TOWN OF CASTLETON
WORKSITE WELLNESS PROGRAM AWARD

The Vermont Governor's Council on Physical Fitness & Sports – 2013 Gold Award
Melanie Combs, Town Accountant, receiving Wellness Award on behalf of the Town.
(L to R) Health Commissioner Dr. Harry Chen, Melanie, Governor Peter Shumlin

IN APPRECIATION

Our sincerely appreciation goes out to our loyal volunteers who are always there to answer our call for assistance. We appreciate their willingness to spend hours of their valuable time assisting our office staff in large projects. This saves our taxpayers tax dollars.

If you wish to be a "volunteer", please call us at (802) 468-5319 ext. 216

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

ANIMAL CONTROL

The number of calls I received within the fiscal year was about the same as years past. The number of feral cat complaints have dropped. If you have feral cats and don't want them around give me a call. I have a few have-a-heart traps to loan out. I received numerous complaints last fall and spring from residents who were seeing fox and skunks, neither of which I deal with. If you are having problems with rodents I have a small have-a-heart trap to loan or call an exterminator.

I receive numerous calls from people who have lost their pet and from people who have seen a pet running loose. If you have lost a pet I recommend that you contact me, any neighboring town ACO's and the Rutland County Humane Society. Only one out of ten pets found have some sort of ID tag. Article 3.3 of the Castleton Animal Control Ordinance states that all dogs over six months of age are required to wear a collar or harness with a current license tag attached. It is State Law that you must license your dog over six months of age by April 1 of each year.

For the 2013-2014 fiscal year 27 complaints were handled:
23 noise/harassment complaints
3 cruelty/neglect complaints
1 feral cat complaint

Other incidents reported or handled:
8 dogs impounded for running at large and returned to owners
2 feral cats trapped
2 stray/abandoned dogs
1 dog hit by vehicle

I also receive calls about sick or strange acting wild animals. If you have a problem with a wild animal stay away, do not approach or touch, call a local game warden or 1-800-4RABIES to report this problem.

If you have a domestic pet or animal problem or concern I can be reached at:

Monday – Friday	**468-3033**
Evenings/Weekends	**468-5293**

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Mulholland
Animal Control Officer

BOARD OF LISTER'S

The Board of Lister's made site visits to approximately sixty six (66) properties under permit this past year. The permits were for new construction of houses, garages, sheds or barns, and remodels or additions to property.

Grievances were held on June 27, 2014. Twenty six (26) grievances were filed with the Town of Castleton and three (3) of those appealed the assessed value of their property to the Board of Civil Authority.

Our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), set by the state, is 91.41% (of fair market value). And our Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) is 19.72.

New England Municipal Consultants, Ltd. are in the process of assessing all homes located in the Town of Castleton updating our data, as some of you have noticed.

Castleton had fewer sales but most sales continue to increase in value, on the lake and off the lake, with a few decreasing in value.

The Lister's have compiled notebooks for the years 2011 through 2013/14 that contain all Property Transfer Tax Returns with their corresponding Lister cards. If at any time you question the value of your property and feel that you are not being treated fairly and equitably with like properties and/or buildings please feel free to visit our office and review the notebooks as they may assist you.

Notice to taxpayers: Each year taxpayers must file a Homestead Declaration with the State of Vermont by April 15, 2015 showing whether you are a resident or non-resident of the State of Vermont. You may still file the Homestead Declaration by September 1, 2015, but a late fee will be charged.

Notice for Veterans: The state has changed the way Veteran Exemptions are applied. An application to Office of Veteran Affairs in Montpelier must be filed and they determine the exemption. We have the applications here in the office for anyone who would like one or it can be found on their Web site www.veterans.vermont.gov

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Miller
Matt Miller
Peter DeCarolis, Jr.

CASTLETON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

It was an honor to serve with the Castleton Cemetery Association for the last year. We had to make tough decisions to keep Hillside Cemetery in the shape the Town has come to expect.

Our revenue stream continues to contract making our decisions harder and harder. Nonetheless, our Sexton, Mike Eagan and the work crew, Reggie Beayon and Ryan Woods, managed to keep the cemetery in great condition.

We chose to rebuild one of our commercial mowers rather than purchase a new machine. That equipment is crucial to our mission but the cost differential was the major factor.

The group of people listed below give countless hours, most without even a token stipend, to keep Hillside as it is. Such service merits the thanks of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Burke (Pres) **Richard Hall, Jr.**
Rob Barker (1st Vice) **Aleda Dutton**
Patrick Eagan (2nd Vice) **Joan Lord**
Phyllis Blanchard (Treas) **Robert Casey**
Mike Eagan (Sexton) **Lois Ladd**
Si Loomis (Asst Sexton) **Sara Grey (Secretary)**
Ray Ladd (Lot Sales/non-voting)

CASTLETON FIRST RESPONDERS

The Regional Ambulance Service/Castleton First Responders are comprised of volunteer Castleton residents, Castleton State College Students and members of the Castleton Police Department. We provide early treatment to stabilize patients for transport. Regional Ambulance Service provides advanced treatment and transport to Rutland Regional Medical Center.

During Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Regional Ambulance Service/ Castleton First Responders were called out 387 times. Our volunteer responders attempt to cover the community 24 hours a day 7 days a week as long as the volunteers are available. Regional Ambulance Service has an excellent response time to our emergency calls. Additional responders are always needed and welcome. If you have an interest in becoming a Regional Ambulance Service/Castleton First Responder and would like more information you may call the town office at 802-468-5319.

This year we would ask all residents to please update their 911 address signs that have become faded or worn due to the inclement weather. This will help us to find your home when you have an emergency.

On behalf of our team I would like to thank the Castleton Police Department, Castleton Fire Department, Castleton Constables, and Vermont State Police for their dependable and rapid response. Their help and presence at our calls is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Ducharme
Field Chief

CASTLETON FREE LIBRARY

We wish to open this year's report by responding to a few questions that have arisen in the past few years. Castleton Free Library is an incorporated library, founded by a group of citizens in 1897. Like many other incorporated libraries in Vermont most of our funding comes from an annual appropriation of local tax dollars. The library is governed by a Board of Trustees who oversee the budget, determine policies, hire staff, and act as stewards of the building and property. When you, the voter, approve the line for "Library Administration" in the town budget, please understand that this figure includes all of the many expenses necessary to keep your library running for a year: building maintenance, heat and utilities; library materials (books, AV, electronic services); programs; public computing and IT expenses; insurance; furnishings; and staff salaries and benefits.

We continually seek ways to contain costs while expanding services, taking to heart our mission of being a portal to information and imagination; a link between the coziness of community and the excitement of 21st century global innovation. We just completed our 5th year as a 501C3 tax-exempt nonprofit, a designation required by some donation and grant programs. The big grant-funded project that came to fruition in FY 13-14 was our transition to fiber optic internet service, with deep discounts through e-rate reimbursements negotiated by the VT Dept. of Libraries. They provided funding for network-building, equipment, staff training, and a public tech tutor.

In terms of brick-and-mortar accomplishments, major improvements were made to the drainage around the foundation and on the interior addressing insulation and heating flaws in the 1980 addition. We completed an energy audit and have made a long-range plan to act on the recommendations. The old carpet in the children's room was replaced with tile flooring. Sincere thanks to the Kearns family and Sid Waite for donating their labor, painting the area and helping move furniture. Likewise, we wish to extend gratitude to Liz and Bruce MacKay for a complete renovation of the upstairs bathroom.

While a bit small to meet our needs this lovely, lively, tightly-packed building houses our collection of over 23,700 catalogued books and AV materials, 43 print magazine subscriptions, and 8 public computers or devices for accessing the internet. (We subscribe to an additional 59 digital databases that can be accessed from our equipment and/or from home, allowing you to download audio and e-books as well as thousands of journal articles and free courses.) We have 2,537 registered patrons who borrowed nearly 15,000 items in FY 13-14. Many others use the library for other purposes – Wi-Fi, computers, meetings, hang-outs, programs, etc. While difficult to accurately track, actual tally marks record a low estimate of 28,756 visits. Sometimes partnering with other organizations we presented 136 programs attended by 3,482 people of all ages who learned new skills; listened to and discussed books; sang, danced, ate and laughed; met new friends; and enjoyed the companionship of neighbors.

We wish to thank our partners in these endeavors: Friends of CFL (Book Discussion Club, Science Pub, projects); Rutland County Parent-Child Center (Playgroup); Castleton Woman's Club, Castleton Fire Department, and Skip Fenton (Tree Lighting); Castleton College (work-study students, Upward-Bound volunteers). Heartfelt thanks to our awesome regular volunteers: Kathleen Foley, Joan Eaton, Sally Grace, and JoAnn Richardson.

For more news, please visit us online at www.castletonfreelibrary.org and like us on Facebook. Even better, please come in soon to visit!

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees:	**Librarians:**
John Klein (Chair)	**Jan Jones (Director/Children's Librarian)**
Mary Waite (Clerk)	**Meg Fitch (Tech Wrangler/Adult Services Librarian)**

Tom Kearns (Treasurer/Building)
Dick Diehl
Tina Rampone

CEMETERY OVERSEERS

The Cemetery Overseers continue to monitor and restore the historic cemeteries in town. This past year we were able to hire a retired stone cutter who did a beautiful job of repairing and resetting a number of head stones in the Main Street Cemetery.

We are also continuing to work on the brush removal in the two Blissville Road cemeteries.

Again, we wish to thank those who volunteered to keep some of the smaller cemeteries mowed and brush free. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Kenneth Flowers
Raymond Ladd
Jon Pintello

CONSTABLES' DEPARTMENT

As we close out the 2013-2014 year, 1st Constable Silas R. Loomis and 2nd Constable Scott A. Stevens handled the following complaints and services. This Constables report is from January 2014 to October 2014.

Motor vehicle incidents: vehicle collision, both town and I4 E/W; motor vehicle complaints; bicycle complaints; skateboard complaints; motorboat complaints; ATV complaints; lockouts; trespass with motor vehicles; trespass of properties and lands; special traffic details; unlawful dumping; domestic complaints; suspicious persons and vehicles; noise complaints (day and night); citizens disputes/assists to citizen complaints; attempt to locate; unlawful mischief; assistance to other law enforcement agencies; VINS; Railroad, both local and AMTRAK; elderly checks; health and welfare checks upon request; animal complaints (rabid); assistance to Castleton Fire Department and EMS First Responders. Also we have assisted other training agencies.

Your Constables have been supporting a program called "Operation School Child Safety" at the Castleton-Hubbardton Union Grade School this past year. This program is a very good community policing opportunity and enhances the quality of life for our school children.

The Constables would like to remind the taxpayers and citizens about railroad safety. It is unlawful to walk on the railroad tracks and to drive ATV's, mountain bikes, or any other non-authorized motor vehicle on railroad property including: tracks, trestles and bridges. If anyone is seen trespassing they can be arrested and cited into court. In the town of Castleton we have seven marked crossings and ten (10) unmarked (private) crossings. As a member of Operation Life Saver we encourage you to "Look, Listen and Live". Remember, "Anytime is train time!"

First Constable Loomis has been appointed as the very first Constable to be a representative to the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council (VCJT) as a member of the executive board. Along with this appointment Constable Loomis has been appointed to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Public Safety Committee in Montpelier, Vermont. Constable Loomis is still working with the American Legion of Vermont and VCJT

program called Vermont Police Cadet Jr's and Sr's. This program is for high school age young men and women.

Both Constables have met their mandatory law enforcement training for 2014. Both have requirement certifications and assisted with training at the Vermont Police Academy.

In 2014 Constable Loomis assisted the Castleton Lions Club with their hunter safety course at the Kehoe Education Center. We had twenty eight (28) students for the course this year. To us, the Constables, this is a community policing activity that benefits our citizens and young people.

Your Constables appreciate the support of so many of our local and regional agencies. They include: Castleton Board of Selectmen; our past and present Town Managers; all of the office workers at the Castleton Town Office; Castleton Town Highway Crew and Road Foreman; men and women of the Castleton Fire Dept.; Castleton First Responders; Constables of Fair Haven, Poultney, Pawlet, Wells, Hubbardton and Benson; the Chief and men and women of the Fair Haven Police Dept.; VT State Police Troop C dispatchers and officers; and the High Sheriff of Rutland County. We also appreciate the cooperation of our New Police Chief and the men and women of the Castleton Police Dept.

The Constables funding ran out around May 2014. This left us with over two (2) months of no available funds. As so many of you know, over the years we have been level funded and we have consequently ended up cutting our budget requests in the past few years. This year we are asking for a funding increase of about 2%. This is necessary in order to provide the town and you, the taxpayers, with ongoing services throughout the whole fiscal year. We understand the concerns, we pay taxes too.

We are very grateful to our taxpayers for the support of the Constable's Dept. and wish to serve you to the best of our abilities. We still pledge to continue to always work toward our goals and objectives with emphasis on policing, public relations, public safety, community policing, traffic safety and rural policing. We pledge to serve and protect you, the taxpayers and voters of the Town of Castleton and thank you for all these years of support. Remember, this is a service to you.

Respectfully submitted,
Silas R. Loomis, 1st Constable
Scott A. Stevens, 2nd Constable

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

This year the Fire Warden issued only 83 burn permits. This is a very small percentage of the number of permits that residents should have requested. It saves the fire department and the town a lot of time and money with a simple phone call.

Please remember that it is ***'NOT OK'*** to have an open fire without a permit.

The permitting process is easy; you ***must*** call 265-3046 or 342-0167 and leave a message indicating:

- Who you are
- What you will be burning
- When you would like to burn
- Where you will burn (the address) and your phone number at least 24 hours in advance

By doing the above you and the Town are better protected from the consequences of illegal burning. Remember only clean natural wood, brush & grass may be burned. ***NO PAINTED WOOD***. The only return call you will receive is if there are questions.

I would like to thank everyone on the Castleton Volunteer Fire Department for their help with fire protection.

Respectfully submitted,
Heath Goyette
Fire Warden

GREEN UP COMMITTEE

I want to give a very big thank you to Jim Doran and family for their continued support of Green-Up Day. Every year, without fail, Jim, the organizer, and family green up all roads that they can west of Drake Road! The Doran family has a great community service tradition that continues to benefit all of us. It would be wonderful if more families could come together and take some time around the first Saturday in May each year to work together and help to make Castleton a truly green space.

Green-Up Day is always the first Saturday in May, but there is flexibility in when the actual greening up happens. The bags are available beginning the week before and I am willing to drop them or have them for pick up!!! You may green up any day that works for your family. You can either place the bags in piles on the side of the road for the town to pick up or bring them to the transfer station for free!!!

It would be wonderful to see the youth of the town working and learning the importance of keeping our community spaces clean and beautiful looking. Green Up day is one way to encourage the next generation to be more environmentally conscience.

The next Green-Up Day will soon be upon us: Saturday May 2, 2015!!! Please mark your calendars and make a plan with your friends and/or family to take an hour or two of your time to Green Up!

Respectfully,
Julie Finnegan
Green-Up Coordinator

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Our Highway Department works out of the Castleton Town Garage located at 273 Staso Road. Winter operating hours are Monday through Friday 6:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. Summer hours are Monday through Thursday 6:00 A. M. – 4: 30 P.M., or as needed. If you need assistance call the garage at **(802) 468-2459**. If no answer, please leave a message with name, number and location of problem or call the Town Office at **(802) 468-5319 ext. 201**.

The Highway Department has 4 full-time employees, 1 full-time mechanic/operator and 2 part-time employees. Along with on-going maintenance of town roads (winter and summer), the Highway Department accomplished other major projects which included North Road, East Hubbardton Road and Pine Street paving, culverts, ledge removal, bridge planking (Cemetery and Crystal Beach), removal of trees on or at Barker Hill, and solar light work at the Park and Ride.

Finally, as always I would like to thank the Highway Crew - Heath, Bob, Mike, Joe Pat and Joey - for their support and dedication throughout the year.

Respectfully,
Paul C. Eagan
Highway Supervisor

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Castleton Town Plan is a framework and guide for reaching community goals. It also attempts to balance the wide range of competing interests and demands found in the town, to coordinate the pattern of development, the use of important natural resources and to address both current and long-term needs. The policies and programs stated within this comprehensive plan were developed to preserve and protect the town's assets while providing a future vision for town officials, businesses, and citizens of Castleton.

It is important that the Planning Commission takes a look at the growth of the whole town and continue to focus on commercial development. This type of development can stimulate the local economy and enhance the tax base.

We are continuing to look into changes along Route 30 N from Route 4 to Drake Road. Some of this area has access to water and municipal sewer and is considered to be an area for commercial development.

The town has received a grant to do a comprehensive study of Economic Development for the Town. The study has given us some direction on ways to move forward.

The current members are Joe Bruno, Jr., Sean Seguin, Frank Giannini, Jack Master and Jon Pintello. Meetings are on the second & fourth Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Offices.

The commission is seeking additional members to serve the Town; letters of interest can be submitted to the Town Manager.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Bruno
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I want to formally introduce myself as the new Police Chief for the Town of Castleton. I started this process in early summer and was hired on September 8th, 2014. I will sincerely commit my knowledge, experience, and education into leading this police department to the future. Our paths crossed many years ago while I was a student at the College and now as the Police Chief. I hope to bring a strong motivational and positive work ethic to this community.

This report reflects the previous year of administration, July 1st, 2013 to June 30th, 2014. Castleton Officers responded to 1,591 service calls. Listed below are the summary totals of the some of the call types:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	97
Burglar Alarms	65
Assaults	17
Burglaries	24
Citizen Assists/disputes	135
Untimely Deaths	4
Disorderly Conducts	9
Drugs/Alcohol offenses	26
Family Fights/Domestics	25
Frauds	16
Homicides	1
Medical Emergencies	83
Missing Persons	8
Motor Vehicle Complaints	111
Noise Complaints	53
Overdoses	2
Restraining Order Violations	8

Abuse Order Services	17
Sex Offenses	3
Stalking	2
Suicide/Suicide Attempts	5
Suspicious Persons/Circumstances	139
Thefts	64
Threatening Complaints	19
Traffic Hazards	17
Trespassing Complaints	7
Vandalism	26
Wanted Persons	12

Also, Castleton Police conducted 28 Welfare Checks, 16 VIN Inspections, and responded to 17 Animal Problems. There were 67 arrests for Vermont State criminal violations and Castleton Officers issued 414 Vermont Civil Traffic Violations.

The Department's officers are Detective Steve Dechen, K-9 Officer Jeff Warfle and K-9 Dog, Officer Cheri McDermott, Officer Mike Hoffman, and Special Officers Kate Ingwersen, Chris Stevenson, Scott Stevens, and Special Officer Justin Szarejko who took over administrative duties after Secretary Pamela Coolidge-Sherwin resigned. Officer Mike Hoffman is scheduled to attend the Full-time Residential Law Enforcement Academy Class in February 2015. Officer Hoffman was employed full-time at Rutland Regional Ambulance as an EMT/Paramedic for 22 years. He has brought his vast experience in the emergency medical services to this department.

We continue to work in conjunction with the Castleton State College's Department of Public Safety, Vermont Department of Liquor Control, and other supporting agencies to ensure the student population that resides off campus maintains the community's safety and wellness. We are continuing to enforce the noise ordinances and all civil/criminal violations pertaining to the incidents involving off campus student incidents. The student leadership is developing a community based project that will hopefully strengthen the relationship between Castleton residents and the students.

First and foremost it is our duty to ensure the public safety of the community and keep a strong commitment in communication between the residents, students, and landlords. We welcome any input from all interested parties. Please feel free to stop by at our Police Department's location and introduce yourself. Again, thank you for granting this opportunity for me to serve the Town of Castleton.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Peter Mantello

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Castleton Recreation Commission would like to thank the voters of Castleton for their continued support. Without your commitment, the programming offered by this Commission would not occur.

The Commission hired Amy Clapp as our part-time Recreation Director this year and she has been hard at work. Amy has been focusing on new programming that encompasses a wide variety of interests for all age groups, from mountain biking and archery to art and dance. She has opened lines of communication among many of the town's resource sites which allow the Commission more venue options.

Castleton Recreation now has a link on the town's website that can provide people with program offerings and registration forms, thanks to the patient work of Karen Stewart and Denise Nagle. Any questions and concerns can be put there and the Commission will resolve them and get back to the people involved.

The Youth Sports programs offered this past year include baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball. These programs involve children from kindergarten through high school and run from April through October. Check out the website for current programming and other information.

The Commission would like to thank all of the coaches who made each program a success. Without the commitment of these volunteers children would not have an opportunity to learn how to play the game and learn the importance of teamwork.

Crystal Beach continues to be a town jewel and is a great place to spend a hot summer day. The beach provides relaxation for many people and many enjoyable hours of fun. There is a snack bar on site, a play structure, kayak rentals, plenty of grills and picnic areas, and a covered pavilion in case of inclement weather. This past summer we were pleased to begin a summer concert series. One concert was held in June and another in July.

Crystal Beach is an asset to the town and operated by dedicated staff who work long hours to make the patron's visit pleasant and safe. We would like to thank the Castleton Police Department for being a partner with us to ensure a pleasant visit for all patrons.

Swim lessons were offered in July again this year and, as usual, the number of participants increased. There were 88 children who registered for the lessons this season. A

special thanks to our swim instructor, Gail McGann. She continues to offer a **quality program** that parents want to have their child involved in each year.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Francis-Clifford
Commission Chair

TOWN CLERK

Citizens of the Town of Castleton:
Following is the report of the Town Clerk for the year ending June 30, 2014:

LAND RECORDS:
1,539 pages of Land Records were received and recorded by this Office, July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014. The cost of recording land records is $10.00 per page, as set by State Statute. Copies of Land Records may be purchased for $1.00 per page.

In May 2014, the Town Clerk launched ACS Xerox 20 20 Perfect Records Management System. This program provides for the computerization of Land Record Indices and digitization of the recorded documents. ACS Xerox also microfilms and backs-up all documents run through this system. As time allows, we will be able to scan already recorded documents into the system, so that SOME DAY the Land Records may be available ON-LINE. This is a very long-range goal.

VITAL RECORDS:
Certified copies of Castleton Town Vital Records (birth, marriage, death) are available at the Office of the Town Clerk at the cost of $10.00 each. These copies are issued on Vermont State-issued engraved, forgery-proof paper.

VAULT RESEARCH:
The Vault in the Town Clerk's Office is open to the public, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 8:30AM – 12:30PM; 1:30PM – 5:00PM; Wednesday 8:30AM – 12:30PM; 1:30PM – 6:00PM; CLOSED on Fridays. A $2.00 per hour fee is charged for use of the Vault and Town Records.

LIQUOR & TOBACCO LICENSES:
This Office issued the following Licenses for the 2014 licensing period:

9 First Class Liquor Licenses
(7 with Outside Consumption Permits)
7 Second Class Liquor Licenses
7 Tobacco Licenses

DOG LICENSES;
422 dog licenses have been issued in the 2014 calendar year. New licenses will be issued beginning January 5, 2015. All dogs, 6-months or older, must be registered with the Town. The deadline for licensing dogs throughout Vermont is on or before April 1st of each year. After April 1, 2015, dogs still must be licensed, but there is a penalty fee in addition to the regular license fee.

DOG LICENSE FEES:

On or before April 1, 2015:	
Spayed or Neutered Dogs	$12.00
Un-spayed or non-neutered Dogs	16.00
After April 1, 2015:	
Spayed or Neutered Dogs	$14.00
Un-spayed or Non-neutered Dogs	20.00

To license a Dog in Vermont you must provide the Town Clerk with a current Rabies Certificate and Proof of Spaying or Neutering if appropriate.

The Town Clerk, together with the Rutland Veterinary Clinic at Castleton, will hold a Rabies Clinic on Sat. March 21, 2015, 10:00AM – 12:00 Noon at the Town Garage. Rabies vaccinations will be offered at a cost of $7.00 each and Licenses may be purchased or renewed at the same time.

VT SPAY NEUTER INCENTIVE PROGRAM (VSNIP):
The State of Vermont offers a program to enable income eligible caretakers of cats and dogs to receive financial assistance in spaying and neutering, as well as rabies and distemper vaccinations. Applications and information for VSNIP may be picked up at participating veterinary clinics.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS:
The Town Clerk is now able to offer these services. In order to renew a motor vehicle registration, one must bring in the Renewal Form mailed by DMV for registrations that expire in the current month or 2 previous months (except for snowmobiles). A check or money order must be made out to VT DMV, and a separate $3.00 fee will be due to the Town Clerk (cash OK).

HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES:
As of January 2014 Hunting & Fishing Licenses have not been offered for sale at the Castleton Town Clerk's Office. The Department of Fish & Wildlife has changed its procedures and all hunting and fishing licenses will be processed and paid for ON-LINE.

For any citizen who is uncomfortable with the process or unable to apply ON-LINE for a hunting or fishing license the Town Clerk can help you. You must provide a credit/debit card to pay for the license at the time of application. Please call the Clerk's office with any questions (802-468-2212).

ELECTIONS:
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTIONS & VOTING:
A person shall not vote in any election unless his or her name is on the checklist. Each individual who is qualified to vote has the responsibility of seeing that his or her name is on the checklist of his town of residence.

"(a) A person shall not gain or lose a residence solely by reason of...service of the state or of the United States; nor while engaged in the navigation of [the] waters...; nor while in a hospital, nursing home or other health care facility; nor while confined in a prison or correctional institution; nor while a member of a veterans' home; nor while a student...; nor while living outside the United States.

"(b) A person may have his or her name on the checklist **only** in the town of which the person is a resident...a person shall retain the ability to vote in a town of former residence for a period of 17 days after becoming a resident of a new town. A person may have only one residence at a given time." 43 V.S.A. 2122.

If you are registered to vote in the Town of Castleton and have moved to a new address within the town, please call the office (468-2212x214) to give a change of address. If you have moved here from another town or state, you may stop by this office and register to vote. If you have a VT driver's license you must provide it for verification of identity. The deadline to register to vote is 5:00PM on the Wednesday before the week of an election (6 days before election).

Absentee ballots are available 20 days before Town Meeting and 45 days before any State or Federal election. Ballots may be obtained by written request (forms available at Town Clerk's office) or by calling (voter or family member only) to enter such request. Absentee ballot requests must be made each year but will be good for every election of that year. No absentee ballot requests may be taken after 5:00PM on the day before any election.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Thornblade
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK'S VITAL SATISTICS

BIRTHS: JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

Due to the laws regarding adoption and legitimization of children and the Town's liability exposure, Births will no longer be published in the Town Report. Vermont still has an "open records" law so anyone is welcome to view the Birth Records and receive copies at the Town Clerk's Office during business hours.

Marriages and Deaths to follow.

MARRIAGES
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014
(Alphabetical by Applicant A's Name)

Applicant A & Residence	Applicant B & Residence	Date	Place
Batty, Shawn Everette, Jr, Springfield	Chapman, Colleen Nicole, Springfield	05/24/14	Castleton
Clifford, Eli Francis, Massachusetts	Diercksen, Anmya Kristine, Massachusetts	09/07/13	Wallingford
DeLance, Wayne Richard, Castleton	Williams, Christine Marie, Castleton	06/15/14	Bolton
Dunham, Brandon James, New York	Johnson, Savanah Sharon, New York	06/20/14	Castleton
Fabian, Jody Alexander, Castleton	LaMarre, Caitlin Michelle, Castleton	02/10/14	Castleton
Hohman, Dale Russell, Pennsylvania	Currier, Tia-Nicole Naatz, Pennsylvania	09/01/14	Castleton
Jackson, John Raymond, Castleton	Plouffe, Kayla Ann, Castleton	10/26/13	Rutland
Jakab, Michael Robert, Castleton	Lamy, Alexandra Payne, Castleton	07/20/13	Ludlow
Kenderdine, Michael Wessaw, Connecticut	West, Miranda Lynn, Connecticut	05/12/14	Castleton
Lee, Timothy Ross, Utah	Calvi, Maria Snowblanket, Utah	08/10/13	Bomoseen
Mach, Michael Anthony, Castleton	Decker, Stacey Lynn, Castleton	10/18/13	Dorset
Marcille, Scott Alan, Castleton	Tyler, Janalee Anne, Castleton	08/03/13	Castleton
McKenna, Linda Marie, Castleton	Raymond, Carol Lorraine, Castleton	02/28/14	Castleton
Moffatt, Benjamin Robert, Castleton	Pepin, Danielle Renee, Castleton	08/03/13	Waitsfield
O'Day, John Michael, Castleton	Knapp, Mary Jo Mulligan, Fair Haven	06/14/14	W Castleton
Peters, William James, Castleton	Garvey, Marissa Larson, Castleton	04/26/14	Castleton
Porter, Jonathan Michael, Castleton	Dunbar, Korrina Allison, Castleton	03/05/14	Rutland City
Ready, Robert David. Castleton	Kennedy, Colleen, Castleton	06/01/14	Castleton
Rick, Jake Steven, Castleton	Hertford, Ashley Marie, Castleton	08/11/13	Chittenden
Scarborough, John Lawrence, Castleton	Vien, Robyn Lea, Castleton	08/24/13	Castleton
Smith, Clifton Michael. Castleton	McPhee, Angie Dawn, Castleton	02/14/14	Fair Haven
Swarm, John Michael, Castleton	Turgeon, Christine Ann, Castleton	06/28/14	Castleton
Thornblade, Lucas William, Washington	Nguyen, Olivia Tho-Xuan, Massachusetts	09/28/13	Richmond
Woodard, Kimberly Lin, Castleton	Thoms, Paulena, Castleton	08/24/13	Bomoseen

DEATHS (BY NAME)
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014

NAME	SEX-AGE	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE	RESIDENCE
BALOUSKUS, ROSE	F - 91	10/05/13	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
BLACKWOOD, JANICE	F – 73	12/19/13	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
BRONSON, DENNIS M SR	M – 63	11/07/13	RUTLAND	CASTLETON
BRUTEN, MARY E	F – 85	01/25/14	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
BURKE, JOHN KENNETH	M – 67	05/01/14	HYDEVILLE	HYDEVILLE
COLM, CLAUS HANS	M – 83	08/16/13	BOMOSEEN	BOMOSEEN
COLOMB, ROBERT E, JR	M – 53	06/12/14	SPRINGFIELD	CASTLETON
DALY, TIMOTHY	M – 53	01/11/14	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
DELPHIA, BETTY JEAN	F – 84	07/01/13	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
FENTON, VESTA M	F – 94	08/29/13	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
GILL, JULIA J	F – 90	11/15/13	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
INFURNA, VERONICA	F – 58	08/02/13	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
LARSON, CHARLES G	M – 84	08/29/13	RUTLAND	BOMOSEEN
LARUE, CLARENCE C	M – 92	01/09/14	RUTLAND	CASTLETON
MAYO, BEVERLY	F – 90	01/26/14	RUTLAND	CASTLETON
MERWIN, FRANCES	F - 92	02/07/14	RUTLAND	CASTLETON
MINGO, CHARLES H	M – 93	02/25/14	CASTLETON	FAIR HAVEN
OLDFORD, DOROTHY E	F – 81	02/11/14	RUTLAND	CASTLETON
POVEY, JOHN G	M – 23	12/09/13	BOMOSEEN	BOMOSEEN
RAYBORN, JAMES C	M – 72	07/30/13	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
REID, RICHARD N	M – 77	04/22/14	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
ROBIE, ROBERT F	M – 80	04/15/14	BOMOSEEN	BOMOSEEN
RYAN, EDWARD J	M – 101	12/05/13	RUTLAND	HYDEVILLE
SHELDRICK, EUNICE F	F – 81	03/18/14	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
SMITH, BURTON E	M – 83	05/27/14	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
TOLIN, JOHN J, SR	M – 88	05/14/14	RUTLAND	CASTLETON
TUCKER, ELIXABETH L	F – 80	02/28/14	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
WETMORE, GARY S	M – 63	12/17/13	CASTLETON	CASTLETON
WISELL, MICHAEL A	M – 25	05/2014	CASTLETON	HUBBARDTON

TRANSFER STATION

We have gone through another year at the Transfer Station. All of our fees have remained the same.

Our recycling is doing well. We want to encourage you to recycle properly – **please ask us for assistance at (802) 468-3005.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Root
Transfer Station Operator

TREE WARDEN

During the year I had a few unexpected dilemmas. My winter job went to Easter and as we know that date is always changing and this year it was late. By the time I got into pruning the Crab Apples they were starting to bud up and working in them would have hurt the trees. I am planning on getting into them this coming spring.

The next dilemma was a large Silver Maple that lost a branch and fell across Main Street. I always thought I was to save money in my budget for this sort of thing but found out there are emergency monies for this sort of thing and it was taken care of with these monies.

I used the money I had left to purchase trees for in front of Tag's Motel and Crystal Beach. The Sand Cherry trees I had planted in front of Tags Motel were prone to canker and got hit hard by the canker. With the road crews help we removed them and I replaced them three Honey Locust. I purchased three Weeping Willows and a Sugar Maple for Crystal Beach. It was a very hot time of year with little rain and one of the Willows suffered but I think it will make it. We will see in the spring.

I want to keep planting trees to replace the old Willow trees that keep falling apart or breaking off with stronger more resilient trees in the park.

I am still taking care of the Park and Ride near Exit 5 and will continue to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Immel
Tree Warden

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

First of all, we, the Castleton Volunteer Firemen, would like to extend a very sincere **"Thank You"** to all the voters of Castleton for their support in helping us realize our new Fire Station on Route 30 N.

This past year the Castleton Volunteer Fire Department responded to 121 calls. The calls responded to were vehicle accidents, agency assists for structure fires, carbon monoxide alarms, and down power lines.

At present we have 26 members and 2 junior firefighters on our roster. As always we are still in need of additional members. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter please call **(802) 342-0167** or come to the Fire Station on Elm Street on any Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. and we will answer your questions about joining. **Just think - if not YOU then WHO?**

The Castleton Firefighters Association is always looking for additional volunteers. The association is a volunteer group that helps the Fire Department.

In closing, I would like to 'THANK' the firefighters, their families, and the taxpayers for their support which makes it a pleasure to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Heath Goyette
Fire Chief

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

The Town of Castleton Wastewater Treatment Facility has expanded its Emergency Action Power Plan. With the increase in weather related power outages the Town has implemented a plan to increase its generator fleet and upgrade its bigger pumping stations to accept generator power. Another portable generator has been added to reduce the risk of overflow during these more frequent and longer outages.

Engineering for sewer line replacement of a section of the sewer line on Route 30 North is nearly complete and a tentative construction date for late fall is anticipated. Sections of the aging pipe of 40 plus years will be replaced as an ongoing preventive maintenance project.
Through the continued support and foresight of the Select Board and Town Manager our ongoing effort to a proactive approach to maintenance has made the entire sewage system more efficient. Keeping spares on the shelf and taking a proactive approach has significantly reduced down time and the potential for sewer service interruption.

In closing the staff at the Wastewater Treatment Facility extends an invitation to any interested parties to tour the facility. Please call 468-5315 for an appointment so that we may accommodate your visit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward Tracey
Jeff Jordan

24 Hour Emergency Response Number (802) 773-5549

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

A total of 65 Town permits were issued in the past fiscal year which is about average with the past two (2) years. However, this does not include 10 applications received in June and pending; a result of the new Vermont Shoreland Protection Rules.

The Zoning Administrator approved 74% of the zoning permits with the rest being granted through the Development Review Board process. There was one Notice of Violation forwarded to Vermont's Environmental Court for enforcement.

The purpose of the permits issued includes:

- Renovation or additions to existing buildings (mostly residential) including decks & porches (29)
- Replacement and/or construction of Accessory Structures (shed & garages) (15)
- Replacement and/or construction of Single Family Residences (6)
- Miscellaneous (temporary, amended, extended) permits (6)
- Subdivisions or Simple Parceling (4)
- Changes in Use or Home Occupations (3)
- Municipal related issues (2)

CONSIDERING BUILDING IN 2015?? PLEASE NOTE:

1. If you are making site changes within 250 feet of lakes or large ponds you may now need a Vermont Shoreland Protection Alteration permit.

2. If you are building on a small lot, are changing the use of a property or starting a business, the Development Review Board review may be required and this is usually a 60+ day process. Even a simple permit requires a minimum 15 day warning period.

3. If uncertain on what permit may be required - **ASK THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**. My function is to assist property owners in these matters. However, I am also assigned with rule enforcement and Castleton may charge you a minimum of $200 fine for starting a project before you obtain an effective permit.

Generally I have office hours on Tuesdays, Thursday afternoon, by appointment and as permit issues require. Kindly call ahead at **(802) 468-5319 x 225** or email zoning@castletonvt.org so I can schedule a meeting with you at the Town Office accordingly.

Respectfully,
Jeff Biasuzzi
Zoning Administrator

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Castleton, Vermont
Castleton, Vermont

Report on the Financial Statements
We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Castleton, Vermont, ("Town") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Information
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements. The combining and individual special revenue fund financial statements, and schedule of revenue and expenses-budget (non-GAAP budgetary basis) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. A separate report has been issued for the schedule of expenditures of federal awards. The report

has been issued separately and issued as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual special revenue fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual special revenue fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 11, 2014, on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Batchelder Associates, PC

Batchelder Associates, PC
Barre, Vermont
September 11, 2014
VT License #945

The financial statements of the Town of Castleton, Vermont for the year ended June 30, 2014 have been audited by Batchelder Associates, P.C. of Barre, Vermont. The report is available for viewing on the town website www.castletonvermont.org or at the Castleton Town Office.

TOWN OF CASTLETON
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2014

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Library Fund	Reserve Fund	Total Governmental Funds	Sewer (Enterprise) Fund
Assets:						
Cash	682,141		38,930	826,700	1,547,771	
Investments			239,458		239,458	
Property Tax (Sewer) Receivables, net	301,122				301,122	29,296
Other Receivables, net	91,751				91,751	14,197
Due From Other Governments	62,329	36,351			98,680	
Prepaid Expenses	64,776				64,776	
Due From Other Funds	879	641		11,194	12,714	447,634
Land						
Other Capital Assets						6,686,261
Less Accumulated Depreciation						(4,928,034)
Total Assets	1,202,998	36,992	278,388	837,894	2,356,272	2,249,354
Liabilities:						
Accounts Payable	39,157	9,700	2	4,947	53,806	10,555
Accrued Payroll & Related Liabilities	102,614		1,349		103,963	5,314
Other Accrued Expenses	7,421				7,421	
Due To Other Funds	459,468		880		460,348	
Deferred Revenue	122,213	25,757	81,898		229,868	
Deferred Revenue-property taxes	197,182				197,182	
Bonds Payable-Current						88,365
Bonds Payable-L/T						360,062
Total Liabilities	928,055	35,457	84,129	4,947	1,052,588	464,296
Fund Balances:						
Reserved:						
Prepaid Expenses	64,776				64,776	
Used to reduce 13-14 tax rate	22,527				22,527	
Highway	203,458				203,458	
Capital Reserves				832,947	832,947	
Unreserved:						
Undesignated	(15,818)				(15,818)	
Designated-Public Safety		1,535			1,535	
Restricted for Community Development			194,259		194,259	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt						1,309,800
Unrestricted						475,258
Total Fund Balances	274,943	1,535	194,259	832,947	1,303,684	1,785,058
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	1,202,998	36,992	278,388	837,894		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.					2,965,911	
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the governmental funds.					197,182	
Long-term liabilities, including capital leases payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.					(198,220)	
Net assets					4,268,557	1,785,058

Treasurer's Report

Of Cash Balances

As of 06/30/14

Operating Account Checking	$681,716.43
Total Operating	$681,716.43
Cash on Hand/In Transit	$ 425.00
Reserve Account	$834,162.48
Total Reserve	$826,699.94

Verified to Auditors Report

Nancy L Trudo/Treasurer

TAX RATE CALCULATION 2014 - 2015						
	Town	School		Total	Total	Total Town + Homestead + Non-residential
		Homestead	Non-residential	Town + Homestead	Town + Non-residential	
Amount to be raised by taxes	1,945,547.99	2,812,552.46	4,261,534.75	4,758,100.45	6,207,082.74	9,019,635.20
Municipal & Education Grand List @ 07/24/14	4,397,793.01	1,832,520.47	2,571,216.65			
Tax Rate = Amt to be raised by taxes / Grand List	0.44239	1.53480	1.65740			
(rounded)	0.4424	1.5348	1.6574	1.9772	2.0998	
Municipal & Education Grand List @ 07/24/14	4,397,793.01	1,832,520.47	2,571,216.65			
x Tax Rate	0.4424	1.5348	1.6574	1.9772	2.0998	
Total to be raised by taxes (rounded)	1,945,583.63	2,812,552.42	4,261,534.48	4,758,136.04	6,207,118.10	9,019,670.52
Variance (due to rounding)	35.64	-0.04	-0.27	35.59	35.36	35.32

Castleton 2014 Billed Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 129)
Main District Using "As Billed/Freeze" Data

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code		Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I	R1	1,129	211,303,500	130,145,132	81,158,368	211,303,500
Residential II	R2	253	63,209,400	42,272,247	20,937,153	63,209,400
Mobile Homes-U	MHU	98	2,680,500	1,751,175	929,325	2,680,500
Mobile Homes-L	MHL	48	3,730,700	1,716,072	2,014,628	3,730,700
Seasonal I	S1	350	97,898,400	7,851,500	90,046,900	97,898,400
Seasonal II	S2	28	6,117,000	585,000	5,532,000	6,117,000
Commercial	C	114	29,263,600	0	29,263,600	29,263,600
Commercial Apts	CA	12	4,400,100	0	4,400,100	4,400,100
Industrial	I	6	4,213,900	0	4,213,900	4,213,900
Utilities-E	UE	2	6,546,900	0	6,546,900	6,546,900
Utilities-O	UO	1	3,600	0	3,600	3,600
Farm	F	11	4,209,500	2,164,500	2,045,000	4,209,500
Other	O	3	553,700	0	553,700	553,700
Woodland	W	13	1,224,600	0	1,224,600	1,224,600
Miscellaneous	M	294	14,205,800	0	14,205,800	14,205,800
TOTAL LISTED REAL		2,362	449,561,200	186,485,626	263,075,574	449,561,200
P.P. Cable		1	853,893		853,893	853,893
P.P. Equipment		0	0			
P.P. Inventory		0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.		1	853,893		853,893	853,893
TOTAL LISTED VALUE			450,415,093	186,485,626	263,929,467	450,415,093
EXEMPTIONS						
Veterans 10K		26/26	260,000	240,000	20,000	260,000
Veterans >10K			780,000			
Total Veterans			1,040,000	240,000	20,000	260,000
P.P. Contracts		1	853,893			
Contract Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered		0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)		3/3	713,420			
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0	0			
Total Contracts		4/3	1,567,313	0	0	0
FarmStab Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered		0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv(voted)		0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr		0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use		52/52	7,795,579	2,273,579	5,522,000	7,795,579
Special Exemptions		4		0	259,482	259,482
Partial Statutory		1/1	232,900	0	232,900	232,900
Sub-total Exemptions			10,635,792	2,513,579	6,034,382	8,547,961
Total Exemptions			10,635,792	2,513,579	6,034,382	8,547,961
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST			4,397,793.01			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST				1,839,720.47	2,578,950.85	4,418,671.32
NON-TAX		88 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411				

TAX & SEWER COLLECTION SUMMARY

CURRENT REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY				
Original Amount Billed	$8,788,470.78			
Adjustments:				
Additions	688.28			
Deletions	(9,261.66)			
Adjusted Total Amount to Collect		$8,779,897.40		
Collections		(8,537,648.29)		
Advance Payments		(2,018.88)		
Computer Transfers		406.21		
Small Balance Adjustments		(6.82)		
Total Outstanding Current Taxes as of 6/30/14			$240,629.62	
DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY				
For Collection 07/01/13	$242,410.19			
Adjustments:				
Additions	8,351.48			
Deletions	0.00			
Adjusted Total Amount to Collect		$300,848.84		
Small Balance Adjustments		(0.64)		
Credit Transfers		(82.84)		
Collections		(268,445.66)		
Total Outstanding Delinquent Taxes as of 6/30/14			$32,319.70	
TOTAL OUTSTANDING TAXES AS OF 06/30/14				$272,949.32
CURRENT SEWER				
Original Amount Billed	$402,498.00			
Adjustments:				
Additions	91,332.00			
Deletions	(4,163.39)			
Adjusted Total Amount to Collect		$489,666.61		
Advance Payments		0.00		
Small Balance Adjustments		(5.89)		
Computer Adjustments		597.44		
Collections		(459,547.53)		
Total Outstanding Current Sewer as of 06/30/14			$30,710.63	
DELINQUENT SEWER				
For Collection 07/01/13	$26,581.22			
Adjustments:				
Additions		0.00		
Deletions		(700.10)		
Collections		(24,482.81)		
Total Outstanding Delinquent Sewer as of 06/30/14			$1,398.31	
TOTAL OUTSTANDING SEWER AS OF 06/30/14				$32,108.94

Town of Castleton
Employee Wage Summary Report
FY 2013 - 2014

ALKINBURGH SCOTT J.	23,838.99
BEAYON LISA R.	500.00
BEEBE CHRIS A.	12,017.60
BEEBE MARCIA A.	3,294.12
BELL AARON PT	4,447.85
BESTE JOEL A.	452.50
BIASUZZI JEFFREY M.	7,707.21
BLACK ROBERT L.	64.97
CASEY KEITH T.	982.55
CHADWICK JAMES J.	162.43
CLAPP AMY E.	2,500.03
CLIFFORD MARTHA J.	1,000.00
COLOUTTI ROBERT A. JR	129.94
COMBS MELANIE J.	41,597.66
COOLIDGE-SHERWIN PAMELA	9,136.78
DAY ROBERT E.	700.00
DECHEN STEPHEN J.	14,729.75
DROST ANDREW R.	1,398.98
EAGAN PAUL C.	50,835.50
EATON JOAN R.	38.00
ETTORI THOMAS E.	1,200.00
FIORE MARK J.	133.00
FITCH MEGAERA V.	21,840.52
FLEWELLING ALISON E.	1,038.42
FOLEY KATHLEEN M.	270.00
GARRIGAN JOSEPH P.	18,450.01
GIANNINI FRANK W.	320.00
GILMAN BRITTANY M.	1,416.00
GOYETTE HEATH C.	42,857.39
GRIFFIN PAUL D.	7,638.00
HALE JOHN M.	1,660.00
HOFFMAN MICHAEL C. JR	15,751.54
IMMEL CHRISTOPHER A.	727.50
INGWERSEN CATHERINE S.	3,948.00
JACIEN CHARLES	69,587.02
JAKUBOWSKI MARYANN	40,784.37
JENSEN KATHLEEN P.	27.00
JONES JANET L.	23,152.60
JORDAN JEFF L.	31,518.90
KENT ROBERT	22,018.02
LOOMIS SILAS R.	12,401.50
MARCOUX STEPHEN A. JR	1,900.60
MARR DAVID E.	456.00
MARR IVY M.	1,396.50
MARR-HILLIARD PAUL D.	18.00
MARR TWYLA V.	1,486.75
MARR-HILLIARD ZOE W.	513.00
MCDERMOTT CHERI L.	38,995.26
MCGANN GAIL D.	1,434.03
MILLER KIM J.	3,153.66
MILLER MATTHEW R.	1,185.08
NANGLE DENISE E.	1,497.16
O'SHEA EDWARD J.	1,000.00
PIRIE DANIELLE A.	294.50
POTTER JILL M.	27,742.36
PRITCHARD GEORGE P.	340.00
REHLEN WENGER G.	1,000.00
RINGQUIST EMILY E.	43.32
ROOT JOSEPH E.	37,225.78
ROSMUS DEBORAH AL	508.17
SEGUIN SEAN M.	280.00
SHERWIN BRUCE W.	59,342.37
SILVA JASON P.	9,628.22
SMITH CRISTINE M.	1,000.00
SMITH JOSEPH M.	585.60
SMITH MICHAEL J.	33,978.57
STEPHENSON CHRISTOPHER	1,918.00
STEVENS SCOTT A.	3,978.00
STEWART MIKELYN K.	3,537.25
SUCHARZEWSKI ALAN D.	207.00
SZAREJKO JUSTIN A.	17,514.00
THORNBLADE KATHERINE H.	29,976.80
THORNBLADE LYDIA A.	2,428.08
TRACEY EDWARD	46,122.14
TRAVERSE PATRICK G.	13,562.78
TRUDO NANCY L.	13,678.16
WARD ROBERT B.	46,606.78
WARFLE JEFFREY M.	50,494.64
WEISGERBER ADRIANNE G.	2,720.50
WHITE ALLEN M.	97.45
WILLIAMS COLIN A.	25,596.89
WILLIAMS PAMELA A.	3,029.13
WITT LOIS J.	6,612.50
Total Employees Reported: 83	985,359.68

CASTLETON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

2014

Beginning Balance....(1-1-14)..... $12,128.20

RECIEPTS

Lot Sales $3,600.00

Marker Sales.....$200.00

Burials .. (full) .. $5,650.00 / Cremations .. $5,650.00 .. total ...$11,300.00

Town Appropriation.....$20,000.00

TOTAL RECIEPTS..... . $47,228.20

EXPENDITURES

Personal Services.....$15,936.10

Operating Expenses (includes $75.00 Railroad Lease)..... $765.58

Office Expenses.....$130.00

Insurance.....$1,438.00

Professional Services.....$3,148.00

Gas / Parts / Labor.....$1,153.37

Taxes.....$6,947.15

Transferred from checking to Perpetual Care/Savings account $5,275.00

Total Expenditures..... $34,793.20

Ending Balance....(12-31-14).....$12,435.00

CASTLETON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

2014

Perpetual Care / Savings Account

Beginning balance…(1-1-14)……	$2,212.68
Interest earned……	$ .32
Transferred from checking……	$5,275.00
Ending Balance.. (12-31-14)……	$7,488.00

CASTLETON

TOWN

SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 3 & 4, 2014

The legal voters of the Town School District of the Town of Castleton in the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, met as warned at the Jeffords Center for Science & Mathematics at Castleton State College and transacted the following business:

After asking Town School Board Members (Sharon Ryan, Cristine Smith & Tim Smith) and ARSU Administration officers (Laura Jakubowski & Ron Ryan) to come forward, Moderator John Burke called the Meeting to order at 7:20 PM. We were directed to page 35 of the Town Report for the Warning:

ARTICLE 1: (REPORT OF OFFICERS) Motion by Ken Flowers to accept the report as printed, seconded by Julie Finnegan. No discussion. So voted.

ARTICLE 2: (DISSOLVE TOWN SCHOOL BOARD) Motion by Joan Brown, seconded by Ken Flowers to dissolve the Town School Board as set forth in Article 2 and to discuss the issue.

Chairman Tim Smith cut off questioning to offer information first. He introduced the Board and members of ARSU Administration. He explained that the School Board fund has a $0 balance and no budget proposed for the next year. Vermont law required the consolidation of bus services through the District and that ARSU has contracted with Student Transportation of America (STA) to provide transportation. All future costs will be attached to the Union School budget. Regarding what will happen with the buses, he said STA has submitted a fair bid, in line with market value and he recommended they purchase the Castleton fleet (9 buses worth approx. $250,000). That income will be returned to the town to reduce the municipal tax rate.

Discussion followed regarding when the dissolution will be effective (after end of this school year); what will happen with current employees (they will have the chance to work for STA if they meet requirement. Board voted to compensate them for unpaid sick & vacation days). Further discussion followed about the Board's reluctance to give up control but that the State gave them no choice and what would happen if the Article did not pass. Tim Smith stated that as a Board they have nothing else to do. Finally Joe Mark expressed appreciation for Board's work and called the question. Seconded by Joan Brown. Motion to call question passed.

Moderator Burke read the Article again and called for votes by hand in favor and opposed. Article 2 passed.

ARTICLE 3: No action to take.

ARTICLE 4: (OTHER BUSINESS): Ken Flowers asked if new busing company would also transport students for extracurricular activities. Yes.

ARTICLES 5 - 7: (ELECTION OF OFFICERS) 2,996 voters on Checklist; 977 voted.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES WERE VOTED ON MARCH 4, 2014 BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT:

RESULTS:	School District Moderator	1 year	John D. Burke
	Castleton School Director	3 yr term	_____
	Castleton School Director		
	1 yr of unexpired	3 yr term	_____
	Castleton School Director	1 yr term	Sharon Ryan
		1 yr term	_____
	Castleton/Hubbardton Union School Director		
		3 yr term	Toni J. Lobdell
		3 yr term	Sharon Ryan
	Castleton/Hubbardton Union School Director		
	2 yrs of unexpired	3 yr term	_____
	Fair Haven Union High School Director		
		3 yr term	_____
		3 yr term	_____

Castleton/Hubbardton Union School District:

ARTICLE 7:	($5000 RESERVE FUND)	YES 718	NO 385
ARTICLE 8:	($6,015,220 BUDGET)	YES 608	NO 491

Fair Haven Union High School:

ARTICLE 7:	($20,000 RESERVE FUND)	YES 1,068	NO 830
ARTICLE 8:	($7,997,920 BUDGET)	YES 1,019	NO 890

Moderator Burke asked for a Motion to recess to Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 8:00AM for Australian Ballot. Ken Flowers moved, seconded by Nancy Mark. So voted.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Approved:

Deborah A. Rosmus
Justice of the Peace

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Thornblade

Katy Thornblade, Town Clerk

Patricia J. Albin-Dierksen
Justice of the Peace

Benson – Castleton – Fair Haven – Fair Haven Union High – Hubbardton – Orwell – West Haven

ADDISON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION

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Auditor Report

The Castleton Town School District contracted with Angolano and Company of Shelburne Vermont to complete the annual audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and the aggregate remaining fund information as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014.

The process also included auditing the financial statements of each of the School District's nonmajor governmental, nonmajor enterprise, and fiduciary funds for the same period. The audit also includes Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information.

Angolano and Company has stated the audit was in accordance with auditing standards that require them to plan and perform the audit in order to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Castleton Town School District's basic financial statements.

A copy of the annual audit can be obtained by contacting the Superintendent of Schools' Office at 49 Main Street, Fair Haven, VT or by visiting the www.arsu.org website.

January 12, 2015

SOCIAL SERVICE

REPORTS

ARC Rutland Area

Serving Citizens with Developmental Disabilities

BOARD OFFICERS:

Ric Reardon, President

Al Goodermote, Vice-President

Sandra Murray, Treasurer

Jessalyn Gustin, Acting-Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS:

Janet Wetherby

Halle Loomis

Stevie Smiel

Fred Wortman

Bill Kendrick

John Dunlap

John Mattison, Jr

Kate Nelson

HONORARY MEMBER:

Richard Wildes

Terry Mangieri

2014 ANNUAL REPORT ~ CASTLETON

Our mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with Developmental Disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

In 2014:

- We were representative payee for about 50 clients referred to us by Social Security and other Human Service agencies and organizations.
- Provided Five dances throughout the year: Valentines, End of Winter, Spring Fling, Halloween, and our annual Christmas Dinner Dance – together these events were attended by about 468 people.
- ARC Rutland Area supported the local Self Advocacy group for people with developmental disabilities; members focus on group goals, share their lives and gain committee meeting experience. They can be called upon to provide an Abilities Awareness Training. Pennies collected, funds from a car wash, and funds from their bake sales go to adopt a family at Christmas through the Boys and Girls Club. This year the group sponsored a Seven Habits of Highly Effective People training from the Green Mountain Self Advocates.
- ARC continued to support The Rutland Family Support Network, which is lead by parents, is ongoing with their listserve and sibshops.
- Some of our efforts have again gone into the Transportation grant. We used the Elderly & Disabled Grant to help get people with transportation gaps to where they need to go. We provide transportation for the self advocacy group, AKtion Club, events and our dances.
- The AKtion Club, is a group of adults living with disabilities giving back through community service projects and is co sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Rutland. This year they participated in a pet food drive, Pack the Paramount food drive, Stuff A Bus food drive, Grow and Donate Garden veggies, cards to recovering soldiers and help ARC with petitions.
- Each time an event is being planned we mail out a newsletter to invite all members and interested parties on the mailing list (approximately 470 addresses), they also get updates with any information we have in regard to the Advocacy, Resources or Community opportunities for people with Developmental Disabilities and their families. People have gotten valuable information on; upcoming trainings, possible legislative changes, support circles, upcoming events, and some free to low cost activities in the community.

On behalf of the Board Members, friends, and families; we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of the Rutland Area. We receive neither state nor federal funding, our main sources of income continue to be allocations from United Way and 14 other towns/city in the greater Rutland Area. Our minor sources of income come from our membership, service fees, 50/50 raffles, door donations, and new this year our Pampered Chef Bingo fundraiser. We thank all who have donated to ARC Rutland Area and made these great things possible. In 2014, there were a total of 32 residents in Castleton and 826 residents in the greater Rutland Area who took advantage of all the opportunities we offered. Our 2015 funding request is $3,500. We do all this, with three part-time employed positions, one part-time staff volunteer, twelve volunteer board members and much community support. For those who want to use our services or volunteer, please call 775-1370.

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Celebrating
56 Years
of Service

Sincerely,

Lisa S. Lynch
Executive Director

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Castleton Cares Inc.

A Hand of Hope
in Our
Neighbors' Need

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President's Report

Castleton Cares' goal is to offer a hand of hope in our neighbors' need. Since March of 2010, we have been working to provide support in the form of food, clothing or help with heat and electricity. This year we expanded some of our outreach. We work with Salvation Farms to provide fresh produce throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Our director, Lyn Petty, provides recipe options for each of the types of produce featured. In addition, Lyn has been working this year to provide budget counseling for some of our clients. We thank her for her continued service to Castleton Cares and the community.

Lyn could not do it alone, and we want to thank all of our volunteers for their commitment to caring. Some stock shelves, some donate generously, others work the food shelf, and others help with our annual fundraising efforts like the CROP Walk. We benefit from the support of those who donate during our letter campaign, and from the monies we receive from the town. We thank you all so much for your faithful support.

Lyn writes "This year we were able to provide consistent help to area families providing budget plans, fresh vegetables and staple foods. Moving forward I would like to provide more budget counseling and cooking classes to better utilize the fresh produce we receive. It has been a positive year and with the generous support of the community Castleton Cares is able to serve those in need."

We are looking forward to greater needs being expressed as we see the loss of several businesses in our area. My hope is that together, we can continue to offer that hand of hope in our neighbors' need.

Respectfully submitted,

Ceil Hunt

Castleton Community Seniors
2108 Main Street
Castleton, VT 05735

To: Voters of the Town of Castleton
From: Castleton Community Seniors, Inc.

The Castleton Community Seniors extend a sincere thank you to the voters of the Town of Castleton for their continued support that has allowed the growth of our senior and disabled transportation program, senior meal site, health and fitness activities, children's summer camp and numerous other educational and recreational programs and services.

- The Castleton Community Seniors provided 4,247 rides this past year for seniors and disabled residents of our community for doctor's appointments, physical therapy, adult day care, senior meals and essential food shopping. Transportation is an essential support that allows older adults to remain independent.

- Our senior meals programs served 1,979 nutritious hot meals in our dining room and assisted in distributing over 4,000 home delivered Meals on Wheels. Good nutrition is vital for everything from healthy eyes, to an immune system that can fight infections, from having high energy, to preventing heart disease.

- Our Wellness Center offers a variety of disability and disease prevention programs for older adults. Exercise and fitness programs include Bone Builders osteoporosis prevention classes, Tai Chi for Arthritis, Tai Chi for Diabetes, and a Matter of Balance falls prevention program. Our walking trail with fitness stations is open to all members of the community, with the added advantage of a packed surface suitable for individuals with limited mobility. Research continues to show that cognitive and physical activity and social interaction help older adults maintain their independence and stay as physically and mentally healthy as possible.

- Our SCAMP summer day camp program, serves an average of 40 children per day (ages 6-10) from approximately 58 families. A nutritious, USDA approved, breakfast and lunch are served each day. Activities include swimming at the town beach and Castleton State College pool, reading groups, field trips, gardening, crafts and games. At least 50% of the campers come from low income families and are provided full tuition scholarships for the four week program.

- The Community Center serves as a regular meeting place for numerous local non-profit groups and organizations including: Castleton First Response, Castleton Fire District #3, Child Care Providers, Girl Scouts, 4H, Lake Bomoseen Association and Castleton Select Board and Planning Commission special meetings.

Financial support for the Community Center programs and services comes from special event fund raisers, donations, program fees, grants, membership dues and appropriations from the towns of Castleton, Fair Haven and Hubbardton. Thank you!

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Annual report information - Green Up Day, May 3, 2014

Green Up Day celebrated 44 years in 2014! Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization responsible for continuing the success of Green Up Day. **Green Up Vermont is not a State Agency!** The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients: one is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups volunteering to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Our coordinators tell us that many of their volunteers are families with young children. Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests for grades K-12. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 14 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 18 percent of our budget. These funds pay for supplies including over 48,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute because when you support Green Up Vermont you are not just supporting a program but Vermont and the people who live – and visit – here.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 2, 2015, celebrating 45 years! Get together with family and friends and clean up for Green Up Day, always the first Saturday in May.

PO BOX 209, POULTNEY, VERMONT, 05764; PHONE (802) 287-8339; PMNRCD@GMAIL.COM

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs for landowners and the general public that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. We have been providing environmental education and outreach for over 70 years and currently have office space at Green Mountain College and the Stonebridge in Poultney, VT.

District Staff

District Manager, Hilary Solomon, and Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander, continue to provide outreach to local landowners, schools, and towns. Green Mountain College intern Peyton Jones ran the LEAP program during the summer and helped with many of our projects.

Environmental Education Opportunities

The Conservation District partners with Green Mountain College, the University of Vermont, and NOAA Sea Grant to provide environmental education opportunities to district elementary and high schools. In 2014 we worked with schools in Poultney, Fair Haven, Pawlet, Castleton, and Middletown Springs (and students from most towns in the District). We look forward to working with more schools in 2015.

Stormwater Management

The District is currently working with Poultney, Middletown Springs, and Pawlet to identify, design, or build green stormwater infrastructure in the village center. The District plans to work with Fair Haven, Castleton, and Hubbardton beginning in 2015. We help towns write grants to implement stormwater mitigation projects that also work to protect water quality in the local rivers.

Agricultural Programs

Jennifer Alexander continues to provide agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms. She writes grants for farmers to implement water quality improvement projects on farms and has two aerators available for rent to help improve soil health. She is currently helping farms write nutrient management plans and is assisting with a UVM Extension class, held at Castleton College in January that will result in 16 farmers completing their nutrient management plans.

Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery

During the 2014 field season, the District worked with nursery manager Keith Roberts to expand residents' knowledge about the nursery, its location, and provide educational opportunities. Two open houses were held, where native plants were offered to the public at discounted prices.

EZ Lawn Hydroseeder

In 2011, the District bought a hydroseeder that was available for your town to use free of charge during 2012, to seed ditches and slopes after they had been re-graded. That program has continued and the hydroseeder is available to your town for a nominal fee. We hope to partner with more road commissioners and select boards in 2015.

LEAP (Lake Education Action Program)

The District received funding through the NOAA Sea Grant Program to plant shoreline buffers on Lake St. Catherine and pass out information regarding septic system maintenance recommendations. The District hired high school interns, who planted five buffers and two rain gardens on shoreline properties.

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries. Both the Poultney and Mettowee Rivers drain to South Lake Champlain.

REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

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31st
ANNUAL REPORT
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014)
31 Years of Service 1983 - 2014

To the Honorable Citizens of Castleton:

We are pleased to present our 31st annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for thirty-one years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 175,904 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2014, the service responded to a total of 8,482 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 354 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving the public.

We congratulate Jim Collins, Paramedic Shift Supervisor for being honored as our "Star of Life" at the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life celebration in our nation's capital. We are also pleased to report our Chief Executive Administrator, James Finger received the American Ambulance Association's highest award, the J. Walter Schaffer Award, "in recognition for his years of service and for his role in advancing the association, its members, and the industry through his leadership and advocacy efforts". This is the first time someone from Vermont won this prestigious award.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have been able to level fund or lower our assessment rate for the past 30 years. Since 1990 the Assessment rate has been decreased by 36%. Our current assessment rate is $4 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. Thank you.

This past year with the help of a partial grant from Green Mountain Power we purchased a solar system to help reduce the cost of electricity at our ambulance garages. The system was installed last December and we are already seeing savings on our monthly electric bills. We ordered two new ambulances to replace older ambulances with more than 100,000 miles of service on each.

Our motto "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism" is demonstrated by our employees commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborn Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,794 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. Child Car Seat inspections are held Thursdays at the Regional Ambulance building and 155 child car seat inspections were completed through this program.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact James Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely, Paul Kulig, President
R.A.S. Board of Directors

Aleda Dutton
Town of Castleton Representative
R.A.S. Board of Directors

"Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism"

RSVP & The Volunteer Center

Community Care Network
Rutland Community Programs
thriving community, empowered lives.

2015 REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING & Yearly Report for 13-14
TOWN OF: CASTLETON AMOUNT REQUESTED: $900.00

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service. Needs are met in critical areas such as human services, elder care, health care, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP/VC involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP/VC is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP/VC enables people to contribute to their communities while enjoying the personally satisfying and rewarding experience that community engagement offers. Additionally, over the past 10 years RSVP has implemented several "Signature Programs" aimed at addressing pressing community needs. These programs include ***RSVP TeleCare,*** a telephone reassurance and safety check in program offered **FREE** to Rutland County seniors, a children's literacy and mentoring program called ***RSVP Rutland County Reads,*** and after school program called ***RSVP After School Buddies,*** an osteoporosis prevention program, ***RSVP Bone Builders***, which provides **FREE** strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP/VC volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and ***RSVP Operation Dolls & More***, in which RSVP/VC volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls, toys books and games. Last year over 10,000 items were distributed to 2,000 children and over 50 organizations to share with clients.

Locally, **RSVP/VC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services** serving the people of Rutland County with **935 volunteers**. From April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, RSVP/VC volunteers provided **158,796 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **$3,425,230.**

The monies we request are used to help defray the costs of providing services that impact the lives of citizens of all ages throughout Rutland County. Many RSVP volunteers throughout our region stepped up along with their neighbors to assist after the damage from Irene this past summer.

Currently in Castleton, 36 volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations:
American Red Cross, RAVNAH, One-2-One, Dismas House, Castleton Free Library, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Fair Haven Concerned, Rutland County Head Start, Castleton Elementary School, Young At Heart Club, Fair Haven Free Library, Northwest School, Vermont Association for the Blind, Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Bridges and Beyond, The Castleton Community Center, COVE, Interage Adult Day Care Program, Templewood Court, West Rutland Free Library, Nature Conservancy, Community Cupboard, MSJ, The Meadows at East Mountain, ***RSVP Bone Builders, RSVP Operation Dolls & More,*** and ***RSVP Rutland County Reads.*** Currently, there are **several Bone Builders classes offered in Castleton FREE of charge** to area residents.

Some of the services they provide include; delivering meals, knitting mittens and clothing for needy children, entertaining and activity assistance at nursing homes, providing office and accounting assistance, library assistance, cooking, collecting and delivering clothing donations, and couriering at the hospital, tutoring and mentoring students in the schools, friendly visitation to elders, preparing bulk mailings, assisting at local food banks, board member at local non profit, Sudoku instructor, exercise leaders for the ***RSVP Bone Builders*** program, restoring dolls and toys for the ***RSVP Operation Dolls & More*** program, reading to children through the ***RSVP Rutland County Reads*** program.

On behalf of RSVP & The Volunteer Center, I would like to thank the residents of Castleton for their continued support. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers increases. With your help, RSVP/VC will continue to respond to this need.

Sincerely,

Nan Hart

Nan M. Hart, Director

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United Way Member Agency

Rutland Area
Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

Town of Castleton

TO THE OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF CASTLETON:

In 2014, Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice (RAVNAH) provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice and community health services. From infants with hi-tech needs to our most senior population facing end-of-life care, we continued to bring medically necessary healthcare wherever it is needed, regardless of a client's ability to pay, location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

Last year, RAVNAH's dedicated staff made more than 92,168 visits to 2,373 patients. In the town of Castleton, we provided 7,041 visits to 116 individuals.

In closing, we wish to thank you for your past support. With your vote of confidence, we will continue to meet our mission to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services.

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director

Dr. Richard Lovett, President of the Board of Directors

765 Stevens Road
Pittsford, VT 05763

Rutland County Humane Society

Annual Report to the Town of Castleton

For 2014

The Rutland County Humane Society is dedicated to the goal of helping citizens make their communities more humane. We provide shelter and adoption opportunities for pets who are homeless and promote animal welfare through community programs and events that benefit both animals and people.

RCHS acts as the coordinator for animal cruelty cases in Rutland County and works to provide relief for victims of animals neglect and abuse.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than 1,250 animals in 2014

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding and donations or special events. We thank those who support our operations, including the Town of Castleton.

In 2014, the Rutland County Humane Society took in 33 animals from Castleton and received 5 complaints of animal cruelty.

Please call as at 483-9171 if you have would like further information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

Rutland County Solid Waste District Annual Report – Calendar Year 2014

The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our seventeen member municipalities. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate information is now available on our web site, www.rcswd.com.

Waste Disposal: During 2013, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 34,000 tons of municipal solid waste; nearly all of this was through the District's master disposal contract with Casella Waste Management. The cost of disposal, handling and transportation from the District Transfer Station at Gleason Road to the landfill was $80.66 per ton. State taxes, district surcharge and the Rutland City Host Community Fee totaled $23.97, for a final disposal cost of $104.63 per ton. Tonnage was down this year largely in part due to the downturn in the economy.

Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), recycling center in Rutland City that is leased to Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts seventeen recyclable commodities from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use. The facility currently receives approximately 35,000 tons of recyclables a year. The MRF had switched over to zero-sort in November of 2011. The equipment is designed to handle up to 15 tons an hour with the capability of expansion overtime. As part of this process, the facility can now take plastics #3 through #7.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility, and scheduled collections at twenty town transfer stations through the spring, summer and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials, anti-freeze, pesticides, used motor oil, asbestos, fluorescent tubes, computers and electronics. The District also collects electronic waste. Since the law became effective for dropping off computers, TV's and printers for free (and all other e-waste for a charge the District has been inundated with e-waste. For 2014 the District collected (these numbers include items collected from households, businesses and SWAC towns), over 47,375 linear feet of florescent bulbs; 1,570 compact fluorescent bulbs, 2,547 compact fluorescent bulbs with ballast, 549 U-tubes, Circline Fluorescents; 484 HID, Mercury Vapor, Metal Halide bulbs; 3,107 UV fluorescent bulbs. The District served over 743 households and 55 businesses at the Gleason Road Depot. The District collected 55 gallons of oil based paint, 3,254 gallons of latex paint, 1,143 gallons of paint related material, 418 gallons of small paints, 758 aerosol cans. The District collected 137 gallons of antifreeze. The District collected 64 gallons of liquid pesticides and 219 pounds of solid pesticides. Miscellaneous chemicals equaled 225 gallons. The District collected 301 lbs. of batteries. The District also collected approximately 246 refrigerators, 133 dehumidifiers and 241 air conditioners.

In July of 2014 the District started accepting latex paint as per the new Paint Care Recycling Program. Several local paint stores and hardware stores started accepting it as well.

Other Programs: The District also offered other waste management, education and reduction programs, including construction and demolition waste, clean wood and composting. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District also has been working with and providing recycling materials or information to various local organizations including the Rutland Master Gardener's Club, the Rutland Dismas House, Rutland Neighborhood Program, Vermont Southwestern Council on Aging, Rutland Hospital and Women's Network & Shelter and the Rutland County Humane Society.

In 2014 the District participated in several local programs including Green Up Day, the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Show, and Solar Fest.

James O'Gorman
District Manager

Community Care Network
Rutland Mental Health Services

In the year 2014, 27 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as the Town of Castleton assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2014, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 28,202 hours of services to 145 Castleton residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Castleton in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Dan Quinn
President and Chief Executive Officer
Rutland Mental Health Services, Inc.

RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT - 2014

www.rutlandrpc.org

RRPC Mission:

To develop and implement a regional plan, to provide assistance to municipalities with the planning process and information gathering, to be a central repository of planning information and to administer regional programs while remaining consistent with our federal and state requirements.

The Commission's 2014 Activities Included:

- Technical assistance to municipalities on land use, GIS, capital budgeting, and economic development planning.
- Town Planning, including enhanced consultation meetings with Planning Commissions and the update and implementation of town plans and land use bylaws.
- Provided grant writing assistance and general administration services to municipalities receiving funding from the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development.
- Operated the Brownfields Reuse Program, conducting environmental site assessments, remediation planning and redevelopment assistance.
- Provided review of Act 250 and Section 248 applications for municipalities, with comments to the Public Service Board and District Environmental Commission.
- Continued assistance to towns on resiliency planning and disaster recovery, including the development of hazard mitigation projects, Public Assistance community briefings, updated lists of critical facilities and the update of local hazard mitigation plans.
- Support of the Rutland Region Transportation Council to plan for transportation needs of the Region, including roundtables of local road commissioners to share information and discuss common problems and solutions.
- Use of GIS capabilities to provide mapping and data collection on a variety of land use, public health and safety, and economic development topics such as: State of Vermont Community Center mapping, creating the Rutland Region Bicycling Network map and working with the agriculture community to create maps for the Annual Growers Guide.

- Education, training, and information outreach programs on various topics for municipal officials and reimbursement for program fees for attendance at workshops offered through other organizations.

- Update of the Rutland Regional Plan, including updates to the Energy, Economic Development, Natural Resources, Recreation and Land Use chapters.

- Provided regular disaster training for town officials and first responders through the Rutland Region Local Emergency Planning Committee and emergency management planning including assistance to towns updating their Emergency Operations Plans.

- Supported agricultural viability and economic development through work on an Agritourism Toolkit and collaboration with the Rutland Area Farm and Food Link and VT Farmers Food Center.

- Natural resource planning, including work with the Rutland Natural Resource Conservation District and various green infrastructure projects.

- Worked with the Vermont Department of Health on projects exploring links between community health and land use planning.

In Castleton the Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

- Worked with Planning Commission to conduct a market analysis, funded by a municipal planning grant.
- Updated the town zoning map.
- Worked with town and VTrans on accelerated bridge project planning
- Worked on the Stone Valley Scenic Byway project, which included an updated brochure, interactive map and a bicycle and pedestrian feasibility study.
- Provided comments on the new Fire and Rescue facility application before Act 250.
- Attended meetings and provided guidance to the Planning Commission and Selectboard regarding the VTel telecommunications facility application for a Certificate of Public Good.
- Conducted mini-tabletop exercise with LEPC #2 at Castleton Family Health Center involving a hostile patient scenario.
- Worked with town to update the Local Emergency Operations Plan.

RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

The Rutland Region Transportation Council (RRTC) provides a forum for public involvement in transportation planning, the development of regional transportation planning and priorities for the Region, assistance on transportation projects, coordinates policies and priorities with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and promotes cooperation on transportation issues. The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) provides planning, administrative, and geographic information system staff to the Council.

All towns in the Rutland Region can participate in the RRTC and those with representatives appointed by their town to the Council may vote on any issue. Meetings are held monthly, normally on the fourth Thursday, at the RRPC office. All are invited to attend. Questions about the Transportation Council may be directed to: Susan Schreibman, Assistant Director (775-0871 ext. 204) or Richard Baker, Chair (247-6366) or check the website: http://rutlandrpc.org/transportation.php.

Highlights of 2014 include:

- Assessed and prioritized the Rutland Region's VTrans transportation project list. A brochure of all transportation projects in the Region is available upon request;
- Served on the Board of Marble Valley Regional Transit District, participated in the Strategic Plan and facilitated the regional advisory group of Public Transportation for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities, who met twice with the Rutland delegation;
- Organized monthly meetings of the Region's Road Commissioners/Foremen on topics such as Winter Maintenance, Lake Champlain Restoration Plan, Capital Improvement Plans, Excel 101, Hazard Communication Plan, Complete Streets, VTrans Safety and Enforcement and Hazard Trees.
- Represented the RPC/Regional Transportation Council on the Statewide Safe Routes to School Task Force, Public Transit Advisory Council, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield Regional Advisory Board, statewide committee for the development of both On Road State Highway Bicycle Plan and transit board trainings;
- Assisted Rutland City, Town and Fair Haven with grant applications for bike/pedestrian feasibility studies and infrastructure projects;
- Assisted Rutland Town and West Rutland on a joint application for a Strong Communities, Better Connections grant
- Assisted towns of Brandon, Fair Haven, Killington and Wallingford on Better Backroads grant applications and work to inventory culverts and input the data onto vtculverts.org, the state on-line culvert database;
- Provided technical assistance/ project management to Rutland City for Rutland Creek Path - construction of Segment 2 and right-of-way and final engineering for Segment 4 and a scoping study and grant application for engineering and construction of Segment 5;
- Worked with towns on Stone Valley Byway on an updated brochure and an interactive map. The Stone Valley Scenic Byway extends along Route 30 from Hubbardton through Castleton, Poultney, Wells and Pawlet to Manchester in Bennington County;
- Assisted individual towns with infrastructure (culverts, road and sign) inventories to reduce their local match on bridge and structure grants;
- Conducted traffic counts and speed analysis reports for Rutland City, Danby and Pawlet;
- Participated in High Risk Rural Road Studies in Danby/Pawlet and Shrewsbury/Clarendon;
- Conducted bicycle/pedestrian counts in Rutland City
- Continued and expanded support of the Safe Routes to Schools Program;

Currently and in the future, the RRTC will continue working on these efforts, with the goal of coordinating land use and transportation to create a more balanced, efficient multi-modal transportation network.

NeighborWorks® OF WESTERN VERMONT

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NEIGHBORWORKS® OF WESTERN VERMONT

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a nonprofit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need— homebuyer education, budget and credit coaching, realty, lending, home repair loans and project management, NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad for comfort and energy savings, reverse mortgage counseling, and foreclosure prevention.

Our mission is to strengthen the development of a regional economy by promoting safe, efficient and sustainable housing, and community projects through education, technical assistance, and financial services in Rutland, Addison, and Bennington counties.

2014 has been a productive year for NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont:

- ✓ **88** families attended Homebuyer Education classes.
- ✓ **160** people received pre-purchase coaching and **40** people went on to purchase a home.
- ✓ **26** families repaired their homes with affordable loans totaling **$303,914**.
- ✓ **55** people in danger of foreclosure received budget and credit counseling and are working with their lenders with NeighborWorks' assistance.
- ✓ **15** people attended Financial Literacy workshops
- ✓ **61** residents received reverse mortgage counseling.
- ✓ NeighborWorks H.E.A.T. Squad made it possible for
  - **710** households to have affordable Home Energy Audits,
  - **268** families to make energy improvements, and
  - **45** families were loaned **$929,093** which enabled them to complete improvements
- ✓ **In Castleton** 19 families had home energy audits. Six families completed energy improvements so far this year, three of those families made the improvements with loans from NeighborWorks totaling $40,500. Seven families requested assistance making health and safety repairs to their homes; so far three of those families have been able to make the repairs with loans from NeighborWorks totaling $43,875. Three families received pre-purchase budget and credit coaching in preparation of purchasing a home of their own. Three families in danger of foreclosure are working to get back on financial track with help from NeighborWorks. All of our programs are always available to Castleton residents. We are only a phone call or mouse click away.

These are just the numbers. Go to our website for real stories of real people, nwwvt.org.

We welcome the involvement of residents on committees or volunteering time for special projects. Call us at 438-2303 extension 215, or stop by the office located at 110 Marble Street, West Rutland.

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES!

Respectfully,
Ludy Biddle, Executive Director

SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT
COUNCIL ON AGING

Report to the Citizens of Castleton

This report describes the services that the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) provided to elders in Castleton in 2014:

Senior Meals:

The Council helped provide 5,447 meals that were delivered to the homes of 40 elders in your community. This service is often called "Meals on Wheels". We also supply "Blizzard Bags" containing "shelf-stable" meals to home delivered meal participants and other isolated elders for use during a weather related emergency. In addition, 113 Castleton elders came together at a luncheon site in your area to enjoy a nutritious meal and the company of others; 2,445 meals were provided.

Case Management Assistance:

SVCOA case management staff helped 51 elders in your community. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs. If the elder desires, the case manager will link the client to appropriate services, coordinate and monitor services as necessary, and provide information and assistance to caregivers. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other Services and Support:

1) "Senior HelpLine" assistance at 1-800-642-5119. Our Senior HelpLine staff provide telephone support to elders and others who need information on available programs and community resources; 2) Medicare and health benefit counseling information and assistance through our State Health Insurance Program; 3) Legal service assistance through the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Information about elder issues via the *"60Plus"* column appearing in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling services provided by SVCOA's Registered Dietician; 6) Senior Companion support for frail, homebound elders; 7) Outreach services to elders dealing with mental health and substance abuse issues through our Elder Care Clinician and Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor; 8) Transportation assistance for rides to meet elder's medical and social needs; 9) Caregiver support, information and respite to family members and others who are providing much needed help to elders in need of assistance; 10) Money Management programs that offer either a volunteer bill payer or representative payee services to elders and younger disabled individuals.

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired Report of Services for Town of Castleton

More than 10,500 Vermont residents are blind or visually impaired. Since our state has an aging population, many of them are experiencing age-related vision loss. Visual impairments can make performing daily tasks, staying mobile, and enjoying leisure activities very difficult. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter those facing similar challenges, thus creating feelings of isolation and depression. We counter this trend by providing the tools, services, and support necessary to help blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be independent, confident, and productive.

During Fiscal Year 2014 VABVI served 1,409 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 130 adult clients and 22 students from Rutland County.

Since 1926 our nonprofit organization has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has offices in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland, and South Burlington. Contact us at (800) 639-5861 or general@vabvi.org. Learn more about us at www.vabvi.org or "like" us at www.facebook.com/vabvi.org for updates.

If you would prefer to receive this information by email, please contact Emily Mason, Development Coordinator, at emason@vabvi.org or (800) 639-5861 ext. 217.

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Vermont League of Cities and Towns 2014 Overview
Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprised of municipal officials from across the state elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 134 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services – including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water – on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting, and education services. In the past year, VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) responded to nearly 3,500 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. MAC also conducted 18 workshops that attracted more than 1,250 people. For example, our workshop on how to comply with the new Open Meeting Law changes and the Public Records Act drew more than 140 attendees. Additionally, we conducted 10 on-site workshops held at municipal offices on a wide range of topics, and we provided 26 municipalities with legal review of ordinances and policies, financial assistance, and other specialized consulting services. We produced new materials to help members comply with the Open Meeting Law and revised our Town Officers Handbook. These and all of our publications may be purchased or accessed free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model polices, and newsletter articles that are currently accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.

- Advocacy representation before the state and national governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education property tax debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, municipal efforts to clean up our lakes and rivers, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2015 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level continue to force more demand for services to the local level. We also provide a *Weekly Legislative Report* that details legislative issues affecting municipal government. It is available to all free-of-charge on the VLCT website.

- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal unemployment, property, casualty and workers' compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The **VLCT Employee Resource and Benefit (VERB) Trust** continues to assist towns navigate their way to Vermont Health Connect and to help municipalities not in the exchange to secure health insurance through the marketplace. The substantial municipal damages resulting from recent weather events makes the value of **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** to all our members quite clear, as members benefit from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. Our two Trusts are responsible in 2014 for $24 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at www.vlct.org.

VERMONT

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Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Rutland County

Your Health Department district office is in Rutland 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: Rutland Area Prevention Coalition was awarded $140,000.00 and the Partnership for Success was awarded $130,000.

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 Rutland district office 2,430_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 242 cases of infectious disease in Rutland County. In 2013, $13,079,279.71 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases were distributed to healthcare providers statewide; $1,240,588.81 of which was in your district's area.

PERMITS TO BE OBTAINED

TYPE	LOCATION
LICENSES:	
Dog License	Town Office/Town Clerk
Liquor/Tobacco	Town Office/Town Clerk
Marriage	Town Office/Town Clerk
Vehicle Registration Renewals	Town Office/Town Clerk
PASSES:	
Town Beach – Crystal Beach	Crystal Beach
Trash/Recycling	Transfer Station
PERMITS:	
Building - Zoning/Subdivision	Town Office/Zoning Administrator
Burning Permit	Forest Fire Warden
Highway Access/Right-of-Way	Town Office/Highway Foreman
Highway Uniform Excess Weight Permit	Town Office
Highway Access/Driveway Cut Permit	Town Office/Highway Foreman
Municipal Sewer Allocation	Town Office /WWTF Supervisor
Municipal Sewage Disposal	Town Office/WWTF Supervisor
On-Site Septic Permit	Town Office/Health Officer
Fire Works Permit	Town Manager/Police Dept./Fire Dept.
School Building/Grounds Usage	Elementary & Village Schools
Water Connection	Castleton Fire District # 1 Castleton Fire District # 3
TELEPHONE NUMBERS:	
Town Clerk	(802) 468-2212
Crystal Beach	(802) 273-2424
Transfer Station	(802) 468-3005
Zoning Administrator	(802) 468-5319 ext. 225
Forest Fire Warden	(802) 342-0167
Highway Garage	(802) 468-2459
Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)	(802) 468-5315
Health Officer	(802) 468-5319 ext. 215
Town Manager	(802) 468-5319 ext. 201
Police Department	(802) 468-5319 ext. 219
Fire Department (Chief)	(802) 342-0167
Castleton Elementary School	(802) 468-5624
Castleton Village School	(802) 468-2203
Castleton Fire District # 1 (Collector)	(802) 468-8900
Castleton Fire District # 2 (Collector)	(802) 278-8013
Castleton Fire District # 3 (Collector)	(802) 278-8013
Castleton State College	(802) 468-5611

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Population** – 4,717 (2010 Census) **Registered Voters** – 2,978

2. **Area** – 26,688 acres
   38 square miles

3. **Roads** - Class I – 1.096 miles
   II – 17.860 miles
   III – 36.110 miles
   IV – 4.370 miles
   State Hwy – 21.649 miles

   76.715 total miles of traveled roads in the town

   59.946 miles are maintained by town

4. **Fiscal Year 2014/2015 Budgets:**

Town Budget	$ 2,832,902
Sewer Budget	$ 628,078
School Budgets	(see individual school booklets)

5. **Town Manager Form of Government:**

Board of Selectmen	5
Development Review Board	5
Planning Commission	5
Recreation Commission	9

6. **School Enrollment:**

Castleton Schools (EEE-8)-	Total enrollment	373
	Castleton	315
	Hubbardton	55
	Other	3
F.H.U.H.S. (9-12)	Total enrollment	441
	Castleton	135

7. **Town does have:** Town Plan
   Zoning Ordinance
   Subdivision Regulations

8. **Secondary Wastewater Treatment Facility**

9. * **Castleton Fire District # 1** – provides water & street lighting within village limits.

10. * **Castleton Fire District # 2** – provides street lighting in the Hydeville area.

11. * **Castleton Fire District # 3** – provides water in the Castleton Corners area.

    * NOTE: FIRE DISTRICTS ARE SEPARATE ENTITIES FROM THE TOWN OF CASTLETON AND MUST BE CONTACTED AT THEIR LOCATIONS.

12. **Lake Bomoseen and Glen Lake** within town.

13. **Bomoseen State Park** within town.

14. **Crystal Beach** – town owned and operated on Lake Bomoseen.

15. **Dewey Field** – town owned and operated recreation area.

16. **Castleton State College** – college facility located within village limits.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 25	Last day to register to vote for March 3rd Election at Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 P.M.
February 28	Due date for the 3rd quarter of the 2014/2015 taxes.
March 2	Business portions of Town & School District Meeting 7:00 P.M. at C.S.C. Jeffords Center.
March 3	Election of Town & School, District Officers and Budget Vote 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Crippen Fellows American Legion Post # 50 at 378 Route 4A West.
March 21	Rabies Clinic & Registration of Dogs at the Town Garage on Staso Road from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon. Rabies shots are also available for cats.
March 31	Due date of the 2nd half of the 2014/2015 sewer service charges.
April 1	Base date for setting appraisal value and determining ownership for real estate property.
April 1	Last day to register dogs without 50% penalty charge.
April 30	Last day for Office of Veteran's Affairs to receive application for tax exemption due to their Veteran's Exemption Eligibility Statement.
May 31	Due date of the 4th quarter of the 2014/2015 taxes.
June 16	Castleton Summer Concert Series commence – Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. June 16 thru August 11
July 4	Governor's Institute on the Arts Parade (TBA)
August 1	Shrine Football Game at Castleton State College – Parade (TBA) & Game 5:30 PM
August 5 & 6	Lion's Club Auction on "The Green".
August 15	Castleton Woman's Club Colonial Day
August 31	Due date of the 1st quarter of the 2015/2016 taxes.
September 30	Due date of the 1st half of the 2015/2016 sewer service charge.
November 30	Due date for the 2nd quarter of the 2015/2016 taxes.

MEETINGS

SELECT BOARD
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month
at 7:00 P.M. as posted.

PLANNING COMMISSION
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month
at 7:00 P.M. as posted.

RECREATION COMMISSION
1st Tuesday of each month
5:30 P.M. at the Castleton
Elementary School as posted.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD
1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month
at 7:00 P.M. as posted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
As Posted.

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED
AGENDAS ARE POSTED ACCORDING TO VERMONT STATUTES