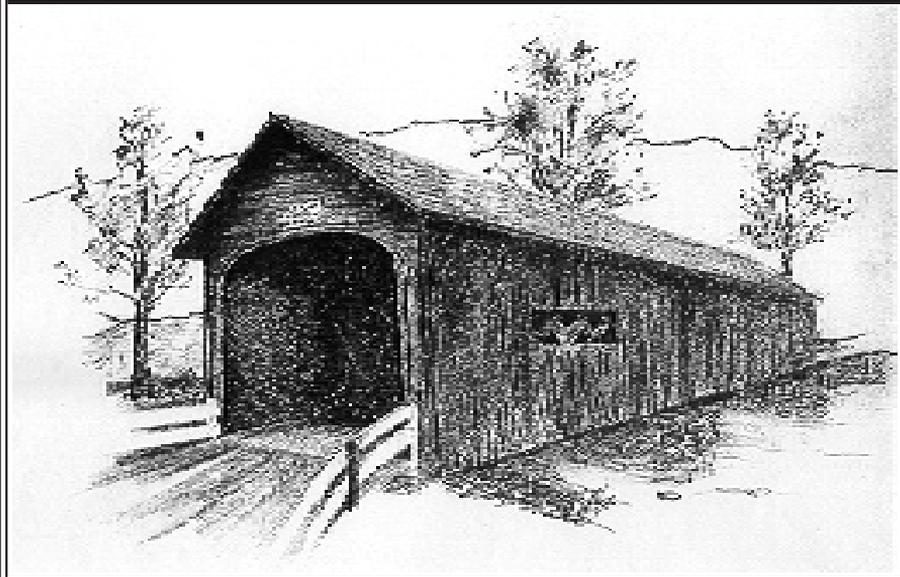


TOWN OF  
GUILFORD  
VERMONT

FISCAL YEAR  
July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012



*153rd Annual Report*

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday	7:00 - 6:00
Tuesday	7:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	7:00 - 5:00
Thursday	7:00 - 5:00
Friday	Closed (open by appointment only)

## REGULAR MEETINGS

Selectboard: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:30pm  
School Board: 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30pm  
Firemen's Meetings & Drills: every Tuesday, 6:30pm  
Fire Department Trustees: 1st Monday of each month, 6:30pm  
Fire Department Auxiliary: 1st Thursday of each month, 6:30pm  
Historical Society: 3rd Monday of January, April, July and October  
Library Trustees: 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30pm  
Planning Commission: 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm  
Conservation Committee: 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00pm  
Cemetery Commission: 3rd Thursday each month, 5:30pm

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

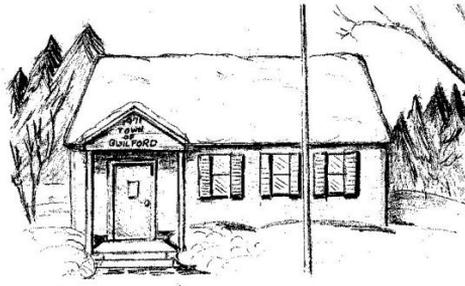
Town Office	254-6857 (fax 257-5764)
Town Garage	254-2755
School	254-2271
Fire Dept.	<b>To report a fire 911</b>
Burning Permits:	257-4365, or 254-1688
Other, non-emergency, business:	254-4413
Library	257-4603
Health Officers:	
Dolores Hale	257-5819
Deputy; Dan Ingold	254-9419
Constable - Walter Thorn	257-8932
Dog Officer - Walter Thorn	257-8932

Dog licenses are due April 1st each year. You may come in between January 10 & April 1 to obtain a new license. A current rabies certificate is needed.

Library Hours: Tuesday 9:30am-6pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday 3pm-6pm; Saturday 9:30am-3pm.

Cover: *The Green River Covered Bridge, drawn by the late Tom Hannan, of Packer Corners. The framed original is on display at the Town Office.*

**“Sally” Carpenter** served as Guilford Town Clerk from 1971 to 1984. Both in that capacity and also outside that capacity, she was always looking out for the welfare of Guilford residents and tending to their needs. In appreciation of this, the Broad Brook Grange honored her with the Community Citizen Award in 1979, and the Secretary of State presented Sally with the Vermont Public Service Award in 2000. But maybe the most fitting tribute came from one Guilford resident who said, “I always loved seeing Sally, even though it usually meant I was paying my taxes.”



**Arnold Clark** was Guilford through and through, born and raised on the family dairy farm. Somehow, along with his farm work and beloved maple sugaring, he managed to serve at various times as Town Moderator, Selectman, Forest Fire Warden, Town Constable, Deputy Game Warden, and Windham County Deputy Sheriff. When the Town Office addition was built, Arnold served as Clerk of the Works. He was known for his kind manner and his Vermont dry humor. Some lucky ones among us will remember him most out in the sugarhouse telling tall tales; the taller the tale, the brighter the twinkle in Arnold’s eye. *B.T.*

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## FY14 TOWN FINANCES

Over the last few years the Town has taken steps to present our finances in a format that is more compliant with the generally accepted standards for government accounting and more transparent for the reader. This narrative is an attempt to present some basic premises of our methods, highlight notable changes that have taken place in our presentation and explain the reasoning behind these changes.

- The Town of Guilford practices Fund Accounting. This is a system used by nonprofit organizations, particularly governments. Because there is no profit motive, accountability is measured instead of profitability. The main purpose is stewardship of financial resources received and expended in compliance with legal requirements. Financial reporting is directed at the public rather than investors. Funds are established to ensure accountability and expenditure for designated purposes. Revenues must be raised and expended in accordance with special regulations and restrictions. Budgets are adopted and recorded in the accounts of the related fund.
- There are Cash Accounts and there are Funds. Cash Accounts are the individual bank accounts that hold the Town's cash; we receive statements for them and they are reconciled. Funds do not exist at a bank, they only exist on the Town's books; they are used on paper to segregate monies with specific purposes. Most Funds do not have their own Cash Account, but there are some that are required to and this separation is most often directed by Statute.
- The Town has two primary Funds for which budgets are crafted and ultimately funded through the collection of property taxes and other sources of revenues. They are the General Fund and the Highway Fund.
- Taxes are collected and all Funds (Highway, Capital, other reserve funds and State Education Funds [taxes]), with the exception of the General Fund, must be paid in full and on time; the General Fund carries the full brunt of delinquent property taxes.
- In FY14, Funds that are supported through taxes, other than the General and Highway Funds, are paid through the newly established "Transfers Out" category reflected in the General Fund.
- In FY14, only revenues and expenses that are purely part of the General Fund and the Highway Fund will have a budgeted amount presented. This is a change from previous budget presentations.
- In FY14, "Pass Through" accounts have been relocated from the General Fund report of Revenues and Expenditures. They now appear on the report of Assets and Liabilities (as "Due To" and "Due From" accounts). This enables a more direct presentation of revenues raised through property taxes and monies expended from the General Fund.

Explanation - These are accounts for which the Town receives revenue on behalf of another party (or fund) in the exact amount that an expense will be due ("Due To") to that party (or fund) and conversely makes expenditures up front for which we will receive revenue ("Due From"). These transactions will now appear in the Town's General Ledger on the Balance Sheet (and elsewhere) but not in any budget report as they are not budgeted items.



An example of a “Due To” (liability) account is: The Delinquent Tax Collector collects a penalty (fee) on delinquent taxes. When the money is brought into the Town as revenue and held for the Collector, it creates a “Due To.” The exact amount of this revenue is then paid out to the Collector (the fee due to the Collector) as an expense.

An example of a “Due From” (asset) account is: The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) carries their insurance under the Town of Guilford to get the best rate. The Town pays their insurance bill each quarter. The GVFD then reimburses the Town for this expense. When the bill is paid on their behalf, a “Due From” is created and then cleared out when the Town is reimbursed from GVFD.

- During the 2007 Town Meeting, the voters of Guilford approved the creation “of an accounting method which considers real and planned expenditures to begin in FY09.” This was the creation of the Capital Fund. Every year since then the Town has appropriated \$150,000.00 to this fund. Capital Fund purchases historically have been for large pieces of highway equipment but are not solely limited to this purpose, e.g., the construction of the sand shed was funded using the Capital Fund. In FY14, the customary amount of \$150,000.00 has been included as a part of the regular budget for the General Fund (as a “Transfer Out”) rather than it being a special article. As a result of this and other changes, the dollar amount in “Article 5” of the “2013 Town Meeting Warning” is grossly higher than in prior years and cannot be fairly compared.
- The Town received two grants to rehabilitate the Green River Covered Bridge. In accepting these grants, the Town agreed to contribute a 20% match to the cost of the project. Since this is an obligation on behalf of the Town, this money

is included in the FY14 operating budget for the General Fund (as a “Transfer Out”) and not segregated as a Special Article.

- At the 2013 Town Meeting, the Selectboard will ask voters to approve the creation of a reserve fund “for the purpose of funding unanticipated revenue shortfalls and paying non-recurring and unanticipated General and Highway Fund expenditures, the balance of which shall be created and maintained using budget surplus funds, as available, growing to a level not less than five percent (5%) and not more than twenty percent (20%) of the total operating General Fund and Highway Fund expenditures.” This Fund will function like a savings account. The Selectboard believes that sound financial management requires sufficient funds be maintained by the Town for unanticipated expenditures and revenue shortfalls during the course of the fiscal year that may be caused by economic downturns, natural disasters, and other unforeseen circumstances. Maintaining such funds will help sustain the stability of the Town tax rate and reduce the need for short-term borrowing. After Irene hit, we quickly saw the need and value of having this reserve fund. The surplus fund balance from FY12 is \$44,968; this will be the seed money to start the fund in FY14.
- There has been further reorganizing of duties in the roles of Town Clerk and Treasurer. Last year, the position of Assistant Treasurer was eliminated and replaced with that of Bookkeeper. This year, the decision was made to reallocate the hours for the Assistant Town Clerk position to just 10 hours/week (formerly 20) and increase the Bookkeeper position to 30 hours/week (formerly 20) to fill the gaps and provide the needed financial support. In addition, the Town Clerk/Treasurer now dedicates 30 hours/week to her Town Clerk duties and 10 hours/week to Treasurer work. Salaries of these positions have been reallocated to support these changes and are reflected in the FY14 budget.

Hopefully this article helps to educate Guilford’s voters about our Town’s finances for FY14 and in general! Our purpose in making the changes we’ve described above is to create more transparency and clarity about how the town finances work. Please feel free to stop by the Town Office any time; all questions are always welcomed.

## AUDITORS’ STATEMENT

In Guilford, the elected auditors’ primary duties have been, for years, to put together the Town Report in an understandable and accurate manner, as well as some verification of balances.

This year town administrator Katie Buckley, and town clerk Penny Marine have continued their excellent work bringing Town finances more into focus and realigning accounts, aided by assistant town clerk & bookkeeper Peter Hetzel and by the professional auditing firm of Mudgett, Jennett, Krogh-Wisner.

Town reports are complicated, and we try to present the information as clearly as possible. We welcome comments and suggestions: and also pictures of Guilford events, people, and places for next year’s Report.

Elly Majonen  
Neil Quinn  
Cathrine Wilken

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

Here are some highlights of the Selectboard's activity since the 2012 Town Meeting:

- Irene recovery still continues long after the storm ended. We were able to work with FEMA to not only rebuild/repair our roads and bridges but also include valuable mitigation work that will make us more resilient for the next significant event. Irene provided great proof that our Emergency Management group, Town Office team and Highway crew, and Volunteer Fire Department partners, are ready, prepared and responsive in an emergency. We were loaded for bear when Sandy hit and were so thankful that nothing came of it. We must repeat how grateful we are for the community we represent; Guilford is "Vermont Strong"!
- The Save Sweet Pond Steering Committee has met regularly throughout the year to plan and carry out successful fund-raisers and informational opportunities to educate the widespread public about the importance of restoring the pond and recreation area. We have learned from our State Representative, Mike Hebert, that Mike Synder, Commissioner, Dept. of Forest, Parks, and Recreation has included the funding for Sweet Pond's dam rehabilitation in his capital budget for presentation to legislature. While this is not a done-deal, we feel confident that our voice will be heard and we will have our pond back within a couple of years!
- The Algiers Waterline was constructed during the Summer/Fall of 2012. The project was funded through a variety of sources but mostly on the federal level through a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. We were required to follow their guidelines for procuring contractors and services, which was a complicated and tedious process, requiring collaboration and partnerships on many levels from federal right down to the Town of Brattleboro. Two years of hard work have culminated into our ability to provide a clean, unlimited water supply for some of the residents in the Village and most notably fire protection and water supply for the Town's designated Emergency Shelter.
- The Town and Algiers Fire District #1 continue through another year of strong



partnership. The Town provides solid financial support and administrative assistance. Most notable is the positive work of helping the Prudential Committee craft and sign a formal agreement with Commonwealth Dairy for their use of the sewer system.

- And what would our annual Selectboard report be without high praise for our amazing Highway Department? Dan Zumbruski, Road Foreman, and his crew continue in their loyal service in maintaining the highways of Guilford. We took a hit when someone stole stored sections of guardrail from the grounds of the old Town Garage. It made us recognize that changing times demand new approaches. As a result, we have installed a new surveillance system that protects the Town's property at both garages.

- Overseeing the Town's finances continues to be a primary focus in our Town Office. At this time Penny is focusing more heavily on the Town Clerk work, while continuing to learn in her role as Treasurer. She has scaled back the Assistant Town Clerk position to just 10 hours/week and the Selectboard increased the Bookkeeper position to 30 hours/week to fill the gaps and provide the needed financial support. In April 2012, we hired Peter Hetzel for this purpose. Many of you already know Peter. He is a long-time Guilford resident and has served the Town in many capacities throughout the years. Peter is a wonderful addition to the Town Office team. He brings an exceptional knowledge of finances as well as valuable experience far beyond his knowledge of finances.

- We had a second year of a very clean, successful professional audit. This is proof that our steps to implement strong financial controls are really paying off. Our goal remains financial clarity and transparency. In FY13, we are doing the work to more cleanly report our fixed assets as a part of our financial landscape for the Town. As part of this, we are working on revising our current Capital Program and crafting it into a more comprehensive guidance tool in planning for our town's future.

- We continue to be reaffirmed that our decision in 2010 to grow the Administrative Assistant position into that of Town Administrator was an excellent one. Katie Buckley serves us well in this capacity. In her role she wears many hats: creates and manages annual budgets, monitors all financial affairs for the Town, coordinates the professional audit, suggests and drafts guiding policies for the Town, acts as liaison between Selectboard and all town groups – public and private, builds strong relationships with all relevant offices of our State government, remains current on Vermont municipal statutes to ensure the Town is protected, provides both internal and external conflict resolution, writing successful grant applications and administering them through completion, project management, etc. She is a busy lady and we wonder if she will ever be seen anywhere without her smartphone in her hand.

- We continue to struggle with finding folks to fill openings on Town committees and commissions. These are valuable positions that help make our town stronger and a better place to live. Please, PLEASE, consider learning more and volunteering to serve your town.

Richard J. Clark, Chair  
Troy Revis, Jr.  
Anne Rider

## TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

Last year I was asked what my duties were as town clerk. As town clerk I am required by law to be the receiver and recorder of the town's archives. The clerk records deeds related to real estate and private property transactions and files vital statistics information records relating to town business. Proceedings of the annual and special town meetings are recorded and filed by the town clerk. As town clerk I am responsible for recording and preserving the town's public records. This includes such documents as land records, minutes, permits, plats, vital records, licenses, and election and tax information. The clerk records deeds related to real estate and private property transactions and files vital statistics information records relating to town business.

The Town Clerk's office recorded 609 documents, issued 22 marriage licenses; filed 12 births, 12 death certificates and 394 burial permits. We also issued 77 fish and game licenses and 176 motor vehicle renewals for the State. 410 dog licenses and 4 special licenses were also issued for FY12.

Joe Hunt left as Assistant Town Clerk in March, and has been replaced by Peter Hetzel who is now our Assistant Town Clerk/Bookkeeper. Peter is very knowledgeable and a great asset to the town office.

I would like to remind dog owners to please get your dog tags before March 31st.

Penny Marine

## REPORT OF THE LISTERS

We want to call homeowners' attention to the need to re-declare your "Homestead" to the State Tax Department each year, before April 15th. This can be done with your income tax return or on-line at the Tax Dept. website. The State had tried changing to a common sense process of declaring it once, and it remained declared until its use changed, but that led to too much confusion (!) for them so they changed it back. If your primary home is in Vermont, you must declare it each Spring. You must do that in order to apply for a property tax adjustment, (called "income sensitivity") on your "Homestead" house site (formerly "rebate" and "prebate"). The state informs the town of the adjustment amount, if any, and it is shown on your property tax bill. The "Homestead" declaration and tax adjustment applications must be filed with the State Tax Department each year. This information is kept confidential, whereas the whole tax bill and Grand List information is public record.

An area of confusion is the two education tax rates. They are a "Homestead" rate, and a nonresidential rate. At the start of the year all properties are reset to nonresidential status in the Grand List, until a "Homestead" form is filed with the State.

The State then informs the Listers. Any property not declared "Homestead", even if it's owned by a Vermont resident, is non-residential. The Tax Dept sends everyone a note to go with their tax bill that says the nonresidential rate is the higher of the two education rates. That's not correct for about one third of Vermont towns. Only the "Homestead" rate gets a local excess education spending

adjustment, which in higher spending towns like Guilford pushes the homestead rate higher than the nonresidential rate.

Last year's rates were:

Homestead Ed. Rate: 1.7264 + Municipal Rate: 0.6787 = 2.405 Total Rate

Non-Res. Ed. Rate: 1.6784 + Municipal Rate: 0.6787 = 2.354 Total Rate

The education rates are set by the State, adjusted by local spending; the municipal rate is set by the Town.

Last year new construction slowed in town as the great recession caught up with the local market sale prices. New construction added \$1.15 million, but an increase in exemptions, like Current Land Use value, left the Grand List increase at \$446,000. Total listed value: \$219,368,552 less \$15,289,000 in exemptions (\$14,093,000 is Current Use) = \$204,795,000 taxable.

The yearly state study is based on a 3 year span, so sales between 4/01/09 and 3/30/12 are used for the latest 2012 results. We have 1,105 taxable parcels, 699 homesteads, 127 in use value.

Our CLA chart of assessed values/sale prices since the last reappraisal:

2005	122%	2009	81.5%
2006	103 %	2010	81.8%
2007	93%	2011	82.4%
2008	86%	2012	85.0%

Meaning, for example, that for 2012 assessed values are 85% of estimated market value.

Our Dispersion rate is 18.2%. We are not required to do a reappraisal yet; the last reappraisal was in 2005.

You can contact your listers at: 254-6857 ext 104, or [Guilfordlister@yahoo.com](mailto:Guilfordlister@yahoo.com)

Frank Rafferty  
Lisa Barry  
Jeremiah Sund

### *Weatherhead Hollow Pond*



CALCULATION OF TAXES  
FOR FY2013

EXPENSES AS PASSED AT MARCH 2012 MEETING

Article 6	Highway	\$768,860.00
	TOTAL HIGHWAY	<u>\$768,860.00</u>
Article 7	Town	\$504,356.75
Article 8	Capital Fund	150,000.00
Article 9	Green River CB	25,000.00
Article 10	Windham Regional Comm.	3,691.00
Article 11	Library	26,000.00
Article 13	GVFD	179,750.00
Article 15	Human Services	70,237.62
	TOTAL MUNICIPAL	\$959,035.37
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,727,895.37

	HIGHWAY	MUNICIPAL	
Expenses	\$768,860.00	\$959,035.37	<i>Expenses</i>
Other Revenue	133,000.00	218,478.00	<i>subtract Other Revenue</i>
To Be Raised	<u>635,860.00</u>	<u>740,557.37</u>	<i>result is To Be Raised</i>
Grand List	2,036,747.43	2,036,747.43	<i>divided by Grand List</i>
Tax Rate	\$0.3120	\$0.3634	<i>result is tax rate</i>

HOMESTEAD	NON-RESIDENTIAL	
0.6655	0.6655	<i>Sum of both tax rates above add State's Education rates add Local Agreement rate*</i>
1.7264	1.6748	
<u>0.0035</u>	<u>0.0035</u>	
<b>\$2.4051</b>	<b>\$2.3535</b>	
		<b>TOTAL TAX RATE</b>

\*Local Agreement Rate Calculations

VOTED EXEMPTIONS NON-RESIDENTIAL	VETERANS HOMESTEAD	VETERANS NON-RESIDENTIAL	
\$211,430.00	\$180,000.00	\$0.00	<i>Total exemptions</i>
2,114.30	1,800.00	0.00	<i>Grand List Value times 1%</i>
1,6748	1,7264	1,6748	<i>multiply by Education Rate</i>
\$3,541.03	\$3,107.52	\$0.00	<i>amount to be raised by taxes</i>
\$6,648.55			<i>total L/A amount to be raised by taxes</i>
\$0.0033			<i>division with G/L equals L/A tax rate</i>

["Local Agreement" properties are those given exemption or reductions from the tax rolls, such as the fire station, the Grange, or because of the military Veteran status of the owner. As voted by Town Meeting.]

## BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2012

	GENERAL FUND	HIGHWAY FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and equivalents	366,651	0	103,088	129,015
Investments	0	0	0	12,741
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	174,353	0	0	0
Accounts Receivable	84	0	0	0
Grants Receivable	22,466	0	0	4,147
Notes Receivable	0	0	0	19,568
Due from Other Funds	0	111,565	0	30,885
Prepaid Expenditures	992	0	0	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>564,546</b>	<b>111,565</b>	<b>103,088</b>	<b>196,356</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts Payable	179,341	0	0	50
Deferred Property Taxes	166,772	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue	4,380	0	0	0
Due to Other Funds	115,537	0	0	26,913
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>466,030</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,963</b>
<b>FUND EQUITY</b>				
Nonspendable	992	0	0	61,325
Restricted	0	0	0	130,834
Committed	0	111,565	103,088	0
Assigned	15,266	0	0	0
Unassigned	82,258	0	0	(22,766)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>98,516</b>	<b>111,565</b>	<b>103,088</b>	<b>169,393</b>
<b>Total Liabilities + Fund Equity</b>	<b>564,546</b>	<b>111,565</b>	<b>103,088</b>	<b>196,356</b>

## COMBINED STATEMENT

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2012

	GENERAL FUND	HIGHWAY FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property Taxes	760,240	624,459	0	0
Intergovernmental	100,325	141,077	0	246,608
Licenses, Permits, and Fines	2,291	2,575	0	0
Charges for Services	17,357	0	0	8,402
Donations	0	0	0	11,862
Reimbursement from Library	19,230	0	0	0
Investment Income	1,099	0	98	373
Sale of Equipment	0	0	32,000	0
Miscellaneous	9,691	500	0	6,626
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>910,233</b>	<b>768,611</b>	<b>32,098</b>	<b>273,871</b>

	GENERAL FUND	HIGHWAY FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
<b>Current</b>				
General Government	382,868	0	0	49,162
Highways and Roads	0	750,602	0	206,195
Culture and Recreation	0	0	0	48,042
Special Appropriations	258,604	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	194,451	52,008
Capital Lease - Principal	0	0	49,116	0
Capital Lease - Interest	0	0	5,368	0
Debt Service - Principal	55,000	0	0	0
Debt Service - Interest	15,793	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>712,265</b>	<b>750,602</b>	<b>248,935</b>	<b>355,407</b>
Excess (Deficit)	197,968	18,009	(216,837)	(81,536)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Proceeds from long term debt	0	0	0	53,498
Transfers in (out)	(153,000)	(22,310)	160,000	15,310
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<b>(153,000)</b>	<b>(22,310)</b>	<b>160,000</b>	<b>68,808</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances	44,968	(4,301)	(56,837)	(12,728)
Fund Balance July 1, 2011	53,548	115,866	159,925	182,121
Fund Balance June 30, 2012	98,516	111,565	103,088	169,393

TOTAL ALL FUND BALANCES, June 30, 2012: \$482,562

*(Capital Projects column shows Bridge Reserves; Other Governmental Funds shows Rainy Day, RERP Grant, Preservation, 250th Celebration, Lister Education, Reappraisal, Revolving Loan Fund, and Carpenter Hill Cemetery Funds)*

## REVENUES - GENERAL/SELECTBOARD

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
<b>TAXES</b>				
Taxes/General	225,751.80	689,644.41	301,192.00	251,318.75
Taxes/General	301,192.00	293,750.95	296,326.37	380,785.07
Taxes/Human Services	258,604.46	258,604.46	233,671.00	256,731.00
Taxes/Transfer Out/SA	165,000.00	165,000.00	204,000.00	200,500.00
Surplus - General	0.00	0.00	53,548.00	0.00
Delinquent Taxes Interest	16,000.00	22,401.67	20,000.00	20,000.00
Delinquent Taxes Penalty	17,000.00	20,483.49	17,000.00	0.00
Tax Credits	0.00	0.85	0.00	0.00
VLCT Insurance Credit	0.00	168.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone Reimbursement	0.00	836.78	1,080.00	0.00
	<b>757,796.46</b>	<b>761,246.20</b>	<b>825,625.37</b>	<b>858,016.07</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
Librarian Reimbursements	25,000.00	19,175.37	26,000.00	0.00
Library Grant, State of Vt.	0.00	55.00	0.00	0.00

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
	25,000.00	19,230.37	26,000.00	0.00
<b>GVFD - REIMBURSEMENTS</b>				
GVFD - Insurance Reimb	0.00	0.00	6,560.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	6,560.00	0.00
<b>AFD #1 (SEWER DISTRICT)</b>				
AFD #1 - Rev for Services	0.00	8,400.00	6,300.00	8,100.00
AFD #1 - Del. Col. Reimburs.	0.00	275.61	1,500.00	0.00
	0.00	8675.61	7800.00	8,100.00
<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>				
Dog Licenses	2,500.00	2,291.00	2,500.00	2,200.00
Dog Fines	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
	2,500.00	2,301.00	2,500.00	2,200.00
<b>STATE FUNDS</b>				
Current Use Funds	60,000.00	82,017.00	68,000.00	75,000.00
Pilot Program	8,500.00	18,308.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
State Land Taxes	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	75,000.00	100,325.00	78,000.00	87,000.00
<b>TOWN CLERK FEES</b>				
Legal Documents	6,500.00	11,866.00	6,500.00	9,000.00
Search & Copy Fees	4,500.00	3,979.30	4,000.00	3,500.00
Fish & Game Licenses	125.00	258.00	200.00	200.00
Vehicle Registration Fees	750.00	611.00	700.00	600.00
Marriage License Fees	50.00	180.00	100.00	100.00
Excess Weight Permits	100.00	120.00	100.00	100.00
Land Postings	0.00	155.00	0.00	100.00
Maps & History Books	50.00	125.00	50.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	181.06	0.00	0.00
FY11 Cleanup	0.00	(118.50)	0.00	0.00
	12,075.00	17,356.86	11,650.00	13,700.00
<b>INTEREST EARNED</b>				
General Fund Int. Earned	1,000.00	1,086.07	900.00	1,000.00
	1,000.00	1,086.07	900.00	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL GEN'L REVENUES</b>	873,371.46	910,221.11	959,035.37	970,016.07

### SELECTBOARD BUDGET

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
<b>SELECTBOARD</b>				
Selectboard Salaries	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
Selectboard Salaries	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
Town Administrator	40,500.00	42,464.40	41,715.00	43,000.00
Bookkeeper	0.00	15,342.14	15,550.00	29,000.00
FICA/MEDI - Employer	14,800.00	15,339.78	16,750.00	17,600.00
Retirement Fringe	4,225.00	6,350.77	8,250.00	8,650.00

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
Health Insurance	28,712.00	28,936.27	27,500.00	40,000.00
Dental Insurance	832.00	812.37	1,350.00	1,000.00
Unemployment	0.00	722.41	1,500.00	500.00
Vision Insurance	165.00	150.42	300.00	300.00
Disability Insurance	1,230.00	1,463.45	1,450.00	1,625.00
GVFD - Insurance Reimb	0.00	4,503.00	6,560.00	0.00
Transfer to HRA	0.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	8,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	81.93	0.00	0.00
Emergency Response	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Advertising	500.00	2,052.17	500.00	1,000.00
Annual Training	500.00	445.00	750.00	750.00
Travel & Expenses	1,250.00	1,333.44	1,000.00	1,250.00
Green Up	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
VLCT	2,614.00	2,614.00	2,776.00	2,915.00
Rescue, Inc.	42,986.46	42,986.46	45,007.62	46,313.75
General Liability	12,764.00	7,389.00	11,750.00	12,700.00
Workers Comp.	410.00	412.50	500.00	610.00
Legal Services	1,000.00	2,150.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Gazette & Website	800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00
Office Supplies	3,100.00	2,956.02	3,500.00	3,500.00
Office Equipment	3,250.00	2,432.28	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Equipment Contract	1,500.00	1,537.24	1,750.00	1,750.00
Postage	3,500.00	4,081.46	3,250.00	3,500.00
Technical Support	14,500.00	11,630.11	11,000.00	10,000.00
Office Repair/Maintenance	3,600.00	2,153.49	3,600.00	3,600.00
Office Grounds/Rubbish	1,260.00	336.36	1,260.00	1,260.00
Building Improvements	7,000.00	5,360.43	5,000.00	7,500.00
Electricity	1,400.00	1,342.60	1,400.00	1,500.00
Heating	3,500.00	1,694.40	3,500.00	3,500.00
Telephone	3,600.00	3,852.23	3,600.00	3,900.00
Telephone Reimbursement	0.00	490.00	1,080.00	0.00
Abatements	1,000.00	1.21	750.00	500.00
Vehicle Damage	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
	<u>207,048.46</u>	<u>220,467.34</u>	<u>240,248.62</u>	<u>267,073.75</u>
TREASURER				
Salary - Treasurer	21,855.00	21,855.08	22,511.00	11,600.00
Annual Training	250.00	571.00	250.00	450.00
Travel & Expenses	500.00	428.67	500.00	500.00
	<u>22,605.00</u>	<u>22,854.75</u>	<u>23,261.00</u>	<u>12,550.00</u>
BCA				
BCA Stipend	300.00	109.87	300.00	300.00
Ballot Clerks/Moderator	350.00	192.00	350.00	350.00
Ballot Printing	150.00	0.00	2,700.00	150.00
Tech Support	225.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
	<u>1,025.00</u>	<u>301.87</u>	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>				
Trans to 250th Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
Trans to GRCB Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Trans to Capital Fund	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
Trans to Waterline Fund	0.00	0.00	23,000.00	24,500.00
	<u>165,000.00</u>	<u>165,000.00</u>	<u>198,000.00</u>	<u>199,500.00</u>
<b>AUDITORS</b>				
Wages Auditors	2,000.00	1,775.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Auditor Training	165.00	0.00	165.00	250.00
Town Report-Postage	500.00	256.01	500.00	500.00
Single Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Professional Audit	15,000.00	15,150.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
Town Report Printing	2,500.00	2,051.25	2,500.00	2,500.00
	<u>20,165.00</u>	<u>19,232.26</u>	<u>17,665.00</u>	<u>27,750.00</u>
<b>LISTERS</b>				
Salaries Listers	23,500.00	22,592.50	24,205.00	25,000.00
Lister Course - State	0.00	0.00	55.00	55.00
Consulting	500.00	130.00	500.00	500.00
Travel Expenses	450.00	236.72	450.00	450.00
Software License	1,700.00	1,710.81	1,700.00	1,700.00
	<u>26,150.00</u>	<u>24,670.03</u>	<u>26,910.00</u>	<u>27,705.00</u>
<b>DEL. TAX COLLECTOR</b>				
Del. Tax Collector	17,000.00	20,431.49	17,000.00	0.00
	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>20,431.49</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>				
Salary Town Clerk	21,854.00	21,855.08	22,511.00	34,800.00
Wages Asst Town Clerk	14,775.00	14,007.03	15,219.00	7,800.00
Record Preservation	3,000.00	812.98	3,000.00	2,000.00
Annual Training	250.00	544.00	350.00	1,000.00
Travel & Expenses	750.00	827.69	650.00	1,150.00
	<u>40,629.00</u>	<u>38,046.78</u>	<u>41,730.00</u>	<u>46,750.00</u>
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>				
Library - Salary/Expense	25,000.00	19,393.94	26,000.00	0.00
	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>19,393.94</u>	<u>26,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>				
Planning Board-Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>				
Conservation Com. Exp.	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>CONSTABLE</b>				
Wages/Constable	2,000.00	1,057.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sheriff's Dept. Contract	4,000.00	3,969.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Travel & Expenses	500.00	82.50	250.00	250.00

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
Cruiser repairs	750.00	85.08	750.00	1,500.00
Equipment	300.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
	<u>7,550.00</u>	<u>5,194.08</u>	<u>6,200.00</u>	<u>6,950.00</u>
<b>POUNDKEEPER</b>				
C/S Poundkeeper	2,555.00	2,399.25	2,555.00	2,555.00
Dog Officer	300.00	330.00	0.00	0.00
Boarding Fees	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Veterinary Services	150.00	147.51	150.00	150.00
Travel & Expenses	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Dog Damages	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
	<u>4,505.00</u>	<u>2,876.76</u>	<u>3,705.00</u>	<u>3,705.00</u>
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>				
Wages Health Officer	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Supplies and Expense	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Travel/Health Officer	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
	<u>450.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>	<u>450.00</u>
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>				
Solid Waste Meetings	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
WSWMD Assessment	24,496.00	24,496.00	24,239.00	25,451.32
Recycle Bin Site Rental	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	<u>26,046.00</u>	<u>26,046.00</u>	<u>25,789.00</u>	<u>27,001.32</u>
<b>CEMETERIES</b>				
Cemetery Maintenance	700.00	229.13	700.00	700.00
C/S Cemeteries	4,500.00	3,607.50	4,500.00	4,500.00
	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>3,836.63</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>	<u>5,200.00</u>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Town Interest	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
FD Bond - Principal	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00
FD Bond - Interest	15,793.00	15,793.00	14,068.75	12,600.00
	<u>70,793.00</u>	<u>70,793.00</u>	<u>69,568.75</u>	<u>68,100.00</u>
<b>COUNTY</b>				
County Tax	<u>16,137.00</u>	<u>13,973.00</u>	<u>16,137.00</u>	<u>16,100.00</u>
	16,137.00	13,973.00	16,137.00	16,100.00
<b>FIRE WARDEN</b>				
Forest Fires	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Fire Permits	350.00	62.70	300.00	300.00
	<u>450.00</u>	<u>62.70</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
<b>AFD #1 - Expenses</b>				
AFD - Delinquent Collecton	0.00	777.10	1,500.00	0.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>777.10</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>SPECIAL ARTICLES</b>				
Invasive Species Mgmt	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>				
Windham Regional Com.	3,281.00	3,281.00	3,691.00	3,775.00
Youth Services	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00	1,605.00
Women's Crisis Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Morningside Shelter	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Fire Department	163,107.00	163,107.00	179,750.00	201,726.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
RSVP	485.00	485.00	485.00	485.00
HCRS - Mental Health	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Council on Aging	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	26,000.00	27,000.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
The Gathering Place	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Brattleboro Senior Meals	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Brattleboro Area Drop-In	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Early Education Services	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
AIDS Project of Southern VT	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Connecticut River Transit	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Guilford Cares	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Windham Child Care Assoc.	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
SEVCA, Inc	2,040.00	2,040.00	2,040.00	2,040.00
	<u>215,618.00</u>	<u>215,618.00</u>	<u>233,671.00</u>	<u>256,731.00</u>
TOTAL SELECTBOARD	873,371.46	869,575.73	959,035.37	970,016.07

### REVENUES - HIGHWAY

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
<b>HIGHWAY REVENUES</b>				
Property Taxes	624,459.00	624,459.00	633,860.00	664,900.00
State Aid to Highways	133,000.00	141,076.68	133,000.00	135,000.00
Civil Fines	1,500.00	2,575.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Scrap Metal	750.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
TOTAL	<u>759,709.00</u>	<u>768,610.68</u>	<u>768,860.00</u>	<u>801,900.00</u>

### EXPENSES - HIGHWAY

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
<b>HIGHWAY GENERAL</b>				
Wages/General	107,450.00	108,152.31	110,675.00	125,850.00
FICA/MEDI	15,750.00	14,603.08	16,250.00	17,750.00
Retirement Fringe	10,300.00	9,530.62	10,600.00	11,000.00
Health Insurance	68,894.00	37,242.39	37,010.00	41,000.00
Dental Insurance	3,330.00	1,700.02	3,050.00	2,100.00

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
Unemployment	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Vision Insurance	654.00	313.92	575.00	575.00
Disability Insurance	1,640.00	1,489.68	1,925.00	1,925.00
Liability Insurance	8,732.00	5,947.50	11,000.00	15,200.00
Workers Comp. Insurance	8,100.00	6,181.00	10,000.00	9,000.00
Transfers Out to HRA	0.00	12,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Transfer Out - Grant Match	0.00	10,309.76	0.00	0.00
Gravel	30,000.00	50,574.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Chloride	14,000.00	9,512.38	14,000.00	14,000.00
Guard Rails	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	15,000.00
Culverts	5,000.00	8,356.08	5,000.00	5,000.00
Rental Equipment	3,500.00	4,820.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Rental Trucks	2,000.00	498.93	2,000.00	2,000.00
C/S Tree Removal	2,500.00	1,100.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Retaining Walls	25,000.00	12,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
	309,350.00	294,331.67	297,085.00	328,900.00
<b>RETREATMENT</b>				
Materials	160,000.00	219,587.71	160,000.00	160,000.00
	160,000.00	219,587.71	160,000.00	160,000.00
<b>WINTER</b>				
Wages/Winter	86,955.00	80,958.39	89,575.00	92,300.00
Sand	29,000.00	16,867.50	30,000.00	30,000.00
Salt	18,000.00	11,567.61	18,000.00	18,000.00
Chloride	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	134,955.00	109,393.50	137,575.00	140,300.00
<b>BRIDGES</b>				
Wages/Bridges	11,154.00	2,995.20	11,500.00	0.00
Plank & Railings	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
Painting	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Covered Bridge	200.00	392.52	1,500.00	1,500.00
Transfer Out Bridge Fund	0.00	1,022.43	25,000.00	25,000.00
	19,354.00	4,410.15	38,000.00	34,500.00
<b>TOWN GARAGE</b>				
Operating Supplies	5,500.00	6,068.97	5,500.00	5,500.00
Heat (Fuel Oil)	7,000.00	5,796.02	7,000.00	7,000.00
Signs & Posts	3,000.00	3,021.74	3,000.00	4,000.00
Small Tools & Equipment	3,000.00	2,371.30	3,000.00	3,000.00
Safety Equipment	750.00	1,750.83	750.00	2,000.00
Telephone	1,600.00	1,537.43	1,750.00	1,750.00
Radios & Radio Repairs	700.00	353.30	700.00	700.00
Building Maintenance	2,500.00	2,356.47	2,500.00	2,500.00
Hazardous Waste Disposal	4,000.00	2,777.12	4,000.00	4,000.00
Electricity	3,000.00	2,151.47	3,000.00	2,750.00
	31,050.00	28,184.65	31,200.00	33,200.00

	FY12 BUDGET	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 BUDGET	FY14 PROPOSED
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Diesel	50,000.00	53,016.91	50,000.00	50,000.00
Repairs	55,000.00	63,987.32	55,000.00	55,000.00
	105,000.00	117,004.23	105,000.00	105,000.00
TOTAL HIGHWAY EXP.	759,709.00	772,911.91	768,860.00	801,900.00

### HIGHWAY FUND

Balance July 1, 2011				115,866.10
REVENUES				
Taxes	624,459.00			
State Aid	141,076.68			
Civil Fines	2,575.00			
Scrap Metal	500.00			768,610.68
EXPENDITURES				
General	(294,331.50)			
Winter	(109,393.50)			
Retreatment	(219,587.71)			
Bridges	(4,410.15)			
Equipment	(117,004.23)			
Town Garage	(28,184.65)			
Capital Outlay	0.00			(772,911.91)
Balance June 30, 2012				111,564.87

### CAPITAL FUND

This Capital Fund was established to account for financial resources to be used for the purchase of major equipment and projects.

	CAPITAL RESERVES	ALL BRIDGES	GREEN R BRIDGE	TOTAL RESERVES
Balance July 1, 2011	\$59,043.84	\$70,422.98	\$30,458.23	\$159,925.05
Revenues				
Sale of Vehicle	32,000.00	0.00	0.00	32,000.00
Interest Earned	98.13	0.00	0.00	98.13
Bridge Fund Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	32,098.13	0.00	0.00	32,098.13
Expenditures				
Capital Project	(194,451.00)	0.00	0.00	(194,451.00)
Bridge Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Lease	(54,484.09)	0.00	0.00	(54,484.09)
	(216,836.96)	0.00	0.00	(216,836.96)
Operating Transfer In	150,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	160,000.00
Balance June 30, 2012	(\$7,793.12)	\$70,422.98	\$40,458.23	\$103,088.09

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Trustees: Todd Mandell, Don McLean, Craig Wells

The Trustees of Public Funds are responsible for the management of the five funds listed below. The trustees receive money from benefactors when the fund is created and assure that it is properly invested and the principal is maintained. The trustees disburse the interest from the funds yearly as directed by the original benefactors.

### C.P. WOOD FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$5,370.50. The income is to be used for town purposes.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$5,370.50
Prior Year Interest	13.72	
FY12 Interest	2.88	
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Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(16.60)	
Balance June 30, 2012		\$5,370.50

### AURELIA D. TAFT FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$10,800.00. The income is to be used for care of Cemetery Road, then other town highways.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$10,800.00
Prior Year Interest	27.51	
FY12 Interest	5.79	
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Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford	(33.30)	
Balance June 30, 2012		\$10,800.00

### MRS. C.A. KING & JOHN LYNDE FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for support of Guilford Schools.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$1,000.00
Prior Year Interest	2.54	
FY12 Interest	0.52	
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Disbursements:		
Town of Guilford School District	(3.06)	
Balance June 30, 2012		\$1,000.00

### MRS. C.A. KING FUND

This is a permanent fund of \$1,000.00. The income is to be used for the care of the King Cemetery Lot, with the balance for support of Guilford Schools.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$1,000.00
Prior Year Interest	2.54	
FY12 Interest	0.52	
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Disbursements:		
King Cemetery Lot	(3.06)	
Balance June 30, 2012		\$1,000.00

**LT. COL. CHARLES L. BULLOCK & MRS. MARY ELLEN BULLOCK  
EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This was originally a permanent fund of \$10,000, which was increased five times by additional \$2,000 contributions from the Bullock Estate, between 1990 and 2009. Last year, an additional donation of \$80,000 was made, resulting in a permanent fund of \$100,000. The income from interest is to be used to “allow Guilford students to attend any two- or four-year institution of higher education, including technical school and post-graduate work”.

Initially the Bullock family had designated this Fund as a Loan Fund, and the Selectboard appointed a committee to receive applications and make student loans. In December, 2009, the Bullock Family requested that the loan fund be reclassified as a Scholarship Fund, as of January 1, 2010. (See the Scholarship Committee’s report, below.)

Several years ago, the Trustees and Town Treasurer determined that the Public Funds would benefit from being combined into a Municipal Concentration Account at Citizens Bank. With the low interest rates paid by banks recently, the Trustees are concerned that these Funds are not generating satisfactory return, and are working to improve this rate of return for the Town.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$100,292.08
Revenues		
Interest Earned	53.87	
Expenditures		
Scholarships	0.00	
Balance June 30, 2012		\$100,345.95

**BULLOCK EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This Fund receives the interest from the Bullock Educational Scholarship Fund. A committee awards scholarships to assist deserving Guilford students with the costs of attending college and post-graduate educational institutions. Recipients are selected by the committee through an application process based on such criteria as achievement in high school, service to the community, and goals for higher education and future career. The current members of the committee are: Laura Lewis, Stephanie Case, and Kathryn Karlan-Mason.

**BIRDIE COOK FUND**

Trustee: Penny Marine

Voted at 1950 Town Meeting that after account reached \$1,500 the income to be available to Selectmen to use at their discretion.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$2,375.63
Interest	1.27	
Expenses	0.00	
Balance June 30, 2012		\$2,376.90
Available for use by Selectmen		\$876.90

## BRAINARD S. GALE FUND

Trustee: Penny Marine

Originally Good Boy Fund set up by John E. Gale in memory of Brainard S. Gale (born July 22, 1869). Given in August 1963 by Richard E. Gale and John C. Gale. The income to be used to purchase books or educational materials for Guilford School Library. Withdrawal to be made at the discretion of the Town Clerk.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$337.37
Interest	0.16	
Balance June 30, 2012		\$337.53

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Interest from these Primary funds to be divided equally between the Town and care of Guilford cemeteries.

Primary Cemetery Fund

Balance July 1, 2011		\$13,044.51
Dividends	99.70	
Interest Earned	9.32	
Sales of Plots	600.00	
Gains/(Losses), Investments	(157.50)	
Cemetery Expenses	(192.34)	359.18
Balance June 30, 2012		\$13,403.69

## WEATHERHEAD HOLLOW CEMETERY

This cemetery, on Carriage Road, was turned over to the Town, along with its endowment, in FY09

Balance July 1, 2011		\$6,071.46
Dividends	45.60	
Interest Earned	2.99	
Gains/(Losses), Investments	104.50	
Cemetery Expenses	0.00	153.09
Balance June 30, 2012		\$6,224.55

## WARREN WILDER FUND

This fund, established for the care of the Blanchard Cemetery, was incorporated into Town Cemetery Funds last year. Any unused portion of the interest is to be used for the care of other cemeteries in town.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$4,491.34
Dividends	63.05	
Interest Earned	13.85	
Gains/(Losses), Investments	70.59	
Cemetery Expenses	(180.00)	(32.51)
Balance June 30, 2012		\$4,458.83
Total All Cemetery Trust Funds		\$24,087.07

## REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The Guilford Housing Rehabilitation Program is to improve and to maintain the housing and quality of life of low and moderate income residents of the Town of Guilford. The program was first implemented in Algiers for sewer connections from existing eligible structures to the Algiers Fire District collection system.

The principal and interest payments that represent program income received from the Agency Fund portion of the loan will be directed to the Program account. These monies will create a revolving loan fund account to continue a Town-specified program for failed septic systems or other housing rehabilitation work.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$37,308.35
MM Interest	22.08	
Revolving Loan Interest	15.02	37.10
Balance June 30, 2012		37,345.45
Loans Outstanding July 1, 2010		20,203.98
Repayments FY11	(636.28)	(636.28)
Loans Outstanding June 30, 2012		19,567.70
Available for Loan June 30, 2012		\$17,777.75

## RERP GRANT FUND

The Radiological Emergency Response Plan program (RERP) is the section of Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) responsible for planning, training and response to an incident at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon, VT. Each year, the Town of Guilford receives an RERP grant from VEM to fund our Emergency Management Director and the operations of our Emergency Operations Center based in the Guilford Fire Station.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$4,704.10
Revenues		
RERP Grant	29,966.64	29,966.64
Expenditures		
RERP Grant Expenses	(22,565.96)	
EM Annual Fund Expenses	(4,311.24)	
Pagers and Officer	(2,691.27)	(29,568.47)
Balance June 30, 2012		\$5,102.27

## REAPPRAISAL FUND

Each year the State of Vermont allocates money to Vermont towns to be reserved for their town-wide reappraisals. This money is carried over from year to year, building a pool of money, so that when the time arrives for Guilford to reappraise its properties enough funds will be there to significantly relieve the burden on our tax payers.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$87,066.64
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Revenues		
DDGL Study & Reappraisal	10,535.50	
Interest Earned	74.12	10,609.62
Balance June 30, 2012		<u>\$97,676.26</u>

### LISTERS EDUCATION FUND

Each year the State of Vermont allocates money to each Vermont town to be reserved for Listers education. This money is carried over from year to year so that Listers will have the funds necessary to pay for their training, thus allowing them to keep current in their field.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$1,969.74
State of Vermont		<u>394.02</u>
Balance June 30, 2012		\$2,363.76

### 250TH CELEBRATION FUND

This fund was created to manage the donations and expenses associated with our year-long celebration. Remaining funds will be disbursed to local organizations by the committee.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$25,348.84
Revenues		
Donations	11,862.06	
BBQ Tickets	3,704.00	
Program Ads	1,400.00	
Mug Sales	740.00	
T-Shirt Sales	782.00	18,488.06
Expenditures		
Expenses	<u>(48,041.55)</u>	<u>(48,041.55)</u>
Special Article Voted At Town Meeting		<u>5,000.00</u>
Balance June 30, 2012		\$795.35

### PRESERVATION FUND

During the 2010 Town Meeting the voters decided to establish a municipal records reserve fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A., §2804 for the restoration, preservation, conservation, and computerization of municipal records to be funded by revenues of \$4 per page (as decided by the Selectboard) received from recording fees established under 32 V.S.A., §1671(a)(1) and (6) of this section. A portion of the proceeds generated for this fund are used to pay for the expense of the digital land records scanning system used by the Town Clerk.

Balance July 1, 2011		\$11,102.38
Preservation Fees	7,802.00	
Interest Earned	8.84	
Expenses	<u>(12,670.17)</u>	<u>(4,859.33)</u>
Balance June 30, 2012		\$6,243.05

## INSURANCE ON BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Town Garage (Old) – building & contents	\$38,952
Town Garage (New) – building & contents	\$322,869
Fuel Storage Shed – building & contents	\$27,538
Generator Shed – building & contents	\$12,623
Salt Shed – building & contents	\$38,528
Sand Shed – building	\$91,800
Chloride Storage Tank	\$8,405
Library – building & contents	\$173,878
Museum (Old Town Hall) – building	\$177,231
Town Office – building & contents	\$307,726
Green River Covered Bridge	\$787,950
2012 International Dump (7600)	\$115,340
2011 Ford F-550 Dump Truck	\$84,000
2010 John Deere Loader (524K)	\$194,000
2008 Giant Leaf Vacuum	
2008 Ford F-550 Dump Truck	\$92,163
2008 Caterpillar Backhoe (430E)	\$134,000
2007 Quality Trailer	\$1,350
2006 International Dump Truck (7600)	
2004 International Dump Truck (7600)	
2004 Caterpillar Grader (143H)	
2002 John Deere Tractor (6405)	
2000 Ford Crown Victoria (Constable)	
1998 International Dump (2574)	
1993 Dodge Van (Emergency Management)	\$2,000

As of September 1993 all school insurances were combined with WSESU to save on premium costs.

## TOWN HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT LIST

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL
2012	International	7600 tandem dump truck, plow, wing, sander
2011	Ford	F550 truck w/dump body & plow
2010	John Deere	524K loader
2008	Ford	F550 truck w/dump body, plow, wing, sander
2008	Caterpillar	430 loader/backhoe, w/forks
2008	Giant	leaf vac
2007	Quality	10' utility trailer
2006	International	7600 tandem dump truck, sander, plow, wing
2004	International	7600 dump truck w/plow & wing, sander
2004	Caterpillar	143H all wheel drive grader
2002	John Deere	6405 4-wheel drive tractor
2002	Landpride	boom mower, 8' rear hydraulic blade
1998	International	dump truck, plow & Flink hopper sander
1993	Morbark	EZ2036 brush chipper

1987	York	hydraulic road rake
	Craig	11' reversible plow & wing, dozer blade
	Glenhill	11' reversible plow for loader
	Onan	25kw generator
	Millermatic	250 wire feed welder
	Miller	Bobcat 225 portable welder/generator
		6,000 gal. poly storage tank for chloride
		1,025 gal. poly spreader tank for chloride

## TOWN ORDINANCES

The following are the Ordinances which are in effect in the Town of Guilford:

- Ordinance Regulating All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)
- Flood Hazard Area Bylaw
  1. Permit Requirements
  2. Flood Plain Map
- Highway Ordinance (to be revised)
  1. Driveway Standards and Permit
  2. Town Highway Specifications and Classifications
  3. Town Trails and Pent Road Regulations
- Ordinance for Road Naming and Road Addressing
  1. Numbering System
  2. Road Signs
- Traffic Ordinance
  1. Speed Limits
  2. Parking Regulations
  3. Traffic Signs and Control Devices
- Ordinance for Regulating Telecommunications Facilities
  1. Permit Requirements
  2. Design Requirements
- Ordinance for the Control of Dogs
  1. Licensing Requirements
  2. Impoundment Fees
- Sewer Ordinance Relating to Individual and Multi-Unit On-Site Sewer Disposal
  1. Systems Required
  2. Permit Requirements
- Trailer Park Ordinance
  1. Fees
  2. License Application and Requirements

The following ordinance is that of the Algiers Fire District #1 in the Village of Algiers in Guilford.

- Ordinance Regulating the Use of Public and Private Sanitary Sewerage Systems

These ordinances are available in the Town Offices during regular business hours for inspection, or copies are available for a nominal fee.

## DELINQUENT TAX REPORT

Barbara M. Hunt, Tax Collector

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

YEAR	RECEIVED FOR COLLECTION	COLLECTED	ABATED	BALANCE
2003	\$411.29	\$411.29	\$0.00	\$0.00
2004	1,729.22	1,244.64	0.00	484.58
2005	427.11	20.12	0.00	406.99
2006	3,283.99	2,186.28	0.00	1,097.71
2007	13,183.53	9,087.41	0.00	4,096.12
2008	22,461.81	9,559.10	0.00	12,902.71
2009	38,244.10	11,973.50	0.00	26,270.60
2010	78,249.15	31,792.74	0.00	46,456.41
2011	280,488.20	197,850.80	0.00	82,637.40
	\$438,478.40	\$264,125.88	\$0.00	174,352.52
INTEREST		<u>\$22,681.83</u>		
TOTAL COLLECTED		\$286,807.71		
Delinquent Tax Collector's Fees (8% penalty)				\$20,575.91

## DELINQUENT TAX LIST

as of June 30, 2012

	2011	2010	2009	PREVIOUS YEARS
** Austin, William		50.40		
Banek Sr, Robert	428.17			
* Boyd, James & Brenda	473.51	470.47	453.72	1,990.50
Boyd, Kenneth & Linda	2,125.75			
* Boyd, Norman	7,525.87	3,729.45		
Brescia, Anthony	111.57	110.86	106.92	354.84
Chapin, John	350.54			
* Dana, William	395.59	815.29	786.27	2,038.90
** Garland, Beatrice F	481.68			
Garland, Merton & Beatrice	3,100.42			
** Gessner, David & Leah	856.62			
Gorman, Robert	1,896.09	1,881.63		3,275.92
Hanson, Dwight A. & Sheila A.	2,659.00	2,641.95	1,705.11	
** Henry, Samuel D	302.31			
** Higley, Edward D			102.25	
* Hittle, Thomas & Maria	999.54	964.90		
* Hodgdon, Wilson	4,017.22	3,479.47	2,137.26	
Howe, A Lyle Jr.	285.00			
* Kaiser, Kip & Karen	725.25	720.59		
** Labounty, Bruce M.	3,866.37	0.00		
Lee, Barbara	4,587.22	872.30		
* Lee, Erwin H. & Marie S.	1,055.33	1,048.56	1,011.24	1,067.11
Lucies, Frederick A	4,728.17			

	2011	2010	2009	PREVIOUS YEARS
Mayotte, Charles	2,923.22			
McAllister, Garnold	2,355.45	2,287.06	2,126.17	1,547.11
* Norwood, Joseph Ken	1,907.25	1,895.03	1,827.58	
* Posson, Deborah	2,545.98	0.00		
** Rossi, Elizabeth	4,211.84			
Roy, Noreen	244.25			
Ruopp, Jennifer	3,672.53	3,591.50	3,393.00	3,144.65
** Sheldon III, Rex P	1,282.05			740.74
Shippee, Irene	955.37			
* Shippee, Parrish	1,594.60	1,584.39	1,528.00	2,688.60
Silver, Constance	1,476.87	0.00		
Speulstra, Gerrit &	1,199.44	0.00		
St. John, Terry & Deborah	3,351.40	3,254.08	1,216.49	
Stinchfield, Jessamyn			127.76	
Taschereau, Karen	1,086.84	1,055.28	799.47	
* Weeks, Gerald	2,150.50	1,610.75	.	
* Winchester, Ralph	4,398.42	4,370.23	3,946.20	
Wohnus, William H L		4,986.42		
** Wood, Diane & Daniel	56.14			
** Woodcock, Robert D	1,135.03			
* Woods, Rz D.	2,780.57	2,762.74	2,762.40	285.29
* Wright, Jeanette T.	2,338.44	2,323.46	2,240.76	1,854.45
	<u>82,637.40</u>	<u>46,456.41</u>	<u>26,270.60</u>	<u>18,988.11</u>
Total Delinquent Taxes	174,352.52			

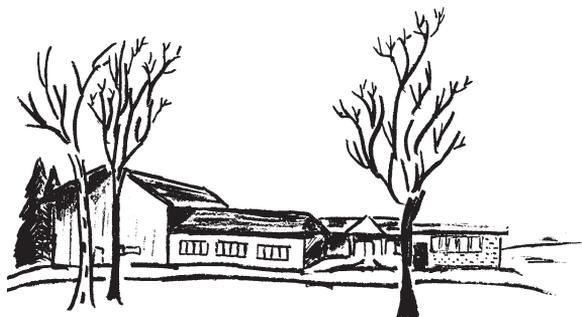
\* Partial payment as of 1/26/13

\*\* Paid in full as of 1/26/13

### DELINQUENT TAX POLICY

1. The delinquent tax collector will not accept late payment of real estate taxes if the penalties are not included.
2. If a delinquent taxpayer has not made arrangements for satisfactory monthly payments to the tax collector six months from the due date, the property will be put up for a tax sale.
3. Partial payments will be at least the total taxes and penalties divided by the number of months remaining before the next due date.
4. There will be no grace period allowed for late payments without penalty except for mailed payments postmarked on or before the due date.





## REPORT OF THE CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The 2012-13 school year finds the GCS community facing the challenges and opportunities of providing a quality public education in the early 21st century. Important developments at the school include the continuing refinement of our place-based education, specifically the Farm To School project in elementary through middle school grades. Over the year, students have been weaving together literacy, math, science and social studies with their work in the school gardens, with local farms and with our food service, Café Services. From the packaging, marketing and sales of vegetable seeds in the elementary grades to the bread-making business in the middle school, we have deepened our practice of engaging students in meaningful project based learning.

Other important changes at the school include the expansion of the collaboration between special educators and classroom teachers. As part of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union (WSESU) initiative to increase and improve inclusionary practices, GCS has teams of special educators and regular education teachers co-teaching specific academic subjects at specific grade levels. Through co-teaching, all of the schools in WSESU are striving to raise student achievement levels.

I want to introduce Catherine Carter, our new Grade 6-8 Math teacher. Ms. Carter hails from Chesterfield, New Hampshire, where she worked in the Chesterfield School for many years. Ms. Carter has proved herself to be a skilled and dedicated member of our middle school teaching team. I also want to welcome Ms. Janet Cormier as our new part time Special Educator in the elementary grades. Ms. Cormier is new to Southern Vermont, having spent her career to this point in Colchester, Vermont.

In ending, I want to thank the volunteers who enrich the lives and learning of our students. I also want to thank the townspeople for their support of public education. On behalf of the staff, we are deeply grateful for the privilege of working with and for the children of Guilford.

John Gagnon  
Principal

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

During the past year, the teachers and staff of the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union have been committed to providing excellent learning opportunities for our students in positive learning environments. We are working to ensure that all students are positioned to meet the Vermont Learning Standards. Our schools continue to work with challenges posed by a population with significant numbers of children living in poverty. With that stated, I am most heartened by the countless ways in which our staff comes together to make WSESU a better place for teaching, learning, and supporting families.

As Superintendent of Schools, I work closely with WSESU Business Administrator Jim Kane, district principals, and board members on the budget development process. This process involves a comprehensive educational program and staffing review as well as coordination of services and programs within the district and schools. We work to keep the school system focused on our students – in a fiscally responsible way. We will review these program decisions as we present each budget at your annual town meeting.

For me, an important aspect of my job as superintendent is working directly with students and staff members. Some of these opportunities include working with high school students who are mentoring younger students, with elementary and middle school students in social skills workshops, or with teachers developing Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to better focus our work on student outcomes.

Our work, when linked with strong parent and community support, will help ensure that we achieve the WSESU District Mission: To provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where all students grow academically, socially, and emotionally, and are challenged to reach their potential as local and global community members. In order to fulfill the WSESU mission, the following district goals have been established to support school action plans, administrative team goals, and individual professional goals:

### *Safe and Healthy Schools*

- All students will have access to equal educational opportunities in safe, healthy, and respectful environments.

### *Student Learning*

- All students will show annual progress in meeting Vermont Standards.
- Early identification of student needs with interventions and supports to identified needs.

### *Leadership*

- Members of the WSESU school community will work to develop school climates that promote positive and respectful behaviors, and pride and ownership in our schools.

You can learn more about our schools by visiting the WSESU web site: [www.wssu.k12.vt.us](http://www.wssu.k12.vt.us).

Please remember that our schools remain a community resource, and we welcome involvement in programs and activities that will enhance learning for our students.

Ron Stahley, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

## SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The GCS Board has worked long and hard on a budget that is fair to our taxpayers as well as supportive to our students and families this year. The biggest change you will see in the budget is our 7th & 8th graders going to BAMS. This has become a unanimous decision among the board to back this budget. By no means does this imply that our children will go to BAMS – that is a decision that will be made on Town Meeting Day by the voters of Guilford!

The Board has had meetings with both BAMS and our own MS team; we have reviewed the pros and cons and have decided the best option for Guilford is sending our students to a middle school that has many more options and resources for our students, that we just can not afford to offer. As a board we understand how truly controversial this decision is, but we want the voters to understand this was not gone about in an uninformed or casual way.

Guilford's school budget has only risen \$22,777 from the 2009-2010 budget to the 2012-2013 budget, but this trend can not financially continue for the school, because there is nothing left to cut. Our new budget with the BAMS option is a \$101,285 increase (3.62%). If the voters choose keeping the students at Guilford through 8th grade the increase will be substantially more. Health insurance alone is the biggest percentage increase at about 14% across the board.

Our Superintendent, Ron Stahley, has worked with the BAMS board to put in place a cap cost for Guilford. What this means for our school's budget is that the 2013-2014 year (21 students) should cost us \$225,750 to send our students to BAMS with a cap of \$230,000.

2014-2015 budget (23 students) should cost us \$253,000 with the cap-will cost us \$240,000.

2015-2016 budget (38 students) should cost us \$429,000, but with the cap-will cost us \$270,000.

The reason for the cap is so that our town does not have a huge increase because of the total student count that we would be sending to BAMS. This also includes any increase in Guilford students going to BAMS that now go to private school and want to reenter the public school system.

The WSESU district also contacted our board about consolidating our buses with them, there was no real cost savings and with a 4 board vote we turned them down and kept our transportation system in house.

Dan Systo, Guilford School Board Chair  
Alice Revis, Vice-Chair  
Penny Lussier, Clerk  
Tara Henry  
Carole Mills

## 2012-2013 GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

### Certified Staff:

John Gagnon	Principal
Margaret D. Barrant	Grade 1
Susan Bos	Grade 5
Catherine Carter	Grade 6/7/8 Math

Janet Cormier	Special Educator (50%)
Sandra Cortes	Academic Support
Martina Dancing	Art (50%)
Rachel Davis	Grade 6/7/8 Science
Karen Duggan	Kindergarten
Emma Hallowell	Grade 3
Colleen Hartman	Music (50%)
Mary Harvey-Bandish	Instrumental Music (40%)
Susan Hessey	Library/Media (80%)
Pat Ireton	Academic Support
Evvie Jakub	Physical Education (80%)
Jennifer Kramer	Grade 6/7/8 Social Studies
Kathleen Lapan	Grade 2
Janet Michaud	School Nurse
Michele Nelson	Special Educator
Stuart Strothman	Grade 6/7/8 Language Arts
Heidi Thacker	Speech/Language Pathologist (WSESU)
Jason Touchette	School Counselor
Karyn Tyler	Grade 4
Crista Yagjian	Special Educator

Classified Staff:

Beverly Baldwin	Paraeducator
Esther Behling	Paraeducator
Sandra Cutting	Paraeducator
Nancy Detra	Paraeducator
Barbara Freeman	Paraeducator
Matthew Hatfield	Custodian
Reita Lashway	School Bus Driver
Jandi Pond	School Bus Driver
Troy Revis, Jr.	Head of Maintenance
Cynthia Symons	School Bus Driver
Lynn Tobey	Paraeducator
Joann T. Tyler	Administrative Secretary
George Williams	Paraeducator

WSESU Staff:

Ronald L. Stahley, Ed.D.	Superintendent
James E. Kane	Business Administrator
Marisa Duncan-Holley	Director of Special Education

## GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tara Henry	1 year	expires 2013	254-5533
Penny Lussier	3 years	expires 2015	251-0911
Carole Mills	1 year	expires 2013	254-7075
Alice Revis	3 years	expires 2014	257-1807
Daniel Systo	3 years	expires 2013	257-0123

The Guilford Town School Board meets on the first and third Mondays of the month.

## OCTOBER 1, 2012 CENTRAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten	12	Grade 3	18	Grade 6	7
Grade 1	14	Grade 4	20	Grade 7	14
Grade 2	16	Grade 5	17	Grade 8	14
Total Enrollment - 132					

### BUHS ENROLLMENT FROM GUILFORD

Grade 7	1	Grade 10	21
Grade 8	0	Grade 11	19
Grade 9	16	Grade 12	17
Total Enrollment - 74			

### SCHOOL MAJOR REPAIR FUND

Balance as of July 1, 2011		\$9,161.62
Interest	17.46	
Transfer from Gen Fund	30,000.00	
Note Proceeds	27,017.05	
Efficiency VT	2,316.00	
Expenditures (boilers, soccer field)	(70,364.63)	
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2012		(\$1,852.50)

### SCHOOL BUS SINKING FUND

Voted at the 1963 Town meeting to establish a school bus fund for the purpose of anticipating and spreading over a period of years the cost of replacement of present or future school buses. This fund is to be kept separate from monies of the district and to be used solely for replacement of buses.

Balance as of July 1, 2011		\$40,607.67
Interest	34.54	
Appropriation	29,000.00	
Balance as of June 30, 2012		\$69,642.21

### BLAZEJ MUSIC FUND

The Richard D. Blazej Music Fund at the Guilford Central School was established in memory of Richard by his friends and family just prior to his death in the winter of 2000. The purpose of the fund is to support the instrumental music program at Guilford Central School. The music teacher at the school, in consultation with the principal, uses the fund to: purchase instruments otherwise out of reach for the school's music program budget, including Orff instruments, support student attendance at special assemblies, and repair and replace school-owned instruments.

Balance as of July 1, 2011		\$1,201.59
Donations	879.32	



*A resident of Weatherhead Hollow Pond*

Interest	4.00	
Choral Incentives	(645.00)	
Balance as of June 30, 2012		\$1,439.91

### BECKY HARRIS AWARD FUND

Becky Harris was a child attending GCS who died unexpectedly and suddenly in March 1996. Her class graduated in 2001; and in her honor, Becky's grandparents donated \$2,000 to the school. After careful deliberations, the decision to use the gift to establish a memorial award was made. Each year at graduation, a departing eighth grader will be recognized for his or her friendliness, positive attitude, sense of humor, and kindness. These qualities embody the best of Becky. The recipient of the award in 2012 was Josh Hanson.

Balance as of July 1, 2011		\$2,403.71
Interest	22.00	
Balance as of June 30, 2012		\$2,425.71

### CHILD FIND NOTICE

All children have a right to a public education. Federal and State law provide that all qualifying children with disabilities have a right to a free appropriate public education, including where provided by law, special education and related services.

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union and all of its member districts (Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford, Putney, Vernon, and Brattleboro Union High School District #6) (collectively, "the District"), have a duty to identify and locate any children, ages 3 through 21, who may be eligible for special education (including children who are highly mobile, such as migrant children, or who are homeless, or are wards of the State), who are residents of the District and may have disabilities, or who are attending private schools or a program of home study within the boundaries of the District, or who are not receiving services, in order to evaluate and engage in planning of services, as appropriate, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act and/or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The District also needs to identify and locate all infants, birth to age three who may have disabilities, for evaluation and services under Part C of the federal special education law (the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act).

The District hereby provides notice that such children may be entitled to early intervention services (birth-3) or to special education and related services (3-22).

If you have or know of such a child in your school, home or neighborhood, please write or phone: Superintendent of Schools, Windham Southeast Supervisory Union, 53 Green Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301; 802-254-3731. Information provided will be used only to carry out child find purposes, so that those protected by the disabilities laws will be contacted with respect to potential eligibility, and all information will remain confidential within the District's child find system, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and its regulations, 334 C.F.R. Part 99.

**GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2013-2014 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	2011-12 BUDGET	2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 PROPOSED
<b>DISTRICT WIDE</b>				
Worker's Compensation	15,000	9,825	12,750	15,500
Unemployment Comp.	2,500	421	2,500	2,500
District In-Service	1,500	196	2,000	2,000
Assembly Programs	2,000	1,599	2,000	2,000
Property Liability Ins.	4,500	4,213	3,750	4,750
Employee Assist. Prog./403(b) Fees	750	968	550	1,250
Copier Program (CPC)	5,500	4,993	5,000	5,500
Scamp Program	850	641	1,000	1,000
Pre-School C/S	37,078	27,000	39,533	35,040
Asian Studies Program	3,000	3,000	0	0
Professional Development Stipends	0	0	5,000	5,000
FICA PD	0	0	383	383
Program Improvement	0	0	6,617	6,617
Equity Coordinator	500	500	1,000	1,000
Farm to School Program	0	0	2,000	2,000
On-Behalf of Teacher Retirement	0	97,405	0	0
Other Grant Expenses IIa, IV, etc.	0	80,124	0	0
School Garden Supplies	0	0	0	1,000
After School Tutoring Salary	0	0	6,000	2,000
After School Tutoring FICA	0	0	459	153
After School Program	18,636	18,250	0	0
Technology Education	20,000	20,805	25,000	25,000
	<hr/> 111,814	<hr/> 269,940	<hr/> 115,542	<hr/> 112,693
<b>ELEMENTARY TEACHERS</b>				
Teacher's Salaries	615,277	604,094	556,044	660,205
One Percent Fund	5,500	9,131	5,850	6,250
Paraprof. Salaries	22,164	21,766	45,767	41,561
Substitutes	15,000	14,869	14,000	14,000
Retirement Incentive	0	16,666	16,005	16,005
Health & Dental Ins.	128,071	116,059	127,731	177,638
Teacher's FICA	48,637	45,565	44,157	52,020
Paraprof. FICA	1,696	0	3,568	3,179
Life Insurance	1,092	1,055	1,126	1,401
Disability Insurance	2,800	2,282	2,212	2,776
403(b) Benefit	4,990	3,848	4,337	5,000
Paraprof. Retirement	887	856	1,831	1,662
125 Plan	402	250	402	402
Teacher Course Reimb.	8,066	244	7,986	5,200
Support Staff Course Reimb.	400	0	400	400
Instructional Equip. Repairs	200	115	200	200
Travel & Conference	400	265	300	300
Teaching Supplies	10,000	7,894	10,000	8,500

	2011-12 BUDGET	2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 PROPOSED
Testing & Supplies	150	0	150	150
Copier Paper	1,750	517	1,750	875
Textbooks	1,000	4,040	1,000	1,000
Investigations Materials	1,500	0	1,850	1,000
Periodicals	0	321	0	0
New Instructional Equip.	500	545	400	400
New Non-Instructional. Equip.	500	0	300	300
Replace Instruct. Equip.	700	0	500	500
Replace Non-Instruct. Equip.	400	90	400	300
Sports Officials	0	0	0	1,000
Sports Program Equipment	0	0	0	2,250
Tournament Fees	0	0	0	700
Sports Coordinator & Coaches Sal	0	0	0	2,000
Sports Coordinator & Coaches FICA	0	0	0	153
Computer Repairs	1,000	469	1,000	500
Computer Software	500	65	500	1,300
Computer Hardware	9,500	13,704	9,500	14,000
Four Winds Program	1,155	1,100	1,200	1,200
	884,237	865,810	860,466	1,024,327
<b>SECONDARY TEACHERS</b>				
Teacher's Salaries	244,403	198,639	239,948	0
One Percent Fund	1,950	1,334	1,995	0
Substitutes	2,750	5,525	2,750	0
Health & Dental Ins.	54,422	33,887	44,861	0
FICA	19,057	15,074	18,525	0
Life Insurance	422	338	456	0
Course Reimbursement	4,238	25	3,500	0
Disability Insurance	1,100	741	905	0
125 Plan	67	17	67	0
403(b) Benefit	1,500	657	1,750	0
Travel & Conference	200	81	200	0
Tuition	0	11,700	0	225,750
Teaching Supplies	5,000	3,262	5,000	0
Testing & Supplies	150	0	150	0
Copier Paper	750	0	750	0
Textbooks	1,000	0	2,500	0
Instructional Equipment	200	65	200	0
Non-Instruct. Equipment	250	0	250	0
Replace Instruct. Equipment	500	0	400	0
Replace Non-Instruct. Equip.	300	0	200	0
Computer Software	300	420	800	0
Computer Hardware	7,000	2,436	7,000	0
Sports Officials	0	610	0	0
Coaching Salaries	0	2,000	0	0
Coaches FICA	0	153	0	0

	2011-12 BUDGET	2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 PROPOSED
Athletic Supplies	0	420	0	0
Tournament Fees	0	625	0	0
Sports Program Equipment	2,250	25	2,250	0
Sports Coordinator & Coaches	1,000	0	5,000	0
Sports Program Soc. Sec.	77	0	383	0
	348,886	278,034	339,840	225,750
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>				
Certified Salaries	106,600	82,235	115,085	97,834
Paraprof. Salaries	102,387	111,116	101,411	110,542
EYP Summer	2,000	1,749	2,500	5,900
Substitutes	4,500	10,897	850	850
Health Insurance	54,489	56,945	90,372	76,246
Dental Insurance	4,802	2,926	5,025	6,224
FICA	16,567	14,552	16,718	16,500
Life Insurance	379	347	396	428
Retirement	3,887	4,441	3,994	4,363
Disability Insurance	941	725	828	838
Worker's Comp.	1,050	0	1,225	1,100
Course Reimbursement	1,244	1,305	1,500	1,700
Support Staff Course Reimb	800	0	800	1,000
125 Plan Fees	67	56	67	70
403(b) Benefit	1,066	0	1,213	978
Instructional C/S	0	2,235	0	0
Psych. Services	13,872	26,663	4,700	12,000
Psych. C/S WSESU	4,800	0	10,798	9,211
Occupational & Physical Therapy	8,437	4,158	4,609	13,293
Travel & Conference	500	0	700	525
Transportation	8,100	9,350	10,000	10,000
Special Education Tuition	24,000	32,694	26,000	26,000
WSESU Intensive Tuition	21,156	0	31,056	0
Testing Supplies	1,000	388	750	500
Supplies	2,000	2,122	1,500	2,500
Equipment	1,400	667	1,400	1,400
One Percent Fund	525	0	925	1,000
Paraprof. IDEA Salary	0	32,613	0	0
Speech Salary	0	0	0	0
Health Insurance	0	231	0	0
	386,569	398,415	434,422	401,002
<b>EARLY ESSENTIAL ED</b>				
Early Ed. C/S	38,570	40,873	46,987	52,098
	38,570	40,873	46,987	52,098
<b>GUIDANCE</b>				
Salary	50,434	51,084	51,443	53,384
Health & Dental Ins.	16,467	16,466	17,331	19,411
FICA	3,858	3,704	3,858	4,084

	2011-12 BUDGET	2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 PROPOSED
Life Insurance	92	91	92	106
Course Reimb.	829	50	842	850
Disability Insurance	227	193	194	216
403(b) Benefit	504	0	515	534
Travel & Conference	100	0	100	100
Supplies	300	180	300	300
	72,811	71,768	74,675	78,985
<b>TESTING SERVICES</b>				
Physical Exams	200	0	200	0
	200	0	200	0
<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>				
Nurse's Salary	48,456	48,456	49,425	50,414
Substitutes	0	742	0	750
Health & Dental Ins.	12,123	12,124	12,757	14,293
FICA	3,707	3,579	3,707	3,857
Life Insurance	84	84	84	106
403(b) Benefit	485	0	494	504
Course Reimbursement	829	35	829	850
Disability Insurance	218	186	187	204
Travel	100	0	100	100
Health Supplies	475	1,243	475	475
Equipment	400	0	400	400
	66,877	66,449	68,458	71,953
<b>PSYCH OTHER C/S</b>				
Psychological Services	2,200	0	1,500	1,500
	2,200	0	1,500	1,500
<b>LIBRARY</b>				
Librarian Salary	53,731	53,731	54,806	41,927
Health & Dental Ins.	9,698	9,699	10,206	8,577
FICA	4,110	3,741	4,110	3,207
Life Insurance	92	95	92	76
Course Reimbursement	531	144	539	413
Disability Insurance	242	211	207	170
403(b) Benefit	537	0	548	419
AV Repairs	400	0	400	400
Library Supplies	450	315	450	450
Library Books	3,300	1,359	3,300	2,500
Periodicals	500	150	250	250
Equipment	0	426	0	0
Non-Instruct. Equipment	500	378	250	250
Audio Visual Supplies	200	454	200	200
Audio Visual Hardware	300	262	300	300
Audio Visual Software	2,000	172	2,000	2,000
On-Line Resources	500	194	250	250
Library Ref. Materials	700	738	700	700

	2011-12 BUDGET	2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 PROPOSED
AV Site Licenses	2,000	1,598	2,000	2,000
	79,791	73,667	80,608	64,089
<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION</b>				
School Board Salaries	4,100	3,300	4,100	4,100
FICA	314	276	314	314
Board Clerk	0	313	0	0
Supplies & Advertising	2,000	330	2,000	2,000
Dues & Fees	1,500	1,433	1,500	1,500
Treasurer's Salary	1,500	3,000	1,500	1,500
FICA	115	230	115	115
Supplies	1,200	0	1,200	1,200
Criminal Checks	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
Interest (Notes)	4,500	269	4,500	4,500
Legal Fees	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Auditing	10,000	0	5,000	5,000
Fidelity Bond	275	0	0	0
	28,004	9,151	22,729	22,729
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
Principal's Salary	80,703	80,703	82,317	84,787
Secretary's Salary	30,566	30,871	32,887	36,584
Admin. Substitute	200	1,230	600	750
Health & Dental Ins.	31,569	33,392	35,115	39,376
FICA	8,527	8,211	8,876	9,343
Life Insurance	359	377	336	434
403(b) Benefit	807	807	823	848
Retirement	2,223	1,227	2,235	2,463
125 Plan	67	0	67	70
Disability Insurance	501	425	436	471
Professional Development	1,500	1,379	1,500	1,500
Travel	200	685	200	200
Software	600	0	600	600
Admin. Student Serv. Support	1,520	0	1,520	1,550
AIMSWeb	960	840	1,040	950
Admin. Notification C/S	480	367	720	450
Office Supplies/Software	1,700	796	1,700	1,700
Copier Paper	500	1,564	500	500
Office Equipment	300	0	300	300
Dues & Fees	0	90	0	0
Graduation Supplies	300	538	300	300
	163,582	163,502	172,072	183,176
<b>BUILDING OPER. &amp; MAINT.</b>				
Custodial Salaries	78,671	77,136	72,645	77,423
Custodial Substitutes	1,000	1,535	750	1,000
Health & Dental Insurance	22,880	22,453	22,684	26,984
FICA	6,018	5,830	5,557	6,114

	2011-12 BUDGET	2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 PROPOSED
Life Insurance	135	134	123	153
Retirement	3,067	3,085	2,912	3,190
Other Repairs	15,000	16,834	15,000	15,000
C/S Maintenance	13,552	18,699	14,500	14,500
Playground Maintenance	0	1,600	0	0
Travel	150	85	150	150
Water Testing	1,400	606	1,400	1,400
Telephone	3,000	3,389	4,000	4,000
Fiber Connect Annual Fees	0	0	0	8,400
Custodial Supplies	9,000	9,064	10,000	10,000
Non-Instruct. Equipment	2,000	2,369	3,500	3,500
Security	0	0	0	4,000
Electricity	23,000	22,110	23,000	23,500
Fuel Oil	28,000	22,289	24,000	25,000
Grounds Maintenance	3,500	5,958	6,000	6,750
	210,373	213,176	206,221	231,064
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES				
Bus Drivers' Salaries	63,098	61,906	63,701	65,718
Bus Driver Substitutes	2,100	3,424	2,400	2,600
Health & Dental Insurance	35,217	19,078	25,260	24,195
FICA	4,827	4,802	5,057	5,027
Life Insurance	118	76	118	118
Course Reimb./Training	450	0	450	450
Retirement	2,428	2,401	2,452	2,525
Physical Exam	0	175	0	0
Gas & Lubricants	16,500	26,588	19,000	24,500
Bus Maintenance	15,000	15,045	15,000	17,500
Field Trips	1,000	60	1,000	1,000
Bus Insurance	2,000	1,495	2,000	2,000
	142,738	135,050	136,438	145,633
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM				
Program Subsidy - C/S	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
SPECIAL ARTICLES & DEBT SERVICE				
Special Article Heating System	18,000	18,000	0	0
Debt Service Interest S.A. 2010	16,520	13,807	14,324	13,966
Debt Service Heating System	0	0	16,800	10,524
Fiber Connect Special Article	0	0	8,400	0
Special Article Asbestos (3 yr.)	0	0	0	18,167
Major Repair - Special Article	12,000	12,000	15,000	37,000
	46,520	43,807	54,524	79,657
Transfer to the Bus Fund	29,000	29,000	0	29,000
TOTAL GUILFORD CENTRAL	2,627,172	2,673,642	2,629,682	2,738,656
WSESU Assessment	169,607	169,607	171,663	163,974
TOTAL	2,796,779	2,843,249	2,801,345	2,902,630

**WSESU OPERATING BUDGET,  
COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMS AND GRANTS**

	2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 BUDGET
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Assessments			
Brattleboro	\$892,375	\$973,826	\$1,026,090
B.U.H.S. #6	881,770	899,258	962,125
Dummerston	178,483	186,814	173,618
Guilford	169,607	171,663	163,974
Putney	168,734	177,456	225,061
Vernon	181,976	178,694	190,664
Tuition	874,186	1,055,887	1,044,104
Early Essential Ed. Program	486,393	663,449	693,744
Intergovernmental	4,149,957	4,020,381	3,850,000
Other Services - Contracted	153,247	179,796	116,152
OT PT Services	210,859	220,527	219,080
Interest	2,232	3,500	1,000
Indirect Costs	67,519	42,579	42,500
Other Sources	118,482	0	0
On-Behalf of Revenue (a)	182,450	0	0
Asian Studies	264,206	200,000	200,000
Total Revenue	<u>\$8,982,476</u>	<u>\$8,973,830</u>	<u>\$8,908,112</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Special Education	\$300,130	\$301,781	\$317,205
Psychologist	105,009	174,097	178,152
Speech	384,184	500,808	509,833
Administrative Support	227,874	295,761	290,947
Superintendent	140,405	140,655	145,617
School Improve.- Curr. & Assess.	155,505	234,466	244,115
Admin. Secretary/Personnel	214,160	219,915	228,551
Business Administrator	140,839	137,418	145,115
Other Fiscal Services	463,229	493,427	517,164
District Wide	5,418	550	550
Technology Coordinator	114,086	116,900	130,025
Operations & Maintenance	28,795	31,700	29,075
English as a Second Language	280,742	320,995	333,301
OT PT Services	210,864	220,527	219,080
Special Projects (Grants)	4,285,073	3,865,494	3,681,534
Special Class Programs	872,568	1,055,887	1,044,104
Early Essential Ed. Program	471,773	663,449	693,744
On-Behalf of Expense (a)	182,450	0	0
Asian Studies	264,206	200,000	200,000
Total Expenditures	<u>\$8,847,310</u>	<u>\$8,973,830</u>	<u>\$8,908,112</u>

a) Teacher's retirement paid by the State of Vermont

## GUILFORD SCHOOL PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET COMPARISON

	2011-12 BUDGET	2011-12 ACTUAL	2012-13 BUDGET	2013-14 PROPOSED
LOCAL/OTHER				
Interest Earned	\$1,200	\$1,458	\$1,300	\$1,450
Other Miscellaneous	250	740	0	0
After School Program	5,000	5,600	3,000	0
Other Revenue	0	5,531	0	0
B.U.H.S. Transportation	55,153	52,793	56,148	57,383
Efficiency Vermont	0	1,575	0	0
Title I Comp Ed	0	27	0	0
WSESU - Title IIa Sub-Grant	71,000	78,665	71,000	62,000
On-Behalf of State (TR)	0	97,405	0	0
WSESU - Medicaid Sub-Grant	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
WSESU - EPSDT (Nurse)	27,000	27,000	27,000	22,000
	<u>169,603</u>	<u>280,794</u>	<u>168,448</u>	<u>152,833</u>
STATE				
Education Fund	2,208,127	2,188,650	2,097,990	2,240,880
Special Education	225,727	242,022	256,925	240,809
E.E.E. Program	13,500	16,251	17,496	16,999
Transportation Grant	44,712	44,447	45,600	45,109
Small Schools Grant	27,500	46,977	70,000	80,000
	<u>2,519,566</u>	<u>2,538,347</u>	<u>2,488,011</u>	<u>2,623,797</u>
FEDERAL/OTHER				
Federal Jobs Funding	0	0	37,273	0
Federal Special Ed.	32,610	32,613	32,613	31,000
	<u>32,610</u>	<u>32,613</u>	<u>69,886</u>	<u>31,000</u>
FUND BALANCE				
Fund Balance	75,000	0	75,000	95,000
TOTAL	<u>\$2,796,779</u>	<u>\$2,851,754</u>	<u>\$2,801,345</u>	<u>\$2,902,630</u>

W.S.E.S.U. FY12 FEDERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION AID DISTRIBUTION

	BLOCK GRANT	INTENSIVE AID	EXTRAORDINARY AID	STATE PLACED	E.E.E. STATE	IDEA FEDERAL	TOTAL AID
Brattleboro	\$269,327	\$1,168,608	\$268,405	\$19,445	\$104,278	\$225,909	\$2,055,972
Dummerston	55,222	223,685	0	0	16,267	259,832	555,006
Guilford	57,350	184,672	0	0	16,251	32,613	290,886
Putney	61,264	221,055	0	34,836	20,646	46,029	383,830
Vernon	82,294	143,452	0	0	20,959	37,355	284,060
B.U.H.S. #6	411,472	1,781,074	109,941	140,449	0	158,319	2,601,255
Total	\$936,929	\$3,722,546	\$378,346	\$194,730	\$178,401	\$760,057	\$6,171,009

W.S.E.S.U. 2011-2012 SUB GRANTS SCHEDULE TO DISTRICTS

	FED IDEA SPEC ED	SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	TITLE I COMPED	ALL OTHER TITLE II A	TOTAL
Brattleboro	\$225,909	\$42,636	\$715,377	\$200,696	\$1,184,618
BUHS #6	158,319	28,676	270,197	213,626	670,818
Dummerston	25,983	0	3,133	170,285	199,401
Guilford	32,613	0	27	115,665	148,305
Putney	46,029	26,888	145,092	85,167	303,176
Vernon	37,355	0	54	81,153	118,562
TOTAL	\$526,208	\$98,200	\$1,133,880	\$866,592	\$2,624,880

GUILFORD SCHOOL PROPOSED BUDGET COMPARISON

	2010-2011 BUDGET	2011-2012 BUDGET	2012-2013 BUDGET	2013-2014 PROPOSED	\$ Diff.	% Diff.
Operating Budget	\$2,606,091	\$2,551,652	\$2,575,158	\$2,629,999	\$54,841	2.13%
Debt Service	16,289	16,520	14,324	13,966	(358)	-2.50%
Debt Service Heating	0	0	16,800	10,524	(6,276)	-37.36%
Special Article Major Repair	11,800	30,000	23,400	37,000	13,600	58.12%
Special Article Asbestos	0	0	0	18,167	18,167	
Bus Fund Transfer	29,000	29,000	0	29,000	29,000	
Total Guilford (K-8)	2,663,180	2,627,172	2,629,682	2,738,656	108,974	4.14%
WSESU Assessment	130,029	169,607	171,663	163,974	(7,689)	-4.48%
TOTAL	\$2,793,209	\$2,796,779	\$2,801,345	\$2,902,630	\$101,285	3.62%

**ACT 68 THREE YEAR COMPARISON — GUILFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Budget (approved)	\$2,793,209	\$2,796,779	\$2,801,345	\$2,902,630
Supervisory Union Assessment	\$130,029	\$169,607	\$171,663	\$163,974
Separately Warned Article -approved	\$6,000	\$30,000		
Separately Warned Articles	\$3,720			
<b>Act 68 Local Adopted Budget</b>	<b>\$2,793,209</b>	<b>\$2,796,779</b>	<b>\$2,801,345</b>	<b>\$2,902,630</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$599,112</b>	<b>\$588,652</b>	<b>\$703,355</b>	<b>\$661,750</b>
<b>Education Spending (Act 68)</b>	<b>\$2,194,097</b>	<b>\$2,208,127</b>	<b>\$2,097,990</b>	<b>\$2,240,880</b>
Equalized Pupils	\$167.12	\$163.11	\$161.66	\$158.98
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$13,129</b>	<b>\$13,538</b>	<b>\$12,978</b>	<b>\$14,095</b>
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Per Pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	<b>\$13,129</b>	<b>\$13,538</b>	<b>\$12,978</b>	<b>\$14,095</b>
<b>District Spending Adjustment</b>	153.662%	158.446%	148.777%	158.428%
<b>Estimated Homestead Tax Rate (equalized)</b>	<b>\$1.3215</b>	<b>\$1.3785</b>	<b>\$1.3241</b>	<b>\$1.4417</b>
<b>Household Income % for Income Sensitivity</b>	2.88%	2.96%	2.90%	3.02%
<b>Estimated Education Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.6153</b>	<b>\$1.6780</b>	<b>\$1.6069</b>	<b>\$1.6961</b>
<b>Adjusted Per Equalized Pupil Ratio</b>	58.50%	59.17%	60.77%	61.93%
<b>Adjusted Estimated Education Residential Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$0.9450</b>	<b>\$0.9929</b>	<b>\$0.9765</b>	<b>\$1.0504</b>
<b>Common Level of Appraisal</b>	<b>81.81%</b>	<b>82.15%</b>	<b>82.40%</b>	<b>85.00%</b>
ESTIMATED RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION TAX COMPARISON	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014
Guilford School Share	\$0.9450	\$0.9841	\$0.9766	\$1.0504
B.U.H.S. #6 Share	\$0.7365	\$0.7578	0.7498	\$0.7362
ESTIMATED RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION TAX (100%)	\$1.6815	\$1.7419	\$1.7264	\$1.7866
<b>Penalty Cap</b>	\$14,549	\$14,733	\$14,841	\$15,456



## GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

President:	Steven Cutting	Trustees:
Vice-President:	Gerald Baker	Steve Detra
Secretary:	Fred Humphrey	Michael Tkaczyk
Treasurer:	Neil Quinn	Wim van Loon
Fire Chief:	Jared Bristol	Tom Wagener

As trustees of the fire department, we have to balance excellent protection of property, excellent medical response ability, retention of volunteers, training and recertification requirements, safe and reliable apparatus, and a building that enhances those aims, with reasonable appropriation requests from the town.

As much as we try to keep our budget under control, new Scott air-pack and cascade inspections, extinguisher testing, training and re-certs, rising dispatching costs, required radio frequency changes, and safety considerations (replacing worn out & unsafe turn-out gear) make it difficult.

Many of our expenses are fixed: debt reduction (new tanker \$33,288, new pumper \$37,595); or non-negotiable, dispatching services (\$21,745), insurance (\$9,031). Others are unescapable: fuel, repairs, and maintenance for the apparatus, heating oil, building upkeep. We continue with fundraising activities like suppers and the Fair barbeque. We apply for grants.

We are fortunate to have capable and experienced officers Jared Bristol and Mike Tkaczyk as Chief and Assistant Chief, along with officers Tim Cleveland, Chris LaFlam, Travis Kissell, and Bevan Quinn. We have an excellent team, a well-trained roster of firefighters and first responders.

Thank you all. Thanks to the GVFD Auxiliary for their many contributions. We

thank the voters and taxpayers for their continued support of the department's work. And especially we thank the GVFD men and women who give so much volunteer time to provide such a high level of protection and service to the town.

Steven Cutting  
President, Board of Trustees

### CHIEF'S REPORT

2012 was another busy and active year for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department. We responded to a total of 167 fire and medical incidents and our duty roster has increased to 36 members. We continue to be impressed by the commitment and dedication of our members and their own personal commitments to ensuring we provide the best possible service to the Town of Guilford and surrounding communities.

Our members continue to grow in their experience and training. One member of our EMS team has achieved paramedic status, while another has recently started the course. Additionally, three of our fire fighters have advanced from the Fire Fighter One level to the Fire Fighter Two level. All of these achievements take significant time and dedication and are something for which we are all very proud.

We have been working closely with the Town of Guilford and the contractors for the new Water Line Project and the installation of six new hydrants. This project will provide GVFD with easy access to an abundant water supply throughout the Village of Algiers.

The Department received community assistance grants from Green Mountain Power and C&S Wholesale which were used to help facilitate our annual fundraising efforts. These included our Sugar on Snow Supper, Blueberry Haus Corn Roast, Guilford Fair Chicken BBQ and Vermont Welcome Center Bake Sale. These fundraising efforts will help to support upcoming maintenance projects on the Station and some of our trucks. We plan to begin tackling the large job of re-painting the Station, as we approach our 8th year in the new building.

Our alliance with the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary remains strong, and we continue to be grateful for their unwavering support of our department and our members. This year, the Auxiliary purchased 18 reflective safety jackets for us, which will significantly improve our safety in high-traffic areas and during inclement weather conditions.

The Guilford Volunteer Fire Department wishes everyone a very Happy New Year, and reminds you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors!

Jared Bristol, Fire Chief  
Mike Tkaczyk, Assistant Chief

### GUILFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

BALANCE July 1, 2011		\$81,903.34
INCOME		
Town Appropriation	163,107.00	
Donations	7,018.23	
Fundraising, Suppers, etc	9,370.13	

Auxiliary	4,015.00	
Interest Income	2,220.42	
Invoiced Calls	0.00	
Grants, etc	150.00	
Miscellaneous	22.77	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>185,903.55</u>	
EXPENSES		
Building	2,502.55	
Communications, Phone, Internet	1,093.09	
Computer Equipment, Software	2,232.27	
Electricity	2,167.66	
Heating Oil	2,843.28	
Algiers Sewer District	400.82	
Rubbish Collection	1,065.00	
Office Supplies	426.89	
Dues & Subscriptions	367.95	
Legal & Accounting	1,507.50	
Fundraising Expenses	3,930.70	
SWNHMA (Dispatching)	20,296.00	
Firefighting Equipment	10,804.48	
Insurance	5,727.00	
Truck Repair, Maintenance	2,896.94	
Truck Fuel	2,031.28	
Radio/Pager Repair/Upgrades	1,416.08	
Training, Education	1,380.95	
Payroll	13,682.08	
Interest/Fees	402.65	
Debt Service, KME Tanker	33,288.00	
Debt Service, Pierce Pumper	37,595.00	
Volunteer Retention Fund	15,410.00	
Miscellaneous	902.89	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>164,371.06</u>	
BALANCE June 30, 2012		\$103,435.83
Money Market, Operating		\$34,181.95
Checking Account		(4,597.17)
CD (Shores)		73,851.05
Assets, June 30, 2012		<u>\$103,435.83</u>

### GVFD INVENTORY

- 1 2008 Pierce Pump-Under-Cab Pumper w/1,000 gal. tank and 1,500 gpm pump
- 1 2006 International/KME Tanker w/2,500 gallon tank and 2,000 gpm pump
- 1 1995 Ford F800/E-One Pumper w/1,000 gallon tank and 1,250 gpm pump
- 1 1997 Ford F350XL 4x4 Brush/Utility Truck w/winch and flat bed to carry a portable tank, portable pump, equipment, w/hitch for cargo trailer
- 1 2005 Pace American Cargo Trailer

1 2003 Honda Foreman Rubicon All Terrain Vehicle w/Tracks (in trailer)  
 1 2004 Orion Industries Rescue Sled (in trailer)  
 2002 CET 750 gpm portable pump, 2010 Northern 150gpm portable pump, 3,800 feet of 4" hose, 2,700 feet of 2 1/2" hose, 3,400 feet of 1 3/4" hose; 17 Scott self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), 11 spare air tanks for SCBAs, Poseidon Cascade System for refilling air bottles for SCBAs; 14 portable two-way radios, 14 mobile two-way radios, two-way base radio unit, 30 individual pagers, scanner; 2004 Honda Eu Inverter 1000i portable generator, 2006 Honda BB 7000i portable generator, 1992 Makita 65710R portable generator; 2 smoke ejectors; 2 MultiPro Gas Meters; 1 positive-pressure spark-proof ventilation fan, 6 cardiac defibrillators; 44 traffic cones; 1 global positioning unit (GPS); rope rescue equipment; water rescue equipment; ladders; nozzles; hydrant gates, hydrant tools; first aid kits; CO2, dry chemical, and pressurized water fire extinguishers; emergency medical kits, thermal-imaging camera

### GVFD CALL SUMMARY, 2012

3 Brush Fire	1 Dumpster Fire
6 Chimney Fires	3 Police Assist
4 Vehicle Fires	57 Emergency Medical Responses
1 Structure Fires	10 Public Assist (non-med)
5 Electrical/Appliance/Odor	8 Good Intent/Cancelled Enroute
34 Motor Vehicle Accidents	5 Fire Alarms
5 Controlled Burns/Smoke	9 Wires/Trees Down
16 Mutual Aid Responses	<i>(22 of all calls were on I-91)</i>

**167 Total**

### GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

There is always something happening at the Guilford Free Library. Fiscal year 2012 was no exception. This past year we were visited more than 2,800 times by patrons who borrowed more than 3,000 library materials (books, audio books, periodicals and video cassettes). We held 86 programs for 378 adults and 336 children. The library is open 24 hours a week. Our town can be proud of our small and busy town library.

Approximately 11 patrons per week used our four public access computers. We are able to provide individual training and on-going support to help people learn and feel confident about using computers. Therefore, every citizen of Guilford has access to computer technology even if they do not own a computer. The library has a high-speed wireless connection, so that patrons can use their laptops in the library or in the parking lot, at any time day or night. The password is GFLpatron.

We have made progress on the long range plan: The three main goals are to improve the comfort of the library's physical space, to increase the library's technological capabilities, and to begin developing a succession plan for the library director. Winterization of the library building was the first step in improving the comfort, and is now complete. It's cozy warm in the library and we expect our gas

use will go down. Two of the public access computers are new within the year, and the other two are two and a half years old. All will be able to take advantage of the new fiber optic cable that will be installed this spring. A new assistant librarian has been hired, and new job descriptions have been developed.

Our OnLine Resources are available to all Guilford residents. They include OneClick Digital, downloadable audiobooks, Universal Class, high quality online courses, Heritage Quest, genealogy research, VT OnLine Library, research, magazine and newspaper databases. You can reach all of these resources at: <http://guilfordfreelibrary.wordpress.com/>

To use them you need to update your library card and get the password. There is no charge, because the Vermont Department of Libraries helps us to pay for them.

Our collection includes 4,179 print materials, 259 videos, 157 audio books and 4 print serial subscriptions.

The library manages because so many volunteers work to make it happen. During a typical week, volunteers put in at least 15 hours of work doing storytime, staffing, Board of Trustees, administration, and public relations. If we paid for all this work at \$8.65/hour, we would spend almost \$8,000. Many townspeople also donate books for our on-going book sale, which raises money to buy new books for the library. Our fundraising events include an annual appeal letter, an elegant event held bi-annually, a raffle, food sales at the 4th of July picnic, and book and bottled water sales at the Fair.

#### *Programs during Calendar Year 2012:*

- Summer Reading Program: Guilford Treks - Our Summer reading program for school-age children was in a week-long camp format again this year. We met at the Grange for breakfast each morning, and then explored one of Guilford's special places, which this year included the Franklin Farm, Green River, and the stream at the old Springs Farm resort. Each day also included special reading guests.
- Pre-school Storytime - Every Tuesday morning, infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers were invited to engage with literature, brought to life with songs, chants, rhymes, and movement.
- Vermont Reads: Bull Run and The Red Badge of Courage - Guilford Reads! Volunteer Linda Hay wrote, and the library received, a grant from the VT Humanities Council for the VT Reads Book Program. Linda organized several activities to accompany the statewide one-book community reading program, including two presentations of Guilford in 1860, discussions of the books and an interactive activity at the Guilford Fair.
- Halloween Party- We invited children to trick-or-treat the library, told stories, made Hallowe'en art and shared snacks. Each trick-or-treater got three books from the library.
- SCAMP Visit – Incoming Kindergarten class visits the library as part of their introduction week to school.

#### *Our Outreach activities included:*

- School Visits – Visits with students during the year to encourage their participation in library activities.
- Home Delivery of Books
- Library at Golden Ager's Luncheons

- Read For America – Librarian reads to individual kindergarteners and first graders.

The library is open Tuesday 9:30am-6pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday, 3-6pm; Saturday 9:30am-3pm, and for special programs, as announced. Please stop by.

Cathrine Wilken, Librarian	Leah Gessner, Assistant Librarian
Becky Anderson, Trustee	Mimi Morton, Trustee
Dody Riggs, Trustee	Judith Serkin, Trustee
Laura Lawson Tucker, Trustee	Richard Wizansky, Trustee

### GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY

On Hand, July 1, 2011			\$21,017.23
Income:			
Town Appropriation	25,000.00		
Donations	1,315.32		
Fundraising	11,187.85		
Interest	158.75		
Other	15.00	37,676.92	
Expense:			
Salaries	18,615.14		
Library materials	3,664.83		
Library Supplies	9.99		
Program	1,290.85		
Maintenance	1,828.53		
Electricity	1,025.33		
Gas	1,642.75		
Telephone	509.08		
Office Supplies	169.94		
Postage	1,093.20		
Fundraising	945.30		
Computer	2,614.40		
Publicity	90.00		
Miscellaneous	169.06		
Dues/Subscriptions	46.00	33,714.40	3,962.52
			24,979.75
Set Aside: Maintenance Funds			(4,000.00)
Transfer to C/D			(1,000.00)
Undeposited Funds			125.00
Current Payables			(3,636.05)
Cash & Equivalents 6/30/2012			16,468.70
Agnew Memorial Fund: Building Projects			
Balance, July 1, 2011		765.79	
Interest Earned		5.09	
Balance, June 30, 2012			770.88
Thomas Memorial Fund: Interest to be used for Children's Books			
Balance, July 1, 2011		2,044.03	

Interest Earned	9.18	
Transferred to Checking	(45.73)	
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Balance, June 30, 2012		2,007.48
Calista Fund: Interest to be used for Children's and Women's Books		
Balance, July 1, 2011	12,108.83	
Interest Earned	59.84	
Transfer from Checking	1,000.00	
Transferred to Checking	(157.43)	
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Balance, June 30, 2012		13,011.24
Total of Combined Funds, June 30, 2012		\$32,258.30

### ALGIERS FIRE DISTRICT # 1

We are very pleased to announce that the decision for AFD #1 (in charge of the sewer district) to contract with the Town of Guilford to provide administrative support was a good one. It has been such a success. All financial obligations have been met. Along with meeting our financial obligations, the Prudential Committee and Commonwealth Dairy have created a contract to which all parties are in agreement.

Since the resignation of the treasurer and one other member of the Prudential Committee, the remaining members have repositioned, and the two new members have proven to be great assets.

The Prudential Committee is pleased with the way things have progressed and are hopeful the members feel the same.

Prudential Committee: Michael Baker, Chair	Will Wohnus
Ron Wells	Julia Miller, Clerk
Herb Meyer, Treasurer	

### VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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



*Baker Cross Road*

Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 15 workshops that attracted more than 1,300 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 with 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).

Steven Jeffrey  
Executive Director

## WINDHAM REGIONAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. It's a town's choice to be an active member of the WRC. The WRC is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County, and Weston in Windsor County. Created in 1965 as a voluntary alliance of towns, the WRC was the first Regional Planning Commission established in the state.

Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Guilford is currently represented by Bill Murray and Dennis Franklin. Commissioners are the foundation of the WRC.

Each represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. The 10 professional staff of the WRC provides support to the Committees, as well as our member towns.

During the past year we have met with the Selectboards and Planning Commissions of most of our towns, and by June of 2013 we will have met with all towns. These meetings, called municipal consultations, are an opportunity for us to hear from towns about their needs, discuss with them what services we offer, and to provide each town with an assessment of the town's plan (if the town has a plan). These consultations provide us with valuable information, including what trainings, forums and workshops would be most helpful. This year we sponsored a number of regional forums for public officials and the general public, including the Southern Vermont Rivers Conference, a workshop on inter-local agreements, and town roles and responsibilities in the Section 248 energy utility regulation process. In 2013 we're planning forums on town implementation of the National Flood Insurance Program, capital improvement planning, development of grant proposals, and ancient roads, among others.

During the past year we assisted a number of towns with the development of their Town Plans, and revisions to their bylaws. We also continued to provide our towns with mapping and geographic information system (GIS) support. If you see a map in your town's office, more likely than not the WRC produced it. Facilitating communication between FEMA, the state, and towns associated with reimbursement for the repair of public infrastructure damaged during Tropical Storm Irene is ongoing, and will be for years as audits follow project closeouts. We've provided assistance with the administration of projects, including the Brattleboro waterfront, Main Street Arts in Saxtons River, and the installation of sidewalks in Putney. We also continued our work on regional issues including transportation, emergency planning, review of Act 250 and Section 248 applications, natural resources, energy, community development, and Brownfields redevelopment. The Windham Regional Plan will expire in 2014, and we've begun the

plan update process. To better facilitate and solicit public input, we've created a special website that you can access through the Commission's website at [www.windhamregional.org](http://www.windhamregional.org). We've also created a Facebook page.

2013 will be another exciting and challenging year. In 2012 we made internal changes to meet increased demand for service from both our towns and state agencies without a substantial increase in revenue. We are still adjusting to an 18 percent decrease in the core funding we receive from the state. Collectively, municipal assessments enable us to provide services to all of our towns by contributing to the WRC's funding base. This funding base not only helps us keep the lights on so we'll be here for our towns; it's necessary to provide the non-federal financial match necessary to receive state and federal funding to support our work in areas such as transportation, emergency planning, Brownfield redevelopment, and virtually every other grant we pursue to do work within the Windham Region. We have based our budget on a modest increase in the per resident assessment rate from \$1.74 to \$1.78. The WRC's core budget relies on member town assessments to match and support federal and state funds. The \$1.78 per resident rate will result in a total assessment of \$3,775 from Guilford for the new fiscal year. Guilford may wish to budget additional amounts for town-specific work needed from the WRC. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2013, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."

We like to hear from those we serve. Should you have any questions, you can write us, email us at [wrc@sover.net](mailto:wrc@sover.net), or call us at 802-257-4547.

Chis Company  
Executive Director

## GUILFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Guilford's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff continued ongoing emergency preparedness training, participated in a local table-top exercise and attended the annual 2012 State Emergency Management Conference held in Killington.

We're proud to announce new personnel joining the Town's existing EOC staff: Ann Emerson, RENTS Coordinator; Leah Gessner, Guilford Cares & Special Needs Coordinator; Candace Stoumen, Co-EMD; and Cambrie Johnson, D-Lan specialist.

The EOC is now fully staffed with a total of 15 personnel to operate in an emergency. In addition, the Guilford Fire Department has appointed Stephanie Grover, firefighter/EMT, to coordinate distribution of Tone Alert Radios and batteries.

Hurricane Sandy caused us to ramp up for an emergency. The EOC staff met prior to the arrival of Sandy to plan and coordinate operations. Based on information received from NOAA, the EOC was opened with the potential to operate for an undetermined amount of time. After operating for approximately 18 hours, it was determined the worst was over and the determination was made to close the EOC, and to terminate the operation. We feel we were prepared for the worst which fortunately didn't happen.

Herb Meyer, EM Director  
Candace Stoumen, Co-EM Director

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Guilford Conservation Commission (GCC) was formed in 2000. Our mission is...

to identify, inventory, foster education about, and help protect Guilford's natural, scenic, recreational, historic, educational, cultural, architectural, agricultural, and archaeological resources for the public good. The commission shall help residents and town officials recognize the value of these resources and administer them for the benefit of future generations.

Current members include Bill Jewell, Linda Hecker, John Kristensen (emeritus), Linda Lembke, Karen Murphy, Sarah Quine, Bevan Quinn, Marli Rabinowitz, and James Young (emeritus), with Dick Clark representing the Selectboard. This year we invited members of the community to join a number of working sub-committees, including Trail Development, Signage, Natural Resources Inventory, and Communication. The Inventory committee is our most active. We hope to report on its work next year.

For the GCC, 2012 was the year of "invasives": invasive plants that are displacing native species and altering the ecological balance in our rural community. Invasives have been a local problem for some time, but Tropical Storm Irene spread rampant new colonies of Japanese knotweed along the disturbed and re-routed beds of the Green River and Broad Brook. Knotweed was such a big threat after Irene that Vermont hired a summer knotweed expert, Brian Colleran, to work with communities all over the state to identify and uproot new colonies. Linda Lembke was GCC's main contact with Brian, who gave several demonstration workshops to interested community members and also brought a team of conservation students to tackle knotweed on the Green River. Commission members wrote articles about invasives for the Guilford Gazette and plan to hold informational sessions in 2013 so the public can be better informed and active in dealing with invasives.

The Conservation Commission holds regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month and sponsors monthly exploratory walks on Guilford's old roads and special places, usually on Sunday afternoons, to which the public is invited. If you'd like to participate in our activities or join a working committee, contact chair Linda Hecker at [lrhecker47@gmail.com](mailto:lrhecker47@gmail.com)

Linda Hecker  
Chair

## GUILFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Guilford Cemetery Commission requests level funding for the coming fiscal year, but we have serious concerns to address. Trees threaten or have already damaged cemeteries on the Stage Road, Lee Road and the Packer Corners Road. In addition, mowing the beautiful Blanchard Cemetery on the Guilford Center Road has become impossible because access for machinery is severely limited. Our local cemeteries are some of the greatest historic treasures in our communities; their preservation and protection is a growing challenge. We welcome all ideas for how to address this. Where is the new generation of scythers, the next

## Emery Evans and Ralph Bullock?

2013 brings a major transition to the Town of Guilford, with the possible moving of Guilford Central Middle School to Brattleboro Area Middle School. The Guilford Cemetery Commission and international cultural conservationist Connie Silver had begun planning a stone conservation project with the Middle School science teacher Rachel Davis. The project would be phased and involve monitoring conditions at selected cemeteries and writing reports about conditions first. This would lead to a second phase of recommended treatment of damaged stones and implementation of it.

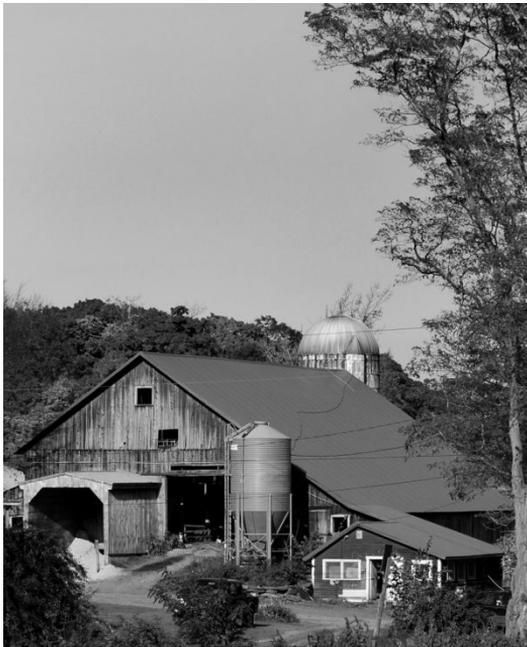
Commissioner Verandah Porche, Connie, and Rachel are now looking into ways to involve a small number of interested students in a pilot science-based community-service learning project during the summer of 2013.

Connie Silver is a former Guilford resident with a strong interest in sharing her expertise with our town. She writes:

Guilford's historic tombstones are a small example of a vast and challenging international problem: how to conserve historically significant worked stone that is subject to deterioration from exterior environmental conditions. The great cathedrals of medieval Europe, Mayan stelae in Meso-America, Baroque palaces in Peru, and the historic tombstones of Guilford are all components of the world's patrimony in stone, now rapidly eroding and disappearing.

The good news is that there is now a large body of scientific literature on the conservation of exterior stone, and many promising conservation treatments are available.

*The Paul Boyd Farm; celebrating 100 years of continuous operation by the Boyd family. All the farming pictures in this Report were taken on this farm.*



However, credible conservation treatments are never “shovel ready” out of a box. Treatment protocols are required and may need many steps.

The Commission invites residents to contact us about this project. You may reach Verandah by phone at (802) 254-2442 or via email - verandahporche@gmail.com.

Verandah Porche  
Commissioner

## RESCUE INC

An exciting time – and a challenging one—for Rescue Inc.

The EMS industry is rapidly changing. Rescue Inc. is leading the way to provide for the future. We are now celebrating 46 years of serving the community and we are moving forward on every front. This year thousands of residents received services and several newborns greeted the world helped along by Rescue Inc. crews.

Public education, along with the involvement of our member communities and their Selectboards, is critical to us in our strategic planning. Recently at a system-wide consortium, we detailed our plans for dealing with the expected mandatory cuts to reimbursements that will begin in the coming year.

We anticipate that Rescue Inc. will play an expanded role under the federal Affordable Care Act as a critical healthcare partner. Community Para medicine may become an important component of our local system as a way to enhance community healthcare, and better control costs. We will continue to research this as one model to bridge both community health service and EMS coverage gaps.

People are the lifeblood of our agency. Rescue Inc. has recognized the caring, hard work, and sacrifices of its staff over the last year. We honored the long-term commitment – a milestone of more than 120 years of combined service—of Chief Mark Considine, Captain Brian Patno, Sally Brunton, Connie White, Lew Teich, and Joe Thompson. We congratulated them all for their many years of excellent service at an event during EMS Week. Our current staff consists of 70 percent full time and per diems, and 30 percent volunteers, for a total of 59 providers.

Mark Considine  
Chief of Operations

## BROAD BROOK GRANGE

2012 was a “normal” Grange year after all the festivities of our town wide celebration of 2011. Grange membership is 70, 7 of whom have been members for 50 years or more. Margery Evans holds the record at 80+ years as a Broad Brook Grange member.

Annual fundraising events were held; Sugar on Snow Supper, Mother’s Day & Father’s Day Brunches, our first brunch of the season in April, and last, our Apple Brunch in October were all well attended by the community.

Community events include donating dictionaries to Guilford Center School 4th graders, being the host site for Green Up Day in May, hosting elections in November, holding Pre Town Meeting, and our annual Community Recognition

Night where a Guilford community member is honored for work done in Guilford as well as having students from GCS put on a program. In 2012 we honored Pat Haine for her work with the Guilford Food Bank and with the Guilford Community Church. The students of GCS gave demonstrations of the community-based educational programs they have been involved with throughout the year, with the evening ending with a performance by the GCS middle schoolers a cappella group.

This year's Broad Brook Grange scholarship was awarded to Matt Clark.

Our annual Independence Day celebration was held late in June with a wiffle ball game, road race, children's activities, and music.

As part of the annual Guilford Fair, BBG hosts the Bingo game as well as judging the baking contest.

After a successful community Thanksgiving Dinner as part of the 250th celebration in 2011, we held one again this year with 20+ community members coming together to break bread.

2012 ended with our annual Stocking Stuffing evening, then delivering stockings to various community members.

Membership in Broad Brook Grange is open to all community members who appreciate the agricultural past, present, and future that is Vermont. We meet monthly to conduct business in addition to the various events we hold/sponsor. We are a fun loving group with a deep appreciation for our community and would welcome those with similar values. Please contact Carole Mills at 254-7075 if you are interested in becoming involved with BBG.

Rental of our historic Grange building is available on a first-come first-served basis. Please contact Master Hal Kuhns at 258-1632.

Carole Mills  
Secretary

## WINDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Sheriff's Department provided an augmented police service to the people of Guilford FY2012 in the amount of \$4,000, or approximately 95 hours of service for the year. Our department was able to provide 181.5 hours of service, at no additional cost to the town. The service provided included motor vehicle enforcement and response to minor calls for service, or calls where response was refused by the town's primary law enforcement agency. During FY12, we issued a total of 44 tickets. Under Vermont law, the town could receive up to \$3,079.20 in fund disbursement from the Vermont Court Administrator's Office/Vermont Judicial Bureau from this ticket revenue. Additionally, 54 warnings were issued and 35 calls for service were answered.

During this contract period, we also experienced Tropical Storm Irene. During the first week of the storm, we deployed nearly every deputy, dispatcher, and support person in every capacity we could. We supported every single one of our contract towns, several towns in Windham County that we didn't have contracts with, Bennington County, Windsor County, the Agency of Transportation, FEMA, and many more. Our deputies worked 24/7, several over 80 hours a week each, to help restore order to our ravaged county. Most importantly, we

saw what made us Vermonters – we came together to help each other and didn't stop until that was done.

Keith D. Clark  
Sheriff

## BRATTLEBORO AREA HOSPICE

Brattleboro Area Hospice is dedicated to the belief that each of us can be a companion to those who are dying or grieving. We are one of less than 200 free volunteer hospices left in the United States. Our volunteers provide wide-ranging support to clients and their families regardless of whether a patient resides at home or is in a hospital or nursing home. Hospice volunteers are also called to participate in round the clock vigils when the time is close and family can't be present.

We offer bereavement support groups creating a safe environment for sharing experiences, exploring feelings, providing mutual support and gaining insight into the grieving process. We publish a bereavement newsletter, SEASONS, offer one-on-one grief counseling, and conduct an Annual Service of Remembrance at our Hospice Memorial Garden at Living Memorial Park.

One hundred percent of our funding is local; we receive no money from state, federal or insurance sources. Your financial support allows us to keep all our services free of charge. We are honored to provide this compassionate care to our friends and neighbors, and grateful for the community's support which makes our work possible.

Susan Parris  
Executive Director

## SENIOR SOLUTIONS, COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SE VERMONT

We foster and support successful aging of seniors in the Guilford community and throughout Windham and Windsor counties.

To assist seniors in Guilford we offer a number of services, including:

- Information & Assistance: Our Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 is a toll free number which offers help applying for benefits, assistance with health insurance problems, fuel assistance, help related to the recent flooding and many other services. 62 callers requested assistance this past year. As part of the Medicare Part D prescription drug program our trained staff offered assistance to residents as requested.
- Senior Nutrition: Home delivered meals are arranged through a contract with the Brattleboro Senior Meals Program. A congregate meal is offered twice a month at the Guilford Community Church. We pass through to them the federal and state funds that we receive. A Registered Dietician is available to offer nutritional counseling when appropriate.
- Transportation: We support various providers of transportation for both medical appointments and non-medical needs.
- Case Management & Advocacy: Case managers offer support in elder's homes by assisting with applications for benefits, insurance problems, fuel assistance, housing problems, etc. Our agency served 10 Guilford residents during this past year.



*Sweet Pond; once this was water as far as you could see. Many people are working so that the dam can be restored. A pond again!*

- Caregiver Respite: Through grants we provide respite for family members who are caring for an aging parent. During this past year 1 Guilford resident received a respite grant.

Your town contribution generates Federal matching funds to support our activities. We do not charge for any of our services. The support of the Guilford citizens is greatly appreciated.

Joyce A. Lemire  
Executive Director

## EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES

Our work at EES in 2012 has continued to strengthen children and families, particularly toward the goal of helping children become “ready for school”. We do this because children living in poverty are at a high risk of exposure to stressors that can undermine their future learning and health, and we know that an extraordinary amount of brain development occurs before age 5. Research on Head Start has shown that Head Start children are less likely to require special education services, or engage in unhealthy behaviors and more likely to achieve school and life success.

What does it take to make a child “school ready”? It means that children possess the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in school and for later learning and life. They must have fundamental understanding of literacy, math, social studies and science and have effective language and communication skills. Children must have critical thinking skills to problem solve and probe with questions; they must be able to self-regulate and demonstrate self-control. For

parents and families, school readiness means they are engaged in the lifelong success of their child by supporting their children's learning and providing stable and loving relationships. Schools must be ready for our children by ensuring that teachers, families and communities have the skills and knowledge necessary to support development and learning for all children.

As part of our comprehensive EES Strategic Plan, the following objectives speak to our focus on school readiness:

- EES will develop a system with public schools to collect and review school readiness data to determine base line and measure growth of students
- All EES classrooms and child development assessments will demonstrate increased growth on an ongoing basis
- All families will be engaged in their child's learning.

Along with our partners, families, neighbors, community agencies and public schools, we can make a difference. Thank you for your ongoing support of our work in the myriad ways you do contribute. Together, we make a difference.

The mission of Early Education Services (EES) is to promote the healthy development of young children; to prepare them to succeed in school; enhance the social, economic and personal well-being of the whole family; and to empower the family to effectively use existing community resources.

We offer a multitude of services and programming for the community:

- EES classrooms and programming are high-quality, as recognized by the National Association for the Education of Young Children accreditation process and 5 STARS ranked in Vermont's Step Ahead Recognition System. All are funded by federal (Head Start/Early Head Start), Vermont (Child Development Division) and local monies to provide a combination of full-day/full-year and half-day school-year options. Meals and snacks are funded through the federal Child and Adult Care Food Program. EES offers 10 Head Start slots for full day/school year programming at our partner sites, West Bee Nursery School, and Brattleboro Nursery School.

- Early Head Start Home Visiting: EES Home Visitors and Family Support Specialists make weekly visits to 68 families with children from birth to 3 years old. Prenatal home visits are also provided. Home Visitors provide prenatal support, school-readiness and child development activities, parenting education, health and nutrition education, and support to reach family goals (3,024 visits/year).

- Welcome Baby Home Visiting Program: The parents of each child born in Windham County receive a letter of welcome from their Superintendent of Schools and are offered a home visit with a Welcome Baby volunteer or a member of the local Children's Integrated Services or Women Infants and Children team. Welcome Baby Bags include informational packets with local resources for young families. New families to our community who have young children also receive these packets. 160 Welcome Baby Bags and an additional 118 information packets were distributed in the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

At EES we have many ways for parents of our program and community members to be involved:

- Policy Council and Parent Committees meet monthly for governing responsibilities and participation in the planning of classroom and socialization activities. Fatherhood Groups meet in several forums weekly to build parenting activities

and networking to support the importance of fatherhood. Through a partnership with the Vermont Parent-Child Center Network, EES offers the Learning Together program aimed at serving teen fathers. 25 fathers were served this year.

- Playgroups meet weekly throughout the county in outlying towns and at our Birge Street location to provide socialization and group experiences for parents and children. Groups are available to all community families.
- Parent Education Groups are offered throughout the year and include life skills, parenting education, relationship/communication skills (Vermont Family Matters), quilting/sewing, kinship and foster care support, support for families affected by substance abuse (Rocking Horse Project) and more.
- Teddy Bear Teas are held in elementary schools throughout Windham County and introduce preschoolers and their parents to their community school (16 Teas serving 465 adults and children).
- Saturday Dental Clinics are monthly clinics offered at our 130 Birge St. site for free dental screenings by a local dentist for young children. 101 children received dental screenings this year.
- The Reach-Up Program for young parents, sponsored by Vermont's Division of Economic Services is located at 130 Birge St. and staffed by two EES employees who assist families to reach their employment and self-sufficiency goals. EES typically provides childcare programming for these families. 180 clients were served this year.

Debra J. Gass  
Executive Director

## BRATTLEBORO AREA DROP IN CENTER

Once again the Drop In Center is requesting funding for the upcoming year from your town. Based upon the high needs we have seen over the past few years, and your past discussion with our Board President, Alan (Micky) Moos, we are asking for \$2,500 again this year, as we show a big demand in need for our services by Guilford residents.

In 2011, we had 222 unduplicated Guilford residents use our services, 119 adults, and 103 children. Our numbers last year stayed pretty much as the previous year. Thank you for your continued support.

Lucie Fortier  
Executive Director

## GREEN MOUNTAIN RSVP

Green Mountain RSVP and Volunteer Center (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is part of the Corporation for National and Community Service which includes Senior Corps, a nation-wide program for people age 55 and older who wish to have a positive impact on the quality of life in their communities. Through meaningful and significant use of their skills and knowledge, they offer their volunteer service to non-profit and community organizations.

Bone Builders, osteoporosis prevention exercise classes, Seniors for Schools, fostering a love for reading in young students, and TeleCare, calling homebound

elders, are three of the important programs RSVP sponsors in Windham County. Our volunteers continually address community concerns such as health and independent living for seniors, literacy, emergency preparedness and the needs of lower-income citizens.

Guilford RSVP volunteers donated 1,452 hours of service last year at the Guilford Emergency Operations Center, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Brattleboro Senior Meals (services which are accessible to Guilford residents) and by knitting for elders and children in need of warm blankets, hats and mittens. RSVP volunteers lead 2 Bone Builder classes in Vernon which are open to Guilford residents and help seniors fight osteoporosis through a series of weight bearing exercises. Throughout Windham County 252 volunteers gave 35,131 hours of service last year to 160 different organizations. If you are interested in becoming an RSVP volunteer, Peter Seares can be reached at the Brattleboro office at (802) 254-7515.

Patricia Palencsar  
Executive Director

## SEVCA

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA) is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965.

Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Emergency Services (i.e., fuel/utility assistance, housing, food), Parent Education,

*The Green River covered bridge, built in 1873 for \$7,081.09.*



Micro-Business Development, Individual Development Accounts, Tax Preparation, Training, Disaster Recovery, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Guilford we have provided the following services during FY2012:

- Weatherization: 2 homes (8 people) weatherized at a cost of \$7,957
- Emergency Heating System Replacement: 1 home (1 person) received a repair or replacement at a cost of \$1,566
- Micro Business Development: 3 households (7 people) received counseling, technical assistance and support to start, sustain or expand a small business, valued at \$6,239
- Individual Development Accounts: 4 households (10 people) earned a total of \$7,000 in matched savings, and received services valued at \$1,935
- Tax Preparation: 5 households (6 people) received refunds and tax credits totaling \$185
- Thrift Store Vouchers: 1 household (4 people) received goods and services valued at \$70
- Emergency Services: 27 households (54 people) received 157 services (including crisis intervention, financial counseling, nutrition education, referral to and assistance in accessing needed services), valued at \$1,702
- Fuel/Utility Assistance: 23 households (61 people) received services valued at \$13,165
- Training: 2 people received green industry career assistance, training, support and job placement, valued at \$2,020
- Disaster Recovery: 5 households (6 people) received disaster recovery assistance and case management, valued at \$12,177

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service.

We thank the residents of Guilford for their support.

Stephen Geller  
Executive Director

## WINDHAM CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION

Windham Child Care Association has been pleased to serve Guilford residents over the last year with its quality child care services and initiatives. Over sixty-three Guilford residents benefited from our free counseling, referrals, and administration of Vermont's child care subsidy program. Many of these family members accessed one of the regulated child care programs in Guilford; others used one or more of the remaining programs in our district.

The 350 early childhood educators who work in these state-regulated programs enjoyed access last year to almost fifty workshops through our training program, as well as to on-site visits, phone and email counseling, and professional development support. The key factor in the quality of a child care program is the knowledge, skill, and caring of the early educator. These are the years when a child's healthy development is building the foundation for all future learning, and the quality of a child's experiences has a lasting influence.

Families and early educators are not the only beneficiaries of our programs. With quality child care in place, employers can attract and retain a productive workforce and the local economy thrives.

The financial support of the Town of Guilford is not only of direct importance in helping sustain our programs, but it also helps us leverage other private funding. We truly appreciate Guilford's support of our work!

Elizabeth Raposa  
Executive Director

## HEALTH CARE & REHABILITATION SERVICES

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services (HCRS) is a comprehensive community mental health provider serving residents of Windsor and Windham counties. HCRS assists and advocates for individuals, families, and children who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. HCRS provides these services through outpatient mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment program, community rehabilitation and treatment program, developmental services division, and alternatives and emergency services programs.

During FY12, HCRS provided 2,712 hours of services to 41 residents of the Town of Guilford. The services provided included all of HCRS' programs resulting in a wide array of supports for the residents of Guilford.

Anyone with questions about HCRS services should contact George Karabakakis at (802) 886-4500.

George Karabakakis  
Chief Operating Officer

## THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place (TGP) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that has proudly served Windham County's elders, and adults with disabilities, since 1989. TGP is conveniently located on 30 Terrace Street in Brattleboro. Seniors and adult disabled individuals of a variety of ages, races, religions and socioeconomic status enjoy the benefits of the Center and its services. TGP is both a cost-effective way to minimize the stress of providing care at home and an affordable alternative to nursing facility placement. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

TGP's myriad of services and activities are designed to bring health, fun, laughter and companionship to the lives of our participants and peace of mind to their families. Our services include:

- nursing oversight
- access to on-site counseling, and occupational and physical therapies
- daily exercise program
- recreation and social activities
- nutritious meals and snacks
- personal care (showers, podiatry, hairdressing)
- outreach services
- companionship

- special events
- access to transportation and coordination of medical appointments

Eileen Saffran  
Executive Director

## BRATTLEBORO SENIOR MEALS INC

This is to request \$ 350 of the town funds to assist The Brattleboro Senior Meals in paying for meals for Guilford residents the next fiscal year. Over the past fiscal year we have served 4 residents in Guilford a total of 427 meals through our meals on wheels program and in our congregate dining program 19 Guilford residents have participated on a regular basis. We have served 1 Guilford resident through the meals that we provide to The Gathering Place. Guilford residents are a small portion of our total clientele, but very important to serve.

Costs involved in serving Guilford include meal packaging, staff recruitment time, meal preparations, and mileage reimbursement.

Brattleboro Senior Meals served over 42,000 meals this past year to a total of 1,034 individuals. More than 20,000 of these meals were delivered by 125 volunteers driving over 22,000 miles.

All of our meal programs are paid through a combination of participant donations, government reimbursement, and fundraising. Through these methods we are able pay for a majority of the expenses involved with preparing and distributing the meals. Local towns have been able to contribute small amounts to assist us with offsetting the costs of the meals. Thank you for considering us in your budget process.

Christine C. McAvoy  
Executive Director

## GUILFORD CARES

We would like to thank all the generous townspeople who have volunteered and contributed to Guilford Cares over the past year. Many residents have called on us for a variety of volunteer services. We are becoming a valuable asset to the Guilford community by providing, at no charge:

- Transportation • Friendly visits • Link-to-Life setup • Nurse visits •
- Medical equipment • Food Pantry •

We remain committed to helping elderly and other vulnerable Guilford residents to remain in their homes and their community. We depend on calls from friends, family and physicians who are concerned about someone in need of additional services.

The Food Pantry has grown steadily, from serving 11-14 families to an average of 24 families per week. We anticipate that this trend will continue. To meet the growing need for help with food, the Pantry has provided Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. Working with the Guilford Community Church, we launched a summer lunch program of weekly deliveries to the homes of school aged children.

Guilford Cares continues to collaborate on many fronts. We advertise our services at BMH, medical offices and nursing homes. We communicate regularly with Case Managers about people in need of additional services. We work with Guilford Community Church, Central School, Broad Brook Grange, and Senior Solutions. In an effort to foster awareness of our services and to work on ways to reach more residents effectively, we participate in a collaborative of Cares Groups of Windham County and on the Vermont Hunger Council. We are a presence twice per month at the senior luncheons at the Community Church where we run a blood pressure clinic and keep seniors up to date on our services.

Our medical equipment inventory has expanded, through generous donations, to include more wheelchairs, tub benches, commodes, walkers and medical supplies such as wound dressings, bandages, casts and hygiene supplies. Equipment donations and returns are always appreciated.

Guilford Cares has hired Leah Gessner as part time Community Coordinator and Christine Kierstead as Guilford Cares nurse. In addition to making home visits, Christine has developed an advance planning package to help with life planning. Guilford Cares is working on heightening awareness of the importance of having an advance directive in place. We are available to discuss the process with anyone interested.

Currently we meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Guilford Town Offices at 6pm. All are welcome to attend. We have volunteer opportunities as well as 2 openings on our Board of Directors. For referrals, to volunteer or ask questions, call Leah at 254-5561.

Tina Blust  
Board President

## AIDS PROJECT OF SOUTHERN VERMONT

The AIDS Project of Southern Vermont (APSV) is a nonprofit, community-based AIDS Services Organization. With the help of the community, for the past 24 years APSV has offered case management and volunteer services to people living with HIV/AIDS, and to their families and partners. In 2012, APSV served 80 people living with HIV/AIDS and 47 family members and partners.

Our food program this year served 127 individuals. In partnership with the Vermont Foodbank, APSV provided 3,096 frozen meals, 8,952 pounds of non-perishable food, 936 pounds of dairy products and 2,608 pounds of frozen meats and vegetables. 1,832 pounds of fresh vegetables were donated from local gardens and the Vermont Foodbank's Gleaning Program, and APSV distributed 92 gift certificates to Farmers' Markets. Through the volunteer help of faith communities and customers of the Brattleboro Food Co-op, we gathered 1,264 items of non-perishable food or household items at a value of \$3,285 to distribute at no cost to clients.

Prevention staff and volunteers continue to provide HIV prevention services to those at higher risk for HIV, including gay and bisexual men and women at risk. In 2012, these prevention services were offered to approximately 1,408 people, and agency staff tested 75 individuals at risk for HIV infection.

APSV also provided training to staff members of human service agencies in



*Sugaring and mud season sometimes come together.*

the region on HIV/AIDS issues and advocated for people living with or at risk for HIV in areas of social justice, policy, legal and ethical issues, and equal access to community resources.

Although APSV does serve Guilford residents through its direct services program, we do not publish the numbers of people served in each town who are HIV-positive out of respect for confidentiality concerns. We have served 55 Guilford residents with HIV prevention services in the past year.

Please call at any time for more information at 254-8263.

Susan Bell  
Executive Director

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT GUILFORD

Founded in 1966 and granted nonprofit status in 1971, we were the sole arts organization in Guilford until Vermont Performance Lab was established. After four decades in administrator Don McLean's home, the office moved to the Bee Barn in Algiers in 2006. In mid-2007, Joy Wallens-Penford replaced an interim administrator.

Friends of Music serves the town and the greater Tri-State region with concerts and other musical events, many admission-free, as well as two Community Outreach programs.

Calendar year 2012 began in the midst of our 46th Concert Season. . . .

An enjoyable Spaghetti Supper fundraiser for our Guilford School Music

Enrichment Program was held on January 17, with upper grade students serving as waitstaff. Drummer-percussionist Todd Roach and Ensemble Datura came for a second annual three-day residency on February 15-17. World Music and original tunes were performed for the school, and intensive rhythm workshops were offered to upper grades. A public concert by the group in Brattleboro on February 17 helped raise funds to support the residency experience.

Meanwhile, on February 11 we hosted “Winter Songs,” a romantic evening of arias and art songs performed by Julie Johnson Olsson with piano accompaniment by husband Ken Olsson at Guilford Community Church.

Our 3rd Annual Women in Music Celebration, a house-concert gala on April 29, featured a set from soprano Kathleen Shimeta’s Gena Branscombe Project, accompanied by Julia Bady, as well as music by Amy Cheney Beach, Elise Grant, and Mabel Wheeler Daniels performed by pianist William McKim and the Variable Winds ensemble.

On May 27, our 4th Annual Spring Recital & Holiday Barbecue at The Organ Barn featured “A German Organ Extravaganza,” with works by Buxtehude, Bach, Handel, Schroeder, and Rheinberger performed by A. Graham Down and members of the Guilford Chamber Players.

“A Cappella à la Carte” at Guilford Community Church on June 9 began with our brief annual Membership Meeting. A delicious potluck was followed by a concert featuring warm-up sets of pop selections by BUHS girl-groups Spiralia and Renegade, then a program of widely varied works performed by House Blend, a 20-member group of adult singers from Vermont and New Hampshire.

Our 47th Season began on Labor Day Weekend with “The Magnificent Mr. Handel!”— Saturday night’s concert featuring organist Clark Anderson with a quartet of Guilford Chamber Players. Sunday afternoon’s lawn concert featured works by Handel, Delius, Mozart, Debussy, Haydn, and Hecker, performed by the Guilford Festival Orchestra and soprano Kristen Carmichael-Bowers under the direction of Kenneth Olsson.

Our 42nd Community Messiah Sing on December 1, at Centre Congregational Church, raised \$2,000 for the Brattleboro Area Drop In Center and Morningside Shelter’s work with the homeless. Sponsors included Richmond Auto Repair of Guilford and a generous donation by Guilford resident Miriam Adams Howland in memory of her late husband, a great fan of the Sing.

2012 ended with our 40th Christmas at Christ Church on December 7 & 8. Carols by Alfred Burt (1920-54) were performed by The Guilford Chamber Singers, led by Tom Baehr, and The BUHS Brass Quartet. Don McLean reprised his reading of “A Child’s Christmas in Wales” by Dylan Thomas, and everyone sang a few familiar carols. Half the door for these events was passed along, as usual, to support Christ Church.

We invite Guilford folks to participate in and attend our events, and support us through door donations or tickets, memberships, and program book ads. Remaining 47th season events include, but are not necessarily limited to: a World Music concert by Todd Roach & Friends and a Spaghetti Supper, both fundraisers for the Guilford School Music Enrichment Program (March 8 at the Vermont Jazz Center and March 21 at the School, respectively), the Women in Music Celebration (April 6 at a private home in Brattleboro), the Spring Organ

Recital & Barbecue (May 26 at the Organ Barn), and our A Cappella à la Carte annual meeting/potluck/concert (June 8 at Guilford Community Church).

Joy Wallens-Penford  
Administrative Director

## VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH

The Visiting Nurse & Hospice is a compassionate, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Guilford residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to institutional care, our services likely offer significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

Visiting Nurse & Hospice serves clients of all ages and at all stages of life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012, Visiting Nurse & Hospice made 413 homecare visits to 22 residents and absorbed approximately \$18,194 in unreimbursed charges.

Home Healthcare: 240 home visits to 19 residents with short-term medical or physical needs. Long-term Healthcare: 147 home visits to 2 residents with long-term medical or physical needs. Maternal Child Health: 26 home visits to 1 resident for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Additionally, Guilford residents made visits to Visiting Nurse & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Guilford's annual appropriation helps the Visiting Nurse & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Jeanne McLaughlin  
President

## WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The WSWMD is comprised of a Board of Supervisors appointed by each of the 19 member towns. The District and its 15 person staff have continued to provide recycling services to its member towns, as well as for several other communities. Residents utilize a network of transfer stations and recycling convenience centers to recycle paper, cardboard, and commingled containers. The District's two roll-off trucks regularly service the recycling locations, and the materials are hauled to the District's materials recycling facility (MRF) on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, where the materials are mechanically and manually sorted, baled, and then sold in tractor trailer loads to a network of buyers. Other programs offered by the District include collection/recycling of hazardous waste, electronic waste, and organic waste.

The fiscal year 2012 has been a year of change at the district. Joe Kowalski, Operations Manager, retired and was replaced by Philip Baker. The Executive Director, George Murray, resigned to take another job, and was replaced by Robert

Spencer. Cindy Sterling, Program Coordinator, resigned to pursue other interests, and was replaced by Kristen Benoit, who also serves as office manager.

The total recyclables collected in fiscal year 2012 was 5,890 tons, down from the previous year. However, a strong showing in commodity prices during the summer and early fall led to the best year ever in sales of the recyclables, with total revenue of \$781,710. This allowed the District to reduce its annual assessment to the member towns by 5%. More recently there has been a decline in prices into fiscal year 2013.

Our nickel bottle recovery program, which we have been running for a full year, collected about \$32,647 in fiscal year 2012.

We conducted an inventory and evaluation of all of our 105 roll-off recycling boxes, and have started a program to repair and replace boxes so that they are safe to use and transport on the highway.

Effective July 1, 2011, the Vermont State E-Cycles Program provides FREE drop-off for the collection of computers, monitors, televisions, printers and computer peripherals from Vermont households, school districts, charities, and business with 10 or fewer employees. The WSWMD participates in the state E-Cycles Program. From July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, the WSWMD recycled 267,743 pounds of electronic waste. The District is assisting towns in setting up state registered e-waste collection sites.

The District conducted several Household Hazard Waste Collections (HHW) this past year, including several after Tropical Storm Irene to assist residents with the clean up from the storm. The events were held in the towns of Brattleboro, Brookline, Dummerston, Brookline, Halifax, Marlboro, Newfane, Putney, Townshend, Westminster, Whitingham, Wilmington and Winhall, for a total of thirteen of the District's nineteen towns. A total of 525 residents participated in the household hazardous waste collections this past fiscal year (a new record). For

### *Sweet Pond*



detailed information on HHW participation rates, please visit our website.

Carbon Harvest Energy started operation of their greenhouse that will be growing vegetables and fish on a closed portion of the District's landfill. They also started operating a new landfill gas generator that is selling electricity to the grid, and will use the excess heat from the generator to heat the greenhouse in the winter.

The next fiscal year will be a challenging one for our towns with passage of Vermont's mandatory recycling law, Act 148. Starting in July 2014, recycling will be mandatory, and to prepare for this the District is working with our local haulers and town officials to implement expanded services. The new law also includes requirements for recycling food waste and yard waste, so the District is working to develop a composting facility. The Town of Brattleboro will be conducting a pilot program to collect food waste from its residents, and may implement a town-wide program in the next year.

Please call the District at 257-0272 with any questions or to arrange a tour of the facility. Or visit our website [www.windhamsolidwaste.org](http://www.windhamsolidwaste.org).

Thank you for recycling!

Robert L. Spencer  
Executive Director

## WOMEN'S FREEDOM CENTER

The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children, as well as legal, medical, housing, and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012, the Women's Freedom Center provided shelter to 56 women and their 43 children, responded to 1,388 calls, and provided assistance to 392 women and their 309 children through individual and group support, advocacy, referrals, emergency financial aid, housing assistance, transportation, and access to legal representation and childcare. This year the Freedom Center provided emergency support to 13 women and their 15

children from Guilford. In addition, several hundred of the calls received were from callers who did not specify a location, meaning some may well have been from your town.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your town's contributions to the Freedom Center, and hope you will look upon it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Donna Macomber, Vickie Sterling  
Co-Directors

## YOUTH SERVICES

Since Youth Services was established in 1972, we have assisted over 1,200 children, youth, and adults throughout Windham County every year. We help youth and families thrive. We help youth and young adults living in difficult circumstances learn the life skills that will assist them in living successfully on their own and as engaged and productive community citizens. Program services include:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters one-to-one mentoring
- Transitioning youth in foster care to independent living as young adults
- Assistance to teens leaving home or at-risk for running away with counseling, family mediation, and housing
- Home-based counseling to keep families together, thereby avoiding the placement of children outside their home
- Court Diversion for youth and adults, an alternative to the traditional court system using a restorative justice approach to repair the harm to victims and the community while addressing the underlying issues of the people who violated the law.
- Therapeutic case management services, support and referral
- Career development focused groups and one-on-one mentoring for high school students with behavioral and learning disabilities
- Drug and alcohol abuse prevention and intervention for youth and adults

This year, we respectfully request \$1,605 from the Town of Guilford to help fund our agency's services. We served 32 residents from Guilford during Fiscal Year 2012. Your continued support is beneficial to the children, youth and families in your town.

For additional information please see our website at [www.youthservicesinc.org](http://www.youthservicesinc.org), call 802-257-0361, or email [info@youthservicesinc.org](mailto:info@youthservicesinc.org). Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Julie Davenson  
Executive Director

## CONNECTICUT RIVER TRANSIT

The Current, operated by Connecticut River Transit, Inc (CRT) appreciated the support received from the Town of Guilford this year, and requests a town contribution of \$250 for FY14. CRT is a private, non-profit public transit provider

serving 30 towns in the Windham and Southern Windsor County areas. CRT currently provides over 250,000 trips annually on our public bus service and volunteer network.

FY12 saw an increase in Vermonters using Public Transit. The reasons most commonly given were gas savings and the desire to reduce our carbon footprint and improve air quality.

Ridership in FY12 CRT services to your town: Dial-A-Ride service to Guilford residents: 1,422. Includes medical rides for Guilford's elderly, disabled and/or children and families who receive Medicaid.

Ridership in FY12 services to the region: Commuter Bus service to the Upper Valley, Okemo and Brattleboro: 80,058. Non-Commuter Bus Service to the General Public: 87,711 (Increase of 3.75%). Human Services Transportation, including the Volunteer and Taxi Network: 100,883. (Increase of 3%).

Grant awards to CRT provide for public transit and bus purchases, and require local support in the form of matching funds. Our goal is a broad base of support so no one funding partner bears too much of the cost. The riders who use the services and the businesses whose employees and clients ride public transit on CRT routes contributed 68% of donations last year.

The local contributions (comprised of the 3 categories below) in FY 12 to CRT services was over \$224,000: Individuals riding CRT services: 27% for \$59,630 (contributions and fares) Businesses served by CRT commuter, general public and human services transit: 33% for \$73,200. Towns in CRT service area: 40% for \$92,150.

CRT requests funding from the 30 towns we service. The amount requested is determined by a fair share allocation based on bus routes that have stops in your town, the number of Dial-A-Ride buses in your town and the number of trips CRT provides to residents in your town on all scheduled services. The total of town donations this year is \$92,150, approximately 2% of the total CRT budget. Although a small percentage, it is a very important percentage. These donations provide the local matching funds that allow CRT to access the state and federal grants, private foundations and the human service transportation contracts that contributed 3.5 million dollars to the local economy in FY 12. Connecticut River Transit, Inc. could not provide the services or purchase the buses without every contribution made by you, the local community. We are very grateful to you for providing us the opportunity to serve your needs. Please contact us by email: [admin@crtransit.org](mailto:admin@crtransit.org), phone (802) 460-7433 or visit our website: [www.crtransit.org](http://www.crtransit.org) and let us know how CRT may improve service in your community. The website provides information about CRT public transit services, schedules, how to use the service, contact information for the staff and their area of responsibility, and employment opportunities.

Karen Sinclair  
Marketing and Development Coordinator

## GREEN UP DAY

*You came, you picked garbage up off the roadsides, and you worked as a larger team with Vermonters across the state on GREEN UP day. Thank you.*



In Guilford, on the first Saturday in May, Broad Brook Grange transforms into Guilford's Green Up Headquarters. The Guilford Town Road Crew parks two trucks to be filled with roadside garbage found by folks of all ages, out to clean up our town. Volunteers bring fresh baked treats and the Grange provides hot and cold beverages. "Caution, Green Up In Progress" signs are posted along roads and cones from the Guilford Fire Dept warn motorists to slow down. Volunteers arrive, sign in, grab a cup of coffee or a muffin and several Green Up bags, and add their name to a Guilford map indicating where they will work. Folks are reminded to use their gloves, watch for poison ivy, and the hunt is on for the most unusual find.

Green Up Day is a special day when Vermonters clean and spruce up their communities. Vermont was the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state.

"Green Up Vermont" is the not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that works to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and educating about the benefits of a litter free environment.

Information about local Green Up activities can be found in the Brattleboro Reformer generally late in April. You can also go online to [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) for more information or to download a coloring book, Green Up curriculum, or information about their contests. If you would like to volunteer or share your ideas about Green Up, please feel free to contact Elly Majonen, Guilford's Green Up Coordinator at [ellymajonen@yahoo.com](mailto:ellymajonen@yahoo.com) or Becky Anderson, Windham County Chairman at 257-4851

## GUILFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Did you know we have a town energy committee? Have you heard of the 2013 Home Energy Challenge? We all know that our electric, oil, propane and wood costs are painful – but we can easily help each other save money now and every year to come by saving heating energy. We want you to know that weatherization efforts are also eligible for rebates up to \$2,000 through Efficiency Vermont.

Mike Marcy has been Guilford Energy Coordinator since the 1980s and has decades of experience. Lisa Holderness just joined him to form the Guilford Energy Committee, to help people save money by saving energy. We need more committee members and volunteers. Some towns are organizing workshops on how to save energy, open houses with owners who've had energy audits and insulation/air sealing done, and volunteer weatherization trainings. We can also look at ways to help the town save energy in its facilities and operations. Please join us and together we can help our community be more comfortable, more financially secure, and more sustainable. You don't need any prior experience to help, just interest.

Statewide, town energy committees are engaged in a year-long effort to improve the energy efficiency of our housing stock, coordinated by Efficiency Vermont and the Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network (VECAN). The Vermont Home Energy challenge has a goal of weatherizing 3% of our homes over the course of the year. That would be 26 Guilford homes, including apartments and houses. But we can set our own goals, and every bit helps.

For more information you can contact: [info@efficiencyvermont.com](mailto:info@efficiencyvermont.com) or 888-921-5990. Or go directly to the website at: [www.efficiencyvermont.com/homeenergychallenge](http://www.efficiencyvermont.com/homeenergychallenge)

Mike Marcy  
Lisa Holderness



## TOWN OFFICES FOR 2012

		TERM EXPIRES
Moderator	Neil Quinn .....	2013
Town Clerk	Penny Marine .....	2014
Treasurer	Penny Marine .....	2014
Selectboard	Anne Rider .....	2013
	Richard Clark, Chair .....	2014
	Troy Revis, Jr. ....	2015
Listers	Jeremiah Sund .....	2013
	Lisa Barry.....	2014
	Frank Rafferty, Chair.....	2015
Auditors	Elly Majonen .....	2013
	Neil Quinn, Chair .....	2014
	Cathrine Wilken .....	2015
Town Agent	Patricia Beu.....	2013
Union High School Director	Shaun Murphy .....	2015
School Directors	Carole Mills .....	2013
	Tara Henry .....	2013
	Dan Systo, Chair .....	2013
	Alice Revis, Vice Chair .....	2014
	Penny Lussier .....	2015
	Judith Serkin .....	2013
Library Trustees	Richard Wizansky .....	2014
	Dody Riggs .....	2015
	Mimi Morton.....	2016
	Rebecca Anderson .....	2017
	Laura Lawson Tucker .....	2017
	Todd Mandell.....	2013
Trustees of Public Funds	Craig Wells .....	2014
	Don McLean .....	2015
	Merton Garland .....	2013
Grand Jurors	Don McLean .....	2013
	Robert Stack.....	2013
Trustees of Warren Wilder Fund	David Franklin .....	2013
	Robert Stack.....	2013
Cemetery Commissioners	Verandah Porche .....	2014
	Shaun Murphy .....	2015
	Bill Murray .....	2016
	Eric Morse .....	2017
	Betsy Bates, Ind. ....	2014
Justice of the Peace	Frederick Humphrey, Dem. ....	2014
	Tina Blust, Dem. ....	2014
	Don McLean, Ind. ....	2014
	Lori Nelson, Dem. ....	2014
	Patricia Hain, Dem. ....	2014
	Anne Rider, Dem. ....	2014
	Anna Kristensen, Dem. ....	2014

	Cathrine Wilken, Dem. ....	2014
Selectboard Appointments:		
Road Commissioner	Dan Zumbruski .....	2013
Delinquent Tax Collector	Barbara M. Hunt .....	2013
Constable	Walter Thorn .....	2013
Fence Viewers	Dan Zumbruski .....	2013
	Daniel L. Ingold .....	2013
	Merton Garland .....	2013
Conservation Commission	Sara Quine .....	2013
	Linda Hecker .....	2013
	John Kristensen .....	2014
	Marli Rabinowitz.....	2014
	Bevan Quinn .....	2014
	Linda Lembke.....	2015
	Karen Murphy .....	2015
	William Jewell .....	2016
	James Young.....	2016
Dog Officer	Water Thorn .....	2013
Windham Regional Commission	Dick Clark .....	2013
	William Murray.....	2013
Planning Commission	Paul Derry .....	2013
	Peter Hetzel .....	2014
	Harry Evans .....	2015
	Chuck Clark.....	2015
	Hal Kuhns .....	2015
Town Pound	Marianne Lawrence .....	2013
EM Co-Director (eff. 7/1/2012)	Herbert Meyer.....	2013
EM Co-Director (eff. 7/1/2012)	Candace Stoumen .....	2013
Council on Aging Rep.	Open .....	2013
Energy Coordinator	Michael Marcy .....	2013
Tree Warden	Dan Zumbruski .....	2013
Rescue Trustee	Penny Marine .....	2013
WSWMD Directors	Elizabeth Frye .....	2013
	Reed Cutting, Alternate .....	2013
	Troy Revis, Jr. ....	2013
Low Level Waste	Stephen Detra .....	2013
	Daniel Ingold, chairman .....	2013
	John G. Kristensen.....	2013
Green-up Day Coordinator	Elly Majonen .....	2013
Bullock Edu Loan Committee	Stephanie Case.....	2013
	Kathryn Mason.....	2014
	Laura Lewis.....	2015
Revolving Loan Fund	Troy Revis, Jr. ....	2013
	Calvin Grandy .....	2014
	Herb Meyer.....	2015
Appointed by Town Clerk		
Assistant Town Clerk/Bookkeeper	Peter Hetzel .....	

State of Vermont Appointments

Health Officer	Dick Clark .....
Deputy Health Officer	Dolores Hale .....
Deputy Health Officer	Dan Ingold.....
Fire Warden	Dan Stoughton .....
Deputy Fire Warden	Michael Tkaczyk .....
Service Officer	Richard Davis .....
WSESU Superintendent	Ron Stahley .....
Rep. to Legislature	Michael Hebert .....

VITAL STATISTICS  
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

BIRTHS

July 8, '11	Grady Arthur Therrien	Kevin & Tinna Therrien
July 8	Taylor Pieper Bristol	Jared & Beth Bristol
August 6	Derek Allen Johnson	Jason & Angela Johnson
Sept. 1	Cody Joseph LaFlam	Nicholas & Jacqueline LaFlam
Sept. 6	Brody William Leon LaRock	Justin & Sierra LaRock
Oct. 9	James Clinton Kerber	Clinton & Trista Kerber
Nov. 1	Allison Elizabeth Earp	Matthew & Meghan Earp
Nov. 10	Lyla Elizabeth Lynde	Jesse & Courtney Lynde
Nov. 23	Liliana Lauren Bogert	Hayden & Jennifer Bogert
Dec. 1	Eldie Isaac Coplan	Jason & Jan Coplan
Feb. 20, '12	Korbin Michael Tkaczyk	Michael & Erin Tkaczyk
May 5	Emma Suzanne Petty	Amy Wood & Daemon Petty

MARRIAGES

July 9, 2011	Bethany Fish	Guilford, VT
	Jacob Montgomery	Guilford, VT
July 13, 2011	John Loftin	Suffern, NY
	Michael Pfenning	Suffern, NY
July 16, 2011	Ethan Ogden	Guilford, VT
	Darlene Gray	Marlow, NH
July 16, 2011	Asa Martin	Roslindale, MA
	Jaimee Leroux	Roslindale, MA
July 17, 2011	Sheila Lindsell	Guilford, VT
	William Tkaczyk, Jr	Guilford, VT
August 12, 2011	Wendy S Therieau	Guilford, VT
	William H Kemp	Guilford, VT

August 20, 2011	Maria L Willard David L Boudreau	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
September 15, 2011	Beverly D Larson April N Judd	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
September 24, 2011	William R Nestor Rebecca W Rideout	Greenfield, MA Greenfield, MA
October 22, 2011	Craig A Handley Melanie Yarnes	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
November 26, 2011	Jacob A Wait Kabita Karki	Turners Falls, MA Turners Falls, MA
December 9, 2011	Allen F Bellville Kathryn F Clark	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
December 17, 2011	Riggs L Hayes III Julie K Lewis	Hughes, Arkansas Horn Lake, Mississippi
February 9, 2012	Brianna M Mitchell Charles M Duke	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
March 27, 2012	Moriah D Floyd Hannah L Aleshnick	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
March 29, 2012	Jane A Hunsberger James C Hull	Rhode Island Guilford, VT
April 8, 2012	Andrea N Maginot Brendon C Kennedy	Marlborough, MA Marlborough, MA
April 20, 2012	Karen M Roach Philip L LaClair	Chalemont, MA Guilford, VT
May 11, 2012	John E Lynde Christine P Lynde	Guilford, VT Brattleboro, VT
June 2, 2012	John J Millerick, Jr Michelle A Haskins	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
June 8, 2012	Jennifer N Hughes Thomas A Kroell	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT
June 30, 2012	Tyson P Cutting Desiree R Tetreault	Guilford, VT Guilford, VT

#### DEATHS

July 19, 2011	Sally Ruth Tucker	84
July 19, 2011	Margaret Lyons Borkowski	94
August 3, 2011	Glen Edward Anderson	79
October 26, 2011	Susan Carol Davis	64
October 10, 2011	Bertha G Richardson	92
November 12, 2011	Charles Peter Wilde	75
December 22, 2011	Rene Joseph Chartier	58
January 21, 2012	Diane Ashworth	62
February 15, 2012	Richard F Gottlieb	76
February 19, 2012	Anna Clark	89
March 28, 2012	Arnold Clark	87
June 10, 2012	Mary T. Ostrowski	90



*A mixed medley of Guilford photographs: Paul Boyd farm on the left, Guilford Center above.*

## SUMMARY OF MEETINGS - 2012

MARCH 6

### SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Neil Quinn, as last year's Moderator, called the meeting to order and made some announcements, and Penny Marine, Town Clerk, opened the polls for Australian Balloting.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary Town School District officers for the ensuing year: one School Director for three year term; two School Directors for one year terms; and one Brattleboro Union High School District #6 Director for three year term. (By Australian Ballot). No action to be taken from the floor.

ARTICLE 2: Neil Quinn was elected School District Moderator for the ensuing year.

Representative Michael Hebert spoke about the Sweet Pond Dam issue, and about Net Metering. Anne Rider spoke to publicly thank Mike for the work on the Sweet Pond renovation.

ARTICLE 3: Voted that the Town School District authorize the Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 4: Voted that the Town School District authorize its School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the United States Government.

ARTICLE 5: Voted that the Town School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to the Major Repair Fund.

ARTICLE 6: Voted that the Town School District raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,400 for the purpose of funding the Fiber Connect fee for the school.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to authorize the deposit of a portion of the unreserved and un-designated fund balance, \$16,949, into the District's Education Reserve fund.

ARTICLE 8: It was voted that the Town School District raise and appropriate \$2,629,682 to defray the expenses and liabilities for the period of July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013. An amendment to add \$75,000 for asbestos removal was voted down, after the School Board chair said they would study the issue and make a proposal later.

ARTICLE 9: Other Business; Susan Bonthron made a request that the school check into the asbestos removal issue. Robert Stack said that based on the WSESU report it feels like we are getting our money's worth in test scores. Marianne Lawrence, thanked the school board. Come to the meetings to voice your concerns, the door is always open. Eric Morse expressed appreciation for the Guilford Gazette. Betsy Bates asked for Don McLean and Addie Minott to come up front to be thanked and given plaques in appreciation of all the work done for the past year with the 250th Celebration. Veranda Porche thanked Mr. M for all his hard work and let him know how much he is appreciated. Richard Clark wanted to thank the townspeople for coming together on August 28th after Irene. He also thanked Steven Lembke and Tanya Balsley who called to ask if they could help getting people out to safer ground. "With Irene I think the town has become closer".

#### TOWN MEETING

Neil Quinn, last year's Moderator, called the meeting to order, and read the Warning of, first, the Australian Ballot issues; election of Town Officers, and voting on a bond issue for an amount not to exceed \$195,000 for certain public water improvements in Algiers. Then he read the Town Meeting warning to act on the following articles of business...

ARTICLE 3: Moved to elect Neil Quinn as moderator. Elected by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To act upon the report of the Town Auditors. Motion made to accept town report, seconded and accepted.

ARTICLE 5: To act upon the report of the Library Trustees. Cathi Wilken reports from the library that wonderful things are going on. We have new programs for the children including summer camp. We will be getting a Fiber Optic line in the middle of next summer. Motion made to accept report, seconded and accepted.

Recess for lunch at 12:00 noon, to reconvene at 1:00pm.

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$768,860 and raise through taxes and other sources of revenues, funds sufficient to defray the Highway Expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013? Motion was moved, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$504,356.75 and raise through taxes and other sources of revenues, funds sufficient to defray the General Expenses for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013? Motion was made, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to the Capital Fund? Moved, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000

to be added to the reserve fund already established for the Green River Bridge? And for other bridges in town in need of repair. Motion was made, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to continue membership in the Windham Regional Commission, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,691 to defray the Town's share of its expense? Motion was moved, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 for the Guilford Free Library? An amendment was proposed to cut the amount in half, but it was not seconded. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$179,750 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department? Motion was made, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,237.62 for the following Human Service Organizations: Rescue Inc, \$45,007.62; Youth Services, \$1,605; Women's Crisis Center, \$1,000; Morningside Shelter, \$500; Visiting Nurse Alliance, \$5,800; RSVP, \$485; HCRS (Mental Health), \$3,000; Council on Aging, \$850; Brattleboro Area Hospice, \$300; Gathering Place, \$500; Brattleboro Senior Meals, \$350; Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center, \$2,500; Early Education Services, \$850; AIDS Project of Southern VT, \$350; Connecticut River Transit, \$250; Guilford Cares, \$3,500; Windham Childcare Association, \$350; SEVCA, \$2,040? Motion made, seconded, discussed, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: Elected the following officers: Trustee for Public Funds, Don McLean; Grand Jurors, Merton Garland and Don McLean; Library Trustees, Becky Anderson and Laura Lawson Tucker; Trustees of the Warren Wilder Fund, Robert Stack and David Franklin; and Cemetery Commissioner, Eric Morse.

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town collect its taxes through the Treasurer without discount? Interest at 1% per month or fraction thereof will be charged after October 15th. Motion moved, seconded, discussed, and passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting. Karen Murphy took the opportunity to thank the townspeople for all the hard work done after the damage of Irene. Tara Henry said the 50/50 raffle prize amount is \$53.50. The winner is Sarah Kotkov. Sarah donated her monies back to the 8th grade. Lisa Barry reminded people of the raffle out in the hallway for the winter sports program. Dolores Clark would like the Selectboard or Town Clerk to put minutes of meetings and the agenda prior to the meeting on the town's website. Also, she would like each of Selectboard to let us know why it is in the best interest for the town for the new housing unit. Anne Rider said that at one time a separate website was contracted and it cost us more with little results. We do have people come by on a Friday or even Monday morning to be put on the agenda. I guess we need to be more strict with the deadline and we will try to get information to the school sooner. The 17 unit complex was a pass through agency; it is a private housing project with the Windham and Windsor Housing Trust. Dick Clark said we do not directly have anything to do with the housing trust. Cindy Clark asked the Selectboard to make some outdoor light-



*Green River village*

ing for notices because the town office is not open evenings and weekends. Dick Clark asked if a bulletin board can be put outside. Dave Garrecht asked if the multi plan complex is considered rural. Anne Rider said Algiers is a higher density area. Dolores Clark said that the new building does not fall under historic for the area. Anne Rider reminded us of the paper in back to sign for Sweet Pond. David Franklin said that Maryellen was on the Algiers board at one time and no one ever came to meetings. Motion made to adjourn 2:34pm.

## 2013 TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned that, at the Guilford Central School Gymnasium in the Town of Guilford, on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, between the hours of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.), at which time the polls will open, and seven o'clock (7:00) in the afternoon (p.m.), at which time the polls will close, they may vote by AUSTRALIAN BALLOT on the following business: To elect all necessary Town Officers for the following positions, as required by Law to be elected at the annual meeting: Selectperson, 3 year term; Lister, 3 year term; Auditor, 3 year term; Town Agent, 1 year term.

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford, Vermont, are further notified and warned to meet at the Guilford Central School (gymnasium) in the Town of Guilford on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at the hour of ten o'clock (10:00) in the forenoon (a.m.) at which time the Guilford Town Meeting will commence to act upon the following Articles of business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To act upon the report of the Town Auditors.

ARTICLE 3: To act upon the report of the Library Trustees (22 V.S.A., §144)

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$801,900.00 and raise through taxes and other sources of revenues, funds sufficient to defray the Highway expenses for fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014?

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$712,285.07 and raise through taxes and other sources of revenues, funds sufficient to defray the General

expenses for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters authorize the establishment of a reserve fund in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804(a) for the purpose of funding unanticipated revenue shortfalls and paying non-recurring and unanticipated General and Highway Fund expenditures, the balance of which shall be created and maintained using budget surplus funds, as available, growing to a level not less than five percent (5%) and not more than twenty percent (20%) of the total operating General Fund and Highway Fund expenditures?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of organizing the efficient management of invasive species in Guilford?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to continue membership in the Windham Regional Commission and raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,775.00 to defray the Town's share of its expense?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for the Guilford Free Library?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$201,726.00 for the Guilford Volunteer Fire Department?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,230.00 for the following Human Service Organizations:

Youth Services .....	\$1,605.00
Women's Crisis Center .....	\$1,000.00
Morningside Shelter .....	\$500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance .....	\$5,800.00
Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) .....	\$485.00
HCRS (Mental Health) .....	\$3,000.00
Council on Aging.....	\$850.00
Brattleboro Area Hospice.....	\$300.00
The Gathering Place .....	\$500.00
Brattleboro Senior Meals .....	\$350.00
Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center.....	\$2,500.00
Early Education Services.....	\$850.00
AIDS Project of Southern VT.....	\$350.00
Connecticut River Transit.....	\$250.00
Guilford Cares.....	\$3,500.00
Windham Childcare Association .....	\$350.00
SEVCA.....	\$2,040.00

ARTICLE 12: To elect the following officers: Trustee for Public Funds (1), Grand Jurors (2), Library Trustees (2), Trustees of the Warren Wilder Fund (2), and Cemetery Commissioner (1)?

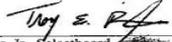
ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town collect its taxes through the Treasurer without discount? Interest at 1% per month or fraction thereof will be charged after October 15th.

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to increase the number of Justices of the Peace from nine (9) to ten (10), as enabled by Vermont Statute, effective in the next General Election?

ARTICLE 15: Transact any other business that may lawfully come before said meeting.

The legal voters of the Town of Guilford are further notified that voter qualification, registration and absentee voting relative to this meeting shall be as provided in Charters 43. 51 and 55 of Title 17. Vermont Statutes Annotated.

  
Richard Clark, Selectboard - Chair

  
Troy Revis, Jr., Selectboard

  
Anne Rider, Selectboard

## 2013 SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

The legal voters of the Town School District of Guilford are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Guilford Central School in said Town of Guilford on Tuesday, the fifth (5th) day of March next at 10:00am to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1: To elect all necessary Town School District officers for the ensuing year: one School Director for three year term; and two School Directors for one year terms. (By Australian Ballot).

ARTICLE 2: To elect a School District Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town School District will authorize the Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town School District will authorize its School Board to accept and expend categorical grants and aid received from the State of Vermont and the United States Government.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town School District will vote to transfer \$11,495 from the Education Reserve Fund Balance to in order to defray FY2014 expenses.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town School District will appropriate out of the unreserved, undesignated Fund Balance of June 30, 2012 the sum of \$83,505 for the purpose of reducing the tax rate and defraying FY2014 expenses.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town School District will vote to send its seventh and eighth grade students to the Brattleboro Area Middle School starting in the 2013-2014 school year.

ARTICLE 8: Section 563(11)(B) of Title 16 requires school budgets to be divided into two questions for voter approval if two conditions are met. The first condition is met if the current year school district education spending per equalized pupil exceeds the statewide average. The second condition is met if education spending in the district's proposed budget for the coming school year exceeds the current year spending, adjusted by an inflation index, plus one percent (2007, No. 82, §5 as amended by 2009, No. 44, §6).

If a school district meets both conditions, the ballot shall be in the following form:

The total proposed budget of \$2,902,630 is the amount determined by the school board to be necessary to support the school district's educational program. State law requires the vote on this budget to be divided because (1) the school district's spending per pupil last year was more than the statewide average and (2) this year's proposed budget is greater than last year's budget adjusted for inflation.

(School Budget):

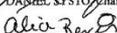
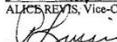
Part A. Shall the voters of the school district authorize the school board to expend \$2,825,897, which is a portion of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

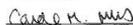
Part B. If Part A is approved by the voters, shall the voters of the school district also authorize the school board to expend \$76,733, which is the remainder of the amount the school board has determined to be necessary?

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town School District will authorize capital expenses for asbestos abatement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, to be financed over a period not to exceed five (5) years [24 V.S.A. §1786(b)]. Funds for the first year share of this expense were included in Article #8 in the amount of \$18,167.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Guilford this 28th day of January 2013.

  
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DANIEL KYSTO, Chairman  
  
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ALICE RENTS, Vice-Chairman  
  
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PENNY LUSSIER, Clerk

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TARA HENRY  
  
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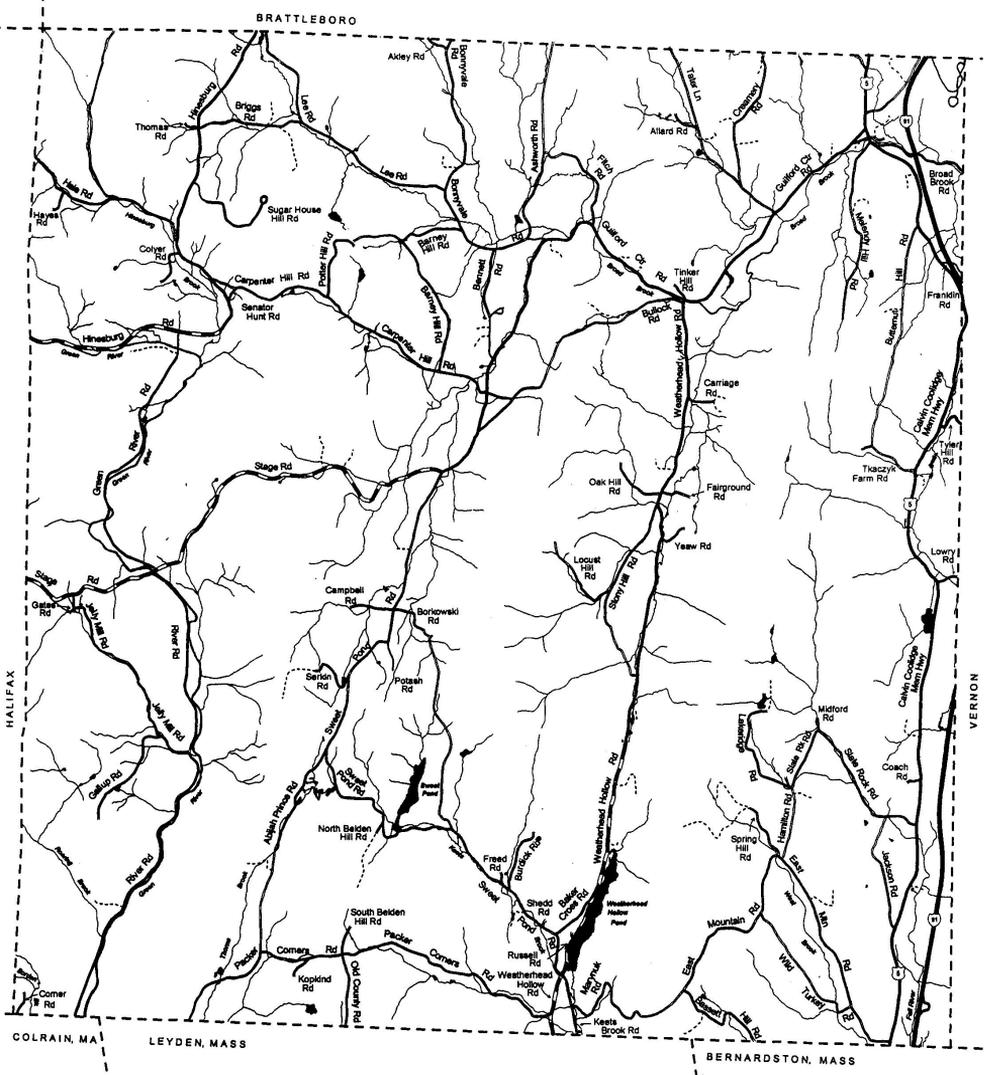


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This small map cannot show the names of all roads, but there is a beautiful large map, available at the Town Office for only \$10, that has road and drive names, as well as much other detail, and in color too.

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