

TOWN OF STOWE

**ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
STOWE, VERMONT**

**INFORMATION MEETING
6:30 PM February 25, 2013
Akeley Memorial Building**

**VOTING
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 5, 2013
Stowe High School Gymnasium**

**ANNUAL MEETING
Beginning at 8 AM
Tuesday, March 5, 2013
Stowe High School Auditorium**

2012 ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

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Mark Johnson

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KARLA RAE SPAULDING

Proud of her position, her years of service and dedicated to her responsibilities, Karla was committed to watching over the Town's money and ensuring it was properly accounted for. She loved spending time with family and friends, and avidly pursued hunting and fishing.

We will remember Karla for her sense of humor and thoughtfulness and for her courage and devotion to the community she loved.

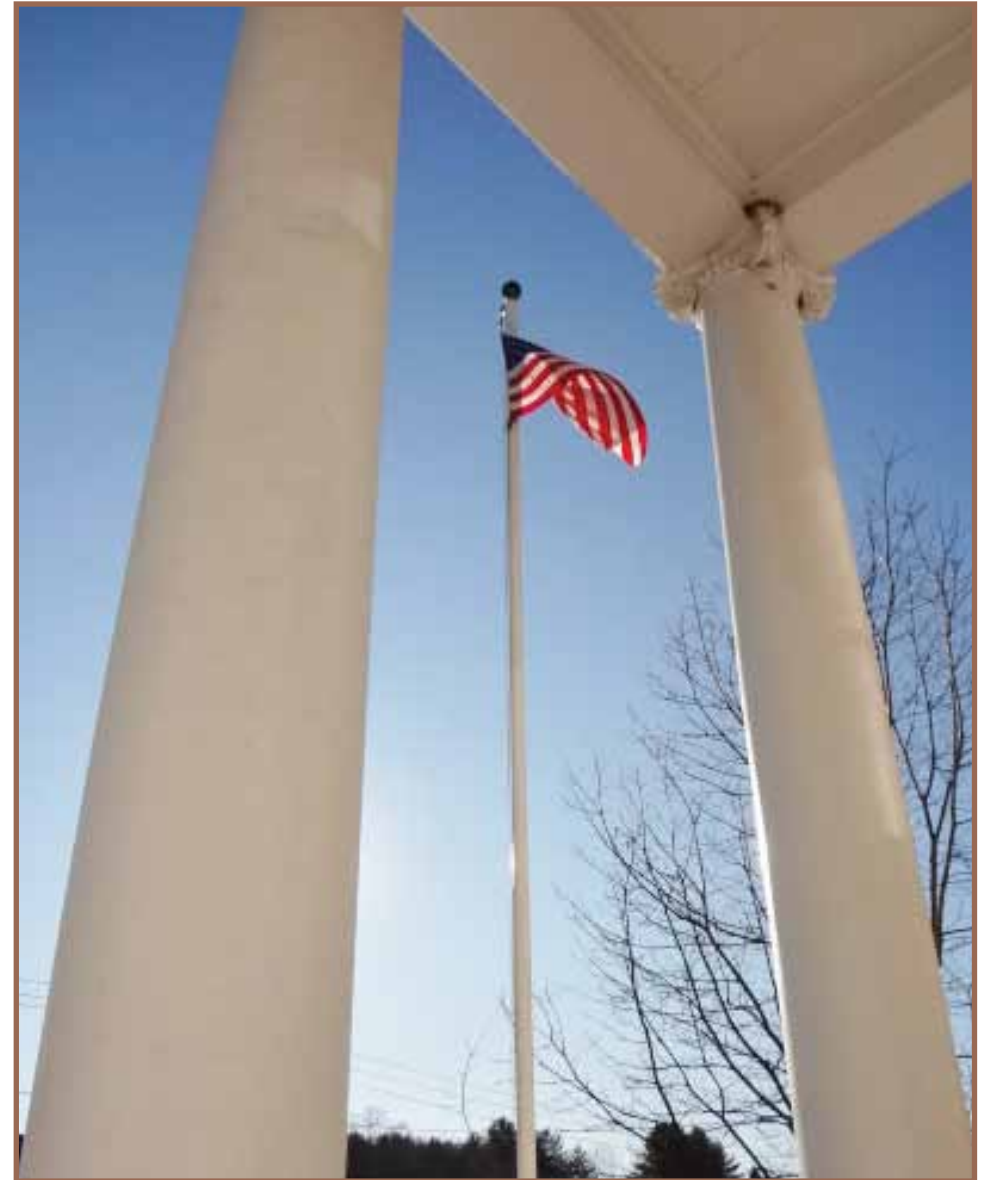
Please join us in honoring Karla.

About The Cover

The cover image titled "Stowe Steeple" is published from the original oil painting by Mark Thomas of Queenstown, New Zealand.

The Impressionists, Pissaro, Renoir and Monet in particular, impressed him deeply and influenced his style. Mark says that the door to Impressionism is wide open and he visualizes a lifetime of painting in this medium, capturing on canvas the play of light on the ever changing landscape. Mark's ambition is that people feel his paintings, that viewers see his art with their spiritual eyes, and that on canvas he will be able to convey emotions by way of color, form and texture.

To view this and his other paintings of Stowe, visit Robert Paul Galleries - 394 Mountain Road, PO Box 1413 Stowe, VT 05672 robertpaulgalleries.com Phone: 800-873-3791.



*OUR THOUGHTS and PRAYERS are with the
MEN AND WOMEN and their families who
continue to SERVE OUR COUNTRY, both
overseas and here in the
United States of America.*

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TOWN OFFICERS

ELECTED

Town Moderator:

Term expires 2013Leighton C. Detora

Town Clerk

Term expires 2014 Alison A. Kaiser

Treasurer

Term expires 2013 Alison A. Kaiser

Selectboard:

Term expires 2013Adam Davis

Term expires 2013 William Adams II

Term expires 2014 Cornelius Van Dyke

Term expires 2014 Lawrence F. Lackey

Term expires 2015 Lisa G. Hagerty

Listers:

Term expires 2013 Paul E. Percy

Term expires 2014 Leo V. Clark

Term expires 2015Ellen Thorndike

School District Moderator

Term expires 2013Leighton C. Detora

School Directors:

Term expires 2013Richard N. Bland

Term expires 2013 Terrence K. Dwyer

Term expires 2014 Susan Segal

Term expires 2014C. Cameron Page

Term expires 2015 Don Post

Justices of the Peace:

All terms expire January 31, 2015

Peter J. Beck

Marshall Faye

Norman Williams III

Kermit R. Spaulding

Paula Ennis

Lyndall P. Heyer

Elizabeth Lackey

Charles T. Lusk

Mitzi McInnis

Leighton C. Detora

Pall D. Spera

Leigh E. Tabor, Sr.

**APPOINTED
ALL TERMS EXPIRE APRIL 30TH OF THE YEAR**

Cemetery Commissioners:

- Term expires 2013 Judy Demeritt
- Term expires 2013 George von Trapp
- Term expires 2014 Donna Adams
- Term expires 2014 Leigh Tabor, Sr.
- Term expires 2015 Claire "Skeeter" Austin

Library Trustees:

- Term expires 2013 Phyllis Thibault
- Term expires 2013 David Bryan
- Term expires 2013 Stefi Clymer
- Term expires 2014 Charles Lusk
- Term expires 2014 Richard Johannesen Jr.
- Term expires 2015 Amanda Kuhnert
- Term expires 2015 Elizabeth Wechsler

Recreation Commissioners:

- Term expires 2013 Tom Ashworth
- Term expires 2014 Paul Lawson
- Term expires 2014 Norman Williams III
- Term expires 2015 Brett Loomis
- Term expires 2015 Walter Levering
- Term expires 2015 Tyler Mumley
- Term expires 2015 Theresa Wehse

Development Review Board:

- Term expires 2013 Michael Diender
- Term expires 2014 Brian Leven
- Term expires 2014 Douglas White
- Term expires 2015 Chris Walton
- Term expires 2015 Peter Collotta
- Term expires 2015 Michael Beugnies
- Term expires 2015 Drew Clymer

Planning Commission:

- Term expires 2013 Paul E. Percy
- Term expires 2013 Chuck Ebel
- Term expires 2013 Jacqueline Shiner

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Term expires 2014 | Charles Baraw, Jr. |
| Term expires 2014 | Howard Levine |
| Term expires 2015 | Robert Davison |
| Term expires 2015 | Neil Percy |

Conservation Commission:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Term expires 2013 | Bethany Hanna |
| Term expires 2013 | Gar Anderson |
| Term expires 2014 | David Jaqua |
| Term expires 2014 | Jason Kirchick |
| Term expires 2014 | ME Lawlor |
| Term expires 2015 | Marina Meerburg |
| Term expires 2015 | Robert Fahey |

Historic Preservation Commission:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Term expires 2013 | Barbara Baraw |
| Term expires 2013 (alternate)..... | Chris Carey |
| Term expires 2014 | Robert Lawlor |
| Term expires 2014 | Sarah McLane |
| Term expires 2015 | Gordon Dixon |
| Term expires 2015 (alternate)..... | Cindy McKechnie |
| Term expires 2015 | Sam Scofield |

Stowe Electric Utility Commissioners:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Term expires 2013 | Arthur Lloyd |
| Term expires 2014 | Tom Evslin |
| Term expires 2015 | Richard C. Marron |

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

| | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Town Manager..... | Charles Safford |
| Executive Assistant and Clerk to Selectboard..... | Susan H. Moeck |
| Town Clerk & Collector of Delinquent Taxes | Alison A. Kaiser |
| Treasurer..... | Alison A. Kaiser |
| Assistant Town Clerks..... | Jenny Willingham & Gary Anderson |
| Assistant Treasurer | Susan H. Moeck |
| Finance Manager | (vacant) |
| Assistant Finance Manager & Benefits Coordinator | Kim Grogan |
| Assistant Finance Manager | Linda Kelly |

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| Deputy Registrars | Jenny Willingham, Gary Anderson, Chris Palermo & Mark Faith |
| Director of Planning | Tom Jackman |
| Zoning Director | Richard Baker |
| Acting Zoning Administrator | Tom Jackman |
| Secretary to Recreation, Cemetery | Barbara S. Allaire |
| Commissions and Development Review Board | |
| Public Works Director | Harry Shepard |
| Public Works Project Engineer/Manager | Richard Grogan |
| Highway Superintendent | Stephen J. Bonneau |
| Road Commissioner | Charles Safford |
| Road Crew: Larry Foster, John Allen, Eric Bates, Melvin Wells, Joe Martin, Jasson Wells, Greg Adams, Russell Luce; Interim Crew member "Bunker" Hodgdon | |
| Town Mechanic | Alan Shatney |
| Fire Chief | Mark Sgantas |
| First Assistant Chief | Mark Walker |
| Second Assistant Chief..... | Chris Walker |
| Captains | Kyle Walker & Scott Reeves |
| Fire Director | Wendall Mansfield |
| Police Chief..... | Donald B. Hull |
| Patrol Sergeant: Steve Stewart, Bruce Merriam.; Patrol Corporals: David Knight; Patrol Division: Christopher McHugh, Michael Dougherty, Frederick Whitcomb, Bruce Emerson, Kyle Walker, Christopher Rogers; Animal Control: Elizabeth Strobridge; Technology Officer: Darron Tabor. | |
| Part-Time Officers: Matthew Andrews, Francis Gonyaw, Pierce Reid, David Selby, Edward Stewart, Joseph Mitchell, Jon Zygmontowicz. | |
| Wastewater Superintendent | Greg Lewis |
| Chief Plant Operator | Bryan Longe |
| Plant Operator | Mark Stirewalt |
| Plant Operator | Jesse Wilkesman |
| Lead Lab Technician | Gwyn Wilkins-Mandigo |
| Chief Water Plant Operator | Michael Mandigo |
| Water Plant Operator | Allen Ross |
| Parks & Recreation Director | Matthew Frazee |
| Program Director..... | Tori Faye |
| Administrative Assistant..... | (vacant) |
| Parks Superintendent..... | Bruce Godin |
| Parks Foreman/Assistant Rink Manager..... | Michael Manning |
| Head Crew Chief | Steve Demeritt |
| Assistant Crew Chief | Tony Whitaker |

Seasonal Laborers Jack Bent,
John Butler, Casey Sherwin, Molly Hayden, Barbara Lougee, Deb Wells,
Keenan Colley, Kasey Small, Casey Sherwin, Matthew Dekens,
Alex Dall'olmo, Michael Grogan, Eric Romansky

Electric Department:

General Manager Ellen Burt
Controller Pat Householder
Director of Operations..... Doug Haselton
Office Supervisor..... Cindee Wheeler
Systems Administrator James Brewster
AP Clerk/Administrative Assistant Lilli Burgess
Billing Clerk JoAnn Plante
Billing Clerk/Payroll Diane Darling
Working Foreman..... Ron Williamson
1st Class Lineman Silas Power
1st Class Lineman Norman Griffith
2nd Class Lineman Jamie Piper
3rd Class Lineman Evan Bilodeau
Utility Worker Randall Mandigo
Meter Reader Debbie Adams

EMS Director Scott Brinkman
EMS Provider/Adm. Assistant Larry (Duke) Rhodes
EMS Paramedic Corinne Lemaire
Stowe Rescue Volunteer Association Chair Tim Lambert
Library Director..... Cynthia Weber
Children's Librarian/Assistant Director Julie Pickett
Circulation & Adult Program Librarian..... Megan Carder
Library Assistant, Circulation Marcia Smith
Library Assistant, Technical Services (vacant)
Children's Library Circulation Molly Pease
Library/Art Center Custodian Peter Smith

Akeley Memorial Building/Public Safety Facility Custodian
..... Robert Hoadley

Other Appointments

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management

District Supervisor Willie Noyes
Health Officer Richard Baker
Deputy Health Officer Tom Jackman

State Public Health Veterinarian Robert Johnson, DVM
1-800-640-4374 or 253-4426(h)

Constable Leigh Tabor

Grand Juror Mark Kolter
 Agent to Convey Real Estate Charles Safford
 Fence Viewers..... David Bryan, Bud McKeon, William Kelk
 Tree Warden Charles T. Lusk
 Town Fire Warden Mark Walker
 Deputy Fire Warden Kyle Walker
 Appraiser for the Board of Listers Tim Morrissey
 Town Service Officer Reverend Bruce Comiskey
 Lamoille County Planning Commission Reps..... Arnie Ziegel,
 Alexis DePaolo
 LCPC Transportation Advisory Committee Tom Jackman
 LECP Lamoille Emergency Planning Committee Neil Van Dyke
 Alternate Derek Libby
 Stowe Transit Advisory Committee Tom Jackman,
 Richard Marron, Robert Apple, Ed Stahl, Sheri Baraw, Neil Van Dyke
 Green Mountain Transit Agency Rep..... Tom Jackman
 Stowe Land Trust Rep..... Tom Jackman
 Green Mountain Byway Steering Committee Co-Chair Tom Jackman
 Green Up Day Coordination Stowe Conservation Commission
 Emergency Management Coordinator Neil Van Dyke
 E 9-1-1 Address Contact Person Richard Baker
 Sheriff's Advisory Board Rep..... Neil Van Dyke



L. Kulnis, Main St. Stowe

**OFFICIAL WARNING
AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING
TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2013**

The inhabitants of the Town of Stowe who are legal voters in Town Meeting and in School District Meeting of said Stowe, respectively, are hereby notified and warned to vote by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at the Stowe High School Gym. The polls shall open at seven o'clock in the morning, (7:00 a.m.), and shall close at seven o'clock in the evening, (7:00 p.m.), during which time the following articles are to be acted upon:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator of the Town Meetings and Moderator of the School District Meetings, respectively.
Australian Ballot
- Article 2: To elect all Town officers as required by law, to wit:
a. One Selectboard member for a three (3) year term.
b. One Selectboard member for a two (2) year term.
c. One Treasurer for a one (1) year term.
d. One Town Lister for a three (3) year term.
Australian Ballot
- Article : 3 To elect all School Directors of the Stowe Town School District:
a. One for a term of three (3) years.
b. One for a term of two (2) years.
Australian Ballot
- Article: 4 Shall the voters of the Stowe School District approve a budget with a total expenditure of eleven million two hundred twenty six thousand four hundred dollars (\$11,226,400) for the support of its schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013?
Australian Ballot
- Article 5: Shall the Town of Stowe vote to authorize the Stowe Electric Department to expend four hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$475,000) of unexpended 2009 bond proceeds to finance the cost of an administrative office facility for the use of the Stowe Electric Department?
Australian Ballot

Article 6: Shall bonds, notes, or other obligations of the Town of Stowe in the amount not to exceed three hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$315,000), subject to reduction from any available state or federal grants-in-aid or other sources, be issued for the purpose of making certain public improvements, namely, acquiring a five acre, more or less, parcel of land from Kenneth T. Savela Trust and the Ann M. Savela Trust, the estimated cost for such improvements being three hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$315,000)?

Australian Ballot

Article 7: Shall the voters amend the following Sections of the Charter of the Town of Stowe:

- 202 Powers of the Town
- 401 Elected Officers Recall
- 407 Compensation of officers; appointees
- 703 Powers & Duties
- 903 Board of Abatement

Australian Ballot

ATTEST:

The Selectboard, Town of Stowe,
dated this 28th day of
January, 2013.

ATTEST:

The School Directors, Vermont,
Stowe School District,
Vermont, dated this 28th
day of January, 2013

ADAM DAVIS
LAWRENCE F. LACKEY
LISA G. HAGERTY
CORNELIUS VAN DYKE
WILLIAM W. ADAMS, II

C. CAMERON PAGE
DONALD R. POST
TERRENCE K. DWYER
RICHARD BLAND
SUSAN SEGAL

OFFICIAL WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
STOWE VERMONT
MARCH 5, 2013

The inhabitants of the Town of Stowe who are legal voters in Town Meeting and in School District Meeting of said Stowe, respectively, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Town Meeting and School District Meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at the Stowe High School Building Auditorium, beginning at **eight o'clock in the morning, (8:00 a.m.)**, to act upon the following questions:

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:

- Article: 1 Will the School District in School District Meeting vote to accept the annual reports of the School Directors as presented?
- Article : 2 Will the School District in School District Meeting vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns from the State for such purposes, and if so, provide that the same shall be done by notes of the District?
- Article : 3 Will the School District in School District Meeting vote to pay its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year, and if so, the amount?
- Article : 4 Will the School District, in School District Meeting, authorize the Stowe School Board of School Directors to apply six hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$680,000) of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2013-2014 school year budget and establish a reserve fund for the purpose of defraying future educational expenses utilizing all carry forward exceeding the above amounts?
- Article : 5 To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

TOWN MEETING:

Article 1: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to appropriate ten million two hundred fifty six thousand eight dollars (\$10,256,008) to pay expenses identified in the “Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Town Operating Budget”?

| Department | Budget Request |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Accounting | \$ 278,838 |
| Administration | \$ 386,684 |
| Akeley Memorial Bldg | \$ 116,201 |
| Arena | \$ 425,875 |
| Cemetery | \$ 14,289 |
| Cultural Campus | \$ 36,635 |
| Debt Management | \$1,159,169 |
| Elections | \$ 2,307 |
| Emergency Management | \$ 2,376 |
| EMS | \$ 423,426 |
| Equipment Reserve Fund | \$ 380,000 |
| Fire | \$ 208,923 |
| General Government | \$ 575,607 |
| Highway | \$1,811,989 |
| Insurance | \$ 201,463 |
| Library | \$ 531,462 |
| Listers | \$ 106,349 |
| Mountain Rescue | \$ 17,542 |
| Parks, Buildings, Grounds | \$ 488,265 |
| Planning | \$ 125,982 |
| Police | \$1,598,152 |
| Public Safety Building | \$ 130,327 |
| Public Works | \$ 298,160 |
| Recreation | \$ 514,751 |
| Solid Waste | \$ 550 |
| Street Lights | \$ 29,392 |
| Town Clerk | \$ 260,888 |
| Zoning | \$ 130,406 |
| Expense Total | \$10,256,008 |

Article 2: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to appropriate two hundred sixty eight thousand dollars (\$268,000) for capital projects identified in the “Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Capital Budget”?

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Mayo Farm Events Field Improvements | \$148,000 |
| North Road Culvert Replacement | \$ 25,000 |
| Akeley Memorial Building Repairs | \$ 60,000 |
| VT Ski Museum Siding Repairs | \$ 15,000 |
| Cady Hill Forest Trail Improvements | \$ 20,000 |
| Capital Budget Total | \$268,000 |

Article 3: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to appropriate sixty five thousand five dollars (\$65,005) to pay for those community services identified in the “Fiscal Year 2014 Proposed Community Services Budget”?

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Central VT Adult Ed | \$3,500 |
| Cntrl VT Comm Action | \$ 800 |
| Central VT Council Aging | \$3,000 |
| Childrens Room | \$ 500 |
| Clarina Howard Nichols Center | \$2,750 |
| Green-Up Day | \$ 200 |
| Habitat for Humanity | \$1,000 |
| LCNat.ResourceConservation District | \$ 100 |
| Lamoille Eco Dev Corp | \$3,000 |
| Lamoille Home Health Assoc. | \$12,942 |
| Lamoille Housing Partnership | \$ 250 |
| Lamoille Family Center | \$3,000 |
| Lamoille Food Share | \$5,000 |
| LC Court Diversion | \$1,250 |
| LC Mental Health | \$5,000 |
| Meals on Wheels (LENS) | \$2,000 |
| Maple Leaf Farm | \$2,508 |
| N Country Animal League | \$1,000 |
| No.VT Resource ConservationDistrict | \$ 75 |
| Rural Community Transportation | \$2,200 |
| Out & About | \$1,000 |
| Retired Senior Vol Prgm | \$ 660 |
| Stowe American Legion | \$ 350 |
| Stowe Historical Society | \$4,000 |
| Stowe Land Trust | \$6,000 |
| Stowe Youth Baseball/Softball | \$2,000 |
| VT Association for the Blind | \$ 500 |
| VT Center for Ind Lvng | \$ 420 |
| Total | \$65,005 |

- Article 4: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to pay its Selectboard members and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year, and if so, the amount?
- Article 5: Will the Town in Town meeting vote to raise money on its Grand List for the fiscal year of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 to pay debts and current expenses of the Town, and if so, provide for fixing of the amount thereof, the time and manner in which the same shall be payable?
- Article 6: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to accept the annual reports of the several Town officers as presented?
- Article 7: Will the Town in Town Meeting authorize the Selectboard to expend all unexpended Fiscal Year 2013 general funds to pay for debts and current expenses of the Town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014?
- Article 8: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to authorize the Selectboard, pursuant to the provisions of Title 24, VSA Section 2741, to enter into contracts with owners of open space lands to fix and maintain the valuation of such property in the Grand List?
- Article 9 : Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to authorize the Selectboard to create an Annual Leave Reserve Fund to pay unused accrued annual leave which the Town is obligated to pay when an employee leaves employment or is otherwise purchased back from the employee during their employment?
- Article 10: If Article 9 is passed, Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the Annual Leave Reserve Fund?
- Article 11: Should the Lamoyille South Supervisory Union Regional Education District (RED) Committee be advised to discontinue its study pertaining to a consolidated school district?
- Article: 12: To do other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ATTEST:
The Selectboard, Town of Stowe,
Vermont, dated this 28th day of
January, 2013.

ADAM DAVIS
LAWRENCE F. LACKEY
LISA G. HAGERTY
CORNELIUS VAN DYKE
WILLIAM W. ADAMS, II

ATTEST:
The School Directors,
Stowe School District,
Vermont, dated this 28th
day of January, 2013.

C. CAMERON PAGE
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RICHARD BLAND
SUSAN SEGAL

TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Here is some basic information about the Town and School District Meeting. If you have other questions, ask your Town Clerk (802)253-6133 or call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

REGISTER TO VOTE! Go to your Town Clerk's office. You must apply by 5:00 pm Wednesday, February 27, 2013, if you want to vote in the Town and School District Meeting. Check to make sure your name appears on it. **NO PARTY REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY!** You don't have to tell anyone which party you favor.

The only time you will be asked to affiliate with a party will be at the primary elections. You will be asked to choose a party ballot to establish a slate for the general election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE! If you will be out of town on Town and School District Meeting Day, are ill or disabled, (or if you reside in an institution, are in school or the military), apply at your Town Clerk's office by 4:30 p.m. March 4, 2013. **SAMPLE BALLOTS WILL BE POSTED!** You can see the ballot ahead of time. Sample ballots will be posted no later than **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

Check-In:

1. Go to an entry checklist table.
2. Give your name and residence, if asked, to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

Enter:

1. Enter within the guardrail and do not leave until you have voted.
2. An election official will hand you a ballot.
3. Go to a vacant booth.

Mark Your Ballot:

Darken the oval to the right of the choice you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot as to how many persons to vote for (EXAMPLE: "Vote for not more than two.)

Write-Ins:

To vote for someone whose name is not printed on the ballot, use the blank "Write-In" lines on the ballot. Also darken the oval to the right of the

name you have written in so that it may be tallied.

Check-Out:

1. Go to the exit checklist table.
2. Give your name to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

Vote, then Exit:

1. Deposit your ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box or the Vote Tabulator.
2. Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.

WHAT TO DO IF:

YOU ARE NOT ON THE CHECKLIST: If your name has been dropped from the checklist and you think it was in error, explain it to your Town Clerk and ask that your name be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk, Board of Civil Authority, or other election officials call an immediate meeting of the members of your local Board of Civil Authority who are present at the polls. They should check thoroughly and correct any error.

If you are still not satisfied, call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT: Ask an election official for another. Three ballots are the limit.

YOU ARE DISABLED, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR CANNOT READ: Have a friend tell an election official. A ballot may be brought out to your car by two officials if you so choose to vote there.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

1. Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
2. Try to tell another person how to vote once you are inside the building where voting is taking place.
3. Mislead the Board of Civil Authority as to your or another person's eligibility to vote.
4. Show your marked ballot to others so as to let them know how you voted.
5. Make a mark on your ballot which would identify it as yours.

PLEASE DO NOT:

1. Socialize in the voting area, especially when others are in the process of voting.
2. Bring in or leave brochures, buttons or other campaign materials in the polling place.

ANNUAL MEETING “FY 14 FAST FACTS”

Net FY’14 Budget: The net budget increased from \$7,313,749 in FY’13 to \$7,645,437 in FY’14, an increase of \$331,688 or 4.54%.

Tax Rate: The proposed net budget increase represents a projected increase in the tax rate from .3610 to .3746 (+\$.0136 or 3.76%). For every \$100,000 in property value, this represents an increase in municipal taxes of \$13.60.

At .3746 for every \$100,000 in assessed value your town (non-school property) taxes would be \$374.60. For a home valued at \$500,000 the town property taxes would be \$1,873.

Grand List: For budgeting purposes, the Grand List has been projected to increase .75% from \$20,257,707 to \$20,409,640. One cent on the tax rate is projected to raise \$204,096 in property taxes.

Fund Balance: The General Fund had a fund balance of \$738,864 as of June 30, 2012. Of this amount, \$5,896 is reserved for old age assistance, leaving \$732,968. Of this amount, the Board appropriated \$495,866 of the surplus to offset FY’13 taxes, which leaves \$237,102 available for FY’14. This assumes the FY’13 General Fund Budget comes in on-line. The FY’14 budget proposes to apply this entire amount of \$237,102 to offset the FY’14 tax rate.

Employment Levels: No changes in employment levels are proposed.

Pay: Employees who fall under the Personnel Regulations or the IBEW Agreement are scheduled to receive a 1.9% pay increase, plus any step increase they may be eligible for. The cost of living for these employees is tied to the change in the CPI-U from October 2011 to October 2012.

The Police are scheduled to receive a 1.8% increase, plus any step increase they may be eligible for. The Police Association Contract ties their cost of living increase to the change in the CPI-U from December 2011 to December 2012.

Capital Fund: The capital fund is budgeted to be funded in FY’14 with \$268,000 in local option taxes. Current Selectboard policy directs Local Option Tax Revenues to be deposited directly into the capital fund, not the general fund operating budget.

Capital projects include: Mayo Farm Events Field Improvements \$148,000, North Road Culvert Replacement \$25,000, Akeley Building Maintenance Improvements \$60,000, Ski & Snowboard Museum Siding Repairs \$15,000 and Cady Hill Forest Improvements \$20,000.

Equipment Fund: The following piece of equipment is scheduled to be replaced through the Equipment Fund in FY'14:

Highway-F350 Pick-Up \$35,000

Police Unmarked Cruiser \$30,000

Police Patrol 1 SUV \$37,000

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TOWN OF STOWE
COMPARATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY SHEET

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

| Department | FY 12 Adopted Budget | FY 12 Actual | FY 13 Adopted Budget | FY 14 Budget Request | FY 13 - FY 14 \$ Change (Decrease) | FY 13 - FY 14 % Change (Decrease) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| Accounting | \$ 262,557 | \$ 251,675 | \$ 260,096 | \$ 278,838 | \$ 18,742 | 7.21% |
| Administration | \$ 377,445 | \$ 366,098 | \$ 377,207 | \$ 386,684 | \$ 9,477 | 2.51% |
| Akeley Memorial Building | \$ 149,125 | \$ 155,690 | \$ 151,254 | \$ 116,201 | \$ (35,053) | -23.17% |
| Arena | | | | \$ 425,875 | \$ 425,875 | #DIV/0! |
| Auditors | | | | | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Capital | \$ 569,000 | \$ 424,859 | \$ 539,000 | \$ 268,000 | \$ (271,000) | -50.28% |
| Cemetery | \$ 12,672 | \$ 10,420 | \$ 12,797 | \$ 14,289 | \$ 1,494 | 11.67% |
| Community Affairs | \$ 63,997 | \$ 57,431 | \$ 63,080 | \$ 65,005 | \$ 1,925 | 3.05% |
| Conservation | \$ - | | \$ - | | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Cultural Campus | \$ 40,764 | \$ 33,514 | \$ 38,863 | \$ 36,635 | \$ (2,228) | -5.73% |
| Debt Management | \$ 844,636 | \$ 845,652 | \$ 915,629 | \$ 1,159,169 | \$ 243,540 | 26.60% |
| Elections | \$ 2,699 | \$ 2,276 | \$ 8,023 | \$ 2,307 | \$ (5,716) | -71.25% |
| Emergency Management | \$ 5,316 | \$ 8,289 | \$ 5,768 | \$ 2,376 | \$ (3,392) | -58.81% |
| EMS | \$ 384,293 | \$ 356,002 | \$ 410,534 | \$ 423,426 | \$ 12,892 | 3.14% |
| Equipment Reserve Fund | \$ 370,000 | \$ 370,000 | \$ 370,000 | \$ 380,000 | \$ 10,000 | 2.70% |
| Fire | \$ 227,239 | \$ 240,960 | \$ 226,031 | \$ 208,923 | \$ (17,108) | -7.57% |
| General Government | \$ 557,631 | \$ 549,586 | \$ 584,929 | \$ 575,607 | \$ (9,322) | -1.59% |
| Highway | \$ 1,698,581 | \$ 1,634,816 | \$ 1,779,490 | \$ 1,811,989 | \$ 32,499 | 1.83% |
| Historic Preservation | \$ - | | | | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Insurance | \$ 196,829 | \$ 202,082 | \$ 218,814 | \$ 201,463 | \$ (17,351) | -7.93% |
| Library | \$ 507,281 | \$ 482,246 | \$ 502,838 | \$ 531,462 | \$ 28,624 | 5.69% |
| Listers | \$ 121,424 | \$ 120,911 | \$ 209,259 | \$ 106,349 | \$ (102,910) | -49.18% |
| Mountain Rescue | \$ 22,707 | \$ 26,567 | \$ 24,194 | \$ 17,542 | \$ (6,652) | -27.49% |
| Parks | \$ 696,328 | \$ 650,559 | \$ 681,504 | \$ 488,265 | \$ (193,239) | -28.35% |
| Planning | \$ 121,564 | \$ 117,176 | \$ 123,651 | \$ 125,982 | \$ 2,331 | 1.89% |
| Police | \$ 1,567,694 | \$ 1,625,796 | \$ 1,582,794 | \$ 1,598,152 | \$ 15,358 | 0.97% |
| Public Safety Building | | | | \$ 130,327 | \$ 130,327 | #DIV/0! |
| Public Works - Administration | \$ 281,796 | \$ 215,799 | \$ 306,721 | \$ 298,160 | \$ (8,561) | -2.79% |
| Recreation | \$ 431,269 | \$ 464,304 | \$ 469,094 | \$ 514,751 | \$ 45,657 | 9.73% |
| Solid Waste | \$ 550 | \$ 550 | \$ 550 | \$ 550 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Street Lights | \$ 55,520 | \$ 46,612 | \$ 25,438 | \$ 29,392 | \$ 3,954 | 15.54% |
| Town Clerk | \$ 239,491 | \$ 243,397 | \$ 239,767 | \$ 260,888 | \$ 21,121 | 8.81% |
| Zoning | \$ 123,713 | \$ 124,770 | \$ 125,510 | \$ 130,406 | \$ 4,896 | 3.90% |
| EXPENDITURE TOTAL: | \$ 9,932,121 | \$ 9,628,036 | \$ 10,252,835 | \$ 10,589,013 | \$ 336,180 | 3.28% |

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES

| Department | FY 12 Adopted Budget | FY 12 Actual | FY 13 Adopted Budget | FY 14 Budget Request | FY 13 - FY 14 \$ Change (Decrease) | FY 13 - FY 14 % Change (Decrease) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|---|
| Accounting | \$ 66,190 | \$ 50,558 | \$ 71,190 | \$ 53,351 | \$ (17,839) | -25.06% |
| Administration | \$ 540,527 | \$ 592,345 | \$ 550,492 | \$ 630,685 | \$ 80,193 | 14.57% |
| Akeley Memorial Building | \$ - | | | \$ - | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Arena | | | | \$ 301,030 | \$ 301,030 | #DIV/0! |
| Auditors | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Capital | \$ 569,000 | \$ 703,132 | \$ 539,000 | \$ 268,000 | \$ (271,000) | -50.28% |
| Cemetery | \$ 1,200 | \$ 800 | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,200 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Conservation | \$ - | | \$ - | | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Cultural Campus | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,510 | \$ 1,200 | \$ 1,872 | \$ 672 | 56.00% |
| Debt Management | \$ - | | \$ - | \$ 350,000 | \$ 350,000 | #DIV/0! |
| EMS | \$ 208,416 | \$ 192,013 | \$ 238,465 | \$ 258,049 | \$ 19,584 | 8.21% |
| Fire | \$ 750 | \$ 4,752 | \$ 750 | \$ 750 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| General Government | \$ 35,700 | \$ 35,700 | \$ 5,550 | | \$ (5,550) | -100.00% |
| Highway | \$ 181,865 | \$ 177,818 | \$ 182,365 | \$ 182,300 | \$ (65) | -0.04% |
| Historic Preservation | \$ - | | \$ - | | \$ - | #DIV/0! |
| Library | \$ 30,300 | \$ 31,358 | \$ 27,800 | \$ 28,558 | \$ 758 | 2.73% |
| Listers | \$ 29,700 | \$ 29,734 | \$ 116,100 | \$ 15,500 | \$ (100,600) | -86.65% |
| Mountain Rescue | \$ 250 | \$ 2,802 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Parks | \$ 167,210 | \$ 172,531 | \$ 168,025 | \$ 31,688 | \$ (136,337) | -81.14% |
| Planning | \$ 7,000 | \$ 5,500 | \$ 7,000 | \$ 7,000 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Police | \$ 129,419 | \$ 163,844 | \$ 127,952 | \$ 134,096 | \$ 6,144 | 4.80% |
| Public Works - Administration | \$ 44,000 | \$ 44,000 | \$ 44,000 | \$ 44,000 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| Recreation | \$ 155,165 | \$ 187,740 | \$ 161,490 | \$ 194,510 | \$ 33,020 | 20.45% |
| Surplus Carried Forward | \$ 412,313 | | \$ 495,866 | \$ 237,102 | \$ (258,764) | -52.18% |
| Town Clerk | \$ 175,700 | \$ 155,559 | \$ 154,150 | \$ 155,170 | \$ 1,020 | 0.66% |
| Zoning | \$ 44,375 | \$ 48,939 | \$ 45,991 | \$ 48,215 | \$ 2,224 | 4.84% |
| REVENUE TOTAL: | \$ 2,800,280 | \$ 2,600,635 | \$ 2,939,086 | \$ 2,943,576 | \$ 4,490 | 0.15% |
| NET BUDGET | \$ 7,131,841 | \$ 7,027,402 | \$ 7,313,749 | \$ 7,645,437 | \$ 331,688 | 4.54% |
| TOWN GRAND LIST | \$ 19,982,181 | \$ 19,929,579 | \$ 20,257,707 | \$ 20,409,640 | \$ 151,933 | 0.75% |
| TOWN TAX RATE | \$ 0.3569 | \$ 0.3526 | \$ 0.3610 | \$ 0.3746 | \$ 0.0136 | 3.76% |

STOWE 5-YEAR
EQUIPMENT FUND

| DEPT | VEHICLE | MAKE | PURCHASE YEAR | Next REPLACEMENT Fiscal year | Replacement value | Life Cycle | FY13 | FY14 | FY15 | FY 16 | FY 17 | |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| FIRE | 1800 GAL TANKER W2 | FREIGHTLINER | 2008 | 2038 | 220000 | 30 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| FIRE | SILVERADO UTILITY TRUCK | CHEVY | 2003 | 2018 | 32000 | 15 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| FIRE | REEL TRUCK 4X4 E2 ** | INTERNATIONAL | 1981 | 2011 | 500000 | 30 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| FIRE | 4X4 TRUCK W/PUMP E3 | INTERNATIONAL | 1986 | 2016 | 200000 | 30 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 200,000 | \$ - | |
| FIRE | AERIAL LADDER TRUCK T1**** | SUTPHEN | 1991 | 2021 | 300000 | 30 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| FIRE | 2574 TANKER TRUCK W1 | INTERNATIONAL | 1994 | 2024 | 200000 | 30 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| FIRE | PUMPER TRUCK E1 | AMERICAN LAFRANCE | 2001 | 2031 | 350000 | 30 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| FIRE | 16 ENGINE 2 4x4 | INTERNATIONAL | 2013 | 2043 | 398000 | 30 | \$ 398,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| FIRE | 16 RESCUE 1 R1 | INTERNATIONAL | 1996 | 2026 | 300000 | 30 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | WHEELOADER 1 | CATERPILLAR | 2012 | 2027 | 135000 | 15 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | WHEELOADER 2 | JOHN DEERE | 2000 | 2015 | 150000 | 15 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 150,000 | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | DUMP - 7600 6 WHEELER | INTERNATIONAL | 2012 | 2024 | 170000 | 12 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | DUMP - 7600 6 WHEELER | INTERNATIONAL | 2003 | 2015 | 170000 | 12 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 170,000 | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | DUMP - 7600 TANDEM | INTERNATIONAL | 2004 | 2016 | 170000 | 12 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 170,000 | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | DUMP - 7600 TANDEM | INTERNATIONAL | 2005 | 2017 | 170000 | 12 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 170,000 | |
| HIGHWAY | DUMP - 7600 TANDEM | INTERNATIONAL | 2007 | 2019 | 170000 | 12 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | DUMP - 7600 TANDEM | INTERNATIONAL | 2009 | 2021 | 170000 | 12 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | DUMP - 7600 TANDEM | INTERNATIONAL | 2010 | 2022 | 170000 | 12 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | GRADER | JOHN DEERE | 1996 | 2021 | 215000 | 25 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | 772D MOTORGRADER | JOHN DEERE | 2005 | 2030 | 215000 | 25 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | F-350 PICKUP (SHOP) | FORD | 2008 | 2018 | 35000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | F-550 1.5 TON DUMP TRUCK | FORD | 2011 | 2021 | 70000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | F-350 PICKUP (VILLAGE) | FORD | 2004 | 2014 | 35000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ 35,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | F-250 FOREMAN'S PICKUP | FORD | 2011 | 2016 | 35000 | 5 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 35,000 | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | 763-SKID STEER LOADER | BOBCAT | 2010 | 2020 | 34000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | RUBBER TIRE BACKHOE | CATERPILLAR | 2013 | 2028 | 80000 | 15 | \$ 80,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| HIGHWAY | 5600 TURBO WORK MACHINE | BOBCAT | 2007 | 2017 | 40000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 40,000 | |
| HIGHWAY | EXCAVATOR EW17D | VOLVO | 2001 | 2017 | 180000 | 16 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 180,000 | |
| MTN RES | K-30 RESCUE - HOMELAND | FORD | 2011 | 2031 | 85000 | 20 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| MTN RES | CREW CAB 4WD PICKUP | 0 | 2003 | 2018 | 35000 | 15 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | KUBOTA TRACTOR | KUBOTA | 2010 | 2025 | 32000 | 15 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | 72" EXMARK MOWER | EXMARK | 2007 | 2015 | 13000 | 8 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 13,000 | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | 72" EXMARK MOWER | EXMARK | 2008 | 2016 | 13000 | 8 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 13,000 | \$ - | |
| PARKS | 72" EXMARK MOWER | EXMARK | 2009 | 2017 | 13000 | 8 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 13,000 | |
| PARKS | 72" EXMARK MOWER | EXMARK | 2010 | 2018 | 13000 | 8 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | 72" EXMARK MOWER | EXMARK | 2011 | 2019 | 13000 | 8 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | 72" EXMARK MOWER | EXMARK | 2012 | 2020 | 13000 | 8 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | BOBCAT UTILITY | 0 | 2008 | 2018 | 20000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | SKID STEER BOBCAT | 0 | 2008 | 2018 | 25000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | F-350 PICKUP | FORD 2 wheel drive | 2006 | 2016 | 25000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 25,000 | \$ - | |
| PARKS | F-350 PICKUP | FORD 2 wheel drive | 2006 | 2016 | 25000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 25,000 | |
| PARKS | F-350 PICKUP - 4x4 | FORD 4x4 | 2008 | 2018 | 30000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | F-350 DUMP 4x4 | BOBCAT 4x4 | 2007 | 2017 | 35000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 35,000 | |
| PARKS | F-350 PICKUP - 4x4 | FORD | 2005 | 2015 | 30000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 30,000 | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | F-350 DUMP 4x4 | FORD | 2013 | 2023 | 35000 | 10 | \$ 35,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | ZAMBONI | ZAMBONI | 2008 | 2026 | 85000 | 18 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| PARKS | SNOWMACHINE & GROOMER | SKANDIC SWT | 2012 | 2022 | 17000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| POLICE | UNMARKED CRUISER | CHEVY | 2003 | 2013 | 30000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ 30,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| POLICE | ACO SMALL SUV | TOYOTA | 2009 | 2017 | 30000 | 8 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 30,000 | |
| POLICE | CHIEF SMALL SUV | FORD 2008 | 2010 | 2020 | 30000 | 10 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| POLICE | SUPERVISORS SMALL SUV | CHEVY | 2011 | 2017 | 37000 | 6 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 37,000 | |
| POLICE | PATROL 1 FULL SUV | CHEVY | 2010 | 2014 | 37000 | 4 | \$ - | \$ 37,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| POLICE | PATROL 2 FULL SUV | CHEVY | 2012 | 2016 | 37000 | 4 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 37,000 | \$ - | |
| POLICE | PATROL 3 FULL SUV | CHEVY | 2011 | 2015 | 37000 | 4 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 37,000 | \$ - | \$ - | |
| POLICE | PATROL 4 FULL SUV | CHEVY | 2012 | 2016 | 37000 | 4 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 37,000 | \$ - | |
| RESCUE | AMBULANCE -1 | International/Osage | 2012 | 2021 | 186000 | 9 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | |
| RESCUE | AMBULANCE -2 | FORD | 2003 | 2012 | 186000 | 9 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 186,000 | \$ - | \$ - | |
| | | | | | | | Annual Expense: | \$ 513,000 | \$ 102,000 | \$ 586,000 | \$ 542,000 | \$ 505,000 |
| | | | | | | | Beginning Fund Balance: | \$ 101,287 | \$ 151,299 | \$ 429,299 | \$ 233,299 | \$ 91,299 |
| | | | | | | | General Fund Transfer: | \$ 370,000 | \$ 380,000 | \$ 390,000 | \$ 400,000 | \$ 410,000 |
| | | | | | | | FY 12 Expenditure | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | | | | | | | Other Revenue: | \$ 193,012 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| | | | | | | | Ending Fund Balance: | \$ 151,299 | \$ 429,299 | \$ 233,299 | \$ 91,299 | \$ (3,701) |

SELECTBOARD REPORT

On Town Meeting Day 2012, the Town approved a \$6.5 million dollar bond to construct a new Arena with year-round ice making capability. As we write this, we are in the process of finalizing the design, obtaining all the necessary permits, and preparing to put the various elements out to bid with the intent of constructing and opening it for operation by the end of 2013

The voters also approved funds at the 2012 Town Meeting to contribute to the acquisition of the Cady Hill Forest and the construction of a parking lot. The property has been turned over to the Town by the Stowe Land Trust with conservation easements and we have constructed the parking lot. The trails are now open to the public. If you haven't yet been up to walk or bike them, please do so. The new Arena and Cady Hill Forest are significant additions to the recreational offerings of our resort town.

While it is important to take on new initiatives to improve the vitality of our community, it is also important that we take care of our existing infrastructure. During the 2012 construction season, we replaced the Pond Street sidewalk with concrete, which we intend to do in the remainder of the Village Center other than Main Street over time. Trying to find the right balance between new initiatives and the maintenance of existing infrastructure is a challenge that all communities face, and is especially challenging in resort towns, such as Stowe. This challenge will be an important and continuing public discussion.

The utilization of our public resources is also a delicate balancing act as it impacts each resident differently. This year, through the Conservation Commission and with input from the Recreation Commission and citizens, we have been working on the update of the Mayo Farm Management Plan. We hope to have this completed by Town Meeting. As always, we strive to maintain the vitality of our community and it's economy and to protect our community from the potential negative impacts of overutilization of our public resources by both visitors and residents.

The FY'14 budget attempts to maintain services and continues to move the community forward, while minimizing the property tax impact on homes and businesses. Over the past 5 years this has become even more challenging as we continue to face low grand list growth. Last year, the voters redirected \$350,000 of annual local option tax revenue to service the annual debt obligations related to the new Arena. While this results in a reduced amount available for new capital projects, in the near term it allows the Public Works Department to focus on the backlog of already funded capital projects as well as to work on the much needed formal assessment of our upcoming infrastructure needs. Once completed, the Town will be in a better position to prioritize capital projects and determine the appropriate level of capital

spending. The scope and condition of our infrastructure is essential to our quality of life and the ability to attract private sector investment from both homeowners and business.

This last year was also sadly marked by the passing of Karla Spaulding, who served for years as our Finance Director and Treasurer. In recognition of her long term service to our community, the Selectboard has dedicated this Annual Report to her.

We would also like to thank the following employees who left the Town over the last year: Parks and Recreation Director Marge McIntosh, Library Director Rebekka Mateyk and Recreation Administrative Assistant Jess Viens. We would also like to welcome the following employees: Police Chief Donald Hull; Library Director Cindy Weber and Matt Frazee, Parks and Recreation Director. We hope to have a new Finance Director by Town Meeting. Finally, we would like to thank all town employees and volunteers. Without their care, knowledge and expertise it would be difficult if not impossible to have the quality of life we enjoy.

Stowe is a special place. We are honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of being your legislative body.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Davis, Chair
Larry Lackey, Vice Chair
Lisa Hagerty
Billy Adams
Neil Van Dyke



Memorial Hall

STOWE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The five members of the Cemetery Commission are Donna Adams, Chair, Leigh Tabor, Vice Chair, George von Trapp, Treasurer, and members Judy Demeritt and Skeeter Austin. Bruce Godin is Superintendent of Cemeteries, attends the monthly meetings and reports to the commission on work being done or needed in the town's seven cemeteries. Bruce leads the Parks and Recreation crew mowing, maintaining cemetery buildings and equipment, cleaning old monuments, installing corner posts, opening for burials, liaison with and supervision of contractors. The beauty of our town cemeteries is due to their diligence, and we are grateful. Barbara Allaire provides administrative support and guidance. The commission appreciates her help and good humor as well as her prodigious memory of people, places and happenings in the Stowe community.

The commission spent several meetings reviewing current Rules and Regulations and has recently received approval from the Select Board for some changes to the document. Fees remain unchanged from 2010.

Site walks in Riverbank Cemetery revealed many monuments with crumbling foundations, tipping and unsafe positions. Owners and/or heirs have been contacted and asked to make repairs through insured contractors. The commission is pleased that most responses have been positive. We will continue to pursue the repair or removal of those monuments that pose a danger to the public and/or the maintenance crew. Restoration of old memorials will continue to be a priority. Old Yard requires the most work but older sections of Riverbank and West Branch also need repairs that must be done by independent contractors hired by the town.

We have published brochures that are available at kiosks in Riverbank, Old Yard, and West Branch cemeteries and also at Stowe Historical Society to educate the public regarding planting regulations and historical significance. We encourage the public to view the historic Victorian hearses that are housed in the garage next to the White House. The viewing window in that building has been modified to protect the hearses from sunlight.

The ongoing erosion of the banks and land along the Mayo property designated as future burial grounds is disturbing to the commission. We have discussed possible remedies to preserve the land there so it will be available for future generations of Stowe citizens to use. As trees age and pose falling risk, they have been removed. Replacement trees will be an ongoing project.

Barbara Allaire has been entering Riverbank Cemetery statistics by computer and the Lamoille County Planning Commission has been updating the mapping to reflect that data.

“The Annotated Cemetery Book II, Stowe, Vermont 1798-1915: Four Record Books” is for sale at Bear Pond Books and at the Stowe Town Clerk's office. Volume 1 is also for sale. They are available through the town website; samples are exhibited at Akeley Memorial Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Adams, Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Among its roles and responsibilities, the Stowe Conservation Commission's number one priority is the stewardship of town-owned conserved properties. These include:

- Sterling Forest (1,530 acres)
- Cady Hill Forest (320 acres, including what was formerly known as Macutchan Forest)
- Mayo Farm (235 acres)
- Sunset Rock (32 acres)
- Sterling Gorge Conservation Lot (3.7 acres) (provides a buffer for Sterling Gorge)

In addition, the Town also co-holds conservation easements with Stowe Land Trust on the following properties:

- Adams Camp (513 acres)
- Bingham Falls (73 acres)
- Nichol's Field (37 acres)
- Burnham Farm (107 acres)

All of these properties are available to the public for non-motorized recreation. Even though they are not owned by the Town, as co-holder of the easements, we have a shared responsibility with SLT to steward these properties.

The Commission was involved in the following activities in 2012:

Conservationist of the Year Award

At the annual Town Meeting the Commission presented its Conservationist of the Year award to Johannes von Trapp for his long-standing dedication to land conservation and forest stewardship.

Stowe/Waterbury Recreation Guide

The Commission updated the Stowe/Waterbury Recreation Guide, which identifies outdoor recreational opportunities in Stowe and Waterbury. The maps are free and available at Town Hall, Stowe Area Association and other venues. This resource will help you discover and enjoy what is in our own back yard.

Green-up Day

The Commission coordinated another very successful Green-Up Day on May 5th with 130 people participating. The volunteers picked up a little over one ton of trash as well as 40 illegally dumped tires. We look forward to continuing this effort and invite everyone to join us on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Sunset Grille and Taproom, starting at 8:00 AM.

Cady Hill Forest

The most exciting project in 2012 was Stowe Land Trust's acquisition of 260 acres on Cady Hill that was donated to the Town of Stowe and combined with Macutchan Forest to form Cady Hill Forest (see the Stowe Land Trust annual report). Stowe Land Trust closed on the property on May 31, 2012 and the Town immediately began the process of increasing access to the property and making it easier for residents and visitors to navigate the existing trail system. By the end of the summer of 2012 the following projects had been completed:

- The construction of a 20-car parking lot;

- The construction of a new access trail from the parking lot (Cady Hill Climb);

- The installation of a property sign and trailhead kiosk;

- The installation of over 60 trail signs; and

- The installation of 11 permanent "YOU ARE HERE" maps at key intersections.

Sterling Forest

The main accomplishments in Sterling Forest in 2012 were the completion of extensive drainage work on the 3.5-mile Upper Gorge Loop, which included the installation of over 40 culverts and drainage improvements on the Marston Trail. The work was done by volunteers from the Sterling Falls Gorge Natural Area Trust (SFGNAT). The Commission also partnered with SFGNAT on the installation of trail signs on the Upper Gorge Loop, Marston Trail and Ruschp Sterling Ridge Trail. SFGNAT also funded the installation of way-finding signs at the Sterling Gorge and Sterling Forest parking lots.

The Commission has been working with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR), Vermont Land and Audubon Vermont to plan a timber harvest in a roughly 100-acre area in the southeast section of the forest, between Maple Run Lane and the Catamount Trail. Audubon VT and FPR, through the "Foresters for the Birds" project, have created a toolkit that includes options for integrating timber and bird habitat management. The general plan is to create a number of "patch cuts" ranging in size from ½ acre to as large as 5 acres with the intention of creating songbird habitat as well as browse for moose and deer.

The Town also received a grant to identify, and map historic sites (cellar holes) in Sterling Forest. The project includes clearing the sites and developing a historic sites brochure, as well as designing and installing interpretive panels at the sites. The project will be completed in 2013.

Sunset Rock

The Commission hired a professional trail builder to make needed improvements to the Sunset Rock trail system. The trailhead is located at the end of Sunset Street. In addition, trail signs have been installed on all the trails as well as pointing the way to a unique glacial kettle hole near the actual Sunset Rock.

An area near the Upper Overlook was cleared of small trees to keep the view towards Mt. Mansfield opened up.

Mayo Farm

With a grant from the VT Department of Natural Resources, the Commission oversaw the design and installation of an interpretive panel along the Quiet Path on river corridor management and the planting of a dozen trees in the same area. In addition, approximately 30 existing trees were wrapped in metal fencing material to protect them from beaver activity. The Commission also conducted a review and update of the Mayo Farm Management Plan.

Conservation Commission members in 2012 included:

Marina Meerburg, Chair, Robert Fahey, Vice-chair, David Jaqua, M.E. Lawlor, Jason Kirchick, Gar Anderson and Bethany Sargent.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Jackman, *Planning Director*

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Appointed by the Selectboard, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes' sole responsibility is to collect past due Town and School taxes listed on the Town Treasurer's Warrant following the installment due dates in August, November, February and May of each year. The following chart shows the delinquent amount immediately following the deadline.

In order to offset the cost of collecting delinquent taxes and in order to stimulate timely payment, Title 32 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and Chapter 9 of the Town Charter provide for interest charges to be assessed against all delinquent accounts. These revenues are turned over to the Town's General Fund.

The Town of Stowe follows a firm, consistent and fair policy of collecting delinquent taxes. All taxes are required to be in the hands of the Treasurer by the deadline. Postmarks by the appropriate due date are acceptable.

Delinquent taxes are billed monthly, and every effort is made to accommodate people who try to satisfy their obligation. The Town's policy is to send all accounts with any portion due, one year or more, in arrears to the Town Attorney for tax sale. Although this may seem harsh to some, experience has shown that those few accounts that remain delinquent after one year will be paid only if the Town follows this avenue. After all, the collection of delinquent taxes has a direct bearing on the Town's financial condition. In most tax sale cases, full payment is made before the tax sale actually becomes final.

Respectfully submitted,

ALISON A. KAISER

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Summary of Delinquent Taxes

| <u>Warrant Date</u> | <u>Amount Billed</u> | <u>Delinquent Warrant Amount</u> | <u>% Delinquent of Total Billed</u> | <u>Remaining Delinquent Amount 6/30/2012</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| August, 2007 | \$8,223,116 | \$524,530 | 6.38% | \$0 |
| November, 2007 | \$8,223,116 | \$468,141 | 5.69% | \$0 |
| February, 2008 | \$8,223,116 | \$438,369 | 5.33% | \$0 |
| May, 2008 | \$8,223,116 | \$442,640 | 5.38% | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$32,892,464 | \$1,873,680 | 5.70% | |
| August, 2008 | \$9,195,822 | \$737,845 | 8.02% | \$0 |
| November, 2008 | \$9,195,822 | \$477,905 | 5.20% | \$0 |
| February, 2009 | \$9,195,822 | \$419,119 | 4.56% | \$0 |
| May, 2009 | \$9,195,822 | \$495,186 | 5.38% | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$36,783,288 | \$2,130,056 | 5.79% | |
| August, 2009 | \$9,842,981 | \$784,705 | 7.97% | \$0 |
| November, 2009 | \$9,842,981 | \$417,130 | 4.24% | \$0 |
| February, 2010 | \$9,842,981 | \$605,426 | 6.15% | \$0 |
| May, 2010 | \$9,842,981 | \$602,405 | 6.12% | \$0 |
| TOTAL | \$39,371,923 | \$2,409,667 | 6.12% | |
| August, 2010 | \$9,828,959 | \$613,408 | 6.24% | \$0 |
| November, 2010 | \$9,828,959 | \$795,831 | 8.10% | \$0 |
| February, 2011 | \$9,828,959 | \$866,294 | 8.81% | \$5,883 |
| May, 2011 | \$9,828,959 | \$744,501 | 7.57% | \$16,961 |
| TOTAL | \$39,315,836 | \$3,020,034 | 7.68% | |
| August, 2011 | \$8,922,044 | \$535,140 | 6.00% | \$53,294 |
| November, 2011 | \$8,922,044 | \$586,529 | 6.57% | \$94,008 |
| February, 2012 | \$8,922,044 | \$753,189 | 8.44% | \$114,360 |
| May, 2012 | \$8,922,044 | \$641,986 | 7.20% | \$192,144 |
| TOTAL | \$35,688,178 | \$2,516,844 | 7.05% | |

TOTAL OUTSTANDING DELINQUENCIES AS OF 6/30/2012

\$476,649

2012 REPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

In 2012 the Development Review Board reviewed and issued decisions for 15 new or amended subdivisions, 19 conditional uses, and 9 Ridge and Hillside Overlay projects.

Administratively, Richard Baker continues to serve as the Zoning Administrative Officer. As the Administrative Officer Rich helps applicants get ready for the Board's review, prepares warnings and agendas, writes draft decisions, and provides technical assistance to the Board. Once again this year, Barbara Allaire has served as the Board's secretary. We appreciate her many years of continued service.

BRIAN LEVEN, Chair
Stowe Development Review Board

MICHAEL BEUGNIES
PETER COLLOTTA
DREW CLYMER
MICHAEL DIENDER
CHRIS WALTON
DOUGLAS WHITE

TOWN OF STOWE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT
56 OLD FARM ROAD, P.O. BOX 190
TEL: (802) 253-7215

Another year has gone by at the Town of Stowe Electric Department (“SED”) and it has been a productive year indeed! We installed all 4,000 (AMI) Meters or “Smart Meters”, as we refer to them, which have resulted in many efficiency gains, including:

- proactively alerting SED to equipment in the field requiring attention. (i.e. transformers with voltage settings too high/low);
- providing SED the opportunity to visit every customer location, and offering an opportunity to create more detailed mapping of SED territory/resources;
- de-manufacturing and recycling over five tons of old meters at no cost to SED;
- limiting the number of truck-rolls for final reads resulting in reduced fuel consumption and carbon emissions;
- automatically updating the VTOutages.com website; and
- providing an opportunity to use all of SED’s resources to install meters (other utilities contracted that service). This resulted in increased teamwork and a training opportunity at all levels at SED, as well as better internal understanding of various processes.

We are very proud that SED was referred to by the Public Service Department as an outstanding example for SGIG recipients in Vermont based on the success of our AMI implementation thus far. The project was also well-received by the ratepayers: SED’s opt-out rate is 1%, the lowest in the state. Other utilities with SmartMeters are closer to 4%.

Other noteworthy projects of 2012 were:

- the voltage conversion on Luce Hill, serving Trapp’s new microbrewery; and
- extensive tree trimming to reduce potential outages as well as other extensive preventive maintenance.

SED continues to support environmentally viable and economically sound power from local sources. SED has contracts for power with hydro producers such as Niagara and St. Lawrence, NY and Hydro Québec. To date SED has nineteen net-metering solar customers in our territory. SED has one methane gas net-metering customer.

On Town Meeting Day 2013 we will be asking the voters of Stowe to allow us to reallocate unexpended bond proceeds to build an office building for the Electric Dept on already owned property. The Electric Dept currently rents an office building and will save significant funds as a result of moving to an owned facility.

The SED Commission and Management continues to be dedicated to increasing efficiency, customer service and reliability. SED has not increased rates since 2010 and is not expecting a rate increase in 2013.

Thank you to all our ratepayers for your continuing support.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Burt, *General Manager*

Town of Stowe Electric Department





DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The year of July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 (FY2012), has been a good year for The Department of EMS. Our department is staffed with three full-time employees, four Per-Diem employees, and 35 volunteers. The department's staff and Per Diem employees help augment the volunteers without whom we would not be able to meet the demands of call volume such that we have.

The Volunteer Base includes almost 35 members. Our volunteers are certified at the following levels: EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate ('03), Paramedic, and CPR/Driver. Our volunteers' years of service range from 1 year to 30+ years of service. This year one of our volunteers received an Award for Outstanding Community Service from Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin for his exceptional service over more than twenty years.

Over the last year the department has responded to 603 calls for assistance with a breakdown of those responses as follows: Emergency Calls, 442; Standby, 36; Non-Transports, 125.

Throughout this past year, because of changes driven by new state legislation, our volunteers are working harder than ever to maintain their certifications through continuing education. Most of our volunteers have put in at least 120 hours towards gaining their initial certification, but everyone is now required to document 72 hours of continuing education every two years. As our volunteers continue to serve and give their scarce free time, we are ever more thankful for their dedication, and to the support of their families and employers; without this support we would not have the robust service we do.

Also in the last year, the department has been instrumental in creating a new program administered through the State EMS Office at the Department of Health—The HeartSafe Community program. This is a program that helps communities obtain a level of preparedness for cardiac emergencies by meeting benchmark criteria. Stowe will be one of the first communities to obtain this designation.

Stowe EMS enjoys a close working relationship with the Stowe Fire Department, Stowe Mountain Rescue, and the Stowe Police Department. The new Public Safety Facility is showing many benefits to these organizations and their collaborative efforts. As well, the Community Meeting Room has proven to be a useful venue for expanding opportunities for both local and regional training. The work of the Department of EMS, as well as Stowe Fire Department, Stowe Mountain Rescue, and Emergency Management would not get done without many, many hours volunteered by members of these agencies. I would personally like to thank each volunteer for their commitment and dedication.

Respectfully submitted, SCOTT BRINKMAN, *EMS Chief*

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department is responsible for processing accounts payable checks, payroll, water and sewer loans, bank reconciliations, fixed assets and preparing for the annual audit. The Department is also responsible for assisting all departments with budgets and budget preparation.

In the past fiscal year, the Town billed \$35,688,178 in property taxes of which the State of Vermont was paid \$18,014,326 for the Education Fund and \$8,588,257 was sent directly to the Town of Stowe School District.

We are in the process of hiring a new Finance Director. I would like to thank Kim Grogan and Linda Kelly for serving as Interim Finance Directors and for their continuing support and good work.

I would like to join with the Selectboard in acknowledging Karla's service to Stowe.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SAFFORD

Town Manager



STOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Stowe Fire Department just completed its 107th year of service to the town. It is an amazing journey from where we started, to present day firefighting. We think of, and honor all those firefighters that have gone before us.

I would like to thank all of our members, balancing full time jobs, families, responding to calls, training, helping those in need, and keeping up with daily activities of the department. We thank you, the townspeople, for your support and funding of the department and allowing us to be good stewards of your fire department.

For the period 1/1/11- 12/31/11, the department responded to 272 calls, the following is a breakdown;

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Fires | 12 |
| Gas / Lpg release | 13 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 32 |
| Hazardous conditions | 29 |
| Fire alarm activations | 141 |
| Carbon monoxide | 37 |
| Mutual aid fire | 3 |
| Elevator rescue | 5 |



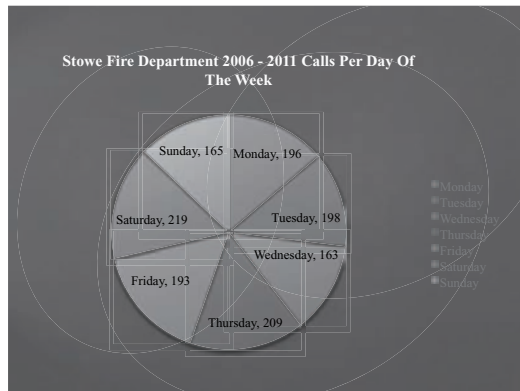
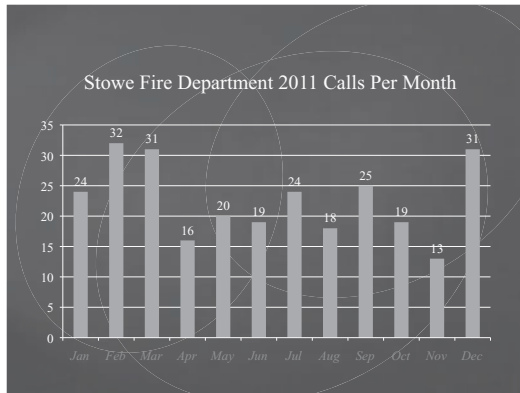
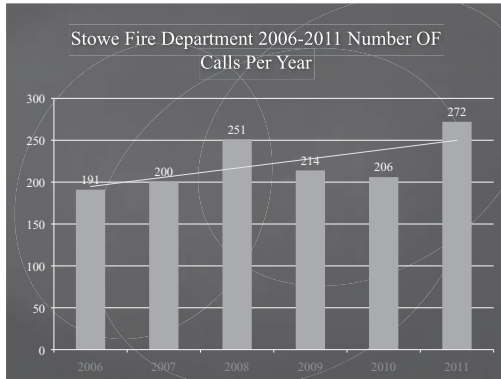
SFD volunteers Pete Haslam Jr and John Dierienzo capture the attention of SES students during Fire Prevention Week.

This year we are sharing some charts of information covering the last five years of calls, 2006- 2011 - top incidents, number of calls, calls per month, calls per day of week, average number of personal per calls.

For those of you having fire alarm systems, being private homes or commercial properties, please have your systems inspected, and in good working order as to decrease the number of false alarms we respond to. If you are having building or service work done please call your alarm company ahead of time, making them aware will also decrease false alarm responses. If you have a dry hydrant at your fire pond or in your neighborhood, please have it plowed and accessible, shoveling that hydrant will make it much easier if there is a fire in your area, and the fire department will have a quicker response for water. Many thanks for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
MARK SGANTAS, *Chief*

**STOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT 2006 - 2011 AVERAGE
NUMBER OF PERSONNEL PER CALL 10
2011 AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL PER CALL IS 13**



HELEN DAY ART CENTER

Helen Day Art Center, 90 Pond Street, PO Box 411, Stowe, VT 05672
802 253 8358 www.helenday.com

Gallery Hours: Wednesday –Sunday 12:00-5:00 during exhibits.

Helen Day Art Center’s mission is to enhance the human experience through the visual arts.

2012 was a remarkable year for visitors to our exhibitions and attendance in our classes and public programs. We began the year with “The Art on Burton” exhibition, attracting almost 700 student visitors from 19 different schools, both regionally and from New Jersey. This exhibition was accompanied by an extremely successful Snowboard Design Competition, involving local schools and individuals, and ending with a highly attended award ceremony.

Following that, our exhibitions included *Impressed: Vermont Printmakers*, Yu-Wen Wu, Clark Derbes, Dusty Boynton, *Migration* (an exhibition on local and global issues of immigration, emigration, refugees, migrant workers), *Exposed*, Eli Simon and Hal Mayforth, Denis Versweyveld and Austin Furtak-Cole, Rory Jackson, Student Art Show, and Members’ Art Show. In total, we had 11 exhibitions and approximately 15 accompanying public programs.

Rachel Moore joined us as Assistant Director and Curator during the fall of 2011, curating the majority of the 2012 exhibitions. Athena Tasiopoulos joined us as Program Assistant to help with our ever-expanding education classes.

Lynn Rublee, our Education Coordinator, led the classes and workshops through a great year of youth and adult creativity ranging from Contemporary Art Lectures by Suzy Spence, Snowboard Video Production for kids (working at both the mountain and HDAC), Snowboard Design with Dennis Healy (Creative Manager of Graphics at Burton), and Photography Courses by Paul Rogers.

In total we offered 40 classes and camps with scholarships. Johanna Darrow organized two stupendous Bus Tours to visit other cultural sites, including a trip to the Gardiner and Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, MA.

Community Events included Family Day making gingerbread houses, a new Halloween video night, curated by Anahí Costa with the help of Kyle Dubois, the Festival of Trees and Light, and the Giving Tree (we partnered with local community organizations to collect and distribute outerwear, clothing and toys to neighbors in need).

We inspired our region in 2012 through exhibitions, arts education, public programs, and special events with tremendous support from our Board of

Trustees, staff, community volunteers and the numerous sponsors, donors and members who make what we do possible. Thank you!

We are very proud of our accomplishments in 2012 and all that we have contributed to the community. Don't miss one inspirational moment; visit the Helen Day Art Center in 2013!

Yours,

NATHAN SUTER, *Executive Director*



Annual "Festival of Trees" at HDAC

2012 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Stowe Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) performs design review for exterior alterations, demolition and relocation of historic buildings and for any development within the Stowe Historic Overlay District (SHOD). In addition, the SHPC promotes town projects that foster historic preservation. The Commission is proud of its record of helping promote development that is aesthetically compatible with the existing historic character of the Stowe Village and Lower Village and with other historic buildings outside of the SHOD.

In 2012, the Commission reviewed 34 applications. Richard Baker, Zoning Director, serves as staff to the SHPC for design review. Tom Jackman, Planning Director, serves as staff to the SHPC for town historic preservation projects.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Scofield, Chair

Barbara Baraw

Sarah McLane

Gordon Dixon

Robert Lawlor

Alternates:

Chris Carey

Lucinda B. McKechnie

STOWE FREE LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

The Stowe Free Library is a warm and welcoming place filled with the most extraordinary people, from those that make the day-to-day proceedings run smoothly (the dedicated staff members, volunteers, library trustees, and Friends of the Library) to those who enhance the daily activities (our wonderful patrons, presenters, tourists, visitors, and community leaders.) The library is indeed a vibrant community gathering space!

The library staff is comprised of 3 full-time and 3 part-time librarians, who enthusiastically anticipate the needs of all who enter the door, call, or e-mail. Both circulation desks are staffed with those ready to contribute in the quest for knowledge, from the lending of materials to assisting with technical issues. In the office, behind the scenes, materials are being purchased and processed, items are being cataloged, programs are being planned, and other services are being provided. Meanwhile, the steadfast custodian ensures a safe and comfortable building. What a bustling place!

The library relies upon its many volunteers in its countless endeavors. The volunteers have bestowed upon the library more than 1100 hours of selfless labor in this past year. Thank you to these generous individuals!

The Library Board, consisting of 7 community-minded individuals, work diligently to establish fairness and good stewardship of the community's investment in the library. Thank you for your contribution!

And the Friends of Stowe Free Library ... this tireless group of individuals donates countless hours in fundraising, collection development, and programming. Among their achievements are the annual book sale, the library's vast DVD collection, and the "In Your Own Backyard Series" presentations by local authors. Many thanks to you!

The library extends its gratitude to all of its fellow municipal coworkers. Interdepartmental cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

To those who "enhance the daily activities" the Stowe Free Library thanks you wholeheartedly. The library is here to serve you, the library users and community members. You give it direction and meaning. Thank you for your interest and your support!

And a hearty thanks to the following: The Copley-Munson Fund, the Summer Reading Performer Grant provided by the Vermont Department of Libraries and presented by Tom Joyce, the Green Mountain Coffee Company, and the Stowe Garden Club.

We at the library are pleased to serve the Stowe community. Stop in and see what's new in the collection or to set a spell in our new library furniture provided through the John Wood Endowment!

Most Appreciatively,
Cindy Weber, Director

The statistics below serve as an assessment of our accomplishments and successes this past year.

Statistics:

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|--|----------|
| Total collection size, number of items: | 33,670 |
| Total circulation of materials this past year: | 101,418 |
| Total adult computer usages this past year: | 6,297 |
| Total children computer usages this past year: | 4,108 |
| Total adult programs/attendance this past year: | 27/380 |
| Total children programs/attendance this past year: | 142/3145 |
| Current adult registered cardholders: | 6173 |
| Current child registered cardholders: | 699 |



Julie Pickett and Megan Carder show that reading is fun at Stowe Free Library's Story Hour.

STOWE FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

2012 was an eventful year that ended on a strong high note for the Stowe Free Library when Cindy Weber was hired in November as our Director. She comes highly qualified, and recommended, to us from the Dorothy Alling Memorial Library in Williston, VT. Cindy and her family live in Fairfax, so depending on the season, she commutes through the mountain or around it. Your Board and the library staff are extremely pleased she's with us.

Thanks to a generous gift from the estate of John Wood, Elizabeth Wechsler and her committee were able to research and purchase some needed and very handsome new furniture. The children's section has new tables and chairs, the reading/computer section in the non-fiction area has new computer friendly tables and chairs, and there are new computer carrels in convenient spots in the entrance area. The computer room has been repainted, and has new furniture. Several book shelves have been built, and others have been moved to better utilize available space. And finally, the air handling system has been replaced, increasing comfort and efficiency.

Dee Reeve and the Friends have had successful plant, bake, and book sales. Dee's report has details.

I would like to recognize and thank Megan Carder for stepping in on short notice to act as interim director during the period leading up to Cindy's arrival. Megan and the staff kept the library on an even keel for several months.

Jo Sabel Courtney left the Board this year, and was replaced by Dick Johannesen, reportedly beginning his second century as Treasurer.

The library is striving to serve the needs of both traditional and new users, with many new books in the stacks, new computer services, new DVDs, and an outstanding periodical room.

Thanks to our capable staff and wide support from the community, Stowe has a truly excellent library. The Board of Directors invites everyone to pay us a visit, and Read More Books.

Respectfully,

David Bryan
Stephanie Clymer
Dick Johannesen
Amanda Kuhnert
Charles Lusk
Phyllis Thibault
Elizabeth Wechsler

STOWE FREE LIBRARY
INCOME SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Book Sale Share from Friends..... | \$6,000 |
| Copier Fees..... | 1,511 |
| Registration Fees..... | 4,220 |
| Fines..... | 803 |
| Material Replacement..... | 916 |
| Bank Account Interest..... | 193 |
| Donations..... | 1,262 |
| Endowment Income-Realized..... | 14,590 |
| Other Income..... | <u>284</u> |
| Income before Grants/Bequests..... | \$29,779 |
| Total Grant Income..... | \$4,158 |

STOWE FREE LIBRARY ASSETS
JUNE 30, 2012

CASH

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Checking Account..... | \$1,449 |
| Development Account..... | 56,606 |
| Cash Drawer..... | <u>75</u> |
| Total Cash Accounts..... | \$58,130 |

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Montanari Fund

Restricted. Income to be used for books, materials and supplies.
Principal can only be used by agreement with Selectboard.

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|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Sentinel Balanced Fund..... | \$403,560 |
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Susan W. Downer and Mrs. A. H. Slayton Fund

Unrestricted. Income can be used as desired. Principal should remain untouched.

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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Union Bankshare Common Stock..... | \$140,328 |
| Fidelity Short-term Bond Fund..... | <u>15,041</u> |
| Total..... | \$155,369 |

Rogers and Emily Adams Fund

Restricted. Can be used for books and materials only, specifically not for furniture and maintenance. Principal can be drawn down to \$200. Designed as a receptacle for other gifts.

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| Fidelity Asset Manager:20%..... | \$16,246 |
|---------------------------------|----------|

Doris Houston Fund

Restricted. Income to be used for library expenses. Principal to remain untouched.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Dodge & Cox Balanced Fund..... | \$36,664 |
| Dodge & Cox International Fund..... | <u>3,928</u> |
| Total..... | \$40,592 |

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Total Endowment Funds..... | \$615,767 |
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THE FRIENDS OF THE STOWE FREE LIBRARY

Friends of Stowe Free Library is a non-profit organization founded by a group of volunteers in 2006 whose mission is to enhance the services, programs and circulation materials of the Library.

The Friends raise funds at our annual plant sale and the summer and ongoing book sales, as well as through membership dues and donations. We are fortunate to have many volunteers who give of their time to the Friends. Among those who deserve special mention are Bonnie Knight, Margot Hall and Sally Nolan, Co-Chairs of the Book Sale, and Caren Goodhue, Elizabeth Wechsler, Lisa Grady and Deb Blanton who coordinate the Plant Sale. Elizabeth Wechsler is also Membership Chair and Lisa Grady arranges the speakers for the In Your Own Backyard series and Annual Meeting, which last year included Charlie Nardoizzi, Barry Estabrook and Bryan Pfeiffer. In the spring, at the request of the Library Director, we dusted books, DVD's and shelves. Many turned out to help with this task, with Barbara Bauman and Connie Carrino topping the list of dusters. Thanks also to Helene Martin and Bob DiMario for their years of service as Hospitality Co-Chairs, to Phyllis Thibault for maintaining our webpage and to Sandy Simonds for her design of our brochures and invitations. We also appreciate EverBank's contribution to the purchase of our canvas tote bags and Ronna Ziegel's management of that project. Needless to say, there are countless others – too many to name -- who help with all of our efforts. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone who supported us throughout the year.

Last year, we continued our annual financial commitments, including sponsorship of the weekly Baby and Toddler Story Hour, co-sponsorship with Stowe Performing Arts of the Gazebo Concert Series, augmenting the Library's DVD collection and passes to local museums and attractions, such as Shelburne Farms, ECHO and Vermont State Parks. The Friends also purchased a disc repair machine and a complete audiovisual system for the Community Meeting Room that includes a projector, speakers, a wireless microphone and a Blu-ray DVD player.

Thanks to all of you who gave so generously of your time and money to help support our Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Reeve, President
Friends of Stowe Free Library

STOWE BOARD OF LISTERS

In 2012, the Board of Listers completed a reappraisal of all 3730 taxable properties in Stowe. The purpose of the reappraisal was to correct the grand list from a rising real estate market that occurred between 1998 and 2008, which was reflected in last reappraisal done in 2005. This correction needed to be done to ensure that each property tax payer was paying his fair share of taxes. The overall grand list value saw little change from its 2011 value. However the value structure of the grand list did change. Approximately 47% of the properties were lowered by more than 3%; 26% of the properties were raised more than 3%; and 27% of the properties stayed within 3% of the 2011 value.

This year there were 114 appeals to the Board of Listers. 84 property values were lowered, 12 property values were increased and 18 property values were unchanged. The Board of Listers heard each appeal along with the town appraisers. Most of the properties appealed were visited, and all were discussed thoroughly and compared to other properties before a decision was rendered. The result of these discussions caused the Board to make 54 additional corrections to the grand list as equity adjustments due to the appeals of other properties. Equity of values is the Board's primary concern and much attention each year is paid to the sales that have occurred in the town. When properties, whether by type or neighborhood, become inequitable, it has been the Board's position to raise or lower these properties' values to ensure equity. These corrections are even made when the Listers are not doing a reappraisal.

There were 12 appeals that went to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA). All of these appeals have been heard. The BCA concurred with the Board of Listers decisions on all properties except one which saw a very small change. As of this date, one property owner is appealing to the Superior Court and two other property owners are appealing to the State Board of Appraisers.

The Board of Listers would like to thank all the property owners for their courtesy in allowing us to inspect their properties. This is a difficult project to complete, but must be done to ensure fair property taxation. That is why we provide a printout of all property values and their changes. It is also the reason we listen to all appeals. Your appeals help us to make corrections and to evaluate the accuracy of our appraisal system.

The Board of Listers would like to acknowledge Town Appraiser Tom Vickery who retired December 31, 2012 for his 38 years of service to the town. Tom has been a true asset to the Listers and the Town of Stowe. Tom's expertise in property assessment, his thorough knowledge of the state education property tax system and his public relation skills have served the town immensely. Thank you Tom!



Respectfully submitted: Paul Percy, Leo Clark and Ellen Thorndike, Board of Listers

BREAKDOWN OF GRAND LIST BY PROPERTY CATEGORY

01/04/2013
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Stowe 2012-2013 Grand List
Form 411 - (Town code: 621)
Main District

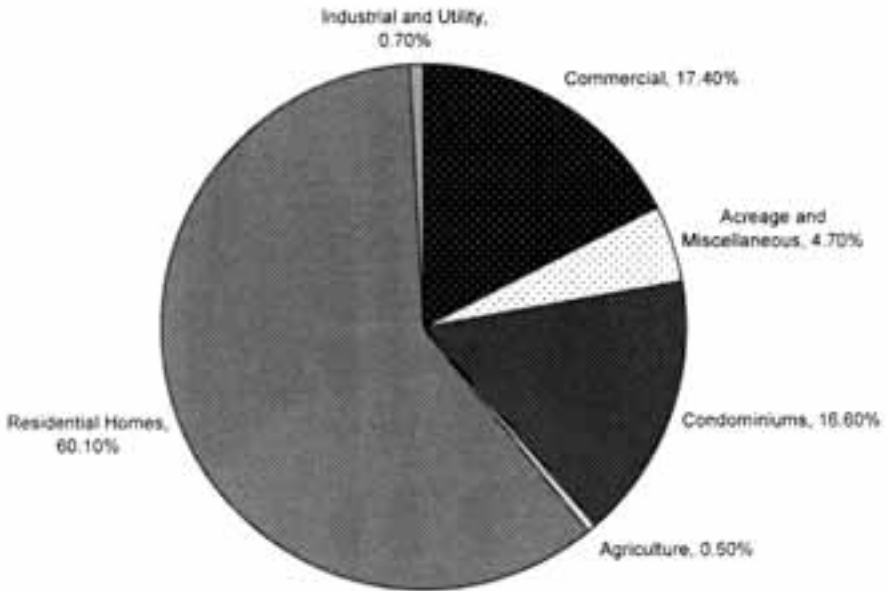
(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

| REAL ESTATE Category/Code | Parcel Count | Municipal Listed Value | Homestead Ed Listed Value | Non-Resi Ed. Listed Value | Total Education Listed Value |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Residential I R1 | 1,612 | 716,858,500 | 335,782,000 | 381,076,500 | 716,858,500 |
| Residential II R2 | 507 | 542,220,000 | 204,540,000 | 337,680,000 | 542,220,000 |
| Mobile Homes-U MHU | 6 | 400,500 | 84,000 | 316,500 | 400,500 |
| Mobile Homes-L MEL | 10 | 1,438,300 | 712,200 | 726,100 | 1,438,300 |
| Seasonal I S1 | 13 | 2,474,900 | 0 | 2,474,900 | 2,474,900 |
| Seasonal II S2 | 6 | 3,628,000 | 0 | 3,628,000 | 3,628,000 |
| Commercial C | 248 | 352,858,200 | 6,401,700 | 346,456,500 | 352,858,200 |
| Commercial Apts CA | 27 | 13,831,000 | 1,152,800 | 12,678,200 | 13,831,000 |
| Industrial I | 3 | 1,746,900 | 0 | 1,746,900 | 1,746,900 |
| Utilities-E UE | 5 | 13,651,600 | 0 | 13,651,600 | 13,651,600 |
| Utilities-O UO | 6 | 320,500 | 0 | 320,500 | 320,500 |
| Farm F | 8 | 9,646,300 | 4,563,300 | 5,083,000 | 9,646,300 |
| Other O | 987 | 350,145,500 | 27,744,900 | 322,400,600 | 350,145,500 |
| Woodland W | 19 | 3,993,400 | 0 | 3,993,400 | 3,993,400 |
| Miscellaneous M | 273 | 94,204,400 | 0 | 94,204,400 | 94,204,400 |
| TOTAL LISTED REAL | 3,730 | 2,107,418,000 | 580,980,900 | 1,526,437,100 | 2,107,418,000 |
| P.P. Cable | 1 | 145,100 | | 145,100 | 145,100 |
| P.P. Equipment | 0 | 0 | | | |
| P.P. Inventory | 0 | 0 | | | |
| TOTAL LISTED P.P. | 1 | 145,100 | | 145,100 | 145,100 |
| TOTAL LISTED VALUE | | 2,107,563,100 | 580,980,900 | 1,526,582,200 | 2,107,563,100 |
| EXEMPTIONS | | | | | |
| Veterans 10K | 11 | 110,000 | 110,000 | 0 | 110,000 |
| Veterans >10K | | 330,000 | | | |
| Total Veterans | | 440,000 | 110,000 | 0 | 110,000 |
| P.P. Contracts | 1 | 145,100 | | | |
| Contracts Apprv VEPC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grandfathered | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Apprv(voted) | 8 | 6,180,300 | | | |
| Owner Pays Ed Tax | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Total Contracts | 9 | 6,325,400 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Farm Stab Apprv VEPC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Farm Grandfathered | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non-Apprv(voted) | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Owner Pays Ed Tax | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Total FarmStab Contr | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Current Use | 114 | 74,414,100 | 19,296,000 | 55,118,100 | 74,414,100 |
| Special Exemptions | 5 | | 0 | 16,225,300 | 16,225,300 |
| Partial Statutory | 2 | 538,400 | 0 | 538,400 | 538,400 |
| Sub-total Exemptions | | 81,717,900 | 19,406,000 | 71,881,800 | 91,287,800 |
| Total Exemptions | | 81,717,900 | 19,406,000 | 71,881,800 | 91,287,800 |
| TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST | | 20,258,452.00 | | | |
| TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST | | | 5,615,749.00 | 14,547,004.00 | 20,162,753.00 |
| NON-TAX | 55 | NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411 | | | |

Year to Year Comparison of Grand List Totals, Budgets and Tax Rates

| YEAR | GRAND LIST HOMESTEAD | GRANDLIST NON HOMESTEAD | RATIO TO FMV | TOWN BUDGET | SCHOOL TAX RAISED HOMESTEAD | SCHOOL TAX RAISED NON HOMESTEAD | TAX RATE Homestead | TAX RATE Non Homestead |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1977 | 132,917,100 | | 100% | 630,833 | 1,288,000 | | 1.44 | |
| 1978 | 138,127,700 | | 95% | 676,826 | 1,256,963 | | 1.40 | |
| 1979 | 143,687,400 | | 88% | 787,407 | 1,339,167 | | 1.48 | |
| 1980 | 150,217,500 | | 83% | 941,864 | 1,446,595 | | 1.59 | |
| 1981 | 157,978,100 | | 78% | 1,034,756 | 1,540,286 | | 1.63 | |
| 1982 | 173,020,100 | | 70% | 1,200,892 | 1,808,990 | | 1.74 | |
| 1983 | 182,434,800 | | 65% | 1,311,392 | 1,842,100 | | 1.73 | |
| 1984 | 327,917,100 | | 100% | 1,690,226 | 2,095,170 | | 1.16 | |
| 1985 | 340,685,500 | | 97% | 1,707,190 | 2,272,500 | | 1.17 | |
| 1986 | 362,297,300 | | 92% | 2,006,031 | 2,387,000 | | 1.22 | |
| 1987 | 383,100,000 | | 80% | 2,270,215 | 2,779,815 | | 1.32 | |
| 1988 | 403,015,000 | | 70% | 2,570,285 | 3,159,634 | | 1.43 | |
| 1989 | 426,135,700 | | 62% | 2,850,687 | 3,508,586 | | 1.50 | |
| 1990 | 437,801,000 | | 64% | 2,976,547 | 3,993,591 | | 1.60 | |
| 1991 | 446,500,300 | | 65% | 3,036,078 | 4,378,404 | | 1.67 | |
| 1992 | 452,171,300 | | 65% | 3,079,764 | 4,603,450 | | 1.70 | |
| 1993 | 461,886,200 | | 64% | 3,140,826 | 4,849,805 | | 1.73 | |
| 1994 | 469,544,100 | | 64% | 3,145,945 | 5,071,076 | | 1.75 | |
| 1995 | 480,519,700 | | 63% | 3,073,667 | 5,110,876 | | 1.704 | |
| 1996 | 743,047,600 | | 100% | 3,470,728 | 5,292,400 | | 1.179 | |
| 1997 | 754,068,800 | | 98% | 3,564,544 | 5,330,900 | | 1.178 | |
| 1998 | 746,654,300 | | 97% | 3,403,415 | 7,893,032 | | 1.513 | |
| 1999 | 763,519,500 | | 96% | 3,481,112 | 8,441,295 | | 1.562 | |
| 2000 | 787,212,900 | | 93% | 3,732,303 | 8,712,858 | | 1.577 | |
| 2001 | 816,277,400 | | 88% | 3,860,228 | 9,286,024 | | 1.611 | |
| 2002 | 842,922,200 | | 82% | 4,629,625 | 10,125,159 | | 1.750 | |
| 2003 | 852,293,300 | | 73% | 5,175,631 | 11,260,846 | | 1.9104 | |
| 2004 | 294,701,666 | 578,982,773 | 64% | 5,648,150 | 6,115,942 | 12,162,692 | 2.7463 | |
| 2005 | 545,798,515 | 1,215,950,084 | 100% | 5,963,286 | 6,154,970 | 14,102,588 | 1.4974 | |
| 2006 | 547,831,800 | 1,271,743,000 | 96% | 5,974,533 | 7,162,353 | 17,008,290 | 1.6395 | |
| 2007 | 540,551,500 | 1,359,506,800 | 89% | 6,308,143 | 7,458,530 | 19,215,269 | 1.7443 | |
| 2008 | 522,063,200 | 1,451,267,200 | 82% | 6,870,370 | 7,789,183 | 22,218,901 | 1.8388 | |
| 2009 | 542,931,100 | 1,449,557,600 | 82% | 7,008,620 | 8,577,225 | 23,777,093 | 1.9358 | |
| 2010 | 542,119,200 | 1,449,638,100 | 83% | 7,100,615 | 8,463,023 | 23,827,701 | 2.0002 | |
| 2011 | 560,926,000 | 1,424,848,300 | 94% | 7,221,375 | 7,926,445 | 20,634,653 | 1.8106 | |
| 2012 | 561,574,900 | 1,454,700,400 | 100% | 7,313,749 | 8,019,290 | 20,949,140 | 1.7922 | |
| 1977, 1984, 1996, 2005 and 2012 | were base reappraisal years in which the Grand List increased to 100% of Fair Market Value. State law requires that a Town's Grand List not fall below 80% of FMV or it must do a reappraisal. For this reason most towns will do a reappraisal every 7 to 10 years. The year 2004 up shows Homestead and Non Homestead Grand List, taxes collected & tax rates to reflect Act 68. | | | | | | | |

DISTRIBUTION OF 2012 GRAND LIST TAX ASSESSMENT



Residential Homes - 42.71% are Homestead Property and 57.29% are Non Residential Property

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Another busy and exciting year in Parks & Recreation and a lot of fun for community members and the staff! Our Summer Rec eight week program that includes general day camp and enrichment activities averaged over 100 kids per day and included opportunities for children K-age 16. This includes TREC for 12- 16 year olds with exclusive trips, programming and activities designed specifically for their interests. Trec had over 30 participants, and a CIT (Counselor in training) Program for eligible 13-16 years olds. The Summer Recreation Programs busiest days saw 120 campers with 276 total campers participating, 60% were Stowe residents and 40 % were non-Residents, which keeps camp diverse, and offers opportunities for campers to meet new people and make long-lasting community based friendships.

Our second season of Kick-Off and Wrap-Up weeks offering a choice of morning soccer camp with Vermont Voltage or Art Extravaganza at the Helen Day Art Center and afternoon half day Rec camp.

The afternoon half-day camps averaged 30 campers while the morning soccer camps averaged 50 players and the Helen Day Program with 30+ campers was so successful that we ran an afternoon session too! These camps are a great option for kids to add to their summer fun the week before and after the traditional 8-week summer program.

Our afterschool Creative Learning Program (CLP) was bursting with fun and creative learning opportunities including offsite activities like fishing, swimming and arts & Crafts and averages over dozen kids per day. We follow the school calendar and offer Vacation Camps with on and off-site activities and field trips as well as half-day programs during early dismissals. Throughout the year, Kids' Night Out, Teen Nights and West Branch Dinners are scheduled monthly. Other programs including Adult Pick-Up sports and the Community Garden continue to be popular, as do our annual class offerings including Red Cross Baby Sitters course, CPR, First Aid, Hunter safety and our Sitter Social.

Annual programs including July 4th, Family Night in the Park, Halloween Party, Welcome to Winter, Skate with Santa, Kids Karnival Kaos, K-9 Social, Pete Hartt Classic Basketball Tournament and Easter Egg Hunt range in attendance from a few hundred to a few thousand.

We continue to provide scholarship support through fundraising and donations for our Financial Assistance Program (FAP) available to Stowe residents to help make our fee-based programs more accessible.

Our Parks staff does a remarkable job maintaining our parks, cemeteries, village flowers and greenspace, paths facilities all year round to ensure that they are top quality for our everyday users both resident and nonresident and

for our many events. They take great pride in providing excellent recreational spaces for everyone to enjoy.

We said farewell to Marge McIntosh and wish her the best in her retirement and to Jess Viens as she moves forward with her career goals. We thank them for their years of service and dedication to our community. And we welcome Matt Frazee from Hartford Parks and Recreation Department as our new Parks and Recreation Director!

THANK YOU to all of our Staff, Volunteers and Sponsors who participate in making our programs successful!

Our Parks & Recreation website contains a wealth of information and we encourage you to check out www.stowerec.org and visit our Facebook page. Stowe's recreational programs and facilities really do make life better! We are lucky to live and work in a community where such opportunities for a healthy lifestyle flourish.

Respectfully submitted,

TORI FAYE, *Interim Recreation Director*



PLANNING COMMISSION/PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Stowe Planning Commission has a number of roles and responsibilities that are defined by state statute. These include:

Preparing revisions to the Town Plan for consideration by the Selectboard.

Preparing revisions to the Stowe zoning and subdivision regulations.

Undertaking capacity studies and making recommendations on matters of land development, urban renewal, transportation, economic and social development, rural beautification and design improvements, historic and scenic preservation, the conservation of energy and the development of renewable energy resources and wetland protection.

Preparing recommended building, plumbing, fire, electrical, housing, and related codes and enforcement procedures, and construction specifications for streets and related public improvements.

The Planning Commission's main project in 2012 was completing the Town's first comprehensive review and overhaul of the Stowe Subdivision Regulations since they were originally adopted in 1974. The Subdivision Regulations provide standards for the subdivision of land in a manner that provides orderly growth and minimizes adverse impacts on natural resources and community facilities. The new regulations were adopted by the Stowe Selectboard on June 25, 2012.

The Planning Commission consists of the following members: Chuck Baraw, Chair, Howard Levine, Vice-chair, Paul Percy, Jacque Shiner, Chuck Ebel and Neal Percy.

Stowe's Planning Director provides staff support to the Planning Commission and Conservation Commission (see Conservation Commission report).

In addition, the Planning Director represents the Town on the following boards and committees:

Stowe Land Trust Board of Directors

Stowe Vibrancy Design and Economic Development Committee

Lamoille County Transportation Advisory Committee

Green Mt. Byway Steering Committee (Co-chair)

Lamoille County Brownfields Steering Committee

Stowe Transit Advisory Committee

Stowe/Morrisville Multi-use Path Steering Committee

The Planning Director's work in 2012 also included:

Providing GIS mapping services

Serving as acting Zoning Administrator

Serving as Deputy Health Officer

Improving access and signage in Cady Hill Forest

Securing a \$20,000 VT Recreational Trails grant for trail enhancements in Sterling Forest

Securing a \$4,100 grant for a Sterling Forest Historic Sites project

Coordinating Green-up Day

Completing the Town's LED streetlight project





STOWE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stowe Police Department continues to serve the citizens, business owners and visitors of Stowe by providing professional, compassionate and effective police services. We pride ourselves in our community involvement and positive customer satisfaction.

The Stowe Police Department currently has 10 full-time officers and 7 part-time officers that provide continues 24/7 coverage for the Town.

In February 2012 the Town and Members of the Stowe Police Department and Public Safety Division welcomed its new Police Chief Donald B. Hull.

The officers of the Stowe Police Department responded to 3496 calls for service. A summary of those calls for service included:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 301 Motor Vehicle Accidents | 453 Alarms | 6 Assaults |
| 233 Animal Complaints | 10 Burglary | 145 Thefts |
| 23 Driving Under Influence | 15 Juvenile Incidents | 87 Medical Calls |
| 196 Motor Vehicle Complaints | 26 Fraud/Embezzlement | 6 Missing Persons |
| 250 Suspicious Persons/Circumstances | 55 Noise Disturbance | 62 Traffic Hazards |
| 26 Fraud/Embezzlement | 71 Fire Assists | 11 Wanted Persons |

During the fiscal year from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 there were 1872 Motor Vehicle Stops that resulted in 756 Traffic Citations and 1280 Warnings issued. There were 194 arrests that resulted in 225 charges.

Highway safety is a high priority for the Stowe Police Department. We encourage everyone to drive safely by obeying the speed limits, wearing seat belts, not drinking and driving and not operating a vehicle while distracted.



Chief Donald B. Hull

The Stowe Police Department continues to work closely with all of the Town Public Safety Departments to meet all of the public safety needs for the Town.

The Stowe Police Department is very appreciative of the support received from the community throughout the year. If you have a question or need assistance, please do not hesitate to call me personally.

I would like to personally thank and praise the dedicated and professional employees of the Stowe Police Department for their continued commitment to meeting the objectives of law enforcement and providing public safety services to all residents, visitors and businesses of the Stowe Community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Donald B. Hull

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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The Public Works Department consists of the writer and a project engineer/manager. We are responsible for the oversight of the Highway and Sewer Departments, the supervision of the Water Department, the planning and delivery of capital projects and providing technical assistance to other Town Departments. In 2012, the department opened 115 project files ranging in complexity from relatively simple water/sewer allocations to the proposed \$6.5M Stowe Arena. Noteworthy projects successfully completed include the reconstruction and widening of Mayo Farms Road, River Road embankment failure repairs, construction of the Cady Hill Forest parking lot, reconstruction of Pond Street Sidewalk with drainage improvements, removal of the Rotary Barn, repairs to Moscow Road bridge and the emergency replacement of the Falls Brook Road (Class IV) bridge. Work for the new Stowe Arena included pre-referendum programming and budget studies, preparation of RFP documents and procurement of the Design/Builder, final design development, permitting, value engineering and preparation of contract documents. As of this writing, the final design is substantially complete, local permits have been secured and various state permit applications have been made and are in progress. Trade bid packages have been issued and bids have been received and are under review. Contract awards are anticipated in February and construction in the 2013 construction season is anticipated as scheduled. Considerable effort has also been required for the State and Federal processes associated with FEMA reimbursements for the 2011 floods. It seems that the requisite administrative effort far exceeds that required for the actual reconstruction. To date the Town has received approximate 84% of the anticipated Federal Share of \$961K and 7% of the anticipated State Share of \$101K. Assuming full receipt of the anticipated Federal and State share, the Town's share for the repairs from these flood events will be approximately \$78K. As challenging and difficult as dealing with the floods has been, a significant amount of capital infrastructure repair and improvement have been accomplished for a relatively small local dollars investment. 2012 also included efforts for future projects including but not limited to Stowe Hollow Road Paving, Cemetery Road Reconstruction, Mayo Farms Events Field Improvements, Upper Mountain Road Village and South Main Street Sidewalks and the Quite Path Pedestrian Bridge.

The Highway Department remains at 10 full time employees and is admirably led by Steve Bonneau, Superintendent. The Highway Department is respon-

sible for the maintenance and repairs of 96 miles of Town Highways. In addition, they maintain the Towns sidewalks and municipal parking areas and provide significant support service to other Town Departments, including but not limited to the maintenance of the Town's vehicles and equipment. Steve and his crew get the other "odd jobs" done with a smile. The Department deserves considerable praise for their work associated with the emergency reconstruction of the Falls Brook Road Bridge. With some good old fashioned Yankee ingenuity and effort, the project was successfully completed primarily with Town forces and at relatively small expense. This would have been a considerably more expensive project in most other VT towns.

The Sewer Department remains at 5 full time employees led by Greg Lewis, Superintendent. The Sewer Department is responsible for the maintenance, operation and repair of our wastewater treatment plant which treats and discharges approximately 320,000 Gallons/Day of wastewater and a collection system which consists of approximately 19 miles of sewer pipe and 3 sanitary sewer pump stations. Compliance with our discharge permit requirements has been achieved. We also continue to work toward more effective grease entrapment within our service area to assist with the management of odors at the treatment plant. Replacement of the emergency power generator at our Lower Village Pump Station is anticipated this summer and miscellaneous plant improvement in anticipation of our application for renewal of our discharge are underway. We continue to seek recertification of our sludge management facilities from the State. Unfortunately this process has proved more challenging than originally anticipated and the Department was forced to landfill, at considerable unanticipated expense, a bunker full of accumulated Class A sludge at the end of 2012. Given the increasingly challenging regulatory requirements and framework for sludge management and, the anticipated reduction in permitted landfills in the state, increased sludge management cost are deemed likely in the future. Identified future capital investment needs include replacement of the Lower Village Pump Station and collection system improvements to components of the original village sewer system.

The Water Department consist of 2 full time employees lead by Mike Mandigo, Chief Operator. The Water Department is responsible for the operations, maintenance and repair of the Town water system which consists of 2 well supplies and treatment works generating approximately 462,000 gallons of potable water per day. The distribution system consists of approximately 18 miles of water pipe, 8 storage tanks and 7 pump stations. In addition, our water system supplies and our Water Department contractually operate 3 private water systems as consecutive systems. 2012 has been a challenging year for our Water Department. Significant issues included a valve failure that resulted in significant leak and damage to public and private property on Depot Street, unexplained supply interruptions to our heretofore dependable Edson Hill well, flow control issues and resulting damage to our Edson Hill treatment works and downgradient distribution system. Although repairs have been implemented, the operating

capacity of the Edson Hill well continues to fluctuate and it appears to have diminished. The situation continues to be monitored and is currently being evaluated by a hydro-geologist. Increasing our permitted yield and treatment capacity must be a top priority. We intend to initiate an engineering study approved with the FY13 Water Capital Budget this year. The Town also successfully completed negotiations with the Mt Mansfield Company (MMC) that will result in MMC constructing additional storage capacity adjacent to the Spruce Peak Storage Tank, implementing required distribution system improvements, formalizes easements for the municipal water system from the Toll House Area Water System to Spruce Peak and, establishes an operations agreement between the Town and MMC for the Toll House Area Water System. The Town's Water Fund debt obligations and resulting impacts to the Department's fiscal and operational capacity continues to be a concern. We have initiated reconciling our allocations for the development of an accurate data base. This will allow for the analysis of possible revenue structure revision recommendations to the Selectboard with the goal of equitably assuring the systems long term sustainability. Other identified water infrastructure needs requiring future action include replacement of the water main and distribution system between the Edson Hill Well and Edson Hill Storage Tank, replacement or lining of the South Main Street water main from Palisades Street to the Public Safety Building, incorporating emergency power generation capabilities at our raw water supply's, treatment plants and more of our pump stations. In addition, funding for the temporary and permanent relocation of the water mains associated with two forthcoming bridge reconstruction projects by the State on Route 108 will be required.

Finally, commencing in April 2012, Richard Grogan, Project Engineer/Manager joined the Department. Dick brings considerable knowledge of Stowe and its municipal infrastructure and complimentary expertise to the varied tasks undertaken by the Department. We would not have been able to accomplish all outlined herein without him. I believe the decision to add a full time assistant to the department will yield significant long term value added benefits to the Town.

Respectfully Submitted,

HARRY SHEPARD, PE
Director of Public Works

STATUS OF EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS

Polo Field Shelter: Intended to provide shelter during inclement weather at Polo Recreation Fields. It has not been designed.

Lower Village Sidewalk: Stowe received a federal earmark to build an asphalt sidewalk in the Lower Village (from Sylvan Park Road (north) to River Road). The Lower Village Sidewalk requires relocation of utilities and resolution of pedestrian safety and handicap accessibility issues, particularly at the River Road / Rte. 100 intersection. There is some consideration being given to the possible need of reconstructing the River Road intersection with Rte. 100 to resolve some of these ADA issues. Once the Selectboard accepts the conceptual plans the Town is obligated to proceed with the project or refund the federal money spent to date. The Vermont Agency of Transportation recommends having "construction completed by 2014." We will need to assess if there are sufficient financial resources available and make a policy decision on whether or not to proceed with construction. If we do, it will involve considerable staff time and property owner cooperation.

Village Staircase to Rec Path Parking Lot: Remediation of PCB contamination at the former Village Substation and pedestrian easements with the adjacent property owner must be completed before the project can be designed and implemented. A Phase II Brownfields Assessment has been completed and the Town is seeking funding from the Lamoille County Planning Commission for funding from the Brownfields Program to develop a corrective action plan that will need to be submitted to the State for their approval.

Skate Park: \$100,000 was set aside to construct a new skate park in Memorial Park with the remainder of the money to come from private donations. The Memorial Park Master Plan calls for it to be located where the tennis courts are currently located. This would require moving the tennis courts behind the maintenance shed. This is likely to cost \$300,000 + and is not considered an ideal location. No analysis or cost estimates have been done to explore the feasibility of doing so. The priority of the Recreation Commission is to build a new arena. Therefore the skateboard park may not advance for several years.

Quiet Path Bridge: The Public Works Department needs to design, permit and prepare contract documents with the goal of constructing it during the 2013 construction season.

Cemetery Road Reconstruction: Survey work and design has been completed. The Department of Public Works has also secured a structures grant to assist with the funding for the culvert replacement portions of the project from VTrans. Public Works is in process with the final Contract Documents. Bidding in the spring of 2013 and constructed during the 2013 construction

season is anticipated. The Town must complete this project in 2013 in order to utilize the structures grant.

Mountain Road Village Sidewalk: A preliminary design has been done. Final design permitting and easement acquisition is in progress.

Arena: As of this writing, the Town is in the process of obtaining permits and trade package bids. In February, the staff will advise the Selectboard if sufficient money is available to proceed with construction in 2013 as anticipated.

Rec Path Culvert: Bid specifications need to be developed. Anticipated replacement in 2013.

Capital Projects Completed

Cady Hill Conservation and Parking Lot
Helen Day HVAC Improvements
Dog Pound Replacement
LED Streetlight Project
Pond Street Sidewalk Replacement



*Falls Brook
Bridge Reconstruction*



STOWE MOUNTAIN RESCUE



Stowe Mountain Rescue responded to 42 requests for assistance in 2012.

Injured/Sick Hikers & Snowshoers: 21

Lost Hikers & Snowshoers: 12

Injured Mountain Bikers: 2

Lost Skiers/Riders: 1

Water Search & Rescue: 1

Misc. Calls for Assistance: 2

Standby or Cancelled: 4

Details of all of our missions can be found on our website www.stowe-mountainrescue.org

2012 was the busiest year in the team's history. This was in spite of a relatively quiet 2012 winter due to unusually low snowfall and resulting decreased backcountry skiing, riding and snowmobiling activity. However the rest of the year was extremely busy, ranging from 3 tragic backcountry deaths to people getting chased off the Long Trail by a moose. The winter of 2013 got off to a very busy start (statistics not included above) with lots of early snow.

In other news, team leader Neil Van Dyke completed his term as President of the national Mountain Rescue Association in June, and served on a leg-



islative summer sub-committee that evaluated and made recommendations regarding Vermont's search and rescue program. We were also very pleased to add 4 new members to the team – Ed Miller, Andrew Ruschp, Sam Fallahian and Tom Rogers.

Team members continue to pursue advanced level training in technical search and rescue, avalanche rescue, water rescue, emergency medical services, and other related disciplines. We are pleased to maintain our skills and reputation as one of the nation's premiere mountain rescue teams.

We continue to appreciate the support of the taxpayers in Stowe, as well as the positive feedback we get from residents and visitors. We also want to thank our emergency service partners at Stowe Rescue, Stowe Fire Dept. and the Stowe Police Dept.

Neil Van Dyke, Team Leader
Doug Veliko, Training Officer
Chris Anderson
Marc Couper
Sam Fallahian
Graham Govoni
Derek Libby
Ed Miller
Dennis Reinhardt
Tom Rogers
Andrew Ruschp
Greg Speer
Ed Stewart
Todd Westervelt

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office is a leading point of contact for people with questions about our community. Whether it's how to get theater tickets, property tax questions or how to research your real estate records, we are always willing and able to assist.

Services remain the same as in years past – fish & game licensing, vehicle registration renewals, issuance of marriage licenses, dog licensing and passport services. Fraud prevention measures have been established by the US Department of State which affects passport issuance offices. If you're thinking of applying for a passport, please contact us at 253-6133 to see how you may be affected by these changes.

The following are 2012 statistics for some of the services we offer:

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Dog Licenses Issued | 802 |
| Fish & Wildlife Tags Sold | 94 |
| Land Records Processed | 10,126 pages |
| Land Record Office Visits | over 2,000 |
| Liquor Licenses/Applications Processed | 167 |
| Marriage Licenses Issued | 160 |
| Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals | 153 |
| Passports Issued | 194 |
| Passport Photos Issued | 291 |

We are constantly looking for ways to improve service and accessibility to information. Currently, you can find many municipal documents such as election results, contracts and Town Meeting minutes in a searchable database on our website.

Above all, we remain committed to serving our citizens to the best of our abilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALISON A. KAISER, *Town Clerk & Treasurer*
 JENNY WILLINGHAM, *Assistant Town Clerk*
 GARY ANDERSON, *Assistant Town Clerk*

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses and tags are available at the Town Clerk's office Monday thru Friday from 8:00 to 4:30. All dogs that are more than six months old must be registered in accordance with the provisions of the Stowe Dog Ordinance. A person keeping a dog contrary to license provisions of the Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The deadline for licensing is April 1st. A copy of the rabies certificate and alteration should be provided at the time of licensing. 802 dogs were licensed in 2012.

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| On or Before April 1st. | FEE |
| Spayed/Neutered | \$10.50 |
| Un-Altered | \$14.50 |
| | |
| After April 1st | |
| Spayed/Neutered | \$12.50 |
| Un-Altered | \$18.50 |

KENNEL PERMITS Grant an owner of two or more dogs the right to do business. The fee is \$10.00 and does not provide license(s) for the dogs. Kennel Permits must be displayed on the owners premises. All other licensing fees listed above do apply.

SPECIAL LICENSES - Issued for non-neutered dogs only that are kept for owner's breeding purposes (not for sale). The fee is \$31.00 for up to ten dogs. Additional dogs over 10, cost \$3.00 each.



2012 REPORT OF THE ZONING DIRECTOR AND HEALTH OFFICER

In 2012 the Zoning Administrator issued approximately 148 zoning permits that included construction of 8 new single-family dwellings. In addition, staff assistance to the Development Review Board was provided for 39 applications involving conditional use reviews, subdivisions and Ridge and Hillside Overlay reviews. Staff assistance was also provided to the Stowe Historic Preservation Commission who reviewed 34 applications involving historic renovations.

The national economic downturn has continued to affect construction at Stowe. The number of permits issued over the last three years is down compared to 2007 by 23% in 2010 and 43% in 2011 and 34% in 2012.

Permits for new residential homes in 2012 have varied in size from 988 square feet of heated space to 8,684 square feet of heated space. The average home permitted in 2012 had approximately 4,300 square feet of heated area.

- A zoning permit is required for any development project involving:
- New buildings (except certain smaller accessory buildings)
- Building additions
- Porches, decks, ponds, pools
- Accessory apartments
- Projects that increase sewage flow (i.e. new bedrooms)
- Projects that increase the gross floor area
- Changes in driveway locations
- Major grading
- Changes in use
- Fences and walls in the Stowe Historic District (SHOD)
- Facade alterations if in the Stowe Historic District (SHOD) and for historic buildings
- Projects in the Ridge Hillside Overlay District (RHOD)

The Zoning Director serves as the Stowe 9-1-1 coordinator. New addresses are assigned when permits for new buildings are obtained. All questions about new and existing addressing should be directed to the Zoning Administrator.

Last, the Zoning Director also serves as the Stowe Health Officer. The Health Officer is charged with investigating certain public health hazards

and risks within the municipality. He also is charged with enforcement of the Vermont Rental Code which establishes minimum housing standards for all rental units.

The Stowe Zoning Department is available to assist you with your development approvals. Assistance includes review of existing zoning records, review of applicable regulations, and guidance regarding other approvals that may need to be obtained. A preliminary project review is available and can save time and costs before proceeding with final design work. The Stowe Zoning Ordinance and Development Applications are available at the Zoning Office and at <http://www.townofstowevt.org/>.

Richard Baker
Zoning Director
Health Officer
PO Box 216
Stowe VT 05672
802-253-6141
rbaker@townofstoweevermont.org

PLANNING & ZONING FEE SCHEDULE
Last Revised: 1/1/10

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| Administrative..... | Fee |
| Copy of Zoning/Subd. Regulations (Paper) (free to download from Stowe website): | \$18.00 |
| Zoning Maps – Color:..... | \$12.00 |
| Photocopies: (black & white) | \$.25/page |
| Photocopies: (color)..... | \$1.00/page |

Application Fee – Permitted Uses

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|---|----------------------------|
| Construction, Renovations, Additions & Alterations (heated/enclosed spaces): | \$.18 per ft ² |
| Porches, Decks, Garages, Sheds, or other unenclosed or unheated space(s): | \$.12 per ft ² |
| Pools, Tennis Courts, Ponds, non-exempt agricultural structures or similar unenclosed structures: | \$.06 per ft ² |
| Minimum Permit Application Fee for all Permitted Use Categories | \$40.00 |
| Sign Permits..... | \$50.00 |
| Additional Recording Fee for Permit (set by state law) | \$10.00 |

Banners

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| Banners (per week)..... | \$25.00 |
|-------------------------|---------|

Application Fee – Conditional Uses (per sq. ft.)

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| Construction, Renovations, Additions & Alterations (heated enclosed spaces): | \$.18 |
| Porches, Decks, Garages, Sheds, or other unenclosed or unheated space(s): | \$.12 |
| Land Base Uses (e.g. Golf Course, Gravel Pit, Ski Trail, etc.).... | \$1.80/\$1,000 |
| All Categories, Minimum Fee (eg Conditional use Review) | \$200.00 |
| Administrative Amendment by Zoning Admin. (includes recording fee):. | \$50.00 |
| Appeal of Action of Zoning Administrator: | \$200.00 |
| Appeal for Variance | \$200.00 |
| Additional Recording fee for decision notice and permit (set by state law) | \$20.00 |

Subdivision of Land (includes PRD’s & PUD’s)

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| Preliminary Layout Application (Base Fee) | \$200.00 |
| Preliminary Layout (Fee per unit or lot if equal to and/or more than 5 lots): | \$250.00 |

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| Final Plat Application (Base Fee)..... | \$200.00 |
| Final Plat Application (additional fee per unit or lot if preliminary layout was not required): | \$100.00 |
| Minor Subdivision - Lot Line Adjustment | \$75.00 |
| Additional Recording for decision notice and permit (set by state law) | \$20.00 |
| Final Plat Recording Fee (per map page) (set by state law)..... | \$15.00 |


Certificate of Occupancy

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|--|----------------|
| Certificate of Occupancy Site Inspection (per visit) | \$30.00 |
| Additional Recording Fee (set by state law) | \$10.00 |

All fees are subject to the Fee Policy adopted by the Selectboard

Do you know ...
the Town of Stowe website
has valuable information
about Our Town...

How much will it cost to permit a new home and what do I need?
 How do I obtain a Passport and picture? Where can I get a copy of the Town Charter? What is the budget for Capital projects?
 Who works for the Highway Department? What year was the Stowe Free Library established?
 When is Kids Night Out? When will the ice be ready? How do I get one of those banners across Main St? What happens when PD “arrests” my dog? What zoning district do I live in and what does that mean? What is a Town Manager form of government? When is the next Selectboard meeting and what did they say at the last one? How can I pay my taxes online and when are they due? What can you do on the Mayo Farm? What do I need to get a marriage license? When is the next highway project and how can I bid on it? What volunteer opportunities are available?



Search us out today & get the answers...
www.townofstowevt.org

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN STOWE*~~Local Partnerships in Learning~~*

Stowe adults and teens who are looking for help with learning basic reading, writing, math and English as another language may receive that help through a free program of instruction provided by Central Vermont Adult Basic Education. Students enrolled in the program also have the opportunity to study for their high school equivalency exam (GED) or to pursue other options for earning a high school diploma.

Students and teachers meet one-to-one, and/or in small group sessions. Each student has a unique education plan to address his/her learning goals. CVABE's instruction helps these neighbors to achieve a wide variety of life goals, including: helping their children with homework, budgeting, reading important information at home or work, learning beginning computer skills, obtaining a driving license, preparing for employment or college, and many other goals.

13 residents of Stowe enrolled in CVABE's free program last year. Dedicated volunteers from the community worked to help make instruction accessible for all Stowe adults and teens.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, a community-based nonprofit organization, has served the people of Lamoille, Washington, and Orange Counties for over forty years. For more information about CVABE and the education services it provides for the people of Stowe, please contact:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education
Morrisville Learning Center
52 Portland St.—PO Box 478
Morrisville, VT 05661
(802) 888-5531

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Central Vermont Adult Basic Education  
Administrative Office  
46 Washington St.—Suite 100  
Barre, Vermont 05641  
(802) 476-4588

**For information about CVABE's learning sites and services located throughout Lamoille, Washington, and Orange Counties, please call CVABE headquarters in Barre: (802) 476-4588 or go to [www.cvabe.org](http://www.cvabe.org)**



## **FALL 2012 REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF STOWE**

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Central Vermont Community Action Council served 21,754 people in 12,433 Vermont households through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food shelves and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, green jobs training, and more. 581 households and 911 family members received recovery assistance and disaster case management following Spring 2011 and Tropical Storm Irene flooding.

Program and services accessed by 144 Stowe families with 239 residents include:

- 94 households with 172 people found emergency help with food, heating or housing assistance, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- When their family could not afford groceries, 92 adults & children accessed food through our food shelves.
- Our housing counselors helped 7 families to find and keep affordable, safe housing.
- 17 households with 37 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs.
- 23 households received professional, free tax preparation and filing, ensuring the full benefit of refunds, credits and rebates which were due. Tax refunds helped families stretch their budget, build savings or invest in their families and communities.
- 7 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 11 additional family members.
- 5 homes were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 5 families with 10 people, including 3 seniors.
- 2 Stowe families learned new energy efficiency habits and practices through Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) program which also installs solar thermal water systems, solar hot air and

- programmable thermostats.
- 10 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
  - 6 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
  - 10 women received training, counseling and technical assistance from the Vermont Women's Business Center to pursue dreams of business ownership.
  - 4 people worked with career counselors to prepare for jobs in the green economy and attended training to build green job skills; 4 received industry credentials or certification to get or keep a job.

Community Action thanks the residents of Stowe for their generous support this year!



**CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING**  
*Information and Resources for Seniors*  
**REPORT OF SERVICES TO THE**  
**TOWN OF STOWE**

One call to our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 can connect an older central Vermonter or a concerned family member with essential services that support an elder in remaining independent. For forty years, Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) has helped elders in leading healthy, meaningful and dignified lives in their homes and communities. We provide a network of programs and services to help make this a reality for older residents of Stowe.

Among the services provided directly by or under contract with CVCOA are case management; information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; health insurance counseling; transportation to essential destinations; family caregiver support and respite grants; mental health services; legal services; companionship; food stamp and fuel assistance outreach; and help with household tasks. Our sponsored programs include Senior Companions and Neighbor to Neighbor AmeriCorps.

Older residents of the Town of Stowe often require the services of a case manager to assess their specific needs, develop an individualized care plan, and to connect them with public benefits programs and other community and state resources. The CVCOA Case Manager for Stowe is Penny Walker-Reen, who can be reached at 802/888-2505. In fy2011-12, CVCOA served 79 residents of Stowe.

Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private nonprofit organization. There is no charge to elders and their families for services provided. All programs and services are made possible by local communities, state and federal funds, and private donations. CVCOA recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for older central Vermonters provided by the Town of Stowe.

Submitted by: Margaret Harmon,  
CVCOA Development Coordinator  
802-476-2681



## **CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER**

| Fiscal Year                                                 | 2007-08 | 08-09 | 09-10 | 10-11 | 11-12 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Individuals Served                                          | 402     | 498   | 474   | 414   | 401   |
| Hotline Calls                                               | 870     | 1712  | 1348  | 1454  | 1768  |
| Advocacy                                                    | 1780    | 1780  | 2064  | 1992  | 2481  |
| People in Shelter                                           | 50      | 43    | 50    | 65    | 73    |
| Nights in shelter                                           | 1670    | 1683  | 3575  | 2863  | 1667  |
| Emergency Financial Assistance                              | 43      | 238   | 135   | 190   | 224   |
| Individuals/ Families turned away for lack of shelter space | n/a     | n/a   | 39    | 59    | 31    |

In addition to these numbers, Lamoille County State's Attorney accepted 29 sexual violence and 44 domestic violence cases. Most of these cases were settled out of court as is often the wish of survivors. In 100% of cases that went to court, the state was successful in its prosecution of perpetrators of these crimes.

Clarina has worked effectively as part of the Special Investigation Unit in supporting victims of criminal sexual and domestic violence, investigation and prosecution: 212 individuals requested advocacy related to civil court cases and 102 for criminal court cases including issues of protection orders, parentage, custody, visitation, victim notification and other court proceedings.

Staff working on Clarina's Community and Outreach Education program have also had a busy year assisting individual school systems and supervisory unions to implement Act 1 (which mandates that sexual violence prevention education be implemented into the health education curriculum of all K-12 schools statewide). Over 140 school personnel in Lamoille County were educated on one or more occasions related to Act 1 and are prepared to implement curriculum in their settings. Over 50 youth and young adults were also directly educated around issues of consent, rape culture and sexual violence on campus. As you can see, we have taken a "train the trainer" approach to outreach and work with those trusted faculty and staff at schools who will then provide education to students under their care and tutelage. In some cases, it made sense for Clarina staff to deliver the information directly but that is not our preference.

All of these functions fit within a plan to review Clarina's practices and compare to versions of best practices across the movement. Prepared by Jane Ralph, Executive Director 802-888-2584 / jralph@clarina.org



## **LAMOILLE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity is a local, non-profit organization pursuing the building of decent, affordable homes for people in our county who do not qualify for a standard loan. The family selected is screened to meet income and personal guidelines and must participate in the building of their home and future homes. They must be able to repay an interest-free loan that covers the cost of purchased materials and land. Labor is provided by local volunteers so the home is built affordably.

The local Board currently coordinates and oversees fundraising, family selection and site selection for homes to be built in Lamoille County. When adequate funds are accumulated, the Board coordinates and oversees construction, while continuing to work with the selected family to insure success as homeowners.

The repayment of the loan and ongoing fundraising will provide funds to begin another home for another family. Habitat for Humanity International's thirty four years of building in this manner provides a successful map for our local chapter to follow and realize its goals.

Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity, begun in 2008, has been supported by volunteers, community churches and businesses in the form of labor and donations, to give this organization a good beginning. A first home in Lamoille County is the immediate goal, with more homes to be built in the future.

Construction on our first home on Mayo Road in Morrisville began in Summer of 2012 on property donated by Town of Morrisville. Land cleared, footings dug, slab poured, radiant heat installed and building construction continues through winter of 2013. We have strived for an energy efficient home easy to maintain by our new homeowners. Many services have been donated and more funding is needed to complete the project.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, your support to bring affordable housing to a resident of Lamoille County is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers for this project are welcomed.

Cherisse Desrosiers, President  
Lamoille County Habitat for Humanity  
P O Box 505  
Johnson, Vermont 05656

## LAMOILLE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Lamoille Community Connections has always strived to provide the highest quality services and support to our community to enhance independence and quality of life. Over the past year we provided services to 81 people from Stowe. This number reflects an unduplicated number of individuals who were seen but does not reflect the number of services. This past year we have focused our energy on strengthening our services for people with developmental disabilities, adults with severe and persistent mental illness and supporting children, youth and their family's. Over the past year we provided quality services to the Stowe residents with many of our programs including a 24 hour 365 day a year Emergency Crisis response team that works with local police, EMT, Copley Hospital ER, Lamoille Valley school districts and other providers. This is the only full time emergency crisis response service in the region.

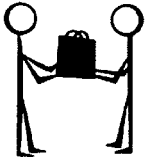
We have continued our collaboration with our community partners on the program Alcohol Substance Awareness Program (ASAP). This collaborative program provides social detox model with wrap-around services. The wrap-around services are provided to the individual as well as their family members to help increase awareness, and will subsequently open doors to various treatment options. If participants of the program are compliant with the rules and regulations of the program, the staff will ensure their safety over the course of their stay, and will provide them with education, information, and referrals to a variety of resources to assist with their addiction, mental health issues, and various other needs. Individuals are monitored by highly qualified and trained staff that will use a variety of assessment tools so that pertinent clinical information can be tracked, identified, and used to help treat individuals who are suffering from addiction. The goal of this program is to break the generational cycle of addiction and minimize its impact on family, friends and members of the community.

Your continued contribution and support is always valued but is more important than ever as state revenues have gone down and funding of services has been reduced. In these times, the people at the local level must do what we can to support our families and friends who find themselves in need. Our commitment to you is that when there is need we will be there.

Sincerely,

Savi Van Sluytman  
Executive Director

## LAMOILLE COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE, INC.



Lamoille Community Food Share is a locally funded, volunteer powered non-profit corporation. Our mission is to help support and improve the physical well-being of individuals who might otherwise go hungry. To this end, we provide supplement food, free of charge, in a supportive environment, striving to offer healthy choices within our budget. We help all those who ask, but our main service area consists of the towns of Eden, Elmore, Hyde Park,

Morristown, Stowe and Wolcott.

Through November of 2012 we have experienced a 10% increase in family visits over the same period in 2011 and visits have doubled since 2007. So far this year 59 Stowe families have visited the pantry. This represents 106 adults and 56 children. 21 of the families had at least one family member who was working but they still could not make ends meet. We appreciate the help we have received in the past and look forward to continuing support from our friends and neighbors in Stowe.

Board of Directors:

Caroline Ballard  
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Jan Tichansky  
Ellen Waldman

lcfoodshare@gmail.com - 888-6550

Prepared by: Deb Krempecke

Lamoille County



Court Diversion  
& Restorative Justice

**LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION  
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAMS, INC.**

Lamoille County Court Diversion Restorative Justice Programs (LCCDRJP) is a non-profit organization in Hyde Park with a primary focus of keeping people out of the criminal justice system, empowering them to make good choices and connecting them positively to the community.

Last year, LCCDRJP assisted **1,014 people** in the Lamoille Valley in **nine** closely linked programs. The range of programs at LCCDRJP is broad-- from prevention-oriented services like **mentoring**, to early intervention services such as the **truancy project** and a **program for children impacted by a parent’s incarceration**. In the **JOBS** and **youth development programs**, youth ages 16 to 22 with disabilities or who are aging out of foster care get needed supports so they can transition successfully to adulthood and gain real work experience. The **court diversion, underage drinking and reparative probation programs** served 316 youth and adults using a cost-saving and effective restorative justice approach addressing the needs of clients, victims and the greater community.

LCCDRJP receives funding from a variety of sources: state and local contracts, individual donations, foundation grants, the Lamoille County United Way and town appropriations. LCCDRJP is a lean and efficient organization -- with nearly 90 cents of every dollar going directly to programs that serve citizens of the Lamoille Valley. For **over thirty years**, our programs have proven extremely effective and your town’s support has proven vital.

Of those who reside in Lamoille County, the total served in 2012 is as follows:

|           |    |            |     |            |    |
|-----------|----|------------|-----|------------|----|
| Belvidere | 13 | Hyde Park  | 98  | Stowe      | 55 |
| Cambridge | 91 | Johnson    | 149 | Waterville | 23 |
| Eden      | 61 | Morristown | 208 | Wolcott    | 40 |
| Elmore    | 2  |            |     |            |    |

We appreciate your town’s continued support of our agency and encourage you to visit our website at [www.lamoillecourtdiversion.org](http://www.lamoillecourtdiversion.org) for more information.

Heather Hobart  
*Executive Director*

## LAMOILLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

LCCD is a not-for-profit organization that exists as a local branch of government by the Soil and Water Conservation Act categorized by the Internal Revenue Service per section 170(c)(1). Your charitable contribution to the district is tax-deductible. Since 1945 we've worked to educate, conserve, and protect the natural resources of Lamoille County with farmers, landowners, and municipalities. Our mission is to be a local voice for conservation, preservation, and stewardship of all natural resources and work in conjunction with other agencies (private and public) at the grassroots level. Here are some of LCCD's 2012 Highlights:

- Installed riparian buffers throughout the West Branch and Little River Watershed
- Coordinated a Portable Skidder Bridge rental program for loggers
- Coordinated a Hydroseeder Program for municipalities
- Led service learning programs to 425 elementary, middle, and high school students
- Facilitated 2,000 hours of volunteer service benefiting Lamoille County
- Delivered over 100 conservation education programs to 3,215 students, teachers, and citizens including Stowe Recreation Department, Stowe Free Library, and Stowe Cooperative Nursery

Last year our expenditures totaled approximately \$130,423 of which only \$8,000 came from the state with no strings attached. The difference is made up in grants, partners, foundations and our local communities. As a county resource working at the local level, we appreciate receiving financial support from the municipalities we serve. Please do not hesitate to contact us with additional questions.

Sincerely,

KIM KOMER

*Director*

## THE LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization formed by and serving Lamoille County. LCPC is governed by appointed representatives from each town and village as well as five elected County Directors.

The Lamoille County Planning Commission implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional, and statewide needs.

### LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PROJECTS & PROGRAMS:

- ***Municipal plan and bylaw updates and related technical assistance:*** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education and training, bylaw modernization, and plan updates.
- ***Brownfields:*** Complete environmental site assessments and clean-up planning so properties can be sold or re-developed to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ***Transportation planning:*** Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the TAC, and provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans, and traffic counts.
- ***Emergency response planning:*** Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and VT Emergency Management on emergency response planning, exercises and training.
- ***Watershed planning and project development:*** Implement water quality projects and programs to protect water resources, ensure safe water supplies, enhance recreational opportunities, and address known sources of pollution.
- ***Regional plans:*** Coordinate infrastructure, community development and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and administration of a comprehensive regional plan.
- ***Geographic information services:*** Provide municipalities, state agencies, and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their project.
- ***Special projects:*** Complete special projects such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, forest stewardship, economic development, and affordable housing project.
- ***Grants:*** Provide assistance identifying appropriate grant sources, defining a project scope, and writing grant applications.

**IN STOWE, THE LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

- Complete riverside plantings and an informational panel about river movement for the Quiet Path.
- Initiated Stowe-Morristown Path Feasibility Study.
- Facilitated a Road Safety Audit on Weeks Hill Road.
- Updated cemetery maps.
- Completed a local Hazard Mitigation Plan update.
- Completed a brownfield assessment.
- Conducted bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic counts.
- Managed Smugglers Notch Scenic Corridor improvements, including the Barnes Camp Visitor Center, Long Trail crossing relocation, and informational signs.
- Coordinated planning for improvements to the Green Mountain Byway (Rt. 100).



*4th of July Fun.*



Lamoille County Sheriff's Department  
2012 Annual Report

The Communications Center continues to provide excellent service with all of the new systems in place. There are always challenges with functionality when new technology is introduced, however there is light at the end of the tunnel. Currently staffing levels are at ten dispatchers with one manager. In 2012 the Lamoille County Communications Center answered 10,319 E 9-1-1 calls up from 8941 in 2011. The plan for erecting a new tower on Davis Hill is still in place but is contingent on a court decision. Below is the number of calls dispatched by the Lamoille County Communications Center.

| Fire Agency       | Total Calls | Ambulance Agency | Total Calls | Police Agency | Total Calls  |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Barre             | 182         | Barre            | 3156        | Barre Town    | 3334         |
| Elmore            | 19          | Hardwick         | 479         |               |              |
| Hardwick          | 64          | NEMS             | 641         | LCSD          | 3649         |
| Johnson           | 130         | Cambridge        | 400         | Stowe PD      | 2189         |
| North Hyde / Eden | 37          | Morristown       | 647         | Hardwick PD   | 1272         |
| Wolcott           | 39          | Stowe            | 585         | Morristown PD | 2671         |
| Cambridge         | 207         |                  |             |               |              |
| Greensboro        | 27          |                  |             |               |              |
| Hyde Park         | 49          |                  |             |               |              |
| Morristown        | 157         |                  |             |               |              |
| Stowe             | 238         |                  |             |               |              |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1149</b> | <b>Total</b>     | <b>5908</b> | <b>Total</b>  | <b>13115</b> |

During 2012 the LCSD Patrol Division responded to 3141 calls for service, providing twenty four hour patrol coverage in Hyde Park, Johnson and Wolcott. One of the calls was a motor vehicle fatality in Johnson. The School Resource Officer responded to 279 complaints related to school issues. The Lamoille County Sexual Investigative Unit Deputy continues to work closely with the Department of Children and Families and the County's domestic and sexual violence agency. The unit's mission is to ensure that allegations of sexual abuse, child abuse and domestic violence are investigated thoroughly and in a timely manner. Again this year drug related crimes continue to be a concern. There is a need for a full time detective to address drug activity and other serious crimes. These cases can take weeks, months and even years to solve. The addition of a detective would allow deputies to have time for problem area traffic enforcement as the deputies are now overtaxed with responding to and investigating calls for service.

| Nature of Call          | Johnson              | Hyde Park            | Wolcott              |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Traffic Accident        | 71                   | 64                   | 18                   |
| Burglary                | 10                   | 5                    | 4                    |
| Citizen Dispute         | 48                   | 32                   | 15                   |
| DUI                     | 11                   | 6                    | 0                    |
| Family Fight/Domestic   | 20                   | 11                   | 15                   |
| Motor Vehicle Complaint | 96                   | 80                   | 22                   |
| Noise Disturbance       | 38                   | 17                   | 6                    |
| Theft                   | 104                  | 28                   | 13                   |
| Traffic Tickets         | 298                  | 178                  | 120                  |
|                         | Fine Amount \$48,208 | Fine Amount \$28,213 | Fine amount \$20,678 |

Respectfully,  
Roger M. Marcoux Jr.  
Lamoille County Sheriff

## LAMOILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



The travel and tourism industry continues to contribute to 2/3rds of the economy in Lamoille County

and Stowe remains a major economic driver of the County. As such many businesses directly related to or dependent upon the travel and tourism industry choose to locate in the town as well as many others who are there because of their historical and/or family ties or because of the attraction of Stowe as a great place to live and do business. The LEDC works with your Town leadership to assist in any way we can to help you meet your goals for attracting the kind of new businesses and business expansion that meet your Town Plan.

We have worked with 3 major Stowe employers to assist in business development, employee training and retention and overseas business expansion. We continue to work with the Stowe Mountain Bike Club in an advisory capacity to assist them in planning their continued expansion and sustainability of the Stowe Mountain Bike Center. We continue to be a key player in the Barnes Camp Partnership to rehab the old Barnes Camp building as well as the surrounding area. In this effort we have contributed \$20,000 toward the required matching funds necessary to access the Federal funds earmarked for this project.

There are many countywide initiatives that are also of direct benefit to Stowe. These include 9 low cost workshops for small businesses which were attended by many Stowe residents and business owners. In all, more than 200 residents of Lamoille County attended these workshops. We continue our leadership role in the local Workforce Investment Board, membership on the Community Advisory Board for the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center, co-chairing of the Lamoille Brown Community Advisory Committee and membership on the Lamoille Transportation Advisory Committee. We have been very active this year implementing our new on tourism, agritourism, value-added and sustainable agriculture and web-based businesses. Our second on-line farmer's market, [www.yourfarmstand.com](http://www.yourfarmstand.com), opened in Stowe on January 19, 2012 at the Stowe Kitchen, Bath and Linens store on Mountain Road.

Once again the LEDC thanks the Stowe staff and select board for their assistance. continue to do our best to do our part to support and a local supporting all etlorts to create and retain local jobs.

We continue to host the local office of the Vermont Small Business Development Center manned by Dave Rubel and Charlie Ininger. Charlie's years in experience in the hotel and restaurant business and tenure as an instructor at NECI make him particularly sought after for his assistance by new businesses in these areas.

As always, we carefully monitor and assess legislative proposals at both the State and Federal levels that affect Lamoille businesses specifically as well as all businesses in general and, where appropriate, offer our testimony or in other ways ensure that Lamoille business interest are looked after.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the the LEDC Board Directors by  
John Executive Director.

Dave Hallquist  
Hyde Park

Jim Black, President  
Stowe

Dave Silverman  
Morrisville

Sonja Raymond  
Stowe

Judy Clark  
Hyde Park

Joe Hester Ingram  
Wolcott

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Stowe

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Morrisville

Laurie Hammond  
Morrisville

Chuck Hogan  
Cambridge



## **LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER REPORT TO THE TOWN OF STOWE**

...affirms the right of all children to grow up in an environment that enables them to become

healthy adults by encouraging, educating and celebrating families.

May 2012 marked 36 years of service to children, youth and families by the Lamoille Family Center! During this time, thousands of individuals throughout the Lamoille Valley have received our services, including home visiting, parent education, playgroups, child-care resource and referral, youth services, and emergency assistance. Countless children are stronger, safer and more confident as a result of their involvement with the Family Center.

In fiscal year 2012, more than 1,600 children, youth, parents and caregivers throughout the Lamoille Valley received home visits, participated in playgroups, attended parent education classes, received Reach Up services, and engaged in monitored parent-child contact, including approximately 200 individuals from Stowe. In addition:

10 families from Stowe participated in the Holiday Project receiving toys, games, books, and stocking stuffers

17 Stowe residents received emergency assistance including funding for rent and fuel and goods such as diapers, clothing and furniture

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

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

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(802) 888-5229 ext 124  
[sjohnson@lamoillefamilycenter.org](mailto:sjohnson@lamoillefamilycenter.org)

## LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE

This report is in the form of a friendly letter because “friend” is the perfect word to describe how we feel about your town. Through the years, support from Stowe has come in the form of town funds, service club contributions, individual gifts and memorials, hospice volunteers, board and committee members, and dedicated staff. Thank you, friends, for your generosity.

Our part in this friendship is the services we provide. This past year, in Stowe alone, home health nurses have made 1,735 visits, licensed nursing assistants 981 visits, therapists 951 visits, and personal care attendants 804 visits. Your town’s appropriations, together with other funding sources of all kinds, help pay for these services. This mix of resources enables us to provide a variety of services which, in turn, helps meet your needs as a community.

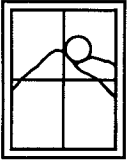
We appreciate our long-term friendship and hope that you will call us if we can be of help to you, your family, or your neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration at Town Meeting.

Sincerely,

Kathy Demars, RN  
Executive Director

## **LAMOILLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.**



### **STOWE - PROPERTIES AND SERVICES**

The Lamoille Housing Partnership [LHP] was created in 1991 to provide and maintain safe, decent and affordable housing through rental, home ownership, or other means to low and moderate income persons and families living within Lamoille County and the Town of Hardwick and to provide such assistance without discrimination or prejudice. We are proud of the accomplishments we've made with the support and collaboration of many partners and communities.

LHP owns and operates over 250 units of affordable housing in our service area. 39 of those units are located in Stowe, VT.

#### **LHP Properties in Stowe**

##### **1. Sylvan Woods Housing Limited Partnership [HLP]**

- In 2006 constructed 28 family rental apartments and 8 condominium homes 58 residents
  - 22 children
  - 31 adults
  - 5 seniors
- 2 handicap adaptable apartments
- Senior friendly
- Appliances are energy efficient

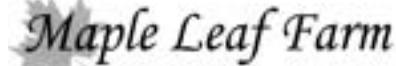
##### **2. Little River**

- Purchased and renovated 3 units offamily housing
- Recently renovated to improve energy efficiency
- 5 residents
  - 3 children
  - 2 adults
  - 1 disabled resident
- 1 three-bedroom handicapped adaptable unit
- Senior friendly
- Appliances are energy efficient
- Part of Morrisville Community HLP

| PROPERTY NAME | PROJECT NAME        | ADDRESS                       | UNITS | FAMILY UNITS |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Little River  | Part of Morrisville |                               |       |              |
|               | Community HLP       | 1621 Pucker Street, Stowe     | 3     | 3            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 066    | 66 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe  | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 085    | 85 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe  | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 086    | 86 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe  | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 096    | 96 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe  | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 098    | 98 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe  | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 099    | 99 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe  | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 108    | 108 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 118    | 118 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe | 3     | 3            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 120    | 126 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe | 3     | 3            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 132    | 132 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 144    | 144 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 146    | 146 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe | 2     | 2            |
| Sylvan Woods  | Sylvan Woods 154    | 154 Sylvan Woods Drive, Stowe | 2     | 2            |

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[info@larnoilhousing.org](mailto:info@larnoilhousing.org)

The logo for Maple Leaf Farm features the text "Maple Leaf Farm" in a stylized, cursive font. To the left of the text is a graphic of a maple leaf with a stem and a small branch, rendered in a light, sketchy style.

### Maple Leaf Farm – From Addiction to Recovery

Maple Leaf Farm is one of the oldest, continuously operating residential substance abuse programs in the country. We offer medically monitored detoxification and residential treatment programs to men and women in a serene setting in the foothills of Mt. Mansfield. Maple Leaf Farm is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services, is licensed by the State of Vermont, and operates as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. In this past fiscal year, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, 929 men and women spent 13,703 days addressing their substance abuse issues at Maple Leaf Farm.

No one is ever turned away from treatment at Maple Leaf Farm, regardless of financial circumstances. Over 80% of patients treated last year were covered by Vermont Medicaid. Medicaid reimburses us at a rate that is less than the actual cost of providing care. We rely on tertiary income sources such as United Ways, grants, town appropriations and donations to make up the difference so that we may continue providing our essential services to everyone who asks for our help. An appropriation from the Town of Stowe directly benefits another member of your community seeking recovery.

Bill Young, *Executive Director*  
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[wyoung@mapleleaf.org](mailto:wyoung@mapleleaf.org)  
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## MEALS ON WHEELS OF LAMOILLE COUNTY

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County is a private, non-profit organization that has the mission of helping to enable seniors and individuals with disabilities to remain in their own homes and communities for as long as possible by providing nutritious meals through home delivered meals and community meal sites. These programs are provided to individuals who face food insecurity which can include the following: recent hospital or nursing home discharge, illness, inability to prepare own food due to physical/mental limitations, not getting proper nutrition in their diet, lack of transportation to get to the grocery store, and/or not having enough funds to purchase food. Our program delivers meals to the homes of recipients Mondays through Fridays with frozen meals available for the weekend. Senior community meal sites are offered at 2 locations in the county throughout the week. In Morrisville (Mondays – Thursdays at the Lamoille Senior Center) with in Johnson (Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Johnson Senior Center). Meals on Wheels serves all of Lamoille County.

During our last fiscal year, October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, Meals on Wheels provided 40,969 meals to a record number of recipients, 485 individuals. Of this total, 28 are residents of Stowe, and they received a total of 3190 meals – on a par with the previous fiscal year. With the current state of the economy, and the push for more community based care, we expect that this trend of increased demand for our program will continue as our services become even more important and necessary for the seniors in our community.

Funding for our program comes from numerous sources, including government contracts (45%), United Way (3%), Town Appropriations (6%), client donations (15%), Vermont Center for Independent Living (2%), and private contributions, grant writing, fundraising and other miscellaneous sources (29%). Our major funding sources are not growing at the same rate as our program growth, making the support of your community that much more important in helping to ensure that all seniors who are in need of a nutritious meal receive that meal.

On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors, volunteers and recipients of Meals on Wheels, I would like to thank the residents of all Lamoille County towns for your ongoing support. For more information on our services or to become a volunteer, please call 888-5011.

Respectfully Submitted,

SARA BABCOCK  
*Executive Director*

## **NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE**

Thank you so much for the support we receive from the town of Stowe each year. Your support is invaluable in helping us meet our mission.

### **Mission Statement**

North Country Animal League promotes compassionate and responsible relationships between humans and animals through sheltering of homeless animals, adoptions, education, spay/neuter programs and support of cruelty prevention.

### **Programs**

Sheltering of homeless animals in our Pet Adoption Center with the philosophy of a commitment to providing any animal in the shelter a warm and friendly environment with nutritious food and training to prepare them for their new homes

Adoption of homeless animals with an average of 700 animals per year from 1998 through 2012 finding new homes through the assistance of professional adoption counselors who help families and individuals make the perfect match

Education and outreach through humane education in classrooms, off-site presentations, open houses, READ project, dog bite prevention workshops, high school mentoring programs and children's summer camp

Spay/neuter of all animals put up for adoption by NCAL and low cost spay/neuter days throughout the year

Support of cruelty prevention with NCAL serving as lead agency in Lamoille County for the Cruelty Response System, a collaboration between agencies and individuals in the county working to protect animals from cruelty; the general public can report animal cruelty by calling NCAL or entering an online submission at [www.reportanimalcruelty.com](http://www.reportanimalcruelty.com)

### **Stowe Town Statistics-January 1-October 31, 2012**

4 strays and 3 surrenders for a total of 7 stray and surrendered animals from Stowe

\$2,996 average cost for NCAL to care for Stowe animals (\$428/animal for average three-week stay)

One call of animal cruelty from Stowe investigated and referred to appropriate agency or individual

Respectfully submitted,

Sallie Scott, Executive Director

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[adopt@ncal.com](mailto:adopt@ncal.com)

## **NORTHERN VERMONT RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D) COUNCIL REPORT**

The Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together the technical, financial and administrative resources for towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in Vermont (we have expanded our service area with the closing of the George D. Aiken RC&D area that served south central and southern Vermont). By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. The Council is a self-supporting 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In 2012, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered \$842,798 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Our current projects include rural fire protection through the dry hydrant grant program, water quality improvement work through the portable skidder bridge free loan and education program, supporting local agriculture through our Fiscal Agent relationship with the Vermont Farmers Food Center, and watershed restoration work and road management grants through the Better Backroads grant program. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years the Northern Vermont RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Jarrod Becker our RC&D Business Manager at (802) 828-4595.

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

Out and About is proud to serve the community by fulfilling our mission of providing adults with an alternative choice for long-term healthcare while remaining as independent as possible in the care setting of their choice. We are honored the community is continuing to choose Out and About to fulfill their needs in this way.

The number of participants we continue to serve has remained steady at 20 to 28 people per day. We believe we are able to sustain these daily numbers due to our excellent service, committed staff, positive atmosphere and support provided to the communities we serve.

As with each year, Stowe appropriations are crucial in our ability to provide the services our community members require. Some of the services we provide that appropriation funding makes possible are assistance with personal care, transportation, nursing services, fun activities, nutritious meals, and caregiver respite.

We look forward to another year of serving the Stowe residents and contributing to the well-being of our community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

MERIDITH VAUGHAN  
*Program Coordinator/RN*



*"Volunteers getting things done in Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom"*

**Volunteer Center of Lamoille Valley**  
**167 Park St. Morrisville, VT 05680 802-888-2190**  
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Engaging our community in volunteerism is essential - from delivering Meals on Wheels and staffing AARP tax preparation to providing firewood to our neighbors or organizing the Osher Lecture Series. Without volunteers, many organizations would find it difficult to maintain the services needed by our friends and neighbors. RSVP and the Volunteer Center works with our communities' non-profits to provide one stop shopping for numerous volunteer opportunities.

Simply put RSVP is an agency dedicated to volunteers of all ages and to the nonprofit organizations and businesses in our communities. RSVP engages volunteers and residents in the Bone Builders program, designed to prevent and slow the onset of osteoporosis in older citizens. RSVP volunteers serve in elementary schools, hospitals, nursing homes, chambers of commerce, libraries and bookmobiles, meal sites, adult education, transportation programs, county law enforcement and court systems.

Volunteers serve on a weekly basis at Morrisville based organizations Second Chance, Meals on Wheels, Lamoille Community Food Share, and Copley Hospital. Some highlights over the past year included Ten volunteers organizing and running two Osher Life Long Learning lecture series. Seven volunteers serving 63 hours building a wheel chair ramp. One hundred thirty-seven volunteers spent over 1,000 hours cutting, splitting, stacking and delivering over 120 cord of firewood to 62 families in Lamoille County. Four volunteers spent 20 hours building 10 raised beds at the Morrisville community garden. Two volunteers spent over 200 hours completing 192 tax returns. Eight volunteers served 75 hours helping the Clarian Howard Nichols Center organize and distribute information on domestic and sexual violence. Twenty volunteers knitted 150 teddy bear sweaters that were distributed to children in our community and many more volunteers organized mailings for our local non-profits.

There are many ongoing volunteers needs in our community from building wheelchair ramps or processing firewood, to helping people meet their housing needs. Give RSVP and the volunteer center a call and see how your interests can help make Stowe a better place.

For more information, or to volunteer here in your community, please contact Dan Noyes at 888-2190 or [dan@volunteervt.com](mailto:dan@volunteervt.com). RSVP and the Volunteer Centers of Central Vermont and the Northeast Kingdom are an invitation to serve. Sponsored by the Central Vermont Council on Aging, RSVP is a national program designed to provide opportunities for persons of any age who continue to remain actively involved in the life of their community. RSVP is part of the Lamoille County United Way Alliance, which aims to develop specific volunteer opportunities that utilize the particular skills and interests of each individual volunteer, at the same time keeping an eye to what needs to get done in the community. Offices are located in Barre, Lyndonville, Morrisville and Newport, or visit [www.volunteervt.com](http://www.volunteervt.com) to learn of other opportunities in your community.

Respectfully Submitted,

DAN NOYES

*Program Coordinator*

**RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION, INC.**

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Fax: (802) 748-5275



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

RCT is a private nonprofit corporation. We are a transportation brokerage service that uses all modes of transportation including bus, vans, taxi, and volunteer drivers to provide transportation to the elderly and disabled, Medicaid and general public. Between all of our programs, RCT provides over 182,827 rides per year.

Last year RCT provided 63 Stowe residents with 3,434 trips, accumulating approximately 113,779 miles, transporting residents to: adult-day service facilities, senior meal sites and necessary medical treatments such as, dialysis, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, physical therapy, special medical needs and other appointments.

Thank you, citizens of Stowe for your support.

MARY GRANT

*Executive Director*



## STOWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For Stowe Historical Society, 2012 began with a flurry. “Brown Bag Lunch with Chuck Dudley” began in January. Monday at noon, twice a month through April, people met in the Community Room of the Library. His power point presentation about the buildings, mostly homes, on the Nation Register of Historic Places, was the impetus for lively discussions. As the series progressed folks brought in photos, anecdotes, and recollections that enhanced each presentation. A fall 2012-Winter 2013 series covering Lower Village, farms north of the village, Moscow, and more is ongoing.

Lois Keiffer organized the School File, probably the largest file in the collection. This led to our signature exhibit for 2012: “Stowe Graduates”, created by Lois and Wendy Parrish. Quite a few Stowe High School graduates have had a good time wandering through the yearbooks and sharing memories.

Once the Akeley Building Memorial Room was arranged as a meeting room, we installed the Civil War artifacts and memorabilia in one case and WWI, WWII, Korean conflict and Vietnam conflict artifacts in a second case. The directors of SHS arranged this permanent exhibit. For several months the exhibit in the hallway of the Akeley Building was “Tapping Maple Trees and making Maple Syrup” using items from our collection and the collection of Sonny Davis. The exhibit highlights activities in the auditorium- plays, movies lyceums and more. Karin Gotlieb was curator of the Auditorium exhibit.

For History Expo 2012, “Homefront Activities during the Civil War” Stowe’s exhibit was THE BURGEONING HOMETOWN. The construction of the District 6 (High School), the move of the First Meeting House to its present site- The Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum, the building of the Universalist Church (Community Church) and the Mt Mansfield Hotel on the south side of Main Street from the Green Mountain Inn to the Butler House.

Through the use of newspaper articles, photographs, invitations to hotel events, china and hair wreathes, and a 1910 model of the Church, we told the story of “A Burgeoning Community”. By 1860 the population had grown to more than 1000 and staid in that range until 1880. We are not able to ascertain from where the many craftspeople came to do the construction and also to serve the approximately 450 people resident in the “Big Hotel” as it was affectionately called. This exhibit was so well received, it is a semi permanent exhibit in the museum.

The SHS tree at the Helen Day Art Center focuses on 100 of the more than 300 historic buildings in Stowe. The gingerbread ornaments contain a



picture of one of the buildings and on the reverse side the date or approximate date of construction based on the research of Chuck Dudley and the National Register Listings.

This has been a very busy and rewarding year. More than 300 people signed our guest book, The Cub Scouts and 4<sup>th</sup> graders visited. Members of the Greensboro Historical Society came to see our new home and share lunch.

We continue to appreciate the support from the community, and invite new volunteers to join our activities.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Baraw, *President*



*Stowe Theatre Guild's "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at Akeley Theatre*

## STOWE LAND TRUST

Stowe Land Trust (SLT) celebrates 25 years dedicated to conserving significant scenic, recreational, and productive farm and forest land for the benefit of the greater Stowe community. A non-profit 501(c)(3), SLT has conducted 30 land protection projects, conserving nearly 3,500 acres. SLT owns and manages five properties, including the Mill Trail property, Kirchner Woods and Wiessner Woods, all of which are free and open to the public. SLT celebrates these successes thanks to the tremendous support from this community, its Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and especially our members and donors who make land conservation possible. Thank you!

Cady Hill Forest was the marquee project for SLT this year. The 260 acre property was purchased by SLT and then donated to the Town of Stowe subject to a conservation easement that will provide public access in-perpetuity. The project was supported by a broad spectrum of community members including many local businesses. Stowe voters rallied around the project to approve a \$288,000 capital expense from Stowe's local options tax. These funds were leveraged by a \$350,000 grant from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and a \$100,000 grant from the Open Space Institute. Following the affirmative vote at Town meeting, SLT, with the support of the Stowe Mountain Bike Club and many others in the community, raised over \$800,000 in private contributions.

The project was completed in May and is now managed by the Stowe Conservation Commission. Accessible from Stowe Village and the Cady Hill Forest parking area on the Mountain Road, the forest contains over 11 miles of existing trails that are managed for a variety of uses. The conservation of Cady Hill Forest enhances Stowe's quality of life, contributes to long-term economic vitality through recreational tourism, and continues the tradition of making Town Forests a vital part of the fabric of our community.

At its 25th Annual Meeting, SLT announced a new chapter in the long-standing relationship between SLT and Trapp Family Lodge that will help establish a legacy to protect the working landscape. A one-dollar nightly donation to SLT from guests at Trapp Family Lodge will enable SLT to continue its important work of conserving and stewarding Stowe's farmland, trails, waterfalls and scenic vistas.

SLT also held a successful series of fun monthly outings on its conserved lands throughout the spring, summer, fall and winter. Outings included many hikes, berry picking, birding, and snowshoes. SLT publishes its outings in its newsletter, on its website and in the Stowe Reporter. We value our community's participation in conserving the most important places in Stowe and invite everyone to become a member. SLT's work to protect our sweeping vistas, rural landscape, rich forests and miles of trails contributes to the

authenticity of our unique town. Visit [www.stowelandtrust.org](http://www.stowelandtrust.org) and become a member today!

Stowe Land Trust  
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Heather M. Furman  
Stowe, VT 05672  
Executive Director  
(802) 253-7221



*Cady Hill Forest - voters approved \$288,000 of local option taxes in March towards the purchase of 258 acres totaling \$1.5 million.*

## **STOWE VIBRANCY, INC.**

Stowe Vibrancy, Inc. is a Vermont non-profit corporation established as a public-private partnership with the following mission:

To increase the vibrancy of the Town of Stowe through the enhancement of social, recreational, cultural, economic and physical characteristics of the Village.

Formed in 2009 as a result of the Select Board's desire to revitalize the Village, its three full years of operation have resulted in substantial progress in fulfilling this mission. As economic activity in the village has grown over the course of these three years, much of this has been due to the great work of Stowe Vibrancy.

The year 2012 has been a busy one for the organization's board and committee members, financial supporters, and the many volunteers.

In 2012, Stowe Vibrancy produced or co-produced nine major events and series of events. From the Fourth of July Village Celebration and the car show block parties, to the several artisan events, the expanded Art on Park series, and the upcoming Traditional Christmas in Stowe, literally thousands of residents and tourists came to the Village, and the Town itself, throughout the year to shop, eat and enjoy the activities.

Stowe Vibrancy partnered with the Town and numerous other organizations to make these events both accessible and fun for the widest possible audiences. By all accounts the events were very successful. In almost each instance, the number of attendees (both local and visitors) grew significantly over prior years, and arguably the British Invasion Block Party drew the largest crowd the village of Stowe has seen in a very long time, if ever. Additionally, at those events with vendors, we also attracted more and more of them as we expanded the various art events – and now even have waiting lists for vendors.

Finally, as Stowe Vibrancy has grown and developed, we have added additional community partners to our Events Committee, including the newly established Mountain Road Marketplace, to ensure the increased economic and social vitality of the village expands to and is inclusive of the entire community of Stowe.

Stowe Vibrancy also continued its work on numerous village improvement programs, including streetscape improvements, planting and decoration programs, village enhancement planning, and the initiation of an economic devel-

opment plan for the core of the village that will continue in 2013. This plan will include the development of a web portal, to which potential businesses or others interested in Stowe can go for information about the community itself and what we have to offer, and about opportunities that might be available.

Stowe Vibrancy, Inc. expects to continue virtually all of its 2012 event programs again in 2013. They will, however, be fine-tuned and enhanced in order to make them even more broadly attended and exciting.

Progress has been made on the economic growth potential in the core village with additional retail, commercial and residential units all being developed. Stowe Vibrancy plans to continue to support these efforts in any way necessary in 2013. Stowe Vibrancy will also be focusing more of its attention on the streetscape improvement plans of the Town, and the street lighting in the village.

Stowe Vibrancy is very appreciative of the support of the Town and its many involved volunteers and generous businesses, and promises to continue to work to enhance the quality of life of the village, and thereby the Town, in the years to come.

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[www.stoweivibrancy.com](http://www.stoweivibrancy.com)

Board of Directors

Heidi Scheuermann, President, Michael McNulty, Vice-President, Tom Barnes, Treasurer; Evelyn Frey, Secretary  
Ken Biedermann, Michael Diender, Andrew Kneale, Scott Noble, Susan Spera, Ed Stahl, Adele Taplin, Josh Wolfgang

## VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

In Vermont today, over 10,500 residents are blind or visually impaired. Vision problems can complicate an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, stay mobile inside and outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those visual impairments to encounter others who face similar challenges, and thus create feelings of isolation and a sense that they are not understood.

During Fiscal Year 2012, VABVI served 1,310 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including six (6) adult clients and two (2) students from the Town of Stowe.

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

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

VABVI has four offices statewide, located in Brattleboro, Montpelier, Rutland and South Burlington. For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at (800) 639-5861, email us at [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org) or visit us our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org).

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**Please contact Dave Agnew-Blais, Development Coordinator, at [dagnewblais@vabvi.org](mailto:dagnewblais@vabvi.org) or (800) 639-5861 ext. 217 if you would prefer to receive this information by email. Thank you.**

## **THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING TOWN OF STOWE SUMMARY REPORT**

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with significant disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

Preliminary numbers for our FY'12 (Oct. 2011-Sept.2012) show VCIL responded to over 2,000 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to 400 individuals to help increase their independent living skills (including 35 peers who were served by the AgrAbility program). VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted 180 households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; 56 of these households received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. VCIL's Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided 200 individuals with information on assistive technology; 51 of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. 450 individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Orleans, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our Peer Advocate Counselors and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '12, 3 residents of Stowe received services from the following programs:

- Home Access Program (HAP) (over \$1,700.00 spent on home modifications)
- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R &A)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:  
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org).

## VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS 2012 OVERVIEW

### *Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 141 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

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

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

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to more than 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 15 workshops that attracted more than 1,630 people. Additionally, we conducted 12 "on-site" workshops held at municipal offices on a wide range of topics. Handbooks produced by MAC may be purchased or accessed free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model polices and newsletter articles that are currently accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- Advocacy representation before the state and national governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2013 legislature, as limited financial resources at the national and state level force more demand for services to the local level.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The substantial municipal damages resulting from Irene last year made the value of VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members painfully clear, as members benefitting from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2010 for \$43 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).



**TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT**

**AUDIT REPORT**

**JUNE 30, 2012**

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### Independent Auditor's Report

Selectboard  
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P.O. Box 730  
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stowe, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town of Stowe, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Electric Fund which is a major fund and forty-seven percent (47%), twenty-nine percent (29%) and eighty-two percent (82%), respectfully, of the assets, net assets and revenues of the business-type activities. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the Electric Fund, is based on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The financial statements of the Electric Fund were not audited in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards". Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of the other auditors provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit, and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stowe, Vermont, as of June 30, 2012 and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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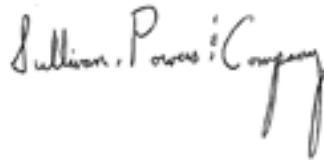
Town of Stowe, Vermont

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 9 and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund in Schedule 1 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming our opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Stowe, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining non-major fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

In accordance with "Government Auditing Standards", we have also issued our report dated February 1, 2013 on our consideration of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

February 1, 2013  
Montpelier, Vermont  
VT Lic. #92-000180



TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Our discussion and analysis of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The Town of Stowe Electric Fund has been audited separately as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012 and is incorporated into this report. Their financial statements are included in the Town Report.

This document has been prepared pursuant to Statement No. 34 of the Governmental Accounting Standard Board (GASB 34). GASB 34 requires the inclusion of the Government-wide financial statements on a full accrual basis including the cost of capital assets and the related depreciation. These statements are intended to present the Town's financial reports on the same basis as the private sector. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements, which begin in Exhibit A.

### **Financial Highlights**

#### Government-Wide (Exhibits A and B)

- The Town's assets exceeded liabilities on June 30, 2012 by \$41,205,032 (net assets). Of this amount, \$16,689,359 represents governmental activities and \$24,515,673 represents our water, sewer and electric departments (business funds). Of these amounts, \$1,583,779 of general government funds and \$9,427,138 of business funds are unrestricted net assets and may be used to meet the Town's future obligations.

#### Fund Financial Statements (Exhibits C and D)

- Fund balance of governmental funds decreased by (\$898,344) in FY 12. The decrease can be attributed to the capital outlay of the Public Safety Building Fund for the replacement of the Akeley Building vault and the use of a portion of the fund balance of the General Fund toward the FY12 budget.
- The General Fund balance decreased (\$281,749). The General Fund balance at the end of FY 12 was \$824,585. Of this amount, \$853,389 is nonspendable, restricted or assigned and not available for current expenditures.
- The Capital Fund balance increased by \$195,440 in FY 12. The total amount in this fund at year-end was \$797,018 and \$949,025 is restricted or committed for future projects such as sidewalk replacement, building improvements and bridge improvements. Also included in fund balance is a deficit balance of \$152,007 representing expenditures to repair flood damage that had not been reimbursed within sixty days of year end.
- Other Governmental Funds includes the Public Safety Building Fund. The fund balance at the end of FY 12 was \$178,918. Upon completion of the Public Safety Building, the voters approved \$700,000 to be used for the Akeley vault renovation, of which \$690,094 was spent by June 30, 2012. With the vault completed, the taxpayers are being asked to allocate the balance in the fund to the equipment fund.

- The Water Fund ended the fiscal year with a net asset balance of \$2,389,436 an increase of \$796,592.
- The Sewer Fund ended the fiscal year with a net asset balance of \$14,937,864, a decrease of \$279,661.
- The Electric Fund ended the fiscal year with a net asset balance of \$7,118,373, an increase of \$1,183,574.

### Overview of the Town's Financial Statements

The annual financial report consists of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

**Government-wide financial statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Stowe's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the Town of Stowe's assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases and decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during the fiscal year. The *statement of activities* is on a full accrual basis (i.e. all changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows) whereas the *statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance of governmental funds* is on a modified accrual basis (i.e. revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available as net current assets, expenditures are recognized when the related liability is incurred). Thus in the *statement of activities*, revenues and expense are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods, (e.g. uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave.)

Both of the government-wide financial statements combine information from governmental funds (which are supported primarily by tax dollars) with information from enterprise funds which are supported by user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The governmental activities of the Town of Stowe include general government, public works, public safety, community development, cemeteries and culture and recreation.

The government-wide financial statements can be found in Exhibits A and B of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town has two types of funds: governmental funds and proprietary funds. The proprietary funds of the Town are Enterprise Funds (business activities). These cover our water, sewer and electric departments. Fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits C through H of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is necessary for an understanding of the information in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements follow the basic financial statements in this report.

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *supplementary information*. This supplementary information includes combining statements for various funds and budgetary comparison statements for funds other than the Town's General Fund. The supplementary information can be found immediately following the notes to the financial statements in schedules 1 through 9.

### Government-wide Financial Analysis

#### Town of Stowe, Vermont's Statement of Net Assets

|                                                    | Governmental<br>Activities |                     | Business-type<br>Activities |                     | Total               |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                                    | FY2012                     | FY 2011             | FY2012                      | FY 2011             | FY2012              | FY2011              |
| Current and Other Assets                           | \$ 4,190,962               | \$ 4,907,823        | \$34,660,569                | \$35,461,234        | \$38,851,531        | \$40,369,057        |
| Capital Assets                                     | <u>\$21,151,803</u>        | <u>\$20,189,877</u> | <u>\$34,539,343</u>         | <u>\$33,706,743</u> | <u>\$55,691,146</u> | <u>\$53,896,620</u> |
| Total Assets                                       | <u>\$25,342,765</u>        | <u>\$25,097,700</u> | <u>\$69,199,912</u>         | <u>\$69,167,977</u> | <u>\$94,542,677</u> | <u>\$94,265,677</u> |
| Current Liabilities                                | \$ 507,562                 | \$ 532,399          | \$ 1,040,302                | \$ 1,064,434        | \$ 1,547,864        | \$ 1,596,833        |
| Long-term Liabilities                              | <u>\$8,145,844</u>         | <u>\$ 8,654,858</u> | <u>\$43,643,937</u>         | <u>\$45,288,375</u> | <u>\$51,789,781</u> | <u>\$53,943,233</u> |
| Total Liabilities                                  | <u>\$8,653,406</u>         | <u>\$ 9,187,257</u> | <u>\$44,684,239</u>         | <u>\$46,352,809</u> | <u>\$53,337,645</u> | <u>\$55,540,066</u> |
| Net Assets                                         |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Invested in capital assets, net of<br>Related Debt | \$13,975,721               | \$13,178,889        | \$15,088,535                | \$12,870,951        | \$29,064,256        | \$26,049,840        |
| Restricted                                         | \$ 1,129,859               | \$ 1,088,041        | \$ 0                        | \$ 0                | \$ 1,129,859        | \$ 1,088,041        |
| Unrestricted                                       | <u>\$ 1,583,779</u>        | <u>\$ 1,643,513</u> | <u>\$ 9,427,138</u>         | <u>\$ 9,944,217</u> | <u>\$11,010,917</u> | <u>\$11,587,730</u> |
| Total Net Assets                                   | <u>\$16,689,359</u>        | <u>\$15,910,443</u> | <u>\$24,515,673</u>         | <u>\$22,815,168</u> | <u>\$41,205,032</u> | <u>\$38,725,611</u> |

As stated above, net assets exceeded liabilities by \$41,205,032 at the end of fiscal year 2012. In future years, this number can be used as a way to calculate whether or not the financial condition of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The largest portion of the Town's net assets is in its investment in capital assets (70.5%). These assets are used to provide services to its citizens (e.g. land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure). These assets are not available for future spending.

A portion of net assets is sewer connection loans receivables. The remaining net assets (\$4,307,070) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations. Some of the amounts included in unrestricted net assets have been designated by management for particular purposes (e.g. capital projects and equipment purchases).

At the end of fiscal year 2012, the Town of Stowe has positive balances in all three categories of net assets for the entire government and all individual funds except for the Capital Fund, the Rink Renovation Fund and the Water Fund that had unrestricted deficits of \$152,007, \$8,211 and \$1,107,686, respectively.



## Town of Stowe, Vermont Statement of Activities

|                                             | Governmental<br>Activities |                     | Business-type<br>Activities |                     | Total               |                     |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                             | FY2012                     | FY2011              | FY2012                      | FY2011              | FY2012              | FY2011              |
| Revenues                                    |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Program Revenues                            |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Charges for service                         | \$1,020,684                | \$1,070,040         | \$14,065,338                | \$13,847,159        | \$15,086,022        | \$14,917,199        |
| Operating grants &<br>Contributions         | \$665,563                  | \$347,950           | \$ 0                        | \$0                 | \$ 665,563          | \$347,950           |
| Capital Grants &<br>Contributions           | \$203,622                  | \$537,084           | \$671,876                   | \$239,931           | \$875,498           | \$777,015           |
| General Revenues                            |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Property taxes                              | \$7,123,433                | \$7,014,182         | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$7,123,433         | \$7,014,182         |
| Penalties & Interest on Delinquent<br>Taxes | \$166,460                  | \$180,799           | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$166,460           | \$180,799           |
| Local Option Tax                            | \$641,998                  | \$618,931           | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$641,998           | \$618,931           |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes                    | \$51,386                   | \$51,386            | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$51,386            | \$51,386            |
| Investment Earnings                         | \$62,510                   | \$181,083           | \$399,138                   | \$360,813           | \$461,648           | \$541,896           |
| General State Grants                        | \$231,863                  | \$216,390           | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$231,863           | \$216,390           |
| LCP Equity Dividends                        | \$0                        | \$0                 | \$1,065,900                 | \$1,189,528         | \$1,065,900         | \$1,189,528         |
| Gain on Sale of Land/Equip                  | \$0                        | \$57                | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$57                |
| Other Revenue                               | \$3,462                    | \$3,503             | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$3,462             | \$3,503             |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                       | <b>\$10,170,981</b>        | <b>\$10,221,405</b> | <b>\$16,202,252</b>         | <b>\$15,637,431</b> | <b>\$26,373,233</b> | <b>\$25,858,836</b> |
| Expenses                                    |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Governmental activities                     |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| General Government                          | \$2,130,398                | \$2,035,173         | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$2,130,398         | \$2,035,173         |
| Public Safety                               | \$2,848,780                | \$2,873,579         | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$2,848,780         | \$2,873,579         |
| Public Works                                | \$2,356,549                | \$2,251,602         | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$2,356,549         | \$2,251,602         |
| Culture and Recreation                      | \$1,756,960                | \$1,632,067         | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$1,756,960         | \$1,632,067         |
| Cemeteries                                  | \$13,750                   | \$20,260            | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$13,750            | \$20,260            |
| Interest                                    | \$318,628                  | \$336,822           | \$0                         | \$0                 | \$318,628           | \$336,822           |
| Business-type activities                    |                            |                     |                             |                     |                     |                     |
| Water                                       | \$0                        | \$0                 | \$796,520                   | \$770,322           | \$796,520           | \$770,322           |
| Sewer                                       | \$0                        | \$0                 | \$1,671,384                 | \$1,668,907         | \$1,671,384         | \$1,668,907         |
| Electric                                    | \$0                        | \$0                 | \$12,000,843                | \$11,878,200        | \$12,000,843        | \$11,878,200        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                       | <b>\$9,425,065</b>         | <b>\$9,149,503</b>  | <b>\$14,468,747</b>         | <b>\$14,317,429</b> | <b>\$23,893,812</b> | <b>\$23,466,932</b> |
| Transfers                                   | \$33,000                   | \$33,000            | -\$33,000                   | -\$33,000           | \$0                 | \$0                 |
| Change in net assets                        | \$778,916                  | \$1,104,902         | \$1,700,505                 | \$1,287,002         | \$2,479,421         | \$2,391,904         |
| Net assets - Beginning of Year              | \$15,910,443               | \$14,805,541        | \$22,815,168                | \$21,528,166        | \$38,725,611        | \$36,333,707        |
| Net assets - End of Year                    | <u>\$16,689,359</u>        | <u>\$15,910,443</u> | <u>\$24,515,673</u>         | <u>\$22,815,168</u> | <u>\$41,205,032</u> | <u>\$38,725,611</u> |

**Governmental activities:** Governmental activities increased the Town's net assets by \$778,916 in FY 12. The Town added \$961,926 to its inventory of capital assets net of current year depreciation (funded with \$203,622 of capital contributions). Major additions included construction of the Akeley Memorial Building vault, the purchase of two police vehicles, an ambulance, and two public works vehicles, and various public works infrastructure projects.

**Business-type activities:** Business-type activities increased the Town's net assets by \$1,700,505.

### **Financial Analysis of Major Funds**

#### **General Fund**

The General Fund balance decreased by \$281,749 during the year. The total fund balance at year-end was \$824,585. Of this amount, \$263,602 is nonspendable inventory and prepaid expenses and \$64,806 is restricted for old age assistance and Library development expenses. There is \$495,866 assigned to reduce property taxes in fiscal year 2013 which is \$28,804 more than what was available, plus additional assignments of \$29,115 for a total of \$496,177 of assigned fund balances leaving \$0 available for future expenses and other projects.

Revenues were less than expected by \$6,895. Property taxes revenues that were slightly below budget (1%) were largely offset by increases in tax interest and land use revenues. Recording fees and rescue fees were both below budget, while police department grant revenues and recreation program revenues were both above budget.

Expenditures were \$185,035 under budget. This was primarily due to the EMS, Highway, Public Works, Parks & Grounds and Library under spending their budgets, with the Police, and Recreation departments over spending their budgets.

#### **Capital Fund**

The Capital fund had a fund balance of \$797,018. This Fund balance increased \$195,440. The Fund was funded with \$641,998 of local option taxes, \$425,958 of grants and \$20,000 in donations. The increase in fund balance is due to incompletion of certain capital projects. The Town suffered significant damage from the spring flood and Hurricane Irene and used significant time and resources on those repairs instead of regularly planned projects.

#### **Water Fund**

The Water Fund had operating income of \$518,699 but an increase in net assets of \$796,592. The operating income was due primarily to revenues in excess of expenses.

#### **Sewer Fund**

The Sewer Fund had an operating loss of \$323,029 and a decrease in net assets in the amount of \$279,661. The operating loss was due primarily to depreciation expenses (\$499,348).

**Electric Fund**

The Electric Fund had operating income of \$708,374 and an increase in net assets of \$1,183,574.

**Capital Asset Administration**

The Town of Stowe's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2012 totaled \$21,151,803 (net of depreciation). These assets include land, buildings and building improvements, roads and bridges, vehicles, machinery, equipment, antiques and furniture.

Major capital asset transactions during the year included the following additions:

- Adams Camp Trails
- LED Streetlight Conversion
- Helen Day Renovations
- Cady Hill Forest
- Akeley Vault Completion
- Rescue Ambulance
- Highway 4 Wheel Loader
- Highway Dump Truck

Capital assets disposed of during the year included the following deletions:

- Sold or Traded:
- Rescue Ambulance
- Highway Trucks
- Mower

**Debt Administration**

As of June 30, 2012, long-term debt of governmental activities of the Town of Stowe was \$7,355,000. As of June 2011, the debt was \$7,880,000. During the year, the Town paid \$525,000 on older bonds and notes.

The Business type activities had bonds and notes outstanding with a total principal debt of \$42,704,400. At the beginning of the fiscal year there was \$44,241,481 in outstanding debt. There was reduction in the amount of \$1,537,081 in bonds and notes payable.

**Economic Factors and FY 13 Budgets and Rates**

- The Town of Stowe's Grand List remained level during the "Great Recession", but the Grand List saw a 1.65% increase for FY 13. This increase, however, is not the 3% to 4% annual growth experienced before the "Great Recession".
- Health insurance is estimated to increase 6.13% for VHP participants and 7.47% for VFP participants, utilizing the average rate increase over the previous three years. All employees are paying a portion for their health care premiums.
- Dental insurance is estimated to increase 6.0% utilizing the average rate increase over the previous three years.
- The cost of heating fuel and diesel is anticipated to increase from FY 12 to FY 13, estimating a 3.8% increase over the prices of 10/31/2011.
- A 4.5 rate increase in electricity has been budgeted.

These factors were taken into consideration in preparing the fiscal year 2013 budgets. The General Fund expense for FY 13 is \$9,713,835, which resulted in an increase in a increase of 3.7%. With budgeted revenues at \$1,904,220, this was a 4.7% increase, due mainly to estimated increase in EMS revenue.

With the national economic recession continuing, and construction to begin on the new \$6.5 million ice rink that was approved by the voters sat Town Meeting in March 2012, FY 13 will be a very challenging year for the Town.

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial condition. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Town Manager's office or the Finance Office.

Exhibit A

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2012

|                                                            | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-type<br>Activities | Total                |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>                                              |                            |                             |                      |
| Cash                                                       | \$ 617,371                 | \$ 3,232,139                | \$ 3,849,510         |
| Investments                                                | 1,972,454                  | 0                           | 1,972,454            |
| Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)          | 1,062,283                  | 2,803,871                   | 3,866,154            |
| Loans Receivable                                           | 0                          | 6,013,753                   | 6,013,753            |
| Internal Balances                                          | 269,252                    | (269,252)                   | 0                    |
| Inventories, Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets             | 269,602                    | 545,917                     | 815,519              |
| Restricted Cash                                            | 0                          | 600,000                     | 600,000              |
| Investment in Associated Companies                         | 0                          | 21,729,772                  | 21,729,772           |
| Deferred Charges                                           | 0                          | 4,369                       | 4,369                |
| Capital Assets                                             |                            |                             |                      |
| Land                                                       | 4,435,644                  | 51,370                      | 4,487,014            |
| Construction in Progress                                   | 870,122                    | 1,461,818                   | 2,331,940            |
| Antiques                                                   | 62,000                     | 0                           | 62,000               |
| Other Capital Assets, (Net of<br>Accumulated Depreciation) | 15,784,037                 | 33,026,155                  | 48,810,192           |
| Total Assets                                               | <u>25,342,765</u>          | <u>69,199,912</u>           | <u>94,542,677</u>    |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u>                                         |                            |                             |                      |
| Accounts Payable                                           | 268,135                    | 807,165                     | 1,075,300            |
| Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable                       | 78,191                     | 13,459                      | 91,650               |
| Other Accrued Expenses                                     | 0                          | 80,019                      | 80,019               |
| Deferred Revenue                                           | 124,844                    | 0                           | 124,844              |
| Accrued Interest Payable                                   | 36,392                     | 139,659                     | 176,051              |
| Noncurrent Liabilities:                                    |                            |                             |                      |
| Due within One Year                                        | 520,000                    | 1,545,000                   | 2,065,000            |
| Due in More than One Year                                  | 7,625,844                  | 42,098,937                  | 49,724,781           |
| Total Liabilities                                          | <u>8,653,406</u>           | <u>44,684,239</u>           | <u>53,337,645</u>    |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u>                                          |                            |                             |                      |
| Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt            | 13,975,721                 | 15,088,535                  | 29,064,256           |
| Restricted                                                 | 1,129,859                  | 0                           | 1,129,859            |
| Unrestricted                                               | 1,583,779                  | 9,427,138                   | 11,010,917           |
| Total Net Assets                                           | <u>\$ 16,689,359</u>       | <u>\$ 24,515,673</u>        | <u>\$ 41,205,032</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit B

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

|                                             | Program Revenues     |                      |                                    | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets |                         |                          |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
|                                             | Expenses             | Changes for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants and Contributions                | Governmental Activities | Business-Type Activities | Total              |
| <b>Functions/Programs:</b>                  |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 |                         |                          |                    |
| <b>Governmental Activities:</b>             |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 |                         |                          |                    |
| General Government                          | \$ 2,130,598         | \$ 324,593           | \$ 85,954                          | \$ 0                                            | \$ (1,719,851)          | \$ 0                     | \$ (1,719,851)     |
| Public Safety                               | 2,848,780            | 296,433              | 35,516                             | 30,600                                          | (2,486,231)             | 0                        | (2,486,231)        |
| Public Works                                | 2,356,549            | 7,395                | 539,855                            | 168,651                                         | (1,640,648)             | 0                        | (1,640,648)        |
| Culture and Recreation                      | 1,756,960            | 377,128              | 4,238                              | 4,371                                           | (1,371,223)             | 0                        | (1,371,223)        |
| Comesteries                                 | 13,750               | 15,135               | 0                                  | 0                                               | 1,385                   | 0                        | 1,385              |
| Interest                                    | 318,628              | 0                    | 0                                  | 0                                               | (318,628)               | 0                        | (318,628)          |
| <b>Total Governmental Activities</b>        | <b>9,425,065</b>     | <b>1,020,684</b>     | <b>665,563</b>                     | <b>203,622</b>                                  | <b>(7,535,196)</b>      | <b>0</b>                 | <b>(7,535,196)</b> |
| <b>Business-Type Activities:</b>            |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 |                         |                          |                    |
| Water                                       | 796,520              | 1,138,189            | 0                                  | 454,923                                         | 0                       | 796,592                  | 796,592            |
| Sewer                                       | 1,671,384            | 1,348,555            | 0                                  | 38,050                                          | 0                       | (284,979)                | (284,979)          |
| Electric                                    | 12,000,843           | 11,578,794           | 0                                  | 178,903                                         | 0                       | (243,146)                | (243,146)          |
| <b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>       | <b>14,468,747</b>    | <b>14,065,538</b>    | <b>0</b>                           | <b>671,876</b>                                  | <b>0</b>                | <b>268,467</b>           | <b>268,467</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>\$ 23,893,812</b> | <b>\$ 15,086,022</b> | <b>\$ 665,563</b>                  | <b>\$ 875,498</b>                               | <b>(7,535,196)</b>      | <b>268,467</b>           | <b>(7,266,729)</b> |
| <b>General Revenues:</b>                    |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 |                         |                          |                    |
| Property Taxes                              |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 7,123,433               | 0                        | 7,123,433          |
| Penalties and Interest                      |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 166,460                 | 0                        | 166,460            |
| Local Option Taxes                          |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 641,998                 | 0                        | 641,998            |
| Payment in Lieu of Taxes                    |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 51,386                  | 0                        | 51,386             |
| General State Grants                        |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 231,863                 | 0                        | 231,863            |
| Unrestricted Investment Earnings            |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 62,510                  | 399,138                  | 461,648            |
| LCP Equity Dividends                        |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 0                       | 1,065,900                | 1,065,900          |
| Other Revenues                              |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 3,462                   | 0                        | 3,462              |
| Transfers                                   |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 33,000                  | (33,000)                 | 0                  |
| <b>Total General Revenues and Transfers</b> |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | <b>8,314,112</b>        | <b>1,432,038</b>         | <b>9,746,150</b>   |
| Change in Net Assets                        |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 778,916                 | 1,700,505                | 2,479,421          |
| Net Assets - July 1, 2011                   |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | 15,910,443              | 22,815,168               | 38,725,611         |
| Net Assets - June 30, 2012                  |                      |                      |                                    |                                                 | \$ 16,689,359           | \$ 24,515,673            | \$ 41,205,032      |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit C

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2012

|                                                      | General<br>Fund     | Capital<br>Fund     | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>                                        |                     |                     |                                |                                |
| Cash                                                 | \$ 397,750          | \$ 0                | \$ 219,621                     | \$ 617,371                     |
| Investments                                          | 1,017,478           | 0                   | 954,976                        | 1,972,454                      |
| Receivables (Net of Allowance for<br>Uncollectibles) | 630,495             | 431,788             |                                | 1,062,283                      |
| Due From Other Funds                                 | 25,886              | 863,567             | 271,006                        | 1,160,459                      |
| Prepaid Expenses                                     | 190,034             | 0                   | 6,000                          | 196,034                        |
| Inventory                                            | 73,568              | 0                   | 0                              | 73,568                         |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                  | <b>\$ 2,335,211</b> | <b>\$ 1,295,355</b> | <b>\$ 1,451,603</b>            | <b>\$ 5,082,169</b>            |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u>                                   |                     |                     |                                |                                |
| Liabilities:                                         |                     |                     |                                |                                |
| Accounts Payable                                     | \$ 255,513          | \$ 0                | \$ 12,622                      | \$ 268,135                     |
| Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable                 | 78,191              | 0                   | 0                              | 78,191                         |
| Due To Other Funds                                   | 609,891             | 267,573             | 13,743                         | 891,207                        |
| Deferred Revenue                                     | 567,031             | 230,764             | 0                              | 797,795                        |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                             | <b>1,510,626</b>    | <b>498,337</b>      | <b>26,365</b>                  | <b>2,035,328</b>               |
| Fund Balances/(Deficit):                             |                     |                     |                                |                                |
| Nonspendable                                         | 263,602             | 0                   | 256,295                        | 519,897                        |
| Restricted                                           | 64,806              | 70,000              | 923,676                        | 1,058,482                      |
| Committed                                            | 0                   | 879,025             | 0                              | 879,025                        |
| Assigned                                             | 496,177             | 0                   | 253,478                        | 749,655                        |
| Unassigned                                           | 0                   | (152,007)           | (8,211)                        | (160,218)                      |
| <b>Total Fund Balances</b>                           | <b>824,585</b>      | <b>797,018</b>      | <b>1,425,238</b>               | <b>3,046,841</b>               |
| <b>Total Liabilities and<br/>Fund Balances</b>       | <b>\$ 2,335,211</b> | <b>\$ 1,295,355</b> | <b>\$ 1,451,603</b>            |                                |

Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Assets are Different Because:

|                                                                                                                               |                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.     | 21,151,803           |
| Other Assets are not Available to Pay for Current-Period Expenditures, and, Therefore, are Deferred in the Funds.             | 672,951              |
| Long-Term and Accrued Liabilities are not Due or Payable in the Current Period and, Therefore, are Not Reported in the Funds. | <u>(8,182,236)</u>   |
| <b>Net Assets of Governmental Activities</b>                                                                                  | <b>\$ 16,689,359</b> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

|                                                      | General<br>Fund  | Capital<br>Fund  | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                                     |                  |                  |                                |                                |
| Property Taxes                                       | \$ 7,041,551     | \$ 0             | \$ 0                           | \$ 7,041,551                   |
| Penalties and Interest                               | 166,460          | 0                | 0                              | 166,460                        |
| Local Option Tax                                     | 0                | 641,998          | 0                              | 641,998                        |
| Intergovernmental Revenues                           | 515,281          | 425,958          | 36,358                         | 977,597                        |
| Charges for Services                                 | 886,279          | 0                | 24,431                         | 910,710                        |
| Investment Income                                    | 29,956           | 1,634            | 30,920                         | 62,510                         |
| Licenses and Permits                                 | 204,498          | 0                | 0                              | 204,498                        |
| Donations                                            | 3,180            | 20,000           | 12,719                         | 35,899                         |
| Other Revenue                                        | 3,462            | 0                | 0                              | 3,462                          |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                | <b>8,850,667</b> | <b>1,089,590</b> | <b>104,428</b>                 | <b>10,044,685</b>              |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                                 |                  |                  |                                |                                |
| <b>Current:</b>                                      |                  |                  |                                |                                |
| General Government                                   | 1,947,141        | 65,223           | 117,137                        | 2,129,501                      |
| Public Safety                                        | 2,442,621        | 0                | 8,240                          | 2,450,861                      |
| Public Works                                         | 1,655,803        | 302,307          | 0                              | 1,958,110                      |
| Culture and Recreation                               | 1,634,016        | 0                | 431                            | 1,634,447                      |
| Cemeteries                                           | 10,420           | 0                | 2,433                          | 12,853                         |
| Capital Outlay                                       | 274,190          | 526,620          | 1,145,902                      | 1,946,712                      |
| <b>Debt Service:</b>                                 |                  |                  |                                |                                |
| Principal                                            | 525,000          | 0                | 0                              | 525,000                        |
| Interest                                             | 320,652          | 0                | 0                              | 320,652                        |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                            | <b>8,809,843</b> | <b>894,150</b>   | <b>1,274,143</b>               | <b>10,978,136</b>              |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues<br>Over Expenditures | 40,824           | 195,440          | (1,169,715)                    | (933,451)                      |
| <b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>               |                  |                  |                                |                                |
| Proceeds from Sale of Equipment                      | 0                | 0                | 2,107                          | 2,107                          |
| Transfers In                                         | 47,427           | 0                | 370,000                        | 417,427                        |
| Transfers Out                                        | (370,000)        | 0                | (14,427)                       | (384,427)                      |
| <b>Total Other Financing<br/>Sources/(Uses)</b>      | <b>(322,573)</b> | <b>0</b>         | <b>357,680</b>                 | <b>35,107</b>                  |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                          | (281,749)        | 195,440          | (812,035)                      | (898,344)                      |
| Fund Balances - July 1, 2011                         | 1,106,334        | 601,578          | 2,237,273                      | 3,945,185                      |
| Fund Balances - June 30, 2012                        | \$ 824,585       | \$ 797,018       | \$ 1,425,238                   | \$ 3,046,841                   |

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Exhibit E

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
 EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF  
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Net change in fund balances - total government funds (Exhibit D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$ (898,344)      |
| Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets (\$1,946,712) is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense (\$919,314). This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.                                                                                           | 1,027,398         |
| The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales, trade-ins, donations and disposals) is to increase net assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | (65,472)          |
| The issuance of long-term debt (\$0) (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt (\$525,000) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net assets. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items. | 525,000           |
| Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This amount reflects the decrease in deferred revenues over last year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 204,296           |
| Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This amount represents the increase in balances of these expenditures over last year.                                                                                                                                                      | <u>(13,962)</u>   |
| Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit B)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>\$ 778,916</u> |

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Exhibit F

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2012

|                                                                    | Water<br>Fund        | Sewer<br>Fund        | Electric<br>Fund     | Total                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                                      |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Current Assets:                                                    |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Cash                                                               | \$ 0                 | \$ 0                 | \$ 3,232,139         | \$ 3,232,139         |
| Other Receivables (Net of Allowance for<br>Uncollectible Accounts) | 496,743              | 114,546              | 986,607              | 1,597,896            |
| Unbilled Receivables                                               | 98,060               | 109,179              | 915,204              | 1,122,443            |
| Loans Receivable - Current Portion                                 | 25,212               | 581,326              | 0                    | 606,538              |
| Accrued Interest Receivable                                        | 0                    | 0                    | 83,532               | 83,532               |
| Prepaid Expenses                                                   | 11,333               | 16,061               | 6,988                | 34,382               |
| Deposits                                                           | 272,530              | 103,550              | 0                    | 376,080              |
| Inventory                                                          | 9,463                | 9,213                | 116,779              | 135,455              |
| Due from Other Funds                                               | 0                    | 1,752,566            | 0                    | 1,752,566            |
| Total Current Assets                                               | <u>913,341</u>       | <u>2,686,441</u>     | <u>5,341,249</u>     | <u>8,941,031</u>     |
| Noncurrent Assets:                                                 |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Restricted Cash                                                    | 0                    | 0                    | 600,000              | 600,000              |
| Loans Receivable - Long-Term Portion                               | 157,429              | 5,249,786            | 0                    | 5,407,215            |
| Investment in Associated Companies                                 | 0                    | 0                    | 21,729,772           | 21,729,772           |
| Deferred Charges                                                   | 0                    | 0                    | 4,369                | 4,369                |
| Capital Assets                                                     |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Land                                                               | 8,647                | 42,723               | 0                    | 51,370               |
| Construction in Progress                                           | 0                    | 13,370               | 1,448,448            | 1,461,818            |
| Buildings and Building Improvements                                | 0                    | 15,584,232           | 270,311              | 15,854,543           |
| Machinery and Equipment                                            | 157,186              | 557,476              | 1,551,036            | 2,265,698            |
| Distribution/Collection Systems                                    | 11,529,386           | 10,874,533           | 8,128,999            | 30,532,918           |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation                                      | <u>(2,113,867)</u>   | <u>(7,695,536)</u>   | <u>(5,817,601)</u>   | <u>(15,627,004)</u>  |
| Total Noncurrent Assets                                            | <u>9,738,781</u>     | <u>24,626,584</u>    | <u>27,915,334</u>    | <u>62,280,699</u>    |
| Total Assets                                                       | <u>\$ 10,652,122</u> | <u>\$ 27,313,025</u> | <u>\$ 33,256,583</u> | <u>\$ 71,221,730</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                                 |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Current Liabilities:                                               |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Accounts Payable                                                   | \$ 0                 | \$ 0                 | \$ 807,165           | \$ 807,165           |
| Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable                               | 4,249                | 9,210                | 0                    | 13,459               |
| Other Accrued Expenses                                             | 1,598                | 0                    | 78,421               | 80,019               |
| Due To Other Funds                                                 | 2,021,818            | 0                    | 0                    | 2,021,818            |
| Accrued Interest Payable                                           | 95,796               | 0                    | 43,863               | 139,659              |
| Notes Payable - Current Portion                                    | 0                    | 0                    | 55,992               | 55,992               |
| General Obligation Bonds Payable - Current Portion                 | <u>487,446</u>       | <u>846,562</u>       | <u>155,000</u>       | <u>1,489,008</u>     |
| Total Current Liabilities                                          | <u>2,610,907</u>     | <u>855,772</u>       | <u>1,140,441</u>     | <u>4,607,120</u>     |
| Noncurrent Liabilities                                             |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Accrued Compensated Absences Payable                               | 54,995               | 59,105               | 14,496               | 128,596              |
| Deferred Revenue - Noncurrent Portion                              | 0                    | 0                    | 615,250              | 615,250              |
| Deferred Gain on Hedge Sale                                        | 0                    | 0                    | 195,690              | 195,690              |
| Notes Payable - Noncurrent Portion                                 | 0                    | 0                    | 20,507,333           | 20,507,333           |
| General Obligation Bonds Payable - Noncurrent Portion              | <u>5,596,784</u>     | <u>11,460,284</u>    | <u>3,595,000</u>     | <u>20,652,068</u>    |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities                                       | <u>5,651,779</u>     | <u>11,519,389</u>    | <u>24,927,769</u>    | <u>42,098,937</u>    |
| Total Liabilities                                                  | <u>8,262,686</u>     | <u>12,375,161</u>    | <u>26,068,210</u>    | <u>46,706,057</u>    |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                                  |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt                    | 3,497,122            | 7,069,952            | 4,521,461            | 15,088,535           |
| Unrestricted/(Deficit)                                             | <u>(1,107,686)</u>   | <u>7,867,912</u>     | <u>2,666,912</u>     | <u>9,427,138</u>     |
| Total Net Assets                                                   | <u>2,389,436</u>     | <u>14,937,864</u>    | <u>7,188,373</u>     | <u>24,515,673</u>    |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets                                   | <u>\$ 10,652,122</u> | <u>\$ 27,313,025</u> | <u>\$ 33,256,583</u> | <u>\$ 71,221,730</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit G

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS  
PROPRIETARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

|                                                                 | Water<br>Fund       | Sewer<br>Fund        | Electric<br>Fund    | Total                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Operating Revenues:                                             |                     |                      |                     |                      |
| Charges for Services                                            | \$ 1,138,189        | \$ 1,348,355         | \$ 11,323,508       | \$ 13,810,052        |
| Total Operating Revenues                                        | <u>1,138,189</u>    | <u>1,348,355</u>     | <u>11,323,508</u>   | <u>13,810,052</u>    |
| Operating Expenses:                                             |                     |                      |                     |                      |
| Administrative                                                  | 67,884              | 82,685               | 1,490,899           | 1,641,468            |
| Power                                                           | 0                   | 0                    | 7,917,509           | 7,917,509            |
| Distribution and Collection                                     | 356,529             | 1,089,351            | 847,524             | 2,293,404            |
| Taxes                                                           | 0                   | 0                    | 111,410             | 111,410              |
| Depreciation and Amortization                                   | 195,077             | 499,348              | 247,792             | 942,217              |
| Total Operating Expenses                                        | <u>619,490</u>      | <u>1,671,384</u>     | <u>10,615,134</u>   | <u>12,906,008</u>    |
| Operating Income/(Loss)                                         | <u>518,699</u>      | <u>(323,029)</u>     | <u>708,374</u>      | <u>904,044</u>       |
| Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):                               |                     |                      |                     |                      |
| Investment Income                                               | 0                   | 5,318                | 393,820             | 399,138              |
| Connection Fees and Related Interest                            | 30,492              | 38,050               | 0                   | 68,542               |
| LCP Equity Dividends                                            | 0                   | 0                    | 1,065,900           | 1,065,900            |
| Other Income/(Expenses)                                         | 0                   | 0                    | 255,286             | 255,286              |
| Interest Expense                                                | (177,030)           | 0                    | (1,385,709)         | (1,562,739)          |
| Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)                          | <u>(146,538)</u>    | <u>43,368</u>        | <u>329,297</u>      | <u>226,127</u>       |
| Net Income/(Loss) Before Capital<br>Contributions and Transfers | <u>372,161</u>      | <u>(279,661)</u>     | <u>1,037,671</u>    | <u>1,130,171</u>     |
| Capital Contributions and Transfers:                            |                     |                      |                     |                      |
| Capital Contributions                                           | 424,431             | 0                    | 178,903             | 603,334              |
| Transfers                                                       | 0                   | 0                    | (33,000)            | (33,000)             |
| Total Capital Contributions and Transfers                       | <u>424,431</u>      | <u>0</u>             | <u>145,903</u>      | <u>570,334</u>       |
| Change in Net Assets                                            | 796,592             | (279,661)            | 1,183,574           | 1,700,505            |
| Net Assets - July 1, 2011                                       | <u>1,592,844</u>    | <u>15,217,525</u>    | <u>6,004,799</u>    | <u>22,815,168</u>    |
| Net Assets - June 30, 2012                                      | <u>\$ 2,389,436</u> | <u>\$ 14,937,864</u> | <u>\$ 7,188,373</u> | <u>\$ 24,515,673</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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|                                                                                                       | Water<br>Fund      | Sewer<br>Fund     | Electric<br>Fund    | Total               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>                                                          |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| Receipts from Customers and Users                                                                     | \$ 1,146,507       | \$ 1,340,741      | \$ 11,030,775       | \$ 13,518,023       |
| Payments for Purchased Power                                                                          | 0                  | 0                 | (7,917,509)         | (7,917,509)         |
| Payments to Suppliers                                                                                 | (237,402)          | (705,782)         | (1,205,168)         | (2,148,352)         |
| Payments for Interfund Services                                                                       | (47,000)           | (47,000)          | 0                   | (94,000)            |
| Payments for Wages and Benefits                                                                       | (194,166)          | (463,966)         | (1,069,628)         | (1,727,760)         |
| Payment for Taxes                                                                                     | 0                  | 0                 | (111,410)           | (111,410)           |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>                                                      | <u>667,939</u>     | <u>123,993</u>    | <u>727,060</u>      | <u>1,518,992</u>    |
| <b>Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:</b>                                               |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| Other Receipts(Payments)                                                                              | 3,983              | 0                 | 142,672             | 146,655             |
| Transfer to Other Funds                                                                               | 0                  | 0                 | (33,000)            | (33,000)            |
| Increase/Decrease in Due To/From Other Funds                                                          | 403,487            | 149,804           | 0                   | 553,291             |
| LCP Equity Dividends                                                                                  | 0                  | 0                 | 1,065,900           | 1,065,900           |
| Other Interest Paid                                                                                   | (3,983)            | 0                 | 0                   | (3,983)             |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities</b>                                           | <u>403,487</u>     | <u>149,804</u>    | <u>1,175,572</u>    | <u>1,728,863</u>    |
| <b>Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:</b>                                      |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| Payments Received on Loans Receivable                                                                 | 43,706             | 595,781           | 0                   | 639,487             |
| Proceeds of Capital Grants                                                                            | 16,234             | 0                 | 178,903             | 195,137             |
| Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets                                                        | (467,898)          | (28,335)          | (1,278,424)         | (1,774,657)         |
| Principal Paid on General Obligation Bonds                                                            | (482,107)          | (846,561)         | (155,000)           | (1,483,668)         |
| Principal Paid on Notes Payable                                                                       | 0                  | 0                 | (53,413)            | (53,413)            |
| Interest Paid on General Obligation Bonds                                                             | (181,361)          | 0                 | 0                   | (181,361)           |
| Interest Paid on Notes Payable                                                                        | 0                  | 0                 | (1,364,953)         | (1,364,953)         |
| <b>Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities</b>                           | <u>(1,071,426)</u> | <u>(279,115)</u>  | <u>(2,672,887)</u>  | <u>(4,023,428)</u>  |
| <b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>                                                          |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| Receipt of Interest & Dividends                                                                       | 0                  | 5,318             | 404,126             | 409,444             |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities</b>                                                      | <u>0</u>           | <u>5,318</u>      | <u>404,126</u>      | <u>409,444</u>      |
| <b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash</b>                                                                | <u>0</u>           | <u>0</u>          | <u>(366,129)</u>    | <u>(366,129)</u>    |
| <b>Cash - July 1, 2011</b>                                                                            | <u>0</u>           | <u>0</u>          | <u>4,198,268</u>    | <u>4,198,268</u>    |
| <b>Cash - June 30, 2012</b>                                                                           | <u>\$ 0</u>        | <u>\$ 0</u>       | <u>\$ 3,832,139</u> | <u>\$ 3,832,139</u> |
| <b>Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income/(Loss) to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b> |                    |                   |                     |                     |
| Operating Income/(Loss)                                                                               | \$ 518,699         | \$ (323,029)      | \$ 708,374          | \$ 904,044          |
| Depreciation and Amortization                                                                         | 195,077            | 499,348           | 247,792             | 942,217             |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Receivables                                                                    | 8,318              | (7,614)           | (292,733)           | (292,029)           |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Prepaid Expenses                                                               | (11,333)           | (16,061)          | (345)               | (27,739)            |
| (Increase)/Decrease in Inventory                                                                      | 595                | 1,428             | 25,776              | 27,799              |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable                                                               | (44,900)           | (35,590)          | 31,295              | (49,195)            |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Payroll                                                                | 2,218              | 4,032             | 0                   | 6,250               |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Other Accrued Expenses                                                         | (1,473)            | 0                 | 3,862               | 2,389               |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable                                                   | 738                | 1,479             | 3,039               | 5,256               |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</b>                                                      | <u>\$ 667,939</u>  | <u>\$ 123,993</u> | <u>\$ 727,060</u>   | <u>\$ 1,518,992</u> |

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The Town of Stowe, Vermont (herein the "Town") operates under a Manager/Selectmen form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, community/economic development, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, water, sewer, electric and general administrative services.

The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the Town of Stowe.

### **I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies adopted by the Town of Stowe (the "Town") conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant accounting policies employed in the preparation of these financial statements.

#### **A. The Financial Reporting Entity**

This report includes all of the funds of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. The reporting entity consists of the primary government; organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The primary government is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing body and it is able to impose its will on that organization or there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or burdens on the primary government. The primary government may be financially accountable if an organization is fiscally dependent on the primary government. Based on these criteria, there are no entities that should be combined with the financial statements of the Town.

#### **B. Basis of Presentation**

The accounts of the Town are organized and operated on the basis of fund accounting. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

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The basic financial statements of the Town include both government-wide statements and fund financial statements. The focus of the government-wide statements is on reporting the operating results and financial position of the Town as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Town's finances. The focus of the fund financial statements is on reporting on the operating results and financial position of the most significant funds of the Town and present a shorter-term view of how operations were financed and what remains available for future spending.

**Government-wide Statements:** The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the primary government, the Town. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of activities between funds. Where appropriate, these statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the Town. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Town's governmental activities and for each segment of the Town's business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function or segment. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

**Fund Financial Statements:** The fund financial statements provide information about the Town's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category – governmental and proprietary – are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental and enterprise funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The Town reports on the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund** – This is the Town's main operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Town, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Capital Fund** – This fund accounts for the general capital expenditures of the Town.

The Town reports on the following major enterprise funds:

**Water Fund** – This fund accounts for the operations of the Water Department of the Town.

**Sewer Fund** – This fund accounts for the operations of the Wastewater Department of the Town.

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Electric Fund – This fund accounts for the operations of the Electric Department of the Town. The Electric Department is a municipally-owned utility providing retail electric power to the residents of the Town and surrounding communities.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities.

### **C. Measurement Focus**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. This means that all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of these funds (whether current or noncurrent) are included on the balance sheet (or statement of net assets). Equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total assets.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally reported on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balances (net current assets) are considered a measure of available spendable resources, and are segregated into nonspendable; restricted; committed; assigned and unassigned amounts. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of available spendable resources during a period.

### **D. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time the liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flow takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the Town gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Local option taxes collected and held by the State at year-end on behalf of the Town are also recognized as revenue. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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Governmental funds are reported using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means the amount is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The Town considers all revenues reported in governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, certain compensated absences and other long-term liabilities which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated or are funded with expendable available financial resources.

General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the Town funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the Town's policy to first apply cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by general revenues. Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and other grant requirements have been met.

The government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements follow Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations and Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinions; and Accounting Research Bulletins, issued on or before November 30, 1989; unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements. As permitted under Statement of Governmental Accounting Standards No. 20, the Town has elected not to apply FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989.

The Electric Department is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Vermont Public Service Board (VPSB) with respect to rates and accounting practices. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 71 "Accounting for the Effects of Certain Types of Regulations," the Electric Department records certain assets and liabilities in accordance with the economic effect of the rate making process. As such, regulators may permit incurred costs or benefits, typically treated as expenses or income by unregulated entities, to be deferred and expensed or benefited in future periods. Costs are deferred as regulatory assets when the Electric Department concludes that future revenue will be provided to permit recovery of the previously incurred cost. Revenue may also be deferred as regulatory liabilities that would be returned to customers by reducing future revenue requirements. The Electric Department analyzes the evidence supporting deferral, including provisions for recovery in regulatory orders, regulatory precedent, other regulatory correspondence and legal representations.



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**E. Use of Estimates**

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**F. Assets, Liabilities and Equity**

**1. Cash**

Most cash received by the Town is placed in the custody of and invested by the Town Treasurer who is elected. The exception to this is that the Electric Fund and Library Endowment Fund collect and invest cash. The Town considers all short-term investments of ninety (90) days or less to be cash equivalents.

Excess cash of individual funds are shown as due from other funds and excess cash withdrawals are shown as due to other funds. Interest income is allocated based on the due to/from other funds balances.

**2. Investments**

The Town invests in investments as allowed by State Statute. Investments with readily determinable fair values are reported at their fair values on the balance sheet. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue.

**3. Receivables**

Receivables for all funds, except the Electric Department Fund, are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts for the estimated losses that will be incurred in the collection of the receivables. The estimated losses are based on the judgment of management and a review of the current status of existing receivables. The Electric Department Fund does not provide an allowance for doubtful accounts but utilizes the direct write-off method for all uncollectible accounts based on management's judgment. The Electric Department has determined that any uncollectible receivables would be immaterial to the Department.

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements that are outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances". The majority of the internal balances is the result of the pooling of cash.

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#### **4. Unbilled Receivables and Revenue Recognition**

The Electric Department does all the billing for the Water, Sewer and Electric Funds. The Department reads approximately half of the meters around the 1st of the month and the balance around the 15<sup>th</sup>. Revenues have been recognized through the end of the accounting period by providing for unbilled revenues from the reading date through the end of the accounting period.

#### **5. Inventories and Prepaid Expenses**

Inventory quantities are determined by physical count and are valued at the lower of cost or market. Inventory is recorded as an expenditure or in certain cases, for the Electric Fund, capitalized at the time the individual item is utilized. Inventories in the General Fund consist of gravel and materials. Inventories in the Proprietary Funds consist of fuel, materials and parts held by the individual departments for repairs and additions to equipment and utility plant.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs that are applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses.

Inventories and prepaid expenses of governmental funds in the fund financial statements are offset by a nonspendable fund balance as these are not in spendable form.

#### **6. Capital Assets**

Capital assets are reported at actual cost or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost if purchased or constructed. Contributed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the time received. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase for proprietary fund capital assets is reflected in the capitalized value of the asset constructed, net of any interest earned on the invested proceeds during the same period. Interest is not capitalized during the construction phase of capital assets used in governmental activities. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives are not capitalized. The Town has elected to not report major general infrastructure assets retroactively.

Capital assets reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements are depreciated in order that the cost of these assets will be charged to expenses over their estimated service lives, generally using the straight-line method of calculating depreciation.

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Capitalization thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

|                                                                       | Capitalization<br>Threshold | Estimated<br>Service Life |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Land and Easements                                                    | \$ 1,000                    | Not Depreciated           |
| Antiques                                                              | 1,000                       | Not Depreciated           |
| Buildings and Building Improvements                                   | 5,000                       | 40 Years                  |
| Land Improvements                                                     | 5,000                       | 50 Years                  |
| Machinery and Equipment                                               | 5,000                       | 8-20 Years                |
| Processing Facilities                                                 | 5,000                       | 50 Years                  |
| Infrastructure                                                        | 15,000                      | 30-50 Years               |
| Water, Wastewater and Electric Distribution<br>and Collection Systems | 15,000                      | 60-100 Years              |

Capital assets are not reported in the governmental fund financial statements. Capital outlays in these funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are acquired.

The Town does not capitalize its library books because they are considered a collection.

#### **7. Investments in Associated Companies**

The Stowe Electric Department (SED) recognizes income from its affiliates in which SED has ownership interests. This ownership includes investment in common and preferred stock of Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. (VELCO) and membership units of VT Transco, LLC (Transco). These investments are recorded at cost and, because these are not publicly traded, market values are not readily determinable.

#### **8. Compensated Absences**

It is the policy of the Town of Stowe to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused annual leave up to one thousand forty (1,040) hours and up to forty (40) hours of comp time for hourly employees. These amounts are pro-rated for part-time employees. It is also the policy of the Town of Stowe to allow salaried employees to accumulate up to one thousand five hundred sixty (1,560) hours of annual leave. Effective July 1, 2013, this is reduced to one thousand forty (1,040) hours. Police officers can accumulate up to one thousand three hundred and thirty six (1,336) of hours of annual leave and up to one hundred twenty (120) hours of comp-time. Payments for unused compensated absences in the governmental funds are recorded as expenditures in the year they are paid.

The Electric Department allows employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. Employees may, depending upon level and length of service, be paid for various amounts of their unused leave upon termination or retirement.

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### 9. Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities include bonds payable and other obligations such as notes payable, capital leases payable and compensated absences. Long-term liabilities are reported in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements do not include any long-term liabilities as those statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and only include current assets and liabilities on their balance sheets.

### 10. Fund Equity

Fund Balances and Retained Earnings are classified based upon any restrictions that have been placed on those balances or any tentative plans management may have made for those balances. Restrictions of net assets in the government-wide and proprietary fund type financial statements represent amounts that cannot be appropriated or are legally restricted for a specific purpose by a grant, contract, or other binding agreement. Fund Balances of governmental funds are classified as nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Selectboard's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

## II. EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND AND GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Governmental Fund financial statements are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, while government-wide financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. These differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting lead to differences between the governmental fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements as follows:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas government-wide statements report revenues when they are earned. Long-term expense differences arise because governmental funds report expenditures (including interest) using the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereas government-wide statements report expenses using the accrual basis of accounting.

Capital-related differences arise because governmental funds report capital outlays as current period expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report depreciation as an expense. Further, governmental funds report the proceeds from the sale of capital assets as an other financing source, whereas government-wide statements report the gain or loss from the sale of capital assets as revenue or expense.

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Long-term debt transaction differences arise because governmental funds report bond proceeds as other financing sources and principal payments as expenditures, whereas government-wide statements report those transactions as increases and decreases in liabilities, respectively.

**A. Governmental Funds Balance Sheet and the Statement of Net Assets**

The differences between the governmental funds balance sheet and government-wide statement of net assets are as follows:

|                                         | Balance<br>Sheet    | Long-term<br>Revenues/<br>Expenses | Capital<br>Related<br>Items | Long-term<br>Debt<br>Transactions | Elimination<br>of Interfund<br>Balances | Statement of<br>Net Assets |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                           |                     |                                    |                             |                                   |                                         |                            |
| Cash                                    | \$ 423,940          | \$ 0                               | \$ 0                        | \$ 0                              | \$ 0                                    | \$ 423,940                 |
| Investments                             | 2,165,885           | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                       | 2,165,885                  |
| Receivables                             | 1,062,283           | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                       | 1,062,283                  |
| Due from Other Funds                    | 1,160,459           | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | (891,207)                               | 269,252                    |
| Other Current Assets                    | 269,602             | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                       | 269,602                    |
| Capital Assets                          | 0                   | 0                                  | 21,151,803                  | 0                                 | 0                                       | 21,151,803                 |
| Total Assets                            | <u>5,082,169</u>    | <u>0</u>                           | <u>21,151,803</u>           | <u>0</u>                          | <u>(891,207)</u>                        | <u>25,342,765</u>          |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                      |                     |                                    |                             |                                   |                                         |                            |
| Accounts Payable                        | 268,135             | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                       | 268,135                    |
| Accrued Payroll and<br>Benefits Payable | 78,191              | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                       | 78,191                     |
| Due to Other Funds                      | 891,207             | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | (891,207)                               | 0                          |
| Deferred Revenue                        | 797,795             | (672,951)                          | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                       | 124,844                    |
| Accrued Interest Payable                | 0                   | 36,392                             | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                       | 36,392                     |
| Noncurrent Liabilities                  | 0                   | 790,844                            | 0                           | 7,355,000                         | 0                                       | 8,145,844                  |
| Total Liabilities                       | <u>2,035,328</u>    | <u>154,285</u>                     | <u>0</u>                    | <u>7,355,000</u>                  | <u>(891,207)</u>                        | <u>8,653,406</u>           |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                       |                     |                                    |                             |                                   |                                         |                            |
| Invested in Capital Assets              | 0                   | 0                                  | 21,151,803                  | (6,485,988)                       | 0                                       | 14,665,815                 |
| Other                                   | 3,046,841           | (154,285)                          | 0                           | (869,012)                         | 0                                       | 2,023,544                  |
| Total Net Assets                        | <u>\$ 3,046,841</u> | <u>\$ (154,285)</u>                | <u>\$ 21,151,803</u>        | <u>\$ (7,355,000)</u>             | <u>\$ 0</u>                             | <u>\$ 16,689,359</u>       |

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**B. Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Statement of Activities**

The differences between the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances and government-wide statement of activities are as follows:

|                                       | Statement of<br>Revenue,<br>Expenditures<br>and Changes in<br>Fund Balances |                   | Long-term<br>Revenues/<br>Expenses | Capital<br>Related<br>Items | Long-term<br>Debt<br>Transactions | Reclassifications<br>and Elimination<br>of Interfund<br>Activity | Statement of<br>Activities |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                       |                                                                             |                   |                                    |                             |                                   |                                                                  |                            |
| Property Taxes                        | \$                                                                          | 7,041,551         | \$ 81,882                          | \$ 0                        | \$ 0                              | \$ 0                                                             | \$ 7,123,433               |
| Penalties and Interest                |                                                                             | 166,460           | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                                                | 166,460                    |
| Local Option Tax                      |                                                                             | 641,998           | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                                                | 641,998                    |
| Intergovernmental Revenues            |                                                                             | 977,597           | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | (694,348)                                                        | 283,249                    |
| Charges for Services                  |                                                                             | 910,710           | (8,165)                            | 0                           | 0                                 | 118,139                                                          | 1,020,684                  |
| Operating Grants and<br>Contributions |                                                                             | 0                 | 150,579                            | 0                           | 0                                 | 514,984                                                          | 665,563                    |
| Capital Grants and Contributions      |                                                                             | 0                 | (20,000)                           | 0                           | 0                                 | 223,622                                                          | 203,622                    |
| Investment Income                     |                                                                             | 62,510            | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | 0                                                                | 62,510                     |
| Licenses and Permits                  |                                                                             | 204,498           | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | (204,498)                                                        | 0                          |
| Other Revenues                        |                                                                             | 39,361            | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | (35,899)                                                         | 3,462                      |
| Sale of Equipment                     |                                                                             | 2,107             | 0                                  | (65,472)                    | 0                                 | 0                                                                | (63,365)                   |
| Transfers from Other<br>Funds         |                                                                             | 417,427           | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | (384,427)                                                        | 33,000                     |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                 |                                                                             | <b>10,464,219</b> | <b>204,296</b>                     | <b>(65,472)</b>             | <b>0</b>                          | <b>(462,427)</b>                                                 | <b>10,140,616</b>          |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                   |                                                                             |                   |                                    |                             |                                   |                                                                  |                            |
| General Government                    |                                                                             | 2,129,501         | 30,010                             | 48,887                      | 0                                 | (78,000)                                                         | 2,130,398                  |
| Public Safety                         |                                                                             | 2,450,861         | (22,105)                           | 356,659                     | 0                                 | 0                                                                | 2,785,415                  |
| Public Works                          |                                                                             | 1,958,110         | 10,954                             | 387,485                     | 0                                 | 0                                                                | 2,356,549                  |
| Culture and Recreation                |                                                                             | 1,634,447         | (2,873)                            | 125,386                     | 0                                 | 0                                                                | 1,756,960                  |
| Cemeteries                            |                                                                             | 12,853            | 0                                  | 897                         | 0                                 | 0                                                                | 13,750                     |
| Capital Expenditures                  |                                                                             | 1,946,712         | 0                                  | (1,946,712)                 | 0                                 | 0                                                                | 0                          |
| Debt Service                          |                                                                             | 845,652           | (2,024)                            | 0                           | (525,000)                         | 0                                                                | 318,628                    |
| Transfers to Other Funds              |                                                                             | 384,427           | 0                                  | 0                           | 0                                 | (384,427)                                                        | 0                          |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>             |                                                                             | <b>11,362,563</b> | <b>13,962</b>                      | <b>(1,027,398)</b>          | <b>(525,000)</b>                  | <b>(462,427)</b>                                                 | <b>9,361,700</b>           |
| Net Change for the Year               | \$                                                                          | (898,344)         | \$ 190,334                         | \$ 961,926                  | \$ 525,000                        | \$ 0                                                             | \$ 778,916                 |

**III. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**A. Budgetary Information**

Budgets are approved at the annual Town Meeting in March. There were no budget amendments during the year.

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**B. Budgeted Deficit**

The Town budgeted a current year's deficiency in the General Fund of \$412,311 in order to utilize a portion of the previous year's surplus. This is reflected as a budgeted deficiency of revenues over expenditures on Schedule 1.

**C. Separate Financial Statements**

The Town has issued separate financial statements for the Electric Fund. Additional disclosures pertaining to this fund can be found in the separately issued financial statement.

**IV. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS**

**A. Cash and Investments**

The Town's cash and investments as of June 30, 2012 consisted of the following:

|                                                                         | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Unrestricted Cash</u>                                                |               |
| Cash on Hand                                                            | \$ 2,916      |
| Deposits with Financial Institutions                                    | 3,846,594     |
| Total Unrestricted Cash                                                 | 3,849,510     |
| <u>Investments</u>                                                      |               |
| Certificate of Deposit, Union Bank, Interest<br>at .65%, Due June, 2013 | 1,017,478     |
| Cash Equivalents with Broker                                            | 29,007        |
| Mutual Funds - Holdings in Stocks & Bonds                               | 691,467       |
| Common Stock                                                            | 234,502       |
| Total Investments                                                       | 1,972,454     |
| <u>Restricted Cash</u>                                                  |               |
| Deposits with Financial Institutions                                    | 600,000       |
| Total Cash and Investments                                              | \$ 6,421,964  |

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**Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, a government will not be able to recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counter-party (e.g. broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of another party. The Town does not have any policy to limit the exposure to custodial credit risk. The Town's mutual funds and cash on hand are not exposed to custodial credit risk. The common stock is in the name of the Town. The table below presents the custodial credit risk of the Town's deposits with financial institutions.

|                                                                                                               | <u>Book<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Bank<br/>Balance</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Insured - FDIC/SIPC                                                                                           | \$ 1,131,247            | \$ 1,131,247            |
| Uninsured, Uncollateralized, Secured by Mortgage<br>Loans Held by the Bank but not in the Name<br>of the Town | <u>4,361,832</u>        | <u>4,930,393</u>        |
| Total                                                                                                         | <u>\$ 5,493,079</u>     | <u>\$ 6,061,640</u>     |

Deposits are comprised of the following:

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cash with Financial Institutions      | \$ 4,446,594        |
| Cash Equivalents with Broker          | 29,007              |
| Certificates of Deposit - Investments | <u>1,017,478</u>    |
| Total                                 | <u>\$ 5,493,079</u> |

The difference between the book and bank balances is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks.

**Credit Risk**

Generally, credit risk that is the risk an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization such as Standard and Poor's or Moody's rating services. These organizations look at a number of factors in order to evaluate the risk of an obligation and rate the risk. The rating allows investors to make informed buying and selling decisions. The Town's cash equivalents with the broker, common stock and certificate of deposit are exempt from the credit risk analysis. The Town's mutual funds are open-ended and, therefore, are also excluded from the credit risk analysis.



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**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have any policy to limit its exposure to interest rate risk.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Town's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is provided by the following table that shows the distribution of the Town's investments by maturity. When available, mutual funds are shown at their weighted average maturity. The Town's certificate of deposit is not subject to interest rate risk disclosure.

| <u>Investment Type</u> | <u>Remaining<br/>Maturity<br/>Not<br/>Available</u> | <u>Total</u>      |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mutual Funds           | \$ <u>691,467</u>                                   | \$ <u>691,467</u> |
| Total                  | \$ <u>691,467</u>                                   | \$ <u>691,467</u> |

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

The Town does not have any limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. The Town does not have any investment in any one issuer, other than mutual funds, that represent more than 5% of total investments.

**Restricted Cash**

There is one cash account of the Electric Department that is restricted as to use. The restricted cash is held at Citizens Bank. They received \$750,000 from Spruce Peak as a contribution in aid of construction towards the 115kV Project. Interest earned on this certificate of deposit is unrestricted. The amount of restricted cash is \$600,000.

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**B. Receivables**

Receivables at June 30, 2012, as reported in the statement of net assets, net of applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

|                                          | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-Type<br>Activities | Total               |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Delinquent Taxes Receivable              | \$ 480,184                 | \$ 0                        | \$ 480,184          |
| Penalties and Interest Receivable        | 59,673                     | 0                           | 59,673              |
| Tax Sale Receivable                      | 23,381                     | 0                           | 23,381              |
| Grants Receivable                        | 409,624                    | 408,197                     | 817,821             |
| Accounts Receivable                      | 47,106                     | 0                           | 47,106              |
| Ambulance Receivables                    | 88,488                     | 0                           | 88,488              |
| Billed Revenues                          | 0                          | 1,190,574                   | 1,190,574           |
| Unbilled Revenues                        | 0                          | 1,122,443                   | 1,122,443           |
| Accrued Interest Receivable              | 0                          | 83,532                      | 83,532              |
| Accounts Receivable - Sewer Reserve Fees | 0                          | 3,125                       | 3,125               |
| Allowance for Doubtful Accounts          | (46,173)                   | (4,000)                     | (50,173)            |
|                                          | <u>\$ 1,062,283</u>        | <u>\$ 2,803,871</u>         | <u>\$ 3,866,154</u> |

**C. Loans Receivable**

Governmental Activities

During 2008, the Town issued a \$735,000 loan receivable to Sylvan Woods Housing Limited Partnership to assist in constructing low income housing. This money was from proceeds of a State grant. Interest accrues at 2% per year. The note and interest is deferred until November, 2036. The note is secured by the land and building.

|                                             |                  |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Note Receivable                             | \$ 735,000       |
| Accrued Interest Receivable                 | <u>58,880</u>    |
| Total                                       | 793,880          |
| Less: Allowance for Doubtful Loans/Interest | <u>(793,880)</u> |
| Reported Value at June 30, 2012             | <u>\$ 0</u>      |

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Business-Type Activities

The Town has seventeen (17) outstanding sewer loans totaling \$47,886 to homeowners in the Sylvan Park Development. Homeowners were assessed a hook-on fee which the Town is financing for them. Each loan is billed quarterly with interest at 2%. The Town also has ninety-six (96) outstanding sewer loans totaling \$5,783,226 to homeowners and businesses in the Mountain Road Development for hook-on fees which the Town is financing for them. These loans are assessed a \$21.60 per quarter administration fee or, in some cases, a 1% administration fee per quarter of the quarterly payment. Loan terms vary from 4 to 20 years. The Town has determined that all loans are collectible as they have a lien on the home or business thus no allowance for doubtful loans is needed. The Town has eighteen (18) outstanding loans totaling \$182,641 in the Water Department. Homeowners were assessed a hook-on-fee which the Town is financing for them. Each loan is billed quarterly with an administrative fee of 1% per quarter of the quarterly payment. Total loans receivable at June 30, 2012 is \$6,013,753. The Town estimates that \$606,538 will be collected during fiscal year 2012 and the remainder of \$5,407,215 in future years.

An analysis of the change in notes receivable is as follows:

| <u>Balance</u><br><u>July 1, 2011</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u>  | <u>Balance</u><br><u>June 30, 2012</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| \$ <u>6,584,698</u>                   | \$ <u>0</u>      | \$ <u>570,945</u> | \$ <u>6,013,753</u>                    |

**D. Investment in Associated Companies**

The Stowe Electric Department (SED) accounts for investments in associated companies at cost because they are not publicly traded and market values are not readily determinable. The following are the investment amounts at June 30, 2012.

|                                              | <u>Shares/Units</u> | <u>Cost</u>              |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| VELCO - Class C Preferred Stock              | 981                 | \$ 1,472                 |
| VELCO - Class B Common Stock                 | 2,078               | 207,800                  |
| VELCO - Class C Common Stock                 | 1,487               | 148,700                  |
| VT Transco, LLC - Class A - Membership Units | 940,360             | 9,403,600                |
| VT Transco, LLC - Class B - Membership Units | 1,196,820           | <u>11,968,200</u>        |
| <br>Total                                    |                     | <br><u>\$ 21,729,772</u> |

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**E. Deferred Charges**

Deferred charges consist of the following as of June 30, 2012:

The SED has deferred charges which include bond issuance costs that were incurred in the financing of the 2010 bonds with the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. These costs are amortized over a period of twenty years.

|                     | Amortization<br>Period | Current<br>Amortization | Unamortized<br>Balance |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Bond Issuance Costs | 20 Years               | \$ <u>160</u>           | \$ <u>4,369</u>        |

**F. Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2012 was as follows:

|                                             | Beginning<br>Balance | Increases           | Decreases         | Ending<br>Balance    |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Governmental Activities</b>              |                      |                     |                   |                      |
| Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:      |                      |                     |                   |                      |
| Land and Easements                          | \$ 4,144,068         | \$ 291,576          | \$ 0              | \$ 4,435,644         |
| Construction in Progress                    | 1,012,065            | 55,228              | 197,170           | 870,123              |
| Antiques                                    | <u>62,000</u>        | <u>0</u>            | <u>0</u>          | <u>62,000</u>        |
| Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated | <u>5,218,133</u>     | <u>346,804</u>      | <u>197,170</u>    | <u>5,367,767</u>     |
| Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:          |                      |                     |                   |                      |
| Buildings and Building Improvements         | 10,957,211           | 823,429             | 0                 | 11,780,640           |
| Land Improvements                           | 1,741,051            | 0                   | 0                 | 1,741,051            |
| Infrastructure                              | 2,251,668            | 363,463             | 0                 | 2,615,131            |
| Machinery and Equipment                     | <u>5,930,418</u>     | <u>639,868</u>      | <u>357,642</u>    | <u>6,212,644</u>     |
| Totals                                      | <u>20,880,348</u>    | <u>1,826,760</u>    | <u>357,642</u>    | <u>22,349,466</u>    |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation for:          |                      |                     |                   |                      |
| Buildings and Building Improvements         | 1,711,588            | 265,469             | 0                 | 1,977,057            |
| Land Improvements                           | 155,022              | 21,055              | 0                 | 176,077              |
| Infrastructure                              | 902,534              | 238,234             | 0                 | 1,140,768            |
| Machinery and Equipment                     | <u>3,139,460</u>     | <u>394,556</u>      | <u>262,488</u>    | <u>3,271,528</u>     |
| Totals                                      | <u>5,908,604</u>     | <u>919,314</u>      | <u>262,488</u>    | <u>6,565,430</u>     |
| Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated     | <u>14,971,744</u>    | <u>907,446</u>      | <u>95,154</u>     | <u>15,784,036</u>    |
| Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net | <u>\$ 20,189,877</u> | <u>\$ 1,254,250</u> | <u>\$ 292,324</u> | <u>\$ 21,151,803</u> |

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|                                              | Beginning<br>Balance | Increases         | Decreases        | Ending<br>Balance    |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Business-Type Activities</b>              |                      |                   |                  |                      |
| Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated:       |                      |                   |                  |                      |
| Land                                         | \$ 51,370            | \$ 0              | \$ 0             | \$ 51,370            |
| Construction in Progress                     | 470,396              | 1,002,922         | 11,500           | 1,461,818            |
| Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated  | <u>521,766</u>       | <u>1,002,922</u>  | <u>11,500</u>    | <u>1,513,188</u>     |
| Capital Assets, Being Depreciated:           |                      |                   |                  |                      |
| Buildings and Processing Facilities          | 15,853,010           | 1,533             | 0                | 15,854,543           |
| Machinery and Equipment                      | 2,163,203            | 254,782           | 152,287          | 2,265,698            |
| Distribution and Collection Systems          | 30,005,998           | 526,920           | 0                | 30,532,918           |
| Totals                                       | <u>48,022,211</u>    | <u>783,235</u>    | <u>152,287</u>   | <u>48,653,159</u>    |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation for:           |                      |                   |                  |                      |
| Buildings and Processing Facilities          | 4,092,962            | 271,752           | 0                | 4,364,714            |
| Machinery and Equipment                      | 1,834,043            | 92,899            | 152,287          | 1,774,655            |
| Distribution and Collection Systems          | 8,910,229            | 577,406           | 0                | 9,487,635            |
| Totals                                       | <u>14,837,234</u>    | <u>942,057</u>    | <u>152,287</u>   | <u>15,627,004</u>    |
| Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated      | <u>33,184,977</u>    | <u>(158,822)</u>  | <u>0</u>         | <u>33,026,155</u>    |
| Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net | <u>\$ 33,706,743</u> | <u>\$ 844,100</u> | <u>\$ 11,500</u> | <u>\$ 34,539,343</u> |

Depreciation was charged as follows:

|                                                            |                   |                                                              |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Governmental Activities:                                   |                   | Business-Type Activities:                                    |                   |
| General Government                                         | \$ 4,639          | Water                                                        | \$ 195,077        |
| Public Works                                               | 483,437           | Sewer                                                        | 499,348           |
| Public Safety                                              | 356,658           | Electric                                                     | <u>247,632</u>    |
| Cemeteries                                                 | 1,435             |                                                              |                   |
| Culture and Recreation                                     | <u>73,145</u>     |                                                              |                   |
| Total Depreciation<br>Expense - Governmental<br>Activities | <u>\$ 919,314</u> | Total Depreciation<br>Expense - Business-<br>Type Activities | <u>\$ 942,057</u> |

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**G. Interfund Balances and Activity**

The composition of interfund balances at June 30, 2012 is as follows:

| <u>Fund</u>                 | <u>Due from<br/>Other Funds</u> | <u>Due to<br/>Other Funds</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| General Fund                | \$ 0                            | \$ 584,005                    |
| Capital Fund                | 595,994                         | 0                             |
| Water Fund                  | 0                               | 2,021,818                     |
| Sewer Fund                  | 1,752,566                       | 0                             |
| Recreation Path Fund        | 11,982                          | 0                             |
| Police DEA Fund             | 4,866                           | 0                             |
| Conservation Fund           | 572                             | 0                             |
| Trails & Greenways Fund     | 108                             | 0                             |
| Appraisal Fund              | 93,083                          | 0                             |
| Records Preservation Fund   | 51,806                          | 0                             |
| Equipment Fund              | 108,589                         | 0                             |
| Rink Renovation Fund        | 0                               | 8,211                         |
| Public Safety Building Fund | 0                               | 1,891                         |
| Cemetery Fund               | 0                               | 3,641                         |
|                             | <hr/>                           | <hr/>                         |
| Total                       | \$ <u>2,619,566</u>             | \$ <u>2,619,566</u>           |

Interfund transfers during the year ended June 30, 2012 were as follows:

| <u>Transfer From</u>    | <u>Transfer To</u>      | <u>Amount</u>     | <u>Purpose</u>          |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| General Fund            | Equipment Fund          | \$ 370,000        | Annual Contribution     |
| Trolley Fund            | General Fund            | 35,700            | Annual Trolley Subsidy  |
| Cemetery Fund           | General Fund            | 7,000             | Annual Contribution     |
| Library Operations Fund | General Fund            | 30,300            | Annual Contribution     |
| Electric Fund           | General Fund            | 33,000            | PILOT                   |
| Sterling Timber Fund    | General Fund            | 3,000             | Annual Contribution     |
| Mayo Farm Fund          | General Fund            | 2,500             | Annual Contribution     |
| Library Endowment Fund  | Library Operations Fund | 7,427             | Fund Library Operations |
|                         |                         | <hr/>             |                         |
| Total                   |                         | \$ <u>488,927</u> |                         |

The transfers from the Trolley Fund, Library Operations Fund, Sterling Timber Fund and the Mayo Farm Fund are netted within the General Fund as these funds are consolidated within the General Fund in order to comply with GASB Statement No. 54.

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#### **H. Deferred Revenue**

Deferred Revenue in the General Fund consists of \$412,882 of delinquent property taxes and penalty and interest on those taxes, \$28,230 of ambulance fees, and \$1,075 of police fees not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities. Deferred Revenue also includes \$18,918 of prepaid tax revenue, \$103,401 of summer program revenue, \$1,150 of fire revenue and \$1,375 of rink revenue received in advance for fiscal year 2012. The revenue will be recognized as amounts are collected, expenses are incurred for the grants and as services are provided. Total Deferred Revenue in the General Fund is \$567,031.

Deferred Revenue in the Capital Fund consists of \$230,764 of grant revenue not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities. Total Deferred Revenue in the Capital Fund is \$230,764.

On September 23, 2005, SED entered into an agreement with Spruce Peak Realty, LLC ("SPR"). SPR requires an additional firm electric load for expansion of its facilities and represents a portion of the additional capacity capability that the Lamoille County (LC) 115KV project will provide SED and its surrounding areas. SPR has agreed to provide \$2,100,000 toward SED's allocation of LC 115KV project costs from VT. Transco LLC ("Transco"). An initial contribution of \$750,000 received in 2005 has been recorded as deferred revenue and will be amortized to revenue over the initial ten year service period of the project. The balance of the deferred revenue in the Electric Fund is \$615,250 at June 30, 2012.

On March 1, 2011, SED refinanced their capital improvement note with Key Bank National Association. This refinancing terminated an existing interest rate swap. As a result, SED received proceeds of \$239,136 which will be amortized over the remaining life of the note. The deferred amount remaining as of June 30, 2012 is \$195,690.

#### **I. Long-term Liabilities**

The Town issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and to refund prior issues. General obligation bonds have been issued for both general governmental and proprietary activities. Bonds are reported in governmental activities if the debt is expected to be repaid from general governmental revenues and in business-type activities if the debt is expected to be repaid from proprietary fund revenues. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the Town. New bonds generally are issued as 10 to 20 year bonds.

The Town has other notes payable to finance various capital projects through local banks.

The State of Vermont offers a number of low and no interest revolving loan programs to utilize for predetermined purposes. The Town has borrowed money from the Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund for water and sewer projects.

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It is the policy of the Town of Stowe, Vermont to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused benefits. The accrual for unused compensated absences time, based on current pay rates, is recorded in the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements.

Long-term liabilities outstanding as of June 30, 2012 were as follows:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Governmental Activities:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |                  |                  |                           |
| Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Tri-Centennial Acquisition, \$35,000 Due Annually on December 1 through 2002, and \$30,000 Annually Thereafter through 2015, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 4.8% to 5.85%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1 | \$150,000                    | \$ 0             | \$30,000         | \$120,000                 |
| Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Library Expansion, \$30,000 Due Annually through December, 2013, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 4.89% to 5.666%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1                                                           | 90,000                       | 0                | 30,000           | 60,000                    |
| Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Sunset Rock Land Purchase, Fire Pumper Truck and Ice Rink Improvements, \$15,000 to \$70,000 Due Annually through 2019, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 6.8% to 7%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1         | 155,000                      | 0                | 20,000           | 135,000                   |



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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Bingham Falls Land Purchase, Garage Land Purchase and Former Water and Light Building Improvements, Principal Payments Ranging from \$25,000 to \$40,000 Due Annually, through 2021, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 2.8% to 5.18%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1 | \$280,000                    | \$ 0             | \$ 30,000        | \$250,000                 |
| Bond Payable – Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Salt Shed Building, Annual Principal Payments of \$10,000 Due December 1 through 2012, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 1.55% to 3.96%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1                                                                                              | 20,000                       | 0                | 10,000           | 10,000                    |
| Bond Payable – Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Ladder Truck and Nichols Easement, Annual Principal Payments of \$25,000 through December, 2009, then \$20,000 Due through December, 2024, Various Interest Rates Ranging From 1.87% to 5.090%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1                                         | 280,000                      | 0                | 20,000           | 260,000                   |
| Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Adams Camp Purchase and Memorial Building Engineering \$25,000 Due Annually on December 1 through 2027, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 3.865% to 4.665%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1                                                                           | 425,000                      | 0                | 25,000           | 400,000                   |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal<br>Bond Bank, Public Safety Building,<br>\$360,000 Due Annually on November<br>15 through 2028, Various Interest<br>Rates Ranging from 1.9% to 4.650%,<br>Due Semi-Annually on May 15 and<br>November 15 | \$6,480,000                  | \$ 0             | \$360,000        | \$6,120,000               |
| Total Governmental Activities                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$7,880,000                  | \$ 0             | \$525,000        | \$7,355,000               |
| <br><u>Business-Type Activities:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |                  |                  |                           |
| Water Bond Payable - State of<br>Vermont Special Environmental<br>Revolving Fund, 0% Interest,<br>\$125,820 Due Annually, Due<br>December, 2021                                                                                           | \$1,258,198                  | \$ 0             | \$ 125,820       | \$1,132,378               |
| Water Bond Payable - State<br>of Vermont Special<br>Environmental Revolving Fund,<br>3% Interest, Principal and Interest<br>of \$215,568 Due Annually<br>through 2025                                                                     | 2,435,073                    | 0                | 142,516          | 2,292,557                 |
| Water Bond Payable – State of<br>Vermont Special Environmental<br>Revolving Fund, 0% Interest,<br>\$18,273 Due Annually through<br>April, 2024                                                                                            | 237,556                      | 0                | 18,274           | 219,282                   |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Water Bond Payable – Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Water Upgrade, \$160,000 Due Annually through 2022, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 1.55% to 5.0%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1                         | \$1,920,000                  | \$ 0             | \$160,000        | \$1,760,000               |
| Water Bond Payable - State of Vermont, Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Sunset Hill Project, 1% Interest and 2% Administrative Fee, \$57,335 Including Interest and Administrative Fee Due Annually through July, 2026 | 715,509                      | 0                | 35,497           | 680,012                   |
| Sewer Bond Payable - State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, 0% Interest, \$51,328 Due Annually through December, 2017                                                                                       | 359,301                      | 0                | 51,328           | 307,973                   |
| Sewer Bond Payable - State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, 0% Interest, \$103,550 Due Annually Beginning July, 2001, Due July, 2020                                                                        | 1,035,500                    | 0                | 103,550          | 931,950                   |
| Sewer Bond Payable – State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, 0% Interest, \$691,682 Due Annually through 2028                                                                                                | 11,758,606                   | 0                | 691,683          | 11,066,923                |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Deletions</u> | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal<br>Bond Bank, Electric Improvements,<br>Annual Principal Payments Ranging<br>from \$20,000 to \$25,000,<br>Semi-Annual Interest Due June 1<br>and December 1 at 6.559%,<br>Due December 1, 2012                                                                            | \$ 40,000                    | \$ 0             | \$ 20,000        | \$ 20,000                 |
| Note Payable – Key Bank National<br>Association, Electric Capital<br>Improvements, Principal Due in Full<br>December 30, 2018, Interest Rate<br>at 5.7%, Requiring Quarterly<br>Interest Payments, Secured by all<br>Membership Units of<br>VT Transco                                                      | 18,700,000                   | 0                | 0                | 18,700,000                |
| Bond Payable – Vermont Municipal<br>Bond Bank, Electric Upgrades, Annual<br>Principal Payments of \$135,000<br>through 2038 and then One (1) Payment<br>of \$85,000 in 2039, Semi-Annual<br>Interest Due June 1 and December 1,<br>Various Interest Rates Ranging from<br>1.31% to 3.41% Due November, 2039 | 3,865,000                    | 0                | 135,000          | 3,730,000                 |
| Note Payable – Union Bank, Electric<br>Investment Purchases, Interest at 6.5%,<br>Quarterly Principal and Interest Pay-<br>Payments of \$23,267, Due<br>February, 2020                                                                                                                                      | 1,009,137                    | 0                | 29,182           | 979,955                   |

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|                                                                                                                                                                        | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u>   | <u>Deletions</u>           | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u>   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Note Payable – Union Bank, Electric<br>Investment Purchases, Interest at 6.5%,<br>Quarterly Principal and Interest Pay-<br>Payments of \$20,525, Due<br>February, 2020 | \$ <u>907,601</u>            | \$ <u>0</u>        | \$ <u>24,231</u>           | \$ <u>883,370</u>           |
| <b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>\$ <u>44,241,481</u></b>  | <b>\$ <u>0</u></b> | <b>\$ <u>1,537,081</u></b> | <b>\$ <u>42,704,400</u></b> |

Changes in all long-term liabilities during the year were as follows:

|                                  | <u>Beginning<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Additions</u>  | <u>Reductions</u>   | <u>Ending<br/>Balance</u> | <u>Due Within<br/>One Year</u> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Governmental Activities</b>   |                              |                   |                     |                           |                                |
| General Obligation Bonds         | \$ 7,880,000                 | \$ 0              | \$ 525,000          | \$ 7,355,000              | \$ 520,000                     |
| Compensated Absences             | <u>774,858</u>               | <u>377,997</u>    | <u>362,011</u>      | <u>790,844</u>            | <u>0</u>                       |
| Total Governmental Activities    |                              |                   |                     |                           |                                |
| Long-term Liabilities            | <u>\$ 8,654,858</u>          | <u>\$ 377,997</u> | <u>\$ 887,011</u>   | <u>\$ 8,145,844</u>       | <u>\$ 520,000</u>              |
| <b>Business-type Activities</b>  |                              |                   |                     |                           |                                |
| General Obligation Bonds Payable | \$ 23,624,744                | \$ 0              | \$ 1,483,668        | \$ 22,141,076             | \$ 1,489,008                   |
| Notes Payable                    | 20,616,738                   | 0                 | 53,413              | 20,563,325                | 55,992                         |
| Compensated Absences             | 123,340                      | 59,745            | 54,489              | 128,596                   | 0                              |
| Deferred Revenue                 | 690,250                      | 0                 | 75,000              | 615,250                   | 0                              |
| Deferred Gain on Hedge Sale      | <u>233,304</u>               | <u>0</u>          | <u>37,614</u>       | <u>195,690</u>            | <u>0</u>                       |
| Total Business-type Activities   |                              |                   |                     |                           |                                |
| Long-Term Liabilities            | <u>\$ 45,288,376</u>         | <u>\$ 59,745</u>  | <u>\$ 1,704,184</u> | <u>\$ 43,643,937</u>      | <u>\$ 1,545,000</u>            |

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Compensated Absences are paid by the applicable fund where the employee is charged.

Debt Service requirements to maturity are as follows:

| Year Ending<br>June 30, | Governmental Activities |                     | Business-Type Activities |                      |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|                         | Principal               | Interest            | Principal                | Interest             |
| 2013                    | \$ 520,000              | \$ 301,441          | \$ 1,545,000             | \$ 1,509,334         |
| 2014                    | 510,000                 | 281,761             | 1,534,002                | 1,490,552            |
| 2015                    | 480,000                 | 262,569             | 1,543,630                | 1,471,032            |
| 2016                    | 475,000                 | 243,838             | 1,553,498                | 1,450,572            |
| 2017                    | 445,000                 | 225,625             | 1,564,395                | 1,284,646            |
| 2018-2022               | 2,195,000               | 852,981             | 27,366,605               | 3,192,661            |
| 2023-2027               | 1,985,000               | 394,555             | 5,200,588                | 597,913              |
| 2028-2032               | 745,000                 | 34,009              | 1,366,683                | 374,792              |
| 2033-2037               | 0                       | 0                   | 675,000                  | 218,939              |
| 2038-2042               | 0                       | 0                   | 355,000                  | 48,959               |
| Total                   | \$ <u>7,355,000</u>     | \$ <u>2,596,779</u> | \$ <u>42,704,401</u>     | \$ <u>11,639,400</u> |

SED has obtained a line of credit with a local bank in the amount of \$2,000,000 to fund working capital requirements on an as needed basis and can be withdrawn at the financial institution's option. There was no short-term debt activity during the year.

**J. Net Assets/Fund Balances**

The Town adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions".

GASB Statement No. 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 54, requires fund balances reported on the governmental fund balance sheet to be classified using a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

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Governmental fund balances are to be classified as: nonspendable (not in spendable form or legally required to remain intact); restricted (constraints on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors or donors, or imposed by law through enabling legislation); committed (constraints on the use of resources are imposed by formal action of the voters); assigned (reflecting the Selectboard's intended use of the resources); and unassigned.

This statement is also designed to improve the usefulness of fund balance information by clarifying certain parts of the definitions of governmental fund types that have led to confusion. It makes clear, for example, that special revenue funds are created only to report a revenue source (or sources) that is restricted or committed to a specified purpose, and that the revenue source should constitute a substantial portion of the resources reported in that fund. Special revenue funds cannot be used to accumulate funds that are not restricted or committed. These amounts will have to be reflected in the General Fund.

Information about amounts set aside for emergencies is very important to financial statement users. Because of the importance associated with these balances, Statement 54 clarifies how rainy-day amounts can be reported by treating stabilization arrangements as a specified purpose. Consequently, amounts constrained to stabilization will be reported as restricted or committed fund balance in the General Fund if they meet the other criteria for those classifications. However, stabilization is regarded as a specified purpose only if the circumstances or conditions that signal the need for stabilization (a) are identified in sufficient detail and (b) are not expected to occur routinely. Governments are required to disclose in the notes key information about their stabilization arrangements, including the authority by which they were established, provisions for additions to the stabilization amount, and circumstances under which those amounts may be spent. The Town does not have any stabilization arrangements.

Some governments create stabilization-like arrangements by establishing formal minimum fund balance policies. Because users are interested in information about those minimum fund balance policies and how governments comply with them, governments are required to explain their minimum fund balance policies, if they have them, in notes to the financial statements. The Town does not have any minimum fund balance policies.

Under Statement 54, governments are required to disclose their accounting policies that indicate the order in which restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts are spent, in circumstances when expenditure is made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, it is the Town's policy to first consider restricted amounts to have been spent, followed by committed, assigned, and finally unassigned amounts.

In addition, governments also are required to disclose the purpose for each major special revenue fund – identifying which specific revenues and other resources are authorized to be reported in each. The purpose and specific revenues are described in the following section.

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Restricted Net Assets – Governmental Activities

The restricted net assets of the Town as of June 30, 2011 consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

|                                                                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Restricted for Old Age Assistance by Donations                                       | \$ 8,200           |
| Restricted for Library Development by Donations                                      | 56,606             |
| Restricted for Underground Utility Poles or Work<br>On Recreation Paths by Donations | 70,000             |
| Restricted for Recreation Path by Donations                                          | 11,982             |
| Restricted for Police Expenses by Grant                                              | 4,866              |
| Restricted for Conservation by Donations                                             | 572                |
| Restricted for Trails and Greenways by Donations                                     | 108                |
| Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements –<br>Non-Expendable (Estimated)     | 215,000            |
| Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements –<br>Expendable                     | 146,758            |
| Restricted for Library Endowment by Trust Agreements –<br>Non-Expendable             | 35,295             |
| Restricted for Library Endowment by Trust Agreement –<br>Expendable                  | <u>580,472</u>     |
| Total Governmental Activities                                                        | <u>1,129,859</u>   |
| Total Restricted Net Assets                                                          | <u>\$1,129,859</u> |

Nonspendable Fund Balances – Governmental Funds:

The fund balances in the following funds are nonspendable as follows:

General Fund:

|                                               |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Nonspendable Inventories and Prepaid Expenses | <u>\$ 263,602</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|

Special Revenue Fund:

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Nonspendable Prepaid Expenses | <u>6,000</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|

Permanent Funds:

|                                                  |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Nonspendable Cemetery Fund Principal – Estimated | 215,000           |
| Nonspendable Library Endowment Fund Principal    | <u>35,295</u>     |
| Total Permanent Funds                            | <u>250,295</u>    |
| Total Nonspendable Fund Balances                 | <u>\$ 519,897</u> |



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Restricted Fund Balances – Governmental Funds:

The fund balances of the following funds are restricted as follows:

Major Funds:

General Fund

|                                                            |               |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Restricted for Old Age Assistance Expenses<br>By Donations | \$ 8,200      |
| Restricted for Library Development by Donations            | <u>56,606</u> |
| Total General Fund                                         | <u>64,806</u> |

Capital Fund:

|                                                                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Restricted for Underground Utility Poles or Work<br>on Recreation Paths by Donations | <u>70,000</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|

Non-Major Funds:

Special Revenue Funds:

|                                                           |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Restricted for Parks and Recreation Programs Scholarships | 3,970         |
| Restricted for Recreation Path by Donations               | 8,012         |
| Restricted for Police Expenses by Grant                   | 4,866         |
| Restricted for Conservation by Donations                  | 572           |
| Restricted for Trails and Greenways by Donations          | <u>108</u>    |
| Total Special Revenue Funds                               | <u>17,528</u> |

Capital Projects Fund:

|                                                                        |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Restricted for Public Safety Building Construction<br>by Bond Proceeds | <u>178,918</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|

Permanent Funds

|                                                                              |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Restricted for Cemetery Fund by Trust Agreements –<br>Expendable Portion     | 146,758            |
| Restricted for Library Endowment by<br>Trust Agreements – Expendable Portion | <u>580,472</u>     |
| Total Permanent Funds                                                        | <u>727,230</u>     |
| Total Non-Major Funds                                                        | <u>923,676</u>     |
| Total Restricted Governmental Fund Balances                                  | <u>\$1,058,482</u> |

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Committed Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

The fund balance of the following fund is committed as follows:

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Committed for Capital Projects | <u>\$ 879,025</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|

Assigned Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

The fund balances of the following funds are assigned as follows:

Governmental Funds:

General Fund:

|                                                      |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Assigned to Reduce Property Taxes                    |                 |
| Raised in Fiscal Year 2013                           | \$ 495,866      |
| Assigned for Trolley System                          | 5,608           |
| Assigned for Mayo Farm Expenses                      | 12,697          |
| Assigned for Library Expenses                        | 741             |
| Assigned for Sterling Forest Expenses                | 6,977           |
| Assigned for Transportation Expenses                 | 3,092           |
| Amounts Assigned in Excess of Available Fund Balance | <u>(28,804)</u> |

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Total General Fund | <u>496,177</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|

Special Revenue Funds:

|                                            |               |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Assigned for Appraisal Expenses            | 93,083        |
| Assigned for Records Preservation Expenses | <u>51,806</u> |

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Total Special Revenue Funds | <u>144,889</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|

Capital Projects Funds:

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Assigned for Equipment Purchases | <u>108,589</u> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Total Capital Projects Funds | <u>108,589</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Governmental Funds | <u>\$ 749,655</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|

Deficit unassigned fund balances of \$152,007 and \$8,211 in the Capital Fund and Rink Renovation Fund will be funded with future revenues.

Designated Net Assets – Proprietary Funds:

Designated Net Assets:

Proprietary Funds:

Water Funds:

|                                                   |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Designated for Water Capital                      | \$ 363,500       |
| Designations in Excess of Unrestricted Net Assets | <u>(363,500)</u> |

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Total Water Fund | <u>0</u> |
|------------------|----------|

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## Sewer Fund:

|                                        |                    |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Designated for Investment in Long-Term |                    |
| Notes Receivable                       | \$5,831,112        |
| Designated for Sewer Capital           | <u>152,000</u>     |
| <br>                                   |                    |
| Total Sewer Fund                       | <u>5,983,112</u>   |
| <br>                                   |                    |
| Total Designated Retained Earnings     | <u>\$5,983,112</u> |

The unrestricted deficit in the Water Fund of \$1,107,686 will be funded in future years with additional revenues.

**V. OTHER INFORMATION****A. Retirement Plans**

The Town, except the Electric Department, offers its employees a defined contribution pension plan. This plan is administered by the Town. The Town contributes 10.6% of gross salary to the plan. All investments are self-directed by the employees. The total payroll for the year, excluding the Electric Department, was \$3,911,391 while covered payroll was \$1,107,934. Pension expense was \$117,441. There is one employee who has chosen to be covered under the Electric Department's pension plan. The Town's expense for this employee was \$8,504.

Certain employees are covered under the State of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement Plan (VMERS), a defined benefit program. The system requires that both the Town and employee contribute to the plan, which provides retirement, disability and death benefits. The Town has entered into Plan B which requires employees to contribute 4.5% of gross wages while the Town contributes 5.0%. The Town has elected to contribute both shares to the plan. The Town has also entered into Plan C which requires employees to contribute 9% of their gross salary and the Town contributes 6%, however, the Town actually contributes 10.6% and the employee contributes 4.4%. The Town has also entered into Plan D which requires employees to contribute 11% of their gross salary and the Town contributes 9.5%, however the Town actually contributes 10.6% and the employee 9.9%. Effective October 1, 2008, all new hires of unionized employees are covered under the VMERS Plan B and existing unionized employees had the option to move over.

The Town of Stowe pays all costs accrued each year for the plan. The premise of this plan is to provide a retirement plan covering municipal employees at a uniform state-wide contribution rate based upon an actuarial valuation of all State of Vermont municipal employees. Activity in this plan is done in the aggregate, not by municipality. Due to the nature of this pension plan, net assets available for benefits as well as the present value of vested and nonvested plan benefits by municipality are not available.

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The covered payroll for the VMERS Plan was \$2,322,529. Pension expense for the year, including the amount paid on behalf of the employees, was \$231,482.

Additional information regarding the State of Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System is available upon the request from the State of Vermont.

The Town also offers its employees a choice of section 457 deferred compensation plans through the International City/County Management Association's "ICMA" Retirement Corporation, the State of Vermont and Morgan Stanley. The plans permit employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. The Town has no liability for losses under these plans but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. All of the investments are self directed by each employee. The Town provides a matching contribution up to 2.5% to this plan for department heads only. Total contributions to this plan for the year ended June 30, 2012 were \$20,544.

The Electric Department offers its employees, and non-Electric Department employees who have elected to be covered under this plan, a defined contribution plan under IRC Section 401(a) which covers all of the present employees. This Plan is administered by an outside third party. Employees with one or more years of service and who have attained the age of 18 are eligible for participation. All active members are immediately vested at 100%. All Electric Department's union employees receive 10.6% of their pay. There are three non-union employees who received different contribution amounts. The Department contributed 11.6% of gross pay for the Controller and Superintendent and 15% of gross pay for the General Manager. Total covered payroll for the Electric Department for the year ended June 30, 2012 was \$1,069,628 and contributions by the Department were \$89,212.

### **B. Property Taxes**

The Town is responsible for assessing and collecting its own property taxes as well as education taxes for the State of Vermont. The tax rate is set by the Selectboard based on the voter approved budget, the estimated grand list and the State education property tax liability. Property taxes were levied in July and were payable in four (4) installments on August 10, November 10, February 10 and May 10. Interest at 2% is assessed on all unpaid balances immediately following each installment payment and then 2% on the first of each month thereafter. The tax rate for 2012 is as follows:

|                   | <u>Residential</u> | <u>Non-Residential</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Town              | .3579              | .3579                  |
| Farmers Contracts | .0045              | .0045                  |
| Education         | <u>1.4131</u>      | <u>1.4482</u>          |
| Total             | <u>\$1.7755</u>    | <u>\$1.8106</u>        |

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**C. Risk Management**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains insurance coverage through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Town must remain a member for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days notice. Fund underwriting and ratesetting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund's liabilities.

The Town of Stowe is also a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Unemployment Insurance Trust. The Unemployment Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide unemployment coverage for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Unemployment Trust to make additional assessments to its members.

**D. Related Party Transactions**

One of the Selectboard members is on the Board of Directors of the Union Bank where the Town does a majority of their banking. The Town does, however, utilize a competitive bidding process when borrowing or investing large sums of money.

**E. Operating Leases**

The Town has entered into several leases for equipment. The leases have various terms and expiration dates. The estimated future minimum lease payments for the next five (5) years approximate \$48,000 per year.

The SED leases its office building. The lease expired April 30, 2012; however the SED continues to rent on a month to month basis. The monthly rent is \$4,000.

**F. Commitments**

The SED entered into a management agreement with a neighboring local municipal utility whereby it provides finance, administration, municipal accounting and management services relating to the day to day operations, and representation of the utility with the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority. Either party to the agreement has the option to terminate the agreement with 90 days notice for any reason. Total management fees received for the year ending June 30, 2012 was \$60,000.

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**G. Regulatory Proceedings**

On August 22, 2008, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued an order resolving issues associated with the cost allocation between participating utilities related to construction of the 115kV Lamoille County Project. The order provides SED with a fixed cap on its share of the specific facility project cost, requires SED to purchase and hold for ten years \$18,700,500 of VT Transco, LLC equity, and eliminates SED from any risk on the dividends to be paid on the equity which are to be applied to pay the debt service on the loan incurred to purchase the equity. Dividends in excess of the debt service requirements on the equity loan will be contributed to the project cost. The order requires the equity to be repurchased from SED, at par, in ten years. The loan to purchase the equity will be a non-amortizing loan due in full in ten years and will be paid with the proceeds from the equity sale at that time. The fixed annual charge to SED for the project specific facility operating costs will be \$1,100,000 for the ten year period. On December 30, 2008, both the loan and the equity purchase took place and are reflected in these financial statements.

**H. Purchase Power Contracts and Services**

SED's energy and capacity requirements are provided through a variety of contract obligations. Prior to October 2008, Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA) executed and administered power contracts on behalf of SED with the ISO – New England power market.

In 2008, SED became a direct member of the ISO – New England power market. SED has also entered into a service contract with Energy New England, LLC to administer and execute power contracts with the ISO – New England power market as SED's agent. The effective date of the change in SED's power contract administration was October 1, 2008.

A brief summary of the major power supply contracts as of June 30, 2011 held by SED is as follows:

**Hydro Quebec:**

SED has the following entitlements to Hydro Quebec power:

| <u>Firm Commitment</u> | <u>Kilowatts</u> | <u>Term</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Schedule B             | 2,288            | 1995-2015   |
| Schedule C-1           | 1,075            | 1990-2012   |
| Schedule C-2           | 128              | 1992-2012   |
| Schedule C-3           | 38               | 1995-2015   |

Kilowatt quantities above include the Washington Electric Cooperative (WEC) share of Schedule C power assumed by SED in May 1990, totaling 681kW, with terms expiring between 2012 and 2015.

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**New York Power Authority:**

The New York Power Authority (“NYPA”) provides power to the utilities in Vermont under two contracts. SED’s share of the first contract is a 9 kW entitlement to the Robert Moses Project (a.k.a. St. Lawrence). The contract for St. Lawrence currently extends through April 30, 2017. SED’s share of the second contract, the Niagara Project, has been an average of 480 kW . Effective September 1, 2007, the Niagara contract was renewed through September 1, 2025 with an entitlement of 481kW.

**VEPPI (Vermont Electric Power Producers, Inc.)**

SED receives power from a group of independent power projects (IPP’s) through a state mandated arrangement administered by the Rule 4.00. In 2007, there were twenty (20) IPP generation resources in Vermont of which nineteen (19) were hydro and one (1) was wood fired. At the end of January, 2009, four (4) of the hydro resources expired. Vermont Electric Power Producers, Inc. assigns power to all Vermont utilities under Vermont Public Service Board (“PSB”) Rule 4.100 based on a pro-rata share of electric sales (updated annually).

SED’s share of VEPPI allocated power is currently (for November, 2011 to October, 2012) 1.3174%. Contracts between VEPPI and its constituent power producers begin to terminate in 2008 while the last VEPPI contract is scheduled to end in 2020.

**SPEED (Sustainable Prices Energy Enterprise Development)**

SPEED is a program set up under the order of 4.3 of the Vermont PSB. The program has the goal to achieve renewable energy and long-term stably priced contracts. Vermont utilities will purchase power from the SPEED projects. These projects are behind the meter and each utility will have their percent share of load reduced by the output of the generation. The cost paid to the SPEED projects are set based on the generation type. The SPEED program is set for 25 years starting in the fourth quarter of 2010.

**Stony Brook:**

SED has entered into a Power Sales Agreement with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) for 1.66% (approximately 5,832 kW) of MMWEC’s Stony Brook Project, an operating fossil fuel plant. MMWEC, a public corporation of Massachusetts, is a coordination and planning agency for the development of the bulk power supply requirements of its members and project participants. The Power Sales Agreement for the project requires each participant to pay its share of MMWEC’s costs related to the project which includes debt service on bonds issued by MMWEC to finance the project, plus 10% of debt service to be paid into a reserve and contingency fund.

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**Phase 1 Hydro-Quebec Interconnection:**

SED has entered into contracts with Vermont Electric Power Company (VELCO) to participate in Phase I of the Hydro-Quebec interconnection, a 450 KVHVD transmission line directly connecting the Hydro - Quebec electric system with ISO-NE at the Comerford Generating Station. Under these agreements, SED provided capital for the cost of construction through purchase of VELCO Class C preferred stock and will provide support for the operation of the line. SED is entitled to a portion of the benefits and has an obligation for a corresponding portion of the costs associated with Phase I.

**McNeil Project:**

The McNeil wood-fired generating facility is located in Burlington, Vermont. The facility has a normal generating capability of 50,000 kW and a maximum generating capability of 53,000 kW. SED's entitlement to McNeil is provided through an agreement with the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority and is expected to be available through the life of the unit. SED expects the generation to be mostly composed of wood, but gas and oil can be used to fuel the unit if available and if pricing is appropriately set.

SED has agreements with VPPSA to purchase a portion of the power produced by the facility. SED is committed to purchase 14.2% (approximately 1,353 kW) of VPPSA's joint ownership share of the McNeil Facility's output (this number is net of the SED's sale of a share of McNeil output to Washington Electric Cooperative), and is obligated for a share of operating costs and of VPPSA's debt service costs related to McNeil. The sale of McNeil to WEC ended on May 31, 2008 and at that time SED's joint ownership share of McNeil increased to 15.8%. The bonds related to McNeil mature in 2015.

The McNeil wood-fired plant was retrofitted in 2008 to make it eligible to generate Connecticut Class I Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs). The project was financed via a VPPSA line of credit to fund their share, and thus SED's share, of the capital project. The line of credit will be paid down using the revenue generated from the REC sales. It is anticipated that the line of credit will be fully repaid in approximately two years. At that time, SED's payments for its McNeil entitlement will be reduced by their entitlement share of the REC sales.

**Highgate Project:**

Under the Highgate Project Transmission Services Agreement as re-allocated in 1997, SED has agreed to purchase a 12.59% share of the capacity in VPPSA's share of Highgate Converter Facilities, located in Highgate, Vermont

**Market Contracts:**

SED's portfolio contains market contracts from a variety of counterparties. There are a few that are a mix of on-peak and around the clock energy contracts that expire. In the case of Mount Mansfield, SED has obtained a product that will follow the snow making load, which will provide optimal supply flexibility for this load type.



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SED has signed a purchase power agreement for 2.613% of the Miller Hydro Project. Miller Hydro is a run of river unit. This resource should equate to 2.685% of SED energy. This purchase began on March 1, 2010, and ends on February 28, 2013. On February 28, 2011, SED amended the agreement to extend through May 31, 2016.

**Sources of Energy**

The percentages of energy (kWh) acquired for the year ended June 30, 2012 was as follows:

| <u>Resource</u>            | <u>(MWH)</u>  | <u>kWh's</u>      | <u>% of Total<br/>Resources</u> | <u>Termination<br/>Date</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Niagara                    | 2,942         | 2,941,516         | 3.87%                           | 9/1/2025                    |
| St. Lawrence               | 97            | 97,440            | 0.13%                           | 4/30/2017                   |
| HQ Schedule B              | 15,698        | 15,698,006        | 20.67%                          | 10/31/2015                  |
| HQ Schedule C-1            | 6,531         | 6,530,650         | 8.60%                           | 10/31/2012                  |
| HQ Schedule C-2            | 778           | 778,210           | 1.02%                           | 10/31/2012                  |
| HQ Schedule C-3            | 232           | 231,630           | 0.30%                           | 10/31/2015                  |
| VEPPI Hydro & Ryegate      | 3,536         | 3,535,563         | 4.66%                           | 41,213                      |
| McNeil                     | 6,795         | 6,794,789         | 8.95%                           | Life of Unit                |
| Stony 1A/1B/1C             | 1,774         | 1,773,576         | 2.34%                           | Life of Unit                |
| Market Contracts - ENE     | 11,769        | 11,769,251        | 15.50%                          | Various Dates               |
| ISO Energy Net Interchange | <u>25,795</u> | <u>25,794,745</u> | <u>33.96%</u>                   |                             |
| Totals                     | <u>75,947</u> | <u>75,945,376</u> | <u>100.00%</u>                  |                             |

**I. Other**

At the November, 2010 special Town meeting, the voters approved the Town to use up to \$700,000 of the remaining bond proceeds from the Public Safety Building Fund to upgrade and expand the vault in the Town Clerk's office. Construction had been completed as of June 30, 2012. Use of the remaining bond proceeds still needs to be determined by the voters.

**J. Concentration of Revenue**

The Electric Departments largest customer represents approximately 15.4% of operating revenue and 9.8% of accounts receivable.

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**K. Leases**

The Town leases space on its Public Safety Building to three cell phone companies who installed antennas on them. The lease terms end at various dates over the next five (5) years, however, have renewal options. Future guaranteed lease payments for the next five years are estimated to be as follows:

|      |          |
|------|----------|
| 2013 | \$37,723 |
| 2014 | \$37,723 |
| 2015 | \$37,723 |
| 2016 | \$37,723 |
| 2017 | \$35,062 |

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

|                                                 | Budget           | Actual           | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                                |                  |                  |                                        |
| Tax Revenue                                     | \$ 7,131,843     | \$ 7,046,408     | \$ (85,435)                            |
| Administration                                  | 500,974          | 555,741          | 54,767                                 |
| Wireless Lease                                  | 39,553           | 35,422           | (4,131)                                |
| Town Clerk                                      | 175,700          | 155,558          | (20,142)                               |
| Auditors School Report                          | 0                | 1,182            | 1,182                                  |
| Accounting                                      | 21,190           | 20,912           | (278)                                  |
| Conservation - Timber and Mayo Rental Transfers | 5,500            | 5,500            | 0                                      |
| Fire                                            | 750              | 4,752            | 4,002                                  |
| Highway Department                              | 181,865          | 177,817          | (4,048)                                |
| Listers' Office                                 | 29,700           | 29,734           | 34                                     |
| Rescue / EMS                                    | 208,666          | 194,821          | (13,845)                               |
| Culture Campus Telephone                        | 1,200            | 1,510            | 310                                    |
| Library                                         | 30,300           | 31,358           | 1,058                                  |
| Planning/Zoning                                 | 45,875           | 48,939           | 3,064                                  |
| Police Department                               | 129,419          | 163,844          | 34,425                                 |
| Cemetery                                        | 1,200            | 800              | (400)                                  |
| Public Works Administration                     | 44,000           | 44,000           | 0                                      |
| Parks and Grounds                               | 167,210          | 172,531          | 5,321                                  |
| Recreation                                      | 155,165          | 187,740          | 32,575                                 |
| Interest                                        | 45,000           | 29,646           | (15,354)                               |
| Trolley Fund Transfer                           | 35,700           | 35,700           | 0                                      |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                           | <b>8,950,810</b> | <b>8,943,915</b> | <b>(6,895)</b>                         |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                            |                  |                  |                                        |
| Administration                                  | 377,445          | 366,098          | 11,347                                 |
| Elections                                       | 2,699            | 2,276            | 423                                    |
| Town Clerk                                      | 239,491          | 243,397          | (3,906)                                |
| Town Auditors                                   | 0                | 0                | 0                                      |
| Health/Zoning                                   | 123,713          | 124,770          | (1,057)                                |
| Listers' Office                                 | 121,424          | 120,911          | 513                                    |
| Treasurer/Finance                               | 262,557          | 251,675          | 10,882                                 |
| Planning                                        | 121,564          | 117,176          | 4,388                                  |
| Police Department                               | 1,567,694        | 1,625,796        | (58,102)                               |
| Fire Department                                 | 227,239          | 240,960          | (13,721)                               |
| Emergency Medical Service                       | 384,293          | 356,002          | 28,291                                 |
| Mountain Rescue                                 | 22,707           | 26,567           | (3,860)                                |
| Emergency Management                            | 5,316            | 8,289            | (2,973)                                |
| Equipment Fund Transfer                         | 370,000          | 370,000          | 0                                      |
| Highway                                         | 1,698,581        | 1,634,816        | 63,765                                 |
| Public Works                                    | 281,796          | 215,799          | 65,997                                 |
| Akeley Memorial Building                        | 149,125          | 155,689          | (6,564)                                |

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|                                                                                                     | Budget       | Actual       | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------|
| Expenditures:/(Cont'd)                                                                              |              |              |                                        |
| Cultural Campus                                                                                     | \$ 40,764    | \$ 33,514    | \$ 7,250                               |
| Street Lights                                                                                       | 55,520       | 46,612       | 8,908                                  |
| Solid Waste                                                                                         | 550          | 550          | 0                                      |
| Cemeteries                                                                                          | 12,672       | 10,420       | 2,252                                  |
| Community Affairs                                                                                   | 63,997       | 57,431       | 6,566                                  |
| General Government                                                                                  | 557,631      | 549,586      | 8,045                                  |
| Parks & Grounds                                                                                     | 696,328      | 650,559      | 45,769                                 |
| Recreation                                                                                          | 431,269      | 464,304      | (33,035)                               |
| Library                                                                                             | 507,281      | 482,246      | 25,035                                 |
| Debt Management                                                                                     | 844,636      | 845,652      | (1,016)                                |
| Insurances                                                                                          | 196,829      | 176,991      | 19,838                                 |
|                                                                                                     | 9,363,121    | 9,178,086    | 185,035                                |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues                                                                     |              |              |                                        |
| Over Expenditures                                                                                   | \$ (412,311) | (234,171)    | \$ 178,140                             |
| Adjustments to Reconcile from the Budgetary Basis<br>of Accounting to the GAAP Basis of Accounting: |              |              |                                        |
| Trolley System Income                                                                               |              | 57           |                                        |
| Trolley System Transfer                                                                             |              | (35,700)     |                                        |
| Mayo Income                                                                                         |              | 2,530        |                                        |
| Mayo Expenses                                                                                       |              | (459)        |                                        |
| Mayo Transfer                                                                                       |              | (2,500)      |                                        |
| Transportation Fund Income                                                                          |              | 18           |                                        |
| Library Income                                                                                      |              | 25,720       |                                        |
| Library Expenses                                                                                    |              | (11,393)     |                                        |
| Library Transfers                                                                                   |              | (22,873)     |                                        |
| Sterling Forest Income                                                                              |              | 22           |                                        |
| Sterling Forest Transfers                                                                           |              | (3,000)      |                                        |
| Net Change in Fund Balance                                                                          |              | \$ (281,749) |                                        |

The reconciling items are due to combining five (5) funds with the General Fund in order to comply with GASB Statement No. 54

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Schedule 2

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2012

|                                             | Special<br>Revenue<br>Funds | Capital<br>Projects<br>Funds | Permanent<br>Funds | Total               |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b><u>ASSETS</u></b>                        |                             |                              |                    |                     |
| Cash                                        | \$ 0                        | \$ 0                         | \$ 26,190          | \$ 26,190           |
| Investments                                 | 0                           | 193,431                      | 954,976            | 1,148,407           |
| Due From Other Funds                        | 162,417                     | 108,589                      | 0                  | 271,006             |
| Prepaid Expenses                            | <u>6,000</u>                | <u>0</u>                     | <u>0</u>           | <u>6,000</u>        |
| Total Assets                                | <u>\$ 168,417</u>           | <u>\$ 302,020</u>            | <u>\$ 981,166</u>  | <u>\$ 1,451,603</u> |
| <b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b> |                             |                              |                    |                     |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                         |                             |                              |                    |                     |
| Accounts Payable                            | \$ 0                        | \$ 12,622                    | \$ 0               | \$ 12,622           |
| Due To Other Funds                          | <u>0</u>                    | <u>10,102</u>                | <u>3,641</u>       | <u>13,743</u>       |
| Total Liabilities                           | <u>0</u>                    | <u>22,724</u>                | <u>3,641</u>       | <u>26,365</u>       |
| <b>Fund Balances/(Deficit):</b>             |                             |                              |                    |                     |
| Nonspendable                                | 6,000                       | 0                            | 250,295            | 256,295             |
| Restricted                                  | 17,528                      | 178,918                      | 727,230            | 923,676             |
| Assigned                                    | 144,889                     | 108,589                      | 0                  | 253,478             |
| Unassigned                                  | <u>0</u>                    | <u>(8,211)</u>               | <u>0</u>           | <u>(8,211)</u>      |
| Total Fund Balances                         | <u>168,417</u>              | <u>279,296</u>               | <u>977,525</u>     | <u>1,425,238</u>    |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances         | <u>\$ 168,417</u>           | <u>\$ 302,020</u>            | <u>\$ 981,166</u>  | <u>\$ 1,451,603</u> |

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Schedule 3

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

|                                                      | Special<br>Revenue<br>Funds | Capital<br>Projects<br>Funds | Permanent<br>Funds | Total               |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                                     |                             |                              |                    |                     |
| Intergovernmental                                    | \$ 36,358                   | \$ 0                         | \$ 0               | \$ 36,358           |
| Charges for Services                                 | 10,096                      | 0                            | 14,335             | 24,431              |
| Investment Income                                    | 509                         | 3,192                        | 27,219             | 30,920              |
| Donations                                            | 4,371                       | 7,302                        | 1,046              | 12,719              |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                | <b>51,334</b>               | <b>10,494</b>                | <b>42,600</b>      | <b>104,428</b>      |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                                 |                             |                              |                    |                     |
| General Government                                   | 117,137                     | 0                            | 0                  | 117,137             |
| Public Safety                                        | 0                           | 8,240                        | 0                  | 8,240               |
| Culture and Recreation                               | 429                         | 2                            | 0                  | 431                 |
| Cemeteries                                           | 0                           | 0                            | 2,433              | 2,433               |
| Capital Outlay                                       | 26,749                      | 1,119,153                    | 0                  | 1,145,902           |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                            | <b>144,315</b>              | <b>1,127,395</b>             | <b>2,433</b>       | <b>1,274,143</b>    |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues<br>Over Expenditures | (92,981)                    | (1,116,901)                  | 40,167             | (1,169,715)         |
| <b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>               |                             |                              |                    |                     |
| Proceeds from Sale of Equipment/Vehicles             | 0                           | 2,107                        | 0                  | 2,107               |
| Transfers In                                         | 0                           | 370,000                      | 0                  | 370,000             |
| Transfers Out                                        | 0                           | 0                            | (14,427)           | (14,427)            |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)</b>          | <b>0</b>                    | <b>372,107</b>               | <b>(14,427)</b>    | <b>357,680</b>      |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>                   | <b>(92,981)</b>             | <b>(744,794)</b>             | <b>25,740</b>      | <b>(812,035)</b>    |
| <b>Fund Balances - July 1, 2011</b>                  | <b>261,398</b>              | <b>1,024,090</b>             | <b>951,785</b>     | <b>2,237,273</b>    |
| <b>Fund Balances - June 30, 2012</b>                 | <b>\$ 168,417</b>           | <b>\$ 279,296</b>            | <b>\$ 977,525</b>  | <b>\$ 1,425,238</b> |

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Schedule 4

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
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|                                        | Recreation<br>Path<br>Fund | Police<br>DEA<br>Fund | Conservation<br>Reserve<br>and Trails &<br>Greenways<br>Fund | Appraisal<br>Fund | Records<br>Preservation<br>Fund | Total             |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>                          |                            |                       |                                                              |                   |                                 |                   |
| Due From Other Funds                   | \$ 11,982                  | \$ 4,866              | \$ 680                                                       | \$ 93,083         | \$ 51,806                       | \$ 162,417        |
| Prepaid Expenses                       | 0                          | 0                     | 0                                                            | 6,000             | 0                               | 6,000             |
| Total Assets                           | <u>\$ 11,982</u>           | <u>\$ 4,866</u>       | <u>\$ 680</u>                                                | <u>\$ 99,083</u>  | <u>\$ 51,806</u>                | <u>\$ 168,417</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>   |                            |                       |                                                              |                   |                                 |                   |
| Liabilities:                           |                            |                       |                                                              |                   |                                 |                   |
| Total Liabilities                      | \$ 0                       | \$ 0                  | \$ 0                                                         | \$ 0              | \$ 0                            | \$ 0              |
| Fund Balances:                         |                            |                       |                                                              |                   |                                 |                   |
| Nonspendable                           | 0                          | 0                     | 0                                                            | 6,000             | 0                               | 6,000             |
| Restricted                             | 11,982                     | 4,866                 | 680                                                          | 0                 | 0                               | 17,528            |
| Assigned                               | 0                          | 0                     | 0                                                            | 93,083            | 51,806                          | 144,889           |
| Total Fund Balances                    | <u>11,982</u>              | <u>4,866</u>          | <u>680</u>                                                   | <u>99,083</u>     | <u>51,806</u>                   | <u>168,417</u>    |
| Total Liabilities and<br>Fund Balances | <u>\$ 11,982</u>           | <u>\$ 4,866</u>       | <u>\$ 680</u>                                                | <u>\$ 99,083</u>  | <u>\$ 51,806</u>                | <u>\$ 168,417</u> |

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 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

|                                                     | Recreation<br>Path<br>Fund | Police<br>DEA<br>Fund | Conservation<br>Reserve<br>and Trails &<br>Greenways<br>Fund | Appraisal<br>Fund | Records<br>Preservation<br>Fund | Total             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Revenue:                                            |                            |                       |                                                              |                   |                                 |                   |
| Intergovernmental                                   | \$ 0                       | \$ 0                  | \$ 0                                                         | \$ 36,358         | \$ 0                            | \$ 36,358         |
| Charges for Services                                | 0                          | 0                     | 0                                                            | 0                 | 10,096                          | 10,096            |
| Investment Income                                   | 27                         | 13                    | 2                                                            | 284               | 183                             | 509               |
| Donations                                           | <u>4,371</u>               | <u>0</u>              | <u>0</u>                                                     | <u>0</u>          | <u>0</u>                        | <u>4,371</u>      |
| Total Revenue                                       | <u>4,398</u>               | <u>13</u>             | <u>2</u>                                                     | <u>36,642</u>     | <u>10,279</u>                   | <u>51,334</u>     |
| Expenditures:                                       |                            |                       |                                                              |                   |                                 |                   |
| General Government                                  | 0                          | 0                     | 0                                                            | 89,210            | 27,927                          | 117,137           |
| Culture and Recreation                              | 429                        | 0                     | 0                                                            | 0                 | 0                               | 429               |
| Capital Outlay                                      | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>              | <u>0</u>                                                     | <u>0</u>          | <u>26,749</u>                   | <u>26,749</u>     |
| Total Expenditures                                  | <u>429</u>                 | <u>0</u>              | <u>0</u>                                                     | <u>89,210</u>     | <u>54,676</u>                   | <u>144,315</u>    |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue<br>Over Expenditures | <u>3,969</u>               | <u>13</u>             | <u>2</u>                                                     | <u>(52,568)</u>   | <u>(44,397)</u>                 | <u>(92,981)</u>   |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                         | 3,969                      | 13                    | 2                                                            | (52,568)          | (44,397)                        | (92,981)          |
| Fund Balances - July 1, 2011                        | <u>8,013</u>               | <u>4,853</u>          | <u>678</u>                                                   | <u>151,651</u>    | <u>96,203</u>                   | <u>261,398</u>    |
| Fund Balances - June 30, 2012                       | <u>\$ 11,982</u>           | <u>\$ 4,866</u>       | <u>\$ 680</u>                                                | <u>\$ 99,083</u>  | <u>\$ 51,806</u>                | <u>\$ 168,417</u> |

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2012

|                                        | Equipment<br>Fund | Rink<br>Renovation<br>Fund | Public<br>Safety<br>Building<br>Fund | Total             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>                          |                   |                            |                                      |                   |
| Investments                            | \$ 0              | \$ 0                       | \$ 193,431                           | \$ 193,431        |
| Due from Other Funds                   | <u>108,589</u>    | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                             | <u>108,589</u>    |
| TOTAL ASSETS                           | <u>\$ 108,589</u> | <u>0</u>                   | <u>\$ 193,431</u>                    | <u>\$ 302,020</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>   |                   |                            |                                      |                   |
| Liabilities:                           |                   |                            |                                      |                   |
| Accounts Payable                       | \$ 0              | \$ 0                       | \$ 12,622                            | \$ 12,622         |
| Due to Other Funds                     | <u>0</u>          | <u>8,211</u>               | <u>1,891</u>                         | <u>10,102</u>     |
| Total Liabilities                      | <u>0</u>          | <u>8,211</u>               | <u>14,513</u>                        | <u>22,724</u>     |
| Fund Balances/(Deficit):               |                   |                            |                                      |                   |
| Restricted                             | 0                 | 0                          | 178,918                              | 178,918           |
| Assigned                               | 108,589           | 0                          | 0                                    | 108,589           |
| Unassigned                             | <u>0</u>          | <u>(8,211)</u>             | <u>0</u>                             | <u>(8,211)</u>    |
| Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)          | <u>108,589</u>    | <u>(8,211)</u>             | <u>178,918</u>                       | <u>279,296</u>    |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND<br>FUND BALANCES | <u>\$ 108,589</u> | <u>0</u>                   | <u>\$ 193,431</u>                    | <u>\$ 302,020</u> |

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES  
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

|                                                     | Equipment<br>Fund | Risk<br>Renovation<br>Fund | Public<br>Safety<br>Building<br>Fund | Total              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Revenue:                                            |                   |                            |                                      |                    |
| Investment Earnings                                 | \$ 77             | \$ 0                       | \$ 3,115                             | \$ 3,192           |
| Donations                                           | <u>7,302</u>      | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                             | <u>7,302</u>       |
| Total Revenue                                       | <u>7,379</u>      | <u>0</u>                   | <u>3,115</u>                         | <u>10,494</u>      |
| Expenditures:                                       |                   |                            |                                      |                    |
| Public Safety                                       | 120               | 0                          | 8,120                                | 8,240              |
| Culture and Recreation                              | 0                 | 2                          | 0                                    | 2                  |
| Capital Outlay                                      | <u>473,213</u>    | <u>8,209</u>               | <u>637,731</u>                       | <u>1,119,153</u>   |
| Total Expenditures                                  | <u>473,333</u>    | <u>8,211</u>               | <u>645,851</u>                       | <u>1,127,395</u>   |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue<br>Over Expenditures | <u>(465,954)</u>  | <u>(8,211)</u>             | <u>(642,736)</u>                     | <u>(1,116,901)</u> |
| Other Financing Sources:                            |                   |                            |                                      |                    |
| Proceeds from Sale of Equipment/<br>Vehicles        | 2,107             | 0                          | 0                                    | 2,107              |
| Transfers In                                        | <u>370,000</u>    | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                             | <u>370,000</u>     |
| Total Other Financing<br>Sources                    | <u>372,107</u>    | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                             | <u>372,107</u>     |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                         | (93,847)          | (8,211)                    | (642,736)                            | (744,794)          |
| Fund Balance - July 1, 2011                         | <u>202,436</u>    | <u>0</u>                   | <u>821,654</u>                       | <u>1,024,090</u>   |
| Fund Balance/(Deficit) - June 30, 2012              | <u>\$ 108,589</u> | <u>\$ (8,211)</u>          | <u>\$ 178,918</u>                    | <u>\$ 279,296</u>  |

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 PERMANENT FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2012

| <u>ASSETS</u>                                  | Cemetery<br>Fund         | Library<br>Endowment<br>Fund | Total                    |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cash                                           | \$ 26,190                | \$ 0                         | \$ 26,190                |
| Investments                                    | <u>339,209</u>           | <u>615,767</u>               | <u>954,976</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                            | <b>\$ <u>365,399</u></b> | <b>\$ <u>615,767</u></b>     | <b>\$ <u>981,166</u></b> |
| <br><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>       |                          |                              |                          |
| Liabilities:                                   |                          |                              |                          |
| Due To Other Funds                             | \$ <u>3,641</u>          | \$ 0                         | \$ <u>3,641</u>          |
| Total Liabilities                              | <u>3,641</u>             | <u>0</u>                     | <u>3,641</u>             |
| Fund Balances:                                 |                          |                              |                          |
| Nonspendable                                   | 215,000                  | 35,295                       | 250,295                  |
| Restricted                                     | <u>146,758</u>           | <u>580,472</u>               | <u>727,230</u>           |
| Total Fund Balances                            | <u>361,758</u>           | <u>615,767</u>               | <u>977,525</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND<br/>FUND BALANCES</b> | <b>\$ <u>365,399</u></b> | <b>\$ <u>615,767</u></b>     | <b>\$ <u>981,166</u></b> |

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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT  
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES  
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 PERMANENT FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

|                                         | Cemetery<br>Fund  | Library<br>Endowment<br>Fund | Total             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
|                                         | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u>            | <u>          </u> |
| Revenue:                                |                   |                              |                   |
| Investment Earnings                     | \$ 9,751          | \$ 17,468                    | \$ 27,219         |
| Burials                                 | 4,435             | 0                            | 4,435             |
| Sale of Lots                            | 9,900             | 0                            | 9,900             |
| Other                                   | <u>1,046</u>      | <u>0</u>                     | <u>1,046</u>      |
| Total Revenue                           | <u>25,132</u>     | <u>17,468</u>                | <u>42,600</u>     |
| Expenditures:                           |                   |                              |                   |
| Cemeteries                              | <u>2,433</u>      | <u>0</u>                     | <u>2,433</u>      |
| Total Expenditures                      | <u>2,433</u>      | <u>0</u>                     | <u>2,433</u>      |
| Excess of Revenue<br>Over Expenditures  | <u>22,699</u>     | <u>17,468</u>                | <u>40,167</u>     |
| Other Financing Sources/(Uses):         |                   |                              |                   |
| Transfers Out                           | <u>(7,000)</u>    | <u>(7,427)</u>               | <u>(14,427)</u>   |
| Total Other Financing<br>Sources/(Uses) | <u>(7,000)</u>    | <u>(7,427)</u>               | <u>(14,427)</u>   |
| Net Change in Fund Balances             | 15,699            | 10,041                       | 25,740            |
| Fund Balance - July 1, 2011             | <u>346,059</u>    | <u>605,726</u>               | <u>951,785</u>    |
| Fund Balance - June 30, 2012            | <u>\$ 361,758</u> | <u>\$ 615,767</u>            | <u>\$ 977,525</u> |

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on  
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with “Government Auditing Standards”

Selectboard  
Town of Stowe  
P.O. Box 730  
Stowe, Vermont 05672

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Stowe, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012 which collectively comprise the Town of Stowe, Vermont basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 1, 2013. Our report includes a reference to other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in “Government Auditing Standards”, issued by the Comptroller General of United States. The other auditors audited the financial statements of the Electric Department, as described in our report on the Town of Stowe, Vermont’s financial statements. The financial statements of the Electric Fund were not audited in accordance with “Government Auditing Standards”.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the Town of Stowe, Vermont is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Stowe, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stowe, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Stowe, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Town of Stowe, Vermont’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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Town of Stowe, Vermont

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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined previously.

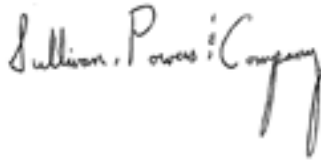
#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Stowe, Vermont's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under "Government Auditing Standards."

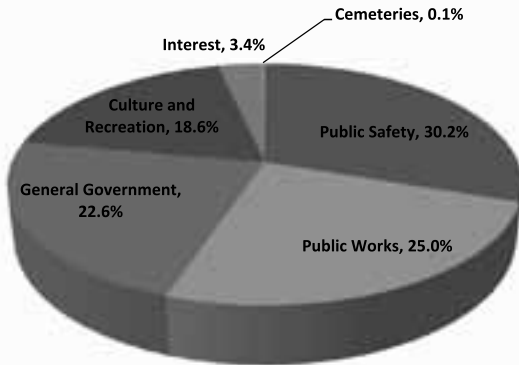
However, we noted a certain other matter that we reported to the management of the Town of Stowe, Vermont in a separate letter dated February 1, 2013.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Selectboard, others within the entity, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

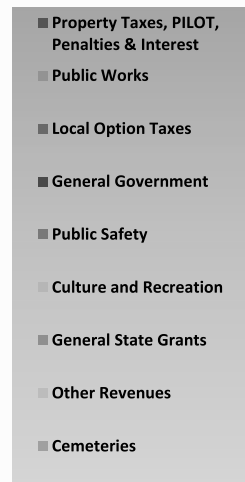
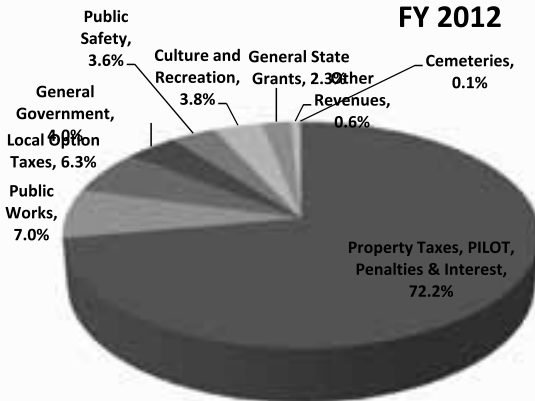
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### Percentage of Expenses by Function/Program Governmental Activities FY 2012



### Percentage of Revenues by Function/Program Governmental Activities FY 2012



## TOWN OF STOWE SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

| Bonds, Bond Anticipation,<br>Notes Payable: | Date of<br>Issue | Maturity<br>Date | Interest<br>Rate | Balance<br>7/1/2011 | -                 | +          | Balance<br>6/30/2012 |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Fire Truck/Sunset/Rink Imp                  | 7/22/1999        | 12/1/2019        | Variable         | \$155,000           | -20,000           | \$-        | \$135,000            |
| Library Expansion                           | 7/15/1993        | 12/1/2013        | Variable         | \$90,000            | -30,000           | \$-        | \$60,000             |
| Tri Centennial:                             | 8/4/1995         | 12/1/2015        | Variable         | \$150,000           | -30,000           | \$-        | \$120,000            |
| Water Expansion                             | 12/15/1998       | 12/15/2021       | 0.00%            | \$1,258,197         | -125,820          | \$-        | \$1,132,377          |
| Sewer Improvements                          | 12/1/1998        | 12/15/2017       | 0.00%            | \$359,301           | -51,328           | \$-        | \$307,973            |
| Sewer Improvements                          | 7/15/1996        | 1/1/2020         | 0.00%            | \$1,035,500         | -103,550          | \$-        | \$931,950            |
| Water Improvements                          | 6/27/2001        | 7/1/2005         | 3.00%            | \$2,435,073         | -142,516          | \$-        | \$2,292,557          |
| Bingham, Garage, Water Bld                  | 12/1/2001        | 12/1/2021        | Variable         | \$280,000           | -30,000           | \$-        | \$250,000            |
| Sewer Note                                  | 4/1/2002         | 4/1/2014         | 0%               | \$11,758,605        | -691,683          | \$         | \$11,066,922         |
| Salt Shed Building Bond                     | 12/1/2002        | 12/1/2012        | Variable         | \$20,000            | -10,000           | \$-        | \$10,000             |
| Water Upgrade Bond                          | 12/1/2003        | 12/1/2022        | Variable         | \$1,920,000         | -160,000          | \$-        | \$1,760,000          |
| Water Bond                                  | 4/1/2005         | 4/1/2024         | 0.00%            | \$237,556           | -18,273           | \$-        | \$219,283            |
| Water-Sunset Hill                           | 11/1/2006        | 11/1/2025        | 3.00%            | \$715,510           | -35,497           | \$-        | \$680,013            |
| Ladder Trk/Nichols Ease                     | 12/1/2004        | 12/1/2024        | Variable         | \$280,000           | -20,000           | \$-        | \$260,000            |
| Adams Camp Mem Eng Bond                     | 7/26/2007        | 12/1/2027        | Variable         | \$425,000           | -25,000           | \$-        | \$400,000            |
| Electric Improvements Bond                  | 7/29/1992        | 12/1/2012        | 6.56%            | \$40,000            | -20,000           | \$-        | \$20,000             |
| Electric Investment Purch                   | 3/1/2011         | 12/30/2018       | 5.70%            | \$18,700,000        | 0                 | \$-        | \$18,700,000         |
| Electric Improvements Bond                  | 7/21/2009        | 11/15/2039       | 4.66%            | \$3,865,000         | -135,000          | \$-        | \$3,730,000          |
| Electric Investment Purch                   | 12/29/2009       | 2/1/2020         | 6.50%            | \$1,009,137         | -29,182           | \$-        | \$979,955            |
| Electric Investment Purch                   | 12/29/2010       | 2/28/2020        | 6.50%            | \$907,601           | -24,231           | \$-        | \$883,370            |
| Public Safety Building Bond                 | 7/22/2008        | 11/15/2028       | Variable         | \$6,480,000         | -360,000          | \$-        | \$6,120,000          |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                               |                  |                  |                  | <b>\$52,121,480</b> | <b>-2,062,080</b> | <b>\$-</b> | <b>\$50,059,400</b>  |



**2011-2012  
SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED**

|                                 |                                                         |                       |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Grand List:                     | Municipal Grand List                                    | \$19,926,531          |
|                                 | Total Municipal Grand List                              | \$19,926,531          |
| Education Grand List:           | Real Estate-Non Residential Homestead                   | \$14,218,076          |
|                                 | Real Estate-Homestead Education                         | \$5,573,732           |
|                                 | Cable TV                                                | \$167,600             |
|                                 | Total Education Grand List                              | \$19,959,408          |
| Taxes Billed:                   | General Property:                                       |                       |
|                                 | Real Estate (19,926,531.00 x .3579).....                | \$7,131,645.87        |
|                                 | Education-Non Residential (14,218,076.00 x 1.4482)..... | \$20,590,617.92       |
|                                 | Education-Residential (5,573,732.00 x 1.4131).....      | \$7,876,240.97        |
|                                 | Local Agreements-Farmers (19,926,531.00 x .0045).....   | <u>\$89,672.93</u>    |
|                                 | Sub-Total.....                                          | \$35,688,177.69       |
|                                 | VT State Lands - 1% of Value                            | \$59,856.24           |
|                                 | Total Taxes Billed                                      | \$35,748,033.93       |
| Taxes Accounted For as Follows: | General Property                                        | \$33,231,190.25       |
|                                 | Taxes to Delinquent Collector                           | <u>\$2,516,843.68</u> |
|                                 | Total Taxes Accounted For                               | \$35,748,033.93       |

**DIVISION OF TAXES**

|                                    | Taxes Assessed  | Tax Rate  |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Town Assessment                    | \$7,131,645.87  | \$ 0.3579 |
| School Assesment-Homestead         | \$7,876,240.97  | \$ 1.4131 |
| School Assesment-Non Homestead     | \$20,590,617.92 | \$ 1.4482 |
| Local Agreements-Farmers Contracts | \$89,672.93     | \$ 0.0045 |
| HS-131 Late Penalty                |                 |           |



**Town Manager**  
*Office of the Selectboard*  
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**TAX RATE CERTIFICATE**

**BE IT KNOWN BY ALL PERSONS PRESENT**, the Selectboard of the Town of Stowe finds the TOWN GRAND LIST to be \$20,257,707 and Town General Fund Tax Rate to be \$.3610 to raise \$7,313,749 for the Town General Fund Taxes and pursuant to VSA Title 17, Section 2264, Title 16, Section 428 and 32 VSA Section 5402 (b)(1), hereby certifies the Tax Rate for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (FY 13) to be as follows:

**Homestead Tax Rate:**

\$0.3610 Town General Fund Tax  
\$1.4280 State and Local Education Taxes  
\$0.0032 Voter Approved Tax Exemptions

**\$1.7922 Total Tax Rate**

**Non-Residential Tax Rate:**

\$0.3610 Town General Fund Tax  
\$1.4401 State and Local Education Taxes  
\$0.0032 Voter Approved Tax Exemptions

**\$1.8043 Total Tax Rate**

Given under our hands in Stowe, Vermont this 3rd day of August 2012 by the Selectboard of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. ATTEST:

ADAM DAVIS                      WILLIAM G. HIGGINS  
LAWRENCE LACKAY              WILLIAM H. ...

UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN, received, filed and recorded this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2012, at 8:30 a.m. before me.

Quinn Kaiser  
Town Clerk

## TOWN OF STOWE SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Barnard, Brown, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Middlebury, Tufts, Wellesley, Williams, and Yale are just a handful of the premier colleges and universities that granted admission to the 42 students who comprised the 2012 graduating class of Stowe High School. While this may not, by itself, be proof positive of the quality of the educational program offered by the Stowe School District it is eye-opening, nonetheless. There is other supporting evidence worth mentioning. Last May, U.S. News and World Report, in its annual issue devoted to the ranking of U.S. public high schools, rated Stowe High as the best high school in Vermont and in the top 1.3% of all public high schools nationwide. Stowe was also named to the honor roll for the College Board's Advanced Placement program – one of only four schools in Vermont, and 539 nationally.

Lest we think that congratulations should be offered only to Stowe High School, the Elementary and Middle schools also deserve mention. Year after year, families flock to Stowe to take advantage of the education afforded our youngest children. Since 2006, enrollment in the Elementary School has risen by over 18% and the student population in Stowe schools K-12 has expanded by 6.3%. This is in sharp contrast to enrollment figures in the entire state of Vermont which over the same time frame saw a DROP in student headcount by 6.4%. It is this dual problem – a statewide decline in student enrollment together with increasing education costs that has prompted the State legislature to seriously explore school consolidation to contain costs and promote efficiencies. The Lamoille South Supervisory Union and the three school districts comprising LSSU seriously considered merging their school districts last year. The Stowe School Board, for its part, opposed any consolidation citing major logistical problems for Stowe students and the likelihood that little or no cost savings would be realized.

The Stowe School Board attributes the success and increasing popularity of its stand-alone School District to three areas. These include a committed administration, an experienced and dedicated faculty, and perhaps most importantly, a concerned and passionately involved group of parents who want what this Board wants – a superior education for all children in this community. By the way, did we mention Boston College, Boston University, Clarkson, Colgate, Hamilton, Macalester, Skidmore, and Union among others?

Respectfully submitted,

C. Cameron Page, Chair  
Richard Bland  
Terrence K. Dwyer  
Donald Post  
Susan Segal

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENTS  
2012-2013**

| Grade | # Students |
|-------|------------|
| K     | 51         |
| 1     | 43         |
| 2     | 50         |
| 3     | 50         |
| 4     | 52         |
| 5     | 52         |
| 6     | 47         |
| 7     | 61         |
| 8     | 65         |
| 9     | 60         |
| 10    | 61         |
| 11    | 65         |
| 12    | 42         |
|       | <hr/>      |
|       | <b>699</b> |

**STOWE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2013-2014  
ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS**

|                                    |                   |                            |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Carry Forward                      |                   | \$680,000                  |
| Local Sources:                     |                   |                            |
| Tuition - Regular Education        | \$342,000         |                            |
| Earned Interest                    | 29,850            |                            |
| Rentals                            | 3,000             |                            |
|                                    | <u>          </u> | \$374,850                  |
| State Sources:                     |                   |                            |
| Capital Debt Reimbursement         | \$0               |                            |
| Transportation Aid                 | 100,000           |                            |
| Driver Education                   | 3,100             |                            |
| SPED - Block Grant                 | 275,000           |                            |
| SPED - Intensive Reimbursement     | 655,000           |                            |
|                                    | <u>          </u> | \$1,033,100                |
| Federal Sources:                   |                   |                            |
| SPED - IDEA-B Subgrant             | \$40,000          |                            |
|                                    | <u>          </u> | <u>\$40,000</u>            |
| Sub-total Anticipated Revenues     |                   | \$2,127,950                |
| Other State Sources:               |                   |                            |
| General State Support Grant        | \$9,075,150       |                            |
| Vocational Education Support Grant | 23,300            |                            |
|                                    | <u>          </u> | <u>\$9,098,450</u>         |
| Total Anticipated Revenues         |                   | <u><u>\$11,226,400</u></u> |

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BUDGET RECAP**

|                                        | 11-12<br>Budget            | 11-12<br>Actual           | 12-13<br>Budget            | 13-14<br>Proposed<br>Budget |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>INSTRUCTION</b>                     |                            |                           |                            |                             |
| Regular Education                      | \$4,857,100                | \$4,626,769               | \$5,255,150                | \$5,631,525                 |
| Special Education                      | 1,737,650                  | 1,362,287                 | 1,775,625                  | 1,841,125                   |
| Vocational Education                   | 38,975                     | 32,914                    | 36,225                     | 46,100                      |
| Student Activities                     | 207,500                    | 178,948                   | 258,550                    | 260,675                     |
| Total Instruction                      | <u>\$6,841,225</u>         | <u>\$6,200,918</u>        | <u>\$7,325,550</u>         | <u>\$7,779,425</u>          |
| <b>SUPPORT SERVICES</b>                |                            |                           |                            |                             |
| Guidance Services                      | \$309,100                  | \$302,229                 | \$366,475                  | \$367,325                   |
| Health Services                        | 96,800                     | 95,809                    | 101,325                    | 115,350                     |
| Curriculum & Instruction Services      | 52,125                     | 52,126                    | 51,375                     | 55,125                      |
| Library Services                       | 144,525                    | 162,804                   | 170,250                    | 174,750                     |
| School Board                           | 48,025                     | 19,569                    | 48,025                     | 48,325                      |
| Exec. Admin. Services                  | 98,550                     | 98,540                    | 85,725                     | 104,700                     |
| School Administration                  | 683,650                    | 640,803                   | 683,525                    | 729,300                     |
| Fiscal Services                        | 200,475                    | 182,921                   | 207,825                    | 237,600                     |
| Building & Grounds Operations          | 975,375                    | 928,427                   | 1,008,850                  | 1,054,325                   |
| Transportation                         | 290,125                    | 256,841                   | 289,500                    | 282,075                     |
| Information Services                   | 66,675                     | 66,613                    | 73,350                     | 78,375                      |
| Total Support Services                 | <u>\$2,965,425</u>         | <u>\$2,806,682</u>        | <u>\$3,086,225</u>         | <u>\$3,247,250</u>          |
| Long Term Debt                         | <u>\$314,625</u>           | <u>\$313,819</u>          | <u>\$203,250</u>           | <u>\$199,725</u>            |
| <b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b> | <b><u>\$10,121,275</u></b> | <b><u>\$9,321,419</u></b> | <b><u>\$10,615,025</u></b> | <b><u>\$11,226,400</u></b>  |

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Budget Development 2013-2014**

|                             | 11-12<br>Budget    | 11-12<br>Actual    | 12-13<br>Budget    | 13-14<br>Proposed<br>Budget |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Regular Instruction</b>  |                    |                    |                    |                             |
| Salaries                    | \$3,375,750        | \$3,352,422        | \$3,618,125        | \$3,856,675                 |
| Employee Benefits           | 1,113,375          | 980,184            | 1,238,150          | 1,364,725                   |
| Prof & Tech Services        | 75,675             | 49,734             | 88,525             | 94,375                      |
| Property Services           | 39,050             | 21,483             | 39,375             | 39,550                      |
| Other Services              | 23,000             | 13,653             | 30,725             | 27,125                      |
| Supplies & Materials        | 129,875            | 113,855            | 142,050            | 144,375                     |
| Property                    | 90,850             | 86,216             | 87,650             | 95,250                      |
| Other                       | 9,525              | 9,222              | 10,550             | 9,450                       |
| Total Expenses              | <u>\$4,857,100</u> | <u>\$4,626,769</u> | <u>\$5,255,150</u> | <u>\$5,631,525</u>          |
| <b>Special Education</b>    |                    |                    |                    |                             |
| Salaries                    | \$578,725          | \$549,624          | \$690,425          | \$613,900                   |
| Employee Benefits           | 293,025            | 244,587            | 434,375            | 308,150                     |
| Prof & Tech Services        | 684,550            | 481,934            | 543,650            | 717,150                     |
| Property Services           | 6,000              | 5,250              | 6,000              | 6,400                       |
| Other Services              | 151,725            | 70,799             | 77,925             | 170,575                     |
| Supplies & Materials        | 13,325             | 7,707              | 13,350             | 11,650                      |
| Property                    | 10,300             | 2,386              | 9,900              | 13,300                      |
| Other                       | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                           |
| Total Expenses              | <u>\$1,737,650</u> | <u>\$1,362,287</u> | <u>\$1,775,625</u> | <u>\$1,841,125</u>          |
| <b>Vocational Education</b> |                    |                    |                    |                             |
| Other Services              | \$38,975           | \$32,914           | \$36,225           | \$46,100                    |
| Total Expenses              | <u>\$38,975</u>    | <u>\$32,914</u>    | <u>\$36,225</u>    | <u>\$46,100</u>             |
| <b>Student Activities</b>   |                    |                    |                    |                             |
| Salaries                    | \$99,550           | \$75,840           | \$119,650          | \$121,250                   |
| Employee Benefits           | 7,675              | 5,858              | 9,225              | 10,050                      |
| Prof & Tech Services        | 26,250             | 32,452             | 32,300             | 32,300                      |
| Property Services           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0                           |
| Other Services              | 45,200             | 36,379             | 55,100             | 57,075                      |
| Supplies & Materials        | 8,350              | 8,358              | 13,575             | 10,500                      |
| Property                    | 9,850              | 9,618              | 12,050             | 12,850                      |
| Other                       | 10,625             | 10,443             | 16,650             | 16,650                      |
| Total Expenses              | <u>\$207,500</u>   | <u>\$178,948</u>   | <u>\$258,550</u>   | <u>\$260,675</u>            |
| <b>Guidance Services</b>    |                    |                    |                    |                             |
| Salaries                    | \$216,800          | \$222,040          | \$262,925          | \$271,475                   |
| Employee Benefits           | 64,800             | 53,187             | 75,325             | 66,925                      |
| Prof & Tech Services        | 22,700             | 22,674             | 23,475             | 24,575                      |
| Property Services           | 800                | 575                | 800                | 300                         |
| Other Services              | 2,000              | 1,993              | 2,000              | 2,000                       |
| Supplies & Materials        | 250                | 167                | 400                | 500                         |
| Property                    | 225                | 85                 | 0                  | 0                           |
| Other                       | 1,525              | 1,508              | 1,550              | 1,550                       |
| Total Expenses              | <u>\$309,100</u>   | <u>\$302,229</u>   | <u>\$366,475</u>   | <u>\$367,325</u>            |

|                                              | 11-12<br>Budget | 11-12<br>Actual | 12-13<br>Budget | 13-14<br>Proposed<br>Budget |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Health Services</b>                       |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| Salaries                                     | \$75,150        | \$75,686        | \$78,625        | \$90,250                    |
| Employee Benefits                            | 20,175          | 18,672          | 20,875          | 23,250                      |
| Prof & Tech Services                         | 0               | 65              | 0               | 0                           |
| Property Services                            | 375             | 327             | 450             | 450                         |
| Other Services                               | 0               | 93              | 0               | 0                           |
| Supplies & Materials                         | 1,100           | 966             | 1,375           | 1,400                       |
| Property                                     | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                           |
| Other                                        | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                           |
| Total Expenses                               | \$96,800        | \$95,809        | \$101,325       | \$115,350                   |
| <b>Curriculum &amp; Instruction Services</b> |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| Prof & Tech Services                         | \$52,125        | \$52,126        | \$51,375        | \$55,125                    |
| Total Expenses                               | \$52,125        | \$52,126        | \$51,375        | \$55,125                    |
| <b>Library Services</b>                      |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| Salaries                                     | \$101,825       | \$124,907       | \$104,725       | \$106,925                   |
| Employee Benefits                            | 29,425          | 21,553          | 50,175          | 51,400                      |
| Prof & Tech Services                         | 525             | 185             | 825             | 225                         |
| Property Services                            | 600             | 469             | 250             | 150                         |
| Other Services                               | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                           |
| Supplies & Materials                         | 11,475          | 15,516          | 13,975          | 15,750                      |
| Property                                     | 600             | 154             | 225             | 225                         |
| Other                                        | 75              | 20              | 75              | 75                          |
| Total Expenses                               | \$144,525       | \$162,804       | \$170,250       | \$174,750                   |
| <b>School Board</b>                          |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| Salaries                                     | \$5,025         | \$5,000         | \$5,025         | \$5,025                     |
| Employee Benefits                            | 450             | 383             | 450             | 450                         |
| Prof & Tech Services                         | 22,500          | 366             | 22,500          | 22,500                      |
| Property Services                            | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                           |
| Other Services                               | 11,950          | 7,617           | 11,950          | 11,950                      |
| Supplies & Materials                         | 0               | 21              | 0               | 0                           |
| Property                                     | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                           |
| Other                                        | 8,100           | 6,182           | 8,100           | 8,400                       |
| Total Expenses                               | \$48,025        | \$19,569        | \$48,025        | \$48,325                    |
| <b>Executive Admin. Services</b>             |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| Prof & Tech Services                         | \$98,550        | \$98,540        | \$85,725        | \$104,700                   |
| Total Expenses                               | \$98,550        | \$98,540        | \$85,725        | \$104,700                   |



|                                           | 11-12<br>Budget     | 11-12<br>Actual    | 12-13<br>Budget     | 13-14<br>Proposed<br>Budget |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>School Administration</b>              |                     |                    |                     |                             |
| Salaries                                  | \$432,675           | \$436,451          | \$447,700           | \$467,750                   |
| Employee Benefits                         | 143,125             | 107,272            | 117,925             | 140,700                     |
| Prof & Tech Services                      | 2,000               | 405                | 2,000               | 2,000                       |
| Property Services                         | 29,400              | 25,341             | 38,100              | 41,250                      |
| Other Services                            | 44,500              | 42,041             | 45,450              | 45,100                      |
| Supplies & Materials                      | 14,650              | 13,440             | 14,950              | 13,950                      |
| Property                                  | 1,600               | 1,587              | 1,700               | 1,750                       |
| Other                                     | 15,700              | 14,266             | 15,700              | 16,800                      |
| Total Expenses                            | \$683,650           | \$640,803          | \$683,525           | \$729,300                   |
| <b>Fiscal Services</b>                    |                     |                    |                     |                             |
| Salaries                                  | \$900               | \$825              | \$900               | \$900                       |
| Employee Benefits                         | 75                  | 63                 | 75                  | 75                          |
| Prof & Tech Services                      | 163,950             | 160,696            | 171,300             | 199,275                     |
| Property Services                         | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                           |
| Other Services                            | 1,500               | 456                | 1,500               | 1,500                       |
| Supplies & Materials                      | 1,500               | 520                | 1,500               | 1,500                       |
| Other                                     | 2,700               | 3,987              | 2,700               | 4,500                       |
| Current Interest                          | 29,850              | 16,374             | 29,850              | 29,850                      |
| Total Expenses                            | \$200,475           | \$182,921          | \$207,825           | \$237,600                   |
| <b>Buildings &amp; Grounds Operations</b> |                     |                    |                     |                             |
| Salaries                                  | \$194,325           | \$202,830          | \$204,200           | \$213,825                   |
| Employee Benefits                         | 113,350             | 95,568             | 110,250             | 113,525                     |
| Prof. & Tech. Services                    | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 3,000                       |
| Property Services                         | 230,950             | 231,502            | 200,950             | 303,450                     |
| Other Services                            | 30,200              | 29,433             | 30,200              | 31,700                      |
| Supplies & Materials                      | 403,550             | 366,724            | 457,250             | 382,825                     |
| Property                                  | 3,000               | 2,370              | 6,000               | 6,000                       |
| Other                                     | 0                   | 0                  | 0                   | 0                           |
| Total Expenses                            | \$975,375           | \$928,427          | \$1,008,850         | \$1,054,325                 |
| <b>Transportation</b>                     |                     |                    |                     |                             |
| Other Services                            | \$290,125           | \$270,291          | \$289,500           | \$289,500                   |
| Total Expenses                            | \$290,125           | \$256,841          | \$289,500           | \$282,075                   |
| <b>Information Services</b>               |                     |                    |                     |                             |
| Prof & Tech Services                      | \$66,675            | \$66,613           | \$73,350            | \$78,375                    |
| Total Expenses                            | \$66,675            | \$66,613           | \$73,350            | \$78,375                    |
| <b>Debt Service</b>                       |                     |                    |                     |                             |
| Interest on Debt                          | \$94,575            | \$93,819           | \$83,250            | \$79,725                    |
| Principal on Debt                         | 220,050             | 220,000            | 120,000             | 120,000                     |
| Total Expenses                            | \$314,625           | \$313,819          | \$203,250           | \$199,725                   |
| <b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>    | <b>\$10,121,275</b> | <b>\$9,321,419</b> | <b>\$10,615,025</b> | <b>\$11,226,400</b>         |

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

ESTIMATES ONLY

| District: <b>Stowe</b><br>County: <b>Lamoille</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>T198</b><br>Lamoille South                                                 |                              |                                                                                             |                              |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Enter your choice for FY14 base education amount. See note at bottom of page. |                              | Enter your choice for estimated homestead base rate for FY2014. See note at bottom of page. |                              |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>9,151</b>                                                                  |                              | <b>0.94</b>                                                                                 |                              |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>FY2011</b>                                                                 | <b>FY2012</b>                | <b>FY2013</b>                                                                               | <b>FY2014</b>                |
| 1.                                                | Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)                                                                                               | \$9,746,250                                                                   | \$10,121,275                 | \$10,615,025                                                                                | \$11,226,400                 |
| 2.                                                | plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting                                                                                                                                                     | -                                                                             | -                            | \$490,000                                                                                   | -                            |
| 3.                                                | minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending                                                                                                                                                | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 4.                                                | minus Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget                                                                                                                                                                     | \$9,746,250                                                                   | \$10,121,275                 | \$11,105,025                                                                                | \$11,226,400                 |
| 5.                                                | plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any                                                                                                                                             | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 6.                                                | plus Prior year deficit reduction if not included in expenditure budget                                                                                                                                           | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 7.                                                | <b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>\$9,746,250</b>                                                            | <b>\$10,121,275</b>          | <b>\$11,105,025</b>                                                                         | <b>\$11,226,400</b>          |
| 8.                                                | minus S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data                                                                                                                                             | \$594,400                                                                     | \$814,600                    | \$911,700                                                                                   | \$984,300                    |
| 9.                                                | minus Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data                                                                                                                       | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                               |                              |                                                                                             |                              |
| 10.                                               | Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)                                                                                                     | \$1,592,650                                                                   | \$1,636,750                  | \$2,264,450                                                                                 | \$2,127,950                  |
| 11.                                               | plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60                                                                                                                                                   | \$18,842                                                                      | \$17,353                     | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 12.                                               | plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)                                                                                                              | -                                                                             | -                            | NA                                                                                          | NA                           |
| 13.                                               | minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues                                                                                                                                                  | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 14.                                               | <b>Total local revenues</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>\$1,611,492</b>                                                            | <b>\$1,654,103</b>           | <b>\$2,264,450</b>                                                                          | <b>\$2,127,950</b>           |
| 15.                                               | <b>Education Spending</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>\$8,134,758</b>                                                            | <b>\$8,467,172</b>           | <b>\$8,840,575</b>                                                                          | <b>\$9,098,450</b>           |
| 16.                                               | Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)                                                                                                                                                            | 638.64                                                                        | 649.70                       | 659.10                                                                                      | 656.83                       |
| 17.                                               | <b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>\$12,738</b>                                                               | <b>\$13,032</b>              | <b>\$13,413</b>                                                                             | <b>\$13,852</b>              |
| 18.                                               | minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil                                                                                                                                       | \$449                                                                         | \$470                        | \$298                                                                                       | \$290                        |
| 19.                                               | minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual                                                                                                                                            | -                                                                             | \$2                          | \$3                                                                                         | \$2                          |
| 20.                                               | minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 21.                                               | minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils                                                                                          | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 22.                                               | minus Estimated costs of new students after census period                                                                                                                                                         | NA                                                                            | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 23.                                               | minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition                                                                                        | NA                                                                            | NA                           | NA                                                                                          | -                            |
| 24.                                               | minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools                                                                                                                                                             | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 25.                                               | plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)                                                                                                                                                  | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 26.                                               | Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment                                                                                                                                                         | \$12,738                                                                      | \$13,032                     | \$13,413                                                                                    | \$13,852                     |
| 27.                                               | <b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)</b><br>(\$13,852 / \$9,151)                                                                                                                                     | 149.083%<br>based on \$9,544                                                  | 152.533%<br>based on \$9,544 | 153.767%<br>based on \$9,723                                                                | 151.372%<br>based on \$9,151 |
| <b>Prorating the local tax rate</b>               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                               |                              |                                                                                             |                              |
| 28.                                               | Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (151.372% x \$0.940)                                                                                                                             | \$1,2821<br>based on \$0.88                                                   | \$1,3270<br>based on \$0.87  | \$1,3685<br>based on \$0.89                                                                 | \$1,4229<br>based on \$0.940 |
| 29.                                               | Percent of Stowe equalized pupils not in a union school district                                                                                                                                                  | 100.000%                                                                      | 100.000%                     | 100.000%                                                                                    | 100.00%                      |
| 30.                                               | Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.000% x \$1.42)                                                                                                                                  | \$1,2821                                                                      | \$1,3270                     | \$1,3685                                                                                    | \$1,4229                     |
| 31.                                               | <b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>                                                                                                                                                                            | 82.13%                                                                        | 93.91%                       | 95.83%                                                                                      | 96.13%                       |
| 32.                                               | Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1,423 / 96.13%)                                                                                                                               | \$1,5611<br>based on \$0.90                                                   | \$1,4131<br>based on \$0.87  | \$1,4280<br>based on \$0.89                                                                 | \$1,4802<br>based on \$0.94  |
| 33.                                               | Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (151.372% x 1.80%)                                                                                                                                                  | 2.68%<br>based on 1.80%                                                       | 2.75%<br>based on 1.80%      | 2.77%<br>based on 1.80%                                                                     | 2.72%<br>based on 1.80%      |
| 34.                                               | Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.000% x 2.72%)                                                                                                                                        | 2.68%                                                                         | 2.75%                        | 2.77%                                                                                       | 2.72%                        |
| 35.                                               | Percent of equalized pupils at union 1                                                                                                                                                                            | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |
| 36.                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -                                                                             | -                            | -                                                                                           | -                            |

- Following current statute, the base education amount would be \$9,151 That would require base education tax rates of \$0.94 and \$1.43. The tax commissioner has suggested allowing one year of inflation, resulting in a base amount of \$8,915 and base tax rates of \$0.92 and \$1.41. The administration also has stated that tax rates could remain flat at \$0.89 and \$1.38 if statewide education spending is level and the base education amount is set at \$8,915. Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
 - The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.

## District Spending Adjustment

|                                        | FY13           | FY14           |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Budgeted Expenditures                  | \$10,615,025   | \$11,226,400   |
| Budgeted Available Revenues            | \$1,774,450    | \$2,127,950    |
| Education Spending                     | \$8,840,575    | \$9,098,450    |
| Equalized Pupils                       | 659.10         | 656.83         |
| Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | \$13,413       | \$13,852       |
| Base Amount                            | \$8,723*       | \$9,151        |
| <b>District Spending Adjustment</b>    | <b>153.77%</b> | <b>151.37%</b> |

*\* The FY13 Base Amount was adjusted after budget presentation and adoption based on legislative action (was \$8,891)*

## Estimated Homestead Tax Rate

|                                    | FY13           | FY14           |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Statewide Equalized Tax Rate       | \$0.89         | \$0.94         |
| District Spending Adjustment       | 153.77%        | 151.37%        |
| <b>Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate</b> | <b>\$1.369</b> | <b>\$1.423</b> |
| <i>Common Level of Appraisal</i>   | <i>95.83%*</i> | <i>96.13%</i>  |
| <b>Estimated Local Tax Rate</b>    | <b>\$1.428</b> | <b>\$1.480</b> |

*\* The FY13 CLA was adjusted after budget presentation and adoption based on appeal of calculation methodology (was 93.27%)*

### Estimated Non-Homestead Tax Rate

|                                    | FY13           | FY14           |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Statewide Equalized Tax Rate       | \$1.38         | \$1.43         |
| District Spending Adjustment       | N/A            | N/A            |
| <b>Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate</b> | <b>\$1.38</b>  | <b>\$1.43</b>  |
| <i>Common Level of Appraisal</i>   | <i>95.83%</i>  | <i>96.13%</i>  |
| <b>Estimated Local Tax Rate</b>    | <b>\$1.440</b> | <b>\$1.488</b> |

\* The FY13 CLA was adjusted after budget presentation and adoption based on appeal of calculation methodology (was 93.27%)

### Estimated Income Sensitivity Information

|                                   | FY13         | FY14         |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Statewide Income Sensitivity %    | 1.80%        | 1.80%        |
| District Spending Adjustment      | 153.77%      | 151.37%      |
| <b>Local Income Sensitivity %</b> | <b>2.77%</b> | <b>2.72%</b> |

**Lamoille South Supervisory Union  
Revenues**

|                           | FY 12<br>Actual     | FY 13<br>Budget     | FY 14<br>Budget     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Assessments:</b>       |                     |                     |                     |
| Psychological Services    |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ 2,121            | \$ 2,225            | \$ 2,300            |
| Morristown                | \$ 45,955           | \$ 47,550           | \$ 49,800           |
| Stowe                     | \$ 22,624           | \$ 23,400           | \$ 24,525           |
| Curriculum & Instruction  |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ 9,355            | \$ 8,875            | \$ 9,700            |
| Morristown                | \$ 64,094           | \$ 62,100           | \$ 63,750           |
| Stowe                     | \$ 52,126           | \$ 51,375           | \$ 55,125           |
| Administrative Services   |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ 1,521            | \$ 1,275            | \$ 1,525            |
| Morristown                | \$ 126,989          | \$ 110,175          | \$ 129,525          |
| Stowe                     | \$ 98,540           | \$ 85,725           | \$ 104,700          |
| Fiscal Services           |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ 2,369            | \$ 2,500            | \$ 2,750            |
| Morristown                | \$ 197,726          | \$ 204,300          | \$ 229,875          |
| Stowe                     | \$ 153,430          | \$ 159,000          | \$ 185,775          |
| Information Services      |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ 11,955           | \$ 12,725           | \$ 13,825           |
| Morristown                | \$ 81,907           | \$ 88,650           | \$ 90,600           |
| Stowe                     | \$ 66,613           | \$ 73,350           | \$ 78,375           |
| Psych. Services-SPED      |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ 2,168            | \$ 2,200            | \$ 2,325            |
| Morristown                | \$ 48,780           | \$ 50,475           | \$ 53,700           |
| Stowe                     | \$ 57,452           | \$ 59,475           | \$ 63,225           |
| Speech & Audiology-SPED   |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ 12,760           | \$ 12,675           | \$ 13,700           |
| Morristown                | \$ 87,419           | \$ 87,975           | \$ 89,850           |
| Stowe                     | \$ 71,096           | \$ 72,825           | \$ 77,700           |
| Admin. Services-SPED      |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ 9,607            | \$ 9,050            | \$ 9,625            |
| Morristown                | \$ 65,816           | \$ 63,600           | \$ 63,000           |
| Stowe                     | \$ 53,527           | \$ 52,650           | \$ 54,450           |
| Essential Early Education |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ 8,800            | \$ 8,050            | \$ 10,775           |
| Morristown                | \$ 52,150           | \$ 58,500           | \$ 66,750           |
| Stowe                     | \$ 39,050           | \$ 45,675           | \$ 59,550           |
| Pre-School Program        |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ -                | \$ 6,925            | \$ 13,050           |
| Morristown                | \$ -                | \$ 50,175           | \$ 81,000           |
| Stowe                     | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| Transportation            |                     |                     |                     |
| Elmore                    | \$ -                | \$ 86,925           | \$ 77,225           |
| Morristown                | \$ -                | \$ 296,350          | \$ 277,525          |
| Stowe                     | \$ -                | \$ 327,225          | \$ 321,275          |
| <b>Other Revenues:</b>    |                     |                     |                     |
| Cash Balance              | \$ 63,500           | \$ 87,850           | \$ 50,000           |
| Interest Income           | \$ 4,601            | \$ 5,000            | \$ 4,500            |
| IDEA B - EEE              | \$ 8,140            | \$ 7,300            | \$ 7,300            |
| IDEA B - Flow Through     | \$ 126,001          | \$ 127,625          | \$ 127,625          |
| Title I                   | \$ 14,993           | \$ 16,000           | \$ 16,000           |
| Service Fees              | \$ 33,203           | \$ 30,000           | \$ 30,000           |
| VCPC Grant                | \$ -                | \$ 30,000           | \$ 15,000           |
| Miscellaneous             | \$ 973              | \$ -                | \$ -                |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>     | <b>\$ 1,697,361</b> | <b>\$ 2,527,750</b> | <b>\$ 2,627,300</b> |

**Lamoille South Supervisory Union  
Expenditures**

| Description                         | FY 12<br>Actual | FY 13<br>Budget | FY 14<br>Budget |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Psychological Services</u>       |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries                            | \$ 51,459       | \$ 53,275       | \$ 54,875       |
| Employee Benefits                   | 17,756          | 19,375          | 21,225          |
| Other Services                      | -               | 525             | 525             |
| Total                               | \$ 69,215       | \$ 73,175       | \$ 76,625       |
| <u>Curriculum &amp; Instruction</u> |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries                            | \$ 97,545       | \$ 101,000      | \$ 104,000      |
| Employee Benefits                   | 30,997          | 33,750          | 36,875          |
| Other Services                      | 882             | 1,500           | 1,500           |
| Supplies & Materials                | 58              | 100             | 200             |
| Other                               | 1,318           | 2,000           | 2,000           |
| Total                               | \$ 130,800      | \$ 138,350      | \$ 144,575      |
| <u>Executive Admin. Services</u>    |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries                            | \$ 179,700      | \$ 142,900      | \$ 147,175      |
| Employee Benefits                   | 47,713          | 45,450          | 49,400          |
| Prof & Tech Services                | 11,438          | 34,825          | 22,825          |
| Property Services                   | 27,950          | 30,800          | 32,550          |
| Other Services                      | 15,922          | 16,250          | 18,500          |
| Supplies & Materials                | 11,479          | 11,250          | 11,250          |
| Property                            | 1,385           | 1,750           | 1,750           |
| Other                               | 5,450           | 6,800           | 6,800           |
| Total                               | \$ 301,037      | \$ 290,025      | \$ 290,250      |
| <u>Fiscal Services</u>              |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries                            | \$ 264,989      | \$ 276,300      | \$ 284,575      |
| Employee Benefits                   | 73,665          | 81,050          | 124,625         |
| Prof & Tech Services                | 6,782           | 8,800           | 8,800           |
| Property Services                   | 4,085           | 4,000           | 4,750           |
| Other Services                      | 1,994           | 3,250           | 3,250           |
| Supplies & Materials                | 2,382           | 3,500           | 3,500           |
| Property                            | 4,194           | 1,750           | 1,750           |
| Other                               | 1,980           | 2,150           | 2,150           |
| Total                               | \$ 360,071      | \$ 380,800      | \$ 433,400      |
| <u>Transportation Services</u>      |                 |                 |                 |
| Other Services                      | -               | 710,500         | 676,025         |
| Total                               | \$ -            | \$ 710,500      | \$ 676,025      |
| <u>Information Services</u>         |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries                            | \$ 111,277      | \$ 115,200      | \$ 118,650      |
| Employee Benefits                   | 41,022          | 44,775          | 48,400          |
| Prof & Tech Services                | 40              | -               | -               |
| Property Services                   | 4,085           | 3,500           | 4,250           |
| Other Services                      | 850             | 750             | 1,000           |
| Supplies & Materials                | 1,457           | 2,750           | 2,750           |
| Property                            | 1,385           | 1,750           | 1,750           |
| Other                               | 5,647           | 6,000           | 6,000           |
| Total                               | \$ 165,763      | \$ 174,725      | \$ 182,800      |
| <u>Pre-School Program</u>           |                 |                 |                 |
| Salaries                            | \$ -            | \$ 28,150       | \$ 27,300       |
| Employee Benefits                   | -               | 11,700          | 4,500           |
| Prof & Tech Services                | -               | 2,000           | 2,000           |
| Other Services                      | -               | 44,000          | 74,000          |
| Supplies & Materials                | -               | 1,250           | 1,250           |
| Total                               | \$ -            | \$ 87,100       | \$ 109,050      |

**Lamoille South Supervisory Union  
Expenditures**

| Description                              | FY 12<br>Actual            | FY 13<br>Budget            | FY 14<br>Budget            |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>Psychological Services - SPED</u>     |                            |                            |                            |
| Salaries                                 | \$ 77,210                  | \$ 79,925                  | \$ 82,325                  |
| Employee Benefits                        | 26,639                     | 28,975                     | 31,675                     |
| Prof & Tech Services                     | -                          | 1,250                      | 1,250                      |
| Other Services                           | -                          | 350                        | 350                        |
| Supplies & Materials                     | 2,931                      | 1,650                      | 3,650                      |
| Total                                    | <u>\$ 106,780</u>          | <u>\$ 112,150</u>          | <u>\$ 119,250</u>          |
| <u>Speech &amp; Audiology - SPED</u>     |                            |                            |                            |
| Salaries                                 | \$ 121,550                 | \$ 124,775                 | \$ 128,500                 |
| Employee Benefits                        | 40,058                     | 43,575                     | 47,625                     |
| Prof & Tech Services                     | 494                        | 1,500                      | 1,500                      |
| Other Services                           | 941                        | 1,600                      | 1,600                      |
| Supplies & Materials                     | 84                         | 2,025                      | 2,025                      |
| Total                                    | <u>\$ 163,127</u>          | <u>\$ 173,475</u>          | <u>\$ 181,250</u>          |
| <u>Administrative Services - SPED</u>    |                            |                            |                            |
| Salaries                                 | \$ 91,697                  | \$ 96,325                  | \$ 99,250                  |
| Employee Benefits                        | 22,924                     | 26,650                     | 24,750                     |
| Prof & Tech Services                     | 285                        | 2,000                      | 2,000                      |
| Property Services                        | 4,085                      | 3,650                      | 4,400                      |
| Other Services                           | 3,463                      | 5,200                      | 5,200                      |
| Supplies & Materials                     | 1,544                      | 3,625                      | 3,625                      |
| Property                                 | 1,535                      | 1,750                      | 1,750                      |
| Other                                    | 685                        | 1,100                      | 1,100                      |
| Total                                    | <u>\$ 126,218</u>          | <u>\$ 140,300</u>          | <u>\$ 142,075</u>          |
| <u>Essential Early Education</u>         |                            |                            |                            |
| Salaries                                 | \$ 96,494                  | \$ 105,450                 | \$ 115,050                 |
| Employee Benefits                        | 28,173                     | 36,000                     | 30,850                     |
| Prof & Tech Services                     | 210                        | 3,175                      | 4,100                      |
| Other Services                           | 346                        | 1,500                      | 1,500                      |
| Supplies & Materials                     | 2,789                      | 2,850                      | 2,850                      |
| Property                                 | 460                        | 500                        | 500                        |
| Other                                    | -                          | 500                        | 500                        |
| Total                                    | <u>\$ 128,472</u>          | <u>\$ 149,975</u>          | <u>\$ 155,350</u>          |
| <u>Speech &amp; Audio Services - EEE</u> |                            |                            |                            |
| Salaries                                 | \$ 65,180                  | \$ 64,525                  | \$ 70,775                  |
| Employee Benefits                        | 20,218                     | 22,000                     | 31,750                     |
| Prof & Tech Services                     | -                          | -                          | 1,500                      |
| Other Services                           | 1,359                      | 750                        | 1,500                      |
| Supplies & Materials                     | 800                        | 800                        | 1,800                      |
| Total                                    | <u>\$ 87,557</u>           | <u>\$ 88,075</u>           | <u>\$ 107,325</u>          |
| <u>Administrative Services - EEE</u>     |                            |                            |                            |
| Property Services                        | \$ 7,000                   | \$ 7,250                   | \$ 7,475                   |
| Other Services                           | 634                        | 1,850                      | 1,850                      |
| Total                                    | <u>\$ 7,634</u>            | <u>\$ 9,100</u>            | <u>\$ 9,325</u>            |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <u><b>\$ 1,646,674</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 2,527,750</b></u> | <u><b>\$ 2,627,300</b></u> |

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

School: Stowe Elementary School  
S.U.: Lamoille South S.U.

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**FY2012 School Level Data**

Cohort Description: Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 200 but <300  
(41 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)  
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|                                    | School level data                |              |                | Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest) |                   |                   |                     |              |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                                    | Grades Offered                   | Enrollment   | Total Teachers | Total Administrators                     | Stu / Tchrr Ratio | Stu / Admin Ratio | Tchrr / Admin Ratio |              |
| Smaller ->                         | Rutland Northwest Primary School | PK - 2       | 265            | 26.00                                    | 1.00              | 10.19             | 265.00              | 26.00        |
|                                    | Bennington Elementary School     | K - 5        | 268            | 17.70                                    | 2.00              | 15.14             | 134.00              | 8.85         |
|                                    | Summit Street School             | PK - 3       | 274            | 19.40                                    | 1.00              | 14.12             | 274.00              | 19.40        |
|                                    | <b>Stowe Elementary School</b>   | <b>K - 5</b> | <b>275</b>     | <b>20.25</b>                             | <b>1.00</b>       | <b>13.58</b>      | <b>275.00</b>       | <b>20.25</b> |
|                                    | Bristol Elementary School        | K - 6        | 280            | 26.70                                    | 1.00              | 10.49             | 280.00              | 26.70        |
|                                    | Union Street School              | 3 - 5        | 281            | 26.50                                    | 1.00              | 10.60             | 281.00              | 26.50        |
| <- Larger                          | Richmond Elementary School       | PK - 4       | 290            | 19.20                                    | 1.00              | 15.10             | 290.00              | 19.20        |
| <b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b> |                                  |              | <b>247.05</b>  | <b>21.28</b>                             | <b>1.08</b>       | <b>11.61</b>      | <b>229.68</b>       | <b>19.79</b> |

School District: Stowe  
LEA ID: T198

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**FY2011 School District Data**

Cohort Description: K - 12 school district  
(33 school districts in cohort)

Grades offered in School District

Student FTE enrolled in school district

Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs

Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)  
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| School district data (local, union, or joint district) |              | Grades offered in School District | Student FTE enrolled in school district | Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs | Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Smaller ->                                             | Windsor      | K-12                              | 534.84                                  | \$13,151                                                               |                                   |
|                                                        | Enosburgh    | K-12                              | 648.68                                  | \$10,855                                                               |                                   |
|                                                        | Northfield   | PK-12                             | 657.51                                  | \$11,576                                                               |                                   |
|                                                        | <b>Stowe</b> | <b>K-12</b>                       | <b>686.14</b>                           | <b>\$11,500</b>                                                        |                                   |
|                                                        | Winooski ID  | PK-12                             | 608.71                                  | \$12,158                                                               |                                   |
|                                                        | Fairfax      | PK-12                             | 855.13                                  | \$9,936                                                                |                                   |
| <- Larger                                              | Montpelier   | K-12                              | 898.00                                  | \$13,144                                                               |                                   |
| <b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>            |              |                                   | <b>797.21</b>                           | <b>\$12,511</b>                                                        |                                   |

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

**FY2013 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 Equalized Pupils | SchIDist Education Spending per Equalized Pupil | SchIDist Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate | MUN Homestead Ed tax rate                                                    | MUN Common Level of Appraisal | MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate |        |
| Smaller -> | T068            | Enosburgh                         | K-12                      | 523.57                                          | 11,076.68                                | 1.1301                                                                       | 1.1301                        | 105.51%                          | 1.0711 |
|            | T243            | Williamstown                      | PK-12                     | 530.74                                          | 12,614.38                                | 1.2870                                                                       | 1.2870                        | 89.18%                           | 1.4431 |
|            | T142            | Northfield                        | PK-12                     | 639.05                                          | 12,607.73                                | 1.2864                                                                       | 1.2864                        | 85.21%                           | 1.5097 |
|            | T199            | Stowe                             | K-12                      | 659.10                                          | 13,413.10                                | 1.3685                                                                       | 1.3685                        | 95.83%                           | 1.4280 |
|            | T071            | Fairfax                           | PK-12                     | 757.80                                          | 11,232.99                                | 1.1461                                                                       | 1.1461                        | 93.36%                           | 1.2276 |
|            | T132            | Morrisville                       | K-12                      | 817.10                                          | 11,257.16                                | 1.1486                                                                       | 1.1486                        | 97.14%                           | 1.1824 |
| <- Larger  | T249            | Winooski ID                       | PK-12                     | 938.70                                          | 11,572.61                                | 1.1807                                                                       | 1.1807                        | 98.91%                           | 1.1937 |

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**Comparative Data for Cost-Effectiveness**  
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S.U.: Lamoille South S.U.

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**FY2012 School Level Data**

Cohort Description: Junior/Senior high school  
(22 schools in cohort)

Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest)  
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| School level data                        | Grades Offered | Enrollment    | Total Teachers | Cohort Rank by Enrollment (1 is largest) |                  |                   |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                                          |                |               |                | Total Administrators                     | Stu / Tchr Ratio | Stu / Admin Ratio |
| Green Mountain UHSD #35                  | 7 - 12         | 353           | 28.76          | 2.00                                     | 12.27            | 176.50            |
| Hazen UHSD #26 (School)                  | 7 - 12         | 369           | 35.10          | 2.00                                     | 10.34            | 181.50            |
| Leland and Gray UHSD #34                 | 7 - 12         | 373           | 32.42          | 1.00                                     | 11.51            | 373.00            |
| <b>Stowe Middle/High School</b>          | <b>6 - 12</b>  | <b>417</b>    | <b>34.15</b>   | <b>2.00</b>                              | <b>12.21</b>     | <b>208.50</b>     |
| Oxbow UHSD #30                           | 7 - 12         | 424           | 34.00          | 2.00                                     | 12.47            | 212.00            |
| Enosburg Falls Junior/Senior High School | 6 - 12         | 431           | 42.24          | 3.00                                     | 10.20            | 143.67            |
| Randolph UHSD #2                         | 7 - 12         | 453           | 40.75          | 2.00                                     | 11.12            | 226.50            |
| <b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>       |                | <b>410.64</b> | <b>38.45</b>   | <b>2.06</b>                              | <b>10.68</b>     | <b>198.99</b>     |

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**FY2011 School District Data**

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(33 school districts in cohort)

| School district data (local, union, or joint district) | Grades offered in School District | Student FTE enrolled in school district | Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs | Cohort Rank by FTE (1 is largest)<br>12 out of 33 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Windsor                                                | K-12                              | 534.84                                  | \$13,151                                                               |                                                   |
| Enosburgh                                              | K-12                              | 648.66                                  | \$10,895                                                               |                                                   |
| Northfield                                             | PK-12                             | 657.51                                  | \$11,576                                                               |                                                   |
| <b>Stowe</b>                                           | <b>K-12</b>                       | <b>686.14</b>                           | <b>\$11,500</b>                                                        |                                                   |
| Winooski ID                                            | PK-12                             | 806.71                                  | \$12,158                                                               |                                                   |
| Fairfax                                                | PK-12                             | 855.13                                  | \$9,936                                                                |                                                   |
| Montpelier                                             | K-12                              | 888.00                                  | \$13,144                                                               |                                                   |
| <b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>            |                                   | <b>797.21</b>                           | <b>\$12,511</b>                                                        |                                                   |

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| T198   | Stowe           | K-12                              | 659.10                    | 13,413.10                                       | 1.3685                                   | 1.3685                                                                       | 95.83%                        | 1.4280                           |
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| T249   | Winooski ID     | PK-12                             | 938.70                    | 11,572.61                                       | 1.1607                                   | 1.1607                                                                       | 98.91%                        | 1.1937                           |

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### Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board  
Stowe School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. We have also audited the financial statements of each of the School District's nonmajor governmental and fiduciary funds presented as supplementary information in the accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Stowe School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each nonmajor

governmental and fiduciary fund of Stowe School District, as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2012 on our consideration of Stowe School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 5 and 37 through 49 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

***Angolano & Company***

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December 18, 2012

## STOWE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, STOWE, VT

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For Year Ended June 30, 2012

As management of Stowe Town School District, we offer readers of the Stowe Town School District's financial statement this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Stowe Town School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. The Stowe Town School District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments (Statement 34) for the first time in fiscal year 2004.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's spending was \$799,054 under the general fund budget.
- Regular Education expenses were \$389,078 less than anticipated. This is the result of less than budgeted employee salary and benefit costs, instructional materials costs and transportation costs.
- Special Education expenses were \$375,363 less than anticipated due to changes in the Individual Education Plans of the students being served.
- Vocational Education expenses were \$6,061 less than anticipated.
- Co-curricular Activities costs were \$28,552 more than anticipated.
- The District received \$59,540 more than anticipated in revenues. This was mainly due to higher than anticipated investment earnings and tuition received.
- The fund balance at June 30, 2012 was \$1,974,418 compared to \$1,515,018 at June 30, 2011. The fund balance has been placed in a reserve fund by the action of the voters of the Stowe School District of which \$430,000 was authorized by the voters to be used to reduce taxes in the 2012-2013 fiscal year and \$490,000 was committed for a roof replacement project at the elementary school. The remaining \$1,054,418 will be available to reduce taxes or to defer expenses in future budgets.

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Stowe Town School District's basic financial statements. The Stowe Town School District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide financial statements** – The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Stowe Town School District's finances, in a manner similar to a private sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Stowe Town School District's net assets changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported when the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Stowe Town School District that are principally supported by taxes and inter governmental revenues (governmental activities) from functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the Stowe Town School District includes general education and administration. The business-type activities of the Stowe Town School District include the Food Service Program. The Combined Balance Sheet for all fund types can be found on page 6 of this report.

## STOWE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, STOWE, VT

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For Year Ended June 30, 2012

**Fund financial statements** – A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Stowe Town School District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Stowe Town School District can be divided into two categories – governmental funds and proprietary funds.

**Governmental Funds** – Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on current sources and uses spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental fund statements of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provides a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Stowe Town School District maintains 1 governmental fund, the General Fund. The basic governmental funds financial statement can be found on pages 37-49. Individual fund data for the Proprietary and Fiduciary funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in this report.

**Propriety Funds** – The Stowe Town School District maintains two types of propriety funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Stowe Town School District uses an enterprise fund to account for its Food Service Program operation.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Student Activities fund since it is considered to be a major fund of the Stowe Town School District. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on page 12-13 of this report.

### **Fiduciary Funds**

**Notes to the Financial Statements** – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 15-36.

### **Other Information**

Stowe Town School District's Statement of Net Assets can be found on page 6 of the audit.

As of June 30, 2012, the Stowe Town School District is able to report positive balances in both categories of net assets, both for the government-wide as a whole and business-type activities.



## STOWE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, STOWE, VT

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For Year Ended June 30, 2012

### Analysis of the Stowe Town School District's Operations –

**Governmental Activities:** Governmental activities increased net assets by \$826,129 from \$5,277,063 at June 30, 2011 to \$6,103,192 at June 30, 2012. (see page 7)

**Business-type Activities:** Business-type activities decreased net assets by \$250 from \$79,977 at June 30, 2011 to \$79,727 at June 30, 2012. (see page 7)

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

**Governmental funds** – The focus of the Stowe Town School District's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Stowe Town School District's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Stowe Town School District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,008,305. \$1,054,418 of this total amount constitutes reserved but uncommitted funds. The remainder of the fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed to offset taxes in FY2013, to the capital project fund or to be used for restricted and unrestricted grant activities.

**Proprietary funds** – The Stowe Town School District's proprietary fund statements provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the proprietary fund are Food Program \$79,727.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights** - The Stowe Town School District was within its approved spending amount for the year. All major object areas have been reviewed and variances are within acceptable ranges.

### CAPITAL ASSETS

The Stowe Town School District's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type as of June 30, 2012 amounts to \$6,430,332 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, building, equipment, improvements and infrastructure.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- None.

### DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Stowe Town School District had a total bonded debt of \$2,320,000 compared to \$2,513,250 at June 30, 2011. 100% of this amount comprises bonded debt backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

During the fiscal year, the Stowe Town School District's total debt decreased by \$220,000 due to scheduled repayment of principal.

**STOWE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, STOWE, VT**

Management's Discussion and Analysis  
For Year Ended June 30, 2012

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

The financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Stowe Town School District's finances. If you have questions about this report or need any additional information, contact the Stowe Town School District, c/o Lamoille South Supervisory Union, 46 Copley Avenue, Morrisville, VT 05661, or call (802) 888-4541.

Stowe School District  
Statement of Net Assets  
Government-Wide  
June 30, 2012

## EXHIBIT I

|                                                   | Governmental<br>Activities | Business-Type<br>Activities | Total               |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                                    |                            |                             |                     |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents                         | \$ 2,666,084               | \$ 72,988                   | \$ 2,739,072        |
| Accounts Receivable - State                       | 245,196                    | 11,047                      | 256,243             |
| Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union           | 104,870                    |                             | 104,870             |
| Accounts Receivable - Other                       | 16,373                     |                             | 16,373              |
| Inventory                                         |                            | 9,743                       | 9,743               |
| Prepaid Expenses                                  | 63,546                     |                             | 63,546              |
| Capital Assets, net (Note 5)                      | <u>6,429,393</u>           | <u>939</u>                  | <u>6,430,332</u>    |
| Total Assets                                      | <u>9,525,462</u>           | <u>94,717</u>               | <u>9,620,179</u>    |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>                               |                            |                             |                     |
| Accounts Payable - State                          | 80,559                     |                             | 80,559              |
| Accounts Payable - Supervisory Union              | 8,462                      |                             | 8,462               |
| Accounts Payable - Other LEAs                     | 4,134                      |                             | 4,134               |
| Accounts Payable - Other                          | 267,801                    | 9,575                       | 277,376             |
| Accrued Expenses                                  | 523,808                    |                             | 523,808             |
| Deferred Revenue                                  |                            | 5,415                       | 5,415               |
| Capital Leases Payable (Note 10)                  | 100,506                    |                             | 100,506             |
| Retirement Incentives Payable (Note 7)            | 134,000                    |                             | 134,000             |
| Notes Payable                                     | 203,000                    |                             | 203,000             |
| Long-Term Liabilities (Note 9):                   |                            |                             |                     |
| Due Within One Year                               | 120,000                    |                             | 120,000             |
| Due in More Than One Year                         | <u>1,980,000</u>           | <u>-</u>                    | <u>1,980,000</u>    |
| Total Liabilities                                 | <u>3,422,270</u>           | <u>14,990</u>               | <u>3,437,260</u>    |
| <b>NET ASSETS:</b>                                |                            |                             |                     |
| Investment in Capital Assets, net of related debt | 4,228,887                  | 939                         | 4,229,826           |
| Restricted for Capital Projects                   | 33,887                     |                             | 33,887              |
| Restricted for Other Purposes                     | 1,974,418                  |                             | 1,974,418           |
| Unrestricted                                      | <u>(134,000)</u>           | <u>78,788</u>               | <u>(55,212)</u>     |
| Total Net Assets                                  | <u>\$ 6,103,192</u>        | <u>\$ 79,727</u>            | <u>\$ 6,182,919</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

EXHIBIT II

Stowe School District  
Statement of Activities  
Government-Wide  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

|                                                      | Program Revenues        |                     | Net (Expense) Revenue<br>and Changes in Net Assets |                             |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                                      | Charges for<br>Services | Operating<br>Grants | Governmental<br>Activities                         | Business-Type<br>Activities |
| Expenses                                             |                         |                     |                                                    | Total                       |
| Instructional:                                       |                         |                     |                                                    |                             |
| Direct Services                                      | \$ 6,035,790            | \$ 1,930            | \$ (6,033,860)                                     | \$ (6,033,860)              |
| Support Services:                                    |                         |                     |                                                    |                             |
| Student Services                                     | 675,966                 | 43,790              | (632,176)                                          | (632,176)                   |
| Instructional Services                               | 226,621                 |                     | (226,621)                                          | (226,621)                   |
| General Administrative Services                      | 118,110                 |                     | (118,110)                                          | (118,110)                   |
| Area Administrative Services                         | 719,255                 | 21,825              | (697,430)                                          | (697,430)                   |
| Fiscal Services                                      | 166,546                 |                     | (166,546)                                          | (166,546)                   |
| Building Operations and Maintenance                  | 693,696                 |                     | (693,696)                                          | (693,696)                   |
| Transportation                                       | 302,458                 | 121,051             | (181,407)                                          | (181,407)                   |
| Other Support Services                               | 82,986                  |                     | (82,986)                                           | (82,986)                    |
| Operation of Noninstructional Services:              |                         |                     |                                                    |                             |
| Food Services                                        | 305,750                 | \$ 305,500          | -                                                  | \$ (250)                    |
| Total                                                | \$ 9,327,178            | \$ 305,500          | \$ (8,832,832)                                     | \$ (8,833,082)              |
| General Revenues:                                    |                         |                     |                                                    |                             |
| Tuition                                              |                         |                     | 276,704                                            | 276,704                     |
| State Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs   |                         |                     | 9,211,610                                          | 9,211,610                   |
| Federal Revenues not Restricted to Specific Programs |                         |                     | 39,354                                             | 39,354                      |
| Investment Earnings                                  |                         |                     | 62,602                                             | 62,602                      |
| Rentals                                              |                         |                     | 4,068                                              | 4,068                       |
| Refunds and Reimbursements                           |                         |                     | 56,402                                             | 56,402                      |
| Miscellaneous                                        |                         |                     | 8,221                                              | 8,221                       |
| Total General Revenues                               |                         |                     | 9,658,961                                          | 9,658,961                   |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses        |                         |                     | 826,129                                            | 825,879                     |
| Net Assets - Beginning                               |                         |                     | 5,277,063                                          | 79,977                      |
| Net Assets - Ending                                  |                         |                     | \$ 6,103,192                                       | \$ 79,727                   |
|                                                      |                         |                     | \$ 6,182,919                                       | \$ 6,182,919                |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
 Combined Balance Sheet  
 All Fund Types - Fund Base  
 June 30, 2012

EXHIBIT III

|                                            | Governmental Fund Type |                      |                      | Proprietary Fund Type | Fiduciary Fund Types |                       | Totals<br>(Memorandum Only) |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                            | General Fund           | Special Revenue Fund | Capital Project Fund | Enterprise Fund       | Agency Funds         | Private Purpose Trust |                             |
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                             |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       |                             |
| <b>Current Assets:</b>                     |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       |                             |
| Cash                                       | \$ 2,574,267           |                      | \$ 91,817            | \$ 72,988             | \$ 139,031           | \$ 21,618             | \$ 2,899,721                |
| Investments                                |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      | 2,475,708             | 2,475,708                   |
| Due From Other Funds                       | 39,896                 |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       | 39,896                      |
| Accounts Receivable - Federal              |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      | 8,470                 | 8,470                       |
| Accounts Receivable - State                | 730                    |                      | 244,466              | 11,047                |                      |                       | 256,243                     |
| Accounts Receivable - Supervisory Union    | 54,895                 | \$ 49,975            |                      |                       |                      |                       | 104,870                     |
| Accounts Receivable - Other                | 16,373                 |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       | 16,373                      |
| Inventory                                  |                        |                      |                      | 9,743                 |                      |                       | 9,743                       |
| Prepaid Expenses                           | 63,546                 | -                    | -                    | -                     | -                    | -                     | 63,546                      |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                | <b>2,749,707</b>       | <b>49,975</b>        | <b>336,283</b>       | <b>93,778</b>         | <b>139,031</b>       | <b>2,505,796</b>      | <b>5,875,509</b>            |
| <b>Other Assets:</b>                       |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       |                             |
| Fixed Assets - net                         | -                      | -                    | -                    | 939                   | -                    | -                     | 939                         |
| <b>Total Other Assets</b>                  | <b>-</b>               | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>             | <b>939</b>            | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>              | <b>939</b>                  |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                        | <b>\$ 2,749,707</b>    | <b>\$ 49,975</b>     | <b>\$ 336,283</b>    | <b>\$ 94,717</b>      | <b>\$ 139,031</b>    | <b>\$ 2,505,796</b>   | <b>\$ 5,875,509</b>         |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:</b>      |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       |                             |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                        |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       |                             |
| Due To Other Funds                         |                        | \$ 39,896            |                      |                       |                      |                       | \$ 39,896                   |
| Accounts Payable - State                   | \$ 80,559              |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       | 80,559                      |
| Accounts Payable - Supervisory Union       | 1,558                  | 6,904                |                      |                       |                      |                       | 8,462                       |
| Accounts Payable - Other LEAs              | 4,134                  |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       | 4,134                       |
| Accounts Payable - Other                   | 166,804                | 1,601                | \$ 99,396            | \$ 9,575              |                      | \$ 78                 | 277,454                     |
| Scholarships Payable                       |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      | 372,000               | 372,000                     |
| Accrued Expenses                           | 522,234                | 1,574                |                      |                       |                      |                       | 523,808                     |
| Unearned Revenue                           |                        |                      |                      | 5,415                 |                      |                       | 5,415                       |
| Amount Held for Agency Funds               |                        |                      |                      |                       | \$ 139,031           |                       | 139,031                     |
| Note Payable                               | -                      | -                    | 203,000              | -                     | -                    | -                     | 203,000                     |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                   | <b>775,289</b>         | <b>49,975</b>        | <b>302,396</b>       | <b>14,990</b>         | <b>139,031</b>       | <b>372,078</b>        | <b>1,653,759</b>            |
| <b>Fund Equity:</b>                        |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       |                             |
| <b>Fund Balances:</b>                      |                        |                      |                      |                       |                      |                       |                             |
| Restricted                                 | 1,054,418              |                      |                      |                       |                      | 2,133,718             | 3,188,136                   |
| Committed                                  | 920,000                |                      | 33,887               |                       |                      |                       | 953,887                     |
| Retained Earnings - Undesignated           | -                      | -                    | -                    | 79,727                | -                    | -                     | 79,727                      |
| <b>Total Fund Equities</b>                 | <b>1,974,418</b>       | <b>-</b>             | <b>33,887</b>        | <b>79,727</b>         | <b>-</b>             | <b>2,133,718</b>      | <b>4,221,750</b>            |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES</b> | <b>\$ 2,749,707</b>    | <b>\$ 49,975</b>     | <b>\$ 336,283</b>    | <b>\$ 94,717</b>      | <b>\$ 139,031</b>    | <b>\$ 2,505,796</b>   | <b>\$ 5,875,509</b>         |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets  
 Governmental Funds  
 June 30, 2012

|                                                                                                                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Fund Balances – total governmental funds                                                                                             | \$ 2,008,305        |
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:                                   |                     |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds: |                     |
| Governmental capital assets                                                                                                          | 11,925,929          |
| Less accumulated depreciation                                                                                                        | (5,496,534)         |
| Bonds payable and contractual obligations have not been included in the governmental fund financial statements.                      |                     |
| Bonds Payable                                                                                                                        | (2,100,000)         |
| Capital Lease Obligations                                                                                                            | (100,506)           |
| Accrued liabilities have not been reflected in the governmental fund financial statements:                                           |                     |
| Retirement Incentive Payable                                                                                                         | <u>(134,000)</u>    |
| Net Assets of Governmental Activities                                                                                                | <u>\$ 6,103,194</u> |

Stowe School District  
 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
 Changes in Fund Balances  
 All Governmental Fund Types - Fund Base  
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

EXHIBIT IV

|                                                                                              | General<br>Fund     | Special<br>Revenue<br>Fund | Capital<br>Project<br>Fund | Debt<br>Service<br>Fund | Totals<br>(Memorandum<br>Only) |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES:</b>                                                                             |                     |                            |                            |                         |                                |
| Tuition                                                                                      | \$ 276,704          |                            |                            |                         | \$ 276,704                     |
| Investment Income                                                                            | 61,475              |                            | \$ 1,127                   |                         | 62,602                         |
| Rentals                                                                                      | 4,068               |                            |                            |                         | 4,068                          |
| Services to Other LEAs                                                                       | 31,151              |                            |                            |                         | 31,151                         |
| Refunds and Reimbursements                                                                   | 25,251              |                            |                            |                         | 25,251                         |
| Miscellaneous                                                                                | 8,221               |                            |                            |                         | 8,221                          |
| Private/Local                                                                                |                     | \$ 55,845                  |                            |                         | 55,845                         |
| State                                                                                        | 9,334,591           |                            |                            |                         | 9,334,591                      |
| Federal                                                                                      | 39,354              | 9,770                      | -                          | -                       | 49,124                         |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                                                                        | <b>9,780,815</b>    | <b>65,615</b>              | <b>1,127</b>               | <b>\$ -</b>             | <b>9,847,557</b>               |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                                                                         |                     |                            |                            |                         |                                |
| Direct Services                                                                              | 5,869,855           |                            |                            |                         | 5,869,855                      |
| Support Services:                                                                            |                     |                            |                            |                         |                                |
| Students                                                                                     | 629,956             | 43,790                     |                            |                         | 673,746                        |
| Instructional Staff                                                                          | 214,930             |                            |                            |                         | 214,930                        |
| General Administration                                                                       | 118,110             |                            |                            |                         | 118,110                        |
| Area Administration                                                                          | 694,327             | 21,825                     |                            |                         | 716,152                        |
| Fiscal Services                                                                              | 166,546             |                            |                            |                         | 166,546                        |
| Operation and Maintenance of Building                                                        | 928,428             |                            | 119,343                    |                         | 1,047,771                      |
| Transportation                                                                               | 302,458             |                            |                            |                         | 302,458                        |
| Information Services                                                                         | 66,612              |                            |                            |                         | 66,612                         |
| Debt Service:                                                                                |                     |                            |                            |                         |                                |
| Interest Charges                                                                             |                     |                            |                            | 93,819                  | 93,819                         |
| Principal Retirement                                                                         |                     |                            |                            | 220,000                 | 220,000                        |
| Other Outlays                                                                                | 16,374              | -                          | -                          | -                       | 16,374                         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>                                                                    | <b>9,007,596</b>    | <b>65,615</b>              | <b>119,343</b>             | <b>313,819</b>          | <b>9,506,373</b>               |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER<br/>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>                                      | <b>773,219</b>      | <b>-</b>                   | <b>(118,216)</b>           | <b>(313,819)</b>        | <b>341,184</b>                 |
| <b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):</b>                                                       |                     |                            |                            |                         |                                |
| Transfers In                                                                                 |                     |                            |                            | 313,819                 | 313,819                        |
| Transfers Out                                                                                | (313,819)           | -                          | -                          | -                       | (313,819)                      |
| <b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER<br/>SOURCES OVER (UNDER)<br/>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b> | <b>459,400</b>      | <b>-</b>                   | <b>(118,216)</b>           | <b>-</b>                | <b>341,184</b>                 |
| <b>FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2011</b>                                                            | <b>1,515,018</b>    | <b>-</b>                   | <b>152,103</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>1,667,121</b>               |
| <b>FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2012</b>                                                           | <b>\$ 1,974,418</b> | <b>\$ -</b>                | <b>\$ 33,887</b>           | <b>\$ -</b>             | <b>\$ 2,008,305</b>            |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of  
 Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Net Changes in fund Balances – total governmental funds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$ 341,184        |
| Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                   |
| Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives:                                                                                                                                     |                   |
| Expenditures for capital assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 372,442           |
| Less current year depreciation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | (263,925)         |
| Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of Net Assets. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. |                   |
| Repayment of bonds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 220,000           |
| Repayment of capital lease obligations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 69,480            |
| Current year payments on liabilities for the voluntary exit program (early retirement, etc.) are reported as expenditures in Governmental fund financial statements and as a reduction in debt in the government-wide financial statements.                                                                        |                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <u>86,950</u>     |
| Change in Net Assets of Governmental Funds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <u>\$ 826,131</u> |



Stowe School District  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Retained Earnings  
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund  
Food Program  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

## EXHIBIT V

|                                  |            |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Operating Revenues:              |            |                  |
| Sales                            | \$ 232,487 |                  |
| Total Operating Revenues         |            | \$ 232,487       |
| Operating Expenses:              |            |                  |
| Salaries and Benefits            | 123,101    |                  |
| Professional Services            | 130        |                  |
| Property Services                | 5,736      |                  |
| Food and Supplies                | 170,860    |                  |
| Equipment                        | 1,275      |                  |
| Other                            | 4,026      |                  |
| Depreciation                     | 622        |                  |
| Total Operating Expenses         |            | <u>305,750</u>   |
| Operating Income (Loss)          |            | (73,263)         |
| Non-Operating Revenue:           |            |                  |
| Investment Income                | 249        |                  |
| State Sources:                   |            |                  |
| Lunch Match                      | 1,927      |                  |
| Child Nutrition Breakfast        | 871        |                  |
| Child Nutrition Other            | 545        |                  |
| Federal Sources:                 |            |                  |
| Restricted Grants:               |            |                  |
| School Breakfast Program         | 20,990     |                  |
| School Lunch Program             | 48,431     |                  |
| Commodities                      | -          |                  |
| Total Non-Operating Revenue      |            | <u>73,013</u>    |
| Net Income (Loss)                |            | (250)            |
| Retained Earnings, July 1, 2011  |            | <u>79,977</u>    |
| Retained Earnings, June 30, 2012 |            | <u>\$ 79,727</u> |

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Stowe School District  
Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund  
Food Program  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

EXHIBIT VI

|                                                                                         |                  |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Cash Flows From Operating Activities:                                                   |                  |                    |
| Received From Customers                                                                 | \$ 232,785       |                    |
| Payments To Employees and Fringe Benefits                                               | (123,101)        |                    |
| Payments To Vendors and Supplies                                                        | <u>(192,522)</u> |                    |
| Net Cash Used By Operating Activities                                                   |                  | \$ (82,838)        |
| Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:                                        |                  |                    |
| State Aid Received                                                                      |                  | 72,735             |
| Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:                               |                  |                    |
| None                                                                                    |                  | -                  |
| Cash Flows From Investing Activities:                                                   |                  |                    |
| Investment Income                                                                       |                  | <u>249</u>         |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash                                                         |                  | (9,854)            |
| Cash, July 1, 2011                                                                      |                  | <u>82,842</u>      |
| Cash, June 30, 2012                                                                     |                  | <u>\$ 72,988</u>   |
| Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash<br>Used By Operating Activities:  |                  |                    |
| Cash Provided From Operating Activities:                                                |                  |                    |
| Operating Income (Loss)                                                                 |                  | \$ (73,263)        |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Cash<br>Provided (Used) By Operating Activities: |                  |                    |
| Depreciation                                                                            | \$ 622           |                    |
| (Increase) Decrease in Inventory                                                        | (9,743)          |                    |
| Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable - Other                                         | (752)            |                    |
| Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue                                                 | <u>298</u>       |                    |
| Total Adjustments                                                                       |                  | <u>(9,575)</u>     |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) By Operating Activities                                        |                  | <u>\$ (82,838)</u> |

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Stowe School District  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances  
Fiduciary Fund Type - Private Purpose Trusts  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

EXHIBIT VII

|                                                     | CV Starr<br>Scholarship<br>Fund | Charitable<br>Fund   | Totals                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| REVENUES:                                           |                                 |                      |                         |
| Investment Income                                   | \$ 85,704                       | \$ 64                | \$ 85,768               |
| Donations                                           |                                 | 612                  | 612                     |
| Prior Year Refunds                                  | 618                             |                      | 618                     |
| Realized Gain (Loss)                                | 7,039                           |                      | 7,039                   |
| Unrealized Gain (Loss)                              | <u>(19,099)</u>                 | <u>-</u>             | <u>(19,099)</u>         |
| <br>TOTAL REVENUES                                  | <br><u>74,262</u>               | <br><u>676</u>       | <br><u>74,938</u>       |
| EXPENDITURES:                                       |                                 |                      |                         |
| Scholarships/Gifts                                  | 132,000                         | 2,504                | 134,504                 |
| Fees/Interest                                       | <u>7,363</u>                    | <u>-</u>             | <u>7,363</u>            |
| <br>TOTAL EXPENDITURES                              | <br><u>139,363</u>              | <br><u>2,504</u>     | <br><u>141,867</u>      |
| <br>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER<br>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES | <br>(65,101)                    | <br>(1,828)          | <br>(66,929)            |
| <br>FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2011                     | <br><u>2,177,201</u>            | <br><u>23,446</u>    | <br><u>2,200,647</u>    |
| <br>FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2012                    | <br><u>\$ 2,112,100</u>         | <br><u>\$ 21,618</u> | <br><u>\$ 2,133,718</u> |

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Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Stowe School District ("School District") is organized as a public educational district under the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Vermont. It is governed by a Board of School Directors elected by registered voters of the District to provide public education to the residents of the Town. Except where noted, the accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental units.

The School District prepares its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other authoritative sources identified in the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 69 of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and it complies with the requirements of the appropriated version of the Vermont Department of Education's Handbook for Financial Accounting of Vermont School Systems (The Handbook).

**Reporting Entity:**

The schoolboard is elected by the public and it has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations. It also has the primary accountability for fiscal matters. Therefore, School District is a financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") in its Statement No. 14. There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

**Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements:**

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities are government-wide financial statements. They report information on all of the Stowe School District's non-fiduciary activities with most of the Interfund activities removed. *Governmental Activities* include programs supported primarily by Taxes (collected by the Town on behalf of the State), State funds, grants and other intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates how other people or entities that participate in programs the School District operates have shared in the payment of the direct costs. The "charges for Services" column includes payments made by parties that purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function or segment of the School District. The "grants and contributions" column includes amounts paid by organizations outside the School District to help meet the operational or capital requirements of a given function. If a revenue is not a program revenue, it is a general revenue used to support all of the School District's functions. Taxes are always general revenues.

Interfund activities between governmental funds and proprietary funds appear as due to/due from on the governmental fund balance sheet and proprietary fund statement of net assets and as

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

other resources and other uses on the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance and on the proprietary fund statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets. All Interfund transactions between governmental funds and internal service funds are eliminated on the government-wide statements. Interfund activities between governmental funds and fiduciary funds remain as due to/due from on the government-wide statement of activities.

The fund financial statements provide reports on the financial condition and results of operations for three fund categories – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Since the resources in the fiduciary funds cannot be used for School District operations, they are not included in the government-wide statements. The School District considers some governmental funds major and reports their financial condition and results of operations in a separate column. The major funds are:

Governmental Fund Types:

- General Fund – The general fund is the School District’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Special Revenue Funds – The School District accounts for resources restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by the School District or a grantor in a special revenue fund. Most federal and some State financial assistance is accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund and sometimes unused balances must be returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods.
- Capital Project Fund – The proceeds from long-term debt financing and revenues and expenditures related to authorized construction and other capital asset acquisitions are accounted for in a capital projects fund.
- Debt Service Fund – The School District accounts for resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds in a debt service fund.

Proprietary Fund Types:

Proprietary Fund – The Proprietary Funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues result from providing goods and services in connection with a proprietary fund’s principal ongoing operations; they usually come from exchange or exchange-like transactions. All other revenues are nonoperating. Operating expenses can be tied specifically to the production of the goods and services, such as materials and labor and direct overhead. Other expenses are nonoperating.

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Fiduciary Funds, (Private Purpose Trust and Agency Funds):

Fiduciary Funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other funds and/or governmental units.

- Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurements of results of operations.
- Private Purpose Trust Funds account for assets where both principal and interest may be expended. These are accounted for in essentially the same manner as Governmental Fund Types, using the same measurement focus and basis of accounting.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation:

The government-wide financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as do the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental funds financial statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current liabilities and fund balances are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present net increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses).

The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they become available and measurable and it recognizes expenditures in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest and principal on long-term debt, which is recognized when due. The expenditures related to certain compensated absences and claims and judgments are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The School District considers all revenues available if they are collectible within 60 days after year end

Revenues received from the State are recognized under the susceptible-to-accrual concept. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are both measurable and available.

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. Accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as deferred revenues until related and authorized expenditures have been made. If balances have not been expended by the end of the project period, grantors sometimes require the School District to refund all or part of the unused amount.

The Proprietary Fund Types and Fiduciary Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and utilize the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable and expenses in the accounting period in which they are incurred and become measurable. The School District applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the fund Statement of Net Assets. The fund equity is segregated into invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted net assets, and unrestricted net assets.

Other Accounting Policies:

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of the statement of cash flows for proprietary and similar fund-types, the School District considers highly liquid investments to be cash equivalents if they have a maturity of six months or less when purchased.

Interfund Receivables and Payables:

Activities between funds that are representative of lending or borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds". All other outstanding balances between funds are also reported as "due to/from other funds".

Investments:

Investments are reported at fair value unless a legal contract exists which guarantees a higher value.

Accounts Receivable:

The accounts receivable balances at year end are from governmental entities, except in the proprietary funds which may have some receivables from individuals, and no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Inventory:**

Inventories consist of expendable items held for consumption. They are valued at cost on a first-in, first-out basis. In the governmental funds, the cost of inventories is recorded as an expenditure when individual items are purchased. Reported inventories are equally offset by a fund balance reserve to indicate that they do not constitute "available spendable resources" even though they are a component of net current assets.

**Prepaid Items:**

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future periods. In the fund based financial statements, the cost of prepaid items is recorded as an expenditure when the payments are made. In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary funds, these items are recorded as prepaid items.

**Capital Assets:**

Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the governmental wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Land Improvements, buildings, furniture and equipments of the School District are depreciated using the straight line method over the estimated useful lives with a full year of depreciation taken in the year acquired and none taken in the year of disposal.

**Long-term Debt:**

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

**Budgets:**

The School District is required by state law to adopt a budget for the General Fund. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The operating budget is prepared by the School District's administration with direction from the School Board and assistance from the Superintendent and Business Manager of the Lamoille South Supervisory Union and approved by the Stowe School District School Board at a properly warned meeting for presentation to the



Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

voters. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures by line item and the means of financing them. The budget is approved by School District Voters at a properly warned annual meeting. The voters vote on the total expense amount and not on the individual line items presented in these financial statements.

Encumbrances:

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund. Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, should not be recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The School District has elected to treat its encumbrances as liabilities for budgetary control purposes.

Net Assets and Fund Balance:

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

When the School District incurs an expense for which it may use either restricted or unrestricted net assets, it uses restricted net assets first unless unrestricted net assets will have to be returned because they were not used. Net assets on the Statement of Net Assets include the following:

Investment in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt – The component of net assets reports the difference between capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt, excluding unspent proceeds, that is directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of these capital assets.

Restricted for Other Purposes – The component of net assets that reports the amount of revenue from a federal, state, or other program in excess of expenditures including the permanent fund. These funds are restricted for use of the related federal, state or other program.

Restricted for Capital Projects – The component of net assets that reports the amount of revenue from bond proceeds, grants, and special assessments in excess of expenditures. These funds are restricted for the construction or acquisition of capital assets.

Unrestricted – The difference between the assets and liabilities that is not reported in net Assets Invested in Capital Assets, net of Related Debt, Net Assets Restricted for Other Purposes, or Net Assets Restricted for Capital Projects.

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Fund Based Financial Statements:**

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balances as unassigned, assigned, restricted, or committed fund balance.

**Unassigned Fund Balance** – That portion of the general fund, fund balance that contains all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. It is used in other funds only to report a deficit.

**Assigned Fund Balance** – Includes amounts intended to be used by the government for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed.

**Restricted Fund Balance** – Includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific Purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

**Committed Fund Balance** – Includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority.

**Spendable Fund Balance** – The portion of the permanent fund balance that is available to be spent on the designated purpose of the fund.

**Unspendable Fund Balance** – The portion of the permanent fund balance that has to be maintained, and cannot be spent by the Town.

**Function and Object Codes:**

Function and object codes refer to the account code structure prescribed by the Vermont Department of Education. The Vermont Department of Education requires School District to use these codes in order to insure accuracy in building and maintaining a statewide database for policy development and funding plans.

**Memorandum Only Columns:**

The total columns are captioned "memorandum only" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to make financial analysis easier. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in accordance with GAAP. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

Cash deposits with financial institutions at June 30th amounted to \$2,899,721. As major revenues are received during the year bank deposits may temporarily exceed insured limits.

The cash deposits held at financial institutions and cash on hand can be categorized according to four levels of risk.

These four levels of risk are as follows:

- Category 1 Deposits which are insured or collateralized with securities held by the School District or by its agent in the School District's name. (repurchase agreements)
- Category 2 Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Bank's name.
- Category 3 Private commercial insurance protection or letter of credit for funds in excess of FDIC limits.
- Category 4 Deposits which are not collateralized or insured. (includes cash on hand)

The School District uses collateralization agreements to protect deposits not otherwise insured by the FDIC and/or SIPC.

Balances held in each area are as follows:

|                                | Carrying<br>Amount | Bank<br>Balance    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| - Insured (FDIC) and/or (SIPC) | \$ 316,014         | \$ 500,000         |
| - Category 1                   | 0                  | 0                  |
| - Category 2                   | 2,583,707          | 3,635,858          |
| - Category 3                   | 0                  | 0                  |
| - Category 4                   | <u>70</u>          | <u>0</u>           |
| Total deposits                 | <u>\$2,899,721</u> | <u>\$4,135,858</u> |

The difference between the book balance and bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks. Due to higher cash flows at certain times during the year, the amount of uninsured and not collateralized cash could have been much higher than at year end.

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 2 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

Collateralization agreements of \$3,635,858 are securities held by the bank's trust department or agent in the bank's name. Securities consist of municipal bonds, U.S. Government obligations and U.S. Government Agency Bonds.

**NOTE 3 – INVESTMENTS**

The School District invests its assets in various entities and/or debt instruments as described below. As noted some are insured by the SIPC (Securities Investor Protections Corporation). If the broker-dealer fails, the SIPC provides protection for customer accounts by returning securities registered in the name of the investor, distributing all remaining customer assets on a pro rata basis, and providing SIPC funds for all remaining claims of each customer up to a maximum of \$500,000, including up to \$100,000 on claims for cash.

Investments of the balance sheets of the School District are stated at cost plus applicable accrued interest. Market values include applicable accrued interest.

|                                                                                       | Cost               | Market<br>Value    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Securities held by School District registered to<br>School District uninsured by SIPC | \$ 0               | \$ 0               |
| Insured (SIPC) and registered held by dealer/<br>broker in School District's name     |                    |                    |
| Money Market                                                                          | 69,556             |                    |
| Municipal Bonds                                                                       | 367,345            | 393,964            |
| Corporate Stock                                                                       | 603,313            | 615,338            |
| Corporate Bonds                                                                       | 1,079,133          | 1,125,894          |
| Government Securities                                                                 | 27,505             | 28,616             |
| Mutual Funds                                                                          | 115,932            | 137,460            |
| Certificate of Deposits                                                               | 100,000            | 104,880            |
| Uninsured, registered held by dealer/broker in<br>School District's name              | 0                  | 0                  |
| Insured (SIPC) unregistered held by dealer/broker                                     | 0                  | 0                  |
| Uninsured, unregistered held by dealer/broker                                         | <u>0</u>           | <u>0</u>           |
| TOTAL                                                                                 | <u>\$2,362,784</u> | <u>\$2,475,708</u> |

Stowe School District  
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)  
For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

**NOTE 4 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES**

In compliance with GASB 1300.109 School District does not maintain separate bank accounts for each fund, unless it is required by law, or grant agreement. The composition of amounts due to and from other funds as of June 30, 2012 is as follows:

|                                               |                                                 |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Fund Financial Statements:<br>Receivable Fund | Payable Fund<br>Special Revenue Fund:<br>Grants | Amount          |
| General Fund                                  |                                                 | <u>\$39,896</u> |

**NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital activity for the School District for the year ended June 30, 2012 was as follows:

|                                                   | Primary Government   |                  |             |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
|                                                   | Beginning<br>Balance | Increases        | Decreases   |                     |
| Governmental activities:                          |                      |                  |             |                     |
| Capital assets:                                   |                      |                  |             |                     |
| Land Improvements                                 | \$ 25,552            | \$ 0             | \$ 0        | \$ 25,552           |
| Buildings                                         | 3,174,619            | 0                | 0           | 3,174,619           |
| Building Improvements                             | 7,144,921            | 313,942          | 0           | 7,458,863           |
| Infrastructure                                    | 0                    | 58,500           | 0           | 58,500              |
| Furniture and Equipment                           | <u>1,208,395</u>     | <u>0</u>         | <u>0</u>    | <u>1,208,395</u>    |
| Total other capital assets<br>at historical costs | <u>11,553,487</u>    | <u>372,442</u>   | <u>0</u>    | <u>11,925,929</u>   |
| Less accumulated depreciation:                    |                      |                  |             |                     |
| Land Improvements                                 | 25,552               | 0                | 0           | 25,552              |
| Buildings                                         | 2,661,494            | 51,313           | 0           | 2,712,807           |
| Building Improvements                             | 1,586,479            | 150,748          | 0           | 1,737,227           |
| Infrastructure                                    | 0                    | 2,925            | 0           | 2,925               |
| Furniture and Equipment                           | <u>959,084</u>       | <u>58,941</u>    | <u>0</u>    | <u>1,018,025</u>    |
| Total accum. depr.                                | <u>5,232,609</u>     | <u>263,927</u>   | <u>0</u>    | <u>5,496,536</u>    |
| Governmental activities                           |                      |                  |             |                     |
| Capital Assets, Net                               | <u>\$ 6,320,878</u>  | <u>\$108,515</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 6,429,393</u> |
| Business-type activities:                         |                      |                  |             |                     |
| Furniture and Equipment                           | \$ 57,129            | \$ 0             | \$ 0        | \$ 57,129           |
| Less accum. Depr.                                 | <u>55,568</u>        | <u>622</u>       | <u>0</u>    | <u>56,190</u>       |

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**NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)**

|                          | <u>Primary Government</u> |           |           | Ending<br>Balance |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
|                          | Beginning<br>Balance      | Increases | Decreases |                   |
| Business-type activities |                           |           |           |                   |
| Capital Assets, Net      | \$ 1,561                  | \$ (622)  | \$ 0      | \$ 939            |

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental activities:

|                                                    |                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Direct Services                                    | \$227,446        |
| Support Services:                                  |                  |
| Students                                           | 1,563            |
| Instructional Staff                                | 10,378           |
| General Administration                             | 0                |
| Area Administration                                | 2,446            |
| Fiscal Services                                    | 0                |
| Operation and Maintenance of Plant                 | 22,094           |
| Transportation                                     | 0                |
| Other Support Services                             | 0                |
| Total governmental activities depreciation expense | <u>\$263,927</u> |

**NOTE 6 - SICK LEAVE**

It is the School District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick pay benefits. Such leave benefits do not vest under the School District's policy, accordingly benefits must be used during employment. Since the employees' accumulating rights to receive compensation for future absences are contingent upon the absences being caused by future illnesses and such amounts cannot be reasonably estimated, a liability for unused sick leave is not recorded in the financial statements.

Teaching staff earn 14 sick days per year, and may accumulate a maximum of 130 days. Non-teaching staff earn 12 sick days per year, and may accumulate a maximum of 50 days.

**NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT INCENTIVES**

For those full time teachers who have twenty years of teaching experience, ten of which are in the Stowe School District, may be eligible for a retirement incentive. A teacher who leaves the

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**NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT INCENTIVES (CONTINUED)**

district having met the criteria above, and having notified the Superintendent between February 1 and April 15 of the year in which the teacher elects to resign, shall receive a payment equivalent to 100% of his/her annual teaching salary from the year he elects to resign. The payment will be disbursed in three equal installments on September 5<sup>th</sup> of each year following resignation. In addition, teachers electing early retirement will be allowed to continue membership in the district's group health plan at 80% of the cost of group rate premium for two years. There are currently four teachers, who took this retirement incentive prior to fiscal year 2012, receiving payment from the retirement incentive. No teachers took this incentive in fiscal year 2012.

Not more than 5% of the district teachers will be granted benefits under this program in one year. The Board has the discretion to decrease the number of teachers benefited to maintain the break even point financially. The Board has the discretion to increase the number of teachers benefited if they judge it to be in the best interest of the school district.

The following is a schedule of the minimum liability to the district:

|                                          |                  |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|
| For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 | \$ 86,950        |
| 2014                                     | 47,050           |
| Thereafter                               | <u>0</u>         |
| Total                                    | <u>\$134,000</u> |

Effective September 15, 2011, employees who retire under an early retirement incentive agreement may elect to have their retirement distributions paid by the School District directly into the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System 403(B) Investment Program as a pre-tax salary deferral. The maximum annual contribution amount allowed is the yearly "IRC 415 limit", and will be fully vested. At June 30, 2012 the School District contributed \$31,563 on behalf of two teachers who took the early retirement incentive.

**NOTE 8 – SEVERANCE PAY**

Teachers having taught in the Stowe School district for a minimum of 15 years, but are not eligible for the retirement incentive plan, shall be eligible for severance pay. Any full-time teacher who gives notice by April 15<sup>th</sup> that he or she will not be accepting a contract for the subsequent year will be reimbursed \$100 per year for each year in the district. Payments will be made July 5<sup>th</sup> of the same year. No teachers have elected to be paid under this severance payment agreement resulting in no actual liability to the School District at June 30, 2012.

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**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

The School District issues general obligation bonds and notes to finance the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities, renovations, and equipment purchases. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the issuing entity. These bonds are generally issued as 5 to 20-year serial bonds with equal amounts of principal maturing each year.

The following is a summary of general obligation bonds & notes:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Balance<br>July 1, 2011 | Borrowings | Retirements   | Balance<br>June 30, 2012 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 7.00%, interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$60,000 due on December 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year until 2012, then originally borrowed \$1,250,000 on July 10, 1991, and refinanced. | \$ 60,000               | \$ 0       | \$ 60,000     | \$ 0                     |
| Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 6.11%, interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$40,000 due on December 1 <sup>st</sup> of each year until 2012, originally borrowed \$775,000 on July 29, 1992.                        | 40,000                  | 0          | 40,000        | 0                        |
| Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Bond Payable, interest at 4.34%, interest paid semi-annually, principal of \$30,000 due on November 15 <sup>th</sup> of each year until 2030, originally borrowed \$600,000 in July of 2010.                        | 600,000                 | 0          | 30,000        | 570,000                  |
| Chittenden Bank, bond anticipation note payable, \$90,000 principal due annually on December 1 <sup>st</sup> , interest at 4.22% due semi-annually, originally borrowed \$1,800,000 on July 22, 2008.                                            | <u>1,620,000</u>        | <u>0</u>   | <u>90,000</u> | <u>1,530,000</u>         |



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**NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)**

|                      | Balance<br>July 1, 2011 | Borrowings  | Retirements      | Balance<br>June 30, 2012 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Long-Term Debt | <u>\$2,320,000</u>      | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$220,000</u> | <u>\$2,100,000</u>       |

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

|                                     | Principal          | Interest           | Total              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| During the year ended June 30, 2013 | \$ 120,000         | \$ 83,223          | \$ 203,223         |
| 2014                                | 120,000            | 79,671             | 199,671            |
| 2015                                | 120,000            | 75,890             | 195,890            |
| 2016                                | 120,000            | 71,885             | 191,885            |
| 2017                                | 120,000            | 83,139             | 203,139            |
| Thereafter                          | <u>1,500,000</u>   | <u>703,315</u>     | <u>2,203,315</u>   |
| Totals                              | <u>\$2,100,000</u> | <u>\$1,097,123</u> | <u>\$3,197,123</u> |

**NOTE 10 - CAPITAL LEASES**

On November 6, 2008, the Stowe School District entered into a non-cancellable lease agreement with Deere Credit Inc. for the lease of a JD tractor with snow blower and plow. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease, for accounting purposes and thus, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease in the general long-term debt account group. The total amount due is \$27,831, to be paid in yearly installments of \$5,566.25 over 5 years with a buyout at the end of \$1.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

|                                         |                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| During the year ended June 30, 2013     | \$5,566        |
| Thereafter                              | <u>0</u>       |
| Total minimum lease payments            | 5,566          |
| Less amount representing interest       | <u>(408)</u>   |
| Present value of minimum lease payments | <u>\$5,158</u> |

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 7.933 percent.

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**NOTE 10 - CAPITAL LEASES (CONTINUED)**

On June 14, 2011, the Stowe School District entered into a non-cancellable lease agreement with Apple Inc. for the lease of various computers and related equipment. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease, for accounting purposes and thus, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease in the general long-term debt account group. The total amount due is \$145,631, to be paid in yearly installments of \$48,544 over 3 years with a buyout at the end of \$0.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

|                                         |                 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| During the year ended June 30, 2013     | \$48,544        |
| 2014                                    | 48,543          |
| Thereafter                              | <u>0</u>        |
| Total minimum lease payments            | 97,087          |
| Less amount representing interest       | <u>(3,586)</u>  |
| Present value of minimum lease payments | <u>\$93,501</u> |

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 3.10 percent.

On November 1, 2011, the Stowe School District entered into a noncancellable lease agreement with All-Lines Leasing for the lease of an Advance Aquaclean 16XP Extractor. This lease agreement qualifies as a capital lease, for accounting purposes and thus, has been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease in the general long-term debt account group. The total amount due is \$3,308, to be paid in semi-annual installments of \$551.29 over 30 months, where the first payment includes a \$125.00 documentation fee, with a buyout at the end of \$1.

The future minimum lease obligations and the net present value of these minimum lease payments are as follows:

|                                         |                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| During the year ended June 30, 2013     | \$1,103        |
| 2014                                    | 1,102          |
| Thereafter                              | <u>0</u>       |
| Total minimum lease payments            | 2,205          |
| Less amount representing interest       | <u>(358)</u>   |
| Present value of minimum lease payments | <u>\$1,847</u> |

Interest rate on the capitalized lease is approximately 14.97 percent.

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**NOTE 11 – RESTRICTED, COMMITTED AND ASSIGNED FUND BALANCES (Fund Financial Statements)**

Restricted, committed and assigned fund balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes within that fund and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of funding source. A more detailed explanation is provided in Note 1. Reservations at year end are for the following:

General Fund:

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fiscal Year 12-13 Budget     | \$ 430,000         |
| Roof Repair                  | 490,000            |
| Educational Spending Reserve | <u>1,054,418</u>   |
| Total                        | <u>\$1,974,418</u> |

Capital Projects Fund:

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Building Maintenance & Improvements | \$ <u>33,887</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|

Private Purpose Trust Funds:

|                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Scholarships and Awards | <u>\$2,133,718</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|

**NOTE 12 – NET ASSETS RESTRICTED (Government-Wide Financial Statements)**

Restricted net asset balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of the funding source. Restrictions at year end are for the following:

Net Assets Restricted For Capital Projects:

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Building Maintenance & Improvements | \$ <u>33,887</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|

Net Assets Restricted For Other Purposes:

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fiscal Year 12-13 Budget     | \$ 430,000         |
| Roof Repair                  | 490,000            |
| Educational Spending Reserve | <u>1,054,418</u>   |
| Total                        | <u>\$1,974,418</u> |

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**NOTE 13 - PENSIONS**

VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

All of the teachers employed by School District participate in the Vermont Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS"), a statewide multiple-employer public employee retirement system covering all teachers in local school districts within the State of Vermont. The Vermont State statutes provide the authority under which benefit provisions and the State's obligation to contribute are established.

Required contributions to the system are made by the State of Vermont based upon a valuation report prepared by the System's actuary. TRS is a cost sharing public employee retirement system with one exception: all risks and costs are not shared by the School District but are the liability of the State of Vermont. TRS is funded through state and employee contributions and the School District has no legal obligation for paying benefits. The Vermont State Teachers Retirement System estimates the contributions on behalf of the School District's employees included in the teacher's retirement plan as required by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 24 to be 7.74% or approximately \$300,492.

Vesting occurs upon reaching five years of creditable service. Normal retirement requires the employee to be either 62 years of age or have 30 years of service. A member may receive a reduced benefit at age 55 with 10 or more years of service. A member that has 10 or more years of service and leaves teaching before age 55 is entitled to a vested retirement benefit payable at age 62 or a reduced amount at age 55.

Contributions by the employees are 5% of gross earnings and are withheld pre income tax by the School District. Such withholdings totaled \$194,182 during the year and were paid by the School District to the State of Vermont. The School District has no other liability under the plan. The School District's total payroll for all employees during the year was \$5,213,523, with \$3,882,330 of such amount related to employees covered by the retirement plan.

Additional information and ten-year historical trend information can be obtained from the separately issued Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Employees other than Teachers are eligible to participate in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System ("VMERS") providing they work a minimum of 30 hours per week for the school year employee or a minimum of 24 hours per week for a calendar year employee. There

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**NOTE 13 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

are three levels of contributions and benefits in the System called Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D. The School District participates in Group A. Normal retirement for Group A members is age 65 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service, or age 55 and completion of 35 years of creditable service. Normal retirement for Group B members is age 62 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service, or age 55 and completion of 30 years of creditable service. Normal retirement for Group C and D members is age 55 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. A member may receive reduced benefits at age 55 if they have 5 years of service and have made contributions for at least 2.5 years.

The System is an actuarial reserve, joint-contributory program. Both the members and the School District make contributions to the fund according to the following schedule:

|                                                        | Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Employees' Contributions (% of gross wages)            | 2.5%    | 4.5%    | 9.25%   | 11.0%   |
| The School District's contributions (% of gross wages) | 4.0%    | 5.0%    | 6.5%    | 9.5%    |

There is a municipal defined contribution plan option with a 5% withholding and a 5.125% match.

Employee contributions are withheld pre income tax by the School District and are remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings totaled \$22,108 during the year. The School District contributed \$35,372 during the year. The School District's total payroll for all employees during the year was \$5,213,523, with \$884,308 of such amount related to employees covered by the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

**NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the School District carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the School District.

In addition, Stowe School District is a member of Vermont School Boards Association (Association). The Association has set up two insurance Trust; Vermont School Board

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**NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

Insurance Trust, Inc. (VSBIT) for Workers Compensation, Multi-Line Intermunicipal School Program, and Unemployment Compensation Program, and the Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI) for Medical Benefits. VSBIT and VEHI are nonprofit corporations formed to provide insurance and risk management programs for Vermont school districts and is owned by the participating districts. The Trusts are not licensed insurance carriers and members are not protected by the Vermont Insurance Guaranty Association.

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

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

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

Multi-Line Intermunicipal School Program provides coverage for Property; Inland Marine and Boiler & Machinery; Crime; Commercial General Liability; Automobile/Garagekeepers; and Educators legal Liability. Annual contributions are based upon appropriate rates applicable to each Member; such rates are set based on recommendations of a qualified actuary, plus a proportionate share of all operational and administrative cost including excess reinsurance premiums incurred by the trust. In the event that total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and VSBIT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each members assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

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**NOTE 14 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of asset and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 15 - OPERATING LEASES**

On March 13, 2009 the Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with Symquest Group, Inc. for the lease of a photocopier. The total amount due is \$27,226, to be paid in monthly installments of \$453.76 over 5 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| During the year ended June 30, 2013 | \$5,445        |
| 2014                                | 3,631          |
| Thereafter                          | <u>0</u>       |
| Total                               | <u>\$9,076</u> |

Total lease payments made this year were \$5,445.

On February 23, 2012 Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with U.S. Bank Equipment Finance for the lease of two copiers. The total amount due is \$51,754, to be paid in monthly installments of \$862.57 over 5 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| During the year ended June 30, 2013 | \$10,351        |
| 2014                                | 10,351          |
| 2015                                | 10,351          |
| 2016                                | 10,351          |
| 2017                                | 7,763           |
| Thereafter                          | <u>0</u>        |
| Total                               | <u>\$49,167</u> |

Total lease payments made this year were \$3,479.

On June 26, 2012 Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with U.S. Bank Equipment Finance for the lease of a copier. The total amount due is \$27,911, to be paid in

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**NOTE 15 - OPERATING LEASES (CONTINUED)**

monthly installments of \$465.18 over 5 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| During the year ended June 30, 2013 | \$ 5,582        |
| 2014                                | 5,582           |
| 2015                                | 5,582           |
| 2016                                | 5,582           |
| 2017                                | 5,583           |
| Thereafter                          | <u>0</u>        |
| Total                               | <u>\$27,911</u> |

Total lease payments made this year were \$0.

**NOTE 16 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

On July 2, 2012 the School District borrowed \$1,600,000 from the Union Bank at 1.60% interest in a Tax Anticipation Note. The principal and interest are due at maturity on June 28, 2013.

On August 17, 2012 the School District borrowed \$203,000 from the Union Bank at 1.15% interest in a Grant Anticipation Note. The principal and interest are due at maturity on August 17, 2013.

**NOTE 17 - COMMITMENTS**

On July 12, 2012, the School District entered into an agreement with Percy Transportation LLC for contracted bus transportation services for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. The contract has a fee schedule for the various trips and contingencies. The minimum annual cost to the School District for 2013 will be \$280,676. The minimum annual cost to the School District for 2014 and 2015 shall be increased based on the most recent New England Economic Project cumulative price index as of November 15<sup>th</sup>, where the rate increase shall be at least 1.5%, not to exceed 3.5%.

The School District participates in various state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the School District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants,



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**NOTE 17 – COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

refunds of any money recovered may be required and the collectibility of any related receivable at June 30, 2012 may be impaired. In the opinion of the School District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

**NOTE 18 - RELATED PARTY**

The School District has an ongoing financial responsibility to Lamoille South Supervisory Union as defined in GASB 14, paragraph 71. Through Lamoille South Supervisory Union's assessment process, the School District's assessment can be increased to cover a share of any prior year deficits and decreased to share in any prior year surpluses. Separate financial statements on Lamoille South Supervisory Union are available from Lamoille South Supervisory Union.

**NOTE 19 - CONTINGENCY**

Annually, before November 1st, the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Education notifies each school of its net cost per elementary and/or secondary pupil for the previous school year. If the School District received tuition students from other Vermont School Districts it must determine whether it overcharged the sending District. If it did, it must provide the overcharged District with a credit against current tuition or refund the overcharged amount.

The School District received State construction aid in the past for various projects. In the event that the school building was to be sold, this construction aid would have to be repaid out of the proceeds. The amount of State construction aid received since July 1970 is available only from the State of Vermont who at this time is unwilling to provide the amount to the School District. The amount of State construction aid is thought to be material.

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes  
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
General Fund  
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Schedule 1

|                                     | Object | Budget           | Actual           | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>REVENUES:</b>                    |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Tuition:                            |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Private                             |        | \$ -             | \$ 12,200        | \$ 12,200                              |
| Other LEAs                          |        | 206,400          | 266,742          | 60,342                                 |
| Prior Year                          |        | -                | (2,238)          | (2,238)                                |
| Investment Income                   |        | 29,850           | 61,475           | 31,625                                 |
| Rentals                             |        | 3,000            | 4,068            | 1,068                                  |
| Services to Other LEAs              |        | -                | 31,151           | 31,151                                 |
| Prior Year Refunds                  |        | -                | 25,251           | 25,251                                 |
| Miscellaneous                       |        | -                | 8,221            | 8,221                                  |
| State:                              |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Education Spending Grant            |        | 8,450,200        | 8,449,853        | (347)                                  |
| Technical Center                    |        | 17,325           | 17,319           | (6)                                    |
| Transportation Aid                  |        | 105,000          | 121,051          | 16,051                                 |
| Capital Debt Hold Harmless          |        | 17,000           | 17,353           | 353                                    |
| Driver Education                    |        | 3,100            | 607              | (2,493)                                |
| Driver Education - Prior Year       |        | -                | 1,323            | 1,323                                  |
| High School Completion (Act 176)    |        | -                | 1,200            | 1,200                                  |
| High School Completion - Prior Year |        | -                | 1,985            | 1,985                                  |
| Mainstream Block Grant              |        | 223,800          | 223,807          | 7                                      |
| SPED Expenditure Reimbursement      |        | 590,000          | 428,884          | (161,116)                              |
| Extraordinary Reimbursement         |        | -                | 14,758           | 14,758                                 |
| Essential Early Education           |        | 35,600           | 35,661           | 61                                     |
| Vocational Transportation           |        | -                | 20,790           | 20,790                                 |
| Federal:                            |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| IDEA-B                              |        | <u>40,000</u>    | <u>39,354</u>    | <u>(646)</u>                           |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>               |        | <u>9,721,275</u> | <u>9,780,815</u> | <u>59,540</u>                          |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Preschool:                          |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Special Education 1200:             |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                            | 100    | 10,150           | 2,057            | 8,093                                  |
| Employee Benefits                   | 200    | 950              | 287              | 663                                    |
| Professional & Tech. Services       | 300    | 64,650           | 60,125           | 4,525                                  |
| Supplies & Materials                | 600    | <u>700</u>       | <u>419</u>       | <u>281</u>                             |
| Subtotal                            |        | <u>76,450</u>    | <u>62,888</u>    | <u>13,562</u>                          |

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| Speech & Audiological Services 2150: |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | \$ 850           | \$ -             | \$ 850                                 |
| Other Services                       | 500    | 500              | 252              | 248                                    |
| Property                             | 700    | <u>1,600</u>     | <u>1,415</u>     | <u>185</u>                             |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>2,950</u>     | <u>1,667</u>     | <u>1,283</u>                           |
| Occupational Therapy Services 2160:  |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 3,500            | 3,423            | 77                                     |
| Other Services                       | 500    | 800              | -                | 800                                    |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 400              | -                | 400                                    |
| Property                             | 700    | <u>1,000</u>     | <u>-</u>         | <u>1,000</u>                           |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>5,700</u>     | <u>3,423</u>     | <u>2,277</u>                           |
| Other Student Services 2190:         |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | <u>3,600</u>     | <u>4,555</u>     | <u>(955)</u>                           |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>3,600</u>     | <u>4,555</u>     | <u>(955)</u>                           |
| Total Preschool                      |        | <u>88,700</u>    | <u>72,533</u>    | <u>16,167</u>                          |
| Elementary:                          |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Regular Instruction 1100:            |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | 1,385,000        | 1,397,607        | (12,607)                               |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 462,825          | 424,424          | 38,401                                 |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 30,950           | 19,419           | 11,531                                 |
| Property Services                    | 400    | 6,700            | 1,137            | 5,563                                  |
| Other Services                       | 500    | 8,400            | 4,599            | 3,801                                  |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 54,300           | 46,554           | 7,746                                  |
| Property                             | 700    | 35,450           | 36,791           | (1,341)                                |
| Other                                | 800    | <u>325</u>       | <u>240</u>       | <u>85</u>                              |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>1,983,950</u> | <u>1,930,771</u> | <u>53,179</u>                          |
| Special Education 1200:              |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | 188,700          | 130,711          | 57,989                                 |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 86,725           | 68,167           | 18,558                                 |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 87,500           | 86,975           | 525                                    |
| Other Services                       | 500    | 1,200            | 387              | 813                                    |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 1,925            | 1,383            | 542                                    |
| Property                             | 700    | <u>500</u>       | <u>114</u>       | <u>386</u>                             |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>366,550</u>   | <u>287,737</u>   | <u>78,813</u>                          |

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| Guidance Services 2120:              |        |               |               |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | \$ 64,350     | \$ 63,807     | \$ 543                                 |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 14,375        | 11,975        | 2,400                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 7,550         | 7,541         | 9                                      |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 50            | -             | 50                                     |
| Property                             | 700    | <u>225</u>    | <u>85</u>     | <u>140</u>                             |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>86,550</u> | <u>83,408</u> | <u>3,142</u>                           |
| Health Services 2130:                |        |               |               |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | 26,175        | 26,098        | 77                                     |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 6,675         | 6,245         | 430                                    |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | -             | 65            | (65)                                   |
| Property Services                    | 400    | 100           | 100           | -                                      |
| Other Services                       | 500    | -             | 62            | (62)                                   |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | <u>250</u>    | <u>218</u>    | <u>32</u>                              |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>33,200</u> | <u>32,788</u> | <u>412</u>                             |
| Psychological Services 2140:         |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | <u>19,150</u> | <u>19,151</u> | <u>(1)</u>                             |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>19,150</u> | <u>19,151</u> | <u>(1)</u>                             |
| Speech & Audiological Services 2150: |        |               |               |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | 16,275        | 14,042        | 2,233                                  |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 19,075        | 12,004        | 7,071                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 27,975        | 26,211        | 1,764                                  |
| Property Services                    | 400    | 2,000         | 1,575         | 425                                    |
| Other Services                       | 500    | 500           | 482           | 18                                     |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | <u>750</u>    | <u>51</u>     | <u>699</u>                             |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>66,575</u> | <u>54,365</u> | <u>12,210</u>                          |
| Occupational Therapy Services 2160:  |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 18,400        | 18,150        | 250                                    |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | <u>550</u>    | <u>182</u>    | <u>368</u>                             |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>18,950</u> | <u>18,332</u> | <u>618</u>                             |
| Other Student Services 2190:         |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | <u>18,150</u> | <u>12</u>     | <u>18,138</u>                          |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>18,150</u> | <u>12</u>     | <u>18,138</u>                          |
| Curriculum & Instruction 2200:       |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | <u>17,375</u> | <u>17,375</u> | <u>-</u>                               |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>17,375</u> | <u>17,375</u> | <u>-</u>                               |

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| Library Services 2222:             |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                           | 100    | \$ 34,325      | \$ 34,634      | \$ (309)                               |
| Employee Benefits                  | 200    | 16,525         | 15,028         | 1,497                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | 325            | -              | 325                                    |
| Supplies & Materials               | 600    | 4,425          | 5,678          | (1,253)                                |
| Property                           | 700    | 475            | -              | 475                                    |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>56,075</u>  | <u>55,340</u>  | <u>735</u>                             |
| Board of Education 2310:           |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                           | 100    | 1,675          | 1,666          | 9                                      |
| Employee Benefits                  | 200    | 150            | 132            | 18                                     |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | 7,500          | 122            | 7,378                                  |
| Other Services                     | 500    | 2,850          | 2,469          | 381                                    |
| Supplies & Materials               | 600    | -              | 7              | (7)                                    |
| Other                              | 800    | 2,200          | 2,061          | 139                                    |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>14,375</u>  | <u>6,457</u>   | <u>7,918</u>                           |
| Supervisory Union Assessment 2321: |        |                |                |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | <u>32,850</u>  | <u>32,847</u>  | <u>3</u>                               |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>32,850</u>  | <u>32,847</u>  | <u>3</u>                               |
| Principal's Office 2410:           |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                           | 100    | 156,475        | 159,199        | (2,724)                                |
| Employee Benefits                  | 200    | 47,675         | 34,442         | 13,233                                 |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | 2,000          | 405            | 1,595                                  |
| Property Services                  | 400    | 20,000         | 15,547         | 4,453                                  |
| Other Services                     | 500    | 21,000         | 18,258         | 2,742                                  |
| Supplies & Materials               | 600    | 4,800          | 3,591          | 1,209                                  |
| Property                           | 700    | 700            | 700            | -                                      |
| Other                              | 800    | 5,700          | 4,454          | 1,246                                  |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>258,350</u> | <u>236,596</u> | <u>21,754</u>                          |
| Administrative Services 2420:      |        |                |                |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | <u>17,850</u>  | <u>17,842</u>  | <u>8</u>                               |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>17,850</u>  | <u>17,842</u>  | <u>8</u>                               |
| Fiscal Services 2520:              |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                           | 100    | 300            | 275            | 25                                     |
| Employee Benefits                  | 200    | 25             | 21             | 4                                      |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | 54,650         | 53,643         | 1,007                                  |
| Other Services                     | 500    | 500            | 152            | 348                                    |
| Supplies & Materials               | 600    | 500            | 173            | 327                                    |

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| Other                         | 800    | \$ 900           | \$ 1,329         | \$ (429)                               |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>56,875</u>    | <u>55,593</u>    | <u>1,282</u>                           |
| Plant Operation 2600:         |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 81,000           | 80,618           | 382                                    |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 50,300           | 36,583           | 13,717                                 |
| Property Services             | 400    | 60,000           | 58,860           | 1,140                                  |
| Other Services                | 500    | 10,200           | 9,811            | 389                                    |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | 109,500          | 100,543          | 8,957                                  |
| Property                      | 700    | <u>3,000</u>     | <u>2,370</u>     | <u>630</u>                             |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>314,000</u>   | <u>288,785</u>   | <u>25,215</u>                          |
| Transportation 2700:          |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Other Services                | 500    | <u>90,400</u>    | <u>85,622</u>    | <u>4,778</u>                           |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>90,400</u>    | <u>85,622</u>    | <u>4,778</u>                           |
| Information Services 2820:    |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | <u>22,225</u>    | <u>22,204</u>    | <u>21</u>                              |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>22,225</u>    | <u>22,204</u>    | <u>21</u>                              |
| Current Interest 5100:        |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Other                         | 800    | <u>9,950</u>     | <u>5,458</u>     | <u>4,492</u>                           |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>9,950</u>     | <u>5,458</u>     | <u>4,492</u>                           |
| Total Elementary              |        | <u>3,483,400</u> | <u>3,250,683</u> | <u>232,717</u>                         |
| Secondary:                    |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Regular Instruction 1100:     |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 1,223,675        | 1,203,378        | 20,297                                 |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 396,825          | 339,604          | 57,221                                 |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | 22,775           | 16,484           | 6,291                                  |
| Property Services             | 400    | 20,450           | 13,788           | 6,662                                  |
| Other Services                | 500    | 11,300           | 6,671            | 4,629                                  |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | 39,500           | 35,718           | 3,782                                  |
| Property                      | 700    | 27,300           | 24,688           | 2,612                                  |
| Other                         | 800    | <u>6,800</u>     | <u>6,776</u>     | <u>24</u>                              |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>1,748,625</u> | <u>1,647,107</u> | <u>101,518</u>                         |
| Special Education 1200:       |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 126,500          | 119,170          | 7,330                                  |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 54,575           | 46,986           | 7,589                                  |

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| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | \$ 105,650     | \$ 62,808      | \$ 42,842                              |
| Property Services             | 400    | 500            | 1,059          | (559)                                  |
| Other Services                | 500    | 66,500         | 61,205         | 5,295                                  |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | 2,575          | 1,767          | 808                                    |
| Property                      | 700    | 1,700          | -              | 1,700                                  |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>358,000</u> | <u>292,995</u> | <u>65,005</u>                          |
| Vocational Education 1300:    |        |                |                |                                        |
| Other Services                | 500    | <u>38,975</u>  | <u>32,914</u>  | <u>6,061</u>                           |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>38,975</u>  | <u>32,914</u>  | <u>6,061</u>                           |
| Athletics 1400:               |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 83,375         | 63,971         | 19,404                                 |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 6,425          | 4,950          | 1,475                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | 21,700         | 24,728         | (3,028)                                |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | 6,500          | 6,497          | 3                                      |
| Property                      | 700    | 9,850          | 9,618          | 232                                    |
| Other                         | 800    | 10,000         | 9,943          | 57                                     |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>137,850</u> | <u>119,707</u> | <u>18,143</u>                          |
| Guidance Services 2120:       |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 100,900        | 94,483         | 6,417                                  |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 29,600         | 21,701         | 7,899                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | 7,550          | 7,541          | 9                                      |
| Property Services             | 400    | 300            | 215            | 85                                     |
| Other Services                | 500    | 2,000          | 1,993          | 7                                      |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | 100            | 67             | 33                                     |
| Other                         | 800    | 1,475          | 1,458          | 17                                     |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>141,925</u> | <u>127,458</u> | <u>14,467</u>                          |
| Health Services 2130:         |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 24,175         | 24,561         | (386)                                  |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 6,675          | 6,143          | 532                                    |
| Property Services             | 400    | 150            | 137            | 13                                     |
| Other Services                | 500    | -              | 15             | (15)                                   |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | 500            | 449            | 51                                     |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>31,500</u>  | <u>31,305</u>  | <u>195</u>                             |
| Psychological Services 2140:  |        |                |                |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | <u>19,150</u>  | <u>19,151</u>  | <u>(1)</u>                             |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>19,150</u>  | <u>19,151</u>  | <u>(1)</u>                             |

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| Speech & Audiological Services 2150: |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | \$ 26,500     | \$ 23,699     | \$ 2,801                               |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 200           | -             | 200                                    |
| Property                             | 700    | 1,700         | -             | 1,700                                  |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>28,400</u> | <u>23,699</u> | <u>4,701</u>                           |
| Occupational Therapy Services 2160:  |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 9,500         | 9,378         | 122                                    |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 500           | -             | 500                                    |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>10,000</u> | <u>9,378</u>  | <u>622</u>                             |
| Other Student Services 2190:         |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 16,000        | -             | 16,000                                 |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>16,000</u> | <u>-</u>      | <u>16,000</u>                          |
| Curriculum & Instruction 2200:       |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 17,375        | 17,375        | -                                      |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>17,375</u> | <u>17,375</u> | <u>-</u>                               |
| Library Services 2222:               |        |               |               |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | 33,750        | 45,136        | (11,386)                               |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 6,450         | 3,196         | 3,254                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 125           | 111           | 14                                     |
| Property Services                    | 400    | 425           | 324           | 101                                    |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 4,375         | 5,537         | (1,162)                                |
| Property                             | 700    | 75            | 154           | (79)                                   |
| Other                                | 800    | 50            | 12            | 38                                     |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>45,250</u> | <u>54,470</u> | <u>(9,220)</u>                         |
| Board of Education 2310:             |        |               |               |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | 1,675         | 1,666         | 9                                      |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 150           | 127           | 23                                     |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 7,500         | 182           | 7,318                                  |
| Other Services                       | 500    | 4,050         | 2,618         | 1,432                                  |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | -             | 7             | (7)                                    |
| Other                                | 800    | 3,700         | 2,061         | 1,639                                  |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>17,075</u> | <u>6,661</u>  | <u>10,414</u>                          |
| Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:   |        |               |               |                                        |
| Assessment                           | 300    | 32,850        | 32,847        | 3                                      |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>32,850</u> | <u>32,847</u> | <u>3</u>                               |

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| Principal's Office 2410:               |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                               | 100    | \$ 177,925     | \$ 178,312     | \$ (387)                               |
| Employee Benefits                      | 200    | 60,825         | 41,659         | 19,166                                 |
| Property Services                      | 400    | 5,500          | 5,278          | 222                                    |
| Other Services                         | 500    | 14,000         | 14,274         | (274)                                  |
| Supplies & Materials                   | 600    | 6,000          | 6,145          | (145)                                  |
| Property                               | 700    | 500            | 500            | -                                      |
| Other                                  | 800    | 7,000          | 6,823          | 177                                    |
| Subtotal                               |        | <u>271,750</u> | <u>252,991</u> | <u>18,759</u>                          |
| Administrative Services 2420:          |        |                |                |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services          | 300    | 17,850         | 17,842         | 8                                      |
| Subtotal                               |        | <u>17,850</u>  | <u>17,842</u>  | <u>8</u>                               |
| Fiscal Services 2520:                  |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                               | 100    | 300            | 275            | 25                                     |
| Employee Benefits                      | 200    | 25             | 21             | 4                                      |
| Professional & Tech. Services          | 300    | 54,650         | 53,410         | 1,240                                  |
| Other Services                         | 500    | 500            | 152            | 348                                    |
| Supplies & Materials                   | 600    | 500            | 173            | 327                                    |
| Other                                  | 800    | 900            | 1,329          | (429)                                  |
| Subtotal                               |        | <u>56,875</u>  | <u>55,360</u>  | <u>1,515</u>                           |
| Plant Operation 2600:                  |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                               | 100    | 89,700         | 94,325         | (4,625)                                |
| Employee Benefits                      | 200    | 48,800         | 45,446         | 3,354                                  |
| Property Services                      | 400    | 102,475        | 96,734         | 5,741                                  |
| Other Services                         | 500    | 10,000         | 9,811          | 189                                    |
| Supplies & Materials                   | 600    | 176,400        | 158,600        | 17,800                                 |
| Subtotal                               |        | <u>427,375</u> | <u>404,916</u> | <u>22,459</u>                          |
| Transportation 2700:                   |        |                |                |                                        |
| Other Services                         | 500    | 95,450         | 85,417         | 10,033                                 |
| Subtotal                               |        | <u>95,450</u>  | <u>85,417</u>  | <u>10,033</u>                          |
| Special Education Transportation 2700: |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                               | 100    | -              | 1,095          | (1,095)                                |
| Employee Benefits                      | 200    | -              | 84             | (84)                                   |
| Other Services                         | 500    | 6,000          | 7,978          | (1,978)                                |
| Subtotal                               |        | <u>6,000</u>   | <u>9,157</u>   | <u>(3,157)</u>                         |

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|                               | Object | Budget           | Actual           | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
|-------------------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Athletic Transportation 2700: |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Other Services                | 500    | \$ 38,200        | \$ 29,563        | \$ 8,637                               |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>38,200</u>    | <u>29,563</u>    | <u>8,637</u>                           |
| Information Services 2820:    |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | <u>22,225</u>    | <u>22,204</u>    | <u>21</u>                              |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>22,225</u>    | <u>22,204</u>    | <u>21</u>                              |
| Current Interest 5100:        |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Other                         | 800    | <u>9,950</u>     | <u>5,458</u>     | <u>4,492</u>                           |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>9,950</u>     | <u>5,458</u>     | <u>4,492</u>                           |
| Total Secondary               |        | <u>3,588,650</u> | <u>3,297,975</u> | <u>290,675</u>                         |
| Middle:                       |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Regular Instruction 1100:     |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 767,075          | 751,437          | 15,638                                 |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 253,725          | 216,155          | 37,570                                 |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | 21,950           | 13,831           | 8,119                                  |
| Property Services             | 400    | 11,900           | 6,558            | 5,342                                  |
| Other Services                | 500    | 3,300            | 2,383            | 917                                    |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | 36,075           | 31,583           | 4,492                                  |
| Property                      | 700    | 28,100           | 24,737           | 3,363                                  |
| Other                         | 800    | <u>2,400</u>     | <u>2,205</u>     | <u>195</u>                             |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>1,124,525</u> | <u>1,048,889</u> | <u>75,636</u>                          |
| Special Education 1200:       |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 224,875          | 272,223          | (47,348)                               |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 124,925          | 116,154          | 8,771                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | 129,550          | 28,389           | 101,161                                |
| Property Services             | 400    | 1,500            | 2,459            | (959)                                  |
| Other Services                | 500    | 70,225           | 414              | 69,811                                 |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | 4,475            | 3,631            | 844                                    |
| Property                      | 700    | <u>500</u>       | <u>715</u>       | <u>(215)</u>                           |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>556,050</u>   | <u>423,985</u>   | <u>132,065</u>                         |
| Athletics 1400:               |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 16,175           | 11,869           | 4,306                                  |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 1,250            | 908              | 342                                    |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | 4,550            | 7,724            | (3,174)                                |

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|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------------|
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | \$ 1,850      | \$ 1,861      | \$ (11)                                |
| Other                                | 800    | <u>625</u>    | <u>500</u>    | <u>125</u>                             |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>24,450</u> | <u>22,862</u> | <u>1,588</u>                           |
| Guidance Services 2120:              |        |               |               |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | 51,550        | 63,750        | (12,200)                               |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 20,825        | 19,511        | 1,314                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 7,600         | 7,591         | 9                                      |
| Property Services                    | 400    | 500           | 360           | 140                                    |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 100           | 100           | -                                      |
| Other                                | 800    | <u>50</u>     | <u>50</u>     | <u>-</u>                               |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>80,625</u> | <u>91,362</u> | <u>(10,737)</u>                        |
| Health Services 2130:                |        |               |               |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | 24,800        | 25,028        | (228)                                  |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 6,825         | 6,283         | 542                                    |
| Property Services                    | 400    | 125           | 90            | 35                                     |
| Other                                | 500    | -             | 15            | (15)                                   |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | <u>350</u>    | <u>299</u>    | <u>51</u>                              |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>32,100</u> | <u>31,715</u> | <u>385</u>                             |
| Psychological Services 2140:         |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | <u>19,150</u> | <u>19,151</u> | <u>(1)</u>                             |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>19,150</u> | <u>19,151</u> | <u>(1)</u>                             |
| Speech & Audiological Services 2150: |        |               |               |                                        |
| Salaries                             | 100    | 12,225        | 10,327        | 1,898                                  |
| Employee Benefits                    | 200    | 6,775         | 905           | 5,870                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 28,125        | 23,824        | 4,301                                  |
| Property Services                    | 400    | 2,000         | 157           | 1,843                                  |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 275           | 275           | -                                      |
| Property                             | 700    | <u>2,500</u>  | <u>142</u>    | <u>2,358</u>                           |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>51,900</u> | <u>35,630</u> | <u>16,270</u>                          |
| Occupational Therapy Services 2160:  |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 4,800         | 4,707         | 93                                     |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | <u>275</u>    | <u>-</u>      | <u>275</u>                             |
| Subtotal                             |        | <u>5,075</u>  | <u>4,707</u>  | <u>368</u>                             |
| Other Student Services 2190:         |        |               |               |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services        | 300    | 28,800        | 18,699        | 10,101                                 |
| Supplies & Materials                 | 600    | 700           | -             | 700                                    |

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|------------------------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Property                           | 700    | \$ 800         | \$ -           | \$ 800                                 |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>30,300</u>  | <u>18,699</u>  | <u>11,601</u>                          |
| Curriculum & Instruction 2200:     |        |                |                |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | <u>17,375</u>  | <u>17,375</u>  | -                                      |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>17,375</u>  | <u>17,375</u>  | -                                      |
| Library Services 2222:             |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                           | 100    | 33,750         | 45,137         | (11,387)                               |
| Employee Benefits                  | 200    | 6,450          | 3,329          | 3,121                                  |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | 75             | 74             | 1                                      |
| Property Services                  | 400    | 175            | 146            | 29                                     |
| Supplies & Materials               | 600    | 2,675          | 4,301          | (1,626)                                |
| Property Services                  | 700    | 50             | -              | 50                                     |
| Other                              | 800    | <u>25</u>      | <u>8</u>       | <u>17</u>                              |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>43,200</u>  | <u>52,995</u>  | <u>(9,795)</u>                         |
| Board of Education 2310:           |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                           | 100    | 1,675          | 1,668          | 7                                      |
| Employee Benefits                  | 200    | 150            | 123            | 27                                     |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | 7,500          | 62             | 7,438                                  |
| Other Services                     | 500    | 5,050          | 2,530          | 2,520                                  |
| Supplies & Materials               | 600    | -              | 7              | (7)                                    |
| Other                              | 800    | <u>2,200</u>   | <u>2,061</u>   | <u>139</u>                             |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>16,575</u>  | <u>6,451</u>   | <u>10,124</u>                          |
| Supervisory Union Assessment 2321: |        |                |                |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services      | 300    | <u>32,850</u>  | <u>32,847</u>  | <u>3</u>                               |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>32,850</u>  | <u>32,847</u>  | <u>3</u>                               |
| Principal's Office 2410:           |        |                |                |                                        |
| Salaries                           | 100    | 98,275         | 98,939         | (664)                                  |
| Employee Benefits                  | 200    | 34,625         | 31,170         | 3,455                                  |
| Property Services                  | 400    | 3,900          | 4,516          | (616)                                  |
| Other Services                     | 500    | 9,500          | 9,509          | (9)                                    |
| Supplies & Materials               | 600    | 3,850          | 3,703          | 147                                    |
| Property                           | 700    | 400            | 387            | 13                                     |
| Other                              | 800    | <u>3,000</u>   | <u>2,990</u>   | <u>10</u>                              |
| Subtotal                           |        | <u>153,550</u> | <u>151,214</u> | <u>2,336</u>                           |

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|-------------------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Administrative Services 2420: |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | \$ 17,850        | \$ 17,842        | \$ 8                                   |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>17,850</u>    | <u>17,842</u>    | <u>8</u>                               |
| Fiscal Services 2520:         |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 300              | 275              | 25                                     |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 25               | 21               | 4                                      |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | 54,650           | 53,643           | 1,007                                  |
| Other Services                | 500    | 500              | 152              | 348                                    |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | 500              | 173              | 327                                    |
| Other                         | 800    | <u>900</u>       | <u>1,329</u>     | <u>(429)</u>                           |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>56,875</u>    | <u>55,593</u>    | <u>1,282</u>                           |
| Plant Operation 2600:         |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Salaries                      | 100    | 23,625           | 27,887           | (4,262)                                |
| Employee Benefits             | 200    | 14,250           | 13,540           | 710                                    |
| Property Services             | 400    | 68,475           | 75,908           | (7,433)                                |
| Other Services                | 500    | 10,000           | 9,811            | 189                                    |
| Supplies & Materials          | 600    | <u>117,650</u>   | <u>107,581</u>   | <u>10,069</u>                          |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>234,000</u>   | <u>234,727</u>   | <u>(727)</u>                           |
| Transportation 2700:          |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Other Services                | 500    | <u>104,275</u>   | <u>85,802</u>    | <u>18,473</u>                          |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>104,275</u>   | <u>85,802</u>    | <u>18,473</u>                          |
| SPED Transportation 2700:     |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Other Services                | 500    | <u>6,000</u>     | <u>81</u>        | <u>5,919</u>                           |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>6,000</u>     | <u>81</u>        | <u>5,919</u>                           |
| Athletic Transportation 2700: |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Other Services                | 500    | <u>7,000</u>     | <u>6,816</u>     | <u>184</u>                             |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>7,000</u>     | <u>6,816</u>     | <u>184</u>                             |
| Information Services 2820:    |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Professional & Tech. Services | 300    | <u>22,225</u>    | <u>22,204</u>    | <u>21</u>                              |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>22,225</u>    | <u>22,204</u>    | <u>21</u>                              |
| Current Interest 5100:        |        |                  |                  |                                        |
| Other                         | 800    | <u>9,950</u>     | <u>5,458</u>     | <u>4,492</u>                           |
| Subtotal                      |        | <u>9,950</u>     | <u>5,458</u>     | <u>4,492</u>                           |
| Total Middle                  |        | <u>2,645,900</u> | <u>2,386,405</u> | <u>259,495</u>                         |

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|                                                                                     | Object | Budget              | Actual              | Variance<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES                                                                  |        | <u>\$ 9,806,650</u> | <u>\$ 9,007,596</u> | <u>\$ 799,054</u>                      |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER<br>(UNDER) EXPENDITURES                                     |        | (85,375)            | 773,219             | 858,594                                |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):                                                     |        |                     |                     |                                        |
| Transfer to Debt Service Fund                                                       |        | <u>(314,625)</u>    | <u>(313,819)</u>    | <u>806</u>                             |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER<br>SOURCES OVER (UNDER)<br>EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES |        | (400,000)           | 459,400             | 859,400                                |
| FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2011                                                          |        | <u>400,000</u>      | <u>1,515,018</u>    | <u>1,115,018</u>                       |
| FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2012                                                         |        | <u>\$ -</u>         | <u>\$ 1,974,418</u> | <u>\$ 1,974,418</u>                    |

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Stowe School District  
 Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities  
 Fiduciary Fund Types - Agency Funds  
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2012

Schedule 2

|                              | Balance<br>July 1, 2011  | Receipts                 | Disbursements            | Balance<br>June 30, 2012 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Assets:</b>               |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Cash - Elementary            | \$ 7,450                 | \$ 62,403                | \$ 65,120                | \$ 4,733                 |
| Cash - Secondary             | <u>123,594</u>           | <u>270,607</u>           | <u>259,903</u>           | <u>134,298</u>           |
| <b>Total Assets</b>          | <b><u>\$ 131,044</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 333,010</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 325,023</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 139,031</u></b> |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>          |                          |                          |                          |                          |
| Amount Held for Agency Funds | <u>\$ 131,044</u>        | <u>\$ 333,010</u>        | <u>\$ 325,023</u>        | <u>\$ 139,031</u>        |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>     | <b><u>\$ 131,044</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 333,010</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 325,023</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 139,031</u></b> |

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Stowe School District  
Combining Balance Sheet  
Fiduciary Fund Type - Private Purpose Trusts  
June 30, 2012

Schedule 3

|                                              | CV Starr<br>Scholarship<br>Fund | Charitable<br>Fund      | Totals                     |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                               |                                 |                         |                            |
| <b>Current Assets:</b>                       |                                 |                         |                            |
| Cash                                         |                                 | \$ 21,618               | \$ 21,618                  |
| Investments                                  | \$ 2,475,708                    |                         | 2,475,708                  |
| Accounts Receivable - Federal                | <u>8,470</u>                    | <u>-</u>                | <u>8,470</u>               |
| Total Current Assets                         | <u>2,484,178</u>                | <u>21,618</u>           | <u>2,505,796</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                          | <b><u>\$ 2,484,178</u></b>      | <b><u>\$ 21,618</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 2,505,796</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</b>        |                                 |                         |                            |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                          |                                 |                         |                            |
| Accounts Payable - Other                     | \$ 78                           |                         | \$ 78                      |
| Scholarship Payable                          | <u>372,000</u>                  | <u>-</u>                | <u>372,000</u>             |
| Total Liabilities                            | <u>372,078</u>                  | <u>\$ -</u>             | <u>372,078</u>             |
| <b>Fund Balances:</b>                        |                                 |                         |                            |
| Restricted                                   | <u>2,112,100</u>                | <u>21,618</u>           | <u>2,133,718</u>           |
| Total Fund Balances                          | <u>2,112,100</u>                | <u>21,618</u>           | <u>2,133,718</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b> | <b><u>\$ 2,484,178</u></b>      | <b><u>\$ 21,618</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 2,505,796</u></b> |

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the School Board  
Stowe School District

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Stowe School District, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the entity's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2012. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Stowe School District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Stowe School District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Stowe School District's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Stowe School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Stowe School District in a separate letter dated December 18, 2012.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the School Board, management, others within the entity, and state and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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December 18, 2012

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|                                                        |                           |                                               |                                 |                         |
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| Chris Walton                                           | 112 S. Main St. #276      | 253-9260                                      | lbdawgz@aol.com                 |                         |
| Richard Baker, Zoning Director,                        | P.O. Box 216              | 253-6141 (staff support for DRB, SHP)         |                                 |                         |
| rbaker@townofstovermont.org                            |                           |                                               |                                 |                         |
| <b>LISTERS 253-6144; P.O. Box 1183</b>                 |                           |                                               |                                 |                         |
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| Ellen E. Thorndike                                     | 1864 Taber Hill Road      | 253-4533                                      | ellen@ellenthorndike.com        |                         |
| Leo V. Clark, Chair                                    | 28 Parker Lane            | 253-7517                                      | leoclark@vdh.state.vt.us        |                         |
| Tim Morrissey, Town Appraiser                          |                           | 253-6144                                      | tmorrissey@townofstovermont.org |                         |
| <b>PUBLIC HEALTH 253-6141</b>                          |                           |                                               |                                 |                         |
| Richard Baker, Health Officer                          | P.O. Box 216              | 253-6141                                      |                                 |                         |
| Tom Jackman, Deputy HO                                 |                           | 253-2705                                      |                                 |                         |

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

|                        |                        |          |                                   |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
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| Robert Fahey           | PO Box 727             | 253-9612 | bobf17@att.net                    |
| Jason Kirchick         | 39 Edson Hill Road     | 253-7223 | jkirchick@hotmail.com             |

## STOWE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

|                             |                        |          |                                    |
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| Cindy McKechnie - alternate | PO Box 1168            | 253-6005 | LMcKechnie@aol.com                 |
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| Robert Lawlor               | PO Box 1268            | 253-3992 | medrl@myfairpoint.net              |

## RECREATION COMMISSION

|                                                         |                        |              |                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Paul Lawson                                             | PO Box 3763            | 253-7735     | pjlstowe@hotmail.com           |
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| Norm Williams                                           | 4458 Stowe Hollow Road | 253-9949     | Norm.williams@stoweschools.com |
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| Tyler Mumley                                            | 103 Cape Cod Rd        | 850-766-2510 | tylermumley@hotmail.com        |
| Walt Levering                                           | 525 Sky Acres Drive    | tba          | walterblevering@gmail.com      |
| Matthew Frazee, Parks & Recreation Director, PO Box 730 |                        | 253-2264     | mfrazee@townofstovermont.org   |

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|                         |                             |          |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| George Von Trapp        | 129 Maple St., W Ctr        |          | gvtrapp@aol.com       |
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| Leigh Tabor             | PO Box 972                  | 253-7636 |                       |
| Judy Demeritt           | 310 Jersey Way, Morrisville | 888-7586 |                       |
| Claire "Skeeter" Austin | PO Box 24                   | 253-9524 | skeeter@pshift.com    |

## LIBRARY COMMISSION

|                          |                      |          |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| David Bryan, Chair       | 475 Tansy Hill Road  | 253-4113 | Drbryan43@gmail.com      |
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| Amanda Kuhnert           | 307 Winterbird Road  | 253-0972 | Amanda@fourfoldpress.com |
| Phyllis Thibault         | PO Box 1380          | 253-8795 | rpthib@together.net      |
| Elizabeth Wechsler       | 157 Gilchrist Road   | 253-8343 | wex@stoweaccess.com      |
| Richard Johannessen, Jr. | 87 Whitney Lane      | 253-8475 | dmjohan@stowe.nu         |

|                         |            |          |  |
|-------------------------|------------|----------|--|
| Cynthia Weber, Director | PO Box 730 | 253-2706 |  |
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## ELECTRIC COMMISSION

|                             |                        |          |                       |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| Arthur G. Lloyd             | PO Box 3449            | 253-4788 | aglloyd@aol.com       |
| Richard C. Marron           | PO Box 1497            | 253-9011 | dickmarron@aol.com    |
| Tom Evslin                  | 2398 Stowe Hollow Road | 253-9402 | tom@evslin.com        |
| Ellen Burt, General Manager | PO Box 190             | 253-7215 | eburt@stoweaccess.com |

## EVENTS IN 2012

### JANUARY

Stowe's Kim Haab scores 100th goal in hockey  
Stowe Youth Hockey sweeps Winter Carnival Tournament for first time  
Sol Baumrind former Gables Inn owner and community member dies at age 81  
Tour de Snow held for 2nd year supporting Skiing Kids in school sports program  
Skiing and Chinese language being put back into school budget  
Hockey fans help contribute to rebuilding home of Gail LeBaron  
Judge awards \$126,250 in lawsuit to investor of Stafford building  
The HGTV "Dream House" at Spruce on the market for \$3,795,000

### FEBRUARY

Ross Mandigo, Stowe High School senior scores 200 career points in hockey  
SHS graduate Alex Hight, attending Plymouth State wins the semi-finals match in the 141 lb division  
Geoffrey Lindemer appointed Dean of Administration at VT Technical College  
Stowe Elementary School holds its 2nd annual international potluck dinner  
Grace Littlefield, Stowe resident turns 99 years young  
Town hires Donald Hull, Chief of Police replacing Kenneth Kaplan who served 40 years on the police force  
67th annual Stowe Derby held with 800 participants

### MARCH

Lisa Hagerty replaces Norm Williams as Selectboard member  
Neil Van Dyke re-elected  
Don Post and Susan Segal re-elected to School Board  
Ice rink vote passes 965-755 as well as the option tax to be used for the rink-1,032-670  
Stowe Conservation award given to Johannes von Trapp  
Norm Williams was honored and received a plaque for his service as a Selectboard member  
Barbara Allaire honored with the Cliff Thompson award given by Stowe Fire Department  
Sports programs, ski team, are put back in school budget  
Colchester upsets Stowe HS Ice Hockey boys in quarterfinals 3-1  
Stowe HS Ice Hockey girls beat Brattleboro in semifinals 3-1  
Chenoweth overall J2 National Champion

**APRIL**

Town hires Richard “Dick” Grogan as Project Engineer  
Hannah Merson, in the 13 and under age group wins USASA National  
Champion as snowboarder  
Charlotte Brynn prepares to swim the English Channel in August  
New ice rink could open in November 2013  
Mayo Farm Management Plan being revisited by various groups

**MAY**

Dr. Russell Page III, long time doctor at Copley and Stowe resident dies after  
a long illness  
Miss Vermont Stowe’s Jamie Dragon, prepares to compete in Miss USA  
Four Odyssey of the Mind teams from Stowe middle and high school go to  
the finals in Ames, Iowa  
Ken Libby elected president of Green Mtn Council of Boy Scouts of America  
Gold Brook Bridge to be rebuilt in 2014  
9th annual Stowe Triathlon held May 20, with Luke Moore from Elmore  
breaking record  
with overall time of 58 minutes, 43 seconds  
3rd year 5k walk held to benefit Parkinson’s disease  
Stowe Land Trust purchases – 258 acres Cady Hill Forest for \$1.5 million

**JUNE**

Stowe water rates to rise 8%  
Stowe Odyssey teams do well at World Finals held at Iowa State University  
Stowe Zoning & Subdivision Bylaws updated  
Michael Diender wins Stowe Business Award  
Stowe High girls’ tennis team lose to Champlain Valley Union  
Stowe Teachers Association honor Dana Percy  
Coach Osterberg will not be rehired  
63 Graduate from Stowe High  
School merger idea raises difficult questions

**JULY**

26th Annual Hot Air Balloon Festival held at Stoweflake Resort  
Cam Beecy selected to attend USA Select-16 Hockey Camp in Rochester,  
N.Y.  
Kathryn Nichols longtime Stowite and owner of Nichols Lodge dies at age 95  
Marge McIntosh, Stowe Recreation Director retiring  
Town wide Reappraisal completed  
Tasija Karosas 16, qualified for and competed at the U.S. Olympic swim team  
trials in Omaha, Neb.

45th annual Kirkwood Memorial Tournament held with Dave Slayton and Kyle Kirch Winners  
31st Annual 8-Miler held  
Stowe graduates Zach Haggerty, Ross Mandigo, Hunter Grosvenor and Eric Beecy  
played in the All- Star Hockey Classic benefiting the Make a Wish Foundation  
Stowe Lacrosse Tournament weekend of July 21-22 - 150 teams expected

### AUGUST

Camp-Invention held at Stowe Elementary School  
Helicopter hauls out 17 old lift towers off Mt. Mansfield  
55th Annual Antique and Classic Car Show held at Nichols Field  
50 Japanese high school football players spend time in Stowe playing & sightseeing  
Selectboard turn down sidewalk along Maple Street  
Japan honors Houghton Freeman posthumously  
Phil Scott honored for his 8 years of service on the Recreation Commission  
SHS students spend the day of 9/11 doing community service work  
TN Resort sold to TN Resort Management  
15th Adi Yoerg Tournament held  
School Board votes against uniting the three districts  
Bread Loaf Corp to construct new rink  
Stowe Reappraisal appeal numbers 114 out of 3700 + properties  
Stewart Bouchard Jr from Stowe Rescue wins a Governor's Award for Outstanding Service

### SEPTEMBER

New rules for hot lunches at Stowe Schools  
Stowe's school enrollment up by one student  
10-year anniversary for the Ski Museum; add 6 to Hall of Fame  
Ken Squier named to Vermont Sports Hall of Fame  
10th annual cancer walk in Morrisville raises \$150,864 for Lamoille Area Cancer Network  
Rotary Club 16th Octoberfest held for the last time at Jackson Arena  
Several local volunteers among the 212 honored by the Green Mountain Club  
500 soccer players involved in the Liam and Solon Bailey jamboree  
40 kindergartners in the Stowe Soccer Club  
SED smart meters on the way  
21st British Invasion in town  
Darn Tough Ride raises \$15,000 for Mt. Mansfield Winter Academy  
Rotary Barn demolished  
Remarkable couple Clem & Ann Curtis pass away

**OCTOBER**

Baseball and softball no longer at SHS

National Ski Patrol celebrated 75th year in Stowe; Selectboard issues Proclamation

Stowe Video out of business after years in Stowe

Rev Comisky celebrates 25 years as Pastor of the Stowe Community Church

March of Dimes Stowe Signature Event Auction honors Clem and Ann Curtis

Mike Snyder appointed to the Working Lands Enterprise Board for the state

Stowe graduates Ian Anderson and Maggie McGovern join Harvard ski teams

Cindy Weber is Stowe's new Library Director

**NOVEMBER**

Stowe boys' soccer team beat Thetford for the Division 3 championship

Tom Kearney leaving the Stowe Reporter for a new position with Hibu

Stowe High School students the first in the US to present the musical "Spamalot"

North American Hockey Academy returns to Stowe

Mountain opens Nov. 17th

Stowe Electric Department planning new office building

Bourne's Energy branches into biofuel arena

Stowe Rotary gave \$4500 to Mary Hoisington, founder of the Lamoille County Cancer Network

Stowe Charities donate \$10,000 to Copley Hospital and \$10,000 to Vermont Food bank

**DECEMBER**

Stowe Free Library going digital

Voters will be asked to appoint Town Clerk through Charter change approval

Stowe Fire Department volunteers and Stowe Electric Department linemen help out with urricane Sandy recovery efforts

Old creamery building located corner of Gold Brook & Route 100 demolished "Stowe to Mo" path discussed

Dylan Conte on mountain bike professional Team Voncooper

Graham Mink's professional hockey career on hold due to the NHL lockout

High School alumns hit Jackson ice for the last time

Hartford's Matt Frazee joins Town as new Parks & Rec Director

Stowe Town Appraiser Tom Vickery retires after 38 years



**ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**MARCH 6, 2012**  
**STOWE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
**8:00 A.M.**

Moderator Leighton Detora called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Present were 219 registered voters of the Town of Stowe. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Chief Mark Sgantas presented Cliff Thompson Public Service Award to Barbara Allaire.

Conservationist of the year award was presented by Marina Meerburg to Johannes Von Trapp.

Adam Davis acknowledged Norm Williams and his years of service on the Selectboard.

The Moderator explained Roberts Rules of Order.

Permission was granted by the voters for the Town Manager, Public Works Director and Assistant Finance Manager to answer questions if needed as they are not registered Stowe voter.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

Cam Page provided an overview of the School Budget which is voted by Australian Ballot. She went on to explain RED and asked people to pick up the handout in the lobby.

Ken Strong why the school is teaching Spanish instead of French and Cam stated that there is a thriving K-12 Spanish program.

Article 1: Susan Segal made the motion, seconded by Don Post, to accept the annual reports of the School Directors as presented. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Article 2: Don Post made the motion, seconded by Susan Segal, to authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns from the State for such purposes, and that the same shall be done by notes of the District. There was no discussion and the motion was Unanimously approved.

Article 3: Terry Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Don Post, to pay its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year as follows:

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| School Board Directors | \$1,000/member per year |
| Moderator              | \$ 75/meeting           |
| Treasurer              | \$825/year              |

There was no further discussion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Article 4: Susan Segal made the motion, seconded by Don Post, to authorize the Stowe School Board of School Directors to apply four hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$430,000) of the school district's current fund balance as revenue for the 2012-2013 school year budget, four hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$490,000) to the school district's construction fund for the purposes of insulating and replacing a major portion of the Stowe Elementary School roof, and establish a reserve fund for the purpose of defraying future educational expenses utilizing all carry forward exceeding the above amounts. Cam explained the reserve fund of carry-forward money from last year's budget.

David Jaqua thought that the school board had previously bonded for elementary school improvements and Don Post stated that work at the elementary school was not included with the previous bond for the high school project.

Dick Johannasen asked if solar panels have been considered and would that affect the roof project. Don Post said it is cost prohibitive at this time without funding options.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Article 5: Other business.

There was no other business and the School District Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. on a motion by Don Post and seconded by Terry Dwyer.

## TOWN MEETING

Article 1: Larry Lackey made the motion, seconded by Adam Davis, to appropriate nine million five hundred fifty five thousand five hundred thirty nine dollars (\$9,555,539) to pay expenses identified in the "Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Town Operating Budget"?

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Accounting                | \$ 260,096   |
| Administration            | \$ 377,207   |
| Akeley Memorial Bldg      | \$ 151,254   |
| Cemetery                  | \$ 12,797    |
| Cultural Campus           | \$ 38,863    |
| Debt Management           | \$ 820,412   |
| Elections                 | \$ 8,023     |
| Emergency Management      | \$ 5,768     |
| EMS                       | \$ 410,534   |
| Equipment Reserve Fund    | \$ 370,000   |
| Fire                      | \$ 226,031   |
| General Government        | \$ 584,929   |
| Highway                   | \$ 1,779,490 |
| Insurance                 | \$ 218,814   |
| Library                   | \$ 502,838   |
| Listers                   | \$ 209,259   |
| Mountain Rescue           | \$ 24,194    |
| Parks, Buildings, Grounds | \$ 681,504   |
| Planning                  | \$ 123,651   |
| Police                    | \$ 1,582,794 |
| Public Works              | \$ 306,721   |
| Recreation                | \$ 469,094   |
| Solid Waste               | \$ 550       |
| Street Lights             | \$ 25,438    |
| Town Clerk                | \$ 239,767   |
| Zoning                    | \$ 125,510   |

Heidi Scheuermann asked for a summary of the budget.

Norm Williams encouraged voters to read "fast facts" on page 17 of Town Report.

Karen Goodhue asked about cultural campus expenses and Norm Williams explained they are for town-owned facilities such as the Bloody Brook School House, Historical Society, and Ski Museum.

JD Langdon asked about reallocating funds if necessary and Mr. Williams stated that the Board already had that authority.

Charlie Lusk asked about funding for village vibrancy and Charles Safford stated money is included in General Government.

Heidi Scheuermann talked about IBEW contracts and health insurance changes coming from the state. Norm Williams stated that contracts are being reviewed in the upcoming fiscal year.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Article 2: Adam Davis made the motion, seconded by William Adams, to appropriate five hundred thirty nine thousand dollars (\$539,000) for capital projects identified in the “Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Capital Budget” as follows:

|                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Flood Recovery                            | \$140,000  |
| Cady Hill Land Conservation & Parking Lot | \$ 288,000 |
| Barnes Camp Renovation Match              | \$ 10,000  |
| S. Main Street Sidewalk Replacement       | \$ 21,000  |
| Village Sidewalk Paver Replacement        | \$ 20,000  |
| Memorial Hall Veteran Plaques             | \$ 20,000  |
| Recreation Path Culvert replacement       | \$ 25,000  |
| Replace Dog Pound Building                | \$ 15,000  |

David Jaqua asked about a schedule of capital projects and what happens to any left over money. Charles Safford explained that left-over funds are reallocated to complete other necessary projects.

Lyndall Heyer asked why the Veterans Plaques are so expensive and Barbara Baraw explained that they are bronze plaques for the Korean and Vietnam wars, to match existing war plaques. Marc Segal asked about Iraq Conflicts and Barbara Baraw stated that those conflicts are not being considered at this time.

Marina Meerburg still questioned what she believed to be a high expense and Leigh Tabor defended veterans.

Dick Kilburn called the question and the motion carried.

There was no further discussion and Article 2 passed.

Article 3: Larry Lackey made the motion, seconded by Norman Williams, to appropriate sixty three thousand eighty dollars (\$63,080) to pay for those community services identified in the “Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Community Services Budget” as follows:

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Central VT Adult Ed                 | \$ 3,500 |
| Cntrl VT Comm Action                | \$ 800   |
| Central VT Council Aging            | \$ 3,000 |
| Clarina Howard Nichols Center       | \$ 2,500 |
| Green-Up Day                        | \$ 200   |
| Habitat for Humanity                | \$ 500   |
| LCNat.ResourceConservation District | \$ 100   |
| Lamoille Eco Dev Corp               | \$ 3,000 |

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Lamoille Home Health Assoc.         | \$ 12,942 |
| Lamoille Housing Partnership        | \$ 250    |
| Lamoille Family Center              | \$ 3,000  |
| Lamoille Food Share                 | \$ 5,000  |
| LC Court Diversion                  | \$ 1,250  |
| LC Mental Health                    | \$ 5,000  |
| Meals on Wheels (LENS)              | \$ 2,000  |
| Maple Leaf Farm                     | \$ 1,333  |
| N Country Animal League             | \$ 1,000  |
| No.VT Resource ConservationDistrict | \$ 75     |
| Rural Community Transportation      | \$ 2,200  |
| Out & About                         | \$ 1,000  |
| Retired Senior Vol Prgm             | \$ 660    |
| Stowe American Legion               | \$ 350    |
| Stowe Historical Society            | \$ 4,000  |
| Stowe Land Trust                    | \$ 6,000  |
| Stowe Youth Baseball/Softball       | \$ 2,000  |
| VT Association for the Blind        | \$ 500    |
| VT Center for Ind Lvng              | \$ 420    |
| VT Children's Aid Society           | \$ 500    |
| Total                               | \$ 63,080 |

Ken strong asked what the money for the Stowe Land Trust was used for and Larry Lackey stated that it is for operating expenses.

Lynn Morgan asked why Stowe youth baseball is included in community services budget and Norm Williams stated that the Selectboard is currently establishing criteria for these types of requests. Leigh Tabor explained that the money pays liability insurance for the town-owned fields.

Susan Segal asked if the town would consider donating money to the Childrens Room in Waterbury.

Jo Sabel asked what the \$4000 for Stowe Historical Society is for and Barbara Baraw explained projects that are ongoing.

Charlie Lusk wants Stowe Vibrancy money moved into the Community Services budget.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Article 4: Larry Lackey made the motion, seconded by Norm Williams, to approve the list of wages for Selectboard, Town Clerk, treasurer, Listers and Moderator as follows:

|             |                                            |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Selectboard | \$15,000 (five (5) members at \$3000 each) |
| Town Clerk  | \$72,785 plus benefits                     |

|           |                                          |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|
| Treasurer | \$ 2,000                                 |
| Listers   | \$ 750 (three (3) members at \$250 each) |
| Moderator | \$ 75 per meeting                        |

Marc Segal asked about difference in pay from Selectboard to School Board.

Helene Martin agreed that the school should be paid more.

Dick Kilburn made the motion, seconded by JD Langdon, to lower Selectboard pay to \$2000 per member.

Heidi Scheuermann and Marina Meerburg asked to keep money for Selectboard.

The motion to amend failed.

Trudy Lyon-Hart asked if the Town Clerk's pay included benefits and Mr. Lackey stated that benefits were in addition.

John Black asked about % increase in the Town Clerk's pay and Charles Safford said it is 3.6% increase, consistent with all other non-union personnel.

There was no other discussion and the motion carried.

Article 5: Larry Lackey made the motion, seconded by Adam Davis, to raise money on its Grand List for the fiscal year of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 to pay debts and current expenses of the Town as follows:

|                                                                         |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| That Operational Budget appropriation approved in Article 1:            | \$ 9,555,539 |
| That Capital Budget appropriation approved in Article 2:                | \$ 539,000   |
| That Community Services Budget appropriation approved in Article 3:     | \$ 63,080    |
| That Elected Officials annual wage appropriation approved in Article 4: | \$ 90,610    |
| For a total budget appropriation of:                                    | \$10,238,229 |

And furthermore, the budget amounts voted are to be appropriated to the agencies and purposes as herein voted, provided that the Selectboard is authorized to transfer money between accounts as justice may require and any unexpended balance at the end of the fiscal year shall be conveyed back into the treasury of the Town.

There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Article 6: Neil Van Dyke made the motion, seconded by Norm Williams, to accept the annual reports of the several Town officers as presented. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Article 7: Larry Lackey made the motion, seconded by Norm Williams, to authorize the Selectboard to expend all unexpended Fiscal Year 2012 general funds to pay for debts and current expenses of the Town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Article 8: Art Lloyd made the motion, seconded by Norm Williams, to vote in accordance with 30 V.S.A. 248 (c) to approve the proposed Power Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Town of Stowe Electric Department and other Vermont distribution utilities and H.Q. Energy Services (U.S.) Inc., commencing November 1, 2012 and continuing through October 31, 2038, as approved in the Vermont Public Service Board's Final Order dated April 15, 2011 in Docket No. 7670, provided that the obligations of the Town of Stowe thereunder shall be payable solely from the revenues of the Electric Department.

Mr. Lloyd explained that the contracts are part of ongoing power strategy to keep rates low. This question needed to be approved by the voters because it exceeds a 5 year term.

David Jaqua asked if sale of Stowe Electric would be precluded by these contracts and Counsel and the Commissioners stated no.

Heidi Joyce asked if it were customary and prudent to enter into a 26 year contract and Art Lloyd stated yes.

Don Post asked what % power this contract will provide and Ellen Burt stated 7.6%.

Jennifer Delony asked about status of integrated energy plan and Ellen stated it has been approved by the Public Service Department and is pending Public Service Board approval.

Jacque Shiner asked about inflationary caps and the attorney for Stowe Electric said they are accounted for. She then asked about full disclosure in the contracts. Tom Evslin stated that there are exceptions in the law for proprietary contracts.

George Rigby asked about additional sources of power. Art Lloyd pointed people to the list on pg 157 of the Town Report.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Article 9: Art Lloyd made the motion, seconded by Tom Evslin, to vote in accordance with 30 V.S.A. 248 (c) to approve the proposed Power Purchase

Agreement between the Town of Stowe Electric Department and NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC, commencing January 1, 2015 and continuing through December 31, 2034, as approved in the Vermont Public Service Board's Final Order dated January 19, 2012 in Docket No. 7814, provided that the obligations of the Town of Stowe thereunder shall be payable solely from the revenues and moneys of the Electric Department.

Lyndall Heyer asked when Seabrook is scheduled to go offline and Tim Hebert, Attorney for Stowe Electric, stated that the Seabrook operating license ends 2030 which is 4 years before the agreement ends. He added that Stowe Electric bears no liability if the plant is not relicensed.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Article 10: Other business:

Discussion of Australian Ballot articles ensued.

Town Meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison A. Kaiser, Town Clerk

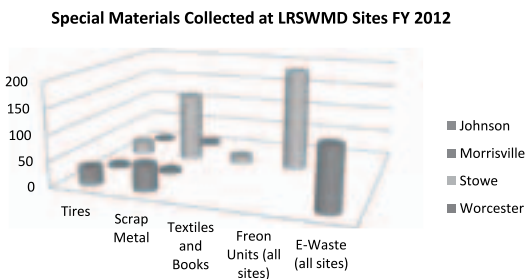
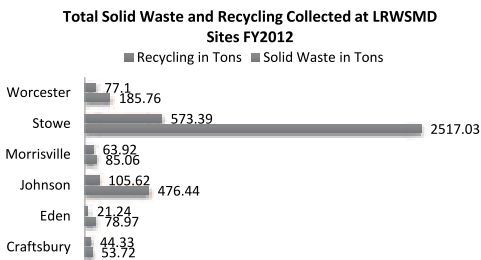


## LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District facilities serve as a convenient and affordable option for trash disposal, recycling and reuse. In 2012 a total of 3,397 tons of trash and 886 tons of recyclables were collected at these facilities; an additional 16,693 tons of solid waste was handled through private haulers across the District.

Our Stowe Transfer Station remains as the busiest location accounting for almost 75% of total business. 2,517 tons of municipal solid waste, 7 tons of construction and demolition materials, and 573 tons of recycling were handled at this location in FY2012. The Stowe Transfer Station is open every day except Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The Reuse Center is open for pick up only on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Items can be dropped off for Reuse only during the regular hours of operation. The Redemption Center is closed on Tuesday and Sunday.

The Redemption Center at the Stowe Transfer Station handles over a million bottles annually. Some residents using the redemption center choose to have their bottle money donated to local charities by placing them in specially marked containers. Donations amounted to \$7,835 in FY2012 and were split among the United Way, the Lamoille Community Food Share and other beneficiaries through this program.



All of this work is funded without taxing our member towns through user fees and disposal surcharges. LRSWMD maintains one of the lowest surcharges in the state for municipal solid waste generated within our boundaries. LRSWMD also pays \$1,650 per year to Green Up Vermont to cover the cost of our District towns participation in this program. Approximately one ton of trash and 94 tires were collected in Stowe last Green Up Day.

**LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
FEE SCHEDULE- LRSWMD BOARD APPROVED 7/13/2010  
EFFECTIVE 1 SEPTEMBER 2010**

| <b>Waste Type</b>                         | <b>Fee</b>                       |                                      |                 |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>MSW</b>                                |                                  | Tires _up to _16"                    | \$2.50          |
| 45 Gallon bag                             | \$5.00                           | [w/rim add \$1 ea.]                  |                 |
| 30 Gallon bag                             | \$3.50                           | Tires _17" to _20"                   | \$5.00          |
| 15 Gallon bag                             | \$2.00                           | [w/rim add \$1 ea.]                  |                 |
| <b>Scaled</b> [minimum fee \$25]          | \$145.00/ton                     | Tires _21"                           | \$8.00          |
| Loose                                     | \$25.00/cu.yd.                   | [w/rim add \$1 ea.]                  |                 |
|                                           |                                  | Heavy Truck Tires                    | \$35.00 - 45.00 |
|                                           |                                  | Tires, <b>scaled</b>                 | \$165.00/ton    |
| <b>C&amp;D</b>                            |                                  | Sofa                                 | \$8.00          |
| <b>Scaled</b> [minimum fee \$25]          | \$155.00/ton                     | Stuffed Chair each                   | \$3.50          |
| Loose [Stowe only] <b>no c&amp;d @JHN</b> | \$40.00/cu. yd.                  | Large mattress and box per piece     | \$8.00          |
| Shingles                                  | \$75.00/cu.yd. or<br>\$18/barrel | Twin mattress and box per piece      | \$5.00          |
|                                           |                                  | TVs small, medium and large          | \$5-\$10-\$20   |
| <b>Recycling</b>                          |                                  | Small Electronics                    | \$1.00          |
| 45 gallon bag                             | \$.75                            | Fluorescent tubes Free to Households |                 |
| 30 gallon bag                             | \$.50                            | \$.07/foot to Businesses             |                 |
| 15 gallon bag                             | \$.25                            | Misc. Bulbs and Ballasts             | \$.50 - \$2.50  |
| <b>Scaled</b> [no minimum fee]            | \$20.00/ton                      | Lead acid batteries each             | \$.50-1.00      |
| Loose                                     | \$2.00/cu.yd.                    | Computers per piece Business Only    | \$5.00          |
|                                           |                                  | Books per 15 gallon bin              | \$.25           |
| <b>Special Wastes</b>                     |                                  | Textiles per 30 gallon bag           | \$.50           |
| Scrap Metal                               | \$5.00/cu.yd.                    | Brush and Stumps                     | \$3.00/cu.yd    |
| Freon refrigerators                       | \$10.00                          | Concrete, Brick and Mortar           | \$6.00/cu.yd.   |
| Dehumidifiers and AC                      | \$10.00                          |                                      |                 |
| 20 lb propane                             | \$3.00                           |                                      |                 |
| 1 lb propane                              | \$.50                            |                                      |                 |

## TOWN WAGE REPORT

| FTE  | Name                   | Hourly Rate | Years of Service |
|------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1.00 | Adams, Gregory         | \$18.82     | 7                |
| 0.60 | Anderson, Gary         | \$21.68     | 1                |
| 1.00 | Allen, John E.         | \$19.13     | 12               |
| 1.00 | Bates, Eric            | \$18.03     | 8                |
| 1.00 | Carder, Megan B.       | \$26.20     | 17               |
| 1.00 | Demeritt, Steve        | \$20.07     | 8                |
| 0.75 | DiVeglia, Angela       | \$16.68     | 0                |
| 1.00 | Dougherty, Michael     | \$24.48     | 9                |
| 1.00 | Emerson, Bruce         | \$28.65     | 19               |
| 1.00 | Faye, Tori             | \$22.14     | 14               |
| 1.00 | Foster, Larry          | \$23.70     | 34               |
| 1.00 | Grogan, Kimberly       | \$22.74     | 1                |
| 1.00 | Hoadley, Robert        | \$16.84     | 5                |
| 1.00 | Hodgdon, Archie        | \$14.75     | 0                |
| 0.63 | Kelly, Linda           | \$26.34     | 7                |
| 1.00 | Knight, David M.       | \$29.48     | 15               |
| 1.00 | Lemaire, Corinne       | \$17.79     | 0                |
| 1.00 | Longe, Bryan           | \$29.36     | 9                |
| 1.00 | Luce, Russell S.       | \$19.53     | 8                |
| 1.00 | Mandigo, Michael       | \$31.77     | 25               |
| 1.00 | Manning, Michael       | \$24.84     | 25               |
| 1.00 | Martin, Joseph O.      | \$19.75     | 17               |
| 1.00 | McHugh, Christopher P. | \$28.65     | 22               |
| 1.00 | Merriam, Bruce A.      | \$33.16     | 27               |
| 1.00 | Moeck, Susan H.        | \$27.13     | 14               |
| 0.50 | Pease, Molly           | \$16.12     | 6                |
| 1.00 | Pickett, Julie S.      | \$26.13     | 25               |
| 1.00 | Rhodes, Lawrence       | \$21.52     | 21               |
| 1.00 | Rogers, Chris B.       | \$26.75     | 15               |
| 1.00 | Ross, Allen            | \$23.70     | 14               |
| 1.00 | Shatney, Alan A.       | \$27.45     | 14               |
| 0.60 | Smith, Marcia          | \$18.23     | 11               |
| 0.83 | Smith, Peter           | \$18.58     | 31               |
| 1.00 | Stewart, Steve         | \$33.16     | 27               |
| 1.00 | Stirewalt, Mark        | \$23.01     | 4                |
| 1.00 | Strobridge, Elizabeth  | \$21.17     | 6                |
| 1.00 | Tabor, Darron          | \$25.02     | 18               |
| 1.00 | Viens, Jessica         | \$16.15     | 1                |
| 1.00 | Walker, Kyle           | \$22.55     | 4                |
| 1.00 | Webster, Edwin         | \$31.75     | 33               |
| 1.00 | Wells, Jasson          | \$18.03     | 9                |
| 1.00 | Wells, Melvin          | \$22.13     | 23               |

|      |                       |            |    |
|------|-----------------------|------------|----|
| 1.00 | Whitaker, Anthony     | \$18.92    | 4  |
| 1.00 | Whitcomb, Fred G.     | \$25.97    | 12 |
| 1.00 | Wilkesman, Jesse      | \$23.01    | 7  |
| 1.00 | Wilkins-Mandigo, Gwyn | \$21.52    | 30 |
| 0.75 | Willingham, Jenny     | \$21.68    | 4  |
| 1.00 | Baker, Richard        | \$1,319.35 | 6  |
| 1.00 | Bonneau, Stephen J.   | \$1,455.70 | 22 |
| 1.00 | Brinkman, Scott       | \$1,105.61 | 1  |
| 1.00 | Godin, Bruce L.       | \$1,455.70 | 31 |
| 1.00 | Grogan, Richard       | \$1,184.41 | 0  |
| 1.00 | Hull, Donald          | \$1,604.93 | 0  |
| 1.00 | Jackman, Tom          | \$1,358.94 | 9  |
| 1.00 | Kaiser, Alison A.     | \$1,399.71 | 18 |
| 1.00 | Lewis, Gregory A.     | \$1,528.47 | 32 |
| 1.00 | McIntosh, Marjorie    | \$1,201.57 | 3  |
| 1.00 | Safford, Charles      | \$1,979.16 | 5  |
| 1.00 | Shepard, Harry        | \$1,527.30 | 2  |
| 1.00 | Spaulding, Karla      | \$1,455.70 | 25 |
| 1.00 | Vickery, Thomas       | \$1,604.93 | 9  |

**TOWN OF STOWE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYEE WAGE REPORT**

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| <b>FTE</b> | <b>Name</b>      | <b>Hourly Rate</b> | <b>Years of Service</b> |
|------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.00       | Adams, Debby     | \$22.51            | 11                      |
| 0.60       | Allen, Nikki     | \$16.80            | 3                       |
| 1.00       | Bilodeau, Evan   | \$21.71            | 0                       |
| 1.00       | Burgess, Lili    | \$22.63            | 6                       |
| 1.00       | Darling, Diane   | \$22.88            | 12                      |
| 1.00       | Griffith, Norman | \$32.16            | 2                       |
| 1.00       | Huffman, Brian   | \$34.73            | 2                       |
| 1.00       | Lacroix, Louis   | \$32.16            | 1                       |
| 1.00       | Mandigo, Randy   | \$28.98            | 34                      |
| 1.00       | Plante, Jo Ann   | \$21.00            | 1                       |
| 1.00       | Power, Silas     | \$27.34            | 3                       |
| 1.00       | St. Cyr, Larry   | \$22.51            | 30                      |
| 1.00       | Whalen, Jaime    | \$21.73            | 0                       |

| <b>FTE</b> | <b>Name</b>      | <b>Weekly Salary</b> | <b>Years of Service</b> |
|------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.00       | Burt, Ellen      | \$2,340.70           | 17                      |
| 1.00       | Householder, Pat | \$1,480.77           | 5                       |
| 1.00       | Haselton, Doug   | \$1,634.62           | 1                       |
| 1.00       | Brewster, James  | \$1,105.77           | 0                       |
| 1.00       | Wheeler, Cindee  | \$1,201.93           | 0                       |

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROFESSIONAL STAFF  
WAGES REPORT FY13**

| FTE  | Last Name | First Name | Years Teaching | Education Level | Salary    |
|------|-----------|------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1.00 | Annetts   | Barbara    | 31             | M+60            | 75,927.00 |
| 1.00 | Barney    | Brian      | 18             | B+30            | 56,619.00 |
| 1.00 | Bennett   | Helen      | 23             | M+30            | 71,717.00 |
| 1.00 | Boerger   | Patty      | 17             | M+45            | 66,817.00 |
| 1.00 | Bouffard  | Jane       | 28             | M+60            | 75,927.00 |
| 1.00 | Bradford  | Elizabeth  | 16             | M+60            | 68,922.00 |
| 1.00 | Buzzell   | Stephen    | 8              | M+30            | 55,929.00 |
| 1.00 | Cardasis  | James      | 20             | M+15            | 69,612.00 |
| 1.00 | Chartrand | Rebecca    | 3              | B               | 41,557.00 |
| 1.00 | Crawford  | Eileen     | 14             | M               | 62,970.00 |
| 1.00 | Crouse    | Kathryn    | 5              | M               | 47,182.00 |
| 1.00 | Dacales   | Jeffrey    | 19             | M+60            | 72,407.00 |
| 1.00 | Delena    | Davida     | 9              | M+30            | 57,671.00 |
| 1.00 | Economou  | Anne       | 10             | M+15            | 57,345.00 |
| 1.00 | Emory     | Paige      | 17             | B+30            | 53,134.00 |
| 0.80 | Faith     | Jennifer   | 5              | B+15            | 35,771.20 |
| 0.50 | Gannon    | Glenn      | 33             | B+15            | 24,988.50 |
| 1.00 | Gordon    | Charles    | 24             | M+45            | 73,822.00 |
| 1.00 | Greene    | Aimee      | 7              | M               | 54,187.00 |
| 0.80 | Greene    | Micah      | 7              | M               | 43,349.60 |
| 1.00 | Grogan    | Jeffrey    | 13             | M+30            | 62,934.00 |
| 1.00 | Hoffmann  | Heather    | 11             | M+15            | 59,087.00 |
| 1.00 | Horton    | Sarah      | 11             | B+30            | 54,877.00 |
| 1.00 | Kalp      | Laura      | 9              | M               | 55,965.00 |
| 1.00 | Keaton    | Rachael    | 6              | M               | 52,445.00 |
| 1.00 | Kennedy   | Dale       | 23             | M+45            | 73,822.00 |
| 1.00 | Kennedy   | John       | 4              | M+60            | 56,619.00 |
| 0.80 | King      | Anne       | 10             | M+60            | 52,321.60 |
| 1.00 | Leene     | Lana       | 35             | M+60            | 75,927.00 |
| 1.00 | Limanek   | Carol      | 32             | M+60            | 75,927.00 |
| 1.00 | Lowe      | Constance  | 19             | M+15            | 69,612.00 |
| 1.00 | Marshall  | Amy        | 19             | M               | 66,491.00 |
| 1.00 | May       | Mark       | 33             | M+30            | 71,717.00 |
| 1.00 | McArdle   | Amy        | 26             | M               | 68,233.00 |
| 0.50 | McDowell  | Averill    | 1              | B               | 19,018.00 |
| 1.00 | McDowell  | Donald     | 30             | M+60            | 75,927.00 |
| 1.00 | McSweeney | Linda      | 23             | M               | 68,233.00 |
| 1.00 | Meagle    | Susan      | 24             | M+15            | 69,612.00 |
| 1.00 | Meyer     | Kaaren     | 20             | M+45            | 72,080.00 |

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|------|-----------------|-----------|----|------|-----------|
| 1.00 | Monahan         | Wendy     | 18 | M+30 | 66,454.00 |
| 1.00 | Morrill         | Keith     | 1  | M    | 43,662.00 |
| 1.00 | Murphy          | Roger     | 15 | M+45 | 65,039.00 |
| 1.00 | Ndione          | Ann       | 12 | M+15 | 60,829.00 |
| 1.00 | Nichols         | Laura     | 14 | M+30 | 66,454.00 |
| 1.00 | North           | Tamara    | 6  | M    | 50,703.00 |
| 1.00 | Peterson        | Lucas     | 4  | M    | 45,440.00 |
| 0.90 | Preston         | Neil      | 3  | B    | 34,232.40 |
| 1.00 | Rapoport        | Michael   | 7  | M+30 | 54,187.00 |
| 1.00 | Raymond         | Pamela    | 25 | M+30 | 71,717.00 |
| 1.00 | Reina           | Soraya    | 12 | M    | 61,228.00 |
| 1.00 | Ritzo           | Joseph    | 34 | M+60 | 75,927.00 |
| 1.00 | Rudner          | Elyse     | 27 | M    | 68,233.00 |
| 1.00 | Salgado         | Andrea    | 5  | M    | 50,703.00 |
| 1.00 | Schnee          | Karen     | 28 | B+15 | 49,977.00 |
| 1.00 | Shea            | Wendy     | 3  | M    | 43,662.00 |
| 1.00 | Smith           | David     | 9  | B+30 | 51,356.00 |
| 1.00 | Sorrell-Lacasse | Martha    | 21 | M+45 | 73,822.00 |
| 1.00 | Stanton         | Catherine | 9  | B    | 48,561.00 |
| 1.00 | Suursoo         | Astrid    | 27 | M+45 | 73,822.00 |
| 1.00 | Vietze          | Heidi     | 15 | B+30 | 56,619.00 |
| 0.80 | Volansky        | Jennifer  | 14 | B    | 38,848.80 |
| 1.00 | Wells           | Jessica   | 4  | M+15 | 48,561.00 |
| 1.00 | Westermann      | Claire    | 33 | M+45 | 73,822.00 |
| 1.00 | Williams        | Norman    | 37 | M+45 | 73,822.00 |
| 1.00 | Ziegler         | Timothy   | 28 | M    | 68,233.00 |
| 0.80 | Zimbalatti      | Carleen   | 4  | M    | 36,352.00 |

\*B represents a Bachelor's Degree

\*M represents a Master's Degree

(+15, +30, etc., represents additional credit earned above the degree)

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT STAFF  
WAGES REPORT FY13**

| Last Name   | First Name | Position                                 | Hourly Rate/Salary |
|-------------|------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Armbruster  | Huntly     | Aide to Individual Student               | 12.47              |
| Bambara     | Ellen      | Computer Lab Aide                        | 13.58              |
| Bartholomew | Kathleen   | Kindergarten Aide                        | 13.17              |
| Bedell      | Michael    | Head Custodian                           | 36,779.00          |
| Birmingham  | James      | Program Aide                             | 13.17              |
| Carpenter   | Melanie    | Principal                                | 82,924.00          |
| Chartrand   | Michael    | Aide to Individual Student               | 11.37              |
| Conte       | Jeanne     | Aide to Individual Student               | 12.47              |
| Davis       | Cathy      | Program Aide                             | 12.92              |
| Echarte     | Jennifer   | Aide to Individual Student               | 12.42              |
| Farmer      | Debra      | Speech Language Aide                     | 13.17              |
| Faunce      | John       | Network Administrator                    | 46,482.00          |
| Frank       | Jessica    | Aide to Individual Student               | 12.07              |
| Gay         | Jacqueline | Learning Center Assistant                | 13.17              |
| Gillen      | Wayne      | Custodian                                | 13.38              |
| Graner      | Patricia   | Math/Literacy Tutor                      | 13.17              |
| Graves      | Joanna     | Athletic Director                        | 28,837.00          |
| Guazzoni    | Jennifer   | SLP Aide                                 | 11.92              |
| Hale        | Barbara    | Learning Center Assistant                | 13.17              |
| Hancy       | Cara       | Aide to Individual Student               | 11.12              |
| Hickory     | Lisa       | Administrative Assistant                 | 37,300.00          |
| Hoffmann    | Elizabeth  | Health Aide                              | 13.39              |
| Hough       | Maryanne   | Administrative Assistant                 | 42,830.00          |
| Joseph      | Shannon    | Aide to Individual Student               | 11.37              |
| Kells       | Gina       | Aide to Individual Student               | 12.27              |
| King        | Mary       | Playground Supervisor/Instructional Aide | 12.47              |
| Kirby       | Meghan     | Aide to Individual Student               | 10.12              |
| Lacoss      | Heather    | Aide to Individual Student               | 13.17              |
| Laflamme    | Pierre     | Student Assistance Counselor             | 48,180.00          |
| Leavey      | Michele    | Program Aide                             | 12.47              |
| Leavey      | William    | Custodian                                | 13.13              |
| Lewis       | Norma      | Program Aide                             | 26,521.00          |
| Maher       | Jeffrey    | Principal                                | 107,710.00         |
| Mailhoit    | Thomas     | Grounds & Building Manager               | 59,141.00          |
| McDowell    | Averill    | Aide to Individual Student               | 12.17              |
| Meyer       | John       | Computer Support Specialist              | 31,927.00          |
| Mosher      | Madonna    | Secretary                                | 14.92              |
| Munday      | Maryellen  | Aide to Individual Student               | 13.17              |
| O'Laughlin  | Ann        | Aide to Individual Student               | 18.79              |

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|-----------|----------|----------------------------|------------|
| O'Neil    | Judith   | Registrar                  | 29,423.00  |
| Raboin    | Marcel   | Custodian                  | 13.38      |
| Rice      | Linda    | Aide to Individual Student | 12.17      |
| Scott     | Philip   | Aide to Individual Student | 11.87      |
| Small     | Carmen   | Aide to Individual Student | 11.37      |
| Smiles    | Richard  | Principal                  | 106,444.00 |
| Walker    | Charlene | Secretary                  | 33,433.00  |
| Wasserman | Theodore | Custodian                  | 13.13      |
| Wells     | Debra    | Aide to Individual Student | 12.42      |
| Whitaker  | Leslie   | Administrative Assistant   | 36,539.00  |



**LAMOILLE SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION  
ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY AND STAFF  
WAGES REPORT FY13**

| Last Name   | First Name | Position                                  | Hourly Rate/Salary |
|-------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Angione     | Rita       | Speech/Language Pathologist               | 66,685.00          |
| Bataille    | Jeanne     | Speech/Language Pathologies               | 64,436.00          |
| Berger      | Linda      | Director of Student Services              | 79,807.00          |
| Brown       | Linda      | Early Education Speech Language Aide      | 13.71              |
| Brynn       | Jeffery    | Food Service Director                     | 35,000.00          |
| Calhoun     | James      | School Psychologist                       | 66,540.00          |
| Christensen | Carrie     | Bookkeeper                                | 44,371.00          |
| Cross       | Lisa       | Human Resources Coordinator               | 46,405.00          |
| Crowder     | Rochelle   | Speech/Language Pathologist               | 58,069.00          |
| Daniels     | Elaine     | Early Education Program Teacher           | 63,609.00          |
| Dunkley     | Kim        | Early Education Program Aide              | 12.69              |
| Fisher      | J. Bryn    | Early Education Program Teacher           | 53,118.00          |
| Gabaree     | Cynthia    | Early Education Program Assistant         | 13.65              |
| Gillen      | Melissa    | Data Manager                              | 53,137.00          |
| Gravel      | Brenda     | Administrative Assistant                  | 38,652.00          |
| Ingalls     | Heidi      | Bookkeeper                                | 48,852.00          |
| Keith       | Dena       | Medicaid Clerk                            | 15.89              |
| Lively      | Rebecca    | School Psychologist                       | 66,632.00          |
| Macy        | Kelly      | Speech/Language Pathologist               | 51,326.00          |
| Miko        | Daniel     | Bookkeeper                                | 37,493.00          |
| Pallozzi    | Dean       | Director of Data Management & IT          | 62,035.00          |
| Pelkey      | Marcella   | Occupational Therapist                    | 64,437.00          |
| Pike        | John       | Director of Finance & Operations          | 99,143.00          |
| Saphier     | Kelly      | English as Second Language                | 50,726.00          |
| Sullivan    | Valerie    | Director of Curriculum & Instruction      | 88,204.00          |
| Tilton      | Kaitlin    | Early Education Program Aide              | 11.24              |
| West        | Robin      | Early Education Program Aide              | 13.93              |
| Wrend       | Tracy      | Superintendent of Schools                 | 116,967.00         |
| Wright      | Michelle   | Pre-K Program Coordinator/Teacher         | 36,426.00          |
| Wyman       | Naomi      | Student Services Administrative Assistant | 13.97              |

**Town of Stowe, Vermont**  
**IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION**

1. **Method of Payment:** Currently dated checks should be made payable to TREASURER, TOWN OF STOWE, P.O. Box 730, Stowe, Vermont 05672. Payments mailed from foreign countries may either be paid by check or International Money Order, but must be payable in U.S. DOLLARS drawn on a U.S. bank. Checks not meeting these requirements will immediately be returned to the sender and penalties will be attached if applicable. All checks returned by the bank, for any reason, will cause the payment to be cancelled, any receipt for that payment to be void, and fees, penalties and interest added where applicable. Receipt will be mailed if a stamp is supplied.
2. **Taxes/Special Assessments:** The tax bill covers taxes and special assessments, if any, for the fiscal year July 1 through June 30. The total of the individual tax amounts shown in the breakdown may not equal the "total amount" because of the lost mill factor in computing each extension.
3. **Installment Payments/Delinquent Dates:** Taxes on real property are payable in four (4) equal payments. One quarter of the annual tax bill is due on each installment due date -

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>1st installment</b> | <b>August 10</b>   |
| <b>2nd installment</b> | <b>November 10</b> |
| <b>3rd installment</b> | <b>February 10</b> |
| <b>4th installment</b> | <b>May 10</b>      |

Any taxes not paid when due will be deemed delinquent and payable to the collector of delinquent taxes. **An additional charge** of two percent (2%) of the unpaid taxes will be imposed for each month or fraction thereof as interest on any tax not paid on or before the dates due. If the installment due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the time of delinquency will be on the next business day. **POSTMARKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

4. **Property Ownership/Statements:** Taxes are levied on real property as it exists in the name of the owner of record on the lien date of April 1st, prior to the July 1st tax year start date.
5. **Property Owner's Responsibility:** By law, tax bills are mailed to the owner of record as of April 1st at the address on file with the Assessor's Office on or about July 1st. **Failure to receive a bill DOES NOT relieve the taxpayer from the responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due and payable; nor does it relieve the addition of penalties and interest as required by law.** The Assessor's Office must be notified in writing of any address changes.
6. **Transfer of Property:** If all or a portion of the taxed property is sold it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner. It is the **new owner's** responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable. **The Town Clerk's office is willing to provide a copy of the current year tax bill at no charge.**