

# Town of Franklin Vermont

and the

Franklin School District

2011 Annual Report

For the  
Town Year Ending December 31, 2011  
School Year Ending June 30, 2011

# NOTABLE MILESTONES

Civil War Monument	1910-2010	100 Years
Franklin Historical Society Chartered	1960-2010	50 Years
Silver Lake renamed to Lake Carmi	1910-2010	100 Years



“Our Abe” Nat Worman

Rededication of the Civil War Monument on August 7, 2010

# AUDITORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

TOWN OF FRANKLIN  
VERMONT

For the Year Ending  
December 31, 2011

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\*\*\*Please Bring This Report to Town Meeting\*\*\*

The Haston Library will be serving lunch  
*nominal fee charged*



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\*\*\* ABSTRACT OF MARCH 1, 2011 TOWN MEETING \*\*\*

Town Clerk, Lisa A. Larivee, declared the polls open for the Australian Ballots of the MVU High School #7 budget and school directors. Moderator Timothy Magnant called the Franklin Town Meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veteran, Robert Cormier. Pastor Jason McConnell gave the Invocation.

- ARTICLE 1** Elected Timothy Magnant as moderator for the ensuing year.  
**ARTICLE 2** Accepted reports of school directors.  
**ARTICLE 3** Appropriated \$1,526,970 for the FY 2012 school budget.  
**ARTICLE 4** Elected Tim Magnant school director for three years.  
**ARTICLE 5** Authorized school directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.  
**ARTICLE 6** No other business.

**CLOSED TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING**

- ARTICLE 7** Elected Timothy Magnant as moderator for the ensuing year.  
**ARTICLE 8** Elected Lisa Larivee for Town Treasurer for three-year term.  
**ARTICLE 9** Accepted the reports of the town officers.  
**ARTICLE 10** Appropriated \$641,592 for the Municipal Budget.  
**ARTICLE 11** Approved an increase of Veteran's Exemption from \$20,000 to \$40,000.  
**ARTICLE 12** Sand Shed construction tabled until legal and environmental issues are resolved.  
**ARTICLE 13** Approved the gift of land, beach area, at the north end of Lake Carmi from Clement & Margaret Meunier.  
**ARTICLE 14** Approved an advisory, non-binding opinion, with the Town of Franklin engaging in a joint effort with the Towns of Swanton & Highgate to build, maintain, operate, and jointly own a multi-functional, year round sports/recreational facility on town-owned land in Highgate at a construction cost not to exceed \$5,000,000.00 (five million dollars) with the cost to be proportionally paid by each town on the basis of population.  
**ARTICLE 15** Elected the following town officers:  
A. Kyle Lothian selectperson; three-year term.  
B. Yvon Dandurand selectperson for two-year term.  
C. Jean Richard lister for three-year term.  
D. Michelle Guilmette auditor for three-year term.  
E. Jean Richard auditor; unexpired term ending 2012.  
F. Susan Clark trustee of public money for one year.  
G. Kimberly Gates Maynard trustee of Haston Library Fund for one year.  
H. Tiffany Renaudette & Bryant Reynolds Haston Library Trustees; three years.  
I. Johanna Crane-Godin delinquent tax collector for one year.  
J. Burt Maynard constable for one year.  
K. George Godin town agent for one year.  
L. Aaron Porter and Doug Clark grand jurors for one year.  
M. Elizabeth Rainville Franklin Homestead Board of Director; three years.  
N. Jean Richard Franklin Homestead Board of Directors; unexpired term ending 2012.  
**ARTICLE 16** Authorized the Select Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.  
**ARTICLE 17** Elected Howard Vansette, Nancy Wilson and Jennifer Dewing as cemetery commissioners for one year.  
**ARTICLE 18** Authorized the payment of taxes to be paid to the treasurer on/or before October 17, 2011 before 3:30 p.m.  
**ARTICLE 19** Approved exempting Franklin Historical Society from real estate taxes on the grand listed beginning in 2011 for a period of five years.  
**ARTICLE 20** Voted to publish December 31, 2011 delinquent property taxpayers' names.  
**ARTICLE 21** Elected Kristy Porter to fill vacant, unexpired term of Haston Library Trustee; term ending 2013.  
**ARTICLE 22** Jean Richard thanked Martha-Jane Olmstead for her work on the FHI Board. Cecil King thanked Ron Lontine for the snow blowing of the sidewalks by his property. Marilyn Hackett spoke about prayer at town meeting; need to work on a compromise for next year. Robert Irish advised that the Town is doing a reappraisal, effective 2012. Johanna Godin thanked Lynn Paradis for her time on the Select Board. Alyson Racine thanked everyone for their donations to the library luncheon.

## **WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

The legal voters of the Town of Franklin and the School District are hereby warned and notified to meet in the Franklin Central School on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at ten o'clock in the forenoon to transact the following business:

### **TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

1. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To act upon the reports of the school directors.
3. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District appropriate \$1,557,014 necessary for the support of the Franklin Elementary School for the school year beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013?
4. To elect one Franklin School Director for a term of three (3) years.
5. Will the voters of the Franklin Town School District authorize the school directors to borrow money to pay the current expenditures in anticipation of taxes and to sign notes for that purpose?
6. To transact any other business legally authorized to be transacted; considered appropriate and necessary when met.

### **CLOSE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND ENTER REGULAR TOWN MEETING**

7. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year.
8. To receive and act upon the reports of the several town officers.
9. To see if the voters will vote an adequate sum of money to meet current expenses, deficit, and debt payment of the town as indicated in the proposed municipal budget?
10. Will the voters of the Town of Franklin appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,750 less any specific grant money, to be raised by taxes, to fund a tri-town (Franklin, Highgate, and Swanton) ice arena recreational facility feasibility study?
11. As an advisory, non-binding opinion, shall the voters of the Town of Franklin vote to encourage the Franklin Select Board to apply, with the Lake Carmi Campers Association, for state permits and grants for the use of aquatic herbicide at Lake Carmi for weed control.
12.
  - A. One selectboard member for a term of three years. (by ballot)
  - B. One selectboard member for a term of two years. (by ballot)
  - C. One lister for a term of three years. (by ballot)
  - D. One auditor for a term of three years. (by ballot)
  - E. A trustee of public money.
  - F. A trustee of the Haston Library Fund.
  - G. Three Haston Library trustees for terms of three years.
  - H. A collector of delinquent taxes for a term of one year.
  - I. Constable for a term of one year.
  - J. A town agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the town is interested.
  - K. One or more grand jurors.
  - L. One representative to serve on the Franklin Homestead, Inc. Board of Directors for a term of three years.

13. To see if the town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes for the needs of the town.
14. To elect a person, or persons, to act as cemetery commissioner(s) to care for the cemeteries in town where there is no one responsible to act in such a capacity.
15. To see if the voters will set the date of payment of property taxes paid to the treasurer to be October 15, 2012 before 3:30 p.m.
16. To see if the town will vote to publish the names of all delinquent property taxpayers and amounts due and owed to the town as of December 31, 2012.
17. To elect any town officers to fill any town office that may be vacant at this time.
18. To transact any other non-binding business thought proper when met.

**Franklin Selectboard**

*Scott Choiniere*  
*Peter Magnant*  
*Peter Kittell*  
*Kyle Lothian*  
*Yvon Dandurand*

**Franklin School Directors**

*Jonathan Gates*  
*Timothy Magnant*  
*David Rood*

Read for record on January 26, 2012 at the Franklin School Library and is duly recorded.

**ATTEST:** Lisa A. Larivee, Town Clerk

**PLEASE NOTE:** Special accommodations will be made for all handicapped persons requesting an accommodation at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Please call 285-2101 for more information.

**ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS**

Moderator.....Timothy Magnant.....Elected Annually  
Town Clerk.....Lisa A. Larivee.....Term Expires 2013  
Town Treasurer.....Lisa A. Larivee.....Term Expires 2014

**SELECTBOARD**

Peter Kittell.....Term Expires 2012  
Scott Choiniere.....Term Expires 2012  
Peter Magnant.....Term Expires 2013  
Yvon Dandurand.....Term Expires 2013  
Kyle Lothian.....Term Expires 2014

**LISTERS**

Robert Irish.....Term Expires 2012  
Gilbert Dewing.....Term Expires 2013  
Jean M. Richard.....Term Expires 2014

**AUDITORS**

Jean Richard .....Term Expires 2012  
Carole Richard.....Term Expires 2013  
Michelle Guilmette.....Term Expires 2014

**TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC MONEY**

Susan E. Clark.....Term Expires 2012

**TRUSTEE OF HASTON LIBRARY FUND**

Kimberly Gates Maynard.....Term Expires 2012

**HASTON LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Linda Hartman.....Term Expires 2012  
Julie Ziembra.....Term Expires 2012  
Alyson Racine.....Term Expires 2012  
John Gratton.....Term Expires 2013  
Kristy Porter.....Term Expires 2013  
Tiffany Renaudette.....Term Expires 2014  
Bryant Reynolds.....Term Expires 2014

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR**

Johanna Crane-Godin.....Term Expires 2012

**CONSTABLE**

Burt Maynard.....Term Expires 2012

**TOWN AGENT**

George Godin.....Term Expires 2012

**TOWN GRAND JURORS**

Douglas Clark.....Term Expires 2012

Aaron Porter.....Term Expires 2012

**FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD, INC.**

Jean Richard.....Term Expires 2012

Kay Papazoni.....Term Expires 2013

Elizabeth Rainville.....Term Expires 2014

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Nancy Wilson.....Term Expires 2012

Jennifer Dewing.....Term Expires 2012

Howard Vansette.....Term Expires 2012

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

David Rood.....Term Expires 2012

Jonathan Gates.....Term Expires 2013

Timothy Magnant.....Term Expires 2014

**MISSISQUOI VALLEY UNION #7 DIRECTORS**

Gerald Gates.....Term Expires 2012

Cindy Metayer.....Term Expires 2013

Robert Irish.....Term Expires 2014

**JUSTICES OF THE PEACE**

Daniel Clark                      Gilbert Dewing  
George Godin                      Jacqueline Luce                      Kimberly Gates Maynard

**APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS**

**ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK & TREASURER**

Sara Rainville.....Term Expires 2012

**PLANNING COMMISSION - 4 Year Term**

Douglas Clark.....Term Expires 2012  
Peter Kittell.....Term Expires 2012  
Clark Hubbard.....Term Expires 2012  
Gerard Tremblay.....Term Expires 2013  
Greg Bouchard.....Term Expires 2013  
Richard Gadbois (resigned).....Term Expires 2014  
David Lucey (appointed).....Term Expires 2014  
Judith McLaughlin.....Term Expires 2015  
Daniel Larivee.....Term Expires 2015  
Brooks Sturtevant.....Term Expires 2015

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 Year Term**

David Rood.....Term Expires 2012  
Lyle Richard.....Term Expires 2012  
Johanna Crane-Godin.....Term Expires 2013  
Chris O'Shea.....Term Expires 2013  
Chris Wagner.....Term Expires 2013  
Carolyn Kittell.....Term Expires 2014  
Chris Bolton.....Term Expires 2014

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Robert Irish.....Term Expires 2012

**OTHER OFFICERS**

Town Service Officer.....	Pauline Gadbois
Health Officer.....	Pauline Gadbois
Road Commissioner.....	Peter Kittell
Road Forman.....	Howard Vanslette
Animal Control Officer.....	Dennis Demar
Tree & Fire Warden.....	Burt Maynard
Keeper of Street Lights.....	Donald Gates
Keeper of Town Clock.....	Cliff Bullis
Emergency Management Coordinator.....	Justin Rainville
Regional Planning.....	Douglas Clark
.....	Dan Larivee
E911 Coordinator.....	Robert Cormier
.....	Kim Gates Maynard

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

We, the undersigned and duly elected auditors of the Town of Franklin, report that we have reviewed and approved in accordance with Title 24, §1681et seq, V.S.A., the accounts relating to the town and these findings are contained in the reports herein. We review all select board orders and reconcile town bank statements.

The school accounts are audited by Angolano & Company, Certified Public Accountants. Angolano & Company's complete audit report is available for review at the Town Clerk's office. As part of the segregation of duties, town auditors reconcile the school bank statements.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jean Richard  
Carole Richard  
Michelle Guilmette*

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

Following the 2011 Town Meeting, the Town of Franklin was served with a notice of suit and waivers of service in the matter of *Hackett v The Town of Franklin, et al.*, S77-11Fc which remains pending in the Franklin Superior Court-Civil Division. The matter contests the practice of invocations given during the Town's annual meetings. The parties have filed motions for summary judgment seeking a legal ruling on the practice of invocations at public meetings under Article 3 of the Vermont Constitution and the Public Accommodations Act. A ruling from the Franklin Superior Court-Civil Division is expected in the spring or early summer of 2012.

As I am writing this report the lawsuit styled *Franklin Telephone vs. Town of Franklin* pending in Franklin Superior Court is nearing completion. The court ruled that the Town cannot use Homestead Drive for park and ride access. As a result, the Town was required to close the park and ride. The parking lot adjacent to the Town Shop can be used for municipal purposes only. The water damage portion of the lawsuit also has been settled, and the case will be dismissed with prejudice upon completion of the necessary paperwork. Franklin Telephone's appeal to the Environmental Court also has been dismissed.

Currently there is a septic feasibility study going on in the village and around the lake. The study is paid for by a state grant. If at any time we were to implement any of the studies recommendations, that portion of the studies cost would be built into the project for repayment. Currently there are two members from the selectboard serving on this committee, Peter Kittell and Peter Magnant. Any member from the community is welcome to participate.

At Town Meeting voters agreed with the gift of the public beach at the north end of Lake Carmi. At this time all legal documents to acquire the land have been signed. Signage will need to be addressed in the spring. Currently we are working out details of a 20 year lease with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife. In the lease the state will provide a dock system and maintain the boater access. We are hopeful that the lease will be in place for the spring of 2012. There were several private land owners using the beach as their private beach prior to the town acquiring the land. Due to insurance and liability purposes private docks will not be allowed on town property.

Due to the high waters this spring and summer on Lake Carmi there was an erosion issue with Route 120 at the North End of Lake Carmi. Vermont Agency of Transportation installed rip rap along the edge of the road to stabilize the road.

The Lake Carmi Campers Association (LCCA) is proposing a weed control plan with herbicides for Lake Carmi. The equipment we are currently using has been in operation since 1985. There is approximately 200 acres of milfoil. The LCCA believes the herbicide Renovate appears to be the best control option. Costs would be approximately \$1500 an acre and the application process would be 4-5 years doing about 50 acres a year with spot treatments every year after that. The cost of the first year treatment is approximately \$85,000. The LCCA is in the process of looking for funding and applying for the permits needed. If this project is to move forward voter approval will be necessary.

Last summer Kyle Lothian donated his time to paint and weather seal the windows at Town Hall. The Selectboard appreciates and thanks Kyle for his generosity. The town has also purchased a new front door for the Town Hall. This new door will be properly installed and will offer energy efficiency and will properly open and close.

One of the Selectboard's issues that we have to address is dogs. Please remember in the village that there is a leash law and every year dogs need to be licensed with the town. Dog catcher fees have been increased to a minimum of \$50 per incidence plus other fees. Please be respectful and think of others.

Currently our Listers are working on finishing up the town wide reappraisals. Appraisals should be going out late spring early summer and a final grand list should be set for the October 2012 tax bill.

The Selectboard has been looking into the possibility of converting our 29 street lights to LED to save energy. At this time the power companies do not have payment schedules based on LED; so they are not ready at this time. LED lights generally have increased life span, better lighting, and lower costs.

The Selectboard is currently working with an energy efficiency grant for the library building and town hall. The projects went out to bid and will be awarded based on funding.

The Selectboard has been working hard to make the Browns Corner Rd. intersection safer. This year we have added more signage, which seems to be working. Please remember to come to a complete stop. This is a dangerous intersection.

The highway department is looking for help protecting our street signs. Please report any information on stolen or vandalized signs.

Finally, the Selectboard is trying to increase its electronic mailing list. You can stay up to date on Town activities and notices by signing up for our email newsletter/list. You will receive job announcements, bid notices, legal postings, community events and important dates. Remember by signing up for this email newsletter/list you may no longer receive this information by mail. Please send your name, Franklin property address or location and email address to: [townoff@franklinvt.net](mailto:townoff@franklinvt.net).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Scott Choiniere, Chair,*  
*Kyle Lothian, Yvon*  
*Dandurand, Peter Kittell*  
*and Peter Magnant*

It has been a great 10 years serving the Town of Franklin on the Selectboard. I was able to serve in all capacities on the board. Thank you for all your support over the years. –Scott

## ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

The town was very fortunate this year, with all of the snow and rain, there was little road damage from all the run off. The highway department was very busy and they did a great job.

The projects for this year included work on the Barnum Road; we changed a culvert and cleaned out some ditches. From there we went to the Pidgeon Hill Road where we did the same and also added a much needed layer of gravel on part of it. We then went to the Kennison Road to change a culvert and clean the ditches and cut brush. We also did some work on the Kendall Road.

During the summer we rented a tractor and brush hog mower for a week. We can do between one-third and one-half of the town roads per year.

The Dewing Road stabilization project did not happen this year. We applied for a permit in March, but it was not received until October. We have an extension for the money until July 1<sup>st</sup>, so we hope this project will be completed in 2012.

We have been spreading crushed rock on our roads for several years with 14 miles done. Every year we add ten loads per mile to get the layers of stone a little thicker so it will be better to grade. We hope to do about two miles more per year. We have about 26 miles of gravel roads in town, so it will take a few more years to get them all covered.

For paving projects this year we started at the Highgate town line on Route 207 and went as far as we could with the paving budget. This was done with a shim coat of one inch, and plan to do the top coat in 2012. We have 18 miles of town roads paved at this time.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call the Town Garage @ 285-2180 or me @ 285-2206. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Peter Kittell*

## PAVING PROGRESS REPORT/PLAN

### 2006:

- Dewing Road 1912.65 tons @ \$56.21/ton = \$107,510 (state funds of \$93,300); .9 miles @ 21' wide with 3" thick.
- Riley Road 826.9 tons @ \$56.21/ton = \$46,482; 1.2 miles @ 1" thick.

### 2007:

- Cold Patching

### 2008:

- Stanley Road 1513 tons @ \$81.02/ton = \$122,583, less credit of \$13,141 for town trucking; 1.4 miles @ 21' wide with ½" shim with 1" overlay.

### 2009:

- Hanna Road 821.84 tons @ \$65.19/ton = \$53,575; 1 mile with 1" overlay.
- Gallup Road 594 tons @ \$65.19/ton = \$38,723; .6 mile with ½" shim with 1" overlay.

### 2010:

- Stanley Road 755.59 tons @ \$71.41/ton = \$53,957; 3.85 miles
- Swamp Road 2,592.99 tons @ \$71.41/ton = \$185,165; 1.9 miles with ½" shim with 1 ½" overlay (state funds of \$157,500)

### 2011:

- Square Road 112.8 tons @ \$73.34/ton = \$8,273; .3 miles
- Morses Line Road approx. 1.5 miles of shim; 1239.45 tons @ \$73.34 = \$90,901

### 2012:

- Morses Line Road top layer resurface
- Fire Station lot

*This plan is subject to change if transportation grants are received or if there is a road condition that requires immediate attention.*

## 2011 ROAD MAINTENANCE REPORT

**Barnum Rd:** graded 4 times; 42 yds stone; 238 yds gravel; 1000 gal chloride

**Beaver Meadow Rd:** graded 3 times; 26 yds stone; 500 gal chloride

**Dandurand Rd:** graded 4 times; 98 yds blue rock; 700 gal chloride

**Dewing Shore Rd:** graded once; 98 yds blue rock; 800 gal chloride

**Durkee Rd:** graded 2 times; 56 yds stone; 600 gal chloride

**Gallup Rd:** graded 3 times; 119 yds blue rock; 140 yds gravel; 2000 gal chloride, brush hogged.

**Hanna Rd:** brush hogged

**Kendall Rd:** graded 2 times; 19 tons stone; 28 yds gravel; 700 gal chloride; ditching & 2 culverts

**Kennison Rd:** ditching and culverts

**Middle Rd:** graded 4 times; 509 yds blue rock; 714 yds gravel

**Messier Rd:** graded 3 times; 112 yds stone; 564 yds gravel; 500 gal chloride

**Pidgeon Hill Rd:** graded 3 times; 71 yds stone; 88 yds gravel; 1700 gal chloride; culvert and cut brush

**Rice Hill Rd:** graded 3 times; 250 yds blue rock; brush hogged

**Richard Rd:** graded 3 times; 879 yds blue rock; 18 tons stone; 2000 gal chloride

**Riley Rd:** graded once; 140 yds blue rock; ditching and brush hogged

**Scott Rd:** graded 2 times; 36 tons stone; 322 yds gravel; ditching and culvert

**Towle Neighborhood Rd:** graded 2 times; 1358 yds blue rock; 28 yds gravel

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

The regular meetings of the Commission are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the dining room at the Franklin Homestead, meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

We appreciate the effort of Sara Rainville who has done our minutes during 2011 and also all of the help that Sara & Lisa Larivee give us at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Commission welcomes back David Lucey and new member Brooks Sturtevant. We would like to thank Kyle Lothian for his service and give thanks to Richard Gadbois for his years of service on the board and as Chairman of the Board.

The Planning Commission has received a planning grant through Northwest Regional Planning which has allowed the Commission to rewrite and update the Town Plan as well the Zoning Bylaws; both are the goals for 2011 and into 2012. We have updated both documents and have held public hearings with hopes that they will be approved by the Summer of 2012.

I, Clark Hubbard, have taken an active part in the Northwest Regional Planning Commission representing Franklin on this board.

As Chairman of the Franklin Planning Commission I would like to thank all the members of the board and all of the members of the public who have worked so hard over this past year to ensure there is a Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws that our Town can be proud of - they did this along with doing all of the rest of the normal duties of a Planning Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Clark Hubbard, Chairman*  
*Douglas Clark, Judith McLaughlin, David Lucey,*  
*Peter Kittell, Gerard Tremblay, Daniel Larivee,*  
*Greg Bouchard, Brooks Sturtevant*

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

During the year of 2011 our board members held one hearing. This hearing was for a conditional use and accessory use.

The volunteers that serve on the board are: Chris Bolton, Chris O'Shea, David Rood, Lyle Richard, Chris Wagner, Carolyn Kittell and Johanna Crane-Godin.

Alternate Members: James Messier , John Cote

Respectfully submitted,  
*Johanna Crane-Godin,*  
*Chairperson*

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

In 2011, Franklin followed the national trend in housing and development; building permits, house starts, and land sales were down again, for the third year in a row. During the year, 27 building permits and Agricultural notifications were received; down 44% from last year. 26 building permits were issued; 1 was denied and referred to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), the ZBA approved the permit. There were 3 Certificates of Compliance (Subdivisions) received. There was 1 change of use application; for year round use in the shoreline recreation district. Most permits were for improvements to existing structures in town.

The permits processed in 2011 were for:

1 addition	1 porch	1 camp
3 decks	6 garages	7 sheds
2 Barns/pole	3 other	

This year 11 Certificates of Occupancy were issued, which is a 50% drop from last year's number of 20. It is indicative of the continued slowdown in housing and development.

The Zoning Administrator is in the Town Office on Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Robert B Irish,*  
Zoning Administrator

## HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

I received several animal bite reports this year involving both dogs and cats, along with a report of an alleged waste disposal violation. Please be sure your animals' vaccinations are current and remember the Town of Franklin has a Dog Ordinance, a copy of which can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

I recently received notice from the Vermont Dept. of Health that January is Radon Awareness Month. Radon cannot be seen, tasted or smelled but can cause lung cancer if you're exposed over a long period of time. Studies have shown that about one in eight Vermont homes has elevated levels of radon. If you're interested in testing for radon in your home, a free testing kit can be obtained by emailing your request to [radon@state.vt.us](mailto:radon@state.vt.us) or by calling (800) 439-8550. A long term test of 3-12 months (which ideally includes the heating season) is the best way to accurately test for this gas.

To report an incident or concern, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 285-2101.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Pauline W. Gadbois*

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

The Town of Franklin, Franklin Fire Department and Franklin Rescue were in compliance with all requirements of the 911 emergency systems in 2011.

The Town of Franklin was very fortunate in the Spring of 2011- there was little damage from the strong winds and high water that swept through town and again were spared when Hurricane Irene came through in August 2011.

Please be familiar with the road names located around your residence as this helps to eliminate confusion in the event that you have to call 911 for emergency services. Also make sure that your house number is clearly visible on your house, this makes it easier for emergency vehicles to locate your residence.

The Franklin Elementary School is the Town's emergency shelter in the event of a community wide disaster.

***Remember to always call 911 in the event of an emergency.***

Respectfully submitted,  
*Justin D. Rainville*

## **CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Yearly spring cleanup of fallen trees, branches, leaves and litter were performed at Briggs, Prouty, Willard, Willey and Marsh cemeteries to prepare for summer mowing and trimming.

Yearly annuals were placed at all cemeteries. The painting of the Prouty cemetery fence was completed along with some landscaping and crushed stones added to the front. Due to the spring run off, more crushed stone had to be added to Briggs cemetery. Many stones at the Willard cemetery had to be repaired and reset. Routine mowing, trimming and general maintenance continued through October.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jennifer Dewing,  
Nancy Wilson  
and Howard Vansette*

## **FRANKLIN HOMESTEAD, INC.**

Franklin Homestead Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing options to seniors from in and around our community.

We offer 23 independent living apartments at the Homestead. At the Carriage House we offer 18 units with supportive housing that includes three meals a day, laundry, cleaning services and is staffed 24 hours a day. Both buildings offer affordable and market rate possibilities.

We prepare Meals on Wheels, which are then delivered by our wonderful volunteers from the community. We are always looking for extra drivers to help deliver meals. If you are interested please call the Carriage House kitchen at 285-2945 to volunteer.

On Saturday nights there are *500 Card Parties* open to anyone in the FELCO Room. The FELCO Room is also available to use as a gathering place for the community, please call the office at 285-2944 for more information.

This past year the shingled roof was replaced on the Homestead building with standing seam and matches the Carriage House very closely. We make every effort to provide a warm atmosphere both inside and out for our residents who call this facility home.

Please take the time to visit our website at [www.franklincarriagehouse.webs.com](http://www.franklincarriagehouse.webs.com)

For more information on housing, employment, volunteering, use of the FELCO Room or to make donations, please contact Stacy Silloway at 285-2944.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bob Mays, President*  
*Franklin Homestead, Inc.*

## **VERMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK (VCDB) GRANT**

In 1998, the Town of Franklin received a \$396,000 VCDB Grant of which \$391,000 was turned over to Franklin Homestead, Inc., to build the Franklin Carriage House and \$5,000 was retained to cover administrative and audit costs.

The first loan for \$130,000 at 0% interest for a term of thirty years with payments deferred for four years will be due when the Franklin Carriage House income generates a cash reserve of \$50,000.

The second loan in the amount of \$261,000 at 0% interest for a term of thirty years with payments deferred for each year the requirements of the VHCB affordability covenant is maintained and 1/30 of the principal is forgiven each year in which compliance is maintained provided there is no change in use or ownership.

As of December 31, 2011, the Town of Franklin did not receive any payments from the Franklin Carriage House.



**Franklin Watershed Committee, Inc.**

*Caring for Lake Carmi since 1994*

754 Rice Hill Road  
Franklin, Vermont 05457  
TEL: 285-2054  
hbv@franklinvt.net

2011 was the third year of group funding through an Agency of Natural Resources 319 Grant. We have continued to work from our (Total Maximum Daily Load) TMDL Action plan for phosphorus reduction and we have really gained momentum this year. We worked in concert with the Selectboard and formed various subcommittees to make progress on several projects of importance. All totaled the applications we filed for funding resulted in more than \$130,000 coming into Franklin! That is not only good news for water quality, but it is also good news for our local economy because each dollar brought in results in money being spent in our community with local merchants and local contractors.

319 Water Quality Protection	TMDL partnership	\$31,365
Clean and Clear	Shoreline Buffers	\$13,000
Lake Champlain Basin Program	Agricultural BMP	\$25,000
Lake Champlain Basin Program	AmeriCorps Match	\$2,684
Better Back Road	Dewing Shore Upgrade	\$10,000
EPA Municipal Planning Grant	Septic Feasibility Study	\$30,000
AmeriCorps VHCB slot	Watershed Technician	\$2,684
AmeriCorps NCCC	Work Crew	\$16,000

2011 was our second year as an approved AmeriCorps VHCB Sponsor Site. Polly Perkins, Watershed Technician, worked on education and outreach in the elementary school and public functions. She also focused on improving our website, reports, presentations, and lots of hard labor.

It was our first year as an approved AmeriCorps National Civilian Conservation Corps (NCCC) work crew and having them for 5 weeks made it possible to do our shoreline buffer projects as well as many other clean up and maintenance projects.

We continue to look at all sources of phosphorus. Our efforts are spread over the following project areas:

**Septic Outreach-** secured planning grant to perform septic feasibility study, Septic Pump-Out Rebate Program

**Shoreline Management Outreach and Repair-** worked with land owners to upgrade small lakeshore sites, formed public beach committee, organized two public beach cleanup days.

**Stream Surveys and Repairs-** 5 culvert upgrades completed

**Working with Farmers and Landowners-** We provided cost share with farmers for agricultural best management practices (BMP) including cover crops, nutrient management, and erosion control projects. We worked hard to clean up a sediment problem from agricultural fields along the Hammond Shore.

**Outreach and Education-** presented educational programs in Franklin and Sheldon Elementary, parade float, septic outreach event, and agricultural forum.

We anticipate a similar performance in 2012 but that is only possible if we maintain our hard working volunteer base that allows us to achieve our goals. We look forward to seeing more new faces at our meetings because this keeps us strong and it gives us a balanced view of community needs. Your input is valuable and there are many little ways that you can help out. We have begun to use technology that has made it possible for our snowbirds to stay involved in meetings via conference calling and video conferencing. We encourage you to join us and be a part of the solution.

Meetings are always the second Thursday of the Month at 7:00 pm in the Homestead Felco Room. For more information contact our coordinator, Heidi Britch-Valenta at 285-2054 or [hbv@franklinvt.net](mailto:hbv@franklinvt.net). We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Jim Cameron, President

Sincerely,  
Heidi Britch-Valenta, Coordinator

**Board Members as of August 2011:** Ashley Bachelder, Bruce Bushey, Jim Cameron, Sue Clark, Peter Benevento, Martine Gates, Dan Larivee, Ron Paradis, Sue Stanley, Jeff Teitelbaum,.

**FRANKLIN WATERSHED COMMITTEE**

**Beginning Balance - January 1, 2011**

Checking	\$ 1,845.17	
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>		<b>\$ 1,845.17</b>

**INCOME**

LCBP-AmeriCorps	\$ 1,983.81	
Donations	1,516.00	
Short-term Loan	15,000.00	
Town of Franklin	1,000.00	
LCBP-Best Management Practices	3,239.75	
Lake Carmi Campers' Association	1,800.00	
2009 Vermont 319 Grant Invoiced	18,468.94	
2010 Vermont 319 Grant Invoiced	18,380.73	
Clean and Clear 2011	<u>4,577.81</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ <u>65,967.04</u></b>

<b>TOTAL CASH/INCOME</b>		<b>\$ <u>67,812.21</u></b>
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**EXPENSES**

LCBP-AmeriCorps	\$ 1,983.81	
SEP	3,000.00	
LCBP-Best Management Practices	21,202.46	
319 Projects 2009	8,673.48	
319 Projects 2010	20,535.57	
Clean and Clear	8,899.40	
Local Watershed Projects	<u>3,421.38</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 67,716.10</b>

**Ending Balance - December 31, 2011**

Checking	\$ 96.11	
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>		<b>\$ <u>96.11</u></b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES/CASH</b>		<b>\$ <u>67,812.21</u></b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
*Martine Gates*

The Franklin Watershed Committee would like to acknowledge the loss of David Breed; a steadfast member of The Watershed Committee, former Town Auditor and member of the Franklin Rescue.

## **LAKE CARMİ CAMPERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Thank you Franklin residents for your continued interest and support of all Lake Carmi Camper's Association (LCCA) activities. Please know that all residents are eligible (not just camp owners) to join LCCA and become active members in this organization. We need both your interest and participation. Lake Carmi needs all of our support.

As I mentioned in my report last year our major project for 2012 is to formally begin the process of submitting an application to the State of Vermont. The first step in this process is Article 11 seeking voter approval to proceed with this project. If granted, the approval will probably be for a five year period during which time it may call for multiple applications of herbicides. Our association Weed Control Committee met with the Franklin Selectboard on several occasions last summer to discuss the need for the Town of Franklin to participate in this project. The Selectboard requested that we seek town voter approval before proceeding with the application to the State of Vermont for the permits necessary for the project. As soon as we hear back from the state we can better determine how much money will be needed for the project. Funding would be shared by the LCCA, State of Vermont and other grants and private donations; the Town of Franklin may be asked for funding with voter approval. Please refer to our web site for more up to date information – [www.lakecarmi.org](http://www.lakecarmi.org).

I would also like to thank the Town of Franklin for voting to approve the acceptance of a parcel of land at the north end of Lake Carmi as offered to the town by Peg and Ted Meunier. The LCCA along with the town hope to add improvements to this space beginning next summer. Your suggestions for any improvements are appreciated.

Our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Abbey restaurant on July 9, 2011 was a huge success. Thank you to all who joined us in this most memorable occasion.

A reminder that once again LCCA is holding our annual Ice Out Contest for 2012. Don't forget to enter.

For a list of all LCCA 2012 activities please check our web site: [www.lakecarmi.org](http://www.lakecarmi.org).

Thank you,  
*Richard Lang*  
President, LCCA

## FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Franklin Historical Society (FHS) had a very active year in 2011. Once again, a few dedicated history buffs worked hard to increase interest in our town's history. It is time to recognize some of those folks. First, I will start with our Board: President, Bryant J. Reynolds; Vice President, Kimberly Maynard-Gates; Secretary, Sue Clark; Treasurer, Carole Richard; and Curator, Brian Rainville. Additional dedicated workers are Colette Ploof, Nancy Magnant, David Samson, Lucille Lothian, Burt Maynard, Yvon Dandurand, Tim Magnant, Beau Rainville and Ryan Lagrow.

2011 was a busy year for FHS. Once again, we published the Summer Events Schedule which gave our locals and summer residents a reminder of upcoming events in Franklin. This year our cover was a photograph of the Lake Carmi Dance Hall Pavilion. We also participated in the Memorial Day Parade with our float entitled WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC? Our next project was work on the log cabin. We contacted the Vermont Preservation Society and with help from Eric Gilbertson and Jamie Dugan began to re-chink the cabin. During the work, we discovered that the southeast corner of the cabin logs were rotten and needed to be replaced. FHS has hired Brady Giroux to replace the damaged logs in the Spring of 2012. Then, FHS will finish re-chinking and re-open the cabin which has been closed this past year. On October 21, 2011, FHS met with Robert Mashia and his wife. Robert is the great grandson of Charles Messier, the gentleman who built the log cabin.

The Franklin County History Expo was our third project on July 9, 2011 from 1 to 4 pm. FHS was able to attract eleven of Franklin County's thirteen towns. Mr. Kyle Scanlon donated his time as our appraiser for our WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC section. FHS's exhibit was called "Franklin Farming in 1911" and displayed farm equipment used during this period. It is estimated that about 250 people attended the Expo.

The Town Hall was FHS's fourth project. We worked with AmeriCorps to clean and paint the Town Hall stage. We also emptied and cleaned the basement. And we finally were able to find a buyer for the unused wooden chairs.

The 2012 project, besides finishing re-chinking and re-opening the log cabin, will be TURNING POINTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY. FHS will create a Teaching American History Professional Development Program Core Activities for Teachers. FHS is working with UVM Co-Director, Scott A. McLaughlin.

FHS would like to remind everyone that TD Bank is still promoting their Affinity Program. If you bank with TD Bank, please consider participating in the Affinity Program...it's FREE.

Finally, FHS would like thank everyone who has contributed with either hard work or a monetary donation. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! And if you are interested in Franklin History, we encourage you to join our efforts in any capacity.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bryant Reynolds*

## **HASTON LIBRARY REPORT**

2011 was a year of exciting hellos and sad goodbyes. Our incredible Director, Melissa McKinstry and her family welcomed a new addition to their family, Lydia, in April. Melissa received a huge promotion after her maternity leave, to full-time Mom to Christine, Owen and Lydia. We will miss Melissa's dedication, hard work and of course her smile. Melissa continued to work, over her more than 10 years with us, to make The Haston Library a cheerful and exciting place to visit. During Melissa's absence and while we conducted a hiring search, our Assistant Librarian, Linda Childs stepped up and filled her shoes. We are grateful to Linda for the extra work she graciously took on. We were very excited to announce our New Director, Kathleen Engstrom, in December. We are extremely happy to welcome Kathleen and we hope you will stop in to meet her.

The Haston Library dedicated a new Volunteer Award for the first time in 2011. Our small library would not exist without our many volunteers, but none as dedicated as Sally Peloubet. Miss Sally volunteered many additional hours while we were conducting our Director Search. Thank you again Miss Sally!

In 2011 our staff and volunteers circulated 6,628 material items. We had patrons come in and use our computers 1,413 times during the past year. We continue to enjoy wireless internet, so bring in your own laptop and you can enjoy our wireless services too! We had a total of 4,637 patrons come through our doors in 2011. As always we offer the latest bestsellers, magazines, DVDs and a large selection of audio books.

We provide access to some amazing resources on the World Wide Web! We are always introducing new patrons to Listen Up! VT (The Green Mountain Library Consortium, GMLC), where audio books and electronic books can be downloaded free to your listening or reading device. Additionally, The GMLC has newly provided access to downloading books to your Kindle as well. Through the Vermont Online Library you can have access to a wide array of databases, available to all our patrons. This can be used for everything from learning a new language, to writing a research paper, or tracking your family history. New in 2011, through the Vermont Department of Libraries is Universal Class, an online learning experience with over 500 non-credit continuing education courses. All of these web services are available 24 hours a day, 7 day a week, in the convenience of your own home! All you need is internet access, a library card and a password. Visit the library to get started.

The Haston Library offered 74 programs for children, young adults, and adults, throughout 2011. Our summer programming schedule was funded by the incredible generosity of the Franklin Telephone Company, Mullen Insurance and our generous Lake Carmi Campers. We began the summer schedule with our annual visit by the Backpack Theatre. The theatre group also boasts a large group of Franklin's young actors. Their performance continues to be one of the highlights of the summer. An extension of our summer programming has included many Saturday visits by Mr. K and Exordium, led by Mr. Kurt Valenta. Mr. K delivers an exciting array of science experiments and projects.

2011 has been a year of incredible changes, some exciting and some sad. Through it all one thing has not changed, The Haston Library is always busy with programs, materials and resources for all ages. We look forward to many new and thrilling programs, meetings, trainings and more in 2012.

As in the past, we invite you to stop by or go to our website (blog) at [hastonlibraryvt.org](http://hastonlibraryvt.org) to check out our events. The Haston Library staff, volunteers and trustees are highly committed to serving the community of Franklin and we work hard to improve literacy, while providing a safe and welcoming environment for learning and enjoyment. Please come in and see what we have to offer especially for you.

*The Haston Library Board of Trustees,  
Staff and Volunteers*

## HASTON LIBRARY COMBINED REPORT

	<u>2011 Budget</u>	<u>2011 Actual</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>
<b>Beginning Balances - January 1</b>			
Checking Account	\$ 2,984.31	\$ 2,984.31	\$ 2,501.11
Money Market Account	9,462.31	9,462.31	19,236.55
Correction to 2010 petty cash end bal.		53.62	
Petty Cash	(3.62)	(3.62)	17.40
<b><u>Beginning Cash:</u></b>	<b>\$ 12,443.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,496.62</b>	<b>\$ 21,755.06</b>
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>			
Town Funds	\$ 27,777.04	\$ 27,777.00	\$ 27,777.00
Fundraising	9,968.90	1,743.43	7,825.00
Donations		6,365.00	
Interest Earned		632.63	
Grant Income		150.00	
Summer Reading		630.00	
Juvenile Programs		1,150.00	
Petty Cash Receipts		306.54	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 37,745.94</b>	<b>\$ 38,754.60</b>	<b>\$ 35,602.00</b>
<b>Total Income/Beginning Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 50,188.94</b>	<b>\$ 51,251.22</b>	
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>			
Salaries	\$ 22,171.40	\$ 16,903.50	\$ 20,437.50
Payroll Taxes	1,499.54	1,299.89	1,561.43
Books/Subscriptions	6,500.00	4,448.72	6,500.00
Processing/Shipping	200.00	262.09	300.00
Capital Expenses	500.00		500.00
Programs	2,600.00	2,276.78	2,600.00
Supplies	1,000.00	627.89	800.00
Technology & Support	500.00	714.22	1,000.00
Telephone Expense	900.00	815.14	900.00
Postage Expense	100.00	192.87	100.00
Interlibrary Loan Costs	625.00	343.04	625.00
Professional Development	300.00	87.50	300.00
Professional Resources	300.00	140.00	300.00
Mileage	250.00	524.16	500.00
Miscellaneous	250.00	286.73	250.00
Shipping & Handling		25.61	
Advertising	50.00	548.02	50.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 37,745.94</b>	<b>\$ 29,496.16</b>	<b>\$ 36,723.93</b>
<b>Ending Balances - December 31</b>			
Checking Account	\$ 1,984.31	\$ 2,501.11	
Money Market Balance	10,408.69	19,236.55	
Petty Cash	50.00	17.40	
<b>Total Ending Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 12,443.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,755.06</b>	
<b>Total Expenses/Ending Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 50,188.94</b>	<b>\$ 51,251.22</b>	

**HASTON LIBRARY & EBEN RACINE MEMORIAL FUNDS**

**Beginning Balances - January 1, 2011**

Eben Racine Fund - CD	\$	4,000.00	
Share Account		442.88	
Haston Library Fund - CD		4,000.00	
Edward Jones Account		<u>10,106.90</u>	
<b>TOTAL BEGINNING BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 18,549.78</b>

**INCOME**

Interest	\$	436.35	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>\$ <u>436.35</u></b>

**TOTAL INCOME/BEGINNING BALANCE** **\$ 18,986.13**

**EXPENSES**

Interest transferred to Library Account	\$	558.39	
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**Ending Balances - December 31, 2011**

Eben Racine Fund - CD	\$	4,000.00	
Share Account		427.74	
Haston Library Fund - CD		9,000.00	
Edward Jones Investments		<u>5,000.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCES</b>			<b>\$ <u>18,427.74</u></b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES/ENDING BALANCE** **\$ 18,986.13** \*

\* \$18,100.00 Fund Investments, \$327.74 Interest payable to Haston Library

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kim Gates Maynard*

**HASTON LIBRARY WINDOW REFURBISHMENT**

<b>Beginning Balance - January 1, 2011</b>	\$	1,931.34	
Interest Earned		6.53	
<b>Ending Balance - December 31, 2011</b>			<b>\$ <u>1,937.87</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer*

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

<b><u>ASSETS:</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/2010</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/2011</u></b>
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Municipal	\$ 215,390.08	\$ 87,660.18
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Equipment	31,798.17	36,746.92
Accounts Receivable - Delinquent Taxes	23,197.38	35,034.16
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Library Window Refurbishing	1,931.34	1,937.87
Cash/Cash Equivalent - Haston Library	<u>12,443.00</u>	<u>21,376.31</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 284,759.97</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 182,755.44</u></b>

**LIABILITIES/RESERVES:**

**Reserves:**

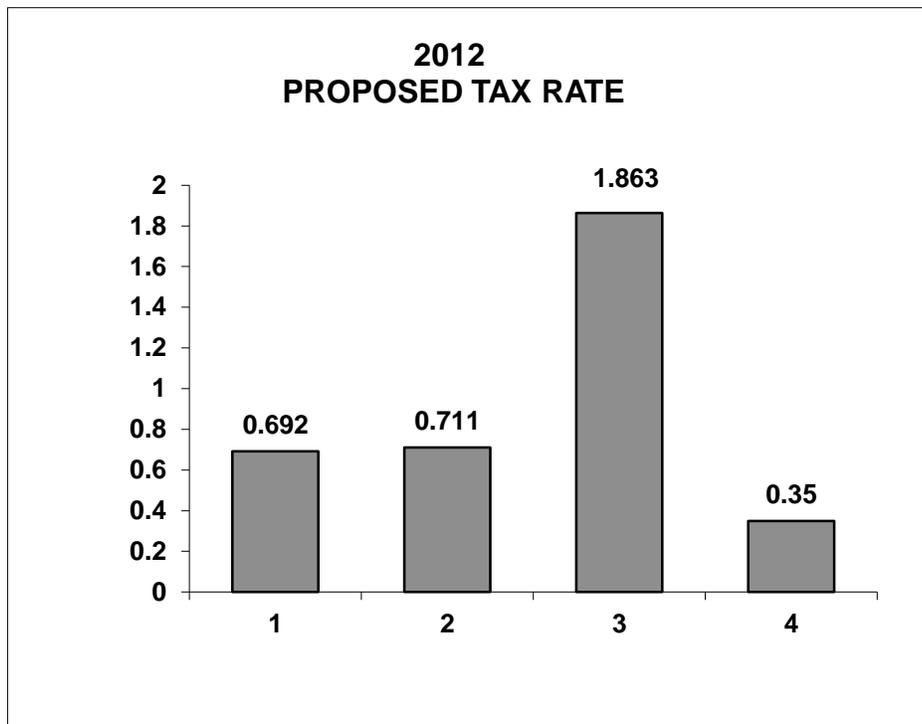
St. of Vt. Act 60 Reappraisal	49,333.78	33,158.69
Surcharge Restoration	7,044.15	10,859.24
State Listers Education	937.11	1,329.74
SWIP Grant	1,415.06	1,495.14
Computerization Funds	6,130.00	7,425.00
Accrued to Tax Collector	419.73	
Municipal Planning Grant		2,806.50
Prepaid 2012 Taxes		2,600.99
<b>Total Liabilities/Reserves</b>	<b><u>\$ 65,279.83</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 59,675.30</u></b>
Fund Balance	<u>\$ 219,480.14</u>	<u>\$ 123,080.14</u>
<b>Total Liabilities/Reserves/Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 284,759.97</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 182,755.44</u></b>

This Balance Sheet represents all town accounts. For town school district accounts, see school section of this report.

## COMPARISON OF TAX RATES

	ACTUALS					PROPOSED		
	2009	2009	2010	2010	2011	2011	2012	2012
	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Homest. Ed Tax-local	0.6017		0.611		0.64		0.692	
Homest. Ed Tax-H.S.	0.6867		0.739		0.7258		0.711	
Non-Res Ed. Tax		1.7268		1.778		1.809		1.863
Municipal	0.3660	0.3660	0.350	0.350	0.29	0.29	0.35	0.35
Veterans Exemption			0.0008	0.0008	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027	0.0027
<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>1.6910</b>	<b>2.0928</b>	<b>1.7008</b>	<b>2.1288</b>	<b>1.6585</b>	<b>2.1017</b>	<b>1.7557</b>	<b>2.2157</b>

Grand List Totals      711,506    464,524    722,180    476,421    739,677    465,309    740,660    462,477



- 1 - Homestead Education Tax - Local School
- 2 - Homestead Education Tax - High School
- 3 - Non-Residential Education Tax
- 4 - Municipal

**2011 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

<b>GRAND LIST:</b>	<b>Grand List Values</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>2011 Assessed</b>
Real Estate - Homestead Local	739,677.75	0.6400	\$ 473,393.76
Real Estate - Homestead MVU	739,677.75	0.7258	536,858.11
Real Estate - Non-Residential	465,309.35	1.8090	841,744.61
Municipal	1,203,315.10	0.2900	348,961.35
Veteran's Exemption/Voted Contracts	1,203,315.10	0.0027	3,248.95
<b>Original to be Billed</b>			<b>\$ 2,204,206.78</b>
Net changes - HS-131, E&O			(398.52)
<b>Adjusted Total to be Billed</b>			<b>\$ 2,203,808.26</b>

<b>Tax Area</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>Actual 2011 Billed</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Adjusted amount billed</b>
Homestead Ed Tax-Local	0.6400	\$ 472,049.69	\$ 1,972.87	\$ 474,022.56
Homestead Ed Tax-MVU	0.7258	535,333.86	2,237.22	537,571.08
Non-Residential Ed Tax	1.8090	841,364.82	(4,743.38)	836,621.44
Municipal Tax	0.2900	348,961.48	133.52	349,095.00
Veteran's Exemption	0.0027	3,248.99	1.25	3,250.24
Penalty assessed		96.49		96.49
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 2,201,055.33</b>	<b>\$ (398.52)</b>	<b>\$ 2,200,656.81</b>

**TAXES COLLECTED/PAID BY TREASURER:**

Homestead Education Tax-Local	\$ 356,264.78
Homestead Education Tax-MVU	367,997.83
Non-Residential Education Tax	839,851.00
Municipal	269,147.05
Veteran's Exemptions	3,250.24

**Total Taxes Collected** **\$ 1,836,510.90**

Abated Taxes	595.56
State Education Portion of Tax Credit Direct to School	284,356.12
Unreconciled State Education Portion Tax Credit	18,435.22
To Tax Collector 2011	60,759.01
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,200,656.81</u></b>

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>
Abbott Wood Floors	\$ 6.88	6.88		
Blass, Belinda	836.89	836.89		
Brown, Dayton & Sandra	1,661.82	1,661.82		
Bullock, Lynn	15.13	15.13		
Clark, Jeffrey	1,986.34	1,807.04	179.30	
Cooper, Donald & Patricia	627.98	627.98		
Dipaolo, Nick	83.77	41.20	41.73	0.84
Edgerly, Ed	116.51		58.75	57.76
Elwood, Kim & Randy	140.60	140.60		
Elwood, Walter	1,171.47	1,171.47		
Gagne, Roger	3,789.51	3,789.51		
Gagne, Roger	933.37	933.37		
Gagne, Roger	3,352.22	3,352.22		
Goss, Jerome	1,704.90	1,704.90		
Gratton, Isaiah	2,106.94	2,106.94		
Greenia, Matthew & Dee	2,653.23	2,653.23		
Jenne, Lorraine	568.63	568.63		
Jerry, Robert Jr & Kennetha	2,063.53	2,063.53		
Kittell, Robert	1,072.72	1,072.72		
Knowles, Scott & Penny	1,369.82	695.55	674.27	
Lagrow, John	1,089.46	1,089.46		
Lambert, Marlene	42.24	42.24		
Langlois, Mark & Cheryl	1,657.95	1,657.95		
Laurie, Anne Sheldon	1,281.95	1,281.95		
Meunier, James & Belinda Blass	1,524.31	1,524.31		
Nichols, Randy & Diane	113.04		113.04	
Ostapovitch, Peter	422.21	422.21		
Rebello, Michael	518.67	518.67		
Robtoy, AJ	145.03	94.79	50.24	
Ward, Pheobe	1,240.92	1,240.92		
Wedge, Pat	110.13	110.13		
Wriston, John Jr	<u>625.99</u>	<u>625.99</u>		
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT</b>	<b><u>\$ 35,034.16</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 33,858.23</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,117.33</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 58.60</u></b>
Delinquent 12/31/2010	\$ 23,197.38		\$ 23,023.26	\$ 174.12
To Tax Collector 10/17/2011	60,759.01	60,759.01		
Collected by Tax Collector	(48,711.75)	(26,765.64)	(21,905.93)	(40.18)
Delinquent amounts abated 2011	(210.48)	(135.14)		(75.34)
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT 12/31/11</b>	<b><u>\$ 35,034.16</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 33,858.23</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,117.33</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 58.60</u></b>
<b>INTEREST PD-GENERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,921.51</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 789.64</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,123.26</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8.61</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,  
*Johanna Crane-Godin*

**EQUIPMENT FUND**

**January 1, 2011**

Beginning Balance - MM Acct \$ 31,798.17

**INCOME**

Interest	\$ 102.34	
Town voted funds - 2011	<u>4,846.41</u>	
Total income		\$ 4,948.75
<b>TOTAL INCOME/CASH</b>		<b><u>\$ 36,746.92</u></b>

**EXPENSES**

**December 31, 2011**

Ending Balance - MM Acct		\$ 36,746.92
<b>TOTAL CASH/EXPENSES</b>		<b><u>\$ 36,746.92</u></b>

**DOG LICENSES**

Sex	#	Rate	Fees	State	Kennel	Late Fees	Total
Spayed	110	\$ 8.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 440.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 1,380.00
Neutered	134	8.00	1,072.00	536.00		72.00	1,680.00
Male	44	12.00	528.00	176.00		48.00	752.00
Female	29	12.00	348.00	116.00		24.00	488.00
Female - Kennel	7				30.00		30.00
Male - Kennel	1						
Female-1/2 year	1	2.00	2.00	4.00			6.00
<b>Totals</b>	326		\$ 2,830.00	\$ 1,272.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 204.00	\$ 4,336.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa A. Larivee, Treasurer

**2012 Dog License Rates**

Town	State	<u>Total</u>
\$8.00	\$4.00	\$12.00 Neutered/Spayed
\$12.00	\$4.00	\$16.00 Unaltered

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**MUNICIPAL FUND**

<b><u>January 1, 2011</u></b>	<b><u>General</u></b>	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Weed Harvester</u></b>	<b><u>Combined</u></b>
<b><u>CASH</u></b>				
Checking Account	\$ 206,497.20	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,892.88	\$ 215,390.08
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>\$ 206,497.20</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,892.88</b>	<b>\$ 215,390.08</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
2011 Property Taxes	15,005.81	257,391.48	-	272,397.29
2012 Prepaid Taxes	2,600.99	-	-	2,600.99
Delinquent Taxes	48,711.75	-	-	48,711.75
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,921.51	-	-	1,921.51
8% Penalty	3,896.93	-	-	3,896.93
Borrowed Funds - Tax Anticipation	80,000.00	-	-	80,000.00
State of Vermont:				
Listers Education	392.63	-	-	392.63
Hold Harmless	15,629.00	29,025.00	-	44,654.00
PILOT	1,717.00	-	-	1,717.00
Parks and Recreation	13,061.00	-	-	13,061.00
Reappraisal	8,202.50	-	-	8,202.50
Parcel Maintenance	946.00	-	-	946.00
Aid to Highways	-	124,121.46	-	124,121.46
Aquatic Nuisance	-	-	4,110.00	4,110.00
SWIP Grant	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
Wastewater Study Grant	15,996.90	-	-	15,996.90
Municipal Planning Grant	5,544.00	-	-	5,544.00
Sidewalk Grant	9,598.58	-	-	9,598.58
Computerization Fees	1,295.00	-	-	1,295.00
Permits	1,635.00	470.00	-	2,105.00
Fees	11,419.20	-	-	11,419.20
Surcharge Restoration	3,885.00	-	-	3,885.00
Dog Licenses	3,089.00	-	-	3,089.00
Liquor Licenses	100.00	-	-	100.00
Interest Income	485.98	-	-	485.98
Town Hall Rental	2,520.00	-	-	2,520.00
Other Income	1,372.50	5,634.35	982.65	7,989.50
Mullen Lakeshore	-	-	400.00	400.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 251,026.28</b>	<b>\$ 416,642.29</b>	<b>\$ 5,492.65</b>	<b>\$ 673,161.22</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH/INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 457,523.48</b>	<b>\$ 421,642.29</b>	<b>\$ 9,385.53</b>	<b>\$ 888,551.30</b>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
2011 Selectboard Orders Paid	\$ 356,540.35	\$ 413,642.29	\$ 5,553.53	\$ 775,736.17
2010 Tax liability paid to school	\$ 25,154.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,154.95
<b><u>December 31, 2011</u></b>				
Checking Account	\$ 74,418.77	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,832.00	\$ 86,250.77
Cash on Hand	1,409.41	-	-	1,409.41
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>\$ 75,828.18</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ 87,660.18</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH/EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 457,523.48</b>	<b>\$ 421,642.29</b>	<b>\$ 9,385.53</b>	<b>\$ 888,551.30</b>

## BUDGET NARRATIVE - 2012

### GENERAL:

**Salaries:** Reflects salary increase of 2.7% for Clerk/Treasurer; 3.25% for Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, plus salaries for Auditors, Listers, Selectboard, Animal Control Officer, Constable, Health Officer, Janitor, and Zoning Administrator.

**Health Insurance:** Reflects carrier change and decrease in the premium rates.

**Ambulance:** Contract with Enosburgh Ambulance for emergency services on a per capita basis of \$36,484 (\$28 x 1,303 residents) reduced by \$13,750 (the 2nd of four payments from the ambulance sale of 55,000).

**Legal Fees:** Estimated costs of defending suits in Franklin Superior Court.

**Office/Library Building:** \$1500 Repair town clock, \$500 paint fascia, \$200 for external monitoring of fire alarm system, plus other general expenses, increased heating costs.

**Miscellaneous:** Generator maintenance contract \$680, tax map updates \$500 plus other miscellaneous expenses.

**Tax Assessments:** Includes \$12,840 estimated for the Franklin County Court Assessment plus the following items which have been approved by the voters in each of the past 3 years: Franklin County Industrial Development Corp \$300; Franklin County Home Health \$1,870; The Family Center of NW Vermont \$800; NW Unit for Special Investigations \$1,000; Voices Against Violence \$1,500; Franklin Alumni Association \$500; Northwest Counseling \$2,300; and Foster Grandparents Programs \$200; C.V. Agency on Aging \$1,600. Additional requests as petitioned: Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile \$350.00. These assessments total \$23,260 and are included in this year's budget.

**Town Hall:** \$250 to pump septic, \$400 front door railing, regular expenses.

### HIGHWAY:

**Salaries:** \$.45 hourly wage increase for the highway crew.

**Health Insurance:** Reflects carrier change and decrease in the premium rates.

**New Blacktop/Resurfacing:** Morses Line Rd approx. 1.5 miles to top coat, Emergency Services lot.

**Gravel:** To improve the base on roads with crushed stone and gravel as was done last year.

**Equipment Fund/Lease/Own:** 2010 Intl. truck payment \$20,153.59 and monies to Equipment fund \$4,846.41 in anticipation of 2013 truck purchase.

**Repair & Maintenance:** New tires for the loader & grader.

**Signs:** The Federal/State regulations have changed for street signing requiring all signs to be in compliance by 2012.

**Highway Dept. Engineering Study:** To design a plan for improved drainage and garage area expansion for future needs.

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<b><u>CASH/INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>2011 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2011 Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Variance</u></b>	<b><u>2012 Budget</u></b>
<b><u>GENERAL</u></b>				
Checking A/C	\$ 206,497.20	\$ 206,497.20	-	\$ 75,828.18
2011 Voted Taxes	87,590.27	15,005.81	(72,584.46)	-
2011 Anticipated Ed. Reconciliation	-	-	-	17,900.00
2012 Prepaid Taxes	-	2,600.99	2,600.99	-
Delinquent Taxes	-	48,711.75	48,711.75	-
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,300.00	1,921.51	621.51	1,300.00
Wastewater Feasibility Study Grant	-	15,996.90	15,996.90	1,018.10
Sidewalk Grant	-	9,598.58	9,598.58	-
Municipal Planning Grant	-	5,544.00	5,544.00	-
St. of VT - 35% of Hold Harmless	10,000.00	15,629.00	5,629.00	10,000.00
St. of Vermont - Various	-	26,319.13	26,319.13	20,000.00
Permits	2,500.00	1,635.00	(865.00)	1,500.00
Other Income	1,500.00	3,892.50	2,392.50	2,500.00
Dog/Liquor Licenses	2,500.00	3,189.00	689.00	2,500.00
Fees	12,000.00	11,419.20	(580.80)	10,500.00
Interest Income	300.00	485.98	185.98	300.00
Computerization	1,400.00	1,295.00	(105.00)	1,200.00
Surcharge Restoration	2,500.00	3,885.00	1,385.00	2,500.00
<b><u>HIGHWAY</u></b>				
Checking Account	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	-	\$ 8,000.00
Voted Taxes	257,391.48	257,391.48	-	-
State Aid to Highways	90,000.00	124,121.46	34,121.46	110,000.00
St. of VT-65% of Hold Harmless	20,000.00	29,025.00	9,025.00	23,000.00
Other Income	500.00	6,104.35	5,604.35	250.00
<b><u>WEED HARVESTER</u></b>				
Checking Account	\$ 3,892.88	\$ 3,892.88	-	\$ 3,832.00
Voted Taxes	-	-	-	-
State of Vermont	1,000.00	4,110.00	3,110.00	2,500.00
Other Income	1,000.00	1,382.65	382.65	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL CASH/INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 706,871.83</b>	<b>\$ 804,654.37</b>	<b>\$ 97,782.54</b>	<b>\$ 295,628.28</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES/RESERVES</u></b>				
St. of Vt. Act 60 Reappraisal	49,333.78	24,377.59	24,956.19	33,158.69
Surcharge Restoration	7,044.15	69.91	6,974.24	10,859.24
State Listers Education	937.11	-	937.11	1,329.74
SWIP Grant	1,415.06	1,919.92	(504.86)	1,495.14
Computerization funds	6,130.00	-	6,130.00	7,425.00
Municipal Planning Grant	-	2,737.50	(2,737.50)	2,806.50
Prepaid 2012 Taxes	-	-	-	2,600.99
2010 Tax Liability to School	-	25,154.95	(25,154.95)	-
Accrued to Tax Collector	419.73	469.97	(50.24)	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES/RESERVES</b>	<b>\$ 65,279.83</b>	<b>\$ 54,729.84</b>	<b>\$ 10,549.99</b>	<b>\$ 59,675.30</b>
<b>NET CASH-INC-LIAB-RES</b>	<b>\$ 641,592.00</b>	<b>\$ 749,924.53</b>	<b>\$ 108,332.53</b>	<b>\$ 235,952.98</b>

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**EXPENSES**

**GENERAL**

	<b><u>2011 Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2011 Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Variance</u></b>	<b><u>2012 Budget</u></b>
Salaries	\$ 54,101.00	\$ 48,546.19	\$ 5,554.81	\$ 54,970.00
FICA/Medicare/Pension	6,056.00	6,894.51	(838.51)	6,634.00
Health Insurance	6,696.00	6,805.18	(109.18)	3,525.00
Ambulance Services	12,310.00	12,310.08	(0.08)	22,734.00
Emergency Dispatch	8,990.00	8,990.12	(0.12)	9,473.00
Fire Department	16,000.00	16,000.00	-	16,000.00
Haston Library	27,777.00	27,777.00	-	27,777.00
Insurance	9,152.00	9,119.00	33.00	9,531.00
Legal Fees	25,000.00	15,129.12	9,870.88	25,000.00
Meetings	2,000.00	1,634.69	365.31	2,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	550.00	289.25	260.75	500.00
Miscellaneous	4,200.00	4,857.68	(657.68)	2,500.00
Office Expense	9,500.00	9,555.45	(55.45)	9,500.00
Office/Library Building	7,500.00	6,227.55	1,272.45	8,000.00
Planning Commission	3,000.00	1,674.00	1,326.00	3,000.00
Solid Waste	500.00	115.60	384.40	500.00
Street Lights	5,150.00	5,359.17	(209.17)	5,300.00
Sidewalk Grant	-	11,722.82	(11,722.82)	-
Tax Assessments	24,168.00	24,167.73	0.27	23,260.00
Town Hall	6,200.00	7,683.72	(1,483.72)	6,200.00
Watershed Comm.	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Wastewater Feasibility Study	-	17,015.00	(17,015.00)	-
Borrowed Funds expense	-	194.67	(194.67)	-
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	<b>\$ 229,850.00</b>	<b>\$ 243,068.53</b>	<b>\$ (13,218.53)</b>	<b>\$ 237,404.00</b>

**HIGHWAY**

Salaries	\$ 79,945.00	\$ 80,446.77	\$ (501.77)	\$ 82,038.00
FICA/Medicare/Pension	10,088.00	10,151.58	(63.58)	10,353.00
Health Insurance	32,626.00	32,658.52	(32.52)	27,700.00
Uniforms	1,500.00	1,446.78	53.22	1,665.00
Chloride	15,000.00	15,625.06	(625.06)	12,000.00
Culverts	2,000.00	3,134.00	(1,134.00)	2,000.00
Equipment Fund	4,846.41	4,846.41	-	4,846.41
Equipment Rental	11,000.00	6,285.00	4,715.00	11,000.00
Gas & Fuel	20,000.00	24,939.53	(4,939.53)	30,000.00
Gravel	45,000.00	53,660.88	(8,660.88)	45,000.00
Insurance	11,383.00	11,134.00	249.00	10,411.00
Lease/Own - 2010 Intl. Truck	20,153.59	20,153.59	-	20,153.59
Mileage Reimbursement	800.00	787.92	12.08	800.00
Miscellaneous	3,000.00	2,174.19	825.81	3,000.00
New Blacktop/Resurfacing	100,000.00	99,510.02	489.98	100,000.00
Repair & Maintenance	15,000.00	18,898.15	(3,898.15)	20,000.00
Sand/Salt	20,000.00	13,850.90	6,149.10	15,000.00
Shop & Tools	9,200.00	11,870.83	(2,670.83)	12,500.00
Road Sign Maintenance	2,500.00	2,068.16	431.84	2,500.00
Highway Dept Engineering Study				3,900.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY</b>	<b>\$ 404,042.00</b>	<b>\$ 413,642.29</b>	<b>\$ (9,600.29)</b>	<b>\$ 414,867.00</b>

**WEED HARVESTER**

<b>TOTAL WEED HARVESTER</b>	<b>\$ 7,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,553.53</b>	<b>\$ 2,146.47</b>	<b>\$ 7,700.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 641,592.00</b>	<b>\$ 662,264.35</b>	<b>\$ (20,672.35)</b>	<b>\$ 659,971.00</b>
<b>TO BE RAISED BY TAXES:</b>	<b>\$ 424,018.00</b>			
<b>SUGGESTED TAX RATE:</b>	<b>\$ 0.350</b>			

**Tri-Town Recreation Committee Report for Town Meeting Day Article**

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee was formed in April 2010 consisting of representatives from the three communities of Franklin, Highgate, Swanton and an extended member.

The committee members are: **Franklin** - Peter Magnant and Kimberly Gates-Maynard

**Highgate** – Brian Spears & Paulette Tatro

**Swanton** – Betsy Fournier and John Lavoie

**Extended member** – Melissa Lewis-Bourdeau (Sheldon)

The mission of the Tri-Town Recreation Committee (TTRC) shall be to research and analyze the feasibility of financing, siting, constructing and operating an affordable, multi-town owned, multi-purpose recreational/ ice rink facility in Franklin, Highgate, or Swanton that best serves the recreational needs of all the citizens of Franklin, Highgate and Swanton for the next thirty (30) years.

The feasibility study will evaluate facility usage and revenue projections. It will also evaluate the following three options and their costs to allow town residents and officials to make economically responsible decisions that will provide the greatest overall benefit to the communities.

**Option 1:** Renovate existing facility to address the failing refrigerant system & other building issues

**Option 2:** Renovate existing facility in Option 1; expand the facility & additional amenities;

**Option 3:** Construct a new facility with regulation size ice rink and additional amenities

The TTRC in conjunction with the Towns of Franklin, Highgate and Swanton have applied for two (2) planning study grants to fund the cost of a Feasibility Study. Both applications were denied. The Town of Highgate has received a \$196,000 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Grant to be used by 2015. Those funds are restricted to be used for improvements and cannot be used for the Feasibility Study.

Under the Missisquoi Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) management new indoor recreation programs were introduced in 2011 to include Soccer programs for children from the ages of 4 through adults, Baseball and softball including the use of a batting cage, Lacrosse and Field hockey. Currently, the hockey population includes:

**MVUHS Team Skaters**

Swanton 20

Highgate 12

Franklin 6

**MAHA Skaters**

Swanton 56

Highgate 33

Franklin 18

Other 15 (Sheldon 13, Alburg 1, Enosburg 1)



Property	Population Per Town From 2009 Census			Grand List Per Town	Tax Rate Impact	Impact on a \$100,000
Franklin -	1,303	11%	= \$2,750	\$1,203,775.50	\$0.002285	\$2.29
Highgate -	3,724	33%	= \$8,250	\$3,598,302.00	\$0.002293	\$2.29
Swanton -	6,442	56%	= <u>\$14,000</u>	\$6,247,597.50	\$0.002241	\$2.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,459</b>		<b>= \$25,000</b>			

**SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS**

**GENERAL FUND**

**SALARIES:**

**Selectboard:**

Scott Choiniere	\$	1,500.00
Peter Kittell		1,000.00
Yvon Dandurand		1,000.00
Kyle Lothian		1,000.00
Peter Magnant		1,000.00

**Town Clerk/Treasurer:**

Lisa Larivee		25,661.00
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**Assistant:**

Susan E. Clark		150.00
Sara J. Rainville		11,400.44

**Auditors:**

Carole Richard		480.25
Pauline Gadbois		85.00
Michelle Guilmette		786.25
Jennifer Wright		80.75

**Listers:**

Gilbert A. Dewing		765.00
Robert Irish		646.00
Jean Richard		926.50

**Zoning Officer:**

Robert Irish		1,195.00
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**Animal Control Officer:**

Peter Kittell		50.00
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**Health Officer:**

Pauline Gadbois		100.00
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**Janitorial:**

Sara J. Rainville		702.00
Lisa Larivee		18.00

<b>Total Salaries</b>	\$	48,546.19
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**FICA/MEDICARE:**

Banknorth/EFTPS	\$	5,054.18
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**EMPLOYEE PENSION:**

Orchard Trust Co	\$	1,840.33
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**HEALTH INSURANCE:**

Cigna	\$	6,548.01
Combined Insurance Co - vision		37.17
Lisa Larivee - Reimbursed vision		220.00

<b>Total Health Insurance</b>	\$	6,805.18
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**EMERGENCY DISPATCH :**

St. Albans City Police Department \$ 8,990.12

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:**

Enosburgh Ambulance \$ 12,310.08

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Franklin Fire Department \$ 16,000.00

**HASTON LIBRARY:**

Haston Library \$ 27,777.00

**INSURANCE:**

Vermont League of Cities & Towns Property & Casualty \$ 9,119.00

**LEGAL FEES:**

Stitzel, Page & Fletcher	\$	14,041.17	
Postmaster - Franklin		10.95	
Timothy Hurlbut		1,572.00	
VT Dept of Taxes		5.00	
FWC & LCCA Reimbursement-Beach		(500.00)	
<b>Total Legal Fees</b>	\$		15,129.12

**MEETINGS/ELECTIONS:**

Dorothy G Lothian	\$	60.00	
Franklin Hot Lunch		8.00	
Lisa Larivee		611.25	
Monique Rainville		30.00	
Town of Highgate		495.44	
Vermont League of Cities & Towns		375.00	
VMCTA-Continuing Education		55.00	
<b>Total Meetings/Elections</b>	\$		1,634.69

**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:**

Peter Magnant	\$	99.12	
Gilbert Dewing		17.30	
Jean Richard		88.83	
Lisa Larivee		67.20	
Peter Kittell		16.80	
<b>Total Mileage Reimbursement</b>	\$		289.25

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Adjustment to income	\$	100.00	
Apex Software		195.00	
TD Bank		10.00	
County Courier		15.00	
FIA Card Services		454.44	
Green's Ace Hardware		23.98	
Manatron		1,812.57	
Marshall & Swift		787.01	
Milton CAT		773.62	
NSF fees		30.00	
O.C. McCuins		57.97	
Paws for Thoughts		135.00	
Scott Choiniere-misc reimbursement		150.00	
St. Albans Messenger		21.75	
Staples		59.49	
VT Dept of Taxes-listers appraisal tables		231.85	
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>			\$ 4,857.68

**OFFICE EXPENSE:**

Affiliated Computer Service	\$	164.17	
Brown's River Marotti Co., Inc.		173.64	
County Courier		50.00	
FIA Card Services		526.13	
Franklin General Store		1.69	
NEMRC - computer services		1,511.45	
Postmaster, Town of Franklin		1,165.44	
Reliable Office Supplies		106.07	
Schwaab Inc		63.99	
St. Albans Messenger		15.50	
Staples		96.93	
SymQuest Group Inc.		897.40	
U.S. Postal Service		272.00	
Vermont Department of Health		13.00	
Vermont Bar Association		20.00	
Vermont League of Cities & Towns		1,977.00	
Vermont Offender Work Program - Town Report		900.00	
W. B. Mason		193.17	
<b>Total Office Expense</b>			\$ 8,147.58

**TELEPHONE:**

Franklin Telephone Co., Inc.	\$		1,407.87
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**OFFICE/LIBRARY BUILDING:**

Blouin Bros Oil	\$	3,287.77		
D & M Fire & Safety Equipment		115.00		
Franklin Fire District #1		170.00		
Franklin General Store		4.36		
FIA Card Services		29.77		
Green's Ace Hardware		58.88		
Lisa Larivee - reimburse supplies		35.25		
Sticks & Stuff		12.73		
Tremblay Electric		185.00		
Vermont Electric Co-Operative		2,167.81		
Vermont Elevator Inspection Services, Inc		125.00		
W. B. Mason		35.98		
<b>Total Office/Library Building</b>			\$	6,227.55

**PLANNING COMMISSION:**

County Courier	\$	30.00		
FIA Card Services		75.00		
Northwest Regional Planning Commission		1,129.00		
Sara Rainville - Secretary		385.00		
Vermont League of Cities & Towns		55.00		
<b>Total Planning Commission</b>			\$	1,674.00

**SOLID WASTE:**

Casella Waste Management	\$	115.60		
<b>SWIP GRANT</b>				
Sara Rainville - Salary HHW		96.00		
Postmaster Town of Franklin		313.89		
Town of Highgate		1,198.50		
County Courier		49.00		
St. Albans Messenger		76.00		
Vermont Offender Work Program		159.26		
W.B. Mason		27.27		
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>			\$	2,035.52

**STREET LIGHTS:**

Vermont Electric Coop			\$	5,359.17
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**SIDEWALK PROJECT:**

Hoyle, Tanner & Assoc.			\$	11,722.82
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**TAX ASSESSMENTS:**

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$	1,600.00	
Foster Grandparents		200.00	
Franklin Alumni Association		400.00	
Franklin County Home Health		1,870.00	
Franklin County Humane Society		500.00	
Franklin County Industrial Development		300.00	
Franklin County Treasurer		14,197.73	
Northwestern Counseling & Support Service		2,300.00	
Northwest Unit for Special Investigation		1,000.00	
The Family Center		800.00	
Voices Against Violence		1,000.00	
<b>Total Tax Assessments</b>			\$ 24,167.73

**TOWN HALL:**

Blouin Bros Oil	\$	3,041.50	
Carolyn Kittell - window repair		140.52	
D & M Fire & Safety Equipment		10.00	
Franklin Fire District #1		170.00	
Franklin Rental/Sales		46.40	
Green's Ace Hardware		54.95	
Kyle Lothian		250.00	
Lisa Larivee-reimburse supplies		8.50	
O.C. McCuins - windows		911.42	
Rodem Inc - pump septic tank x2		200.00	
Sticks & Stuff - door replacement		1,803.00	
Tremblay Electric		350.00	
Vermont Electric Co-operative		697.43	
<b>Total Town Hall</b>			\$ 7,683.72

**WATERSHED COMMITTEE:**

Franklin Watershed Committee-as budgeted			\$ 1,000.00
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**REAPPRAISAL EXPENSES:**

Allen Appraisal & Consulting	\$	10,815.00	
Vermont Appraisal Company		1,500.00	
Jean Richard		2,372.59	
Gilbert Dewing		2,932.50	
Robert Irish		6,757.50	
<b>Total Reappraisal Expenses</b>			\$ 24,377.59

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:**

Johanna Crane-Godin			\$ 4,366.90
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**SURCHARGE RESTORATION:**

Brown's River Marotti Co., Inc.			\$ 69.91
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**WASTEWATER FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT**

Stone Environmental Inc \$ 17,015.00

**MUNICIPAL PLANNING GRANT**

Northwest Regional Planning Commission \$ 2,737.50

**BORROWED FUNDS**

TD Bank \$ 60,194.67  
Equipment Fund 20,000.00  
**Total Borrowed Funds \$ 80,194.67**

**TOTAL ORDERS - General Fund \$ 356,540.35**

**SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND ORDERS**

Salaries \$ 48,546.19  
FICA/Medicare 5,054.18  
Employee Pension 1,840.33  
Health Insurance 6,805.18  
Emergency Dispatch 8,990.12  
Ambulance Service 12,310.08  
Fire Department 16,000.00  
Haston Library 27,777.00  
Insurance 9,119.00  
Legal Fees 15,129.12  
Meetings 1,634.69  
Mileage Reimbursement 289.25  
Miscellaneous 4,857.68  
Office Expense 8,147.58  
Telephone 1,407.87  
Office/Library Building 6,227.55  
Planning Commission 1,674.00  
Solid Waste 2,035.52  
Street Lights 5,359.17  
Sidewalk Project 11,722.82  
Tax Assessments 24,167.73  
Town Hall 7,683.72  
Watershed Committee 1,000.00  
Delinquent Tax Collector 4,366.90  
Reappraisal Expense 24,377.59  
Surcharge Restoration 69.91  
Wastewater Feasibility Study Grant 17,015.00  
Municipal Planning Grant 2,737.50  
Borrowed Funds 80,194.67

**Total Selectboard Orders-General Fund \$ 356,540.35**

**SELECTBOARD'S ORDERS**

**HIGHWAY FUND**

**SALARIES:**

Howard Vansette, Road Foreman	\$	41,839.57		
Roland Lontine		38,107.20		
Peter Kittell, Road Commissioner		500.00		
<b>Total Salaries</b>			\$	80,446.77

**FICA/MEDICARE:**

Banknorth/EFTPS			\$	6,154.23
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**EMPLOYEE PENSION:**

Orchard Trust Bank			\$	3,997.35
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**HEALTH INSURANCE:**

CIGNA	\$	32,596.00		
Combined Insurance Co - vision		62.52		
<b>Total Health Insurance</b>			\$	32,658.52

**UNIFORMS:**

Foley	\$	1,221.20		
St. Albans Coop Store		225.58		
<b>Total Uniforms</b>			\$	1,446.78

**CHLORIDE:**

Gorman Brothers, Inc.	\$	16,090.31		
Pine Valley Eco Products		424.75		
Mullen Shore Reimbursement		(445.00)		
Pyle Farm Reimbursement		(445.00)		
<b>Total Chloride</b>			\$	15,625.06

**CULVERTS:**

Bates Farm, Home & Garden			\$	3,134.00
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**EQUIPMENT FUND:**

Kansas State Bank - lease pmt	\$	20,153.59		
Voted Funds - 2011		4,846.41		
<b>Total Equipment Fund</b>			\$	25,000.00

**EQUIPMENT RENTAL:**

Harvest Equipment	\$	1,500.00		
J & J Lakeview Farm		3,990.00		
Wright's Excavating Inc		795.00		
<b>Total Equipment Rental</b>			\$	6,285.00

**GAS & FUEL:**

Blouin Bros Oil	\$	27,893.00	
Shacams Beverage		76.90	
School Reimbursement		(384.17)	
Fire & Rescue Reimbursement		(2,646.20)	
<b>Total Gas &amp; Fuel</b>			\$ 24,939.53

**GRAVEL:**

Leach Family, Inc.	\$	45,654.00	
Shelburne Limestone Corporation		8,006.88	
<b>Total Gravel</b>			\$ 53,660.88

**INSURANCE:**

VLCT Property & Casualty			\$ 11,134.00
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**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT:**

Howard Vansette	\$	491.82	
Roland Lontine		296.10	
<b>Total Mileage Reimbursement</b>			\$ 787.92

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Lauren Lothian - sidewalk plowing	\$	50.00	
Dandurand Farms - storage		100.00	
Ferguson Waterworks		1,215.00	
Green's Ace Hardware		124.93	
James Haselman - fence repair		64.26	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		90.00	
Rodem Inc - Fire Dept		370.00	
Scott Choiniere - Gift Cert - Highway crew		100.00	
Vermont Local Roads		50.00	
Vermont Municipal Highway Dept		10.00	
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>			\$ 2,174.19

**NEW BLACKTOP/RESURFACING:**

Leach Family Inc	\$	112.00	
Pike Industries, Inc.-Swamp & Stanley Rd		99,398.02	
<b>Total New Blacktop/Resurfacing</b>			\$ 99,510.02

**REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:**

B & N Sales & Service	\$	34.00	
Bond Auto Parts		121.47	
Bousquet's		1,582.83	
Champlain Valley Equipment		175.63	
Charlebois Truck Parts		1,391.50	
Clark's Truck Center		3,807.42	
Dana Stetson		2,395.27	
FIA Card Services		301.70	

**REPAIR & MAINTENANCE CONT.:**

George S. Wood, Inc.	1,381.20		
Green's Ace Hardware	103.17		
Harvest Equipment	64.70		
McDermott's	9.67		
Marshall Tire Group	1,631.97		
Milton CAT	1,942.16		
NAPA Auto Parts	865.07		
O.C. McCuin & Sons	103.88		
Rene J Fournier	169.46		
Rouse Tire Sales	1,873.62		
Tenco New England	554.68		
Vaillancourt Repair	388.75		
<b>Total Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>		\$	18,898.15

**SAND/SALT:**

Cargill, Inc. Salt Division	\$	7,746.90	
Leach Family, Inc.		6,104.00	
<b>Total Sand/Salt</b>			\$ 13,850.90

**SHOP & TOOLS:**

Atco International	\$	133.75	
Bonds Auto Supply		493.24	
Blouin Bros Oil		5,679.00	
Bruce Wetherby Waste & Trash Removal		384.00	
Clark's Truck Center - cleaner		379.78	
D & M Fire & Safety Equipment		40.00	
Econo Signs		97.31	
FIA Card Services		89.83	
Franklin Fire District #1		170.00	
Franklin General Store		2.59	
Franklin Telephone Co., Inc.		473.79	
Green's Ace Hardware		204.24	
Haun Welding Supplies		234.95	
Hull's Auto & Power Equipment		28.76	
Lisa Larivee - cleaning supplies		14.50	
NAPA Auto Parts		122.22	
O.C. McCuin & Sons		25.17	
Rinkers Communications		84.00	
Rodem Inc. - Pumped tank x2 at Town Garage		785.00	
Vermont Electric Co-operative		1,835.31	
W.B. Mason		55.49	
W.H. Supply		69.00	
Winzer Corporation		468.90	
<b>Total Shop &amp; Tools</b>			\$ 11,870.83

**Road Sign Maintenance:**

Econo Signs	\$	2,068.16
<b>TOTAL ORDERS - Highway Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>413,642.29</u></b>

**SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY FUND**

Salaries	\$	80,446.77
FICA/Medicare		6,154.23
Employee Pension		3,997.35
Health Insurance		32,658.52
Uniforms		1,446.78
Chloride		15,625.06
Culverts		3,134.00
Equipment Fund		25,000.00
Equipment Rental		6,285.00
Gas & Fuel		24,939.53
Gravel		53,660.88
Insurance		11,134.00
Mileage Reimbursement		787.92
Miscellaneous		2,174.19
New Blacktop/Resurfacing		99,510.02
Repair & Maintenance		18,898.15
Sand/Salt		13,850.90
Shop & Tools		11,870.83
Road Sign Maintenance		2,068.16
<b>Total Selectboard Orders-Highway</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>413,642.29</u></b>

**SUMMARY OF WEED HARVESTER FUND**

Ryan Patterson, Operator	\$	2,440.63
FICA/Medicare		186.72
Andy Bonneau Machinery		5.00
Aquamarine		2,093.35
Boat Headquarters		10.75
Bonds Auto Parts		77.89
County Courier		39.00
Green's Ace Hardware		14.17
Mullen Lakeshore		400.00
NAPA Auto Parts		24.05
O.C. McCuin & Sons		36.97
Yvon Dandurand		225.00
<b>Total Selectboard Orders-Weed Harvester</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>5,553.53</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,  
**Franklin Selectboard**  
Scott Choiniere, Chair  
Peter Magnant, Peter Kittell  
Yvon Dandurand, Kyle Lothian



## Franklin Volunteer Fire Department

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**P.O. Box 172  
Franklin, VT 05457**

Franklin Fire Department responded to numerous calls in 2011; structure fires, chimney fires and numerous car accidents. We also had mutual aid calls with surrounding towns that included barn collapses, wild land fires and car accidents; members also assisted Franklin First Response as needed.

Tropical Storm Irene swept through town and Franklin was nearly untouched, with the exception of some minor shoreline erosion on Lake Carmi; compared to other parts of the State where entire fire departments were lost or destroyed. Some of our members took a day trip to southern Vermont and helped with cleanup which was led by Kyle Lothian.

Thank you to everyone who supports our yearly fundraising events. A special "Thank you" to all the members and their families for the many hours they donate each year for these events; you are all part of the fire department family. Thank you also to IBM for a communication grant which was used to upgrade an out of compliance base radio and to the now disbanded Franklin Boys Scouts for returning their initial start-up funds back to the department; in the event that another groups forms, the Department would donate startup funds again.

We also would like to recognize two people in the community this year that have left their mark on us:

1-Maureen Sodaro convinced the fire department to do a Zumba routine and enter it into a national contest in the hopes of winning up to \$5,000 to be donated to the Pilon family; we were unsuccessful but placed in the top 10 over all due to the support of the community.

2- Ed Rainville noticed a fire at a neighbor's house and ran over to assist; when he arrived found one person still inside the smoke/flamed filled house and without hesitation ran in to the house and walked them out.

This year we reevaluated our insurance coverage and with help of the Town and Polly Gadbois we were able to sign up with Vermont League of Cities and Towns. With VLCT the department will save over \$4,000 annually; it also opens us up for Safer Grant funds and endless training's offered by VLCT at reduced or no cost to the department.

We replaced four complete sets of gear for our members; more sets will be replaced and rotated out in 2012. Thank you to Vermont Yankee for their donation; that donation was used to purchase one new set of gear which was given due to a chicken Barbeque that numerous firemen put on at Vermont Yankee.

This year we also filled out a very extensive grant application through FEMA for 10 sets of new turn out gear which cost \$2,000 a piece and for a new pumper tanker. A set of turn out gear is only good for 10 years and as soon as any of the gear starts to discolor it needs to be replaced. Our current tanker is almost 20 years old and is starting give us problems which are proving to be difficult to repair due to its age.

We always welcome more members as many hands make light work. Anyone interested in joining should stop by the station on any Monday night or call 285-2050. Our monthly business meeting is the first Monday of every month.

**Dates to remember:**

**March 11<sup>th</sup> – Pancake Breakfast**  
**June 30<sup>th</sup> – Chicken BBQ**

**FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT (continued)**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Years</b>
Patrick Allain	15
Brian Barnum	42
Eddie Bouchard	15
Philip Bouchard	41
Scott Choiniere	19
Bill Davis	2
Howard Deuso	15
William Deuso	2
Ben Gates	4
Hugh Gates	34
Clark Hubbard	9
Adam Kane	1
Mike Lawyer, <b>Asst. Chief</b>	8
Kyle Lothian, <b>Captain</b>	28

<b>Member</b>	<b>Years</b>
Timothy Magnant	33
Burt Maynard	22
Janet Norcross	8
Josh Packard	2
Marshall Ploof	42
Kyle Plouffe	2
Mark Racine	22
Justin Rainville, <b>Chief</b>	13
Sara Rainville, <b>Sec/Treas</b>	8
David Rood	7
Brian Sartwell, <b>Lieutenant</b>	18
Justin Sartwell	4
Elizabeth Davis, Junior Member	new

Respectfully submitted,  
*Justin Rainville, Chief*

**FRANKLIN RESCUE SERVICE**

Franklin Rescue currently has eight certified members and continues to operate as a First Response Squad with members responding when available. Although this is not an ideal situation, it is the best service our members can now provide. Enosburg Ambulance (EAS) reports that during 2011 they responded to 104 Franklin calls and transported 80 of those to Northwestern Medical Center. EAS advises the average response time is 15-20 minutes, depending on traffic and road conditions. Please don't hesitate to call 911 if you have a medical emergency as providing definitive emergency care to the patient is of the utmost importance. If you've not yet paid your 2012 ambulance subscription, we'd urge you to do so; if you need a copy of the subscription letter or have questions, please contact Robert Gleason, Director at 933-2118

In closing, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank Dick Gadbois for his 23 years of dedicated service to Franklin Rescue. Dick was an active member who covered a lot of extra shifts over the years and was instrumental in the implementation of the billing program in the early 1990's that allowed our squad to remain self-sufficient. Thank you, Dick for your tireless efforts; your dedication to the Town of Franklin and to Franklin Rescue is truly appreciated.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Members of Franklin Rescue*

Polly Gadbois	EMT I-03	23 years
Jennifer Wright	EMT I-03	4 years
John Burley	EMT B	7 years
David Rood	EMT B	7 years
Janet Norcross	EMT B	5 years
Jason Ziemba	EMT B	2 years
Chris Bolton	EMT B	2 years
Ashley Bachelder	ECA	3 years

**FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT TREASURER'S REPORT**

	<u>2011 Actual</u>	<u>2011 Budget</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>
Checking Balance-January 1	15,521.72		
Tanker Reserve Funds	10,000.00		
<b>Cash Balance - January 1</b>	<b>\$ 25,521.72</b>		
<b><u>INCOME:</u></b>			
Interest Income	35.04		
IBM Grant Income	1,000.00		
Miscellaneous Income	1,610.55		
Donation Income	400.00		
Town Appropriated Funds	16,000.00		
BBQ Income	8,381.00		
Pancake Breakfast	16,715.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>44,141.59</b>		
<b>Total Cash/Income</b>	<b>\$ 69,663.31</b>		
Truck Expense	\$ 1,740.38	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Fuel-Equipment	104.74	250.00	200.00
Fuel-Heating	1,323.10	1,000.00	2,500.00
Insurance	8,140.62	8,000.00	6,000.00
Office Supplies	948.36	800.00	1,000.00
Radio Expense	748.78	1,700.00	1,500.00
Postage Expense	96.40	100.00	100.00
Utilities	676.58	1,000.00	1,100.00
Uniform/Gear Expense	8,763.38	15,000.00	8,000.00
Equipment Purchases	340.05	-	350.00
Equipment Repairs	1,393.97	2,500.00	2,500.00
Memberships/Dues	525.00	450.00	550.00
Water Rent	85.00	90.00	90.00
Donation	25.00	-	-
Fire Prevention	294.04	250.00	100.00
Furnace Repairs	39.75	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	1,402.53	2,000.00	2,000.00
Reimbursement Expenses	773.10	-	-
Training	156.40	250.00	250.00
Pancake Breakfast	6,634.58	-	-
BBQ Expense	6,006.89	-	-
Building Maintenance	229.19	100.00	3,000.00
Vending Machine	273.26	200.00	200.00
Vehicle Registration	25.00	25.00	25.00
County Meeting	67.80	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 40,813.90</b>	<b>\$ 35,915.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,665.00</b>
Checking Account	18,849.41		
Tanker Reserve Funds	10,000.00		
<b>Cash Balance - December 31</b>	<b>28,849.41</b>		
<b>Total Cash/Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 69,663.31</b>		

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara Rainville

## FRANKLIN RESCUE SERVICE TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2010 Actual</u>	<u>2011 Actual</u>
Patient Income	\$ 3,708.24	\$ 275.00
Subscription Income	10,300.00	
BBQ Income		
Interest Income	258.49	170.05
Exp Reim/Refunds	1,075.00	344.00
Memorial Gifts/Donations/Misc Income	1,588.50	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,930.23</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 789.05</u></b>

### EXPENSES

Ambulance Expense	423.53	
Education/Training	1,472.64	70.00
Insurance Expense	1,710.00	302.16
Medical Supplies	50.46	510.50
Radio Maintenance/Repair	395.00	
Utilities	1,534.61	2,191.05
Miscellaneous-Dues, Subscriptions, Misc.	3,780.33	1,388.09
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,366.57</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,461.80</u></b>

<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,563.66</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (3,672.75)</u></b>
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### BALANCE SHEET

<b>Cash Balance-January 1, 2011</b>	<b><u>\$ 49,341.27</u></b>	
Equity, January 1, 2011		49,341.27
Change in Equity at December 31, 2011		<u>(3,672.75)</u>
<b>Cash Balance-December 31, 2011</b>		<b><u>\$ 45,668.52</u></b>

Respectfully submitted,  
*Polly Gadbois, Treasurer*

## 2011 VITAL STATISTICS

As a recommendation by the Department of Health, vital statistics are no longer automatically published in the Town Report. The following list is provided as a result of a release form signed authorizing the Town Clerk's Office to publish such records. If you would like vital statistic information published in the town report next year, you must come to the Town Clerk's Office to sign the necessary request/release form.

### Births

Liam Alexander Ho  
Harold Walter Wright

John & Stephanie Ho  
William & Jennifer Wright

13 Additional unlisted

### Deaths

David Happich Breed  
Therese Pierrette Pierce  
Faith J. Jones  
Betty M. King  
Daisy Harriet (Ploof) Glidden  
Roland Edwards  
Arthur Joseph Larivee  
Ernest David Lamson

8 Additional unlisted

### Marriages

10 Unlisted

## VEHICLE REGISTRATION RENEWALS

The Town Clerk's Office will process preprinted computer generated "Vehicle Registration Renewals". Only current and up to two month's expiration date renewals will be accepted. There will be a separate \$3.00 processing fee.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

The Town of Franklin, in cooperation with the Town of Highgate, sponsors two Household Hazardous Waste Collection days each year at the Highgate Transfer Station. These events are open to all **Franklin** residents. Collection days will be **SATURDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012** and **SATURDAY, AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 8 a.m.-12 noon.**

**For information from the Highgate Transfer Station about recycling for Franklin residents, please refer to the telephone book yellow pages.**



# ANNUAL REPORT

for the

## FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

2011 Fiscal Year  
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

### Franklin Central School's Mission Statement

*The mission of the Franklin Central School is to educate our children to become self-reliant and socially responsible individuals. They will respect themselves, their community, and the world around them. Ultimately, they will develop the skills and confidence to become life-long learners.*



## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

This has been another productive and exciting year for the Franklin Central School. Under the highly effective leadership of our Principal, Joyce Hakey, the Franklin Central School staff, students, parents, and Board of Directors are working collaboratively to make our school the best it can be and to create a positive and effective culture for learning and teaching.

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union Central Office continues to work closely with all five of our schools especially in the areas of curriculum, fiscal management, grant oversight, and supervision.

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union provides an array of positive programs for our youth throughout the supervisory union utilizing partnerships. We are most thankful to have the various programs and organizations such as Early Education, after school initiatives, Indian Education, libraries, municipalities, the Faith Community, local businesses, parent groups, Boys and Girls Scouts and many other positive programs for the youth we serve.

The FNWSU Central Office administers federal and state grants that support programs such as supplemental reading, student and program assessment, and curriculum development in science, language arts, foreign language, social studies and math. Additionally, grants help support after school programs in each school. Other federal and state funds are used to support library resources, mini-grants, and staff development. The Indian Education Program has assisted in funding cultural programs, curriculum development, mentoring, the learning center and programs in collaboration with institutions of higher education.

The total enrollment as of October 1, 2011 was 122 and breaks down as follows: Kindergarten, 17; Grade 1, 19; Grade 2, 17 Grade 3, 20; Grade 4, 18; Grade 5, 15; and Grade 6,16.

The Franklin Central School Board of Directors and the administration have developed a budget for the 2012-2013 school year. I urge you to attend the annual informational meeting and vote on this budget on Town Meeting Day.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dr. John J. McCarthy*  
*Superintendent of Schools*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

***Team Work – “Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” – Henry Ford***

I find it hard to believe but our last school year 2010-2011 represented my tenth year as principal at Franklin Central School. I recently came across the letter that I wrote to apply for the position here. In my letter I spoke about how I was always so impressed with how the students from Franklin adapted and how successful they were in the much larger setting at MVU. I also wrote that I believed that success is the result of the support that Franklin students receive from their families, school, and community—and that I wanted to be a part of that kind of school and community. In the last ten years, we have continued to accomplish a great deal together.

Some of the highlights from these years include the following (I couldn't do only a “Top 10” like Letterman!): undergone major changes in the statewide assessment system and continue to perform with very high achievement; implemented standards-based learning and assessments; continued the civic oration contests that have been a tradition at this school since 1963; numerous student achievements in music, spelling, sports, academics, and various contests; chosen as one of 100 Best Communities for Young People; instituted yearly themes from “Community Connections” to “School Pride”; annual Senior Dinners and Memorial Day participation; named the top elementary school in state by the Vermont Business Roundtable (based on student achievement and a site visit), and Medallion School until they stopped giving the awards; completed additions/improvements to the playground; building projects; various curriculum and instructional initiatives to improve student learning; received generous donations and gifts to the school including band and choral risers, backdrop, gym floor covering, restoration of the school bell, and stained glass in front window; all of our teachers furthering their own education and obtaining their Master's Degrees which has had a direct positive impact on our students; “Giving Tree” each year raising thousands for various charities; special presentations from drama to the Vermont Symphony to fire safety; recognized by the VT Dept. of Health for policies & practices that reflect a high priority on health outcomes for children; and honored by being chosen as one of three schools by the VT Department of Education to be part of a case study on poverty and effective schools based on our high achievement of both low income students and their peers. They hoped that “Franklin's experience would be useful to other schools working to close achievement gaps and ensure positive outcomes for all students.”

Other highlights from just last year include our school was identified as one of “14 Effective Schools” by the VT Department of Education with high achievement for all students; our first ever “Penny War” which raised over \$1500 for a local food shelf, our on-going work on writing including a summer institute with national writing consultant Leah Mermelstein; integration of technology; “Peter Pan” drama presentation; and continued high achievement on statewide testing (in math, Franklin 79% proficient/prof.with distinction, state 65%, FNWSU 52%; reading, Franklin 73% prof./prof. with distinction, state 73%, FNWSU 63%; in writing, only tested in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Franklin was 71% prof./prof. with distinction, state 50% and FNWSU 44%; and science, tested at 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Franklin 85% prof./prof. with distinction, state 53% and FNWSU 36%).

Ten years later, I still feel so fortunate to have been chosen to be your principal. I cannot thank all of you enough from staff, parents, community members, school board members, M & C Transport, PTO, Franklin Fire and Rescue, Franklin Telephone Co., Town Office & Road Crew, Haston Library, the Select Board, and to all of the volunteers who have helped with RIF, Senior Dinner, skiing, drama, coached, chaperoned, helped with other school events and activities, and just always been there over the years when we have needed your support. You are the reason Franklin Central School has been so successful! You have all of my gratitude and I'm looking forward to the next ten years!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Joyce Hakey, Principal*

## SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that the Franklin School Board reports to you on the happenings at Franklin Central School over the past year. It is hard to believe that Joyce Hakey has been leading our school for 10 years, and she continues to inspire us with her dedication and caring for the school, the students, the staff, and the community. Upgrades, maintenance, and equipment replacement kept the custodial staff busy at Franklin Central School, along with helping the school board and administration plan for the upcoming roof project. Finally, the Fiscal Year 2013 budget process is nearly done, with the budget increasing only a small amount.

Joyce Hakey, the professional staff, and the support staff helped the students at Franklin have another excellent year. Students thrive when there is continuity and stability in the school and having a principal and teachers that dedicate themselves to our school community has made our students successful. The excellent results on statewide testing, outlined in Joyce's report, are an example of what can be accomplished in a supportive school environment. This year the school boards in the Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union negotiated a 3-year contract with the Teachers Association. After going through the process, Tim Magnant and I had a greater appreciation of the job our teachers do here in Franklin, of how well we work together, and of the return we get for the compensation we give our professional staff. We are very lucky here in Franklin!

The school facility, in its 20th year of operation, looks as good as ever. Throughout the school year the building is kept in tip-top shape by Steve Ballard and Rick Coleman, and during the summer break tasks are done while the school is empty. For the computers in the school, a wireless system upgrade was done to speed up the system and give broader access to the internet. Maintenance on the parking lot was done, sealing all the cracks to keep water from getting under the pavement and preventing frost heaving in the winter and spring. The oven in the school kitchen was replaced, with half the cost being donated by the Franklin Fire Department. This was just another example of the generous support our community gives our school. The big project on the horizon is the replacement of the roofing material on the school.

In May we started the process, and with guidance and help from community members, roofing contractors, and Steve Ballard, we awarded the project to A.C. Hathorne in November. The standing seam roof will be going on next summer, with the project starting as soon as school is done.

The budget for the next fiscal year has come together well, with the increase currently below 2%. Negotiated salary increases, health insurance increases, central office budget increases, early childhood services, and fuel oil price increases are the main reasons for the budget increase. Our principal, and the Central Office business manager, Becky Hart, scrutinize every line in the budget to do the best they can for the taxpayers of Franklin. By mid-January, the School Board will have the FY2013 budget finalized and approved.

We, the Franklin School District Board of Directors, are honored to serve our community and are proud of our school and the reputation it enjoys in our county and our state. We look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting in March. Please come out to have your questions answered and to vote on this year's issues. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the school board members.

Respectfully,  
*Jonathan Gates*  
*Timothy Magnant*  
*David Rood*

# FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

## AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER PROGRAMS

*Serving and Enriching the lives of  
Franklin, Highgate, Sheldon and Swanton students*



January 2012

Greetings Franklin Residents,

The Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union After School & Summer Programs is pleased to report for all schools, we had 566 students attending programs last year, which is approximately 26% of all students attending the schools in Highgate, Franklin, Sheldon and Swanton. That is more than one quarter of all FNWSU students attending the after school programs; students benefiting from the homework support, science, technology, math, arts and literacy enrichment programs as well as recreational opportunities and fitness challenges. With the partial funding of the Vermont Department of Education 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program Grant, these programs continue under the guidance and oversight of the Vermont Department of Education which requires the elements of high-quality programming to be met and reported annually, which include:

- linkages to the school day
- high quality staff
- safe & appropriate environment
- high interest programming
- school leadership support
- regular attendees
- instructional leadership
- flexible structures & student choice
- program leadership
- community partnerships

In Franklin, there is the Franklin Crossroads after school program for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, meeting 4 days per week for 21 weeks during the school year. On an average there were 34 students who attended the Franklin Crossroads program daily, with a total of 43 students registered over the year, making it 74% of the school's 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade population participating. In the end of year reports sent to the Department Education (DOE) for last school year, it was reported that for our regular attendees (those who attend 30 days or more):

- 73.5% math NECAP scores improve or were maintained at upper proficiency level scores
- 76.5% reading NECAP scores improve or were maintained at upper proficiency level scores
- 47% had a decrease in the number of school days absent when compared to prior year
- Average increase of 6 developmental assets reported from beginning and end of year surveys

With our program goals of improving academic achievement and school day attendance, we are pleased that our Franklin student participants are showing these gains.

We recently developed a video highlighting our Franklin Crossroads "Claymation" after school class, please check it out at <http://youtu.be/9XZ-5hUmLvg>.

There is a growing body of research evidence indicating that high quality after school programs can reduce risk-taking behaviors, provide positive developmental opportunities, and improve the academic performance of students, particularly those at risk of academic failure. Research supports that:

- After school programs help keep children safe.
- After school programs can reduce obesity.
- Parents miss an average of eight days of work per year due to a lack of afterschool care.
- After school programs improve children's personal, social skills, and self esteem.
- Students in after school programs are more likely to go to school, attend regularly, enjoy school and behave better in the classroom.
- After school programs Improve test scores and grades.



After school and summer programs are an investment in our communities now and for our future.

If you would like more information on the Franklin Crossroads After School Program, please contact me or Elsa Rood, our Franklin Crossroads Coordinator at the school (285-2100 ext 208 or [erood@fnwsu.org](mailto:erood@fnwsu.org)). You can also find more information on our FNWSU website <https://sites.google.com/a/fnwsu.org/afterschoolprograms/>.

At the Franklin Central School, the after school program does not receive funding support from the local school budget.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

*Carol Lizotte*

FNWSU After School & Summer Programs Director  
868-4967 ext 21 or [clizotte@fnwsu.org](mailto:clizotte@fnwsu.org)

**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET FY2013**

	<b>FY2011 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2012 Budget</b>	<b>FY2012 Anticipated</b>	<b>FY2013 Budget</b>	<b>Franklin Share</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Administration Salaries	\$375,627	\$377,862	\$418,863	\$433,878	\$25,295
Support Staff Salaries	\$54,914	\$60,298	\$60,298	\$62,273	\$3,631
Insurance Benefits	\$48,965	\$60,951	\$71,025	\$66,069	\$3,852
Other Benefits	\$20,148	\$20,547	\$25,257	\$25,390	\$1,480
Payroll Expense	\$36,433	\$38,282	\$41,380	\$43,210	\$2,519
Purchased Prof. Services	\$10,748	\$9,400	\$9,500	\$9,600	\$560
Repair&Maintenance / Equipment Lease	\$3,776	\$5,250	\$5,160	\$5,250	\$306
Other Property Services	\$34,807	\$36,563	\$33,242	\$33,850	\$1,973
Office Expenses	\$7,275	\$12,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$641
Travel / Conference	\$12,036	\$9,750	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$598
Supplies	\$8,999	\$8,250	\$8,750	\$8,750	\$510
Equipment	\$5,065	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$292
Dues & Fees	\$3,715	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$233
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$622,508</b>	<b>\$648,153</b>	<b>\$703,725</b>	<b>\$718,520</b>	<b>\$41,890</b>

<b>Revenues:</b>					
Title I, II, IV, and V Funding	\$133,153	\$125,400	\$125,400	\$88,081	\$5,135
Other Grant receipts	\$23,558	\$17,450	\$17,450	\$17,450	\$1,017
Other/Miscellaneous	\$32,255	\$15,250	\$99,661	\$25,250	\$1,472
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$188,966</b>	<b>\$158,100</b>	<b>\$242,511</b>	<b>\$130,781</b>	<b>\$7,625</b>

<b>FY2013 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT</b>	<u>\$501,345</u>	<u>\$490,053</u>		<u>\$587,739</u>	<u>\$34,265</u>
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**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET FY2013**

	<b>FY2011 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2012 Budget</b>	<b>FY2012 Anticipated</b>	<b>FY2013 Budget</b>	<b>Franklin Share</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Special Education Administration	\$165,093	\$165,743	\$165,743	\$170,716	\$6,791
Medicaid Clerk / Clerical Support	\$38,073	\$35,987	\$34,237	\$37,235	\$4,405
School Psychologists	\$166,341	\$168,005	\$168,005	\$173,901	\$20,572
Insurance Benefits	\$80,493	\$82,524	\$82,833	\$84,655	\$8,699
Payroll Expense	\$29,600	\$31,242	\$31,108	\$32,266	\$2,699
Other Benefits	\$2,620	\$6,459	\$2,225	\$5,234	\$619
Purchased Professional Services	\$6,758	\$5,500	\$5,250	\$5,500	\$651
Office Expenses	\$1,971	\$1,250	\$500	\$1,250	\$148
Travel / Conference	\$4,243	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$89
Supplies	\$3,980	\$1,250	\$127	\$1,250	\$148
Equipment	\$173	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$118
Dues & Fees	\$1,213	\$750	\$962	\$1,000	\$118
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$500,559</b>	<b>\$500,461</b>	<b>\$490,990</b>	<b>\$514,757</b>	<b>\$45,057</b>

<b>Revenues:</b>					
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$27,901	\$27,793	\$27,793	\$28,727	\$3,398
IDEA-B Grant Reimbursement	\$101,849	\$94,879	\$109,879	\$96,582	\$11,426
Other	\$85,130	\$45,000	\$41,365	\$20,000	\$2,366
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$214,880</b>	<b>\$167,672</b>	<b>\$179,037</b>	<b>\$145,309</b>	<b>\$17,190</b>

<b>FY2013 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT</b>	<u>\$340,960</u>	<u>\$332,789</u>		<u>\$369,448</u>	<u>\$27,867</u>
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**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM BUDGET FY2013**

	<b>FY2011 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2012 Budget</b>	<b>FY2012 Anticipated</b>	<b>FY2013 Budget</b>	<b>Franklin Share</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
ECP Administration	\$58,208	\$37,200	\$35,956	\$38,000	\$3,697
Teachers' Salaries	\$196,612	\$223,606	\$204,093	\$209,616	\$20,396
Support Staff	\$81,175	\$76,200	\$82,691	\$75,900	\$7,385
Speech Pathologist					
Salary	\$74,837	\$83,065	\$78,706	\$85,258	\$8,296
ECP Secretary Salary	\$23,087	\$24,078	\$23,822	\$24,682	\$2,402
Insurance Benefits	\$90,531	\$97,888	\$90,927	\$96,020	\$9,343
Payroll Expense	\$37,822	\$37,930	\$35,521	\$37,039	\$3,604
Other Benefits	\$1,920	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$438
OT/PT & Psychological					
Services	\$15,247	\$11,100	\$15,076	\$12,750	\$1,241
Purchased Prof.					
Services	\$21,839	\$10,028	\$15,703	\$10,800	\$1,051
Repair&Maintenance	\$1,331	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$204
Office Expenses	\$21,448	\$22,655	\$22,199	\$23,655	\$2,302
Student Tuition &					
Transportation	\$480	\$736	\$736	\$750	\$73
Travel / Conference	\$11,041	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$730
Supplies & Equipment	\$8,710	\$9,025	\$9,025	\$9,725	\$946
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$644,288</b>	<b>\$647,611</b>	<b>\$628,555</b>	<b>\$638,295</b>	<b>\$62,106</b>

<b>Revenues:</b>					
Preschool Tuition					
Receipts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant Funding	\$99,394	\$70,450	\$44,317	\$15,000	\$1,460
Carryover from Prior					
Year	\$47,510	\$35,000	\$59,820	\$30,000	\$2,919
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$146,904</b>	<b>\$105,450</b>	<b>\$104,137</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$4,379</b>

<b>FY2013 ASSESSMENT AMOUNT</b>	<u>\$554,697</u>	<u>\$542,161</u>		<u>\$593,295</u>	<u>\$57,727</u>
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**FRANKLIN NORTHWEST SUMMARY**  
**TREASURER's REPORT**  
**July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011**

	Beginning Balance	FY2011		Ending Balance
		Receipts	Expenditures	
Title I	-\$67,823	\$1,032,258	\$910,869	\$53,566
Title I ARRA	\$71,647	\$331,945	\$403,592	\$0
Title IIA Grant - Teacher Quality	\$20,396	\$364,246	\$341,637	\$43,007
Title IID Grant - Technology	-\$2,869	\$10,240	\$4,042	\$3,329
Title IID ARRA Grant	\$12,727	\$0	\$12,727	\$0
Title IV Grant - Drug Free Schools	\$3,923	\$3,038	\$8,691	-\$1,730
Title V Grant - Innovative Programs	\$21	\$0	\$0	\$21
IDEA-B Grant	\$129,605	\$233,872	\$450,199	-\$86,722
IDEA-B ARRA Grant	\$9,436	\$369,890	\$381,062	-\$1,736
IDEA-B Preschool Grant	\$0	\$10,500	\$15,391	-\$4,891
IDEA-B Preschool ARRA Grant	\$12,452	\$3,000	\$11,578	\$3,874
Early Education Initiative Grant	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Best Grant	-\$16,763	\$23,193	\$6,185	\$245
Math Science Partnership Grant	\$26,265	\$3,500	\$29,765	\$0
FNW Crossroads Program	\$70,422	\$242,722	\$247,329	\$65,815
Crossroads non-grant revenues	\$0	\$158,239	\$158,239	\$0
NASA Grant	\$2,160	\$0	\$2,160	\$0
School Improvement Grant	\$0	\$165,000	\$149,546	\$15,454
Tobacco Grant	\$4,649	\$14,761	\$19,075	\$335
VT Kids Against Tobacco	\$1,174	\$3,000	\$1,708	\$2,466
Standards Board	\$11	\$1,150	\$676	\$485
Medicaid Reimbursements (school-based)	\$408,700	\$275,317	\$296,011	\$388,006
Medicaid Reimbursements (FNWSU)	\$25,477	\$30,096	\$34,616	\$20,957
EPSDT Reimbursements	\$80,954	\$64,486	\$45,504	\$99,936
Central Office	\$31,956	\$658,486	\$626,770	\$63,672
Special Education	\$85,130	\$433,912	\$477,677	\$41,365
Early Childhood Program	\$47,510	\$554,696	\$542,386	\$59,820
<b>Fiduciary/Fiscal Agent Funds:</b>				
Franklin/Grand Isle County ECP Advisory Council	\$188,730	\$121,127	\$130,919	\$178,938
Success by Six Grant	-\$31,386	\$181,727	\$143,895	\$6,446
Indian Education Grant	\$1	\$234,766	\$234,766	\$1
Mentoring Program	\$25,762	\$22,059	\$6,585	\$41,236
Literacy Technology Grants - Highgate/Sheldon/MVU	\$6,350	\$0	\$6,350	\$0
Innovation Grant - MVU	\$0	\$20,000	\$19,744	\$256
Student Assistance Grant - MVU & Sheldon	\$0	\$35,892	\$35,892	\$0
Carnegie Grant - MVUHS	\$2,852	\$0	\$0	\$2,852

A copy of the Independent Audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, performed by Angolano & Co., may be obtained from the Superintendent' Office.

**FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENCY FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2010</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2011</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>				
Cash - Library Fund	\$ 857	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,745	\$ 979
Cash - Childrens Fund	<u>31,190</u>	<u>17,632</u>	<u>15,461</u>	<u>33,361</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 32,047</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,499</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,206</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 34,340</u></b>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>				
Amount Held for Agency Funds	<b><u>\$ 32,047</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,499</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,206</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 34,340</u></b>

**FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET**

**ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011**

	<u>June 30, 2010</u>	<u>June 30, 2011</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash - General Fund	\$ 55,905	\$ 88,975
Cash - Capital Project Fund	17,470	17,677
Cash - Enterprise Fund	6,340	2,734
Cash - Agency Fund	32,047	34,340
Accounts Receivable - other - Enterprise Fund	442	943
Inventory	407	211
Retirement of Long-Term Debt	<u>210,000</u>	<u>140,000</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 322,611</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 284,880</u></b>
 <b><u>LIABILITIES/FUND EQUITY</u></b>		
Accounts Payable - General Fund	\$ 8,937	\$ 9,143
Amount Held for Agency Funds	32,047	34,340
Bond Payable	210,000	140,000
Fund Balances, Reserved - Roof Project (Capital Project Fund)	17,470	17,677
Fund Balances, Reserved - FY 11	33,322	43,131
Fund Balances, Unreserved	13,646	36,701
Retained Earnings	<u>7,189</u>	<u>3,888</u>
<b>Total Liabilities/Fund Equity</b>	<b><u>\$ 322,611</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 284,880</u></b>

A copy of the annual outside audit of the Franklin Town School District's financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, performed by Angolano & Co., Shelburne, VT, is available at the Town Clerk's Office and/or the Superintendent of School's Office.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011**

**Beginning Balance-July 1, 2010** **\$ 46,967.20**

**RECEIPTS**

State of VT Education Taxes	\$ 717,485.45	
State of VT All Aid to Education	756,884.55	
ARRA Grant Funds	57,657.55	
State of VT Hot Lunch	20,625.34	
Interest Income	507.62	
All other	<u>55,035.10</u>	1,608,195.61

**TOTAL BEGINNING BAL/RECEIPTS** **\$ 1,655,162.81**

**EXPENDITURES**

Regular Orders Paid	\$ 1,554,709.00
Hot Lunch Reimb.	20,625.34
Liabilities as of June 30, 2011	
<b>Ending Balance-June 30, 2011</b>	<u>79,828.47</u>

**\$ 1,655,162.81**

**ROOF RENOVATION PROJECT**  
**July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011**

**Beginning Balance-July 1, 2010** **\$ 17,470.32**

**RECEIPTS**

Interest Earnings	<u>\$ 206.85</u>
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**TOTAL BEGINNING BAL/RECEIPTS** **\$ 17,677.17**

**ENDING BALANCE**

Certificate of Deposit	\$ 16,661.38
Cash on hand	<u>1,015.79</u>

**TOTAL ENDING BALANCE-JUNE 30, 2011** **\$ 17,677.17**

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2010 - 2011  
Salary Schedule & Index**

Step	BA/BS		BA/BS+15		BA/BS+30		BA+45		MA		MA+15		MA+30	
1	1.00	\$31,669	1.05	\$33,252	1.10	\$34,836	1.15	\$36,419	1.20	\$38,003	1.25	\$39,586	1.30	\$41,170
2	1.04	\$32,936	1.09	\$34,519	1.14	\$36,103	1.19	\$37,686	1.24	\$39,270	1.29	\$40,853	1.34	\$42,436
3	1.08	\$34,203	1.13	\$35,786	1.18	\$37,369	1.23	\$38,953	1.28	\$40,536	1.33	\$42,120	1.38	\$43,703
4	1.12	\$35,469	1.17	\$37,053	1.22	\$38,636	1.27	\$40,220	1.32	\$41,803	1.37	\$43,387	1.42	\$44,970
5	1.16	\$36,736	1.21	\$38,320	1.26	\$39,903	1.31	\$41,486	1.36	\$43,070	1.41	\$44,653	1.46	\$46,237
6	1.20	\$38,003	1.25	\$39,586	1.30	\$41,170	1.35	\$42,753	1.40	\$44,337	1.45	\$45,920	1.50	\$47,504
7	1.24	\$39,270	1.29	\$40,853	1.34	\$42,436	1.39	\$44,020	1.44	\$45,603	1.49	\$47,187	1.54	\$48,770
8	1.28	\$40,536	1.33	\$42,120	1.38	\$43,703	1.43	\$45,287	1.48	\$46,870	1.53	\$48,454	1.58	\$50,037
9	1.32	\$41,803	1.37	\$43,387	1.42	\$44,970	1.47	\$46,553	1.52	\$48,137	1.57	\$49,720	1.62	\$51,304
10			1.41	\$44,653	1.46	\$46,237	1.51	\$47,820	1.56	\$49,404	1.61	\$50,987	1.66	\$52,571
11			1.45	\$45,920	1.50	\$47,504	1.55	\$49,087	1.60	\$50,670	1.65	\$52,254	1.70	\$53,837
12			1.49	\$47,187	1.54	\$48,770	1.59	\$50,354	1.64	\$51,937	1.69	\$53,521	1.74	\$55,104
13							1.63	\$51,620	1.68	\$53,204	1.73	\$54,787	1.78	\$56,371
14									1.72	\$54,471	1.77	\$56,054	1.82	\$57,638

**Reading the salary schedule**

1. Locate the step on the left column (in the example, step 8)
2. Locate the level at the top (in the example, MA+15)
3. The point where the two intersect in the 2010-2011 salary (in the example, \$48,454)

**Salary Ranges For Employees Not Subject To The Salary Scale**

Administration/Treasurer      to \$80,464  
 Paraprofessionals/Librarian    to \$24,560  
 Custodian                            to \$51,077  
 Food Service                        to \$19,950

**NOTE: Individual salary information is available, by request, at the Franklin Town Clerk's Office.**

**FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL STAFF**  
**FY 10 - July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011**

Department	Employee	FTE	Level	Step	Licensure	Years of Service at Franklin
<b>Teacher/Guidance/Nurse:</b>						
Kindergarten	Sturgeon, Theresa	50	MA+30	14	Level II	23
Grade 1	Trainer, Brye	100	BA+15	6	Level II	10
Grade 2	Toof, Carrie	100	MA	4	Level I	5
Grade 3	Bachelder, Ashley	100	BS	2	Level I	3
Grade 4	Shepard, Valerie	100	BA+45	13	Level II	29
Grade 5&6	Couture, Krista	100	MA+15	7	Level II	5
Grade 5&6	Bourbeau, Jessica	100	BS+15	2	Level I	3
Special Ed.	Babinski, Jessica	100	MA	6	Level II	8
Physical Ed.	Young, Douglas	40	BS	6	Level II	7
Guidance	Cutting, Lori	60	MA	2	n/a	1
Compensatory Ed.	Boucher, Deborah	75	MA+30	8	Level II	13
Music	McConnell, Jennifer	60	BS	4	Level I	6
Nurse .5	Potts, Alita	50			n/a	7
Early Childhood	Dewing, Jennifer	50	BA+15	5	Level I & II	5
<b>Administration:</b>						
Principal	Hakey, Joyce					
Admin. Assistant	Sartwell, Susan					
Treasurer	Larivee, Lisa					
<b>Paraprofessional/Library:</b>						
Librarian	Wilson, Nancy					
Instructional Assistant	Russel-Davis, Connie					
Instructional Assistant	Renaudette, Lana	Jerry, Kennetha				
Spec.Ed.Paraprofessional	Domina, Theresa					
Spec.Ed.Paraprofessional	Ashton, Constance					
Spec.Ed.Paraprofessional	Rood, Elsa	Dunphy, Carol				
Spec.Ed.Paraprofessional	Larivee, Nancy					
Spec. Ed./Autism Behavior	Dandurand, Manon					
Sp.Ed./Technology Para.	Ovitt, Kathy					
Early Ed Assistant	Racine, Alyson					
<b>Custodial:</b>						
Head Custodian	Ballard, Steven					
Part Time Custodian	Colman, Richard					
<b>Food Services:</b>						
Head Cook/Co-Agent	Bushey, Carolyn					
Cook/Co-Agent	Sartwell, Donna					

District: **Franklin**  
County: **Franklin**

**T078**  
**Franklin Northwest**

Enter your choice for FY13 base education amount. See note at bottom of page.  
**8,723**

Enter your choice for estimated homestead base rate for FY2013. See note at bottom of page.  
**0.87**

Expenditures		FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	
1.	<b>Budget</b> (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,463,995	\$1,507,600	\$1,526,970	\$1,557,014	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending	-	-	-	-	3.
4.	<b>Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget</b>	<b>\$1,463,995</b>	<b>\$1,507,600</b>	<b>\$1,526,970</b>	<b>\$1,557,014</b>	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if <b>not</b> included in expenditure budget	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	<b>\$1,463,995</b>	<b>\$1,507,600</b>	<b>\$1,526,970</b>	<b>\$1,557,014</b>	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	\$108,791	\$108,895	\$106,424	\$119,859	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (if included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$254,485	\$259,541	\$263,394	\$248,619	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	plus Prior year deficit reduction if included in revenues (negative revenue instead of expenditures)	-	-	-	na	12.
13.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues	-	-	-	-	13.
14.	<b>Total local revenues</b>	<b>\$254,485</b>	<b>\$259,541</b>	<b>\$263,394</b>	<b>\$248,619</b>	14.
15.	<b>Education Spending</b>	<b>\$1,209,510</b>	<b>\$1,248,059</b>	<b>\$1,263,576</b>	<b>\$1,308,395</b>	15.
16.	Equalized Pupils (Act 130 count is by school district)	122.73	127.71	131.61	132.71	16.
17.	<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	<b>\$9,855.05</b>	<b>\$9,772.60</b>	<b>\$9,600.91</b>	<b>\$9,859</b>	17.
18.	minus Less net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	\$701.30	\$637.99	\$584.20	\$563.18	18.
19.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is solely attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed or amount paid in tuition for those students	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	threshold = \$13,984	threshold = \$14,549	threshold = \$14,733	threshold = \$14,841	24.
25.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	\$9,855	\$9,773	\$9,601	\$9,859	25.
26.	<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$9,859 / \$8,723)</b>	<b>115.345%</b> <i>based on \$8,544</i>	<b>114.380%</b> <i>based on \$8,544</i>	<b>112.370%</b> <i>based on \$8,544</i>	<b>113.024%</b> <i>based on \$8,723</i>	26.
Prorating the local tax rate						
27.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate to be prorated (113.024% x \$0.870)	\$0.9920 <i>based on \$0.86</i>	\$0.9837 <i>based on \$0.86</i>	\$0.9776 <i>based on \$0.87</i>	\$0.9833 <i>based on \$0.870</i>	27.
28.	Percent of Franklin equalized pupils not in a union school district	47.420%	47.190%	49.190%	51.40%	28.
29.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (51.400% x \$0.98)	\$0.4704	\$0.4642	\$0.4809	<b>\$0.5054</b>	29.
30.	<b>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)</b>	78.18%	75.93%	75.18%	73.00%	30.
31.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$0.505 / 73.00%)	\$0.6017 <i>based on \$0.86</i>	\$0.6114 <i>based on \$0.860</i>	\$0.6397 <i>based on \$0.87</i>	<b>\$0.6923</b> <i>based on \$0.87</i>	31.
If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a <b>PARTIAL</b> homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.						
32.	Anticipated income cap percent to be prorated (113.024% x 1.80%)	2.08% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.06% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	2.02% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	<b>2.03%</b> <i>based on 1.80%</i>	32.
33.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (51.400% x 2.03%)	0.99% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	0.97% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	0.99% <i>based on 1.80%</i>	<b>1.04%</b> <i>based on 1.80%</i>	33.
34.	Percent of equalized pupils at Missisquoi Valley UHSD	52.58%	52.81%	50.81%	48.60%	34.
35.		-	-	-	-	35.

- Following current statute, the base education amount would be \$8,891. That would require base education tax rates of \$0.89 and \$1.38. The administration has stated that tax rates could remain flat at \$0.87 and \$1.36 if statewide education spending is level and the base education amount is set at \$8,723. Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.  
- The base income percentage cap is 1.80%.

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

**School:** Franklin Central School  
**S.U.:** Franklin Northwest S.U.

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

**FY2011 School Level Data**

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school, enrollment ≥ 100 but <200  
 (43 schools in cohort)

**Cohort Rank by Enrollment** (1 is largest)  
 31 out of 43

School level data		Grades Offered	Enrollment	Total Teachers	Total Administrators	Stu / Tchr Ratio	Stu / Admin Ratio	Tchr / Admin Ratio
Smaller ->	Fayston Elementary School	PK - 6	120	11.50	1.00	10.43	120.00	11.50
	Saxtons River Elementary School	K - 5	120	12.00	1.00	10.00	120.00	12.00
	Cavendish Town Elementary School	PK - 6	121	9.90	1.00	12.22	121.00	9.90
	<b>Franklin Central School</b>	<b>K - 6</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>9.25</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>13.95</b>	<b>129.00</b>	<b>9.25</b>
-> Larger	Wallingford Village School	PK - 6	129	12.40	2.00	10.40	64.50	6.20
	North Bennington Graded School	K - 6	130	10.70	1.00	12.15	130.00	10.70
	Wolcott Elementary School	K - 6	131	10.70	1.00	12.24	131.00	10.70
<b>Averaged SCHOOL cohort data</b>			<b>147.40</b>	<b>13.02</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>11.32</b>	<b>137.72</b>	<b>12.17</b>

**School District:** Franklin  
**LEA ID:** T078

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

The portion of current expenditures made by supervisory unions on behalf of districts varies greatly. This year's figures include district assessments to SUs. Doing so makes districts more comparable to each other. The consequence is that THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY COMPARABLE TO FIGURES USED IN THE SIMILAR FILES FOR FY10, FY11, and FY12.

**FY2010 School District Data**

**Cohort Description:** Elementary school district, FY2009 FTE ≥ 100 but < 200  
 (33 school districts in cohort)

**Cohort Rank by FTE**  
 (1 is largest)  
 15 out of 33

School district data (local, union, or joint district)		Grades offered in School District	Student FTE enrolled in school district	Current expenditures per student FTE EXCLUDING special education costs
Smaller ->	Huntington	PK-4	126.92	\$10,735
	Eden	PK-6	127.07	\$15,312
	Calais	PK-6	129.04	\$11,260
	<b>Franklin</b>	<b>K-6</b>	<b>129.43</b>	<b>\$8,543</b>
-> Larger	Moretown	PK-6	133.56	\$11,120
	Ludlow	K-6	135.94	\$15,751
	North Bennington ID	K-6	139.33	\$11,206
<b>Averaged SCHOOL DISTRICT cohort data</b>			<b>134.29</b>	<b>\$12,290</b>

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

**FY2012 School District Data**

LEA ID	School District	Grades offered in School District	School district tax rate			Total municipal tax rate, K-12, consisting of prorated member district rates		
			Equalized Pupils	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Equalized Homestead Ed tax rate	Common Level of Appraisal	MUN Actual Homestead Ed tax rate
Smaller ->	T115 Ludlow	-	122.97	14,120.49	1.4378	1.4321	0.9043	1.5837
	T136 Newbury	-	126.65	12,949.22	1.3186	1.2724	0.9990	1.2737
	T141 North Bennington ID	-	129.46	13,735.15	1.3986	1.2716	0.8600	2.7578
	<b>T078 Franklin</b>	-	<b>131.61</b>	<b>9,600.91</b>	<b>0.9776</b>	<b>1.0267</b>	<b>0.7518</b>	<b>1.3658</b>
-> Larger	T217 Waitsfield	-	139.72	12,668.77	1.2900	1.2883	1.0157	1.2684
	T222 Warren	-	147.54	11,033.67	1.1235	1.1957	0.9873	1.2111
	T124 Middlesex	-	151.18	12,701.09	1.2933	1.3533	0.9732	1.3906

The Legislature has required the Department of Education to provide this information per the following statute:  
 16 V.S.A. § 165(a)(2) The school, at least annually, reports student performance results to community members in a format selected by the school board. . . . The school report shall include:

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

**FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**FY2011 Expenditures, FY2012 Estimated Expenditures, and FY2013 Proposed School Budget**

<b>Func/ Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FY2011 Budget</b>	<b>FY2011 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2012 Budget</b>	<b>FY2012 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2013 Proposed</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
<b>1100</b>	<b>INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:</b>						
110	Teachers' Salaries	\$349,975	\$346,015	\$364,060	\$364,594	\$388,513	\$24,453
119	Paraprofessionals' Salaries	\$11,801	\$16,757	\$17,711	\$17,711	\$18,488	\$777
120	Substitutes & Tutors' Salaries	\$4,000	\$15,890	\$4,000	\$11,932	\$4,000	\$0
210	Health Insurance	\$62,611	\$70,136	\$71,697	\$75,472	\$81,627	\$9,930
210A	Cafeteria Plan	\$500	\$513	\$480	\$480	\$500	\$20
210B	Dental Insurance	\$4,950	\$3,815	\$3,855	\$2,447	\$5,931	\$2,076
220	Social Security	\$27,982	\$28,017	\$29,512	\$29,583	\$31,442	\$1,930
250	Workers Compensation	\$2,378	\$2,015	\$2,508	\$2,508	\$2,877	\$369
310	Purchased Services	\$0	\$750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$5,055	\$4,453	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	(\$2,500)
610	Supplies	\$8,983	\$7,678	\$8,251	\$8,251	\$8,561	\$310
610.1	Testing Supplies	\$500	\$39	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
610.2	PE Supplies	\$330	\$332	\$330	\$330	\$330	\$0
640	Books	\$930	\$652	\$700	\$700	\$645	(\$55)
640.1	Books - reference/periodicals	\$463	\$451	\$463	\$465	\$536	\$73
640.2	Books - consumable	\$796	\$743	\$454	\$454	\$775	\$321
650	Audiovisuals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$180	\$180
660	Manipulatives	\$392	\$313	\$245	\$245	\$355	\$110
670	Computer Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$284	\$284
730	Equipment	\$175	\$3,730	\$0	\$92	\$2,767	\$2,767
	<b>Subtotal - Instructional Prog.</b>	<b>\$481,821</b>	<b>\$502,299</b>	<b>\$509,766</b>	<b>\$520,764</b>	<b>\$550,811</b>	<b>\$41,045</b>
<b>1210</b>	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION:</b>						
110	Teachers' Salaries	\$44,555	\$44,337	\$45,001	\$45,224	\$46,515	\$1,514
115	Paraprofessionals' Salaries	\$135,285	\$128,809	\$131,469	\$131,469	\$138,183	\$6,714
119	Substitutes & Tutors' Salaries	\$5,000	\$5,164	\$5,000	\$5,676	\$5,000	\$0
210	Health Insurance	\$31,355	\$28,717	\$26,268	\$27,659	\$27,356	\$1,088
210B	Dental Insurance	\$600	\$508	\$507	\$507	\$1,169	\$662

<b>Funct/ Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FY2011 Budget</b>	<b>FY2011 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2012 Budget</b>	<b>FY2012 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2013 Proposed</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
<b>1210</b>	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION:</b>						
220	Social Security	\$14,140	\$13,210	\$13,882	\$13,951	\$14,512	\$630
250	Workers Compensation	\$1,201	\$1,006	\$1,180	\$1,180	\$1,328	\$148
300	Purchased Prof. Services	\$1,250	\$1,402	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$750	(\$500)
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$680	\$0	\$875	\$875	\$200	(\$675)
561	Tuition / Alternative Educational Services	\$28,519	\$30,934	\$29,375	\$35,977	\$0	(\$29,375)
580	Travel	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
610	Supplies	\$1,725	\$1,677	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$2,450	\$0
640	Books	\$0	\$587	\$285	\$285	\$0	(\$285)
670	Computer Software	\$0	\$316	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
730	Equipment	\$230	\$71	\$230	\$230	\$300	\$70
	<b>Subtotal - Spec. Education</b>	<b>\$264,790</b>	<b>\$256,738</b>	<b>\$258,022</b>	<b>\$266,983</b>	<b>\$238,513</b>	<b>(\$19,511)</b>
<b>1214</b>	<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM:</b>						
331	Assessment	\$53,972	\$53,972	\$52,752	\$52,752	\$57,727	\$4,975
	<b>Subtotal - Early Childhood Prog.</b>	<b>\$53,972</b>	<b>\$53,972</b>	<b>\$52,752</b>	<b>\$52,752</b>	<b>\$57,727</b>	<b>\$4,975</b>
<b>2120</b>	<b>GUIDANCE PROGRAM</b>						
110	Salary, Counselor	\$23,678	\$23,562	\$23,915	\$24,033	\$24,808	\$893
210	Health Insurance	\$3,255	\$5,457	\$3,353	\$3,353	\$3,466	\$113
210.1	Dental Insurance	\$360	\$395	\$304	\$231	\$240	(\$64)
220	Social Security	\$1,811	\$1,718	\$1,829	\$1,839	\$1,898	\$69
250	Workers Compensation	\$166	\$139	\$167	\$167	\$174	\$7
580	Travel/Mileage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
610	Supplies	\$150	\$50	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0
730	Equipment	\$85	\$0	\$85	\$85	\$0	(\$85)
	<b>Subtotal - Guidance</b>	<b>\$29,505</b>	<b>\$31,321</b>	<b>\$29,803</b>	<b>\$29,858</b>	<b>\$30,736</b>	<b>\$933</b>

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2011		FY2012		FY2013	
		Budget	Actuals	Budget	Estimated	Proposed	Budget Change
<b>2130</b>	<b>HEALTH SERVICES:</b>						
110	Salary, Nurse	\$20,792	\$20,792	\$21,103	\$21,207	\$21,843	\$740
210	Health Insurance	\$7,148	\$7,148	\$7,362	\$7,362	\$7,611	\$249
210.1	Dental Insurance	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$584	\$584
220	Social Security	\$1,591	\$820	\$1,614	\$1,622	\$1,671	\$57
250	Workers Compensation	\$135	\$113	\$137	\$137	\$153	\$16
300	Purchased Services	\$0	\$170	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$130	\$185	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$0
610	Supplies	\$650	\$422	\$615	\$615	\$623	\$8
	<b>Subtotal - Health Serv.</b>	<b>\$30,746</b>	<b>\$29,650</b>	<b>\$30,961</b>	<b>\$31,073</b>	<b>\$32,615</b>	<b>\$1,654</b>
<b>2150</b>	<b>SPEECH PATH. &amp; AUDIOLOGY:</b>						
300	Purchased Professional Services	\$25,000	\$41,117	\$25,000	\$27,500	\$27,765	\$2,765
610	Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
	<b>Subtotal - Speech Pathology</b>	<b>\$25,500</b>	<b>\$41,117</b>	<b>\$25,500</b>	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>\$28,265</b>	<b>\$2,765</b>
<b>2213</b>	<b>INSTR. STAFF TRAINING:</b>						
270	Course Reimbursement	\$5,500	\$9,778	\$6,450	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$1,050
270.1	Staff Development	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
	<b>Subtotal - Staff Training</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$9,778</b>	<b>\$6,950</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>
<b>2222</b>	<b>LIBRARY SERVICES:</b>						
110	Salary, Library Aide	\$24,279	\$22,933	\$24,928	\$24,928	\$25,659	\$731
220	Social Security	\$1,857	\$1,754	\$1,907	\$1,907	\$1,963	\$56
250	Workers Compensation	\$182	\$152	\$187	\$187	\$180	(\$7)
300	Purchased Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600	\$600
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$930	\$589	\$930	\$930	\$500	(\$430)
610	Supplies	\$250	\$123	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
640	Books & Periodicals	\$1,800	\$1,531	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$0
650	Audiovisuals	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
730	Equipment	\$0	\$866	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Subtotal - Library</b>	<b>\$29,548</b>	<b>\$27,948</b>	<b>\$30,252</b>	<b>\$30,252</b>	<b>\$31,202</b>	<b>\$950</b>

<b>Funct/ Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FY2011 Budget</b>	<b>FY2011 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2012 Budget</b>	<b>FY2012 Estimated</b>	<b>FY2013 Proposed</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
<b>2225</b>	<b>SCHOOL-WIDE TECHNOLOGY</b>						
110	Paraprofessional Salary	\$9,761	\$9,518	\$10,061	\$10,061	\$10,397	\$336
220	Social Security	\$747	\$728	\$770	\$770	\$795	\$25
250	Workers Compensation	\$63	\$53	\$65	\$65	\$73	\$8
300	Contracted Services	\$842	\$842	\$842	\$1,640	\$3,250	\$2,408
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$500	\$868	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
530	Telephone	\$600	\$595	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$0
530.1	Wireless Network	\$0	\$6,413	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
610	Supplies	\$500	\$456	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
670	Computer Software	\$200	\$219	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
910	Equipment	\$1,600	\$2,879	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$0
	<b>Subtotal - School-Wide Technology</b>	<b>\$14,813</b>	<b>\$22,571</b>	<b>\$15,138</b>	<b>\$15,936</b>	<b>\$17,915</b>	<b>\$2,777</b>
<b>2310</b>	<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION:</b>						
111	Board Salaries	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,600	\$400
220	Salary, Board Secretary	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
260	Social Security	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$161	\$31
330	Audit	\$2,600	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,100	\$3,100	\$100
360	Legal Services	\$1,500	\$1,025	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$500	(\$1,000)
540	Advertising/Printing	\$1,000	\$157	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
810	Dues [VSBA]	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$1,050	\$0
890	Miscellaneous	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
	<b>Subtotal - Board of Educ.</b>	<b>\$8,030</b>	<b>\$7,062</b>	<b>\$7,930</b>	<b>\$8,030</b>	<b>\$7,461</b>	<b>(\$469)</b>
<b>2321</b>	<b>OFFICE OF THE SUPT:</b>						
331	S. U. Assessment (Central Office)	\$28,577	\$28,577	\$28,570	\$28,570	\$34,265	\$5,695
	<b>Subtotal - Supt's Office</b>	<b>\$28,577</b>	<b>\$28,577</b>	<b>\$28,570</b>	<b>\$28,570</b>	<b>\$34,265</b>	<b>\$5,695</b>

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2011		FY2012		FY2013	
		Budget	Actuals	Budget	Estimated	Proposed	Budget Change
<b>2410</b>	<b>PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:</b>						
110	Salary, Principal	\$78,886	\$78,886	\$79,986	\$80,464	\$82,476	\$2,490
111	Salary, Secretary	\$25,316	\$25,089	\$26,017	\$26,017	\$26,806	\$789
210	Health Insurance / Benefits	\$23,098	\$23,179	\$23,788	\$27,709	\$28,728	\$4,940
210B	Dental Insurance	\$600	\$508	\$507	\$507	\$729	\$222
220	Social Security	\$7,971	\$7,659	\$8,109	\$8,146	\$8,360	\$251
250	Workers Compensation	\$677	\$567	\$689	\$689	\$765	\$76
430	Repair & Maintenance	\$200	\$165	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
530	Telephone	\$1,500	\$1,628	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
531	Postage	\$600	\$886	\$600	\$600	\$650	\$50
580	Conference/Travel	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0
610	Supplies	\$1,300	\$1,089	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
730	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
810	Dues & Memberships	\$200	\$185	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
	<b>Subtotal - Principal's Office</b>	<b>\$140,598</b>	<b>\$139,841</b>	<b>\$142,946</b>	<b>\$147,382</b>	<b>\$151,764</b>	<b>\$8,818</b>
<b>2420</b>	<b>OFFICE OF THE SUPT:</b>						
331	S. U. Assessment (Special Educ.)	\$26,346	\$26,346	\$25,102	\$25,102	\$27,867	\$2,765
	<b>Subtotal - Supt's Office</b>	<b>\$26,346</b>	<b>\$26,346</b>	<b>\$25,102</b>	<b>\$25,102</b>	<b>\$27,867</b>	<b>\$2,765</b>
<b>2520</b>	<b>FISCAL SERVICES:</b>						
	Treasurer/Bookkeeper Salary & Benefits	\$18,620	\$18,625	\$18,636	\$18,636	\$17,975	(\$661)
300	Contracted Services	\$500	\$855	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$0
420	Repair & Maintenance	\$350	\$55	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$0
531	Postage	\$300	\$220	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
610	Supplies	\$350	\$330	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
730	Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
830	Interest on Current Loan	\$1,000	\$450	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$0
	<b>Subtotal - Fiscal Services</b>	<b>\$21,120</b>	<b>\$20,535</b>	<b>\$21,136</b>	<b>\$21,136</b>	<b>\$20,475</b>	<b>(\$661)</b>

<b>Funct/ Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FY2011 Budget</b>	<b>FY2011 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2012 Budget</b>	<b>FY2012 Anticipated</b>	<b>FY2013 Proposed</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
<b>2540</b>	<b>PLANT OPERATIONS:</b>						
110	Custodians' & Subs' Salaries	\$59,062	\$59,898	\$60,477	\$60,477	\$62,456	\$1,979
210	Insurance / Benefits	\$9,675	\$9,675	\$9,709	\$9,709	\$9,769	\$60
220	Social Security	\$5,129	\$5,251	\$5,237	\$5,237	\$5,389	\$152
250	Workers Compensation	\$4,861	\$4,861	\$4,792	\$4,792	\$4,931	\$139
400	Purchased Property Services	\$3,000	\$4,110	\$3,000	\$5,382	\$3,185	\$185
411	Water & Sewer	\$1,050	\$5,877	\$1,050	\$1,782	\$1,250	\$200
421	Disposal Service	\$2,200	\$2,030	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$0
430	Repair/Maintenance	\$12,200	\$12,673	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$0
431	Heating & Ventilation	\$5,200	\$3,642	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$0
433	Grounds	\$2,500	\$1,420	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
520	Property Insurance	\$5,221	\$4,430	\$4,873	\$4,664	\$5,130	\$257
580	Travel / Mileage	\$50	\$51	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$0
610	Supplies	\$15,000	\$14,235	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
622	Electricity	\$29,935	\$32,800	\$30,534	\$30,534	\$31,500	\$966
624	Fuel	\$16,875	\$19,255	\$16,875	\$20,754	\$21,000	\$4,125
624.1	Gasoline (for snowblower & tractor)	\$350	\$481	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$0
700	Equipment	\$2,829	\$1,873	\$700	\$700	\$750	\$50
	<b>Subtotal - Plant Operation</b>	<b>\$175,137</b>	<b>\$182,562</b>	<b>\$174,747</b>	<b>\$181,531</b>	<b>\$182,860</b>	<b>\$8,113</b>
<b>2550</b>	<b>PUPIL TRANSPORTATION</b>						
513	Contracted Service	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,900	\$54,900	\$55,778	\$878
513.01	ExtraCurricular Transportation	\$100	\$64	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
515	Special Education Transportation	\$29,750	\$31,220	\$29,750	\$23,532	\$0	(\$29,750)
	<b>Subtotal - Pupil Transportation</b>	<b>\$83,850</b>	<b>\$85,284</b>	<b>\$84,650</b>	<b>\$78,432</b>	<b>\$55,778</b>	<b>(\$28,872)</b>
<b>2600</b>	<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>						
200	Hot Lunch Program	\$5,769	\$5,687	\$5,857	\$5,857	\$6,021	\$164
700	Equipment	\$0	\$1,945	\$0	\$88	\$0	\$0
	<b>Subtotal - Food Service</b>	<b>\$5,769</b>	<b>\$7,632</b>	<b>\$5,857</b>	<b>\$5,945</b>	<b>\$6,021</b>	<b>\$164</b>

Funct/ Object	Description	FY2011		FY2012		FY2013	
		Budget	Actuals	Budget	Anticipated	Proposed	Budget Change
5100	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
830	Interest	\$11,478	\$11,478	\$6,887	\$6,887	\$4,739	(\$2,148)
910	Principal	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0
	<b>Subtotal - Debt Service</b>	<b>\$81,478</b>	<b>\$81,478</b>	<b>\$76,887</b>	<b>\$76,887</b>	<b>\$74,739</b>	<b>(\$2,148)</b>
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,507,600</b>	<b>\$1,554,711</b>	<b>\$1,526,970</b>	<b>\$1,556,633</b>	<b>\$1,557,014</b>	<b>\$30,044</b>

**FRANKLIN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROJECTED REVENUES & ESTIMATED TAX RATES**

	FY2012	FY2013
<b>PROPOSED EXPENSES:</b>		
Franklin School District Budget Proposal	\$1,526,970	\$1,557,014
Franklin Special Article(s)	\$0	\$0
	<b>\$1,526,970</b>	<b>\$1,557,014</b>
<b>PROJECTED REVENUES:</b>		
Interest Earnings	\$2,000	\$2,000
Prior Year Unreserved Fund Balance	\$43,131	\$36,701
plus any adjustments to prior year revenues	\$0	-\$12,229
Projected Special Education Aid:		
Mainstream Block Grant	\$45,078	\$46,039
Special Education Expenditure Reimbursement	\$101,644	\$88,740
Extraordinary Expenditure Reimbursement	\$8,212	\$0
EEE Grant	\$16,579	\$19,076
Care & Custody	\$0	\$0
Small Schools Grant	\$24,343	\$24,095
Education Jobs Fund Allocation	\$0	\$21,517
Transportation Reimbursement	<u>\$22,407</u>	<u>\$22,680</u>
	<b>\$263,394</b>	<b>\$248,619</b>
<b>LOCAL EDUCATION SPENDING</b>	<b>\$1,263,576</b>	<b>\$1,308,395</b>

**PROJECTED TAX RATES BEFORE COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL ADJUSTMENT**

Equalized Pupils	131.61	132.71
Spending per Equalized Pupil [local ed spending ÷ eq.pupils]	\$9,601	\$9,859
<i>base spending amount</i>	\$8,544	\$8,723
District Spending Adjustment	112.370%	113.024%
<i>Base Homestead Tax Rate</i>	\$0.87	\$0.87
Equalized Tax Rate [base rate x district's spending adj]		
Local School Equalized Tax Rate	<b>\$0.481</b>	<b>\$0.505</b>

**PROJECTED TAX RATES AFTER COMMON LEVEL OF APPRAISAL ADJUSTMENT**

based on current Common Level of Appraisal [decreased to 73.0% of State value, from 75.18% in FY12 & 75.93% in FY11]		
Homestead Tax Rate:		
<u>Projected</u> Homestead Tax Rate - local	<b>\$0.640</b>	<b>\$0.692</b>
Non-Homestead Tax Rate:		
<u>Projected</u> Non-Homestead Tax Rate - local	<b>\$0.890</b>	<b>\$0.958</b>

Based on estimated 2012 base tax rates of \$0.87 homestead and \$1.36 non-homestead - actual tax bills will be based on rate(s) set by Legislature.

**NOTES OF INTEREST**

**TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday & Friday.....8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Wednesday.....8:30 am - Noon  
Thursday.....8:30 am - 6:00 pm

The office is open during the lunch hour. As always, if necessary, the clerk is available by appointment. Please call 285-2101 to schedule an appointment.

**HASTON LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday.....10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tuesday.....2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Wednesday.....CLOSED  
Thursday.....9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Friday.....2:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Trustee Meeting 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**

Second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Franklin Town Office.  
Contact the Town Clerk at 285-2101 if you wish to be on the agenda.

**LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

First Tuesday of each month at the Franklin Elementary School.  
Contact the Principal, Joyce Hakey at 285-2100 if you wish to be on the agenda.

**MVUHS DIRECTOR’S MEETING**

First and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at MVUHS.

**DOG LICENSES**

**Due by April 2, 2012**

Any dog six months of age and over must be licensed at the Town Clerk’s Office and must show proof of current rabies vaccination at that time by April 2, 2012 by 3:30 p.m. Rabies clinic will be held March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 1 pm – 3 pm. (See additional information on events page)

The Town of Franklin has a contract with the Franklin County Humane Society to board stray dogs. This contract **does not** include kittens or cats.

## **PROPERTY TAXES**

Proposed property tax due date; as warned – **October 15, 2012**

**NOTICE: Current policy states – All tax payments must be received by close of business on the due date or they will be considered delinquent. Postmarked envelopes received after the due date will be considered delinquent and assessed an 8% fee plus interest.**

## **BUILDING PERMITS & SEPTIC DESIGN**

Building applications and permits are necessary if you are doing construction of more than fifty square feet **or if you are changing the use.** Forms are available at Town Clerk's Office or the Town's website. Permits for septic systems and potable water systems are obtained through the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. For more information contact the District Office in Essex Junction at 1-802-879-5656 or log on to [www.anr.state.vt.us/dec](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec).

## **PERMISSION TO BURN (REQUIRED)**

Contact Burt Maynard, Town Fire Warden at 285-2220 for a permit.

## **GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS**

Available for all residents over 62 (\$2.00 lifetime fee) - Forms at Town Clerk's Office.  
Gives free day-use entry to all State Parks and most State sponsored events.

## **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

Posted on the Town Website and  
Published in County Courier or St. Albans Messenger

## **MISCELLANEOUS FOR THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN AND THE HASTON LIBRARY**

Website – [www.franklinvermont.com](http://www.franklinvermont.com)  
E-mail Address – [hastonlibrary@franklinvt.net](mailto:hastonlibrary@franklinvt.net)

## **FRANKLIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**The Franklin Historical Society has “A History of Franklin” book available for sale for \$20. Please contact the Town Clerk or Haston Library to purchase your copy.** The Historical Society is working to expand hours and visibility at the log cabin location on Hanna Road. They are also looking for volunteers; if you are interested please contact Bryant Reynolds at 802-285-6774.

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Franklin Fire Department-Emergency.....	911
Franklin Rescue Service-Emergency.....	911
Franklin Fire and Rescue- <b>Non-Emergency</b> .....	285-2050
Vermont State Police.....	524-5993
Franklin County Sheriff's Department.....	524-2121
Northwestern Medical Center.....	524-5911
Poison Control Center.....	658-3456
Vermont Game Warden.....	524-5993
U.S. Border Patrol.....	868-3229

**TOWN OFFICES**

Town Clerk & Treasurer.....	285-2101
Haston Library.....	285-6505
Selectboard Chair.....	285-2101
School Board Chair.....	285-2272
Zoning Administrator.....	285-2101
Planning Commission Chair.....	285-6542
Board of Adjustment Chair.....	285-6338
Health Officer.....	933-2022
Animal Control Officer.....	285-2101
Town Garage.....	285-2180
Road Commissioner.....	285-2101

**CHURCHES**

Franklin United Church.....	285-6425
Catholic Rectory.....	933-4464

**SCHOOLS**

Franklin Elementary School.....	285-2100
Missisquoi Valley Union (MVU) HS.....	868-7311
Northwest Supervisory Union.....	868-4967

**FRANKLIN DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVES**

Albert Pearce.....	848-7813
Norman McAllister.....	285-6363
Representatives Number in Montpelier.....	800-322-5616

**LAKE CARMi CAMPER'S ASSOCIATION**

Richard Lang, President.....	285-6832
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## IMPORTANT DATES 2012

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- ❑ March 6, 2012- *Town Meeting*- Beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Franklin School Gym  
\*Polls open at 10:00 a.m. for Presidential Primary and MVU elections\*
- ❑ March 17, 2012- *Rabies Clinic* at the Town Hall from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.; the Town Clerk's Office will also be onsite registering dogs
- ❑ April 2, 2012- *Dog Licenses*- Dogs are due to be registered before this date; proof of rabies and spayed/neutered certificates need to be provided for new dogs 6 months of age and older at the time of registration  
**\*\*\$12 spayed/neutered & \$16 full dog\*\***
- ❑ April 28, 2012 & August 25, 2012- *Household Hazardous Waste Day* at the Highgate Transfer Station from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Franklin residents
- ❑ May & September 2012- *Metal Dumpster* is at the Town Garage for use by all Franklin residents
- ❑ June 30, 2012- *Community Yard Sale* at the Town Hall from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- ❑ October 15, 2012- *Property Taxes* are **due** by 3:30 p.m.

The Franklin Selectboard holds its monthly meetings on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Clerk's Office

The Franklin Planning Commission holds its monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Franklin Homestead Dining Room

For questions on any of the above events, please call the Town Clerk's Office at (802)285-2101 or email the office, [townoff@franklinvt.net](mailto:townoff@franklinvt.net)

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