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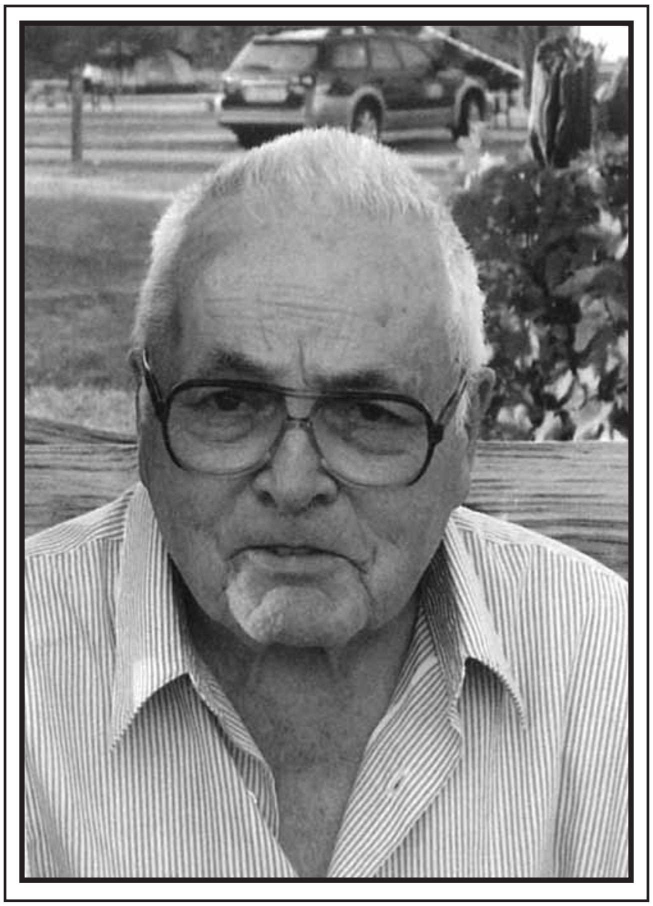
Town of
Monkton, Vermont



Please bring your Town Report with you to Town Meeting.
Town Meeting will be on March 3, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.
Polling Hours are from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Monkton Central School.

Roderick D. Burritt

In the early morning hours, a mature gentleman could be seen walking on the side of the road in Monkton Ridge. He was on his way back home after seeing his beloved wife safely to work and helping to carry her heavy bags of paperwork into the town hall and doing any other tasks needing done. Rod did this nearly every day. Then at the end of the day he would be there again to see her safely home. In the winter he would shovel the walk at the Town Hall and then go down to the library, shovel their walk and turn up the heat so it would be nice and cozy when the librarians arrived.

Growing up in Monkton, he was a prime example of what our town stands for- Integrity, loyalty to the town and its people, giving and caring for his loved ones in the best way he knew how, giving of himself.

Graduating from Bristol High School in 1944, he did a short stint in the military, was a bookkeeper at Shelburne Farms, then got a job at Tomasi Hardware (now Martin's Hardware) in Bristol. Maybe he intended to stay there, maybe not, but his stay lasted 50 plus years! He was the 'go to' guy if you were looking for something there. He knew where everything was. When he retired from Martin's Hardware, they gave him a huge, well-deserved retirement party.

In between this time, he was a man of many hats at various jobs in Monkton, becoming an Auditor, a Lister, Justice of the Peace, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer and finally the Delinquent Tax Collector. His pencil was always sharpened and ready for his accuracy with numbers. If you ever added numbers with him, you know that he could add faster than a calculator! Balancing his paperwork was always a must and a point of pride.

Rod also was a member of the Florona Grange 540 and served 65 years with the Grand Lodge of Vermont F & A.

A quiet man, with a hint of a smile on his face, Rod would give you a nod and say "Hello" and keep to his business at hand.

Although he was active with town government, he always treasured time with his family and friends. His gardening abilities produced a bounty of goodies for home and lots of extras for neighbors or anyone who happened by. His love of Church and faith was demonstrated by volunteering to paint, clean, or spruce up the church next to his home besides providing vegetables for various gatherings.

Because of his health, Rod retired two years ago. In November of last year, Monkton lost one of its most dedicated citizens. His devotion to his family and his many years of service to his town were well known.

~ Gone but not forgotten ~

Always in our hearts

Back Row - Danny, Helen & George
Front Row - Ila, Guy & Rod

STATE OF VERMONT
Office of the Secretary of State

Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is awarded to

RODERICK BURRITT

in recognition of his many years of service to the

Town of Monkton

and to the

State of Vermont

on this Wednes*day September 13, 2000.*

Deborah L. Markowitz
Vermont Secretary of State

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OFFICE	Elected / Appointed	Term Length	Term
Town & School Clerk:			
Sharon M. Gomez	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Asst. Town Clerk:			
John C. Phillips	Appointed		
Town & School Treasurer:			
William C. Joos	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Asst. Treasurer:			
	Appointed		
Town & School Treasurer:			
William C. Joos	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Zoning Administrator:			
Kenneth E. Wheeling	Appointed		
Town Moderator:			
Kenneth E. Wheeling	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
School Moderator:			
Kenneth E. Wheeling	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Select Board:			
Stephen Pilcher	Elected	2 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/15
Anne Layn	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
John McNerney	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Roger Parker Jr.	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Henry Boisse	Elected	2 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/16
Constable #1			
Charles Huizenga Sr.	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Listers:			
Joseph Boisse	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Bernie Wisniowski	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
John Howard	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
Auditors:			
Janet Cassarino	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
Mary Jane Huizenga	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Elizabeth Pecor	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Justice of the Peace:		**November Election**	
Kenneth Wheeling	Elected	2 Yr. Term	02/15 - 02/17
Susan Camp	Elected	2 Yr. Term	02/15 - 02/17
Janet Cassarino	Elected	2 Yr. Term	02/15 - 02/17
Kathy Malzac	Elected	2 Yr. Term	02/15 - 02/17
Jane Low	Elected	2 Yr. Term	02/15 - 02/17

OFFICE	Elected / Appointed	Term Length	Term
Elementary School Board:			
Kristin Blanchette	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
Marikate Kelley	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Robert Radler	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Jennifer Stanley	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Dawn Griswold	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
M.A.U.H.S. School Board:			
Dawn Griswold	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Shawna Sherwin	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Development Review Board:			
Peter Close	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/14 - 03/18
Scott Gordon	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/14 - 03/18
Open Position	Appointed	4 Yr Term	
John Winsor	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/14 - 03/18
Curtis Layn	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/12 - 03/16
Chris Acker	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/13 - 03/17
Phillip Russell	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/13 - 03/17
Thea Gaudette	Appointed	Alternate	
Planning Commission:			
Open Position	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Thea Gaudette	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Wendy Sue Harper	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
Peter Close	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Lee Mahony	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/17
Sam Burr	Elected	resigned	03/13 - 03/16
Open Position	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Recreation Dept:			
Pete Aube	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Stephanie Murray	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Robert Radler	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Charles Huizenga Sr.	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Karla Huizenga	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
Paul Low	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
Ed Cook	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Health Officer:			
Robin Hopps	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Town Service Officer:			
Bailee Layn-Gordon	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Road Commissioner:			
Wayne Preston	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Asst. Road Foreman:			
Bruce Cassidy	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15

OFFICE	Elected / Appointed	Term Length	Term
Fire Warden:			
Curtis Layn	Appointed	5 Yr. Term	07/14 - 06/19
911 Coordinator:			
Diane Bennett	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Conservation Commission:			
Chris Slesar	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/12 - 03/16
Barbara Deal	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/11 - 03/15
Laura Farrell	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/13 - 03/17
Open Position	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/14 - 03/18
Open Position	Appointed	4 Yr Term	03/13 - 03/17
Delegates to Addison County Reg. Planning:			
Thea Gaudette	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Charles Huizenga Sr.	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Wendy Sue Harper	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Delegates to Addison County Solid Waste Management District:			
Deborah Gaynor	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Stephen Pilcher (altenate)	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Energy Committee:			
Wendy Sue Harper	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Peter Dufault	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Jay Frater	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Nate Palmer	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Becky Gould	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Open Position	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee (ANAC)			
Deborah Gaynor	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
Laura Farrell	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
Rachel Schattman (alternate)	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Sam Burr	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Open Position	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Open Position	Appointed	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Recycling Coordinator:			
Amy Moody	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Tree Warden:			
Open Position	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Animal Control Officer			
Gary Clodgo	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Green Up Coordinator:			
Janet Kimball	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15

OFFICE	Elected / Appointed	Term Length	Term
Monkton Fire Chief:			
David Layn	Chosen by the Fire Dept.		
Monkton Asst. Fire Chief:			
Curtis Layn	Chosen by the Fire Dept.		
Monkton Asst. Fire Chief:			
Robert Howard	Chosen by the Fire Dept.		
Historical Society:			
Gil Coates, President	Chosen by MMHS		
Russell Mem. Library:			
Librarian:	Appointed by Library Committee		
Deb Chamberlin			
Asst. Librarian:	Appointed by Library Committee		
Dawn Thibault			
Russell Mem. Library Trustees:			
Patti Padua	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Jane Low (interim-appointed 12/14)	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/13 - 03/16
Gretchen Beaupre	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
Suzanne Ledoux	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/17
A. Helena Nicolay	Elected	3 Yr. Term	03/12 - 03/15
Grand Juror:			
Vacant	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Town Agent to Defend & Prosecute:			
Vacant	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Town Agent to Deed Real Estate:			
Vacant	Elected	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Web Master:			
Ian Schulze	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15
Vermont State Police Comm. Adv. Brd.			
Henry Boisse	Appointed	1 Yr. Term	03/14 - 03/15

Town of Monkton
Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting
March 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town of Monkton met at the Monkton Central School on March 4, 2014.

Present: Selectboard (SB) Chair Stephen Pilcher, Vice Chair Anne Layn, SB Members John McNerney, Roger Parker, Jr. and John Phillips, Town and School Clerk Sharon Gomez, Interim Town and School Treasurer William C. Joos

Town and School Moderator Kenneth Wheeling called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

The moderator requested to dispense with the reading of the Annual Town Meeting Warning in its entirety, with consideration to be given to each article individually, as has been customary. No audience member stated any objection. The moderator then proceeded to Article 1.

Article 1: To elect all Town Officers by Australian ballot.

The moderator advised the audience that the polls were open until 7:00 PM today. The moderator referred the audience to page 121 of the 2013 Annual Report (AR) for a listing of candidates. The following were elected as Town Officers:

Town Moderator – 1 Year Term:	Kenneth E. Wheeling – 379 votes
School Moderator – 1 Year Term:	Kenneth E. Wheeling – 376 votes
Town & School Clerk – 1 Year Term:	Sharon M. Gomez – 382 votes
Town & School Treasurer – 1 Year Term:	William C. Joos – 369 votes
Selectboard – 3 Year Term:	Anne Layn – 349 votes
Selectboard – 2 Year Term:	Henry A. Boisse – 260 votes
Auditor – 3 Year Term:	Janet Cassarino – 367 votes
Constable – 1 Year Term:	Charles Huizenga, Sr. - 379 votes
Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 Year Term:	William C. Joos – 361 votes
Lister – 3 Year Term:	John Howard – 356 votes
Monkton Elementary School Board – 3 Years:	Kristin Blanchette – 344 votes
Monkton Elementary School Board – 1 Year:	Marikate Kelley – 231 votes
Monkton Elementary School Board – 1 Year:	Jennifer Stanley – 239 votes
Planning Commission – 3 Year Term:	Wendy Sue Harper – 344 votes
Planning Commission – 1 Year Term:	Ivor Hughes – 343 votes
Russell Memorial Library Trustee – 3 Year Term:	Gretchen Beaupre – 343 votes
Russell Memorial Library Trustee – 3 Year Term:	Suzanne Ledoux – 345 votes

Article 2: To receive and act on the Report of the Auditors as submitted.

Thea Gaudette moved to accept the Report of the Auditors as submitted. Laurie Earle seconded the motion. The moderator solicited discussion from the audience, though none was forthcoming. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Article 3: To set the date for the payment of Real Estate Taxes to the Town Treasurer.

Henry Boisse moved to establish a Real Estate Taxes payment due date/deadline of 5:00 PM, Monday, November, 17, 2014. Laura Farrell seconded the motion. The moderator solicited discussion from the audience. Thomas Steadman asked about the timely issuance of the annual tax bill, and noted that he has received his bill later and later each year. SB Chair S. Pilcher explained the process and timing of the annual tax rate calculation. In response to a question from S. Pilcher, Monkton Lister Joseph Boisse reported on the listers' actions, and how the Grand List is finalized (following the conclusion of all BCA tax grievance hearings), usually by mid-August. The town treasurer then calculates a tax rate for consideration by the SB. The treasurer mails the bills as soon as possible after the SB declares a tax rate. T. Steadman asked if the SB might consider preparing a notice to advise what the tax rate will be. S. Pilcher referred the audience to page 24 of the AR, where details supporting the projected 2014 Municipal Tax Rate appear. With discussion concluded, the moderator called the question. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Article 4: Shall the Town empower the Selectboard to set the Tax Rate when the Grand List is finalized?

H. Boisse moved to empower the Selectboard to set the Tax Rate, as noted above. W. Harper seconded the motion. The moderator solicited discussion from the audience, though none was forthcoming. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Recess: H. Boisse moved to recess at 10:15 AM. Steve Parren seconded the motion. The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.

The moderator advised that legislative reports and copies of the annual poll prepared by Senator Bill Doyle are available at the stage.

The moderator introduced Vermont House of Representatives members Michael Fisher and David Sharpe, and State Senator Chris Bray, all of whom represent Monkton.

Walter Wilmerding moved to suspend the recess and return to the business of the Town Meeting at 10:45 AM. Robin Hopps seconded the motion. The motion was voted in affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.

Article 5: Shall the Voters approve the following requests by various Social Service Agencies?

a)	Addison County Community Action Group (Hope)	$ 1,250.00
b)	Addison County Diversion & Community Justice	$ 550.00
c)	Addison County Counseling Service, Inc.	$ 1,500.00
d)	Addison County Home, Health & Hospice, Inc.	$ 1,946.00
e)	Addison County Parent/Child Center	$ 1,600.00
f)	Addison County Readers (Imag'nLibraryLiteracy)	$ 450.00
g)	Addison County Transit Resources	$ 850.00
h)	Bristol Family Center	$ 250.00
i)	Bristol Recreation Department	$ 1,500.00
j)	Bristol Rescue Squad	$ 3,700.00
k)	Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	$ 1,100.00
l)	Elderly Services	$ 800.00
m)	Green Up Vermont	$ 150.00
n)	Homeward Bound/Addison County Humane Soc.	$ 250.00
o)		
p)	Hospice Volunteer Services	$ 300.00
q)	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	$ 1,000.00
r)	Lewis Creek Association	$ 550.00
s)	Open Door Clinic	$ 500.00
t)	Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	$ 198.00
u)	Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	$ 285.00
v)	Vergennes Rescue Squad	$ 600.00
w)	Vermont Adult Learning	$ 700.00
x)	Vermont Center for Independent Living	$ 195.00
y)	Women Safe (Women in Crisis)	$ 1,000.00
		$21,224.00

W. Harper moved that the listed Social Service Agency requests be considered as a group. The motion was seconded by Alan Finkbeiner. There was no discussion. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Larry Goetschius, the Executive Director of Addison County Home Health & Hospice, addressed the audience and thanked Monkton for its past support of his organization.

A motion was made to vote on the proposed total of $21,224.00. The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.

Article 6: Shall the Voters approve the following sums of money for the listed purposes?

a)	Salaries and General Expenses	$ 357,424.73
b)	Highway Expenses *	$ 733,097.00
c)	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	$ 33,000.00
d)	Russell Memorial Library	$ 20,150.00
e)	Monkton Museum and Historical Society	$ 900.00
f)	Recreation Fund	$ 4,500.00
	Total:	$1,149,071.73

* As amended [see 2. Item 6b) below]

The moderator solicited interest in dividing the questions for individual consideration. **S. Pilcher moved to divide the questions and consider each individually. T. Steadman seconded the motion. The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator, who referenced pp. 122-23 in the 2013 AR.**

1. Item 6a) **Terry Cunningham moved to approve the Salaries and General Expenses in the amount of $357,424.73; H. Boisse seconded the motion.** T. Cunningham asked about the proposed increase in the treasurer's salary. S. Pilcher addressed the issue, and explained the departure of Town and School Treasurer Charles J. Roumas in July. S. Pilcher reported on the candidates who responded to the job advertisement, and the salary negotiation process that followed. K. Wheeling referenced Article 8 as well. R. Hopps spoke in favor of having the Treasurer receive a livable wage. Roger Wallace asked about the reporting of legal expenses. W. Joos responded, and identified where the Addison Natural Gas Project legal expenses appear (AR – p. 50). Sam Burr asked about reappraisal expense, to which S. Pilcher responded. R. Wallace inquired about the allocation of property taxes (AR - p. 43). S. Pilcher explained how outstanding delinquent taxes factored into the amounts appearing. R. Wallace asked follow-up questions and indicated that the listers are preparing for a town-wide reappraisal. W. Joos offered to confer with the town's consulting accountant, and advise R. Wallace directly. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

2. Item 6b) **T. Gaudette moved to approve the proposed $754,357.00 in Highway Expenses. The motion was seconded by H. Boisse.** S. Pilcher rose to amend the Article, and provided his rationale, with reference to long-term debt service (AR - p. 32). The sum will be reduced from $754,357.00 to $733,097.00. **S. Pilcher moved to amend the amount of requested Highway Expenses appearing in Article 6 to $733,097.00. J. McNerney seconded the motion. The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.** Mike Hurlburt asked about the status of the guardrail repair on Monkton Road, near to the Huizenga Farm. Road Commissioner Wayne Preston referred the question to the SB. J. Phillips responded, and referenced input by the Town's insurance carrier, VLCT. The Town hopes that insurance will cover the cost of repair, with no out-of-pocket expenses resulting. T. Steadman asked that the SB authorize the repair expense outright, since the amount quoted-to-date (approximately $9,600) is relatively modest, overall. Barbara Deal asked W. Preston about the town-wide paving plan for 2014. W. Preston advised that only resurfacing is contemplated, with a grant to be pursued. There will be no new pavement added in 2014. With discussion concluded, **the amended motion to approve $733,097.00 in Highway Expenses was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

3. Item 6c) **W. Harper moved to approve the proposed total of $33,000.00 for the Monkton Volunteer Fire Dept. Peter Huber seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

4. Item 6d) **T. Gaudette moved to approve $20,150 in Russell Memorial Library funding. The motion was seconded by L. Farrell.** The moderator asked if the audience wished to discuss any aspect of the question. There were no questions or comments. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

5. Item 6e) **Deb Gaynor made a motion to approve the proposed total of $900.00 for the Monkton Museum and Historical Society. L. Earle seconded the motion.** The moderator inquired if the audience wished to discuss the question. There was no discussion. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

6. Item 6f) **Pete Aube moved to approve the proposed total of $4,500.00 for the Recreation Fund. H. Boisse seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Article 7: **FOR DISCUSSION ONLY – TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:** Shall the Town of Monkton vote to adopt the proposed Monkton Town Plan dated January 2014 – 2019 to amend and replace the previous Monkton Town Plan, which expired in September 2012?

The moderator explained that the article was open for discussion only. There was no discussion. Australian ballot voting result: **262 Yea / 131 Nay**

Article 8: Shall the Town compensate the Town Collector of Delinquent Taxes by paying an annual salary of $3,500.00 in lieu of any statutory fees and commissions allowed under 32 V.S.A § 1674?

H. Boisse moved the question; David Williams seconded the motion. The moderator solicited discussion from the audience, though none was forthcoming. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Article 9: Shall the voters approve the designation of the Planning Commission position currently held by Sam Burr to be elected for a one year term when the term expires in 2016 and for a three year term in 2017 and thereafter to stagger the Planning Commission terms appropriately?

W. Harper moved the question; Deb Gaynor seconded the motion. The moderator solicited discussion from the audience, an explanation was offered that this is being done to balance the number of terms expiring in any one year. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Article 10: Shall the voters agree to replace the continuing annual $0.02 tax rate assessment to fund the Town of Monkton Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation Fund, authorized by Article 5, approved in March 2006, with an appropriation of $10,000.000 for 2014?

Rachel Schattman moved the question; H. Boisse seconded the motion. An extended discussion followed. Jennifer Baker asked why the Article was necessary, to which S. Pilcher responded. ANAC Chair L. Farrell provided historical detail, and included specifics related to recent funding initiatives (Orb Weaver Farm, for example). W. Harper inquired if the proposed funding level of $10,000 was adequate. Andy Letourneau asked if the $10,000 appropriation under consideration was for 2014 only ("yes"). Eugenie Doyle-Burr questioned why the ANAC appropriation was being reduced.

ANAC member Sam Burr responded, and confirmed that ANAC recommended the $10,000 amount under consideration. There was considerable discussion about the specific wording of the Article. **J. McNerney moved to amend the Article by removing the word "replace" and adding the word "eliminate." S. Pilcher seconded the motion.** Further discussion followed. In response to a D. Williams inquiry, L. Farrell advised that 2014 will be a transition year for ANAC. **D. Gaynor moved to recognize a second amendment to the Article, to read "and request an appropriation of $10,000.00 for 2014." J. Boisse seconded the Gaynor motion to amend. Mike Hurlburt moved the question; Bob Radler seconded. The motion to approve the Gaynor 2nd amendment was voted in the negative by voice vote, and defeated. D. Gaynor then moved to add the following language to the Article, "...and approve an appropriation of $10,000.00 for 2014?" H. Boisse seconded the motion. The motion on the second amendment was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator. The motion on the first amendment was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.** Kristin Farrell commented on the information to be shared annually by ANAC at future Town Meetings. L. Farrell replied that the annual ANAC appropriation, if requested, would likely be moved to Article 6, for consideration along with the other purposes that are listed as part of the Town's annual budget. The moderator asked if the audience was ready to vote on the amended Article. With discussion concluded, **the motion to eliminate the continuing annual $0.02 tax rate assessment to fund the Town of Monkton Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation(ANAC) Fund, as authorized by Article 5, approved in March 2006, and approve an appropriation of $10,000.00 for 2014 was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Note: there was no Article 11 presented.

Article 12: Shall the voters approve a sum not to exceed $100,000 for the purchase of a new bucket loader?

A. Finkbeiner moved the question; H. Boisse seconded the motion. The moderator asked if the audience wished to comment. R. Wallace questioned if the loader purchase would involve use of the Capital Equipment Fund, which receives an annual appropriation of $20,000. R. Wallace asked where the SB would find the $100,000. S. Pilcher addressed the questions. The SB will consider a variety of funding options, including the Capital Equipment Fund and 5 year financing, or some combination of the sources. The moderator asked if the audience was ready to consider the question. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Article 13: Shall the voters of Monkton denounce the Addison Natural Gas Project (ANGP) through Monkton?

R. McGuinness made a motion to approve the motion. Maren Vasatka seconded the motion. A detailed and lengthy discussion followed. Richard Crampton shared his disgust with the tactics used by Vermont Gas Systems (VGS) and its right-of-way (ROW) agents, whereby "every decision is made in the name of profit." R. Crampton openly questioned whether the ANGP meets the "for the public good" standard of the Public Service Board, which has approved Phase I through Monkton. A. Finkbeiner asked if there were any implications, legal or otherwise, to voting the Article up or down. T. Steadman inquired if the Article was generated by the SB, or via a petition. S. Pilcher answered that the Article arrived via a petition. R. McGuinness, who authored the Article, and gathered signatures, spoke out against VGS and its "continuing lack of transparency." R. McGuinness commented on the actions of the ROW agents, and noted that none of the agents are bound by any code of ethics. R. McGuinness expressed an ongoing concern that VGS's behavior and decision-making-to-date will have serious negative implications once the construction phase begins. R. McGuinness referred to a mailing by the Town of Cornwall. I. Hughes read from a prepared statement, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. I. Hughes commented that the $27,000+ spent on attorneys fees by the Town related to the ANGP could have been spent better elsewhere. I. Hughes referenced the delays and challenges experienced in Milton, where a smaller pipeline is under construction by VGS. I. Hughes noted that only a small percentage of Monkton residents will have the opportunity to receive natural gas service (13%, by his calculation). I. Hughes argued that the local energy market for trucked fuels (post pipeline) would be impacted negatively, with increased fuel prices resulting. The Rev. Carole Wageman read from a prepared statement and addressed her profound disappointment with VGS and its ROW agents about their contacts (or lack thereof) with her and her husband. C. Wageman decried the VGS negotiation tactics, which she described as "unethical and bullying." D. Mager Rickner asked for an explanation of what is accomplished by denouncing the ANGP. R. McGuinness responded that by approving the Article, the voters provide support to impacted Monkton landowners, a consensus by Monkton citizens results (not just the impacted landowners), and the message is that the entire town is concerned with the ANGP. Jane Palmer shared voting results from nearby communities about ANGP questions/articles, all of which were decidedly against the ANGP. R. Wallace referenced p. 22 of the AR and asked about the SB response to the Town ROW Permit application submitted by VGS. S. Pilcher provided a timeline of SB action and various details. The SB created a list of concerns to be shared with VGS, from whom a response is pending. S. Pilcher commented that he has no idea about VGS' response if the Town declines to approve the ROW permit. S. Pilcher commented briefly on the Memorandum of Understanding with VGS, and reiterated that eminent domain appears as a last resort consideration. R. Wallace asked follow-up questions: if voters approve Article 13, what does it mean? What is the SB thinking on the matter? S. Pilcher replied that there is no SB consensus on the issue. J. Palmer asked about Article 10 from the 2013 Annual Town Meeting Warning. Are the Town and its residents satisfied? T. Gaudette commented that the Addison County Regional Planning Commission vote was in consideration of Phase 2 of the project. R. Crampton wants VGS to be required to prove that the ANGP is in the pubic good. M. Hurlburt urged support of Article 13, and noted that VGS is not trustworthy. E. Doyle also urged voters to approve Article 13, and expressed her view that an obligation exists for all Monkton residents to support those landowners most directly impacted by the project. B. Deal lamented that the project as presented to date has been very difficult. B. Deal cited the proposed compensation by VGS to landowners losing significant trees from their property as lacking. B. Deal believes that supporting Article 13 "is the least we can do for our neighbors." The moderator asked if the audience was ready to consider the question.

The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.

Article 14: Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to borrow money from time to time and pledge the credit of the Town from the past and present indebtedness as may be necessary for them?

P. Huber moved to approve the motion; H. Boisse seconded the motion. The moderator solicited discussion from the audience, though none was forthcoming. **The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.**

Article 15: To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

The moderator reminded the audience that any items discussed under Article 15 were advisory only. Road Commissioner W. Preston rose to recognize Marcel Cousino, who recently retired from the Monkton Highway Department after 31 years of service. A round of applause followed. S. Pilcher expressed appreciation for the service and commitment shown by John Phillips, whose tenure on the SB totaled 14 years, including the last six years consecutively. J. Phillips did not seek reelection this year. The audience applauded J. Phillips. Patti Padua recognized departing Russell Memorial Library Trustee Kathy Malzac for her service to the community. More applause followed. M. Cousino honored his spouse, Zandra, for her many contributions to the community. Z. Cousino retired from Monkton Central School after a long and distinguished career. More applause followed. J. McNerney reminded the audience that lunch prepared by the Monkton Maples 4-H group was available.

T. Gaudette moved to adjourn at 12:29 PM. D. Williams seconded the motion. The motion was voted in the affirmative by voice vote, and so declared by the moderator.

Minutes submitted by
Bill Joos

Monkton Town Clerk
Received and Recorded
on February 4, 2015 at 3:30 AM/PM

Attest: Sharon M Gomez
Sharon Gomez, Town Clerk
Monkton Town Clerk received

Stephen Pilcher, Selectboard

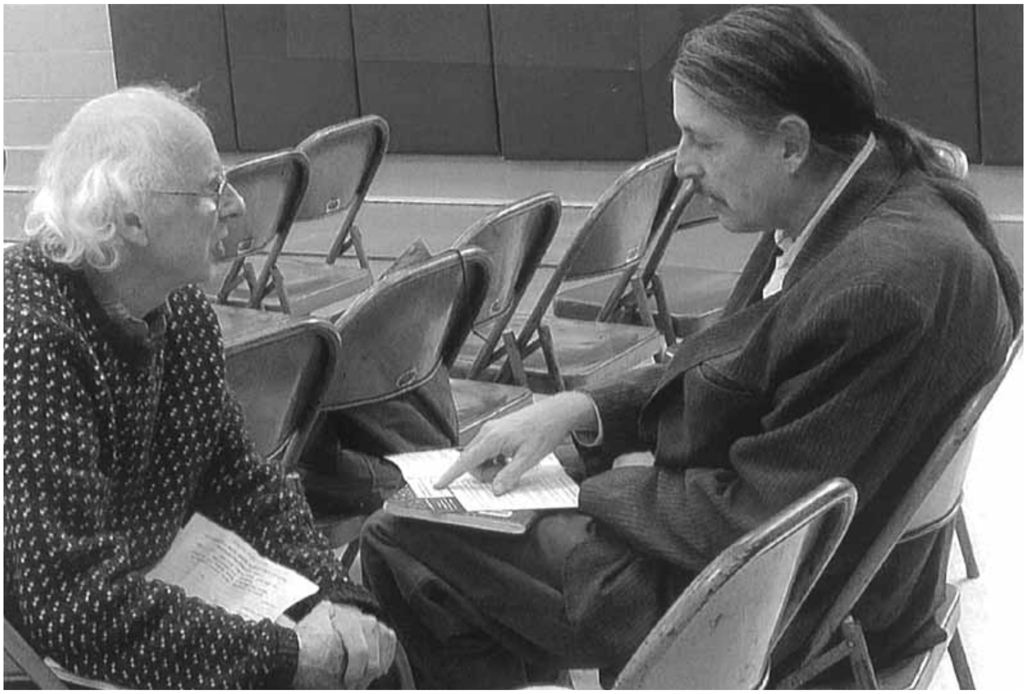
Anne Layn, Selectboard

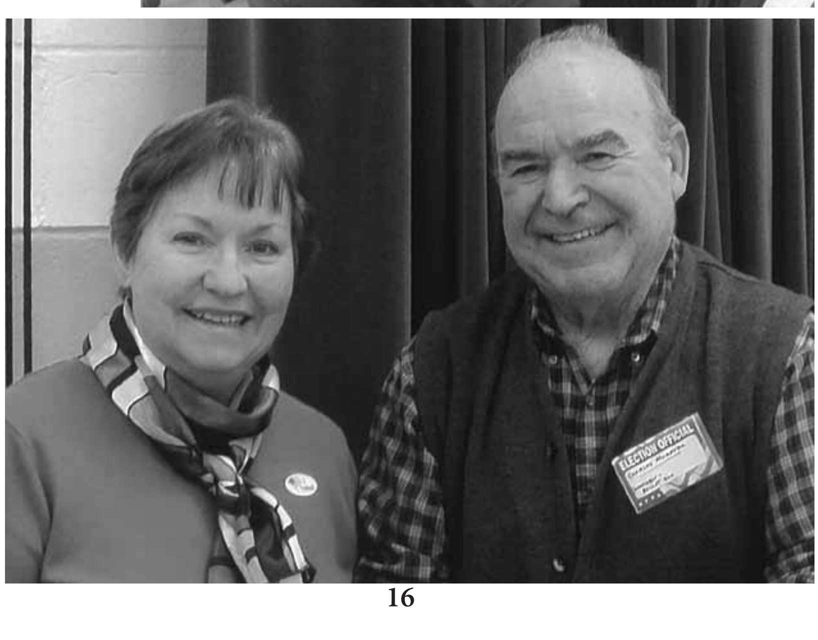
Henry Boisse, Selectboard

John McNerney, Selectboard

Roger Parker, Jr., Selectboard

MONKTON TOWN MEETING





MONKTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2014 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The legal voters of the Monkton Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Monkton Central School in Monkton, Vermont on **Monday, March 3, 2014 at 7:30 PM** to discuss and transact the following business. Articles 2 and 3 require a vote by Australian Ballot to take place on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014** at Monkton Central School between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

The legal voters of the Monkton Town School District met at the Monkton Central School (MCS) at 7:30pm on March 3, 2014.

School Board Members Present: Chair Dawn Griswold, Robert Radler, Jennifer Stanley, Kristin Blanchette, and Marikate Kelley.

Others Present: Moderator Kenneth Wheeling, ANESU Assistant Superintendent Catrina Dinapoli, MCS Principal Susan Stewart, Minute Taker Christine Fuller and approximately 30 Legal voters of the Town of Monkton.

School Moderator K. Wheeling called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. With the consent of the house the Moderator K. Wheeling read the warning in its entirety. The audience then considered each article individually.

ARTICLE 1: To establish salaries for the Town School District Officers.
The Moderator advised the article was open for discussion. The audience asked if the salary amounts were to remain the same? R. Radler confirmed that they were. **Andy Letourneau moved to maintain the same salaries as last year. Charlie Huizenga seconded the motion. The voters responded in affirmative, and the motion was so declared by the Moderator.**

ARTICLE 2: To elect all town school district officers by Australian Ballot. Polls are open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 4, 2014.
No discussion.

ARTICLE 3: For discussion only: VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014 BETWEEN 7:00 AM AND 7:00 PM.

Shall the voters of the Monkton Town School District appropriate $2,578,248 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2014?

The Moderator advised that the article was open for discussion. A very lengthy discussion followed. Roger Wallace referenced the School Board Directors Report (page 96) regarding the bridge year and asked if there will be a bigger impact for future years? D. Griswold explained that the bridge year was done by a percentage of the budget so that other schools, such as Lincoln, didn't take such a large budget increase all at once. R. Wallace asked about whether the budget would have been higher or lower if the ADM was set directly into place? D. Griswold stated it would have been about a half of percent difference for Monkton and they anticipate the impact on Monkton will be small moving forward with current ADM Model. This year it is at 9.43% and next year with the ADM Model Monkton will pay 10%.

Andy Letourneau asked about how the SU proposes the budget moving forward and how are they assessing the cost? D. Griswold explained how the ADM Method is created by a "snapshot" of data. Next year they will have one year of figures to work from. Then once the ADM Method is in place Monkton will be assessed at 10%. A. Letourneau asked how the SU pay's to balance the budget this year? R. Radler explained that the State reimburses a percentage of the Special ED costs. Principal Susan Stewart explained that if necessary they will pull from the budgets of other items not being used for payment or a deficit will need to run. S. Stewart also stated that the SU can also put a freeze on spending.

Andy Letourneau asked if Act 153 is mandated? D. Griswold responded yes.

John (?) asked about the Tech consolidation and how the level of service has changed? J. Stanley explained that the Tech service is quite good. She stated that there have been 1600 service requests and Monkton has zero outstanding. She said that if there is a Tech problem and the normal tech team can't solve it, they do call in to others with more experience. S. Stewart reminded the audience that last year Monkton lost their IT person completely. An IT Team was put together and they came in as much as they could to work on rebuilding the server. She did mention that they did have to get some outside help. S. Stewart stated that the level of service has been much better than expected and Lauren's piece of the Technology has blossomed in the last several weeks.

Kristen Farrell asked about the software and how to integrate it with the staff to take risks? S. Stewart explained the .2 increase for the Library Media Specialist which allows for more availability which is what Lauren is currently trying to do.

Sue Ledoux asked if the facility investments of $63,000 in the budget for next year are scheduled to get done? R. Radler stated that it is in the plan to start after July 1, 2014. He also stated that the Facilities plan consists of immediate and emergency. S. Stewart stated that Phase one is being completed right now and a new phone system is also currently in the works

Bailee Layn-Gordon had a question about technology. She wondered with the NECAP testing going away, will the students have a chance to successfully do testing all at once? It was reiterated by the School Board that part of the budget next year is for upgrades of hardware and software so that this can happen.

Roger Wallace felt that the Heating should last more than 5 years and therefore should be considered a capitalized item not a non-capitalized item, he was referencing the $60,000 in facilities spending from page 107, Line items 5431, 5435, and 5436.

Kristen Farrell asked about the $9,000, Line item 5591 for Food Service. D. Griswold explained that the Food Services have been underfunded and that the cost for all of the schools has increased. This was put into place instead of constantly running into a deficit for this Service.

Steve Pilcher asked why Kelly Services was being used for substitutes instead of our community members who our children are familiar with? S. Stewart explained that she and other staff members were spending hours making phone calls to try and get substitute teacher coverage. And then most of the time she was the one who ended up in the classroom which takes her away from her administrative work. S. Stewart also explained that Kelly services have a 98% fill rate. She mentioned that currently 2 full time staff with MCS were employed by Kelly services. She also stated that they have already used the service in MCS and they were phenomenal. Terry (?) asked what the budget was for the Kelly services? The School Board directed her to page 106 Line items 5421+ 5426 listed as Other Professional Services.

Roger Wallace questioned line item 5337 on page 106. He wondered what went down 43% and why is it going down? The board explained that there will now be Shared SPED employees, and an elimination of a gym teacher and a SPED position.

Andy Letourneau asked why this year's information was so summarized and did not include footnotes? He stated that everything seemed to be consolidated rather than broken out. He states that without the footnotes it was hard to understand what was going on. Moderator K. Wheeling stated that on page 108 there are footnotes, R. Radler also stated that footnotes are hard and do not always tend to be accurate. S. Stewart mentioned that the report was also done by the business office this year where typically the Principal does it. This year they were trying to have the Principal spend more hours in the school doing their appointed administrative work.

Roger Wallace noted that on page 104, Line item 17 Education Spending per Equalized Pupil and then the same on the bottom of page 105 is different than what is on page 98, Line 15. Page 98 shows a lesser amount. He wanted to know what then is the tax implication? R. Radler stated that the figures on page 104 came from the state and are preliminary estimates only. He stated there is no date on the sheet. R. Radler informed him and the audience he would get an answer and have it available for 3/4/14.

Andy Letourneau asked if the total tax will go up or will it still show only1.16% on his tax bill. R. Radler responded that it will only show the 1.16% on his bill.

Roger Wallace referenced Page 108, Line item 5197 and asked if they can hold those line items tight for next year? (I was unable to hear M. Kelley's response to this question)

Steve Pilcher stated that it looks like the dollars per pupil spending is what is driving the tax. He felt there should be a way to lower our per pupil spending. J. Stanley noted that on Page 102 it is actually shows only a 7% tax increase not 10%. She stated you have to break it out between residents and non-residents. R. Radler also said that student enrollment is a piece of it as well.

Roger Wallace asked where will the surplus come from going forward? He referenced Pages 108 and 109. He wondered where the $26,000 is being carried over into 2014-2015? The Board says they actually only have a $9,078 surplus which is the audited number given to the board. Roger Wallace stated that the column is titled Actual Audit 2012-2013. Therefore he wanted to know why the total expenses showing on page 108 and 109 were different between the money revenued and what was spent? His math shows a $26,422.00 surplus. R.Radler stated that question needs to be asked of Ed Gomeau from the business office. The Moderator K.Wheeling asked R. Radler if he understood the question he needed to ask Ed Gomeau. R. Radler repeated the question back for confirmation.

Roger Wallace asked why they weren't told about the $9,000? D. Griswold responded that it is a Pre-audit not an actual audit. Roger Wallace stated then the audit should be titled as such.

Amy Moody made a motion to end the ARTICLE 3 Discussion. Charlie Huizenga seconded the motion. The Moderator K. Wheeling took a Yay, Nay vote. The voters responded in the affirmative, and the motion was declared by the Moderator to end the ARTICLE 3 Discussion.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters of the Monkton Town School District will authorize the Monkton Town School District Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided in 16 V.S.A. '562 (9).
Charlie Huizenga made a motion for authorization, Steven Pilcher seconded the motion.

ARTICLE 5: To transact any business properly coming before said meeting.
Andy Letourneau asked how the School Board handles things that getting voted down? D. Griswold stated that the board goes back and reviews the budget and then has to come up with a new one to be voted on. Andy Letourneau asked if the Board holds a public forum to find out why the budget was voted down? D. Griswold stated they usually don't because there is not enough time. R. Radler stated that people need to be present at these types of meetings to ask questions. Monkton residents are also welcome to come to the monthly Board Meetings to ask questions. He stated that there are now two opportunities in their agenda for Visitors Business. He put out an invitation to all Monkton residents to attend a meeting.

J.Stanley briefly informed the Monkton residents of the upcoming Community Engagement and invited them to attend.

A resident stated that she wanted to commend the School Board for a job well done.

Charlie Huizenga made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 PM. Steven Pilcher seconded the motion.

The Moderator K. Wheeling adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by:
Christine Fuller

Rod & grandson Cody

Auditors' Report - 2014

The undersigned auditors of the Town of Monkton have examined the financial accounts, records and reports of the town officers and declare them to be correct to the best of our knowledge. The financial statements submitted in the Annual Town Report accurately represent the financial position and results of the operation of the Town of Monkton for the year ending, December 31, 2014.

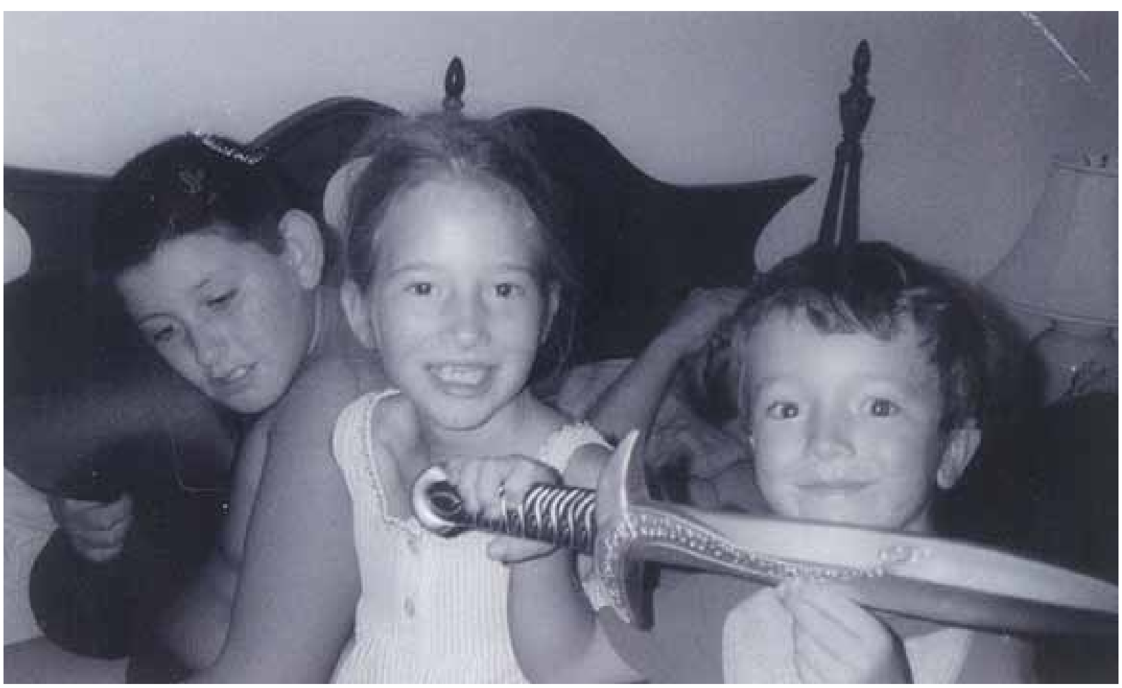
After our year-end audit of the town's books, we begin working on the next year's town report. It is essential that we receive the reports from town officers in a timely manner so that we can get the town report into people's homes by the required time, 10 days before Town Meeting.

We appreciate any pictures you can provide for next year's Town report; kids, pets, an event, an interesting scene - all are welcome! Drop pictures off at the Town Hall any time. If you want your pictures back, please be sure to put your name & phone number on the back of the picture. Thank you to those of you that have provided pictures in the past!

Every year, the Monkton Town Report is dedicated to a person, town organization or building. Past tributes have included more than fifteen people, the road crew, Russell Memorial Library, the fire department and our old historic Town Hall. We would welcome input for future covers and/or dedications of Monkton's Town Report. Please submit your suggestion in writing to the auditors by December 1st, 2015 for next year.

The town reports are mailed to the legal voters of the Town of Monkton as required by the Vermont State Statutes. If you do not receive a copy, you may pick one up at the Town Clerk's office. Also, please bring your town report with you to Town Meeting.

Respectfully,
Janet Cassarino, M. Jane Huizenga and Elizabeth Pecor
Auditors, Town of Monkton, VT



Cody, Erin & Conor

A tribute to some special people

In the past year, several people have retired from or decided not to re-petition for various positions in town. These people have dedicated several years to their respective jobs. Now we would like to dedicate a '*Thank You*" to them!

Zandra Cousino - Zandra actually retired from Monkton Central School in late 2014, but still mentors there.

Lillian Cota - Lil retired from Monkton Central School as an instructional aide after 39 years. She still mentors one day a week.

Greg Cota - Greg had been the Fire Warden in Monkton for 28 years, retiring from the appointed position last year. He is still a volunteer fireman and was Fire Chief at one time.

John Phillips – John was first elected to the Select Board in 1998 and served as chair person at their meetings for many years. He also served as a Justice of the Peace for several years and was a member of the Building Committee for a new town hall. He now fills the position of Assistant Town Clerk.

Pete Aube - Pete has resigned as Monkton Emergency Manager. He was on this committee for 3 years. He also was a member of CERT from its inception in 2000 until it was dissolved in 2014. He was a member of the Conservation Committee and was a charter member of the fire department and on the building committee for it. He continues to be a part of the Recreation Committee and Monkton Shelter Coordinator.

Joe Boisse – Joe has retired from his many years as a lister. He was a dedicated worker and we will miss his expertise.

Your many years of dedication to Monkton have helped to make our town as special as you are!

Thank you!

Selectboard Report 2014

Monkton has had no shortage of difficult issues in 2014. First and foremost, was Vermont Gas and the renamed Addison Rutland Natural Gas Project (ARNGP), which is slated to run a natural gas pipeline 7.5 miles through the heart of Monkton. There have been many changes to the route, discussions, hearings, letters and testimony with regard to this issue. The chronology is well captured on the Town website under Town Info/Vermont Gas Project. Senator Chris Bray chaired a number of meetings at the Monkton Fire Station with the Department of Public Service and Monkton residents to hear complaints and suggestions on improving the process, especially negotiations of easements. The Selectboard approved the Town of Monkton Right of Way (ROW) application submitted by Vermont Gas with conditions in August.

Another issue was caused by VELCO replacing poles in the VELCO right of way early in the year. This work caused the contamination of a residential shallow well with Pentachloraphenol, a toxic wood preservative. As a result of work done by the Selectboard and Monkton residents, the Public Service Board (PSB) created a Work Group to understand the mechanisms that led to the contamination and generate Best Practices to avoid any such contamination in the future (Docket 8310). Monkton is represented in this Work Group.

In addition to these issues, the Town of Monkton was, and in some cases still is, involved with several other legal proceedings.

- Brisson Stone applied for a conditional zoning permit to construct a rock crushing operation on Monkton Road. This application was denied by the DRB after a series of long and spirited hearings. Brisson Stone has lost both appeals in Environmental Court and has appealed to the Vermont Supreme Court. The Selectboard authorized legal counsel in support of the efforts of the DRB.
- Donald Gould has sued the Town claiming that the adoption of the Unified Planning Document (the new zoning regulations) adopted by special election in February 2012 was flawed on procedural grounds. He also claims constitutional violations. His case was denied by the Superior Court but he is appealing to the Vermont Supreme Court.
- Willowell applied for a conditional zoning permit to construct multiple buildings on Bristol Road over several phases. The DRB approved the zoning permit with several conditions. Willowell and other parties contested the conditions in Environmental Court and the court largely decided with Willowell. The other parties in the case have appealed to the Vermont Supreme Court.

There were also several notable accomplishments in 2014. At the Town Meeting in March a new Town Plan was approved by a margin of 262 to 131. The Town of Monkton also signed a contract with Efficiency Vermont to administer the PACE program in Monkton.
The Town of Monkton was also awarded a grant of $56,400 to build a Municipal Park and Ride on the town owned land adjacent to the Friends Methodist Church on Monkton Ridge. It is hoped that this project will allow for greater utilization of this property as well as attract an Addison County Transit Resources (ACTR) bus route through Monkton.

After several long years of fundraising, the funds for the Wildlife Crossing on the Monkton/Vergennes Road are finally secured and the Selectboard expects to bid the project prior to Town Meeting. Of the anticipated costs of $303,000 the project has raised $142,000 in a Transportation Enhancement Grant, $45,000 in a State Wildlife Grant, $16,500 in smaller grants and private donations of $100,000. Much of the private donations have been raised by the Lewis Creek Association.

The Town of Monkton maintains a web site for posting town business at www.monktonvt.com. Starting in 2014, citizens can subscribe to receive emails when posting are made to the front page. There is also a Monkton Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/445578690095/ and the Front Porch Forum at frontporchforum.com. Neither of these two are directly associated with the Town of Monkton but can be valuable ways to communicate with the broader Monkton community.

The Selectboard authorized a town-wide reappraisal both to bring our Common Level of Appraisal up to 100% (it has been in the low 80's for the last 5 years) and to make sure that every citizen is taxed equitably. It also appointed a new Town Attorney when the old attorney, David Rath took a leave of absence to travel abroad. The Town is currently represented by Jim Carroll of Carroll, English and Boe.

At Town Meeting and over the course of the year, there have been changes to town government caused by retirements and valued members of the community leaving Monkton. A short, and by no means comprehensive list, would include:

- Pete Aube (Emergency Management Director)
- Greg Cota (Fire Warden)
- John Phillips (Selectboard)
- Joe Boisse (Lister)

The loss of the institutional knowledge represented by these long-serving members of town government will be a challenge.

Creating the Town budget and setting the Municipal Tax rate is an important part of any year for the Selectboard.

The 2015 budget currently submitted by the Selectboard will result in an approximate Municipal Tax Rate of 0.4873 (48.73 cents) if all the budgetary articles pass as written. The Budgetary Municipal Tax Rate Worksheet is included in this report on the following page.

The historical Municipal Tax Rate is:

- 2008 – 0.5088
- 2009 – 0.5088
- 2010 – 0.4186
- 2011 – 0.4418
- 2012 – 0.3696
- 2013 – 0.5238
- 2014 – 0.4991

The Selectboard is very appreciative of those who serve the Town of Monkton, as volunteers for various committees, as volunteer firefighters, at Russell Memorial Library, as members of the Highway Department, and at Town Hall. Thanks also to the citizens of Monkton who attend meetings, write letters, participate in Town Meeting and engage in conversations about the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

<u>Monkton Selectboard</u>

Henry Boisse
Anne Layn – Vice Chair
John McNerney – Clerk
Roger Parker Jr.
Stephen Pilcher – Chair

Calculating the 2015
Projected Municipal Tax Rate
For Budgetary Purposes

The Selectboard calculates a projected Municipal Tax Rate to help make decisions regarding amounts to fund Capital and Special Funds and to help make judgments regarding spending in parts of the budget. These calculations are not precise since the Grand List is part of the equation. The Grand List is the sum of all the property assessments in Monkton. Also, Articles in the Town Warning can be amended or voted down.

Simply put the Municipal Tax Rate is the budget surplus or deficit from the previous year plus the Town expenses minus the Town revenues with the result divided by the Grand List.

The 2014 General Fund surplus =	**$30,000.00**	(estimated)
The 2014 Highway Fund surplus =	**$6513.83**	(estimated)
The 2014 Delinquent Taxes =	**$126,481.62**	

The Town Revenues for 2015 occur in two places in the budget:

General Fund Total Revenues =	**$ 285,492.00**
Highway Fund Total Revenues =	**$ 149,800.00**

The Town Expenses for 2015 come from several locations

Article 5 =	**$ 22,124.00**
Article 6 =	**$ 1,189,919.51**

Articles 8 and 9 would both result in short term debt to the Town. At current interest rates the estimated payments in interest and principal in 2015 are:

Article 8:	**$14,400.00**	(cost for 2015 only)
Article 9:	**$11,200.00**	(cost for 2015 only)

The projected total property taxes to be raised in 2015 is all the expenses, plus taxes not received, minus all the revenues, minus any budget surplus.

Projected Taxes To Be Raised = **$892,017.30**

The 2014 Grand List (divided by 100 for the purposes of calculating tax rate) was **$1,822,836.31**. Given a projected 1% increase in the Grand List, the projected grand list for 2015 is

Projected 2015 GrandList = **$1,830,402.06**
Projected 2015 Municipal Tax Rate = **0.4873**

2014 Road Commissioner's Report

I would like to start out the year by thanking all of you who support the highway budget each year. It's getting harder each year to keep up the level of service and not have increases. Here are just some of the big item increases in the past ten years.

Winter Sand Per yard		Salt Per ton	
2004	2014	2004	2014
$5.50	$9.75	$40.85	$72.18

Hot Mix		Gravel per yard	
2004	2014	2004	2014
$35	$67.78	$5.25	$9.25

We received a state class 2 highway grant of $175,000 to reclaim 8 tenths of a mile of Bristol Road, near the Bristol line. To complete the job we will be adding a 1/12" top coat of hot mix this year.

If you live on or have had to travel one of our gravel roads in late December, you saw first-hand what happens when frost comes out of a high traveled road as quick as it did- Mud, Mud, Mud. We work hard every year to get as many of these mud holes fixed as possible, but have a long way to go to get the base that is needed for today's high traffic count.

It's against the law to plow snow into or across any town or state highway, but if you feel the need to break the law, please clean up your mess before it freezes and we hit it with our town plows. Please tell your plow driver about this law.

Thanks
Wayne Preston

Rod & Carmie with Conor & Erin

Town of Monkton Financial Statements
For The Year Ended December 31, 2014

Treasurer's Message

Greetings:

The attached statements and notes report the Town's financial status and activity for the past year. You are encouraged to read the notes preceding the financial statements because they define terms and fund types used and amplify information in the statements. These were prepared internally from our own computerized records.

The Selectboard's proposed 2015 budget, 2015 summary of proposed expenditures and 2015 Capital Replacement Plan, along with a listing of the Town's Major Fixed Assets, are shown after the financial statements for your information.

The Treasurer ensures the Town Monies are securely held, receive a fair return, and are distributed prudently and accurately to employees and vendors in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and the direction of our citizens via the annual Town Meeting. The Treasurer is also responsible for the billing and receipt of annual property taxes.

2014 was the seventh year for the revised procedure the State uses to report and pay property tax adjustments from the Vermont Department of Taxes. The Town received electronically the Department's list of property owners' names and school parcel account numbers (SPAN) to credit homeowners' property tax adjustments towards 2014 property taxes. The Town then issued each property tax bill for the remaining balance due. Once again, in 2014, the Town never actually received these homestead rebate monies to distribute to the schools. The State pays these monies directly to the schools, on its own pre-determined schedule, essentially bypassing the Town accounts. This will continue to present a cash flow challenge for the Town, especially during the April – November period. The Town does internal borrowing against reserves. The Town did secure a Tax Anticipation Note during 2014.

Important Reminders to Taxpayers:

- Tax bills are mailed annually to the owner of record as of April 1st. If you have sold your property by the time you receive your tax bill, please forward the bill to the new owner(s).

- If you have your taxes escrowed with your mortgage, please pay close attention to changes in your net taxes due and communicate with your mortgage lender. The escrow companies will not necessarily be aware of changes unless they hear from you and will withhold at a level higher than you prefer. Forwarding a copy of your tax bill to your escrow company will help ensure your taxes are paid accurately and on time.

- Subject to approval at Town Meeting, taxes are due for 2015 in the Treasurer's office by **5:00 PM, Monday, November 16, 2015.** Review your tax bill closely. The due date and time appear on the bill. The Town accepts postmarks only that are **PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE** (That means no later than Saturday, ***November 14, 2014***).

- There is also a secure lockbox to the right of the Town Hall's front door where payments can be inserted. The lockbox is checked several times daily. Taxpayers using the lockbox will be mailed a receipt. Thankfully, many taxpayers are now using the lockbox or mail their payments. This has reduced lines and waiting time.

- You may also make pre-payments to the Treasurer anytime during the year. Any partial payments made during the year up to the due date are recorded as on time, and are not subject to late penalties or interest charges. Unfortunately, historically, 3-5% of Monkton's residents have "delinquent balances" (those unpaid as of the due date deadline) subject to penalty and interest charges each year. By offering the options of mail, lockbox drop-off, and pre-payments, the Town continues to try to minimize this impact on its citizens.

2014 was a challenging year in the Treasurer's office, with a steep learning curve navigated by a solo occupant. Many transactions were first-time challenges, but I am better for the experience, and I look forward with enthusiasm to growing in the position. Experience *really* is a good teacher. I want to thank again my Monkton neighbors, Town Hall colleagues, and my family for their support, encouragement, and, at times, patience, when a reply or transaction was not as forthcoming or timely as would have been ideal. I pledge once again to do my best to learn the intricacies of the position, and serve the Town and its residents well.

Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

William C. Joos, Treasurer
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Town of Monkton
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended December 31, 2014

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of Monkton ("Town") is organized, according to State law and Town Charter under the governance of a five (5) member Selectboard to provide the following services for the Town: public health and safety, highways and streets, public improvements, planning and zoning, recreation, and general administration.

Reporting Entity:
This report includes all of the services provided by the Town to residents, and all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operation of Town. The criteria used by the Town are financial accountability and the nature and significance of the relationship.

Fund Accounting:
The Town uses several funds and account groups to account for its financial position and results of operations. A fund or account group is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses as appropriate established to record the financial position and result of operations of a specific activity. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Concentration of Risk:
The Town receives the majority of its revenues from property taxes and service charges assessed on residences and businesses located in the Town of Monkton. Additionally, the Town receives revenues from the State of Vermont primarily as highway and community development grants.

The various funds and account groups are grouped in the general-purpose financial statements in this report, as follows:

Governmental Fund Types:

Governmental Fund Types account for the ongoing general government activities of the Town that are financed with general government revenues.

General Fund - The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds (except for major capital projects) of specific revenue sources that are restricted or designated for expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Project Funds - The Capital Project Funds are used to account for all resources to be used for acquisition, construction or improvement of major capital facilities, infrastructure and equipment. Separate capital projects are reported as separate funds.

Fiduciary Funds (Agency Funds):

Agency Funds. The Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Town as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other funds and/or governmental units.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurements of results of operations.

Account Group:

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the long-term debt associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group - General long-term debt account group accounts for the principal amount of long-term debt and other long-term obligations of the governmental funds. The account group is not a fund. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with measurement of results of operations.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

Basis of Accounting refers to when revenue and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounting and reported in the financial statements. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus.

The Town's governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. Accordingly, only current assets and liabilities are included on the balance sheet and the fund balances report only spendable resources. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net assets. These funds use the modified cash basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are available and measurable and expenditures are recorded when the fund liability is incurred and funds are released. Revenues that may be accrued include federal and state grants, property taxes, and interest. Other financing sources such as bond proceeds are recognized when the debt is issued or the transaction is completed.

The agency funds are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. The assets of the agency funds are accounted for on the modified cash basis of accounting, and funds liabilities equal their assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of reporting cash flows, all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable/Allowance for Doubtful Accounts:

No allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary, since the Town has the right to put a lien on property with delinquent property taxes.

Prepaid Items:

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future periods. In the governmental funds, the cost of prepaid items is generally recorded as an expenditure when the payments are made. In the proprietary funds, these items are recorded as prepaid items.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Long-term Obligations:
Long-term debt expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for at face value in the general long-term debt account group, not in the governmental funds. Debt proceeds are reported in a governmental fund as an other financing source, net of any premium or discount and issuance costs. Expenditures for the payment of principal and interest on general long-term debt are recognized in the General and Highway operating funds when the payments are due.

Budgets:
The Town is required by state law to adopt a budget for the General and Highway Funds. The budget is presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. The operating budget is prepared by the Selectboard and approved by the Selectboard at a properly warned meeting for presentation to the voters. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures by line item and the means of financing them. The budget is approved by town voters at a properly warned annual town meeting. The voters vote on the total expense amount and not on the individual line items presented in these financial statements.

NOTE 2 - PENSIONS

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

All municipal employees who work on a regular basis for not less than 24 hours per week and for not less than 1040 hours in a year are eligible to participate in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System ("VMERS"). Enrollment is mandatory and employees must be enrolled in the VMERS as soon as the eligibility requirements previously described are met, regardless of any probationary period established by the town. There are four levels of contributions and benefits in the System called Groups A, B, C, and D. The Town participates in Group B. Normal retirement for Group A members is age 65 or the completion of 5 years of service, whichever is later. Normal retirement for Group B members is age 62 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. Normal retirement for Group C and D members is age 55 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. A member may receive reduced benefits at age 55 if they have 5 years of service and have made contributions for at least 2.5 years.

The System is an actuarial reserve, joint-contributory program. Both the members and the Town contribute to the fund according to Group B from the following options:

	Group A	**Group B**	Group C	Group D
Employees' contributions (% of gross wages)	2.50%	**4.750%**	9.625%	11.25%
The Town's contributions (% of gross wages)	4.00%	**5.375%**	6.875%	9.75%

Employee contributions are withheld pre income tax by the Town and remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings totaled $8,851 during the year. The Town contributed $9,908 during the year.

NOTE 3 - SHORT TERM DEBT

Because the Town bills and collects its property tax revenues towards the very end (mid-November) of each fiscal year (same as calendar year), cash flow management can be challenging. For the first 10.5 months of each year, the Town pays employees and vendors from monies collected from the prior year. On August 29, 2014, the Town secured a Tax Anticipation Note for $395,000 from the National Bank of Middlebury. Total Interest Expense associated with this Note is $1,125.75, and is included within 2014 General Fund expenditures.

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The Town issues general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities, renovations, and equipment purchases. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the issuing entity. These bonds are generally issued as 20-year serial bonds with equal amounts of principal maturing each year. The Town's debt obligations for less costly projects (e.g. road equipment) are notes payable from local institutions.

The following is a summary of general obligation bonds & notes at year-end:

People's United Bank, John Deere 772D motor grader note payable, interest at 3.80% paid annually, principal of $10,200 due October 27th of each year until October 27, 2014. Originally borrowed $99,000 via Citizens Bank on November 30, 2005; switched lenders in 2009 for better rate.	$ 0
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Fire Station bond payable, scheduled at 4.07% paid semi-annually, principal of $20,000 due December 1st of each year until 2015, then $15,000 due on December 1st of 2016, originally borrowed $275,000 on July1, 2002. (Bond refinanced by VMBB July'11@2.965% NIC)	$35,000
People's United Bank, 2009 Mack dump truck note payable, interest at 3.35% paid annually, principal of $21,560 due August 1st of each year until August 1st, 2013. Truck purchased July 31st, 2008 for $166,497.50. Originally borrowed $107,800.	$ 0
Merchants Bank, 2013 Mack dump truck note payable, interest at 1.69% payable June 14, 2013. This will be renewed annually for 5 years, with a principal reduction payment annually of $21,806, until June 13, 2017. Truck purchased June 28, 2012 for $189,030.00. Total borrowed was $109,030.	$65,418
Merchants Bank, 2013 John Deere 524K bucket loader note payable, interest at 1.80% payable June 9, 2015. This will be renewed annually for 3 years, with a principal reduction payment annually of $19,615, until June 9, 2017. Loader purchased April 25, 2014 for $88,844.00. Total borrowed was $58,844.00.	$58,844
Total	$159,262

The annual debt service requirement to maturity for general obligation bonds and notes including interest are as follows:

		Principal	Interest	Total
During the year ended December,				
	2015	61,420	5,898	67,318
	2016	56,421	3,708	60,129
	2017	41,421	2,642	44,063
Totals		$159,262	$12,248	$171,510

The following is a summary of changes in Long-term Debt:

	Balance December 31, 2013	Increase	Decrease	Balance December 31, 2014
13 John Deere Loader Note	0	58,844	0	58,844
13 Mack Dump Truck Note	87,224	0	21,806	65,418
John Deere Motor Grader	10,200	0	10,200	0
Fire Station Bond	55,000	0	20,000	35,000
Totals	$152,424	$58,844	$52,006	$159,262

NOTE 5- CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Cash deposits with financial institutions at December 31st are presented below:
As major revenues are received during the year bank deposits may temporarily exceed $250,000.

There are four categories of credit risk that apply to the Town's bank balances:

1. Insured or collateralized with securities held by the government or by the government's agent in the government's name.
2. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the bank's name.
3. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the government's name. (i.e. repurchase agreements)
4. Uncollateralized.

Balances held in each area are as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
- Insured (FDIC)	$250,000	$250,000
1. Insured or registered or secured, held by Town or by the Town's agent in the Town's name	0	0
2. Uninsured and Unregistered: Collateral held by the counterparty or its Trust department or agent but not in Town's name	2,450,249	2,582,298

3.	Uninsured and Unregistered: Collateral held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Town's name	0	0
4.	Uncollateralized and Uninsured	0	0
	Total deposits	$2,700,249	$2,832,298

All amounts of insured and collateralized cash always equal total deposits throughout the year. Bank Balance exceeds Carrying Amount due to outstanding checks written in 2014 not yet cashed by payees.

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS

The Town receives significant financial assistance from the State of Vermont. Entitlement to the resources is generally based on compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable federal and state regulations, including the expenditure of the resources for eligible purposes. Substantially all grants are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors. Any disallowance because of these audits becomes a liability of the fund that receives the grant. As of year-end, the Town estimates that no material liabilities will result from such audits.

NOTE 7 - RESERVED FUND BALANCES

Reserved fund balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes within that fund and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of funding source or Select Board. Reservations at year-end are for the following:

		GASB No. 54 Fund Bal Class
Special Revenue Funds:		
Property Valuation Review (PVR)	660	Restricted
Act 68 Reappraisal	108,511	Restricted
Agricultural & Natural Areas	187,718	Committed
Stabilization(formerly Town CapReserve)	15,551	Committed
Recreation	17,224	Assigned
Planning/ Zoning	22,469	Assigned
Total	$352,133	
Other Governmental Fund:		
Highway	$ 0	Unassigned
Capital Projects Fund:		
HWY Capital Equipment	40,100	Committed
Community Center Building	17,865	Assigned
Total	$57,965	

NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town.

In addition, the Town of Monkton is a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) for Medical Benefits, Workers Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Programs. VLCT is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide insurance and risk management programs for Vermont cities and towns and is owned by the participating cities and towns.

To provide insurance coverage, VLCT has established a self-funded fully insured program in conjunction with CIGNA. A portion of member contributions is used to purchase reinsurance and to fund a reserve required by the reinsurance. Contributions in excess of claims requirements, reserve fund requirements, reinsurance and administrative costs are returned to participants. The pooling agreement does not permit the pool to make additional assessments to its members.

To provide unemployment coverage, VLCT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs, unemployment claims, and provide excess reinsurance protection. Contributions are based on payroll expense and the previous two-year unemployment compensation experience. In the event that total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and VLCT UIT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each member assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

To provide worker's compensation (WC) coverage, VLCT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs and workers compensation coverage. Contributions are based upon formulas applied to payroll expense. At the end of the coverage period, the members will be assessed or refunded any difference between estimated contributions and actual expenses. VLCT audits every community it serves to confirm WC data.

NOTE 9 - DEFERRED REVENUE

The deferred revenues at year-end consisted of the following:

Property Taxes and Interest	$132,173
Federal funds	0
State funds	0
Other funds	0
Total deferred revenues	$132,173

NOTE 10 - PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes become an enforceable lien upon Town of Monkton property holders as of April 1st of each year. Taxes were levied in September 2014 and were payable in one installment by November 17, 2014. Taxes not paid on time are listed as delinquent taxes and related penalties and interest charges are assessed. The Town bills all property tax assessed for the benefit of the Town and the School District.

Property Tax 2014:	TAX RATE x	GRAND LIST =	TOTAL RAISED
Property Tax Levied:			
Non-Residential Education Tax	$1.7895	$ 424,244.91	$ 759,186.38
Homestead Education Tax	1.9031	1,388,034.36	2,641,568.25
Muni Tax & 14 Lodged Grand List	0.4991	1,812,279.27	904,508.59

Property Taxes Levied from Lodged Grand List	4,305,263.22
Homestead/Non-Resident Status, Appraisal & Other Adjustments	0.00
Gross Property Taxes Levied	**4,305,263.22**
Less: Education Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State Directly to Schools (i.e. Never Received nor Distributed by Town):	(615,796.38)
Less: Muni Portion of Homestead Rebates Paid by State Directly to Town:	(28,536.29)
Net Property Taxes Levied for Collection by Town	**$3,660,930.55**
2014 Taxes Due Warranted to Delinquent Tax Collector on 11/18/14:	$152,565.07
Total Delinquent Tax Balance as of 12/31/14:	$126,481.62

SIX YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON: 2009 – 2014:
(Per $100 of assessed value)

	Town Tax Rate	Homestead Ed Tax Rate	Non-Resident Ed Rate
2009	.5088	1.5195	1.7007
2010	.4186	1.6288	1.7213
2011	.4418	1.6806	1.6998
2012	.3696	1.7220	1.6821
2013	.5238	1.8420	1.7465
2014	.4991	1.9031	1.7895

Town of Monkton
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
December 31, 2014

	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund Type	Account Group	
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Agency Funds-Escrow & Tax Sales	General Long-Term Debt	Totals
ASSETS:							
Current Assets:							
Cash	(126,386.50)	(221.25)	352,132.71	57,965.39	5,270.78		288,761.13
Delinquent Taxes/Assessments Receivable	126,481.62						126,481.62
Interest Receivable (Estimated)	5,691.68						5,691.68
Inventory	-	-					-
Total Current Assets	5,786.80	(221.25)	352,132.71	57,965.39	5,270.78	-	420,934.43
Other Assets:							
Amount to be Provided for:							
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	-					159,262.00	159,262.00
Total Other Assets						159,262.00	159,262.00
TOTAL ASSETS	5,786.80	(221.25)	352,132.71	57,965.39	5,270.78	159,262.00	580,196.43
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:							
Liabilities:							
Deferred Revenue	134,382.39						134,382.39
Other Current Liabilities	-						-
Amount Held for Agency Funds	-				5,270.78		5,270.78
Notes Payable	-					124,262.00	124,262.00
Bond Payable	-	-	-	-	-	35,000.00	35,000.00
Total Liabilities	134,382.39	-	-	-	5,270.78	159,262.00	298,915.17
Fund Equity:							
Fund Balances:							
Unreserved	(128,595.59)						(128,595.59)
Reserved		(221.25)	352,132.71	57,965.39			409,876.85
Total Fund Equity	(128,595.59)	(221.25)	352,132.71	57,965.39	-	-	281,281.26
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	5,786.80	(221.25)	352,132.71	57,965.39	5,270.78	159,262.00	580,196.43

Town of Monkton
Combining Balance Sheet
Special Revenue Funds
December 31, 2014

	PVR Education Fund	Act 60 Reappraisal	Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation	Town Stabilization Fund (Formerly Capital Reserve Fund)	Recreation Fund	Planning/ Zoning Fund	Totals
ASSETS:							
Current Assets:							
Cash	$ 660.19	$ 108,510.77	$ 187,718.04	$ 15,551.00	$ 17,223.60	$ 22,469.11	352,132.71
Total Current Assets	660.19	108,510.77	187,718.04	15,551.00	17,223.60	22,469.11	352,132.71
TOTAL ASSETS	660.19	108,510.77	187,718.04	15,551.00	17,223.60	22,469.11	352,132.71
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:							
Liabilities:							
None	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances:							
Reserved	660.19	108,510.77	178,217.72	15,551.00	17,223.60	22,469.11	352,132.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	660.19	108,510.77	178,217.72	15,551.00	17,223.60	22,469.11	352,132.71

Town of Monkton
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	PVR Education Fund	Act 60 Reappraisal	Agricultural and Natural Areas Conservation	Town Stabilization Fund (Formerly Capital Reserve Fund)	Recreation Reserve Fund	Planning/ Zoning Fund	Totals
REVENUES							
Investment Income	$ -	$ -	$ 17.93	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 17.93
Property Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ 10,000.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	10,000.00
State Payments	$ 392.31	$ 7,956.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	8,348.31
TOTAL REVENUES	392.31	7,956.00	10,017.93	-	-	-	18,366.24
EXPENDITURES							
Routine Expenses	-	1,337.00	517.61	-	-		1,854.61
Facilities Maintenance	-	-	-	-			-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	1,337.00	517.61	-	-	-	1,854.61
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	392.31	6,619.00	9,500.32	-	-	-	16,511.63
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Transfers In (Out)	-	-	-	-	2,427.28	-	2,427.28
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	392.31	6,619.00	9,500.32	-	2,427.28	-	18,938.91
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2014	267.88	101,891.77	178,217.72	15,551.00	14,796.32	22,469.11	333,193.80
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2014	$ 660.19	$ 108,510.77	$ 187,718.04	$ 15,551.00	$ 17,223.60	$ 22,469.11	352,132.71

Town of Monkton
Combining Balance Sheet
Capital Project Funds
December 31, 2014

	REC Community Center Building Fund	Highway Capital Equipment Fund	Totals
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash	$ 17,865.39	$ 15,551.00	$ 33,416.39
Total Current Assets	17,865.39	15,551.00	33,416.39
TOTAL ASSETS	17,865.39	15,551.00	33,416.39
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:			
Liabilities:			
Due To Other Funds	-	-	-
Fund Balances:			
Reserved	17,865.39	15,551.00	33,416.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	17,865.39	15,551.00	33,416.39

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Town of Monkton
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
Changes in Fund Balances
Capital Project Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	REC Community Center Building Fund	Highway Capital Equipment Fund	Totals
REVENUES			
Investment Income	$ 1.79	$ -	$ 1.79
Grants		-	
Other Financing Sources	-	-	
Property Tax Income	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
Donations-FundRaising	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	1.79	20,000.00	20,001.79
EXPENDITURES			
Construction & Fundraising Expense	-	-	-
Applied to John Deere Bucket Loader	-	30,000.00	30,000.00
Account Transfers	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	30,000.00	30,000.00
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1.79	(10,000.00)	(9,998.21)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	1.79	(10,000.00)	(9,998.21)
FUND BALANCES, JANUARY 1, 2014	17,863.60	50,100.00	67,963.60
FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 2014	$ 17,865.39	$ 40,100.00	$ 57,965.39

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Town of Monkton
Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities
Fiduciary Fund Type - Agency Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Balance January 1, 2014	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance December 31, 2014
Assets:				
Tax Sale (9/6/12) - Excess Funds - Parcel B	$ 13,535.46	$ 0.43	$ 13,535.89	$ -
Tax Sale (7/9/13) - Excess Funds - Parcel BO	$ 3,244.75	$ 0.35	$ -	$ 3,245.10
Tax Sale (7/9/13) - Excess Funds - Parcel K	$ 3,778.01	$ 0.18	$ 3,778.19	$ -
Tax Sale (7/9/13) - Excess Funds - Parcel T	$ 2,025.44	$ 0.24	$ -	$ 2,025.68
West Escrow Account	$ 57,978.55	$ 2.39	$ 57,980.94	$ -
Total Assets	$ 80,562.21	$ 3.59	$ 75,295.02	$ 5,270.78
Liabilites:				
Amount Held for Agency Funds	$ 80,562.21	$ 3.59	$ 75,295.02	$ 5,270.78
Total Liabilities	$ 80,562.21	$ 3.59	$ 75,295.02	$ 5,270.78

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

GENERAL FUND

Revenues

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	Actual FY - 2014	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Grant Income	-	-	-	-		-
Property Tax	(10,801.33)	4,111.02	70,512.87	**151,336.38**	83,961.04	**127,857.44**
Current Use/Hold Harmless	58,232.00	65,024.00	55,654.00	**55,000.00**	75,470.00	**75,470.00**
ANR PILOT	1,112.00	1,112.00	1,112.00	**1,112.00**	2,298.06	**1,112.00**
Act 60 Equalized Ed. GL	918.00	925.00	931.00	**940.00**	936.00	**950.00**
Town Clerk Fees	20,750.50	27,165.00	27,839.00	**28,000.00**	20,755.00	**20,000.00**
Liquor Licenses	50.00	50.00	50.00	**70.00**	70.00	**70.00**
Copier Use Fees	2,257.55	3,888.12	3,329.26	**3,800.00**	3,421.53	**3,500.00**
Dog Kennel License	44.00	44.00	50.00	**50.00**	-	**50.00**
Dog Licenses & Fines	2,119.50	1,907.00	1,837.50	**2,000.00**	910.00	**1,800.00**
Judicial Fines	32,806.46	33,563.63	30,716.50	**32,000.00**	26,709.50	**24,110.00**
Town History Books	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising-Tax Sale	1,174.50	1,874.18	1,398.30	**1,500.00**	-	**3,000.00**
Interest Income	296.43	180.19	50.25	**30.00**	16.93	**30.00**
Ed Tax Ovrpmt Refund	494.44	383.09	-	-	-	-
Misc. Revenue	7,992.69	7,507.00	10,943.25	**7,500.00**	10,701.49	**8,500.00**
Postal Facility Rental Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Equip or Property	-	-	-	-	-	-
Del Taxes	154,647.95	122,428.53	140,205.97	**126,560.35**	126,481.62	**125,000.00**
Del Taxes - Interest	11,624.18	10,210.11	9,054.98	**12,600.00**	11,654.13	**12,000.00**
Del Taxes - Penalty	-	-	-	-	13,474.26	**13,500.00**
Wkrs Comp Reimbursement	580.22	299.33	388.76	**300.00**	-	-
Account Transfers	1,783.20	1,753.00	-	-	-	-
DRB First Cut Fees	-	50.00	100.00	**100.00**	100.00	**100.00**
DRB Subdivision Fees	2,325.00	1,450.00	-	**1,500.00**	3,500.00	**1,500.00**
DRB Boundary Adj Fees	-	-	100.00	**100.00**	-	**100.00**
DRB Variances Fees	400.00	100.00	-	**100.00**	200.00	**100.00**
DRB Conditional Use Fees	200.00	100.00	200.00	**100.00**	250.00	**100.00**
DRB Appeals Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRB Administrator Fees	8,656.71	8,306.20	9,192.32	**8,000.00**	10,647.39	**8,000.00**
Municipal Planning Grants	-	5,513.00	2,362.00	-	-	-
Conservation Comm Grants/Matches	8,631.23	10,080.71	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	**306,295.23**	**308,025.11**	**366,027.96**	**432,698.73**	**391,556.95**	**426,849.44**

General Government Expenses
General Government Payroll

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	Actual FY - 2014	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Town Clerk Fees	20,750.50	27,165.00	27,839.00	**28,000.00**	20,755.00	**20,000.00**
Town Clerk Salary	8,538.07	10,519.08	10,499.84	**10,500.00**	10,499.84	**10,500.00**
Assistant Town Clerk	11,225.00	9,260.00	11,971.50	**11,000.00**	11,492.00	**11,000.00**
Treasurer	25,000.04	25,961.58	24,423.10	**32,500.00**	32,500.00	**32,500.00**
Assistant Treasurer	4,588.00	4,932.00	6,593.01	**-**	-	**-**
Delinquent Tax Collector *	-	-	-	**3,500.00**	3,500.00	**3,500.00**
Web Master	390.00	200.00	300.00	**300.00**	300.00	**300.00**
Selectboard	7,080.00	7,485.00	7,660.07	**7,080.00**	5,034.99	**7,700.00**
Selectboard Administrative	1,081.50	1,021.50	971.25	**1,500.00**	1,162.50	**1,500.00**
Auditors	5,706.00	6,090.50	7,546.00	**6,650.00**	7,318.50	**8,000.00**
BCA - Election Officials	1,489.47	3,485.54	1,335.15	**2,200.00**	2,184.71	**2,200.00**
Custodian	921.20	1,061.55	1,062.95	**1,000.00**	913.15	**1,000.00**
Constable	250.00	250.00	250.00	**250.00**	250.00	**250.00**
Fire Warden	250.00	250.00	250.00	**250.00**	250.00	**250.00**
Health Officer	466.00	466.00	250.08	**600.00**	250.08	**600.00**
Animal Control Officer	750.00	1,155.00	930.00	**1,000.00**	750.00	**1,000.00**
Tree Warden	-	-	-		-	
FICA	10,286.41	11,368.90	11,097.45	**11,400.00**	9,488.29	**11,400.00**
VMERS DB - Employer	1,250.08	1,299.21	725.66	**1,368.00**	-	**-**
Health Insurance	2,008.89	384.60	-	**-**	-	**-**
Appraisal	14,103.75	17,966.45	15,445.50	**15,000.00**	9,063.75	**15,000.00**
Reappraisal	-	-	1,345.00	**-**	-	**-**
Zoning Administrator	14,201.43	16,010.55	14,785.70	**16,000.00**	14,560.18	**16,000.00**
DRB Board Members	1,260.00	1,800.00	1,610.00	**2,000.00**	760.00	**2,000.00**
DRB Clerical	899.75	1,567.50	206.25	**1,800.00**	363.00	**1,500.00**
DRB Recording Secretary	712.50	1,900.74	1,164.00	**2,000.00**	1,020.00	**2,000.00**
Planning Comm. Bd Members	920.00	1,140.00	1,430.00	**1,680.00**	810.00	**1,680.00**
Planning Comm. Clerical	-	-	-	**200.00**	81.25	200.00
Total Payroll	**134,128.59**	**152,740.70**	**149,691.51**	**157,778.00**	**133,307.24**	**150,080.00**

* Note: Delinquent Tax Collector (DTC) previously compensated via receipt of 8% penalty on delinquent taxes due; a DTC salary of $3,500 approved at 2014 Town Meeting (Article 8).

Town Office

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	Actual FY - 2014	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Copier Rental	2,349.94	3,046.31	2,900.02	**3,000.00**	5,226.65	**3,267.64**
Office & General Supplies	4,466.39	5,628.75	4,325.70	**5,000.00**	3,882.47	**5,000.00**
Postage	2,130.01	2,297.94	2,524.84	**2,650.00**	2,168.14	**2,650.00**
Equipment/Furniture	705.14	320.25	24.37	**750.00**	-	**500.00**
Computer Equip & Software	100.00	2,535.00	342.00	**3,000.00**	5,864.96	**2,500.00**
Computer Contract Service	2,452.61	2,490.62	2,329.25	**2,500.00**	2,399.13	**1,500.00**
Conferences & Training	435.00	780.00	1,713.96	**1,500.00**	468.04	**1,000.00**
Mileage Reimbursement	875.23	1,021.12	851.60	**1,000.00**	704.68	**1,000.00**
Telephone	2,035.96	2,113.07	2,133.55	**2,200.00**	2,184.63	**2,200.00**
Heat	2,600.33	2,706.65	3,638.38	**3,200.00**	4,150.55	**3,500.00**
Electricity	1,299.79	1,400.63	1,586.34	**1,600.00**	1,549.53	**1,700.00**
Service/Finance Charges	-	-	99.10	**-**	-	**-**
Total Town Office	**19,450.40**	**24,340.34**	**22,469.11**	26,400.00	**28,598.78**	**24,817.64**

General Expenditures

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	Actual FY - 2014	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Sheriff Dept.	21,291.86	21,387.22	29,192.80	**30,000.00**	29,005.79	**26,437.00**
Insurance - Workmens Comp	11,120.00	12,115.00	12,580.00	**15,324.00**	17,643.00	**15,862.00**
Insurance - Prop & Liab	10,260.00	8,718.00	11,753.00	**16,209.00**	14,541.00	**16,200.00**
Appraisal	870.17	997.61	3,111.91	**1,000.00**	1,133.92	**1,000.00**
Reappraisal	1,275.00	1,275.00	-	**-**	-	**-**
PVR Education Expense	508.20	478.00	484.80	**600.00**	745.00	**600.00**
Printing /Advertising	5,861.63	6,492.23	6,897.75	**7,000.00**	5,495.72	**7,000.00**
Property Maint & Upgrade	1,339.00	869.20	1,348.96	**3,000.00**	1,162.00	**3,000.00**
Consultant Fees, Audit	7,720.00	7,112.50	7,763.35	**5,000.00**	1,717.50	**5,000.00**
Association Dues & Fees	2,743.00	2,895.00	2,885.00	**2,900.00**	3,084.00	**3,100.00**
Legal Fees	1,893.45	20,000.00	53,651.90	**25,000.00**	31,465.80	**15,000.00**
BCA-Elections Expense	970.85	1,200.00	-	**3,600.00**	3,779.58	**1,400.00**
Property Tax Appeal Settled		-	7,351.36	**1,000.00**	-	**1,000.00**
Recycling Expenses	7,739.53	6,794.63	6,387.20	**8,000.00**	5,925.55	**8,000.00**
Animal Expense	742.04	1,500.00	896.92	**1,500.00**	1,191.47	**1,500.00**
Restoration of Records	2,647.00	2,000.00	-	**2,000.00**	212.29	**2,500.00**
New Municipal Building Comm Expense	6,168.15	4,000.00	5,619.16	**500.00**	-	**-**
Cemetery Maintenance	1,305.63	4,000.00	3,481.18	**4,000.00**	4,200.00	**4,000.00**
County Taxes	12,168.42	9,180.19	9,180.19	**9,200.00**	9,770.53	**10,000.00**
Tax Maps		-	4,951.37	**1,400.00**	-	**1,400.00**
Tax Sales	**-**	-	-	**-**	-	**-**
Debt Principal Pmts: Genl Fund LTD	**38,400.00**	20,000.00	20,000.00	**20,000.00**	20,000.00	**20,000.00**
Interest Expense(incl TAN interest)	5,694.93	4,389.35	5,778.04	**6,000.00**	3,496.25	**4,900.00**
Education Tax Underpay Correction	-	-	-	**-**	-	
Miscellaneous(includes ANAC G&A)	58.85	9,170.99	66.00	**100.00**	-	**750.00**
Total General Expenditures	**140,777.71**	144,574.92	**193,380.89**	**163,333.00**	**154,569.40**	**148,649.00**

DRB

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	Actual FY - 2014	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Supplies & Postage	180.86	258.09	156.19	**300.00**	49.00	**300.00**
Printing	-	-	-	**100.00**	-	**100.00**
Advertising	405.53	624.77	279.58	**300.00**	572.10	**500.00**
Office, Computer Equip & Software	-	-	-	**-**	-	**-**
Conferences & Training	-	-	-	**200.00**	-	**200.00**
Mileage Reimbursement	52.92	70.88	-	**100.00**	-	**100.00**
Legal Fees	6,058.19	17,021.58	4,470.00	**5,000.00**	-	**4,000.00**
Refunds & Misc Expenses	350.00	28.35	-	**-**	697.00	**500.00**
Total DRB	**7,047.50**	**18,003.67**	**4,905.77**	**6,000.00**	**1,318.10**	**5,700.00**

Planning Commission

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	Actual FY - 2014	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Supplies & Postage	-	190.40	74.05	**900.00**	-	**1,000.00**
Printing	993.00	-	-	**500.00**	-	**500.00**
Advertising	152.24	-	232.00	**500.00**	344.38	**500.00**
Mileage Reimbursement	450.00	392.80	94.40	**600.00**	51.60	**800.00**
Consultants	-	-	-	**1,650.00**	1,115.21	**2,000.00**
MPG Expenses	-	4,728.24	3,146.69	**-**	-	**-**
Add Cty Reg'l Plng Comm. Assess.	2,135.16	2,138.40	2,197.80	**2,263.73**	2,316.60	**2,428.80**
Legal Fees	875.55	663.88	-	**500.00**	-	**500.00**
Total Planning Commission	**4,605.95**	**8,113.72**	**5,744.94**	**6,913.73**	**3,827.79**	**7,728.80**
Conservation Commission						
Consultant-WildlifeCrossing Project	10,973.36	**7,738.58**	**-**	**-**	1,337.38	**-**
Total Conservation Commission						
Energy Committee						
Supplies & Postage	**-**	**-**	33.96	**200.00**	-	**200.00**
Mileage Reimbursement	**-**	**-**	70.00	**200.00**	-	**200.00**
Misc. Expenditures	**-**	**-**	30.00	**100.00**	-	**100.00**
Total Energy Committee	**-**	**-**	**133.96**	**500.00**	**-**	**500.00**
Total General Government	**316,983.51**	**355,511.93**	**376,222.22**	**360,924.73**	**322,958.69**	**337,475.44**

Appropriations

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY - 2014	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015
Addison Cty Commun Action(HOPE)	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	**1,250.00**	1,250.00	**1,250.00**
Addison Cty Court Diversion	550.00	550.00	550.00	**550.00**	550.00	**550.00**
Addison Cty Counseling Service Inc.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	**1,500.00**	1,500.00	**1,500.00**
Addison Cty Home Health & Hospice	1,946.00	1,946.00	1,946.00	**1,946.00**	1,946.00	**1,946.00**
Addison Cty Humane (Homeward Bound)	500.00	150.00	-	**250.00**	250.00	**250.00**
Addison Cty Parent/Child	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	**1,600.00**	1,600.00	**1,600.00**
Addison Cty Transit Resources	650.00	850.00	850.00	**850.00**	850.00	**850.00**
Bristol Family Center	200.00	250.00	250.00	**250.00**	250.00	**250.00**
Bristol Recreation Dept.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	**1,500.00**	1,500.00	**2,000.00**
Bristol Rescue Squad	3,500.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	**3,700.00**	3,700.00	**3,700.00**
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	**1,100.00**	1,100.00	**1,100.00**
Elderly Services	800.00	800.00	800.00	**800.00**	800.00	**800.00**
Rural Fire Protection Program	-	100.00	-	**0.00**	-	**100.00**
Green Up Vermont	150.00	150.00	150.00	**150.00**	150.00	**150.00**
Hospice Volunteer Service	275.00	275.00	300.00	**300.00**	300.00	**300.00**
John D. Graham Emergency Shelter	900.00	900.00	1,000.00	**1,000.00**	1,000.00	**1,000.00**
Lewis Creek Association	550.00	550.00	550.00	**550.00**	550.00	**550.00**
Open Door Clinic		-	-	**500.00**	500.00	**500.00**
Otter Creek Natural Resources CD	198.00	198.00	198.00	**198.00**	198.00	**198.00**
Retired&Senior Volunteer Program	285.00	285.00	285.00	**285.00**	285.00	**285.00**
UWAC-Add Cty Readers	450.00	450.00	450.00	**450.00**	450.00	**450.00**
Vergennes Rescue Squad	600.00	600.00	600.00	**600.00**	600.00	**600.00**
Vermont Adult Learning	700.00	700.00	700.00	**700.00**	700.00	**700.00**
Vermont Center for Indep Living	195.00	195.00	195.00	**195.00**	195.00	**195.00**
Women Safe	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	**1,000.00**	1,000.00	**1,000.00**
Monkton Volunteer Fire Dept	59,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	**33,000.00**	33,000.00	**33,000.00**
Russell Memorial Library	20,269.16	18,953.00	21,620.00	**20,150.00**	20,150.00	**20,150.00**
Monkton Museum - Hist Soc	900.00	900.00	900.00	**900.00**	900.00	**900.00**
Total Appropriations	**100,568.16**	**95,452.00**	**97,994.00**	75,274.00	**75,274.00**	**75,874.00**
Total G.F. Expenditures	**417,551.67**	**450,963.93**	**474,320.18**	435,698.73	**398,232.69**	**426,849.44**
Total General Fund Expenses (over)under Budget					**(37,466.04)**	
Total General Fund Expenses (over)under Revenue					**(32,204.73)**	
Jan 1, 2014 Fund Balance:					**128,595.59**	
Transfer from Town Stabilization Fund:					**-**	
Dec 31, 2014 General Fund Balance:					**96,390.86**	

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

HIGHWAY

Revenues Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	Actual FY - 2014	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
HWY State Aid	218,624.34	115,859.05	146,896.44	146,730.06	146,629.41	**147,000.00**
Paving Grant	-	227,243.00	1,181.96	-	104,948.74	-
Property Taxes (Incl.LTD&Article7Proj)	571,941.85	464,706.44	598,337.64	594,956.94	594,956.94	**625,995.07**
Overweight Permits	645.00	660.00	680.00	700.00	715.00	**700.00**
911 Signs	220.00	100.00	200.00	220.00	260.00	**250.00**
Post Office Parking Maintenance	500.00	500.00	250.00	500.00	-	**500.00**
MVFD Diesel Fuel Purchase	897.25	1,291.31	1,043.00	1,050.00	1,266.64	**1,050.00**
Misc Revenue	10,095.84	221.00	197.82	300.00	4,550.07	**300.00**
Sale of Equipment	1,354.90	7,500.00	-	-	-	-
Account Transfers/Surplus Usage		-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	**804,279.18**	**818,080.80**	**748,786.86**	**744,457.00**	**853,326.80**	775,795.07

Highway Expenses Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	Actual FY - 2014	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Regular employees	176,608.29	180,242.67	186,365.03	**188,880.00**	188,171.12	**193,257.00**
Part-time Employees	587.25	141.75	344.25	**600.00**	-	**600.00**
FICA	13,555.25	13,799.13	14,283.08	**14,506.00**	14,395.16	**14,803.00**
VMERS DB - Employer	8,868.02	9,068.48	9,490.32	**9,444.00**	9,908.03	**9,826.00**
Health Insurance	67,939.54	53,287.99	54,515.27	**60,557.00**	52,173.74	**65,301.87**
Dental Insurance	2,822.32	2,883.12	2,866.67	**3,100.00**	3,285.55	**3,100.00**
Short Term Disability Insurance	492.96	492.96	482.69	**500.00**	445.83	**396.00**
Insurance - Unemployment	1,706.00	1,562.00	1,371.00	**1,700.00**	634.00	**1,700.00**
Unemployment Claims	-	-	-	-	-	-
Life Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	115.20
Total Payroll	**272,579.63**	**261,478.10**	**269,718.31**	279,287.00	**269,013.43**	289,099.07

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	Actual FY - 2014	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	2,932.31	9,337.36	4,541.02	**5,500.00**	4,505.94	**5,000.00**
Conferences & Training	-	-	-	**300.00**	60.00	**300.00**
Telephone	1,600.56	1,638.98	1,671.46	**1,700.00**	1,931.30	**1,700.00**
Heat	8,046.98	4,960.56	4,862.71	**5,500.00**	5,647.58	**5,500.00**
Electricity	1,586.50	1,513.84		**1,800.00**	1,620.79	**1,900.00**
Trash Removal/Dumpsters	1,636.81	1,653.43	1,653.11	**1,700.00**	1,660.06	**1,700.00**
Capital Equipment Expense	2,500.00	3,217.00	-	-	-	**2,500.00**
Property Maint & Upgrade	1,200.65	123,022.45	4,774.40	**4,000.00**	2,082.08	**4,000.00**
Total Garage Expenses	**19,503.81**	**145,343.62**	**17,502.70**	20,500.00	**17,507.75**	22,600.00

General Highway Expenses	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY - 2014	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015
Insurance - Prop & Liab	11,134.00	10,303.00	11,243.00	**13,514.00**	13,178.00	**12,577.00**
Insurance Claim Settlement	-	-	(388.55)	-	-	-
Grease & Oil	2,100.00	2,250.68	1,057.86	**2,400.00**	2,415.86	**2,400.00**
Equipment & Tools	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment Fuel	42,000.00	45,575.86	53,015.36	**50,000.00**	54,700.37	**50,000.00**
Repairs, Parts, Blades	25,000.00	29,296.32	33,811.17	**30,000.00**	30,294.50	**30,000.00**
Oxygen & Acetylene	400.00	324.07	87.00	**400.00**	102.00	**400.00**
Interest Expense	4,043.00	2,607.32	3,335.02	**3,340.00**	1,872.88	**2,498.00**
LTD Principal Pmts-Trucks (Note 6)	42,260.00	31,760.00	53,566.00	**43,366.00**	52,006.00	**61,421.00**
Misc. Expenditures	600.00	1,012.31	633.08	**600.00**	1,038.50	**600.00**
Total General Highway Expenses	**127,537.00**	**123,129.56**	**156,359.94**	**143,620.00**	**155,608.11**	**159,896.00**

Road Maintenance	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	Budget FY - 2014	Actual FY - 2014	(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015
Rental Equipment	18,089.92	16,482.42	10,219.92	**15,500.00**	13,922.42	**15,500.00**
Gravel	74,229.74	61,210.24	64,781.22	**77,000.00**	84,300.67	**77,000.00**
Salt	37,701.81	23,291.50	39,400.96	**32,000.00**	47,443.57	**34,000.00**
Winter Sand	17,388.00	22,813.00	17,125.74	**22,800.00**	28,107.24	**23,000.00**
Summer Chloride	22,877.64	22,247.64	18,480.90	**24,000.00**	24,395.79	**24,500.00**
Winter Solution Chloride		5,581.00	3,198.00	**3,300.00**	(1,302.00)	**3,300.00**
Hot Mix	92,943.50	175,264.58	100,408.43	**101,000.00**	212,659.25	**101,000.00**
Cold Patch	237.00	301.27	285.00	-	357.50	**400.00**
Culverts	10,159.47	11,193.62	2,967.00	**6,000.00**	11,151.04	**6,000.00**
Signs, Painting	1,896.58	3,476.33	3,446.38	**3,300.00**	2,230.61	**3,300.00**
911 Signs	140.60	48.50	130.05	**150.00**	148.95	**200.00**
Highway Upgrade/Paving	15,645.00	20,073.00	17,316.40	**16,000.00**	17,316.40	**16,000.00**
Total Road Maintenance	**291,309.26**	**361,983.10**	**277,760.00**	**301,050.00**	**440,731.44**	**304,200.00**
Total Highway Expenses	**710,929.70**	**891,934.38**	**721,340.95**	**744,457.00**	**882,860.73**	**775,795.07**
Highway Expenses over Budget					**138,403.73**	
Highway Expenses over Revenue					**(29,533.93)**	
				Jan 1 '14 Balance	**29,312.68**	
				Dec31 '14 Balance	**(221.25)**	

MULTI-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Recreation Committee Revenue (See Note*)

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	**Actual FY - 2014**	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Property Tax	3,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	**4,500.00**	4,500.00	**4,500.00**
Activities Fees	4,347.00	4,955.00	4,473.00	**4,400.00**	6,200.00	**4,000.00**
After School Ski Program	7,550.00	6,765.00	4,825.00	**3,500.00**	975.00	**-**
Donations	834.13	596.00	820.69	**500.00**	40.00	**150.00**
Uniforms, Supplies/Equip	-	-	-	**-**	-	**-**
Facilities Rental	505.00	825.00	325.00	**300.00**	375.00	**500.00**
Grants	-	-	-	**-**	-	**-**
Interest Income	6.88	4.60	1.74	**-**	0.62	**-**
Misc Revenue	228.45	190.00	50.00	**-**	25.00	**-**
Account Transfers	-	-	-	**2,350.00**	-	**2,350.00**
Total Recreation Comm. Revenue	**16,471.46**	**17,835.60**	**14,995.43**	**15,550.00**	**12,115.62**	**11,500.00**

Recreation Committee Expense

	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	**Actual FY - 2014**	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2014**
Activities Fees	480.00	345.00	270.00	**600.00**	240.00	**600.00**
After School Ski Program	7,550.00	6,765.00	4,930.00	**3,500.00**	975.00	**3,500.00**
Uniforms, Supplies/Equip	1,834.52	879.77	848.15	**2,500.00**	2,293.57	**2,500.00**
Electricity	193.73	234.14	259.85	**200.00**	272.83	**200.00**
Committee Expenses	272.31	190.00	250.00	**250.00**	25.00	**250.00**
Facilities Maintenance	6,197.58	6,735.24	5,969.34	**8,500.00**	5,881.94	**8,500.00**
Facilities Upgrade	-	-	-	-	-	-
Account Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Recreation Comm. Expense	**16,528.14**	**15,149.15**	**12,527.34**	**15,550.00**	**9,688.34**	**15,550.00**
Recreation Committee Expenses (over)/under Revenue					**2,427.28**	

* Note: $2,427.28 Ops surplus added to Rec Reserve Fund. Balance at December 31, 2014: $17,223.60

LEGAL FUND - ADDISON NATURAL GAS PROJECT

Legal Fund - ANGP Revenue

Account	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	**Actual FY - 2014**	**(Proposed) Budget FY - 2015**
Property Tax	-	-	25,000.00	**-**	-	**-**
Total Legal Fund - ANGP Revenue					-	

Legal Fund - ANGP Expense

	Actual FY - 2011	Actual FY - 2012	Actual FY - 2013	**Budget FY - 2014**	**Actual FY - 2014**	**Budget FY - 2015**
Legal Fees - ANGP		-	27,035.08	**-**	6,749.69	**-**
Total Legal Fund - ANGP Expense					6,749.69	
Legal Fund - ANGP Expense (over)/under Revenue			**(2,035.08)**		**(6,749.69)**	

TOWN OF MONKTON
INVENTORY OF TOWN CAPITAL ASSETS
12/31/2014

ASSET	Date in Service	HIST. COST	EST VALUE*
TOWN REAL ESTATE:			
Town Hall & Land	1859	NA	$ 202,264.00
Russell Memorial Library	1970	Donated	$ 85,000.00
Town Garage	1987	$152,560.00	$ 319,739.00
Salt Shed	1987	$24,850.00	$ 50,000.00
Morse Park (47.1 acres)	1996	Donated ($90K)	$ 206,300.00
Town Center Land (Bean)	2006	$95,000.00	$ 95,000.00
Rec Field and Pavilion (6.2 acres)	1986		$ 50,000.00
Rec Field Storage Shed	NA		$ 3,383.00
Old School House	pre-1965		$ 15,450.00
Recycling Utility Bldg			$ 2,575.00
Town Land-Old Dump			
Town Cemetery (Monkton Rd by R. Parker)			
Cemetery-Layn Farm			
Cemetery-Church Rd			
Swamp Lots-(2)- E. Side of Lime Kiln Rd			
Meaders Swamp Lots (3):			
(All on East side of Bristol Rd)			
TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT:			
1994 John Deere 410D Backhoe	1994	$83,413.00	NA
1995 Case 5240A Tractor	2000	$35,000.00	NA
2003 Int'l Tandem Dump Truck	2003	$72,983.00	NA
2005 John Deere 772D Road Grader	2005	$187,000.00	NA
2005 Diamond Roadside Mower	2005	$24,590.00	NA
2007 Ford F550 Dump Truck	2007	$71,932.00	NA
2009 MackGU713 Dump Truck	2008	$166,677.00	NA
2013 MackGU713 Dump Truck	2012	$189,030.00	NA
2013 Diamond Side Rotary Attach. Mower	2013	$9,900.00	NA
2013 John Deere 524K Bucket Loader	2013	$88,844.00	NA

*** Estimated Value is either guaranteed replacement insured cost or appraised value. The Town is in process of updating this information. The intention is to provide taxpayers with a quick reference of Town Owned Major Capital Assets (Value >$5000). This does not include office equipment, or other miscellaneous content within buildings, etc.**

2015 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN

	Year Purchased	Life Cycle (Years)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
1994 J.D. Backhoe Loader	1994	21				X			
1995 Case Tractor	2000	21				X			
2003 International Tandem Dump	2003	13			X				
2005 John Deere Road Grader	2005	15							X
2005 Diamond Roadside Mower	2005	12				X			
2007 Ford Dump Truck	2006	10		X					
2009 Mack Dump Truck	2008	10					X		
2013 Mack Dump Truck	2012	10							
2013 John Deere Bucket Loader	2014	15							

2015 Long Term Debt

Existing Annual Long Term Debt Expense/Payoff Schedule

	Balance Due	Annual Amount	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
2005 John Deere Road Grader	-	-							
2009 Mack Dump	-	-							
2013 Mack Dump (bought in '12)	65,418	21,806	21.80	21.80	21.80	21.80			
2013 John Deere Bucket Loader	58,844	19,615	-	19.62	19.62	19.62			
Fire Station Addition Bond	35,000	20,000	20.00	20.00	15.00				
TOTALS	**159,262**	**61,421**	**41.80**	**61.42**	**56.42**	**41.42**	**0**	**0**	**0**

2015 TOTAL MUNICIPAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES & 2 YEAR COMPARISON

2015 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL MONIES TO BE VOTED	TOTAL 2015 EXPENSE
	Operating Budget To Be Voted		
6	Salary & General Expenses	335,475.44	
6	Highways	755,894.07	
6	Recreation Committee Fund	4,500.00	
6	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	10,000.00	
6	Highway Capital Equipment Expense Fund	30,000.00	
Total Operating Budget			**1,135,869.51**
	Appropriations To Town & Outside Agencies To Be Voted		
6	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	33,000.00	
6	Russell Memorial Library	20,150.00	
6	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	900.00	
5	Social Agencies	22,124.00	
Total Appropriations			**76,174.00**
	Special Funds (To Be Voted) & Capital Expense (Prev. Approved)		
Total Special Funds and Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved			**-**
	Capital Expense To Be Voted		
New Ford F550 Truck - Highway Department		80,000.00	
Monkton Volunteer Fire Department - Station Addition		78,000.00	
Total Capital Expense (To Be Voted)			**158,000.00**
	Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing		
Capital Budget	Bonds & Notes Due		
	2013 Mack Truck - Note Due	21,806.00	
	Fire Station Addition - Bond Due	20,000.00	
	2013 JD Bucket Loader - Note Due	19,615.00	
This $61,421 Capital Expense (LTD) is included in Gen'l and HWY budgets at top.			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			**1,370,043.51**

2014 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL 2014 Budgeted EXPENSE
	Operating Budget To Be Voted		
6	Salary & General Expenses	357,424.73	
6	Highways *	733,097.00	
6	Recreation Committee Fund	4,500.00	
	* Amount reduced by $21,260 at Town Meeting.		
Total Operating Budget			**1,095,021.73**
	Appropriations To Town & Outside Agencies To Be Voted		
6	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	33,000.00	
6	Russell Memorial Library	20,150.00	
6	Monkton Museum & Historical Society	900.00	
5	Social Agencies	21,224.00	
Total Appropriations			**75,274.00**
	Special Funds & Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved		
10	Agri-Natural Areas Conservation Fund	10,000.00	
	Ongoing-Two cents added to Town Tax		
Article 11, 2005 Town Mtg	Capital Equipment Expense Fund	20,000.00	
Total Special Funds and Capital Expense Previously Voter Approved			**30,000.00**
	Capital Expense Voter APPROVED		
New Bucket Loader - Highway Department		100,000.00	
Total Capital Expense (Voter Approved)			**100,000.00**
	Capital Expense, Long Term Debt Existing		
Capital Budget	Bonds & Notes Due		
	2013 Mack Truck-Note Due	21,806.00	
	Fire Station Addition - Bond Due	20,000.00	
	2005 Road Grader - Note Due	10,200.00	
This $52,006 Capital Expense (LTD) is included in Gen'l and HWY budgets at top.			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			**1,300,295.73**

1/22/04

TOWN OF MONKTON, VERMONT
POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND FOR COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all taxpayers will be treated fairly in the payment of property taxes and will know the process for the collection of delinquent taxes.

1. Property taxes are due by 5:00 P.M. and payable to the Town Treasurer on or before the **due date** posted on the tax bills unless otherwise noticed. Taxes paid by mail must be postmarked **prior** to the due date on the tax bill; otherwise they will be deemed delinquent and subject to all applicable penalties. The Town of Monkton is not responsible for mailed tax payments not received.

2. There will be no grace period allowed for late payment.

3. Once the due date has passed, the Town Treasurer will give the Delinquent Tax Collector a list of all delinquent property taxes.

4. After the list of all delinquent property taxes is received, the delinquent tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent tax payer, itemizing the amount due; including tax, interest and penalties (the collector's fee). The delinquent tax collector may also send additional notices to delinquent taxpayers from time to time.

5. Payments, or portion thereof, received after the due date are subject to 1% interest charge plus a 2% collector's fee if paid **in full** within ten (10) days of the due date, and to 1% per month interest charge (1½ % per month after the first three (3) months), AND AN 8% TAX COLLECTOR'S FEE IF PAID THEREAFTER.

6. Partial payments will be applied first to any costs or expenses that may be due, then to outstanding interest, and the remainder will be divided proportionately between the principal amount of the tax, the delinquent tax collector's fee, and any attorney's fee (if applicable).

7. If a delinquent tax payer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the delinquent tax collector on or before six (6) months after the due date, the delinquent tax collector will take those steps required under Vermont law to sell as much of the property on which the tax is due as is necessary to pay the property tax, interest, penalties, and all legal costs (including attorney's fees and legal notices).

8. The tax collector may, in his discretion, take those steps under Vermont law to schedule a tax sale at any time when taxes are delinquent. In exercising his discretion, the tax collector may take into account, among any other relevant factors, the following considerations: the amount of taxes that are delinquent; the taxpayer's history of delinquency in previous years; whether or not the property has been the subject of tax sales in previous years while owned by the same taxpayer; whether or not delay may impair the town's ability to collect in full taxes owed; whether or not delay may require the town to borrow additional funds in anticipation of taxes. Typically property will not be included in a tax sale, until at least $250.00 in total delinquencies have accrued.

9. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgment of the tax collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the tax collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the means permitted by law.

10. Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S .A. 1535 and to request that a portion only of the property be sold at tax sale upon meeting the conditions listed in 32 V.S.A. *5254.*

Adopted by
The Board of Selectmen

	DATE
John Phillips /s/	01/26/04
Norton Bennett /s/	01/26/04
H A Boisse /s/	1/26/04

2014 Delinquent Tax Report

	Parcel ID		Delinquent Tax Due*
1	01.207.009-001		2,459.70
2	01.207.009-004	**	177.16
3	02.216.002-000		2,998.21
4	02.216.006-008		1,691.27
5	02.216.008-000		160.21
6	02.216.010-000		4,244.11
7	02.237.003-000	**	938.63
8	03.206.014-000		3,975.30
9	03.206.016-000	**	592.86
10	03.206.021-000	**	1,779.24
11	03.206.023-000		793.27
12	04.101.163-000		430.26
13	04.102.017-000		1,703.92
14	04.102.029-000		1,061.91
15	04.102.030-209		1,208.38
16	04.102.039-000		2,374.28
17	04.102.041-000		1,350.28
18	04.102.058-000		887.98
19	04.102.062-000		645.39
20	04.102.066-000		757.52
21	04.102.088-000		3,688.14
22	04.111.048-003		2,766.92
23	04.221.003-000		643.10
24	04.221.005-000		948.94
25	04.222.003-000		2,238.25
26	04.226.003-000		25.17
27	04.226.023-000	**	1,228.91
28	04.226.028-000		3,668.63
29	04.226.032-000		3,428.32
30	05.101.094-000		2,197.06
31	05.103.017-006		4,815.22
32	05.103.023-200		1,366.29
33	05.103.025-200		100.70
34	05.114.002-000		361.60
35	05.227.009-002		2,156.90
36	06.104.011-003		2,495.77
37	07.101.208-005		3,590.82
38	07.226.002-002	**	46.64
39	08.103.050-001		206.29
40	08.103.060-000		3,122.07
41	08.105.002-000	**	28.93
42	08.105.022-000		3,876.89
43	08.105.022-008		4,811.61
44	08.227.016-004		714.04
45	08.227.019-002		6,937.55
46	09.206.106-001		1,513.45
47	11.105.039-000		1,466.08
48	11.223.003-000		12,675.29
49	11.223.003-003		1,137.43
50	12.206.130-100		183.09
51	13.101.083-000		4,883.87
52	13.101.091-000		4,728.25
53	13.101.095-000		865.88
54	13.215.04C-000		2,238.25
55	13.216.025-000		958.38
56	14.101.138-000		3,666.63
57	14.101.140-000		3,697.64
58	14.101.145-000		2,749.85
59	14.224.024-000		22.89
Total Delinquent 12/31/14			$126,481.62

Balance	01/01/14	$128,595.59
Delinquent	2014	152,919.02
Adjustments		-353.95
Total Delinquent	11/18/14	152,565.07
Total Delinquent		$281,160.66
Total Received	2014	154,679.04
Total Delinquent		$126,481.62

William C. Joos
Delinquent Tax Collector

Notes: * Amounts listed are base taxes only; interest and penalty also apply.
** Indicates parcels for which partial payment(s) have been received.

REPORT OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

The numbers of permits did not substantially change from 2013's numbers. Permits ran about the same.

There were several increases, and the largest impact will come from the increased number of subdivisions, which created more than ten new building lots. There were 14 requests for "New Residences", up by 2 from 2013. Accessory building permits were 15, up 6 from 2013. There was a decline in permits for Additions, 11 for 2014 as opposed to 14 the previous year. There were 22 requests for Letters of Compliance (28 in 2013); 4 requests for Curb Cuts and 7 requests for 911 Address Signage. There were no renewals. There were 3 Conditional Use hearings, 2 First Cut applications, 2 Variance requests, but 6 subdivisions (there were none in 2013). There were no Boundary Adjustments, no Change of Use and no Appeals.

There are several important things I wish to remind the tax payers of as the New Year unfolds. There is a requirement that a new home be inspected and a Certificate of Occupancy be issued if appropriate (new in the Zoning Regs of 2012). It is the home owner's responsibility to have this done.

The laws regarding the Energy Efficiency Certificate are a bit more demanding. This must be filed with the State by the contractor (builder, heating contractor, etc.), one copy must be kept by the furnace, and one must be recorded in the Land Records of the town. It is the home-owners responsibility to have this recorded. The banks are increasingly demanding copies of these for new mortgages, refinancing, etc. So far, paralegals and lawyers are only seeking these if the banks demand them.

FINANCES:

New Homes -	$5659.20
Accessory Bldgs -	1829.99
Additions -	1265.00
LOCs -	1100.00
Curb Cuts -	200.00
911 Signage -	260.00
Conditional Use -	250.00
Variances -	200.00
First Cuts -	100.00
Subdivisions -	3500.00
	$14,364.19

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Wheeling

Zoning Administrator

Rod in the Service

REPORT OF THE LISTERS

During the past year the Listers processed 98 property transfers, up 14 from last year. We had 43 building permits, which was about the same as last year and there were 9 new homes visited, again about the same as last year.

Our last reappraisal was ten years ago and as it is recommended by the State of Vermont to reappraise every five to six years, we will start the reappraisal process again in July of this year. After receiving several bids, we settled on a Vermont company, NEMRC to do the field work. We have dealt with them in the past and have been very satisfied. The Listers will be involved in this process. Part of our responsibility will be to contact you and set up a date and time for the reappraisal visit. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in making this task as simple as possible for us.

There is a fund that has been set aside for this process, so the cost of the reappraisal will have no effect on the tax rate.

Joe Boisse has decided not to run again for the Lister position. He will be sorely missed as he has held this position for twelve years and has been an invaluable part of the Listing Team.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Wisniowski
Joe Boisse
John Howard

Burritt Siblings - Daniel, Helen & Rod

2014 DRB Report

Development activity in Monkton has increased slightly from the previous couple of years. In 2014, the Development Review Board (DRB) received 16 new applications with one application still in process from 2013. The DRB approved four Major subdivisions and two First Cuts resulting in the creation of 10 new building lots. In addition, the board approved one conditional use and two waivers with several applications still in process.

The board has returned to holding hearings the 4th Tuesday of each month while reserving the 2nd Tuesday of the month to review applications and address any questions from the citizens on the development review process.

The DRB received decisions from the environmental court on two applications from 2012 that had been appealed. The court upheld the board's decision in the Brisson Stone application for a Sand and Gravel Extraction Operation. The court overturned the conditions the board placed on the Willowell Foundations facility.

The DRB continues to make every attempt to treat all citizens equally and fairly while following the rules and regulations of the current Unified Planning Document for the Town of Monkton. Our goal is to respect the rights of landowners while protecting the interests of the town as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

John Winsor
Chair, Monkton DRB

(L to R) Prudy & Pete Tomasi, Rod, Kathleen & Martin Clark
Rod's retirement party from Martin's Hardware

Monkton Planning Commission

The Planning Commission meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Its work includes updating the Town Plan and the Unified Planning Document (UPD), which houses Monkton's zoning and subdivision regulations, and completing projects that help the Town serve its citizens effectively.

Please look for our upcoming activities on the Town website at: http://monktonvt.com/boards-and-committees/planning-commission/or on Front Porch Forum (Monkton's electronic bulletin board).

The new Town Plan was approved by a town-wide vote on March 4, 2014. The Town Plan received regional approval from Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) on September 10, 2014. Some state grants require towns to have a regionally approved Town Plan to be eligible to apply.

The Planning Commission received the Complete Streets report from its 2013 ACRPC Traffic Advisor Committee (TAC) Planning Study grant ($15,000). The study provided options for calming traffic and improving safety, a design for proper alignment of the State's Prison Hollow Road and Monkton Ridge intersection, and a determination for the best location for a park and ride facility. It provided approximate costs for each of these traffic calming and infrastructure improvements, which enhance developing a village center.

If the ridge is to function as part of a village center, it must be walkable (and bikeable), allowing people to move safely while connecting the key points between the municipal land and the Friends Methodist Church to the north and the current town hall, library and general store to the south. Look for some inexpensive, effective, traffic-calming measures in the Ridge and the Boro in 2015.

The Planning Commission applied for and received a $56,490 grant to build a park and ride in town at the site of the proposed new Town Hall. The park and ride was designed to be low-key with downed lighting and a gravel surface.

In 2015, we will start reviewing the UPD to ensure it complies with State laws and is current with other issues.

Also in 2015, we are planning a town-wide survey on a range of topics that affect the future of Monkton. Our last survey, done in 2005, directed the development of the last two Town Plans and the UPD. It has been 10 years; it is time to survey the town again. Please take time out of your busy schedule to complete this survey in order to provide feedback on how Monkton should grow. Thank you for your input.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Sue Harper, Chair

Ivor Hughes, Clerk and Lee Mahony, Vice-Chair, Peter Close, Jay Frater, Thea Gaudette

Monkton Planning Commission

Monkton Volunteer Fire Department

3747 States Prison Hollow Road
Bristol, Vermont 05443

Annual Report 2014

Your volunteer fire department remained very active in 2014, as its 19 members responded to 54 emergency alarms. Call volume was comparable to 2013 (51 alarms), with fires (22) the most common emergency. Thankfully, most were minor, with minimal damage and exposures. The department also responded to medical assist calls (13) - most often to support Monkton First Response, Bristol Rescue or Vergennes Rescue - and car accidents (9). Personnel responded as well to several carbon monoxide detector activations, a water rescue on Monkton Pond, and a few false alarms.

As reported last year, adding new members and retaining active firefighters continues to be a primary challenge, especially since so many are away from Monkton during the workday. With the call volume increasing over the last several years, so too does the need for new members. We encourage you to learn more about us and what we do. No experience is necessary – just a willingness to learn, and an interest in helping your neighbors. A sense of humor helps, too. **PLEASE consider joining the MVFD**. We meet most Wednesday evenings at the fire station for training.

Another challenge involves available space at the fire station, which is at a premium. The need for additional storage space first expressed in my 2012 annual report remains even more pressing today, particularly with Monkton First Response's return to service. The MVFD presented the Monkton Selectboard with a proposal seeking $78,000 in voter approved funding to finance an addition. The department's recent fundraising success will offset project costs that exceed the requested funding. As before, an article (No. 9) will appear for consideration at town meeting on March 3, 2015. We are asking again for your support of our mission. Please call me (453-2286) with any questions you may have about this proposed project.

The MVFD elects officers to lead the department. For 2015, the group below was selected by a vote of the membership:

Chief	David Layn	Captain	Rick Gomez
1^{st} Assistant Chief	Curtis Layn	Captain	Buzz Kuhns
2^{nd} Assistant Chief	Robert Howard	Lieutenant	Greg Cota
		Lieutenant	Mike New

We appreciate the time, effort and dedication every member brings to the department. We like to acknowledge also those firefighters who are especially devoted and offer a significant contribution. For 2014, Firefighter Matt Dupont, by vote of his peers, was named *Outstanding Firefighter of the Year.* Matt responded to many alarms and participated in numerous training sessions. Concurrently, Matt attends the regional fire school to earn his Firefighter I certification. Not surprisingly, Matt earned the department's 2014 *Training Award* for recording the most training hours. Our *Most Active Members* last year were Matt and 2^{nd} Assistant Chief Robert Howard. Department-wide, we recorded 1,100 hours responding to emergencies, training, fundraising, maintaining the station, equipment and vehicles, and doing whatever else needed doing. Others who logged significant training and emergency response hours included Lieutenant Greg Cota, Captain Rick Gomez, and Assistant Chief Curtis Layn.

As is always true, the MVFD would not function well without the support we receive from so many: the ladies' auxiliary, our families, a generous community, and nearby mutual aid fire departments. THANK YOU! Please visit the fire station for our annual breakfast, or any Wednesday evening, to learn more about us. The Mud Bog fundraiser returns on September 12^{th}. Best wishes for a safe, prosperous, and healthy 2015!

Sincerely,

David Layn
Chief

Monkton Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

Account Balances - January 1, 2014

Truck and Equipment Fund	32,705.04
Checking - Carrying Amount	19,364.09
Money Market Account	4,532.89
TOTAL	**56,602.02**

	Income	Expenses		2015 Proposed Budget
Voter Appropriation	33,000.00			
Donations	10,739.52			
Fund Raising	649.44			
Fund Raising - Mud Bog	6,045.77			
Interest	25.35			
Other - Miscellaneous	26.00			
Rent - USPS	3,400.00			
Awards		51.36		150.00
Building Repair & Maintenance		8,844.29		6,000.00
Dispatch Services		1,004.04		1,100.00
Dues, Schools & Training		1,746.00		1,350.00
Electric Service		2,757.44		2,600.00
Equipment Repair & Maintenance		2,209.57		1,000.00
Extinguisher Expense		219.00		225.00
Gasoline / Oil (vehicles)		1,266.64		900.00
Heat (fuel pre-buy)		5,108.32		5,250.00
Insurance		9,696.00		8,500.00
Meeting Expense / Supplies		326.55		375.00
Miscellaneous		2,123.69		2,100.00
Monkton First Response		2,183.63		4,300.00
Mowing		400.00		500.00
New Equipment		3,343.89		5,000.00
New Radio Equipment		4,156.50		3,000.00
Office Supplies & Postage		49.00		100.00
Radio Repair & Maintenance		225.00		750.00
Telephone Service		471.56		485.00
Truck Replacement Fund		10,000.00		10,000.00
Truck Repair & Maintenance		1,297.09		1,600.00
TOTAL	**53,886.08**	**57,479.57**	($3,593.49)	**55,285.00**

NOTE: The fire department is requesting **$33,000.00** for 2015, which is identical to its 2014 request.

Account Balances - December 31, 2014

Truck/Equipment/Building Fund *	35,920.65
Checking - Carrying Amount	31,370.94
Money Market Account	24,558.24
TOTAL	**91,849.83**

* **Note:** Includes all Mud Bog fundraising receipts & other donations; anticpated to be used to supplement the cost of station addition (should Article 9 pass).

Monkton First Response 2014 Report

The Monkton First Response is part of the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department and became licensed by the State of Vermont in January 2014. Currently there are seven members licensed at the EMT level to respond to rescue calls.

Each member goes directly to the scene of an emergency with their private vehicle to provide immediate care. The first responders are equipped with oxygen and jump bags. Average response time is five minutes. Ambulance coverage is provided primarily by Bristol Rescue with Vergennes and Charlotte also assisting.

In 2014 we responded to 38 rescue calls, participated in training with Monkton Volunteer Fire Department and Bristol Rescue. In addition we assisted the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department with their fundraising efforts.

Purchases for 2014 included: jump bags, medical supplies, new batteries and pads for the AEDs along with turn out gear. Purchases for 2015 will be for restocking of supplies.

Thanks to the Town of Monkton for their continued support and the members of the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department for their invaluable assistance.

If you have any questions or would like more information on how to volunteer to help serve Monkton, please give me a call at 802-752-7886.

Respectfully,

Kelly Howard
Monkton First Response

Roger & Helen Layn & Rod

E 911

Numbers assigned to every home, business, school, etc. for E-911 is an important tool to enable fire, rescue, law enforcement and others to serve us in our times of need. But this only works if you use them. You need to display the number assigned to your building!

By the state's recommendation, these numbers are available at the Town Clerk's office or can be ordered for a small fee. If you do not have a number posted at your residence or business yet, please pick up your number and get it posted. It is well worth the nominal fee when there is an emergency!

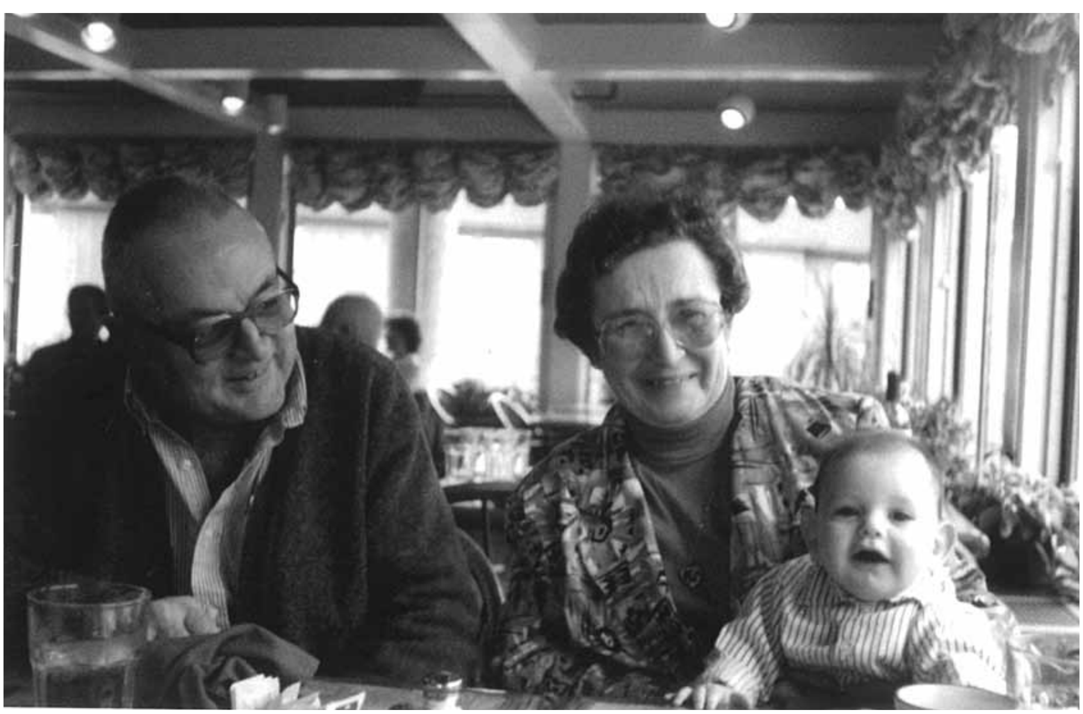
In 2014, 22 houses were assigned numbers and posted, along with 3 new sub-divisions and 3 new roads.

Numbers should be posted where they can easily be seen by emergency personnel from the road. If your residence or business is close to the road, it could be attached to your building, near the main entrance. If you have a long driveway, the number could be attached to your mailbox post or at the end of your drive so it can be seen from both directions of the roadway. These signs should also be reflective so they are easily seen at night.

A map showing details of where to put your signs follows this report.

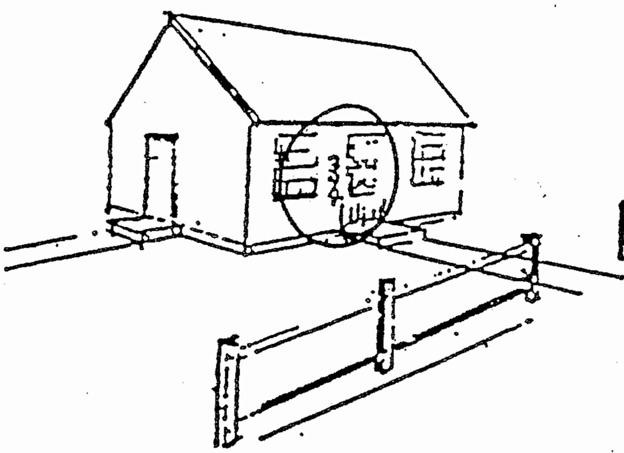
Help emergency personnel and yourself
If they can't find you, a minute can be a lifetime!!!
Display your 911 numbers!

911 Coordinator
Town of Monkton
Diane Bennett



Rod, Carmie & Cody

Where to Affix Street Numbers

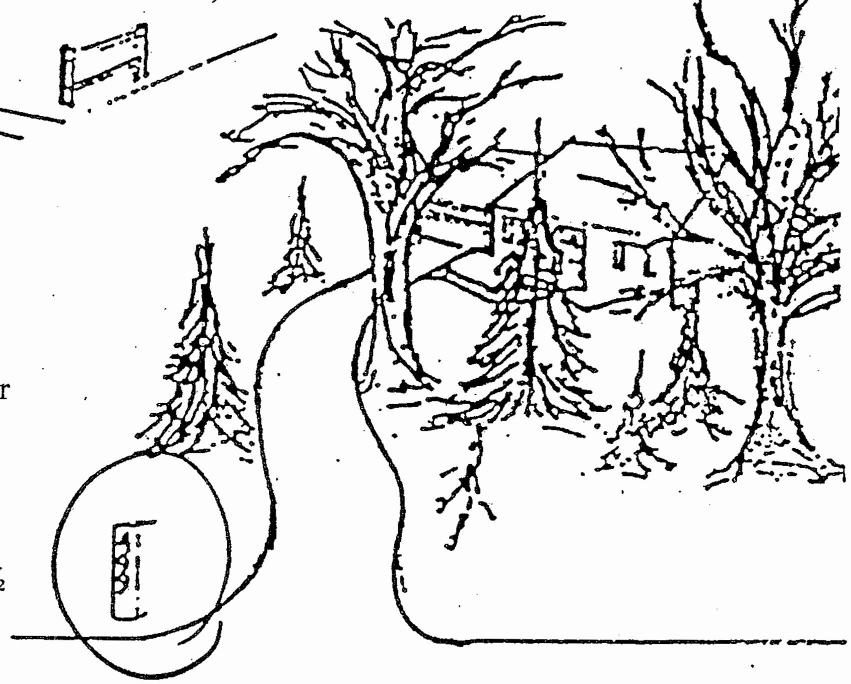


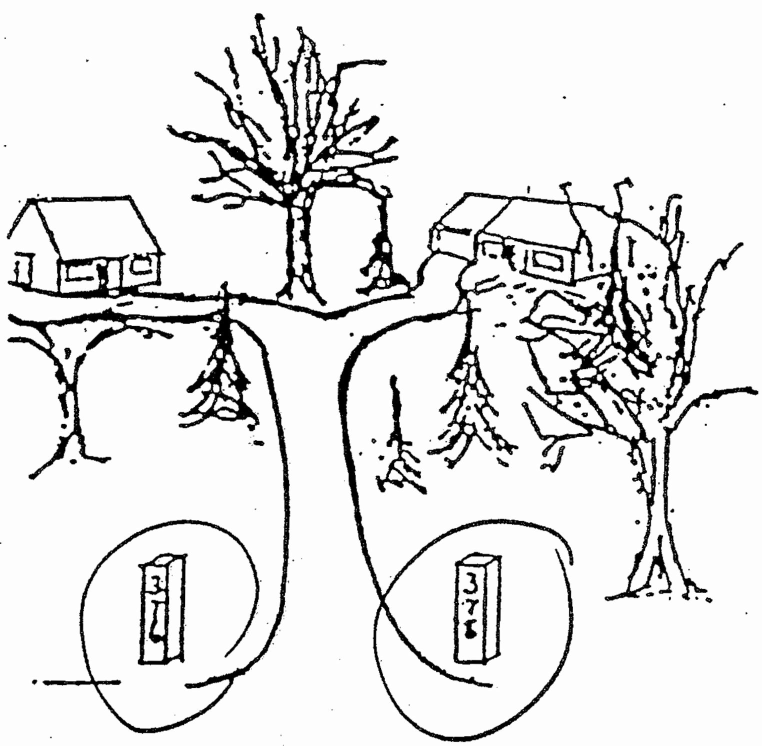
Residence on Street

Numbers on Main Entrance
(Min. 3 " high x 2 ½ wide
reflective)

Residence on Back Lot or
not visible from street.

Number on solid post or
mail box at end of drive-
way. (Min. 3" high x 2 ½
wide reflective.)





More than one residence
on Back Lot or Not Visible
from Street.

All numbers on end of
driveway on solid post
or mailbox. Each structure
has number at main
entrance visible from
driveway.
(Min 2" high x 2 ½ wide
(reflective)

Emergency Management Report 2014

After many years of outstanding service, Pete Aube stepped down as Emergency Management Director (EMD). No members of the Town have yet decided to pursue this office so the responsibilities fall on the Chair of the Selectboard. The Town of Monkton has been blessed with a relatively quiet year from the emergency management perspective.

The job of EMD is to reduce the threat posed by hazards through mitigation, plan strategies to respond to disasters when they occur, and coordinate with local, State and Federal resources to assist in response and recovery. By way of trying to meet this mission statement the following actions were taken in 2014:

1. Participated in Incident Command System (ICS) training. ICS is a standardized, on-scene, all-hazards incident management system. By being standardized it allows local responders to communicate efficiently and safely, and allows management infrastructure to scale as the size of an incident changes.
2. By invitation of the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department, I was allowed to participate in a live fire exercise which involved several fire departments from neighboring towns.
3. The Town of Monkton hopes to complete a Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2015. Besides the inherent benefits of knowing where the problems are, a Hazard Mitigation Plan will ease getting grants to solve problems and increase the monies available from FEMA in the event of a disaster. With the help of Addison County Regional Planning, the Town of Monkton has applied for a Federal Hazard Mitigation grant to make monies available for compiling the necessary data and creating the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
4. Reviewed and updated the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). The LEOP exists as a compendium of names, contact information and procedures to follow in the event of an emergency.
5. Started work with Wayne Preston, Monkton Road Commissioner, to update the State culvert on-line database. Wayne has been keeping his own list of culverts in Monkton, identifying their size and relative condition. By coordinating with the State, Monkton may be able to prioritize grant monies to repair undersized or poor condition culverts.

However, as the freezing rain event in December showed, there is a lot of preparedness work to be done in Monkton. After Town Meeting, and as part of updating the Local Emergency Operations Plan, I hope to hold an emergency preparedness summit with members of the MVFD, EMT, Health Officer, Road Commissioner, Town Service Officer and others to discuss ways to make Monkton more resilient.

The best way to be prepared for an emergency is to make sure you have what you need for shelter in your home for several days. Items to think about would include:

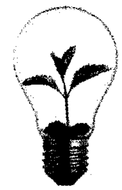
Emergency Food and Water for 3 days	Flashlight with extra batteries	Portable radio with extra batteries
First aid kit	Non-electric can opener	Essential medicines for at least 7 days

Monkton is a beautiful and safe town to live in; let's make it as resilient as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monkton Emergency Management Director

Stephen Pilcher



2014 Monkton Energy Committee Report

The Monkton Energy Committee had a very active 2014.

It is widely recognized that weatherization is the most cost effective way to save fuel and money. We wrapped up a 1 year Home Energy Challenge in the 1st quarter of 2014 bringing focus to our community on the environmental and financial significance of energy efficiency in our homes. Many Monkton residents signed pledge cards to save energy (the 4th highest total of all participating Vermont towns!), and numerous households took advantage of the incentives offered for home improvements.
Thanks to all who participated!

It is never too late to invest in improving the energy efficiency of our homes. There are many ways the state offers to help us do that.

The State of Vermont has a **Weatherization Program** for low-income families.

NOTE: FREE AUDITS and FREE WEATHERIZATION WORK are available through Champlain Valley Weatherization to households with income levels below the following:

Household Size	Addison County
1	$30,060
2	$34,320
3	$38,640
4	$42,900
5	$46,380
6	$49,800
7	$53,220
8	$56,640

This is a great way to save money on energy costs!

If a household member receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Reach Up, 3 Squares VT, or Home Energy Assistance, you are automatically eligible for weatherization services. For more information, please contact the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity in Hinesburg at 482-4180 or visit their website at: http://www.cvoeo.org/.

Efficiency Vermont offers programs to save money and improve the energy efficiency of your home, business or farm. They offer up to $2,500 in incentives per household to help Vermonters pay for energy efficiency home improvements completed by (or overseen by) a certified Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® contractor. After an energy audit, they will make recommendations on weatherization, efficient lighting, heating, and more. For more information, please contact Efficiency Vermont at: 1-888-921-5990 (toll free) or visit their website at: http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/Index.aspx.

You can reduce your home energy costs by having an independent, certified contractor perform an energy audit on your home. They go through your home from top to bottom and give you a report on where cold air is getting in and how to keep it out. They can help you prioritize energy efficiency improvements; many also will install them. Audits are available through certified contractors or can be scheduled for $100 through Neighborworks of Western Vermont. This year you will be able use the PACE program to pay for home energy improvements.

Monkton formally adopted the **PACE** program **(Property Assessed Clean Energy)** in 2014. PACE creates an affordable way for homeowners to finance energy efficient home improvements such as insulation upgrades, installation of improved windows, efficient lighting, biomass heating systems, solar hot water and solar photovoltaic additions – and more. With the PACE program the savings gained through the energy efficiency will be greater than the monthly payments for the upgrades. PACE allows homeowners to borrow up to $30,000 with up to a 20 year payback period against equity in their home to fund energy efficiency or alternative energy projects. The assessment loan is tied to the property and stays with the property if it is sold.
For more information contact the Energy Committee or visit:
http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/Site-Search?indexCatalogue=global&searchQuery=pace&wordsMode=1

The MEC hosted a Button Up Day presentation at the fire station on November 1st highlighting many things homeowners can do to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

We continue to monitor the energy usage of town buildings through Portfolio Manager (energy tracking software offered by the state), and expect to see a reduction in energy usage based on the energy efficiency work done.

MEC continues to investigate options for a Community Solar Array in Monkton. We have looked at several potential sites in town, and we have met with several installers. There are numerous new and creative ways of building and funding community based solar projects. Many offer homeowners without space or appropriate land/orientation to still invest in solar power. We will continue to help the School Board and Select Board examine the feasibility of reducing the School's and Town's energy use (and potentially offering homeowners in town) with a renewable solar option. Look for more information regarding this at town meeting and throughout 2015.

The MEC worked with the Monkton Central School staff to make them aware of the Vermont Energy Education Program. The state will send certified instructors into schools to provide energy related workshops to 5th and 6th grade students free to the town. Look for this to happen sometime in the February/March 2015 timeframe.

With the help of Jonathan Wilson from Vermont Law School, we are actively working on a Town Energy Plan which will be more in depth than what currently exists in the Town Plan. This will be reviewed with the town in 2015.

If you interested in energy and creating a more efficient, affordable and sustainable energy future in Monkton please consider joining the **Monkton Energy** Committee – we have 2 open positions to fill. We have numerous interesting projects planned for the coming years –continuation of our efforts to reduce energy usage in town buildings, research into installation of a community solar array, development of a comprehensive town energy plan, creation of a town wood bank, working with the school and VEEP (VT Energy Education Program) to include energy into the curriculum, and more. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Town Hall. For more information contact any of the MEC members.

Jay Frater (chair)	jfrater@monktonvt.com	(802) 989-9078
Nate Palmer (vice chair)	npalmer@monktonvt.com	(802) 425-2115
Peter Dufault (secretary)	pdufault@monktonvt.com	(802) 233-0248
Wendy Sue Harper	wsharper@monktonvt.com	(802) 453-2680
Becky Gould	bgould@monktonvt.com	(802) 598-7088

Animal Control Officer Report - 2014

This has been another busy year for the A.C.O. I have had calls that range from simple to severe. In the past year I have responded to the following calls:

Dog Bites	3 (serious)
Dog Complaints	57
Dogs Lost	8
Cats Abandoned	0
Deceased Dogs / Animal Cruelty	1
Dogs vs. Chickens	0
Dog Noise Complaints	3
Dogs Out of Control	17
Goats at Large	0
Sheep at Large	0

This does not include the other calls I settled over the phone or with quick visits. We seem to have a growing number of animals that need to conform to the " Animal Ordinance". **(THIS MEANS THE OWNERS)** Copies of the Animal Control Ordinance are available at the Town Hall and on the Town Website.

Per Article 5 of the ordinance, no owner or keeper of a domestic animal shall permit said pet to run at large. The owner or keeper of the pet shall **not** allow the animal to enter or remain on the property of others; including lawns, gardens, yards, schoolyards, public buildings, parks, and/or playgrounds at any time or in any manner in which it would be unlawful for the owner or keeper to so enter or remain.

To all who walk their dogs on the walking trails at the recreation field, **please pick up after your dogs**. Families and children of all ages use the walking trails and there should not be any dog residue lying around to contaminate shoes, etc. **All dogs must also be under the control of their owners when on public property**. **Morse Park regulations require that all dogs be on a leash.**

In the current year, things have looked better for the responsibility of the public and I thank you. It makes my job easier. Please look at the chart above and see how we have made the town of Monkton a better place to live!

WINTER is here! Please make sure your pets have food, water and shelter. Keep your loved ones warm.

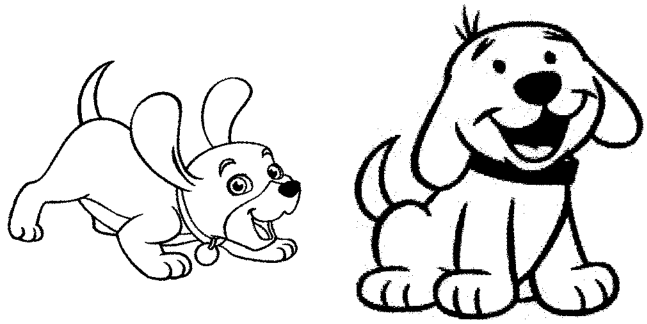
Vermont Statutes impose the responsibility of Animal Control enforcement on the respective towns. State laws require dogs to be **vaccinated** and **licensed**. This is to protect the public. Dogs cannot be licensed unless proof of current vaccination is provided when licensing the dog.
Please have your pets spayed or neutered.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE: I have had memos from the Select Board that many canines in the Town of Monkton have not been registered. The town requires current information on dogs to be on file in accordance with State regulations. **It is a State requirement to get your dog licensed and immunized!**
The 24 hour cell phone # is **1-802-503-7350** for any animal problems. Please leave a message and your phone number so I can return your call.

Monkton Rabies Clinic
March 10th- 6:00 to 7:00 PM
Monkton Volunteer Fire Dept.
Cost- $ 15 per animal
Bring a copy of most recent Rabies Vaccination.

Respectfully
Gary Clodgo
Animal Control Officer

DOG REPORT FOR 2014



Remember to register your dog!
On or Before April 1st

All we need is a copy of your dogs valid rabies certificate

363 Dogs Licensed

Jan. – April 1		
Spayed / Neutered	$8.00	Information for Special Licenses for Kennels
Un-Neutered	$11.00	Available at the Town Clerks Office
After April 1		For dog problems contact:
Spayed / Neutered	$10.00	Animal control Officer:
Un-Neutered	$13.00	Gary Clodgo at 802-503-7350

A rabies clinic is scheduled for March 10th at the Monkton Vol. Fire Department From 6:00pm to 7:00pm.
The fee per rabies shot is $15.00 per animal.

****Please be sure to bring a copy of your most recent Rabies Vaccination.****

Toby and Ryelee

Morse Park Regulations
Walk Path & Ball Fields

Activities Allowed:

X-country Skiing
Walking, running, snow shoeing
Bicycling
Snowmobiling, **if there is sufficient snow**
Ball Playing
Camping, **by permit only**
Charcoal fires **only**

NOTE! If you are walking with a dog, **all dogs must be on a leash!**
Owners are also required to **clean up** dog waste.

Activities Not Allowed:

No ATV's
No 4-Wheel drive cars or trucks
No Horses

At the Burritt family table having sugar on snow

Monkton Recreation Committee - 2014

The Monkton Recreation Committee meets the first Monday of every month. Meetings are held in the school library at 7:00pm. All meetings are open to town residents.

The Monkton Recreation Committee coordinates and/or sponsors the following community programs:

T-ball/Little League/Softball
Basketball
Soccer

Annual Events sponsored by the Monkton Recreation Committee:

Monkton Corn Roast/August
Santa's Visit – December

Property maintenance coordinated byMonkton Recreation:

Recreation Path at Morse Park (1.3 miles)
Parking lot at Morse Park on Pond Road
Lower parking lot at the school
Little league field on Hollow Road
Soccer and lacrosse fields at Morse Park
Access road/equip. shed – Morse Park
Lower playing field adjacent to school
Pavilion/outhouse at little league field*

***Contact Pete Aube @ 453-2700 to reserve the pavilion for family/community events**

Current Initiative: Pavilion at Morse Park

We would like to take this opportunity to THANK all the individuals who have given their time as volunteers to coach, assist with coaching, perform field maintenance, work with concession stands, coordinate our programs and/or donate funds to make our growing youth population able to participate in all our self-supporting programs!

For more information, please feel free to attend one of our monthly meetings!

Current committee members:

Pete Aube
Charlie Huizenga
Karla Huizenga
Stephanie Murray
Paul Low
Bob Radler
Ed Cook

Russell Memorial Library Trustee's Report

3pm to 7pm Tuesdays and Thursdays / 9am to 1pm Fridays and Saturdays

2014 was a busy year for the library. We had a 100% increase in the number of patrons who signed up to receive our services which includes more than just book loans. Librarians Deb Chamberlin and Dawn Thibault, with assistance from Judi Leavstrom, organized fun activities throughout the year. Our 6 week summer reading program saw 22 Monkton children sign up to read over the summer. Upon completion of their list, each child picked a book of their choice, up to $6.00 from Scholastic Books, funded by the library. Activities were organized on no school days for the town's children-"Build a Bus" and bookmaking were popular. Story hour was offered on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month from 11:00-12:00 and was enjoyed by Monkton's small fry and their folks. Once again the library was open for Trick-or-Treating on Halloween. Deb Chamberlin gave out candy and free books to 35 children accompanied by 26 adults!

The Russell Memorial Library continues to participate in Dolly Parton's wonderful program "Imagination Library". Through this program, with thanks to co-funding from the town, 25 invitations to join were sent out to families of babies born in Monkton in 2014. Each child receives a free book monthly. This would boost a family's library by 60 books by the end of 5 years. What a great way to start a life long love of reading!

Our 28th annual Strawberry Festival, our biggest fundraiser of the year, was held on June 22 this year. Thanks again to the staff of Monkton Central School for hosting us. It was a wonderful day filled with local berries and toppings, hot dogs and lemonade, a silent auction and the usual multitudes of tables overflowing with an incredible selection of books for all ages! Entertainment was provided by Quebecois musicians, who played traditional fiddle tunes and folksongs. Thank you to all who came out to support your town's library. This event is more than a fundraiser. It is a wonderful time for us to come together to celebrate community.

We would like to thank Kathy Bushey and Patricia New of the UVM Extension Master Gardener's Project for their on going maintenance of the gardens they installed and the pumpkins and cornstalks that decorated the library this fall.

We welcome all residents of Monkton to come see what your library has to offer. In addition to loaning books, we offer WiFi on our computers or yours, inter-library loans if we don't have the book you're looking for and passes to Echo Center, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne Farms and state parks and state historical parks. Come check us out!

Fun Fact:
1518 patrons borrowed 1740 books. The retail value of these books, if you had to purchase them, would be $34,800. Don't you just love a bargain?!

Please visit the library website at **russelllibraryvt.wordpress.com**, check for our information on the town website **monktonvt.com** or "friend" us on FaceBook.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Beaupre, co-chair
Patti Padua, co-chair
Sue Ledoux, treasurer
Helena Nicolay, secretary
Jane Low

Russell Memorial Library
Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

Current Assets as of 1/1/14				
Checking			8,716.92	
Money Market Account			1,187.73	
Certificates of Deposit (2)			15,936.92	
Voter Appropriation reimbursement			8,066.52	
TOTAL			**33,908.09**	
	Income	Expenses		
Voter Appropriation	20,150.00			
Grant Income	200.00			
Miscellaneous Revenue, inc. donations	100.00			
Strawberry Festival Fund Raiser	2,918.46			
Interest Income	32.13			
				2015 Proposed Budget
Books		2,190.53		2,000.00
Cleaning		100.00		100.00
Computer/Maintenance		67.50		100.00
Computer Svc/Contract		105.99		100.00
Dues & Subscriptions		375.00		400.00
Gifts Given		131.00		100.00
Maintenance - Building		2,136.57		250.00
Maintenance - Grounds		427.41		500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		735.03		
Office Supplies		115.30		
Payroll		12,996.03		14,350.00
Postage & Delivery		19.60		50.00
Programs		260.96		200.00
Strawberry Festival - Various Expenses		813.43		
Utilities:				2,000.00
Electricty & Heat		1,334.13		
Telephone		466.07		
Total	**23,400.59**	**22,274.55**	$1,126.04	**20,150.00**
Current Assets as of 12/31/14				
Checking			10,723.38	
Money Market Account			1,188.33	
Certificates of Deposit (2)			15,968.45	
Voter Appropriation reimbursement			7,153.97	
TOTAL			**35,034.13**	

Respecfully Submitted,
Suzanne Ledoux, Treasurer for the Board of Trustees

Strawberry Festival

and

Book Sale 2014

2014 Recycling Center Report

The following students are members of the **Monkton Maples 4H** and run Monkton's recycling center. We thank them for their service to our community!

Julia Rickner	Natalie May	MK Charnley	Calvin Joos
Nick Turner	Isabel Brennan*	Izzy Moody*	Ben Charboneau
Jackson Radler	Eliza Latourneau	Greta Joos	Margaret Moody
Katherine Moody	Aiden May	Jacob Fay	Gillianne Ross
Emma Radler	Ashley Turner		

Julia, Natalie, Mk and Calvin graduated in 2014. Thanks for years of community service work!

These students work in teams to run our town's recycling center. The center is open every 2nd and 4th Saturday each month from 9am to 12 noon.

During the 2014 recycling season two Monkton girl scout troups also assisted the 4H at the Recycling Center- Thanks to Jamie Steadman & Kristin Blanchette for organizing the efforts of their troops.

Please help our 4H students by not dumping household garbage, any packing Styrofoam and Styrofoam meat trays, plastic grocery bags, durable plastics (like Tupperware). Shredded paper may be recycled and is preferred left in a clear plastic bag. Just ask our students if you have any recycling questions.

Addison County Solid Waste Management District in Middlebury accepts items like appliances, motor oil, old paint, fluorescent lights. The transfer station is open Monday - Saturday. The Monkton Recycling center does not accept these items, but frequently finds them left at our center & we have to then dispose of them. .

Other Monkton Maples 4H Activities:

- The 4H volunteered at the Bristol Food Shelf
- Our members worked during the Addison County Field Days at the Dusty Chuck Food Booth to support the Addison County 4H organization.
- Our 4H distributed Green Up Day bags and assisted community members with selecting routes for clean-up around town.
- Our students made a $400 donation to Jacob Gordan- a Mt. Abe Student battling Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia
- Our group baked 24 loaves of bread for in the Holiday Gift baskets.

The Monkton Maples 4H gladly accepts your donations of bottles and cans when you recycle. We use these returnable items to fund our group's activities.

Our 4H would welcome any students that are in 6th grade to 12th grade to join us in our community service group. Please call Amy Moody if interested. 453-5847.

Respectfully Submitted by- Amy Moody, Organizational Leader, Monkton Maples 4H

GREEN UP DAY 2014

Green Up Day 2014, Monkton collected 2.4 tons of Green Up trash and 34 tires.

Thank you to Mary Kate Charnley, Natalie May and Margaret Moody who handed out Green Up Bags at the Town Hall from 8:00 – 12:00 and distributed 300 Green Up bags to eager volunteers!

Green Up Day 2015 will take place Saturday, May 2nd. This year our Green Up Day Project Leaders will again be members of the Monkton Maples 4H Community Service group. They will be using a town map to check off roads volunteers are cleaning up as well as handing out Green Up Day bags and gloves on Green Up Day from 8:00-12:00 at the Town Hall. Bags will also be available at the Town Hall the Monday prior to Green Up Day.

Please drop off collected Green Up Waste at the Town Garage on Green Up Day near designated Green Up signs. If you find any trash/waste in your area that cannot be transported, please call the Town Garage at 453-3263. Report any hazardous waste to the ACSWD in Middlebury at 388-2333.

Please remember to keep tires and scrap metal separated from trash and do not overfill the bags – secure them properly so that they may be easily loaded onto the Town trucks for transport to the ACSWD in Middlebury.

Thank you to all the volunteers in Monkton who participate in Green Up Day and help to make it a continued success in our community!

Janet Kimball
Monkton Green Up Day Coordinator

(L to R) Mary Kate Charnley, Natalie May and Margaret Moody handing out Green Up Bags at the Town Hall

Another Successful Green Up Year!

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (ACSWMD)

Once again, there have been a number of significant changes at the Transfer Station and District offices in Middlebury, and in the requirements for handling solid waste materials specified by 2013's Act 148. The new construction at the Transfer Station has resulted in great improvements in traffic flow and safety as commercial haulers and small residential traffic is now pretty well separated. The new conference room is getting a lot of use, and the staff seem quite happy about the other office renovations.

A small group of volunteers from the Board of Supervisors is reviewing all District policies, and adding new ones that will take us into the next quarter century of solid waste management services. In particular, we are looking very carefully at changes that will govern how new members join the District.

Act 148 will continue to be the driving force in how we see the effects of the state's solid waste management plan for recycling. This summer, collection of leaf and yard waste MUST be available at our town drop-off, since we offer recycling drop off there. We are beginning to consider how to meet the requirements for residential food waste recycling, which will be required in 2020. Please see the District annual report summary included here (following) for your convenience, and for more details, the District website, www.addisoncountyrecycles.org/ will keep you up to date.

The District continues to provide all services to the member towns on a fee-for-service basis, with no town assessments. **Please see the announcements in the following pages for current rates and fees for all items.**

Deb Gaynor
Town of Monkton
ACSWMD Board of Supervisors, member

Transfer Station Hours:
Mon-Fri: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Addison County Solid Waste

2015 ADOPTED RATE SCHEDULE
TRANSFER STATION & DISTRICT FEES

HazWaste Center Hours:
Mon-Fri: 8:00 AM – Noon
Saturdays: 9:00 AM – Noon

A $1.00 admin fee is charged on all monetary transactions in addition to prices listed below.

WE ACCEPT:	**PRICE/UNIT**	
MSW (Trash), Construction & Demolition Debris (telephone poles 10' or less)	$123/ton	
Minimum Fee -- Minimum Load Size -- 1/2 ton for regular MSW only	$62.50	
Minimum Fee -- 100 lbs. or less -- mixed debris	$6.15/load	
Appliances w/ CFCs (frig, freezer, A/C, fountain, vending machine, dehumidifier)	$10/ea.	
Commercial-Grade A/C Units	At Cost	
Appliances -- no CFCs (furnace, washer/dryer, hot water heater, stove, dishwasher, microwave, woodstove)	No Charge	
Asbestos, Non-Friable (packaging requirements apply)	$200/ton	
Batteries (wet-cell, automotive)	No Charge	
Batteries (small dry-cell, cell phones, rechargeable, button cell, lithium, lithium ion, NiMH, NiCad)	No Charge	
Books (hard and soft cover)	No Charge	
Clean Wood, natural brush, branches, (cut into logs if > 6" diameter) -- Residential small car only	$2.50/load	
Residential customers, regular pick-up truck or small trailer	$5/load (ea.)	
Large trucks (larger than pick-up truck) and ALL commercial loads	$50/ton	
Mulch loading assistance (upon request)	$5/load	
Electronics (larger items or quantities may be charged by weight at the discretion of the scalehouse operator)	$0.23/lb	
Computers, whole systems (includes everything)	$11/ea.	No Charge*
Computers, by piece (monitor or CPU or printer)	$6/pc.	No Charge*
Televisions (Regular size TV)	$7/ea.	No Charge*
(Console size TV)	$15/ea.	No Charge*
Desktop Photocopier	$11/pc.	
Small Electronics (Fax, VCR, DVD, Stereo, CD Player, Shredder)	$2.50/pc.	
Mixed Bag (cords, adapters, CDs, tapes, cassettes, DVDs, chips, cards - grocery bag size)	$5/bag	
Fire Extinguishers – >5 lbs	$5/ea.	
Fluorescent Light Bulbs – Compact Fluorescent Lamps	No Charge	
U-Tube, Circular or Straight Tubes 4 ft. or shorter	$0.25/ea.	No Charge**
Straight Tubes longer than 4 ft., or HID	$0.50/ea.	No Charge**
UV, Neon or other Specialty Lamps	$1.95/ea.	
Food Waste (Residential only)	No Charge	
Hazardous Waste (Residential) – (including all paint)	No Charge	
Hazardous Waste (Business, CEG) (including all paint) -- Must call for an appointment day/time	Actual Cost+$5 Fee***	
Leaf & Yard Waste (grass clippings, leaves, small twigs)	$1/load	
Light Ballasts (containing PCBs)	$2.25/ea.	
Maple Tubing (call for acceptance guidelines)	No Charge	
Mercury Devices (thermometers, thermostats and all other **intact** devices)	No Charge	
Motor Oil (uncontaminated only, drums by appointment)	No Charge	
Oil Filters (Residential)	No Charge	
Business – Individual filters	$0.25/ea.	
– 55-gallon drum full (crushed or uncrushed)	$45/drum	
Pressurized Cylinders – 1-lb Cylinder – Residents/Businesses	No Charge/$1 ea.	
20-lb Cylinder (grill size)	$3/ea.	
Recycling – Single Stream Recyclables from Commercial Haulers	$25/ton	
Reuse It or Lose It! (for items accepted at the discretion of the scalehouse operator)		
Household goods weighing 50 or < lbs	No Charge	
Household goods weighing >50 lbs.	$3/ea.	
Construction Materials (reusable dimensional lumber, doors, fixtures, windows)	No Charge	
Scrap Metal	No Charge	
Tires – Passenger Tires	$2/ea.	
Large Truck Tires	$6/ea.	
Agricultural Tires	$20/ea.	
Earthmoving Tires, Extra Large Tires, Large Quantities of Any Tires	$0.06/lb	

District Fee – $33.40/ton on **all** MSW and C&D disposed of (included in Transfer Station tip fee), and $10/ton on contaminated soils approved by ANR for use as ADC.

* VT E-Waste Law – No charge for households, 501(c)(3) charities, school districts, small businesses (10 or < employees) OR 7 or < covered items/visit.
* *VT Mercury Lamp Law – No charge for general purpose mercury bulbs, 10 or </visit.
***VT Paint Law – No charge for architectural paint. The $5-per-visit admin. fee will be waived on paint-only loads.

Tel: (802) 388-2333 Fax: (802) 388-0271 www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org

ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

The Addison County Solid Waste Management District is a union municipal district formed in 1988 to cooperatively and comprehensively address the solid waste management interests of its 19 member municipalities: Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Ripton, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham, Weybridge and Whiting. The District is governed by a Board of Supervisors composed of one representative and one alternate from each of the member municipalities. The Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Addison County Regional Planning Commission Office, 14 Seminary Street, Middlebury, VT. The public is invited to attend.

District Mission

To seek environmentally sound & cost effective solutions for: (1) Promoting **waste reduction;** (2) Promoting **pollution prevention;** (3) Maximizing **diversion** of waste through reuse, recycling and composting; and (4) Providing for **disposal** of remaining wastes.

District Office and Transfer Station

Telephone: (802) 388-2333	**Fax:** (802) 388-0271	**Website:** www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org
E-mail: acswmd@acswmd.org	**Transfer Station Hours:**	M-F, 7 AM–3 PM & Sat, 9 AM–1 PM
Office Hours: M-F, 8 AM–4 PM	**HazWaste Center Hours:**	M-F, 8 AM–Noon & Sat, 9 AM–Noon

The District Office, Transfer Station and HazWaste Center are located at 1223 Rt. 7 South in Middlebury. The Transfer Station accepts large loads of waste and single stream recyclables for transfer to out-of-District facilities. District residents and businesses may drop off a variety of other materials for reuse, recycling and composting. The ***Reuse It or Lose It!*** Centers are open for accepting reusable household goods and building materials. A complete list of acceptable items and prices is posted on the District's website.

2014 Highlights

Construction Completed. Construction at the Transfer Station was completed in 2014. We now have a new Special Waste building and access road, and a new covered tip wall. The existing waste building received new lighting and translucent panels to improve visibility. The District office added two offices and a conference room. A new waste oil shed was added to the HazWaste Center. Thanks to our customers for your patience over the past year! **Act 148.** Act 148, VT's Universal Recycling Law, took effect this year. Act 148 focuses on the "3 C's" for organics and recyclables: consistency, convenience and cost-effectiveness. As of 7/1/14, all facilities accepting waste from residents had to begin accepting residential self-hauled recyclables at no cost. Bans on disposal of certain recyclables, leaf & yard waste and food residuals will be phased in, as will mandatory recycling and food collection by haulers and facilities. Recycling containers will be required in publicly owned places by 7/1/15. The District is in the process of amending its Solid Waste Implementation Plan and Waste Management Ordinance to conform to Act 148. In order to assist member municipalities and schools, the District created Diversion Grants for both. Please call the District for assistance with comprehending and adapting to the new law. **Product Stewardship.** As a member of the VT Product Stewardship Council, the District led efforts to adopt a new extended producer responsibility law for paint. On 7/1/14, manufacturers had to begin paying for the collection and recycling of oil and latex paint. As an official paint collection site, the District now collects eligible paint products from member towns at no charge. The Transfer Station is also a registered collection site for electronic waste and fluorescent lamps. In 2014, VT became the first state to enact an EPR recycling law for primary cell batteries. In 2016, single-use household battery manufacturers that sell or manufacture products in VT will be required to manage a battery collection program. **Recycling.** As of October, the Transfer Station received 600 tons of single stream recyclables. As a reminder, all generators - residents and businesses - are required by District ordinance to separate recyclables from their waste. A list of mandatory recyclables is posted on the District website. In 2014, 18 District municipalities had access to town or private recycling drop-off centers, and one provided a curbside recycling collection program. A list of the drop-off facilities can be found in the full *2014 Annual Report* on the District website. **Illegal Dumping.** The District contracted with the Addison County Sheriff's Department to enforce its Illegal Dumping/Burning Ordinance. As of September, the Sheriff's office received 24 illegal burning/ dumping complaints. The District served as County Coordinator for Green-Up Day, assisting the many town volunteers who organize collection of roadside litter. The District provided free disposal of the roadside waste: 22 tons of trash, 6.25 tons of tires, 7 auto batteries and various other abandoned wastes for a total economic benefit of $3,500.

2015 Budget

The District's 2015 Annual Budget is $2,627,262, a 5.22% increase over the 2014 Annual Budget. The District Transfer Station will maintain the same rates as last year, with the exception of two changes: (1) Clean Wood: $2.50/residential car load, $5/load (each) residential pick-up truck or small trailer, & $50/ton large trucks and commercial loads; and (2) Single Stream Recyclables - $25/ton. The District Fee of $33.40/ton for MSW/C&D and $10/ton for soils approved for alternative daily cover will remain the same. **There will be no assessments to member municipalities in 2015.** For a copy of the full *2014 Annual Report*, please call us, or visit the District website at www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org.

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

14 Seminary Street Middlebury, VT 05753 www.acrpc.org Phone: 802.388.3141 Fax: 802.388.0038

Annual Report –Year End June 30, 2014

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) provided the following technical assistance and planning to the region during its 2014 fiscal year:

Regional and Municipal Planning and Mapping
- Assisted member municipalities creating, adopting and regionally approving their municipal plans.
- Assisted member municipalities creating and adopting local regulations implementing their municipal plan.
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going municipal planning activities.
- Provided technical assistance to municipal officials concerning municipal government.
- Represented the region in the Act 250 process and at the Public Service Board in Section 248 hearings.

Educational Meetings and Grants
- Hosted educational workshops, Zoning Administrators Roundtables and monthly public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics.
- Wrote or provided information and support to communities and organizations to secure grant funding.
- Community outreach/advisor role for Environmental Seminar/College Class

Emergency Planning
- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist with municipal emergency planning efforts.
- Hosted "Local Emergency Managers Roundtables" to provide coordination among members.
- Worked with Vermont Emergency Management to exercise local and statewide disaster plans.
- Assisted local post-disaster recovery efforts.
- Assisted in development of hazard mitigation plans for the towns of Middlebury, Bridport, Cornwall, and Leicester and submitted grant application with the State of Vermont to cover numerous other municipalities
- Confirmed ERAF status and assisted communities in attaining compliance.

Energy Planning:
- Assisted towns in strengthening their energy plans by adding concrete goals, strategies and policies.
- Served as the Regional Coordinator for the Home Energy Challenge
- Worked with Neighborworks of Western Vermont to bring their weatherization programs to the Region.

Transportation Planning
- Supported the Addison County Transportation Advisory Committee's work on regional priorities and municipal planning studies.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by providing funding and technical support.
- Participated in the statewide DriveElectricVT initiative.
- Worked with municipalities to produce highway structures inventories of all local roads in the region.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several municipalities.
- Assisted Towns with enhancement, park and ride and stormwater grants.
- Sponsored town transportation studies, planning and supported municipal capital budget development

Natural Resources Planning
- Actively support the efforts of the Addison County River Watch Collaborative.
- Worked with municipalities to support forest stewardship resource planning.
- Participated on the Lake Champlain Basin Program technical advisory committee.

Boy Scout Troop 525

2014

Another great year has gone into the books for Boy Scout Troop 525. We kicked off the year by sponsoring our district Klondike derby. The Klondike is a winter event where boys pull around dog sleds, and compete in activities. Our older boys ran the activities, such as Curling, broom ball, shelter building, and tomahawk throw to name a few. Over 150 boys participated in this event. Our Troop did a fantastic job. Next up in May we attended the West Point Camporee. There were over 7,000 Scouts from all over the United States in attendance. Our Troop hiked the 4 miles into this event, bringing all our gear and food. The boys enjoyed all the events that the West Point cadets conducted.

We did many more activities throughout the winter and spring including Ice Fishing, winter camping, the Pump House at Jay Peak, and a high ropes course with white water rafting in the Adirondacks.

Summer rolled around and we never skipped a beat. We went canoeing on Lake Iroquois, camped out at Lake Dunmore, and our week long resident camp at Mt. Norris on Lake Eden.

Our year culminated when 24 of us went down to the National Boy Scout camp in the Florida Keys. We spent a week snorkeling, fishing, sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and seeing the sights. This was a life changing event that the boys will never forget.

But it wasn't all fun and games. We did a number of community service events. Including pizza making at Elderly Services in Middlebury, a community dinner in Vergennes, helped the Town library with moving some books, and another trip to elderly Services to do puzzles and play games. We finished up the year marching in the Veteran's day parade in Bristol.

At the beginning of 2015, we crowned our Newest Eagle Scout, Joseph Payea. Joe did a great job renovating the Mt Abe varsity football locker room. He has proved himself very worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout

We never stop moving, we have done a number of activities already this year with many more planned. Such as our Council camporee in Plymouth, VT; there will be over 1,000 Scouts from Vermont in attendance. The theme is the 150 anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Many activities, games and reenactments are planned. Rusty Dewees will be the guest speaker. We will also be doing deep sea fishing in NH, another rafting trip, and of course our week of resident camp.

Our 2015 big trip is planned for the end of July. Sixteen of us will be headed to Niagara Falls in NY, and then onto Algonquin provincial park in Ontario for a week of canoeing in the wilderness. We finish our week by catching a Toronto Blue Jays game before coming home.

We really want to thank the community by helping us do all these activities with your support through our fundraisers. We will be having our annual spaghetti dinner on March 21st, we will be selling blueberry bushes in the spring, and of course our popcorn and Christmas tree sales in the fall.

Thank you all for your support. If you know of any young man that would be interested, or benefit from being a part of Scouts, please let me know. We are always looking for a few good men.

Submitted
Russ Baker
Scoutmaster Troop 525
453-4859 rusbaker@gmavt.net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Sea Base
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MONKTON MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Monkton Museum and Historical Society (MM&HS) activities in 2014 began with the display at Town Meeting. The display was on how Monkton roads got their names. A number of people came forward at Town Meeting to tell us how various roads got their names. A couple of the interesting names and their origins were ABCD Lane and Split Rock Road. ABCD Lane's name comes from the first letter of the last names of families living on the road at the time the road was named. As for Split Rock Road, a property line "splits" the rock. Thanks to everyone who helped with this project.

On Memorial Day last year, excerpts from the Civil War letters of Augustus T. Cox were read at the East Monkton Church. The letters are full of information about his service during the war and insight into events he witnessed. The letters are very powerful and quotes from them will form the basis of our display at Town Meeting this year. Copies of the original letters as well as a transcription of each letter were received by MM&HS in 2013 from a descendent of Monkton's Robert Cox family. Augustus was a Monkton boy who was wounded three times during the Civil War. The third wound at the Battle of Cedar Creek in Virginia was fatal. October 19, 2014 was the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Cedar Creek and the fatal wounding of Augustus Cox. We honored him, representing all who have given their lives in service to our country, at the Memorial Day observance and will honor him again at Town Meeting using his own words.

On September 15, 2014, MM&HS hosted a presentation by the Director of Programming at the Vermont Folklife Center, Gregory Sharrow. The Vermont Humanities Council event was entitled "A Sense of Place: Vermont's Farm Legacy" and was sponsored under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This interesting and thought-provoking presentation was very well attended. This year, MM&HS intends to host another presentation in September sponsored again by the Humanities Council.

In 2014, MM&HS restarted efforts to preserve the Monkton Boro schoolhouse. Several projects were completed to help with keeping the elements from impacting the building. Broken windows were replaced, a new sash was installed in one window, and brush was cut around the building to help with moisture control. These projects were volunteer efforts. We thank Pete Aube for his work and for coordinating the work. We hope to complete at least one other project this year. The project will remove the chimney to prevent rainwater infiltration.

To contact us at any time, our email address is: monktonmhs@gmail.com or leave a message at 482-2277 and we will call you back.

The support of Monkton residents and voters is vital to the success of our efforts. History happens every day and it takes constant work to collect and preserve information about Monkton's past. We try our best to keep up requests for information and the research such requests require. To know there is support for our efforts keeps us motivated. We truly appreciate your support in our efforts to preserve and showcase Monkton's history.

Respectfully submitted by:
Gill Coates, MM&HS President

MONKTON MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY FINANCIAL REPORTS

JANUARY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2014

BALANCE – 1/1/14:		
Checking Account		$ 5,942.14
INCOME:		
Town of Monkton	$ 900.00	
Member Dues	220.00	
Donations	118.00	
Book Sales - 1961 History and Supplement	30.00	
TOTAL INCOME:		1,268.00
EXPENDITURES:		
Presentation – Greg Sharrow	$ 125.00	
Printing – History Supplements	56.74	
East Monkton Church - Memorial Day Presentation	50.00	
FedEx Office - Map Copies	40.38	
Willowell Foundation - CDs Monkton Yore - 250th Music	40.00	
Photos of Max Shattuck (Died at Iwo Jima in WWII)	17.00	
Postage	11.76	
Printing – Genealogical Info.	11.50	
Printing – Membership Mailing	9.30	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		(361.68)
BALANCE – 12/31/14:		
Checking Account		$ 6,848.46

PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET

BALANCE – 1/1/15:		
Checking Account		$ 6,848.46
INCOME:		
Town of Monkton	$ 900.00	
Member Dues	220.00	
Donations	100.00	
Town History Sales	20.00	
TOTAL INCOME:		1,240.00
EXPENDITURES:		
Presentation Expenses	$ 400.00	
Printing – 1961 History	300.00	
Postage & Printing	100.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		(800.00)
BALANCE – 12/31/15:		
Checking Account		$ 7,288.46

SPECIAL ACCOUNT – 2014
(Currently Designated for Boro School Preservation)

BALANCE – 1/1/14:		
Checking Account		$ 5,674.03
INCOME:		
None	0	
TOTAL INCOME:		0
EXPENDITURES:		
Martin Hardware – Glass	$ 14.82	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		14.82
BALANCE – 12/31/14:		
Checking Account		$ 5,659.21

2014 Reports Submitted by Caroline Aubé, Treasurer

SPECIAL ACCOUNT - PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2015
(Currently Designated for Boro School Preservation)

BALANCE – 1/1/15 to 12/31/15:	
Checking Account	$ 5,659.21

NOTE: Historical Society members will continue to evaluate preservation needs of the Boro school in 2015.

2015 Budgets Submitted by Gill Coates, President

Town of Monkton
Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee
2014

Mission statement: The Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee (ANAC) is dedicated to protecting the farmland, woodland, natural and recreational areas, and other open spaces that help give Monkton its distinctive rural character and quality of life.

Since its inception, the Agricultural and Natural Areas Committee (ANAC) has assisted in the conservation of 867 acres, ¾ of these under agricultural easements which protect Monkton's prime agricultural soils. This year we are excited that a very large agricultural project, entirely within Monkton, was one of only two projects to be approved for conservation easement appraisal by the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) at its November meeting.

In 2014 ANAC has met with comparable committees from 4 of our 6 adjacent towns to learn how they work within their towns, discuss common goals and objectives in our conservation strategies, and to consider how we could can align efforts on projects that cross our borders.

The Town of Ferrisburgh shared a wildlife sighting map where residents document where different species were seen. This information is very valuable in conservation efforts both within and across town borders. Please look for our map at Town Meeting, and mark sighting locations of deer, bear, moose, coyote, bobcat, and fox.

We thank Luanne Rotax, who working with The Nature Conservancy, sold and conserved 88 acres on Pond Brook, between Bristol Road and Mountain Road. This project is an important addition to several other parcels conserved there, including one owned by the Town.

We assist agricultural, woodland, natural and recreation area projects located completely or partially within Monkton in navigating the conservation processes. ANAC engages in conversations with each involved landowner, helps them through the town's application process, and assists them as they work with other conservation agencies.

ANAC continues to collaborate with Monkton landowners on a variety of projects and is actively seeking new proposals. We welcome any landowners who are interested in land conservation issues to meet with us. Our meetings are held at the Town Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm, but be sure to check the calendar on the Monkton website for any changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Farrell, Chair
Sam Burr, Vice Chair
Deb Gaynor
Rachel Schattman, Secretary
Corine Farewell

Bristol Recreation Department

PO Box 249, Bristol, Vermont 05443
Phone: 453-5885 Fax: 453-5188 or www.bristolrec.org or e-mail: bristolrec@gmavt.net

It's All good!

The Bristol Recreation Department is committed to offering lifelong learning opportunities through a wide range of quality recreational and performing arts activities to people of all ages. These funds will support the myriad of classes we offer each year at no extra cost to the Monkton community as well as, the use of the Skate Park, and The Hub Teen Center, which are free to the general public. It is important to mention that no out of town fees are charged to Monkton residents in consideration of the appropriation given.

It has been over 7 years since Bristol Recreation Department has received an increase in our appropriation. Monkton represent 36% of out of town enrollment for classes, camps and workshops, Monkton students make up 1/3 of all students that attend the Hub Teen Center.

Both children and adults take part in our programming. Many seniors take advantage of the free Tai chi classes offered at Holley Hall. Monkton residents have enjoyed participation in classes such as pottery, gymnastics, dance, babysitting certification, theater, martial arts, yoga, football, lacrosse, dog training and Zumba among others. Monkton residents also attend many of our community events such as: Breakfast with Santa, VINS Raptor visit, Pumpkin Glow, vacation open swims, Daddy Daughter Dance, Candy Cane flashlight Hunt, Swing dances and wellness seminars. Many of these events are free of charge.

There are many ways for residents to be informed of our activities. Our brochure is available online at our website: bristolrec.org. It also goes home to families in each of the 5 towns via local elementary schools. We also send home information regularly in school newsletters. We have a Facebook page: Bristol Recreation Department, a Twitter feed: @bristolrec. We post regularly on Front Porch Forum in all of the 5 towns. If you would like to receive email updates, please send us your email address. We would be happy to add you to our list.

We appreciate that budgets are limited but feel that we serve as an important and vital resource to your community. We are pleased to serve Monkton; we have many talented people in our area who share their interests with us. It is this sense of cooperation that makes the area special. While it can be difficult for a small town to carry a program on its own, together we can be a strong community.

SAMPLE of upcoming offerings:

Kenpo
Ballet
Gymnastics
Open Swims at Mt Abe
Guitar
CPR/First Aid
Soldering
Starlit Snowshoe Tour
Daddy Daughter Dance
Mother and Son night of Fun
Chalk Paint-How to
Dog training
Tablets and Smartphones Tips
Earn it Keep it Grow it Finance
Fitness Boot Camp
Co-ed Volleyball
Men's Basketball
Zumba
Tai chi
Aqua Fit
Walk it off Walking Lunch time indoor fitness
Pottery for all ages
Weaving
Swing Dance
Music events

Respectfully,

Darla B. Senecal

Bristol Recreation Department Director

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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Monkton

Your Health Department district office is in Middlebury at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With our headquarters and laboratory in Burlington and 12 district offices around the state, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2014 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes was awarded $45,000 to address smoking and other tobacco use in Addison County.

Provided WIC food and nutrition education to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age 5 with WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program). WIC provides individualized nutrition education and breastfeeding support, healthy foods, and a debit card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Addison County, 1171 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is $50 per person per month.

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: From January to September in 2014 we responded to 95 cases of infectious disease in Addison County. In 2013, $13,079,279.71 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases were distributed to healthcare providers statewide; $797,530.17 of which was in your district's area.

Facilitated discussion on opiate addiction: Following the Governor's Forum on Opiate Addiction, regional meetings took place around the state including 529 in-person participants. Locally, a group of concerned citizens and Human Services professionals have formed the Addison County Steering Committee on Opiate Addiction with four sub-committees which are: Prevention and Education, Treatment, Recovery and Transitional Supports, and Judicial and Law Enforcement. For more information about the Addison County Steering Committee on Opiate Addictions and its sub-committees, please contact Moira Cook, Middlebury Health Department District Director, at 802-388-5732.

Hosted community presentations: In 2014, we hosted community training and presentations on a variety of public health topics including skin cancer prevention, Lyme, West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) prevention and emerging infectious illnesses. If your community group is interested in a presentation on one of the topics mentioned above, please contact our office.

For more information, news, alerts and resources: Visit us on the web at www.healthvermont.gov. Join us on www.facebook.com/vdhmiddlebury and follow us on www.twitter.com/healthvermont.

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The 2015 Town Health Officer Report

To the Residents of Monkton,

The Commissioner of Health, at the recommendation of the Town's Select Board, appoints the Town Health Officers (THO) in Vermont. During the three-year position, a Health Officer's main duty is to investigate and abate existing and potential health hazards in their Town.

The Health Officer, and the Select Board form the Local Board of Health. This Board is the entity that brings action against anyone creating a public health risk or hazard. However, it is the Health Officer who is required by Vermont State law to investigate all complaints. THOs have extensive authority to take emergency abatement steps, and may enforce any state health regulations and local health ordinances in the town.

A citizen may call the Town Health Officer to report unsafe conditions in rental housing or on public or private property, such as, to report failed septic systems, or possible environmental health violation.

If you have a public health related concern, please contact me. If an issue is not within my purview, then I can direct you to an appropriate agency.

Have a healthy year.

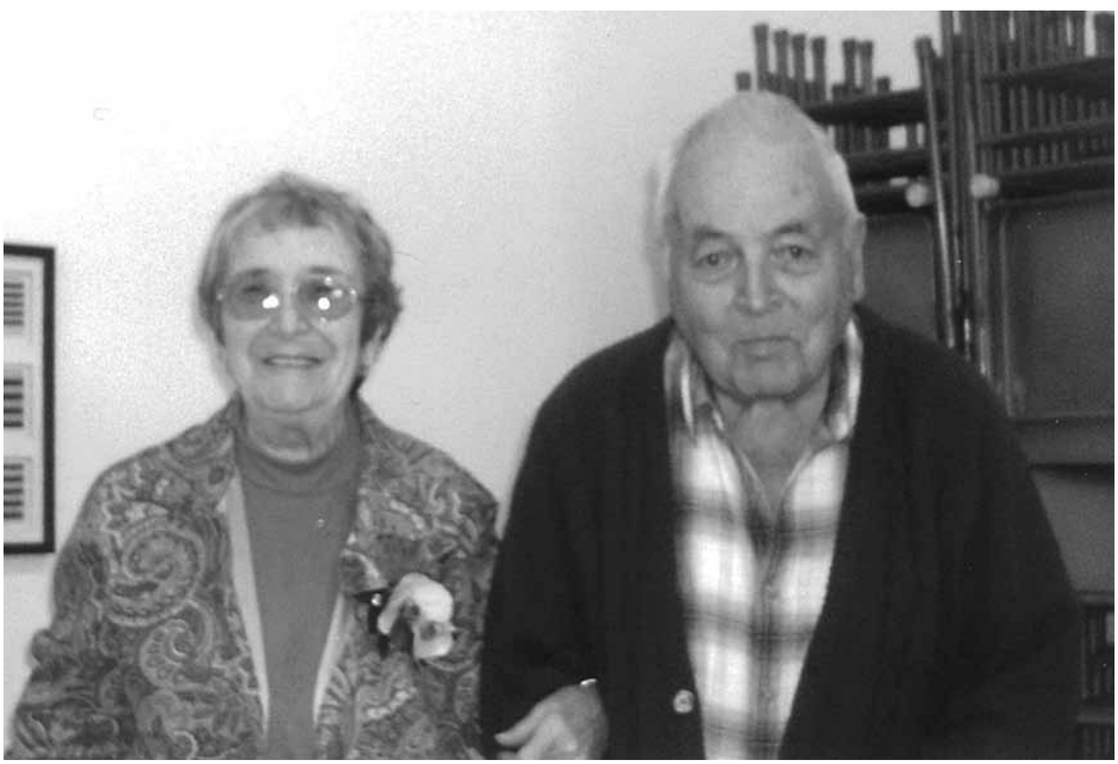
Respectfully submitted,

Robin Hopps
Monkton Town Health Officer

Back Row - Laura Burritt, Roger Layn, Carmie Burritt, Clois Griggs, Hope Burritt
Front Row - Helen Layn, Rod Burritt, Ila Griggs

MARRIAGES FILED IN 2014

BRIDE AND GROOM	DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
ALYSHA J. WOOD JEFFREY T. CONNER	FEBRUARY 14, 2014	BURLINGTON, VT
RACHEL E. SCHATTMAN PATRICK L. ROWE	FEBRUARY 22, 2014	HUNTINGTON, VT.
TRACI L. BARROWS RICHARD J. STEVENS	JULY 5, 2014	MONKTON, VT
SAMANTHA M. OGILVIE JUSTIN C. PARKER	JULY 19, 2014	HINESBURG, VT
JORDAN A. JISKRA JULIE A. MARTIN	JULY 22, 2014	MONKTON, VT
ASHLEY LANDERS ROBERT L. JIMENEZ	AUGUST 16, 2014	MORETOWN, VT
STEPHANIE L. WILLIAMS ANTHONY J. CURTIS II	SEPTEMBER 27, 2014	BENSON, VT
KESTA L. JOYNER MARK A. OSBORNE	OCTOBER 11, 2014	MONKTON, VT



Carmie & Rod - 62 Years

2014 BIRTHS

CHILDS NAME:	BIRTH DATE:	PARENTS:
FISCHER WILLIAM PELLAND	APRIL 19, 2014	KIELEE B. PELLAND CALE G. PELLAND
QUINTIN MICHAEL PAUL	APRIL 20, 2014	WHITNEY M. PAUL MATTHEW D. PAUL
COLTER HAYDEN STEPHANY	JUNE 8, 2014	ELIZABETH A. STEPHANY BRIAN A. STEPHANY
CAITLYN AUDREY LACROSS	AUGUST 18, 2014	LEAH M. LACROSS JEREMIAH T. LACROSS
DAZIE AZRAEL PIKE	AUGUST 22, 2014	TARA L. PIKE ALLEN B. PIKE
HENRY STEPHAN POLENOV	AUGUST 27, 2014	MARINA BRZOSTOSKI IGOR POLENOV
THEODORE REX PATTEN	AUGUST 29, 2014	KRISTIN M. PATTEN CYRUS O. PATTEN
HAYDEN WILLIAM MCCORMICK	SEPTEMBER 6, 2014	MISTY D. STOWELL
ROGER LIN CONANT	OCTOBER 27, 2014	JOANNA L. CONANT JOEL M. CONANT
COEN POTTER LECOMPTE	NOVEMBER 8, 2014	KERI M. LECOMPTE SAWYER J. LECOMPTE
HALLE WEST COLEMAN	NOVEMBER 24, 2014	KRISTINA B. COLEMAN ADAM P. COLEMAN
JOSHUA JAMES HOPE-TIPPER	NOVEMBER 24, 2014	SAMANTHA L. PAINE JAMES E. TIPPER
AMELIA RUTH SCHATTMAN ROWE	DECEMBER 2, 2014	RACHEL E. SCHATTMAN PATRICK L. ROWE

2014 DEATHS

NAME OF DECEASED:	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH
LORAINE R. HOAG	JULY 4, 2014	MONKTON, VT
ANTHONY R. MANGUS, JR.	AUGUST 19, 2014	MONKTON, VT
SUE BROWN	OCTOBER 12, 2014	BURLINGTON, VT
RODERICK D. BURRITT	NOVEMBER 29, 2014	MONKTON, VT

MONKTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS and PROPOSED 2015 – 2016 BUDGET

NOTE: The school budget is presented in a condensed, easier-to-read format. However, for those who may want to review the budget (current & proposed) in greater detail, it, along with other information about school operations, including the areas of policy and curriculum can be accessed on the ANESU website:
http://www.anesu.org
or by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 453-3657 to request a copy.

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

January 2015

"Our school system exists to educate the children of Addison Northeast Supervisory Union and its member school districts of Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, Mt. Abraham Union Middle/High School, New Haven and Starksboro, so that they can meet the challenges of lifelong learners and responsible citizens at a cost deemed acceptable by the community."

ANESU and Member District ENDS Policy Adopted, February 2011

In February 2011, the member school districts of the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union adopted this preamble to its ENDS policy and crafted an approach to school governance that expressed that the school systems' purpose is to prepare students for a lifetime of learning and responsible citizenship at a cost determined by the citizens of the community. In addition, each governing board prepared for the future by establishing outcomes for student learning in the areas of core subjects, life and career skills and learning and innovation skills.

Guided by this vision through the expertise of our teachers and support staff, our students have engaged in learning that is rigorous, authentic and meaningful. With student learning outcomes as the center of their efforts, I am pleased to report that teachers and staff are responding to these new learning expectations and supporting students in meeting the learning process and product goals of Board identified ENDS.

We have learned that success measures in student outcomes are not limited to state academic accountability tests and include student exhibitions of learning, performances, project completion and robust electronic portfolios documenting achievement in core subjects and artifacts of interest-based learning. The new yardsticks for successful student outcomes contain many traditional values and practical life skills such as personal responsibility, teamwork, perseverance, attention to detail, creativity, artistic expression and innovation. At the middle and high school levels, encouraging students to use their voices to explore interest areas of study and take personal responsibility for the choices they make and paths they follow are increasing. These shifts in student outcomes described as personalized learning and the increasing academic rigor identified within mathematics and English language arts Common Core State Standards are reshaping the teaching profession and the role of the teacher.

To meet the learning goals identified in the Board ENDS, Principal and teacher leadership teams have been formed to respond to these new achievement standards and we have implemented a teaching coach model to improve teaching practices.

To accomplish financial sustainability to meet ENDS goals, school boards have identified slowing, and wherever possible, reducing education spending per equalized pupil as a way to maintain quality outcomes and control the property tax impact on citizens.

Although elementary school enrollment fluctuates in every school, staff to student ratios are significant factors in educational expenses. At Mt. Abraham in particular, we are now experiencing the impact of a significant decline in student enrollment that has been talked about statewide for years. Actual student enrollment has declined from 752 in 2014 to 711 in 2015. We anticipate that the 2015 graduating class of 121 will be replaced by next year's seventh grade class of 85. This two-year student enrollment decline of 77 students is significant and calls for an adjustment in staffing levels to properly size the teaching and support staff relative to student enrollment. These changes are difficult to accept but are necessary. The overall enrollment decline at Mt. Abraham has resulted in increased costs to elementary districts since supervisory union costs are assessed to school districts.

In each school district, school boards and administrators have worked to find the appropriate balance between class size and program offerings and facility and personnel costs. This financial strategy combined with sound financial management over the past three years has been useful and has had a positive effect on local property taxes.

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union expenses are made up of three parts and each are assessed separately to each member district. Those assessments are: General Operations and Special Education, Early Education and the Food Service Cooperative. These budgets reflect shared resources and services to students and teachers in every school in the supervisory union.

Changes reflected in the ANESU budgets include a reduction in special education spending due to staffing reductions, level funding the food service operating budget, and combining local and federal grants to fund a 0.50 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) English Language Learner teacher, a 1.0 FTE Literacy, a 1.0 FTE Math Coach and a 1.0 FTE Student Support Coordinator. The result of these reductions and investments in General Operations and Special Education is an overall budget increase of 3.04% at the supervisory union.

Please consider attending your school district meeting and keep informed of local, regional and statewide developments education and property tax reform. Thank you again for your continued support of our schools and students. I appreciate the opportunity to serve each school in the Addison Northeast Supervisory Union.

If you have any questions about school district operations or this report please contact me at 802-453-3657.

Respectfully submitted,

David P. Adams

Monkton Central School
REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Monkton Central School Board of Directors would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Monkton Central School. We are fortunate to be living in a community that values education. We recognize the staff for their hard work and efforts to provide the best learning opportunities for our students. Thank you to Betsy Knox, our interim principal, for her leadership and dedication to the students of Monkton. Monkton Central School is an incredible place for children to develop as learners and begin the journey as responsible citizens.

The administration has worked carefully to create a budget that reflects the goals of the Board's ENDS policy, at a cost considered acceptable by the community. The 2015-2016 budget reflects an increase in Education Spending per Equalized Pupil. Initial figures show our Equalized Pupil count has increased from last year. Overall, Education expenses have increased and revenue estimates are up. This budget reflects staffing reductions, investments in staff training, the addition of a Behavioral Specialist position, curriculum improvements in Mathematics and investments in the building and grounds. An additional factor in this budget will be the outcome of the current staff & support staff negotiations. We have included an estimate of a potential settlement for staff in this budget. Also, included in this budget is a component of ACT 166 (Universally Publically Funded Pre-K) that requires the subsidy for Early Education to increase to $3000 per student and include 3 year olds in the program. In 2014-2015 we budgeted $2100 per student for 4-5 year old students. Studies show money invested in Pre-K education; prepare children for kindergarten and success in school and life and create a savings in the long term by reducing remedial instruction and need for SPED, improve graduation rates and college enrollment. We believe it will improve education opportunities for all kids. We consider this budget to be a sound investment in education and one that benefits students and our community.

Last year under Act 153, Special Education (SPED) services were moved from the local (Monkton) budget to the supervisory union budget. Last year a "bridge method" was used to assess the cost to Monkton. This year we will use the Average Daily Membership (ADM) to assess the cost of SPED to Monkton. The bridge method = % of total district budget, ADM method = cost to individual schools by their overall student population. The overall budget for SPED has decreased this year, but the assessment has increased. This is a result of changing from the "bridge method" to the ADM method.

It is a great privilege and honor to serve the Monkton Community and we again thank you for your support. Monkton is a remarkable community and your contributions make our school a special place.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Griswold, Chair
Kristin Blanchette, Vice Chair
Jennifer Stanley, Clerk
Marikate Kelley
Bob Radler

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union **Tax Rate Summary** **Proposed FY 16 Budgets**

Preliminary Projections	Bristol	Lincoln	Monkton	New Haven	Starksboro
Projected Equalized Tax Rate FY15 Elementary*	$ 0.7620	$ 0.9021	$ 0.8050	$ 0.6781	$ 0.8605
Projected Equalized Tax Rate FY 15 MT Abe*	$ 0.8144	$ 0.6898	$ 0.8323	$ 0.9382	$ 0.7253
Projected Act 130 Equalized Tax Rate	$ 1.5764	$ 1.5919	$ 1.6373	$ 1.6163	$ 1.5858
Common Level of Appraisal	93.49%	103.32%	85.63%	100.92%	94.26%
Projected Local Tax Rate	$1.6862	$1.5408	$1.9121	$1.6016	$1.6825
Actual Tax Rate FY 14	$1.7086	$1.5315	$1.9151	$1.5967	$1.6646
Change in Projected Tax Rate	($0.0224)	$0.0093	($0.0030)	$0.0049	$0.0179

*Includes anticipated $1.00 statewide tax rate.

Education Spending (Expenses minus Revenues):	Bristol	Lincoln	Monkton	New Haven	Starksboro	Mt Abraham
FY 14	7.65%	6.00%	7.19%	6.16%	2.70%	0.00%
FY 15	0%	8.34%	-2%	-1.04%	4.85%	3.77%
FY 16	1.07%	3.98%	3.20%	-3.49%	3.25%	0.00%

Act 130 Basis (Estimated) - Each School's Budget and Equalized Pupils Determined Independently w/ Debt

School Spending Per Equalized Pupil:	Bristol	Lincoln	Monkton	New Haven	Starksboro	Mt Abraham
FY13 Act 130	$ 12,914	13,631	$ 13,738	$ 14,478	$ 12,759	$ 13,552
FY 14 Act 130	$ 14,296	$ 13,643	$ 15,109	$ 14,800	$ 13,094	$ 14,055
FY 15 Act 130	$ 14,567	$ 14,398	$ 15,444	$ 15,198	$ 14,249	$ 14,706
FY 16 Act 130	$ 14,552	$ 14,904	$ 15,725	$ 15,323	$ 14,786	$ 15,264
Change in Per Pupil Spending Amount	$ (15)	$ 506	$ 281	$ 125	$ 537	$ 558
Change in Per Pupil Spending Percent	-0.10%	3.51%	1.82%	0.82%	3.77%	3.79%

Monkton Central School
REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

Hello! It is my pleasure to submit a report to the citizens of Monkton regarding our work together at Monkton Central School. I very much appreciate the warm welcome I have received as your Interim Principal for the 2014-2015 school year. The staff and community have provided a supportive environment in which our students can grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

When I began my position in July, I realized that I was not the only "new" person in the building. Jenn Livingston, a former MCS student, was hired to teach first and second grade. MCS welcomed Sharon Primo as a new kindergarten teacher. Sharon had previously taught at Robinson School, so she already had strong ties within the ANESU community. Chris Shackett is our new Physical Education teacher. We share him with the students of Lincoln Community School. Barbara Yerrick is not new to MCS, but she has taken on a different role this year as our part –time Math Coach. Our entire MCS school staff demonstrates flexibility, a willingness to work together, and commitment to our students, every day. It is a privilege to be a part of this enthusiastic educational community.

We continue to implement our Green Mountain Star Action Plan to improve student performance. Our goals within this plan focus on well-designed professional learning and support, high quality evidence based instruction and intervention practices, data-based decision making, and effective collaboration. One of the ways we are achieving these goals is through our common planning time. Meeting agendas include developing data walls, using data to inform our instruction through short term intervention groups, reviewing assessments and assessment protocols, and refining instruction. Another way we are addressing our goals is through renewed efforts in mathematics instruction, including the addition of the Math Coach and the implementation of the Bridges Math Curriculum in grades one through five. Our collaborative interactions, in all curriculum areas, promote our professional practice to enhance student learning.

Smarter Balanced
Assessment Consortium

Our state assessment protocol has changed. The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) for Reading and Mathematics has been replaced with the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Students in grades three through six will take this assessment in late March and early April. It is a computer adaptive assessment that will adjust the assessment tool based on students' responses. We understand that we will receive student performance information promptly, which will allow us to guide our instruction for the remainder of the school year.

Our technology infrastructure continues to grow and improve at Monkton Central School. We now have more bandwidth which allows our network to handle more demand, more efficiently. Hardware was an identified need. This January, forty Chromebooks arrived. We recognize the demands of our digital world and our ANESU Ends Policy require students to be comfortable and confident with technology. Therefore, it is essential that students have multiple opportunities throughout the day to engage with tools that develop critical thinking and innovation skills. The proposed budget for next year includes additional technology to support our important work together.

We know that students thrive academically when their social and emotional needs are met. We ensure that we meet the needs of students in this critical area in a variety of ways. As part of Responsive Classroom, each class begins the day with a morning meeting. It is a time to greet each other, engage in a common activity, and set the tone for the day. Our Monkton Mentoring program has grown this year. We hope to have ten partnerships in place by late spring. Students look forward to this individual time with an adult each week.

Our Monkton Central School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) continues to provide incredible support to the students and the community. We began the school year with an Ice Cream Social. It was a great way to welcome families back to school. Other community events this fall included: Open House, Walk Around the Pond, a Harvest Luncheon in October, our MCS Halloween Play, a Turkey Luncheon in November, and the Holiday Bazaar. I continue to be amazed at the level of community involvement here at Monkton. This strong community –school partnership makes Monkton Central School truly a special place.

Our facilities team ensures that our MCS building and grounds are safe for our students. As many of you know, the Trailblazer is now a memory. This building was unsafe and needed to be removed. This fall we installed a public address system within the building. In the event of an emergency, we now have the ability to make one announcement to all areas in the building. Included in this budget are plans for construction to ensure that our MCS playground is accessible for all students. Maintenance projects, last summer and again this summer, address the façade of the school as well as some interior repairs. Coordination of these projects can be complex. Thank you to our facilities' staff for making these renovations a reality.

The children of Monkton thrive in this welcoming, safe, and engaging environment. We appreciate the community's continued support of Monkton Central School.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Knox
Interim Principal 2014-2015

MONKTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
2014 - 2015

ADMINISTRATION

Knox, Betsy	Principal (Interim)

TEACHING STAFF

Leggett, Caitlin R	Teacher Kindergarten
Primo, Sharon L	Teacher K-1
Carter, Stacy E	Teacher Grade 1/2
Livingston, Jennifer C	Teacher Grade 1/2
Way, Suzette M	Teacher Grade 1/2
Foley, Suzanne B	Teacher Grade 3/4
McLane, Virginia W	Teacher Grade 3/4
LaRiviere, Mary K	Teacher Grade 5/6
Pierpont, Kelly A	Teacher Grade 5/6
Granstrom, Michaela P	Teacher Art
Ellis, Carina	Teacher Music
Shackett, Christopher M	Teacher Physical Education
Yerrick, Barbara A	Teacher Leader - Math
Esterline, Holly	Library Media Specialist
Murray, Stephanie	Literacy Interventionist
Fisher, Ann D	School Counselor
Davey, Marcie E	Special Educator
Morgan, Jennifer L	Special Educator

SUPPORT STAFF

Castle, Cynthia S	Administrative Assistant
Charpentier, Elaine A	Educational Assistant
Cota, Shelly L	Educational Assistant
Huizenga, Bonita L	Educational Assistant
Irish, Dwight P	Educational Assistant
Letourneau, Anne Marie	Educational Assistant
Perlee, Nancy L	Educational Assistant
Smith, Sheri L	Educational Assistant
Raymond, Steven J	Facilities Manager
LaRock, Brian J	Head Custodian Assistant
Rotax, Jodi D	Library Assistant
Faulkner, Nancy J	School Nurse
Mack, Hilary A	School Nurse

Monkton Estimated Education Tax Rate for FY 2016

ACT 130 CALCULATES A TAX RATE BY SCHOOL

			Elementary	Mt Abraham
	Expenditures		$2,816,980	$14,058,551
	Revenues		$ (459,732)	-$1,917,629
[1]	Education Spending		$2,357,248	$12,140,922
[2]	Equalized Pupils		149.9	795.41
[3]	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil		$15,725	$15,264
[4]	Spending Adjustment (District spending as a percentage of Base Education amount)	$9,459	166.2488%	161.367%
[5]	Estimated Homestead Tax Rate	$1.000	$1.6625	$1.6137
[6]	Percentage of Total Town Students		48.42%	51.58%
[7]	Percentage of Prorated Tax		$0.8050	$0.8323
[8]	Combined Prorated Tax $0.805 + $0.832		$1.6373	
[9]	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)		85.63%	
[10]	**Estimated Property Tax Rate**		**$1.9121**	

[1] Revenues deducted from budgeted expenses by school to determine education spending include special education and transportation reimbursements received from the ST of VT, Medicaid, interest and other miscellaneous revenue.

[2] The equalized pupils number by SCHOOL is based on the last two years average daily membership (including Pre-K through grade 12) and is adjusted for specific factors, such as secondary vs elementary students, students in poverty situations, and students with limited English proficiency.

[3] This is the number by SCHOOL that will be compared to the base education amount ($9,459) to determine the adjustment to the state education tax rate of $1.00. This number less qualified debt spending is also compared to the penalty ceiling of $17,103 to determine if property taxes will be increased as a result of spending in excess of the ceiling.

[4] The State Education Tax Rate is multiplied by this percentage to determine the Homestead Education Tax Rate by SCHOOL. This is the rate before adjustment for the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA).

[5] State Tax Rate of $1.00 times SCHOOL Spending Adjustment.

[6] This number represents the ratio of the town's equalized pupils at each SCHOOL to the total number of students.

[7] This number reflects the percentage of students in town by SCHOOL (#6) times the Estimated Homestead Tax Rate to produce a Percentage of Prorated Tax by SCHOOL.

[8] Prorated Tax BY SCHOOL are combined to produce a Town Tax Rate.

[9] The Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is the State's method of equalizing education grand lists between towns. It is based on recent property sales compared to the listed value of the properties sold. Towns that haven't completed a reappraisal in several years will usually have low CLA's, while towns recently reappraised will have CLA's near 100%.

[10] This is the total estimated residential property tax rate based on the recommended state rate of $1.00, adjusted for SCHOOL budgets and also for CLA.

Estimated Equalized Tax Rates - FY 16
(Replaces Assessments)

Act 130 is the law that accounts for all revenues and expenses by school.

> Under Act 130, a tax rate is calculated for each SCHOOL

> The SCHOOL rate is then prorated for the town based on the ratio of the town's equalized pupils at the SCHOOL to the total number of the town's equalized pupils

>The prorated tax rates for the individual schools are then combined to determined the total education homestead tax rate for the town

This prorated tax rate replaces the dollar assessment to towns from union schools

This system is intended to allow taxpayers to clearly understand all revenues and expenses related to education at each school and to see the direct impact of each school's budget on the tax rate.

Estimated Equalized Homestead Tax Rates - FY 16

Mt Abraham Union High School $1.6137 based on $1.00

ALL TAX RATES BELOW ARE ESTIMATED BASED ON PROPOSED BUDGETS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BASE HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

		Equalized Pupils	% of Total	Estimated Tax Rate	Prorated Rate
Bristol	Elementary	281.22	49.53%	$1.5384	$0.7620
	Mt Abe	286.55	50.47%	$1.6137	$0.8144
	Town Total	581.00	100.00%		**$1.5764**
Lincoln	Elementary	121.32	57.25%	$1.5757	$0.9021
	Mt Abe	90.59	42.75%	$1.6137	$0.6898
	Town Total	211.91	100.00%		**$1.5919**
Monkton	Elementary	149.90	48.42%	$1.6625	$0.8050
	Mt Abe	159.69	51.58%	$1.6137	$0.8323
	Town Total	309.58	100.00%		**$1.6373**
New Haven	Elementary	93.15	41.86%	$1.6199	$0.6781
	Mt Abe	129.38	58.14%	$1.6137	$0.9382
	Town Total	222.53	100.00%		**$1.6163**
Starksboro	Elementary	158.23	55.05%	$1.5632	$0.8605
	Mt Abe	129.20	44.95%	$1.6137	$0.7254
	Town Total	287.43	100.00%		**$1.5859**

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by AOE

District: **Monkton** T127
County: Addison — Addison Northeast

Statutory calculation. See note at bottom of page. **9,459**
Recommended homestead rate from Tax Commissioner. See note at bottom of page. **1.00**

		Expenditures		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
1.		**Budget** (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)		$2,521,280	$2,608,505	$2,578,248	$2,816,980	1.
2.	plus	Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	+	-	-	-		2.
3.	minus	Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-		3.
4.		**Locally adopted or warned budget**		$2,521,280	$2,608,505	$2,578,248	$2,816,980	4.
5.	plus	Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	+	-	-	-		5.
6.	plus	Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	+	-	-	-		6.
7.		**Total Budget**		**$2,521,280**	**$2,608,505**	**$2,578,248**	**$2,816,980**	7.
8.		S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data		-	-	-		8.
9.		Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data		-	-	-	-	9.
		Revenues						
10.		Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)		$358,074	$289,682	$294,093	$459,732	10.
11.	plus	Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	+	-	-	-		11.
12.	minus	All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	-	-		12.
13.		**Offsetting revenues**		**$358,074**	**$289,682**	**$294,093**	**$459,732**	13.
14.		**Education Spending**		**$2,163,206**	**$2,318,823**	**$2,284,155**	**$2,357,248**	14.
15.		Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)		157.46	153.47	147.90	149.90	15.
16.		**Education Spending per Equalized Pupil**		**$13,738.13**	**$15,109.29**	**$15,443.91**	**$15,725.47**	16.
17.	minus	Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	$516.81	$523.72	$544.27	$483	17.
18.	minus	Less share of SpEd costs in excess of $50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-		18.
19.	minus	Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed	-	-	-	-		19.
20.	minus	Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-		20.
21.	minus	Estimated costs of new students after census period	-	-	-	-		21.
22.	minus	Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition	-	NA	-	-		
23.	minus	Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-		23.
24.	minus	Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015	-	NA	NA	NA		24.
				threshold = $14,841	threshold = $15,456	threshold = $16,166	threshold = $17,103	
25.	plus	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	+	-	-	-	-	25.
26.		Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment		$13,738	$15,109	$15,444	$15,725	26.
27.		**District spending adjustment** (minimum of 100%) ($15,725 / $9,459)		157.493% based on $8,723	165.111% based on $9,151	166.332% based on $9,285	166.249% based on $9,459	27.
		Prorating the local tax rate						
28.		Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (166.249% x $1.000)		$1.4017 based on $0.89	$1.5520 based on $0.94	$1.6301 based on $0.98	$1.6625 based on $1.00	28.
29.		Percent of Monkton equalized pupils not in a union school district		51.67%	49.64%	48.09%	48.42%	29.
30.		Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (48.42% x $1.66)		$0.7243	$0.7704	$0.7839	$0.8050	30.
31.		**Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)**		82.04%	82.45%	84.66%	85.63%	31.
32.		Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town ($0.8050 / 85.63%)		$0.8829 based on $0.89	$0.9344 based on $0.94	$0.9259 based on $0.98	$0.9401 based on $1.00	32.

If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a **PARTIAL** homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.

		FY2013	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	
33.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (166.249% x 1.94%)	2.83% based on 1.80%	2.97% based on 1.80%	3.23% based on 1.94%	3.23% based on 1.94%	33.
34.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (48.42% x 3.23%)	1.46% based on 1.80%	1.47% based on 1.80%	1.55% based on 1.94%	1.56% based on 1.94%	34.
35.	Percent of equalized pupils at Mt. Abraham UHSD	48.33%	50.36%	51.91%	51.58%	35.
36.		-	-	-		36.

- Following current statute, the base education amount is calculated to be $9,459. The Tax Commisioner has recommended base tax rates of $1.00 and $1.535. The administration also has stated that tax rates could be lower than the recommendations if statewide education spending is held down.
- Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
- The base income percentage cap is 1.94%.

Monkton Central School
Major Budget Changes
2015-2016

	2014-2015 Budget		2015-2016 Budget		Percent Change
Total Salaries	$	1,047,346	$	1,003,622	-4%
Total Benefits	$	332,671	$	315,408	-5%
Reserve for Negotiations	$	-	$	57,225	100%
Total Major Changes	**$**	**1,380,017**	**$**	**1,376,255**	**-0.27% ***
Salaries & Benefits as a % of Total Budget		**53.5%**		**48.9%**	

Education Spending

	2014-2015 Budget		2015-2016 Budget		
Educational Expenses	$	2,578,248	$	2,816,980	**9.26% ***
Less: Local/State/Federal Revenue	$	(294,093)	$	(459,732)	**56.32%**
Educational Spending	**$**	**2,284,155**	**$**	**2,357,248**	**3.20%**
Equalized Pupils		147.9		149.9	**1.35%**
Education spending per equalized pupil	**$**	**15,444**	**$**	**15,725**	**1.82%**

***NOTE: Special Education services transferred to ANESU and is now shown under Special Education Assessment in the budget.**

Monkton Town School District
Monkton Central School Expense Budget

Code	Description	FY14 Budget	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budget	FY16 Proposed
5111	Salaries-Professional Staff	$955,509	$835,184	$842,369	$780,103
5112	Salaries-Assistants	$207,704	$208,717	$63,082	$40,000
5113	Salaries-Other Support Staff	$65,407	$67,870	$63,458	$108,730
5115	Health Buy-Out	$11,382	$10,382	$4,182	$1,750
5116	Salaries-Custodians	$69,244	$67,564	$70,512	$69,264
5121	Salaries-Professional Staff Substitutes	$16,500	$4,105	$0	$0
5123	Salaries-Assistant Substitutes	$4,400	$2,787	$1,000	$0
5126	Salaries-Other Support Staff Substitutes	$1,600	$0	$0	$0
5127	Salaries-Professional Stipends	$7,822	$3,292	$2,393	$3,775
5129	Salaries-Support Stipends	$2,150	$2,826	$350	$0
	Subtotal Salaries:	**$1,341,718**	**$1,202,728**	**$1,047,346**	**$1,003,622**
5211	Group Health Insurance	$180,797	$175,634	$160,885	$185,106
5212	Group Health Insurance	$88,305	$45,125	$37,556	$0
5221	Social Security (FICA)	$100,508	$86,892	$80,123	$77,039
5231	Group Life Insurance	$2,122	$2,016	$1,701	$1,203
5241	Retirement Contributions	$9,028	$8,987	$5,481	$10,827
5251	Workers' Compensation	$8,890	$8,808	$7,020	$7,753
5261	Unemployment Compensation	$3,315	$6,077	$3,929	$3,277
5271	Tuition Reimbursement	$24,052	$18,558	$21,832	$19,594
5281	Group Dental Insurance	$9,696	$10,289	$8,965	$6,665
5291	Disability Insurance	$6,474	$5,734	$5,179	$3,944
	Subtotal Benefits:	**$433,187**	**$368,121**	**$332,671**	**$315,408**
5955	Reserve for Negotiations - Professional	$0	$0	$0	$47,161
5956	Reserve for Negotiations - Support	$0	$0	$0	$10,064
	Subtotal Reserves:	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$57,225**
5311	Purchased Services-Section 125	$163	$564	$300	$310
5321	In-Service-Professional Staff	$348	$96	$353	$364
5322	In-Service-Support Staff	$241	$585	$245	$253
5323	Conference Fees	$4,409	$2,159	$4,113	$2,525
5324	School Based Clinician	$18,198	$17,494	$19,000	$19,155
5331	Assessment-Supervisory Union	$152,794	$152,794	$214,998	$256,626
5331	Assessment-Early Education	$8,032	$8,032	$19,094	$75,795
5331	Assessment-Special Education	$0	$0	$401,605	$434,570
5332	Testing & Evaluation	$1,533	$1,991	$0	$0
5333	OT/PT Services	$2,450	$4,626	$254	$2,000
5334	Purchased Service From Another LEA	$0	$10,715	$0	$0
5337	Purchased Service From SU	$96,191	$88,251	$54,624	$56,661
5339	Other Professional Services	$14,329	$57,461	$20,780	$53,559
5341	Technical Services	$1,350	$0	$907	$936
5361	Legal Services	$1,017	$11,292	$5,000	$5,160
5371	Audit Services	$7,119	$4,550	$7,226	$0
	Subtotal Purchased Services:	**$308,174**	**$360,609**	**$748,499**	**$907,914**

Monkton Town School District
Monkton Central School Expense Budget

Code	Description	FY14 Budget	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budget	FY16 Proposed
5411	Water/Sewer	$2,700	$4,265	$2,900	$14,000
5421	Disposal Services	$4,230	$3,282	$3,800	$3,900
5422	Snow Plowing Services	$3,254	$4,000	$4,000	$4,000
5424	Lawn Care Services	$3,300	$3,250	$3,300	$3,400
5429	Other Cleaning Services	$200	$30	$300	$300
5431	Repairs & Maintenance Services	$23,700	$35,077	$3,650	$18,500
5435	Repairs - Grounds	$3,200	$371	$2,000	$64,000
5436	Repairs - Buildings	$15,800	$22,652	$8,000	$22,150
5442	Rental of Equipment & Vehicles	$6,102	$3,886	$3,944	$4,070
5499	Other Purchased Property Services	$2,220	$1,159	$2,850	$3,150
	Subtotal Property Services:	**$64,706**	**$77,971**	**$34,744**	**$137,470**
5511	Student Transportation - Fuel Surcharge	$4,609	$2,917	$4,678	$4,828
5518	Student Transportation Services - SPED	$19,950	$42,272	$0	$0
5519	Student Transportation Services - Regular	$78,038	$73,424	$80,038	$77,315
	Subtotal Transportation Services:	**$102,597**	**$118,612**	**$84,716**	**$82,142**
5521	Property Insurance	$3,592	$3,199	$3,300	$3,359
5522	Liability Insurance	$4,779	$6,024	$5,900	$5,676
5526	Umbrella Insurance	$742	$601	$650	$506
5531	Telephone	$3,000	$3,863	$3,045	$6,200
5532	Postage	$907	$652	$919	$948
5533	Internet Provider Services	$910	$596	$0	$2,400
5541	Advertising	$300	$277	$305	$315
5551	Printing & Binding	$509	$296	$516	$533
5566	Tuition To Private Schools	$0	$20,990	$0	$0
5581	Travel-Employee	$2,590	$1,180	$2,569	$2,226
5582	Travel-Non-Employee	$0	$170	$0	$0
5591	Food Service Subsidy	$10,686	$30,287	$19,568	$20,237
	Subtotal Other Services:	**$28,015**	**$68,134**	**$36,772**	**$42,399**
5611	Consumable Supplies	$34,796	$25,092	$29,619	$38,192
5622	Electricity	$29,000	$25,633	$29,000	$29,000
5623	Propane	$1,800	$1,556	$1,600	$1,651
5624	Oil	$28,000	$37,800	$31,000	$35,000
5641	Textbooks	$5,195	$4,197	$4,514	$8,632
5642	Periodicals	$1,928	$1,343	$1,854	$1,766
5651	Audiovisual Materials	$728	$0	$594	$81
5661	Manipulatives	$2,844	$38	$1,786	$1,710
5671	Software	$8,314	$7,862	$2,064	$500
5699	Non-Capitalized Equipment	$9,054	$22,050	$56,307	$14,806
5731	Equipment-Machinery	$0	$10,448	$0	$0
5733	Equipment-Furniture & Fixtures	$0	$0	$5,000	$10,000
	Subtotal Supplies & Equipment:	**$121,659**	**$136,018**	**$163,338**	**$141,337**

Monkton Town School District
Monkton Central School Expense Budget

Code	Description	FY14 Budget	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budget	FY16 Proposed
5811	Dues & Fees	$3,448	$5,306	$3,502	$5,114
5832	Interest-Construction	$18,936	$15,978	$18,936	$10,793
5835	Interest Expense	$11,424	$12,049	$12,992	$13,408
5837	Interest on Deficit Financing	$1,599	$1,621	$0	$0
5838	Interest on Water Treatment System	$0	$117	$122	$126
5891	Miscellaneous Expenditures	$255	$167	$260	$268
5912	Principal-Construction	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000	$60,000
5917	Principal on Deficit Financing	$91,387	$91,387	$0	$0
5918	Principal on Water Treatment System	$1,440	$1,284	$1,440	$1,486
5921	Sinking Fund Expense	$0	$0	$10,000	$15,000
5934	Transfer-State EEE Funding	$19,960	$19,960	$22,910	$23,268
	Subtotal Dues, Interest, Principal & Transfers:	**$208,449**	**$207,870**	**$130,162**	**$129,462**
Total Expenses:		**$2,608,505**	**$2,540,063**	**$2,578,248**	**$2,816,980**

Budget Footnotes:

5111 Salaries –Professional Staff: Reduction of a classroom teacher.

5112/5113 Assistant/Other Support Staff Salaries: Reduction of non-special education support staff. Adds a highly specialized Behavioral Support staff 1.0 FTE position for supporting the social, emotional, and behavioral needs of students.

5211/5212 Group Health Insurance---These lines have been combined. Premium increases and enrollment changes.

ANESU Assessment

5331
- Special Education contribution is based on our ADM. The MCS contribution has increased as the Mt. Abe contribution has decreased, due to their smaller numbers.
- Information Technology MCS will benefit from additional computers and Chromebooks next year to further support students' use of technology within the classroom curriculum.
- The new Early Education Act 166 mandates that schools contribute $3000 per preschooler. Last year's rate of contribution was $2100. Reflects a higher contribution and more families that may take advantage of this opportunity for their three to five year old children.

5337 Purchased Services from ANESU: Monkton's Music & PE Teachers are shared with Lincoln and are employed by ANESU. The purchased service is their .40 FTE Music teacher and a .60 FTE Physical Education teacher personnel costs.

5339 Other Professional Services: Increase in substitute daily rate from $70 to $80.50 . Added funding for substitutes, to allow teachers to participate in professional development.

5435 Repairs-Grounds: Funds allocated for making our playground area accessible to all students to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

5611 Consumable Supplies: Funds allocated for investment in K-6 math curricula, classroom, office, and custodial supplies.

5641 Textbooks: Library and classroom library purchases.

5591 ANESU Food Service Cooperative: Each school provides funds to subsidize the program in order to provide nutritious food to our students.

Revenue There is a $137,772 surplus fund balance from FY14 that was applied to the FY16 budget.

Monkton Town School District
Monkton Central School Revenue Budget

Code	Description	FY14 Budget	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budget	FY16 Proposed
001.1510.4000.03	Investment Income	$14,300	$11,319	$8,580	$11,286
001.1910.4000.03	Other Revenues-Rental	$150	$675	$500	$500
001.1990.4000.03	Miscellaneous Other Local Revenue	$0	$15,692	$0	$150
001.1993.4000.03	E-Rate Reimbursement	$2,520	$3,109	$2,520	$2,669
001.1995.4000.03	Student Activity Reimbursement	$0	$1,024	$0	$0
	Subtotal Local Revenue:	**$16,970**	**$31,819**	**$11,600**	**$14,605**
001.2000.4000.03	Subgrants Received From SU-Medicaid	$5,641	$5,641	$4,560	$4,597
	Subtotal Subgrant Revenue:	**$5,641**	**$5,641**	**$4,560**	**$4,597**
001.3110.4000.03	Education Fund Payments	$2,318,823	$992,185	$2,284,155	$2,357,248
001.3110.4001.03	Residential Property Taxes	$0	$984,107	$0	$0
001.3110.4002.03	Non-Residential Property Taxes	$0	$342,530	$0	$0
001.3150.4000.03	State Aid Transportation	$15,692	$30,329	$16,403	$31,488
001.3201.4000.03	SPED Mainstream Block Grant	$57,070	$57,070	$58,196	$55,808
001.3202.4000.03	SPED Expenditures Reimbursement	$147,254	$137,856	$180,424	$192,194
001.3204.4000.03	Early Essential Education Grant	$19,960	$19,960	$22,910	$23,268
001.3205.4000.03	SPED State Placed Students	$27,095	$66,511	$0	$0
	Subtotal State Revenue:	**$2,585,894**	**$2,630,548**	**$2,562,088**	**$2,660,006**
001.5400.4000.03	Adjustment Of Prior Year Expenditures	$0	($758)	$0	$0
001.5700.4000.03	Restricted Revenue - Forfeiture S125	$0	$1,000	$0	$0
	Subtotal Miscellaneous Revenue:	**$0**	**$242**	**$0**	**$0**
Prior Year Surplus Applied to Education Spending		$0	$0	$0	$137,772
Total Revenue:		**$2,608,505**	**$2,668,250**	**$2,578,248**	**$2,816,980**

Monkton Town School District
LONG TERM DEBT
June 30, 2014

	Balance July 1, 2013	Additions	Payments	Balance June 30, 2014
1998 Addition:				
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank: Interest at 3.55% - 5.16% payable semi-annually, and Annual Principal Payments of $60,000 through December, 2018.	$360,000		$60,000	$300,000
Special Environmental Revolving Loan Fund for Water Treatment System - through 2016	$6,220			$6,220
2012 Deficit Financing Note 1.75% fixed rate	$91,387		$91,387	$0
Total	$457,607		$151,387	$306,220

Debt Service Requirements:

FY	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	$60,000	$13,829	$73,829
2016	$60,000	$24,705	$84,705
2017-2019	$180,000	$18,546	$198,546
**Environmental Loan	$6,220		$6,220
Total	$306,220	$57,080	$363,300

****Application for forgiveness grant currently under review by State of Vermont**

MARSHALL TRUST

In 1994 Monkton Central School received $8,000 from the Arlein R. Marshall Estate designed for the rental of musical instruments for the music department or for those students who cannot afford to rent such instruments.

		31-Dec-14
Value:	Mutual Funds - Bonds	$5,672.92
	Mutual Funds - Equities	$29,916.39
	Market Value 12/31/14	**$35,589.31**

INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Monkton Central School has an annual Independent Audit performed on its Financial Records. Jeffrey Bradley, P.C. Certified Public Accountant performed the 2013-2014 Audit. The audit is available on the ANESU website or in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 72 Munsill Avenue, Suite 601, Bristol, Vermont 05443 or by calling 453-3657.

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2016 Report
16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Monkton Central School
S.U.: Addison Northeast S.U.

A list of schools and school districts in each cohort may be found on the DOE website under "School Data and Reports": http://www.state.vt.us/educ/

FY2014 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 100 but <200 (34 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest) 11 out of 34

	School level data	Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Wolcott Elementary School	PK - 6	151	11.00	1.00	13.73	151.00	11.00
	Waitsfield Elementary School	PK - 6	155	15.14	1.00	10.24	155.00	15.14
	Monument Elementary School	PK - 5	158	9.40	1.00	16.81	158.00	9.40
	Monkton Central School	**PK - 6**	**160**	**11.90**	**1.00**	**13.45**	**160.00**	**11.90**
<- Larger	Proctor Elementary School	PK - 6	160	16.10	1.00	9.94	160.00	16.10
	Underhill Central Elementary School	PK - 4	165	9.00	1.00	18.33	165.00	9.00
	Robinson School	PK - 6	169	13.80	1.00	12.25	169.00	13.80
	Averaged SCHOOL cohort data		**147.65**	**12.63**	**1.04**	**11.69**	**141.77**	**12.13**

School District: Monkton
LEA ID: T127

Special education expenditures vary substantially from district to district and year to year. Therefore, they have been excluded from these figures.

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. These data include district assessments to SUs. Including assessments to SUs makes districts more comparable to each other.

FY2013 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200 (32 school districts in cohort)

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) 9 out of 32

	School district data (local, union, or joint district)	Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE **EXCLUDING** special education costs
Smaller ->	Waitsfield	PK-6	143.46	$12,869
	Newbrook Joint Contract School	PK-6	146.28	$10,194
	Huntington	PK-4	148.58	$10,745
	Monkton	**K-6**	**155.99**	**$11,812**
<- Larger	Middlesex	PK-6	167.25	$11,910
	Underhill Town	K-4	168.19	$9,481
	Vernon	PK-6	171.28	$16,391
	Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data		**139.81**	**$12,630**

Current expenditures are an effort to calculate an amount per FTE spent by a district on students enrolled in that district. This figure excludes tuitions and assessments paid to other providers, construction and equipment costs, debt service, adult education, and community service.

FY2015 School District Data

	LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate: SchlDist Equalized Pupils	SchlDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	SchlDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate (Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.)	Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates: MUN Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	MUN Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate (These tax rates are not comparable due to CLA's.)
Smaller ->	T099	Huntington	PK-4	132.68	14,154.62	1.4940	1.4708	101.95%	1.4427
	T217	Waitsfield	PK-6	136.50	14,740.52	1.5558	1.5896	107.07%	1.4847
	T212	Underhill Town	K-4	144.37	13,495.43	1.4244	1.4445	102.18%	1.4137
	T127	Monkton	K-6	147.90	15,443.91	1.6301	1.6112	84.66%	1.9031
<- Larger	T222	Warren	PK-6	148.71	13,089.87	1.3816	1.4823	101.76%	1.4567
	U047	Mettawee Comm. UESD	PK-6	157.31	15,545.89	1.6408	-	-	-
	T124	Middlesex	PK-6	157.82	14,233.46	1.5023	1.5611	95.61%	1.6328

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:

16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

(K) data provided by the commissioner which enable a comparison with other schools, or school districts if school level data are not available, for cost-effectiveness. The commissioner shall establish which data are to be included pursuant to this subdivision and, notwithstanding that the other elements of the report are to be presented in a format selected by the school board, shall develop a common format to be used by each school in presenting the data to community members. The commissioner shall provide the most recent data available to each school no later than October 1 of each year. Data to be presented may include student-to-teacher ratio, administrator-to-student ratio, administrator-to-teacher ratio, and

ADDISON NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION
2014 - 2015

ANESU ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATION	
Adams, David P	Superintendent
DiNapoli, Catrina TM	Assistant Superintendent
Mansfield, Howard	Chief Financial Officer
Bruhl, Susan D	Special Education Director
Harwood, Alden K	Facilities Director
Carper, Michael C	Information Systems Manager
Alexander, Katherine Y	Food Service Director
Atkins, Elizabeth K	Accounting Supervisor

ANESU TEACHING STAFF

Lu, Jefferson C	Behavior Interventionist/All Schools
Hartmann, Marybeth B	English Language Learner Teacher/All Schools
Parren, Lauren Kelley	Learning Innovation Coach/All Schools
Conrad, Julie A	Math Coordinator/All Schools
Ellis, Carina M	Music Educator/Monkton & Starksboro
Shackett, Christopher M	Physical Education/Lincoln & Monkton
Finn, Brendan P	School Psychologist/All Schools
Baron, Mariah	Special Educator/Bristol
Emmell, Alice M	Special Educator/Bristol & ANESU
Calzini, Valerie R	Special Educator/Early Ed
Gernander, Jennifer M	Special Educator/Early Ed
Hart, Ernest A	Special Educator/Mt. Abraham
Mayer, Amy L	Special Educator/Robinson
Birdsall, Carol S	Speech Language Pathologist/Early Ed & Lincoln
Davis, Michelle	Speech Language Pathologist/Mt. Abraham

ANESU SUPPORT STAFF

Chesley Park, Amanda	21st Century Program Director
Hill, Maureen M	21st Century Program Director
LaFlam, Kristen A	Bookkeeper
Nason, Patricia L	Data & Communication Specialist
Ronark, Andrew P	Database Administrator/SR Network Supervisor
Towsley, Patricia W	Educational Assistant/Early Ed
Wheeler, Karen L	Executive Administrative Assistant
Rockwell, April R	Fiscal Analyst
Bolduc, Marie M	Food Service/Bristol & Beeman
Clark, Julie E	Food Service/Bristol
Rathbun, Yvonne H	Food Service/Lincoln
Preston, Debra H	Food Service/Monkton
Cobb, Maxine M	Food Service/Mt. Abraham
Correll, Kathleen A	Food Service/Mt. Abraham
Malloy, Jacqueline M	Food Service/Mt. Abraham
Murray, Pamela	Food Service/Mt. Abraham
Teer, Beverly A	Food Service/Mt. Abraham
Cavoretto, Shonda L	Food Service/Robinson
Allen, Bertha	Food Service Manager/Bristol
Calderon-Guthe, Lea A	Food Service Manager/Lincoln
McConville, Heather A	Food Service Manager/Monkton
Roscoe, Carol J	Food Service Manager/Mt. Abraham
Bortz, Doreen A	Food Service Manager/Robinson
Conner, Bobbi Jo	Human Resources Coordinator
Cordero, Ronnie B	Network Supervisor
Goeke, Richard J	Network Supervisor
Hobbs, Shana E	Network Supervisor
Norton, Kim M	Nurse/Beeman & Lincoln
Collaro, Laura A	Nutrition and Education Coordinator/All Schools
Ladd, Catherine M	Payroll Specialist
Vorsteveld, Melissa L	SLP Assistant/Beeman & Monkton
Audy, Valli G	Special Education Administrative Assistant
Cornellier, Ryan A	Special Education Assistant/Beeman
Getman, Jillian S	Special Education Assistant/Bristol
McKinney, Roberta L	Special Education Assistant/Bristol
Rittendale, Alyssa	Special Education Assistant/Bristol
Whitten, Colleen M	Special Education Assistant/Robinson
Knight, Carolyn T	SPED Van Driver

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union
Expense Budget

Code	Description	FY14 Budget	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budget	FY16 Proposed
5111	Salaries - Professional Staff	$867,321	$783,809	$2,206,644	$2,381,165
5112	Salaries - Assistants	$136,000	$86,718	$1,382,118	$1,066,421
5113	Salaries - Other Support Staff	$398,870	$477,784	$578,549	$514,927
5115	Health Buy-Out	$5,000	$3,300	$14,868	$13,650
5124	Salaries - Student Stipends	$0	$0	$14,550	$0
5125	Salaries - Support Staff Tutors	$0	$0	$1,200	$0
5127	Salaries - Professional Stipends	$0	$6,000	$0	$0
5129	Salaries - Support Stipends	$2,450	$1,400	$25,136	$42,050
	Subtotal Salaries:	**$1,409,641**	**$1,359,011**	**$4,223,065**	**$4,018,213**
5211	Group Health Insurance	$145,130	$167,785	$506,984	$1,136,426
5212	Group Health Insurance	$173,003	$102,267	$661,238	$0
5221	Social Security (FICA)	$109,809	$98,977	$324,234	$307,393
5231	Group Life Insurance	$4,072	$3,393	$8,592	$5,906
5241	Retirement Contributions	$20,008	$18,113	$43,171	$46,559
5251	Workers' Compensation	$9,340	$7,141	$26,470	$29,028
5261	Unemployment Compensation	$7,795	$6,484	$28,019	$9,993
5271	Tuition Reimbursement	$7,750	$9,395	$24,097	$27,850
5281	Group Dental Insurance	$10,813	$11,756	$46,228	$42,581
5291	Disability Insurance	$7,148	$6,201	$19,849	$14,691
	Subtotal Benefits:	**$494,868**	**$431,512**	**$1,688,882**	**$1,620,428**
5955	Reserve for Negotiations - Professional	$0	$0	$0	$106,070
5956	Reserve for Negotiations - Support	$0	$0	$0	$163,707
5957	Reserve for Negotiations - ANESU	$0	$0	$0	$86,901
5958	Reserve for Negotiations - Purchased	$0	$0	$0	$5,582
	Subtotal Reserves:	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$362,260**
5311	Purchased Services - Section 125 Administration	$0	$564	$0	$0
5321	In-Service - Professional Staff	$15,601	$8,894	$15,400	$18,000
5322	In-Service - Support Staff	$4,236	$3,308	$4,240	$5,500
5323	Conference Fees	$4,766	$5,561	$9,727	$13,423
5333	OT/PT Related Services	$0	$0	$23,478	$23,000
5338	District Course Related Expense	$41,189	$36,739	$41,806	$43,144
5339	Other Professional Services	$50,584	$31,365	$105,300	$67,321
5341	Technical Services	$25,476	$21,109	$25,858	$31,419
5361	Legal Services	$1,017	$3,471	$13,032	$13,449
5371	Audit Services	$12,204	$6,155	$12,387	$66,735
	Subtotal Purchased Services:	**$155,073**	**$117,166**	**$251,228**	**$281,991**

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union
Expense Budget

Code	Description	FY14 Budget	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budget	FY16 Proposed
5411	Water/Sewer	$0	$139	$0	$160
5421	Disposal Services	$915	$964	$929	$1,649
5423	Purchased Custodial Services	$5,288	$5,308	$5,368	$6,240
5431	Repairs & Maintenance Services	$1,017	$2,145	$19,877	$42,056
5432	Maintenance - Vehicles	$0	$0	$508	$4,000
5441	Rental of Land & Buildings	$55,170	$56,738	$55,998	$65,300
5442	Rental of Equipment & Vehicles	$10,720	$2,960	$3,046	$3,143
	Subtotal Property Services:	**$73,110**	**$68,255**	**$85,726**	**$122,548**
5518	Student Transportation Services - SPED	$0	$0	$116,573	$132,000
	Subtotal Transportation Services:	**$0**	**$0**	**$116,573**	**$132,000**
5521	Property Insurance	$254	$224	$254	$236
5522	Liability Insurance	$2,441	$3,904	$4,110	$9,801
5531	Telephone	$8,644	$8,743	$11,774	$15,151
5532	Postage	$4,144	$4,105	$4,224	$4,359
5533	Internet Provider Services	$509	$710	$11,666	$750
5541	Advertising	$814	$3,056	$826	$3,054
5551	Printing & Binding	$254	$0	$258	$266
5561	Tuition To Other Vermont LEAs	$0	$0	$232,000	$0
5566	Tuition to Private Schools	$0	$0	$40,000	$256,788
5581	Travel - Employee	$11,900	$10,880	$17,529	$23,449
	Subtotal Other Services:	**$28,960**	**$31,622**	**$322,641**	**$313,854**
5611	Consumable Supplies	$11,919	$8,429	$55,890	$59,882
5613	Food (Instructional & Refreshments)	$966	$2,640	$1,137	$1,173
5622	Electricity	$2,542	$4,110	$2,581	$6,192
5624	Oil	$4,577	$4,853	$4,645	$5,082
5626	Gasoline	$0	$0	$8,155	$12,000
5641	Textbooks	$585	$40	$594	$533
5642	Periodicals	$356	$40	$361	$1,500
5671	Software	$1,018	$1,024	$81,352	$105,471
5699	Non-Capitalized Equipment	$4,166	$8,464	$116,216	$32,831
5734	Equipment - Computers	$0	$0	$37,740	$147,020
5739	Equipment - Other	$0	$0	$36,940	$23,378
	Subtotal Supplies & Equipment:	**$26,129**	**$29,600**	**$345,611**	**$395,062**
5811	Dues & Fees	$7,017	$6,045	$7,321	$8,949
5891	Miscellaneous Expenditures	$305	$297	$309	$319
5893	Late Charges	$0	$28	$0	$0
5894	Background Check Expense	$1,220	$1,001	$1,239	$1,279
	Subtotal Dues, Interest, Principal & Transfers:	**$8,542**	**$7,370**	**$8,869**	**$10,546**
Total Expenses:		**$2,196,323**	**$2,044,536**	**$7,042,595**	**$7,256,902**

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union

Expense Budget Summary

The ANESU budget has increased by $214,307 or 3.04%. In accordance with Act 153, special education costs had been consolidated under the ANESU and assessed back to the six school districts in the year ended June 30, 2015. The June 30, 2016 budget is now comparable to last year's budget. The overall special education budget has decreased from the prior year by $69,874.

All of the Information Technology (IT) Services had been consolidated under the ANESU in the year ended June 30, 2015. The June 30, 2016 budget is now comparable to last year's budget. In addition to personnel and benefits, this includes all IT equipment, software, maintenance and all other associated IT costs. The overall IT budget decreased from the prior year by $62,204.

The ANESU assessment now includes the total bill for audit services from the six school districts. This increased the ANESU assessment by $54,315

The budget includes a Reserve for Negotiations amount related to the collective bargaining agreement contract negotiations for Professional and Support staff salary and benefit increases of $92,483.

The ANESU is combining local and federal grants to fund a 0.50 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) English Language Learner Teacher, a 1.0 FTE Literacy, a 1.0 FTE Math Coach and a 1.0 FTE Student Support Coordinator. We also had some changes in ANESU staffing due to retirement and position changes. The balance of the budget changes relate to the investment in the new staff positions described above and increases in the ANESU personnel salaries and benefits. The Superintendent has requested additional funds for Board of Education Services, legal services, fiscal services, and the operation of plant and equipment expenses.

Addison Northeast Supervisory Union
Revenue Budget

Code	Description	FY14 Budget	FY14 Actual	FY15 Budget	FY16 Proposed
001.1510.4000.07	Investment Income	$1,500	$3,292	$2,606	$2,046
001.1931.4000.07	Supervisory Union Assessment	$1,524,891	$1,524,891	$2,218,762	$2,473,675
001.1932.4000.07	Supervisory Union Assessment - SPED	$0	$0	$4,258,800	$4,188,926
001.1941.4000.07	Services To Other Vermont LEAs	$386,511	$474,452	$139,048	$157,096
001.1943.4000.07	District Course Related Revenue	$0	$1,404	$41,806	$43,144
001.1943.4001.07	District Course Related Revenue	$41,189	$44,960	$0	$0
001.1949.4000.07	Grant Administration Fee	$14,990	$25,687	$12,311	$11,108
001.1990.4000.07	Miscellaneous Other Local Revenue	$200	$5,309	$200	$500
001.1992.4000.07	Background Check Income	$1,220	$907	$1,239	$1,279
001.1993.4000.07	E-Rate Reimbursement	$5,500	$6,508	$6,508	$5,820
001.1999.4000.07	COBRA Fees	$230	$26	$150	$50
	Subtotal Local Revenue:	**$1,976,231**	**$2,087,436**	**$6,681,430**	**$6,883,644**
001.2791.4000.07	Subgrants Received - I3 Network Grant	$5,000	$0	$0	$0
	Subtotal Subgrant Revenue:	**$5,000**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
001.5290.4000.07	Fund Transfer-Medicaid	$32,830	$0	$8,586	$16,872
001.5290.4001.07	Fund Transfer - Title 1	$36,754	$0	$25,297	$103,868
001.5290.4002.07	Fund Transfer-Flow Through	$130,416	$0	$294,019	$227,512
001.5290.4003.07	Fund Transfer - Title IIA	$15,092	$0	$33,263	$0
001.5290.4009.07	Fund Transfer - EPSDT	$0	$0	$0	$25,006
001.5400.4000.07	Adjustment Of Prior Year Expenditures	$0	($341)	$0	$0
001.5700.4000.07	Restricted Revenue - S125 Forfeiture	$0	$335	$0	$0
	Subtotal Miscellaneous Revenue:	**$215,092**	**($6)**	**$361,165**	**$373,258**
Total Revenue:		**$2,196,323**	**$2,087,430**	**$7,042,595**	**$7,256,902**

The percentage used to determine each town's portion of the Supervisory Union Assessment for 2015-2016 is based upon the 10/1/14 headcount.

Towns/Schools	Percentage FY15	Budget FY15	Proposed FY16
Bristol	0.1806	381,183	446,658
Lincoln	0.0781	183,492	193,281
Monkton	0.1037	214,998	256,626
New Haven	0.0598	137,563	147,803
Starksboro	0.1110	223,651	274,492
Mt. Abraham	0.4668	1,077,875	1,154,815
Addison Northeast District	**1.0000**	**2,218,762**	**2,473,675**

WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #28
(Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, Starksboro)

The voters of Union High School District #28 are hereby warned and notified to meet at Mt. Abraham Union High School in Bristol, Vermont, on **Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM** to discuss and transact the following business. Article 5 requires a vote by Australian Ballot to take place on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015** at the annual polling places of the respective towns at hours conforming to those of each town.

ARTICLE 1. To receive and act upon the reports of the Union High School District Officers.

ARTICLE 2. To establish the salaries for elected officers of Union High School District #28.

ARTICLE 3. To elect officers following nominations from the floor.
a) A Moderator; b) A Clerk; c) A Treasurer; d) An Auditor for the term of 3 years.

ARTICLE 4. To elect a community representative to serve on the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District Board of Directors to finish the last year of a 3 year term, expiring in 2016.

ARTICLE 5. For discussion only: VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015, AT THE ANNUAL POLLING PLACE AND TIMES OF EACH RESPECTIVE TOWN.
Shall the Union High School District #28 adopt a budget of $14,058,551 for the school year beginning July 1, 2015?

ARTICLE 6. To see if the voters of the Union High School District will authorize the Union High School District Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided in 16 V.S.A. '562 (9).

ARTICLE 7. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 8. To adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Dated at Bristol, Vermont, this 16th day of January 2015.

Dawn K. Griswold
Dawn Griswold, Chair
Board of Directors
Union High School District #28

Karen Wheeler
Karen Wheeler, Clerk
Union High School District #28

WARNING
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #28
(Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, New Haven, Starksboro)

The voters of Union High School District #28 are hereby warned and notified to meet at the annual polling places of the respective towns on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015**, to vote by Australian Ballot on the following article of business.

Hours of opening and closing of polls will conform to those of each town:

Bristol	Holley Hall	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Lincoln	Burnham Hall	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Monkton	Monkton Central School	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
New Haven	New Haven Town Hall	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Starksboro	Robinson Elementary School	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Union High School District #28 adopt a budget of $14,058,551 for the school year beginning July 1, 2015?

Dated at Bristol, Vermont, this 16th day of January 2015.

Dawn K. Griswold

Dawn Griswold, Chair
Board of Directors
Union High School District #28

Karen Wheeler

Karen Wheeler, Clerk
Union High School District #28

WARNING

PATRICIA A. HANNAFORD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 25 and MARCH 3, 2015

Member Districts are Addison, Bridport, Bristol, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh, Lincoln, Middlebury, Monkton, New Haven, Panton, Ripton, Salisbury, Shoreham, Starksboro, Vergennes, Waltham and Weybridge.

The legal voters of the Regional Technical School District are hereby warned to meet at the Hannaford Career Center, Middlebury, Vermont in said district on February 25, 2015, at **7:00 P.M., to transact and vote on the following business:**

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following officers:
a) A Moderator b) A Treasurer c) A Clerk

ARTICLE 2: To hear and act upon the reports of the Treasurer and Auditors of the District.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money, pending receipt of payment from member districts, by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from date for the purpose of paying the sum approved by the voters.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters of the district will vote to pay a stipend to each voting member of the Board of Directors not to exceed **$600.00** per member per year. Stipend Pro-rated based upon number of warned board meetings attended.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters of the said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to place **$144,668** of the FY14 unreserved fund balance in the Building and Equipment Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters of said District will vote to authorize its Board of Directors to use funds in the Building and Equipment Reserve Fund for capital improvements and program equipment.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters of said district will vote to change the by-Laws of the district by changing the mission statement to read as follows:
The Mission of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District is to provide educational experiences that prepare secondary and adult students with the knowledge and skills to enter the workforce in careers that are high skilled, high demand, and that pay a livable wage and to continue their education.

ARTICLE 8: To do any other business proper to come before said meeting.

The meeting will then be recessed to March 3, 2015 on which date member district voters are further warned to vote on the article listed below by Australian ballot at their respective polling places:

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District approve the sum of **$3,596,456** to defray current expenses for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations, said amount to include **$99,978** from fees, grants and state appropriations to defray expenses of the Adult Technical Education Program?

The legal voters and residents of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held on the above-listed Australian ballot article on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at the Hannaford Career Center in the Town of Middlebury, Vermont immediately following the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District's annual meeting which begins at 7:00 pm.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2015 at Middlebury, Vermont.

Mary Anne Bearor	Jason Larocque
Mary Anne Bearor, Clerk	Jason Larocque, Chair
PAHRTSD	PAHRTSD

Jason Larocque

Laura Lass

Michael McLaughlin

Kim Farnham

Michael McGrath

Michael Giorgio

Richard Rathbun

Mark Perrin

Holly Tippett

Harold Nisun

The polling places and hours of the member districts of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District are as follows:

District	Location	Polling Hours
Addison	Addison Town Clerk's Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Bridport	Bridport Masonic/Community Hall	10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Bristol	Holley Hall	9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Cornwall	Cornwall Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Ferrisburgh	Ferrisburgh Central School	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Lincoln	Burnham Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Middlebury	Middlebury Municipal Gym	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Monkton	Monkton Central School	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
New Haven	New Haven Town Hall	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Panton	Panton Town Clerk's Office	9 :00 AM-7:00 PM
Ripton	Ripton Town Office	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Salisbury	Salisbury Town Clerk's Office	8:00 AM-7:00 PM
Shoreham	Shoreham Town Offices	10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Starksboro	Robinson Elementary School	7:00 AM-7:00 PM
Vergennes	Vergennes Fire Station	9:00 AM-7:00 PM
Waltham	Waltham Town Clerk's Office	10:00 AM-7:00 PM
Weybridge	Weybridge Town Clerk's Office	8:00 AM-7:00 PM

The legal voters of the Patricia A Hannaford Regional Technical School District are further notified that voter qualification, registration, and absentee voting relative to said special meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated, and by Section 706W of Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Australian ballots shall be commingled and counted at the Middlebury Union High School cafeteria by representatives of the Boards of Civil authority of the member town school districts under the supervision of the Clerk of the Patricia A. Hannaford Regional Technical School District.

WARNING
ANNUAL MEETING
MONKTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Monkton Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Monkton Central School in Monkton, Vermont on **Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:30 PM** to discuss and transact the following business. Articles 4 and 3 require a vote by Australian Ballot to take place on **Tuesday, March 3, 2015** at Monkton Central School between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1: To receive and act upon the report of The Monkton Town School District

ARTICLE 2: To establish salaries for the Town School District Officers.

ARTICLE 3: To elect all town school district officers by Australian Ballot. Polls are open from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

ARTICLE 4: For discussion only: VOTE TO BE TAKEN BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 BETWEEN 7:00 AM AND 7:00 PM.
Shall the voters of the Monkton Town School District appropriate $2,816,980 necessary for the support of its schools for the year beginning July 1, 2015?

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters of the Monkton Town School District will authorize the Monkton Town School District Board of Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year, as provided in 16 V.S.A. §562 (9).

ARTICLE 6: To transact any business properly coming before said meeting.

ARTICLE 7: To adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2015.

Monkton Board of School Directors

Dawn K. Griswold

Dawn Griswold, Chair

Kristin Blanchette, Vice Chair

Jennifer Stanley, Clerk

Robert Radler

Robert Radler

Marikate Kelley

Marikate Kelley

ATTEST:

Sharon M Gomez

Sharon Gomez, Town Clerk

1/27/2015

Date

MARCH 2015 TOWN MEETING CANDIDATES AND TERMS

Town & School Clerk:	1 Yr. Term	Sharon M. Gomez	3/15 - 3/16
Town & School Treasurer:	1 Yr. Term	William C. Joos	3/15 - 3/16
Delinquent Tax Collector:	1 Yr. Term	William C. Joos	3/15 - 3/16
Town Moderator:	1 Yr. Term	Kenneth E. Wheeling	3/15 - 3/16
School Moderator:	1 Yr. Term	Kenneth E. Wheeling	3/15 - 3/16
Select Board:	2 Yr. Term	John McNerney	3/15 - 3/17
Select Board:	3 Yr. Term	Stephen Pilcher	3/15 - 3/18
Constable:	1 Yr. Term	Charlie Huizenga Sr.	3/15 - 3/16
Lister:	3 Yr. Term	Samuel H. Burr	3/15 - 3/18
Auditor:	3 Yr. Term	Mary Jane Huizenga	3/15 - 3/18
Elementary School Board:	1 Yr. Term	Marikate Kelley	3/15 - 3/16
Elementary School Board:	1 Yr. Term	Sarah Rougier	3/15 - 3/16
Elementary School Board:	3 Yr. Term	Jennifer Stanley	3/15 - 3/18
M.A.U.H.S. School Board:	3 Yr. Term	Shawna Sherwin	3/15 - 3/18
Planning Commission:	3 Yr. Term		3/15 - 3/18
Planning Commission:	3 Yr. Term	Ivor Hughes	3/15 - 3/18
Planning Commission:	1 Yr. (Bal. of 3 yr term) *		3/15 - 3/16
Russell Memorial Library Trustee:	3 Yr. Term		3/15 - 3/18
Russell Memorial Library Trustee:	1 Yr. (Bal. of 3 yr term) *	Jane Low	3/15 - 3/16
Grand Juror:	1 Yr. Term		3/15 - 3/16
Town Agent to Defend & Prosecute:	1 Yr. Term		3/15 - 3/16
Town Agent to Deed Real Estate:	1 Yr. Term		3/15 - 3/16

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING-2015

THE LEGAL VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF MONKTON ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE MONKTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ON TUESDAY MARCH 3, 2015 AT 10:00 A.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

ARTICLE 1 TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT
POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 AM AND WILL CLOSE AT 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 1: To elect all Town Officers by Australian Ballot.

ARTICLE 2: To receive and act on the Report of the Auditors as submitted.

ARTICLE 3: To set the date for the payment of Real Estate Taxes to be paid to the Town Treasurer.

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town empower the Selectboard to set the Tax Rate when the Grand List is finalized?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Voters approve the following request by various Social Service Agencies?

a)	Addison County Community Action Group (Hope)	$1,250.00
b)	Addison County Diversion & Community Justice	$ 550.00
c)	Addison County Counseling Service Inc.	$1,500.00
d)	Addison County Home, Health & Hospice, Inc.	$1,946.00
e)	Addison County Parent/Child Center	$1,600.00
f)	Addison County Readers (Imag'nLibraryLiteracy)	$ 450.00
g)	Addison County Transit Resources	$ 850.00
h)	Bristol Family Center	$ 250.00
i)	Bristol Recreation Dept.	$2,000.00
j)	Bristol Rescue Squad	$4,000.00
k)	Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	$1,100.00
l)	Elderly Services	$ 800.00
m)	Green Up Vermont	$ 150.00
n)	Homeward Bound Humane Society	$ 250.00
o)	Hospice Volunteer Services	$ 300.00
p)	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter	$ 1000.00
q)	Lewis Creek Assn.	$ 550.00
r)	Open Door Clinic	$ 500.00
s)	Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	$ 198.00
t)	Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	$ 285.00
u)	Rural Fire Protection Program	$ 100.00
v)	Vergennes Rescue Squad	$ 600.00
w)	Vermont Adult Learning	$ 700.00
x)	Vermont Center for Independent Living	$ 195.00
y)	Women Safe (Women in Crisis)	$ 1000.00
	Total:	$22,124.00

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters approve the following sums of money for the listed purposes?

a)	Salaries and General Expenses	$335,475.44
b)	Highway Expenses	$755,894.07
c)	Monkton Volunteer Fire Department	$33,000.00
d)	Russell Memorial Library	$20,150.00
e)	Monkton Museum and Historical Society	$ 900.00
f)	Recreation Fund	$4,500.00
g)	Agricultural and Natural Areas Fund	$10,000.00
h)	Highway Capital Equipment Fund	$30,000.00
	Total:	$1,189,919.51

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Monkton start its annual Town Meeting on the Monday immediately preceding the first Tuesday in March at 7:00 p.m., in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2640(b).

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters approve a sum not to exceed $80,000.00 for the purchase of a Ford 550 truck for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters approve a sum not to exceed $78,000.00 for the addition to the Monkton Volunteer Fire Department Fire Station.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town of Monkton adopt its budget article or articles by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town of Monkton vote on all public questions by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters of the Town of Monkton vote to advise the Selectboard to use the Town land adjacent to the Monkton Friends Methodist Church for its originally intended purpose as a site of a new Town Hall only and not for a Municipal Park and Ride Lot?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters authorize the Select Board to borrow money from time to time and pledge the credit of the Town from the past and present indebtedness as may be necessary for them.

ARTICLE 14: To transact any other business proper to come before this meeting.

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Received and Recorded
on 29 January, 2015 at 10:00 AM/PM

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Sharon Gomez, Town Clerk
Monkton Town Clerk received

Stephen Pilcher, Chair Selectboard

Anne Layn, Vice Chair Selectboard

Henry Boisse, Member Selectboard

John McNerney, Member Selectboard

Roger Parker, Member Selectboard

Community Information
Town of Monkton ~ Chartered in 1762

Town Clerk: Sharon Gomez 453-3800
Clerk's hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8 am. to 1pm.
Closed Wednesdays
Town Treasurer: William Joos
Treasurer's hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
8 am. to 1 pm
Clerk & Treasurer's Evening Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
4 pm to 7 pm
Zoning Administrator: 735-6563
Kenneth Wheeling
Zoning Adm. Hours:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
9 am to 11 am
2nd & 4th Tuesday
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Listers: 453-4515
Bernard Wisniowski, Samuel Burr, John Howard
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8 am to 11 am
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William Joos
Emergency #'s: **911**
Fire, Rescue Squad, State Police
Town Garage: 453-3263
Wayne Preston
Town Constable: 877-2888
Charles Huizenga, Sr.
Schools:
Monkton Elementary 453-2314
Mount Abraham
Principal 453-2333
All other Depts. 453-2348
Superintendent's off. 453-3657

Russell Memorial Library: 453-4471
Librarian: Deborah Chamberlin
Asst. Librarian: Dawn Thibault
Hours:
3:00 PM – 7:00 PM Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Friday & Saturday
Meetings:
Select Board: 2nd & 4th Monday @ 7 pm
Zoning: 2nd & 4th Tuesday @ 7:30 pm
MM & Historical Society: 3rd Monday @ 7pm
Planning Comm. 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 7 pm

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