

Peacham Vermont



Annual Report 2015
School and Town

Town Meeting Day

Tuesday March 1st, 2016

10:00 AM

(School District Meeting followed by Town Meeting)

Peacham Congregational Church



TOWN MEETING LUNCHEON

POT LUCK!

Please bring your best dish to make this traditional dinner the best ever.

Last names beginning with **A-M** please bring a Main Dish

N-Z bring a Side Dish or Salad

Beverages, rolls and desserts provided!

\$4.00 per person

Children 5 and under are free.

Thanks – Peacham Collaborators and Peacham Café Group

Annual Report
of the Town Officers
TOWN OF PEACHAM
School Reports
Vermont
2015



SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR ENDING
June 30th, 2015

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Warning of the Annual School District Meeting

WARNING FOR THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE TOWN OF PEACHAM TO BE HELD ON MARCH 01, 2016

The legal voters of the town of Peacham are hereby warned to meet in the Peacham Congregational Church on Tuesday, March 01, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following school meeting business:

ARTICLE 1 To elect a School Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting.

ARTICLE 2 To hear and act upon the report of the Board.

ARTICLE 3 To elect 1 School Director for a term of 3 years.

ARTICLE 4 To elect a School District Clerk/Treasurer.

ARTICLE 5 To add two additional School Directors to the current Board.

ARTICLE 6 To elect a School Director for a term of 2 years.

ARTICLE 7 To elect a School Director for a term of 1 year.

ARTICLE 8 Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize the Peacham School Directors to approve the school board to expend \$1,795,041, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$18,110 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 11.4% higher than spending for the current year.

ARTICLE 9 Shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?

ARTICLE 10 To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

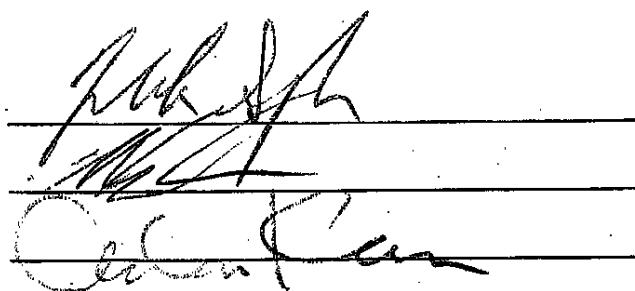
Dated at Peacham this 25th day of January, 2016.

Peacham School Directors

Mark Clough, Chair

Mike Heath, Vice-Chair

Adam Kane, Clerk



Attest: Tom Galinat, Town Clerk and Treasurer

Minutes of 2015 School District Meeting

Minutes of the 2015 School District Meeting

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham on Tuesday March 3 2015 at 1:00pm

Article 1: to elect a moderator to conduct and govern the meeting.

Kathy Browne nominated Tim McKay. Dart Thalman moved to close nominations, Charlie Browne seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. Tim McKay elected by voice vote.

Article 2: to elect a school director for a term of three years.

Cornelia Hasenfuss nominated Adam Kane. Dart Thalman moved to close nominations, John Marshall seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. Adam Kane elected by voice vote.

To elect a school director for a term of two years.

Bob Fuehrer nominated Bruce MacLean. Cheryl Stevenson nominated Mike Heath. A paper vote was taken, 86 ballots counted, 46 for Heath and 40 for MacLean. Mike Heath elected.

Article 3: to elect a school district clerk / treasurer.

John Marshall nominated Tom Galinat. Wendy Morgan moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast a single ballot, Charlie Browne seconded. Passed by voice vote. Tom Galinat elected.

Article 4: to hear a report of the board.

Mark Clough thanked Jenny Mackenzie and Wynne Browne for their service on the School Board. Clough thanked school principal Judy Ross. Clough introduced CCSU superintendent Matt Forest. Jenny Mackenzie discussed State issues, changes to the school, school events and the PTF. Wynne Browne discussed energy issues. Mark Clough and Matt Forest discussed potential State legislative issues.

Article 5: shall the voters of the Peacham School District vote to adopt an expenditure budget as presented for the school year ending June 3 2016 including an appropriation of a sum of money for the support of schools with provisions for current expenses, capital improvement, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes?

Dick Browne moved to adopt an expenditure budget of \$1,741,900 for the school year ending June 3, 2016 including an appropriation of a sum of money for the support of schools with provisions for current expenses, capital improvement, a deficit if any, and for other lawful purposes. Jane Woodhouse seconded. Jen Surat moved to amend the budget by increasing it \$6,295 for playground equipment, Anna Rubin seconded. Discussion ensued. Amendment passed by voice vote. Amended budget of \$1,748,195 passed by voice vote.

Article 6: Shall the voters of the Peacham School District approve the transfer of \$6,000 to the capital fund?

Jean Dedam moved, Charlie Browne seconded. Discussion ensued. Passed by voice vote.

Article 7: shall the voters of the Peacham School District authorize its Board of Directors to borrow money to pay its lawful debts and expenses for the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2016 in an amount not to exceed 90% of the anticipated collection of taxes and receipts of other funds to be used for those purposes?

Dick Browne moved, John Marshall seconded. Passed by voice vote.

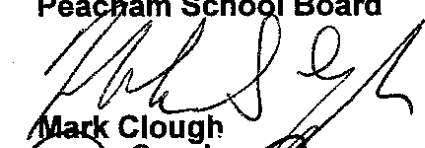
Article 8: to transact any other non binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Annette Lorraine suggested that tax-deductible donations could be made through the Town Office for the playground equipment. Andréa Kane thanked Robert Van Vranken for plowing of the pumpkin field. Melissa Laurita Kohl invited participation in the after-school program. Bob Fuehrer thanked the Collaborators for organizing the lunch and coordinating the Town organizations. Charlie Browne moved to adjourn, Rick Scholes seconded. Passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15pm.

The foregoing is approved and attested by:

Peacham School Board



Mark Clough

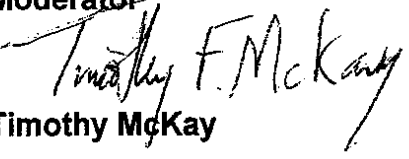


Adam Kane



Michael Heath

Moderator



Timothy McKay

Town Clerk



Stanley Fickes

Peacham School Auditors' Report

We have reviewed the draft report of the professional audit of the Peacham School District for June 30, 2015. This review identified no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

We have relied on this audit to assure that the reports presented here represent the financial position of the Peacham School District on June 30, 2015, and give an accurate account of the funds during the school year.

Charles Byron, Jan Eastman, and Stan Fickes
Peacham School District Auditors

School Board Letter

Peacham Elementary School has had another quiet and productive year for the students and the community. This year, there has been a very active parent group at the School; which has helped support the mission, student outcomes, and is very heartening. Many of the goals we set out for the School have been accomplished; such as, more community involvement, aligning our curriculums with the Education Agency's Education Quality Standards, and growing or maintaining our course offerings for language, arts and technology.

So all that positive news is somewhat offset by the uncertainty of the new State Law called Act 46. This Law was passed to strongly encourage the consolidation of schools in the State for the purpose of saving money and providing more student opportunities. Our School is a candidate for this consolidation based on their criteria because our cost per student is well above the State average and our census has been flat. We as a Board, share the same value that we would like to retain a school in Peacham and preserve school choice for High School. The issue of retaining 7th/8th grade choice is one we will have to present to the Community for their consideration based on the options available.

The Board will be presenting options to the community through this process and are available at any time for discussions on the topic. We understand the varied values in Town and that decision making will be a challenge until all the options are available to all that are interested. Ultimately there will need to be a Town wide vote to change anything and the Board is only in the position of recommending and providing information during the process.

The School budget we are proposing is higher due to an influx of tuition students to Town, an increase in the health insurance for the staff, and an increase in special needs expenses. The actual operating budget we are proposing provides for reducing salaries by downsizing the principal's time and having a reduction in force. We have had multiple discussions with the leadership in the School and we strongly believe we will not be impacting student outcomes. This is really a reaction to the School census being low and being fiscally sensitive. The tax rate is being affected by the provisions in Act 46 that penalize high spending schools like ours, especially if they exceed certain budget increases as we have with the aforementioned reasons.

The Board is requesting to expand to a five person Board as a response to Act 46 and the work load involved. It also provides for more opinions on the different issues that need to be resolved around this work and eliminates the awkward position of two Board members not being able to converse as is now the case.

The Board is always available to talk one on one or at our Board meetings and are continually looking for community input as we navigate through the State mandated changes and how it interacts with our community values.

Superintendent's Report

BARNET – DANVILLE – PEACHAM – WALDEN

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union
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Superintendents Report

Dear Citizens,

The Schools in Caledonia Central Supervisory Union continue to move forward with our Multi-tiered Systems of Support. This system ensures that every student receives an intervention or enrichment opportunity at his or her academic level. We have transitioned to the Common Core State Standards and continue to develop our curriculum. I'm pleased with the progress we are making and the dedicated commitment from our faculty and staff.

The passing of Act 46 has created many challenges for our schools and communities to work through. As with many well intended pieces of legislation, Act 46 attempts to find a simple solution to a challenging situation that involves unique communities and years of history with local control. The goals of the legislation (equal educational opportunity, efficient operations, sustainable systems and transparency) are all things CCSU has been working towards. Act 46 requires us to consider changing the basic rules of one board per town, one budget per school, and the communities that board members represent. It's a complicated task. One important item that all community members need to be aware of is that under Act 46 the state has set an allowable growth cap for school districts. Spending above the growth cap is penalized. There are components of Act 46 that I feel can benefit school systems. This is not one of them.

Districts within CCSU have seen significant increases in their budgets due to costs that are outside of the boards' control, such as increases in special education, increased tuition cost, and health insurance rates. These factors combined with the double taxation penalty has created a significant problem. Due to this, Danville and Walden School Boards are seeking to move their school budget meetings from March to May. The rationale behind this change is to allow time for the legislation to make a final decision on the tax penalty. The outcome of their decision may impact all of our schools, particularly Danville and Walden. If the penalty remains without modifications, Danville and Walden may need to be restructured in some capacity. This would involve a reduction of force and rethinking service delivery. We need time to do this in a meaningful way that will not reduce the quality of education provided to the children we serve. Moving the meetings to May will assist us in being able to present a more accurate budget, one that is reflective of up to date legislative changes and well thought out personnel decisions.

The major component of Act 46 requires schools to consolidate with other like schools. CCSU has been moving forward in a productive manner on this front. CCSU will be adopting a RED (Regional Education District) Side by Side merger configuration. Barnet, Peacham, and Walden are having discussions with Waterford and Concord about creating a PreK-8 district with High School choice. Danville is engaged with discussions with Cabot and Twinfield about creating a PreK-12 district. Each district would have one board, one budget and a supervisory union board like we do now. We are working with a consultant that will be assisting us in determining the financial and educational implications of these potential mergers. This is a process and no decisions have been made regarding specific partnerships. Communities will need to vote and adopt any merger plan that is proposed. The conversations have been productive and beneficial.

I encourage any community members who want to participate in this process to attend board meetings and stay engaged. These are still our schools and we need to do what is best for our children and communities. If anyone has questions or concerns please contact me directly or your district board chair. We stand ready to assist in any way possible. I can be reached at mathew.forest@ccsuonline.org.

Sincerely,

Mat Forest

Dr. Mathew G Forest
Superintendent Of Schools

Principal's Report

Dear Peacham families and friends,

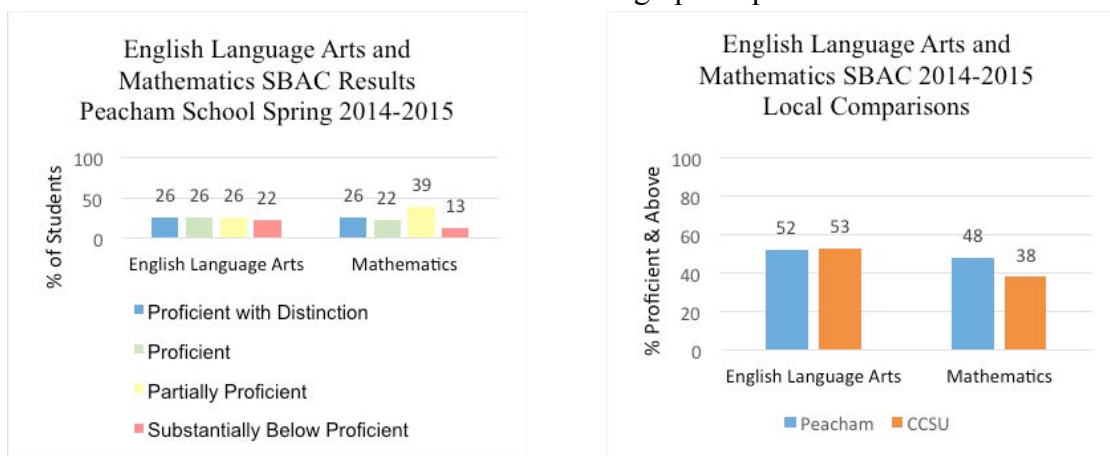
In this year of unprecedented challenges to schools throughout the state of Vermont due to Act 46, at Peacham Elementary we are still focused on fulfilling our school mission every single day:

The Peacham Elementary School is a community of learners and teachers dedicated to developing the ability of each individual to think and communicate clearly, to explore the world, to make responsible decisions, and to have concern for the common good.

In support of our mission and to help guide instructional decisions, the PES Board approved a revised values statement developed this past fall by staff, parents, and community members. Copies of the **2015 Peacham School Values** statement are available at our school and on the school's website: <http://peachamelementaryschool.com/> under the **School Board** tab. Based on these values, we continue to offer a rich learning program centered on STEM topics, Humanities, including French instruction, and the Arts. With last year's unanimous taxpayer support we successfully expanded to a 1.5 day Music program which has resulted in a full school band, a ukulele group, a recorder group, and a group focused on music composition. We also provide a strong Technology experience with targeted instruction using Chromebooks as tools for all Gr. 3-6 students and access to tech tools for all students.

In advance of VT Act 166, this year PES began offering a very successful 5-day, full-day Preschool program for children ages 3-5. We are proud of this quality program that gives our youngest students a well-researched educational step up.

In terms of student achievement, Peacham students compare very favorably with our CCSU peers and our Vermont cohort. Based on the 2013-2014 final year of NECAP scores when national higher benchmarks for success were instituted in all schools nation-wide, PES missed Adequate Yearly Progress in both Math and ELA. The *Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium*, SBAC, replaced NECAP in 2015. This new assessment of English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics asks students to demonstrate and apply their knowledge and skills in areas such as critical thinking, analytical writing, and problem solving. Last Spring's student test scores established a baseline aligned with the *Common Core State Standards*. These graphs represent our new whole school data:



While these scores demonstrate that PES students are strongly competitive as a result of a high quality instructional program, we still have good work to do. Thank you for your financial, moral, and educational support. We are still on a good path heading in the right direction.

Respectfully submitted with much Peacham PRIDE,

Judy Ross, Principal

ELO-After School Program Report

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Donna Gaston, E.L.O. Project Director

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E.L.O. Director's Annual Report

January 2015

The E.L.O. (Extended Learning Opportunities) Program has had a great beginning to the third year. We operate 4 - 8 week sessions after school at all 4 schools for students in Kindergarten through the 8th Grade. Daily we serve around 100 students among the 4 schools. We also offer a 5 week summer program.

We have focused on the student goals 1) to improve academic performance and 2) to demonstrate the 21st Century skills of collaboration and problem solving and on the program goals 1) to increase the use of 21st Century skills and 2) to increase individual health and wellness.

During the school year students have been offered classes in video creation, Lego robotics, computer coding, math, science, writing, French, Spanish, art, music, P.E., rocketry, sewing, cooking, and outdoor adventures among others.

This summer the weekly themes were The Amazing Race, Outdoor Adventures, Small Business Know How, Science and Technology, and Culinary Camp. Of the students attending this summer, 33% improved their reading level, 56% maintained their reading level, and only 11% lost reading skills over the summer. This is in comparison to national data that shows that more than 80 percent of children from economically disadvantaged communities lose reading skills over the summer because they lack access to books, learning resources, and such enrichment opportunities as trips to the library, bookstore, or museum.

The program has received benefits from several outside resources this year. A Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant provided storage for the mountain bikes at Barnet. All 4 schools will benefit from being selected for the Vermont Tinkering Project which is sponsored by the Montshire Museum and the Vermont Department for Children and Families. We have also received a Children's Literacy Foundation Grant to provide books to the E.L.O. students at Walden and a grant from the Osterman Family Foundation through Catamount Arts that will provide a teacher and artist in each school to work with the students on learning about and creating fables.

Thank you to the volunteers and staff that provide E.L.O. in our communities! As the federal funding for this program is reduced by 25% next year, and more the following year, please consider volunteering your time to support the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gaston, Project Director

"It is the mission of the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union and its four member schools to create a learning community in which each individual can achieve the highest standards of excellence in intellectual growth and citizenship."

School Financial Reports

Peacham School District General Fund Budget

		Approved by Board 1/25/16					
		FY15	FY15	FY16	Proposed FY17	Increase/ Decrease	% of
<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>total</u>
Classroom Instruction							
1.6.1100.100	- Salaries	291,847	320,527	334,065	333,555	(510)	
1.6.1100.200	- Benefits	100,714	101,228	98,037	94,724	(3,313)	
1.6.1100.300	- Professional Services	7,056	2,595	2,200	750	(1,450)	
1.6.1100.560	- Tuition	657,896	611,745	646,065	787,296	141,231	
1.6.1100.500	- Other Purchase Services	1,150	11,977	1,335	0	(1,335)	
1.6.1100.600	- Supplies/Consumables	6,075	5,620	6,925	5,840	(1,085)	
1.6.1100.700	- Furniture/Equipment	600	751	500	500	0	
TOTAL: Direct instruction - regular ed - 1100		1,065,338	1,054,443	1,089,127	1,222,665	133,538	68.1%
Special Education Instruction							
1.6.1200.300	- Professional Services	56,614	27,883	31,665	37,550	5,885	
1.6.1200.560	- Tuition	31,795	24,080	20,000	54,000	34,000	
1.6.1200.600	- Supplies/Consumables	1,500	1,754	1,500	1,500	0	
1.6.1200.700	- Furniture/Equipment	1,500	302	1,500	1,500	0	
TOTAL: Direct instruction - Special Ed. - 1200		91,409	54,019	54,665	94,550	39,885	5.3%
Guidance							
1.6.2120.100	- Salaries	15,322	15,824	16,255	0	(16,255)	
1.6.2120.200	- Benefits	1,551	1,430	1,680	0	(1,680)	
1.6.2120.600	- Supplies/Consumables	200		300	0	(300)	
TOTAL: Guidance - 2120		17,073	17,254	18,235	0	(18,235)	
Nurse/Health							
1.6.2130.100	- Salaries	4,618	4,757	4,898	5,324	426	
1.6.2130.200	- Benefits	540	430	558	613	55	
1.6.2130.600	- Supplies/Consumables	250	218	200	0	(200)	
TOTAL: Health - 2130		5,408	5,405	5,656	5,937	281	0.3%
Psychological Services							
1.6.2140.300	- Professional Services	0	0	3,500	2,000	(1,500)	
TOTAL: Psychological Svc. - 2140		0	0	3,500	2,000	(1,500)	0.1%
Speech & Language							
1.6.2150.300	- Professional Services		5,219	5,688	7,230	1,542	
1.6.2150.600	- Supplies/Consumables			150	150	0	
TOTAL: Speech & Language - 2150		0	5,219	5,838	7,380	1,542	0.4%

Occupational Therapy							
1.6.2160.300	- Professional Services			100	100	0	
TOTAL: Occupational Therapy - 2160		0	0	100	100	0	
Other Student Support Services							
1.6.2190.300	- Professional Services	42,806	14,881	750	0	(750)	
1.6.2190.600	- Supplies/Consumables	870	1,078	250	0	(250)	
1.6.2190.700	- Furniture/Equipment		2,963				
TOTAL: Student Services -Other - 2190		43,676	18,922	1,000	0	(1,000)	0.0%
Curriculum & Professional Development							
1.6.2210.200	- Tuition Reimbursement	10,500	9,654	7,000	7,000	0	
1.6.2210.300	- Professional Services		10,211	14,203	17,500	3,297	
1.6.2210.500	- Other Purchase Services		101	500	500	0	
1.6.2210.600	- Supplies/Consumables		173				
TOTAL: Curriculum/Prof.l Development - 2210		10,500	20,139	21,703	25,000	3,297	1.4%
Library Media/Technology							
1.6.2220.100	- Salaries	25,660	13,776	14,190	16,642	2,452	
1.6.2220.200	- Benefits	2,421	6,408	8,024	8,552	528	
1.6.2220.300	- Professional Services	7,856	6,583	8,720	10,020	1,300	
1.6.2220.400	- Property Services	2,200	1,101				
1.6.2220.500	- Other Purchase Services	2,546	1,077	2,846	1,600	(1,246)	
1.6.2220.600	- Supplies/Consumables	2,200	2,968	2,700	2,700	0	
1.6.2220.700	- Furniture/Equipment	2,500	3,756	4,800	3,500	(1,300)	
1.6.2220.800	- Dues/Fees			0	100	100	
TOTAL: - Library Media/Technology - 2220		45,383	35,669	41,280	43,114	1,834	2.4%
School Board Administration							
1.6.2300.100	- Salaries	600	1,433	1,900	1,275	(625)	
1.6.2300.200	- Benefits	51	130	150	98	(52)	
1.6.2300.300	- Professional/Legal Services	10,000	1,041	10,000	10,000	0	
1.6.2300.500	- Other Purchase Services	4,680	3,582	4,957	4,750	(207)	
1.6.2300.800	- Dues/Fees	1,200	1,670	1,500	1,200	(300)	
TOTAL: General Admin. - 2300		16,531	7,856	18,507	17,323	(1,184)	1.0%
Superintendent Office							
1.6.2320.300	- Professional Services	44,987	44,987	49,499	40,604	(8,895)	
TOTAL: - Superintendent Office - 2320		44,987	44,987	49,499	40,604	(8,895)	2.3%
Principal Office							
1.6.2410.100	- Salaries	81,582	88,841	84,988	65,306	(19,682)	
1.6.2410.200	- Benefits	14,110	20,106	14,908	16,680	1,772	
1.6.2410.400	- Property Services	3,875	4,837	500	0	(500)	
1.6.2410.500	- Other Purchase Services	1,475	1,657	1,570	1,200	(370)	
1.6.2410.600	- Supplies/Consumables	1,400	415	1,400	1,400	0	

1.6.2410.700	- Furniture/Equipment	400	400	200	200	0	
1.6.2410.800	- Dues/Fees	1,500	1,630	1,200	1,200	0	
TOTAL: Principal Office - 2410		104,342	117,886	104,766	85,986	(18,780)	4.8%
Business/Fiscal Services							
1.6.2520.300	- Professional Services	30,970	30,938	37,144	31,222	(5,922)	
1.6.2520.600	- Supplies/Consumables		260	0	100	100	
1.6.2520.800	- Dues/Fees, Interest	12,600	8,130	15,300	2,300	(13,000)	
TOTAL: Fiscal services - 2520		43,570	39,328	52,444	33,622	(18,822)	1.9%
Plant Operation							
1.6.2600.100	- Salaries	28,847	27,651	29,316	30,740	1,424	
1.6.2600.200	- Benefits	16,634	16,363	11,930	18,500	6,570	
1.6.2600.400	- Property Services	20,855	31,462	30,655	31,550	895	
1.6.2600.500	- Other Purchase Services	5,750	5,599	5,250	5,250	0	
1.6.2600.600	- Supplies/Consumables	41,400	30,620	43,500	37,500	(6,000)	
1.6.2600.700	- Furniture/Equipment	200	36,050	250	1,000	750	
1.6.2600.800	- Dues/Fees	0		0	80	80	
TOTAL: Plant Operation - 2600		113,686	147,745	120,901	124,620	3,719	6.9%
Transportation To/From School							
1.6.2710.300	- Professional Services	40,301	37,301	40,862	39,430	(1,432)	
TOTAL: - Transportation To/From School - 271		40,301	37,301	40,862	39,430	(1,432)	2.2%
Transportation - Extra Curricular							
1.6.2720.500	- Other Purchase Services		1,419	5,000	5,000	0	
TOTAL: Transportation - Extra-Curricular - 27		0	1,419	5,000	5,000	0	0.3%
Debt							
1.6.5100.900	- Debt Principal	13,811	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	
TOTAL: Loan/Bonds - 5100		13,811	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0.1%
Transfer to Food Service							
1.6.5310.900	- Transfer	34,538	38,780	45,313	35,177	(10,136)	
TOTAL: Transfer to Food Service - 5310		34,538	38,780	45,313	35,177	(10,136)	2.0%
Transfer to Capital Reserve							
1.6.5350.900	- Transfer	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	(6,000)	
TOTAL: Transfer to Reserve accts. - 5350		6,000	6,000	6,000	0	(6,000)	0.0%
Transfer to ELO Program							
1.6.5390.900	- Transfer			6,295	10,133	3,838	
TOTAL: Transfer to ELO - 5390		0	0	6,295	10,133	3,838	0.6%
Grants moved from General Fund per Audit							
1.6.5990.900	- Transfer		1,323	-14,830	0	14,830	
Consolidated Grant from Gen'l Fund to Grants		0	1,323	-14,830	0	14,830	
Grand Total:		1,696,553	1,656,095	1,678,261	1,795,041	116,780	

Revenue Budget

Peacham School District						
Budget						
Revenue						
	General Fund				PROPOSED	
		Budget FYE June 30, 2015	Actual FYE June 30, 2015	Budget FYE June 30, 2016	Budget FYE June 30, 2017	Increase (Decrease)
Local						
1510	CD & MM Interest	13,368	9,213	14,000	2,000	(12,000)
1900	Miscellaneous	250	406	250	250	- 0
	Refund of Prior Year Tuition	- 0		- 0	- 0	- 0
	Carryforward (Fund Balance) Reserve	- 0		11,401	17,866	6,465
	Total Local Revenue	13,618	9,619	25,651	20,116	(5,535)
State						
3110	Education Fund Payments	1,510,803	1,510,802	1,500,034	1,580,779	80,745
3114	On Behalf Voc Ed	6,705	6,705	5,513	5,518	5
	Total Education Spending	1,517,508	1,517,507	1,505,547	1,586,297	80,750
3111	Transportation Aid	17,855	17,824	15,836	18,177	2,341
3145	Small Schools Grant	68,650	69,976	75,830	75,895	65
3201	SE Mainstream Block Grant	33,775	33,775	34,404	34,811	407
3202	SEER Reimbursement	21,996	5,118	12,663	52,395	39,732
3204	Essential Early Education	4,681	4,821	6,530	5,550	(980)
3205	State Placed Student Reimbursement					- 0
	Total State Revenue	1,664,465	1,649,021	1,650,810	1,773,125	122,315
Federal						
4250	Consolidated Federal moved to grants	15,750	14,791	14,830	* - 0	(14,830)
5900	E-Rate	2,720	530	1,800	1,800	- 0
	Total Federal Revenue	18,470	15,321	16,630	1,800	(14,830)
Other						
5990	Prior Year Adjustment					
	Total Gen'l Fund Revenues	1,696,553	1,673,961	1,693,091	1,795,041	101,950
*	less Consolidated Federal grant moved from general fund per audit			(14,830)	- 0	14,830
GENERAL FUND TOTALS				1,678,261	1,795,041	116,780

Tax Impact

Peacham School District 3 Year Comparison

<i>General Fund</i>	Tax Without Penalty		With Cost Containment Penalty	
	FY16 Budget	FY17 PROPOSED BUDGET	Limit	Reduction needed to avoid penalty
Total Expenditures including On Behalf Tuition less all other Revenues	1,693,091 (187,544)	1,795,041 (208,744)	1,450,694	135,603
Total Education Spending (Act 68)	1,505,547	1,586,297		
Equalized Pupils <i>FY17 as of 12/21/15</i>	92.62	87.59	(5.03)	Tax up to per pupil TOTAL
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (Act 68)	16,255	18,110	11.4%	Amount over 1,548
<i>Excess Spending Threshold</i>	17,103	16,562	1.89%	
District Spending Adjustment	Base Rate 9,459	Base education amount 9,955		9,955
Equalized Homestead Tax Rate	0.99	Base Rate 1.00		1.00
		Yield 9,955		9,955
		1.8192		1.664
			x	0.156
				1.4
				0.218
				1.881
Actual Homestead Tax Rate	CLA 103.57%	updated CLA 112.77%	1.48 +	0.19
% Tax Increase/(decrease)	1.71	1.613 (0.029)		1.668
Non Residential Tax Rate	1.515	-2%		0.026
Increase in Education Spending Percent Increase		1.36		2%
1 cent on Tax Rate		80,750 5.4%		
		9,833		

Food Service Budget

3100	Food Service Budget	Adds SU Food Service Director oversight			
Expenses					Increase/
<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
100	Salaries (substitutes)	26,574	26,048	2,500	(23,548)
200	Benefits	9,734	9,906	392	(9,514)
331	SU Assessment Food Svc	-	-	35,485	35,485
	subtotal salaries/benefits	36,308	35,954	38,377	2,423
400	Property Services	500	500	500	-
500	Other Services	250	200	750	550
600	Supplies/food	22,980	22,450	22,200	(250)
700	Equipment	500	2,000	2,000	-
	Total Expenses	60,538	61,104	63,827	2,723
Revenue					Increase/
<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget FY15</u>	<u>Budget FY16</u>	<u>Budget FY17</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
1600	Sales	11,500	11,950	11,800	(150)
3000	State	550	1,075	650	(425)
4000	Federal	13,950	15,650	16,200	550
5310	Interfund transfer	34,538	32,429	35,177	2,748
	Subtotal	60,538	61,104	63,827	2,723
	transfer to cover prior years		12,884	-	(12,884)
	Total Revenues	60,538	73,988	63,827	(10,161)

Employee Compensation

Peacham School District							
Salary & Wages FY15							
Professional Personnel				Substitutes			
<u>Name</u>		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Salary</u>	
Brisco, Janice		66073	Grades 3-6 Humanities	Blackmore, Delores		3543	
Cobb, Mary		11617	Foreign Language	Cabot-Case, Aubrey		261	
Colosa, Kevin		10788	Music	Cochran, Tasha		84	
Harvey, Irene		971	Summer Support	Dedham, Rose		168	
Hoffmann, Linda		4759	Nurse	Dimick, Mary		3819	
Kaldor, Ruth		13214	Art Teacher	Elliott, Tanna		354	
Leadbeater, Mary		714	Summer Support	Gray, Jennifer		84	
Ostrander, Regina		12385	Phys Ed	Hodgdon, Crystal		78	
Parker, Sarah		64121	Pre K/K	Knott, Dorothy		510	
Ross, Judith		82763	Principal	Kohl, Mellisa		48	
Sheehan, Rose		15687	Guidance	Luomala, Jael		1392	
Wheeler, Hanna		41034	Grades 3-6 Science	Mackey, Julianne		48	
Williams, Jennifer		34560	Teacher, Media, Tech	McKnight, Cynthia		84	
<u>Youngberg, Kelly</u>		<u>34440</u>	<u>Grades 1/2</u>	Nunn, Rose		1545	
Total		\$393,126.00		Sylvia, Elizabeth		168	
Staff Personnel				Spencer, Priscilla		84	
<u>Name</u>		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Youens, Allison</u>		<u>2376</u>	
Ruffner, Alice		22048	Food Service	Total		\$14,646.00	
Ryan, Shirley		21226	Admin Asst	ELO			
Stevenson, Cheryl		25193	Custodian	Assignment		Salary	
<u>Stevenson, Cheryl</u>		<u>8989</u>	<u>Pre-K</u>	Site Cord		14116	
Total		\$77,456.00		Tutors		1872	
School Board & Others				Staff		10325	
<u>Name</u>		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Substitutes</u>		<u>1200</u>	
Crum, Kathy		12717	Retirement Payout	Total		\$27,513.00	
School Board		600	3 Board Members				
Kohl, Melissa		<u>832</u>	<u>School Board Minutes</u>				
Total		\$14,149.00					
				FY 15 Total Salary	\$ 526,890.00		

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness

Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness, FY2017 Report 16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2)(K)

School: Peacham Elementary School
S.U.: Caledonia Central S.U.

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

FY2015 School Level Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment < 100
(45 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)
35 out of 45

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller >	Whiting Village School	PK - 6	37	3.50	0.33	10.57	112.12	10.61
	Tinmouth Elementary School	PK - 6	46	5.04	0.80	9.13	57.50	6.30
	Ripton Elementary School	PK - 6	48	4.90	0.60	9.80	80.00	8.17
	Peacham Elementary School	PK - 6	48	5.60	1.00	8.57	48.00	5.60
< Larger	Woodbury Elementary School	PK - 6	49	4.60	1.00	10.65	49.00	4.60
	Roxbury Village School	PK - 6	51	5.55	0.38	9.19	134.21	14.61
	Holland Elementary School	PK - 6	52	7.10	1.00	7.32	52.00	7.10
Averaged SCHOOL cohort data			64.36	6.64	0.74	9.70	86.47	8.92

School District: Peacham
LEA ID: T151

FY2014 School District Data

Cohort Description: Elementary school district, FY2013 FTE < 100
(47 school districts in cohort)

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

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

Cohort Rank by FTE
(1 is largest)
37 out of 47

School district data (local, union, or joint district)

Smaller >
Whiting
Roxbury
Ripton
Peacham
< Larger
Tinmouth
Stockbridge
Weybridge

Grades offered in School District
Student FTE enrolled in school district
Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

PK-6	36.24	\$11,694
PK-6	38.79	\$14,865
PK-6	45.92	\$18,094
PK-6	48.40	\$19,899
PK-6	48.78	\$16,131
PK-6	50.06	\$15,344
PK-6	50.38	\$17,564
63.79		\$15,117

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

Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data

FY2016 School District Data

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			SchIDist	SchIDist	SchIDist	MUN	MUN	MUN
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate Use these tax rates to compare towns rates.	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
T029	Bridport	PK-6	80.91	16,471.94	1.7240	1.7883	97.35%	1.8369
T170	Roxbury	PK-6	86.02	14,349.76	1.5019	1.5019	104.18%	1.4416
T180	Salisbury	PK-6	88.60	16,139.65	1.6892	1.7663	98.83%	1.7872
T151	Peacham	PK-6	92.62	16,255.10	1.7013	1.7013	103.57%	1.6427
T138	New Haven	PK-6	93.15	15,323.04	1.6037	1.6133	100.92%	1.5986
T143	North Hero	PK-6	93.49	14,529.69	1.5207	1.5207	98.18%	1.5489
T197	Stockbridge	PK-6	104.55	15,065.04	1.5767	1.5767	99.87%	1.5788

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

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

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

Supervisory Union Budget

General Fund Summary						
		Budget FYE June 30, 2015	Actual FYE June 30, 2015	Budget FYE June 30, 2016	Budget FYE June 30, 2017	Increase/ (Decrease)
Expenditures						
2321	Superintendent's Office	329,864	279,922	311,181	338,526	27,345
2420	Special Area Administration		6,044		7,000	7,000
2520	Business Office	213,595	241,134	249,894	248,225	(1,669)
2210	Curriculum Development	82,363	113,581	96,998	121,369	24,371
2225	Technology			140,920	158,289	17,369
2700	Transportation incl. special ed.	241,827	223,808	510,366	516,156	5,790
	Special Education - all other services	304,027	319,516	320,927	1,009,453	688,526
Food Service Director added and personnel centralized						
3120	Salaries and benefits				236,167	236,167
	Cost increase of \$1,545 over current configuration to be shared among the districts.					
	subtotal expenditures	1,171,676	1,184,005	1,630,287	2,635,185	1,004,898
6999	prior years deficit			44,537		(44,537)
	Total Expenditures	1,171,676	1,184,005	1,674,824	2,635,185	960,361
Revenues						
1510	Interest	150	265	150	150	- 0
1931	Superintendent's Office Assessment	313,024	313,024	294,341	328,896	34,555
1934	Business Office Assessment	213,595	213,595	249,894	248,225	(1,669)
1991	Grant Administration Revenue	9,532	7,807	9,532	10,000	468
1992	E-Rate Reimbursement	7,158	1,032	7,158	6,480	(678)
	<u>District Reimbursements for Services Provided</u>					
1945	Curriculum Development	82,363	113,581	96,998	121,369	24,371
1943	Technology			140,920	158,289	17,369
1942	Transportation	241,827	223,808	510,366	516,156	5,790
1941	Special Education *	304,027	318,912	320,928	1,009,453	688,525
	Food Service				236,167	236,167
1990	Miscellaneous	- 0	1,882	- 0	- 0	- 0
	subtotal revenues	1,171,676	1,193,906	1,630,287	2,635,185	1,004,898
1931	Prior Year deficit			44,537	- 0	(44,537)
	Total Revenues	1,171,676	1,193,906	1,674,824	2,635,185	960,361
	Fund Balance	(44,537)	9,901			

Assessments by District		30.6%	39.9%	12.3%	17.2%	
		Barnet	Danville	Peacham	Walden	Total
	Superintendent's Office	100,658	131,350	40,399	56,490	328,896
	Business Office	75,969	99,132	30,490	42,634	248,225
	Total	176,627	230,482	70,888	99,124	577,121
	Prior Year Assessments	171,391	223,361	86,562	107,459	588,773
	Assessment Increase/ (Decrease)	5,236	7,122	(15,673)	(8,335)	(11,652)
*	Special Education professionals have been moved from district to SU budget as required by State					
Note:	No raises for Superintendent office, business office, and other SU Administrators					

Annual Report
of the Town Officers
TOWN OF PEACHAM
Town Reports
Vermont
2015



TOWN FISCAL YEAR ENDING
December 31st, 2015

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Warning

WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Peacham are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Peacham Congregational Church in the Town of Peacham on **Tuesday, March 1, 2016** at 11:30 AM (or immediately following the adjournment of the preceding Town School Meeting), to transact the following business:

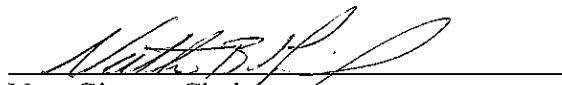
1. To elect a Moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as Moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.
2. To receive the report of the Town Auditors.
3. Shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$762,987, of which \$482,428 shall be raised by taxes and \$280,559 by nontax revenue?
4. Shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$32,883 to be raised in taxes to support the following organizations?

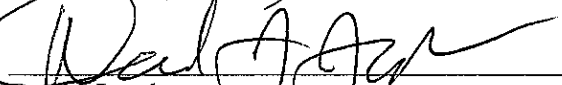
Organization	Requested Appropriation for 2016
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$ 2,000
Catamount Arts	500
Danville Rescue	11,704
Danville-Peacham Senior Meals Site	800
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium	650
GreenUp Vermont	50
Kingdom Animal Shelter	500
NEK Council on Aging	660
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	769
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (Adult Basic Education)	250
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	500
Peacham Community Housing	1,000
Peacham Fire District #1	1,500
Peacham Historical Association	1,000
Peacham Library	9,000
Rural Community Transportation, Inc.	500
Umbrella	500
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	500
Vermont Green Up	50
West Danville Community Club	500
Total	<u>\$ 32,883.00</u>

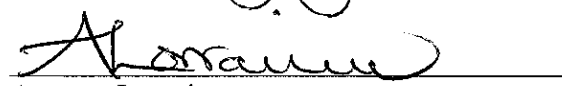
5. Shall the Town pay its real property taxes to the Town Treasurer on or before October 31, 2016, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of one percent per month and with an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date?
6. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of one year.
7. To elect a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector for a term of one year.
8. To elect a Selectboard member for a term of three years.
9. To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
10. To elect an Auditor for a term of three years
- * 11. To elect an Auditor to finish a term of one year.
12. To elect a Grand Juror for a term of one year.
13. To elect a Town Agent for a term of one year.
14. To elect a First Constable for a term of one year.
15. To elect a Second Constable a term of one year.
16. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of one year.
17. To elect a Trustee of the Peacham Library (to represent the Town) for a term of one year.
18. To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

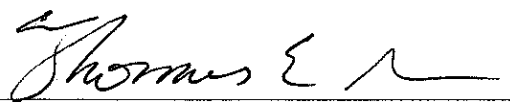
Done at Peacham, Vermont: January 6, 2016

Peacham Selectboard:


Nate Giroux, Chair


David Jacobs


Annette Lorraine

ATTEST: 
Thomas Galinat, Town Clerk & Treasurer

* Item 11 will be amended from the floor at Town Meeting to indicate the election of a Lister for a term of 1 year, not an Auditor.

Minutes for the Town Meeting 2015

Minutes for Peacham Town Meeting 2015

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The legal voters of the Town of Peacham met at the Peacham Congregational Church in Peacham on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015 at 10:00am.

Reverend Robert Potter welcomed the voters. Tim McKay expressed appreciation for the lunch organizers. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. McKay discussed the meeting rules.

Article 1: To elect a moderator to conduct and govern the meeting and to continue to serve as moderator for a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected.

Charlie Browne nominated Tim McKay. Barry Lawson moved to close nominations, Rick Scholes seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. Tim McKay elected by voice vote.

Article 2: to receive the report of the town auditors.

Charlie Byron spoke on the report, and on policy adoptions. Charlie Browne moved to receive the auditors' report, Diana Senturia seconded. Report was received by voice vote.

Article 3: shall the voters approve total general fund expenditures of \$784,966.50, of which \$482,428.00 shall be raised by taxes and \$302,538.50 by nontax revenue?

Diana Senturia moved the article as written, Rick Scholes seconded. Andy Cochran, selectboard chair, said the budget was the same as previous three years. Discussion ensued regarding highway paving and the roller barn. Budget was passed by voice vote.

Article 4: shall the voters appropriate the sum of \$30,083 to be raised in taxes to support the following organizations?

Organization	Request
Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern Vermont	\$660.00
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	\$2,000.00
Catamount Arts	\$500.00
Danville Rescue	\$11,704.00
Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium	\$650.00
Green-Up Vermont	\$50.00
Kingdom Animal Shelter	\$500.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. (Adult Basic Education)	\$250.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	\$769.00
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	\$500.00
Peacham Community Housing	\$1,000.00
Peacham Fire District #1	\$1,500.00
Peacham Library	\$9,000.00
Umbrella	\$500.00
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	\$500.00
Total	\$30,083.00

Wynne Browne moved the article as written, Dick Browne seconded. Charlie Browne spoke about appropriations. Jerry Senturia moved to amend the article to increase the appropriations by \$500 to be sent to the West Danville Community Club, Jeff Berwick seconded. Amendment passed by voice vote. Diana Senturia moved to amend the article to increase appropriations by \$800 to be sent to the Danville/Peacham Senior Meals, Jerry Senturia seconded. After discussion, amendment passed by voice vote. Appropriations of \$31,383 passed by voice vote.

Article 5: shall the town pay its real property taxes to the town treasurer on or before November 2, 2015, with delinquent taxes having interest charges of 1% per month and with an 8% penalty charged against them from the due date?

Diana Senturia moved the article as written, Dart Thalman seconded. Article passed by voice vote.

Article 6: to elect a town clerk for a term of one year.

Richard Brown nominated Tom Galinat. Peter Craig moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast a single ballot, Ron Craig seconded. Passed by voice vote. Tom Galinat elected.

Article 7: to elect a town treasurer and tax collector for a term of one year.

Ron Craig nominated Tom Galinat. Peter Craig moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast a single ballot, Diana Senturia seconded. Passed by voice vote. Tom Galinat elected.

Article 8: to elect a select board member for a term of three years.

Lynne Lawson nominated Dave Jacobs. Cornelia Hasenfuss nominated Mike Heath. A paper vote was taken, 116 ballots counted, 77 for Jacobs and 39 for Heath. Dave Jacobs elected.

Article 9: to elect a lister for a term of three years.

Jim Minichiello nominated Rick Scholes. Charlie Browne moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast a single ballot, Diana Senturia seconded. Passed by voice vote. Rick Scholes elected.

Article 10: to elect an auditor for a term of three years.

Morris McCain nominated Jan Eastman. Peter Craig moved to close nominations and for the clerk to cast a single ballot, Wynne Browne seconded. Jan Eastman elected.

Article 11: to elect a grand juror for a term of one year.

Dick Browne nominated Charlie Browne. Charlie Browne elected by voice vote.

Article 12: to elect a town agent for a term of one year.

Jerry Senturia nominated Bob Fuehrer. Bob Fuehrer elected by voice vote.

Article 13: to elect a first constable for a term of one year.

Peter Craig nominated John Sheehan. John Sheehan elected by voice vote.

Article 14: to elect a second constable a term of one year.

Jerry Senturia nominated Peter Craig. Diana Senturia moved to close nominations, John Marshall seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. Peter Craig elected by voice vote.

Article 15: to elect a delinquent tax collector for a term of one year.

Ron Craig nominated John Sheehan. Peter Craig moved to close nominations, Dick Browne seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. John Sheehan elected by voice vote.

Article 16: to elect a trustee of the peacham library for a term of three years.

Julianne Barney nominated Carolyn Deasy. John Marshall moved to close nominations, Dick Browne seconded. Nominations were closed by voice vote. Carolyn Deasy elected by voice vote.

Article 17: to transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dick Browne thanked Andy Cochran for his service on the selectboard. Neil Monteith praised Fire Chief Jeff Berwick. Peacham Historical Association thanked the Town for its support. A reminder was given for the Peacham Farm Support Grant. New members were solicited for the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department. Jock Gill thanked Stan Fickes for his service in the Town Office. Jock Gill offered his services as Town Energy Coordinator. Peacham Library thanked the Town for its support. Health Officer Josh Kantrowitz provided healthy tips and asked for lecture ideas. Fairbanks Museum thanked the Town for its support, and reminded us that admission is free to Peacham residents. Annette Lorraine offered two corrections to the Town Report; the total number of delinquent parcels on page 25 should be deleted; and in the 2014 appointments listed on page 17, Greg Schoolcraft is not on the Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

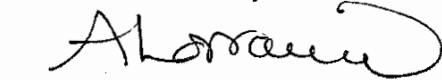
The foregoing is approved and attested by:

Peacham Selectboard

Nathan Giroux



Annette Lorraine



David Jacobs

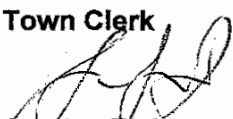


Moderator



Timothy McKay

Town Clerk



Stanley Fickes

Auditors' Report

We have examined the finances presented to us by the Town Treasurer. We have verified stated cash balances, inspected certificates of deposit, loan documents and investment account statements. Checks have been written according to statements and warrants.

We believe the reports presented here represent the financial position of the Town as of December 31, 2015 and give an accurate account of the Town's financial position and activities.

As part of this year's Annual Report we have included a new summary of the detailed Income and Expense Report. In addition, we have included footnotes to the detailed Income and Expense Report that provide explanations for significant differences between budgeted and actual amounts.

Please let us know if the additional summary page and footnotes are useful.

We extend our thanks to Town Treasurer Tom Galinat and Assistant Treasurer Rebecca Washington for their work in 2015.

We would also like to acknowledge the work of former Auditor Julie Kempton and to welcome Stan Fickes. Stan was appointed by the Selectboard to replace Julie upon her resignation in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Byron, Jan Eastman and Stan Fickes
Town of Peacham Auditors

Selectboard Report

2015 was a pretty good year with some notable changes and going-on that have set us up for a great 2016.

Firstly I would like to thank John Sheehan for his work this year in collecting delinquent taxes. Tom and Rebecca were also a big help with book and internet work. Because of the work put in and the collection of these taxes we made it through the year without ever touching our tax anticipation note. We were also able to pay off the loan on the grader which means that we have no long-term debt left as a town. This allowed us to keep municipal taxes that need to be collected for 2016 at the same level as the previous four years. I would like to thank our Town Clerk Tom for the wonderful idea as well as insight throughout the year.

We got the roller barn floor in and rollers inside. A big thank you to Ray Young for helping us to get that accomplished. As far as I know we have the only existing snow roller barn in Vermont and it makes for a wonderful little museum and piece of history. Thank you to Dick Hovey for his patience and perseverance over the past couple of years while we worked toward this, as well as for furnishing the rollers. It seems that all that is left is to repair the main beam above the big double doors and add a door on the back side with a permanent ramp so anyone who would like to enjoy it can.

Our road crew has done a phenomenal job this year with the roads. There are culverts dug and cleaned out that people probably forgot existed at all. The roads have been in incredible shape all year and even though so far it has been a mild winter the boys have been keeping up. We were able to get work done ditching and re-surfacing on Academy Hill thanks to a grant, and part of the Danville-Peacham Rd as well as the East Peacham Rd has been re-paved. We should be able to get a substantial grant from the State this year which should allow for quite a bit more paving on the East Peacham Rd, and if for some reason we don't get it this year we will definitely get it in 2017. I am excited to see the improvements keep coming on our roads in the coming years. It is important to note here that when roads and ditches are being worked on the road crew has been trying as often as possible to get close to State standards. This may mean some changes to the roads and ditches as things go forward but it is important to do so as the amount of money we get from the State is based on whether or not we comply with their standards.

Lastly I would like to thank all of our Town Officials, either elected or appointed who make the Town operate as smoothly as it does. I know many of them give a lot of their time and energy to this Town because they love Peacham, VT. Thank you also to our Volunteer Fire Department who give their time to keep us and our families safe. Have a great 2016!

Nate Giroux

Town Clerk's Annual Report

In 2015 we had a great year in the Town Clerks office. There were quite a few changes which I feel made improvements to efficiency and ease of use for both residents and researchers. We were able to purchase a new copier and server. Both items were beyond their anticipated lifespans and threatening failure. The replacement has prevented down time and increased our abilities to perform. I am very grateful for both of these improvements.

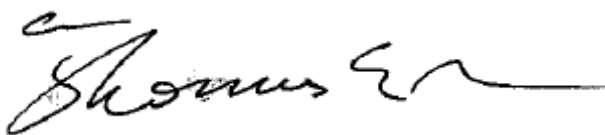
We changed the hours of the Town Office to accommodate residents by aligning ourselves with the Post Office and the School. The longer hours and closer alignment to other community centers makes our office more accessible and convenient.

I hired Rebecca Washington as my assistant. I have to apologize to the Post Office customers who miss her across the hall. She is wonderful in our office too. I invite you to take a moment to visit her in her new setting. I have trained her in all the day-to-day operations in the Town Office. She is an extremely valuable asset to the Town Office and to the Town of Peacham.

This year I focused heavily on the Land Records. I ordered the State Archivist to pull all microfilm. Upon doing so we discovered quite a lot of damage due to improper storage containers. We replaced all damaged microfilm and completed the microfilm project that was started by Bruce Lafferty and continued by Stan Fickes. We now have a complete set of microfilm for our Land Records. I also had a digital copy of all of our Land Records produced to ensure the integrity of our vault. This will allow researchers to manipulate documents without risking our originals. Peacham is extremely lucky to have every original Land Record in our vault. Now all those Records are backed up four times.

I also started reorganizing and reindexing our older maps and surveys prior to 1972. There is more work to be done here. I am very happy with the progress so far and look forward to its completion during 2016. This reorganization allowed for quicker retrieval and also the discovery of items that were not indexed at all. A particular item of interest is Johnathan Elkins' personal map of Peacham. A photograph is on display in the lobby of the Town Office.

I would like to thank the Selectboard, School Board, Board Clerk, Auditors, Listers, Zoning Administrator, DRB Chair, Collector of Delinquent Taxes, the many volunteers and the Road Foreman for the excellent collaboration and communication. The Office of the Town Clerk greatly appreciates this. Peacham would not be as successful without all of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Town Treasurer's Annual Report

The collection of delinquent taxes was the single-most important event of 2015. John Sheehan delivered \$120,764.02 of back taxes to the Treasurer. Because of this revenue, the Town of Peacham currently has \$0.00 in long-term debt. We now have no leases, loans or mortgages. If you're not standing up, cheering and clapping, I will for you.

The unanticipated revenue allowed the town to pay off our 2011 CAT Grader. We also purchased a new copier and server for the Town Office. All three of these items would have increased taxes in 2016 had these delinquencies not been collected. By eliminating debt, the Selectboard was able to absorb increases to other budget items **without** raising taxes. I'm still clapping.

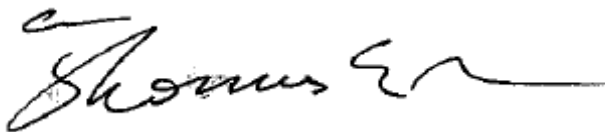
At 2015 year-end the town held \$402,407.05 in Assets and \$402,405.05 in Liabilities. We were able to contribute to our Working Capital Fund the amount of \$5,902.51. We established this fund in 2011 and determined then that it not exceed \$150,000. Currently it stands very close at \$148,438.50. This fund is a "rainy day fund". Its existence provides protection from unforeseen expenses and lowers the amount we borrow each year, thus lowering the amount of interest we pay and therefore lowering taxes.

2015 was a year of improvements on our roadways as well as our delinquent tax rolls. We spent \$145,121.15 on paving both Peacham Danville Road and East Peacham Road. Our Retirement account after paving is currently \$21,531.23. This was an expensive and necessary endeavor. Academy Hill was ditched and widened at an initial cost of \$13,395.46. Our Road Foreman, Jeremy Withers, was able to secure a grant for this project. The final cost to the town after reimbursement was \$3,395.46. For those who haven't traveled this path yet, I encourage you to take a trip along this roadway and appreciate the road crew's hard work.

This year I have worked closely with the Selectboard to write an accounting and reporting policy. I have also written internal policies for our office. These policies further our protections against fraud and open up transparency to the public. As part of my training program for Rebecca Washington we have produced procedure manuals for all treasurer functions. These manuals have increased accuracy, improved efficiency, and make our audits and reconciliation much smoother.

Peacham residents – don't forget to file your HS-122 and HI-144 forms with the State before the **April 15th** deadline. Filing late may cause a **penalty** to be charged to you.

I would like to thank the Auditors, especially Stan Fickes, former Town Treasurer, for their continued support and collaboration in making this year a financial success.



Thomas Galinat
Peacham Town Treasurer

Town Financial Reports

Balance Sheet

Assets	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15
Main Checking	\$315,429	\$ 301,279	\$ 213,445	\$402,407
Prepaid Oil	\$6,486			
Taxes past due	\$113,449			
Total assets	\$435,364	\$ 301,279	\$ 213,445	\$402,407
Liabilities				
Education tax payable	\$179,244	\$ 163,469	\$ 182,606	\$135,525
Prop Tax Credits Payable	\$184	\$ 660	\$ 13	\$4,105
		Restricted Funds		
Restoration Land Records	\$8,217	\$ 7,748	\$ 8,239	\$6,274
Conservation Reserve	\$9,127	\$ 9,627	\$ 10,392	\$10,892
Vt Money For Reappraisal	\$18,877	\$ 18,877	\$ 25,431	\$38,274
Lister education fund	\$1,774	\$ 839	\$ 1,309	\$566
Capital Building fund	\$22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 16,615	\$23,935
Working Capital Fund	\$150,001	\$ 150,001	\$ 142,536	\$148,439
Ball field grant	\$4,318	\$ 4,318	\$ 4,318	\$4,318
Veteran's memorial fund	\$1,298	\$ 1,298	\$ 1,298	\$1,298
Bridge Fund	\$21,828	\$ 23,828	\$ 23,828	\$23,828
New Recycling Shed	\$1,019	\$ 1,019	\$ 1,019	\$1,019
Fire Warden Capital Equipment	\$1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$1,000
Peacham Farm Support Fund			\$ 1,500	\$0
Roller Barn Card Fund			\$ 330	\$0
Jean Berwick Tent Fund			\$ 1,830	\$1,850
Winter Carnival				\$400
Better Backroads Grant	\$10,000			
Rescue vehicle refurbishment	\$4,065			
Total Liabilities	\$432,950	\$ 404,682	\$ 422,263	\$401,722
Assets - Liabilities	\$ 2,414	\$(103,404)	\$ (208,818)	\$ 685
		As of 2013 both asset and liability accounts were reorganized into true assets, liabilities and Restricted Funds.		

2016 Budget Summary

§	Report Label	2013	2014	2015		2016
		actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
General Government						
	General Revenue					
1	Tax Related	2,345,612	2,666,435	504,248	2,526,302	0
2	Clerk's Office	12,123	9,006	9,600	6,833	6,600
3	State of Vermont	105,355	103,047	102,919	104,908	93,269
4	Other	21,852	13,817	12,800	13,683	12,900
5	Restricted Money received	16,990	10,812	0	51,662	8,416
6	Restricted Money used	2,929	23,213	0	29,210	19,000
	Total excl Tax	159,248	159,894	125,319	206,297	140,185
	Total Gen'l Revenue	2,504,860	2,826,330	629,567	2,732,599	140,185
	Road Revenue					
8	Permits	1,102	838	0	278	300
9	State & FEMA	119,256	130,586	120,000	270,154	120,000
10	Other	130,931	0	0	148,386	0
11	Restricted Money received	10,000	0	0	0	0
12	Restricted Money used	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Road Revenue	261,289	131,424	120,000	418,817	120,300
	Transfer Station	30,812	36,106	35,100	35,794	39,075
	Fire & Rescue	0	0	0	2,055	0
	Total Revenue	2,796,961	2,993,859	784,667	3,189,265	299,560
	General Expenditures					
18	Payroll	106,660	106,593	103,050	106,912	124,790
19	General Expenses	1,906,444	2,226,686	271,415	1,984,212	260,658
20	Town Office	52,510	50,882	49,220	58,920	50,880
21	Restricted Money credited	9,500	10,673	0	51,662	7,966
22	Restricted Money spent	0	21,885	0	29,210	19,000
	Total Gen'l Expend.	2,075,113	2,416,718	423,685	2,230,917	463,294
	Roads					
23	Payroll	145,949	157,215	183,538	161,843	192,710
24	Road Expenses	175,784	138,284	121,478	153,963	84,432
25	Town Garage	190,005	31,795	42,300	34,698	48,500
26	Road Maintenance	127,519	267,797	143,000	288,506	145,500
27	Restricted Money credited	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Roads	639,258	595,091	490,316	639,010	471,142

§	Report Label	2013	2014	2015		2016
		actual	actual	budget	actual	budget
	Transfer Station					
28	Payroll	7,744	7,379	6,500	6,899	6,500
29	Transfer Station Expenses	30,081	29,444	30,430	33,142	31,956
30	Transfer Station Office	952	508	350	244	350
	Total Transfer Station	38,777	37,331	37,280	40,284	38,806
	Fire & Safety					
31	Payroll	650	650	650	650	650
32	F & S Expenses	25,988	24,518	24,100	22,113	24,300
33	F & S Office	8,295	16,912	15,000	15,270	18,200
34	Restricted Money credited	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Fire & Safety	34,934	42,080	39,750	38,033	43,150
35	Appropriations	23,629	30,133	30,083	31,383	0
	Cemetery					
36	Cemetery Revenues	4,821	9,369	6,375	1,766	2,375
37	Cemetery Expenses	21,511	7,986	6,252	10,479	13,272
	Cemetery Endowment					
	Endowment Revenues	6,996	6,577	0	94,261	0
	Endowment Expenses	1,089	6,377	0	96,648	0
	Retreatment					
38	Retreatment Revenues	50,107	30,159	0	20,171	20,000
39	Retreatment Expenses	0	0	0	145,121	0
	Road Capital Equipment					
40	Road Capital Revenues	20,179	20,000	0	20,021	20,000
41	Road Capital Expenses	130,742	0	0	0	0

Footnotes to Budget Summary Report

Footnotes are numbered by the report line they refer to.

- School tax revenue is not budgeted by the Selectboard but is reflected in the Town's books, so actual Tax Related revenue will not relate to the budget. This carries through several subsequent lines.
- Payroll expenses includes the Tax Collector's salary which is not budgeted (nor are delinquent taxes, interest, or penalties.) The Town's comparable payroll expense for 2015 was actually under budget.
- 36 and 37. See the Cemetery Reports on page 63 which describe a number of changes to the management of the Cemetery.

2016 Budget Detail

§	Note	Report Label	2013 actual	2014 actual	2015 budget	2015 actual	2016 budget
		General Revenue					
		Revenue from taxes					
1		Tax Related					
		Taxes - Current - muni	2,084,972	321,936	482,428	458,829	0
		Taxes - Current - edu	0	1,963,814	0	1,862,749	0
a		Del. Taxes: Principal	87,177	145,793	21,820	120,764	0
		Del. Taxes: Interest	8,518	14,018	0	22,230	0
		Del. taxes: Penalty	4,642	10,287	0	10,244	0
		Municipal tax adjustment	10,303	10,587	0	1,485	0
		Tax anticipation note rev	150,000	200,000	0	50,000	0
2		Clerk's Office					
b		Town Clerk's Fees	11,519	8,356	9,000	6,243	6,000
		Dog Licenses	604	650	600	590	600
		Liquor License Fees	0	0	0	0	0
3		State of Vermont					
		Current Use Payback	87,993	85,463	85,000	86,445	75,000
		Pilot State Land	17,343	15,866	16,000	16,688	16,500
		PILOT buildings	0	1,699	1,900	1,757	1,750
		Lease Land	19	19	19	19	19
		HAVA grant recv	0	0	0	0	0
		FEMA 2008 storm adm reimb	0	0	0	0	0
4		Other					
		Zoning Fees	570	390	500	818	600
		Board Of Adjustment Fees	0	0	0	0	0
		Zoning fines	0	0	0	0	0
		Rentals	11,490	11,840	12,000	11,498	12,000
		Misc Revenue	9,482	8	0	1,011	0
		Public Donations	0	0	0	0	0
		Logging	0	0	0	0	0
		Tree Board	0	1,273	0	0	0
		Interest On Investments	309	306	300	356	300

§	Note	Report Label	2013 actual	2014 actual	2015 budget	2015 actual	2016 budget
5		Restricted Money received					
		Restoration Land Records	0	1,508	0	1,221	1,300
		Conservation Reserve	0	0	0	500	0
	c	VT Money for Reappraisal	6,555	6,554	0	12,844	6,726
		Lister Education Fund	935	391	0	390	390
		Capital Building Fund	0	0	0	14,000	0
		Working Capital Fund	0	0	0	12,458	0
		Ball Field Grant	0	0	0	0	0
		Veteran's Memorial Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		Peacham Farm Support Fund	9,500	0	0	9,800	0
		Roller Barn Cards	0	529	0	30	0
		Jean Berwick Tent Fund	0	1,830	0	20	0
		Winter Carnival	0	0	0	400	0
6		Restricted Money used					
		Restoration Land Records	2,929	1,018	0	3,182	0
		Conservation Reserve	0	0	0	0	0
		VT Money for Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	0
		Lister Education Fund	0	310	0	1,134	1,000
	d	Capital Building Fund	0	19,385	0	6,680	18,000
		Working Capital Fund	0	0	0	6,555	0
		Ball Field Grant	0	0	0	0	0
		Veteran's Memorial Fund	0	0	0	0	0
	e	Peacham Farm Support Fund	0	2,500	0	11,300	0
		Roller Barn Cards	0	0	0	360	0
		Jean Berwick Tent Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		Winter Carnival	0	0	0	0	0
		Road Revenue					
7		Taxes					
		Revenue from taxes	0	0	0	0	0
8		Permits					
		Access Permits	34	34	0	0	0
		Excess Weight Permits	245	210	0	200	200
		Fines	823	594	0	78	100

§	Note	Report Label	2013 actual	2014 actual	2015 budget	2015 actual	2016 budget
9		State & FEMA					
		State: Highway Aid	119,256	120,586	120,000	121,951	120,000
		Better Backroads 2009	0	0	0	0	0
		VEDA loan revenue	0	0	0	0	0
		Great Rd Culvert Grant	0	0	0	0	0
		Peach-Grot Rd Pav Grant	0	0	0	0	0
		Penny St Bet Back Rds	0	10,000	0	0	0
		Aiken Farm Rd Grant	0	0	0	3,203	0
		County Road Box Culvert	0	0	0	135,000	0
		Academy Hill 2015 Grant	0	0	0	10,000	0
10		Other					
		Equipment sale	0	0	0	0	0
		2010 Equip loan rev	0	0	0	0	0
		2011 MELF loan rev	0	0	0	0	0
		Interest On Investments	0	0	0	0	0
		Employee insurance copay	189	0	0	3,265	0
		Retreatment money used	0	0	0	145,121	0
		Capital Equip money used	130,742	0	0	0	0
		FEMA 08 storm used	0	0	0	0	0
11		Restricted Money received					
		Bridge Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		Better Backroads Grant	10,000	0	0	0	0
12		Restricted Money used					
		Bridge Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		Better Backroads Grant	0	0	0	0	0
		Transfer Station					
13		Taxes					
		Revenue from taxes	0	0	0	0	0
		Transfer Station Fees	30,683	35,861	35,000	35,695	39,000
		Revenue from liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
		Misc	0	0	0	0	0
		Recycling Revenue	129	245	100	99	75
14		Restricted Money received					
		New Recycling Shed	0	0	0	0	0

§	Note	Report Label	2013 actual	2014 actual	2015 budget	2015 actual	2016 budget
15		Restricted Money used					
		New Recycling Shed	0	0	0	0	0
16		Taxes					
		Revenue from taxes	0	0	0	0	0
		Sale of equipment	0	0	0	0	0
		Insurance claim	0	0	0	0	0
		VT forest fire eqp grant	0	0	0	0	0
		VT Home Security 2011 rev	0	0	0	0	0
		Fire Repeater Grant	0	0	0	2,055	0
		Restricted Money received					
		Fire Warden Capital Equip	0	0	0	0	0
17		Restricted Money used					
		Fire Warden Capital Equip	0	0	0	0	0
		Education tax revenue	0	0	0	0	0
		General Government					
18		Payroll					
		Selectmen's Salaries	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,000
		Board Clerk Salary	5,031	3,320	4,500	3,002	4,500
f		Listers'salaries	10,848	11,607	16,800	12,577	20,230
		Animal Control Person	500	500	500	500	500
		Health Officer	0	0	50	0	0
		Zoning	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
		Town Clerk/Treasurer	32,812	33,872	30,000	33,127	30,000
		Asst Town Clerk/Treasurer	24,696	20,837	24,000	20,023	24,000
		Auditors' Salaries	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
		Constable	250	250	250	250	250
		Del tax collector	4,642	10,287	0	10,244	0
		Grant administration	0	0	200	0	0
		FICA/MEDI	7,153	7,171	6,300	7,097	6,650
		Unemployment	4,875	3,544	4,000	4,264	4,000
		Workers Comp	9,197	9,069	9,750	9,579	10,700
		Health Insurance	0	0	0	0	15,760
		Retire-match Funds	656	637	1,200	750	1,200

§	Note	Report Label	2013 actual	2014 actual	2015 budget	2015 actual	2016 budget
19		General Expenses					
		VMCTA Dues	0	0	0	0	0
		VLCT Dues	1,506	1,657	1,758	1,758	1,758
		Town Insurance	15,901	15,331	18,000	18,340	18,500
		Prop tax abatements	45	17	0	20	0
		Legal Expense	2,169	3,699	6,000	3,511	6,000
		Professional Audit	12,000	0	0	0	0
		County Tax	21,186	17,807	16,601	16,601	16,601
		Tax Mapping	0	2,055	2,000	0	2,000
		Reappraisal consulting	0	0	0	0	0
		Listers non-personnel exp	0	315	0	50	0
		VT money for reappraisal	0	0	6,555	0	0
		Contingency & opportunities	0	0	0	0	0
		Planning	26	0	500	0	500
		Conservation	59	70	200	441	500
		Recreation	755	1,615	2,300	1,695	2,300
		Green-Up Vermont	153	219	250	211	250
		NVDA	279	279	279	549	549
		N. VT Resource & Dev. Cnc	0	0	0	0	0
		Contribution to Cons. Fun	500	500	500	500	200
		Tree board	420	1,273	1,272	360	1,000
		Elections/town Meeting	487	2,303	700	447	2,000
		Church use pmt	0	0	0	0	0
		Contribution to Cap Bldg	0	14,000	14,000	14,000	8,000
		Contribution to Working C	0	0	0	12,458	0
		Cemetery Allocation	1,000	1,000	0	0	0
		Misc Expenditure	331	402	0	421	0
		Contribution to Vet Mem	0	0	0	0	0
		Tax Ant. Note: Interest	231	332	500	101	500
		Tax ant. note principal	150,000	200,000	200,000	50,000	200,000
		School Allocation	1,699,395	1,963,814	0	1,862,749	0

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20		Town Office					
		Telephone	2,113	2,183	2,100	2,227	2,200
		Electricity	5,035	5,130	5,000	4,962	5,000
		Mileage	1,468	1,068	1,000	1,668	1,000
		Supplies	4,572	3,474	3,000	2,572	3,000
		Dog Expense	92	99	100	99	100
		Land records books	225	144	150	260	260
		Land record maintenance	0	1,018	0	1,764	200
		Special projects	0	0	0	0	0
		Postage	2,523	2,190	2,200	2,200	2,200
		Internet	1,376	1,376	1,400	1,522	1,700
g		Computer Expense	346	136	2,000	2,024	1,000
		Lister computer supplies	780	1,935	1,000	25	500
		Lister camera/GPS	0	191	0	92	0
		Training	796	690	0	695	500
		Training (Ass't TT)	0	0	0	0	0
		Training (Lister)	935	310	1,000	0	450
		Service Support/licensing	2,607	2,968	3,000	2,804	3,000
h		Equipment	1,660	163	0	8,401	0
		IT Services	0	0	0	0	4,000
		Advertising	1,271	2,115	1,500	479	1,000
		Lister grievance ads	0	0	0	0	0
		Town Hall Maintenance	3,577	1,066	1,000	2,027	1,000
		TH Maintenance-Mowing	900	900	900	900	900
		Lister Office Renovation	0	0	0	1,172	0
		HAVA expense	0	0	0	0	0
		Heating Fuel	7,234	10,369	9,000	9,432	9,000
		Water	570	570	570	570	570
		Contracted Services	12,133	10,650	12,000	10,998	11,000
		Town reports	2,298	2,139	2,300	2,028	2,300

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21		Restricted Money credited					
		Restoration Land Records	0	1,508	0	1,221	1,300
		Conservation Reserve	0	0	0	500	0
		VT Money for Reappraisal	0	6,554	0	12,844	6,276
		Lister Education Fund	0	781	0	390	390
		Capital Building Fund	0	0	0	14,000	0
		Working Capital Fund	0	0	0	12,458	0
		Ball Field Grant	0	0	0	0	0
		Veteran's Memorial Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		Peacham Farm Support Fund	9,500	0	0	9,800	0
		Roller Barn Cards	0	0	0	30	0
		Jean Berwick Tent Fund	0	1,830	0	20	0
		Winter Carnival	0	0	0	400	0
22		Restricted Money spent					
		Restoration Land Records	0	0	0	3,182	0
		VT Money for Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	0
		Lister Education Fund	0	0	0	1,134	1,000
		Capital Building Fund	0	19,385	0	6,680	18,000
		Working Capital Fund	0	0	0	6,555	0
		Peacham Farm Support Fund	0	2,500	0	11,300	0
		Roller Barn Cards	0	0	0	360	0
		Jean Berwick Tent Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		Winter Carnival	0	0	0	0	0
		Roads					
23		Payroll					
	i	Road Dept. Salaries	123,462	118,528	138,000	108,442	125,000
	i	Road Dept. FICA/MEDI	9,431	9,067	10,488	8,285	9,550
		Road Crew Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0
		Road Crew Workers Comp	0	0	0	0	0
	j	Roads Dept. Health Ins.	12,306	29,619	35,050	45,116	58,160
		HSA contribution	750	0	0	0	0

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24		Road Expenses					
		VMHA Dues	0	0	10	0	10
	k	Gas, Oil, Diesel	59,569	45,776	37,000	31,911	39,922
		Tires	3,663	2,063	4,000	2,114	4,000
		Radios	585	478	500	509	500
	l	Town truck leases	39,968	39,968	39,968	79,429	0
		Contr. Cap. Equip. Reserv	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
		Contr. Retreatmnt Reserve	50,000	30,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
		Contr. To Bridge Reserve	2,000	0	0	0	0
25		Town Garage					
		Mileage	0	18	0	0	0
		Equip:repairs/supplies	36,012	18,014	30,000	25,327	30,000
		Other Benefits	6,195	6,670	4,800	3,697	4,000
		Office supplies	493	609	500	548	500
		Training	807	198	1,000	270	500
		Tools	2,114	1,075	1,500	979	1,500
		Equipment purchase	139,030	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
		Bldg: Repairs & Maint.	5,353	5,211	2,500	1,878	10,000
26		Road Maintenance					
	m	Contracted Services	14,982	16,384	20,000	24,030	20,000
		Contracted- Rdside mowing	5,070	6,000	7,000	6,485	6,500
		Retreatment	0	873	0	0	0
		Equipment Rental	0	0	0	0	0
		Culverts	3,203	4,028	4,000	4,000	4,000
	n	Dust Control	21,484	17,097	18,000	12,907	15,000
	n	Gravel, Crushed Stone	34,846	38,404	34,000	43,254	40,000
	n	Salt	31,815	32,999	36,000	19,510	36,000
		Winter Sand	10,587	14,571	16,000	14,640	16,000
		Supplies	610	160	1,000	802	1,000
		Signs	4,922	3,576	5,000	4,361	5,000
		Guard Rails	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
		FEMA 2008 grant exp	0	0	0	0	0
		Martin's Pond struc gnt	0	0	0	0	0
		2010 eqp loan prn pmt	0	0	0	0	0
		2010 eqp loan int pmt	0	0	0	0	0

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		2014 County Rd Box Culver	0	133,704	0	0	0
	o	Paving 2015	0	0	0	145,121	0
	p	Academy Hill Ditching	0	0	0	13,395	0
27		Restricted Money credited					
		Bridge Fund	0	0	0	0	0
		Better Backroads Grant	0	0	0	0	0
		Transfer Station					
28		Payroll					
		Waste Transfer Salaries	7,744	7,379	6,500	6,899	6,500
29		Transfer Station Expenses					
		Gas for compactor	15	0	80	0	0
		Repairs & Maint.	173	1,094	1,200	352	1,000
		Compactor purch & inst	0	0	0	0	0
		Contracted Services	1,526	1,224	1,350	1,224	1,224
		Recycling: Cont. Services	251	83	300	0	732
		Trash Removal	28,116	27,044	27,500	31,566	29,000
30		Transfer Station Office					
		Supplies	611	123	50	115	50
		Heating fuel	341	309	300	128	300
		Recycling Shed Expense	0	77	0	0	0
		Restricted Money credited					
		New Recycling Shed	0	0	0	0	0
		Fire & Safety					
31		Payroll					
		Fire Dept. Salaries	500	500	500	500	500
		Fire Warden: Salaries	150	150	150	150	150
32		F & S Expenses					
		Dues & Fees	536	547	600	740	700
		Fire dept insurance	11,791	13,001	12,600	12,819	12,900
		Fire Dept. Mileage	0	0	200	236	200
		Supplies	0	0	500	359	400
		Gas	0	419	0	0	0
		Medical Supplies/equip	2,105	295	500	302	400
		Hepatitis B Shots	0	0	200	0	200
		Fire Equipment	6,261	6,709	6,000	6,133	6,000

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		Hydrant	0	0	1,000	0	1,000
		Fire Warden Repairs & Mai	0	0	0	0	0
		VT Home Security 2011 exp	0	0	0	0	0
		Law Enforcement	5,295	3,547	2,500	1,523	2,500
		Contr. To Fire Cap. Equip	0	0	0	0	0
		Contr. To Fire Warden Cap	0	0	0	0	0
		Rescue vehicle alloc	0	0	0	0	0
		Fire Sta. Note: Princ.	0	0	0	0	0
		Fire Sta. Note: Interest	0	0	0	0	0
		Fire Truck Lease	0	0	0	0	0
33		F & S Office					
		Fire Dept. Training	900	629	1,000	536	1,000
	q	24-hour Contract	3,423	3,026	4,000	4,173	4,000
		Repairs & Maint. Equip.	1,960	7,054	6,000	7,033	6,200
		Repairs & Maint. Bldg	2,012	6,204	4,000	1,474	7,000
		Fire Repeater Grant	0	0	0	2,055	0
34		Restricted Money credited					
		Fire Warden Capital Equip	0	0	0	0	0
		Education tax sent	0	0	0	0	0
35		Appropriations					
		Adult Basic Ed/nek Learni	250	250	250	250	0
		Area Agency On Aging	660	660	660	660	0
		Cabot Ambulance	500	0	0	0	0
		Cal. Home Health & Hospic	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
		Danville Rescue	5,000	11,704	11,704	11,704	0
		Fairbanks Museum	650	650	650	650	0
		Nek Human Services	769	769	769	769	0
		Nek Youth Services	500	500	500	500	0
		Peacham Fire District 1	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
		Peacham Library	7,500	7,500	9,000	9,000	0
		Rural Community Transport	250	250	0	0	0
		Umbrella	750	500	500	500	0
		Catamount Arts	500	500	500	500	0
		Danville Senior Action Ce	800	800	0	800	0
		Vt. Assn. For The Blind	500	500	500	500	0

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		W Danville Community Club	500	500	0	500	0
		PEACH COMM HOU	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
		Green Up Vermont	0	50	50	50	0
		Kingdom Animal Shelter	0	500	500	500	0
36		Cemetery Revenues					
		Cemetery Plots	3,200	3,000	2,000	1,400	2,000
		Corner Markers	300	75	225	225	225
		Davis Lease	0	0	100	0	100
		Town Appropriation	1,000	1,000	0	0	0
		Endowment Revenue	0	5,243	4,000	0	0
		Grant revenue	0	0	0	0	0
		Misc revenue	0	0	0	90	0
		Interest On Investments	71	50	50	51	50
		Public Donations	250	0	0	0	0
37		Cemetery Expenses					
		Inv advisory fees	0	0	0	17	0
		Salaries	1,536	2,142	2,000	1,908	3,000
		Cemetery Fica/medi	118	164	152	146	222
		Insurance	0	0	0	0	0
		Mileage	102	0	100	95	100
		Supplies	624	1,111	800	207	800
		Fuel	0	0	250	35	0
		Stone Maintenance	0	0	0	0	500
		Stone Cleaning	0	0	0	0	750
		Building Repair/Maint	0	0	0	0	500
		Equip Repair/Maint	0	0	0	0	500
		Repairs	250	200	150	0	0
		Contracted Services - Mow	0	0	0	0	2,900
		Contracted Services	2,600	2,600	2,500	2,600	0
		Cemetery Improvements	0	0	0	90	0
		Misc. Expense	743	175	300	105	0
		Trees	2,700	0	0	5,000	4,000
		Tractor	12,839	251	0	276	0
		Shed	0	1,343	0	0	0
		Roadway	0	0	0	0	0

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	r	Donations	250	100	0	94,660	0
		Interest on Investments	2,228	3,426	0	3,487	0
		Gains (Losses)	4,518	3,052	0	-3,885	0
		Inv Advisory Fees	1,089	852	0	886	0
	r	Endowment earnings used	0	5,525	0	94,755	0
		Mistake Correction	0	0	0	1,007	0
38		Retreatment Revenues					
		Interest On Investments	98	159	0	171	0
		Revenue from Town	50,008	30,000	0	20,000	20,000
		Revenue from state grant	0	0	0	0	0
39		Retreatment Expenses					
		Retreatment	0	0	0	145,121	0
40		Road Capital Revenues					
		Interest On Investments	179	0	0	21	0
		Revenue from Town	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	20,000
		Sale of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
41		Road Capital Expenses					
		Early Withdrawl Penalty	0	0	0	0	0
		Road Capital	130,742	0	0	0	0

2016 Budget Detail - Footnotes

These footnotes comment on significant differences between 2015 actual results and either the prior year's actual results, or the 2015 budget. The letters key to the Note column of the 2016 Budget Detail report above.

- a Delinquent taxes continue to be collected effectively due to new policies.
- b Town Clerk Fees are a portion of the fee paid when documents are recorded. The reduction reflects a reduction in the number of deeds and mortgages recorded.
- c An error was made in 2014 and corrected in 2015.
- d Although the 2015 expense for this item exceeded the budgeted amount, the money came from the Capital Building Fund and was appropriately used.
- e The Peacham Farm Support Fund is externally managed, and over time the revenue equals the expenditures.
- f Listers' salaries are lower than budgeted in 2015 because there was an open position.
- g Computer support is contracted rather than being done in-house.
- h A copier and a server computer were purchased in 2015 using delinquent tax funds instead of raising tax rates in 2016.
- i The highway crew was short one member early in the year, and overtime was unexpectedly low in December.
- j Changes were made to the highway crew's health insurance benefit.
- k The price of petroleum dropped sharply in 2015.
- l The truck lease was paid in 2015 using delinquent tax funds, reducing tax revenue required in 2016.
- m There was unanticipated work due to the new Kinerson Road project.
- n Highway maintenance supplies were low, reflecting the unusual November and December weather,
- o This expense was paid from the Retreatment Fund.
- p The Academy Hill work was paid from a Vermont grant.
- q The 24-hour contract (9-1-1 dispatch) changed from a calendar year to a fiscal year, requiring a one-time charge for 18 months instead of 12.
- r Cemetery Donations and Endowment Earning used are corresponding amounts and reflect the change in investment manager from Wells Fargo to Passumpsic Savings..

Delinquent Taxes

Total collected for years prior to 2015:	\$120,764.02
Total interest collected in 2015:	\$22,230.47
Total penalty collected in 2015:	\$10,244.36
Delinquent Tax Collector Salary in 2015:	\$10,244.36

Parcels Delinquent as of 1/19/2016

Parcel ID	Years	Amount Due
00126-000	2014-2015	\$3,823.88
00170-000	2015	\$1,690.39
00211-000	2014	\$1,112.41
00229-000	2015	\$4,025.22
00400-000	2011-2015	\$11,991.52
00531-000	2015	\$2,322.48
00533-000	2014-2015	\$1,941.91
00534-000	2015	\$1,107.72
00624-000	2013-2015	\$13,962.74
00625-001	2012-2013, 2015	\$6,285.33
00629-000	2015	\$1,632.75
00709-000	2015	\$1,033.58
00820-002	2013-2015	\$2,252.03
01903-000	2014-2015	\$3,682.68
01904-001	2015	\$2,386.32
02011-003	2015	\$1,911.27
02408-000	2014	\$555.87
02504-000	2015	\$509.05
03401-000	2015	\$671.02
03905-000	2015	\$1,048.00
04013-000	2015	\$365.57
04402-001	2015	\$4,677.90
04904-000	2015	\$1,380.93
05601-000	2015	\$86.46

Parcel ID	Years	Amount Due
05813-001	2004-2015	\$6,809.69
05903-001	2014-2015	\$1,399.91
06109-000	2015	\$2,086.38
0MP69-000	2015	\$3,341.67
Total Due		\$84,094.68
Total Prior to 2015		\$34,066.27
Total Due for 2015		\$49,429.14

Tax sales are scheduled for March 31st, 2016 in the Town Hall conference room.
For a more current list, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Equipment Inventory

INVENTORY OF PEACHAM EQUIPMENT	Purch. year	Lifespan (years)	% used	Cost to replace	Annual reserve	Suggested reserve to date
Highway						
2013 Freightliner dump truck with plow and spreader	2013	10	30%	\$ 130,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 39,000
2011 Caterpillar Grader	2011	20	25%	\$ 250,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 62,500
2012 Mack dump truck with plow and wing	2011	10	50%	\$ 155,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 77,500
2010 Mack dump truck with plow and wing	2010	10	60%	\$ 155,000	\$ 15,500	\$ 93,000
2008 Caterpillar loader/backhoe with extra bucket	2010	8	75%	\$ 75,500	\$ 9,438	\$ 56,625
2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup with plow	2009	10	70%	\$ 35,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 24,500
1998 John Deere 544H loader	1998	15	120%	\$ 100,000	\$ 6,667	\$ 100,000
York rake	2013	40	8%	\$ 6,200	\$ 155	\$ 465
Culvert thawing rig, with trailer	2013	10	30%	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,500
Chloride tank (750 gallon)	1998	10	180%	\$ 1,200	\$ 120	\$ 1,200
Chloride tank (2500 gallon)	2000	15	107%	\$ 3,000	\$ 200	\$ 3,000
1999 Vermeer brush chipper	1999	15	113%	\$ 12,000	\$ 800	\$ 12,000
6000 gallon diesel fuel tank and pump	1993					\$ -
300 gallon gasoline tank and hand pump	2012					\$ -
2008 Titan 8000 generator	2008					\$ -
2008 Honda water pump	2008					\$ -
Lincoln welder	1988					\$ -
AgriMetal bale chopper	2004	10	120%	\$ 7,500	\$ 750	\$ 7,500
Laptop PC	2012	5	80%	\$ 750	\$ 150	\$ 600
Totals					\$ 65,779	\$ 440,390
Office						
Copier	2015	8	13%	\$ 5,000	\$ 625	\$ 625
Server PC	2015	5	20%	\$ 4,000	\$ 800	\$ 800
Desktop PC	2014	5	40%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 200
Desktop PC	2014	5	40%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 200
Laptop PC	2014	5	40%	\$ 750	\$ 150	\$ 300
Printer	2005	3	367%		\$ -	\$ -
Totals					\$ 1,775	\$ 2,125
Lister						
Desktop PC	2015	5	20%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 100
Desktop PC	2014	5	40%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 200
Desktop PC	2014	5	40%	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 200
Printer	2014	3	67%	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 200
Totals					\$ 400	\$ 700

Grand List Computations

Appraised Valuations \$138,115,217.00 Exemptions already accounted for

Grand List Set Aug 5, 2015

Total $\$138,115,217.00 \times .01 = \$1,381,152.17$

2014 Education Property Tax Rate (Set by Vermont Dept. of Taxes)

Homestead rate	1.6427
Non-Residential rate	1.4821

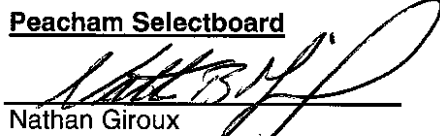
Town Taxes to be raised (Set at Town Meeting)

Highway	\$ -
General	\$ 482,428.00
Appropriations	\$ 31,838.00
Capital Building Fund appropriation	\$ -
Local Agreement (Veteran's exemption)	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 514,866.00

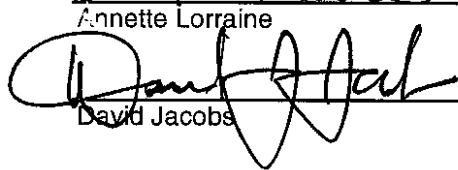
Town tax rate
 $\$514,866.00 / \$1,381,152.17 = 0.3728$

TOTAL HOMESTEAD TAX RATE 2.0155
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE 1.8549

Peacham Selectboard


 Nathan Giroux


 Annette Lorraine


 David Jacobs

Special Appropriation Requests 2016

ORGANIZATION	2016 Appropriation Request	Services to Peacham (see agency reports for further information)
Caledonia Home Health Care and Hospice	* \$2,000	Home health care; hospice; long-term care; maternal/child care; homemaking; nursing visits; home health aides; therapy visits.
Catamount Arts	* \$500	Arts education, live performances, film programs and festival, gallery exhibits, First Night.
Danville Rescue	* \$11,704	Emergency ambulance services. Based on per capita request of \$17.50 across all towns served.
Danville-Peacham Senior Meals Site	* \$800	Senior meals program for Peacham residents with services in Peacham and Danville.
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium	* \$650	Based on 2000 census at \$1 per resident. Provides free unlimited general admission for all Peacham residents; offers science education programs, weather and information services.
Kingdom Animal Shelter	* \$500	To facilitate placement of stray and unwanted animals and pets (cats); to establish and maintain an animal shelter; and to prevent overpopulation and cruelty to animals.
NEK Council on Aging (formerly Area Agency on Aging for NE'ern Vermont)	* \$660	Services to seniors: senior meals programs; wellness and fitness programs; health insurance counseling; family caregiver support; elder justice advocacy; benefits advocacy; problem-solving for Social Security and insurance; budgeting assistance.
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	* \$769	Mental health services (request based on \$1.05 per resident from 2010 census).
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services (Adult Basic Education)	* \$250	Literacy tutoring; GED preparation, dropout recovery program.
Northeast Kingdom Youth Services	* \$500	Services to teens; parent education program; Living Room day shelter for teens; court diversion program; school outreach/mentoring programs; transitional living assistance.

ORGANIZATION	2016 Appropriation Request	Services to Peacham (see agency reports for further information)
Peacham Community Housing	* \$1,000	Affordable housing for Peacham residents; community development project support, including Peacham Café, Farmer's Market, and Acoustic Music Festival.
Peacham Fire District #1	* \$1,500	Maintains water supply for Peacham Village, including public facilities and gathering places.
Peacham Historical Association	\$1,000	<u>A new request by petition</u> ; community programs and exhibits, preservation of historic archives and collections; Peacham research and publications.
Peacham Library	* \$9,000	Library services, including books, periodicals, films, audio books, internet access, community programs and gatherings, technology training, used book sale.
Rural Community Transportation, Inc.	\$500	Regional public transportation services with scheduled service to Peacham. <u>No request in 2015; petition required for request of \$500.00 in 2016.</u>
Umbrella	* \$500	Counseling, support, and safety for women, children, and families in crisis; safe house network; childcare assistance
Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired	* \$500	Training, services, support for visually impaired Vermonters.
Vermont Green-Up	* \$50	Green Up Day activities and supplies in Peacham provided by VT Green-Up.
West Danville Community Club	* \$500	For maintenance of free public beach at Joe's Pond.
<u>Total Requests</u>	<u>\$32,883</u>	

*Same amount as appropriated in 2015.

– Charlie Browne, Josette Lyders, Mary Ellen Reis, Peacham Appropriations Committee

Town Bank Accounts, Debt Outstanding and Real Estate Inventory

SUMMARY OF TOWN BANK ACCOUNTS				
Account	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15
Checking	\$315,429	\$300,979	\$245,419	\$402,407
Retreatment	\$66,216	\$116,323	\$146,499	\$21,531
Road capital equipment	\$111,562	\$1,000	\$21,001	\$41,021
TOTAL	\$ 493,207	\$ 418,301	\$412,919	\$464,959

STATEMENT OF DEBT 12/31/2015	
Total	\$ -

INVENTORY OF REAL ESTATE 12/31/2015		
Description	Value	Parcel ID
Fire House, Roller Barn, Village Green	\$ 217,500	04201-000
Town Forest	\$ 140,900	03110-000
Garage and Salt Shed	\$ 145,900	00204-001
Town Hall	\$ 360,700	00145-003
Transfer Station	\$ 48,700	00204-000
Cemetery	\$ 152,200	00603-005
Luther Fletcher Parker Field	\$ 46,900	00146-001
3.3 acres behind Peacham Historical House	\$ 74,200	00603-003
Old Cemetery	\$ 31,300	04305-005
Worcester Cemetery	\$ 24,400	05201-005
Devil's Hill	\$ 49,500	06508-002
Town Line Cemetery (Peacham/Groton)	\$ 11,700	05904-005
Total	\$1,303,900	

Town Officials

Elected Town Officers 2015

Office		Term ends at Town meeting in the year
Auditors	Stan Fickes Jan Eastman Charles Byron	2016 2018 2017
First Constable Second Constable	John Sheehan Peter Craig	2016 2016
Delinquent Tax Collector	John Sheehan	2016
Grand Juror	Charles Browne	2016
Library Representative	Caroline Deasy	2018
Listers	Rick Scholes Rusty Barber	2018 2016
Moderator	Tim McKay	2016
School Directors	Mark Clough Mike Heath Adam Kane	2016 2017 2018
Select Board	Nate Giroux Dave Jacobs Annette Lorraine	2016 2018 2017
Town Agent	Robert Fuehrer	2016
Town Clerk	Thomas Galinat	2016
Town Treasurer & Tax Collector	Thomas Galinat	2016

Appointments by Selectboard 2015

Committee		App't ends
Appropriation Committee	Charles Browne Jean Clark Josette Lyders	2017 2017 2017
Conservation Commission	David Stauffer David Magnus Neil Monteith Ron Miller George Kempton Anna Rubin Alex Maclean	2017 2017 Ex officio 2016 2016 2018 2019
Development Review Board	Nick Commerci Matt Kempton Greg Schoolcraft Morris McCain Raymond Young Marilyn Magnus (alternate)	2016 2016 2016 2016 2016 2016
Emergency Mgt Coordinator 911 Coordinator	Neil Monteith Brian Barney	2016 2016
Fence Viewers	Kenneth Bean Ken Danielson George Kempton	2016 2016 2016
Fire Chief	Jeff Berwick	2016
Fire Warden	Neil Monteith	2016
Green-up Chair	Lauren Collins	2016
Health Officer Assistant Health Officer	Joshua Kantrowitz Martha Ide	2016 2016
Keeper of the Pound	Jo Guertin	2016
Memorial Day Chair	Julie Hansen	2016
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Representative	Paul Munkittrick	2016
NVDA Representatives	Annette Lorraine Jen Surat	2016 2016

Committee		App't ends
Planning Commission	Geoff Sewake Tim Scott Richard Browne Marilyn Magnus	2018 2018 2017 2016
Road Foreman	Jeremy Withers	2016
Service Officer	Patty Strader	2016
Sextons	Ron Craig Cheryl Stevenson	2016 2016
Tree Board	David Jacobs (Deputy Tree Warden) Julie Lang Bruce Maclean Neil Monteith (TreeWarden) Dave Stauffer	2016 2016 2016 2016 2016
Tree Warden	Neil Monteith	2016
Zoning Administrator	Robert Hansen	2016

Other Elected Officials

Justices of the Peace (all terms expire in February 2017):

Jean Dedam
Sam Kempton
Morris McCain
Joseph Barbieri
Diana Senturia

State Representative (term expires in 2017):

Kitty Beattie Toll

State Senators (terms expire in 2017):

Joe Benning
Jane Kitchell

US Representative (term expires in 2017):

Peter Welch

US Senator:

Bernie Sanders (2019)
Patrick Leahy (2017)

Other Peacham Reports

Cemetery

The summer of 2015 was “quiet” for the cemetery.

2016 will see us continuing the upkeep of the trees. A little care every year will keep them safe and healthy. Maintenance of filling sunken graves, cutting brush and upkeep of the access roads are ongoing. Cleaning the stones on a rotating basis will start this year and the fence will be repaired and painted.

Bylaws for the cemetery are located at the town clerk’s office or by calling Cheryl Stevenson at 592-3202. Rates for the purchase of a lot are as follows: Resident \$400, Landowner \$1,000, or a non-landowner nonresident \$2,000. Some restrictions apply to non-landowner nonresident purchases.

Cheryl Stevenson, Sexton
592-3202

Ron Craig, Sexton
595-1191

Cemetery Treasurer

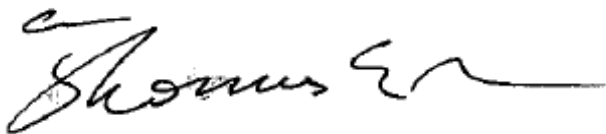
The sextons, Cheryl Stevenson and Ron Craig have worked hard to create a peaceful resting place for our residents. They have focused heavily on tree work, stone maintenance, and long-term planning.

The cemetery accounts are undergoing an overhaul to open up transparency and create consistent budgets for taxpayers and Selectboard planning. The Sextons are creating a long-term maintenance plan which will use an annual budget similar to the highway department.

The savings account will be absorbed into the town’s main account. This makes accounting easier and increases borrowing power should a disaster require extensive work in the cemetery. The two CD’s were combined to create a Cemetery Working Capital Fund and transferred into Passumpsic Financial. Annual interest yields on this account will increase from the prior 0.25% to 2.85%. This move also increases liquidity without penalties should we need to access this fund.

The Endowment for Perpetual Care did not do as well as we hoped. The market was down in 2015. We have higher hopes for 2016. The endowment lost \$2,386.37 as a result of the market. Because of this loss, we did not transfer the \$4,000 to the Cemetery account as budgeted in 2016. Perpetual care continues to be a top priority.

I am looking forward to the financial transitions in 2016.



Thomas Galinat
Peacham Town Treasurer

Development Review Board and Zoning Administrator

The Peacham Development Review Board reviewed 5 subdivision and 2 accessory dwelling applications in 2015. All applications were approved. No other business came before the board.

Submitted by Nick Commerci – Chair DRB

Peacham Zoning Administrator

March, 2015 Total Zoning Permit Applications: 27

Approved Building Permit Applications: 16

Approved Subdivision Applications: 9

Subdivision Applications in Process: 2

Respectfully,

Bob Hansen

Peacham Zoning Administrator

Peacham Community Housing

Peacham Community Housing is a community non-profit that operates on a very modest budget of less than \$10,000. Our current Board of Directors includes Olive Cheney, Mark Clough, Cassandra Morton, Dart Thalman, Dina Danielson, David Jacobs, and Charlie Browne.

PCH owns the Kennerson Building Apartments, the facilities that house the Peacham Café and the Peacham Craft Guild, and the “village green” that extends from the Kennerson Building to Main Street. In addition to providing affordable housing units to Peacham residents, PCH works closely with the Peacham Café LLC, the Peacham Farmers’ Market, the Peacham Acoustic Music Festival, the Peacham Winter Carnival, Peacham School, and S.A.S.H. (Support and Services at Home) to provide access to healthy living services, cultural opportunities, and fulfilling community social experiences for Peacham’s senior residents. Participation in PCH-sponsored monthly events has averaged over 20 residents.

During 2015 PCH worked to improve Kennerson resident relations with our property management company EP Management; worked with Housing Vermont to facilitate its withdrawal from the Peacham Housing Limited Partnership and the transfer of the property from the Partnership to PCH; hosted the Peacham Farmers’ Market and parts of PAMFest; collaborated on facility improvements to the Peacham Café, the Peacham Craft Guild, and the Peacham Historical Association; and hosted a lively annual meeting and a monthly series of healthy living events in collaboration with S.A.S.H., the Peacham Congregational Church, and the newly formed group Aging Well in Peacham.

We are grateful for the support of our Peacham community, and we welcome the engagement of all Peacham residents in our programs and services.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Browne, President

Peacham Fire Department

The Peacham Fire Department responded to 15 in-town fire calls and emergencies, 52 in-town medical emergencies and 12 mutual aid calls, for a total of 79 emergency response calls in 2015.

We welcomed junior firefighter Michael Langham and EMT Katherine Siner to the department in 2015.

The second floor of the old station is now converted into a Training/Emergency Operations Center. This will help separate training for the EMS and fire related training activities taking place simultaneously. Also, in a large emergency we have the capabilities of running multiple radios and isolating noise levels to certain areas of the building.

We are starting to plan for the replacement of the 1989 tanker (with a 1985 metal tank) that we are currently using. Most fire apparatus is designed for a 20 to 25 year life span and we are beginning to push the limits of safety and reliability with this truck.

In 2015 we were fortunate to receive a fairly large donation from an estate of a past fire chief that passed away. We want to thank his family but keep it anonymous.

Our biggest challenge for the years to come is the need for new members, especially during the daytime hours. When the call for help goes out we need all hands on deck. Please think about helping your neighbors during time of emergency. This is also true for protecting your own property.

If you are interested in assisting the fire department in any way, or if you are interested in becoming a new member or a department supporter, please do not hesitate to contact me. The department meets every Monday evening for a meeting or training session.

I urge anyone who has an emergency, whether it is a Fire, Police or Medical emergency to call 911 immediately.

Thank you for your support.

Jeffrey Berwick, Chief

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Peacham Fire District No. 1 Prudential Committee

Peacham Fire District No. 1 Prudential Committee Annual Report, Jan-Dec 2015

The Annual Meeting was held at Peacham Library on February 10, 2015, at 7:00 PM with six members in attendance. The proposed budget was discussed, water rent was approved at the same rate of \$380 per year, and the village tax rate was voted at 8% of the 2014 Grand List. Elections were held with the following results: Sean Markey was elected to a 3 year term on the Prudential Committee; Sean Markey was elected Clerk; Becky Jensen elected treasurer and tax collector. Reports were presented to the voters by the Prudential Committee, Water Operator, Treasurer and Examiner.

With respect to maintenance and repairs, it was decided not to replace any lines this year in lieu of investigating cost savings to do a system wide upgrade rather than piece meal replacement. Two system leaks were detected and repaired. Several leaks developing in houses were detected through daily monitoring of water usage as well as comparative readings of water meters. While the cold winter froze or cracked service lines, there were no major issues developing from the cold.

The permit to operate a water system was granted to the Fire District by the state and the Water Operator worked to resolve several issues with the state, keeping us in good standing with the state. Considering all the stories of contaminated city water and drought stricken areas, we are indeed fortunate to have a great clean and ample (though not endless) supply of drinking water for the village.

We wish to thank the voters of the Town of Peacham for appropriating \$1,500 to the Fire District, which has helped us stay in sound financial condition. We also thank the Peacham Town Road Crew, who cleared access to the reservoir and control shed during the winter months. And thank you to Peacham Library for providing a location for our annual and monthly meetings.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted by the Prudential Committee,

Larry Jensen, Sean Markey, Jonathan Kaplan

Peacham Fire Warden

In 2015, 65 burn permits were issued. There were 2 wildland fires in Peacham in 2015 covering 1.10 acres. One fire was a non-permitted burn but there was snow at the site. The second fire was caused by a downed power line that spread to grass, firewood and a brush pile. The Fire Department also responded to out of town fires.

In 2015, there were 120 wild land fires burning 397 acres reported to the State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation. There were 3 fires caused by lightning burning 7 acres. The remaining reported fires were human caused with 329 of the acres burned caused by debris burning or equipment use. Please be careful when burning or using equipment especially when the fuels are dry.

The first Statewide Burn Ban in ten years was issued by the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation on May 5. The burn ban was lifted for this part of the state on May 12 after significant rainfall and green up. Late April into early May had the highest concentration of fires, especially in the Southern half of the state. Several large fires by Vermont standards occurred, including a 137 acre forest fire in the Town of Norwich.

A burn permit is required by state statute to burn natural wood and brush unless there is snow on the ground at the site of the burn. This may or may not require someone to inspect the site before issuing a permit. You MAY burn construction or demolition debris which includes an old barn, shed, house or similar structure. To do this you will need to request an air pollution permit from the Air Pollution Division of the Agency of Natural Resources. Please plan ahead as it will take time to request this permit. The phone number is 802-241-3840. This is wood only and you cannot burn, plywood, treated wood, painted wood, and other hazardous materials mixed with the debris. Obtaining a burn permit does not excuse you from obtaining a permit from the Air Pollution Division.

To request a burn permit please call me or Richard Greenwood. Our phone numbers are listed below and will be posted around town. Please do not call the Fire Chief or members of the Fire Department. They will tell you to contact one of us to request a burn permit. Please plan ahead. We may not always be available when you would like to burn.

If you have any questions, please call one of us.

To report any type of fire, call 911.

Neil Monteith, Fire Warden - 684-2165.
Key Personnel, Richard Greenwood - 684-3170.

Peacham Library

Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.

~Sidney Sheldon (1917 – 2007)

Peacham Library continues to be a hub of activity in the village. We check out books, movies and magazines, offer programs, answer questions short and long, give directions and help to visitors near and far, host weekly coffee hours, collaborate with the school and other community organizations, present amazing artwork from the community, provide meeting / activity space for nearly twenty different groups, and offer a comfy chair for those who just need a welcoming face and someone to talk to. For those who like a few numbers and statistics:

Visitors – 4823

Computer users – 724

Checkouts – 5580

Audio and ebook downloads – 465

Volunteer hours – 1139

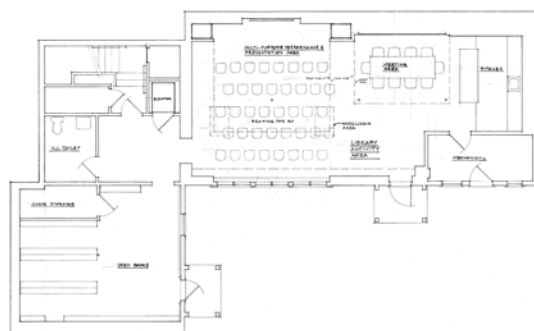
Programs - 191 with 3449 attendees

The big news this year – preparations for the renovation of the library's community center have begun after two years of planning. The first step -- sealing the foundation and directing water away from the building -- was accomplished last fall. This spring we will begin construction of the new community center which will include a theater with both audio-visual capabilities and a performance space, a new, handicap accessible kitchen, a meeting space, and radiant heat, as well as new windows and a higher ceiling to allow for more light. In addition to the physical space there will be comfortable new chairs, storage cabinets, a sound system with assistive hearing devices, new doors and covered entryways, and a dedicated book sale room.

We are actively raising funds for this project. A matching grant from the Vermont Arts Council will provide partial funding for the creation of the theater space. We have already raised over 65% of the funds needed for the project. Plans for future use of the community center include movie series, cooking classes, author talks, classes from experts in their field, art workshops, musical programs and much more. Your personal donation directly to the library will help!

The library exists in Peacham because of you, our community. Thank you for all you do to help us bring the library and its resources to you. Thank you, too, for your generosity and support at town meeting and throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Jensen, Director



Listers

Vermont Division of Property Valuation and Review annually tests the validity of each town's property appraisals.

This Equalization Study compares the sale prices to the town's appraised values for valid sales for the last three years.

There are two primary metrics: the Coefficient of Dispersion (**COD**) which shows how fairly distributed the property tax is within the town, and the Common Level of Appraisal (**CLA**) which measures the assessed values in relationship to fair-market value.

If the COD is above 20% or if the CLA is below 80%, the state requires a town-wide reappraisal.

We have received the preliminary results of the Equalization Study for 2015 and reviewed it with our district adviser, Bill Tobin. Due to changes in the real estate market, particularly in the value of larger tracts of land, our COD is higher than 20%. Although the Select Board appealed several transactions, the final COD will likely exceed 20%. If so, a reappraisal would be conducted in 2017-2018.

The state partially subsidizes the cost of reappraisals with an annual grant to each town. The accumulated grants will cover much of the cost of the reappraisal although not all the cost. After we receive official notice from the state we will engage a consultant to oversee the reappraisal process. Peacham listers will provide much of the backup and logistics for the study.

Peacham Listers

Rusty Barber
Rick Scholes

Medical Response

In the year 2015, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department logged 52 medical calls, this included 3 out of town medical mutual aid calls. Our medically trained personnel also provided services at fires in Peacham and at mutual aid fire calls.

When you call 911 for a medical emergency, medically trained members of the Peacham Fire Department arrive at your location within a few minutes with our first response vehicle, Rescue 1. Rescue 1 carries all of our medical equipment, ice rescue and rope rescue equipment, traffic control equipment and other specialized equipment. It is our role to deal with any life threatening emergencies immediately and assist Danville Rescue or CALEX Ambulance as they arrive to transport the patient to the hospital. Four of our EMS personnel also carry defibrillators. We DO NOT operate an ambulance, that task is provided by Danville Rescue. As with a fire call, we would much rather you call 911 as soon as you become aware of the emergency medical condition, than ponder whether the call is “serious”.

In 2015 we were fortunate to have six members trained as EMS medical first responders. Two of our members are trained as CPR instructors. With one exception, our medical responders are transitioned to the newest national scope of practice. All are trained to the latest Vermont EMS Protocols. We need **you** to volunteer to help us provide care for our neighbors..

Again, we thank you for your continuing generosity which allows us to be well-equipped and well-trained. We also thank those of you who honored your loved ones with memorial gifts.

Please consider talking with your family and your physician about end-of-life issues. When you are unable to speak for yourself it is good to have a document available which clearly states your wishes as to emergency resuscitation efforts. Ask your physician about the document named “COLST” (Clinician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment). If you have such documents, they should be available for emergency medical personnel.

We can’t help you if we can’t find you. **Please** display your 911-house number. It should be visible from the road both day and night.

We need your help, please volunteer, you can help in many ways. If you are interested in taking a CPR course, contact Fire Chief Berwick or me. Also, if you are interested in obtaining Emergency Medical Training and/or Fire Training and becoming part of the Peacham Volunteer Fire Department, please contact Fire Chief Berwick. Visit the Peacham Fire Department website: <http://fire.peacham.net> for information about our department and how to submit an application for membership.

Thank you for your support,

Jerry Senturia

Secretary, Peacham Volunteer Fire Department

Tree Board

David Jacobs, Julie Lang, Bruce Maclean, Neil Monteith & Dave Stauffer

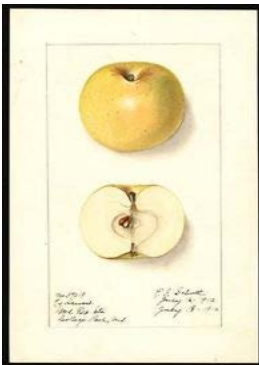
Best Day of the Year

First Saturday in May when we plant trees somewhere in Peacham



Best Volunteers

All who join us for the morning, with a spade in their hands and smiles on their faces!



Most Delicious Plantings (so far)

Six heirloom apple trees planted at the new ARC (Archive and Research Center) in May 2015:

- Whitney
- Wealthy
- Red Astrachan
- Jordan Russet
- Early Harvest
- Bethel



Join Us!

Saturday
May 7, 2016
9AM – Noon
Location:
TBD

Vital Statistics 2015

Births

Elizabeth Eliot Philippe	January 7	Jessica Philippe & James Philippe
William Masahiko Sewake	May 16	Gillian Sewake & Geoffrey Sewake
Piper Dylan Kempton	July 30	Jaclyn Kempton & William Kempton

Note – We only hear of Vermont births. Please tell us if your baby is born in another state!

Marriages

Joel Micah McMullen	
Erica Laura Gautier	May 30
Dylan Wayne Birch	
Anna Colleen Monteith	July 18
Kristen Alexander	
Amber Lowell	July 18
Edward Kenneth Bailey	
Debora Mae Newland	August 1
Colin Thomas Browne	
Evelyn Inez Steigerwald	August 1
Danny Barber Tomkinson	
Anne Katherine McSweeney	July 18
Samantha Duncan Marshall	
Phillip Lee Hurst	October 31

Deaths

Edna Emmaline Shatney	February 3	Peacham
John Hutchins Frye	June 19	Peacham
Linda Alida Morrison	August 27	Peacham
Carleton Mansfield Crane	December 22	Peacham

Note – We only hear of deaths in Peacham or of Peacham residents. We are sorry for any we might have missed!

Regional Reports

Caledonia County Sheriff

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ST. JOHNSBURY, VT 05819
802-748-6666 FAX 802-748-1684
E-MAIL: dean.shatney@vermont.gov
www.caledoniasheriff.com

ANNUAL REPORT

For 2015

We completed another audit for our office this past year and it resulted in no findings or problems of any kind. Paula Watts our Office Manager and Bookkeeper does a wonderful job of making sure all our t's are crossed and our i's dotted. The state of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department is very good. We have kept our rates for service the same for the past few years as we know the times are tough and we want people to feel that they can still afford our services. We continue to add vehicles to our fleet, replacing cars that have served us well. We have twelve marked cars, a 2014 van for prisoner transports, one unmarked car being used for civil process service. We have a large enclosed trailer that we use as an office at the fair and other security details. This trailer may be utilized as a command post at a mass casualty incident as well. We have an ATV, two golf carts, and two snowmobiles that we use for our snowmobile patrols. With project (ROAD), Responsible Operators Against Distractions, we want to continue to educate operators about phone use and texting while driving. We continue to do town patrols and we feel that the towns that we patrol are a safer place to live & drive in because of our presence. The patrols are community based. Which means each town is different, so the patrols may be different. We are taking a proactive response instead of a reactive response. This effort has helped with both fighting crime and communications with the towns. The Sheriff's Department has twenty Law Enforcement Officers to start the new year. We have become more active with local schools to ensure the safety of students and staff. We have been involved with drills and evacuation plans and will continue to assist as needed. We continue to look at 24 hour dispatching for the county, in the county, but are unable to do that right now. I'm looking into a different location for the department's office because of the high rent the state wants to charge the county for our current spot. Lastly, I would like to recognize Deputy Steve Jeffrey, for assisting the delivery of a baby while on a detail this past year. That doesn't happen very often, and good to see our first aid training was utilized. Congrats Steve, job well done.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please call me at the office. My door is always open. I look forward to serving this county as the Sheriff. We have continued with our great relationship with Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital and are helping them make certain that their patients and staff feel safe while in the hospital. We will again do snowmobile patrols throughout the county, if we get snow, doing our best to keep the trails as safe as possible, and we will again answer snowmobile related complaints.

Please check out our website listed at the top of this page. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Dean Shatney

Danville Rescue

Danville Rescue has been serving the community's emergency medical needs for 48 years, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Although the method in which we are able to provide emergency medical services to our community has changed, we still pride ourselves on the ability to ensure the emergency medical care of our community members is being met at the highest standard.



Danville Rescue has now had a management contract with CALEX Ambulance for just less than two and a half years. We are happy to report to you this partnership has exceeded the expectations set out in our original negotiations in September of 2013. The demands on small ambulance services have continued to increase over the past year. We have been able to meet all of those national and state demands through our supportive agreement with CALEX Ambulance.

In 2015 Danville Rescue saw an increase of over 100 calls totaling 457 responses. We are also happy to report that with the ability to provide Paramedic coverage to the towns of Danville, Peacham and Walden we have also been able to increase the number of hospital-to-hospital transfers we can provide. In the past, we did not have access to the level of care needed for many of these transfers and other services would transport residents from our coverage area. As hoped, our ability to cover more calls has allowed us to keep our appropriation request the same for the fourth year in a row despite the rising costs of providing emergency medical care.

We at Danville Rescue will continue our efforts to bring the highest level of emergency medical care to our rural communities.

As a reminder, membership applications were mailed out in December. If you have not received an application and would like one, or have further questions about our membership program please contact us through our billing office at 748-7544 or our business office at 684-9600. As always our business records are available for review by contacting our business office.

For emergencies call: 9-1-1

Remember: We would rather be called and not needed than needed and not called.

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

NEKWMD Warning

NEK WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

MARCH 1, 2016

The legal voters of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District are hereby notified and warned to vote, by Australian Ballot, at the polling place and between the hours specified by their municipality on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 to act on the following article.

ARTICLE 1: Shall the voters authorize the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District to appropriate and expend a budget of \$716,673?

James W. Ahley	Samuel D. Dady Jr
Kimber Flanders	James F. McKernan
Gene A. Perkins	Kenneth W. Johnson
Jill Coxe	Pauline Roachner
Bon Davis	Diane Dague
Miriam Stands	James M. Batchelder
Paul B.	David Gendus
Robert	Alma Daigne
William	William D. D.
Elizabeth	Elizabeth D.
Donna	
Heather Bunt	
Kitty Diggins	
Tom Hesse	
Claude S. Phipps	
Carolyn A. Wade	

Executive Committee Report

The NEKWMD finished 2015 with 44 of 49 towns reporting increased recycling volumes. Recycling markets were steady to declining through the end of the year. Unfortunately, the steep drop in global oil prices drove the cost of many commodities, including recyclables, down in 2015. In spite of the poor recycling markets the District ended 2015 with a surplus of \$2,386. While we exceeded budgeted expenses by 2.87% (\$21,340.92) revenues were 3.19% (\$23,727.27) above 2015 projections.

There were no additions or subtractions to the District in 2015. We continue to serve the largest geographical area and largest number of towns (49) in the State. Our population served is 3rd in the state behind only Chittenden Solid Waste District and the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources approved our new Solid Waste Implementation Plan in November of 2015. This plan along with Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) will guide our efforts over the course of the next several years. The NEKWMD assisted 14 towns in implementing unit-based pricing, held two hauler meetings, and served on a state-wide committee relating to the Universal Recycling Law in 2015. 2016 will see more of the same in helping our member communities comply with Vermont's Universal Recycling Law.

The NEKWMD is entering 2016 with a proposed budget of \$716,673 - a decrease of 3.6%. The surcharge rate of \$23.25 will remain unchanged for 2016. Our surcharge on trash remains just below the State average of \$24.04.

The NEKWMD was staffed by ten full-time and three part-time employees in 2015. Each of the member Towns is entitled to representation by at least one Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors is the principal authority over the NEKWMD and the primary means of contact with the member towns. The Board of Supervisors meets monthly with the District's Executive Director to set the direction of NEKWMD policy. The member Towns are also represented through their ability to vote on the NEKWMD budget at their Town Meeting in March.

Since the surcharge on trash is based on the amount of waste produced, members have a clear opportunity to control their waste management costs. Costs can decrease as waste generation rates decrease and recycling rates increase.

We would like to express our appreciation to our able staff for their continuing commitment to our mission. The 50,000 residents of 49 Towns throughout the Northeast Kingdom can be assured that the NEKWMD will continue to address their waste management concerns in a timely and environmentally sound fashion.

NEKWMD Executive Committee

NEKWMD Proposed Budget 2015

BUDGET ITEM	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL as of 12/31/15	2016 PROPOSED BUDGET
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$2,000.00	\$634.18	\$600.00
Audit -- Financial	\$4,500.00	\$10,700.00	\$6,500.00
Audit -- Waste Haulers	\$6,000.00	\$2,773.64	\$6,000.00
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$79.98	\$0.00
Books & Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Cleaning	\$1,920.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,900.00
Copier	\$2,000.00	\$1,732.09	\$1,800.00
Deficit- 2014	\$0.00	\$16,890.85	\$0.00
Dues/Permits/Fees/Penalties	\$2,500.00	\$4,655.16	\$2,700.00
Heating Fuel	\$1,600.00	\$1,971.29	\$2,000.00
Interest Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Liability & Casualty & Emp. Prac.	\$15,070.00	\$12,613.00	\$15,000.00
Planning	\$5,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,500.00	\$1,365.80	\$2,500.00
Postage	\$1,500.00	\$2,440.13	\$2,000.00
Office Supplies	\$3,000.00	\$4,316.42	\$3,300.00
Telephone - Office	\$3,200.00	\$3,077.72	\$3,000.00
Water/Sewer	\$1,400.00	\$845.63	\$1,400.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$52,290.00	\$74,815.89	\$51,800.00
Gross Wages	\$334,800.00	\$341,385.29	\$375,856.00
Overtime Wages-- Warehouse	\$7,500.00	\$8,625.86	\$7,000.00
Fica (Employer Match)	\$21,225.00	\$21,730.31	\$23,737.00
Medi (Employer Match)	\$5,000.00	\$5,082.63	\$5,552.00
State Unemployment Insurance	\$13,500.00	\$12,068.13	\$12,725.00
VMERS (Retirement)	\$17,250.00	\$17,913.29	\$19,160.00
Workman's Compensation Insurance	\$25,896.00	\$19,422.00	\$32,393.00
Health Insurance	\$63,000.00	\$59,684.67	\$0.00
Mileage - Employee	\$6,300.00	\$6,183.46	\$6,300.00
Mileage- Supervisor's	\$5,900.00	\$3,204.22	\$5,500.00
Personnel Equipment	\$1,200.00	\$1,595.72	\$1,300.00
Training	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00
Travel	\$200.00	\$15.18	\$100.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$502,771.00	\$498,010.76	\$490,823.00
BUILDING EXPENSES			
Improvements	\$1,500.00	\$774.32	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$8,800.00	\$7,631.08	\$8,100.00
Maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$524.80	\$1,500.00
Misc. Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Trash Removal	\$2,100.00	\$4,271.44	\$3,000.00
TOTAL BUILDING	\$15,400.00	\$13,201.64	\$14,600.00

BUDGET ITEM	2015 BUDGET	2015 ACTUAL as of 12/31/15	2016 PROPOSED BUDGET
EQUIPMENT EXPENSES			
Purchases	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Baler Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$3,311.97	\$6,000.00
Baler Supplies	\$9,000.00	\$5,457.62	\$6,000.00
Forklift Fuel	\$3,000.00	\$1,971.41	\$2,000.00
Forklift Repairs	\$5,000.00	\$7,564.77	\$5,000.00
Miscellaneous Equipment Repairs	\$1,000.00	\$1,225.00	\$1,000.00
Skidsteer Fuel	\$900.00	\$908.99	\$900.00
Skidsteer Repairs	\$1,750.00	\$285.00	\$1,750.00
Warehouse Supplies	\$2,000.00	\$3,643.19	\$2,500.00
Trucks--Diesel	\$28,000.00	\$21,431.94	\$21,000.00
Trucks--Repairs	\$10,000.00	\$25,298.55	\$12,000.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT	\$71,650.00	\$71,098.44	\$58,650.00
PROGRAMS EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$4,500.00	\$1,613.13	\$2,500.00
Permits & Fees	\$400.00	\$339.23	\$400.00
Composting	\$13,000.00	\$14,493.49	\$15,000.00
Composter/Bin	\$11,000.00	\$4,705.00	\$7,000.00
Dues & Subscription	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Education Outreach	\$20,087.00	\$10,454.15	\$14,000.00
Electronics Recycling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hazmat Disposal	\$25,000.00	\$41,638.25	\$32,000.00
Hazmat Supplies	\$6,000.00	\$3,123.41	\$3,000.00
Sale of Recyclables-Processing	\$0.00	\$20,379.21	\$17,000.00
Special Collections	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$869.37	\$600.00
Tire Disposal	\$9,000.00	\$8,196.95	\$9,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAMS	\$89,487.00	\$105,812.19	\$100,800.00
SUB-TOTAL	\$731,598.00	\$762,938.92	\$716,673.00
DEBT REDUCTION PAYMENTS			
Interest			
Principal			
TOTAL DEBT REDUCTION			
CAPITAL FUND			
Capital Improvement Fund	\$12,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL FUND	\$12,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL NEK EXPENSES	\$743,598.00	\$764,938.92	\$716,673.00
Grants--St of VT	\$61,250.00	\$111,791.75	\$59,000.00
Hauling--Recycling Pick-ups	\$1,800.00	\$1,449.00	\$1,500.00
Hazardous Waste (CEG Fees)	\$5,000.00	\$8,402.57	\$1,000.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$17.49	\$50.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00	\$1,997.82	\$500.00
Program Sales--Composter/Bins	\$1,000.00	\$2,136.00	\$1,000.00
Programs- Oil Filter Program	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Sale of Recyclables	\$174,895.00	\$151,414.56	\$157,000.00
Compost Income	\$1,000.00	\$1,005.00	\$1,000.00
Electronics Income	\$8,000.00	\$16,136.25	\$10,473.00
Scrap Metal Income	\$18,000.00	\$6,875.80	\$9,000.00
Battery Income	\$3,000.00	\$2,922.58	\$4,000.00
Tire Income	\$9,000.00	\$12,325.25	\$12,000.00
Surcharge--Waste Haulers	\$460,153.00	\$450,701.20	\$460,000.00
TOTAL NEK REVENUES	\$743,598.00	\$767,325.27	\$716,673.00

Umbrella



Report of 2015 Activity for Peacham

Town Appropriation Request: \$ 500

Umbrella exists to ensure that communities in Caledonia, Orleans and Essex counties offer safety, support and options for self-determination to women and families. To this end, we provide the following services:

The Advocacy Program is the essential safety net for people affected by intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. We meet the needs of victims in crisis while also offering preventative programming to local schools and youth groups with a focus on gender respect, consent, and healthy relationships. **In 2015 we:**

- **supported at least 496 individuals with direct advocacy**
- **housed 17 adults and 13 children in our shelter for a total of 1578 bed-nights**

Kingdom Child Care Connection is the community-based child care resource and referral center for Caledonia and Southern Essex counties. We are responsible for helping families find and pay for high-quality child care services while also increasing the availability and quality of child development services through professional development opportunities and targeted programmatic supports. **In 2015 we:**

- **helped 79 families find high-quality child care at no-cost**
- **connected 538 families with the Child Care Financial Assistance Program**
- **supported the creation of 5 new child care programs in our region's most underserved areas**
- **offered 235 hours of professional development to 88+ child care providers to ensure the people responsible for taking care of our youngest citizens have the tools and resources they need to do their best.**

The Family Room is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange center offering child-centered support for parents seeking to establish or rebuild relationships with their children. **Last year we offered 1051 hours of visitation to help 105 children develop safe, healthy relationships with their non-residential parent.** Additional services such as therapeutic visitation, parenting education, and mediation can also be arranged in order to help families address their unique goals and needs.

Cornucopia is our newest program geared towards helping women-in-transition achieve economic self-sufficiency. This 17-week job-skills training program introduces women to the culinary arts as they prepare Meals-on-Wheels for Newport-area seniors. After completing the program women are assisted with securing employment with a local business, in a position that fits their individual strengths and interests. **To date, Cornucopia has provided over 34,000 nutritionally-balanced meals to Newport-area seniors and empowered 12 women through hands-on culinary and hospitality training.**

Given that some of our services are provided anonymously, it can be difficult to provide precise usage figures for towns. At least 5 Peacham households and 3 child care providers were served directly by Umbrella in 2015, and the community as a whole benefited from prevention and outreach programs at schools, as well as training and consultation for human service and law enforcement professionals. Community support is critical to sustaining our programming and discovering innovative new approaches to the work we do. We are deeply grateful for Peacham's support.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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Town Information

Dog Licenses

135 dog licenses were issued in 2015.

Income: \$1,135.00

Expenses: \$545.00 – Fees to state
\$98.73 – Dog tag cost

Dog License Rates for 2016 (due before April 1st)

Neutered or spayed dog	\$4.00
State programs	<u>\$5.00</u>
	\$8.00

Intact dogs	\$8.00
State programs	<u>\$5.00</u>
	\$13.00

The Peacham Dog Ordinance is available at the Town Office.

Please Note: The 2016 license fee has increased \$1 per animal. Effective 07/01/2015, per Title 20 VSA 3581.

Green Up Day

Green Up Day is always the first Saturday in May. In 2016 Green Up Day will be

SATURDAY, MAY 7

For those new to Vermont, **Green Up Day is a statewide celebration of community** through clean-up of roadsides, parks and other local sites. Everyone is welcome to participate. Trash collected from public areas can be brought to the Peacham Elementary School on Green Up Day, or directly to the Transfer Station, free of charge. Anyone unable to transport trash should call the coordinator or ask for assistance on Green Up Day.

This year, the town dump trucks will be back at the elementary school!

Special thanks to the Peacham Road Crew for their gracious support of the greening-up effort in our town.

An advance supply of free, heavy-duty **Green Up bags** will be available near the sign-up sheet outside the Post Office before May 7th. On Green Up Day, bags will also be available at the Elementary School and Transfer Station.

To sign up for a specific roadway or public area, you may call the Green Up coordinator listed below, or go to the foyer outside the Post Office to post your name on the Peacham road map. It always helps to let us know ahead of time what road(s) you are covering, but spontaneous last-minute participation is never discouraged. On Green Up Day, the sign up information will be located at the Peacham Transfer Station.

Safety information: Be aware that you may be near traffic. Green Up Vermont recommends wearing bright colors. Latex gloves and reflective safety vests will be available to volunteers. Poison Ivy has been spotted in Northern Vermont. Be mindful of ticks as they can be active in early May.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided at the Transfer Station on Green Up Day.

At twelve o'clock noon there will be a **free picnic lunch** at the Peacham Elementary School. This is a community event for all---come even if you are not able to Green Up.

The State of Vermont has recently passed **new legislation regarding waste management and recycling** that will affect Peacham residents. More information regarding the new laws will be available at the Peacham Town Meeting in March and on Green Up Day at the Transfer Station and Elementary School.

Thank you to last year's volunteers: the Nunn family; Campbell family; Cheryl Stevenson and Alice Ruffner for unwavering support at the school; and as always, the Peacham Selectboard for their financial support.

Coordinator: Lauren Collins (592-3053).

Please get in touch with Lauren if you are interested in being a co-coordinator, or can help in any way.

Permit Guidelines

A Permit is required for:

- **Building/altering, subdividing, or change in use of parcel:** No land development may begin until a zoning permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator as provided for in §4443, Title 24, VSA and Town of Peacham Zoning Regulations, Article 1, §103. The fee for a building permit application is \$30.00 plus a \$10.00 recording fee.
- **Appeal to Zoning Board of Adjustment:** All zoning permits referred to or appealed to the Peacham Zoning Board of Adjustment will cost \$25.00
- **Road access:** A permit is required from the Selectboard for any access from a property onto state highways and town roads (VSA 19, §§1-43 Act 460). The fee is \$27.00.
- **Fire:** A fire permit is needed for any open burning, except when the ground is snow-covered. Fire permits must be obtained from the Fire Warden. There is no fee.

Recycling Guidelines

Recyclable Items:

- Newspaper, Magazines, Office Paper, Shredded Paper, Junk Mail
- Cardboard, Brown Craft Bags, Boxboard
- Aluminum Cans, Foil, Beverage Cans
- Steel/Tin Cans
- Glass (place metal lids in Metal Bin)
- Batteries
- Aerosol Cans, Small Propane Tanks
- Electronics

These items are not Recyclable:

Please place them in the compactor or bulky waste container.

Plastics:	Plastic Bags:	Misc:
Lawn Chairs	#'s 1,3,5,6,7	Appliances
Children's Toys	White Trash Bags	Waxed Cardboard
Auto Parts	Black Trash Bags	Wrapping Paper
All PVC	"Zip Lock" Bags	Ceramic Material
Vinyl Siding	Zipper Bags	
Styrofoam	Mylar Coating	
	Food Packages	

Paint Drop Off Locations:

Business Name	Location
Lyndonville Hardware	Lyndonville, Vermont
JB Colton	Orleans, Vermont
St Jay Hardware	St. Johnsbury, Vermont
Sherwin-Williams	St. Johnsbury, Vermont
Poulin Lumber	Hardwick, Vermont
Gervais Ace Hardware	Island Pond, Vermont
Poulin Lumber	Derby, Vermont

Transfer Station Fees

Item	Price\$
White Kitchen Bags	\$1
30ish Gallon Black Bags	\$3
Contractor Bags	\$5
Barrels	\$5
Truck Loads	\$35 and UP at Attendants Discretion
Trailers, One Tons, Flatbeds	Attendants Discretion
Large Appliances	\$10
Sofa	\$10
Large Chairs	\$5
Twin Bed/Box Spring	\$5 each
Full, Queen, King Bed/Box Spring	\$10 each
Other/Misc.	Attendants Discretion

All Materials are left with at the discretion of the Attendant. Please be courteous to them and respect their decisions. They have the final say, no discussions. For extended hours you are welcome to take your refuse to the transfer station in St Johnsbury at 548 High Street. Their hours are 7:15a – 3:45p Monday – Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:15a – noon. They can be reached at 748-2332

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