

2013

Town of Landgrove, Vermont

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2013



TOWN MEETING • March 3rd, 2014 • 6:00pm • Landgrove Town Hall

Useful Information

Landgrove Town Offices

Phone/fax:	(802) 824-3716
Email:	townoflandgrove@gmail.com
Mailing address:	88 Landgrove Road • Landgrove, VT 05148
Hours:	Thursdays, 9am - 1pm, or by appointment
Town Clerk:	Chrystal Cleary (802) 824-5394 (home)
Town Treasurer:	Andrea Ogden (802) 824-6318 (home)
Road Commissioner:	Steve Hall (802) 824-6622 (home)
Fire Warden:	Karl T. Pfister (802) 824-4663 (office)
Assistant Fire Warden:	Jeremiah Evarts (802) 683-0518 (for burn permits)
Select Board Chair:	Jeremiah Evarts (802) 824-4202

Community Resources

L'derry Landfill & Recycle:	http://www.londonderryvt.org/index.html
Phone:	(802) 824-5506
Open:	Closed Wed & Sun, call for specific hours.
Londonderry Post Office:	(802) 824-6571
Window hours:	Mon - Fri, 8:30 - 12 & 2 - 4:30pm Sat 8:30 - 11:30am
Flood Brook School:	(802) 824-6811
Burr & Burton Academy:	(802) 362-1775
Green Mtn Power:	(800) 451--2877 (report outages)
Mtn Valley Medical Clinic:	(802) 824-6901
Hours:	Mon - Fri, 8:30 - 4:30pm
On-call phone:	24 hours
VT State Police:	(802) 875-2112 (non-emergency)
Senators:	Bob Hartwell, rhartwell@leg.state.vt.us Dick Sears, rsears@leg.state.vt.us
House of Representatives:	Patty Komline, pkomline@leg.state.vt.us

EMERGENCY NUMBER: 911

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AUDITORS

PEGGY MOLE

ANNE MCCLARAN

MARY GOUGER

Town Meeting Information

Monday, March 3rd, 2014 at 6pm

Landgrove Town Hall

Potluck Supper to follow.

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Vital Statistics Town of Landgrove, County of Bennington

Population	158*		
Area	5,586 acres		
2012 Tax Rate	Resident	\$1.5280	
	Non-resident	\$1.4921	
Total Property Valuation	\$134,791,319 as of 7/29/2013		

MARRIAGES

- July 6 Jeffery McGraw and Monique van de Leuv, both of Holmdel, NJ
July 13 Kali Merrow and Benjamin Lennon, both of Landgrove
August 3 Peter Gram Emerson of Landgrove to Sarah Elizabeth Foale of Kingsbridge, UK
August 3 Reilly Hadden of Landgrove to Sara Greenfield of Squam Lake, NH
August 10 Shawn McGrath and Anna Bell, both of Boston, MA
August 31 Rebecca Shattuck and Adam Chaprnka, both of Jamaica Plain, MA
October 5 Marguerite Dibble of Landgrove to Thatcher Friant of South Londonderry, VT

BIRTHS

- Carson Apuhango born February 1, 2013 in Springfield, VT to Carmen Coronel and Byron Apuhango of Landgrove
Olivia Alice Lennon born August 23, 2013 in Lebanon, NH to Kali Merrow and Ben Lennon

DEATHS

- February 13 John Newton of Landgrove and Jamaica, VT
March 25 Jean Winkler of Landgrove and Vero Beach, FL
August 4 Elaine Raphael Bolognese of Landgrove and New York, NY
August 23 Christie Myers Tolstoy of New York, NY and Calais, VT
November 7 John M.P. Thatcher, Jr. of Landgrove and Hilton Head, SC
September 3 Mary Helen Williams of Landgrove and Fairfield, CT
September 28 Arthur Collins Williams of Landgrove and Fairfield, CT

* Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

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Landgrove Checklist

ADAMS, LEIGH	HADDEN, JOHN	NICHOLS, PAULINE
ADAMS, RICHARD	HALL, STEVEN	NUTTING, HARRY O.
AMATO, LEE	HANDSHAW, HAIG	OGDEN, ANDREA
AMEDEN, JAMES	HANDSHAW, KRISTIN	OGDEN, JOHN
AMEDEN, JOSEPHINE	HARRIS, CLAUDIA	OGDEN, MARY
BIGELOW, JONATHAN G.H.	HARRIS, SUSAN U.	OGDEN, SAMUEL
BIGELOW, MAGNUS W.	HARRIS, THOMAS A.	OGDEN, SHEILA
BIGELOW, MARY S.	HASSETT, JERALD	PAGNUCCO, PAUL R.
BIGELOW, MAY	HASSETT, VIVIAN	PAGNUCCO, RHONDA C.
BIGELOW, MELVA	HEINEMANN, NANCIE	PARIETTI, LOREEN I.
BIGELOW, SETH W.	HENSON, CASEY	PETERSON, ALICE L.
BOKENKAMP, BONNIE	HENSON, CRAIG	PFISTER, KARL T.
BOKENKAMP, GARY	HENSON, ELISE	POMEROY, JESSE
BRETTA, KIMBERLEE A.	ISHU, CHRISTOPHER JOHN	POMEROY, MARION
CHALMERS, CAMERON	ISHU, SARAH	SABOL, ROBERT
CHECCHIA, MAUREEN	JEFFREY, MARION	SABOL, SARA
CHECCHIA, THOMAS	JEFFREY, MICHAEL	SCHUBERT, KARL F.
CLARK, MICHAEL	JOHNSON, FRANK	SEULING, BARBARA
CLEARY, CHRYSTAL	JOHNSON, SARAH L.	SNYDER, D. JAY
CLEARY, JEFFERSON	JORDAN, JEAN	SNYDER, KATHY
COHEN, ANNETTE	JORDAN, ROBERT	STIGUM, TOVE L.
COLE, DALEN	KENNEDY, MICHAEL	STONE, BEVERLY
DEE, ELIZABETH	KENNEDY, ROBIN	SUMMERS, TODD S.
DIBBLE, JOCELYN	KNIGHT, ROBERTA W.	SWEETMAN, CHARLES
DIBBLE, REBECCA A.	LAPRADE, BYRD	SWEETMAN, MARION
DIBBLE, THOMAS R.	LEFEBVRE, JENNIFER E.	THOMSON, KAREN
DOMMENGÉ, KEVIN	LUX, HARRY	THOMSON, PETER
ECKHARDT, JOHN G.	MACARTHUR, LOIS	TOLBERT, DIANNE
ECKHARDT, KIMBERLY A.	MCCLARAN, ANNE	TOLBERT, JOHN
ECKHARDT, LYNN	MCCLARAN, TIM	TORRE, ANDREW
EMERSON, NATHALIE	MCNAIR, DANA	USHER, BARBARA
ENGLISH, JOHN	MCNAIR, DYLAN F.	VALDES, CARMEN
ENGLISH, LEILA	MCNAIR, MALCOLM	VAN WYCK, CATHERINE
ENGLISH, MARY	MCNAIR, MALCOLM GORDON	WAITE, ROBERT
EVARTS, JEREMIAH	MOLE, MARGARET	WAITE, SARAH
EVARTS, KARA	MOLE, MICHAEL	WALTZ, ELIZABETH
GOUGER, MARY	MOSTOLLER, PALA Z.	WHITTEN, BEATRICE
GRAM, FRANCINE W.	MUNAT, CLARE	WHITTEN, GLEN
GRAVES, ANGELA M.	MUNAT, JONATHAN C.	WILEY, JOHN D.
GRAYSON, PRISCILLA	NEWTON, ANNA	YOUNG, CHRISTINA
GREENSLIT, BRANDY	NICHOLS, CLARENCE	YOUNG, HELEN

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TOWN OF LANDGROVE Warning 2013 Annual Town Meeting

Legal voters of the Town of Landgrove, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, March 3rd at 6:00pm to act on the following Articles:

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

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following officers as required by law:

Town Clerk	1 year term
Town Treasurer	1 year term
Selectman	3 year term
Auditor	3 year term
Lister	3 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	5 year term
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1 year term
Grand Juror	1 year term
Town Agent	1 year term
Town Constable	1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds	3 year term

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of the Town Officers and take proper action on the Auditors' report..

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will authorize its Select Board to apply any surplus or unanticipated funds towards the proposed budget.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to pay its taxes on real and personal property on or before October 1, 2014.

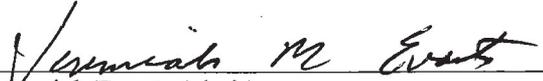
ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise the budgeted monies necessary to pay Town expenses and obligations for the 2014 year.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles.

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Dated January 23, 2014

Select Board of Landgrove, Vermont


Jeremiah Evarts (chair)


Greg Eckhardt


John Ogden

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Town Officers Elected

POSITION	NAMES	TERM EXPIRES
Moderator (1 year term)	Clare Munat	2014
Town Clerk (1 year term)	Chrystal Cleary	2014
Town Treasurer (1 year term)	Andrea Ogden	2014
Selectmen (3 year term)	Jeremiah Evarts	2014
	Greg Eckhardt	2015
	John Ogden	2016
Board of Auditors (3 year term)	Peggy Mole	2014
	Anne McClaran	2015
	Mary Gouger	2016
Board of Listers (3 year term)	Mary Gouger	2014
	Jerald Hassett	2015
	Chuck Sweetman	2016
Board of Cemetery Commissioners (5 year term)	Lynn Eckhardt	2014
	John English	2015
	Clarence Nichols	2016
	May Bigelow	2017
	Andy Torre	2018
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year term)	Sarah Waite	2014
Grand Juror (1 year term)	Claudia Harris	2014
Town Agent (1 year term)	Byrd LaPrade	2014
Constable (1 year term)	John Wiley	2014
Trustees of Public Fund (3 year term)	Andrea Ogden	2014
	Sarah Waite	2015
	Dick Adams	2016
MTN TOWN RED Director (3 year term)	Jeff Cleary	2015

Justices of the Peace

(elected at the November 2012 General Election for a 5 year term)

Charles Sweetman, Robert Waite, Chrystyna Young, Anna Dibble
and Clare Munat

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Town Officers Appointed by Select Board

POSITION	NAME	3 YEAR TERM EXPIRES
Zoning Administrator	John LaVecchia	2016
Planning Commission (includes ZA)	Malcolm McNair (chair)	2014
	Jerald Hassett	2014
	Leigh Adams	2014
	Chrystyna Young	2015
	Chuck Sweetman	2015
	Michael Mole	2015
	Harry Lux	2016
	Mary English	2016
Zoning Board of Adjustment (Includes all members of the Planning Comm. except the Zoning Administrator)	Mary English (chair)	2016
BCRC Member	Jerald Hassett	
Health Officer	Greg Eckhardt	2016
Conservation Commission	Kara Evarts	2014
	Seth Bigelow	2014
	Chrystal Cleary	2014
		One Year Terms
Town Service Officer	Chair, Select Board	2014
Emergency Management	Harry Nutting	2014
Forest Fire Warden	Karl T. Pfister	2014
Asst. Fire Warden	Jeremiah Evarts	2014
Road Commissioner	Steve Hall	2014
Assistant Town Treasurer	Sarah Waite	2014
911 Coordinator	John LaVecchia	2014

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Minutes of Town Meeting 2013

At Landgrove Town Hall, 88 Landgrove Road

Monday, March 4, 6:00 PM

Attendance: 40 Voters

Legal voters of the Town of Landgrove, County of Bennington, State of Vermont, are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall on Monday, March 4th at 6:00 PM to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year. The Clerk cast one ballot for Clare Munat – Nominated by John Ogden, seconded by Mary Gouger.

ARTICLE 2. To elect the following officers as required by law:

Town Clerk, 1 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for Chrystal Cleary – nominated by Jeremiah Evarts, seconded by Mary Gouger.

Town Treasurer, 1 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for Andrea Ogden – nominated by Peggy Mole, seconded by Dalen Cole.

Selectman, 3 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for John Ogden – nominated by Claudia Harris, seconded by Jeremiah Evarts.

Auditor, 3 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for Mary Gouger – nominated by Peggy Mole, seconded by Jay Snyder.

Lister, 3 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for Charles Sweetman – nominated by Mary Gouger, seconded by Michael Mole.

Cemetery Commissioner, 5 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for Andrew Torre – nominated by Dalen Cole, seconded by Jeremiah Evarts.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes 1 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for Sarah Waite – nominated by Lynn Eckhardt, seconded by Jeremiah Evarts.

Grand Juror, 1 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for Claudia Harris – nominated by Mary Gouger, seconded by Chrystyna Young.

Town Agent, 1 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for Byrd LaPrade – nominated by Jeremiah Evarts, seconded by Andy Torre.

Town Constable, 1 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for John Wiley – nominated by Greg Eckhardt, seconded by John Ogden.

Trustee of Public Funds, 3 year term – The Clerk cast one ballot for Richard Adams – nominated by Jeremiah Evarts, seconded by John Ogden.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and take proper action on the Auditors' report: Jeremiah Evarts presented the Selectmen's Report, much of which regarded their work with the Roads Dept., as road conditions

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after Irene and last year's Mud Season made our roads a priority for the Select-board this year. The Town acquired a new grader this year, which improved performance of road grading twofold. Our Town has made an alliance with David Antone of the VT Local Roads Project, a federally funded program, to consult on our road improvements and repairs. Mr. Antone will conduct "Road Grader School" right here in Landgrove to help educate the Roads Depts of other towns on proper crowning of roads, as well as educating on ditches, drainage, new materials to preserve and protect our dirt roads under the increased traffic they serve today.

John Ogden noted that this year we will be posting our roads against truck traffic during mud season and encouraged all to arrange for fuel deliveries while the roads are still frozen to mitigate any trucks having to deliver when the roads are vulnerable. Additionally, the Town is reaching out to let local suppliers know that access will be restricted as conditions soften and for them to contact us if access is needed.

This year the Town posted speed limits of 35 mph and 20 mph in the village in an effort to get drivers to slow down to safe speeds for pedestrians, cyclists and dogs. Discussions of next steps ensued- should the Town rent a speed tracking board from Peru for a while, hire an enforcement officer for certain time periods of high incidence? It was decided by the people to allow time for the signs to make their presence felt and then if further steps are needed, to gather data on actual scale of the offenses and act accordingly at the point.

There is nothing new to report on the Town Shed and sand pile storage- the Selectmen are aware of the need for a location, but no suitable place has been found.

High speed internet access remains a deficiency in Town and a struggle to make progress on. John Ogden has been in frequent contact with Fairpoint Communications, following a lead base don laying of fiber optic cable through town to the Burr and Burton Academy Mountain Campus in Peru. Fairpoint has funding to provide \$35K in switching equipment, but requires an order from the Public Service Board (PSB) to install it. John had been in touch with PSB and notified them to allow it, and the ball is in their court now. Andy Torre asked what the citizenry could do to move this item forward, and Jeremiah Evarts referred him to contact info for the PSB representatives in the front of the Annual Report. Various workaround technologies were discussed, such as MyFi, but John points out that only a wired system will serve our mountainous geography effectively and consistently with quality service.

Other notes:

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- new hot water heater in Town Hall
- Selectmen meet twice a month- on the 2nd Thursday at 8AM and the 4th Thursday at 6PM.
- Jeremiah Evarts thanks Byrd LaPrade for the gift of a 1936 US map, which adorns a wall in our Town Office.
- Treasurer Andrea Ogden reminded citizens that dog licenses need to be renewed by April 1st and that while filing taxes this year to not forget to file their homestead declaration, which is now once again an annual filing.
- The Education Tax Rate will go up 8 cents this year, and Andrea Ogden reminds us to make sure our tax bills are properly and currently addressed, since the address from several years ago had been forwarded to the correct address, but that the forwarding service was now expired. She notes that we should make sure our mortgage companies have updated information. The Town will resolve the address issue for all time by erecting a mailbox here at 88 Landgrove Road and receiving delivery at Town Hall rather than the Londonderry PO Box or any officer's home.
- There is no School Meeting now as it was held separately last week at Flood Brook School, under the new Mountain Towns RED. Any questions were to be directed to RED Director, Jeff Cleary, but there were none.

The article was moved by Melva Bigelow, seconded by Lynn Eckhardt. Article 3 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. To see whether the Town will appropriate \$2500 to the Town Hall Maintenance Fund. Article 4 was moved by Claudia Harris, seconded by Mary Gouger and passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. To see whether the Town will appropriate \$1000 to the Cemetery Endowment Fund. Article 5 was moved by Kathy Snyder, seconded by John Ogden and passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. To see whether the Town will appropriate \$7500 for the renovation of the east wall of the Town Hall. The article was moved by May Bigelow, seconded by Andrea Ogden and unanimously accepted.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Selectboard to apply any surplus or unanticipated funds toward the proposed budget. The article was moved by Melva Bigelow, seconded by Lynn Eckhardt and unanimously accepted.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to pay its taxes on real and personal property on or before October 1st, 2013. The article was moved by Peggy Mole, seconded by Michael Mole and unanimously accepted.

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ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise the budgeted monies necessary to pay Town expenses and obligations for the 2013 year. The article was moved by Jonathan Bigelow, seconded by Kathy Snyder and unanimously accepted.

ARTICLE 10. To transact any other non-binding business proper to come before said meeting, not acted upon in the preceding articles.

- Claudia Harris proposes a Town Website or listserv to enable timely and clear communications among townspeople. She also recommended a service such as Constant Contact to make lists and contact info easy to keep current.

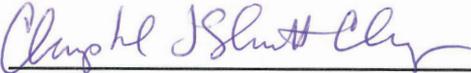
- Priscilla Grayson of the Landgrove Historical Society presents documentation of a collection of books and other works Found In Collection at Town Hall and asks the voters if they shall grant caretaking of this collection to the Historical Society. The motion was seconded by John Ogden and unanimously accepted.

- The final item for Town Meeting was to agree to meet again in 2014 on the first Monday in March at 6pm, moved by Claudia Harris, seconded by Andy Torre and unanimously accepted.

March 5th 2013

Respectfully submitted by Chrystal JS Cleary, Town Clerk

Landgrove, Vermont



Town Clerk



Moderator



Selectman

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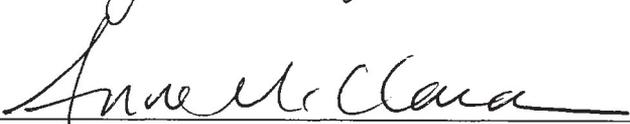
Auditors' Report

We, the undersigned auditors of the Town of Landgrove, have reviewed all the books and accounts of the Town of Landgrove on this 21st day of January, 2014.

We wish to report that all the entries have been properly made and all accounts are in balance.



Mary Gouger



Anne McClaran



Peggy Mole

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Current Asset Balance Sheet

	12/31/13	12/31/2012	\$ Change
Cemetery Checking	\$3,876.06	\$5,324.70	-\$1,448.64
Cemetery Endowment	\$34,423.65	\$32,901.06	\$1,522.59
Conservation Fund	\$16,887.22	\$16,885.55	\$1.67
Town Assets			
Operating Account	\$858,123.13	\$851,989.35	\$6,133.78
Reserve Funds			
Dog License Account	\$2,725.83	\$2,592.27	\$133.56
Equipment Fund	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
Listers Funds			
Lister Ed	\$770.63	\$0.00	\$770.63
Reappraisal Fund	\$25,061.85	\$23,694.98	\$1,366.87
Records Restoration	\$5,156.30	\$3,877.30	\$1,279.00
Town Hall Maint Fund	\$10,990.30	\$990.30	\$10,000.00
Total Reserve Funds	\$64,704.91	\$31,154.85	\$33,550.06
Total Town Assets	\$922,828.04	\$883,144.20	\$39,683.84

Cash Account Summary

	Income	Expense	Balance
Register Balance 1/1/2013			\$883,144.20
Net Income*	\$39,545.36		
Change in Payroll Liability	\$138.48		
Register Balance 12/31/13			\$922,828.04
Uncleared Checks		\$3,755.86	
Uncleared deposits	\$0.00		
Bank Balance as of 12/31/13			\$926,583.90

* See following pages for reconciliation to Net Income.

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Cash Account Reconciliation Detail

	Income	Expense	Net Income
Income			
Copier	\$667.00		
Historical Society Rent	\$701.00		
Licenses & Permits	\$1,145.00		
Penalty Collected	\$3,146.57		
Recording Income	\$2,790.00		
Taxes - Current Year	\$1,643,994.51		
Taxes - Delinquent	\$20,413.54		
VT State Highway Aid	\$34,421.62		
Interest - Op & Reserve	\$80.66		
Reserve Fund Income	\$2,509.50		
Total Income	\$1,709,869.40		\$1,709,869.40
Expense			
GENERAL FUND			
Appropriations			
Community		\$12,181.00	
Town			
Cem Endowment		\$1,000.00	
Cem Maintenance		\$6,500.00	
Records Restoration		\$1,000.00	
Town Hall Maint Fund		\$10,000.00	
Insurance		\$2,808.20	
Legal & Accounting		\$445.00	
Listers' Expenses		\$274.64	
Miscellaneous Expense		\$320.00	
Permits & Licenses		\$210.00	
Staff Costs		\$39,996.19	
Tax Map Revisions		\$600.00	
Taxes, Assessments & Fees		\$34,485.66	
Town Hall & Office		\$11,440.02	
Warnings & Notices		\$951.48	

Cash Account Reconciliation continued on following page.

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Cash Account Reconciliation continued from previous page.

	Income	Expense	Net Income
Zoning & Planning		\$605.52	
Total GF Expense		\$122,817.71	\$1,587,051.69
ROADS			
General			
Equipment Fund		\$20,000.00	
Gas & Oil		\$7,402.22	
Licenses & Insurance		\$6,178.00	
Machine Maint & Repairs		\$6,504.73	
Misc		\$746.99	
Rent		\$500.00	
Training		\$260.00	
Utilities		\$473.73	
Summer		\$50,984.16	
Winter		\$76,234.50	
Total ROADS		\$169,284.33	\$1,417,767.36
Other Expense			
Education Payments			
Mountain Towns RED		\$475,685.00	
State of VT - 2nd FY13		\$462,544.51	
State of VT - 1st FY14		\$455,286.00	
Misc - Tax Abatement		\$12,093.78	
Paid to Collector		\$3,374.27	
Reserved Fund Expense			
Dogs		\$238.44	
Net Assets Moved to Reserve			
Equipment Fund		(\$20,000.00)	
Records Restoration		(\$1,000.00)	
Town Hall Maint		(\$10,000.00)	
Total Other Expense		\$1,378,222.00	
Net Income*			\$39,545.36

*Referenced in Cash Account Summary on page page 14

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Statement of Taxes Raised

	7/9/2013 Grand List Value	Tax Rate	
Municipal Tax (prior to LUVA*)	\$1,347,913	\$0.231	
Education Tax			
Homestead (after LUVA)	\$279,782	\$1.2970	
Non-Resident (after LUVA)	\$863,137	\$1.2611	
			%
			Muni.
Combined Homestead Tax Rate		\$1.5280	15.1%
Combined Non-Resident Tax Rate		\$1.4921	15.5%
Taxes Collected			
Current Year			
Taxes Paid - 2013	\$1,596,376.79		
Del. Tax & Interest Paid - 2013	\$4,431.41		
LUVA from State	\$41,492.00		
Municipal Tax Adjustment**	\$1,466.61		
2011 Del. Tax & Interest Paid	\$386.33		
2012 Del. Tax & Interest Paid	\$20,027.21		
Total Collected	\$1,643,766.81		
Taxes Outstanding as of 12/31/13	\$38,101.26		
Tax Income Allocated			
Schools	\$1,393,515.51		
Gen Fund Budget	\$133,372.00		
Roads Budget	\$176,300.00		
Total Allocated	\$1,703,187.51		
* Land Use Valuation Assessment (Current Use)			
** Education tax adjustment credit \$61,995.			

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Statement of Delinquent Taxes Collected

The following funds have been collected in Delinquent taxes in 2013:

2011 taxes, penalties and interest collected	\$409.83
2012 taxes, penalties and interest collected	\$23,042.85
2013 taxes, penalties and interest collected	<u>\$4,766.54</u>
Total delinquent taxes collected 1/1/13 - 12/31/13	\$28,219.22

2013 Delinquent Taxes outstanding:

None

TAX SALE POLICY: When property taxes are in arrears for a period of one year and the second (current) year's taxes have not yet been paid, a letter will be sent to the delinquent tax payer by certified mail asking if there is any reason why the Town should not proceed with a tax sale on the property.

Please note that taxes are due on or before October 1. Payments received or post-marked after that date are considered delinquent and are subject to a penalty fee of 8% and additional interest of 1% for the first three months or part thereof, and 1 ½% per month or part thereafter, as allowed under the laws of the State of Vermont.

Also, please note that the forwarding order on the Town's old PO Box will expire in July 2014 and tax payments and/or other related documents mailed to the old address will be returned by the Post Office which may put the timeliness of your tax payment in jeopardy.

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Reserve Funds

The following funds are all held within the Town's Stifel-Nicolaus cash account. A summary of these funds can be found on the Current Asset Balance Sheet on page 14.

Dogs License Account			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2013			\$2,592.27
Licenses	\$372.00		
Cost of Tags		58.44	
State of VT - VSNIP		180.00	
Balance 12/31/13			\$2,725.83

Landgrove does not have an Animal Control officer and therefore, should the situation arise that we need to implement an animal control program, we would have to hire an outside service. The money in this account is held in reserve to cover costs should the need become real.

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office any time after January 1st each year. For a spayed or neutered dog, the charge is \$8 and for an unaltered dog, the charge is \$12. After April 1st, a late charge of \$2 and \$4 will apply for altered and unaltered dogs, respectively. New puppies or dogs acquired after April 1 will be charged half of the regular fee.

Please note that rabies inoculations must be current before a license can be issued.

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Equipment Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2013			\$0
Taxes raised (as voted)	\$20,000.00		
Balance 12/31/13			\$20,000.00

This Fund is used to minimize the impact to taxpayers of large equipment purchases used to maintain our roads. Taxpayers allocate money to the fund each year and the fund accumulates until it is necessary to draw funds down for a large purchase. The fund was exhausted in 2012 due to the purchase of the John Deere grader.

Listers' Funds

The State of VT District Advisor noted that the State of VT Listers' Education grant has been incorrectly recorded as income for our Reappraisal Fund. This grant is for Property Valuation and Review approved training only. See below for the correction.

Reappraisal Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2013			\$23,694.98
Move funds to Ed Fund		\$770.63	
State of VT - Per Parcel	\$2137.50		
Balance 12/31/13			\$25,061.85

The Reappraisal Fund is held in reserve to cover costs associated with a town-wide reappraisal. See the Listers' Report on page 31 for more information regarding the 2014 reappraisal process.

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Listers' Education Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2013			\$0
Transfer of prior years	\$770.63		
State of VT - Lister's Ed			
Balance 12/31/13			\$770.63

As noted earlier, this fund was created in 2013 to correct the allocation of the Listers' Ed grant we receive each year from the state of VT. This year, the grant from the state did not get issued to towns until January 2014 and will be recorded in next years fund accounting. The amount deposited on January 10, 2014 was \$385.25. This fund is for Property Valuation and Review approved Listers training courses.

Records Restoration Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2013			\$3,877.30
Taxes raised (as voted)	\$1,000.00		
Recording Fees	\$279.00		
Balance 12/31/13			\$5,156.30

The Records Restoration fund is money held in reserve for preserving the town's historical records. Income sources are the town appropriation and the state-mandated \$1 per page recorded by the Town Clerk.

Town Hall Building Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2013			\$990.30
South Wall Project (as voted)	\$7,500		
Taxes raised (as voted)	\$2,500		
Balance 12/31/13			\$10,990.30

The South Wall project is underway and is anticipated to be completed in 2014.

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General Fund Budget

	2012 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET
Community Appropriations				
Neighborhood Connections	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance	615.00	615.00	615.00	615.00
Londonderry Fire Department	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Londonderry Rescue Squad	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Mental Health Services	166.00	166.00	166.00	166.00
Mtn Valley Medical Clinic	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
West River Sports	600.00	600.00	600.00	852.50
So. Londonderry Free Library	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
The Collaborative	500.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Green Up	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Town Appropriations				
Cemetery Maintenance	8,950.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
Cemetery Renovation Fund	1,000.00	-		-
Records Restoration Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cemetery Endowment*		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance Fund*		2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Town Hall - South Wall*		7,500.00	7,500.00	-
Taxes, Assessments & Fees				
Benn. County Reg. Comm.	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,803.00	1,839.00
Bennington County Tax	7,179.80	8,000.00	7,437.45	8,000.00
Londonderry Transfer	14,310.66	16,000.00	17,107.21	18,000.00
VT League of Cities & Towns	886.00	931.00	931.00	1,000.00
SW NH Dispatch	7,268.00	7,400.00	7,207.00	7,400.00
Salaries & Stipends				
Listers	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Clerk	16,000.08	16,000.00	14,000.07	16,000.00
Asst. Town Clerk	587.50	1,000.00	-	1,000.00

*These items were warned individually at the 2103 Town Meeting.

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General Fund Budget continued from previous page.

	2012 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 BUDGET
Treasurer	13,999.92	14,000.00	13,999.92	14,000.00
Payroll Expenses	2,348.50	2,360.00	2,204.95	2,400.00
Select Board	2,400.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Road Commissioner	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
MT Town Red School Director	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Zoning Administrator	1,844.25	3,250.00	1,791.25	3,000.00
Town Hall & Office				
Supplies	2,021.92	3,000.00	3,328.16	3,000.00
Heat - Oil	2,914.11	3,000.00	2,360.01	3,000.00
Utilities	2,327.94	3,000.00	2,449.45	2,500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,350.54	3,000.00	3,017.40	3,000.00
Training		500.00	285.00	500.00
Insurance	2,664.60	2,800.00	2,808.20	2,800.00
Legal & Accounting	650.00	5,000.00	445.00	5,000.00
Legislative Fees	-	100.00	-	-
Listers' Expense	585.99	500.00	274.64	500.00
Zoning & Planning	502.50	500.00	605.52	700.00
Notices, Warnings & Reports	1,590.00	2,000.00	951.48	1,500.00
Tax Map Revisions	-	600.00	600.00	600.00
Total Expense	110,463.31	133,372.00	122,287.71	127,172.50
Prior Year Surplus/Deficit		-	11,084.29	-
Amount Raised by Taxes		133,372.00		127,172.50

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Roads Budget

	2012 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 PROPOSED
Equipment Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Gas & Oil	8,219.27	9,000.00	7,402.22	9,000.00
Licenses & Insurance	6,108.00	6,200.00	6,178.00	6,200.00
Machine Maint. & Repair	6,963.36	12,000.00	6,504.73	10,000.00
Misc.	161.18	1,000.00	746.99	1,000.00
Rent & Electric - Truck Plug-in	972.84	1,100.00	973.73	1,100.00
Training		500.00	260.00	500.00
	42,424.65	49,800.00	42,065.67	47,800.00
Summer Roads				
Chloride	3,402.00	5,000.00	2,820.00	5,000.00
Roadside Mowing	6,100.10	6,000.00	6,096.25	6,000.00
Ditches	58,609.09	7,000.00	30,693.76	7,000.00
Culverts	6,846.38	7,000.00	664.15	7,000.00
Maintenance (Grading)	2,775.00	12,500.00	6,175.00	10,000.00
Resurfacing (Gravel)	3,333.00	30,000.00	3,625.00	30,000.00
Storm Repair	314.98		910.00	5,500.00
	81,380.55	67,500.00	50,984.16	65,500.00
Winter Roads				
Plowing & Sanding				
Labor	18,820.00	25,000.00	22,630.00	25,000.00
Machine Rental	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Deicer	8,978.42	10,000.00	4,264.50	10,000.00
Sand & Materials	25,520.00	30,000.00	36,663.00	35,000.00
Storm Repair		15,000.00	3,677.00	5,500.00
	62,318.42	89,000.00	76,234.50	84,500.00
Total Budgeted	186,123.62	206,300.00	169,284.33	197,800.00

Roads Budget continued on following page.

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Roads Budget continued from previous page.

	2012 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET	2013 ACTUAL	2014 PROPOSED
Unbudgeted Projects				
Extreme Mud Season	37,601.75			
Total Expense	223,725.37	206,300.00	169,284.33	197,800.00
Less: State Aid	25,509.00	30,000.00	34,421.62	30,000.00
Net Road Budget	198,216.37	176,300.00	134,862.71	167,800.00
Prior year Surplus/Deficit		-	41,437.29	41,000.00
Amount Raised by Taxes		176,300.00		126,800.00

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Select Board Report

The Landgrove Select Board had another busy year in 2013. We continued to work closely with our road commissioner Steve Hall on improving the safety and quality of our roads. The new grader has been performing beautifully and we feel the quality of the roads have improved, but we realize there is more to be done. We are pleased to report that with the help of David Antone, Director of the Vermont Local Roads Program, we received a \$4,000.00 grant from “Better Back Roads” to go towards an engineering survey which should help us in the future work on correcting some of our perennial problem spots on our dirt roads.

We would like to remind residents again that the posted speed limits should be obeyed or they will be enforced. We will also be “posting” the roads in “Mud Season” to restrict over-weight vehicles to take pressure off our soft spring road surfaces. Emergency vehicles, of course, are not subject to these restrictions.

We are happy to report Fair Point is offering high-speed internet in most of the town now. To get connected call 1-866-984-2001.

The Select Board would like to thank Seth Bigelow for his many hours of meetings and field work putting together the Pitcher Forest timber sale. We are all looking forward to reporting more to residents at town meeting.

The Select Board would like to thank in advance the town Listers who will have a challenging spring 2014 working with the professional appraisal firm New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) on our town re-appraisal. This will be a very time consuming job and we want to let you know that the Select Board is here to support you during the re-appraisal.

Lastly, we would like to thank Andrea Ogden for covering both the Town Treasurer position and Town Clerk position for the first three months of the year prior to Chrystal Cleary coming on board as our new Town Clerk.

Dated on January 23, 2014,

Jeremiah Evarts

Greg Eckhardt

John Ogden

FYI

Select Board meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8:00am and the 4th Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Town Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to observe the meeting. Please contact the clerk a week in advance of the meeting to get on the agenda. Also, please note that the minutes of the meeting are public record and are available at the Town Hall

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Cemetery Commission

Our two largest cemeteries were maintained by our sextons, Frank and Sarah Johnson, and we received several comments about how well groomed the areas appear. The American Legion placed flags at the sites of our military veterans. Our membership to the Vermont Old Cemetery Association has been renewed for five years, at no cost to the town. A few people have expressed difficulties and safety concerns about entering the main cemetery through the pedestrian gate along the main road, therefore the lower was modified to allow opening of one half of the entrance without a key. This allows off road parking and easier access for people who use walking aids or other assistance. Two lots were sold to residents and corner stones were located or placed to identify some lots.

The Martin Cemetery is located in a forested area and is maintained by volunteers, who cut a few weeds and clear away fallen branches.

There were two interments in 2013:

Jane Caruthers -- June 21

Jean Winkler -- July 9

Respectfully submitted for the cemetery commission,
Clarence Nichols

Cemetery Commissioners:

May Bigelow, Lynn Eckhardt, John English, Clarence Nichols, Andrew Torre, and honorary commissioner Monk Ogen

Cemetery Operating Account - People's Bank			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Register Balance 1/1/2013			\$5,324.70
Taxes Raised (as voted)	\$6,500.00		
Donations	\$200.00		
Plot Sales	\$1,410.00		
Plot Sales - Clerk		\$10.00	
Grounds Maintenance		\$9,100.00	
Veterans' Flags		\$48.64	
Moved to Endowment		\$400.00	
Bank & Reg. Bal.12/31/13			\$3,876.06

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Clerk's Report

I have enjoyed meeting so many of you my first year as Town Clerk, and have been learning a great deal in all areas of clerk responsibilities. To help serve you better I attended a New Clerks' Workshop and a Vermont Dog Laws Seminar this year, and networked with other mountain town clerks which has been helpful when questions arise. In records management, we've had two decades of historic grand lists conserved, updated the town tax maps and brought our set of Vermont Statutes up to date.

Thank you for registering your dogs- in 2013 Landgrove licensed 42 dogs, possibly a high! The deadline for registering dogs is April 1st. Bring in those rabies certificates and I look forward to seeing you around Town Hall!

Respectfully submitted,
Chrystal Cleary

Landgrove Community Club

An anonymous donor provided an alternative reason to come to Green Up besides the donuts. Thank you - what a great addition to the morning!



The Fourth of July was a beautiful day, but Leu-rich Field was too wet to play the Hill versus Valley baseball game. The game was moved to the Flood Brook School and Hill prevailed. After years of listening to Nick Van Dyck at the monument, Jay Snyder took a turn at imparting his wisdom and perspective on living in Landgrove.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Ogden, Chair

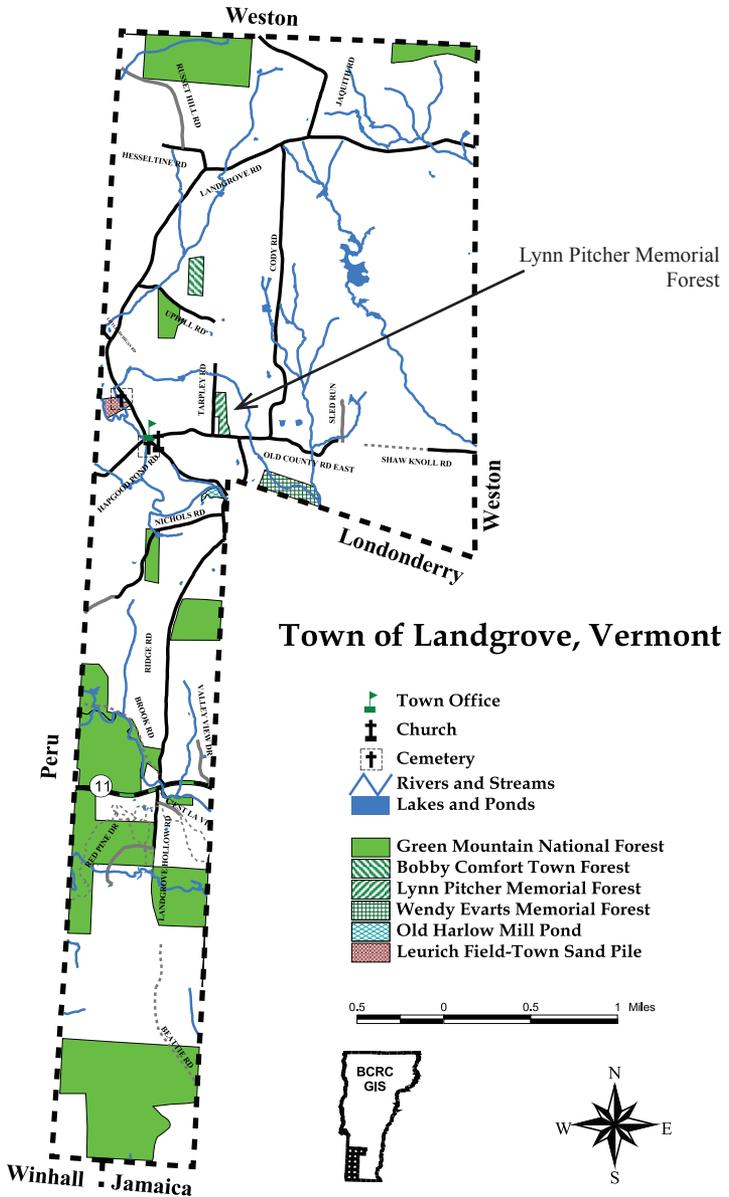
Conservation Commission

The Landgrove Conservation Commission has been working with the Board of Selectmen and the State of Vermont to develop a forest harvest and restoration strategy for the Lynn Pitcher Memorial Forest on Old County Road and Tarpley Road. Activities of commission members have included review of Pitcher Forest property boundaries; collection and storage of local-source acorns for oak reforestation; presentation of the harvest and reforestation plan at an open community meeting; assisting Bennington County Forester Kyle Mason with marking of the stand to identify trees for cutting; review of documents pertaining to the timber sale; contacting surrounding landowners; and informal monitoring of activities during the Pitcher Forest harvest.

Respectfully submitted,
Seth Bigelow

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Map of Town Lands



Special thanks to the Bennington County Regional Commission and Jim Henderson for preparing this map for our Town Report. A similar map can be found in the Town Plan.

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Landgrove Historical Society

During 2013 Landgrove Historical Society built on the basics of Collections Management provided by Blair Williams and Leila English. We also had valuable advice from our lawyer Board member, Kevin Light. He reviewed, among other documents, our Collections Management Policy. This was approved by the Board allowing us to legally accession the bulk of our collections, both Permanent (unique to Landgrove and worthy of owning) and Reference (useful for research but not always necessary if available elsewhere). For anyone interested this information is available in LHS office. Blair's project for us ended in January and we lost Leila to other endeavors in April. Both are sorely missed.

Most of our collections are archival or photographic. This spring, however, we received an Object, a brass bell from Cathy van Wyck as she sorted belongings in her move from Landgrove. Monk Ogden recalls it from school days in the 1930/40's as signaling the end of recess or as a need to listen to the teacher. A bigger bell that tolled the start and close of school now resides in the belfry of the Landgrove Meeting House.

The Town voted last March to underwrite improvements to the stage area. The work should be completed by Steve Hall near the 2014 Town Meeting. May Bigelow, Carol Joder, Anne McClaran and Priscilla Grayson contributed brains and brawn to this project.

Exhibit: "The Great Road" was the topic and will be for the next several years. It follows the strait but roller coaster trail/road cut by our original settlers (William Utley family). In Landgrove it starts at Shaw Knoll, becomes Old County Road East, followed by a short piece of Cody Road, then Old County Road West and Hapgood Pond Rd. ending at the Martin's house (13 Hapgood Pond Rd.), close to the site of Utley's homestead. This year the story covered the road from the Londonderry line (current landowners Demovick and Pagnucco on the north side, Hodges, Brackman, & Jordan on the south side) and ended with Dalen Cole's property (40 Old County Rd East). Old farms and land owners included two generations of Carpenters and the Swallow and Shaw families. Our 2014 exhibit will cover the next segment with emphasis on the old Valentine gable front house, recently Evarts' and now Burke's (13 Old County Rd East). And to generate interest, on August 7th Jonathan Bigelow led an afternoon walk along The Great Road examining cellar holes, grave stones and the lay of the land.

Programs: Our fourth annual Pancake Breakfast took place March 31 with delicious gastronomic contributions from the Haussleins with syrup from Sugar Bob's Finest Kind and Landgrove Sugar Works (Evarts and Bigelow) Our third Pot Luck/Square Dance, with special thanks to Maureen and Tom Checchia, took place on July 27 at Landgrove Inn's Inview with music by Mary Barron

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and Marcos Levy and caller Lausanne Allen.

Membership has increased to 72 people. We have decided to continue mailing annual membership notices by regular mail and use e-mail for programs or special events.

Board:Kevin Light's work commitments necessitated his resignation during the summer. Rob Badger has agreed to serve in his place.

May Bigelow, President	Anne McClaran
Meg Pennybacker, Vice President	Michael Mole
Mary Gouger, Treasurer	Clarence Nichols
Priscilla Grayson, Secretary	Sally Ogden
Rob Badger	Kathy Snyder
David Eckhardt	Marion Sweetman

Listers' Report

The listers did a normal number of site visits dealing with renovations, additions, and new buildings as well dealing with adjustments/revisions . As a result, there was a net increase of over four hundred thousand to the grand list which as of July 2013 was \$114,291,983. Our 5700 acres consist of approximately 210 parcels of which just over 160 have structures.

This year our key focus has been on researching, studying, preparing for and beginning our town wide reappraisal . We benefited greatly from joining VALA, the Vermont Association of Listers and Assessors, as part of our work . We developed a request for proposals and sent it to 25 appraisal firms. After an evaluation process that included interviews, reference checks, employee and firm history, we hired the professional and highly experienced reappraisal firm of NEMRC . We are on an accelerated schedule to have all site visits completed by early April with the complete reappraisal project finished by the end of May 2014 . Much will also be done to update our files and computer records with the reappraisal data.

The listers are in the midst of contacting all property owners and scheduling site visits . It should be noted that we expect two of the three listers will accompany the professional appraiser on each site visit . We believe this involvement has helped move the process along in a more timely manner as well as saving us money in the bid.

We greatly appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our property owners as we undertake this important and necessary project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Gouger Jerry Hassett Chuck Sweetman

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Road Commissioner's Report

I'd like to extend a thank you to Jay Merrill who continues to manage our dirt roads, summer and winter, with care and diligence. Similarly, Cameron Chalmers and his company have been a great asset with the roadside mowing and general maintenance around the bridges.

Summer 2013 we continued our push toward providing better channels for water to come off the roads appropriately by repairing and replacing culverts and improving the ditching along the roadway. Areas that saw attention this year include the Flats, Landgrove Hollow Road and Cody Road. A few problematic rocks were removed from Tarpley Road. The goal is to do a little ditching and culvert maintenance each year, but we have to catch up before things will settle into a more regular pattern.

This roadside work will also help in preparation for anticipated road resurfacing. We plan on doing a road survey and getting engineering consultation on how to manage some of our perennial problem areas, like Buffum Hill. The goal is to have scenic, dirt roads that are able to handle the Vermont freeze-thaw cycles and excess water as smoothly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Hall



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Treasurer's Report

Perhaps you have noticed our new mailbox at the Town Hall? We are excited to have our physical and mailing addresses the same. It has been a slow process getting everyone to take note of the change but we seem to be making headway. Thank you for your careful attention in addressing your tax payments this year. Our small driveway at the town hall can get crowded, but please keep in mind that Nicky, our mail lady, needs to be able to drive through to deliver the mail!

This summer, the town acquired a table made by Tom Dibble, Senior at a tag sale at Sarah Ishu's house. It is a perfect work table for the town office! We are also very grateful to Christine Pennypacker for loaning us sturdy chairs for this table.

The town website (landgrove.vermont.gov) continues to evolve - we are always looking for ways to make it more helpful. Another technology gain this year is a cloud-based database of townspeople where we can easily access phone numbers and emails of landowners. We are excited about this as a tool to run the office more efficiently.

The town office has switched internet providers from satellite to Fair Point DSL. We are excited about the improved speed and reliability and are sure that this will please our drive-up internet users.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Ogden

Trustees of Public Funds

The Trustees of Public Funds manage two funds for the people of Landgrove. The first fund is the Cemetery Endowment. This fund was established as an endowment to ensure that the cemeteries of Landgrove would be maintained in perpetuity. The principal of the fund is not to be touched, and each year the Trustees of Public funds will determine what percentage of the interest on the account can be disseminated to the Cemetery checking account. In 2013, the interest earned on the principal was \$103.99. The trustees voted to roll that amount into the principal investment. The Town's appropriation of \$1000 per year is greatly appreciated and will help this endowment achieve its goal of providing earnings to support the lawn mowing expenses. The other income source is a portion of cemetery plot sales. Please consider including this endowment in your annual and/or end of life giving - the fund has a long way to go to be big enough to fund the maintenance of our beautiful cemeteries.

The second account in the care of the Trustees of Public Funds is the Conservation Fund. This fund was created with money raised by towns people

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to help with the costs associated with the 1996 conservation easement of the Martin fields in the Utley Flats. It was agreed that the excess money be put into the management of the Trustees of Public Funds and used to aid in the legal expenses of future land conservation projects in the town. It has been a little difficult to find records stating the exact terms of this fund - if you have any information, please speak to the Town Treasurer. Also, if you are considering putting your land into conservation, please contact us to see how these funds might help your process move forward.

The investment strategy for these two funds was discussed at the annual meeting of Trustees. It was agreed that both funds could take a more risky position due to the long term nature of each fund. We have adopted the traditional investment model of 60% stocks and 40% bonds. We feel this balance positions the funds for maximum growth with moderate exposure to risk.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Ogden
Sally Waite
Dick Adams

Cemetery Endowment			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2013			\$32,901.06
Town Appropriation	\$1,000.00		
Plots Sales	\$400.00		
Interest	\$103.99		
Unrealized Change	\$18.60		
Balance 12/31/13			\$34,423.65

Conservation Funds			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2013			\$16,885.55
Interest	\$1.67		
Balance 12/31/13			\$16,887.22

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Zoning & Planning

The following applications were considered in 2013 and permits issued except as noted.

13-01 to David Ortiz (Co-Trustee for Barbara Carder Trust) for a subdivision at Old County Road West. This application was withdrawn subject to re-submission.

13-02 to Thomas Hartman for an addition to a house at 1265 Winhall Hollow Road.

13-03 to Richard and Leigh Adams for a CUP under UFSOD for an addition to a house at 6 Old County Road West.

13-04 to Richard and Leigh Adams for a CUP under UFSOD and a variance to construct a garage/barn at 12 Old County Road West.

13-05 to Craig and Nancy Hafer for a CUP under UFSOD to move an existing house and construct an addition and connecting barn/garage at 16 Nichols Road.

13-06 to Cameron Chalmers and Mary Ogden—a renewal of permit 12-01 to construct an addition to a house and a barn at 209 Cody Road.

13-07 to Roberta Knight to construct an addition to a barn at 76 Cody Road.

13-08 to Jeremiah and Kara Evarts to construct a new residence at 10 Old County Road East.

13-09 to Tim and Anne McClaran to construct a barn at 24 Jaquith Road.

13-10 to Tom and Joceyln Dibble to construct a storage shed at 9 Tarpley Road.

13-11 to Ryan Foster to construct a new residence at 131 Holden Hill Road.

During the year the Zoning administrator has had conversations with many residents and landowners regarding various questions as to procedures, potential issues and general information.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. LaVecchia, ZA

How to Contact the ZA?

John LaVecchia • jbllog@comcast.net • (802) 362-3534
Office Hours at Town Hall: Tuesdays 12:30pm - 2pm

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Statements from Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

JANUARY 2014

The Landgrove Town School District became part of the Mountain Towns Regional Education District on July 1, 2013, and the Mountain Towns Regional Education District is assigned to the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) in Sunderland. The FY13 Financial Statement is included in your town report for your information. Please reference the Mountain Towns RED Annual Report for information regarding the RED.

LANDGROVE DISTRICT AUDIT

The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union engaged Fothergill, Segal & Valley, CPA, Montpelier, Vermont to conduct an audit of the former Landgrove School District FY'13 accounts. Copies of the audit report will be available upon completion for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools (362-2452).

MOUNTAIN TOWNS RED ANNUAL REPORT

MARCH 2014

The past year has brought more exciting transitions for the Mountain Towns Regional Educational District (RED) and Flood Brook School. As of July 1st, the Flood Brook Union School Board was officially disbanded, as were the local town Boards of Londonderry, Weston, Peru and Landgrove and the Mountain Towns RED Board began to oversee K-12 education in our four towns. With this change came the transition of the Mountain Towns RED to the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) where we join similar school choice towns such as Manchester and Dorset. With this change, our towns now hold three seats on the BRSU Board and we have begun to play an active role in some of the exciting initiatives underway in BRSU such as the focus on personalized student learning. While our pioneering formation of the Mountain Towns RED (the first Regional Educational District in the state) and transition to a new supervisory union brought myriad challenges, by all accounts things have gone very well.

At this spring's Board retreat, the RED Board established two Board goals for the coming year. The first is to become better informed about pre-school opportunities and challenges in our District. Previous to the formation of the RED, pre-school education was overseen by the individual town boards along with a pre-school collaborative of the Windsor Southwest Supervisory

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Union. The transition to the RED and BRSU placed responsibility for oversight of all K-12 education under the RED Board. Over the course of this year, we have been busy talking with providers, Flood Brook staff and the BRSU staff about preschool attendance, programs and funding so our Board better understands what opportunities are available to families in our District, as well as ways in which we might consider changes to better serve our communities.

The second Board goal for the year is to establish Ends Policies for the Mountain Towns RED. Ends Policies are Board policies that establish specific goals for students educated in our District and can then be used as benchmarks against which progress can be measured. All towns in the BRSU have created or are in the process of creating Ends Policies to guide their assessment and decision making. The Ends Policy process involves gathering and synthesizing input from community members, staff and students, and then attempting to derive District-wide goals from this input. To this end, the RED Board held a community forum in the fall and has sought input from students and faculty. The Board will be looking at all of the information collected over the course of the winter and attempting to chart a course to the development of Draft Ends Policies by the end of the year.

In the face of decreasing enrollments and increasing costs in K-12 schools statewide, we have been fortunate to see a significant rise in the number of students in our District. As our numbers were dropping several years ago, our Board made a decision to delay cutting programs and focus on improving our school and doing a better job with outreach to attract families to our communities. Our Board feels strongly that the changes that the last few years have brought to Flood Brook and the Mountain Towns RED put our communities in a strong position to continue this growth. We believe that the best way to build strong communities, as well as to help control costs, is to strive to offer the best possible K-12 public education.

While statewide education spending is on the rise, rising enrollments and controlling costs has allowed the Mountain Towns RED to decrease its spending per equalized pupil by \$385 for the coming year. However, despite our best efforts, statewide trends in enrollment and a 7 cent increase in the statewide “base rate” will cause our taxes to rise moderately. Thanks to forming the RED two years ago, we still reap the benefits of a reduction to our tax rate and a cap on the total increase on the tax rate, which has helped to moderate tax increases for the last two years. Those benefits will carry forward for two more years through the 2017 budget. With that in mind, we have set aside a portion of this year’s surplus in a new fund to be used to partially offset future increases in the tax rate or to cover unexpected secondary tuition expenses due to changes in enrollment.

There are many challenges facing our schools in Vermont and nation-

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wide in the coming years, but our Board is confident that we have students, a faculty, administration and communities that are up to the challenge. At the same time, our children, families and schools need the support of all of the community to be successful. We hope that you will all seek ways to become involved and support our children. Volunteers are always needed in our schools and our Board is always looking for public input to help guide our decision making as we forge ahead. Our Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 6:30 PM at Flood Brook School and the public is always welcome. We look forward to another year of growth and change as we prepare for the years ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Mowry, Chair

Wendell Coleman, Vice Chair

Melissa Brown

Charlie Cave

Jeff Cleary

Duane Hart

Rosalind Klezos

Debra Lyneis

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Landgrove School District

FY13

	FY13 <u>Budget</u>	FY 13 <u>Actual</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Secondary Program	\$130,050	\$107,812
Special Education - Secondary	15,072	8,595
Early Education	7,000	4,505
Board	750	258
Office of the Superintendent	7,095	7,095
Transportation Services	<u>9,072</u>	<u>5,544</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$169,039</u>	<u>\$133,809</u>

Revenue

Interest	\$0	\$0
Hold Harmless	3,255	1,501
Federal Forest	1,800	637
Transportation Reimbursement	4,657	4,712
Special Ed Block Grant	4,147	4,147
Spec. Ed. - Reimbursement	5,512	952
Early Education Block Grant	<u>1,939</u>	<u>1,939</u>
Revenue Subtotal	\$21,310	\$13,888
Education Spending	<u>147,729</u>	<u>149,483</u>
Total Revenue Receipts	<u>\$169,039</u>	<u>\$163,371</u>

Fund Balance

Actual Balance June 30, 2012	\$9,049
Anticipated Revenue FY13	163,371
Anticipated Expenditures FY13	<u>(133,809)</u>
Anticipated Balance June 30, 2013	<u>\$38,611</u>

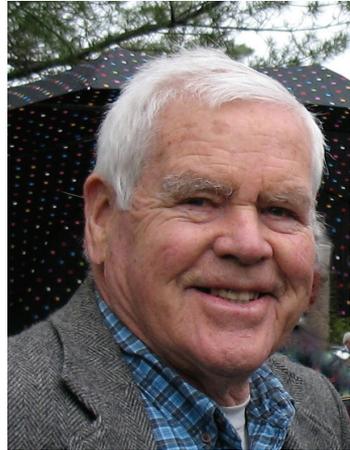
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A few of the faces we miss seeing about town.

John Newton



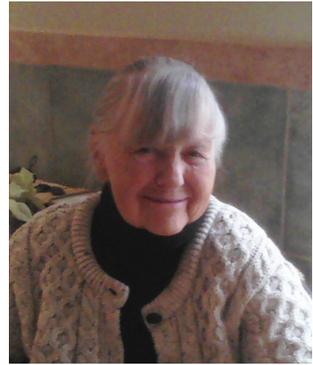
Elaine Raphael Bolognese



Christie Tolstoy



Arthur and Mary Helen Williams



Mouse Thatcher



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