

2012

Town of Landgrove, Vermont

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ending December 31, 2012



Fay Velton Pool LaPrade
February 3, 1936 - October 4, 2012

TOWN MEETING • March 4th, 2013 • 6:00pm • Landgrove Town Hall

Useful Information

Landgrove Town Offices

Phone/fax: (802) 824-3716
Email: townoflandgrove@gmail.com
Mailing address: PO Box 508 • Londonderry, VT 05148
Hours: Thursdays, 9am - 1pm, or by appointment
Town Clerk: TBD
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 Union 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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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

AUDITORS

PEGGY MOLE

ANNE MCCLARAN

MARY GOUGER

Town Meeting Information

Monday, March 4th, 2013 at 6pm
Landgrove Town Hall
Potluck Supper to follow.

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Vital Statistics

Town of Landgrove, County of Bennington

05148

Population	204*		
Area	5,586 acres		
2012 Tax Rate	Resident	\$1.4538	
	Non-resident	\$1.4270	
Total Property Valuation	\$138,920,179 as of 7/12/2012		

MARRIAGES

June 16, 2012 Alexander Slobodian and Genevieve Scott, both of Binghamton, NY
 July 21, 2012 Anna Henson, of Landgrove, VT and Donald Johnson, III, of Ecuador

BIRTHS

November 8, 2012 Skyler Hunt Van Alstyne in Brattleboro, VT to Jennifer Hunt and Peter Van Alstyne, Jr. of Landgrove, VT

DEATHS

March 3, 2012 Patricia Cater of Landgrove and Weston, VT
 April 22, 2012 Barbara "Bobby" Comfort of Landgrove and New York City
 October 4, 2012 Fay Yelton Pool LaPrade of Landgrove, VT
 October 25, 2012 Phyllis Borrowman Laundon Gibson of Landgrove, VT
 December 2, 2012 Jane Elizabeth Cruthers of Manchester and Landgrove, VT

* Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-2011 American Community Survey; margin of error +/- 68

Landgrove Checklist

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

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 4th at 6:00pm to act on the following Articles:

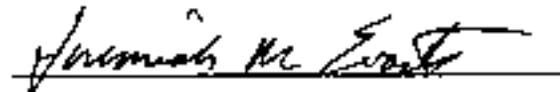
- ARTICLE 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2. To elect the following officers as required by law:
- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Town Clerk | 1 year term |
| Town Treasurer | 1 year term |
| Selectman | 3 year term |
| Auditor | 3 year term |
| Lister | 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 whether the Town will appropriate \$2500 to the Town Hall Maintenance Fund.
- ARTICLE 5. To see whether the Town will appropriate \$1000 to the Cemetery Endowment Fund.
- ARTICLE 6. To see whether the Town will appropriate \$7500 for the renovation of the east wall of the Town Hall.
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Select Board to apply any surplus or unanticipated funds towards the proposed budget.
- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to pay its taxes on real and personal property on or before October 1, 2013.

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.

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

Dated January 31, 2013

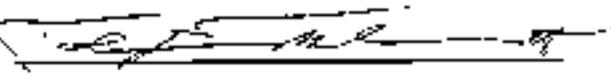
Select Board of Landgrove, Vermont



Jeremiah Evarts (chair)



John Ogden



Greg Eckhardt

Town Officers Elected

POSITION	NAMES	TERM EXPIRES
Moderator (1 year term)	Clare Munat	2013
Town Clerk (1 year term)	Sarah Ishu	2013
Town Treasurer (1 year term)	Andrea Ogden	2013
Selectmen (3 year term)	John Ogden	2013
	Jeremiah Evarts	2014
	Greg Eckhardt	2015
Board of Auditors (3 year term)	Mary Gouger	2013
	Peggy Mole	2014
	Anne McClaran	2015
Board of Listers (3 year term)	Chuck Sweetman	2013
	Mary Gouger	2014
	Jerald Hassett	2015
Board of Cemetery Commissioners (5 year term)	Andy Torre	2013
	Lynn Eckhardt	2014
	John English	2015
	Clarence Nichols	2016
	May Bigelow	2017
Collector of Delinquent Taxes (1 year term)	Sarah Waite	2013
Grand Juror (1 year term)	Claudia Harris	2013
Town Agent (1 year term)	Byrd LaPrade	2013
Constable (1 year term)	John Wiley	2013
Trustees of Public Fund (3 year term)	Warren Fuller	2013
	Andrea Ogden	2014
	Sarah Waite	2015
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

Town Officers Appointed by Select Board

POSITION	NAME	3 YEAR TERM EXPIRES
Zoning Administrator	John LaVecchia	2013
Planning Commission (includes ZA)	Harry Lux	2013
	Mary English	2013
	Malcolm McNair (chair)	2014
	Leigh Adams	2014
	Jerald Hassett	2014
	Chrystyna Young	2015
	Chuck Sweetman	2015
	Michael Mole	2015
Zoning Board of Adjustment (Includes all members of the Planning Comm. except the Zoning Administrator)	Mary English (chair)	2013
BCRC Member	Jerald Hassett	
Conservation Commission	Chrystal Cleary	2013
	Kimberly Eckhardt	2013
	Kara Evarts	2013
	Suzy Harris	2013
One Year Terms		
Town Service Officer	Chair, Select Board	2013
Emergency Management	Harry Nutting	2013
Forest Fire Warden	Karl T. Pfister	2013
Asst. Fire Warden	Jeremiah Evarts	2013
Road Commissioner	Steve Hall	2013
Health Officer (3 years)	Greg Eckhardt	2015
Assistant Town Treasurer	Sarah Waite	2013
911 Coordinator	John LaVecchia	2013

Please note that all Select Board appointed officers serve from January to December.

Minutes of Town Meeting 2012

Legal voters of the town of Landgrove, County of Bennington, State of Vermont met at the Town Hall on Monday, March 5th, 2012 at 6:00pm to transact the following business:

Jerry Evarts welcomed everyone to the Town Meeting. He introduced himself as Chair of the Select Board. Lynn Eckhardt lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A few announcements were made. Harry Nutting passed out an Emergency Plan Survey for each household to fill out. The Flood Brook students (Leah, Allison, and Libby) presented their history project. Over the past 10 years they have been doing the Local History Institute at FBUS (Peru, Weston , Landgrove and Londonderry). Students digitized documents for the Historical Societies in the towns. Interviews of local residents are on their local website. Students interviewed local residents Claudia Harris and Tom Dibble. They also studied old barns in the area. Landgrove has one of the oldest barns in the area. The website is Mountainvalleyhistory.org.

Ben Freeman came to answer questions about the BBA Mountain Campus in Peru. They hope to open with 20-25 students in the fall of 2012. Ben explained that students in grades 10-12 apply to spend a term at the Mountain Campus. There will be construction this summer. There will be an Open House in the fall for community members to tour the campus.

Town Clerk read the Check List. She also pointed out changes in the Check List from the time it had been printed in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year. Sarah Ishu nominated Clare Munat. Clare Munat elected Moderator.

Clare read the warning.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Town Clerk for the ensuing year. Peggy Mole nominated Sarah Ishu by. Sarah Ishu elected Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year. Sarah Ishu nominated Andrea Ogden. Andrea Ogden elected Town Treasurer.

ARTICLE 4: To hear the reports of the town Officers and take proper action on the Auditors' report. Jerry spoke to the Selectmen's Report. He highlighted Hurricane Irene. He also pointed out that the Town spent money on new computers and a new copier. He also talked about trying to find a place for the town shed. There are few leads on where to locate the town sand pile, but nothing promising. Jerry pointed out that we rent equipment every year because we have nowhere to house equipment. If we had a town shed we would save a significant amount by buying our own equipment and not paying rental fees. We do not have a Road Commissioner at this time. Please let the Select Board know if you have interest in the position. Jerry also thanked Warren Fuller for his years of service to the Town. John Ogden gave an update on the Town's interaction with FEMA regarding Tropical Storm Irene. The Town's damages were very small compared to other Towns in our area. Landgrove's damages were \$14,000. The Town received a little over \$3,000 in government aid from FEMA towards the \$14,000. Jerry Evarts pointed out that the underground wall that was built by the Town along the river bank across from the Town Hall, saved the bridge which would have washed out during the storm. Clare requested that descriptions of Town Reserve Funds be added to the individual fund reports to so that

everyone can understand what each fund represents. Article was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: To elect the following officers as required by law: Article moved for discussion.

Election of Officers

Selectman – 3 year term. Greg Eckhardt nominated by Jon Bigelow. No other nominations. Greg Eckhardt elected Selectmen.

Auditor – 3 year term. Ann McClaran nominated by Claudia Harris. Ann McClaran elected Auditor.

Lister – three year term. Jerry Hassett nominated by Chuck Sweetman. Jerry Hassett elected Lister.

Board of Cemetery Commissioner – 5 year term. May Bigelow nominated by Clarence Nichols. May Bigelow elected Cemetery Commissioner.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 1 year term.

Sally Waite nominated by Andrea Ogden. Sally Waite elected Delinquent Tax Collector.

Grand Juror – 1 year term. Claudia Harris nominated by Lynn Eckhardt. Claudia Harris elected Grand Juror.

Town Agent – 1 year term. Byrd LaPrade nominated by Claudia Harris. Byrd LaPrade elected Town Agent.

Constable – 1 year term. Greg Eckhardt nominated by Jerry Evarts. Greg Eckhardt elected Town Constable. Sally Waite “thanked” Karl “Tex” Pfister for his many years of service as Town Constable. Karl received a standing ovation. [post script: Greg cannot be both Selectman and Constable. He resigned and the Select Board appointment John Wiley.]

Trustee of Public Funds – 3 year term. Sally Waite nominated by Andrea Ogden. Sally Waite elected Trustee of Public Funds.

Board of School Directors – 3 year term. Vote deferred to School Meeting where it is also listed as an article to be voted on.

Union School Director – 3 year term. Vote deferred to School Meeting where it is also listed as an article to be voted on.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to collect taxes on real and personal property as provided by law, due date to be on or before October 1, 2012, with a penalty fee of 8% and an additional interest of 1% for the first three months or part thereof, and 1 ½% per month or part allowed under the laws of the State of Vermont. Article moved, seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to pay its taxes to the Treasurer. Article moved, seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise the budgeted monies necessary to pay Town expenses and obligations for the 2012 year and authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same. Article moved, seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply any surplus

or unanticipated funds towards the proposed budget. Article moved, seconded and passed.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will contribute the Green Mountain National Forest receipts to the Town School District and Highway expense.

Article moved by Andy Torre seconded by Seth Bigelow. Discussion. Andrea Ogden confirmed that the Town received \$720 from the State and \$1,900 from the Federal Government and it was put toward the School District budget. Article passed.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Road Commissioner. Article moved and seconded. The question was raised if the Road Commissioner needs to be a resident of the Town. Jerry Evarts confirmed that the Commissioner does need to be a resident of Landgrove. Greg Eckhardt suggested that anyone who is interested talk to Karl Pfister who can explain who is involved in the position. No further discussion. Article passed.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will acquire, by gift or purchase, land to add to the Town Forest. Michael Mole moved the article. Crystal Cleary seconded. Michael asked about the Town Lands. They are listed on page 17. Jonathan Bigelow urged that the article be amended to read that such purchases be voted upon by the Town. Jerry Evarts spoke to the philosophy of the Select Board’s decision making process. Jerry Evarts said the focus is in looking for the land to build a Garage. John Ogden discouraged people from voting down and/or amending the article to allow the Select Board the flexibility to do a land swap. Melva Bigelow moved to amend the article to read “the Town will acquire upon approval at a special Town Meeting to be used for Town Forest or other specific purpose”. Claudia Harris argued against changing the article. She spoke to trusting the Select Board to make these decisions for the Town. If the article were amended there would have to be warnings for the required meetings. Andy Torre moved to amend the amendment to read “with the exception of land to build a Town Shed”. Chuck Sweetman asked if the Town can build on a Town Forest. Jerry Evarts explained that his understanding was that the phrase “Town Forest” was being used to describe all Town Lands not just those that are forested. The Clerk was asked to read the amended amendment. Motions were made to withdraw the amendment to the article and the amendment to the amendment by Melva Bigelow and Andy Torre respectively. Mary English requested clarification that the article allows for the sale as well as the acquisition of land. Bobby Waite moved the Article for vote. Clerk requests a show of hands instead of verbal vote. - 24 yes, 4 opposed. Article 12 passes.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business. May Bigelow pointed out that the Town no longer has a Conservation Commission. May would like to see the Commission reinstated. She would like to suggest to the Select Board that Seth Bigelow to be considered for the Commission. Karl Pfister III was the previous Commissioner of record. Greg asked if Seth was interested in becoming the Commissioner of Conservation. Seth confirmed that he was. John asked how long ago the commission was active. 2001 was the last record May could find. Greg Eckhardt said the Select Board would take it under advisement and talk to Seth about the position. Seth commented that he was concerned about invasive vegetation in Landgrove.

Andy Torre asked about the Broadband internet that has come to Peru. John Ogden said that it is a personal priority of his as Selectmen to find out why Broad band isn’t here. He plans to approach the problem at the Town level. Michael Mole explained that all

the wiring for Landgrove has been completed and the substation is all set and ready to go. We are waiting for the glass fiber to be put in the rest of the way. John Ogden said the providing companies are not stable and not willing to put the money into it. Kim Eckhardt said that she was given the answer that Landgrove is not high up on the priority list because the State believes that GAW provides reasonable service to this area. Mary English spoke to the poor level of service provided by GAW. Chuck Sweetman said he had a conversation with Fair Point Communications 2 weeks ago. He was told his house is 1.5 miles away from the end of the service. Fair Point further told him that the Town Hall is a priority location because it is a municipal office. Kim Eckhardt said that Fair Point has reached their house accidentally and hooked it up while they were on vacation. And it worked. Fair Point then disconnected the service because it not meet their signal standards. Consensus is for the Select Board to pursue this with vigor!

Harry Nutting reminded everyone to fill out the Emergency Survey.

Mary English requested a show of hands from people who would not be able to attend the Town Meeting if it was held Tuesday during the day instead of Monday evening - the count was 10. A motion was made by Peggy Mole to hold the 2013 meeting on the Monday before Town Meeting Day, at 6:00pm. Motion was moved, seconded and passed.

May Bigelow reminded everyone of the Pancake Breakfast on April 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Ishu, Town Clerk

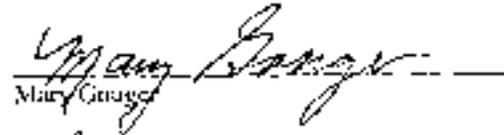
Clare Munat, Moderator

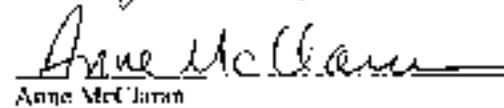
John G. Eckhardt, Selectmen

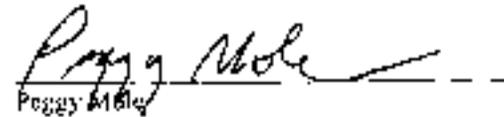
Auditors' Report

We, the undersigned auditors of the Town of Landgrove, have reviewed all the books and accounts of the Town of Landgrove on this 17th day of January, 2013.

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


Mary Granger


Anne McLaran


Peggy Mole

TOWN OF LANDGROVE - 2012

Current Asset Balance Sheet

	12/31/2012	12/31/2011	\$ Change
Cemetery Checking (Merchant's)	\$5,324.70	\$364.34	\$4,960.36
Cemetery Endowment Fund	\$32,901.06	\$30,904.81	\$1,996.25
Conservation Commission Fund	\$16,885.55	\$15,193.14	\$1,692.41
Stifel-Nicolaus			
Reserve Funds			
Cemetery Restoration Fund	\$0.00	\$4,109.00	-\$4,109.00
Dog License Account	\$2,592.27	\$2,588.56	\$3.71
Equipment Fund	\$0.00	\$62,252.37	-\$62,252.37
Reappraisal Fund	\$23,694.98	\$21,105.66	\$2,589.32
Records Restoration	\$3,877.30	\$2,309.30	\$1,568.00
Town Hall Building Fund	\$990.30	\$3,703.84	-\$2,713.54
Total Reserve Funds	\$31,154.85	\$96,068.73	-\$64,913.88
Operating Account	\$851,989.35	\$1,019,632.99	-\$167,643.64
Total Stifel-Nicolaus	\$883,144.20	\$1,115,701.72	-\$232,557.52
Total Current Assets	\$938,255.51	\$1,116,066.06	-\$177,810.55

Cash Account Summary

	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance as of 1/1/2012			\$1,115,701.72
Cash Basis - Net Income		\$232,599.01*	
Change in Bank Error		\$1.90	
Change in Payroll Liability	\$228.64		
Unrealized Change in Inv.		\$185.25	
Register Bal. as of 12/31/12			\$883,144.20
Uncleared Checks		\$5,550.62	
Uncleared deposits	\$589.00		
Bank Balance as of 12/31/12			\$888,105.82

* See following pages for reconciliation to this number.

TOWN OF LANDGROVE - 2012

Cash Account Reconciliation Detail

	Income	Expense	Net Income
Copier	\$266.25		
Grants	\$4,320.61		
Historical Society Rent	\$701.00		
Licenses	\$1,105.00		
Recording Income	\$4,842.00		
Taxes Paid - 2012	\$1,561,554.32		
Delinquent Tax Paid - 2012	\$53,982.72		
Penalties & Interest - 2012	\$3,262.28		
Current Use	\$47,697.00		
Tax Adjustment	\$1,558.39		
Del. Tax Paid - Prior Years	\$10,074.02		
VT State Highway Aid	\$25,509.58		
Interest	\$2,832.22		
Reserve Fund Income	\$3,411.32		
Land Sale	\$15,000.00		
Total Income	\$1,736,116.71		\$1,736,116.71
General Fund Budget Expenses			
Appropriations			
Community		\$11,931.00	
Cemetery		\$8,950.00	
Reserve Funds		\$22,000.00	
Stipends		\$5,800.00	
Insurance		\$2,664.60	
Legal & Accounting		\$650.00	
Listers' Expenses		\$585.99	
Office		\$2,021.92	
Permits & Licenses		\$40.00	
Recording Fees to Clerk		\$4,842.00	
Staff Costs		\$32,936.00	
Taxes, Assessments & Fees		\$31,394.46	

TOWN OF LANDGROVE - 2012

Cash Account Reconciliation continued from previous page.

	Income	Expense	Net Income
Town Hall Building		\$7,592.59	
Warnings & Notices		\$1,590.00	
Zoning & Planning		\$2,346.75	
Total GF Expense		\$135,345.31	\$1,600,771.40
ROADS			
Gas & Oil		\$8,219.27	
Licenses & Insurance		\$6,108.00	
Machine Maint. & Repairs		\$6,963.36	
Misc.		\$161.18	
Rent		\$500.00	
Utilities		\$472.84	
Summer Roads		\$81,380.55	
Winter Roads		\$99,920.17	
Total Roads Expense		\$203,725.37	\$1,397,046.03
Other Expense			
Education Payments			
State of VT Ed Fund		\$1,005,485.38	
Landgrove Town District		\$155,696.00	
Flood Brook Union School		\$276,853.00	
Misc. Adjustment		-\$66.00	
Paid to Del. Tax Collector		\$4,607.23	
Reserved Fund Expense		\$7,047.43	
2012 John Deere Grader		\$201,000.00	
Assets Moved to Reserve Funds		-\$20,978.00	
Total Other Expense		\$1,629,645.04	
Net Income			-\$232,599.01

TOWN OF LANDGROVE - 2012

Statement of Taxes Raised

	7/12/2012 Grand List Value	Tax Rate	
Municipal Tax (prior to LUVA*)	\$1,389,202	\$0.214	
Education Tax (after LUVA)			
Homestead	\$368,060.83	\$1.240	
Non-Resident	\$831,851.60	\$1.213	
			%
			Muni.
Combined Homestead Tax Rate		\$1.454	14.7%
Combined Non-Resident Tax Rate		\$1.423	15.0%
Taxes Collected			
Taxes Paid - 2012	\$1,561,554.32		
Del. Tax Paid - 2012	\$53,982.72		
Penalties & Interest - 2012	\$3,262.28		
Del. Tax - Prior Years	\$10,074.02		
subtotal	\$1,628,873.34		
LUVA from State	\$47,697.00		
Paid to Del. Tax Collector	\$-4,607.23		
Municipal Tax Adj.**	\$1,558.39		
subtotal	\$44,648.16		
Total Collected	\$1,673,521.50		
Tax Income Allocated			
Schools	\$1,438,034.38		
Gen Fund Budget	\$118,798.00		
Roads Budget	\$172,100.00		
Total Allocated	\$1,728,932.38		

* Land Use Valuation Assessment (Current Use)

** Education tax adjustment credit \$68,256.98.

Statement of Delinquent Taxes Collected

DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNT

2012

The following funds have been collected in Delinquent taxes in 2012:

2011 taxes, penalties and interest collected	\$10,074.02
2012 taxes, penalties and interest collected	\$57,245.00
Total delinquent taxes collected 1/1/12-12/31/12	\$67,319.02

2011 Delinquent Taxes outstanding:

Ahlers, Estate of Katherine Foster

2012 Delinquent Taxes outstanding:

Ahlers, Estate of Katherine Foster

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.

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 16.

Cemetery Renovation Fund

Account closed - see Cemetery Commission Report on page 30 for more detail.

Dogs License Account			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2012			\$2,563.16
Licenses	\$254.00		
Cost of Tags		\$58.89	
State of VT - VSNIP		\$108.00	
Town Clerk		\$58.00	
Balance 12/31/12			\$2,592.27

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 1/1/2012			\$62,252.37
Taxes raised (as voted)	\$20,000.00		
2012 John Deere Grader		\$82,252.37	
Balance 12/31/12			\$0

This Fund is used to minimize the impact to taxpayers of large equipment purchases used to maintain our roads. Taxpayers vote to allocate money to the fund each year and the fund accumulates until it is necessary to draw funds down for a large purchase. This fund works to keep our Roads budget relatively stable from year-to-year. This year, the entire balance of the fund and unallocated surplus money was used to purchase the grader for \$201,000. The old grader was traded in for \$26,000.

Reappraisal Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2012			\$21,105.66
State of VT - Per Parcel	\$2,204.00		
State of VT - Lister's Ed	\$385.32		
Balance 12/31/12			\$23,694.98

The Reappraisal Fund is held in reserve to cover costs associated with a town-wide reappraisal. See the Listers' Report on page 35 for more information regarding the next anticipated reappraisal.

Records Restoration Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2012			\$2,309.30
Taxes raised (as voted)	\$1,000.00		
Recording Fees	\$568.00		
Balance 12/31/12			\$3,877.30

The Records Restoration fund is money held in reserve for converting the town records to microfiche. Income sources are the town appropriation and the state-mandated \$1 per every page recorded by the Town Clerk.

TOWN OF LANDGROVE - 2012

Town Hall Building Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2012			\$3,703.84
Hot water heater		\$2,713.54	
Balance 12/31/12			\$990.30

This Fund was created to manage the Town Hall addition project that was completed in 2009. Since that time, the fund has been untouched. The Select Board voted this year to use the money to add an on-demand hot water heater to the Town Hall. This upgrade is a key improvement to the various groups that use the Town Hall. Going forward, the Select Board is asking townspeople in this year's warning to contribute \$2,500 annually to this fund. The purpose is to be able to fund large maintenance items like painting, furnace repair, etc. These items may be planned for or may come unexpectedly and this fund will allow the Select Board to respond accordingly without significant impact to the General Fund budget. Going forth, the fund will be renamed the Town Hall Maintenance Fund.

TOWN OF LANDGROVE - 2012

General Fund Budget

	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET	2012 ACTUAL	2013 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	420.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
So. Londonderry Free Library	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
The Collaborative	500.00	500.00	500.00	750.00
Green Up	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Town Appropriations				
Cemetery Maintenance	6,950.00	6,500.00	8,950.00	6,500.00
Cemetery Renovation Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Records Restoration Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Taxes, Assessments & Fees				
Benn. County Reg. Comm.	1,698.00	1,750.00	1,750.00	1,750.00
Bennington County Tax	7,524.10	10,000.00	7,179.80	8,000.00
Londonderry Transfer	19,249.10	22,000.00	14,310.66	16,000.00
VT League of Cities & Towns	834.00	835.00	886.00	931.00
SW NH Dispatch	7,312.00	7,400.00	7,268.00	7,400.00
Salaries & Stipends				
Listers	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
Town Clerk	15,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.08	16,000.00
Asst. Town Clerk	237.50	1,000.00	587.50	1,000.00
Treasurer	10,000.07	14,000.00	13,999.92	14,000.00
Payroll Expenses	1,800.95	2,342.00	2,348.50	2,360.00
Select Board	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	3,000.00

TOWN OF LANDGROVE - 2012

General Fund Budget continued from previous page.

	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET	2012 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET
Road Commissioner	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
MT Town Red School Director	900.00	900.00	900.00	1,000.00
Zoning Administrator	100.00	3,240.00	1,844.25	3,250.00
Town Hall & Office				
Supplies	10,269.74	3,000.00	2,021.92	3,000.00
Heat - Oil	1,608.79	2,500.00	2,914.11	3,000.00
Utilities	2,864.81	3,000.00	2,327.94	3,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,959.50	3,000.00	2,350.54	3,000.00
Training				500.00
Insurance	2,653.60	2,800.00	2,664.60	2,800.00
Legal & Accounting	0.00	5,000.00	650.00	5,000.00
Legislative Fees	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Listers' Expense	325.97	500.00	585.99	500.00
Zoning & Planning	476.00	500.00	502.50	500.00
Notices, Warnings & Reports	1,960.22	3,000.00	1,590.00	2,000.00
Tax Map Revisions	600.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Total Expense	113,975.35	128,798.00	110,463.31	122,372.00
Prior Year Surplus/Deficit		10,000.00		0.00
Amount Raised by Taxes		118,798.00		122,372.00

TOWN OF LANDGROVE - 2012

Roads Budget

	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET	2012 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET
Equipment Fund	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Gas & Oil	8,572.56	7,500.00	8,219.27	9,000.00
Licenses & Insurance	5,217.00	5,000.00	6,108.00	6,200.00
Machine Maint. & Repair	11,971.23	12,000.00	6,963.36	12,000.00
Misc.			161.18	1,000.00
Rent & Electric - Truck Plug-in	1,087.41	1,100.00	972.84	1,100.00
Training				500.00
Summer Roads				
Chloride	4,060.00	6,000.00	3,402.00	5,000.00
Improvement (Mow & Ditch)	9,347.00	25,000.00		
Roadside Mowing			6,100.10	6,000.00
Ditches			58,609.09	7,000.00
Culverts			6,846.38	7,000.00
Maintenance (Grading)	5,627.50	6,500.00	2,775.00	12,500.00
Resurfacing (Gravel)	45,349.00	30,000.00	3,333.00	30,000.00
Road Repair			314.98	
Winter Roads				
Plowing & Sanding				
Labor	25,075.00	25,000.00	18,820.00	25,000.00
Machine Rental	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Materials	29,388.16	55,000.00		
Deicer			8,978.42	10,000.00
Sand			25,520.00	30,000.00
Road Repair				15,000.00
Total Budgeted	174,694.86	202,100.00	186,123.62	206,300.00

TOWN OF LANDGROVE - 2012

Roads Budget continued from previous page.

	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET	2012 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET
Unbudgeted Projects				
Town Hall Bank Repair	28,063.64			
Irene	14,007.81			
2012 Mud Season			37,601.75	
Unbudgeted subtotal	42,071.45		37,601.75	
Total Expense	216,766.31	202,100.00	223,725.37	206,300.00
Less: State Aid	33,135.58	30,000.00	25,509.00	30,000.00
Net Road Budget	183,630.73	172,100.00	198,216.37	176,300.00
Prior year Surplus/Deficit		0.00		0.00
Amount Raised by Taxes		172,100.00		176,300.00

Select Board/Road Commissioner Report

It has been a very busy year for the Town of Landgrove Select Board working on projects, new and old. We worked closely with our new road commissioner, Steve Hall, on improving the safety and quality of our rural dirt roads. We completed some much needed ditch improvement on Cody Road and Old County Road West and we replaced some old culverts in various locations. We will continue these efforts this coming year. We also have plans to resurface certain sections of our roads which have consistently been problem areas over the decades. Additionally, a long overdue upgrade to a heavier and more powerful road grader will help the town maintain the roads at a higher level in the future.

The mud season of 2012 will go down in the history books as one of the most difficult and costly for the town and our goal is to try and correct some of these persistently muddy and sometimes impassable sections of road. We are, therefore, excited to report a new relationship with the Vermont Local Roads Program out of Colchester, Vermont. David Antone, Director of Vermont Local Roads Program, and Erik Wells, Communications & Research Manager, will be adding Landgrove into their site visit schedule and helping us with designing improvements to some of Landgrove's more difficult sections of road. You will see in the Roads budget that we are anticipating increased expense this summer as we address some chronic problems with new road management techniques.

We, along with the Steve Hall, have agreed to "post" our roads during the spring mud season which restricts access to over-weight vehicles. Vehicles can still obtain access to the roads, but they must seek permission from the road commissioner. Emergency vehicles, of course, are not subject to these restrictions. We are hopeful that this will also lead to improved road quality during that especially difficult time of year for our fragile dirt roads. In light of that, we recommend that homeowners take an active role in seeing that their fuel tanks are topped off before the roads start to thaw, usually around March 1st. And cancel any auto-delivery during that time period.

On a less noticeable side we have been repairing and replacing failing guard rails and have formally changed, by ordinance, the town wide speed limit to 35 mph, except in the village where it remains 20 mph. You have probably noticed that we installed several "35 mph" speed limit signs on the roads leading into town, as well as new "20 mph" signs in the village itself. The Select Board is considering hiring a law enforcement presence to enforce our speed limits and traffic laws if things do not seem to improve.

Two efforts we are making some small headway on are 1) obtaining a parcel of land for a town shed and winter sand storage preferably from the U.S. National Forest Service and 2) working with FairPoint to bring true high speed

internet to Landgrove residents. We are not giving up on either of these efforts and hope to have news in 2013.

Other highlights for the year include the approval of the 2012 Town Plan, the installation of a new hot water heater in the Town Hall and a new flag holder outside the office door. We also added a second monthly Select Board meeting to the schedule. We felt it was necessary to get up to speed and move forward on some of these pressing items.

We would like to extend a special thank you to W. Byrd LaPrade for his donation of a beautiful map of the United States dated 1936. This map hangs on the wall in the office and is a great addition to our space, as well as a historic gem. Also, this year marks the end of Sarah Ishu's time with the Town as Town Clerk. She has been a whirlwind of energy, making sure that our elections run smoothly, our land records kept in shape, and everyone greeted at the office with a smile! We will miss you, Sarah!

Dated on January 31, 2013

Select Board

Jeremiah Evarts, Greg Eckhardt and John Ogden

Road Commissioner

Steve Hall

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

Cemetery Commission

The maintenance of our cemeteries consisted of a spring clean-up, a fall clean-up, mowing, and burials by our sexton, Ed Johnson. This year we pruned the overgrown shrubbery along the fence line, and the American Legion placed flags at the sites of our veterans. The cemeteries are maintained well, and provide a good, first impression, for visitors to our town. It is important to note that the funds from the sale of cemetery lots do not cover the maintenance cost, therefore the town provides money from the general fund to assure that our perpetual care obligations are met. The cemetery funds are outlined below and on the following page.

- Dr. Stanley Deltufo was interred April- 02- 2012
- Two lots were transferred to new owners, and two lots were sold.
- We are asking that artificial decorations be limited to one per lot, this limitation does not apply to flags.

Respectfully submitted for the cemetery commission,
Clarence Nichols

Cemetery Commissioners:

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

Cemetery Operating Account - People's Bank			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2012			\$364.34
Taxes Raised (as voted)	\$6,500.00		
Add'l Appropriation*	\$2,450.00		
Donations	\$200.00		
Plot Sales	\$1,800.00		
Closing Renovation Fund	\$5,109.00		
Mowing		\$10,650.00	
Veterans' Flags		\$48.64	
Moved to Endowment		\$400.00	
Register Balance 12/31/12			\$5,324.70

* Select Board voted to appropriate additional funds to operating account.

Cemetery Endowment Fund

The Cemetery Endowment fund is managed by the Trustees of Public Funds and can be found on page 37.

Cemetery Renovation Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2012			\$4109
Taxes Raised (as voted)	\$1000		
Transfer to Checking		\$5109	
Balance 12/31/12			\$0
Account Closed			

The Cemetery Renovation Fund was created to pay for the renovations to the Old Cemetery and was held in reserve in the Town's primary account with Stifel-Nicolaus. That project is now complete, and it was agreed that account should be closed and the money moved into the operating account. Due to unusually long growing seasons recently, the mowing expenses have greatly exceeded the Cemetery Commission's ability to cover the costs through plot sales and the Town appropriation. We are grateful to the Select Board who continue to support our efforts at keeping the cemeteries in good condition.

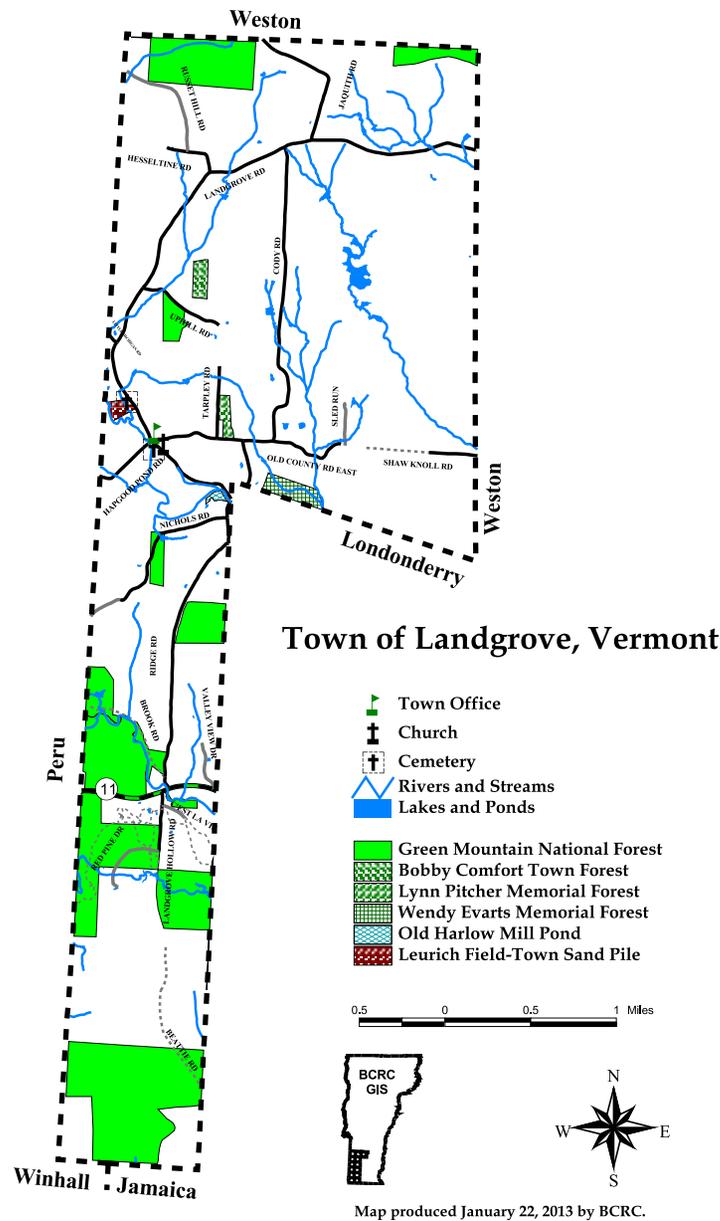
Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission began meeting again this year, after the Select Board made five appointments to restart the committee: Seth Bigelow, Chrystal Cleary, Kimberly Eckhardt, Kara Evarts and Suzy Harris. After exploring many options to determine the focus for our commission, we determined to concentrate on maintenance and improvement of town lands. Towards this end, we have been in contact with our new Bennington County Forester, Kyle Mason. We are now in the process of assessing our town lands to determine our future management goals. We are also awaiting funding to employ a forester, and then other professionals as needed to meet our management goals.

A map of Town Lands can be found on the following page.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberley Eckhardt

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.

Landgrove Community Club

Green Up Day was marked this year by the unusually warm and early spring. Certainly made for easy road scouring! Quinn Evarts, shown here, was especially enthusiastic!



Fourth of July again was a beautiful day. Ice cream, music and awesome entertainment. One of these years, it'd be nice to get a head count. Certainly is a good dinner! I think it might be time to make new 4th of July table cloths. I'm hoping that Lisa Eckhardt will read this and volunteer. She did such an awesome job last time!

The big Halloween news was that it didn't snow! Suzy Harris brought a rug to the Town Hall and it helped a ton with the acoustics in the school room.

Money continues to be just about okay. People are really very generous at the Fourth. It is our only fund raising event and it seems to keep us limping along.

If you'd like to get involved, please call Andrea Ogden at 824-6318.

Landgrove Historical Society

During 2012, LHS turned a corner. We shifted from well-intentioned amateurs to initiating professional practices as custodians of our archives. Blair Williams, a Manchester native and grad student in "Information Science and Public History" at SUNY in Albany, has been working at our TH office four days a month since September. His focus has been the well-ordered Karl Pfister III Collections (eleven plus boxes of correspondence, research, genealogy, maps, books, etc.). Blair processes the contents of each box three times. First, he makes a general inventory, refining and categorizing content, then sorting a second time and before finalizing the order of the collections, files are stored in archival boxes with detailed descriptions. At this point, he asks the Board to accept (accession) the materials as part of our permanent collection. The collections are then entered into Past Perfect, which is a museum cataloging program. Blair's final project for us will be to prepare a Collections Policy. This will be a set of criteria to guide us in accepting new materials given our limited space: what merits addition to our archives as unique to our town, or merits rejection as redundant or available elsewhere.

Leila English has been assisting Blair and learning the archival trade as well as organizing an accumulation of "stuff" that tends to drift in. She has gained mastery of the Past Perfect program and has brought consistency to our data entry. She also is helping Mary Ogden input Karl's Old Landgrove Photo

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Collection into Past Perfect. Karl III would be so gratified to learn that his bequest has brought some order and accessibility to his marvelous gifts of Landgrove history.

PROGRAMS: On January 26, 2011, William Hosley weathered a snowstorm to give a lecture on “Master Builders of CT and VT at the Town Hall. Rob and Ann Hausslein brought spring cheer with their annual and very well attended Pancake Breakfast on April 1st. Thanks to Tom and Maureen Checchia, we hosted a Square Dance at the InView Barn on May 26th with a potluck supper, John Newton and his talented musicians. This also drew a big crowd.

EXHIBIT/EXPO: “Letters from Milly to Landgrove Hollow” traveled to Expo at Tunbridge, VT in the middle of June and settled on the display panels at the Town Hall for our Annual Meeting on July 8th. Artistic kudos go to Dee Hausslein and Avery Parsons-Grayson for mounting the display. Based on a collection of 38 letters from Civil War musician and sharpshooter, Carmillus T. Warner (1842-1864), the exhibit tells one soldier’s story of family life in Landgrove Hollow and through his letters, his experiences of war. It received an Award of Merit from the VHS League of Local Historical Societies in Woodstock on November 2nd. It will remain up until early summer, so come see it.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STAGE: On behalf of the whole community, LHS urges completion of improvements to this part of the town hall to include proper insulation, electric outlets, adjustable shelving and improved aesthetics. LHS paid to improve the cabinets and wall area where the display panels hang. Now, we hope that the townspeople will vote to improve the rest of the area and complete the job. Steve Hall has done a drawing of the proposed improvements and it is available for review at the Town Hall. The cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$7500, which when spread out amongst our taxpayers is about \$5.40 per \$100,000 in home value. These changes will make the stage a welcoming, flexible space for individuals or small groups, young or old, to use for activities of their choice. Books that would remain available include a good collection of Vermontiana, children’s books and historical reference books. Anyone interested in helping with this project should contact May or Priscilla. We urge voters to stop by the Town Hall prior to Town Meeting and give this matter consideration.

BOARD: Two long time members of our board moved away. Nan Fuller, a board member since 2001 and long time Treasurer had to resign when she and

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Warren moved to Dorset. Sarah Ishu is also moving away to Manchester. Michael Mole and Kevin Light have agreed to join our board.

May Bigelow, President	Anne McClaran
Meg Pennypacker, Vice-President	Michael Mole
Mary Gouger, Treasurer	Clarence Nichols
Priscilla Grayson, Secretary	Sally Ogden
David Eckhardt	Kathy Snyder
Kevin Light	Marion Sweetman

Advisory Members: Andrea Ogden, Ann Hausslein Jonathan Bigelow

Listers’ Report

2012 was an active year for the Listers. We visited 13 properties to inspect new construction, additions, renovations and other adjustments. We also dealt with a number of land transfers that resulted in changes in land parcel sizes. The result of our work led to an increase in the grand list of approximately \$700,000. There is no reason to believe that 2013 will be any less busy for the Listers.

We also continued the process of converting our property records to the CAMA (computer-assisted mass appraisal) system. This conversion of our records is a time consuming process that will better prepare us for a future town-wide reappraisal. We expect that we shall be required by the state under existing guidelines to perform that reappraisal within the next two years. We believe it will be necessary to hire a professional appraisal organization to assist the Listers in this important task. We will be researching appropriate firms over next six months.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Gouger
Jerry Hassett
Chuck Sweetman

Treasurer/Clerk's Report

First, I would like to invite anyone with any questions about the reports listed in this booklet to stop by the Town Hall. It was clear at the 2012 Town Meeting that people wanted a little more information about the reports presented in this booklet. We have made a great effort to make things more clear and easier to understand. I reviewed our annual meeting warning with Jim Barlow, Senior Staff Attorney at the Vermont League of Cities & Towns Municipal Assistance Center. He made several recommendations to make the warning more straightforward. The Select Board considered his input and approved the 2013 warning with many of his recommendations included. If you have any questions about the changes to the warning or other reports, please don't hesitate to ask - I'd be happy to talk with you.

Second, in December of 2011, the town purchased a new-to-us copier and it has turned out to be a very reliable and good machine that scans, faxes and prints in color. While townspeople are always welcome to copy a few pages from the land records, or other things for free, we are offering our copier services for more significant jobs at the low rate of 5 cents for a black and white copy and 15 cents for a color copy.

There was increased confusion this year about the address landowners used to mail their tax payments. For years, Sally Waite received tax payments at her home, 15 Cody Road. For the past two years, tax payments were due to my address, 69 Landgrove Road. We both chose to have payments sent to our home to make sure that we received the taxes in a timely manner and to have a place where a shipping service could deliver. Many taxpayers (or their mortgage companies) have not updated their addresses - some even still mail to RR1! Now Sally and Bobby have sold their home and moved into the village where their mail has been forwarded. That forward order has expired, and we are concerned that people's tax payments this fall will be returned by the post office. Along those lines, we are considering installing a locked mail box at the town hall and using our physical address as our mailing address, 88 Landgrove Road. The bottom line is that your tax bill will have the correct mailing address for the payment and you may need to change the address in your computer, or call it out to your mortgage company. We will take care to highlight the correct address on the tax bill, but can't be responsible for late payments sent to the wrong address.

Thank you,

Andrea Ogden, Treasurer

Trustees of Public Funds

The Trustees of Public Funds manage two funds for the people of the Town of Landgrove. The first fund is the Cemetery Endowment Fund (also known as the Cemetery Trust Fund). This fund was established as an endowment to insure 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 Operating account. While the fund is still quite small, the Trustees have agreed that the mechanism for providing monies for cemetery maintenance from this account should be put in place. Also, the Trustees are asking townspeople to approve moving the previously voted on \$1000 appropriation from the Cemetery Renovation Fund (now closed) to the Cemetery Endowment Fund. We feel this will help the fund grow and reach its goal of funding cemetery maintenance sooner. Trustees agreed this year that no money will be disbursed from the Endowment Fund, but have chosen investment vehicles that will generate small proceeds in the future.

The second account in the care of the Trustees of Public Funds is the Conservation Commission Fund (also known as Town Trust Fund). This fund was created with money raised by towns people 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 create a fund to aid in the costs 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.

This year, due to increased confusion created by Vanguard Funds with regard to our changing Trustees, the Trustees agreed to move the funds to Stifel-Nicolaus in Manchester where we will have a personal contact when making changes or additions to the funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Fuller
Andrea Ogden
Sally Waite

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Cemetery Endowment Fund			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2012			\$30,904.81
Vanguard Interest			\$1,614.07
Closing balance at Vanguard			\$32,518.88
Opening balance at S-N			\$32,518.88
Plots Sales	\$400.00		
Interest to Operating Acct.	\$0.90		
Unrealized Change		\$18.72	
Balance 12/31/12			\$32,901.06

Conservation Commission Funds			
	Income	Expenses	Balance
Balance 1/1/2012			\$15,993.14
Vanguard Interest			\$891.45
Closing Vanguard balance			\$16,884.59
Opening balance at S-N			\$16,884.59
Interest	0.96		
Balance 12/31/12			\$16,885.55

Zoning & Planning

The following applications were considered in 2012 and permits issued except as noted:

- 12-01 to Cameron Chalmers and Mary Ogden for an addition to house and new barn at 209 Cody Road.
- 12-02 to Cameron Chalmers for a CUP for a home business at 209 Cody Road. This was denied subject to renewal.
- 12-03 A&B to Robert and Sarah Waite and John and Andrea Ogden for two boundary line adjustments.
- 12-04 to Jonathan Bigelow for a barn at 61 Jacquith Road.
- 12-05 to Anna Dibble for a mudroom addition at 8 Tarpley Road.
- 12-06 to Dan Atwood for Gail LeBoff for a CUP under the UFSOD and a variance for a deck and stairs at 129 Ridge Road. This was denied.
- 12-07 to Ron Prouty for Karl Pfister for a CUP under UFSOD to renovate house and attached garage and construct a garage at 2 Little Michigan Road.
- 12-08 to Robert Waite for Bunkhouse LLC for a two story addition at 109 Jacquith Road.
- 12-09 to Michael Jeffery for a CUP under UFSOD for an extension of an existing porch at 8 Nichols Road.
- 12-10 to John Newton for Claire Comfort for an addition to house at 43 Uphill Road.

The Landgrove Planning Commission has completed the update of the Town Plan, which was adopted by the Select Board in December. Copies are on file at the town hall and electronically through the Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) website (http://www.brcv.org/Towns_&_Villages/Landgrove.php). The town clerk has paper copies for purchase for \$15 each. For your information, copies of the zoning bylaws can also be found at the BCRC website.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. LaVecchia, ZA

How to Contact the ZA?

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Landgrove Town School District Report

This has been an exciting year of transition for education in our four town region. Last March, Landgrove joined Weston, Londonderry and Peru in voting to form a first-in-the-state Regional Education District (RED), which is now called the Mountain Town RED. In forming the RED, our supervisory union assignment was changed by the Commissioner of Education to the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union. Also very exciting, the Flood Brook Union School has an entirely new administration. Principal Neal McIntyre and Assistant Principal Sarah Reed hit the ground running this past summer and have kept up an extraordinarily energetic pace getting to know parents, students, teachers, and the community. They are a dynamic duo, and so far parents and students alike have nothing but praise for them. Both have been available to all members of the community and are very interested in receiving feedback for maintaining our excellent K-8 education, and are looking to future improvements. If you have not had a chance to meet both of them yet, be sure to check the Flood Brook website for upcoming events, including open door “morning coffee” with the administration. If you have any questions regarding the RED or FBUS, please contact Jeff Cleary at jeffclearylandgrove@gmail.com.

Consequently, the Landgrove Town School District is in the final stretch before the Mountain Town RED assumes all district-related functions for our town’s school children. As we voted last spring, the RED will assume control on July 1, 2013 for the Fiscal Year 2014. Therefore, there is no business to transact for the Landgrove Town School District. In the past, we have had to pass a budget for the coming fiscal year for our pre-k and high school students. This budgeting now all happens at the RED level. The Annual Meeting for the RED will take place on February 26th and all information regarding budgets can be found in the Mountain Town RED Annual Report which is mailed to residents in early February.

Following is a summary of the Landgrove Town School District’s financial accounts. Please note that any cash surplus or deficit that the district has will be assumed by the RED on July 1.

Landgrove Town School District Directors:
Andrea Ogden, Tom Harris, and Jeff Cleary

Mountain Town RED Director: Jeff Cleary

**School Account
FY 2011 - 2012**

	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance as of 7/1/11			\$12,607.64
Education Revenue	168,959.00		
Cap Debt Hold Harmless	1,481.00		
Federal ARRA	2,589.00		
Green Mtn. Nat’l Forest	687.20		
Sp Ed Reimbursement			
EEE Grant	3,441.00		
Mainstream Block	4,446.00		
SPED Reimbursement	3,867.00		
Transportation Aid	4,960.00		
US Treasury - PILOT	1,991.00		\$205,048.84
Regular Education			
504 Case Management		566.72	
504 Tuition		4,855.02	
Early Ed Assessment		6,759.16	
Secondary		126,900.00	
Special Education			
Early Essential Ed		3,441.01	
Case Management		1,057.43	
Tuition		10,632.00	
WSWSU Assessment		7,418.00	
Transportation		9,072.00	
VT School Board Dues		250.00	
Prior Year Loan from Town		25,000.00	
		195,951.34	
Balance as of 6/30/2012			\$9,097.50

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School Account

First Half - FY 2013

	Income	Expense	Balance
Balance as of July 1, 2012			\$9,097.50
Education Revenue	149,483.00		
Capital Debt - Hold Harmless	1,501.00		
Transportation Aid	4,712.00		
Special Education			
Mainstream Block Grant	2,073.50		
Essential Early Education	1,939.00		
SpEd Reimbursement	1,141.00		
	160,849.50		\$169,947.00
High School			
Burr & Burton Academy		43,350.00	
Stratton Mountain School		14,450.00	
Early Education Collaborative		803.25	
WSWSU Assessment - 1st Half		3,547.50	
Special Education			
Essential Early Education		969.50	
Case Management		1,275.30	
Vermont School Board Dues		257.50	
Transportation		3,024.00	
		70,535.02	
Balance as of 12/31/2012			\$102,269.95

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School Account

Three-year Comparison & Projected FY13 Surplus

	2011/12	2011/2012	2012/13	2012/13
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Projected
Balance as of 7/1/2012		12,607		9,097
Income				
Prior year surplus/deficit	(3,015)	-	-	-
Interest	200	-	-	-
Reserve Fund - Vanguard	3,015	-	-	-
Transportation Grant	4,435	4,960	4,657	4,712
Special Education	7,907	11,774	11,598	11,598
Nat'l Forest/US Treasury	1,800	2,678	1,800	1,800
Hold Harmless	1,481	1,481	3,255	3,002
Ed Spending Revenue	168,959	168,959	147,729	149,483
Federal Jobs Program		2,589	-	
TOTAL Income	184,782	192,441	169,039	170,595
Expense				
WSWSU Assessment	7,422	7,418	7,095	7,095
VSBA Dues	250	250	250	258
Special Education	18,758	15,130	18,672	18,672
Transportation	10,080	9,072	9,072	6,048
High School	141,000	132,322	130,050	115,600
Early Ed	6,772	6,759	3,400	3,400
Legal Fees	500	-	500	-
Town Loan Repayment		25,000		
TOTAL Expense	184,782	195,951	169,039	151,073
BALANCE FORWARD		9,097		28,619
ENROLLMENT-Total:	29	32	29	24
Early Ed	2	2	1	1
Flood Brook	17	21	19	15
High School	10	9	9	8

Statement from Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

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January 22, 2013

The Landgrove Town School District will be incorporated into the Mountain Towns Regional Education District on July 1, 2013, and the Mountain Towns Regional Education District has been assigned to the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) in Sunderland. For this transition year, financial statements for the Landgrove Town School District and the BRSU can be found in the combined annual reports of the Mountain Towns Regional Education District and the Flood Brook Union School District.

Legal voters of the Town of Landgrove, County of Bennington, State of Vermont meet at the Landgrove Town Hall on Monday, March 5th, 2012, immediately following the Landgrove Town Meeting, which started at 6:00pm.

School meeting started at 7:34pm on March 5, 2012.

Andrea Ogden called the meeting to order.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator for the ensuing year. Sarah Ishu nominated Claire Munat. Clare Munat elected Moderator. Unopposed.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Town School Director for a term of three years.

Jeff Cleary nominated Jonathan Bigelow for a 3-year term. Jonathan Bigelow elected Town School Director. Unopposed.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Union School Director for a term of three years. Jeff Cleary nominated Jonathan Bigelow for a 3-year term. Jonathan Bigelow elected Union School Director. Unopposed.

ARTICLE 4: To hear and act on the reports of the School District for the year ending June 30, 2011. Moved by and seconded. Discussion. Andrea gave a brief overview of the reports. Landgrove had unexpected students last year which raised our costs. This year we have fewer students which will lower our expenses. There is a lag in the student count. Everything is based on the district's per pupil spending. This works to our advantage this year. Also, our CLA is at 113%. The State says if your property is worth \$100,000 the actual value is 13% less. Those two things mean that our tax rate for the coming year is going down. The State has not yet issued this year's tax rate. School Directors report is on page 44-45 of the 2011 Town Report and enrollment numbers are on page 49. Article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Landgrove Town School District will authorize the tuition payment of \$14,450 per resident high school pupil charged by Burr and Burton Academy and approved transportation costs for the 2012-13 school year, and tuition for resident high school pupils attending other approved high schools up to the amount of \$14,450 for the 2012-13 school year.

Moved and seconded. Melva moved and Jeff Clearly seconded. Mary English asked if Landgrove only pays the transportation cost for Burr and Burton. Andrea confirmed that transportation is paid only for students attending BBA. That cost is \$1,008 dollars per student. Melva asked if the vote tomorrow changes what we are voting on today. Monies can be sent to any other school approved by the State. Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters of the Landgrove Town School District will authorize the school board to expend \$169,039, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. Moved and seconded. Discussion. Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will approve the budget proposed by the School Directors

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and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, or a rate on the Grand List, to pay current expenses of the Landgrove School District and any part of the district's indebtedness.

Moved and seconded. Discussion. Mary moved and Jeff seconded. Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: To authorize any fiscal year 2010-11 budget surplus, up to \$2000, be placed in the school district's reserve fund for unexpected extraordinary expenses. Should the fiscal year 2010-11 surplus be greater than \$2,000, the excess shall be used to reduce the budget for the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Article was moved and seconded. Discussion. Peggy moved and was seconded by Bob Jordan. Andrea suggested that we vote this article down. If the RED passes money in this fund will cause problem. Andrea pointed that out we currently have no monies in the fund. Andrea retracted her suggestion. Peggy asked if we have no reserve fund are we deficit spending. Andrea said the State said you cannot have more than \$6,000 in a reserve fund by law. Mary English asked about the transitional year. Andrea invited Martin Nadler to speak at the meeting. During the transition year, Landgrove's tax rate would remain the same as voted tonight. Clare Munat invited Wendell Coleman to speak, Wendell is Chair of the Mountain Towns RED study committee. The budget voted on tonight will run thru 2012-2013. The RED will not affect that budget. The RED, if voted in, will acquire your deficit or your surplus at that time. Article passed. With one no vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will authorize the School Board to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to pay current expenses and any part of its indebtedness. Moved and seconded. Discussion. Melva moved and Jeff seconded. Discussion. Article passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: To hold a public informational hearing on articles to be voted on by Australian ballot on March 6, 2012. A moved seconded and passed. Andrea Ogden introduced Dwayne Hart, Chair of the Flood Brook Union School board, Marty and Wendell (introduced earlier). Andrea thanked those who came forth earlier to ask questions. Andrea then made a presentation on the RED vote. Chuck Sweetman encouraged our Board to be careful with the Special Education charges. And to look into 504 services provided by Burr and Burton.

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting, not involving the expenditure of Town funds or any business acted upon in the preceding articles. Article was moved, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Ishu, Town Clerk

Clare Munat, Moderator

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**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT
WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING.**