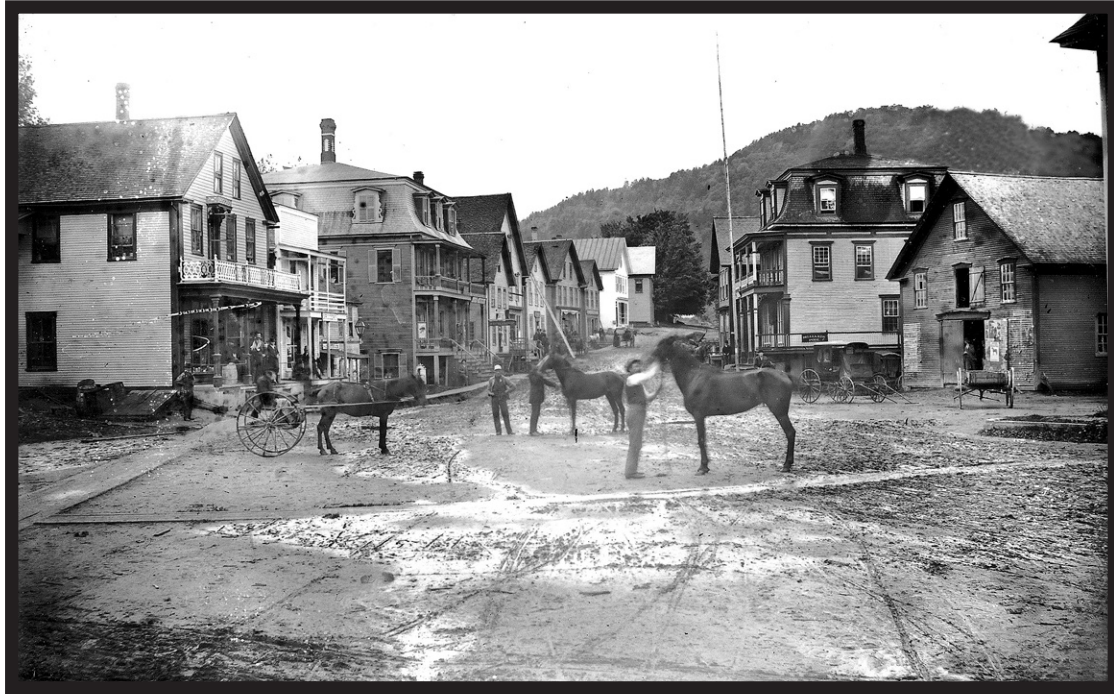


# 2013

## Hardwick Town Report



**MAIN STREET LATE 1800'S**

*Photo Courtesy of the Hardwick Historical Society*



**MAIN STREET 2013**

*Photo by Vanessa Fournier*

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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](http://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.**

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# DEDICATION

Dedication is the word that describes these two people completely. Joyce and Lisa have given the Town of Hardwick their absolute dedication for more than half their lives, Joyce as Office Manager in the Town Manager's office and Lisa, in her role as Executive Assistant to the Police Department. They have each served the Town of Hardwick proud. This year, the Hardwick Selectboard and Town of Hardwick Employees have chosen to dedicate the Town Report to two of their own, to two amazing women, who come to work smiling everyday with the energy and drive to support the Town of Hardwick and its residents.

## **Joyce G. Chase**

On August 13, 1979 Joyce Chase took her post as administrative assistant to the Hardwick Town Manager. Since that time, she has become the Office Manager and Human Resources Officer for the Town. During her tenure, Joyce has seen Town Managers change at least 10 times and has helped out by holding the post as interim Town Manager at least 4 or 5 times, one time lasted for over a year. This summer, Joyce will celebrate 35 years of service, demonstrating her immense dedication to the Town.

In addition to being a dedicated employee she is also a hands-on wife, mother to 4 daughters and is now a grandmother to two granddaughters. That may be the job she is most proud of!

We thank you Joyce for your service and for everything you have given to the Town of Hardwick and look forward to your pleasant demeanor for many more years to come.



*Joyce Chase*

## **Lisa B. Fecteau:**

At the ripe old age of 19 on March 23, 1987, Lisa Fecteau stepped into the basement office of the Hardwick Police Department to assume her post as Dispatcher and nearly 27 years later she continues that job, but now in her spiffy new office at the new Public Safety Building! Lisa is the dispatcher, the National Criminal Incident System operator, and the Department's TAC Coordinator. She has served the Town of Hardwick through 6 police chiefs and countless turn overs of officers, always maintaining a professional Police Department experience.

Lisa is a local girl, having graduated from Hazen Union. Lisa and her husband Andy have a son and daughter and are very active community members.

We want to say thank you Lisa for your devotion to the Hardwick Police Department and we look forward to celebrating your next 27 years with the Town of Hardwick.



*Lisa Fecteau*



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# TOWN OFFICIALS

All terms expire Town Meeting 2014 unless otherwise noted

Moderator ..... Orise Ainsworth  
Town Clerk, expires 2016 ..... Alberta Miller  
Town Treasurer, expires 2016 ..... Alberta Miller

## Select Board

Term expires 2014 ..... Lawrence Hamel  
Term expires 2014 ..... Mark Salls  
Term expires 2014 ..... Shari Cornish  
Term expires 2015 ..... Danny Hale  
Term expires 2016 ..... Eric Remick

## Listers

Term expires 2014 ..... Marc Delaricheliere  
Term expires 2015 ..... Janet Howard  
Term expires 2016 ..... Jean Hackett

## School Directors

Term expires 2014 ..... Amanda Brochu  
Term expires 2014 ..... Jennifer Fliegelman  
Term expires 2014 ..... Ted Gates  
Term expires 2015 ..... Ivan Menard  
Term expires 2016 ..... Jennifer Laundry

## Auditors

Term expires 2014 ..... Ivan Menard  
Term expires 2015 ..... Michael Morin  
Term expires 2016 ..... Rachel Miller

## 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 2014 ..... Audrey Hunt  
Term expires 2014 ..... Paul Fixx  
Term expires 2015 ..... George Hemmens  
Term expires 2015 ..... Joyce Mandeville  
Term expires 2016 ..... Dave Gross  
Term expires 2016 ..... Anthony Colletti  
Term expires 2016 ..... Ted Graham

## Hazen Union Directors - Hardwick

Term expires 2014 ..... David Shepard  
Term expires 2014 ..... James Lovinski  
Term expires 2014 ..... Patricia Coultas  
Term expires 2015 ..... Jamon Renaud

## Hardwick Electric Commissioners

Term expires June 30, 2014 ..... Lynne Gedanken  
Term expires June 30, 2014 ..... Mary Westervelt  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Mike Gauthier  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Gina Campoli  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Nat Smith

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

Term expires June 30, 2014 ..... Kenneth Davis  
Term expires June 30, 2014 ..... Michael Lew-Smith  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Joe Rivard  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Lisa Maskell  
Term expires June 30, 2015 ..... Ed Keene  
Term expires June 30, 2016 ..... Dan Bandit  
Term expires June 30, 2016 ..... Cheryl Michaels

## Recreation Committee Members

Chairperson ..... Ron Wiesen  
Committee Member ..... Lynn Delaricheliere  
Committee Member ..... John Sperry  
Committee Member ..... Kladen Klotz  
Committee Member ..... Robin Arnell  
Committee Member ..... Tami Furry  
Committee Member ..... Mike Johnson

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# WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 2014

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 4, 2014 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, 2013?**

**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
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 .....	1 year term
One Library Trustee .....	1 year term
One Library Trustee .....	2 year term
One Library Trustee .....	2 year term
One Library Trustee .....	3 year term
One Library Trustee .....	3 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 6. Shall the Town vote a budget of two million six hundred ninety-two thousand three hundred twenty-three dollars (\$2,692,323.00) 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 three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) 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 six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) 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 Rural Community Transportation?**

**Article 16. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) 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 appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars (\$3,161.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Human Services?**

**Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?**

**Article 23. 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 24. 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 25. 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D. 2014.

Eric Remick, Chair  
Danny Hale, Vice Chair  
Shari Cornish  
Lawrence Hamel

Hardwick Town Clerk's Office. Received for record this 28 day of January, 2014  
at 8 O'clock 00 minutes a.m., the instrument of which the foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Alberta Miller \_\_\_\_\_ Town Clerk

**\*\*\* This year the Hardwick Town School District will be holding their Annual Meeting and budget discussion immediately following Town Meeting. We hope everyone will stay for that meeting also!!!\*\*\***

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## **GREENSBORO NURSING HOME**

Greensboro Nursing Home, an award winning nursing home, continues to provide the highest quality of care and quality of life to the residents of the Hardwick community. Over the years many of the residents who have experienced the loving care at Greensboro Nursing Home have been citizens of Hardwick and the surrounding community.

We also support the area with opportunities for all levels of employment with jobs in dietary, maintenance, environmental services as well as direct care nursing. Our employment of local residents keeps money in our community and supports local business. We support local farmers and have pledged to purchase a percentage of our food produce from local farmers.

Your not for profit nursing home provided over 10,289 patient care days during the past year, of which approximately 68% were State assisted days (Medicaid). Medicaid reimbursement does not cover the entire cost of caring for our residents and it is only through donations from the community and town appropriations that we are able to offer the high level of care that you have come to expect and the residents deserve.

Additionally we prepared more than 8,500 hot, nutritious meals which are delivered throughout the year to our community residents who otherwise may not have healthy and nutritious food on a daily basis. These meals are cooked and packaged by our staff, paid for with State and Federal funding and delivered by volunteers from the community. This is a true team effort that allows community members to remain independent in their homes.

Greensboro Nursing Home continues to loan medical equipment to members of the community free of charge when available. We also offer assistance with health care information and act as a resource center to help guide community residents to services which may be available to them.

With more than 78 years of service to the surrounding community and at our present location since 1972, we continue to provide quality health care to those who need our services. Please remember that we are your nursing home, serving the community and caring for the community and caring for the community since 1935.

Greensboro Nursing Home Board and Administration

Andy Dales, President; Norma Wiesen, Vice Pres.; Melissa Greene, Sec/Treas.; Mel Aaron, Administrator;

Ted Donlon, Chris Pierpont, Bridget Collier, Frank Fitzpatrick, Max Frohwein, Judy Waible, 533-7051

## **CALEDONIA HOME HEALTH CARE AND HOSPICE**

Caledonia Home Health Care & Hospice (CHHC) is Northern Counties Health Care's certified Medicare and Medicaid comprehensive Home Care and Hospice Division. CHHC has proudly served the residents of Caledonia and Southern Essex Counties since 1968.

### **Mission, Vision, Values**

#### **Our Mission**

Is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families by providing compassionate, accessible and affordable patient-centered health services.

#### **Our Vision**

Is to be a premier community health care system and a leading model of excellence in health care delivery and outcomes that attract the highest caliber personnel and is emulated by others.

#### **Our Values**

We believe that high quality, comprehensive and culturally sensitive health care is a basic human right.

We believe in treating people at all times with respect and dignity.

We believe in respecting the rights of privacy and confidentiality for all individuals served.

We believe that individuals have an essential right to participate in planning and making decisions about their health care in voluntary cooperation with their family.

We believe that our programs must be coordinated with other community health and human services, planned so that care is continuous throughout the health care system and provided in the most cost-effective way possible.

We believe in promoting independence, health education, empowerment and self-determination to achieve optimal quality of life.

We believe our staff is our most valuable asset; therefore an environment that fosters the well-being, development and excellence of staff is essential to our mission.

We believe that service delivery should be determined by the individual's need, not by an individual's ability to pay for a service.

Caledonia Home Health Care provides intermittent, medically necessary nursing and rehabilitative therapies to clients in their own homes. Referrals for this service come from a variety of sources; the



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doctor's office, hospitals, family members, friends and clients themselves.

Our Hospice Program offers clients with the highest quality of life possible when they have a life-limiting illness. We offer a comprehensive and coordinated approach to care by utilizing the expertise and services of our Medical Director, Hospice Chaplain, Social Services, Nursing Care, Volunteer Services, the client's own physician and paraprofessional services.

## **HARDWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The following is a report on the activities of the Hardwick Historical Society and it's plans for the coming year:

We have a new exit ramp from Room B. We were able to use the existing door with some remodeling of the old door. Kaitlin O'Shea and Scott Newman from the Vermont Historical Buildings approved all the work.

We have a contract to extend the rain gutter to the end of the rock foundation this fall.

We have a new set of stairs and railing from the new room (B) down into the old Historical area.

We also contracted with the owners of Atkins field to remove all steel from the smaller building. Hardwick Historical Society got 80% and owners got 20% of scrap value. It was a good deal for the HHS and owners of the building.

We acquired bound 1889 through 1956 Hardwick Gazettes from Rick Norcross. These will be very valuable for tracing and or looking up history that happened in those early years.

We were fortunate enough to be able to buy five steel 4 drawer filing cabinets from Mr. Morris Rowell at a super price all in super condition.

We hope this report will show that the Town of Hardwick's \$3,000.00 donation to the HHS is being put to good use and that we appreciate the voter's support.

Elwyn J. Daniels Jr., President, 802-472-8555

## **HARDWICK AREA FOOD PANTRY**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry to ask for an appropriation from the town of Hardwick for \$2,500.

The Food Pantry serves people in need primarily from Hardwick, Greensboro, Craftsbury, Walden, Stannard, Albany and Wolcott. We occasionally have clients from Cabot, Calais, Danville, Johnson, Morrisville and Woodbury. Since 2010 the number of households that come to the pantry for food has

more than doubled. That along with the increase of the cost of food has caused a significant rise in our carrying costs. In 2010 we spent \$23,500 and in 2012 we spent \$40,322.

We serve many towns but the majority of our clients are from Hardwick. I am hoping you would consider an appropriation of \$2,500 to help with these rising costs.

Thank you, Alice Fleer, Secretary of Hardwick Area Food Pantry

## **AREA AGENCY ON AGING FOR NORTHEASTERN VERMONT**

The Area Agency on Aging is a private, non-profit organization serving the residents of Caledonia, Essex and Orleans counties. We support people age 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. The Agency connects older adults and their families with the services they need to live with independence and dignity.

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, but many of those we assist donate to help support our work.

During the past year your support allowed us to provide assistance to 93 residents of Hardwick as well as more than a thousand seniors from across the Northeast Kingdom and supported a broad variety of important programs for older adults and their families. These programs include Meals-on-Wheels, supportive services to help seniors continue to live at home, health insurance counseling, transportation for medical and other appointments, legal services and help for family caregivers.

Thank you for your support over the years and for your help in letting people know about the services we provide. Please give your careful consideration to our request this year, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you or someone you know.

Sincerely, Lisa Viles, Executive Director, 748-5182

## **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 in the winter to conserve



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fuel and electricity. During that time, the weekly Thursday lunch meal and discussion is held at the Hazen Union cafeteria. The Senior Center will reopen in the spring.

This year we needed to replace a broken sewer pipe in the basement and needed to repair several windows.

Members volunteered at the local Red Cross Blood Drawing, area Food Shelf, Hardwick Historical Society, and church sponsored programs.

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

Helen Neveu, President 472-5725

## **AWARE**

For over 29 years AWARE, Inc. has been serving victims of domestic and sexual violence in your community.

Last year AWARE served 216 women, men and children, who were directly affected by violence, over 209 children who were exposed to violence, answered over 1,061 hotline and in-person assistance requests and educated over 3,575 community members which includes over 2,200 students in our local schools.

Those served by AWARE received services such as crisis intervention, legal support and advocacy, information and referrals, safety planning, emergency provisions, housing and assistance, transportation, support groups and education. Educational classes included topics such as public safety, health friendships, communication skills, consensual sex, sexual harassment, health, sexual development in children, sexual abuse prevention and the effects of the media and its relationship to violence in our lives.

AWARE continues to rely on local funding and support from the towns that we serve. With this in mind AWARE respectfully requests Hardwick's continued support with a \$3,000.00 appropriation this year. Funding our request will help AWARE to continue its important work in your community.

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 (NCAL) respectfully submits a 2014 Town Appropriation request for \$1,300. North Country Animal League is a non-profit organization promoting compassionate and

responsible relationships between humans and animals through sheltering of homeless animals, adoptions, education, spay/neuter programs and support of cruelty prevention. One of our spay/neuter programs is our low cost spay/neuter clinic. In 2013 we offered three low cost spay/neuter clinics to the public resulting in the spaying or neutering of over 90 non-shelter animals.

North Country Animal League has been accepting stray or surrendered animals from Hardwick since 1994. Those animals receive 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, spay/neuter, de-worming, vaccines, food 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 addition to taking Hardwick's strays and surrenders we are involved in the community with our education programs. Qualified staff members and volunteers go into schools, nursing homes or speak to community groups like the Scouts to teach humane and kind treatment of animals. Many of the county's social service groups use NCAL as a place to teach responsibility and caring and our volunteer program offers opportunities for people who want to serve their community.

Thank you for your consideration of our request for annual support, without which many animals would suffer from cruelty or be euthanized needlessly.

Sallie Scott, Executive Director, 802-888-5065

## **LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER**

...affirms the right of all children to grow up in an environment that enables them to become healthy adults by encouraging, educating and celebrating families.

The Lamoille Family Center is in its 38<sup>th</sup> year of service to children, youth and families! During this time, thousands of individuals throughout the Lamoille Valley have received our services, including home visiting, parent education, playgroups, child-care resource and referral, youth services and emergency assistance. The families we serve face the overwhelming challenges of isolation, poverty, substance abuse, violence and much more. Our staff work with families to set realistic goals and celebrate together as each step is achieved.

In fiscal year 2013, more than 1,600 children,

youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley were served by our 35 caring and dedicated staff. Examples of Hardwick residents served include:

31 individuals received emergency assistance including funding for rent and fuel and goods such as diapers, clothing and furniture.

Dozens of families and child care providers received child care support services including assistance with referral to regulated programs, professional development for child care staff and participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

On any given day approximately 51 families receive support in affording child care through the Child Care Financial Assistance Program.

Countless children are stronger, safer and more confident as a result of their involvement with the Family Center. Together, step by step, we will reach the day when all children are safe, healthy and loved.

Support through volunteer time, donation of goods and services and financial contributions remain vital to the sustainability of the Lamoille Family Center. We could not do this work without you. We invite you to stop by for a visit, meet some of our staff and see a glimpse of what happens each day at the Family Center.

Scott Johnson, Executive Director, 802-888-5229 ext 124

## **THE HARDWICK TOWN HOUSE (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. We meet once monthly and would welcome new members to our group. Please contact Shari at 472-5920 if you would like to visit and see if you are interested in joining the board.

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.

In 2013, funding and support has allowed for the match to a Vermont Arts Council - Cultural Facilities matching grant brought upgrades to the electrical wiring, improvements in utility and stage lighting. A generous local matching grant challenge resulted in the painting of the entire vestibule, back wall of the theater and the lower ceiling of the theater. We look forward to welcoming the community in to see the opulent new interior. Fundraising efforts have begun to raise the remaining \$15,000 to finish the interior painting project. We will also be working to fund the completion of phases II & III of Town House weatherization. When all three phases are complete, the Town House will be efficient enough to return to year-round programming.

If you would like to know more about what is happening at the Hardwick Town House visit <http://hardwicktownhouse.org/>

Current members of the Hardwick Town House (NeKArts Council) Board of Directors: Shari Cornish, Sally Anstey, Tracy Martin & David Gross, Joyce Mandeville, Robin Grant, Justin Lander & Rose Friedman, Brent & Maya McCoy, Rick Norcross

## **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.

In 2013, HCTV has made all of its locally produced programming available on the internet. This includes Hazen Varsity Basketball games, Hardwick Selectboard, the Memorial Day Parade, Buffalo Times, and more. Anyone who has internet access can watch these programs whether they get cable or not. The HCTV website is [www.hctv.us](http://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. HCTV will continue to produce shows like Buffalo Times, as well as

introducing new programs. These broadcasts are available for viewing on DVD by anyone in town and can be borrowed by calling the station. In addition, HCTV is now able to share locally produced shows with the rest of the state through the VMX network.

Hazen Union varsity basketball game broadcasts in 2013/14 are accompanied by live play-by-play audio thanks to Joe LaPorte and Jon Lussier who generously offer to call the games.

The station's underwriting opportunities for local businesses to promote themselves while supporting HCTV and community events, continues 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 \$40,000. We have two part time staff members: Leif Goldberg, our Executive Director, and Robin Grant, our Technical Director. Robin will continue to cover Selectboard meetings and Hazen Union Basketball games. Leif is on board to work with community members who want to use HCTV to produce and broadcast local programming. He 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.

John Klee, HCTV Vice President

## **RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.**

Rural Community Transportation, Inc. ("RCT") is requesting to be placed on the Town Warning for March, 2014 for an appropriation in the amount of \$3,400.00. This is the same amount that was requested and appropriated last year.

RCT has been providing service in your community for over twenty years and must reach out again for community support in order to maintain the quality of service that is needed for the members of our community.

RCT is a non-profit 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 provided over 194,600 rides last 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.

Last fiscal year RCT provided 89 Hardwick residents with 4,629 rides travelling 119,943 miles. These rides do not include the twice monthly shuttle service.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Mary Grant, Executive Director

## **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, a community member 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 the substances by youth.

We received a grant from the state of Vermont Department of Health during the summer of 2004. 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We currently do not have a grant



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and rely on fundraising and donations.

### **2013 Year in Review**

#### **Some of our activities this past year included:**

- Produced monthly newsletters for our mailing list and Hall also handed out newsletters for us.
- Maintained a website and Facebook page with information.
- Hosted Lantern Auction to raise money.
- Shared information with the community about Alcohol Awareness Month.
- We hosted a Department of Liquor Control Training for local store clerks.
- Around Graduation and Prom time we sent out a mailing to all parents of Juniors and Seniors to remind them about social host party laws and the consequences of providing alcohol to minors.
- We worked with the Hardwick Recreation Committee to host a Whiffle Ball Tournament and Home Run Derby.
- Handed out prevention information and treats to students at REACH!
- We worked with the Hazen Drivers Ed program to provide an educational evening about safe driving practices.
- Hosted Red Ribbon Week at Hardwick Elementary School to focus on what a "Healthy Me Looks like..."
- Co-sponsored the showing of Hungry Heart at Hazen.

**Over the last 10 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.**

## **NORTHEAST KINGDOM YOUTH SERVICES**

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services has been offering vital supportive services for youth and families since 1975. In 2013 NEKYS served 2,956 individuals throughout Caledonia and Essex Counties.

### Families

NEKYS' staff is available 24 hours a day to support families through periods of crisis and conflict.

Through mediation and individual and group support with parents and youth, NEKYS' staff works with families with children from birth through adolescence to develop the tools they need to cultivate safe, nurturing homes. Families learn problem-solving skills and create self-directed plans designed to keep conflicts from reaching a crisis.

### Youth

NEKYS serves all young adults ages 15-22 including those who have been in foster care, are homeless, or at high risk of homelessness or need support navigating the system.

### Restorative Justice:

Responding within a restorative framework, NEKYS' Restorative Justice Programs address the needs of crime victims, the community and those who have violated the law, utilizing a strength-based approach to assist participants to make things right, to the fullest extent possible, for those who have been affected by their actions.

### Peer Wellness

NEKYS' Peer Wellness Program is a non-clinical, non-stigmatizing, inclusive and confidential service offered to individuals 15 through the age of 25 in our community. Peer Wellness provides an alternative to traditional mental health services through peer support and Wellness Recovery Action Planning (copyright). The program is supported by well trained Peer Support Specialists who view themselves in recovery of mental health challenges that have stemmed from trauma and who can relate their shared experiences with fellow peers.

Northeast Kingdom Youth Services is a private, not-profit agency governed by a community based volunteer Board of Directors. We rely on grants, contracts and appropriations from the towns we serve to continue our mission. Thank you for supporting families in our community. Please call our office at 748-8732 if you have any questions or concerns.

## **NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICES**

Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc. is a private not-for-profit organization serving Caledonia, Essex and Orleans Counties. It is organized and directed by local citizens who believe that human services should be cost effective and responsive to the needs of our local communities. The mission of NKHS is to enrich communities and enhance the ability of individuals and families to improve their lives.

NKHS serves residents who are challenged by conditions that affect THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT. Services are provided to individuals with severe and persistent mental illness, individuals with alcohol and drug problems, children with severe emotional disturbances and their families, individuals with developmental disabilities such as mental retardation and autism and a 24-hour crisis

intervention program for anyone in need. Fees are charged based on the person's ability to pay. No one is refused services for lack of ability to pay.

We have offices in Derby, Hardwick and St. Johnsbury and reach out to other communities in the schools, homes and other locations,

We greatly appreciate your interest, your help in letting people know about the services we provide and your financial support.

#### FY 2013 SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR THE TOWN OF HARDWICK

2010 Census Count for your town: 3010

Persons served in your town: 89

Our 2014 request for support is calculated on \$1.05 per person based on the last census.

NKHS employs 9 citizens from your community.

Thank you for your support.

Eric Grims, Executive Director, 802-334-6744;

Andy Barter, President, Board of Directors

### **HARDWICK AREA COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER**

In the 2012/13 fiscal year HACJC programs provided restorative practices to community members in the greater Hardwick Area in the Pre-Charge, Reparative Probation, and Direct Court Referral programs. Overall, hundreds of residents are served both directly and peripherally in the pursuit of repairing the harm incurred by offenses against individuals and the community. Additionally, restorative practices were employed in the resolution of neighbor disputes and in the workplace.

The restorative programs work with those who are responsible for an offense and those who have been impacted by the offense to find ways to make amends for the harm. The primary work of HACJC 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 impacted 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.

HACJC receives referrals from local law enforcement before the case is referred to the State's Attorney's office (Pre-Charge), by the Department of Corrections as a condition of probation (Reparative Probation) or directly from community members interested in resolving

other conflict or disputes. Town officials, civic group leaders, organization boards, and school administrators also may make other referrals to the program. HACJC provides dispute resolution coaching and conducts educational community events each year. HACJC influences the atmosphere of the community by offering more satisfying resolution to those harmed by crime by allowing victims of crime to have a say in the outcome of the case. Other positive impacts are improved relationships of community members, an enriched learning opportunity focused on making better life choices and a safer place to live.

Typical referrals from the Hardwick Police are for crimes such as Disorderly Conduct, Simple Assault, Unlawful Mischief, Retail Theft, Petit Larceny, Possession of Stolen Property, DUI, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle, etc. Eighteen community volunteers who reside in the towns of Hardwick, Greensboro, Greensboro Bend, Craftsbury, East Hardwick, Walden, Woodbury and Cabot contributed nearly 500 hours to the programs. HACJC also provided consultation, mediation and facilitation services to local schools that are using restorative practices as part of or an enhancement to their discipline plans. HACJC continues to provide assistance to the Hazen Union "Justice League" in implementing restorative practices in the high school and middle school.

Hardwick Area Community Justice Center has expanded its services by implementing Offender Reentry Services and "Circles of Support and Accountability" (CoSA). Reentry services provide supports for people in the criminal justice system who are returning to the Hardwick Area to help them meet conditions of release and become engaged and responsible members of the community. These services contribute 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 or to become a volunteer.

Carol Plante, Director, (802) 644-1960

### **ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:**

2013 was the year for fighting the mud.

In an effort to combat an issue on Bridgman Hill we dug up 300 feet of road at the bottom at the hill. We upgraded that area with under drainage and 4 feet of stone. We used filter fabric and added a foot of new gravel, along with 6 inches of staymat.

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This had a price tag of nearly \$12, 000 but it was a much needed upgrade. We are waiting to see if this investment pays off in the spring.

We handled a similar issue on Cobb School Road that extended about 600 feet with some extra gravel and 6 inches of staymat. This carried a price tag of about \$3800. We are hopeful that these efforts will improve the road conditions in the spring.

We spread over 7500 yards of gravel on various roads, but with 55 miles of dirt roads that amount of gravel does not cover much. We also did ditching and culvert replacement on Bridgman Hill, Hopkins Hill, Cobb School Road, part of Hardwick Farms Road, and Dimick Road.

As always, the months of March, April & May are spent doing road repair from mud season and cleaning up the Village streets and painting crosswalks and parking lots, getting ready for spring festival.

The crew had to replace and repair a 300 foot section of water line on Hill Side Street this year. We also fixed several water leaks throughout the year. We had a few sewer line plugs that needed attention and we upgraded the air system to the lagoons at the treatment plant. We have also had several of our employees attending classes for training in Water & Sewer testing, etc. Kolin Barclay passed both his water and waste water operators exams, so he is licensed in both areas.

As many of you may have noticed we have worked on replacing many of our street signs. New federal regulations mandate that our signs be larger and they must now be of a special reflective material.

In case you weren't aware in addition to the above and routine road maintenance projects, we care for and mow three cemeteries, and several town owned properties.

For being a crew of only 7 members who maintain a full Water & Sewer system and 80 miles of roads this crew does an outstanding job. A special thank you to the hardworking members of our road crew; Brent, Mike, Perley, Tod, Kenny, and Kolin for all they do throughout the year and to the citizens of Hardwick for your ongoing support.

Tom Fadden, Road Foreman

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

In an attempt to keep our budget increases low, the Town Manager's office and the Select Board work closely together to develop a budget that is lean, but continues to provide the services we have grown accustomed to. Last year's budget came in

at 2.42 percent and this year's budget is planned for a 2.95 percent increase. Most of the increases reflect fixed costs such as fuel, insurance, and salary related costs. We have agreed to a 3 year contract with the Highway Department and are working on a 3 year agreement with the Police Department. These long term agreements help the Town to better manage its budget over a longer period of time.

The Town took in nearly \$340,000 in grant money this year, which was earmarked for bridges, public safety, restorative justice, and storm water treatment. Porter Brook Bridge was the big project completed this year at a cost of approximately \$187,000. The cost to the Town was only 10 percent of that cost or just \$18,700. We had expected to pay as much as \$100,000 if the bids had come in really high, so we experienced a substantial savings. The major portion of the construction cost was covered by a State Structures grant. Since the Town has accepted and complies with the State of Vermont Road and Bridge Standards, the Town is entitled to 90 percent funding for these types of projects. In another positive note, the Town was informed that the Vermont Transportation Agency approved the Town's request to upgrade approximately one mile of Mackville Road running from Route 14 east to Mackville Beach reclassifying it from a Class III to a Class II road. This change makes it possible for the Town to be eligible for a road construction grant of up to 90 percent of the cost of the upgrade and could save the Town as much as \$300,000. Additionally, the Town applied for a Vermont Community Development Program grant for \$350,000 that was passed on to Lamoille Housing Partnership and Housing Vermont for the purpose of renovating Maple Street Apartments. The project is currently underway.

Other projects completed last year include moving the Police Department out of the Memorial Building up to the old Health Center, now known as the Public Safety building. This work was accomplished for approximately \$30,000. Due to hard work and assistance by Larry Hamel and our Town employees the new Police Department that had been discussed and agonized over for at least 20 years is now finally resolved. All of this was made possible by a supportive Select Board and by the Hardwick Hospital Association. Other lesser projects completed last year include pointing up and repairing masonry on the East Hardwick



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Bridge, new flooring in the Memorial building, and Fiber Connect installed in both the Jeudevine Library and the Memorial building.

Last year, a major issue for the Town was paying property taxes levied on Caspian Beach, which cost the Town nearly \$11,000 of unbudgeted money. This year, the cost was split between the Town of Hardwick and the Hardwick Electric Department, saving the Town more than \$6,000. A big thank you goes out to Hardwick Electric. Unfortunately, it looks like there has been an attempt in the House to revisit the tax exemption for Caspian Beach and the Town may have to revisit this issue again this year. We are keeping our fingers crossed and providing information to the House Ways and Means Committee to help avert and changes to last year's legislation.

All in all, last year went very well with happenings at the Town House and First Friday events all summer and into the fall. The future looks busy too as the Town is finalizing a location for the new reservoir, we will be upgrading some waterlines, and installing water meters. Additionally, the State of Vermont and the Environmental Protection Agency are issuing new discharge regulations for wastewater facilities that may require the Town to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility to further reduce phosphorous discharged to the Lamoille River. This effort will be time consuming and costly for our users. As we learn more about the new requirements, we will be sure to keep you all informed. One other project we are expecting to start this summer is the Town enhancement project that will add new sidewalks on South Main Street up to Cherry Street. The Town is currently working on acquiring the necessary easements and will move ahead with the project once they are complete.

Thanks to the entire Town staff for all the hard work you do, your efforts make us look good. I want to thank the Hardwick residents for the opportunity to serve you as your Town Manager for another year. Hardwick is a great place to work and we still have a lot to do. If you have any issues, questions, or anything you wish to discuss with me or my staff, my door is always open.

Jon Jewett, Town Manager

## **SELECT BOARD REPORT**

Managing the business of the town is a process of continuous improvement. It is a collaborative

effort of the select board, the town manager, the department heads and all the employees of the town. Each year we work together to build a budget that meets the needs of the town as a whole without placing an undue burden on its taxpayers. As we work to build the budget we rely on presentations from department heads about the various town departments. We utilize capital schedules to plan and save for major purchases in the future. We take into account current and future needs of our citizens. The town manager and his staff do the work of condensing all the information into a written budget that the select board can discuss, amend, and ultimately present to the voters of the town.

This year we present a FY2015 budget that calls for a 2.95% increase over last year's budget. Projected revenues for FY2015 will increase too, partially offsetting the increase in the budget. After taking into account projected revenues, to fund the budget that the select board proposes, total property taxes collected would increase 1.85%. Assuming the grand list remains stable, and if the voters approve approximately \$40,000 in appropriations (as they did last year), the impact of this budget on the property tax is an increase of approximately \$27.48 on a property valued at \$100,000 for FY2015. Most of the budget increase is due to increases in wages and insurance for town employees. The details of the budget are included in this town report and we encourage you to read it carefully and come to town meeting with your questions. We believe this budget will allow Hardwick to continue to maintain the current level of services that its citizens rely on. This budget funds continued maintenance of and gradual improvements to our infrastructure. Every year the process of constructing a budget is an act of balancing the need to maintain and improve our roads, bridges, buildings, and services with the knowledge that any increases to the budget translate directly to an increased tax load on our residents. We believe this year's budget strikes that balance and offers good value for a modest increase in taxes.

Beyond any annual budget, there are efforts that span multiple years (and multiple select boards). Several projects are currently underway in the town. Major enhancements to South Main Street will be evident soon: plans include upgrades to the storm water runoff system, better parking in front of the elementary school, improved sidewalks, and

more. Residents connected to the Hardwick village water system will see improved water supply with the addition of a new reservoir, some upgraded piping, and some other minor improvements. We still have our eye on Mackville Road – our worst paved road – and we are making good progress on a plan to rebuild the first mile of Mackville Road (from S. Main St to the beach area at Mackville pond). We have begun a multi-year effort to rebuild the worst sections of our back roads. We continue to plan for more trails to connect existing trail systems and offer more recreational opportunities for people of all ages. These and other projects represent some exciting improvements for the people of Hardwick.

This year, as in other years, each person on the select board brings a unique perspective to the board. In discussions we work hard to be understood and to understand others. We welcome public input and encourage you to attend our meetings (first and third Thursdays of each month or as posted). Ultimately we believe that our efforts are in the best interest of the current and future residents of Hardwick. We continually strive to earn the trust that the voters have placed in us. Thank you.

## **HARDWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

In the year ending June 30, 2013, Hardwick Police responded to 1798 calls for service. There were 378 criminal offences charged by Hardwick Police Officers. This represents a 50.79% increase of offenses charged from the previous year and a 3% decrease in calls for service, representing better case closure and investigation. The categories with the highest amount of offences were, Violation of Conditions of Release (67), Driving with a suspended license (31), Bad Checks (20), Possession of Marijuana (20), Driving Under the Influence (20), Domestic Assault (13), Burglary (11), Disorderly Conduct (10), and Unlawful Trespass (10).

517 Traffic Citations were issued by Hardwick Police Officers, representing a 60.82% increase over the previous year and an increase of 143.65% over the past two years. This increase can be attributed to the addition of the License Plate Reader, the staffing levels of the Police Department and our participation in the Governor's Highway Safety Program. We have received an additional \$6000.00 for Officers' salaries to continue participation in this program through 2014. In addition to the salaries grant we have received

a \$5000.00 grant to purchase highway safety enforcement equipment from the program.

In the past year, Hardwick Police participated in the Federal START grant program, providing proactive and reactive enforcement of underage drinking laws. The program was a large success and we saw a reduction of 47.37% of underage drinking offenses in the past year. The Federal Government has decided not to fund the START program for Law Enforcement in the future. As a result of the defunding of the grant we partnered with several other Lamoille Valley agencies in applying for a Partnership for Success grant from the Vermont Department of Health and were successful in receiving the grant to continue enforcement efforts of underage drinking laws.

Vermont fish and Wildlife Warden Russ Shopland assisted the Hardwick Police Department with their firearms training in 2013. 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.

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

Wishing everyone a healthy and safe year

Sincerely, Aaron Cochran, Police Chief

Sergeant Mike Glodgett, Officer Michael Gero,  
Detective Kevin Lehoe, Officer Chris Tetreault, Officer  
Steven Mitchell, Officer Dan Locke, Officer Tanner  
Atwood, Officer Darin Barber, Officer William Morley,  
Executive Assistant Lisa Fecteau

## **HARDWICK FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Hardwick Fire Department had a total of 83 calls this past year. They consisted of the following:

- 14 structure fires
- 22 car accidents
- 2 grass fires
- 2 forest fires
- 8 assist to Hardwick Rescue
- 6 carbon monoxide calls
- 5 hazard calls
- 10 mutual aid calls
- 12 fire alarms
- 2 miscellaneous call outs

At this year's Town Meeting we will be asking the voters to approve a bond for up to \$400,000.00 for a new Fire/Rescue truck. This truck will replace two of our current trucks that are now close to 30 years old. This new pumper/rescue truck will be able to carry all the equipment that currently requires us to run two trucks to a scene. Due to a lack of staffing at times it is vital that we downsize our fleet, but still have the capability of having all our emergency equipment at every scene. Thank you to all our dedicated firemen for the great work they do in protecting our town and its citizens. And thank you to our citizens for your continued support.

Tom Fadden, Fire Chief

## **JEUDEVINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

In FY12-13 the number of visitors to the library was 14,597 (495 fewer than the previous fiscal year but was more than FY2010-2012 by 1112 visitors). Our circulation for FY2012-2013 was 15,779 (245 less than the last fiscal year, and 554 less than FY2010-2011). The previous fiscal year we had a lot more adult programming because we were part of the VT Community Broadband Grant and that grant brought in many programs for our community to learn about computers and website design.

It is my belief that our number of visitors and our circulation will remain approximately at our current levels because we are constrained by the size and functionality of the building. It would be hard to get many more people into this building. Also, because we have to use many very tall shelves (which the little people can't reach) for picture books, and many low shelves (which are hard to access for adults), many books don't go out just because of where they are shelved.

Our Youth Services librarian, Jessica Summer continues to work with many types of youth. She had many programs all through the summer with incentives for reading and a great party at the end of the summer. Since the school libraries are closed in the summer (Hazen's library has a few, odd hours when it is open and the Elementary School Library is closed) the place for kids to keep reading is at the library. Statistically it has been shown that the kids who keep reading throughout the summer do better in school the next fall. All year long our youth program includes weekly storytimes for the youngest set, programs with the Buffalo Mountain School, programs which we do with the Hardwick Elementary Afterschool Program- REACH, vacation

programs and the weekly visit by the Headstart kids. This past spring Jessica started a teen group because there was much interest from the teens when we had public meetings on the addition to the library. The teens want to help because they want a better library so that teens have a place to gather, read and use the computers.

For Adult programming I continued doing some poetry readings. They had previously been organized by Victor Densmore (for almost two years). After he decided to stop organizing them, I decided to do them on an occasional basis. I ran a book to film program. Participants read the book and then came to the library to see the film based on the book and discuss it. This had a small but loyal following. We also had a great fundraiser with the Galaxy Book Shop and the Book Jam Blog called Pages in the Pub. It raised \$100 toward our building fund.

The Friends of the Jeudevine put on a benefit concert at the Town House with Tammy Fletcher which had a net profit of \$800 for the building fund. We had a tutor through the fall who did one-on-one tutoring at the library for patrons who wanted to learn things on the computer. This was funded by the VT Community Broadband Grant (which Select Board Member, Shari Cornish had written for Hardwick).

I also redesigned our library Website. I changed our platform to one that allows us to make easy changes and updates ourselves in most all content areas. I still have to refine parts of it. The web address is: [www.jeudevinememorallibrary.org](http://www.jeudevinememorallibrary.org). You can access the library catalog through the website and reserve materials through the online catalog. You can also see what area libraries own through our Union catalog which is part of our online catalog.

Our Youth library created a kids website that you can get to by going to our main website. Some of the teens helped build a very creative teen website (also linked through our main website page). Both of those websites are also easy to update and be creative.

Sally Fishburn, who does historic window restoration, came to do an evaluation of our windows. The windows are the next feature in the library maintenance that needs to be addressed. I hope to get some grant money for the window restoration in the future.

The Jeudevine Memorial Library is an anchor institution for the VT Fiber Connect project. I had five companies come to look at the library and bid on installing the inside cabling for the fiber optic



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Internet connection. We will be having (by October 31, 2013). Mountain Telecom installed the entire infrastructure for \$1,939 which came out of the capital budget set aside for the library. The Vermont Department of Libraries is paying \$3,903 for other equipment for this project which includes a new wireless router, a wide area access point (which will extend the reach and strength of our wireless signal), two Cisco integrated service routers, equipment rack, and the first year support for the project. The library will soon have the best, fastest and most reliable Internet network in the area.

This was the last year that we got a grant from the Turrell Fund towards our Youth Librarian's Salary. We have gotten grants for the past 7 years but the fund is going in a different direction with their funding so this was the last year that we could get support from them. Our grants this fiscal year included:

Turrell Fund grant for Youth Librarian salary	\$4,500.00
VT Dept. of Libraries Resource Sharing grant	\$ 76.00
Merchants Bank Foundation for addition	\$500.00
VT Dept. of Libraries VT Fiber Connect Equipment	<u>\$3,903.00</u>
TOTAL	\$8,979.00

The Friends of the Library did the refreshments for the Collin Craig Continuum in April at the Town House and raised \$121 for the building fund. We started selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle that night. The Spring Festival in May was cold and rainy and brought in half what we normally get from the 50/50 raffle, the book sale and refreshment sale making only \$350.

Library Trustee, Anthony Colletti, provided another and unique fundraiser to keep kids reading. At the end of the school year, each kid at the Elementary school and each student at Hazen Union High School got a flyer which, if they brought it to the library and checked out a book, earned them a coupon for a free small creemee and a game of golf at the Mountain View Snack Bar. For each kid who did this, Tony has donated 50 cents toward the building fund. We have had 42 kids come in for their book and coupons.

The big thing about the library is that we are here. During the year we helped people file taxes, find books, book airline flights, apply for jobs, write their resumes, learn how to do e-mail, find information they need, get onto the Internet, attend interesting programs for kids and adults and provide a place for families to bring their kids. We have many online resources available to the community members

from their homes including downloadable e-books and audiobooks, the Universal Class (where you can take online, noncredit courses for free) and the Vermont Online Library (which has databases such as Chilton's Motor manuals, a health and wellness database, over 6000 full text articles from magazines and more).

The Board of Library Trustees revised their bylaws and voted to increase the number of board members from 5 to 7 so that they can divide the needed work for getting grants and donations for the addition to the building.

It is warned here that the Trustees meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month at 5:15 PM at the Jeudevine Memorial Library. The meetings are open to the public.

Submitted by Lisa A. Sammet, Library Director

## **HARDWICK RECREATION COMMITTEE**

The Hardwick Recreation Committee's mission is to provide townspeople of all ages and abilities opportunities for learning new skills through recreational activities, for keeping active and for enhance wellbeing.

This year we hope to expand our programming in a number of ways. We are trying to re-create an ice skating rink on the traditional site, which is now owned by the Center for an Agricultural Economy. Volunteers from the Hardwick Fire department, Kiwanis Club and the Rec. committee have been clearing and flooding the field to create a rink. We also plan to train swimming instructors for our summer swim programs since it has been difficult to locate certified lifeguards and instructors the past two years.

We have agreed to fund a new group, NEK Kids on the Move, which will offer swimming and running programs for youths 8-18 through the school year.

We are considering offering some new fee-based activities that we would hire outside leaders and instructors to conduct. We should stress that we are not planning to charge fees for any of our "traditional" activities, just some of those that we may attempt in the future.

The Rec. Committee provides partial funding and oversight to groups and organizations that offer recreational opportunities to our townspeople. We partner with other groups, organizations and individuals who have the facilities, skills, tools and time to manage these programs. Hardwick is

very fortunate to have so many concerned about community wellbeing! Our programs could not exist without them.

REACH! provides programs aimed at elementary and middle school children, including adventure camp, swimming, summer soccer and cross-country skiing.

Wonder & Wisdom organizes trips for seniors to various events and points of interest.

HACC sponsors a summertime whiffleball tournament.

Jeudevine Library and the Rec. Committee co-sponsor The Haunted Library.

Key Club members from Hazen Union host the Spring Egg Hunt for some of our youngest participants.

Hardwick Trails offers opportunities for all ages to participate in birding, nature walks, walking, running, hiking, snowshoeing, skiing and biking in either guided or do-it-yourself formats. In summer the trails are mowed and in the winter trails are groomed for skiing. Snowshoes and skis are available on loan for use on the trails. This past year has been an active one on the Hardwick Trails. It saw completion of a two-part project: a new roof for the Hardwick Trails Cabin (located behind Hazen Union School) and the construction of a pole barn attached to the Cabin. This structure houses the Trails tractor and grooming equipment. In August, the Trails Committee held a Tenth Anniversary Celebration. During the summer and fall, volunteers completed the first mile of a new single-track mountain bike trail. The goal for completion of this trail is summer 2014.

Another Recreation Committee-sponsored event is Green-Up Day in which we rely on Community volunteers.

The Recreation Committee would love to have new members and hear new ideas. Please contact us at the Hardwick Town offices, or through Robin Arnell, Arnell@Fairpoint.net if you have suggestions or would like to serve on the committee.

Robin Arnell, Secretary; Tami Furry, Treasurer; Ron Wiesen, Chair; Lynn Delaricheliere, Mike Johnson, Karen Klotz, John Sperry

## ***PACE =Property Assessed Clean Energy***

***PACE Allows you to finance your home energy upgrade with your monthly energy savings:***

### **P**lan your home energy upgrade:

- Choose your qualified contractor to do a home energy audit.
- Efficiency first: evaluate insulation and weatherization improvements that would be most cost effective.
- Done these? Consider renewables - Solar Hot Water or PV? - More efficient home heating?  
[www.revermont.org](http://www.revermont.org)
- Investigate tax & rebate incentives: [www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org)
- Analyze cost, energy savings, payback, other bank financing.
- If PACE financing appears to work for you...

### **A**pply for your PACE project. [www.efficiencyvermont.org](http://www.efficiencyvermont.org)

- Contact Efficiency VT or Town for an application packet.
- Town confirms property info to Efficiency VT (that current taxes are paid; home tax assessment value, deed and mortgage recording data)
- Owner applies to Efficiency VT with information:
  - Your qualified contractor's project plans and data
  - Town confirmation regarding recorded deeds and value
  - Owner's agreement regarding credit status & terms
- Project review and qualification by Efficiency VT....

### **C**hoose to proceed and save!

- You register with the Town; lien agreement recorded in Land Records; term and payment arrangements confirmed.
- Owner arranges with contractor to proceed with the project.
- Efficiency VT certifies completion and authorizes payment to you for the contract work.

### **E**njoy your investment!

- Appreciate your home's increased value and comfort.
- You pay as you save:
  - Automatic monthly payments.
  - Reduced monthly energy expenses keep cash flow 'in PACE' ...
- Improvements and payments can stay with the property – if you sell - - or the energy assessment can be paid off at any time.

**FOR MORE INFO:** [www.efficiencyvermont.org](http://www.efficiencyvermont.org) **Peter Adameczyk (802)540-7631**



**FY 2015 Estimated Tax Rate based on Proposed FY2015 Budget  
and Impact on a \$100,000 home**

**FY2015 Estimated Tax Rate**

FY 2015 Proposed Property Tax	\$1,870,576.17
Estimated Grand List July 1, 2014	\$163,341,600.00
FY 2015 Estimated Tax rate	\$0.01145
Value per \$100	\$1.1452

FY2014 Municipal Tax rate	\$0.011422
Value per \$100	\$1.1422

**Impact on a \$100,000 home**

Estimated FY2015 municipal tax liability on a \$100,000 home	\$1,145.19
FY2014 tax liability on a \$100,000 home	\$1,142.20
Increase (decrease) in FY2015 before appropriations	\$2.99

**Impact on a \$100,000 home with all appropriations**

Estimated value of appropriations	\$0.00	\$40,000.00
Proposed property taxes with appropriations	\$1,870,576.17	\$1,910,576.17
FY2015 Estimated Tax rate with appropriations	0.01145	0.01170
Value per \$100	\$1.15	\$1.17
Estimated FY2015 municipal tax liability on a \$100,000 home	\$1,145.19	\$1,169.68
Increase (decrease) in FY2015 with appropriations	\$2.99	\$27.48

<b>Estimated increase in Tax Rate reflected in actual dollars/100</b>	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
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<b>Percent Increase (decrease) in Property Tax rate from FY2014 to FY2015</b>	0.26%	2.41%
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## 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 Center, \$2,500.00
Article 11.	Hardwick Community Television, \$3,000.00
Article 12.	Lamoille Family Center, \$1,200.00
Article 13.	North Country Animal League, \$1,600.00
Article 14.	Hardwick Historical Society, \$3,000.00
Article 15.	Rural Community Transportation, \$3,400.00
Article 16.	Hardwick Area Food Pantry, \$2,500.00
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
Article 21.	Northeast Kingdom Human Services, \$3,161.00
Article 22.	Northeast Kingdom Youth Services, \$600.00

The total requested appropriations are **\$42,561.00**. This figure represents an **increase of \$1,400.00** from last year's requested appropriations. If all of the requested appropriations are approved we would need to increase the tax rate by approximately \$2.606 cents. **This means that you will be paying \$26.06 on your 2014-2015 tax bill for every \$100,000 of Grand List Value.**



**2014-2015 Hardwick Town Budget**  
**Projected Revenues**

	Actual	Budget	SB PROPOSED	\$	%
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	DIFF.	DIFF.
Greensboro Police Contr	\$159,936	\$178,977	\$185,187	\$6,210	3.47%
State Highway Aid	\$141,052	\$135,000	\$138,000	\$3,000	2.22%
Zoning Permits	\$2,945	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Interest on Investments	\$1,003	\$1,500	\$1,200	(\$300)	-20.00%
Interest on Cemetery	\$0	\$45	\$0	(\$45)	-100.00%
Licenses and Fees	\$2,408	\$24,000	\$3,000	(\$21,000)	-87.50%
Delinquent Charges	\$24,482	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%
Copying Fees	\$3,891	\$4,500	\$4,000	(\$500)	-11.11%
Miscellaneous Income	\$4,344	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Hardwick PD Ticket Rev	\$8,885	\$12,500	\$13,000	\$500	4.00%
Water Transfer	\$111,146	\$112,435	\$114,780	\$2,345	2.09%
Sewer Transfer	\$111,146	\$112,435	\$114,780	\$2,345	2.09%
Recording Fee's	\$25,745	\$2,500	\$25,000	\$22,500	900.00%
Dog License	\$4,985	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	100.00%
DMV fees	\$897	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
PILOT	\$72,737	\$66,000	\$68,000	\$2,000	3.03%
Current Use Hold Harm	\$85,460	\$84,000	\$90,000	\$6,000	7.14%
Cops Grant Reimburse	\$46,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Fireworks Donations	\$2,065	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)	-100.00%
FEMA-Stannard Mtn Rd	\$1,519	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Downtown Beautification	\$1,455	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)	-100.00%
Police Homeland Sec Grant	\$15,253	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Police Toughbook Grant	\$413	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Police Base & Repeater Grant	\$13,590	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Police VCOMM Grant	\$16,432	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Police SIU Revenue	\$4,935	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	100.00%
Gov Highway Safety Grants	\$7,899	\$0	\$11,000	\$11,000	100.00%
PD Vest Grant	\$599	\$250	\$0	(\$250)	-100.00%
VLTC Grant	\$1,365	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Green Up Day Grant	\$491	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
FD Reimb for Services	\$1,012	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Single Audit Reimb	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	(\$3,500)	-100.00%
School Tax Admin Fee	\$4,493	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$0	0.00%
Sale of Vehicle	\$301	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Hardwick Rescue Reimb	\$1,200	\$4,700	\$1,200	(\$3,500)	-74.47%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$880,581</b>	<b>\$777,942</b>	<b>\$821,747</b>	<b>\$43,805</b>	<b>5.63%</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$2,568,205</b>	<b>\$2,615,096</b>	<b>\$2,692,323</b>	<b>\$77,227</b>	<b>2.95%</b>
<b>Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,687,624</b>	<b>\$1,837,154</b>	<b>\$1,870,576</b>	<b>\$33,422</b>	<b>1.82%</b>

**Budget Summary**

Highway/Garage	\$694,741	\$687,778	\$723,248	\$35,470	5.16%
Police Department	\$796,761	\$777,152	\$803,812	\$26,660	3.43%
Office Expenses	\$333,879	\$341,410	\$344,905	\$3,495	1.02%
Fire Department	\$98,365	\$101,580	\$99,682	(\$1,898)	-1.87%
Memorial Building	\$44,196	\$41,302	\$44,832	\$3,530	8.55%
Payroll (Part-time & Elect	\$44,675	\$50,277	\$54,616	\$4,339	8.63%
Line Items	\$537,274	\$585,799	\$591,709	\$5,910	1.01%
Town House	\$6,385	\$6,104	\$5,825	(\$279)	-4.57%
Public Safety	\$11,929	\$23,694	\$23,694	\$0	0.00%
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$2,568,205</b>	<b>\$2,615,096</b>	<b>\$2,692,323</b>	<b>\$77,227</b>	<b>2.95%</b>

## 2014-2015 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

### *Highway Department*

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB's</b> <b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>
Base Payroll	\$229,340	\$236,371	\$248,498	\$12,127	5.13%
Overtime	\$27,889	\$20,000	\$29,000	\$9,000	45.00%
Sewer Operator	\$4,110	\$6,526	\$4,308	(\$2,218)	-33.99%
Social Security Expense	\$18,721	\$19,612	\$21,229	\$1,616	8.24%
Workers' Compensation	\$15,188	\$14,917	\$21,731	\$6,814	45.68%
Unemployment Insurance	\$1,804	\$2,419	\$181	(\$2,238)	-92.53%
VLCT/PACIF	\$24,232	\$26,887	\$28,281	\$1,394	5.18%
Health Insurance	\$70,012	\$74,685	\$73,606	(\$1,079)	-1.44%
Retirement Expense	\$13,104	\$13,459	\$14,916	\$1,457	10.82%
Operating Expense/Supplies	\$13,797	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$0	0.00%
Telephone/Internet	\$736	\$800	\$800	\$0	0.00%
Low Band Radio	\$1,943	\$2,900	\$1,050	(\$1,850)	-63.79%
Culverts	\$2,454	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Uniforms	\$6,448	\$5,500	\$6,500	\$1,000	18.18%
Line Painting/Crosswalks	\$748	\$400	\$750	\$350	87.50%
Radio Service	\$179	\$500	\$300	(\$200)	-40.00%
Storm Drains	\$1,547	\$1,350	\$1,500	\$150	11.11%
Equipment Repair	\$41,999	\$30,000	\$32,000	\$2,000	6.67%
Equipment Expense	\$22,546	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%
Streetscape Maintenance	\$720	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
Brush Cutting	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Diesel Fuel	\$52,301	\$50,000	\$53,000	\$3,000	6.00%
Gasoline Fuel	\$4,990	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	25.00%
Utilities	\$4,861	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0	0.00%
Summer Gravel	\$29,717	\$31,750	\$30,000	(\$1,750)	-5.51%
Chloride	\$14,945	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$2,000	20.00%
Contract Mowing	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	0.00%
Paving/Patching	\$2,708	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Winter Sand	\$14,545	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$0	0.00%
Salt	\$55,452	\$46,800	\$50,000	\$3,200	6.84%
FEMA Stannard Mtn Road	\$1,519	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Road signs	\$2,996	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
Street Sweeping	\$3,600	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0	0.00%
Safety/Training	\$2,056	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0	0.00%
Bldg Repairs/Maint	\$342	\$1,500	\$1,200	(\$300)	-20.00%
Down Town Beauty	\$2,122	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.00%
Road Sign Grant	\$1,072	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$694,741</b>	<b>\$687,777</b>	<b>\$723,248</b>	<b>\$35,471</b>	<b>5.16%</b>

**2014-2015 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET**

***Police Department***

			<b>SB's</b>		
	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>
Base Payroll	\$321,605	\$380,613	\$398,701	\$18,088	4.75%
Overtime	\$38,664	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$10,000	33.33%
Part-time Officers	\$9,826	\$19,000	\$12,500	(\$6,500)	-34.21%
Social Security Expense	\$27,381	\$32,865	\$34,517	\$1,651	5.02%
Workers' Compensation	\$15,602	\$17,535	\$18,742	\$1,207	6.88%
Unemployment Insurance	\$2,684	\$3,840	\$244	(\$3,596)	-93.65%
VLCT/PACIF	\$39,622	\$41,271	\$43,738	\$2,466	5.98%
Health Insurance	\$102,217	\$119,928	\$118,198	(\$1,730)	-1.44%
Retirement Expense	\$33,295	\$40,035	\$42,773	\$2,739	6.84%
Operating Expense/Supplies	\$6,358	\$5,000	\$5,200	\$200	4.00%
Memberships	\$316	\$500	\$300	(\$200)	-40.00%
Training	\$2,976	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Telephone	\$4,153	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$0	0.00%
Internet Communications	\$4,564	\$5,000	\$4,800	(\$200)	-4.00%
Base Station Antenna Rental	\$2,710	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Dispatch Services	\$31,414	\$31,414	\$32,200	\$786	2.50%
Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,735	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$500	16.67%
Advertising	\$215	\$300	\$250	(\$50)	-16.67%
Radio Service	\$1,271	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$0	0.00%
Investigation Expense	\$1,444	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0	0.00%
Uniforms (Cleaning)	\$833	\$800	\$800	\$0	0.00%
Uniform Purchases	\$4,009	\$4,250	\$4,250	\$0	0.00%
Vest Grant	\$1,198	\$700	\$700	\$0	0.00%
Gasoline	\$25,331	\$23,000	\$24,000	\$1,000	4.35%
Utilities	\$115	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Tires	\$2,380	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$300	15.00%
Education	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
K-9 Expense	\$471	\$750	\$750	\$0	0.00%
Equipment	\$3,701	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Cops Grant	\$46,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
LETPP - Toughbook Grant	\$413	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
LETPP - LPR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
SIU Salary & Expense	\$8,362	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Governor's HW Safety Grant	\$3,293	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Homland Sec Port Grant	\$15,253	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Homland Base & Rep Grant	\$13,590	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
VCOMM Digital Grant	\$16,432	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
VLCT Grant	\$829	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Governor's Equipment Grant	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$796,761</b>	<b>\$777,151</b>	<b>\$803,812</b>	<b>\$26,661</b>	<b>3.43%</b>



## 2014-2015 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

### Office Expenses

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB's</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>	<b>DIFF</b>	<b>DIFF</b>
			<b>2014-2015</b>		
Town Managers Office	\$156,589	\$154,351	\$155,438	\$1,087	0.70%
Town Clerks Office	\$65,036	\$66,031	\$68,012	\$1,981	3.00%
Social Security Expense	\$16,161	\$16,859	\$17,094	\$235	1.39%
Workers' Compensation	\$1,215	\$1,135	\$1,513	\$378	33.26%
Unemployment Insurance	\$1,876	\$2,517	\$238	(\$2,279)	-90.55%
VLCT/PACIF	\$5,893	\$6,770	\$7,417	\$647	9.55%
Health Insurance	\$49,745	\$51,577	\$50,833	(\$744)	-1.44%
Retirement Expense	\$11,053	\$11,570	\$12,010	\$440	3.81%
Town Manager Supplies	\$3,602	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Town Clerk Supplies	\$3,141	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	0.00%
Town Report Expense	\$3,358	\$5,000	\$4,500	(\$500)	-10.00%
Conferences/Dues	\$1,009	\$700	\$1,300	\$600	85.71%
Tax Billing/Collection Expense	\$1,598	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$400	33.33%
Telephone	\$1,429	\$1,300	\$1,400	\$100	7.69%
Advertising	\$1,356	\$700	\$1,000	\$300	42.86%
Copier	\$827	\$1,000	\$900	(\$100)	-10.00%
Election Expense	\$2,204	\$800	\$2,500	\$1,700	212.50%
Web Site Maintenance	\$370	\$600	\$900	\$300	50.00%
Computer Software/Services	\$2,004	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
Education/Training	\$194	\$250	\$600	\$350	140.00%
Office/Zoning	\$950	\$1,900	\$1,000	(\$900)	-47.37%
Lister Supplies	\$2,718	\$3,000	\$3,500	\$500	16.67%
Health Officer Supplies	\$0	\$150	\$150	\$0	0.00%
Equipment Purchases	\$1,243	\$4,000.00	\$3,000	(\$1,000)	-25.00%
Bad Debt Expense	\$307	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$333,879</b>	<b>\$341,410</b>	<b>\$344,905</b>	<b>\$3,495</b>	<b>1.02%</b>

**2014-2015 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET**

***Fire Department***

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB's PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>
Labor	\$14,010	\$12,000	\$14,400	\$2,400	20.00%
Social Security	\$1,015	\$918	\$1,102	\$184	20.00%
Workers' Compensation	\$1,595	\$1,787	\$2,082	\$295	16.50%
VLCT/PACIF	\$15,020	\$16,944	\$18,180	\$1,236	7.30%
Operating Exp./Supplies	\$2,308	\$3,000	\$2,500	(\$500)	-16.67%
Telephone	\$775	\$1,000	\$800	(\$200)	-20.00%
Dispatch Service	\$13,463	\$13,463	\$13,800	\$337	2.50%
Gasoline	\$28	\$200	\$150	(\$50)	-25.00%
Diesel Fuel	\$1,571	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
Repeater Elec	\$111	\$250	\$150	(\$100)	-40.00%
Utilities	\$2,272	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0	0.00%
Fuel Oil	\$8,404	\$7,800	\$9,000	\$1,200	15.38%
Equipment Purchases	\$4,496	\$3,500	\$0	(\$3,500)	-100.00%
Clothing	\$3,554	\$5,000	\$0	(\$5,000)	-100.00%
Building Repair	\$1,084	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,500	100.00%
Equipment Repair	\$4,760	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	25.00%
Training	\$582	\$1,500	\$800	(\$700)	-46.67%
Ladder Truck P & I	\$23,317	\$23,318	\$23,318	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$98,365</b>	<b>\$101,580</b>	<b>\$99,682</b>	<b>(\$1,898)</b>	<b>-1.87%</b>

**2014-2015 Hardwick Town Budget**

***Memorial Building***

	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>SB'S PROPOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>2012-2013</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>	<b>DIFF.</b>
Custodian Salary	\$7,855	\$7,345	\$7,561	\$216	2.94%
Social Security Expense	\$598	\$562	\$578	\$17	2.94%
Workers' Compensation	\$57	\$115	\$0	(\$115)	-100.00%
Unemployment Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
VLCT/PACIF	\$5,877	\$6,680	\$7,048	\$368	5.51%
Operating Exp/Supplies	\$2,308	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Building Maint/Repair	\$2,501	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Utilities	\$7,343	\$6,600	\$7,300	\$700	10.61%
Fuel Oil	\$14,345	\$12,000	\$14,345	\$2,345	19.54%
Elevator/Fire Alarm	\$2,452	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Generator	\$860	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$44,196</b>	<b>\$41,302</b>	<b>\$44,832</b>	<b>\$3,530</b>	<b>8.55%</b>

## 2014-2015 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET

### *Payroll ( Part-Time and Elected)*

	SB's				
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	\$	%
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	DIFF.	DIFF.
Listers	\$6,867	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	11.11%
Election Officials	\$1,887	\$1,500	\$1,600	\$100	6.67%
Zoning Administrator	\$17,493	\$17,919	\$18,466	\$547	3.05%
Planning/DRB Board	\$1,900	\$1,500	\$3,000	\$1,500	100.00%
Board of Civil Authority	\$147	\$140	\$140	\$0	0.00%
Part Time Labor	\$900	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	0.00%
Moderator	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
Select Board	\$4,022	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$500	10.00%
Energy Coordinator	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
TEC - Conference Fees	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Service Officer	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0	0.00%
Solid Waste Rep	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Town Website Coord	\$0	\$600	\$600	\$0	0.00%
Health Officer	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Social Security Expense	\$2,544	\$2,770	\$3,049	\$279	10.07%
Public Officials Liability	\$7,766	\$7,948	\$8,361	\$413	5.20%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$44,675</b>	<b>\$50,277</b>	<b>\$54,616</b>	<b>\$4,339</b>	<b>8.63%</b>

### *Line Items*

Auditing	\$14,634	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	0.00%
Tax Mapping	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	100.00%
Dog Control	\$2,567	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$0	0.00%
Professional Services	\$10,358	\$7,000	\$10,500	\$3,500	50.00%
NVDA	\$1,333	\$1,333	\$1,333	\$0	0.00%
VLCT	\$3,892	\$3,845	\$4,080	\$235	6.11%
Jeudevine Memorial Library	\$85,361	\$91,765	\$103,319	\$11,554	12.59%
Memorial Day	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0	0.00%
Caspian Lake	\$6,305	\$12,100	\$2,450	(\$9,650)	-79.75%
Cemeteries	\$12,786	\$12,700	\$17,000	\$4,300	33.86%
Capital Equipment Fund	\$171,000	\$160,000	\$158,000	(\$2,000)	-1.25%
Solid Waste District	\$3,010	\$3,010	\$3,003	(\$7)	-0.23%
Insurance Deductible	\$1,419	\$500	\$1,500	\$1,000	200.00%
Streetlights	\$34,220	\$30,500	\$34,220	\$3,720	12.20%
Capital Improvements	\$130,000	\$170,000	\$162,000	(\$8,000)	-4.71%
Employment Practices Ins.	\$6,374	\$6,602	\$7,192	\$591	8.94%
Flexible Benefits	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.00%
Recreation Dept.	\$18,450	\$19,150	\$20,831	\$1,681	8.78%
Fireworks	\$5,065	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
County Taxes	\$12,970	\$27,677	\$24,837	(\$2,840)	-10.26%
Rescue Squad	\$16,080	\$16,567	\$15,893	(\$674)	-4.07%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$537,274</b>	<b>\$585,799</b>	<b>\$591,709</b>	<b>\$5,910</b>	<b>1.01%</b>



**2014-2015 Hardwick Town Budget**

***Town House***

	SB's				
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	\$	%
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	DIFF.	DIFF.
VLCT/PACIF	\$4,804	\$4,004	\$4,190	\$186	4.44%
Building Maint/Repair	\$563	\$500	\$575	\$75	13.04%
Utilities	\$209	\$600	\$210	(\$390)	-185.71%
Fuel Oil	\$809	\$1,000	\$850	(\$150)	-15.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$6,385</b>	<b>\$6,104</b>	<b>\$5,825</b>	<b>(\$279)</b>	<b>-4.57%</b>

**2014-2015 Hardwick Town Budget**

***Public Safety Building***

	SB's				
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	\$	%
	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	DIFF.	DIFF.
VLCT/PACIF	\$4,218.50	\$7,056.40	\$7,497	\$440	6.24%
Operating Expenses/Supplies	\$11.99	\$3,000.00	\$1,500	-\$1,500	-50.00%
Building Maintenance/Repair	\$1,133.75	\$2,500.00	\$3,500	\$1,000	40.00%
Utilities - Elec & Wtr & Swr	\$1,212.71	\$2,138.00	\$2,400	\$262	12.25%
Fuel Oil	\$5,352.24	\$7,500.00	\$7,400	-\$100	-1.33%
Custodial Salary	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,512	\$12	0.81%
Custodial S.S. Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116	\$116	0.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$11,929.19</b>	<b>\$23,694.40</b>	<b>\$23,924.69</b>	<b>\$230</b>	<b>0.97%</b>

**2014-2015 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET**

***Recreation Budget***

	SB's					
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED	\$	%
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	DIFF.	DIFF.
Youth Program: Soccer, Swim, Ski	\$8,186.48	\$8,241.15	\$10,000.00	\$10,457.00	\$457.00	4.37%
Swim Instructor Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	100.00%
WhiffleBall	\$137.04	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Halloween at the Library	\$276.89	\$227.06	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Winter Festival (Santa)	\$253.30	\$58.02	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Egg Hunt	\$102.12	\$63.39	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Green-Up Day	\$1,048.07	\$518.34	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
PACIF (Insurance)	\$731.00	\$891.00	\$800.00	\$895.85	\$95.85	10.70%
Hardwick Trails	\$6,000.00	\$5,300.00	\$5,450.00	\$6,125.00	\$675.00	11.02%
Senior Trotters	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Skating Rink	\$55.88	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	-\$75.00	0.00%
NEK Kids	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	100.00%
Supplies and Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	0.00%
VLCT Workers Comp/Insurance	\$261.66	\$181.72	\$300.00	\$153.50	-\$146.50	-95.44%
Winter Ski Program	\$558.61	\$524.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.00	\$0.00	-\$575.00	0.00%
TOTALS	\$18,111.05	\$16,505.48	\$19,150.00	\$20,831.35	\$1,681.35	8.07%

**2014-2015 HARDWICK TOWN BUDGET**

*Trails Budget*

	ACTUAL 2011-2012	ACTUAL 2012-2013	BUDGET 2013-2014	SB's PROPOSED 2014-2015	\$ DIFF.	% DIFF.
<b>Salaries</b>	\$2,235.00	\$2,685.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,700.00	\$200.00	7.41%
<b>Social Security/FICA</b>	\$153.76	\$192.80	\$200.00	\$225.00	\$25.00	11.11%
<b>New Equipment</b>						
<b>Purchases</b>	\$338.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Trail Repair &amp; New</b>						
<b>Construction</b>	\$0.00	\$431.28	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	100.00%
<b>Equipment Repair and</b>						
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$1,953.66	\$594.93	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Gas, Oil and Diesel</b>	\$384.35	\$401.98	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Publicity/Advertising</b>						
<b>Signage &amp; Maps</b>	\$582.35	\$375.85	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Program and Activities</b>	\$0.00	\$661.50	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>VT Comm Grant Expense</b>	\$4,315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Cabin Expense</b>	\$55.00	\$7,810.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$141.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,159.18</b>	<b>\$13,154.01</b>	<b>\$5,450.00</b>	<b>\$6,125.00</b>	<b>\$675.00</b>	<b>11.02%</b>

*Library Department*

	ACTUAL 2012-2013	BUDGET 2013-2014	SB's PROPOSED 2014-2015	\$ DIFF.	% DIFF.
Librarian Salary	\$28,850.60	\$29,773	30,649	\$876	2.86%
Asst. Librarian/Youth Libn	\$14,800.09	\$19,303	19,875	\$572	2.88%
Library Clerk Salary	\$6,100.00	\$6,630	6,427	(\$203)	-3.16%
Maintenance Salaries	\$1,560.00	\$1,560	1,607	\$47	2.92%
FICA	\$3,628.11	\$4,295	4,480	\$185	4.12%
Worker's Comp	\$191.40	\$200	254	\$54	21.28%
Unemployment	\$288.58	\$75	89	\$14	15.31%
Health Insurance - Librarian only	\$12,095.69	\$15,564	12,708	(\$2,856)	-22.47%
Retirement	\$1,440.50	\$1,512	1,647	\$135	8.22%
Mileage	\$81.95	\$300	330	\$30	9.09%
Telephone	\$533.56	\$600	600	\$0	0.00%
Supplies	\$1,904.28	\$1,600	1,800	\$200	11.11%
Youth Supplies	\$605.59	\$600	600	\$0	0.00%
Postage	\$1,083.23	\$1,300	1,300	\$0	0.00%
Computer services	\$1,606.90	\$1,600	1,600	\$0	0.00%
Fiber Connect (Sovernet)	\$0.00	\$2,400	2,400	\$0	0.00%
Conferences, memberships	\$338.00	\$400	400	\$0	0.00%
Equipment	\$165.49	\$200	200	\$0	0.00%
VLCT/PACIF	\$3,566.00	\$3,975	4,003	\$28	0.69%
Electricity	\$789.29	\$878	800	(\$78)	-9.75%
Fuel Oil	\$3,214.44	\$3,000	3,500	\$500	14.29%
Water/Sewer	\$499.88	\$450	500	\$50	10.00%
Maintenance Expense	\$621.55	\$1,000	1,000	\$0	0.00%
Books- Adult	\$2,958.96	\$2,500	2,500	\$0	0.00%
Books - Juvenile	\$2,359.89	\$2,200	2,200	\$0	0.00%
Magazines- Adult	\$237.65	\$500	500	\$0	0.00%
Magazines - Juvenile	\$99.70	\$150	150	\$0	0.00%
Adult DVD/Audio Bks	\$575.49	\$600	600	\$0	0.00%
Juv DVD/Audio Bks	\$623.32	\$600	600	\$0	0.00%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$90,820</b>	<b>\$103,765</b>	<b>\$103,319</b>	<b>(\$446)</b>	<b>-0.43%</b>
<b>Grants, fundraising, misc income</b>	<b>(\$4,538.92)</b>	<b>(\$12,000.00)</b>	<b>\$0</b>		
<b>Town Appropriation</b>	<b>\$85,361.00</b>	<b>\$91,765</b>	<b>\$103,319</b>	<b>\$11,554</b>	<b>11.18%</b>

Project	Current Set Aside Remaining	FY 2015 Allocate	FY 2015 Spend	FY 2016 Allocate	FY 2016 Spend	FY 2017 Allocate	FY 2017 Spend	Balance For Future
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>								
Interest Accrued on Account	\$30,500							\$30,500
K-9 Replacement	\$0	\$2,000		\$2,000		\$2,000		\$6,000
Record Restoration	\$5,302	\$3,500	(\$4,000)	\$3,500	(\$4,000)	\$3,500	(\$4,000)	\$3,802
Road Signs	\$2,642	\$5,000	(\$7,642)	\$5,000	(\$5,000)	\$5,000	(\$5,000)	(\$0)
Fire Department Equipment/Clothing	\$0	\$9,000	(\$9,000)	\$9,000	(\$9,000)	\$9,000	(\$9,000)	\$0
Library	\$14,352	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$5,000		\$29,352
Memorial Bldg. Repairs	\$12,790	\$5,000	(\$7,000)	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$20,790
Town House Repairs	\$15,345	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$5,000		\$30,345
Public Safety BLD	\$1,419	\$5,000	(\$6,419)	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$10,000
Fire Department	\$4,120	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$5,000		\$19,120
Town Garage Upgrades	\$21,035	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$5,000		\$36,035
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$107,505</b>	<b>\$49,500</b>	<b>(\$34,061)</b>	<b>\$49,500</b>	<b>(\$18,000)</b>	<b>\$49,500</b>	<b>(\$18,000)</b>	<b>\$185,944</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS</b>								
Gravel Pit Reclaim	\$11,782	\$3,000		\$3,000		\$3,000		\$20,782
Bike Path (all Phases)	\$49,363	\$10,000	(\$59,363)	\$10,000		\$10,000		\$20,000
Guardrails	\$4,351	\$10,000	(\$8,000)	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$16,351
Sidewalk Expense	\$46,938	\$10,000	(\$25,000)	\$10,000		\$10,000		\$51,938
<b>Paving Projects:</b>								
Center Rd/Hardwick St. (class 2)	\$145,605	\$0		\$15,000		\$15,000		\$175,605
W. Church St. (class 3)	\$10,000	\$5,000		\$5,000		\$5,000		\$25,000
Mackville Road (class 3)	\$113,409	\$20,000		\$20,000		\$20,000		\$173,409
Back Roads Rebuild	\$2,749	\$20,000	(\$22,749)	\$20,000	(\$20,000)	\$20,000	(\$20,000)	\$0
Highland Ave	\$6,380	\$20,500	(\$28,665)	\$0		\$0		(\$1,785)
Brush Street	\$5,880	\$0	(\$6,825)	\$0		\$0		(\$945)
Riverside Ave	\$4,620	\$0	(\$4,620)	\$0		\$0		\$0
Putnum Street	\$0	\$3,500	(\$20,685)	\$0		\$0		(\$17,185)
Pearl Street	\$0	\$8,000	(\$8,715)	\$0		\$0		(\$715)
Village Parking Lot	\$0	\$0		\$14,000	(\$14,300)	\$0		(\$300)
South Main and Mill Streets	\$0	\$0		\$17,000	(\$17,050)	\$0		(\$50)
Granite Street	\$0	\$0		\$12,500		\$35,500	(\$53,360)	(\$5,360)
Elm to Granite Street	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$13,000	(\$13,685)	(\$685)
Brown Hill Road	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
The Bend Road	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$401,077</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>	<b>(\$184,622)</b>	<b>\$131,500</b>	<b>(\$51,350)</b>	<b>\$136,500</b>	<b>(\$87,045)</b>	<b>\$456,060</b>
<b>Bridges</b>								
Bridge #67/Rte. 15	\$0	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$0
Bridge #9/Porter Brook	\$118,200							\$118,200
Bridge #4/Main St., E. H.	\$43,534	\$2,500		\$2,500		\$2,500		\$51,034
Bride # /Cobb School Rd	\$4,025							(\$4,025)
Bridge #3/Center Rd	\$3,576	\$0		\$0		\$0		\$3,576
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$161,285</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>		<b>\$2,500</b>		<b>\$2,500</b>		<b>\$168,785</b>
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>								
	\$669,866	\$162,000	(\$218,683)	\$183,500	(\$69,350)	\$188,500	(\$105,045)	\$810,788



**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 6/30/14															\$117,700
2015	\$180,000									\$ 15,000	\$28,375	\$23,000	\$246,375	\$158,000	\$29,325
2016							\$6,500			\$15,000	\$28,375	\$23,000	\$72,875	\$163,000	\$119,450
2017				\$190,000						\$15,000	\$28,375	\$25,000	\$258,375	\$170,000	\$31,075
2018					\$70,000	\$8,000				\$15,000	\$28,375	\$25,000	\$146,375	\$175,000	\$59,700
2019								\$125,000		\$15,000		\$28,000	\$168,000	\$180,000	\$71,700
2020		\$115,000					\$8,500			\$15,000		\$28,000	\$166,500	\$185,000	\$90,200
2021			\$200,000						\$35,000	\$15,000		\$28,000	\$278,000	\$190,000	\$2,200
2022										\$15,000		\$28,000	\$43,000	\$195,000	\$154,200
2023	\$210,000				\$90,000	\$9,000				\$15,000		\$28,000	\$352,000	\$200,000	\$2,200
2024										\$15,000	\$35,000	\$30,000	\$80,000	\$200,000	\$122,200
2025				\$220,000							\$35,000	\$30,000	\$285,000	\$200,000	\$37,200
2026							\$11,000				\$35,000	\$30,000	\$76,000	\$205,000	\$166,200
2027											\$35,000	\$30,000	\$65,000	\$205,000	\$306,200
2028	\$120,000				\$100,000	\$10,000					\$35,000	\$30,000	\$295,000	\$205,000	\$216,200
2029			\$230,000								\$35,000	\$32,000	\$297,000	\$210,000	\$129,200
2030										\$20,000	\$35,000	\$32,000	\$87,000	\$210,000	\$252,200
2031	\$240,000								\$50,000	\$20,000	\$35,000	\$32,000	\$377,000	\$210,000	\$85,200
2032							\$12,000			\$20,000	\$35,000	\$32,000	\$99,000	\$215,000	\$201,200
2033				\$ 250,000	\$110,000	\$11,000				\$20,000	\$35,000	\$32,000	\$458,000	\$215,000	-\$41,800
2034										\$20,000		\$32,000	\$52,000	\$215,000	\$121,200

**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 trucks 5 is traded every 5

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# **TOWN OF HARDWICK ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT**

## **2012 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

2013 was another year of significant change for the Hardwick Electric Department (HED). In June three new Commissioners were named to the Board, and Mike Sullivan was hired to replace retiring Eric Werner as General Manager. The new team has been working to lay the foundations for HED to continue its 116 year tradition of successfully providing electrical services to the utility's customers and the communities that it serves.

HED has continued the diligent efforts made with regard to restitution in the Joyce Bellevance embezzlement case. As of this correspondence, HED has just settled the civil actions against Joyce Bellevance, and has so far recovered \$829k (or approximately 50%) of the embezzled funds. As of January 2014, HED will begin to receive restitution payments monthly. In addition, HED will receive the monies (through the US Marshall Service) resulting from the sale of the Bellevance real estate on Mackville Road when this occurs. Other efforts to exploit all possible sources for restitution are ongoing.

HED's service quality and reliability performance was excellent this year coming in 8.57% under outage frequency, and 20.83% under interruption duration performance requirements of the Vermont Department of Public Service. This success is directly attributable to HED's consistent and significant investment in right of way maintenance and vegetation management program. Beginning in 2009, this investment has allowed HED to enjoy a steady reduction in Category 1 (trees) related outage hours. Data shows 2013 outage hours resulting from trees were only 81.34% of 2010 hours. This is an impressive 18.66% reduction in these hours, and clearly shows the benefits of the investments that were made.

HED did experience two significant weather events in 2013. One was a July thunderstorm with significant wind damages, and the second was an ice storm in December. Each of these events created numerous outages in HED's service territory, and necessitated mutual assistance from other municipal electric departments as well as

the Washington Electric Cooperative. HED is very proud of the work and efforts our staff makes in restoration operations. The utility places a high priority on this work, and places a high priority on restoring electrical services to our customers as safely and as expeditiously as possible.

HED continues to have a load growth curve that is flat, and average monthly usage remains just under 500 kwh. Net metering policy has and continues to be a focus for the Commissioner's. The 2014 Legislative Session is expected to include changes to the net metering program. HED is monitoring these changes and will be ready to implement them on behalf of its customers.

As previously reported HED expenses with regard to transmission services will see increases over the next several years. These are primarily due to transmission facility investments throughout New England, and will trigger increased costs for HED with ISO New England, VELCO, and GMP. Generation from HED's Wolcott hydro facility remains a steady and dependable local source of energy, and will help to minimize the impacts of these increases. The facility provides about 10% of our customers' energy needs. Required investments have been identified including, but not limited to a cable lifeline system for safe maintenance operations, a new sluice gate and operator, a new main shaft bearing seal, fencing upgrades, and the restoration of deteriorated concrete. Each of these items is either included in the 2014 budget, or included as part of the long range plan for the facility. A big success this year was HED obtaining approval for the Wolcott hydro facility to become a participant in the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Credit (REC) market. The Rhode Island REC market will provide additional revenue from the Wolcott facility.

HED will be making significant investments in 2014 in a new line truck, the replacement of the power transformer at Wolcott Substation, and in voltage upgrades from 5 kV to 15 kV systems. These investments will cost approximately \$500k, and will support HED's cost effective efforts to

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continuously maintain and improve its system and service to its customers.

The Board of Commissioner's would like to take this opportunity to thank each member of HED's staff for their efforts in contributing to a safe, and successful 2013.

-Commissioners-  
Gina Campolli  
Lynne Gedanken  
Mike Gauthier  
Mary Westervelt

### **TOWN OF HARDWICK VITAL RECORDS**

**FILED FROM JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013**

Birth Certificates ..... 30  
Marriage Licenses ..... 16  
Death Certificates ..... 21

### **TOWN OF HARDWICK DOG LICENSE LIST JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013**

<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSES</b>	<b>PRICE FOR LICENSE</b>	<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>
89	\$ 5.00 .....	\$ 445.00
4	\$ 6.00 .....	\$ 24.00
46	\$ 7.50 .....	\$ 345.00
280	\$ 8.00 .....	\$ 2,240.00
258	\$12.00 .....	\$ 3,096.00
68	\$18.00 .....	\$ 1,224.00
<b>Total Licenses 745</b>		<b>\$ 7,374.00</b>
<b>Kennel Permits 14</b>	10.00	140.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTED</b>		<b>\$7,514.00</b>
<b>State Fees 745</b>	4.00 .....	<b>\$ (2,980.00)</b>
<b>State Fees for Kennel 135</b>	1.00 .....	<b>\$ (135.00)</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN REVENUE</b>		<b>\$ 4,399.00</b>

### **DMV REPORT**

From July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

299 Registrations @ \$3.00 = .....\$897.00

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# MINUTES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 5, 2013

At 10:00 a.m. with a crowd of about 75 people Orise Ainsworth, moderator, asked for everyone to take their seats. Orise introduced Garrett Carr who she asked to lead the pledge of allegiance, then asking everyone to stand and remove their hats the crowd recited the pledge.

Orise then requested that the head table and side table introduce themselves.

Aaron Cochran, Police Chief, Danny Hale, Select Board Vice Chair, Eric Remick, SB, Shari Cornish, SB Jon Jewett, Town Manager, Kathleen Hemmens, Select Board Chair, Mark Salls, SB, Sue Cross, Asst. Town Clerk, Joyce Chase, Office Manager, Brittany Cote, Executive Assistant, and Alberta Miller, Town Clerk.

Orise took a moment to review Roberts Rules of Order with the crowd.

At 10:06 a.m. Orise read the Warning to begin the business meeting.

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 5, 2013 at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business:

(Election of Town Select Board, Hardwick Town Clerk, Hardwick Town Treasurer, 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.**

Nominated: Orise Ainsworth

Motion Made By: Connie Bellavance

Seconded: Cecile Dyke

Motion passed: Unanimously

## **Article 2. Shall the Town accept the Town Report, year ending June 30, 2012?**

Motion Made: Connie Bellavance

Seconded: Cecile Dyke

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..... Jean Hackett - Elected  
One Auditor, 3 year term..... Rachel Miller – Elected  
First Constable, 1 year term.....Arthur Chase - Elected  
Second Constable, 1 year term.. Erwin Gilcris - Elected  
One Town Agent, 1 year term..ConnieBellavance-Elected  
Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber, 1 year term .....

..... Laurent Bellavance - Elected  
Tree Warden, 1 year term. Laurent Bellavance - Elected  
Cemetery Trustees, 1 year term .....

Moved as a block  
Main Street, Maple Street, Fairview,

Sanborn, Hardwick Street, Hardwick Center

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

At this time Orise introduced Anthony Colletti who explained that he is a member of the Jeudevine Library Board and that they have recently changed their bylaws. At that time they changed the number of members on their board and the length of their terms. Therefore we will not be voting in board members today and once they have finalized the changes the Select Board will appoint them. He requested that if anyone is interested in joining the board please contact Lisa Sammet the Librarian.

Anthony also took a few moments to speak on the Library expansion project and the boards need for help moving forward.

Grand Juror, 1 year term.....George Whitney - Elected  
Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year term.....

.....George Whitney - Elected  
Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year term.....Mario

Fradette - Elected

Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year term..... Lorraine

Hussey - Elected

Fence Viewers, 1 year term .....Listers - Elected

At about 10:20 a.m. we did a quick headcount and the crowd had increased to about 120 people.

## **Article 4. Shall the Town have its current taxes**



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**collected by the Town Treasurer?**

Motion made by: Jean Hackett

Seconded by: Monica Holcomb

Motion passed: Unanimously

**Article 5. Shall the Town of Hardwick, VT vote to establish a town-wide Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) District to enable participating property owners to access funding from a non-town source to pay for eligible home energy improvements, with the property owner paying back the cost as a regular municipal assessment on that property owner's property tax bill or other municipal bill, including the cost to operate the District, as provided for by 24 V.S.A. Chapter 87 (Section 3261 et. Seq.)?**

Motion made by: Shirley Colburn

Seconded by: Cecile Dyke

Nancy Nottermann then came to the podium to present the information on PACE. PACE is a program that allows Hardwick residents that may not be able to afford home renovations that specifically improve the energy efficiency of their homes. The program costs the Town of Hardwick no money as only the residents that opt into the program pay the cost.

David Shepard questioned if the town employees will be affected by the collection of the funds.

Nancy explained that Efficiency Vermont will be handling all the finance pieces of the program. It will have a minimal effect on the town employees to deal with the finance repayments.

Cecile Dyke asked where the initial funds come from.

Nancy explained that Efficiency Vermont has been working with banks and has lined up several that will underwrite the loans.

Nancy also explained that the program requires that you have an energy audit before the program will accept you. The program requires that to receive funding your improvements must improve your energy efficiency by a certain percent.

David Upson Jr. asked if we approve this do people who can afford these projects on their own have to go through the PACE program.

Nancy explained that this program is for people who cannot afford these improvements on their own and no one would be forced to utilize it.

Motion passed: Unanimously

**Article 6. Shall the Town vote a budget of two million six hundred fifteen thousand ninety-six dollars (\$2,615,096.00) 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: Kathleen Hemmens

Seconded: David Shepard

At this time Orise turned the microphone over to Kathleen Hemmens to give the budget presentation.

Kathleen introduced Jon Jewett, Town Manager to give the audience a year in review. Jon began by reading the resolution of appreciation presented to Kathleen Hemmens for her service over the last 4 years to the Hardwick Select Board and for stepping into the role of Board Chair this past year. The presentation was followed by a round of applause for Kathleen.

Jon Jewett then began his year in review with an explanation that we will be using the overhead projector during the budget presentation and requested that budget related questions be held until after he gives his year in review and Kathleen begins the budget.

Jon began his year in review with a thank you to the Town of Hardwick employees for doing a great job this last year.

He told the crowd that, "it has been an honor and privilege to be your Town Manager this year." In his recap he mentioned the paving projects that were completed. The downtown beatification funds were spent to purchase banners & benches and the old bike rack was cleaned up and painted to make our downtown area more appealing.

The First Friday events were a huge hit and Jon heard about them all over the State.

Jon gave a special thanks to Rosie Gillen who left as executive assistant this winter, and told the crowd she will be missed.

He also welcomed Brittany Cote, the new executive assistant.

Jon explained that the water system upgrade on West Church Street was completed this past summer. The Town had received a grant for

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\$868,000 with the total project cost over 1 million dollars.

Bids have gone out for the Porterbrook Bridge project.

Rails were replaced on the East Hardwick Bridge, and we will do more this summer.

The next big project is Phase 3 of the Bike Path, and we will upgrade 800 feet of sidewalk on South Main Street.

The traffic study was completed. Now speed limits can be reviewed and it was revealed that over 500 cars per day travel the Mackville Road.

He finally closed out the grant the Town had facilitated for the Food Venture Center. A new grant was opened to help Lamoille Housing Partnership receive \$300,000 for energy efficient upgrades to the Maple Street Housing complex.

The town continued with our fraud prevention policies, upgrading our personnel guidelines and investment policies.

Finally Jon explained the future of Mackville Road. We are currently setting aside \$40,000 each year in the Capital Improvements Fund to fix Mackville Road, and at this rate we will be able to begin work on the road in 2022. That being the case, and the fact that the traffic study revealed the excess traffic of Mackville Road, the board is considering going to Bond to fix the road and anticipates the Bond repayment will not be more than the current set aside.

At this time Kathleen began the budget review.

Page 17 is the 2014: Estimated Tax Rate.

Page 18 is the Impact of Appropriations on the Tax Rate: this year the requests for appropriations are \$40,561 with a tax rate of 2.463 cents per \$100,000 of appraised Grand List Value.

Page 19 is Projected Revenues:

Many of the lines are at 0 for changes.

We have the loss of the COPS grant this year of \$46,000 but some of that was offset by the increase in the Greensboro Police payment of 11%. We also have the Hardwick Rescue reimbursement of \$4700 for the Public Safety Building.

David Shepard questioned the increase in the ticket revenue projection.

Aaron Cochran stated that the plate reader has been very effective and that was the reason for the proposed increase.

Page 20 is the Highway Department Budget:

This year the highway budget has a 1.98% increase.

Kathleen explained that all departments had increases this year from VLCT, with increases in insurance and buildings.

She also noted that the State of Vermont required an increase in retirement expense up to 7%.

Tom Fadden explained to the crowd that the increase in the gravel budget was because the decision was made to purchase gravel this spring so that repairs to the roads can begin earlier. The crushing in the pit will occur as usual later in the summer.

David Shepard questioned why we expect workers compensation to go down.

Jon explained that we have had no major injuries and that workers compensation is on a 5 year cycle and a bad year drops off every 5<sup>th</sup> year.

Kathleen also explained that the Equipment Repair line is up due to the fact that the vehicles we now purchase are mostly computerized, this means that we are not as able to fix our own trucks and that we must rely more on the dealers to fix them.

Page 21 is the Police Department Budget:

Kathleen then turned the podium over to Aaron.

Aaron Cochran then gave his annual report for the Police Department.

The Police Department is at full staff with 6 full time certified officers and himself, and 2 part time certified fill-ins.

Aaron gave an update on the Union Bank robbery. On September 6, 2012 after the robbery at the Union Bank on Wolcott Street, the Hardwick Police Department received back up from several agencies. A lockdown of the schools was enacted and after an hour it was lifted. The Police have received many tips and the investigation is still ongoing. Aaron gave the crowd the encouraging information that an arrest in the case is imminent and should happen within the next two weeks. He will notify the community as soon as he can of the

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identity of the robber.

While the calls to service were very similar in number to 2012, the rate of arrests was 10% higher.

Again this year we participated in the Governors Highway Safety Program. That program yields the department \$4000 for participation.

We finished with the year long radio transformation. The grant that we had received for \$47,000 was used to purchase radio equipment, the repeater on West Hill with antenna, and the 100 Watt base station. We were also able to purchase 11 portable radios. We have licensed our own channel, so we no longer have to use a secondary channel from the State of Vermont.

The Caledonia Special Investigation Unit has recruited one of our officers to assist in their sexual crimes investigations. During the time that our officer, who the unit handpicked, works these cases the unit pays his salary.

In January, the Police Department relocated to 56 High Street. Aaron thanked the staff and their families for all the extra time they put into getting the building painted and cleaned for move in. VLCT has inspected the space and given their approval. Employee morale has increased with the move, it's a huge improvement.

Kathleen then returned to the podium. She explained that the budget for the Police Department has increased by 4.41% due to personnel costs, insurance and retirement and internet communications.

Dean Stratton questioned why the PD has had an increase each year that averages out to nearly 7% each year, almost \$200,000 in the last 5 years.

Kathleen explained that we are now at full staff, and that insurance costs and retirement go up every year.

Dean Stratton mentioned some of the other area agencies that have much smaller budgets than Hardwick, such as Caledonia Sheriffs, Waterbury Police, Newport Police, and Johnson Police.

Aaron explained that these agencies were like apples and oranges to Hardwick. Hardwick patrols 76 square miles over two towns. Caledonia Sheriff does not have a criminal unit. Waterbury only

patrols 2 square miles with back up from the State Police. Johnson has the Lamoille County Sheriff's department to help with all their investigations.

Dean Stratton questioned us no longer having 24/7 coverage.

Aaron assured that we do still have full coverage.

Danny Hale mentioned that the COPS grant requires us to carry an officer for a full year after the grant funds run out.

Dean Stratton questioned how the board will try to further control the budget. Also where did the money come from to set up the new building?

Jon explained that the new building was funded from savings in the Capital Fund from the 2012 truck purchase and \$15,000 from residual PD funds.

Carlton Stratton questioned why the Roads budget goes up less each year, but the PD gets a big increase. The condition of the roads is showing the lack of an increase. Not many Towns have a PD budget that is higher than the roads budget.

Kathleen said that the board welcomes these kinds of opinions and wishes people would attend the budget preparation meetings to offer their opinions and concerns.

Aaron offered that the decision to accept the COPS grant was made by the voters 3 years ago and the consequence is that we must continue paying the officer out of our own budget for the next year.

#### Page 22: Office expenses

Kathleen explained that the Office budget is up by 2.71% due to personnel and the 2.9% pay increases they will receive. The increases are based on the Union Contracts that the Highway and Police departments are contracted for.

#### Page 23: Fire Department

Kathleen explained that the increase was 6.68% mainly due to uniform purchases and insurance costs.

Tom Fadden told the audience that to fit one guy in turn out gear it currently costs \$2000.

#### Page 24: Payroll

Paul Fixx questioned why we have a website that is not being maintained, but we are cutting funds.

Kathleen said that we are currently looking into

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software that will allow the staff to update the site in house.

#### Page 24: Line Items

Kathleen explained:

Caspian Lake Taxes: These are a new item this year, and we are still hoping for summary judgment from the court.

County Taxes were double this year due to a mistake in their budget last year that they are forcing their supporting town's to make up this year.

Capital Improvements/Capital Equipment: The board increased these funds this year by \$29,000.

Jon mentioned that our auditors have told us to make sure we are funding our Capital Budgets every year.

David Gross questioned why the board cut the requested \$12,000 from the Jeudevine Library to a \$6,000 increase.

Kathleen explained that the library was not the only budget that requested increases, but we had to balance everyone's requests. Our infrastructure and public safety are first priority.

The library increase is 7.5% which is 2-3 times the increase of the Highway or the Police Department.

#### Page 26: Recreation Department

Ron Wiesen spoke that this year the recreation department requested a very small increase.

#### Page 25: Town House and Public Safety Building

Kathleen explained that the Town House budget is down 27% due to the Select Boards decision to turn the heat off in the building all together during the winter months.

The public safety building costs will be reduced by \$4700 the portion that will be paid by the Hardwick Rescue Squad.

Frances Perry stated that we do not have a true picture of the Police budget if the building figures are not in it.

David Shepard asked why that salt and sand on the sidewalks stop before the end of South Main Street.

Tom Fadden explained that for 20 years it has been that way, but that we could add more funds to the

budget to extend to these areas.

Susan O'Connell wondered why there used to be a Jeudevine Library Building line in the budget that she no longer sees, are the funds still there.

Jon explained that all the buildings are listed under one fund, but all monies are tracked by his office separately.

The Memorial Building has approximately \$25,000. Andrew Meyer donated his company's time and product to sand and finish the floors in the meeting room of the Memorial Building. Now we are looking into hiring someone to do the upstairs hallway and stairs. We are also planning to put new ceramic tile in the entry way.

Orise then returned to the podium and asked for any other questions.

Motion passed: Unanimously

\*\*\* Orise offered the podium to our legislative representative Kristina Michelsen at 11:55 a.m.

Kristina began by thanking the Select Board for their hard work and told the audience that her contact information is on her legislative information sheets.

The transportation budget is struggling due to the Gas Tax Revenue being down this year by \$36 million dollars and they need that to get the \$40 million in Federal Funds we receive. This means that a Gas Tax increase is most likely to pass.

The Health Care exchange starts in 2013. You can use the Vermont Health Connect website to plug in your families numbers and income information and see what rates and programs you qualify for. The move to single payer plans will eliminate V-Hap and Catamount insurance that many Vermonters currently utilize.

Rev. Deborah Adams questioned how Vermont is going to respond to the current sequester for Children's programs and eldercare.

Kristina responded that the hits may take a while to hit us here in Vermont.

Kristina is on the Agriculture and Forrest Products Committee. They are working on the genetically engineered food bill and expect it to pass this week.

David Shepard questioned the status of the



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physician assisted suicide bill.

Kristina explained that the bill left in a very different format then it started.

\*\*\* At 12:20 p.m. Jon Jewett took to the podium to offer some information and answer questions about the Bond Article being voted today.

Jon explained that the 1.8 million dollars are a worst case figure. Every part of the project will go to bid and if the project comes in lower than 1.8 million that is all we will go to the Bond Bank for.

He spoke to the location of the storage tank being on Glenside as we were looking for redundancy with the new Water system being on the opposite side of the river. The engineering study showed that Glenside was the appropriate elevation and close connection to water lines.

Shirley Colburn asked if the State said we have to do this project.

Jon explained that we currently have a temporary operating permit and we need to complete this project to get a permanent operating permit.

Jon also spoke on the new meters and rate structure. We have many customers that complain about usage and the rates they pay. He also spoke to the question of rate increases of \$13 per month on the 1.8 million dollar bond. The bond is not due to begin repayment for 2 years so by then the entire rate structure may be different.

Warren Miller questioned if the current tank has one or two lines coming from it.

Jon stated that there is one line from the tank down Bridgman Hill and North Main Street to the intersection with West Church Street then it breaks into two lines.

Warren Miller stated that he was not happy that the Select Board will be making the decision about the location of the tank.

He asked the people in the audience who objects to the cemetery location.

There were no real responses to his question.

Danny Hale stated that the tank will not be located directly in the Cemetery. It will be tastefully done and not distract from the cemetery. He is offended that people blame the board when they are not happy with decisions that are made, and then claim

they cannot trust the board.

Sonny Coolbeth stated his concerns of the location of the new water lines, but has no problem with the location of the tank.

David Upson Jr. stated that he has no problem with the new water system, but is concerned about the cost of the water meters and sudden reductions in usage.

Art Williams explained that the Fairview Cemetery Association met two weeks ago with 4 people in attendance, none of them had any real concerns with the tanks location. He also stated that if the Town takes away too many burial lots with the water lines then the Town will have to find more land to purchase for cemeteries.

Raymond Bellavance questioned what the meters are good for.

Alberta Miller took the podium and told the audience that many customers are unhappy that they pay as much as a single person or couple as their neighbor who might be a larger family of 4 or more. She explained that she has heard the same complaints for the more than 10 years she has been with the Town. Meters are the only fair way to bill people for the usage they actually consume.

The rate structure will not change based on the meters for at least two years as we will need to collect usage data for at least that long as people will attempt to be more conscious of their usage and try and conserve water.

We are hopeful that the new rate structure based on the meter usage information will begin about the same time as the Bond payments come due. That way we may avoid a rate increase based solely on the bond.

Mary Gagnon stated she is in favor of meters. She went from a family of 4 to a family of 2 as her children have moved away from home and yet her rates have stayed the same or gone up.

**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?**

Motion made: Norma Wiesen

Seconded: Shirley Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

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**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.?**

Motion made: Norma Wiesen

Seconded: Shirley Colburn

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: Connie Bellavance

Seconded: Tracy Martin

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: Ron Wiesen

Seconded: Jean Hackett

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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)?**

Motion made: Connie Bellavance

Seconded: David Shepard

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: Connie Bellavance

Seconded: Monica Holcomb

Motion passed: Unanimously

**Article 13. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) for the support of the North Country Animal League?**

Motion made: Shirley Colburn

Seconded: Dave Gross

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: Monica Holcomb

Seconded: Connie Bellavance

Lorraine Hussey spoke on behalf of the Historical Society, the Phase 2 project is partially completed with new wiring, insulation, boards on the walls, temperature control and carpet that was installed generously by Leo Renaud. The next Phase is to make the building Handicap accessible.

Lorraine let everyone know that the annual Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner fundraiser is Saturday night March 9<sup>th</sup> and she has tickets to sell.

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: Connie Bellavance

Seconded: Monica Holcomb

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: Connie Bellavance

Seconded: David Shepard

Cecile Dyke made a motion to increase the appropriation to \$1600.00 at least the same amount we just approved for the animals at NCAL.

Motion seconded:

Motion to amend to \$1600.00 passed:

Unanimously

Orise reread the amendment for \$1600 in support of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry.

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: David Shepard

Seconded: Dave Gross

Cecile Dyke asked what Hardwick Area Community Coalition is.

Orise noted that they have a report on Page 9 of the Town Report.

Erica Baker then spoke to explain that HACC is a

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drug and alcohol prevention program that works to prevent youth in the community from using drugs and alcohol.

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: Cecile Dyke

Seconded: Dave Gross

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: Dave Shepard

Seconded: Monica Holcomb

Motion passed: Unanimously

**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?**

Motion made: Dave Gross

Seconded: Tracy Martin

Motion passed: Unanimously

**Article 21. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three thousand one hundred sixty-one dollars (\$3,161.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Human Services?**

Motion made: Connie Bellavance

Seconded: David Shepard

Motion passed: Unanimously

**Article 22. Shall the Town appropriate a sum of money not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) to support Northeast Kingdom Youth Services?**

Motion made: David Shepard

Seconded: Dave Gross

Motion passed: Unanimously

**Article 23. 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: Deborah Adams

Seconded: Jean Hackett

Motion passed: Unanimously

**Article 24. 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: David Shepard

Seconded: Jean Hackett

Motion passed: Unanimously

**Article 25. To transact any other nonbinding business proper to be brought before said meeting.**

Orise took a moment to let the crowd know that the Hazen Union Girls basketball team has their first play down game tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at Hazen Union.

Shari Cornish, President of NEKARTS, explained that they had been working hard over the past few years to make the Town House ready for the return of Town Meeting to that location. She requested a show of hands to gauge how residents felt about the move. The crowd had dwindled at this time so the show of hands was about 50/50 for and against the return to the Town House.

Cecile Dyke spoke against the return as she feels that would be discrimination against her as she is in a wheel chair and access to the handicap bathroom is nearly impossible. Certainly not something she can do on her own.

Shari stated that the bathrooms are handicap accessible and that the HCTV has a live feed from there so the residents who are unable to attend the meeting can watch the meeting in live TV.

Lorraine Hussey reminded everyone she has the Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner tickets to sell.

Mary Gagnon took a moment to let everyone know that if they are interested in information about the Tar Sands Oil issue that many Towns were discussing today that they can contact her at the store and she will give them further information. Nancy Nottermann mentioned the information she has in the hallway regarding PACE and the home energy challenge.

Motion to adjourn by: Connie Bellavance

Motion Seconded by: Ron Wiesen

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

## RESULTS OF AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTE FOR TOWN & SCHOOL OFFICERS:

Total Votes Cast: 395

### Select Board- 3 year term:

Eric Remick.....329 (elected)

### Select Board – 1 year terms:

Mark Salls .....331 (elected)

Lawrence Hamel (Write in Candidate) ..160  
(elected)

### Hardwick Town Clerk – 3 year term:

Alberta Miller..... 371 (elected)

### Hardwick Town Treasurer – 3 year term:

Alberta Miller .....366 (elected)

### Hazen Union School Director #26 – 3 year term:

No One Elected

### Hazen Union School Director #26 – 2 year remaining on a 3 year term:..... No One Elected

### Hardwick Town School District Directors–3 year term:

Amanda Andrus..... 130

Jennifer Laundry .....213 (elected)

### Hardwick Town School District Directors–3 year term:

Amanda Brochu .....247 (elected)

Jennifer Fliegelman..... 155 (elected)

Terri Vest ..... 118

## CURRENT TAX RECONCILIATION 2012-2013

### CURRENT TAX RECONCILIATION: 7/1/2012 TO 6/30/2013

MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST AT 1%.....	\$ 1,618,382.00
HOMESTEAD GRAND LIST AT 1%.....	\$ 1,046,822.69
NON RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST AT 1% .....	\$ 591,454.70
MUNICIPAL TAXES BILLED.....	\$ 1,717,102.86
LOCAL AGREEMENT BILLED .....	\$ 9,225.02
VETERANS EXEMPTION .....	\$ 6,635.56
HOMESTEAD TAXES BILLED .....	\$ 1,497,061.16
NON RESIDENTIAL TAXES BILLED .....	\$ 856,587.47
LATE HOMESTEAD PENALTY .....	\$ 161.50
<b>TOTAL TAXES BILLED.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,086,773.57</b>
ABATEMENTS .....	\$ 1,860.68
ADJUSTMENTS (RETURNED CHECKS).....	\$ -
COLLECTIONS .....	\$ 3,297,327.21
CREDIT REFUNDS (HS-122) .....	\$ (823.67)
STATE TAX PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 7/1/2012 .....	\$ 340,455.56
STATE TAX PAYMENTS TO TOWN OF HARDWICK 7/1/2012 .....	\$ 124,235.27
STATE TAX PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9/14/2012 .....	\$ 105,085.71
STATE TAX PAYMENTS TO TOWN OF HARDWICK 9/14/2012 .....	\$ 8,837.12
PROPERTY TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR ON JUNE 30, 2013 .....	\$ 3,876,977.88
DELINQUENTS .....	\$ 209,795.69
<b>PROPERTY TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR ON JUNE 30, 2013.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,086,773.57</b>



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# CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

137 Barre Street, Montpelier, VT 05602 • [www.cvswwmd.org](http://www.cvswwmd.org) • 802-229-9383

CVSWMD is made up of 18 member cities and towns and approximately 52,000 residents. Dan Hale represents Hardwick on the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors.

In FY13, \$10,580.51 in Municipal Assistance Grants was provided. The CVSWMD also provided \$14,211.31 in School Zero Waste and Walbridge Reuse Grants.

The district continues to provide award-winning programming, including:

- **Residential Composting:** We sell Green Cone food digesters and Soilsaver composting units at a reduced cost to district residents. We also gave several of them away in raffles.
- **Business Composting:** CVSWMD has **95** participating businesses and institutions throughout Central Vermont, which, combined, diverted an estimated **2.6 million lbs.** or **1307 tons** of food scraps to composting facilities.
- **School Composting (part of our School Zero Waste Program):** All 24 public schools in the district participate in this program. Over the course of the 2012-2013 school year, our schools diverted an estimated **125.83 tons** (251,705 lbs.) of high quality food scraps.
  - \* **Hardwick Elementary School** has diverted **6.875 tons** of food scraps in FY13 alone!
  - \* **Hazen Union School** has diverted **5.595 tons** of food scraps in FY13.
- **Special Collections:** In 2013, nine events were held, in which we collected hazardous waste, electronics, textiles, tires and books.
- **Web Site:** We post useful information about what can be recycled, how to dispose of hazardous waste, and about our goal to move toward Zero Waste, including the “A to Z Guide,” and dates and times of our special collections, and strategies for achieving a Zero Waste household.

For more information go to [www.cvswwmd.org](http://www.cvswwmd.org) or contact us at 802-229-9383 or [comments@cvswmd.org](mailto:comments@cvswmd.org)

## 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.



# Join Your Hardwick Neighbors on Front Porch Forum!

Sign up for Hardwick's e-newsletter today. Hear from your neighbors and post messages yourself. Each town has its own forum... check it out at [FrontPorchForum.com](http://FrontPorchForum.com). Front Porch Forum is available across 60 Vermont towns -- now including Hardwick!

No fees. No spam. Local. Won't overflow your inbox. Online conversations help neighbors connect and build community.

## Sample Messages

- Group rate for fuel oil
- Seeking reliable plumber
- Break-in report
- Free bookcase and table
- Childcare available
- Keys found
- Community supper in the works
- School board member responds
- Casseroles for sick neighbor

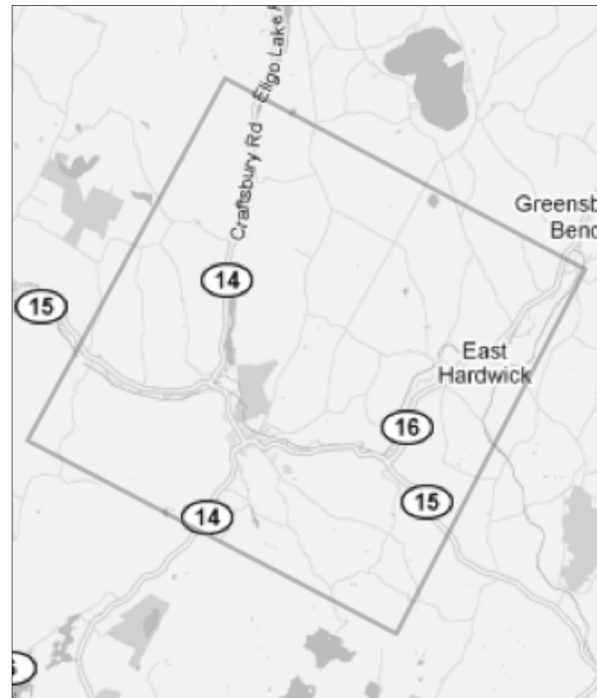
## Neighbors Love It

"As a 43-year resident, I believe the forum is one of the best things to happen to bring neighbors together."

"I sold my car on the forum. And now I know another neighbor!"

"It's the thing I always read."

"We asked the neighbors to help us move and 36 people showed up! Incredible! The whole job was done in an hour and a half."



## Already on board?

Feel free to post...

email *your* message to [hardwick@frontporchforum.com](mailto:hardwick@frontporchforum.com)

Already, **20,000 Vermont homes**  
have joined, including  
**half of many rural towns.**

*Special thanks to the e-Vermont team!*

Learn more and register online at:  
**FrontPorchForum.com**

As covered by **VPR, WCAX, Seven Days, WPTZ, Burlington Free Press**, etc.

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# TOWN OF HARDWICK GENERAL INFORMATION:

Visit us at [www.hardwickvt.org](http://www.hardwickvt.org)

**Town Managers Office Hours:** Monday –Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. & Friday 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
Phone # 472-6120 or 472-3789 & Fax # 472-3793

**Town Clerks/Treasurers Office Hours:** Monday –Thursday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. & Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.  
Phone # 472-5971 & Fax # 472-3108

## **Property Tax & Water/Sewer Collection Information:**

Taxes are due to be paid in full by May 10 of each year. Each tax bill is issued with four quarterly payment coupons, but the mandatory due date is May 10 and any unpaid balance as of that date is subject to a one-time 8% penalty as well as 1% per month interest charges.

Water & Sewer payments are due September 10, December 10, March 10 and June 10 of each year. These are mandatory installments that are assessed an 8% penalty and a 1% per month interest charge on any unpaid balance.

## **Voter Registration:**

Hardwick residents who are not currently on the Voter Checklist can register at the Town Clerk's Office. Please call 472-5971 or stop by for more information.

## **DMV Registration Renewals:**

The Hardwick Town Clerk's Office does process Vermont DMV renewals. If you have your renewal card from the DMV and it is no more than 2 months past the date it was due you can renew it at our office. You must pay DMV with either a check or money order. You must also pay a separate \$3.00 processing fee to the Clerk's Office that can be cash or another check.

**Hardwick Zoning Office Hours:** Monday & Tuesday 8:30 A.M. to Noon  
Phone: # 472-6120

Zoning permits are issued by the Zoning Administrator and/or the Zoning Board of Adjustment. These permits are required for all property development in the Town of Hardwick. Permit applications and fee schedules are available on the Town of Hardwick website or can be picked up from the Zoning Administrator or in the Town Clerk's Office.

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

**Hardwick Police Department:** Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

\*\*\* Is now located at 56 High Street (the former Hardwick Health Center Building) Entrance located at the back of the building.

Phone # 472-5475

## **Other Important Contact Numbers:**

Town Garage: 472-6029

Hardwick Rescue Squad: 472-6343

Hardwick Fire Department: 472-5242

Hardwick Area Food Pantry: 472-5940

Hardwick Health Officer (Richard Brochu): 472-8282

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## **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



# **TOWN OF HARDWICK**

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Hardwick, VT 05843