



The Hardwick Inn

Photo Taken by Vanessa Fournier

2011 Hardwick Town Report

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If you are interested in a copy of the audits, you can call the Town Clerk's office at 472-5971 to have a copy mailed, or you can come to the Town offices at the Memorial building on Church Street. You can also gain access to the Town Report or audit reports on line by going to the Town's new website at Hardwickvt.org. If you would like a copy of the Hardwick Electric Department audit report, to have one mailed, please call Hardwick Electric at 472-5201 or pick up a copy by dropping by their offices on North Main Street.

DEDICATION



SUSAN JARZYNA

Susan M. Jarzyna was, along with husband Ross Connelly, the co-owner and co-publisher of the Hardwick Gazette from 1986 until her death in 2011, after a long battle with cancer. People who knew her best spoke of her curiosity and creativity, her generosity and her sense of justice, fairness and commitment to equality and inclusion.

One of Susan's biggest loves — other than her adoration for her son Sawyer, now a sophomore at Colorado College — was history. As a trustee of the Hardwick Historical Society she designed many of the exhibits that are still displayed in the town's old railroad depot. And she would help share Hardwick's history with others in the state, by bringing some of those exhibits over the years to the annual Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge.

Lorraine Hussey, also a member and past trustee of the Historical Society, is a frequent visitor to the Gazette's archive, itself a veritable museum, with issues dating back to the 1800s. Susan would occasionally ask Hussey to find mentions of some Hardwick person, place or event during her perusals of the back issues.

"Sue loved history, and always had great ideas," Hussey said.

Susan was born in Holyoke, Mass., on Feb. 16, 1954. She received a bachelor's degree from the College of New Rochelle, where she studied fine arts, weaving and graphic arts. She also enjoyed traveling, in particular the many short breaks she and Ross and Sawyer took over the years to Martha's Vineyard. The island was just one of the many places Susan would find and pick up rocks, many of them heart-shaped, adding them to her large collection.

Her sensibilities were a benefit to readers of the Hardwick Gazette and to visitors to the Hardwick Historical Society, and to anyone else who was fortunate enough to spend time with her.

Town Officials

All terms expire Town Meeting 2012 unless otherwise noted

Moderator Paul Cillo
Town Clerk, expires 2013 Alberta Miller
Town Treasurer, expires 2013 Alberta Miller

Select Board

Term expires 2012 Danny Hale
Term expires 2012 Rhonda Barr
Term expires 2012 Marcus Brown
Term expires 2013 Kathleen Hemmens
Term expires 2014 Shari Cornish

Listers

Term expires 2012 Janet Howard
Term expires 2013 Jean Hackett
Term expires 2014 Marc Delaricheliere

School Directors

Term expires 2012 Jeanine Miller
Term expires 2012 Laurie Martin
Term expires 2012 Joshua Crouse
Term expires 2012 Anne McPhearson
Term expires 2014 Jodi Lew-Smith

Auditors

Term expires 2012 Michael Morin
Term expires 2013 Vacant
Term expires 2014 Ivan Menard

Town of Hardwick Officials

First Constable Arthur Chase
Second Constable Erwin Gilcris
Delinquent Tax Collector Town Manager
Town Agent Constance Bellavance
Surveyor of Wood, Bark & Lumber Laurent Bellavance
Tree Warden Laurent Bellavance
Town Grand Juror George Whitney
Trustee of Public Funds George Whitney
Trustee of Public Funds Mario Fradette
Trustee of Public Funds Lorraine Hussey
Fence Viewers Listers

Cemetery Trustees

Main Street Trustees
Maple Street Trustees
Fairview Trustees
Sanborn Trustees
West Hill Select Board
Hardwick Street Vacant
Hardwick Center Select Board

Fire Department

Chief Tom Fadden
1st Assistant Chief Perley Allen
2nd Assistant Chief David Hale
Captain Mike Gravel
1st Lieutenant Mike Hall
2nd Lieutenant Ken LaCasse
3rd Lieutenant Bob Mayhew
Foreman Kevin Broderick
Assistant Foreman Charles Bartlett
Pipeman Dave Thompson
Assistant Pipeman Mark Salls
Ax Man Dave Colburn
Safety Officer Roger Waible
Secretary/Treasurer Jennifer Greaves
Dispatcher Lamoille County Sheriff

Library Trustees

Term expires 2012 Pat Laggis
Term expires 2013 Vacant
Term expires 2014 Vacant
Term expires 2015 Rachel Miller
Term expires 2016 Vacant

Hazen Union Directors - Hardwick

Term expires 2012 David Shepard
Term expires 2012 Sarah Morgan
Term expires 2012 Jamon Renaud
Term expires 2013 James Lovinski

Hardwick Electric Commissioners

Term expires June 30, 2012 Joe Wood
Term expires June 30, 2012 Warren Hill
Term expires June 30, 2013 David Gross
Term expires June 30, 2013 Paul Fixx
Term expires June 30, 2014 John Mandeville

Hardwick Planning Commission / Development Review Board / Zoning Board of Adjustment

Term expires June 30, 2012 Ed Keene
Term expires June 30, 2013 Stephen Meyer
Term expires June 30, 2013 David Upson Jr.
Term expires June 30, 2014 Kenneth Davis
Term expires June 30, 2014 Heather Davis
Term expires June 30, 2015 Joe Rivard
Term expires June 30, 2015 Vacant

Recreation Committee Members

Co Chairperson Marie Lapre-Grabon
Co Chairperson Ron Wiesen
Committee Member Karen Klotz
Committee Member Robin Arnell
Committee Member Vacant

WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 6, 2012

The legal voters of the Town of Hardwick, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hardwick Elementary School in said Town of Hardwick on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

(Election of Town Select Board, Hardwick Town School District Directors, and Union School District No. 26 Directors shall be voted on by Australian ballot. The polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.). If special accommodations are necessary because of physical disabilities, please contact the Town Clerk's Office (472-5971).

Article 1. To elect a moderator to govern said Town Meeting and for the year ensuing.

Article 2. Shall the Town accept the Town Report, year ending June 30, 2011?

Article 3. To elect all Town Officers and School District Directors as required by the public laws of Vermont and the Town Charter. (Select Board, Hardwick Town School District Directors, and Union School District No. 26 Directors, to be voted by Australian Ballot).

- One Lister 3 year term
- One Auditor 3 year term
- One Auditor 2 year term
- First Constable 1 year term
- Second Constable 1 year term
- One Town Agent 1 year term
- Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber 1 year term
- Tree Warden 1 year term
- Cemetery Trustees 1 year term
- Main Street, Maple Street, Fairview,
Sanborn, Hardwick Street, Fire Dept. Officers
(can be voted as one vote) 1 year term
- One Library Trustee 5 year term
- One Library Trustee 4 year term
- One Library Trustee 2 year term
- One Library Trustee 1 year term
- Grand Juror 1 year term
- Trustee of Public Funds 1 year term
- Trustee of Public Funds 1 year term
- Trustee of Public Funds 1 year term
- Fence Viewers 1 year term

Article 4. Shall the Town have its current taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?

Article 5. Shall the Town of Hardwick vote in

accordance with Section 248 (c) of Chapter 5, Title 30, Vermont Statutes Annotated to Authorize its Select Board to enter into a Power Sales Agreement with Vermont Public Power Supply Authority ("VPPSA"), for the purchase of electric power and associated benefits from H.Q. Energy Services (U.S), Inc., to commence November 1, 2012 through October 31, 2038, as approved on Page 29 of the Vermont Public Service Board's Final Order dated April 15, 2011 in Docket No. 7670, said Agreement to be on such terms as the Select Board shall approve, provided that the obligations of the Town under the Power Sales Agreement shall be payable solely from the revenues and moneys of the Electric Department?

Article 6. Shall the Town vote a budget of two million four hundred seventy-two thousand eight hundred forty-three dollars (\$2,472,843.00) to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a new tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Article 7. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Greensboro Nursing Home?

Article 8. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of A.W.A.R.E.?

Article 9. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont?

Article 10. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of the Hardwick Senior Citizens?

Article 11. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of the Hardwick Community Television (Channel 16)?

Article 12. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for the support of the Lamoille Family Center?

Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of

money not to exceed one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) for the support of the North Country Animal League?

Article 14. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Hardwick Historical Society?

Article 15. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) for the support of the Rural Community Transportation?

Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to support Hardwick Area Food Pantry?

Article 17. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to support Hardwick Area Community Coalition?

Article 18. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to support Hardwick-Greensboro Restorative Justice?

Article 19. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00) to support Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice?

Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Arts Council?

Article 21. Shall the Town of Hardwick vote on March 6, 2012 to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U.S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration which provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution, that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution, and that the town send its resolution to Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?

Article 22. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with new industrial and commercial owners, lessees, bailees, of real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees or operators who construct, acquire or renovate industrial and/or commercial real property, including additions to existing property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to

such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount of money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to the provision of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

Article 23. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with operators of agricultural real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees, or operators who construct acquire or renovate, or who intend to construct, acquire or renovate agricultural real property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the valuation of such real property in the Grand List for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount in money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to provisions of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

Article 24. To transact any other nonbinding business proper to be brought before said meeting.

The legal voters of the Town Of Hardwick are further notified that voter qualifications, registration and absentee voting relative to said Annual Town Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated at Hardwick, Vermont this 26th day of January, A.D. 2012.

Marcus Brown, Chair
Kathleen Hemmens, Vice Chair
Shari Cornish
Rhonda Barr
Danny Hale

Hardwick Town Clerk's Office. Received for record this 27 day of January, 2012 at 8 o'clock 00 minutes a.m., the instrument of which the foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: Alberta A. Miller Town Clerk

IMPACT OF APPROPRIATIONS ON TAX RATE

- Article 7. Greensboro Nursing Home, \$3,000.00
- Article 8. A.W.A.R.E., \$3,000.00
- Article 9. Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont, \$4,500.00
- Article 10. Hardwick Senior Citizens, \$2,500.00

- Article 11. Hardwick Community Television, \$2,500.00
- Article 12. Lamoille Family Center, \$1,200.00
- Article 13. North Country Animal League, \$1,300.00
- Article 14. Hardwick Historical Society, \$3,000.00
- Article 15. Rural Community Transportation, \$3,400.00
- Article 16. Hardwick Area Food Pantry, \$1,000.00
- Article 17. Hardwick Area Community Coalition, \$3,000.00
- Article 18. Hardwick-Greensboro Restorative Justice, \$3,000.00
- Article 19. Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice, \$2,600.00
- Article 20. Northeast Kingdom Arts Council, \$2,500.00

The total requested appropriations are \$36,500.00. This figure represents a decrease of \$2,740.00 from last year's requested appropriations. If all of the requested appropriations are approved we would need to raise approximately 2.26 cents to the tax rate.

GREENSBORO NURSING HOME

Providing high quality care and a comfortable environment free of stress are two of the main goals of the Greensboro Nursing Home that haven't changed for the past 34 plus years. 24/7 skilled nursing care and a staff of about 50 employees are there to care for residents and over the years scores of people from Hardwick have spent time at GNH.

The jobs provided by GNH also create jobs in other types of workplaces throughout the area in a "ripple effect", thereby allowing employees from many places outside of GNH to shop, pay rent, taxes and so on, and most important, allowing money to "stay local".

GNH also provides over 9,000 hot meals to the "homebound" and other qualified recipients which means they can get at least 2 hot meals a week, which might not otherwise be available to them.

GNH also loans, free of charge, for short periods of time, equipment like wheelchairs, walkers, or commodes to people in the community who have special needs, but cannot afford the expense.

Unfortunately, all of this comes at a price and in order to "just stay even" with cost increases, and because federal and state monies are in decline, GNH is asking the voters of Hardwick for a \$3,000 appropriation. Hardwick's generosity in past years has been a huge help to GNH by allowing us to provide ALL the care our seniors need and deserve, and we thank you in advance for your support this year.

Ernie Lapierre, 802-533-7051

CALEDONIA HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOSPICE

In Fiscal Year 2011 we continued to successfully provide our clients with qualified home care, hospice, long term care, maternal child health and private duty services. We were able to end the year in a financially sound position secondary to financial support we received from towns, donated memorial contributions and fundraising events.

Last year we made over 50,000 visits to your neighbors and relatives. In addition to our home care and hospice programs we offered a variety of screening and community clinics for flu shots. Hardwick received 997 nursing visits, 624 Home Health Aide visits, 465 Therapy Visits (Physical, Occupational or Speech), 82 Social Services, 1,090 Homemaking services and 53 Hospice program services.

All Town appropriation money will go directly to preserve the health care you and your neighbors deserve. Thank you for your continued support.

Buffie Hegarty, Home Health & Hospice Support Services Manager, 802-748-4540

HARDWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2011 was a challenging year for the depot building. Due to the excessive snow we had to pay \$700 in the spring for roof shoveling.

With the help of the Town Road Crew and the Hardwick Electric Linemen we were able to prevent damage to the roof by cutting limbs that were resting atop it. Thanks to all for the help.

We had 6 to 8 inches of water in the cellar resulting in furnace damage at a cost of the \$250 deductible to HHS. And lastly we had a busted sewer line that the Town fixed.

Now for all the positive news from 2011. We were able to put all new wiring in room B with outlets and switches and wire ran for future ceiling lights.

New 10-3 wire was run for the future use of the electric heaters for that area. And Jim Nudd did all this and fixed the old outside drop lights so they are now working.

We had a successful coin drop on Wolcott Street and did well at our first ever yard sale.

The State of Vermont Historical Buildings Division has approved the following future plans for the depot in the part B area. Wall insulation, blown in insulation to ceilings and installation of tongue and groove boards on walls and ceilings will be completed. The six foot roll door between rooms B&C will be built on site and installed. The old stationary door with graffiti will remain as is with inside and outside work to close up the drafts thus keeping a part of the history of the depot.

We hope that this report will show that the Town of Hardwick's \$3000 donation to the HHS is being put to good use and that we appreciate the voters' support.

Elwyn J. Daniels, Jr. , President

HARDWICK AREA FOOD PANTRY

The mission of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, Inc. is to provide quality food for people in our community who are in need. We are a non-profit organization with a 12 member Board of Directors serving the six towns of Craftsbury, Greensboro, Hardwick, Walden, Wolcott and Stannard. We employ a coordinator for 10 hours per week who oversees all aspects of the Pantry. The rest of the work is done by the Board and volunteers.

In 2011 we served an average of 110 households per month. 70% of those households were from Hardwick or East Hardwick. The other 30% were from the greater Hardwick area. This year we are seeing an increase in the number of people in need. The first half of the year we served an average of 98 families per month; in the last six months of 2011 that average jumped to 122.

Holidays are a busy time for the Pantry with a huge effort on the part of many people from farmers to bakers to packers. For Thanksgiving we gave out 106 Thanksgiving boxes consisting of a turkey, stuffing, gravy, corn, peas, locally grown potatoes and onions, carrots, cranberry sauce, bread and locally made pies to families totaling 477 people. At Christmas time a similar box was distributed to 111 families.

Our total expenses for the year were \$29,427.48. We depend on appropriations from the six towns and donations of money and food from people and organizations to serve our customers. We are fortunate to be surrounded by such generous

communities. We are alive and well because of the great effort and outpouring of time, goods and money for the people of our greater community.

Alice Fleeer, Secretary, 472-5940

AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR NORTHEASTERN VERMONT

Our staff works closely with seniors and their families offering assistance with Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, public assistance programs, in-home services and many other types of help. There is no charge for services provided by the Agency.

During the past year, we provided 99 residents of the town of Hardwick with a variety of essential services. Your support allowed us to offer assistance to more than a thousand seniors last year across the Northeast Kingdom and supported a broad variety of important programs for older adults and their families. These programs included Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, exercise and wellness programs, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers.

Hardwick Office, 802-472-6525

HARDWICK SENIOR CITIZENS

The Hardwick Senior Citizens Center serves as a meeting place for members and guests. There is a lending library and is also used as a meeting place for other organizations.

The Senior Center is closed for the winter to conserve fuel & electricity. During that time the weekly Thursday lunch meal is sponsored by Hazen Union and eaten in the cafeteria. The senior center will reopen in the spring and resume the Thursday pot luck lunches.

This year a new screen door had to be purchased and installed and the front porch was scraped and painted.

We have had successful fundraisers and there are more planned for the spring, summer and fall.

The Hardwick Senior Citizens Center thanks you and appreciated your support.

Donna Hale , Secretary , 472-6091

AWARE

For 26 years, AID to Women, Men & Children in Abuse and Rape Emergencies has been serving victims of domestic and sexual violence in your community.

Last year AWARE served 258 women, men and children, who were directly affected by violence, answered over 1,140 hotline calls, educated over

1,300 students, and held several educational outreach events.

Those served by AWARE received crisis intervention, legal support and advocacy, information and referrals, safe housing, emergency provisions housing and assistance, transportation, support groups and education.

As always, we at AWARE greatly appreciate the continuing community support for our programs.

Anna Pirie, Executive Director, 802-472-6463

NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE

North Country Animal League has been accepting stray or surrendered animals from Hardwick since 1994. This past year we accepted 17 stray or surrendered animals from Hardwick into our adoption/shelter program. Those animals received medical care and neutering during the average three week long stay before being adopted. NCAL does not euthanize animals for space. Our adoption fees pay less than 25% of the expenses incurred for medical attention, foods and care. We receive no state or federal funding and rely entirely on the generosity of towns, individuals and businesses to find homes for animals that might otherwise be euthanized. In 2011 we offered three low cost spay/neuter clinics to the public, resulting in the spaying or neutering of over 90 non-shelter animals.

Mary Jackson, Development Director
802-888-5065, Ext. 117

LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER

The demand for Family Center services continues to grow. In fiscal year 2011, more than 1,600 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley received home visits, participated in playgroups, attended parent education classes, received Reach Up services, and engaged in monitored parent-child contact, including 200 individuals in Hardwick. In addition: 62 Hardwick residents received emergency assistance, including funding for rent and fuel and goods such as diapers, clothing and furniture.

Dozens of Hardwick families and child care providers received child care support services including assistance with applying for Child Care Financial Assistance, referral to regulated programs, professional development for child care staff. Many also participated in the Child and Adult Food Program.

Becky Gonyea, Development Director, 802-888-5229

NORTHEAST KINGDOM ARTS COUNCIL

The mission statement of the Northeast Kingdom Arts Council for The Hardwick Town House is to preserve the historic building while making it a dynamic center of culture for the region through educational and entertaining programming. NeKArts Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization run by an all volunteer Board of Directors.

This appropriation of \$2,500 will be used as matching funds in order to secure additional grants that require evidence of the community's support of the NeKArts Council's mission. NekArts has operated since 2001 primarily through successful grant writing and individual donations which have allowed it to make significant renovations to the Town House while expanding the number and variety of its programs, from public meetings to concerts & vaudeville. The Town House is owned by the Town of Hardwick and is leased to NeKArts with the agreement that NeKArts will actively pursue both public and private funding necessary to further rehabilitate this historic asset.

Members of the NeKArts Council Board of Directors: Shari Cornish, Sandy Scott, Sally Anstey, Mary Hall, Tracy Martin & David Gross, Rick Norcross, Irene Nagle, Karen Holmes, Joyce Mandeville, Justin Lander & Rose Friedman, Brent & Maya McCoy

HARDWICK COMMUNITY TELEVISION – CHANNEL 16

Hardwick Community Television is committed to fulfilling the vision of a local nonprofit TV station that gives the community access to the people, government meetings, and events of interest to the area.

HCTV is more accessible than ever. Hazen Varsity Basketball games and Hardwick Selectboard meetings are now viewable online. Anyone who has internet access, can watch these programs whether they get cable or not. The HCTV website is PERLINK "<http://www.hctv.us>" www.hctv.us. Or the programs can be viewed live on Ustream at the time of the actual event. As always, HCTV's full broadcast schedule can be viewed on Channel 16 by cable subscribers.

During the past year, HCTV covered school sporting events, Hardwick and Woodbury Selectboard meetings, interviews with Selectboard candidates, Spring Festival, school concerts and other community events. An important new show "Statehouse Chat" with State Representatives Lucy Leriche and Peter Peltz got under way last legislative season and is continuing in 2012. These broadcasts

are available for viewing on DVD by anyone in town and can be borrowed by calling the station.

Hazen Union varsity basketball game broadcasts in 2011/12 are again accompanied by live play-by-play audio thanks to Jon Lussier who generously offers to call the games.

The station's underwriting opportunities for local businesses to promote themselves while supporting HCTV and community events, continue to grow.

HCTV can broadcast live from the Memorial Building, the Town House, or Hazen Union. We can also broadcast recorded events from other community locations, such as the Hardwick Elementary School, the farmers market, or area athletic fields.

HCTV operates on an annual budget of under \$35,000. We have two part time staff members: Meredith Holch, our Executive Director, and Robin Grant, our Technical Director. Robin will continue to cover Selectboard meetings and Hazen Union Basketball games. Meredith is on board to work with community members who want to use HCTV to produce and broadcast local programming. She also works with businesses and non-profits who are interested in taking advantage of the media opportunities the station has to offer.

In order to cover more of what's going on in Hardwick, HCTV needs volunteers. HCTV offers free camera and editing training and will equip you to run the cameras at community events or edit tapes for broadcast.

The HCTV Board of Directors and staff thank you, the citizens of Hardwick, for your support. If you would like to volunteer your time and learn a valuable new skill, call us at 472-6655.

Steve Freihofner, HCTV President

JEUDEVINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The library had its busiest year since the time when the town schools had no libraries. We checked out 16,333 items. In FY2000 only 3642 books were checked out. During this decade circulation has increased by 348%. The number of people coming into the library was 2428 in FY2000. This year there were 13,485 people who came to the library. The patron visits have increased by 455% over the decade.

To be sure, the library offers much more now than it did 11 years ago. There are DVDs, audio books on CD, downloadable audio books and e-books, electronic databases that give full text on many magazines and e-book articles covering over 6000 periodicals, a genealogical database, and of course, books and magazines. We also offer a

variety of programs for adults and kids.

Assistant Librarian/Youth Services Librarian Susan O'Connell garnered grants from the Ben & Jerry Foundation and the North Country Credit Union (\$2080), which enabled us to purchase three additional laptops, an additional computer table and three chairs. Business people use our system, as we have the highest speed around; kids come in after school; and people apply for jobs, complete unemployment forms and other government forms and file their taxes online. Others come to do research or write a resume. Tourists use our computers and Wi-Fi.

Our Youth Services continued its vibrant work with a full slate of programs for the summer, including a Young Writer's Workshop supported by a grant from the Winnie Belle Learned Fund (\$500). We had a group of kids playing Dungeons & Dragons weekly. The Kiwanis gave a grant of \$225 for books to support the summer reading program and we also received \$100 from the VT Dept. of Libraries to help fund a summer youth program. A busy schedule of youth programs continued during the school year with weekly visits from Headstart and the Buffalo Mountain School and the weekly preschool story time. We also coordinated the RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) program. We continued to work with the Hardwick REACH program and twice a week kids came to the library for an afterschool program.

The library has actively pursued additional funds and received numerous grants totaling \$12,303.00. The Turrell Fund awarded the library \$5000 to help with the Youth Services Librarian's salary. The Ashgate Publishing Company gave us a \$480 grant for new easy readers for young children. We also received another Winnie Belle Learned Fund grant of \$1,670 for juvenile books. Through LSTA Funds (a Federal program, the Library Services and Technology Act) distributed by the VT Dept. of Libraries, we received \$148 towards helping with the costs of Interlibrary Loan. We got a grant for \$1,500 from the Norman & Doris Fisher Foundation.

Co-Op Insurance Agency provided a \$300 grant matched by Calderwood Insurance Co. (\$600 total) for books for our Business Collection. We have been developing a business collection as our in-kind membership to the Heart of Vermont Chamber of Commerce. We now have a whole shelf of books to help area businesses. There are also many online resources available to area business people. Business people can find the collection through our online catalog that can be reached at our website: www.jeudevinememorallibrary.org.

Some needed building maintenance was done using money from the library capital fund. A drainage project was completed and finally the cellar has stopped getting wet. We were very happy that the library cellar stayed dry during the deluge of Tropical Storm Irene in August. The attic was also super insulated, which we hope will keep our heating bills down. The slate roof had repairs. The entire roof over the back cellar stairs was replaced and gutters were added to direct the water flowing off the main roof away from the building.

Our Youth Services Librarian, Susan O'Connell, resigned as she took on a new job as the Library Director in Craftsbury in June. She did a great job with the kids and youth programs. We'll miss her. I was happy to quickly find a new Youth Librarian, Jessica Summers. As of this writing she has just finished her Master's Degree in Library Science with an emphasis on Youth Librarianship.

One new service I would like to recommend to people is the Universal Class, which is sponsored by the Vermont Department of Libraries. There are over 500 free online courses with real, live instructors. From starting a small business, to bookkeeping, to painting, to learning a foreign language, to pet care and photography, there is a class for everyone! And you can take it from home for free. If you are interested, call the library at 472-5948.

The Trustees are embarking on a campaign to raise money for our much needed addition that will give us the extra space we need and will finally make the building accessible to all. We'd love to have help on this project. If you want join us, please call the library.

Submitted by Lisa Sammet, Library Director

RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over nineteen years. We are a nonprofit corporation providing transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public through a van/bus and volunteer service. Between all of our programs, RCT provides over 178,668 rides per year.

RCT transports people to adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments,

We hope that you will be able to assist us with this request and we look forward to continuing our service that is needed by members of your community.

Mary Grant, Executive Director, 802-748-8170

HARDWICK-GREENSBORO RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

In the 2010/2011 fiscal year HGRJ programs directly served over 100 community members in the Pre-Charge and Reparative Probation programs as well as numerous other residents peripherally impacted by crime. The programs worked with those impacted by crime to find ways to make amends for the harm caused by such crimes as Disorderly Conduct, Unlawful Mischief, Retail Theft, Petit Larceny, Possession of Stolen Property, DUI, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, etc. Twenty community volunteers who reside in the towns of Hardwick, Greensboro, East Hardwick, Walden, Woodbury and Cabot contributed over 300 hours to the programs. HGRJ also provided consultation, mediation and facilitation services to local schools that are using restorative practices as part of or as an enhancement to their discipline plans. HGRJ continues to provide assistance to the Hazen Union "Justice League" in implementing restorative practices in the high school and middle school.

HGRJ is expanding its services and is in the planning and training phase of a new program, "Circles of Support and Accountability". COSA is part of an offender re-entry plan that provides supports for people in the criminal justice system who are returning to the community. The program helps them meet conditions of release and become an engaged and responsible member of the community. COSA also contributes to public safety by taking into consideration the needs of those who may have been victims of the offender's crime. Please contact the Director for more information about COSA.

The primary work of HGRJ programs is to make amends for the harm caused by crime by holding offenders accountable for their actions and finding appropriate ways for the offender to make amends for the harm. Offenders meet with a panel of community volunteers and those harmed and all participate in creating a contract of conditions to be met by the offender that meets the needs of the victim and restores the community.

HGRJ receives referrals from local law enforcement before the case is referred to the States Attorney's office (Pre-Charge), from the Department of Corrections as a condition of probation (Reparative Probation), or directly from community members interested in resolving other conflicts or disputes. Town officials, civic group leaders, organization boards and school administrators also may make referrals to the program. HGRJ provides dispute resolution

coaching and conducts educational community events each year. HGRJ influences the atmosphere of the community by offering a more satisfying resolution to those harmed by crime by allowing them to have a say in the outcome of the case. Other positive impacts are improved relationships of community members, a safer place to live and learning opportunity for offenders focused on making better life choices.

Carol Plante, Director, 866-928-9808

HARDWICK AREA COMMUNITY COALITION

“Investing in addiction prevention programs yields a 10-1 return for society.” according to a study done at the Iowa State University.

Do you know someone or have you been affected by a drug or alcohol addiction?

After many years of noticing prescription drug abuse as well as other drug abuse happening in our community, in December of 2002, Larry Renaud, a community member and pharmacist at Brooks, called a public meeting to address these destructive issues. Over 100 people attended that first meeting, with a core group of community members volunteering to do more.

As a result, the Hardwick Area Community Coalition was created. We were fortunate to get scholarships to allow us to attend various trainings on building an effective drug prevention organization.

We developed into a Coalition: a group of individuals and organizations working together in order to achieve a common goal – the Hardwick Area Community Coalition focuses our mission on reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by changing the norms within our communities and delaying the onset of first use of these substances by youth.

We received a grant from the state of Vermont Department of Health during the summer of 2004, which allowed us to hire our first, part-time Coordinator. We have continued to receive support from the state as well as the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to further our work until recently when our State Grant ended June 30th, 2011. We currently do not have a grant and rely on fundraising and donations.

2011 Year In Review

Some of our activities this past year included:

- We produced a locally made video about binge drinking.
- We helped VTLSP bring Kevin Brooks to Hazen to speak.
- We hosted a Family Activity Night at Lakeview

Elementary School.

- We partnered with Lamoille Valley Tobacco Task Force to provide a puppet show during a community gathering at the Hardwick Elementary School.
- We hosted Community Potlucks
- D&L provided brown alcohol bags that we put safe use messages on during April which is Alcohol Awareness Month.
- We hosted a Spring Family Festival held the same weekend as the Hardwick Spring Festival. Our event is free with activities for all ages and held on the Hodgdon Field.
- Around Graduation and Prom time we sent out a mailing to all parents of Junior and Seniors to remind them about social host party laws and the consequences of providing alcohol to minors.
- With the help of Grand Union donating bottled water, we handed out free water to those in attendance at Craftsbury and Hazen Graduation.
- We hosted a Department of Liquor Control Training for local store clerks.
- We worked with the Hardwick Recreation Committee to host a Whiffle Ball Tournament and Home Run Derby.
- We promoted Family Day which highlights the importance of eating dinner as a family.
- We worked with the Hazen and Craftsbury Drivers Ed program to provide an educational evening about safe driving practices.

Over the last 8 years we have seen improvement but there is still a lot to do and we need community financial support to keep doing our prevention work in our communities.

- Monthly newsletter, Prevention News. To sign up for this monthly newsletter please visit www.haccprevention.com or call 472-8010 to be added to the mailing list.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) for Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (OSSU) provides us data.

If you would like to read the whole report please visit our website at www.haccprevention.com and look under online resources.

We look forward to serving you in the future!

802-472-8010, erica@haccprevention.com

VERMONT'S PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM

There is a new program available to help Vermonters invest in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for their homes. The 2011 Vermont Legislature passed an act that allows for the creation of a Property Assessed Clean

Energy (PACE) District.

PACE is a financing method that is paid back over time as a part of the homeowner's town property taxes, and because the liability is attached to the property, not the homeowner, the property can change hands without the need to retire or renegotiate the financing. All improvements will require approval through an application process that includes the utility, Efficiency Vermont. The improvement work must be done by appropriately qualified and licensed BPI (Building Performance Institute) contractors.

Hardwick's PACE Committee was formed by a vote at the 2010 Town Meeting and charged with investigating whether to recommend that the town form a PACE District. We have attended many public forums, taken advantage of work done by other towns, state agencies, and Vermont Energy Investment Corp., and believe that the formation of a PACE District can benefit a segment of Hardwick homeowners without any cost or risk to other Hardwick property owners and residents who are not enrolled in the program. We have decided to recommend that the question of creating a PACE district in Hardwick be put to the voters at the Hardwick School Budget Vote in April, 2012.

The PACE Committee and other interested citizens are providing information in a number of ways so that Hardwick voters can educate themselves about the PACE program before the vote. **Please find additional detailed information available at Town Meeting or contact a PACE Committee member.** Additional details can be found at the Town Offices and online (<http://www.hardwickvt.org>). The PACE Committee is happy to come and talk with your local organization or group. Please contact any of us listed below to make arrangements.

Current Hardwick PACE Committee Members:
Shari Cornish, Paul Fixx, David Gross, Nancy Nottermann

HARDWICK RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Hardwick Recreation Committee's mission is to provide citizens of all ages and abilities the chance to learn new skills through recreational activities, to enhance wellbeing, and to gather as a community to celebrate seasonal events.

The Rec. Committee provides partial funding and oversight to groups and organizations that offer recreational activities to our townspeople. REACH! staffs and administers after school programs aimed at elementary and middle school children, including adventure camp, swimming, summer soccer and

cross-country skiing. Senior Trotters organizes trips to various events and points of interest. Key Club members from Hazen Union host the Spring Egg Hunt for some of our youngest participants

Hardwick Trails offers opportunities for people of all ages to participate in birding, nature walks, walking, running, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing and biking in either guided or do-it-yourself formats. The Hardwick Trails Committee sponsored 10 events throughout the year for adults and children. This year, the Trails purchased a diesel tractor with a gift from an anonymous donor; a Hazen cross-country ski team became active; 600 community members attended the Eighth Annual Pumpkin Walk; and committee and community volunteers kept the winter trails groomed for skiing. The Hardwick Trails Committee appreciates the enthusiasm of the Trails users and the support of the community.

Other Recreation Committee-sponsored events include Green-Up Day, the Haunted Library (in conjunction with Jeudevine Library), a whiffle-ball tournament (hosted by HACC), and Santa's visit to Hardwick.

The Recreation Committee would love to have new members and hear new ideas. One of those ideas is reinstating a skating rink. Please contact us at the Hardwick Town offices.

Marie LaPre Grabon, Co-chair
Ron Wiesen, Co-chair

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT

2011 has passed as a very wet year, but we were still able to complete most of our projects and are looking forward to 2012 with hope for a dryer year. As it does every year, spring brought a busy time for our Public Works staff, which included sprucing up the Village streets and painting crosswalks and parking lots to get the Town ready for our annual Spring Festival weekend.

Projects Completed: The Public Works Crew completed a new water line project on Kellogg Street with the help of Gary Bellavance. The Crew installed approximately 900 feet of new 4-inch waterline. We will be back there this spring to finish with the topsoil and seeding. We also installed 600 feet of new 1-inch copper line from the intersection of Elm and Spring Streets to Cooper Brook located near the Kenny Davis Log yard. Paving projects were accomplished on Spring Street, Daniels Road, and at the Fire Station. The Fire Station paving was funded by a 2011 Municipal Park & Ride grant at 100 percent. If anyone wishes to use the Park and Ride, the designated area is at the Cooper Brook side of the Fire Department.

Staff also installed 90 feet of new sidewalk on Spring Street and about 40 feet on South Main Street. The Crew spent a total of six weeks in the Town gravel pit screening gravel, winter sand and 3 inch stone that we will utilize for the coming mud season. We also fixed several water leaks and sewer problems throughout the year.

I offer a special thank you to my staff, Brent, Mike, Perley, Tod, Kenny and to our newest staff member Kolin Barclay, for all the hard work that they do throughout the year. Lastly, I want to say thank you to Bernie Shatney, who retired this fall. Bernie worked for us for nearly 5 years. He was diligent and dedicated to his work. Bernie had a great work ethic and will be sorely missed.

Tom Fadden, Road Foreman

HARDWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The Hardwick Fire Department had a total of 57 calls this past year. They consisted of the following:

- 9 structure fires
- 12 car accidents
- 1 vegetation issue
- 5 assist to Hardwick Rescue
- 3 vehicle fires
- 2 flooding issues
- 7 hazard calls
- 3 mutual aid calls
- 12 fire alarms

Thank you to all our dedicated firemen for the great work they do in protecting the Town and its citizens.

Tom Fadden, Fire Chief

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

This has been a year of getting things done in Hardwick Town government. The Town had a number of work items that needed to be completed when I became Town Manager a little more than a year ago, including; drafting employee contracts, making improvements to internal controls, updating Town ordinances, creating and updating Town policies, and initiating and completing various public works projects – some planned and some unplanned.

We worked diligently with our two bargaining units, reaching 3- year agreements with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union for the Highway and Police Departments. The contracts provide small raises in staff salaries for each of 3 years, but require Town employees to pick up a larger share of the premiums for their share of health insurance costs, going from 13.5 percent to 16 percent over the term of the contracts. These contracts allow the Town to better estimate

costs when formulating our budgets during the next several years.

Hardwick's annual audit management letter recommended that the Town review and initiate internal controls in an effort to reduce the opportunity for fraud, theft, and conflicts of interest. In an effort to meet the intent of the recommendations, Management and the Town Clerk's Office opted into a gas card system that tracks mileage, expenditures, names and locations of all staff that purchase gasoline as part of their job. Office staff developed a list of all processes where Town money is transferred or expended ensuring that more than one person is involved in each step of the processes. Management altered the pay week, from a Wednesday to Thursday schedule to a more normal Sunday to Saturday schedule, allowing for easier tracking of overtime, and leave time usage and accumulation. More work is planned for the coming year.

The Town developed and passed a Dangerous Building Ordinance, updated the Traffic Ordinance, and used the Dog Ordinance. The new Dangerous Building Ordinance served to initiate cleanup of the blue house on South Main Street. The Traffic Ordinance helped to control parking on West Church Street and Church Street, helping to improve public safety. Work on the Traffic Ordinance also served to identify to the Select Board, the issue of addressing speed conditions within the Town. Additionally, attention on traffic and parking helped identify additional parking that was created around Hardwick Electric that substantially reduced parking issues on West Church Street.

Policies were developed including requiring the Town Manager's signature on all journal entries. A new Communications Policy was developed to reduce mobile phone use by Town staff during working hours improving both efficiency and safety. The Tax Stabilization Policy was updated and simplified to give the Select Board more flexibility in developing tax stabilization agreements to support business growth in the Town. A new sign policy was developed to improve safety at the Town's busy primary intersection and to identify roles and responsibilities relating to sign enforcement. Lastly a sidewalk policy was developed to ensure adequate winter time sidewalk maintenance on crucial high use sidewalks in Town.

Projects the Town Manager's Office completed and implemented include completion of final work on Phase 2 of the Hardwick Bike and Recreation Path on Daniels Road, the installation of a new water line on West Church Street and Kellogg Street, and the installation of new aeration equipment at the

municipal wastewater treatment facility. A flood damaged retaining wall was repaired on Stannard Mountain Road using FEMA funding and a new culvert was installed on Center Road using Federal Highway Funds. A final design project was initiated on the Porter Brook Bridge using a State Structures Grant, and a preliminary engineering and design study has been initiated for Phase 3 of the Hardwick Bike and Recreation path using a Federal Town Enhancement Grant. This work includes renovating 800 feet of sidewalks on South Main Street and performing a scoping study on converting the old VAST snowmobile bridge to a bike and pedestrian walkway. In the majority of the above projects, the Town made use of scarce grant funding. The total grant funding utilized for Center Road, West Church Street, the Park & Ride and Stannard Mountain Road was more than \$600,000, representing a significant savings to the Town while improving the Town's vital infrastructure.

Future work for the Town Manager's Office is the implementation of additional internal controls, updating of the Town Personnel Policies, revamping the water and wastewater utility rate structures, planning for Town building major maintenance projects, development and implementation of staff performance evaluations, development and implementation of a highways and trails policy, and the acquisition of additional rights-of-ways from the Agency of Transportation for the development of additional parking space at the Town House adjacent to the Town Garage.

We feel that our accomplishments this year have served to improve The Town's administrative capabilities, public safety and our delivery of services. Concerns for next year are with evaluating the wastewater treatment facility reserve capacity, developing an industrial wastewater sampling program, keeping budget increases down, but continuing to set aside enough funds to allow the town to replace equipment and meet the match requirements of our expected grants.

I want to thank the Department Heads, Tom Fadden, Public Works Foreman, Aaron Cochran, Interim Police Chief, and Kenny LaCasse, Wastewater Plant Chief Operator for their support, hard work and advice. I also want to thank the very professional staff in the Town Manager's and Town Clerk's office for their can-do attitudes and for their hard work and dedication to the Town.

SELECT BOARD REPORT

As in past years we would again like to thank all of our Town Employees whose tireless dedication

and hard work allow all of us to live, play, work and enjoy our community. A special "Thank You" also goes out to the many volunteers who serve our community on committees or boards whose work often goes unnoticed, but whose time and service are an essential part of the Town's operations. At this year's Town Meeting we will be presenting the voters a fiscal year 2012 budget that calls for an estimated 4.70% increase in our municipal tax rate if the budget and all appropriations are approved.. This percentage increase is equivalent to a \$46.35 increase on a \$100,000 home. The actual rate increase will not be known until the grand list is set in July . The Select Board has worked very hard to keep this increase to a minimum while not diminishing the level of services currently offered by the Town. Some of the challenges we faced this year in developing this budget included increases associated with health care and PACIF insurance (our structure and liability insurance from the League), requests for increased funding of the Library, partial loss of revenue from the COPS grants, and trying to maintain our long term planning in terms of equipment, buildings and infrastructure.

At last Year's Town Meeting there was much discussion surrounding the proposal to make use of the old "Health Center Building" as a Town asset. At that time we asked for and were approved to continue to explore the possibility of moving the Police Department and possibly other town offices to that building. At the time we only thought we would be able to lease the building long term and were unsure whether we would be able to purchase the building and if so at what cost. The Hardwick Hospital Board then agreed to sell the building to the Town for \$150,000. During the past year an ambitious plan was crafted to move the PD, Town Clerk and Town Manager to the Health Center building and move the Library to the Memorial Building with a projected Bond amount of \$750,000.

This plan would have solved many crucial needs of the Town, such as larger and improved conditions for the Police, increased vault space for the Town Clerk, overdue renovations for the Memorial Building and the provision of a larger space for the Library. The premise of the plan was to try to solve a few of the Town's long term issues with one plan and one bond at very reasonable cost, given the number of problems that would have been solved. However, the plan did not win enough support from the voters, and in October the bond request failed. The complexity of the plan may have contributed to its failure, and with this in mind, the Select Board is requesting a smaller bond to

renovate the old Health Center building for use as a Police Department. The Police Department facilities in the basement of the Memorial Building are undersized and inadequate for today's Force.

They have been in the same spot since the Force was started with one officer in 1981. The need for a better facility for the PD has been well documented and talked about for years. Now is the time for the Town to step up and provide our Department with a professional facility that they and the Town can be proud of. The old Health Center building is not a perfect choice for a new PD, but it is a very good and economical solution to this long standing problem.

Budget Summary

Highway Budget: Overall increase of 4.4%.

The main drivers of the increase are the costs of health insurance and PACIF as well as a change in the gravel and sand process. This year we will be crushing our gravel and buying our sand. The previous couple of years we have been renting a screener and screening gravel and sand in the pit, and although this process is less costly in out of pocket money, it takes about 6 weeks and ties up our crew during that period. When you figure our man hours and equipment use, screening gravel vs. hiring a crusher and buying the sand is close to a wash.

Police Department: This budget shows an overall increase of 2.2%. PACIF and health insurance again the main drivers here, with full staff and the addition of a stable of part time officers. The liability insurance is on a per officer basis and in past years we have not had the number of P/T officers available to us that we have now. These experienced P/T officers are important in meeting our goals in terms of officer safety and protecting the community. Another new line item expense is for renting space on the cell tower to place our new repeater. The PD has a mandated change to narrow band radios by 1/1/2013. We received a grant for the purchase of the equipment and have money being used in the capital improvement budget for installation on the tower. At our meeting in January which we approved the budget, we received new information about being able to use the West Hill communicator site for the PD. Chances are very good that the West Hill site will be chosen over the Rinker Tower, but we were still assessing that and decided to leave this line item in as there will costs either way this coming year. Placement of the repeater on the tower or at the West Hill site will also enhance our communications in the PD, eliminating some of the dead spots we experience now.

Office Budget: Overall increase in this budget

of 3.33%. Health insurance and cost of living increases account for most of the increases.

Fire Department: The Fire Department shows a small decrease of 2.84%. PACIF increase was offset by lower Labor costs and we were able to refinance the balance remaining on the Ladder Truck loan resulting in a lower payment.

Line Items: This part of the budget shows an overall increase of 2.3%. The largest dollar increase is in the Capital Equipment Fund where we continue to be proactive with our future needs. The library shows a small increase of 3%. These items were offset by a substantial savings in our streetlight line item, resulting from our study on LED lighting, in which all streetlights were inventoried, with a more accurate charge resulting.

What can you as a taxpayer expect from this budget? In addition to all of the services we are accustomed to, here are a few of the projects, improvements and purchases you will notice. In terms of equipment, dump truck #3 will be replaced; a new commercial lawn mower will purchased to replace the current mower which is a smaller home owner type. The Impala Police Cruiser will be replaced with a new leased cruiser. This is the first time we have leased a cruiser, and it comes fully outfitted with unlimited mileage and 3 years of lease payments. We will have the option to buy after 3 years for a dollar or turn it back in. The plan would be to keep it for 5 years. Some paving projects you will notice this year will be Log Yard Road, Jenne Rd, Winter St. and Kellogg St.. We hope to see 800' of new sidewalks on South Main Street funded by Bike Path grant monies and our 20% match. There are no major building projects planned this year, other than work to be done on the Health Center building if the bond passes. The E. Hardwick bridge will receive some much needed cosmetic work. There is money set aside to complete a traffic study, with the intention of being able to lower the speed limits within town. A scoping study will be completed to evaluate the feasibility of building a new bridge where the old snowmobile bridge is near the community gardens as part of Phase III of the bike path project.

Hardwick is busy, vibrant and growing with lots of private interest and development. We look forward to helping to foster an environment that both promotes and sustains this interest and growth, while balancing our needs and wants with what we can afford.

HARDWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2011, Hardwick Police responded to 1960 calls

for service. This represents a 7% decrease in the number of calls for service from the previous year.

There were 170 criminal charges filed by Hardwick Police in 2011. This represents a 20% increase in criminal charges from the previous year. The categories that had the highest amount of arrests were: Driving with a suspended license (24), Burglary (16), Violation of Conditions of Release (10), Unlawful Mischief (9), Domestic Assault (8), and Petit Larceny (8).

In 2011 Hardwick Police continued to utilize a speed cart in an effort to gather data for traffic enforcement operations. 170 traffic tickets were issued in 2011 by Hardwick Police. In 2011 Hardwick Police also participated in the Governor's Highway Safety campaign in an effort to enforce safe driving on Vermont highways. Hardwick received enforcement assistance for the campaigns from Morristown Police Department and Vermont State Police. By participating in the campaign, Hardwick will receive \$2500 in grant funds for equipment.

In November 2011 Hardwick Police applied for a VCOMM grant to replace the base station police radio and the base station repeater. The base station radio was in disrepair and the repeater would not meet the 2013 FCC Narrow Band mandate, leaving Hardwick Police without communications to a base station. In December 2011 we received verbal confirmation that we had been awarded the grant amount of approximately \$13,600. The awarded amount will cover the cost of replacing the base station and the repeater. We are diligently working to have this equipment in place to meet the January 2013 deadline for the Narrow Band mandate.

In 2011 Hardwick Police participated as a member of the (S)top (T)een (A)lcohol (R)isk (T)eam by providing pro-active and reactive enforcement of underage drinking laws. A grant provided to each county for this enforcement pays for the Officer's salary while participating in the enforcement.

During 2011, the department hired two Officers to fill the fulltime vacancies. Officer Steven Mitchell and Officer Christopher Tetreault were hired and attended the part time basic Police Academy in October and are currently working a full time schedule. Officers Tetreault and Mitchell will be attending the full time Police academy starting in February 2012. The department also complemented its part-time staff with the hiring of Officer Darin Barber. Officer Barber is a full time certified Officer with 20 years of Law Enforcement experience; many of those years were spent as a

detective. We also added Officer William Morley to our part time staff. Officer Morley is full time certified and recently retired from Morristown Police after 28 years of law enforcement. Officer Greg Kelly was added to the part time staff in October 2011. Officer Kelly is a full time certified Officer and currently works as a detective for the Vermont Secretary of State's office. Officer Kelly brings 14 years of Law Enforcement experience to the Hardwick Police Department.

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Warden Russ Shopland assisted the Hardwick Police Department with their firearms training in 2011. Warden Shopland's knowledge of firearms training has been invaluable to the Hardwick Police Department.

The Department continues to maintain a strong relationship with the Hardwick Area Community Coalition, Restorative Justice, and Aware.

I would like to thank the Hardwick and Greensboro communities for their strong support and in assisting the Hardwick Police Department to become a strong member of the community partnership.

Wishing everyone a healthy and safe 2012.

Sincerely, Aaron Cochran, Interim Police Chief
Corporal Mike Glodgett
Officer Michael Gero
Officer Kevin Lehoe
Officer Chris Tetreault
Officer Steven Mitchell
Officer Tanner Atwood
Officer Darin Barber
Officer William Morley
Officer Greg Kelly
Executive Assistant Lisa Fecteau

2012-2013 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

<i>Projected Revenues</i>	Actual	SB	PROPOSED		%
	2010-2011	Budget 2011-2012	2012-2013	DIFF.	DIFF.
Greensboro Police Contr	\$138,798	\$150,869	\$159,936	\$9,067	6.01%
State Highway Aid	\$135,780	\$136,075	\$135,000	(\$1,075)	-0.79%
Zoning Permits	\$3,489	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Interest on Investments	\$2,470	\$4,500	\$4,000	(\$500)	-11.11%
Interest on Cemetery	\$0	\$45	\$45	\$0	0.00%
Licenses and Fees	\$25,938	\$26,000	\$24,000	(\$2,000)	-7.69%
Delinquent Charges	\$22,898	\$23,000	\$25,000	\$2,000	8.70%
Copying Fees	\$4,329	\$5,600	\$4,500	(\$1,100)	-19.64%
Miscellaneous Income	\$94	\$1,000	\$500	(\$500)	-50.00%
Hardwick PD Ticket Rev	\$9,591	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0	0.00%
Water Transfer	\$106,688	\$108,691	\$111,146	\$2,455	2.26%
Sewer Transfer	\$106,688	\$108,691	\$111,146	\$2,455	2.26%
DMV fees	\$984	\$1,200	\$1,000	(\$200)	-16.67%
Gas Tax Rebate	\$878	\$500	\$0	(\$500)	-100.00%
PILOT	\$69,923	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$0	0.00%
Surplus Draw	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	(\$12,000)	-100.00%
Current Use Hold Harm	\$80,196	\$77,412	\$84,000	\$6,588	8.51%
Cops Grant Reimburse	\$73,027	\$68,700	\$46,500	(\$22,200)	-32.31%
Fire Dept. - Radio Grant	\$5,268	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Fireworks Donations	\$1,695	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
HACC Admin Revenue	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Historic Preservation Grant	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Downtown Beautification	\$110	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.00%
Police MDT Grant	\$527	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
PD Vest Grant	\$991	\$1,600	\$1,000	(\$600)	-37.50%
Single Audit Reimb	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	(\$4,000)	-100.00%
School Tax Admin Fee	\$4,650	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$0	0.00%
Total Revenues	\$796,761	\$811,483	\$791,372	(\$20,111)	-2.48%
Total Budget	\$2,314,560	\$2,414,367	\$2,472,843	\$58,476	2.42%
Property Taxes	\$1,517,799	\$1,602,884	\$1,681,471	\$78,587	4.90%

Budget Summary

Highway/Garage	\$646,457	\$646,070	\$674,437	\$28,367	4.4%
Police Department	\$708,857	\$728,272	\$744,313	\$16,041	2.2%
Office Expenses	\$296,589	\$321,695	\$332,408	\$10,713	3.3%
Fire Department	\$84,646	\$96,999	\$95,219	(\$1,780)	-1.8%
Memorial Building	\$48,673	\$38,220	\$42,835	\$4,615	12.1%
Payroll (Part-time & Elec.)	\$43,232	\$43,513	\$47,840	\$4,327	9.9%
Line Items	\$504,811	\$515,490	\$527,346	\$11,856	2.3%
Town House	\$0	\$6,070	\$8,446	\$2,376	39.1%
Admin Building	\$0	\$18,038	\$0	(\$18,038)	0.0%
Grand Totals	\$2,333,266	\$2,414,367	\$2,472,843	\$58,476	2.42%

2012-2013 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

<i>Highway Department</i>	Actual	Budget	SB's PROPOSED	DIFF.	% DIFF.
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013		
Base Payroll	\$224,436	\$235,290	\$230,734	(\$4,556)	-1.94%
Overtime	\$26,661	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	0.00%
Sewer Operator	\$5,757	\$6,109	\$6,310	\$201	3.29%
Social Security Expense	\$18,332	\$19,530	\$19,181	(\$349)	-1.78%
Workers' Compensation	\$21,112	\$22,225	\$18,013	(\$4,212)	-18.95%
Unemployment Insurance	\$2,768	\$2,961	\$2,419	(\$542)	-18.30%
VLCT/PACIF	\$16,071	\$18,932	\$23,741	\$4,809	25.40%
Health Insurance	\$75,346	\$77,881	\$82,699	\$4,818	6.19%
Retirement Expense	\$12,597	\$12,764	\$12,537	(\$227)	-1.78%
Operating Expense/Supplies	\$16,548	\$16,000	\$16,500	\$500	3.12%
Telephone/Internet	\$728	\$1,300	\$800	(\$500)	-38.46%
Low Band Radio	\$2,630	\$2,884	\$2,900	\$16	0.55%
Culverts	\$3,281	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	100.00%
Uniforms	\$6,235	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$0	0.00%
Line Painting/Crosswalks	\$172	\$600	\$400	(\$200)	-33.33%
Radio Service	\$305	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Storm Drains	\$1,350	\$0	\$1,350	\$1,350	100.00%
Equipment Repair	\$33,878	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%
Equipment Expense	\$16,368	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%
Streetscape Maintenance	\$1,358	\$1,000	\$750	(\$250)	-25.00%
Brush Cutting	\$1,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Diesel Fuel	\$49,739	\$41,250	\$45,000	\$3,750	9.09%
Gasoline Fuel	\$3,674	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Utilities	\$5,165	\$4,895	\$5,200	\$305	6.23%
Summer Gravel	\$13,908	\$13,500	\$30,000	\$16,500	122.22%
Chloride	\$9,285	\$15,000	\$10,000	(\$5,000)	-33.33%
Contract Mowing	\$5,012	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	0.00%
Paving/Patching	\$3,136	\$4,500	\$3,000	(\$1,500)	-33.33%
Winter Sand	\$12,438	\$6,750	\$15,000	\$8,250	122.22%
Salt	\$45,331	\$46,800	\$46,800	\$0	0.00%
Ditch Stone	\$1,708	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Road signs	\$1,879	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
Street Sweeping	\$3,400	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0	0.00%
Safety/Training	\$1,878	\$2,400	\$2,700	\$300	12.50%
Bldg Repairs/Maint	\$2,185	\$1,600	\$1,500	(\$100)	-6.25%
Down Town Beauty	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000	100.00%
Totals	\$646,347	\$646,071	\$674,434	\$28,363	4.39%

2012-2013 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

<i>Police Department</i>	Actual	Budget	SB's PROPOSED	DIFF.	% DIFF.
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013		
Base Payroll	\$304,552	\$360,929	\$366,278	\$5,349	1.48%
Overtime	\$49,022	\$22,500	\$25,000	\$2,500	11.11%
Part-time Officers	\$2,736	\$30,000	\$17,500	(\$12,500)	-41.67%
Social Security Expense	\$25,882	\$31,627	\$31,272	(\$355)	-1.12%
Workers' Compensation	\$18,756	\$20,745	\$19,196	(\$1,549)	-7.47%
Unemployment Insurance	\$3,369	\$4,448	\$3,840	(\$608)	-13.68%
VLCT/PACIF	\$26,735	\$30,696	\$41,538	\$10,842	35.32%
Health Insurance	\$84,110	\$104,437	\$110,855	\$6,418	6.15%
Retirement Expense	\$31,162	\$36,426	\$37,171	\$745	2.05%
Oper Expense/Supplies	\$4,516	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$0	0.00%
Memberships	\$220	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Training	\$2,358	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Telephone	\$4,346	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$0	0.00%
Internet Communications	\$3,684	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0	0.00%
Antenna Rental	\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,400	100.00%
Dispatch Services	\$30,951	\$30,951	\$31,414	\$463	1.50%
Vehicle Maintenance	\$7,791	\$3,750	\$3,000	(\$750)	-20.00%
Advertising	\$0	\$200	\$300	\$100	50.00%
Radio Service	\$843	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$0	0.00%
Investigation Expense	\$1,070	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Uniforms (Cleaning)	\$195	\$1,500	\$700	(\$800)	-53.33%
Uniform Purchases	\$2,163	\$3,000	\$4,250	\$1,250	41.67%
Vest Grant	\$1,982	\$1,315	\$350	(\$965)	-73.38%
Gasoline	\$22,898	\$16,500	\$20,000	\$3,500	21.21%
Utilities	\$2,798	\$2,798	\$2,798	\$0	0.00%
Tires	\$1,374	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$500	33.33%
Education	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
K-9 Expense	\$302	\$1,000	\$500	(\$500)	-50.00%
Equipment	\$628	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Cops Grant	\$73,027	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Home Land Sec Grant	\$527	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Total	\$707,998	\$728,272	\$744,313	\$16,041	2.20%
Hardwick's share PD Operating Cost (net Greensboro revenue & COPS grant)		\$508,703	\$537,878	\$29,175	5.74%

2012-2013 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

<i>Office Expenses</i>	Actual	Budget	SB's PROPOSED	DIFF.	%
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013		DIFF.
Town Managers Office	\$123,525	\$147,304	\$150,580	\$3,276	2.22%
Town Clerks Office	\$61,746	\$62,486	\$64,423	\$1,937	3.0%
Social Security Expense	\$14,619	\$16,049	\$16,448	\$399	2.48%
Workers' Compensation	\$2,161	\$2,248	\$1,575	(\$673)	-29.96%
Unemployment Insurance	\$2,252	\$2,434	\$2,517	\$83	3.42%
VLCT/PACIF	\$5,674	\$4,820	\$5,540	\$720	14.93%
Health Insurance	\$40,983	\$45,166	\$49,227	\$4,061	8.99%
Retirement Expense	\$9,932	\$10,489	\$10,750	\$261	2.49%
Town Manager Supplies	\$4,636	\$4,000	\$3,600	(\$400)	-10.00%
Town Clerk Supplies	\$3,529	\$4,000	\$3,600	(\$400)	-10.00%
Town Report Expense	\$1,990	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	100.00%
Conferences/Dues	\$535	\$900	\$700	(\$200)	-22.22%
Tax Billing/Collection Exp	\$1,434	\$2,000	\$1,600	(\$400)	-20.00%
Tax Sale Expense	\$275	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Telephone	\$1,216	\$1,800	\$1,300	(\$500)	-27.78%
Advertising	\$819	\$700	\$700	\$0	0.00%
TM Search	\$4,280	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Copier	\$1,129	\$800	\$1,000	\$200	25.00%
Election Expense	\$1,148	\$500	\$2,000	\$1,500	300.00%
Web Site Maintenance	\$600	\$650	\$1,200	\$550	84.62%
Computer Software/Srv	\$5,017	\$2,400	\$2,000	(\$400)	-16.67%
Education/Training	\$218	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Office/Zoning	\$1,911	\$1,800	\$1,900	\$100	5.56%
Lister Supplies	\$2,995	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Health Officer Supplies	\$0	\$200	\$0	(\$200)	0.00%
Staff Enrichment	\$1,125	\$1,200	\$0	(\$1,200)	0.00%
Equipment Purchases	\$2,837	\$4,000	\$3,500	(\$500)	-12.50%
Totals	\$296,589	\$321,695	\$332,408	\$10,712	3.33%

2012-2013 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

<i>Fire Department</i>	Actual	Budget	SB's PROPOSED	DIFF.	% DIFF.
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013		
Labor	\$8,337	\$15,977	\$11,000	(\$4,977)	-31.15%
Social Security	\$635	\$1,223	\$842	(\$382)	-31.19%
Workers' Compensation	\$2,150	\$2,789	\$1,800	(\$989)	-35.46%
VLCT/PACIF	\$7,951	\$9,637	\$14,436	\$4,799	49.80%
Operating Exp./Supplies	\$811	\$3,000	\$2,500	(\$500)	-16.67%
Telephone	\$975	\$1,300	\$1,000	(\$300)	-23.08%
Dispatch Service	\$13,265	\$13,265	\$13,463	\$198	1.49%
Gasoline	\$143	\$200	\$200	\$0	0.00%
Diesel Fuel	\$1,920	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	100.00%
Repeater Elec	\$191	\$275	\$250	(\$25)	-9.09%
Utilities	\$1,113	\$3,224	\$1,500	(\$1,724)	-53.47%
Base Antenna Rental	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Fuel Oil	\$7,728	\$7,600	\$9,660	\$2,060	27.11%
Diesel Fuel	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
Equipment Purchases	\$3,420	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0	0.00%
Clothing	\$3,654	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$1,000	40.00%
Building Repair	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,500	(\$500)	-25.00%
Equipment Repair	\$1,863	\$4,250	\$3,000	(\$1,250)	-29.41%
FD Homeland Sec Grant	\$6,585	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Training	\$0	\$500	\$750	\$250	50.00%
Ladder Truck P & I	\$24,760	\$24,760	\$23,318	(\$1,442)	-5.82%
Totals	\$85,501	\$98,000	\$95,219	(\$2,781)	-2.84%

Memorial Building

Custodian Salary	\$6,783	\$7,583	\$7,055	(\$528)	-6.97%
Social Security Expense	\$518	\$580	\$540	(\$40)	-6.95%
Workers' Compensation	\$336	\$613	\$118	(\$495)	-80.70%
Unemployment Insurance	\$94	\$99	\$0	(\$99)	0.00%
VLCT/PACIF	\$2,204	\$4,289	\$5,597	\$1,308	30.50%
Operating Exp/Supplies	\$2,156	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Building Maint/Repair	\$6,396	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$500	25.00%
MB/PD Repairs	\$4,535	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Utilities	\$6,569	\$6,558	\$6,600	\$42	0.64%
Fuel Oil	\$12,277	\$11,200	\$15,525	\$4,325	38.62%
Elevator/Fire Alarm	\$3,605	\$2,400	\$2,000	(\$400)	-16.67%
Generator	(\$0)	\$400	\$400	\$0	0.00%
Town House Repair	\$380	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Town House Elec/Water	\$540	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Town House PACIF	\$2,280	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Totals	\$48,673	\$38,222	\$42,835	\$4,613	12.07%

2012-2013 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

<i>Line Items</i>	Actual	Budget	SB's PROPOSED	DIFF.	% DIFF.
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013		
Auditing	\$18,385	\$18,000	\$15,000	(\$3,000)	-16.67%
Dog Control	\$2,461	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	50.00%
Professional Services	\$6,801	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0	0.00%
NVDA	\$1,333	\$1,333	\$1,333	\$0	0.00%
VLCT	\$3,747	\$3,818	\$3,818	\$0	0.00%
PACIF - Town House	\$2,075	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Jeudevine Memorial Library	\$74,367	\$82,864	\$85,361	\$2,497	3.01%
Memorial Day	\$432	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	0.00%
Caspian Lake	\$1,850	\$2,050	\$2,050	\$0	0.00%
Cemeteries	\$9,700	\$12,000	\$12,700	\$700	5.83%
Equip Replacement Fund	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$151,000	\$16,000	11.85%
Solid Waste District	\$6,665	\$6,414	\$6,414	\$0	0.00%
Insurance Deductible	\$500	\$1,000	\$500	(\$500)	-50.00%
Streetlights	\$32,746	\$37,031	\$30,500	(\$6,531)	-17.64%
Tax Mapping	\$5,023	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Capital Improvements	\$144,614	\$149,000	\$150,000	\$1,000	0.67%
Employment Practices Ins.	\$5,078	\$5,335	\$6,720	\$1,385	25.96%
Flexible Benefits	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Recreation Dept.	\$15,990	\$18,450	\$18,450	\$0	0.00%
Fireworks	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Hardwick/Woodbury Trail	\$0	\$500	\$0	(\$500)	0.00%
County Taxes	\$18,624	\$14,649	\$12,970	(\$1,679)	-11.46%
Rescue Squad	\$15,419	\$14,597	\$16,080	\$1,483	10.16%
Totals	\$504,811	\$515,491	\$527,346	\$11,855	2.30%

Payroll (Part-Time and Elected)

Listers	\$7,887	\$7,680	\$8,000	\$320	4.17%
Election Officials	\$1,452	\$825	\$1,500	\$675	81.82%
Zoning Administrator	\$17,073	\$17,482	\$17,832	\$350	2.00%
Planning/DRB Board	\$1,900	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Board of Civil Authority	\$105	\$200	\$140	(\$60)	-30.00%
Part Time Labor	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	100.00%
Moderator	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
Select Board	\$5,167	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0.00%
Energy Coordinator	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
TEC - Conference Fees	\$225	\$500	\$250	(\$250)	-50.00%
Service Officer	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
Solid Waste Rep	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Health Officer	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	100.00%
Social Security Expense	\$2,514	\$2,476	\$2,687	\$211	8.51%
Public Officials Liability	\$6,410	\$7,200	\$8,281	\$1,081	15.02%
Totals	\$43,232	\$43,513	\$47,840	\$4,327	9.94%

2012-2013 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

<i>Town House</i>	Actual	Budget	SB's PROPOSED	DIFF.	%
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013		DIFF.
VLCT/PACIF	\$0	\$2,470	\$3,546	\$1,076	30.35%
Building Maint/Repair	\$0	\$1,000	\$500	(\$500)	-100.00%
Utilities	\$0	\$600	\$600	\$0	0.00%
Fuel Oil	\$0	\$2,000	\$3,800	\$1,800	47.37%
Custodial Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Totals	\$0	\$6,070	\$8,446	\$2,376	39.15%

Greensboro Contract Computation For the FYE 2013

Police Department Budget		\$744,313
Less Cops Grant		-\$46,500
Less Dispatch - Hardwick PD portion		-\$31,414
		666,398
Greensboro % per Agreement	24.000%	\$159,936
Sub-total		\$159,936

<i>Recreation Department</i>	Actual	Budget	SB's PROPOSED	DIFF.	%
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013		DIFF.
Youth Prog: Soccer, Swim & Ski	\$8,561	\$9,100	\$9,275	\$175	1.92%
WhiffleBall	\$0	\$100	\$125	\$25	25.00%
Halloween at the Library	\$239	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Winter Festival (Santa)	\$137	\$150	\$150	\$0	0.00%
Egg Hunt	\$111	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Green-Up Day	\$872	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
PACIF (Insurance)	\$482	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,300	100.00%
Hardwick Trails	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$5,300	-\$700	-11.67%
Growing Stronger Program	\$740	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Senior Trotters	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Skate Park Skating Rink	\$30	\$500	\$0	-\$500	0.00%
Hardwick Area Com. Coalition	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0	0.00%
Supplies and Advertising	\$0	\$350	\$150	-\$200	-57.14%
VLCT Workers Comp/Ins.	\$189	\$300	\$300	\$0	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$250	\$150	-\$100	-40.00%
TOTALS	\$15,562	\$18,450	\$18,450	\$0	\$0

2012-2013 JEDEVINE LIBRARY BUDGET

	Actual 2011-2012	PROPOSED 2012-2013	% DIFF	DIFF
Librarian Salary	\$24,705.00	\$28,811.00	\$4,106.00	14%
Asst. librarian/Youth Libn	\$17,342.00	\$18,850.00	\$1,508.00	8%
Library Clerk Salary	\$6,630.00	\$6,630.00	\$0.00	0%
Maintenance Salaries	\$1,408.00	\$1,560.00	\$152.00	10%
FICA	\$3,832.00	\$4,189.00	\$357.00	9%
Worker's Comp	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	0%
Unemployment	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	0%
Health Insurance -Librarian only	\$13,300.00	\$14,564.00	\$1,264.00	9%
Retirement	\$1,236.00	\$1,440.00	\$204.00	14%
Total Employee Expenses	\$68,658.00	\$76,249.00	\$7,592.00	11%
Mileage	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0%
Telephone	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0%
Supplies	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00	\$200.00	13%
Youth Supplies	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0%
Postage	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	0%
Computer services	\$1,520.00	\$1,600.00	\$80.00	5%
VT Fiber Connect	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Conferences, memberships	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	0%
Equipment	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	0%
VLCT/PACIF	\$3,048.00	\$3,500.00	\$452.00	13%
Electricity	\$978.00	\$878.00	(\$100.00)	-11%
Fuel Oil	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	0%
Water/Sewer	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	0%
Maintenance Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0%
Total Operating Expenses	\$15,296.00	\$15,928.00	\$632.00	4%
Books- Adult	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0%
Books - Juvenile	\$2,200.00	\$2,300.00	\$100.00	4%
Magazines- Adult	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0%
Magazines - Juvenile	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0%
Adult DVD/Audio Bks	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0%
Juv DVD/Audio Bks	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0%
Total Materials Expenses	\$6,550.00	\$6,550.00	\$100.00	2%
Town Appropriation	\$82,864.00	\$85,361.00	\$2,497.00	3%
Grants, fundraising, misc Income	\$7,640.00	\$13,366.00	\$5,726.00	43%
Total Budget	\$90,504.00	\$98,727.00	\$8,223.00	8%

Town of Hardwick
Capital Improvements Schedule

Year	Paving	Back Roads	Guardrail	Bridges	Sidewalk	Pit Rectilinear	Buildings	Records	Tax Map	Misc.	Bike Path	Interest	FY Expense	Set Aside	Balance
Bal 6/30/12	\$305,480	\$20,000	\$2,800	\$118,503	\$28,000	\$12,030	\$56,735	\$4,000			\$26,000	\$27,000			\$601,148
2013	\$68,750	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$76,200	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$25,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$9,500	\$10,000		\$221,450	\$150,000	\$529,698
2014	\$84,625	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000		\$10,000		\$196,625	\$150,000	\$483,073
2015	\$92,030	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000		\$10,000		\$174,030	\$150,000	\$459,043
2016	\$93,590	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$20,000	\$2,000			\$10,000		\$169,590	\$150,000	\$439,453
2017	\$109,240	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$20,000	\$2,000			\$50,000		\$225,240	\$150,000	\$364,213
2018	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$35,000						\$125,000	\$150,000	\$389,213
2019	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$25,000						\$95,000	\$150,000	\$444,213
2020	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$25,000						\$95,000	\$150,000	\$489,213
2021	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$25,000						\$95,000	\$150,000	\$554,213
2022	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$3,000	\$25,000						\$95,000	\$150,000	\$609,213

NOTES: Projects to be completed in FY 13

Existing Projects

Log Yonell Rd \$7,000
 Jenne Rd \$3,000
 Winter St \$9,000
 Kellogg St \$24,750

Sidewalks

800' of new sidewalks South Main \$28,000

Bridges

Repair work on East Hardwick Bridge \$10,000

Buildings

No major planned projects \$0

Misc

Antenna installation on Tower (PD) \$5,000
 Traffic study \$4,500

Bike Path

Scoping study Phase III \$26,000

TOWN OF HARDWICK
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PURCHASE SCHEDULE

YEAR	Dump Truck 1	Dump Truck 2	Dump Truck 3	Dump Truck 4	F-550 Truck 5	Highway Mower	Utility Truck 6	Excavator	Skid / Trailer	Lease Loader (1)	Loader (2) Grader (1)	Police Cruiser	EQUIP. TOTAL	FUNDS SET ASIDE	ACCOUNT BALANCE
Bal 6/30/12															\$70,000
2013			\$170,000			\$7,000					\$31,360	\$12,000	\$220,360	\$151,000	\$640
2014								\$13,000			\$31,360	\$24,000	\$68,360	\$160,000	\$92,280
2015	\$180,000									\$15,000	\$31,360	\$30,000	\$256,360	\$170,000	\$5,920
2016							\$6,500			\$15,000	\$31,360	\$31,000	\$83,860	\$175,000	\$97,060
2017				\$190,000						\$15,000	\$31,360	\$31,000	\$267,360	\$180,000	\$9,701
2018					\$70,000	\$8,000				\$15,000	\$31,360		\$124,360	\$185,000	\$70,341
2019								\$125,000		\$15,000		\$33,000	\$173,000	\$185,000	\$82,341
2020		\$115,000					\$8,500			\$15,000		\$33,000	\$171,500	\$195,000	\$105,841
2021			\$200,000					\$35,000		\$15,000		\$34,000	\$284,000	\$195,000	\$16,841
2022										\$15,000		\$34,000	\$49,000	\$195,000	\$162,841
2023	\$210,000				\$90,000	\$9,000				\$15,000			\$324,000	\$195,000	\$33,841
2024										\$15,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$85,000	\$195,000	\$143,841
2025				\$220,000							\$35,000	\$35,000	\$290,000	\$205,000	\$58,841
2026							\$11,000				\$35,000	\$36,000	\$82,000	\$205,000	\$181,841
2027											\$35,000	\$36,000	\$71,000	\$205,000	\$315,841
2028		\$120,000			\$100,000	\$10,000					\$35,000		\$265,000	\$205,000	\$255,841
2029			\$230,000							\$20,000	\$35,000	\$37,800	\$322,800	\$205,000	\$138,041
2030										\$20,000	\$35,000	\$37,000	\$92,000	\$210,000	\$256,041
2031	\$240,000							\$50,000		\$20,000	\$35,000	\$38,000	\$383,000	\$210,000	\$83,041
2032							\$12,000			\$20,000	\$35,000	\$38,000	\$105,000	\$215,000	\$193,041
2033				\$250,000	\$110,000					\$20,000	\$35,000	\$38,000	\$415,000	\$215,000	-\$6,959

Notes:

- 1) Increases in costs are based on a "best guess" scenario with input from dealers.
- 2) Loader #2 & Grader are on a lease/purchase for \$1, 15 yr life. Replace 2024.
- 3) Loader #1 purchased Spring 1999, 15 yr life. Replace 2014.
- 4) Cruisers replaced every 5 years.
- 5) Dump trucks 1,2,3,4 are traded every eight years.
- 6) Dump truck 5 is traded every 5 years.

TOWN OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT

The year 2011 was the first full year of changes in office procedures and internal controls that were developed after the financial fraud was discovered in October 2010.

The first quarter of the year was devoted almost entirely to learning and embedding the new standards to minimize financial risk. HED worked in partnership with private audit consultants, the Vermont League of Cities and Towns audit expert, and the Vermont State auditor's office to develop these internal control procedures. Every office function has new standards such as separation of accounts payable and payment duties, second signing of checks over \$5,000, 3 levels of monitoring bank statement reconciliation and additional review of weekly payroll disbursements.

The Commissioners, management and employees have established and maintained an environment throughout the organization that sets a positive and supportive attitude towards these new internal controls. The Harris/Northstar billing computer system was upgraded this year. The computer upgrade was very beneficial because it provides computer generated reports that had previously been done manually. Examples of this improvement include the following. Annual customer budget calculations and letters are created, credit card payment lists are created in an encrypted file and sent directly to the bank, journal entries & reports can be archived instead of only having hard copies of past years. The disconnect notice re-assessing step that is performed prior to cutting off a customer's service can also be handled by the system. Previously, processes like these were done manually. Efficiencies gained through the new office procedures and the computer upgrades have allowed HED to reduce office staff by 20%—from five employees down to four.

HED continued to take advantage of the opportunity to use American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant dollars to upgrade power equipment and distribution lines. This has been a 3-year funding program. Through 2011,

HED has spent approximately \$230K on electric system upgrades. The final year of the available grant money is 2012 and HED has plans for more upgrades. Many of the investor owned utilities (CVPS, GMP) are using the ARRA dollars to install so-called smart meters. Smart meters communicate usage and service quality data back to the utility using wireless technologies and power lines. The customer could also use the data to monitor their energy usage. This is a developing technology with a high price tag to completely utilize the system. HED has decided to take a wait and see position before expending capital on advanced meter infrastructure.

Electric service reliability in any particular year has much to do with weather and the number of storms rolling through. One of the worst storm events in Vermont's history occurred on August 28th & 29th, a Sunday and Monday. HED employees spent these two days restoring power from downed lines caused by high wind and rain. We were fortunate that the hurricane force winds predicted were significantly below forecast. Although it took 2 days working long hours to restore power, there was no significant damage to the distribution lines and equipment.

One other significant storm event occurred on May 26th and 27th. A continuous train of lightning and torrential rain traveled through the service area from 6PM on the 26th right through the early morning hours on the 27th. This was another long night for HED employees taking calls and restoring lines.

HED customers' energy use over the last 3 years has been flat with a small increase in 2011 of less than 1%. HED has significantly more net-metered solar installations by residential customers than any other electrical municipality in the state. There are 26 installations ranging in size from 2100 watts to 8000 watts. There are also 8 – 10,000 watt wind turbines.

Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) manages HED power supply resources. HED has a "portfolio" of contracts that expire over different times to reduce the risk of market price volatility and provide stability to rates. The latest contract

provides landfill gas fueled electric energy from Fitchburg, MA that will provide approximately 10% of HED energy for up to 20 years. The addition of this contract brings the total renewable energy delivered to HED to over 40%.

Hardwick Electric employees take pride in serving our customers and the community on a personal level.

HED provides at cost electric service to the community with local control by the utility Board of Commissioners.

Joseph Wood, *Chairperson*, Warren Hill, *Commissioner*, John Mandeville, *Commissioner*, David Gross, *Commissioner*, Paul Fixx, *Commissioner*

**RECORDS FILED WITH HARDWICK TOWN CLERK
JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011**

38 Birth Certificates
23 Marriage Certificates
22 Death Certificates

**TOWN OF HARDWICK
DOG LICENSE LIST
JULY 1, 2010 TO JUNE 30, 2011**

TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSES	PRICE FOR LICENSE	TOTAL COLLECTED
109@	\$ 5.00	\$ 545.00
226@	\$ 8.00	\$ 1,808.00
137@	\$12.00	\$ 1,644.00
1@	\$16.00	\$ 16.00
<u>15@</u>	<u>\$18.00</u>	<u>\$ 270.00</u>
Total Licenses	488	\$ 4,283.00
Kennel Permits	9@ 10.00	90.00
TOTAL COLLECTED	497	\$4,373.00
State Fees	382@ 4.00	\$ (1,528.00)
State Fees for Kennel	106@ 1.00	\$ (106.00)
TOTAL TOWN REVENUE		\$ 2,739.00

DMV REPORT

From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 we processed:

328 Registrations @ \$3.00 = \$984.00

FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 1, 2011

Marcus Brown, Chair of the Hardwick Select Board took the podium at 10:05 a.m. and opened the meeting by reading the Warning.

The legal voters of the Town of Hardwick, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hardwick Elementary School in said Town of Hardwick on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

(Election of Town Select Board, Hardwick Town School District Directors, and Union School District No. 26 Directors shall be voted on by Australian ballot. The polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.). If special accommodations are necessary because of physical disabilities, please contact the Town Clerk's Office (472-5971).

Article 1: To elect a moderator to govern said Town Meeting and for the year ensuing.

At this time Marcus explained that due to illness Orise Ainsworth was not able to attend the meeting and that Paul Cillo had been approached to fill in if elected.

Nominated: Paul Cillo

Motion Made By: David Shepard

Seconded: Karen Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

At this time Paul took over at the podium and asked the head table to introduce themselves:

Select Board: Marcus Brown, Kathleen Hemmens, Shari Cornish, Richard Brochu and Wayne Hall

Town Manager: Jon Jewett

Asst. Town Clerk: Sue Cross

Town Clerk: Alberta Miller

Police Chief: Joe Laporte

At this time Paul gave the podium to Marcus who took a moment to introduce our new Town Manager Jon Jewett.

Jon thanked the Citizens of the Town for the opportunity to work with them. He briefly explained his work history with Town Government and with the State of Vermont. He spoke about living in East Montpelier and his camp on Greenwood Lake.

At this time Paul asked for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Hollie Williams.

Paul reviewed Roberts Rules of Order and explained that we have portable microphones that will be passed for people who wished to speak.

Article 2: Shall the Town accept the Town Report, year ending June 30, 2010?

Motion made by: David Shepard

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Art Williams spoke on wanting the Select Board to

reconsider its decision not to include at least part of the Audits for Hardwick Electric and the Town of Hardwick and also no longer mailing the reports out. He also suggested that we include information about the Town Loan Fund and possibly our Delinquent Tax List.

Marcus assured Art that the board will address that issue before Town Meeting next year.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 3: To elect all Town Officers and School District Directors as required by the public laws of Vermont and the Town Charter. (Select Board, Hardwick Town School District Directors, and Union School District No. 26 Directors, to be voted by Australian Ballot).

One Lister, 3 year term Marc Delaricheliere

Motion made by: Jean Hackett

Seconded by: Connie Bellavance

Motion passed: Unanimously

One Auditor, 3 year term Ivan Menard

Motion made by: Karen Colburn

Seconded by: Helm Nottermann

Motion passed: Unanimously

First Constable, 1 year term Art Chase

Motion made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

Second Constable, 1 year term Erwin Gilcris

Motion made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

One Town Agent, 1 year term Constance Bellavance

Motion made by: Donna Casavant

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber, 1 year term Laurent Bellavance

Motion made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

Tree Warden, 1 year term Laurent Bellavance

Motion made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

Cemetery Trustees, 1 year term: Voted as a Block Main Street, Maple Street, Fairview, Sanborn, Hardwick Street

Motion made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

Fire Dept. Officers (can be voted as one vote), 1 year term

Motion made by: Helm Nottermann

Seconded by: Connie Bellavance

Marcus explained that we will be voting the Fire Department roster with the position of Chief being vacant

after the loss of Ronnie Bellavance. The fire department will be having a meeting soon to decide who to nominate as Chief and the Select Board will make the appointments after that decision.

Motion passed: Unanimously

One Library Trustee, 5 year term David Richards

Motion made by: Anne Batten

Seconded by: Mary Wheeler

Motion passed: Unanimously

One Library Trustee, 3 year term Rachel Miller

Motion made by: Mary Wheeler

Seconded by: David Shepard

Motion passed: Unanimously

Grand Juror, 1 year term George Whitney

Motion made by: Mary Wheeler

Seconded by: David Shepard

Motion passed: Unanimously

Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year term George Whitney

Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year term Lorraine Hussey

Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year term Mario Fradette

Motion for all made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: David Shepard

Motion passed: Unanimously

Fence Viewers..1 year term: Town Listers

Motion made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 4: Shall the Town have its current taxes collected by the Town Treasurer?

Motion made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Ivan Menard questioned who received the fees charged for delinquent taxes?

Marcus explained that the Town collects all the fees.

Motion passed: Unanimously

At this time Kathleen Hemmens took the podium to read a Resolution on behalf of retiring Select Board member Richard Brochu. Richard was presented a plaque in thanks for his multiple terms of service on the Hardwick Select Board.

A standing ovation was given.

Richard thanked the Select Board and made a brief speech about his time on the Select Board. He was first elected at Town Meeting in 1989.

Article 5: Shall the Town grant an exemption on property assessments for disabled veterans and set that amount above the current level of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) and not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) of assessed value?

Motion made by: Ken Blair

Seconded by: Shirley Colburn

Lori Ferland asked for some explanation.

Marcus explained that we currently have 17 residents that receive a \$10,000 exemption on their Grand List

Property Value for being a disabled veteran. He also stated that the voters could decide where to set the dollar value of the increase at up to \$40,000.

Steve Sampson asked what the % of disability was for a veteran to receive this exemption.

Llewellyn Furry stated that he attended the Select Board meeting where the request for a change was presented. At that meeting, the intent was for the article to change the amount from \$10,000 in exemption to \$40,000.

Ron Wiesen made the motion to amend the Article to set the amount of the exemption from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Motion approved.

Paul read the amended **Article 5:** Shall the Town grant an exemption on property assessments for disabled veterans and set that amount at forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) of assessed value?

Motion approved.

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a long term lease of the "old Health Center Building" with The Hardwick Hospital Association and expend an additional \$18,038.00 in the FY 2012 budget for the purpose of housing the offices of the Town Clerk, Zoning Administrator and Listers, Town Manager and the Police Department, subject to a positive Bond Vote at a Special Town Meeting?

Motion made by: Karen Colburn

Seconded by: Shirley Colburn

Marcus Brown set forth to explain the reasoning behind the proposed move of all the Town offices not just the police department.

He began with the facts of Article 5, of Town Meeting 2010, where the Voters had approved the use of the \$30,000 set aside to investigate a new facility for the Hardwick Police Department. Through the course of the past year the Police Task Force had investigated several possible locations for the PD to move to, but was unable to find a more promising location than the former Health Center Building owned by the Hardwick Hospital Association. However the issue of the building being larger than necessary for just the PD caused conversation to shift to maybe moving all the Town offices to that location.

With that change of view the conversation shifted to what are the needs of the other Town Offices?

The Town Clerk's Office was asked about the issues and the concerns about vault and storage space we brought to the forefront. Along with issues about space we also discussed electrical and phone issues. Questions have arisen about the memorials in the building and the inability to see them properly due to the need for extra office space.

At this time the Task Force approached the Hospital Board about the possibility of moving everyone. A possible lease agreement was worked out to include staggered monthly lease payments with upgrades and building maintenance being paid by the Town.

The modifications that are needed will require a bond vote and the Board did not feel we had enough information to move forward with that today so instead

an Article was drafted to gauge if the voters feel we should research the potential move forward.

So to be clear about Article 6: if the future bond vote was to pass the Select Board would have the authority to move forward with a lease agreement and if the bond vote is to fail no lease will be entered into.

Some of the questions that the Select Board has been faced with are: If the Town Offices move what happens to the Memorial Building. Rest assured we are not going to abandon the Memorial Building. While nothing is set in stone yet, some ideas were: moving the Library across the street, or renting to some non profits with Hardwick Area Community Coalition expressing interest and allowing for HCTV and Restorative Justice to stay where they are.

One thing is very clear; the Memorial Building will require some much needed repairs no matter who is going to use the space.

Marcus did take a moment to address some questions that have already been brought up at previous public meetings.

It will be harder for residents to walk to the new building. The new location is on a hill with a difficult corner.

The tradition and history of the Memorial Building being 100 years old and the original home of the Town and Village offices.

At this time Marcus stopped to take questions:

Ron Wiesen commended the Select Board and new Town Manager and supported the idea of moving forward.

Lorraine Hussey spoke against the Town Clerk's Office moving.

John Mandeville feels that all the offices should stay where they are.

Mary Wheeler is concerned for the Police Department and feels that other possible rental options should be explored. She would be in support of a Bond to fix up the Memorial Building and leave the other town offices where they are.

Marcus expressed again the fact that there are major issues with the Police Department and a possible addition to the Memorial Building to accommodate these issues could be between \$750,000 and \$850,000.

Marcus explained that the process of digitizing records is very expensive and by law paper copies are still required to be kept in a fireproof vault.

Deb Hartt agreed with Mary Wheeler about renting a building, feels that the Police Department is a pit, but that the road to the Hospital Building is not safe.

Art Williams, president of the Hospital Association, explained that at this time the Hospital Association cannot sell the building due to issues with the original deed. Art assured the room that the building was in good shape. He explained that the Hospital Association donates every penny plus more of rents they receive back into our community. He encouraged the voters to vote yes and move forward with the project.

David Gross explained that this Article was more of a contingency to move forward. He spoke in favor of the move and the need for additional storage and the availability of seeing the Memorials in the building. He was also in favor of the Library expanding their space

into the Memorial Building. This allows for more accessibility for community members and students with a great location near the center of town.

Maggie McGuire supports the move to the new location and expressed the idea that the move will alleviate some of the traffic and parking issues on Church Street.

Erik Gann questioned the square footage and why if the Hospital building is so great why is it empty?

Marcus stated that the Hospital building has 6700 square feet with 5700 of that as space that will be utilized in the move. The Memorial Building has about 2453 square feet with approximately 2153 currently usable for the Town Offices.

Art Williams spoke on the Health Center moving as being simply that in his opinion there were Federal Funds available to build a new building and Northern Counties jumped at that.

Reggie Gates feels that money concerns may be a driving issue even though the move may be necessary. The Memorial Building is a beautiful building, but it is old. What does the Select Board propose to do about heating both buildings?

Marcus restated that currently it is just a lease with the profits coming directly back into the community. The initial estimates of renovations came in at about \$466,000 and will require a bond.

Tracy Martin expressed being in favor of the potential of the Town offices moving. She questioned what the deed restrictions are and where the funds for the original building came from?

Art Williams explained that John Holden was the original donor in 1904. The deed restrictions require that if the Hospital Association was ever to disband the building would revert back to the original owners. Art is confident that the family would not ever attempt to take back the building. He also said that the plan for the new space includes a meeting room for the Hospital Association Board to meet, and the Hardwick Rescue Squad to hold classes, if they wish, which meets the requirement of the building housing something medically related.

David Gendron spoke against the Police Department move. He feels that the intersection is very dangerous and that this is a residential neighborhood and not the right place for a police station. He feels that the Police are riding the shirt tails of the other Town Offices. He is not in favor of the move.

Ginny Garrison questioned the costs if only the Police Department was to move.

Larry Hamel spoke in support of the present course of progress. The Police Department has to move. Even if they decided to fix the Memorial Building, which really must be done, everyone would have to move out, the state would not allow for anyone to stay during construction. This would mean temporary housing for offices.

Karen Colburn commented that the Town has been discussing this Police Department moving for 10 years now. We have a viable option here.

Anne Batten made the motion that the vote be done by paper ballot.

Motion seconded

Motion passed by 2/3rd vote.

Susanne Gann spoke on being passionate about the Town Offices' staying right where they are.

Karen Colburn called the question.

Seconded:

Paper Ballot Results:

179 Votes Cast: 112 yes 67 no

Motion on Article 6 passed.

At this time we took a short break in the meeting and Chief Joe LaPorte took to the podium to honor the Officer of the Year. He spoke of Officer Kevin Lehoe as being our newest officer graduating from the academy last fall. Kevin lives in Cabot with his wife and three young sons. Officer Lehoe has been very active in many cases, made some key arrests and issued lots of traffic tickets. Chief LaPorte explained that Officer Lehoe's name will be added to the Officer of the Year Plaque.

Officer Lehoe was given a standing ovation.

Officer Lehoe spoke briefly and thanked his family for their support and patience and gave a special thanks to everyone he works with.

The podium was then turned over to Representative Lucy LeRiche. Lucy spoke briefly on the process for property tax adjustments and also on information for unclaimed monies listed on the State of Vermont Website.

Lucy talked about the continued growth of Hardwick and the near completion of the Food Venture Center.

She announced that she had left the Senator Doyle Surveys at the back of the room if people wish to complete one.

David Shepard questioned Lucy's position on physician assisted suicide?

Lucy stated that she has not had a chance to read the complete Death with Dignity Bill and is reserving her opinion until she has been able to read the completed bill. Toni May questioned the status of the single payer health care plan? Doesn't competition help keep prices down?

Lucy explained that the idea behind the Single Payer plan is proposing a regulatory structure that is more cost effective.

Article 7: Shall the Town vote a budget of two million four hundred fourteen thousand three hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$2,414,368.00) to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town and authorize the Select Board to set a new tax rate sufficient to provide the same?

Motion made by: Richard Brochu:

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Marcus Brown took to the podium to explain the proposed FY 2012 budget. Marcus stated he would begin on page 17 and give a brief overview of the different departments.

The FY 2012 proposed budget reflects a 2.89% increase, with a proposed 1% increased value on the 2011-2012 Grand List.

The Projected Revenues are reflected on page 18 along with the Summary of Budget Totals from individual

pages. Revenues include a \$12,000 draw from the surplus fund balance.

Patti Coultas questioned the decision to draw from the surplus and asked what % the auditors were comfortable with. She also asked what % fund balance needs to be at for us to qualify for a bond?

Marcus explained that the auditors have previously recommended that the balance be 5% of our total annual budget. The auditors have recently suggested increasing that to 10%, but the board feels comfortable at 5% for now.

Page 19 is the Highway Budget. This increase is 1.41% for 2012. We were able to decrease ditch stone costs as we are slated to receive stone from a company that was fined by the environmental board and has to donate to a local community.

Page 20 is the Police Department Budget. The board had to make cuts so a budget to include six officers has been proposed. An adjustment to increase overtime had to be made. The total PD budget is up \$25,497 or 3.63%. Hardwick's share after the COPS Grant Revenue and the Greensboro Police Contract is \$5,725 or 1.14%.

Page 21 is the Office Budgets. The increases in the Town Managers and Town Clerks' budgets reflect a \$.50 per hour COLA for everyone except the Town Manager and an increase in the Executive Assistants hours from 32 to 36 per week. The health care cost is down as Jon Jewett has outside insurance he is utilizing.

Page 22 is the Fire Department Budget. This budget reflects a slight decrease of \$114.00 or (-.12%).

Page 22 is also the Memorial Building Budget. This year the Town House budget was removed and set as its own schedule. With that removal the building budget is up \$144.00 or .38%.

Page 23 is the Line Items Budget. Marcus explained that the Auditing Line is up due to some single audits that will have to be performed this year. When Grant funds of \$500,000 or more are processed through the Town's accounts the State requires a special audit be performed. Some revenue is reflected as certain organizations have to assist in the payment of these audits for us to facilitate their grants.

Marcus also stated that the line item for the Jeudevine Library is also up this year.

Page 25 is the Capital Improvements Schedule. This is up this year due to maintenance issues for buildings and grant matches for some projects.

Page 26 is the Equipment Replacement Fund. This is up this year as several items are on the list to be replaced.

Page 24 is the Recreation Departments Budget. It is up \$2460 due mostly to the Hardwick Trails portion.

Page 23 is the Payroll Budget. Here you will see an increase in the Listers payroll. This is simply a more accurate picture of the payroll issued last year.

Page 24 is the new Town House Schedule. NEKARTS does pay a portion of the bills during the time they are leasing the building.

Page 24 is also the proposed budget for the New Administration Building.

Marcus then opened the discussion for questions from the audience.

Julie Holcomb-Gravel questioned what staff enrichment on page 21 is.

Marcus responded that this was the second year of a Holiday gathering for Town Employees. The first year was paid for by a program that Town Employees could participate in through the VLCT Health Trust. The second year the board decided to budget the gathering into the FY 2011 budget. The board felt it was important to reward their hardworking employees and thought this was a small token in the budget for that. The Town should be run like a business and employee morale is very important to any business. This is an investment in our employees.

Julie Holcomb-Gravel stated that it seems absurd to budget \$1200.00 for such a party. She is in favor of pot luck.

She also questioned the Police Department wanting raises, a new building, and 24 hour service. She feels that the PD is not visible; they should be down street doing foot patrols, marking tires and collecting ticket revenue. They should use the bicycles that we have.

Julie stated that she feels the budget for the Police Department should be at \$0. She made a motion to eliminate the PD and reduce their budget by \$500,000.

Paul Cillo reflected a point of order that the budget can be reduced as a whole, but the Select Board would have the authority to make the reductions as they felt necessary and cannot be forced to reduce the PD.

The newly proposed Town Budget would be \$1,914,368.00.

Seconded by: Helm Nottermann
Motion not approved.

Back to questions on the originally propose budget:

Reggie Gates questioned the reduction in fuel oil from the FY11 budget, especially with the proposed gas increases that may be coming.

Marcus explained that the reduction reflected a more accurate picture than the FY11 budget did.

Reggie also questioned who is responsible for the care of the West Hill Cemetery. He wondered if the fence was going to be replaced. It had been broken and taken down and he wondered if it was going to be replaced.

Marcus stated that it is the intention to have it fixed in the spring.

Reggie also questioned who is responsible for fixing the road into Fairview Cemetery. He stated that the road is in bad shape and could use a load of dirt.

Art Williams explained that the Cemetery Associations are responsible for all the maintenance expenses.

Reggie felt that the Town could spare a load of gravel to help fix up the road into Fairview Cemetery.

John Mandeville why do we budget \$13,500 for gravel if we own the gravel pit?

Marcus explained that the line in the budget is for costs associated with the rental of a screener.

John questioned the building insurance of nearly \$70,000 for all buildings, do we really pay that?

Marcus stated that the PACIF Insurances through VLCT included all the buildings and equipment.

Brad Ferland questioned the Auditing Cost increase and if we were going to be getting any extra services for that cost.

Marcus explained that the increase was strictly regarding the single audits we were required to do this year and that we do have some offsetting revenue to help with the costs as the Audits are due to us being a facilitator for Grant Funds.

Brad expressed his understanding about receiving an unqualified Audit due to Hardwick Electric being on the opposite year from the Town. Is the Select Board going to exercise their authority to require the Electric Department to hold a half year audit with the Town?

Marcus stated that the Select Board had not made a final decision but they do feel strongly that this is necessary.

Nancy Nottermann questioned that Towns fuel costs and if the Select Board is working with the employees to decrease the fuel use and maybe establishing a No Idling Policy.

Chief LaPorte responded that he has requested that the officers not allow the cars to idle unless they are stopping at the building for only a few moments. Please contact Joe if you see it happening. Joe also commented that it is difficult to get to Greensboro on a bicycle.

Karen Colburn commented that she is all for not idling, but it is winter and let us not forget there is always good with the bad.

David Shepard questioned what County Taxes on page 23 are for.

Marcus explained that County Taxes are our contribution to the St. Johnsbury courthouse and Caledonia County Sheriff's Department.

David Shepard questioned why we don't budget for the Lamoille Ice Jam.

Marcus stated we do not budget for possible ice jams. We have used surplus funds in the past.

Richard Jewett questioned if Sanborn Cemetery was included in Cemetery Funds.

Marcus confirmed that they are a part of that budget.

Brendan Buckley questioned what the Bridge Fund is for?

Marcus explained that we receive an annual report from the State of Vermont that helps us create a plan for the repair and replacement of our bridges. We rely on grant funds as bridge replacement is very expensive. We set aside funds to be a match for grants we may be eligible for.

Jon Jewett spoke to say that the most recent bridge report deemed the East Hardwick Bridge was structurally safe. The Select Board will be looking into giving the East Hardwick Bridge a facelift.

Motion made to call the question:

Motion seconded:

Motion Approved:

Paul reread Article 7:

Article 7: Approved.

Article 8: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Greensboro Nursing Home?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 7 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 9: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of A.W.A.R.E.?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 9 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 10: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) for the support of Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on pages 9-10 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 11: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) for the support of the Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont?

Motion made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 8 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 12: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of the Hardwick Senior Citizens?

Motion made by: Connie Bellavance

Seconded by: Karen Colburn

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 8 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 13: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for the support of the Hardwick Community Television (Channel 16)?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 10 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 14: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) for the support of the Lamoille Family Center?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 9 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 15: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) for the support of the North

Country Animal League?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 9 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 16: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the support of the Hardwick Historical Society?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 8 of the Town Report.

Lorraine Hussey spoke on behalf of the Historical Society and some future needs that the current building will need. She also took a moment to plug the upcoming Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 12, 2011 with a dance to follow.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 17: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Learning Adult Education and Literacy Program?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 9 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 18: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400.00) for the support of the Rural Community Transportation?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 11 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 19: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to support Hardwick Area Food Pantry?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 8 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Helm Nottermann moved to amend the amount from \$1000 to \$2000.

Seconded:

Mary Wheeler moved to amend Helm's motion to \$1200 more and suggested that the Town Employees Holiday Party money be used for the increase.

Paul Cillo asked for a point of clarity that the motion amendment Mary was making was to approve \$2200 for the food shelf.

Mary agreed that was the intent of her motion.

Seconded:

Paul also clarified that the Town Budget had already been passed with the Holiday Party included and the

Select Board would be required to make any decisions about those funds.

Mary Wheeler stated she encouraged the employees to forgo their Holiday Party and donate the money to the food shelf.

Art Williams questioned why the food pantry had only asked for \$1000 if they needed more.

Deb Hartt encouraged everyone to help support the food shelf any way they can.

David Gross also spoke of his support of the food shelf, but without the donation of the Town's Holiday Party.

Paul reread the amendment for \$2200 in support of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry.

Motion approved.

Paul then reread the original amendment for \$ 2000 in support of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry.

Motion not approved.

Paul then read the newly amended motion for a vote. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200.00) to support Hardwick Area Food Pantry?

Motion approved.

Article 20. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand one hundred ninety dollars (\$3,190.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 9 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 21: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to support Hardwick Area Community Coalition?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on page 12 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 22: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to support Hardwick-Greensboro Restorative Justice?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on pages 11-12 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 23: Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00) to support Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Paul stated the report for this organization was located on pages 7-8 of the Town Report.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 24: Shall the Town exempt the property of

the Hardwick Senior Citizens Center from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Toni May commented that five years ago when we addressed this article she had questioned what the impact was on the Grand List and Tax Revenue by exempting these properties. She asked if someone could address that question this year.

Marcus had an information sheet created by the listers to answer these questions. He explained that the value of the Senior Center is \$70,700 and the lost municipal tax revenue is \$701.

Motion passed:

Article 25: Shall the Town exempt the property of the Caspian Lake Lodge Masonic Temple Association, Inc. from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Marcus stated that the municipal tax amount for the Masonic Temple is \$2704

Deb Hartt questioned who the Masonic Temple supports and what services do they provide.

Patti Coultas stated that the building is the home of Hardwick Head Start.

Motion approved.

Article 26: Shall the Town exempt the property of the Caledonia Grange from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Marcus stated that the municipal tax amount for the Caledonia Grange is \$745.

Motion approved.

Article 27: Shall the Town exempt the property of the Knights of Columbus Association, Inc. from taxation for a period of five (5) years in accordance with section 3840 of Title 32, VSA?

Motion made:

Seconded:

Marcus stated that the municipal tax amount for the Knights of Columbus Hall is \$2,114.

Motion approved.

Article 28: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with new industrial and commercial owners, lessees, bailees, of real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees or operators who construct, acquire or renovate industrial and/or commercial real property, including additions to existing property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount of money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to the provision of Title 24, VSA, Section

2741?

Motion made:
Seconded:
Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 29: Shall the Town authorize the Select Board, for the period of one year, to enter into contracts with operators of agricultural real property, or with existing or new owners, lessees, bailees, or operators who construct acquire or renovate, or who intend to construct, acquire or renovate agricultural real property for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the valuation of such real property in the Grand List for the purpose of fixing and maintaining the municipal rate applicable to such real property or for the purpose of fixing the amount in money which shall be paid as an annual municipal tax upon such real property pursuant to provisions of Title 24, VSA, Section 2741?

Motion made:
Seconded:
Motion passed: Unanimously

Article 30: To transact any other nonbinding business proper to be brought before said meeting.

Karen Richardson, Chair of the Hardwick Elementary School Board, took a moment to update everyone on the upcoming board meetings for the FY 12 Hardwick Town School District Budgets. Karen also informed the audience that the date for the Annual Town School District Meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7 o'clock at the Hardwick Elementary School Gymnasium. The Australian Ballot Budget vote will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Karen explained that in January the board voted to accept the Challenges for Change proposed by the Vermont State government. The FY 12 budget goal is to keep costs low without jeopardizing the education of our kids. This year may require a Bond Vote for some building concerns. Some of the problems that need fixing are the parking lot, the leaks in the roof, and moving the music room to a new location to allow for the lobby to be returned to a much needed entrance to the building. Karen thanked the audience for allowing her to speak each year at Town Meeting.

Paul Cillo thanked Karen for stepping up each year to keep us informed about the school budgets.

David Shepard thanked Paul Cillo for stepping in and doing a great job and gave a special thanks to Jon and the Select Board for all their hard work.

Lucille Jewett thanked the Select Board for watching the Towns money so closely and welcomed Jon Jewett to the Town of Hardwick.

Robin Leslie thanked the staff of HCTV for their hard work to broadcast Town Meeting and the Select Board Meetings.

Karen Colburn wished the Hazen Union Lady Cats good luck with their playoff game today in Mill River.

Paul Cillo stated he would entertain a motion to adjourn.
Motion to adjourn by: Richard Brochu
Motion Seconded by: Robin Leslie
Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE FOR TOWN & SCHOOL OFFICERS:

Total Votes Cast: 375

Select Board- 3 year term:

Shari Cornish.....298 (elected)

Select Board – 1 year terms:

Rhonda Barr.....242 (elected)

Danny Hale.....193 (elected)

Wayne Hall.....185

Hazen Union School Director #26 – 3 year term:

No One Elected

Hazen Union School Director #26 – 1 year remaining on a 3 year term:

Sarah Morgan.....330 (elected)

Hardwick Town School District Directors – 3 year term:

No One Elected

Hardwick Town School District Directors – 3 year term:

Laurie Martin.....214 (elected)

Jeanne Miller.....185 (elected)

Phillip Robertson.....136

CURRENT TAX RECONCILIATION 2010-2011

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST AT 1%	\$ 1,601,184.00
HOMESTEAD GRAND LIST AT 1%	\$ 1,026,186.50
NON RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST AT 1%	\$ 586,480.30
MUNICIPAL TAXES BILLED	\$ 1,579,087.60
LOCAL AGREEMENT BILLED	\$ 9,767.34
HOMESTEAD TAXES BILLED	\$ 1,483,865.74
NON RESIDENTIAL TAXES BILLED	\$ 892,353.78
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY	\$ 334.44
TOTAL TAXES BILLED	\$ 3,965,408.90
ABATEMENTS	\$ 16.21
ADJUSTMENTS (RETURNED CHECKS)	\$ (3,699.78)
COLLECTIONS	\$ 3,334,017.00
CREDIT REFUNDS (HS-122)	\$ (876.37)
STATE PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 7/1/2010	\$ 401,472.21
STATE PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9/17/2010	\$ 31,067.67
STATE PAYMENTS TO TOWN OF HARDWICK 9/17/201	\$ 11,942.38
PROPERTY TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR ON JUNE 30, 2011	\$ 3,773,939.32
DELINQUENTS	\$ 191,469.58
PROPERTY TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR ON JUNE 30, 2011	\$ 3,965,408.90

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT LIST OF MANDATORY RECYCLABLES

All households and businesses in the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District are now required to recycle:

- Glass- all colors
- Tin, steel, aluminum cans
- Foil and pie plates
- Aerosol cans
- Plastics #1-#7
- Newspaper
- Magazines, catalogs, paperbacks
- White and colored office paper
- Paper mail and envelopes
- Brown and colored paper bags
- Boxboard
- Corrugated cardboard
- Phone Books



The fee charged to recycle materials cannot exceed 50% of the cost charged to collect the same quantity of trash.

If your trash hauler or landlord is not offering recycling of these items, please call the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District at 802-229-9383 X 106.

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District

137 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT 05602 www.cvswwmd.org 802-229-9383

CVSWMD FY 2011 REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF HARDWICK

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's mission is to provide leadership, education, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment to the greatest extent feasible. In FY11 CVSWMD exhibited financial stability and reduced debt; offered Flood Relief Grant Funds; maintained its high level of commitment to programs and services for member towns. **Hardwick is represented on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors by Paul Fixx.**

- **Composting Programs:**

- **Residential Composting Program:** We continue to offer technical support and assistance to residents composting at home throughout the district.
- **Business Composting Program:** 63 participating businesses and institutions diverted an estimated **2,500,144 lbs.** or **1250 tons** (more than **2.5 million lbs.!**) of food scraps.
- **School Composting Program (now part of our School Zero Waste Program):**
- **Hardwick Elementary School** has diverted approximately **23.87 tons (47,740 lbs)** of food scraps since **September 2008**. CVSWMD estimates the school diverted **10.28 tons** in FY11.
- **Hazen Union High School** has diverted approximately **16.62 tons (33,240 lbs)** since they joined the program in **September 2008**. During FY11 **Hazen** students, faculty and staff diverted **6.65 tons** of food scraps from the landfill!

- **School Zero Waste (SZW) Program:** The SZW Program provides a means for schools to determine the content of their waste streams and reduce waste.

- **Special Collections:** 850 households and 15 small businesses accessed FY11 collection events. 11 events, including one in Hardwick, served **70%** more households than in FY10. Items collected included:

- **Electronics:** 27,353 lbs. **Textiles:** 2,478 lbs.
- **Books:** 12,182 lbs. **Hazardous Waste:** 22,336 lbs.
- **Paint (mostly oil based):** 40,174 lbs. **Latex Paint (recycled):** 8,428 lbs.
- **Fluorescent Bulbs:** 1157.40 lbs. **Batteries:** 1,128 lbs.

- **Grants:** Includes Green Up Day, LWRF, SZW Grants. The Town of Hardwick requested and received the full \$500 Green Up Day grant.
- **CVSWMD E-News:** Our quarterly e-newsletter notifies town offices, select board chairs, legislators, and interested residents about special events and local waste related news.
- **Web Site:** The district built a completely new website in FY11 www.cvswwmd.org
- **Educational materials:** CVSWMD continues to provide materials which are made available to any district resident or member town. Call 802.229.9383 to request materials.

For more information about the CVSWMD, please see www.cvswwmd.org. The latest annual report is available online at www.cvswwmd.org. Please contact us with questions or concerns—802-229-9383 or comments@cvswwmd.org

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General Information

Phone Numbers

Town Manager's Office	472-6120	Town Clerk/Treasurer	472-5971
Town Garage	472-6029	Health Officer	472-8282
Zoning Administrator	472-5971	Hardwick Police Department	472-5475
Hardwick Fire Department	472-5242	Hardwick Rescue Squad	472-6666

Office Hours

Police Department 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday
*Town Manager's Office and *Town Clerk's Office
8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P. M. Monday thru Thursday
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P. M. Friday

*For after hours or weekend drop off of payments and correspondence a letter drop is available at the front door of the Memorial Building.

Payment Schedule

Taxes are due to be paid in full by May 10th of each year. A one time 8% penalty as well as 1% interest per month is added on to the unpaid principal balance.

Water and Sewer payments are due on September 10th, December 10th, March 10th and June 10th. These are mandatory installments. If payment is not received on time an 8% penalty is assessed as well as 1% interest. Interest is added monthly on any unpaid principal balance.

Voter Registration

Hardwick residents who are not on the Voter Checklist can register to vote at the Town Clerk's Office. For information on voter registration call 472-5971.

DMV Registration Renewals

The Town Clerk's Office does process DMV Registration Renewals. We must have the actual renewal card from the State of Vermont; the renewal can be no more than two months from the date it was due (except for snowmobiles which can be done at any time in the year) and it must be paid by check or money order made out to Vermont DMV. There is a separate \$3.00 processing fee to the Town that can be cash.

Zoning Permits

Issued by the Zoning Administrator and/or the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Required for all property development. Permit applications can be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office or from the Zoning Administrator.

Zoning Fee Schedule

1. New Construction, Permitted Use, Residence, Project value >\$7500 (Includes \$10.00 filing fee*)	\$75.00
2. Minor Construction, Permitted Use, Project value <\$7500 (Includes \$10.00 filing fee*)	\$45.00
3. Public Hearing (Conditional Use, Variance) (Includes \$10.00 filing fee*)	\$110.00
4. Public Hearing (Appeal) (Includes \$10.00 filing fee) Note: \$100 of fee will be refunded if appeal is successful ..	\$210.00
5. Certificate of Compliance (Permit History, Zoning Violations of Record & Site Visit) (Includes \$10.00 filing fee*) ..	\$60.00
6. Permit Amendment, Permitted Use (Includes \$10.00 filing fee*)	\$40.00
7. Permit Amendment, Conditional Use (requires public hearing) (Includes \$10.00 filing fee*)	\$110.00
8. Minor Subdivision, 3 lots or less (Includes \$10.00 filing fee*)	\$60.00
9. Major Subdivision, 4 lots or more or accessed by ROW (requires public hearing) (Includes \$10.00 filing fee*) ...	\$110.00
10. Filing Fee (Notice of Municipal Lane Use Permit)	\$10.00

Any legal and/or Professional fees incurred by the Town of Hardwick will be billed to the applicant and shall be collected prior to permit issuance.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment may hire a consultant to conduct an independent technical review at the applicant's expense after notifying the applicant of expected reasonable cost.

*If permit application is not approved, the \$10.00 fee will be refunded.

****All fees double if application is filed after development/construction has begun.**

TOWN OF HARDWICK

WINTER OPERATIONS PLAN

1. Plow routes are set up to open the major traffic routes and bus routes first. After all bus routes are finished, we will plow the roads we feel cause the most problems for the public. This is based on traffic volume, steepness and curves. We will continue plowing until all roads are open.
2. The Town of Hardwick has six road crew members to plow, sand and/or salt 63.225 miles of the town's 80.871 miles of road and all of the town's sidewalks. Each member has their own specific route, which takes anywhere from three - five hours to complete. These routes only vary in the case of emergencies.
3. The Town does not plow class four roads, private roads or driveways.
4. Road operations generally start at 3:00 A.M. on the weekdays to have the bus routes clear by 6:30 A.M.
5. Salt is not effective when the road temperature is below 20 degrees.
6. The town's sand and salt is to be used for winter maintenance of the roads, not for private commercial use, though Public use of the sand pile is permitted.
7. In most cases there will be no road maintenance between the hours of 10 P.M. and 3 A.M. The Road Foreman and the Police monitor conditions and respond accordingly.
8. If there is an emergency after regular working hours in regards to water, sewer or highway, please call the Police Department at 472-5475 to have them contact the necessary resources.

Please give yourself some extra time when the weather is bad and please drive safely.

Tom Fadden, Public Works Supervisor
Jon Jewett, Town Manager

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