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/2014	Transfers From General Fund	Charges for Services	Interest Income	Withdrawals	Ending Fund Balance 6/30/2015
Reserve Accounts:						
Sidewalk & Paths Preservation	\$ 89,619	\$ -	-	\$ 45	-	\$ 89,664
Equipment	129,845	3,500	-	65	-	133,410
Reappraisal	145,333	-	-	70	(42,500)	102,903
Bridge Replacement	170,198	17,168	-	83	(59,708)	127,741
Open Space	208,892	-	-	96	-	208,988
Stormwater	72,935	-	-	36	-	72,971
Road Upgrade	20,313	-	-	10	-	20,323
Buildings and Property	232,362	-	-	117	(42,500)	189,979
Capital Projects	50,039	-	-	25	(12,320)	37,744
	30,024	-	-	15	-	30,039
	<u>1,149,560</u>	<u>20,668</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>562</u>	<u>(54,820)</u>	<u>1,115,970</u>
Town Impact Fees:						
Road Impact	111,358	-	12,490	59	-	123,907
Recreational	14,984	-	750	8	(4,000)	11,742
	<u>126,342</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,240</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>139,649</u>
Expendable Trusts:						
Bentley Cemetery Fund	2,687	-	-	7	-	2,694
Maude Brown Fund	3,914	-	-	9	-	3,923
Stevens Fund	16,234	-	-	47	-	16,281
	<u>22,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,898</u>
Agency Funds:						
Development Escrow	6,848	-	-	3	-	6,851
ID School Impact	1,512	-	-	1	(196)	1,317
School Impact	6,531	-	-	3	(3,000)	3,534
	<u>14,891</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>(3,196)</u>	<u>11,702</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,313,628</u>	<u>\$ 20,668</u>	<u>\$ 13,240</u>	<u>\$ 699</u>	<u>\$ (58,016)</u>	<u>\$ 1,290,219</u>

SELECTBOARD REPORT

FINANCES

Per the Town's FY15 audit, the cost of the Town's programs was \$2,992,008 with an operating surplus of \$237,828. The net position (total assets less total liabilities) increased by \$212,116 or approximately 2.82% as a result of the past year's operations from \$7,527,460 to \$7,739,576. Of the Town's total net position, \$5,804,827 is invested in capital assets, net of debt, and \$419,698 is in restricted assets while \$1,515,051 is in unrestricted assets.

PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed FY17 budget of \$3,906,650 is a decrease in total spending of \$13,203 compared to FY16. On the revenue side, the amount raised by taxes is increasing by 2.5%. This increase was kept to a minimum despite phasing out the use of \$100,000 in fund balance as was done the previous two fiscal years.

Major projects included in the budget are: paving \$335,000 (line 111); purchase of a tandem highway truck and loader (line 103); Town Hall exterior improvements (line 145); and Riverside Crosswalk improvements \$234,200 (line 147).

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

Following the departure of a recent hire and the retirement of Cubby Blades, the Highway Department welcomed two new employees, Jacob Johnson and Steven Towers. Jacob came to Jericho after working with VTrans and Steven previously worked with the Richmond Highway Department.

The Planning Department saw the arrival of Michelle Patrick as the Zoning Administrator and Katherine Sonnick as the Planning and Development Coordinator. Katherine was most recently the Planning Director for the Town of Milton.

HIGHWAYS

It was a quiet year for the Highway Department. However, an updated Transportation Plan was completed, providing a plan for future roadway projects. In addition, inventories on signs, culverts and pavement condition were all brought together to aid in planning improvements. Most of the town's major roads were painted with fog lines set back from the road edge in an attempt to slow traffic and provide a place for cyclists. The proposed budget includes additional funds to repaint all the fog lines annually. Finally, the department purchased an excavator to aid in its operations and expand its capabilities.

SIDEWALKS & PATHS

In addition to the Transportation Plan, a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan was completed. A first for Jericho. The plan identifies projects and provides a priority ranking to aid in future planning. This past summer two segments of the MMU Multi-Use concept were completed utilizing three different grant funds which covered 80% of the total project cost. To keep that project going, the town applied for and was awarded a \$435,000 federal grant to complete the next segment, running from Pratt Road to Lee River Road. The town was awarded two other Bike and Pedestrian grants, one would fund the study of creating a multi-use path along Route 15 from Jericho Corners to Riverside, and the other will fund the purchase of safety lights for two crosswalks in Jericho Center and for the crosswalk on River Road closest to the schools. The grant will also cover the installation of a raised crosswalk in Jericho Center in front of the store.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

- The pedestrian bridge was completed;
- A town-wide reappraisal began;
- A form-based zoning code was adopted for the Riverside area.

As always, we welcome your input on all town-related issues and invite you to attend our meetings on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month starting at 7:00 pm.

Sincerely,

Jericho Selectboard

AUDITORS REPORT

During 2015 Jericho's Elected Auditors continued to focus on internal controls. Broadly defined, internal controls are policies and procedures designed to minimize financial risk and assure operational effectiveness and efficiency. Our objectives are to document the Town's policies and procedures, evaluate possible deficiencies in effective controls, determine the Town's adherence to its own policies and procedures, and recommend practical improvements where we feel qualified to do so.

Elected Auditors are not involved in the preparation or examination of the Town's financial statements. Accordingly we offer no opinion about the Town's financial condition or performance.

Elected Auditors met monthly during 2015. Guidelines for our meetings are based on the Handbook for Locally Elected Auditors, prepared by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. It is a thirty-five page guide for Vermont elected auditors, and covers over one hundred items to be addressed during the fiscal year. The public is always welcome at our meetings.

Don Messier
Andrew Albright



View of the pedestrian bridge -fall 2015

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

TRIBUTE to Phyllis Gray: JCC members fondly remember our friend and colleague who has proudly served the townspeople of Jericho for the past decade. Phyllis retired recently from the commission in order to better focus on family and her personal health. In honoring her we dedicate this report and our upcoming year of service to Jericho.

Over the Jericho Conservation Commission's 26 year history of serving the community interests in preserving ecologically significant habitat and assisting the town with decisions regarding the stewardship of its wildlife and natural areas, the JCC has developed the following objectives:

- To help citizens of all ages to value the working landscape and connect with the natural world
- To focus on community awareness of watershed health, habitat connectivity, and biodiversity
- To maintain reliable inventories of Jericho's resources for use in town planning that will ensure the conservation of the town's vibrant ecosystems for its citizens
- To Assist the Selectboard , Planning Commission and town staff with decisions involving the town's wildlife habitat, ecosystems, and conservation policies

The commission has nine volunteer members appointed by the Selectboard with a rotating set of 3-year terms and a yearly budget that is supplemented via grant awards (both private and public). As we build upon past achievements there is continuing cooperation with other town boards, schools, local landowners, professional consultants, and neighboring towns' conservation commissions. With our diverse ecological and natural resource experience, we are dedicated to improving interactions among community members and the natural systems around us. Recent activities can be reviewed via the link at www.jerichovt.gov. Resource inventory updates and community education constituted the majority of our effort in 2015:

- Actively participated in DRB hearings involving natural resource considerations
- Hosted the "Natural Places of Jericho" series which consisted of tree planting and invasive knotweed removal at Mills Riverside Park (along with volunteers from JULT), a wildflower walk (also at Mills), a spring bird watching trek and our late summer stargazing party (both held at Mobbs Park)
- Cooperated with Jericho's Planning Commission to develop regulations relative to natural resource protection based upon revised inventories resulting from a Regional Planning Commission grant
- Assisted the Planning Commission with its drafting of an updated Town Plan
- Cosponsor of Village University presentations including natural areas, energy use, and local conservation at the Jericho Community Center

Planned activities in 2016:

1. Sponsor Natural Places of Jericho to help encourage deeper connections between the community and the natural systems within the town
2. Assist Planning Commission and Zoning Office in implementing the use of a revised Natural Resource Overlay District
3. Continue a revision of Jericho's Wetland Inventory with assistance from Arrowwood Associates
4. Enlist volunteers to assist in local invasive plant removal efforts, GreenUp activities and restoration projects in natural areas in Jericho

Monthly meetings are always open to the public. Be our guest at 7 PM every 2nd Wednesday at Town Center Library. Present members are: Ann Kroll Lerner, Liz Thompson, Josh Benes, Laura Vallett, Karina Dailey, Phyllis Gray, Mary Neighbours, Brian Swisher, and Tom Baribault (chair). Feel free to contact any of us with your questions or comments. Transition: we congratulate Josh Benes on his upcoming marriage and professional pursuits. Best wishes to you and Rebecca, Josh! You will be missed.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The purpose of the Development Review Board (“DRB”) is to review proposed land use changes to see that they conform to the zoning regulations. The DRB does not develop the regulations, they are developed by the Planning Commission and Town Planner, then adopted by the Selectboard. The Zoning Administrator administers the regulations. For some kinds of applications, such as subdivisions or conditional uses, the regulations refer the application for review by the DRB. Also, if there is an appeal of the actions of the Zoning Administrator, it is heard by the DRB.

The DRB is a group of volunteers appointed by the Selectboard. The DRB normally meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month if there are any applications to review. In 2015, the DRB reviewed a total of 18 applications of all types, including appeals.

I am often asked how the public can stay informed of DRB hearings. When an application that requires a DRB hearing is processed, besides the required notices to neighbors and such, the Zoning administrator always publishes the formal notice in local papers, including the Mountain Gazette, and posts them on public bulletin boards around town. If you would like to see the agendas for upcoming meetings, or the minutes of past meetings, you can find them on the town web site. Go to www.jerichovt.gov, click on the “Boards & Commissions” heading, then click on “Development Review Board”, then on “Agenda and Minutes”. Also on the home page at www.jerichovt.gov, you can subscribe to email updates for any of the town boards and committees so they are sent to you automatically. To get the DRB agendas and minutes, just check the “Development Review Board” checkbox when you sign up. We also post each agenda in the Front Porch Forum. Mount Mansfield Cable TV (public access channel 15) usually records our meetings, so if you have cable TV, you can watch the past hearings on public access TV. You can also see them online on MMCTV's channels. Try: <https://vimeo.com/channels/mmctv15>

In addition to our routine business, the DRB plans to continue occasional joint meetings with the Planning Commission and the Selectboard to help with possible updates to the regulations.

As Chair, I'd like to say thank you to Joe Flynn, Stephanie Hamilton, and Chris West for their continuing faithful service on the DRB. Welcome to our new member Jeff York. Thanks also to former member Wayne Hendee for his past work.

JERICHO CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT

During 2015 the Jericho Cemetery Commissioners (see below) appointed by the Selectboard to serve on the Cemetery Commission held three publicly warned meetings regarding the care and maintenance of the Town's official Cemeteries: Jericho Center Cemetery, Barber Farm Road, Castle Cemetery, VT Route 15, and Lowery Cemetery, Raceway.

The Cemetery Commission reviewed the Town Records of the Castle Cemetery and considered options for the installation of a new access road from VT Route 15 directly to the Castle Cemetery that has been impacted by the construction and location of the Dollar General Store (Zaremba Group, Cleveland, Ohio). The Cemetery Commission is coordinating this new access road project with the neighboring Lutheran Church Facilities Committee.

A review of the condition of the gravestones and monuments in the Castle Cemetery was also completed in 2015. A local firm has been contacted to repair approximately 12 gravestones and monuments in 2016.

The Commission plans to review also the condition of the gravestones and markers in the Lowery Cemetery in 2016 and to make the necessary repairs and improvements.

The Cemetery Commission seeks to provide interest, support, and participation in maintaining these historic Town of Jericho cemeteries. Any suggestions or comments in this regard would be most welcome.

Albert Lindholm
J. Brooks Buxton
Stuart Alexander

JERICHO CENTER CEMETERY REPORT

Three to four foot cedar trees were installed along the south fence line. A need to screen adjacent farm operations required this work. The wet summer allowed the trees to take hold and should be of sufficient size in four or five years.

Excavation work cleared and restored the large stone wall in the cemetery center. This area required clearing to provide mowing access and to make the area presentable to cemetery visitors.

Work on eight monuments required repair, rework and cleaning in old section.

Lawn Mowing: The yearly contract coordinated between the cemetery and the Town has continued with good workmanship. The contractor provided a fine job throughout the summer and fall. This work is the major annual expense for the cemetery.

Stuart Alexander provided a historic cemetery tour as part of the October History Month sponsored by the Jericho Town Library. He related the history on former residents; reviewed the changing monument materials and design of the older monuments.

As volunteer time, and donations permit, the Association continues to provide cemetery improvements.

Many many THANKS go out to everyone for their continued interest, support and participation in the cemetery. Please let us know of your suggestions or comments.

Cordially yours,

Bert Lindholm
for the J.C.C.A Board of Trustees:

Jim Adams	Stuart Alexander	Mary Jane Dickerson
Isabella Martin	David Tillotson	Terry Hook

JERICHO CENTER PRESERVATION REPORT

The Community Center in Jericho provides Jericho and its neighboring towns with a historic setting in which residents gather, learn play and are entertained. It enhances the sense of community among the people who live here – that feeling of belonging to, caring about and enjoying our wonderful community.

It has been a fabulous and fun year at the Community Center. Many classes, events, parties and other gatherings were held at the Community Center this year. The building continues to be a focal gathering point in our community with an average of 150 people using the building each week. Regular gatherings include weekly playgroup, multiple exercise classes including Zumba, dog obedience classes, baby showers and weddings as well as water-color classes. On the weekends, the Community Center hosts many private parties. Our annual Green-Up Day breakfast in May was a great success and several community members were honored. The Community Center Board also hosted a number of unique events such as the very successful Garden Tour for which the most tickets were sold then ever. The Community Center was frequently used by the Plein Air Festival planning group. In early November, the Community Center and the Energy Task Force Committee hosted a Button Up Day workshop. Additionally, the Artisans Market returned to the Community Center in mid-November which was well attended. This year's Community Center calendar theme was classic and unique cars pictured throughout our community landscape.

A number of significant physical projects were completed at the Community Center this year. A new heating system was installed and we addressed the moisture problem in the basement. Additionally the bathroom was redone. We also explored ideas for replacing the front steps.

Contact Us: The Community Center has an active online presence with an increasingly popular facebook page as well as a website www.CommunityCenterinJericho.com. To schedule use of the Community Center or to find out about up-coming meetings of the Community Center Board, please call Andrea Hook at 899-2366.

JERICHO ENERGY TASK FORCE REPORT

The year 2015 saw the completion of the efficiency work funded by the Home Energy Challenge Award Grant at the Community Center in Jericho. The work needed to preserve building integrity while allowing for efficiency upgrades extended beyond what the grant provided. Since then Jericho Center Preservation Association collaborated with the contractor to obtain a \$1,500 grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont and with additional JCPA fundraising, they were able to complete this valuable project. In March the JETF participated in the Village University held at the Community Center and gave tours of the completed work. To cap off the project, the Jericho Energy Task Force collaborated with various groups to hold a hands-on Weatherization Workshop on November 7. The twofold goals were to teach community members about safe and effective weatherization practices and to tighten up air leaks to make the Community Center even more comfortable. The Task Force is proud of the work we have been doing to help support healthy and sound energy efficiency practices in our community. We look forward to continuing to support community organizations and the town in this work.

Our Winter Film Series completed its fifth year of providing interesting, fun, and informative Movie Nights in 2015. In January we showed the movie *Trashed* in collaboration with the Chittenden Solid Waste District and in February we invited local beekeepers to help out with a question and answer session following *The Vanishing of the Bees*. Our March movie, *Idle Threat*, focused on the question of idling cars and emissions. We have expanded our film series to include lectures which will continue through 2016. Watch for more information on Front Porch Forum and posters throughout the town. We continue to work to support changes that decrease the fossil fuel energy folks of Jericho need to use to live their daily lives and to this end, in May the Jericho Energy Task Force teamed up with Local Motion to bring their *Getting Around by Bike* workshop to Jericho.

Development of solar power continues in Jericho as it does throughout Vermont. We hear from organizations looking to educate and work with Jericho residents who have an interest in this form of renewable energy, and the JETF encourages them to reach out directly to town folk. This year saw an increase in solar capacity in Jericho, including the development of at least one community solar array. Some federal incentives for development of solar/renewable energy will expire at the end of 2016, a fact that is driving current growth. The JETF is currently researching options that might be available to the town in this regard, since both power companies in Jericho work with municipalities in their territories. Task Force members also assisted the Jericho Planning Commission by reviewing and improving upon the Energy chapter in the Town Plan.

Other outreach to Jericho residents included our famous Icicle Contest. Last year ten homes entered and 118 residents voted on Town Meeting Day for the “best/worst” icicles, with two winners receiving free energy audits for their homes. We also host information tables at events such as Green Up Day and Town Meeting Day. Come check out our information table at Town Meeting. We look forward to seeing you this year.

Andrew Albright, Stuart Alexander, Eric Bishop, Larry Lamb, Catherine McMains, Phyl Newbeck (secretary), Roger Putzel, Reed Sims, and Kathie Voigt Walsh (chair)

JERICHO FIRE SERVICES TASK FORCE REPORT

Introduction

The formation of the Jericho Fire Services Task Force (JFSTF) was approved by the town of Jericho at Town Meeting 2015. The impetus for the Task Force was to address residents' questions regarding the Underhill Jericho Fire Department's (UJFD) cost, services, contract, and structure. In particular, residents asked the Task Force to compare UJFD costs and services with those of other towns and determine whether the current private, not for profit service provider structure is optimal. The Task Force is charged with making recommendations to the Selectboard, based on its findings.

In June, 2015, the Selectboard appointed Frank Fisler, Chuck Lacy, Chris Corbin, Matt Thomson, and Bill Bresee to the Task Force.

The Task Force brings together individuals with a broad cross-section of applicable skills. Mr. Bresee and Mr. Lacy have roots in the community and extensive experience operating businesses, and are well acquainted with the many facets of running an organization. Mr. Fisler and Mr. Corbin are retired and active firefighters, respectively, and have been instrumental in helping the task force members understand what is involved in being a first responder. Mr. Thomson consults to the utility industry in which field personnel operate in the presence of life-threatening hazards, and brings a strong data analytics skillset to the Task Force. Collectively, the Task Force members represent diverse points of view, giving rise to robust discussions and insightful analysis of the UJFD's current position.

Objectives and Progress

From July through the end of November 2015, the JFSTF has held seven open and warned meetings. In addition, in breakout groups of no more than two JFSTF member each, the JFSTF has attended UJFD meetings, met with the Chiefs to discuss aspects of the operation, and have visited with fire departments in other jurisdictions. To date the objectives of the JFSTF have been as follows:

- Understand the business of firefighting and first responders in general,
- Understand the motivation and concerns of the Jericho citizens who requested the formation of the task force,
- Understand the governance of the UJFD and historical landscape leading to its current structure,
- Understand the cost structure and budgeting process for the UJFD,
- Understand how fire protection classes (the ISO scale) are assessed, and the significance for insurance rates, and
- Identify reasonably comparable jurisdictions to Jericho-Underhill as well as the differences in structure between the service providers in each jurisdiction from UJFD.

The activities of the JFSTF have included:

- Educational Sessions by member experts: Frank Fisler and Chris Corbin,
- Meetings with UJFD Chief Champlin and his staff,
- Meetings with concerned Jericho citizens,
- Attendance by JFSTF members at multiple UJFD training sessions and business meetings, to gain a better understanding of UJFD operations,
- Discussions of the evaluation of fire services with the select residents of Charlotte, Hinesburg, and Richmond,
- A review of the evaluations resulting in the current Protection Class 4, 6 and 10 ratings for Underhill and Jericho,
- The collection of benchmark data from Charlotte, Hinesburg, and Richmond, and
- A budget review and education session with UJFD.

Next Steps

The JFSTF will continue to pursue comparison metrics and budget information for our comparison towns, and will work to evaluate the UJFD budget and performance. In addition, the Task Force is beginning to document the background and framework to explain the current status of Fire Services to the townspeople. Finally the JFSTF is beginning to shape a set of recommendations to the town, select board, and UJFD. The JFSTF expects to present a report of findings in early 2016.

JERICHO FOOD SHELF REPORT

The Essex-Jericho-Underhill Ecumenical Ministry is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which serves residents of Essex, Jericho and Underhill who are in need of food and emergency aid. The organization is comprised of members of eleven churches and many other committed individuals from the towns we serve. Our board and all individuals who work at the food shelf are volunteers.

As you know the demand for food shelf services has steadily increased from year to year. Looking at recent demand data, we see the same trend:

11/2014 thru 10/2015 we served 804 families

We have every reason to believe demand will continue to increase in the foreseeable future considering the economy and unemployment rate.

We are fortunate to receive strong support from residents, school groups, service organizations and small businesses of our towns. This support comes in the form of frozen, canned and packaged food items along with fresh vegetables in season and monetary donations. These donations support more than 80% of the demand. This year we have found the need to buy food more often since donations have been down.

We are very grateful that the towns of Jericho and Underhill have contributed financially to our organization each year, and we hope that you will consider doing so again in 2016.

JERICHO HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT

The Jericho Historical Society had an eventful year in 2015. The highlight of the Society's Winter Lecture Series was the 150th Anniversary Birthday Celebration of Wilson A. "Snowflake" Bentley, a Jericho native, held at the Jericho Elementary School Auditorium on February 10, 2015 with over 300 people attending.

Official greetings were extended by Catherine McMains, Chair, Selectboard, and also from a direct descendant of the Bentley family. Mark Breen, Meteorologist and Planetarium Director, Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, St. Johnsbury, was Moderator of the Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley Symposium with panelists participating from the Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Lyndon State College, the National Weather Service, Burlington International Airport, and the Photography Department, Johnson State College.

At the end of August 2015, the Saxon Hill School that had been located for many years in the Society's Archives Building at the Old Red Mill, moved its pre-school programs to leased space in the Underhill I.D. School Building.

The installation of a new pedestrian walkway on the bridge over the Brown's River, VT Route 15, Jericho Corners Village, was finally completed by the Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) in October 2015. This VTrans project included the repair of the stonewall abutting the Brown's River Bridge as well as the installation of new protective guard rails and curbing at the Old Red Mill historic site. As a result of this pedestrian bridge construction improvement, the Society during October 2015 had also undertaken the upgrading of the landscape at the Old Red Mill by the removal of trees along the riverbank and hillside as well additional granite curbing, a new fence, and regrading, and reseeding of the former Saxon Hill School playground. These landscape improvements, including the installation of new outdoor signage, were funded by contributions from members of the Society's Board of Trustees.

The Society's Craft Shop at the Old Red Mill continues to provide an important venue for the sale of locally produced arts and crafts. In 2015 remarkably over 55 artisans provided their respective wares for sale at the Craft Shop.

The 2015 Annual Grant from the Town of Jericho to the Society helped considerably to defray the cost of converting its heating system at the Old Red Mill from fuel oil to natural gas. This proved to be a positive economical decision as well as its environmental merits.

J. Brooks Buxton
Vice President and Member of the Board of Trustees

For more information: www.JerichoHistoricalSociety.org

JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY

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2014-2015 HIGHLIGHTS



HOSTED 130 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



ADDED 75 NEW BOOKS TO YOUTH NON-FICTION COLLECTION



ENGAGED YOUTH IN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



IMPROVED READING & MEETING SPACES

THE MISSION OF THE JERICHO TOWN LIBRARY IS TO IMPROVE AND ENRICH THE LIVES OF OUR USERS THROUGH INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND RECREATION.

New in 2015

1. **WEBSITE**
Launched a new website that is user friendly with greater access to information, resources, events calendar, online catalog and more. Check it out: www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org
2. **E-NEWSLETTER**
Introduced a new monthly e-newsletter to highlight library news and events.
3. **PROGRAMS & EVENTS**
Include a Craft Circle, Fibers Arts Workshops, Seed Lending Library, Dungeons & Dragons Club, Garden Workshops, Local History Week, Naturalist Presentations, Author Talks, Summer Meals Site, Skills Sharing Classes, Open Mic Night and Agricultural Literacy Week.
4. **COFFEE & TEA SERVICE**
We received a Keurig coffee machine donation and offer a selection of coffees, teas, and hot chocolate. It has been an inviting addition to library services.

Webpage averages 150 views a day

228 E-Newsletter Subscribers

Over 550 people attended JTL Programs & Events

Increased use of WIFI, patron computers & meeting space

STAFF CHANGES: In November 2014, Colleen Korniak was hired for the position of Library Director replacing Donna Malinowski. In July 2015, JTL hired Assistant Skye Ellicock, whose focus is cataloging and Interlibrary Loan services.

COLLECTIONS: The library housed many outdated materials that were no longer circulating. The library staff weeded the collection, which improved browsing and visibility and provided greater accuracy in the library catalog. Staff catalogued over 300 new books, which included 75 Juvenile non-fiction titles. The stacks now have signage for easier browsing. The Adult Fiction collection has new genre sections, including Classics, Literature, Mystery/Thriller, Poetry, and Science Fiction/Fantasy. The library collection has grown in new ways to meet the needs and interests of the community. This includes adding a Seed Lending Library where 35 members checked out seeds and returned saved seeds to the collection. JTL is building a "Library of Things" collection, which currently includes a sewing machine, instructional chess board, beginners knitting kit, and the Watt's Up meter.

CIRCULATION: JTL circulated over 8,651 materials in 2015, an increase of 7% from the previous year. Our Interlibrary Loan service circulated 175 books to libraries around the state.

FACILITIES: The library continues to offer space for group meetings. The second floor of the library has been cleaned and organized into a comfortable, user friendly space. Wall-to-wall carpet has been installed in the children's area. The first floor has been re-arranged for improved meeting, work and reading space. There are hands on toys in the children's area and on-going interactive exhibits.

TECHNOLOGY: The library acquired 2 new patron computers as well as a new scanner/copier for patrons. There are 3 Kindle E-readers available for use. Plans for a second computer work space on the second floor are underway. JTL offers online books and audio downloadables through Listen Up! and OneClick.

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7%
increase in
circulation

PATRONS: 113 new patrons joined the Jericho Town Library this year.

BUILDING: The library structure is in need of repairs and upgrades. The goal is to make the building ADA accessible and to secure the building for the next generation. JTL Board began to host meetings with the town and community members to plan for necessary repairs to ensure the future of the building.

PARTNERSHIPS: In an effort to better serve the community, the Library has partnered with local organizations on programs, events, and outreach including:

- On-going collaboration with the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on the popular summer reading program
- The successful development of the Jericho Center History programs with members of the Jericho Historical Society and Cemetery Commission
- The Ready to Read Story time and book donations to the Jericho Playgroup
- Meetings with the Jericho Center Community Center to increase collaboration, programming and events for the community
- Partnering with the Northeast Organic Farmers Association (NOFA) and the Jericho Farmers Market on Agricultural literacy and garden education programs
- Support for the Jericho Conservation Committee and Jericho Preservation Committee's plans for the Jericho Center Green.




**New Patron
Computers,
Printer,
Scanner**



**113 New
Patrons**

JERICO TOWN LIBRARY

7 Jericho Center Circle

Jericho, VT 05465

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www.jerichotownlibraryvt.org

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 1pm-7pm

Wednesday 10am-Noon and
2pm-7pm

Friday 1pm-5pm

Saturday 10am-Noon

LIBRARY STAFF

Colleen Korniak, Director

Skye Ellicock, Assistant

Linda Porter, Substitute

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Christy Liddy, Social Media

Beth Seniw, Nominee

Robert Grandchamp, Nominee

JERICHO YOUTH LEAGUE REPORT

2015 was yet another great year for the Jericho Youth League baseball program. Over 180 players were part of the town league plus we had another 12 girls combine with the Richmond softball league. The league also continued increasing our inter-town play for both on the baseball and softball leagues including the farm division. Both baseball divisions again represented Jericho well in the District 3 all-star tournament.

This year also came with further facility changes with the help of a few corporate sponsors and many, many local volunteers. Jericho Youth League continues to make further upgrades to the fields and more are planned for 2015 and 2016. This year league finally added more material to all three of the fields at Jericho Elementary School (JES) and did some additional needed work on the snack shack. We continue working with the JES Partners in Education (PIE) surrounding the grounds enhancements they are currently implementing as well as the Leagues own enhancement lists. Other notable items include JYL being one of 60% of the VT leagues to pass the safety standards set forth by Little League International, hosting umpire and coach's clinics during the year, and providing umpires for district and state championships. In 2016 we hope to host the District 3 U11 boy's baseball tournament in Jericho. Finally, we also continued enhancing the league website that can be found at www.jerichoyouthleague.org.

Per capita Jericho continues to have the largest participation in the region, much in part to the support of our town and volunteers. 2015 was also the highest number of recorded "scholarships" yielded by the league to players in need of financial assistance; this is truly one of the direct benefits of the aid given by the town. Lastly, we partnered again with the Relay for Life assisting them in raising funds through the management of the snack shack.

The league would again like to thank the town for their continued support of the Jericho Youth League baseball program. If you have any questions or comments please contact Sean Luitjens at 899-3648 or sean.luitjens@gmail.com

Sean Luitjens



1972 Vermont Route 15 Bridge

JERICO UNDERHILL LIBRARY DISTRICT REPORT

Library Statistics:

The Deborah Rawson Memorial library had 26,886 people visited the library this past year. 51,680 items were checked out. The library had programs for all ages including 158 programs for youth, 80 programs for adults and several multigenerational programs. The library continues to provide books to the XYZ Senior Luncheon as well as the Jeri-Hill Apartments thanks to the volunteer efforts of Nancy Craig.

The Library Collection:

Currently the library has 25,599 items that include books, magazine subscriptions, DVDs, Books on CD and Music CDs. Downloadable audiobooks and ebooks are also available using our website and a current library card.

The library has of Oct 20, 2015 completed its first full year using the Koha circulation system. How nice it is to have full access from home. Even better is the ability to manage your account. You can see your current check-outs, keep a list of what you have read, receive email reminders of when items are due, place holds on items from both the Deborah Rawson library and the other libraries in the network. Items from other libraries are mailed to DRML and you are notified when the item is available for pick up. Access is very easy through our updated web page! Stop by or call the library for more information 899-4962.

Please visit the library soon; we look forward to seeing you.

The library hours are Tues. and Thurs. 12-8, Wed. and Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-2 and Sun. 1-4 (Sept through May). The library is closed on Mondays.

Board of Trustees report:

The Trustees of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library and the Jericho Underhill Library District are pleased to announce the creation of the Dr. Burnett Rawson Fund. Named in honor of one of the Library's first benefactors, the fund will be supported by annual earnings from the Jessie Rawson Endowment Fund left to the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library at the time of Dr. Rawson's death in 2014. Libraries held a special place in Dr. Burnett and Jessie Rawson's hearts, and their passion and generosity led to the creation of the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, named in memory of their daughter. We now have both an opportunity and an obligation to steward this gift for future generations and to support our mission.

Benefitting from this endowed gift, our fund will grow each year and continue the Rawson legacy. The public may also contribute through bequests, through individual or corporate donations, or through memorial donations. In setting up the fund we hope that others will follow in his footsteps and support the endowment fund whenever possible.

To contribute to the Dr. Burnett Rawson Memorial Investment Fund, make checks payable to the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library. Checks may be dropped off or mailed to Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Road, Jericho, VT 05465.

Please include a note indicating it is for the Dr. Burnett Rawson Fund. Additionally, the Board has set up a Pay Pal Account to simplify giving for those of you who wish to do so on-line, www.drml.org

It is with sadness that we report that our Underhill Board member, John Michael McKnight, passed away this year. He supported our library over time by leading book discussions and giving lectures in cooperation with the Underhill Historical Society. He was a loyal supporter of our library.

In October, we welcomed Laura Wolf who stepped up to fill John Michael McKnight's seat on the Board. She has been a regular volunteer particularly supporting children's programs. She delights patrons when she arrives with her Therapy Dog. She lives in Underhill with her husband Greg and daughter Lily.

The Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of the month. We invite you to come, share what you love about the library and what areas you think we could improve upon. Please come to the annual meeting on January 21, 2016. Ask the Trustees questions about the FY 16/17 budget before you vote on it. We welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Bev Frank, Vice-Chair

JERICHO UNDERHILL WATER DISTRICT REPORT

The Jericho-Underhill Water District provides drinking water and fire hydrant access to 324 residential and business connections representing about 900 people within the District. During the past year drinking water supplied to the District averaged about 50,752 gallons per day, which was approximately 5.7% lower than the previous year. Much of this reduction in usage occurred since June 2015 after the repair of a second major leak. Water delivered to District customers this year was of high quality and adequate quantity and met all state and federal requirements. Three new connections was added to the system; water was allocated for another and a third is pending.

Officers and Operators:

William R. Frank served as Moderator. The Board consisted of Joseph P. O'Brien, Trustee, Jason P. Ritter, Trustee and Peter H. Mitchell, President. The Clerk and Treasurer was Jane Maheux, assistant Clerk was Joseph P. O'Brien, Collector was Dwight DeCoster, and the Auditors were Vicki Milton, Harland Blodgett, and William VanDeventer. Marc Maheux was Chief Operator, Assistant Operator was Michael R. Willard, Tester was Helen Miller and Meter Reader was Dwight DeCoster. The Board wishes to thank everyone for their work this past year.

Water Quality and Monitoring

The District posts its "Consumer Confidence Report" on the District website; during the past year no violations occurred against State or Federal standards.

The District tests for copper (Cu) and lead (Pb) every three years in accordance with State and Federal regulations. At the ten residences tested this year, the highest copper reading was less than the limit by a factor of more than eight (that is it was 1/8th of the limit) and lead was below the detection limit at all residences.

Payments Options, Bond Refund, and Utility Taxes

Beginning last year the Board offered as a customer service an on-line electronic payment system for water bills. This service has seen increasing usage during the 2015 year.

As a result of refinancing the District Bonds several years ago, the District received a refund (loan savings adjustment) of bond interest, principal and cash in the amount of \$21,689.75. The Board placed this money in a newly established Capital Improvement Fund..

In February 2015 the District was visited by Josh Kelman, an energy consultant from Efficiency Vermont. No major equipment/system inefficiencies were identified.

System Operation

Day to day system operation involves a variety of tasks including monitoring of water usage and chemical usage, and operation of equipment. This work is carried out by Chief Operator Marc Maheux and Assistant Mike Willard. The District is fortunate to have these dedicated, knowledgeable and hardworking people doing this work.

Major Leaks Found and Repaired; Water Usage Down

In the past year the District found and repaired two major leaks. Since then usage data has shown about 10,000 gallons per day less water is being pumped from our wells; a significant savings. The District relies on customer watchfulness to find many leaks. If you see evidence of a leak such as an unusual wet spot, low pressure, dirty water or suspect there may be a leak, please contact the District.

Frozen Service Lines

January and February 2015 were the worst months since 2000 for service line freeze-ups. Chief Operator Marc Maheux and Assistant Mike Willard thawed lines at 6 residences and provided advice/assistance at several more.

Route 15 Improvements

In anticipation of the installation of sidewalks along the east side of Route 15 in Underhill in 2016, the District conducted a major project along Route 15 this past summer. The purpose of this project was to replace aging or outdated components and improve main and service connections in this section to avoid more costly repairs in case they failed after the sidewalk was installed. The project was coordinated by Marc Maheux and Mike Willard and executed by Wayne Russin Excavating. The District thanks everyone for their cooperation during this and other repairs.

Capital Plans and Improvements

The Board has engaged the engineering firm of Aldrich + Elliott of Essex Junction to do preliminary planning for several infrastructure projects including improving water pressure for Maple Ridge customers. The Board has applied to the state for a 5 year interest free planning loan to fund the initial stage of this project.

Website and e-mail contact

The Trustees encourage all customers to visit the website at <http://jerichounderhillwater.org> and register for e-mail notification of District communications such as boil water advisories and emergency notices. The website was used this year in the distribution of the Consumer Confidence Report; the website contains a large archive of District information dating back to the 1980's.

How to get involved

If you are a resident of the District who would be interested in serving the District as a trustee, officer, employee, or volunteer please contact the Board. The Board asks District residents and customers to report water related irregularities such as leaks, wet spots, pressure swings, taste concerns, color concerns, etc.

The Board holds regular monthly, public meetings on the first Monday of each month. These meetings are held at 7:00pm in the basement of the United Church of Underhill located at 7 Park Street in Underhill Flats across from the town green. Residents and voters of the District are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Peter H. Mitchell, President Joseph P. O'Brien, Trustee Jason P. Ritter, Trustee

JERICHO UNDERHILL PARK DISTRICT REPORT

Mills Riverside Park continues to be a very popular destination for year round recreation. The park's extensive trail system demands ongoing restoration and maintenance. This year, the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (VYCC) spent several weeks upgrading our East Fieldstone Loop. This work complements efforts accomplished a year prior on the East South Hill Loop. The West Fieldstone Loop was addressed earlier. Other park maintenance issues include the one and a half acre pond and its inflow and outflow pipes. One section was replaced this year with much more work planned for the near future. This year we also changed from composting dog waste to multiple dog bag dispensers and receptacles throughout the park. This system is much easier to maintain and less expensive. We congratulate the dog owners who reliably pick up after their pet. Almost 100 pounds of dog waste is collected from the receptacles every week.

Beyond maintenance, the Board of Trustees scheduled five summer concerts. This proves to be a popular family activity. The Farmers' Market resides at the park on Thursday afternoons throughout the warmer months. Sports activities draw athletes and their families from the month of April to November. Field and pavilion reservations create modest revenue for the park that helps to reduce our budget. Volunteerism is the energy that runs the park and we are extremely thankful for the numerous Eagle Scout projects that help make the park so exceptional. We also schedule Work Days and all are welcome to attend. This year's Green Up Day was particularly successful. If you are interested in assisting in some way, just let us know. The Jericho Underhill Park District meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library at 7PM. The public is always invited.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of hard working, dedicated members with a sincere interest in providing an enjoyable recreational experience for the public while protecting the unique natural features of the park. We look forward to seeing you at Mills Riverside Park.

Livy Strong Chairperson
Marie Lynch Vice Chair
Marcy Gibson Treasurer

Carol Smith Secretary
James Massingham
Andrew French
Vacancy

LISTERS/ASSESSORS REPORT

The Town of Jericho reappraisal project will be wrapping up in late June 2016. A booklet of newly established values will be published and mailed to all property owners at that time. This booklet will be the formal Notice of Change in Appraisal Values, and will provide information about the appeal process. It is the goal of a reappraisal, by law, to achieve the Fair Market Value of each property.

Vermont Appraisal Company appraisers have conducted exterior inspections of all residential and commercial properties in Jericho. A majority of interior inspections have been completed with the assistance and cooperation of property owners. Much appreciated! There is still time to make an appointment for an interior inspection. Call 899-2640 X 106.

The amount of acreage assessed for each property will be based upon the following hierarchy: 1st) acreage based on registered survey information, 2nd) historical deed descriptions 3rd) and lastly Jericho Parcel Map data. For properties enrolled in the State of VT Current Use Program that do not have registered surveys, the acreage count will be based on Jericho Parcel Map calculated acreage.

Homestead Declaration form (HS-122) and Household Income form (HI-144) need to be filed each year. Generally, these forms are part of an income tax return, though having an income is not an eligibility requirement. The information on these forms is used to determine State assistance with school taxes. For detailed information and or assistance with these forms, please refer to the backside of a current Jericho property tax bill. Contact and information about enrollment in the VT Current Use Program can also be found there.

Sandra Costes, Jericho Town Assessor

MOBBS FARM COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee meets monthly throughout the year to manage the Town-owned 278-acre property. Committee members are appointed by the Selectboard on a rotating schedule. Anyone interested in serving may contact the committee (mobbscommittee@hotmail.com) or the Town Hall.

In 2015 the Committee oversaw the improvement of the trails in two key locations. Construction of robust and equine-safe boardwalks over two chronically wet sections of the trail have been enthusiastically received by Mobbs users. This work was contracted to Timber and Stone, professional trail designers and builders. Further improvements are planned for the next building season.

Trail mowing and field brush mowing were contracted to AKT Property. The fields are mowed in portions on a three-year rotating basis, and the trails as needed.

Numerous volunteers participated in our Spring and Fall workdays, at which a number of projects were undertaken, such as small trail construction, trail re-routing, and general maintenance. Many thanks to Brian Stone of the Garden of Eatin' for sandwiches for the crew.

The Committee is currently compiling a Survey of usage of the property, the results of which will guide our work and understanding of the needs and will be made available. At this time the preliminary results suggest that the top uses of the property are walking with dogs and mountain biking.

The Committee maintains a Facebook page and a presence on the Town website. Meeting agendas and minutes are always available there. All our meetings – typically the fourth Monday of each month - are open to the public. We meet at 7pm at the Town Hall.



*Photo credit Peter Davis
The intrepid crew at the Fall 2015 workday. Sleet and freezing rain did not discourage them!*

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

In March of 2015, the Planning Commission said good-bye to two former chairs, Don Foote and Wayne Howe. We thank them both for their years of service and contributions to the town of Jericho. In their stead, we welcomed Jason Cheney and Susan Bresee. In October, Jon Willard left us and Matt Zambarano followed suit a month later. Another change was the resignation of Town Planner Jennifer Murray and the hiring of Katherine Sonnick who joined us in March. Katherine's arrival was welcome given her experience with writing town plans in Essex and Milton, and she has done a wonderful job of keeping us on track.

The Commission devoted most of 2015 to working on the five-year update of our 2011 plan. Our revisions were informed in part by a community survey which we disseminated on Town Meeting Day and online. We were pleased that almost 250 community members participated and provided useful input. In addition, we reviewed the Transportation Study and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan prepared by the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission and met with the Conservation Commission to learn the results of their studies and hear their recommendations. We also met with the Development Review Board to discuss their concerns. The Planning Commission spent several meetings trying to gain consensus on our vision for the Commercial District which will be further addressed after the completion of the Town Plan.

For the most part, the 2016 Town Plan was not a substantial rewrite but there were some significant alterations. We changed the names of two of our districts (Agricultural to Rural/Agricultural Residential and Rural Residential to Low Density Residential). We also revised the definition of the Commercial District and provided more language to explain our overlay districts. The Conservation Commission helped us with a rewrite of the Natural Resources chapter which now includes a great deal of updated information. Likewise, the Energy Task Force provided assistance with the Energy chapter which now includes data on energy infrastructure and efficiency. The Transportation chapter was rewritten to reflect the findings of two recent studies on vehicular and pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

Members of the Jericho Planning Commission attended educational events including a workshop on on-site stormwater management and a Vermont League of Cities and Towns legislative update. In April of 2015, the town officially adopted revised zoning regulations which included work the Planning Commission completed in 2014 and the new character-based code for the Riverside area.

In 2016, the Planning Commission hopes to begin work on some of the short-term implementation items in our Town Plan. We will start with the Natural Resources and Transportation chapters and then work our way through the rest of the plan.

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and we invite members of the public to come and provide input to help shape Jericho's future. If you are unable to attend, you can watch the MMCTV videotapes of our meetings online or on television.

Peter Booth, Susan Bresee, Jason Cheney, Samantha Dunn (clerk), and Phyl Newbeck (chair)

SUMMER RECREATION REPORT

Jericho Summer camp opened another season on Monday, June 22nd and completed the summer on Friday, July 31st. Assistant Directors, Dakotah Patnode (BRMS) and Madison Sanguinetti (JES) helped lead the camp under the direction of Lynn Wagner. Dakotah Patnode returned for her 2nd summer as the Assistant Director. Her expertise with middle school aged children is beyond evident as she sets a positive environment filled with exciting activities throughout the day. Dakotah has built upon relationships from the previous summer and has made new relationships with new families that joined our camp family. Madison Sanguinetti returned as an experienced and beyond valued Assistant Director at JES. Madison has an amazing smile and she makes superb connections with campers. Her personality is a perfect match for our camp.

The camp served 264 campers this summer – 146 at the Jericho Elementary Camp and 118 at the Browns River Middle School Camp. There were nine CIT's (Counselors In Training) and sixteen local counselors benefited from the summer program. Fourteen campers received scholarships from local organizations, churches, community donors, and businesses which are coordinated by Janet Grant. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact Janet Grant (899-5534) for further information.

Campers explored many different activities throughout the summer such as basketball, cooking, adventures to the library, scavenger hunts, floor hockey, volleyball, many creative arts & crafts projects, water activities, tag games, nature walk/activities, ball games, building, volleyball, lacrosse, kickball, the whimsical world of games, board games, computer, playdough, card games, dance and many more! The Jericho Elementary camp ventured on 6 different field trips: Arbortrek, Waterbury Reservoir with Kayaking from Umiak Kayaks, Majestic 10, Sandbar, Lake Iroquois and Pizza Putt. The Browns River Camp ventured on six field trips as well to: Majestic 10, Upper Valley Aquatics, Lake Elmore with BBQ, Jay Peak, North Beach with Kayaking from Umiak Kayaks and Lake Iroquois.

The Jericho Elementary Camp offered an opportunity by Gym Kids Academy, Inc. this summer. The program taught the campers simple choreographed dance moves and cheers. A performance for parents was given on Thursday, July 9th at 2:30 p.m. The Gym Kids Academy Inc., also offered tennis lessons to preK – 3rd grade campers.

Other programs such as Future Einsteins (JES camp), Outdoor Laser tag (BRMS), Bouncy House (JES) and Supersounds (BRMS) were utilized this summer. These events were very popular.

For more information about the Recreation Program, please visit the Town of Jericho website at www.jerichovt.gov. This website will provide information such as counselor and counselor in training applications, an informational brochure, a registration form and newsletters that describe the daily activities and field trips that are offered. Please also feel free to email the camp director, Lynn Wagner at lwagner@jerichovt.gov.

Lynn Wagner, Director of Jericho Summer Camp
lwagner@jerichovt.gov



TOWN CLERK REPORT

LAND RECORDS:

The Town Clerk Office continues to see a decrease in the amount of land records recording, however activity is similar to the amount in 2014. During the calendar year 2015 we recorded a total of 1,439 documents (5,520 pages). Land records recording for the previous 16 years has averaged 1,883 documents per year and 7,513 pages per year. We continue to work on back scanning our land records to create a greater than 40 year history of electronic images. Attorneys and others who come to search our land records are now using the computerized index with images back to November 1994.

VITAL RECORDS:

Birth, Death and Marriages are only printed as statistics this year, as last year at Town Meeting we voted not to include names and dates. It is expected that there will be more legislation regarding limiting access to Vermont Vital Records. Vermont is one of the few states where these records are public. In calendar year 2015 there were 38 marriages, 46 births and 24 deaths (12 of which died in Jericho).

ELECTIONS:

Election dates for 2016 include Town Meeting-March 1, State Primary-August 9 and the Presidential Election-November 1, 2016. Polling is now at Mount Mansfield Union High School at 211 Brown's Trace. In October of 2015, the Secretary of State's Office launched new elections management software. This includes a "my voter page" where residents can check their voter status. In Jericho, the Vermont Driver's License Data and birthdate information is only present for voters registering after 2005. For registrants prior to 2005, only the birth year is represented and January 1 is the birth date. This information will get updated as information is received from the voter or the DMV.

DOG REGISTRATION:

All dogs in Jericho must be registered by Friday April, 1st, 2016. For 2016, dog licenses are issued starting January 4th. The Select Board has budgeted so that the Town will continue to offer a financial incentive to register dogs by April 1st. If the rabies vaccine that is on file with the Town is valid through April 1st 2016 then the \$9 licensing fee will be waived and a new blue colored tag will be issued by April 1st. The Town is required to pay to the State the \$5 State fee per dog. If you look at last year's printed license, you will see the rabies vaccine expiration date that is on file with the Town. Supplying the current rabies vaccine information is the responsibility of the dog owner, not the veterinarian. When dogs are vaccinated, often 2 copies are provided to the dog owner. The second copy is meant for the dog owner to supply to the Town. Some dog owners will drop this copy off with the Town on the day of the vet appointment. This allows us to update the records for the following year. This copy can also be placed in the drop box by the Town Hall front steps outside of office hours. Alternatively, you can scan and email a current rabies vaccine to tc@jerichovt.gov. For more information go to www.jerichovt.gov and click on dog registration under the Town Clerk department tab. You can also sign up to receive an email reminder about dog registration. We send out three "woof-a-grams" each year to promote timely dog registration. To sign up, look at the bottom left hand corner of the home page. All Jericho dogs should be wearing a blue license tag by April 1st, 2016.

We have started a memory book for Jericho dogs that are no longer living. If your family would like to contribute a page in memory of your dog we have an 11 x 17 space and will index by the dog's first name. Contributions will be color photocopied onto the book page and originals will be returned to the owner.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

This year I served the Vermont Municipal Clerks' and Treasurers' Association (VMCTA) on the Awards Committee and Nomination Committee. I earned my re-certification through the VMCTA this year and have applied for the Certified Municipal Clerk through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). I expect to receive my IIMC certification by Town Meeting.

Regular office hours for the Town Clerk are 8am - 4pm Monday through Thursday, and 8am - 1:30 pm on Friday. Please be aware that additional hours are available by appointment.

This year's Town Tea, honored Jericho residents that have reached over 20 years of service to the town and 3 residents with 40 or more years of service to the Town -- Ed Stygles, Stuart Alexander and Bert Lindholm.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica R. Alexander, CVC Town Clerk for Jericho

TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Selectboard established the JTC as an advisory committee to maintain existing non-motorized public trails, to educate neighbors regarding access and use and to work to create new public trails. Currently designated uses of non-motorized trails and pathways include: walking, running, skiing, biking, and horseback riding as terrain, infrastructure and landowner permission allow. Established in 2013, the JTC has inventoried local trails, pathways and have catalogued designated uses. We contributed to the development of a comprehensive, town wide, bicycle-pedestrian map in conjunction with Chittenden County Regional Planning (CCRPC) now available on the Town of Jericho website.

In 2015, the JTC has continued to progress a number of projects and initiatives we believe will broaden recreational, non-motorized trail access for our neighbors:

- Last Spring, the JTC received a \$30,000 grant from VTrans to conduct a “scoping study” that will evaluate alternatives for extending bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure within Jericho Corners Village and for connecting the Western end of Lee River Rd. to existing Jericho Corners bike-ped infrastructure. We are currently working with Beth Isler of O’ Toole Associates, a transportation planning consultant, and look forward to receiving actionable recommendations as we head toward the end of the year.
- We were pleased to learn in September that Jericho Town Administrator, Todd Odit, secured a multilevel VTRANS grant to forward pedestrian safety and access in Jericho Village. With input on project & scoping study priorities from the JTC, funding was received for: flashing beacons approaching crosswalks when entering Riverside village, a scoping study to assess bike/ped access from Riverside to Jericho Corners and funding for sidewalk connectivity from Pratt Rd. to Lee River Rd.
- The JTC is continuing to work with the Selectboard to work toward construction of a new parking area that will provide public access to a proposed 1.3 mile river trail running parallel to the Winooski River. The Town of Jericho had been granted an easement in 2014. The JTC is seeking re-approval from the Development Review Board for a parking lot redesign and construction at the Rt. 117 access, to the Jericho Settler’s Farm property on the Winooski River.
- The JTC has continued work to develop trail connectivity between the Kikus Farm Land Trust and the Barber Farm Land Trust. We are pursuing a long term vision to create hiking & x-country ski trail connectivity across Barber Farm Rd. that would pass through VTrans land between 117 and Tarbox Rd, the Jericho Research Forest and ending in the Mobbs Valley trail network. Discussion with landowners is underway and securing permission and a plan for a Mill River crossing option is a top priority for 2016.
- In 2016, the JTC will continue efforts to develop and post signage in the recreational trails network adjacent to Starbird Road and surrounding neighborhoods. As a town-owned parcel, we are also intending to create maps and informational signage at entry points to make designated trail use clear and navigation easier for walkers and bikers.
- In early 2015, The Town of Jericho completed a comprehensive transportation plan in conjunction with RSG, a municipal transportation consultant and Chittenden County Regional Planning (CCRPC). A bicycle/pedestrian component of the overall transportation plan was also completed with future recommendations made that will serve as guidepost for JTC planning strategies. We continue to actively assess pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure recommendations and are working to identify bike/ped opportunities on town-owned easements that may be developed in the future. It is available for reading on the Town of Jericho web site.
- We’d like to extend thanks and gratitude to outgoing committee member Helena Gardner for her generous contribution to the JTC!

The JTC meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We encourage neighbors with an interest in extending trail access on their property to others in the community to contact us. Any use or development of trails on private lands will progress only with the permission of the landowner and with signed landowner agreements presented to the Selectboard. The current chair of the JTC or committee members may be contacted should usage or development issues arise. The current (2015-2016) Chairperson is John Abbott, who may be reached at 802.324.3694.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

If you would like to see a full report of any of these agencies please contact the Town Administrator's office. "Outside Agencies" are organizations and institutions that provide diverse services to the citizens of the Town of Jericho.

Mandated:

Chittenden County Tax 175 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 951-5106	
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission 110 West Canal Street, Winooski, VT 05404	(802) 846-4490	www.ccrpcvt.org
Deborah Rawson Memorial Library (JULD) 8 River Road, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-4962	www.drml.org
Jericho Underhill Park District (JUPD) PO Box 164, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-2693	www.millsriversidepark.org
Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) 89 Main Street, Montpelier, VT 05602	800-649-7915	www.vlct.org

Non-Mandated:

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA) 76 Pearl Street, Suite 201, Essex Jct., VT 05452	800-642-5119	www.cvaa.org
Child Care Resource (CCR) 181 Commerce Street, Williston, VT 05495	800-339-3367	www.childcareresource.org
Chittenden County Transit Authority (CCTA) 15 Industrial Parkway, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 864-2282	www.cctaride.org
Chittenden East Tennis Association PO Box 282, Richmond, VT 05477		
Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf (CEFS) 228 N. Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 658-7939	www.feedingchittenden.org
Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) 50 Cherry Street, Suite 102, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 652-6800	www.cusi-vermont.org
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) PO Box 1616, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 864-7402	www.cotsonline.org
Essex Rescue, Inc. (ERI) 1 Educational Drive, Essex Jct., VT 05452	(802) 878-4859	www.essexrescue.org
Greater Burlington Industrial Corp. PO Box 786, 60 Main Street, Burlington VT 05401	(802) 862-5726	www.gbicvt.org
Howard Center 208 Flynn Avenue, Suite 3J, Burlington, VT 05401	(802) 488-6900	www.howardcenter.org
Jericho Center Cemetery Association PO Box 1106, Jericho Center, VT 05465	(802) 899-3879	
Jericho Center Preservation (Community Center) PO Box 1084, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2366	www.CommunityCenterinJericho.com
Jericho Food Shelf -Essex/Jericho/Underhill Ecumenical Ministry PO Box 65, Jericho, VT 05465		
Jericho Historical Society (JHS) Old Red Mill, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-3325	www.JerichoHistoricalSociety.org
Jericho Town Library On the Green, 7 Jericho Center Circle, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-4686	www.jerichotownlibrary.org

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Jericho Youth League PO Box 350, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-3648	please contact Sean Luitjens at sean.luitjens@gmail.com
Jeri-Hill XYZ Seniors	(802) 899-4446	
Memorial Day Observance (Flags on gravesites)		
Richmond Rescue 216 Railroad Street, Richmond, VT 05477	(802) 434-2394	www.richmondrescue.org
Underhill Jericho Fire Department PO Box 150, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-4025	www.ujfd.org
Vermont Cares PO Box 5248, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 863-2437	www.vtcares.org
Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) 11 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602	800-639-1522	www.vcil.org
Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden County (VNA) 1110 Prim Road, Colchester, VT 05446	800-427-1908	www.vnacares.org
Winooski Valley Park District (WVPD) Ethan Allen Homestead, Burlington, VT 05408	(802) 863-5744	www.wvpd.org
Women Helping Battered Women (WHBW) PO Box 1535, Burlington, VT 05402	(802) 658-3131	www.whbw.org

Other agencies:

Chittenden Solid Wast District (CSWD) 1021 Redmond Road, Williston, VT 05495	(802) 872-8100	www.cswd.net
Jericho Cemetery Association Pleasant View Cemetery	(802) 899-1165	Sexton: Ron Douchie
Jericho Underhill Land Trust (JULT) PO Box 80, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2693	www.jult.org
Jericho-Underhill Water District (JUWD) PO Box 174, Underhill, VT 05489	(802) 899-3810	http://jerichounderhillwater.org
Village of Jericho Water District 4B Red Mill Drive, Jericho, VT 05465	(802) 899-2938	email to : jerichovtvillage@comcast.net



2015-View of the Old Red Mill and Pedestrian Bridge



UNDERHILL – JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

Non-Emergency Phone Number: 899-4025

Website www.ujfd.org

The UJFD considers the FY 14 – 15 year a success. In January of 2015 we elected a new Chief as the then current Chief Todd Fischer had decided that he was not going to seek reelection. The department elected Mathew Champlin as their new leader. All the members of the UJFD say a big collective THANK YOU to Todd for your time served as Chief.

The UJFD once again wants to remind the community about the ISO ratings of the fire department. The current ratings of 4 for buildings within a 1000 feet of a hydrant, 6 for buildings within 5 miles of either fire station and 10 for those homes beyond 5 miles for the fire station are amongst the best in the state of Vermont. As a matter of fact there are only 3 fire departments in the State of Vermont with better ISO ratings. The improved ISO ratings have the potential to save homeowners more on their homeowners insurance than the cost of the fire department. For example, for a home with an appraised value of \$200,000, in Jericho you would pay \$77.25 a year for the fire department, while in Underhill you would pay \$88.70 a year for the fire department. The Improved ISO ratings routinely save homeowners more on their homeowners insurance than they pay annually for the fire department. On that same home if a person paid \$1200 a year for their homeowners insurance, a savings of 10% will save you \$120 which is more than the cost of the fire department. Typically the ISO ratings the UJFD has will save a homeowner between 50% and 60% on their homeowners insurance. The cost of \$88.70 works out to be just \$0.24 cents per day. 1 cup of coffee a day costs \$1, cell phone service even on the cheapest plans that cost \$9.99 for 30 days costs you \$0.33 cents per day.

Budget Report

For FY 14 – 15 the UJFD saw a decrease in our call volume from the previous year. For FY 13 – 14 we had 411 calls while in FY 14 – 15 we had 331 calls. We also saw the departure of our second full time person in October 2014. Corey Koenig was replaced by Sean McCann in January of 2015. The decrease in call volume and the 3 months without the second full time staff resulted in the UJFD being underspent on our payroll. We did however see a significant increase in our workers compensation insurance. This is a result of an injury claim we had and the fact that there is only 1 workers compensation insurer in the State of Vermont for fire departments. These were the 2 major areas that the budget differed from our actual expenditures.

The UJFD has produced a much more detailed annual report that can be viewed at the department's website, WWW.UJFD.ORG. Please take a few minutes to review our report and learn about the UJFD.

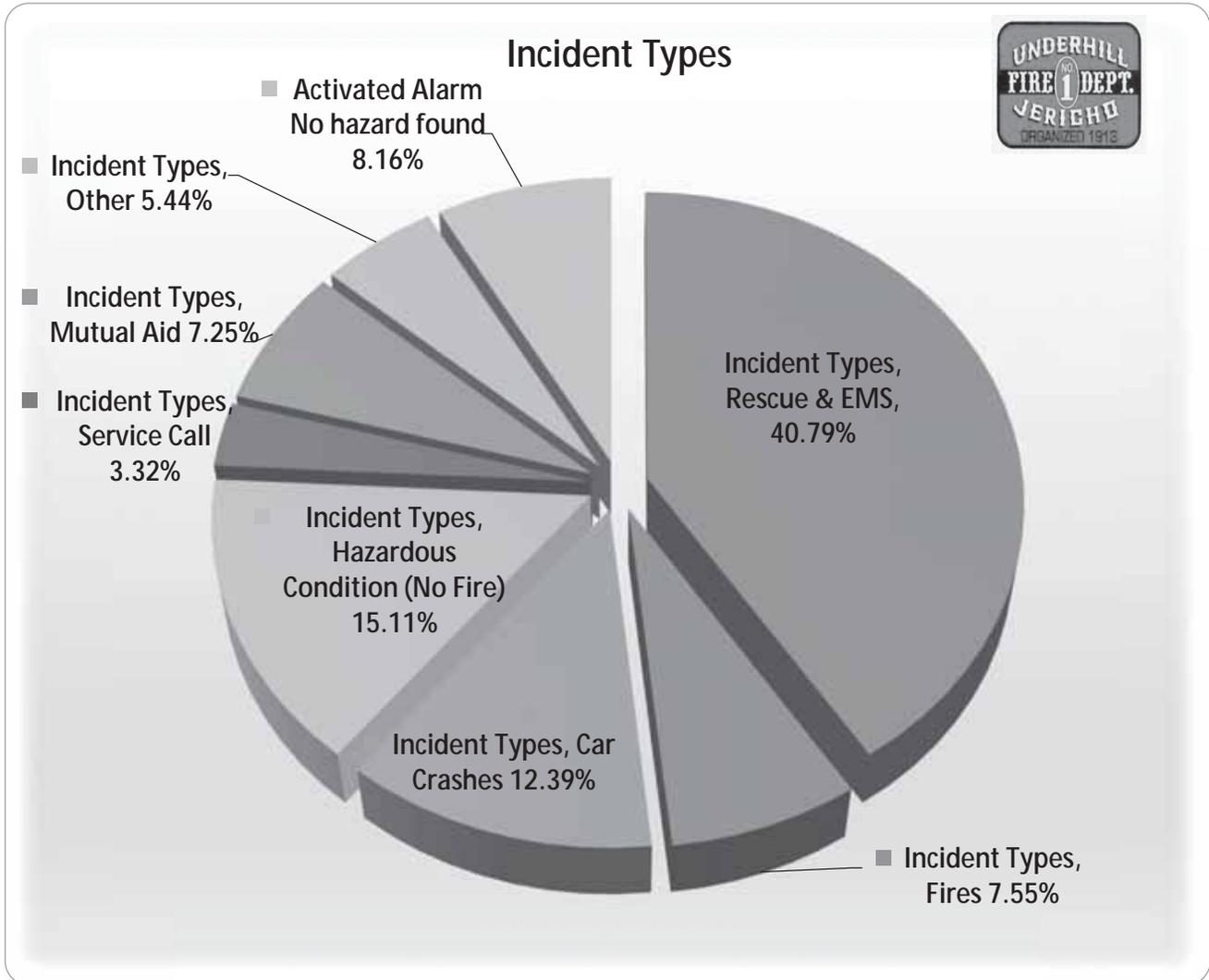
Respectfully Submitted by:

Mathew Champlin, Chief

Underhill – Jericho Fire Department, Inc.

Call volume

The UJFD had 331 requests for service in FY 14 – 15. The breakdown of those calls is shown in the chart below.



Grand Total of Incidents: 331

Type of Incident Most Frequent: Rescue & Emergency Medical

Examples of **Hazardous Conditions** are propane or natural gas leaks, power line down or carbon monoxide conditions.

Example of **Other** are when we are dispatched and cancelled en route

**UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE
DEPARTMENT INC.
2014 - 2015 Budget Report
2016 - 2017 Budget Request**

	BUDGET 2014-2015	ACTUAL 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017
INCOME:				
1 UNDERHILL	210,403	210,403	216,112	217,799
2 JERICHO	315,605	315,604	324,168	326,699
3 ESSEX RESCUE OVERTIME REIMBURSEMENT	0	443	0	0
4 FEMA & STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR DISASTERS	0	1,596	0	0
5 OTHER	0	4,811	0	0
6 RENT ESSEX RESCUE	4,200	4,200	4,200	0
7 DONATIONS	0	1,803	0	0
8 TOTAL INCOME	\$530,208	\$538,860	\$544,480	\$544,498
EXPENSES:				
9 PAID ON CALL STIPENDS	77,500	63,719	77,500	67,600
10 FULL TIME STAFF	120,000	96,339	117,000	
11 FULL TIME SALARY				71,000
12 FULL TIME BENEFITS				15,000
13 EMS SUPPORT				37,990
19 FICA & MEDICARE FULL TIME AND PAID ON CALL STAFF	15,000	11,893	15,000	11,410
20 LEGAL	300	25	300	300
21 ACCOUNTING SERVICE		0	6,800	8,000
22 PROFESSIONAL AUDIT	7,000	13,239	7,500	5,000
INSURANCE				
23 WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	8,010	15,904	10,500	16,000
24 INSURANCE AUTO	14,600	16,284	15,000	16,000
25 INSURANCE, BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, LIABILITY	16,600	14,614	19,000	16,000
26 INSURANCE ACCIDENT / DISABILITY	4,300	4,184	4,300	4,300
27 HEAT/PHONE/INTERNET/ELECTRICITY/WATER	22,500	19,477	21,000	18,200
28 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	18,300	21,706	24,000	24,000
29 VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT FUEL	9,500	6,469	9,500	8,500
30 NFPA ANNUAL PUMP TEST	1,200	1,400	1,300	1,500
31 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2,400	1,029	3,000	3,000
32 NFPA ANNUAL HOSE TESTING	3,100	3,285	3,500	3,500
33 FIRE EDUCATION/PREVENTION/TRAINING	4,000	5,337	3,000	3,000
34 STATION MAINTENANCE	13,000	10,158	14,000	14,000
35 FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT	7,500	7,239	9,000	13,000
36 FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT LOAN PAYMENT	12,500	9,308	9,556	9,400
37 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	6,500	3,993	7,000	5,000
38 NEW EQUIPMENT & HOSE	10,000	11,851	10,000	10,000
39 DRY HYDRANT INSTALLATION PROGRAM	2,500	0	2,000	1,000
40 EXTRICATION & HAZMAT EQUIPMENT	4,000	5,640	4,000	4,000
41 FIREFIGHTER PERSONAL SAFETY	6,750	4,915	6,750	6,000
42 ANNUAL AWARDS AND APECIATION				3,500
43 MISCELLANEOUS	500	240	500	450
44 OFFICE EXPENSE	7,000	4,097	7,000	6,000
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				
45 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LOAN	4,500	4,102	0	0
46 BUILDING LOAN PAYMENT	42,778	41,368	41,369	41,369
47 BUILDING RESERVE	0	0	0	0
48 TRUCK LOAN PAYMENT	80,370	78,106	77,087	78,106
49 TRUCK REPLACEMENT RESERVE	0	0	9,618	13,721
50 AIR-PAK AND PORTABLE RADIO RESERVE	8,000	22,010	8,400	8,652
51 TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$530,208	\$497,931	\$544,480	\$544,498
TRANSFERS TO RESERVE FUNDS				
52 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE	0	0	0	0
53 NEW EQUIPMENT RESERVE	0	0	0	0
54 PAID ON CALL PAYROLL RESERVE	0	13,781	0	0
55 CAREER SALARY RESERVE	0	23,661	0	0
56 TRAINING CENTER RESERVE	0	0	0	0
57 FIREFIGHTER PERSONAL SAFETY RESERVE	0	0	0	0
58 TOTAL TRANSFERS:	\$0	\$37,442	\$0	\$0
59 TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	\$530,208	\$535,373	\$544,480	\$544,498
60 TOTAL UNDERHILL BUDGET	\$212,083	\$214,149	\$216,112	\$217,799
61 TOTAL JERICHO BUDGET	\$318,125	\$321,224	\$324,168	\$326,699

Reserve Account Statement

Account	Starting Balance As of 7/1/14	Transactions	Ending Balance As of 6/30/2015
CAPITAL RESERVES			
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE	\$8,730	\$0	\$8,730
TRUCK REPLACEMENT RESERVE	\$49,369	-\$1,019	\$48,350
AIR-PAK AND PORTABLE RADIO RESERVE	\$20,180	\$8,000	\$28,180
PAYROLL RESERVES			
VOL. PAYROLL RESERVE	\$26,272	\$13,781	\$40,053
FULL TIME SALARY RESERVE	\$14,240	\$23,661	\$37,901
MISCELLANEOUS RESERVES			
NEW EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$11,099	\$15	\$11,114
PRIVATE DONATIONS	\$462	\$1,286	\$1,748
MEMORIAL PARK	\$677	\$200	\$877
RIVERS RESERVE	\$523	-\$523	\$0
TRAINING CENTER	\$3,975	\$0	\$3,975
FIREFIGHTER PERSONAL SAFETY (PHYSICALS)	\$2,794	\$0	\$2,794
CAR SEAT SAFETY	\$4,930	\$0	\$4,930

Explanation of changes to reserve accounts:
Truck Replacement Reserve: Adjusting entry due to underbudgeting truck payment in FY 13-14
Air-Pak and Portable Radio Reserve: \$8,000 budgeted amount added
Volunteer Payroll Reserve: Transfer of \$13,781 into reserve from the main budget.
Full Time Salary Reserve: Transfer of \$23,661 into reserve from the main budget.
New Equipment Reserve: Net increase after spending \$1,985 on computer equipment and receiving a donation of \$2,000 for new equipment fund.
Private Donations Fund: Total of \$840 in donations and an adjusting entry of \$446 to match the auditors report.
Memorial Park: Income of \$200 was from donations.
River's Reserve: CD has been closed and the funds have been moved to the Rivers Account.

Rivers Land Account Statement

	BUDGET 2014-2015	Actual 2014-2015	BUDGET 2015-2016	BUDGET 2016-2017
INCOME:				
STARTING BALANCE	\$19,441	\$30,641	\$31,055	\$33,999
RIVERS HOUSE RENTAL	\$12,000	\$12,650	\$12,000	\$14,340
GRAVEL PIT	\$12,000	\$9,507	\$0	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0	\$33	\$0	\$0
TOTAL INCOME	\$43,441	\$52,831	\$43,055	\$48,339
EXPENSES:				
HOUSE REPAIRS	\$1,500	\$5,738	\$1,500	\$1,500
WELL	\$250	\$0	\$500	\$1,000
PERMITS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
UTILITIES FUEL\ELECTRICITY	\$0	\$917	\$0	\$0
PIT CLOSURE BOND	\$1,985	\$1,985	\$1,985	\$0
LEGAL	\$0	\$954	\$1,500	\$1,500
PROPERTY TAXES	\$9,500	\$9,238	\$9,240	\$9,500
MISCELLANEOUS		\$2,719		\$0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,235	\$18,832	\$14,725	\$13,500
ENDING BALANCE	\$30,206	\$33,999	\$28,330	\$34,839
SECURITY DEPOSIT		\$2,390	\$2,390	\$2,390
CASH BALANCE INCLUDING SECURITY DEPOSIT		\$36,389	\$30,720	\$37,229



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**STATE OF VERMONT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115 STATE STREET
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Town Meeting, 2016

Dear Jericho Friends and Neighbors,

As I begin my twelfth year representing Jericho in the Vermont House of Representatives I am still awed at the honor you have given me. I will never take this job for granted and will continue to work to represent you in the best way I know how.

The challenges continue and the job of creating a balanced budget when we start the year millions of dollars short seems to be never ending. The Vermont Legislature has never adjourned without passing a fair and balanced budget. The work of our school districts to form the Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District was the emphasis for the Legislature to create an act that makes amendments to education funding, spending and governance. A variety of other acts created last year include improving the State's approach to preventing child abuse and neglect and protecting children from abuse; repealing the sunset on provisions pertaining to patient choice at end of life; a number of provisions related to possession of firearms; prohibiting a sentence of life without parole if the person was under 18 at the time of the crime; creating a new type of cemetery, a natural burial ground; and allowing registration of voters on election day.

I will continue to share with you what I am doing in Montpelier. I invite you to meet with me for a legislative discussion at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library on the evenings of Thursday, February 11th, Thursday, March 20th and Tuesday April 12th from 6:30–8:00 p.m. The discussion is your choice but is intended on what is going on at the State House or upcoming in the legislature. If you have the opportunity please join in, I look forward to these discussions. Mt. Mansfield Community TV records these sessions and broadcasts them on Comcast channel 15 in Jericho or online at <http://vimeo.com/mmctv>.

Please continue to share your thoughts with me. You may contact me any time via email: Bill@RepBillFrank.com, on Facebook: facebook.com/RepBillFrank, by phone: 899-3136 or mail: 19 Poker Hill Road, Underhill 05489. When you see me around town please stop and say hi.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Frank".

Representative George Till

I want to begin by again thanking the voters of Jericho and Underhill for re-electing me to represent you in the Vermont Legislature. I will continue to do my best to work for transparent government, responsive to the needs of Vermont. I will continue to work in a non-partisan manor with my only goal being what is best for Vermont. I will continue to think independently and not have my votes dictated by party leadership.

We enter another year with another significant budget shortfall. The FY 2017 budget shortfall is estimated at \$66 million. The sluggish economic recovery created budget difficulties for households, businesses, and government on the local, state and national level. We expect this year to finally reached pre-recession levels of economic activity and revenues. As of this writing, Vermont has had an unemployment rate of 3.7% for the past 3 months, 8th lowest nationally. The largest portion of our budget shortfall has to do with higher than anticipated spending in Medicaid. At the same time we have achieved nearly universal healthcare coverage in Vermont with only 23,000 individuals remaining uninsured.

Act 46 addressed school funding and governance. With Chittenden East having successfully accomplished a voluntary school merger, we were often cited as the example of what is possible. There appear to be nearly 20 additional areas that will vote on mergers this year. Regardless of change in school funding formulas, Jericho and Underhill will still see the property tax reductions associated with the merger of 8 cents, 6 cents, 4 cents and 2 cents over the four years following the merger. I think we will likely see some loosening of the excess spending threshold in Act 46 but not other big alterations.

Clean water was a priority last year. Vermont is very dependent on tourism and clean lakes and rivers are an essential part of drawing tourists here. A new Clean Water Fund was established to focus resources on both agricultural and storm water runoff.

Other important issues for 2016 include:

The move to legalize recreational marijuana, about which I have very mixed feelings and would like to hear from you should the bill actually pass the Senate. I am impressed by the data saying teen marijuana usage has decreased in Colorado since legalization but remain concerned about other issues such as driving under the influence and the effects of chronic usage of high potency marijuana.

Job creation and economic investment advanced on several fronts in our prior session and will continue to be a priority. The legislature committed \$5 million in a new Vermont Enterprise Incentive Fund for new large businesses coming to Vermont and access to capital to expand Vermont businesses. \$3.3 million is targeted to enhancing people's job skills and a substantial increase to Regional Development Corporations to help grow businesses.

Vermont Health Connect continues to struggle with change of circumstance adjustments, causing significant frustration. It is important to remember that even if we were to abandon VHC for private insurance enrollment, we would still need to maintain VHC, along with most of the expense for running it, for our Medicaid program.

Some issues I'd like to focus on for the coming session are tax reform, to lower the burden of all taxes on the middle class who carry the heaviest burden in Vermont, and to weigh taxes paid against tax expenditures (tax breaks given to individuals and corporations). As of this writing the proposed statewide property tax increase is one cent, the lowest proposed increase in recent memory.

I plan further work on the root cause of so many of our social and health problems, Adverse Childhood Experiences. This issue is a major cause of school problems, addiction problems, later incarceration, poor job performance and poor health. The experiences are common in Vermont and the effect is so strong that with 6 or more categories of adverse experiences one has a life expectancy reduced by nearly 20 years. ACE contributes strongly to the most frequent causes of death and health care expenditures in Vermont.

Additionally I will continue to push to raise the age to purchase tobacco products to 21. The data is clear that this dramatically reduces tobacco addiction and subsequent health care costs.

I will work to expand the legalization of firearm suppressors to allow use while hunting, not just at shooting ranges which we approved last year. I will also continue to push for universal background checks for all gun sales.

I plan to be at Town Meeting at 8:00am in Jericho and later in the morning in Underhill. I look forward to hearing your thoughts in a sit down prior to the start of the Jericho Town Meeting.

I would be happy to hear from you by email at: Rep.GeorgeTill@gmail.com or by phone at 899-2984. My mailing address is: 74 Foothills Dr., Jericho 05465. If you would like to share your thoughts or need assistance navigating State Government please contact me. Along with Representative Bill Frank, I will continue monthly constituent meetings for informal discussions at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library, 8 River Rd, Jericho. The meetings are 6:30pm to 8pm. The dates are: Tuesday Jan. 12, Thursday Feb. 11, Thursday March 10, and Tuesday April 12. Meeting dates are also available on the Library website. Thank you for the honor of serving as your Representative.

Sincerely,
George Till

Jericho Town School District Annual Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2015

Board members present: Susan Lillich
Administration present: Vicki Graf, John Alberghini
Others present: Bob Fahey, many community members

School Vision

To provide a quality education to all students:

- *Celebrating diversity*
- *Forming a strong academic foundation*
- *Understanding their local community and environment*
- *Nurturing their innate curiosity*

So they can participate in our democratic society and global community. We do this in a collegial and innovative environment.

Moderator, David Barrington called the meeting to order at 1:17 pm.

Article 1 *To hear and act upon the reports of the Officers.*

Susan Lillich welcomed everyone to the meeting. Vicki Graf, Jericho Elementary School Principal, presented a slide show that detailed the highlights of the past year at JES.

Article 2 *To transact any other business thought proper when met.*

Barry King asked where citizens can go to make suggestions regarding future budgets now that the district has unified. Susan Lillich responded that community members are welcome to attend the MMMUSD meetings as well as the Finance Committee meetings to give input to the board. Kelly King followed up by asking if this means that there will no longer be an annual meeting. Susan confirmed that this is the last annual meeting for the Jericho School District. Tracie Wright asked Principal Vicki Graf what her hopes are for the new district as well as what challenges she might see for the future. Vicki replied that she is very excited for what the future will bring. Many changes are already occurring like kindergarten choice in the north end, the sharing of resources and opportunities, and new teaching and learning options. At this time she does not see any challenges as much is still unknown. Susan added that there are two committees being formed to study the possibilities of two new programs, a Foreign Language Immersion program as well as a STEM program. Tracie Wright asked about the impact of Universal Pre-K. Susan explained that the district decided to go ahead with fully funded Universal Pre-K this fall even though it is not mandated until the fall of 2016. This means that all 3, 4 and 5 year old children not attending kindergarten can receive funding for 10 hours per week of pre-k at pre-qualified pre-k programs for 35 weeks each year. Due to the large number of families expressing a desire for school-based pre-k, JES will partner with the Greater Burlington YMCA to house a pre-k program at JES in the fall. Superintendent, John Alberghini, noted that by implementing pre-k this fall it helped to suppress the tax rate. Susan thanked the community for its support over the past years and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Articles 3 – 15 *Voted by Australian Ballot*

Draft until approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Yates

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Mt. Mansfield Modified Union School District

Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District Annual Report

All town residents will receive a Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District (MMMUSD) Annual Report through the mail. The report will include a proposed 2016-17 school district budget, tax rate information, supervisory union expenses and other district information for the operation of the eight schools in the district.

- *Smilie Memorial School (PK-4)*
- *Jericho Elementary School (K-4)*
- *Richmond Elementary School (PK-4)*
- *Underhill ID Elementary School (K-4)*
- *Underhill Central School (PK-4)*
- *Browns River Middle School (5-8)*
- *Camels Hump Middle School (5-8)*
- *Mt. Mansfield Union High School (9-12)*

The MMMUSD Annual Report can also be found at your local town office, public school or online at www.cesu.k12.vt.us. If you have questions, please contact the MMMUSD/CESU Central Office at 434-2128 or by email at cesu.office@cesuvt.org.

FY15 School District Audits

6/30/15 Jericho Town School District Audit Report & Financial Statements

<http://go.cesuvt.org/jerichoauditFY15>

6/30/15 Underhill ID School District Audit Report & Financial Statements

<http://go.cesuvt.org/uidauditfy15>

6/30/15 Chittenden East School District Audit Report & Financial Statements

<http://go.cesuvt.org/cesuauditfy15>

6/30/15 Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17 Audit Report & Financial Statements

<http://go.cesuvt.org/mmusd17auditfy15>

Jericho Elementary School



Jericho Elementary School continues to work to ensure continued success for our school community. We strive to create a school environment where all students are successful.

One of our great successes has been in mathematics. We have established grade level data teams that meet once every six weeks to analyze student data and plan for instruction based on student strengths and needs. Due to this work, a high percentage of our students are meeting and exceeding expectations. For example, 81% of our third grade students were proficient or above on the SBAC assessment.

During this past year, Jericho teachers have fully implemented the writing workshop model in all grades. We have implemented the workshop model using Writing Units of Study edited by Lucy Calkins. Students at JES are succeeding in writing narrative, informational, and opinion pieces. Our writing teachers participated in professional development monthly to support this new curriculum. In addition, they have worked closely throughout the school year with our district staff developers, Beth Moore and Pam Foust, to ensure that our students are reaching their full potential.

In our enrichment program, all students in the school participated in an engineering design challenge. Students worked with engaging materials such as Lego Robotics, Keva Blocks, and Little Bits circuits to design and execute these challenges. This work has been engaging and exciting for our students.

During this past school year, we continued to implement our Farm to School plan. Mr. Brezic's second grade classroom filmed monthly cooking shows. The featured foods were then taste tested by the whole school during school wide morning meeting. Acorn Squash muffins were a favorite. We maintained our school garden, developed classroom curriculum and hosted our second annual harvest dinner.

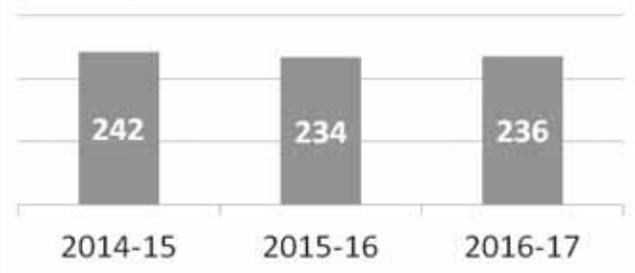
Preschool has come to Jericho Elementary School. This past year, JES welcomed two YMCA preschool programs into our school. The YMCA leased space from us and has established a full time and part time preschool program. This partnership with the YMCA has provided greater access to preschool for our Jericho families.

Victoria Graf, Principal



Grades: K – 4
Total Faculty FTE: 27.0
ESP Staff: 21
PK Partnerships: 57
K-4 Classroom Teacher Ratio: 16.71
Standardized Test Results Link:
<http://go.cesuvt.org/cesuassessmentresults>

K-4 Enrollment Trend



Jericho School District 2014-15 Audit can be viewed at:

<http://go.cesuvt.org/jerichoauditFY15>

Underhill ID Elementary School



As the principal of Underhill ID Elementary School, I am proud to share the accomplishments of our teachers and students. Our staff is dedicated to the continual improvement of instruction. Two areas of particular focus have been Math and Writing. All of our teachers have been trained to use Math Menu to deliver high quality mathematics instruction that provides students with targeted practice of necessary skills and frequent personalized check-ins with their classroom teacher. UID teachers have also formed Data Teams to regularly review the progress of our students in Mathematics and to plan interventions to close achievement gaps. This year has also seen the full implementation of the Writing Units of Study program



from the Teacher's College of Columbia University. UID teachers have been meeting monthly with professional developers and as a faculty team to review writing instruction and the progress of our students.

I am also proud to share just a few of the additional accomplishments of our school community. Interest in computer science has grown as students in grades K-4 have participated in our weekly early morning Code Club. In addition, all students in grades K-4 participated in this year's Hour of Code. We have also expanded enrichment opportunities at UID. Kim Aueter, our Art Teacher, provides weekly art enrichment classes to students on a rotational basis. More than half of our third and fourth grade students participate in the weekly choral program offered by music teacher Sue Detweiler. School Librarian Chris Baron is providing integrated reading and re-

searching support to classrooms in addition to regular library classes. P.E. teacher Amanda Cowan is providing weekly enrichment classes focusing on fine and gross motor skills. We also continue to benefit from our caring school community as all of our students raised a total of \$1000 to support families in need through our craft fair and our third and fourth grade class raised \$400 to help build a well for a community in Uganda.

David Wells,
Principal



Grades: K – 4

Total Faculty FTE: 9.30

ESP Staff: 7

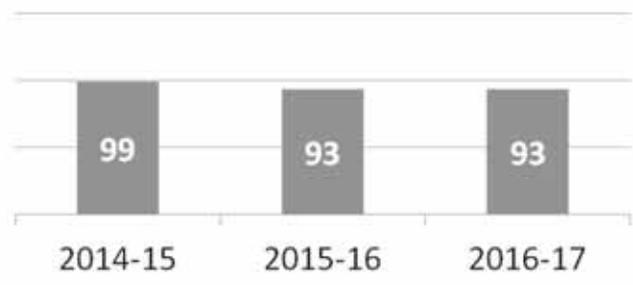
PK Partnerships: 26

K-4 Classroom Teacher Ratio: 18.60

Standardized Test Results Link:

<http://go.cesuvt.org/cesuassessmentresults>

K-4 Enrollment Trend



Underhill Graded School District 2014-15

Audit can be viewed at:

<http://go.cesuvt.org/uidauditfy15>

Browns River Middle School



Initiatives at BRMS

One to One Laptop Initiative : Browns River Middle School continues to increase the amount of access to digital tools for all students. This year all students have been assigned a laptop device. We are currently using both Chromebooks and Personal Computers. Next year, all BRMS students will be using "Cloud" based devices. Our students no longer have an identified computer lab or computer applications class as all technology instruction is now embedded into classroom.



Personalized Learning Plans (PLP): The PLP process was introduced to our 7th and 8th

grade students in October. Students will use the PLP for exploring life and career options. As our students navigate the PLP, BRMS aims to partner students with school and family. The PLP considers a student's academics, learning style and potential career interests.

Delayed Starts: BRMS staff members have benefited greatly from the additional professional development time that was introduced into this year's district calendar. Teachers have been using the time to work on improved instruction in both writing and math. Teachers have also used the time to plan for the implementation of PLP's. Para-educators have received training in a wide variety of areas that will improve their skills in working with and supporting students.

CARES: BRMS staff and students continue to incorporate the CARES model into our school culture. (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, Self-Control). This model is meant to be a proactive approach to our school-wide discipline program, and it is designed to reinforce the positive behaviors of students. It also serves as a

support to students who need extra assistance to reach the school wide expectations of CARES. This focuses on making BRMS a better place for both our students and our staff members through consistent expectations for the entire school community. Our goal is to improve student performance and foster a positive school climate through consistent implementation of expectations, communication, and accountability.

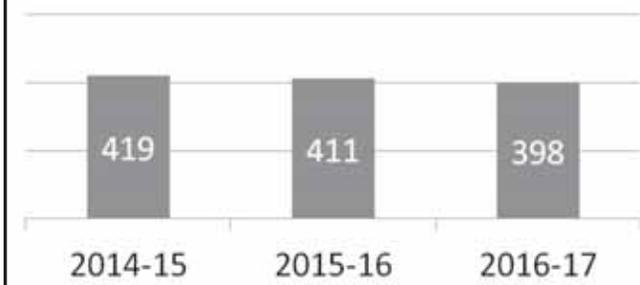
Kevin Hamilton, Principal
Elaine Archambault, Assistant Principal



Grades: 5-8
Total Faculty FTE: 41.40
ESP Staff: 30
Student/Classroom Teacher Ratio: 19.57
Standardized Test Results Link:
<http://go.cesuvt.org/cesuassessmentresults>



Enrollment Trend



Mt. Mansfield Union High School



This has been a year of reflection and progress at Mt. Mansfield Union High School. The staff has been working on designing and implementing two state required programs: Personal Learning Plans and Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements. The goal of these programs is to create a learning environment that produces a motivated learner who is prepared for career and college upon graduation. This goal lines up with MMUHS's mission to produce graduates who are prepared with the skills and knowledge to be effective engaged citizens. This work has been completed in committees, also we have been utilizing the time provided by the 2 hour delay Wednesdays to further the development of these new programs. Additionally, our curriculum groups continue to work to refine and adjust our instructional and assessment practices based upon a close examination of current student data. This work is allowing us to meet students at their level and bring them forward in a manner that is appropriate.

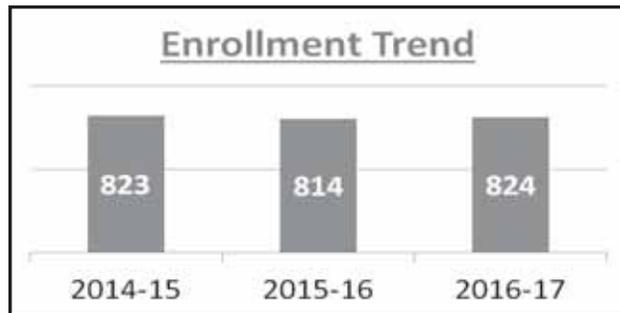
The 2014-2015 school year was also a year of student success for Mt. Mansfield Union High School. During the past year, two hundred and twenty four students graduated, we had thirteen All-State Musicians, and 88% of our students who took AP Exams scored a 3 or higher. We also have over forty clubs and activities, thirty-one interscholastic athletic teams, and an active theatre department (4 separate shows last year). MMUHS students excel in the classroom, on the stage and in the athletic environment. Students also excel in the community as part of the school wide Day of Service or as one of the 100+ members of the Leo Club, an organization focused on doing community service. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.



Mike Weston, Principal
Rich Wright, Assistant Principal



Grades: 9 - 12
Total Faculty FTE: 67.30
Classroom Teacher FTE: 43.60
ESP Staff: 56
Student/Teacher Ratio: 18.67:1
Standardized Test Results Link:
<http://go.cesuvt.org/cesuassessmentresults>



Mt. Mansfield Union School District #17
2014-15 Audit can be viewed at:
<http://go.cesuvt.org/mmusd17auditfy15>

OFFICIAL WARNING

MOUNT MANSFIELD MODIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 25, 2016 & March 1, 2016

The legal voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District comprising the voters of the town school districts of Huntington (Grades 5-12), and Bolton, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill, (all Grades PK-12) are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Mount Mansfield Union High School on **Thursday, February 25, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.** to transact any of the following business not involving Australian Ballot, the meeting is to be adjourned and reconvened in the respective polling places hereinafter named for each of the above-referenced town school districts on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016** at 7:00 a.m. (Huntington at 6:30 am) at which time the polls will open, until 7:00 p.m. at which time the polls will close, to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot.

- Article 1: To elect the following officers:
a Moderator for one year,
a Clerk for one year,
a Treasurer for one year.
- Article 2: To hear and act upon the written reports of the District Officers.
- Article 3: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District authorize the school board under 16 V.S.A. 562 (9) to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?
- Article 4: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District authorize the Board of School Directors to provide a mailed Notice of Availability of the Annual Report to residents in lieu of distributing the Annual Report?
- Article 5: Shall the purpose of the repair and capital expenses fund be expanded from capital projects at Mt. Mansfield Union High School, Camels Hump Middle and Browns River Middle School to authorize spending for repair and capital related projects at all school facilities within the Mount Mansfield Modified Union District?
- Article 6: Shall the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District create a repair and capital expenses fund in accordance with 24 VSA§2804, and to appropriate thereto such sums as approved in future annual budgets?
- Article 7: This time serves as a public information hearing for public review of the 2016-17 proposed budget--for discussion purposes only.
- Article 8: To transact any other school business thought proper when met.

March 1, 2016 -- Australian Ballot Question

Article 9: Shall the voters of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District approve the School Board to expend \$43,168,293, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the 2016-17 fiscal year?
 It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$15,049 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 1.47% higher than spending for the current year.

Upon closing of the polls, the ballot boxes will be sealed, re-opened at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond, the ballots commingled and publicly counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Bolton, Huntington, Jericho, Richmond, and Underhill under the supervision of the Clerk of the Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District.

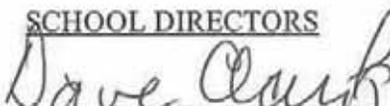
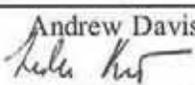
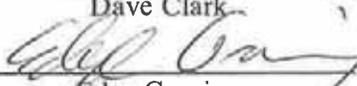
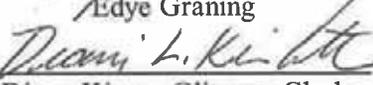
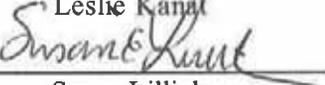
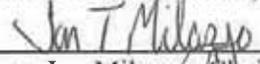
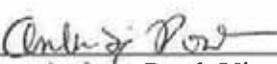
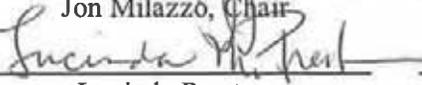
The legal voters of Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at Camels Hump Middle School in the Town of Richmond on February 15, 2016 commencing at 6:30 pm, Browns River Middle School in the Town of Jericho on February 18, 2016 commencing at 6:30 pm, and Mt. Mansfield Union High School in the Town of Jericho on February 25, 2016 commencing at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of explaining the 2016-17 proposed budget.

Polling Places

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

Bolton	*	Smilie Memorial School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Huntington	*	Brewster-Pierce Memorial School	*	6:30 am -7 pm
Jericho	*	Mt. Mansfield Union High School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Richmond	*	Camels Hump Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm
Underhill	*	Browns River Middle School	*	7 am - 7 pm

Dated this 21st day of January, 2016.

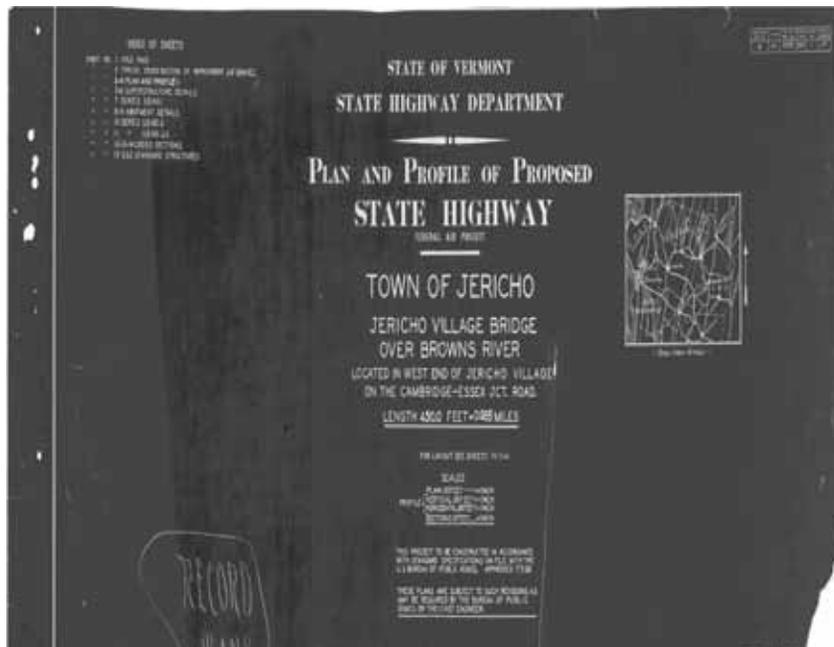
 _____ Kevin Campbell	<u>SCHOOL DIRECTORS</u>  _____ Dave Clark	 _____ Andrew Davis
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 _____ Breck Knauff	 _____ Diane Kirson-Glitman, Clerk	 _____ Susan Lillich
 _____ Michael Marks	 _____ Jon Milazzo, Chair	 _____ John Noonan
 _____ Andrew Pond, Vice-Chair	 _____ Lucinda Preston	 _____ Beth Racine

Received for record this 22nd day of January 2016, A.D.

 Clerk, Mount Mansfield Modified Union School District

**** Annual Meeting & Budget Informational Meeting ****

February 15, 2016, 6:00 pm, Camels Hump Middle School
February 18, 2016, 6:30 pm, Browns River Middle School
February 25, 2016, 6:30 pm, Mt. Mansfield Union High School



Original blueprint of the Jericho Village Bridge over Browns River

Tune into our local Front Porch Forum

Many local residents and public officials participate in our local Front Porch Forum (FPF). FPF is a Vermont-based online service that helps neighbors connect and build community by hosting local online conversations in every town in the state. To read more about missing pets, wildlife sightings, break-ins, road conditions, local events, recommendations, helping neighbors in need and more, sign up (free of charge) at FrontPorchForum.com

Mount Mansfield Community Television, Inc.

MMCTV is the community access station on Comcast Cable Channel 15. We reach Richmond, Jericho and Underhill.

Based in Richmond, MMCTV provides some 350 hours a year of ultra-local programming –including key local government meetings – by our staff and local producers. We are on 24/7 and primarily air our own programs and those of other PEG (Public, Educational, Government) channels in Vermont and the country. We provide free training and equipment to individuals, schools and nonprofits in our area to produce shows. Some locally-produced shows include Ask the Experts with Anne O’Brien, The Cuban Bridge and Farmers Talk.

A nonprofit, MMCTV has been providing coverage of local events since 1997. MMCTV is always looking for volunteers and underwriters.

You can post events on our community bulletin board. All our local productions are online at <http://vimeo.com/mmctv>

Contact: Angelike Contis, Executive Director

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website www.mmctv15.org

Underhill/Jericho Boy Scout Troup

The Underhill/Jericho Boy Scout troop has been a proud member of this community since 1963. The Troop was started by long time Underhill resident, Gael Boardman, who is still an active member of the Troop Committee, which helps to oversee the administration of the Troop. Our communities are blessed with some outstanding members who volunteer their time, every week, to the advancement of our young men through the Boy Scout program. Without the adult leaders, our program would not survive. “Thank You” to everyone who has been a part of this program over the past 52 years. Since we began, our Troop has had 66 young men achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. During their advancement to Eagle, each Scout averages well over 500 hours of community service, with much of that being accomplished in the Underhill and Jericho area. We currently have 31 young men enrolled in our program. We are fortunate to have one of the most active troops in Vermont. Through our volunteers, we are able to provide a wide range of activities for the scouts participate in. In 2015, we had another five Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Their Eagle Scout projects have benefited the Underhill I.D. School (Pavilion), Jericho Town Library (New Book Shelves), Mills Riverside Park (New Trail Signs and New Fire Pit with Seating), and Browns River Middle School (Pavers and planters around Gazebo). This year promises to be just as busy. We have two Scouts who have completed their Eagle project at the Underhill Town Offices and Underhill-Jericho Fire Department with seven more ready to begin their Eagle Scout Community Service Projects.

Vermont 2-1-1

Need Help Finding Help? Vermont 2-1-1 is a free, easy-to-remember number you can call for confidential help for everyday needs and difficult times. 2-1-1 is a health and human services information and referral program available for everyone in Vermont. Call specialists provide that human touch, helping to solve problems and linking individuals and families with local, statewide, regional and nationwide resources. You can also learn about government benefits and services, non-profit organizations, support groups, volunteer opportunities, donation programs, and other local resources by calling 2-1-1. Staff is available to assist you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Dial 2-1-1 from anywhere in Vermont, or 866-652-4636 (in VT), or 802-652-4636 from outside Vermont; or visit our website: www.vermont211.org

Get Connected, Get Answers.

NOTES:

Special Needs Form

Would you need special help in an emergency?

If you, or someone you know in the area, would need special help in an emergency, please fill out and return this form. The information will be kept confidential by local authorities.

Please note: Even if you sent in a Special Needs Form in the past, a new one should be sent in each year.

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	I use a wheelchair and need a wheelchair van
	I would need to ride in an ambulance
	I have specialized medical equipment that requires special transportation. My medical equipment is i.e.: Oxygen: _____ _____
	I am deaf or hard of hearing and use a TTY
	I have a visual impairment that requires special help
	I require a special Tone-Alert Radio for the deaf and hard of hearing or blind and visually impaired
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	I require a medically prescribed diet
	I require and use a service animal
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	Other: _____

It you are taking medications please bring them with you in case of an evacuation.

This person may be contacted to help me in an emergency:

Name of contact: _____

Home Number: (____)____ - _____ Work Number: (____)____ - _____

If someone else is completing this card for you please include their name and phone number.

Name: _____ Phone Number: (____)____ - _____

Return this completed form to:

Emergency Management Director
Town of Jericho
P.O. Box 39
Jericho, Vermont 05465



If you require further information please contact your local Emergency Management Director at 899-9970 x25;
or the Vermont Emergency Management at (802) 251-2172 or 1-800-347-0488
(TTY: 1-888-545-7598)



UNDERHILL-JERICHO FIRE DEPARTMENT



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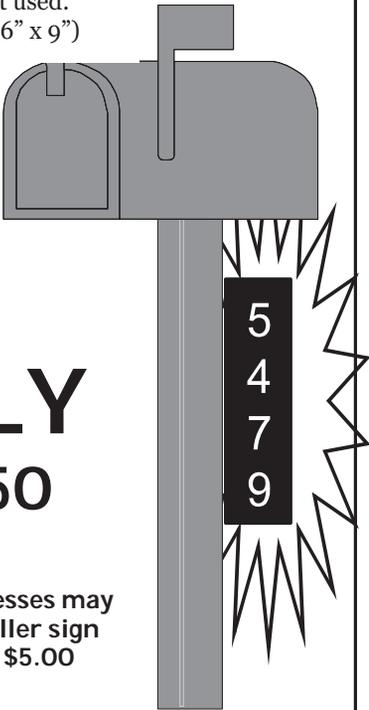
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2016 Town Meeting Buffet Breakfast

Provided by Mt Mansfield Lodge #26 F&AM

Last year marked our 15th year for providing a luncheon for Jericho's Town Meeting Day. With the change in meeting location and agenda the number of people attending the luncheon has declined precipitously. Hence, we have decided to try something different and offer a Buffet Breakfast for the good citizens of our Town. The menu will consist of:

Bacon	Pancakes	Milk
Sausage	Desserts	Orange Juice
Scrambled eggs	Coffee	Tea

The where will be no fee but everyone is asked to make a donation. These funds will go toward our scholarship program for graduating high school seniors.

Report from Mt. Mansfield Lodge #26 F&AM

The Masonic fraternity or Freemasonry has been a part of the Jericho community landscape for over 195 years. As the world's oldest fraternity it has been a magnet and rallying point for men of good character and goodwill who wish to make a positive difference in their communities, their lives, and even the world. This is the reason why the Masons of Mt. Mansfield lodge team up with the Underhill-Jericho Ecumenical Council to cook, pack, and deliver substantial, hot, nutritious Holiday meals for those in need every year just before Christmas. This project has been in motion for nine years and has grown to the point where it now provides 257 meals to area residents. A special thanks is due to the Jericho Elementary School for allowing us to use their cafeteria facilities for preparing and distributing the meals.

Additionally, for each of the past 15 years the Lodge has awarded three scholarships to worthy high school seniors headed to post-secondary education. Other services we provide are less noticeable, such as paying a needy widow's fuel bill, washing an elderly couple's windows, or clearing fallen tree limbs and debris from the property of a disabled neighbor. All of this is done in the spirit of being a contributing, thoughtful community member.

Although our fraternity puts considerable effort into serving the community it also provides a platform for each of our members to continue to grow and evolve as members of a cultivated society. The men of Mt. Mansfield Lodge feel it is important to aspire and attain to the highest levels of personal conduct, morality, and mental and spiritual development. With that shared ethic, all Masons are able to share in the fellowship of trustworthy, supportive, and talented associates.

Jericho and Freemasonry have had a good fit for nearly two centuries. We expect that fit to be sustained and prosperous far into the future.

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