

ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
CHARTERED 1761

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

POPULATION 2010 CENSUS - 677

REGISTERED VOTERS - 439

Panton Town Meeting, March 1, 2016, 10:00 am

Voting from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Please bring your Town Report

Report also available at www.PantonVt.US

Thank you, Joan and Ralph Burt!

This year's annual report is dedicated to Joan and Ralph Burt, longtime Panton residents. Throughout their 36 years in Panton, Joan and Ralph have been known to many both as neighbor and friend, and for their service and commitment to Panton. Joan's service stretches back to 1981, when she served as a Panton School Director; she served on the Panton Zoning Board and Planning Commission, and in 1992 she began her tenure first as Lister, then Chair to the Board of Listers, where she served nearly continually until 2014. Throughout these years Joan also served as Assistant Town Clerk, a role she still plays, and then from 1995-1998 as Town Clerk. Throughout the years, Ralph volunteered for the town in many ways, creating and maintaining Panton's website www.pantonvt.us, doing research and presentations related to the Town Hall, serving as Justice of the Peace since 2012, and most recently, acting as Manager/Editor for Panton's Annual Town Report. Along with their service to Panton, Joan and Ralph are very active volunteers with area non-profits including Bixby Library and the Addison County Humane Society. Thank you, Joan and Ralph, for your tireless service to our community!

While we were sad to see the Burts leave Panton in 2015, we are delighted they haven't moved too far away, and look forward to hearing about their next adventures!



Ralph and Joan Burt, we thank you! Photo credit Louise Giovanella, January 2016.

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2015 Panton Town Officers

<u>Elected Officers</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Moderator	J Douglas Dows	One Year
Selectboard (3 year terms)	Howard Hall	2016
	Beth Tarallo	2018
	John Viskup, Chair	2017
Board of Listers (3 year terms)	Vacant	2018
	Beverly Biello	2016
	Cheryl McEwan	2017
Board of Auditors (3 year terms)	J Douglas Dows	2017
	J. Paul Sokal (resigned) Vacant	2018
	Vacant	2016
Constable	David Palmatier	One Year
Dog Warden	Vacant	One Year
Town Grand Juror	Vacant	One Year
Town Agent	Ted Boelens	One Year
Water Commissioners	Chris Cook	2016
Panton Water District	Meddie Perry	2017
(3 year terms)	David Philbrook	2018
Justices of the Peace	Ralph Burt	2017
(2 year terms)	Eric Carter	2017
	James Dayton	2017
	Barbara Fleming	2017
	J. Paul Sokal	2017
Vergennes Union Elementary	Jason Fearon	2017
School/Board of Directors (3 year term)		
Vergennes Union High	Richard Rathbun	2018
School/Board of Directors (3 year term)		
<u>Appointed Officers</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>Expires</u>		
Town Clerk	Jean Miller	2016
Treasurer	Diane Merrill	2016
Delinquent Tax Collector	Barbara Fleming	2016

Design Review Board/ Planning Commission (3 year terms)	Howard Hall	2016
	James Darragh	2018
	Barbara Fleming	2018
	Louise Giovanella – Clerk	2018
	Kirsten De La Cruz	2017
	Terry Findiesen	2017
	Heidi Mahoney	2017
	David Raphael – Chair	2016
	Mary Rudd	2016
	Teena Hayden (Alternate)	2017
Addison County Regional Planning Representative	James Dayton	One Year
	David Raphael (Alternate)	One Year
Zoning Administrator (3 year term)	Edmund Hanson	2016
Assistant Town Clerk (Appointed by Clerk)	Joan Burt	One Year
Town Service Officer	Eric Carter	One Year
Addison County Solid Waste Rep	J Paul Sokal	One Year
	Eben Markowski (Alternate)	One Year
Town Fence Viewers	Vacant	One Year
Emergency Management Coordinator	Matt Fraley	One Year
Civil Defense	Selectboard	
Town 911 Coordinator	J. Paul Sokal	One Year
Green-Up Day Chair Co-Chair	Louise Giovanella	One Year
	Paula Moore	One Year
Town Health Officer	David Ploof	One Year
<u>Appointed by the State</u>		
Town Fire Warden	Robert Moulton (5 year term)	2017

Town of Panton
Town Meeting
March 3, 2015/10:00 A.M.

Diane Lanpher and Warren VanWyck were here at the start of the meeting so J Douglas Dows turned the meeting over to them for a short presentation and question/answer period after asking those present if there was any objections. There were no objections.

D Lanpher gave an update on what was going on in Montpelier. She stated that it was a theme of this year saying it is "All In". All in on the Lake, all in on the school and all in on the budget. People are serious working together in a way that she has not seen in the last six years. She said that they need to get three things right which are the budget, the lake and education. D Lanpher and W VanWyck brought some handouts that are available at Town Hall. They would like people to go over the handouts and then get back to them. D Lanpher said that there were some dramatic changes. They had heard from Vermont tax payers that where they were going with school funding and the structure of it were not working for Vermont anymore. Secondly D Lanpher has been asked if she would move from Transportation to the House Appropriations to take on the challenge of the budget. They are about to reset Vermont's financial picture. Growth has been at 2.5% to 3% and budgetary at 5% which is not sustainable anymore. All reserve funds have been used in previous years to help reduce the impact. Some suggestions have been made and they are asking agencies to come up with ideas to scrub their budgets and come back to them with what they can do for less money. Then there is H35 that is the water quality bill which is very in-depth. They are mandated by EPA to come up with something or EPA will do it for them.

W VanWyck started by saying that the State spending has been going up by 5% but that is not the same with the economy. Federal funding has been relied upon to help but this can't be relied upon anymore. There needs to be a drastic different budget in the next fiscal year. He said looking at New Hampshire the average income has increased year to year but it has not increased in Vermont. There are some serious economic problems, the cost of living in Vermont based on taxes, regulations for businesses and energy costs. There are some success stories but if you look at the overall economic picture one reason it is lagging in State revenue is the personal income tax which means that the jobs that are here are not the good paying jobs that so many people need. School enrollment is down but spending for education is not. Vermont has the highest per pupil spending in the Country and have the lowest pupil per staff ratio. There is a billing that is being worked on to address this but there is some concern if it will be effective and the bill is still being worked on. This term W VanWyck is working in the Natural Resources Energy Committee. One of the large bills that is coming out of it is increasing the number or renewables in the State of Vermont. For a lot of farmers and land owners there are generous incentives in investment tax credits. Out of state developers can come here and get a 30% decrease on their income. He said there is a distortion here and businesses must look at their bottom line and compare other States. Vermont cannot have increased energy costs and still be competitive for businesses.

The representatives were asked by D Raphael if the Legislature were looking for ways of increasing Revenues without a payroll tax. Number two speaking of out of state developers a number of projects for biomass; wind energy and the like have been stopped in their tracks due to regulator or political issues. Is the Legislature looking at revisiting renewable energy, ridgeline energy and biomass notwithstanding?

D Lanpher said Medicaid, sugar tax and a list of other ideas are being considered. Nothing has been ruled out at this time.

W VanWyck said that right now the State has 40% renewable energy, by 2017 the goal is to have 55% and by 2032 75% renewable energy. In Lowell ridgeline energy has brought the Town over \$600,000 in tax revenue. Biomass there is one in Ryegate. One in Springfield was not passed recently. There are concerns regarding the efficiency. Regarding biomass it is 50 years before you get the trees back and there are considerable CO2 emissions. The number 1 in Addison County is Solar. Land in Massachusetts and Connecticut is more expensive than in Vermont. Vermont is willing to hosting sites and then sells some of this energy out of State to Massachusetts and Connecticut.

D Brace voiced concerns regarding 911 cuts. D Lanpher said that the State Police are the ones who brought this forward and thought that they could save money with the changes. There are still concerns and nothing has been finalized.

P Bogan regarding increase on taxes for restaurants and lodging. She stated that the increase in taxes on her small one and two bedroom bed and breakfast would be 106%, where as a place with 50 bedrooms would be 56 to 59%. She said she is hoping they will look at these rates. D Lanpher said that is the Fees Bill. There was an amendment from the floor to readjust the fees for restaurants and bed and breakfasts.

If there are more questions please contact D Lanpher or W VanWyck.

Article 1: D Dows now open the nominations for moderator. J Viskup nominated D Dows. R Burt 2nd. There were no other nominations for moderator so D Dows asked that the nominations be closed. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The Clerk was asked to cast ballot for D Dows for moderator.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was done. Pantons' deceased residents were named. There was a moment of silence for these residents.

Article 2: To elect the following officers:

Nominations for 3 year term for Select Board were opened. H Mahoney nominated H Hall. H Hall withdrew his name from the 3 year term. P Moore nominated B Tarallo for the 3 year term. J Viskup 2nd. There were no other nominations so nominations were closed. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The clerk was asked to cast one paper ballot for B Tarallo for 3 year term on the Select Board.

Nominations for 1 year term for Select Board were opened. H Mahoney nominated H Hall. J Viskup 2nd. There were no other nominations so nominations were closed. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The clerk was asked to cast one paper ballot for H Hall for a 1 year term on the Select Board.

Nominations for Lister for a 3 year term were opened. There were no nominations for Lister. Nominations were closed. The Select Board will make an appointment.

Nominations for Auditor for a 3 year term were opened. There were no nominations for Auditor. Nominations were closed. The Select Board will make an appointment.

Nominations for Auditor for a 1 year term were opened. There were no nominations for Auditor. Nominations were closed. The Select Board will make an appointment.

Nominations for Constable for a 1 year term were opened. J Viskup nominated D Palmatier. P Moore 2nd. There were no other nominations so nominations were closed. All those in favor say Aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The clerk was asked to cast a ballot for D Palmatier for the position of Constable.

Nominations for Grand Juror were opened. There were no nominations for Grand Juror so nominations were closed. The Select Board will make an appointment.

Nominations for Town Agent were opened. J Viskup nominated Ted Boelens. B Howe 2nd. There were no other nominations so nominations were closed. All those in favor say Aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The clerk was asked to cast a ballot for T Boelens for Town Agent.

Nominations for Water Commissioner for a term of a 3 year term were opened. C Cook nominated D Philbrook. M Perry 2nd. There were no other nominations so nominations were closed. All those in favor say Aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The clerk was asked to cast a paper ballot for D Philbrook for Water Commissioner for a term of 3 years.

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Nominations for VUHS Board of Directors for a 3 year term were opened. J Viskup nominated R Rathburn. C Cook 2nd. There were no other nominations so nominations were closed. All those in favor say Aye. All opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The clerk was asked to cast a ballot for R Rathburn for a 3 year term on VUHS Board of Directors.

Article 3: Town Officers reports. H Hall and B Tarallo gave presentations for the Select Board. The Select Board is trying to establish an Emergency/Rainy Day Fund at 7% of the budget so if the Town has an emergency or there is a short fall there will be money available. A Culvert Policy and a Cash Handling Policy have been developed. The Delinquent Tax Collector has done an excellent job on collecting delinquent taxes. The Road crew has been working with other Towns regarding mutual aid. This helps keep expenses down for each Town. A Personnel Manual has been developed that gives the Select Board and employees rules and regulations for employment. A new CDL Drug/Alcohol Policy has been developed. The Town has some new safety equipment. The Town is in compliance with FEMA and the State of Vermont so that if there is a disaster the Town would get the maximum dollar amount available. There is a Parking Ordinance for Town Beach. A long term equipment depreciation schedule was developed. A New truck with snowplow has been purchased. Some culverts have been replaced and roadside ditching has been done. D Raphael thanked the Select Board and Town employees for their work.

Article 4: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following sums which shall be raised by taxes, to be placed in the Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted:

Highway Capital Equipment Fund	\$20,000
Highway Capital Project Fund	20,000
Grader Tire Fund	2,000
Town Hall Restoration Fund	15,000
Reappraisal Fund	2,000
Total	59,000

R Rathburn moved the article. B Tarallo spoke regarding the Capital Equipment Fund. She asked that the residents look at the Capital Equipment list so they would have an idea of the big ticket items and this would show why there was an ongoing need to fund this account. The list also includes items that have not been purchased yet but hope to be purchased in the future. H Hall wanted to interject that the Town did not always purchase new equipment but equipment that would fit the needs of the Town. The purpose of these accounts are for long term planning so funds can be accumulated for purchase and not create a big spike in one budget year. This would reduce the amount of money that would need to be borrowed. D Raphael moved the article for vote. All those in favor say Aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion is carried.

Article 5: Shall the voters establish a reserve fund in an amount not to exceed 7% of the General budget and budget appropriations, to cover unanticipated revenue shortfalls and to pay non-recurring and unanticipated general and highway and other appropriated fund expenses, in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2804 (a)?

R Rathburn moved the article. B Tarallo explained this fund. It is a recommended best practice by VLCT and the External Auditors. G Bailey asked who decides when this fund is used? The Select Board has drafted a Reserve Policy outlining how it would be used. To access the Reserve fund, the Select Board would have to vote at a warned Selectboard wanting to dip into/use of reserve fund, and warn this as a Selectboard meeting agenda item, giving notice to Town residents. D Palmatier asked if this meant that taxes would go up 7%? The answer is no. R Rathburn wanted to know where the 7% figure came from and what would be the maximum to fund this account. The minimum recommended amount given to the Select Board to fund this account came from VLCT and the External Auditors in the amount of 5% depending on volatility of income. The Select Board felt more comfortable using 7% feeling this was not an excessive amount. All those in favor say Aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries.

Article 6: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$47,216 from the June 30, 2014 undesignated fund balance of the General Fund to the Reserve Fund?

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J Viskup moved the article. B Tarallo explained the figure being asked for was 7% of the current budget, not 7% of the proposed budget starting July 1, 2015. There was no discussion so a vote was asked for. All those in favor say Aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries.

Article 7: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from the June 30, 2014 undesignated fund balance of the General Fund to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund?

P Moore moved. J Viskup 2nd. B Howe asked what happens to the undesignated fund balance if it does not stay in the General Fund? The Town residents must vote on where this money goes and to what fund, otherwise the money would just sit there and not be used. C Bitler asked how much remains of the undesignated funds? B Tarallo told her there was \$123,867 to use. J Fisher asked where this money was sitting? D Merrill stated that the money was in an interest bearing account. There was no further discussion so it was moved to a vote. Those in favor say Aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries.

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed 2015 -2016 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$631,288, of which \$490,113 shall be raised by taxes and \$141,175 by non-tax revenues?

M Neel moved article 8. J Viskup 2nd. H Hall explained that if the budget is approved that on a \$250,000 home the estimated increase in taxes over last year would be \$43.75. This may change, as the Grand List is subject to change in April 2015. This amount does not include the education tax.

All those in favor say Aye. All those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries.

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to authorize the renaming and repurposing of the Grader Tire Fund to be the Tire Fund, for the purpose of purchasing or repairing tires for all heavy equipment?

D Brace moved the article. J Viskup 2nd. This is just renaming the account so it can be used for all heavy equipment tire-planning needs.

A vote was taken. All those in favor say Aye. All those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries.

Articles 10 through 24 are being voted on by Australian Ballot. Residents were asked if they would like to comment on any of these articles. There were no comments.

Article 25: To transact any other non-binding business. H Hall gave a presentation of what roads would be worked on in the next five years. In 2016 repaving from the bridge on Panton Road toward Jersey Street to Pease Road and to the split on Jersey Street. In 2017 Lake Road down Pease Road to Jersey Street is planned for repaving. Repaving is planned in 2018 Arnold Bay Road from Pease Road to Adams Ferry Road. In 2019 East Road from Atkins to the Town line and Hopkins Road to 22A and Bay Road to the Town line is planned to be repaved. In 2020 repaving is to finish up Lake Street from Town line to Spaulding Road. C Bitler asked how 22A was handled. Route 22A is a State Road maintained by the State. D Raphael asked what does retreatment of roads mean? Some of it is just applying a new topcoat and some is grinding up the surface and filling low spots depending on what the road needs.

Article 26: Shall the Town of Panton ask our legislature to cap Education Property Tax rates at FY2015 levels for the next 2 years?

C Bitler moved the article. R McNamara 2nd. J Viskup said this would send a message to Montpelier stating that the Towns could no longer sustain the high increases in taxes that have been mandated each year. B Tarallo wanted the residents to know that some of the residents of Panton had brought this before the Select Board. The Select Board felt more comfortable with warning it before the Town to let them make the decision if they wanted this message sent to the Legislature. E Markowski said he was very supportive of the education spending. He thought that there was a ratio and that the ratio for the Towns had increased. H Hall reported that the letter was instructing the Select Board to say please be wary of our property taxes for school spending. C Bitler asked if this was asking legislature to step up and if they were making increases to find another way to fund it other than education tax. H Hall state this is not what he said,

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but that property taxes were going up partial due to educational spending and the letter was asking the legislature to hold their spending. R Rathbun (VUHS Board of Directors) said there were three factors. Two factors that the Towns have no control over. One being the teachers, staff and custodians which is collective bargaining and the second is the Education tax which is set by Montpelier. The only control that Towns have is the Municipal Tax. He said that the legislature passes what he called feel good laws and dangle some funding for the Towns and then after a few years take away their funding and then the Towns have to come up with a way to fund these out of the Town budgets. He stated that there was a lot of misrepresentation and inadequate accounting and poor supervision in the last few years which has caused a deficit. Some cuts will need to be made. They are trying to maintain a 17 to 1 ratio in the classroom. J. Fearon (VUES Board of Directors) wanted to follow up by saying the State does have a way of mandating things that are underfunded. He said for Panton or Vergennes that he did not see declining enrollment in the schools. He also said that budgets for different schools were done differently. One Town had a separate budget for technology to be voted on where Vergennes had it included in the budget with no separation. He also said that the Town should trust the people that they elected to do their job and rely on them. Last was when people look at different States per pupil spending that some State include their special education spending in their budgets but many do not. J Fearon is asking people to attend the board meetings so they will know what is going on. J Viskup said that this was a non-binding message that they were asked to send to Montpelier. He feels that the schools and teachers are very good. The new school board is trying to address the issues to the best of their ability. He feels that a different system is needed to fund education. It is not sustainable as it is. D Brace spoke regarding busing. She said that there were ways that spending could be cut, one buses are not full, buses follow each other around and that \$400 a day is spent on a taxi to take 4 children to Burlington every day. H Neel stated that a large number of parents who have children in school are not homeowners and do not pay property taxes. A student that is slow is transported to Middlebury there again paying additional transportation charges. A large number of property tax payers are elderly and they cannot continue to support the increases. At this time a vote was taken. All those in favor say Aye. All those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries.

Senator Chris Bray representative for Addison County spoke. He serves on two committees. One in the morning is Natural Resources and Energy. The afternoon committee is Government Operations. The Natural Resources and Energy Committee is working on two large bills, clean water and Energy/Renewable energy. The clean water bill is addressing the decrease in water quality and how to address that. Everyone has a part in the clean water bill. Problems range from 14,000 miles of road in Vermont with the run off, parking spaces, tilled land, faulty septic systems and farms. The wisdom of the population and their input on what might be done is being asked so they can help be a solution to the problem.

J Viskup moved to adjourn the meeting. R Burt 2nd. All those in favor of adjourning say Aye. Those opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Miller, Clerk

Town of Panton
Ballot Results
 Annual Town Meeting
 March 3, 2015

	If in favor of the Article, mark a (X) in box	If opposed of the article, mark a (X) in box
		
ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town vote to give \$210 to Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Projects Inc. from the Town funds?	65	30
ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town vote to give \$800 to Home Health & Hospice fromTown Funds?	81	13
ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town vote to give \$800 to Addison County Parent/Child Center from Town funds?	69	26
ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town vote to give \$691 to Addison County Transit Resources from Town funds?	68	27
ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town vote to give \$1000 to Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes from Town funds?	70	24
ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town vote to give \$650 to Champlain Valley Agency on Aging from Town funds?	77	18
ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town vote to give \$500 to Counseling Service of Addison County from Town funds?	71	22
ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town vote to give \$850 to Elderly Services, Inc. from Town funds?	75	18
ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town vote to give \$500 to Homeward Bound (Addison County Humane Society from Town funds?	62	31
ARTICLE 19. Shall the Town vote to give \$500 to HOPE (Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG) from Town funds?	57	36
ARTICLE 20. Shall the Town vote to give \$300 to Hospice Volunteer Services from Town funds?	73	21
ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town vote to give \$450 John Graham Shelter from Town Funds	62	33
6ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town vote to give \$500 to Open Door Clinic (Community Health Services of Addison County) from Town funds?	66	28
ARTICLE 23. Shall the Town vote to give \$250 to the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) from Town funds?	64	28
ARTICLE 24. Shall the Town vote to give \$600 to WomenSafe from Town funds?	65	29

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

**Warning of Town of Panton Annual Meeting
Tuesday March 1, 2016**

The legal voters of the Town of Panton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Panton Town Hall on Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss and transact business, and on Tuesday March 1, 2016 at Panton Town Hall/Office, the polls to open 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for voting by Australian ballot.

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

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following officers:

- Select Board Member 3 year
- Lister 3 year
- Lister 2 year, to fill remaining 2 years of a 3 year term
- Auditor 3 year
- Auditor 2 year, to fill remaining 2 years of a 3 year term
- Constable 1 year
- Dog Warden 1 year
- Town Grand Juror 1 year
- Town Agent 1 year
- Water Commissioner 3 year
- Union School Director (New) 4 year

ARTICLE 3: To hear the reports of the Town Officers

ARTICLE 4: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following sums which shall be raised by taxes, to be placed in Town Reserve Fund accounts as noted:

Reserve Fund	Amount
Highway Capital Equipment Fund	\$20,000
Highway Capital Project Fund	\$20,000
Tire Fund	\$2,000
Town Hall Restoration Fund	\$15,000
Reappraisal Fund	\$2,000
Total	\$59,000

ARTICLE 5: Shall the voters authorize the transfer of \$1,706 from the June 30, 2015 undesignated fund balance of the General Fund to the Reserve Fund?

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed 2016 -2017 fiscal year General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$643,423 of which \$501,258 shall be raised by taxes and \$142,165 by non-tax revenues?

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to authorize the renaming and repurposing of the Digitization Fund to be the Digitization and IT Fund, for the purpose of digitizing town records and purchasing and or repairing IT equipment?

ARTICLE 8: Shall the voters appropriate \$210; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Addison County Court Diversion & Community Justice Projects Inc. pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 9: Shall the voters appropriate \$800; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Addison County Home Health & Hospice, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 10: Shall the voters appropriate \$800; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Addison County Parent/Child Center, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 11: Shall the voters appropriate \$691; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Addison County Transit Resources pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 12: Shall the voters appropriate \$1,000; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 13: Shall the voters appropriate \$650; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Champlain Valley Agency on Aging (CVAA), pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 14: Shall the voters appropriate \$500; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Counseling Service of Addison County, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 15: Shall the voters appropriate \$850; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Elderly Services, Inc., pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 16: Shall the voters appropriate \$500; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Homeward Bound (Addison County Humane Society), pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 17: Shall the voters appropriate \$500; said sum to be raised by taxes to support HOPE (Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG)), pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 18: Shall the voters appropriate \$300; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Hospice Volunteer Services, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 19: Shall the voters appropriate \$450; said sum to be raised by taxes to support John Graham Shelter, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 20: Shall the voters appropriate \$500; said sum to be raised by taxes to support Open Door Clinic (Community Health Services of Addison County), pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 21: Shall the voters appropriate \$350; said sum to be raised by taxes to support RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 22: Shall the voters appropriate \$600; said sum to be raised by taxes to support WomenSafe, pursuant to 24 VSA § 2691, to be voted by Australian ballot?

ARTICLE 23: To transact any other non-binding business.

Dated at ___Panton_____, County of ___Addison_____ and State of Vermont, this ___26___ day of ___January_____, 2016.

John Viskup, Chair

Beth Tarallo

Howard Hall

Attest: _____
Jean Miller, Town Clerk

Town of Panton, Select board Report 2015

Dear Panton Neighbors,

We are grateful to our fellow residents for your commitment to Panton. We are pleased to report highlights of 2015 Board and Town related work:

Board Highlights:

- Strengthened internal procedures though continued work on internal policies by adopting the following:
 - Reserve Fund Policy,
 - Culvert Policy,
 - Homestead Late Filing Policy, and
 - Elected Officials Conflict of Interest Policy, (to implement in 2016).
- Improved consistency in systems for employees and management via adoption of a Personnel Policy.
- Increased protections for health, safety, and well-being of the public, and the environment by adopting a Junk Ordinance.
- Hired external audit firm to audit FYE 2014-2015, to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.
- Addressed Right of Way encroachment violations and applications, to protect town's interests.
- Worked with Road Foreman, ACRPC, Better Back Roads, and Agency of Natural Resources to address residents' concerns re: Lake runoff on Arnold Bay Road.
- Protect Town's interests by staying abreast of proposed Solar Developments.

Highway Highlights:

- Replaced culverts on Arnold Bay Road (5), East Road (2).
- Ditching on Adams Ferry, Arnold Bay Road, Jersey Street, Stove Pipe City Road and East Road.
- Installed display on Arnold's Bay beach.
- Increased parking by gravelling parking area across from Town Hall.
- Revised Long Term Equipment Depreciation and Replacement Schedule; Updated 5-Year Paving Plan.
- Purchased salt box for back of pick up, increasing efficiency in staff hours and reducing fuel use, and large equipment deterioration.
- Worked with ACRPC to update town wide culvert inventory, to ensure eligibility for increased state grant funding.
- Awarded \$175,000 State of Vermont Class II paving grant (anticipated paving work in May/June 2016).
- Worked with other towns to keep costs down/ share resource including: Richmond and Addison towns helped install culverts on Arnold bay Road, Addison ran excavator on East Road during culvert replacement.

Achieved approximately \$2600 cost savings (this is \$3.25 less per yard than @800 yards) by hauling winter sand and gravel out of New York.

- Awarded ~\$40,000 VTRANS Park and Ride Grant to create Park and Ride across from Town Hall. Also applied for a Better Back Roads grant to reduce erosion at Town Beach.
- Working to identify potential runoff pollutants into Lake Champlain (UVM and Better Back Roads scheduled to conduct water quality testing at culverts).

Special thanks to officers, committee members & volunteers for their continued commitment to Panton. We recognize and are grateful for the additional time our DRB/PC members, Personnel Committee, and Town Hall Committees, have spent this year. We also deeply appreciate those who willingly fill "unofficial roles", including: Louise Giovanella, Paul Sokal, and Paula Moore for our Town Hall's front garden; Paul Sokal for upgrading and maintaining Panton's website, www.pantonvt.us, Paula Moore for assisting with grant applications, Vorsteveld Farm for allowing Panton residents to use land across from Panton General Store as a town park; David Chase for maintaining the town park; Katie Werthmann for overseeing our recent septic replacement; Ralph Burt for assembling the town report; and M'Lissa Dayton for her additional support to our Treasurer. We also thank Panton's office staff, Jean Miller and Diane Merrill, and road crew, Rick Cloutier and Chris Dion.

Please email Jean Miller: jeanmiller@pantonvt.us to get on Panton's email list. The Select Board meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to the public. We welcome your input.

Respectfully submitted,

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Beth Tarallo (H: 759-3133/C: 377-0116) bethtarallo@pantonvt.us

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Town of Panton Planning Commission and Development Review Board - Annual Report 2015

The Town of Panton Planning Commission and Development Review Board (PC/DRB) meets regularly on the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM at the Town Hall, unless an alternate date is necessary and publicized. All Planning Commission and Development Review Board meetings are open to the public and we welcome all those who would like to attend or wish to bring a question, concern or application to the attention of the PC/DRB. The Town of Panton Planning Commission and Development Review Board continues to be chaired by David Raphael and our Secretary is Louise Giovanella, who has faithfully served the PC/DRB for many years.

The Commission this year has seen a change in our Alternates who serve as full members when we do not have either full attendance or require a quorum. We want to thank Teena Hayden for her assistance over the last 2 years and take this opportunity to welcome Katie Werthmann. The Select Board named Ms. Werthmann as an Alternate to the Board and Commission, and she has already served us well in that role, filling in when attendance has dictated or a quorum was needed. The Chair also wants to thank all of the DRB and Commission efforts for their volunteer service in 2015.

The Planning Commission continues to work on minor changes and additions to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations, with the plan to present the revisions and amendments for town adoption in 2016. We are also excited to announce that we have received a Municipal Planning Grant for 2016 in order to have funding to update our Town Plan which will expire at the end of 2016. This funding will allow us to have ongoing support from the Regional Planning Commission in updating and rewriting sections, as well as adding new information and sections to the Plan. We will be having a public workshop in the Spring, date to be announced, at which we will invite residents to weigh in on the future of Panton and our land uses, land management, growth and development.

With regard to development, Panton has seen the filing of two applications in late 2015 to build utility scale solar energy projects. The largest is being proposed by Green Mountain Power for 40 acres off of Panton Road 6 and west of Dead Creek - on the Vorseteveld Farm. The Town has party status in this case and will be participating in the review process to ensure town interests are represented.

The Planning Commission has also provided the core membership for the Town Hall Committee, working with the Selectboard to address functional, maintenance and restoration issues associated with the Town's historic and iconic building.

The Development Review Board is convened to review permit applications that require subdivision or conditional use approval, and to grant variances from current zoning regulations. This year the Development Review Board has reviewed and approved a number of conditional use requests and variances.

Note that any new construction, changes in use, land development, additions, accessory buildings or structures with a footprint greater than 64 sq. ft, require a zoning permit. For those who are planning building or construction projects in town, or want information regarding local permitting, please contact Mr. Ed Hanson, the Town's Zoning Administrator, who can be reached via email at santorini@gmavt.net or by phone at 802-453-3785.

Respectfully submitted;

David Raphael
Chairman

TOWN OF PANTON YEAR-END ZONING REPORT CALENDAR YEAR 2015

The numbers and the distribution by type of the zoning applications that were received and processed in calendar year (CY) 2015 can be summarized as follows:

<i>New dwellings</i>	
<i>Permanent/seasonal houses</i>	2
<i>Accessory apartments</i>	1
<i>Mobile homes</i>	0
<i>Replacements</i>	1
<i>Renovations/additions</i>	6
<i>Accessory outbuildings</i>	6
<i>Exempt agricultural outbuildings</i>	2
<i>Ponds/dams/other land development</i>	1
<i>Temporary uses</i>	0
<i>Access curb cuts</i>	1
<i>Fences</i>	0
<i>Signs</i>	0
<i>Subdivisions</i>	
<i>Single-lot</i>	1
<i>Multiple lot</i>	0
<i>Boundary adjustments</i>	0
<i>Planned unit developments (PUDs)</i>	0
<i>Renewals of permit</i>	2
<i>Conditional uses</i>	0
<i>Certificates of occupancy</i>	8
<i>Certificates of compliance</i>	1
<i>Notices of Violation</i>	1
<i>Development Review Board hearing applications</i>	
<i>Conditional uses</i>	4
<i>Variances/Waivers</i>	2
<i>Appeals</i>	0
<i>Subdivisions/PUDs</i>	1

Twenty-five applications were received and processed during the calendar year, including **six** requests which required hearings before the Town's Development Review Board for variances, conditional uses, and a single-lot subdivision. **Two** letters acknowledging the construction of exempt agricultural accessory structures were also issued.

During the period from 1 January 2015 through 31 December 2015, **sixteen zoning permits** were issued. The direct costs associated with the Town's zoning and planning administration involved a total invoiced cost of **\$5,807.36** in man-hours and expenses for the

Administrative Officer's services, charged against a total of **\$1,977.50** in permit application fees that were assessed and collected, resulting in a net cost of **\$3,829.86** for the calendar year.

These figures do not include the costs incurred in warning and convening hearings before the Development Review Board, nor do they include attorney's fees, when and if the Town elects to retain their services (as, for instance, to pursue litigation in zoning violation cases before the Environmental Division of the Vermont Superior Court). For a complete summary of the Town's officially-posted zoning and planning administration costs, please refer to the Treasurer's Report on the General Fund in the Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. Hanson
Administrative Officer
3 January 2016.

Listers Report

The town of Panton currently has two listers serving, Cheryl McEwan and Beverly Biello. There is a vacancy for a 3rd lister. The listers oversee the work of Lisa Truchon from NEMRC who is hired to maintain the grand list and fulfill the many duties involved in that process. Lisa is an experienced appraiser/assessor that works closely with us and other town officials to compile the necessary data that becomes our grand list.

Every year in January, the state equalization study is completed and the town of Panton is issued the new Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) and Coefficient of Dispersion (COD) by the VT. Dept. of Taxes, Property Valuation and Review. This determines our town education tax rate. This year's CLA is 109.10% which is showing a temporary spike from last year because of a sale that still appears in the equalization study. This will result in a positive benefit for educational tax rate this year. Vermont law requires that property to be assessed at 100% of its fair market value. If the CLA falls below 80 a town will be ordered to reappraise by the State of Vermont. We are maintaining a healthy CLA.

The COD is 9.56% which is also higher than last year and will not affect the tax rate but tells us how fairly the distributed tax burden is within our town. This is something we will watch. A towns COD must not be higher than 20 or a reappraisal will be ordered by the State. The Listers main responsibility is to maintain assessment equality with a consistent relationship to market value.

We encourage property owners to review their listers cards to make sure they are accurate. If you have questions or discover an error, please notify one of the listers. Grievance hearings are scheduled annually in the month of June. If you have reason to grieve, a request must be made in writing within the time frame that the process allows.

The State of Vermont requires all residents to file their Homestead Declaration annually before April 15. This will decide residential or non-residential status which determines your tax rate category.

Respectfully Submitted;

Cheryl McEwan

Personnel Policy Report 1-12-16

The Town of Panton's Personnel Committee began meeting in the fall of 2014. Its goal was to create a handbook of town personnel policies. The committee worked diligently to research the policies of other towns and determine what was required for the town to comply with federal and state laws. This is the first time all of Panton's personnel practices have been reviewed and standardized so that all employees will be treated equally and consistently.

The personnel handbook was adopted by the selectboard in 2015 and is a major improvement in the running of the town since there is now a written record of comprehensive policies, where previously the town had a few documented policies relevant to personnel, and many practices communicated by word of mouth.

In addition to the Personnel Manual, the Committee drafted a Conflict of Interest Policy for town officers, recently adopted by the Select board, and planned for implementation in 2016.

The Personnel Committee members are James Dayton, Heidi Mahoney and Paul Sokal. Beth Tarallo and Howard Hall are the committee co-chairs. This group did an outstanding job, and the co-chairs thank them for their hard work and dedication to improving our town.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PANTON TOWN HALL COMMITTEE FOR 2015

The Town Hall Committee has been created and appointed by the Selectboard for the purpose of assisting the Board in the ongoing management and restoration of the building, its facilities, and site. The committee currently includes Terry Findeisen, Howard Hall representing the Selectboard, , Deb Hartenstein, David Raphael, representing the PC/DRB, and Katie Werthmann.

This year the Committee has made some substantive progress towards addressing some long standing issues with the Town Hall and environs. The Committee has selected the design/build firm of H.J. LeBoeuf & Son to help guide us through some of the specific projects and to provide overall support. We need to address the front entry, the accessibility ramp, and the status and fate of the Carriage Barn behind the building. Key projects that are important to deal with more immediately are some interior heating, weatherproofing, air quality and electrical upgrade conditions. One key accomplishment has been the work on repairing the existing the septic system, to ensure functionality and utility, ongoing in 2016. The committee will continue to work on these activities and others that the committee has initiated in 2015 including work on fundraising and grants to restore and reattach the cupola.

Additionally, with special funding the Selectboard has overseen the completion of the new parking area across from the Town Hall and that area has now been identified as a Park and Ride facility.

For 2016 the Town Hall Committee plans to meet on a quarterly basis as well as when the need arises. Meeting times will be posted at Town Hall, Front Porch Forum and announced via the town's email list. The committee also includes interested residents who attend and all are welcome to attend any and all of our meetings. We are seeking more committee members for 2016; please contact David Raphael at 802-475-2411 if you are willing to help or have any questions about the committee's work. The committee chairperson thanks the committee members for their ongoing and effective efforts in 2015.

Respectfully submitted;

David Raphael
Chairman

Each year Town Auditors are charged with reviewing the town financial records and financial operations. Periodically, the town will have outside certified public accountants audit the financial operations of the town. This year an outside professional audit was completed on the FY2015 financial reports (audit included in this town report). Consequently, and due to vacancies on the Board of Auditors, no internal audit of town financial records was conducted this year.

In the past, professional auditors have noted weaknesses in the financial operations of the town and made several recommendations to improve the way we handle our town finances. For example, sometimes the town lacked policies to guide the work of the Treasurer. The Selectboard has continued to make progress in developing financial and personnel policies in response to external audits. In addition, the Selectboard has budgeted a small fund to assist town auditors to fulfill their internal audit responsibilities.

I have reviewed the audit prepared by Telling & Associates, CPA, CP. In my opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Panton of its operation for the year ended 6/30/2015.

Signed:

J. Douglas Dows

(Vacant)

(Vacant)

Town of Panton, Vermont
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	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Actual	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 12/31/15	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	FY16 to FY17 Change
NON-TAX REVENUES							
0400.04 · Hunting/Fishing	30	29	40	13	20	20	0
0400.05 · Weight Permits	550	630	300	10	300	300	0
0400.06 · Marriage License	90	40	40	30	40	40	0
0400.07 · State Pilot Payments	2,555	2,606	2,555	2,606	2,606	2,606	0
0400.09 · Speeding Fines	2,306	3,427	2,400	1,355	2,400	2,400	0
0400.11 · Zoning Fines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0400.12 · Other Fines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0400.21 · Panton History Book	30	25	0	0	0	0	0
0400.24 · Green Mtn Passes	31	7	0	14	0	0	0
0400.27 · Land Posting Fee	15	5	0	10	0	0	0
0400.51 · Delinquent Tax Penalty	3,477	6,797	3,000	739	2,500	3,000	500
0400.52 · Delinquent Tax Interest	5,359	10,808	2,000	2,075	2,500	3,000	500
0400.54 · State Aid Highway	55,543	60,733	55,540	30,302	60,732	60,604	-128
0400.61 · Lister Ed State Aid	386	0	386	0	386	0	-386
0400.61 · Act 68 Administration	2,827	2,839	2,400	0	2,800	2,900	100
0400.69 · Building Permits	415	1,325	400	863	400	500	100
0400.70 · Driveway Permits	25	0	0	50	0	0	0
0400.71 · Zoning Permits	400	130	100	0	100	500	400
0400.72 · DRB Hearing Fees	1,100	800	100	350	100	500	400
0400.75 · Dog Licenses	835	909	1,000	17	800	800	0
0400.81 · Interest Income	195	204	150	141	150	150	0
0400.84 · Other Licenses & Fees	207	170	50	24	50	50	0
0400.87 · Recording Fees	7,845	6,138	5,500	3,185	5,500	5,500	0
0400.90 · Copies/Vault Time	1,986	1,249	1,500	1,455	1,300	1,400	100
0400.91 · Grant Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0400.94 · Current Use Tax	54,728	57,570	57,000	58,381	58,491	57,895	-596
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES	140,934	156,441	134,461	103,664	141,175	142,165	990

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	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Actual	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 12/31/15	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	FY16 to FY17 Change
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES							
Administration Expenditures							
10 · Office Salaries Expense							
1010.09 · Town Treasurer	14,871	17,381	18,318	10,211	20,164	20,760	596
1010.10 · Town Clerk	28,988	32,563	32,482	16,194	33,364	34,030	666
1010.11 · Planning Clerk	800	1,050	1,200	400	1,200	1,200	0
1010.13 · Assistant Treasurer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1010.15 · Assistant Clerk	1,878	441	1,000	56	1,000	1,000	0
1010.16 · Administrative	3,900	1,240	0	0	0	0	0
1010.20 · Ballot Clerk	339	599	200	0	300	400	100
1010.25 · Selectboard	2,250	2,188	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	0
1010.30 · Listers	0	0	100	0	100	0	-100
1010.35 · Auditors	0	0	500	0	500	500	0
1010.40 · Zoning Administrator	4,822	5,656	4,000	1,374	5,200	5,700	500
1010.45 · Solid Waste Rep.	0	0	100	0	100	100	0
1010.50 · Planning/DRB	900	1,000	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	0
1010.51 · Dog Warden	0	0	200	0	200	200	0
1010.55 · Health Officer	100	100	100	100	100	100	0
1010.60 · Delinquent Tax Collector	3,477	6,797	3,000	593	2,500	3,000	500
1015.00 · FICA	3,914	4,316	3,990	2,011	4,215	4,398	184
1015.05 · Medicare	915	1,009	933	470	986	1,029	43
1015.06 · Life & Disability Insurance	195	158	200	297	0	506	506
1015.07 · Health Insurance	6,363	7,242	8,000	3,745	9,800	11,334	1,534
1015.08 · Health Reimbursement Acct	114	0	0	0	0	0	0
1015.12 · Dental Insurance	581	581	620	285	960	1,185	225
1015.09 · Vision Insurance	54	63	59	80	90	56	-34
1015.10 · Unemployment	143	145	200	20	195	304	109
1015.11 · Workers Compensation	199	202	231	92	194	206	12
3016.00 · Retirement	1,159	1,303	1,299	654	2,130	1,361	-769
Total 10 · Office Salaries Expense	75,961	84,034	79,882	39,832	86,547	90,619	4,072

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	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Actual	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 12/31/15	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	FY16 to FY17 Change
30 · Town Office Expenditures							
3021.01 · Bixby Library	12,822	12,822	12,822	12,822	12,822	12,822	0
3022.00 · Fire Protection Agreement	23,575	22,772	20,000	11,891	24,000	28,000	4,000
3022.01 · Fire Man Hours Billed	80	1,104	800	1,628	400	400	0
3023.00 · Green-Up	50	50	50	50	50	50	0
3023.02 · Property & Casualty	5,030	5,390	5,762	2,710	5,690	6,411	721
3024.01 · Accounting Services	0	410	3,000	200	5,000	1,000	-4,000
3024.02 · Legal and Professional Services	866	4,863	2,000	2,827	5,000	5,000	0
3024.04 · Legal Notices	453	205	300	348	200	200	0
3024.05 · Town Report	240	417	950	0	250	450	200
3024.07 · Audit Services	0	0	5,000	7,900	8,900	7,900	-1,000
3026.02 · DRB/Planning Legal Fees	513	170	400	124	400	500	100
3026.04 · DRB/Planning Notices	248	310	250	85	250	400	150
3026.00 · DRB/Planning Expenses	21	4	50	0	5,050	300	-4,750
3027.01 · Mileage - Office	338	418	500	66	600	450	-150
3027.40 · Mileage Zoning Adm.	1,303	1,402	1,300	464	1,400	1,350	-50
3028.00 · Education	826	560	700	426	700	600	-100
3030.00 · Small Equipment (net of grant)	1,240	0	0	0	0	0	0
3031.01 · Office Supplies	1,572	1,560	2,000	714	1,800	1,700	-100
3031.02 · Recording Supplies	783	311	500	0	500	250	-250
3031.03 · Copier Expense	281	153	300	90	200	200	0
3033.00 · Postage	1,075	1,299	1,600	650	1,400	1,300	-100
3034.00 · Lister Expense	5,803	6,600	6,500	3,300	6,600	6,600	0
3034.01 · Reappraisal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3034.02 · Software/Support Expense	2,010	2,613	2,200	2,024	2,750	2,900	150
3035.00 · Addison Cty Sheriff	5,796	5,763	7,100	3,016	6,500	6,300	-200
3036.00 · Town Hall Repairs/Maint.	751	2,534	1,800	833	1,200	1,200	0
3037.01 · Electricity	1,361	1,173	1,500	566	1,600	1,200	-400
3037.02 · LP Gas	2,460	2,300	2,400	1,045	2,600	2,400	-200
3038.00 · Telephone/Internet	1,953	1,942	1,900	984	2,100	2,100	0
3039.00 · Computer Repair/Maint	1,393	1,890	1,000	610	1,800	1,800	0

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3041.01 · Recycling Fee - Vergennes	5,700	5,800	6,000	3,400	6,000	7,800	1,800
3041.02 · Vergennes Rescue	4,401	4,401	4,400	0	4,500	4,400	-100
3042.00 · Dog Control	627	632	600	0	550	550	0
3043.00 · Book Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3043.01 · Records Preservation	1,366	1,018	1,785	36	600	0	-600
3044.00 · Dues & Assessments	6,732	7,086	8,300	6,869	8,300	7,000	-1,300
3045.01 · East Panton Cemetery	400	400	400	400	400	400	0
3045.03 · Adams Kent Cemetery Assoc	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	1,680	0
3046.00 · Tax Anticipation Loan Interest	180	0	2,000	0	500	0	-500
3047.00 · Office Cleaning	800	600	600	250	700	700	0
3049.00 · Public Notice Structures	1,270	0	500	0	0	0	0
3050.00 · Public Use Areas	388	0	0	0	0	0	0
3066.00 · Bank/HRA Admin Fees	376	75	385	25	150	125	-25
3099.06 · Town Hall Restoration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total 30 · Town Office Expenditures	96,763	100,727	109,334	68,033	123,142	116,438	-6,704
Total Administration Expenditures	172,724	184,761	189,216	107,865	209,689	207,057	-2,632
Highway Expenditures							
40 · Highway Salaries Expense							
4010.00 · Road Foreman	42,702	44,150	46,826	23,450	48,219	49,654	1,435
4010.01 · Road Foreman Overtime	3,776	3,047	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
4010.05 · Highway Crew	39,646	40,911	41,567	21,648	42,805	44,091	1,286
4010.06 · Highway Crew Overtime	1,584	1,429	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
4012.00 · Retirement	3,490	3,569	3,616	1,804	3,721	3,830	109
4014.00 · Health Insurance	13,748	14,889	16,507	7,490	15,738	16,386	648
4014.01 · Dental Insurance	1,476	1,065	1,535	449	960	950	-10
4014.02 · Life & Disability Ins.	439	353	460	330	370	749	379
4014.03 · Health Reimbursement Acct	400	0	0	0	0	0	0
4015.00 · FICA	5,373	5,503	5,876	2,796	5,767	5,936	169
4015.03 · Vision	149	123	165	52	105	105	0
4015.05 · Medicare	1,257	1,287	1,311	654	1,349	1,388	39
4016.00 · Unemployment Insurance	152	160	165	35	230	258	28
4017.00 · Worker's Compensation	4,357	5,639	5,286	2,975	6,248	6,609	361
Total 40 · Highway Salaries Expense	118,548	122,125	125,312	61,683	127,512	131,956	4,444

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50 · Highway Expense							
5010.00 · Property & Casualty Insurance	7,625	8,442	8,778	4,262	8,950	9,251	301
5027.00 · Mileage	0	30	0	50	0	0	0
5028.00 · Education	30	0	100	0	300	300	0
5029.00 · Flood 2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5046.00 · Loan Interest	2,000	1,022	1,011	0	1,239	1,600	361
5047.00 · Contracted Services	8,093	8,480	10,000	5,526	10,000	12,000	2,000
5049.00 · Snow Fence		0	0	0	0	0	0
5053.08 · Grader Repair	3,507	2,200	3,000	1,786	6,000	6,000	0
5053.09 · Backhoe Repair	325	2,794	3,000	839	3,000	2,500	-500
5053.10 · Mower Repair	564	115	900	140	900	500	-400
5053.11 · Tractor Repair	545	1,029	700	1,027	900	900	0
5053.12 · Plow Repair	2,036	4,880	4,000	2,790	9,000	9,000	0
5053.13 · Miscellaneous Repair	52	1,046	1,500	126	1,000	1,000	0
5053.14 · 2007 Truck Repair	3,533	2,673	4,000	0	0	0	0
5053.15 · 2010 Truck Repair	5,480	13,106	4,000	4,781	5,000	6,000	1,000
5053.16 · 2006 Pickup Repair	1,330	1,349	1,500	898	1,000	1,000	0
5053.17 · Front Loader Repair	3,402	699	3,000	509	9,000	9,000	0
5053.18 · 2015 Truck Repair	0	389	0	122	2,000	2,000	0
5057.05 · Gas	3,784	3,896	3,600	1,608	4,000	4,500	500
5057.15 · Diesel	19,879	14,432	26,600	4,949	24,000	17,000	-7,000
5058.00 · Lubricants	1,421	1,096	2,500	112	2,500	2,000	-500
5059.00 · Guard Rail	0	0	3,000	0	3,000	5,000	2,000
5060.05 · Chloride	12,234	9,296	13,050	4,077	16,200	16,500	300
5060.10 · Cold Patch	675	299	500	515	650	650	0
5060.15 · Culverts (net of grant)	1,757	2,459	6,000	1,751	4,000	6,000	2,000
5060.20 · Road Topping	17,512	15,293	22,000	6,367	18,125	21,000	2,875
5060.30 · Retreatment	84,756	80,359	80,000	846	80,000	85,000	5,000

Town of Panton, Vermont
 FY July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 Proposed Budget

	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Actual	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 12/31/15	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	FY16 to FY17 Change
5060.35 · Salt	14,849	16,115	16,000	8,151	22,200	22,200	0
5060.39 · Ice-B-Gon	4,005	5,841	6,000	0	5,850	5,850	0
5060.40 · Sand	2,735	8,232	6,000	5,235	5,625	6,000	375
5060.45 · Stone	1,788	1,702	5,000	5,354	4,800	6,000	1,200
5062.00 · Road Signs	2,947	2,548	2,800	1,113	3,000	3,000	0
5063.00 · Heating Oil	4,109	3,940	4,000	1,490	4,000	4,000	0
5063.01 · Telephone/Internet	2,329	1,988	2,400	1,136	2,040	2,100	60
5063.02 · Electricity	1,189	1,347	1,200	564	1,200	1,400	200
5063.05 · Garage Repair	2,035	1,445	1,000	786	1,000	1,500	500
5063.06 · Hydroseeder	471	435	1,200	0	1,200	1,200	0
5063.10 · Supplies	2,711	2,339	4,000	1,335	4,000	4,500	500
5063.11 · Uniforms	284	312	500	250	500	750	250
5063.12 · Office Equipment/Supplies	49	242	200	0	350	500	150
5063.13 · Equipment (net of grant)	8,168	0	0	0	400	0	-400
5063.15 · Tools & Small Equipment	2,395	1,468	3,000	501	2,000	1,500	-500
5063.26 · Rubbish	1,224	1,220	1,248	637	1,248	1,300	52
5064.02 · Panton Bridge Repair	0	0	300	0	300	300	0
5066.02 · Truck Loan	33,372	34,846	34,846	0	23,609	23,609	0
Total 50 · Highway Expense	265,199	259,404	292,433	69,633	294,086	304,410	10,324
Total Highway Salaries & Expenditures	383,747	381,529	417,745	131,316	421,598	436,366	14,768

Town of Panton, Vermont
 FY July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 Proposed Budget

	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Actual	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 12/31/15	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Budget	FY16 to FY17 Change
GRAND TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	556,471	566,290	606,961	239,181	631,288	643,423	12,136
NET SUPPORTED BY TAXES (Before Appropriations)	415,536	409,849	472,500	135,517	490,113	501,258	11,145
Voted Appropriations							
Highway Capital Equipment Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0
Highway Capital Project Fund	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	0
Tire Fund	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
Digitization Fund	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Town Hall Restoration Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	0
Reappraisal Fund	1,000	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
Community Services	7,951	8,551	8,551	8,601	8,601	8,701	100
Total Voted Appropriations	67,951	67,551	67,551	8,601	67,601	67,701	100
TOTAL TO BE SUPPORTED BY TAXES	483,487	477,400	540,051	144,118	557,714	568,959	11,245
Grant List Factor			1,008,391		1,008,391	1,005,861	
Tax Rate			0.5356		0.5531	0.5656	2.02%
						**Grand List subject to change April 2016	

Town of Panton 2016 Highway Capital Equipment Long Range Plan

Item	Present Age	Years to Replace	Estimated cost In 2016 dollars	Comments
John Deere (JD) Wheel Loader Backhoe	15 years - 1999	5	\$97,850 – 113,300	New paint job and hydraulic hose replace in 2015. Adjusted years to replace to +2 more.
Cat Loader 930 with Coupler Bucket	8 years - 2006	9	\$121,000 - \$140,000	Purchased used in 13/14 for \$57,000
JD Motor Grader	20 years - 1994	9	\$226,600 - \$288,400	Purchased used
JD Tractor	5 years - 2009	19	\$93,845	
Ford 3/4 Ton Pick-up Truck	8 yrs - 2006	2	\$59,740 – includes snow plow	Purchased used in 12/13 (for 14,493, then added Plow for \$3,500)
Salter for 1 Ton Pick-up Truck	New - 2015	8	\$5,500	Purchased in 2015
Salt Truck – Freightliner	4 yrs - 2010	3	\$166,852 purchase price in 2010	
Salt Truck – International	2015	6	\$181,055-purchase price in 2015 which includes ~\$60K trade in on old truck (list was \$~241K)	
Chloride Trailer	8 years-built approx. 2008	9	\$8500 for sprayer and \$8000 for trailer	Constructed in-house. No inflation added.
Roadside mower	Less than 1 year-purchased 2015	7-9 years	\$5,300	
Traffic Signal (mobile lights for construction)	2 years; purchased in 2013-2014	18	\$5,475 for 1, purchased as set of 2 with Addison	Purchased through grant with Addison in 2013 or 2014
Salsco 6210XT Wood Chipper (1/3 interest)	6 years; Purchased 2011 with Vergennes and Addison	10 years	\$2,997	

3% adjustment added for all vehicles except the salt trucks and sprayer/trailer. Updated 1-25-16

5 Year Road Paving Plan

The following plan outlines Panton's 5 year paving plan. In creating this plan, we assumed: 1) continued eligibility for state improvement grants (see FYE2017 and FYE2021 Retreatment Plans below), 2) annual voter approval of \$20,000 to the Highway Projects Improvement Fund—this fund carries over from year to year and was set up to accumulate funds for larger paving projects, including grant-eligible paving projects and 3) \$80,000 budgeted in each annual budget (except for FYE 2017) year for the "Retreatment" budget line item. This plan outlines paving grant eligible class II roads during odd numbered years, with Class III paving (not state grant eligible) during even numbered years. Please note this is a change from the 2015 plan, as paving scheduled for 2015 on Arnold Bay Road was delayed (now planned for 2016) both due to residents' concerns re: Lake water quality, and due to delay in receipt of grant paperwork.

FYE 2017 Retreatment Plan

Panton will be eligible for a \$175,000 state improvement grant in FYE 2017. We budgeted \$85,000 for retreatment in FYE 2017 to have \$260,000 (\$175,000 + \$85,000=\$260,000) to retreat from the bridge, through Panton 4-Corners to Pease Rd., and Jersey Street from Panton Corners to the Ferrisburgh town line.

FYE 2018 Retreatment Plan

Panton will pave a Class III road/section of road, such as the remainder of East Road or Jersey Street, not necessarily in this order, using the assumed budgeted \$80,000 from FYE 2017 budget.

FYE 2019 Retreatment Plan

Using the accumulated assumed balance of the Highway Projects Improvement Fund (\$80,000—broken out as 20K approved for FYE 2014, FYE 2015, FYE 2016, plus assumed approved 20K for each of FYE 2017, and 2018) + current year (assumed \$80,000 for FYE 2019 budget) retreat Arnold Bay Road from Adams Ferry Road to Pease Road. Total estimated cost: \$160,000-\$180,000.

FYE 2020 Retreatment Plan

Panton will pave a Class III road/section of road such as the remainder of East Road or Jersey Street, not necessarily in this order, using the assumed budgeted \$80,000 from FYE 2020 budget.

FYE 2021 Retreatment Plan

By 2021, Panton will be eligible for another state improvement grant of \$175,000 and plans tackle Lake Street from Addison line to Pease Road (Panton's portion of the grant match would use the accumulated assumed \$40K balance of the Highway Projects Improvement Fund—assumed 20K approved annually from FYE 2019 and FYE 2020-- in addition to the assumed \$80,000 for FYE 2021 budget). Total estimated cost \$295,000 (\$175,000 grant funded, \$120,000 town portion).

Thanks to Road Foreman Rick Cloutier & Select board member Howard Hall for updating this plan.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Tarallo, Select board member

Town of Panton
Ordinances, Procedures & Standards

Panton has very few Ordinances, Procedures & Standards. These are available in detail at the Town Hall, or on the web site: www.pantonvt.us

They are listed below with a brief summary of their content:

1. Traffic Ordinance . Regulates speed traveled on all Panton roads.
2. Parking Ordinance . Regulates parking at Arnold's Bay Beach.
3. Street Naming/Addressing Ordinance . Developes uniform road/street naming for emergency services and deliveries.
4. Road Bridge Standards . Standards for road and bridge constructions within the Town of Panton.
5. Sewage Disposal Ordinance . Preserve the public health, prevent pollution and to secure the sanitary protection of surface and ground waters in the Town of Panton. Intended to ensure that all sewage is discharged into approved sewage treatment systems.
6. Road Debris Ordinance . Makes it illegal to track or bring debris onto the road.
7. Dog & Wolf Hybrid Ordinance . Regulates the Licensing, Vaccinations, Fees and Control of dogs in Panton. Also includes the actions taken when un-licensed dogs are taken by the Panton Dog Warden.
8. Junk Ordinance . Regulates outdoor storage of junk and junk vehicles.

Town of Pantton, Vermont: Property Tax Payment Information

Property taxes are due in two installments, November 1 and May 1. Tax installments are considered late if not received or postmarked on or before the due dates. Interest will be assessed at 1% per month, not prorated, for the first 3 months, then 1.5% thereafter. All taxes outstanding after May 1 are considered delinquent, subject to an additional 8% penalty, and turned over for collection by the Delinquent Tax Collector.

The Town of Pantton accepts credit card payments for property taxes through an outside resource, Official Payments. Payments are made via the internet at www.OfficialPayments.com or by telephone at 1-800-272-9829. Use Jurisdiction Code 5519 and the property's parcel number, which is located on the property tax bill. A nominal fee is charged by Official Payments for using this service.

Buildings & Land

	Year Acquired
Town Hall, Carriage Barn and .32 acre	1931
School House & 4.13 acres	1963
Salt Shed	1974
Town Garage	2004
Jersey Street Land .50 acre	2005

Vital Statistics January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Marriages/Civil Unions</u>
08/08/2015	Laura Cato & Erich Charles Mueller
10/02/2015	Donna L. Lamotte & Brandi Starr Hoffman

BIRTHS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
08/08/2015	Autumn Faith Visser	Ruth Elizabeth Visser & Mark Samuel Visser
10/02/2015	Matthew Michael Graves	Amanda Jean Graves & Michael Wayne Graves
09/05/2015	Forrest Kingsland Cockerline	Caitlin Lee Cockerline & <u>David Allen Cockerline</u>
09/06/2015	Annsley Grace Kennett	Chelsea Ann Kennett & Chad Ray Kennett
10/21/2015	Avery Michael Haight	Kira Mae Haight & Jeremy Robert Haight

DEATHS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
07/21/2015	Marie Counter	64	Panton
08/12/2015	Dorothy Rita Tisbert	88	Middlebury
08/20/2015	Willis Paul Tippett, Jr	82	Panton
10/13/2015	Joseph Michael Sullivan	44	Panton
12/19/2015	Wayland Wayne Brace	81	Panton

If you have a family member that was born, married or died during 2015 and you do not find your family member listed in the vital records, please contact the Town Clerk so the appropriate certificate can be located and filled in the Town records. Your family member has to have been a resident of the Town at the time the event occurred.

DOG AND WOLF-HYBRID OWNERS

Dog licensing is an ANNUAL event. Dogs more than 6 months of age may be licensed any time after January 1st of a calendar year, but must be licensed no later than April 1st of the same year in order to avoid the additional 50% fee assessment. If a dog reaches 6 months of age after April 1st the owner has within 30 days to apply for a license; after October 1st the fee is reduced by half.

Before obtaining a license for a dog or wolf-hybrid six months of age or older, a current rabies vaccination certificate must be filed with the Town Clerk. A current vaccination means:

- * Within 12 months on dogs under two years of age
- * Within 36 months on dogs over two years of age

No person shall allow a dog to run at large in an ~~un~~uncontrolled manner+within the limits of the Town of Panton. An ~~un~~uncontrolled manner+shall mean a dog, which is not (1) on a lease, (2) on or within a vehicle, (3) on the property of the owner.

All dogs within the town limits of Panton shall be **registered** and have valid tags attached by a collar indicating such.

Any dog or wolf-hybrid causing a disturbance such as excessive barking as to disturb the public peace will be considered a public nuisance, and the owner will be liable for prosecution under the penalties prescribed in the Panton Dog Ordinance (copy on file in Town Clerk's office).

Any dog or wolf-hybrid found to be running at large shall be delivered to the pound. The pound will notify the dog or wolf-hybrid owner if the dog is licensed. The dog or wolf-hybrid shall be held for three (3) days after the owner is notified. If the dog is unlicensed; the pound will still hold the dog or wolf-hybrid for three (3) days. If the owner does not claim the dog or wolf-hybrid, it shall be given to whoever pays the fees, the rabies shots and licensing fees. If no one shall desire the dog or wolf-hybrid it shall be humanely destroyed and the owner, if known, shall pay the fees.

No dog of wolf-hybrid will be released from the pound until it is properly licensed and all charges paid. Each person claiming a dog or wolf-hybrid from the pound shall pay to the Town of Panton the sum of \$50.00 for the first offense, \$100.00 for the second offense and \$200.00 for each offense thereafter to a maximum of \$500.00. In addition to the aforementioned fines, the owner shall also pay all pound keepersqcharges before the dog is released.

IS YOUR PET DUE FOR A RABIES VACCINATION?
Check the Addison Independent in March for local rabies clinics.
They're quick and much less expensive than an office visit!

Dog Licensing Fees:
Neutered/Spayed: \$11.00
Un-neutered/Un-spayed 19.00
50% Late Fee After April 1
You can mail in your License Fee

Community Service Agencies Requesting Funding

Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG), d.b.a. **HOPE**, P.O. Box 165, 282 Boardman Street, Middlebury, VT. 055753, 802-388-3608, web: www.hope-vt.org

Addison County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 881, 282 Boardman Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-3888, web: www.courtdiversion.com

Addison County Counseling Service, 89 Main Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-6751, web: www.csac-vt.org
24 Hour Hotline: 802-388-7641

Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc., P.O. Box 754, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-7259, web: www.achhh.org, email: info@achhh.org

Addison County Parent/Child Center, P.O. Box 646, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-3171, web: www.addisoncountypcc.org, email: info@addisoncountypcc.org

Addison County Transit Resources, P.O. Box 532, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-ACTR, web: www.actr-vt.org

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Vergennes, P.O. Box 356, 53 . 55 School Street, Vergennes, VT 05491, 802-877-6344, email: bgcvergenes@comcast.net, web: www.bgcvergenes.org

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging, 76 Pear Street, Suite 201, Essex Junction, VT 05452, 802-865-0360, **Senior Help Line 800-642-5119**, web: www.cvaa.org

Elderly Services, Inc., P.O. Box 581, 112 Exchange Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-3983, web: www.elderlyservices.org, email: mail@elderlyservices.org

John W. Graham Emergency Shelter, 69 Main Street, Vergennes, VT 05491, web: www.johngrahamshelter.org, email: Elizabeth.shelter@gmail.com

Homeward Bound, Addison County Humane Society, 236 Boardman Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-100, web: www.homewardboundanimals.org, email: shelter@homewardboundanimals.org

Hospice Volunteer Services, P.O. Box 772, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-4111, web: www.hospicevs.org, email: ryan@hospicevs.org

Open Door Clinic, 100 Porter Drive, Middlebury, VT 05753, email: hsulis@opendoormidd.org

Retired senior Volunteer Program, 48 Court Street, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-7044, email: rsvpvcadd@aol.com

WomenSafe, P.O. Box 67, Middlebury, VT 05753, 802-388-9180, web: www.womensafe.net, email: info@womensafe.net, **24 Hour Hotline 800-388-4205 or 802-388-4205**

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Department of Health
Middlebury District Office
156 South Village Green
Suite 102
Middlebury, VT 05753
HealthVermont.gov

[phone] 802-388-4644
[fax] 802-388-4610
[toll free] 888-253-8804

Agency of Human Services

Vermont Department of Health Report for Addison County

Your local health district office is in Middlebury at the address and phone number above. Come visit or give us a call! At the Vermont Department of Health, we are working every day for your health. With twelve district offices around the state, and state office and laboratory in Chittenden County, we deliver a wide range of public health services and support to your community. For example, in 2015 the Health Department:

Supported healthy communities: The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Vergennes was awarded \$45,000 in order to decrease use of tobacco in Addison County.

Provided WIC nutrition services and healthy foods to families: We served about half of all Vermont families with pregnant women and children to age five with WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children). WIC provides individualized nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support, home-delivered foods, and a debit-like card to buy fruit and vegetables. In Addison County, 1128 women, infants and children were enrolled in WIC. The average value of foods provided is \$50 per person per month. Starting in May 2016, Addison County families served by WIC will be able to shop for WIC foods themselves, increasing choice and flexibility (a change from home delivery).

Worked to prevent and control the spread of disease: In 2014 we responded to 114 cases of infectious disease in Addison County. In 2014, \$13,916,297 of vaccine for vaccine-preventable diseases was distributed to healthcare providers statewide, \$832,734.85 of which was in spent in Addison County.

Aided communities in emergency preparedness: Since July 2013, funding of \$50,652 supported emergency preparedness capabilities at Porter Medical Center. In addition, in 2014 and 2015, \$10,000 was contributed to fund training for Rutland and Addison County's Emergency Medical Services and Medical Reserve Corps. We are always looking for more Medical Reserve Corps and EMS volunteers. Please visit www.OnCallforVT.org to learn more about both volunteer opportunities.



Vergennes Union Elementary School Report

As the Panton representative on the Vergennes Union Elementary School board, I would like to highlight a few key initiatives the board has focused on over the past year. This year has seen some large changes occurring in our educational system in Vermont. State laws like Act 46 and Act 166 are changing the landscape about how we govern our educational system and who falls under that governance. Continued work at the local level to resolve fiscal issues and concerns plus news that the Principle of Vergennes Union Elementary will be leaving at the end of the school year has certainly made for a busy time. But, through all these important and large changes, the quality that we expect from our school has been maintained and the dedication to improve outcomes for our youngest citizens has continued to be our priority.

Act 46 came into law earlier this year. Part of this law requires existing school districts to merge and create larger districts, the purpose of which is to help improve equity, achievement, and operational efficiencies, to promote transparency and accountability within our schools, and to deliver this at an acceptable cost to taxpayers. Much of how the current supervisory union operates is already more compliant to this new law than many other districts around the state. However, this will change how we operate our schools and it will impact our students. To meet these challenges the ANWSU board has created an Act 46 Study Committee. The committee has worked over the past few months to put a proposal together that will strengthen our governance structure and increase our flexibility in order to better serve our children. In addition to this restructuring element the Act currently is requiring a cap on the school's spending increase which will dramatically affect the proposed 2016-2017 school budget. This topic alone has had much attention from around the state and has lawmakers back in discussion as a result.

Another law that will impact the way our schools function is that of Act 166. The law was signed in 2014 but will be taking effect fully this coming school year. This bill is intended to help provide universal preschool opportunities to 3-5 year olds. Allowing these children a free education will require the district to allocate funds and provide support and resources to build the capacity to meet these needs.

Finally, I am pleased to say that the district, as well as VUES specifically, has made progress in our budgeting process. A new accounting firm, new policies and procedures, and further improvements and efficiencies have had a major effect on how we are able to manage our budgets. We are lucky to have strong leadership in both our Superintendent and our principle and the board is committed to making Vergennes Union Elementary School a great experience for our children.

I look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jason P. Fearon

Board Chair, Vergennes Union Elementary School

Addison County Solid Waste District

Here's my annual report as the town's representative to the Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD). I attend two meetings per month, serving on the executive board in addition to representing Panton at the full board meetings.

The ACSWMD operations are funded by fees for disposal and although the District has the authority to tax the members to fund operations, there is no indication that any taxes will be required.

The State of Vermont has increased regulations pertaining to recycling; requiring recycling of food waste. This presents a number of challenges, and the District is working to facilitate the new program.

The business of recycling is facing considerable difficulty. Markets are down so far that most recycling operations are losing money and many have closed operations. This is substantially due to China's economy having slowed. The District operates a transfer station and as such passes through all trash and recycling to other operations.

By Vermont State Agency of Natural Resources regulation, the District is not allowed to charge for handling recycling in most instances, and the District has managed this situation by subsidizing the expenses entailed in recycling by increasing the fees for trash disposal. Also, there is some revenue from recycling because the District is paid for the value of the material being recycled. For instance, metal generally has positive revenue. E-waste, computers, televisions, etc. have had positive revenue due to payments the state negotiates with manufacturers. The E-waste market is terrible at this time and the compensation by manufacturers no longer offsets the expenses incurred by recycling. This situation is of major concern to all parties involved with recycling in the state.

Panton is able to avoid considerable regulation that other municipalities endure because of our relationship with Vergennes. The town would face considerable challenges were it to decide to take sole responsibility for recycling or trash removal.

Best Regards -Paul

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TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
FINANCIAL REPORT
June 30, 2015

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Certified Public Accountants
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To the Select Board and Town Treasurer
Town of Panton, Vermont
3176 Jersey Street
Panton, Vermont 05491

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Panton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Panton's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Panton's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Panton, Vermont's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the following deficiencies in internal control to be significant deficiencies:

Segregation of Duties

We noted that the Town of Panton, Vermont was lacking proper segregation of duties at times. Due to the size of the Town, one person is primarily responsible for all aspects of the accounting function having access to all aspects of the computer software system including creating and posting journal entries and positing daily transactions.

Proper internal controls dictate a segregation of these functions. However, as is common with small municipalities, the number of employees is insufficient to separate these duties and improve internal controls and reduce the chance of an error or irregularity going undetected.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the board of Selectmen, and others within the Town of Panton, Vermont, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Telling & Associates, CPA PC
Middlebury, Vermont
November 16, 2015

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Panton, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Panton, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Panton, Vermont, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the local government's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of the local government contributions on pages 3-9 and 30-31 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Panton, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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November 16, 2015

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TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

The following is a discussion and analysis of the Town of Pantton, Vermont's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. This section is a summary of the Town's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, or conditions. It is also based on both the government-wide and fund-based financial statements. The results of the current year are discussed in comparison with the prior year, with an emphasis placed on the current year. This section is only an introduction and should be read in conjunction with the Town's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Town of Pantton, Vermont's revenues were \$1,934,488 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

The Town of Pantton, Vermont's expenditures were \$1,774,740 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

The Town of Pantton, Vermont's total assets, in accordance with GASB 34 accounting, were \$1,694,585 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

The Town of Pantton, Vermont's total liabilities, in accordance with GASB 34 accounting, were \$92,162 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts: MD&A (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Town:

- The first two statements are Town-wide financial statements that provide both short-term and long-term information about the Town's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Town, reporting the Town's operations in more detail than the Town-wide statements. The fund financial statements concentrate on the Town's major funds with all other non-major funds listed in total in one column.
- The governmental funds statements tell how basic services such as highway and capital improvements were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Town's budget for the year.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Town's financial statements, including the portion of the Town's activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of MD&A highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-1 Major Features of the Town-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Fund Financial Statements	
	Town-Wide	Governmental Funds
Scope	Entire Town	The activities of the Town that are not propriety or fiduciary, such as highway and capital improvements
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus
Type of assets/deferred outflows of resources/liability/deferred inflows of resources information	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets and deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that come due or available during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the Town as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the Town’s assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year’s revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Town's net position and how it has changed. Net position – the difference between the Town's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources – is one way to measure the Town's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Town's net position are an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the Town's overall health, you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the Town's property tax base and the condition of buildings and other facilities.

In the government-wide financial statements, the Town's activities are shown as Governmental Activities. Most of the Town's basic services are included here, such as general government and public works. Property taxes and state aid finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Town's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds – not the Town as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the Town uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The Town establishes other funds to control and to manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as state grants).

The Town has the following types of funds:

- **Governmental Funds:** All of the Town's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out, and (2) the balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

The Town's total assets and deferred outflows of resources were \$1,699,448. Total liabilities were \$92,162.

The excess of revenues over expenditures resulted in the increase in net position.

All the changes are detailed as follows:

	June 30, 2015
Assets	
Other assets	\$ 346,818
Capital assets	<u>1,347,767</u>
Total assets	1,694,585
Deferred outflows of resources	
Pensions	<u>4,863</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ <u><u>1,699,448</u></u>
Liabilities	
Long-term debt outstanding	\$ 74,090
Other liabilities	<u>18,072</u>
Total liabilities	<u>92,162</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	
Taxes paid in advance	2,998
Pensions	<u>10,733</u>
	<u>13,731</u>
Net position	
Net investment in capital assets	1,276,941
Restricted	211,035
Unrestricted	<u>105,579</u>
Total net position	<u>1,593,555</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	\$ <u><u>1,699,448</u></u>

For the year ended June 30, 2015, total revenue was \$1,934,488.

For the year ended June 30, 2015 total expenditures were \$1,774,740.

All the changes are detailed as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>
Revenues	
Program Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 14,603
Operating grants	91,160
General revenues	
Real property taxes	1,762,782
State sources	60,176
Miscellaneous	<u>5,767</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,934,488</u>
Expenses	
General government	164,576
Education	1,218,882
Public safety	34,040
Public works	341,869
Recycling	5,800
Interest	1,022
Community services	<u>8,551</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,774,740</u>
Change in net position	<u>159,748</u>
Net position – beginning of year, as previously stated	1,443,049
Prior period adjustment	<u>(9,242)</u>
Net position – beginning of year, as restated	<u>1,433,807</u>
Net position – end of year	<u>\$ 1,593,555</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS

The Town's governmental funds are presented on the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Based on this presentation, governmental funds do not include long-term debt liabilities for the fund's projects and capital assets purchased by the funds. Governmental funds will include the proceeds received from issuance of debt, the current payments for capital assets, and the current payment for debt in its revenue and expenditures.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Town had a positive performance of expenditures with the budget of \$797,426 and actual performance of \$724,978.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Town had \$1,347,767 invested in capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation), compared to \$1,213,591 for the year ended June 30, 2014.

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)			
	Governmental Activities and Total Town		Percentage
	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	<u>Change</u>
Land and improvements	\$ 17,409	\$ 17,409	0.0%
Building and improvements	234,544	221,261	-5.6
Infrastructure	795,563	819,438	3.0
Vehicles	60,095	211,772	252.2
Machinery and equipment	<u>105,980</u>	<u>77,887</u>	<u>-26.5</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,213,591</u>	\$ <u>1,347,767</u>	<u>11.1%</u>

Long-Term Debt

At year-end, the Town had \$74,090 in long-term liabilities that includes notes payable of \$70,826, and net pension liability – proportionate share of \$3,264.

	Total Town		Percentage Change
	Beginning	Ending	
Notes payable	\$ 34,846	\$ 70,826	103.3
Net pension liability - proportionate share	<u>13,856</u>	<u>3,264</u>	<u>-76.4</u>
Total	<u>\$ 48,702</u>	<u>\$ 74,090</u>	<u>-52.1%</u>

FACTORS BEARING ON THE TOWN’S FUTURE

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Town was not aware of any circumstances that could affect its future financial health.

CONTACTING THE TOWN’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the Town’s citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the Town’s finances and to demonstrate the Town’s accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

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 Panton, VT 05491
 (802) 475-2333

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015

Assets

Current assets:

Cash	\$	297,570
Property taxes receivable		47,481
Prepaid expenses		1,767
Total current assets		346,818

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		1,347,767
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Deferred outflow

Pensions		4,863
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Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	\$	1,699,448
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Liabilities

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$	8,643
Accrued liabilities		9,429
Notes payable, current		23,609
Total current liabilities		41,681

Long-term liabilities:

Notes payable, less current portion		47,217
Net pension liability		3,264
		50,481
Total liabilities		92,162

Deferred inflows of resources

Taxes paid in advance		2,998
Pensions		10,733
Total deferred inflows of resources		13,731

Net position

Investment in capital assets, net of related debt		1,276,941
Restricted		211,035
Unrestricted		105,579
Total net position		1,593,555

Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	\$	1,699,448
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

Functions and programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants	
Governmental activities				
General government	\$ 164,576	\$ 14,603	\$ -	\$ (149,973)
Community services	8,551	-	-	(8,551)
Public safety	34,040	-	3,427	(30,613)
Recycling	5,800	-	-	(5,800)
Public works	341,869	-	87,733	(254,136)
Interest	1,022	-	-	(1,022)
School tax	1,218,882	-	-	(1,218,882)
Total Governmental activities	\$ 1,774,740	\$ 14,603	\$ 91,160	(1,668,977)
General revenues				
Real property taxes				1,762,782
Investment income				233
State sources not restricted to specific programs				60,176
Miscellaneous				5,534
Total general revenues				1,828,725
Change in net position				159,748
Total net position - beginning of year, as previously reported				1,443,049
Prior period adjustment				(9,242)
Total net position - beginning of year, restated				1,433,807
Total net position - end of year				\$ 1,593,555

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2015

	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway Capital Project</u>	<u>Nonma or Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets				
Cash	\$ 185,518	\$ 40,009	\$ 72,043	\$ 297,570
Property taxes receivable	47,481	-	-	47,481
Prepaid expenses	<u>1,767</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,767</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 234,766</u>	<u>\$ 40,009</u>	<u>\$ 72,043</u>	<u>\$ 346,818</u>
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 8,643	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,643
Accrued liabilities	9,429	-	-	9,429
Unearned property taxes	<u>42,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,386</u>
Total liabilities	<u>60,458</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,458</u>
Deferred inflows of resources				
Taxes paid in advance	<u>2,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,998</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>2,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,998</u>
Fund balances				
Nonspendable	1,767	-	-	1,767
Restricted	-	-	-	-
Committed	97,216	40,009	72,043	209,268
Assigned	5,403	-	-	5,403
Unassigned	<u>66,924</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,924</u>
Total fund balances	<u>171,310</u>	<u>40,009</u>	<u>72,043</u>	<u>283,362</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 234,766</u>	<u>\$ 40,009</u>	<u>\$ 72,043</u>	<u>\$ 346,818</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Reconciliation of Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015

	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Long-term Assets, Liabilities</u>	<u>Reclassifications and Eliminations</u>	<u>Statement of Net Position</u>
Assets				
Cash	\$ 297,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,570
Property taxes receivable	47,481	-	-	47,481
Prepaid expenses	1,767	-	-	1,767
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	-	1,347,767	-	1,347,767
Total assets	346,818	1,347,767	-	1,694,585
Deferred outflows of resources				
Pensions	-	4,863	-	4,863
Total deferred outflows of resources	-	4,863	-	4,863
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 346,818	\$ 1,352,630	\$ -	\$ 1,699,448
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 8,643	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,643
Accrued liabilities	9,429	-	-	9,429
Unearned property taxes	42,386	(42,386)	-	-
Notes payable	-	70,826	-	70,826
Net pension liability	-	3,264	-	3,264
Total liabilities	60,458	31,704	-	92,162
Deferred inflows of resources				
Taxes paid in advance	2,998	-	-	2,998
Pensions	-	10,733	-	10,733
Total deferred inflows	2,998	10,733	-	13,731
Fund balance/net position				
Total fund balance/net position	283,362	1,310,193	-	1,593,555
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance/net position				
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balance/net position	\$ 346,818	\$ 1,352,630	\$ -	\$ 1,699,448

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>General</u>	<u>Highway Capital Project</u>	<u>Nonma or Special Revenue</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 1,759,940	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,759,940
Licenses, fees, & permits	4,033	-	3,183	7,216
Intergovernmental	147,909	-	-	147,909
Charges for services	7,387	-	-	7,387
Fines & forfeitures	3,427	-	-	3,427
Miscellaneous	5,738	8	21	5,767
Total revenues	<u>1,928,434</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3,204</u>	<u>1,931,646</u>
Expenditures				
General government:				
Town salaries and benefits	66,931	-	-	66,931
Stipends	3,288	-	-	3,288
Insurances and taxes	13,715	-	-	13,715
Town hall	11,396	-	-	11,396
Administrative	36,687	-	10	36,697
Library	12,822	-	-	12,822
Cemetery	2,080	-	-	2,080
Community services	8,551	-	-	8,551
Public safety:				
Fire protection	22,772	-	-	22,772
Patrol	5,763	-	-	5,763
Vergennes Rescue	4,401	-	-	4,401
Fire man hours	1,104	-	-	1,104
Recycling	5,800	-	-	5,800
Public works	292,386	-	-	292,386
Debt service:				
Principal	34,846	-	-	34,846
Interest	1,022	-	-	1,022
School tax	1,218,882	-	-	1,218,882
Capital outlays	201,414	-	-	201,414
Total expenditures	<u>1,943,860</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1,943,870</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(15,426)</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3,194</u>	<u>(12,224)</u>
Other financing source (uses)				
Note proceeds	70,826	-	-	70,826
Transfers in	30,037	20,000	39,000	89,037
Transfers out	(59,000)	-	(30,037)	(89,037)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>41,863</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>8,963</u>	<u>70,826</u>
Change in fund balance	26,437	20,008	12,157	58,602
Fund balance - beginning of year	<u>144,873</u>	<u>20,001</u>	<u>59,886</u>	<u>224,760</u>
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 171,310</u>	<u>\$ 40,009</u>	<u>\$ 72,043</u>	<u>\$ 283,362</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in
Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Long-term Revenues, Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Related Funds</u>	<u>Long-term Debt Transactions</u>	<u>Reclassification and Eliminations</u>	<u>Statement of Activities Totals</u>
Revenues						
Property taxes	\$ 1,759,940	\$ 2,842	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,762,782
Licenses, fees, & permits	7,216	-	-	-	-	7,216
Intergovernmental	147,909	-	-	-	-	147,909
Charges for services	7,387	-	-	-	-	7,387
Fines & forfeitures	3,427	-	-	-	-	3,427
Miscellaneous	5,767	-	-	-	-	5,767
	<u>1,931,646</u>	<u>2,842</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,934,488</u>
Expenditures/Expenses						
General government	146,929	17,755	-	(108)	-	164,576
Community services	8,551	-	-	-	-	8,551
Public safety	34,040	-	-	-	-	34,040
Recycling	5,800	-	-	-	-	5,800
Public works	292,386	139,367	(89,884)	-	-	341,869
Debt service:						
Principal	34,846	-	-	(34,846)	-	-
Interest	1,022	-	-	-	-	1,022
School tax	1,218,882	-	-	-	-	1,218,882
Capital outlays	201,414	-	(201,414)	-	-	-
	<u>1,943,870</u>	<u>157,122</u>	<u>(291,298)</u>	<u>(34,954)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,774,740</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(12,224)</u>	<u>(154,280)</u>	<u>291,298</u>	<u>34,954</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,748</u>
Other financing sources						
Note proceeds	70,826	-	-	(70,826)	-	-
Transfers in	89,037	-	-	-	(89,037)	-
Transfers out	(89,037)	-	-	-	89,037	-
	<u>70,826</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(70,826)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change for the year	<u>\$ 58,602</u>	<u>\$ (154,280)</u>	<u>\$ 291,298</u>	<u>\$ (35,872)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 159,748</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Town of Pantton, Vermont (the Town) is a unit of local government chartered by the State of Vermont. The Town operates under a Select Board – form of government and provides services as outlined in its charter. The Town provides the following services: public safety, highways and streets, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

a) Reporting Entity

The Town is governed by a three member elected Select Board. Control or dependence on the Board was determined on the basis of budget adoptions, designation of management, influence over operations, and accountability for fiscal matters.

b) Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the Town's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Adjustments have been made to minimize the effect of internal transactions. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, State aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

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

Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the Town of Pantton, Vermont are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for using a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenditures as appropriate.

Governmental Funds

Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds and account groups are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, as follows:

General fund - The general fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Highway capital project fund - This fund is used to account for revenue and expenditures of the highway capital project fund.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

b) Basis of Presentation (continued)

Special Revenue Funds - To account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

c) Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The Town-wide financial statements are reported using economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the town gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Property tax revenue is considered available if collected within sixty days of fiscal year end.

d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of reporting cash flows, all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

e) Capital Assets

Property, vehicles, and equipment are recorded at cost with depreciation computed using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives of 7-30 years. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in income for the period. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to income as incurred; renewals and betterments are capitalized. The capitalization threshold (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to capital assets) is \$3,000 for buildings, equipment and vehicles and \$10,000 for infrastructure.

f) Interfund Transactions

The operations of the Town include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowing. The Town may loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenues to provide financing or other services. In the government-wide financial statements, the amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for interfund receivables and payables represent the amount due between different fund types. Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between funds.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

f) Interfund Transactions (continued)

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables may be netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the Town's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

Refer to Note 7 for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, expenditures, and revenue activity.

g) Net Position/Governmental Fund Balance

In the government-wide financial statements, there are three classes of net position:

Net investment in capital assets – Consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets.

Restricted net position – Reports net position when constraints placed on the assets are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, laws or regulations of other governments or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position – Reports all other net position that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District.

In the fund basis statements there are five classifications of fund balance:

Non-spendable Fund Balance – Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The Town has \$1,767 non-spendable fund balance as of June 30, 2015.

Restricted – Includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All encumbrances of funds other than the General Fund are classified as restricted fund balances.

Committed – Includes amounts that can only be used for specific purpose pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Town's highest level of decision making authority, i.e. the legal voters of the Town. The Town has \$209,268 committed fund balance as of June 30, 2015.

Assigned – Includes amounts that are constrained by the Town's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances of the General Fund are classified as assigned fund balance in the General Fund. Encumbrances reported in the General Fund amounted to \$5,403.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

g) Net Position/Governmental Fund Balance (continued)

Unassigned – Includes all other General Fund net position that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the Town.

Order of use of fund balance:

The Town's policy is to apply expenditures against non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, non-spendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balances for specific purposes determined. Any remaining fund balance amounts for funds other than the General Fund are classified as assigned fund balance. In the General Fund, committed fund balance is determined next and then assigned. The remaining amounts are reported as unassigned. Assignment of fund balance cannot cause a negative unassigned fund balance.

h) Use of Estimates

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Such estimates primarily related to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement actual results may differ from estimated source.

i) Taxes paid in advance

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The governmental funds report taxes paid in advance as deferred inflows of resources. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

j) Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) has been determined on the same basis as they are reported by VMERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

a) Budgetary Information

At the annual meeting, the Select board presents a general fund budget for the proposed expenditures of the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The budget, as enacted by town meeting establishes the legal level of control and specifies that certain appropriations are to be funded by particular revenues.

b) Budget/GAAP Reconciliation

The budgetary data for the general fund is based upon accounting principles that differ from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Therefore, in addition to the GAAP basis financial statements, the results of operations of the general fund are presented in accordance with budgetary accounting principles to provide a meaningful comparison to the budgetary data.

The following is a summary of adjustments made to the actual revenues to conform to the budgetary basis of accounting.

General fund:		
Total revenues (GAAP basis)	\$	1,928,434
Adjust tax revenue to accrual basis		(1,207,031)
Total revenues budgetary basis	\$	<u>697,174</u>

Note 3. Explanation of Certain Differences between Fund Statements and Government-wide Statements

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the fund statements and the government-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the statement of activities, compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

Total fund balances of the Town's governmental funds differ from "net position" of governmental activities reported in the statement of net position. This difference primarily results from the additional long-term economic focus of the statement of net position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheets.

The costs of building and acquiring capital assets (land, buildings and equipment) financed from the governmental funds are reported as expenditures in the year they are incurred, and the assets do not appear on the balance sheet. However, the statement of net position includes those capital assets among the assets of the Town as a whole, with their original costs capitalized and depreciation expensed annually over their useful lives. Long-term liabilities are reported in the statements of net position, but not in the governmental funds, because they are not due and payable in the current period.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 3. Explanation of Certain Differences Between Fund Statements and Government-wide Statements (continued)

Explanation of difference between Governmental Fund Balance and Government-wide Net Position

Ending fund balance reported on governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance	\$	283,362
Capital assets net of related depreciation		1,347,767
Deferred outflows of resources		
Pensions		4,863
Liabilities:		
Unearned property taxes		42,386
Long-term liabilities:		
Notes payable		(70,826)
Net pension liability – proportionate share		(3,264)
Deferred inflows of resources		
Pensions		<u>(10,733)</u>
Ending net position reported in Statement of Net Position for governmental activities	\$	<u><u>1,593,555</u></u>

Differences between the funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of four categories. The amounts shown below represent:

i) Long-term Revenue and Expense Differences:

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered “available”, whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

ii) Capital Related Differences:

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

iii) Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences:

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 3. Explanation of Certain Differences Between Fund Statements and Government-wide Statements (continued)

iv) Pension differences:

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the Town's proportion of the collective net pension asset/liability and differences between the District's contributions and its proportionate share to the total contributions to the pension systems.

Explanation of Differences Between Governmental Funds Operating Statements and the Government Wide Statement of Activities

Total revenues and other funding sources of governmental funds	\$	2,002,472
Revenue in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources (property taxes not collected within 60 days of fiscal year end) are not reported as revenue in the funds. This amount represents an increase in deferred property taxes.		2,842
Note proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increase long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.		<u>(70,826)</u>
Total revenues of governmental activities in the Statement of Activities	\$	<u>1,934,488</u>
Total expenditures reported in governmental funds	\$	1,943,870
Governmental funds report Town pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expense.		(108)
When the purchase or construction of capital assets is financed through governmental funds, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in the years they are incurred. However, in the Statements of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Expenditures for capital outlays		(291,298)
Current year depreciation		157,122
Repayment of note principal and are expenditures in the governmental funds, but reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position, and does not affect the Statement of Activities.		<u>(34,846)</u>
Total expenses of governmental activities in the Statement of Activities	\$	<u>1,774,740</u>

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 4. Cash (and Cash Equivalents) – Custodial Credit Risk

Cash:

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town’s deposits may not be returned to it. The Town’s aggregate bank balance (disclosed in the financial statements) included balances not covered by depository insurance at year-end, collateralized as follows:

Collateralized securities held by the pledging financial institution \$ 20,898,493

Note 5. Capital Assets

Property, vehicles, and equipment used by the Town are as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2014	Additions	Retirement	Balance June 30, 2015
Governmental activities:				
Land	\$ 17,409	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,409
Buildings & improvements	369,811	2,844	-	372,655
Infrastructure	1,157,840	106,540	-	1,264,380
Vehicles	181,345	181,914	-	363,259
Machinery and equipment	274,539	-	-	274,539
Total	2,000,944	291,298	-	2,292,242
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Building & improvements	(135,267)	(16,127)	-	(151,394)
Infrastructure	(362,277)	(82,665)	-	(444,942)
Vehicles	(121,250)	(30,237)	-	(151,487)
Machinery and equipment	(168,559)	(28,093)	-	(196,652)
Total	(787,353)	(157,122)	-	(944,475)
Total capital assets - net	\$ 1,213,591	\$ 134,176	\$ -	\$ 1,347,767

Note 6. Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period.

Unearned revenue in the General Fund consists of \$42,386 in delinquent taxes receivable not collected within 60 days of year.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 7. Interfund Balances and Activity

Interfund balances and activity at June 30, 2015 and for the fiscal year then ended, were as follows:

Fund	Interfund		Interfund	
	Receivable	Payable	Revenues	Expenses
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,037	\$ 59,000
Highway Capital Project Fund	-	-	20,000	-
Highway Capital Equipment Fund	-	-	20,000	30,037
Reappraisal Fund	-	-	2,000	-
Digitalization Fund	-	-	-	-
Grader Tire Fund	-	-	2,000	-
Town Hall Restoration	-	-	15,000	-
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 89,037</u>	<u>\$ 89,037</u>

The Town typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of transient cash flow issues.

Note 8. Indebtedness

Long-term debt: Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

	6/30/14 Balance	Additions	Reduction	6/30/15 Balance
Governmental Activities				
Notes payable	34,846	70,826	34,846	70,826
	<u>\$ 34,846</u>	<u>\$ 70,826</u>	<u>\$ 34,846</u>	<u>\$ 70,826</u>
		Interest Rate	Maturity Date	6/30/15 Balance
Note payable – 2015 International Dump Truck		1.750%	5/01/2018	\$ 70,826
Note payable – 2010 International Dump Truck		2.900%	8/15/2014	-
				<u>70,826</u>
Less: current portion				<u>(23,609)</u>
				<u>\$ 47,217</u>

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 8. Indebtedness (continued)

The debt service requirements at June 30, 2015 for the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$ 23,609	\$ 1,239	\$ 24,848
2017	23,609	826	24,435
2018	23,609	413	24,022
2019	-	-	-
2020	-	-	-
	\$ 70,826	\$ 2,479	\$ 73,305

Note 9. Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of the beginning of the year. Taxes are levied in April, and are payable in two equal installments due November 1 and May 1. The Town of Panton, Vermont bills and collects its own property taxes, as well as those for the Town School District and other assessments. Collection of the school taxes and other assessments and remittance of them are accounted for in the General Fund. All unpaid taxes become delinquent the day after second tax installment is due.

All delinquent taxes are assessed a late payment penalty of eight percent of the amount delinquent, and are charged interest at the rate of one percent per month for the first three month and then one and a half percent per month thereafter. Delinquent taxes and related penalties and interest are recognized as revenue when received.

Town tax rate	\$ 0.5365
Education tax rate - residential	1.4582
Education tax rate - nonresidential	1.4933

Note 10. Pensions

Plan Description

The Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System (VMERS) is a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is administered by the State Treasurer and its Board of Trustees. It is designed for school districts and other municipal employees that work on a regular basis and also includes employees of museums and libraries if at least half of that institution's operating expenses are met by municipal funds. An employee of any employer that becomes affiliated with the system may join at that time or at any time thereafter. Any employee hired subsequent to the effective participation date of their employer who meets the minimum hourly requirements is required to join the system. During the year ended, June 30, 2015, the retirement system consisted of 437 participating employers.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 10. Pensions (continued)

The plan was established effective July 1, 1975 and is governed by Title 24, V.S.A Chapter 125.

The general administration and responsibility for formulating administrative policy and procedures of the retirement system for its members and their beneficiaries is vested in the Board of Trustees consisting of five members. They are the State Treasurer, two employee representative elected by the membership of the system, and two employer representatives – one elected by the governing bodies of participating employers of the system, and one selected by the Governor from a list of four nominees. The list of four nominees is jointly submitted by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and the Vermont School Board Association. Nailed

All assets are held in a single trust and are available to pay retirement benefits to all members. Benefits available to each group are based on average final compensation (AFC) and years of creditable service.

Benefits Provided

VMERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.4% of the employee's final 5 year average compensation times the employee's years of service. Employees with 35 years of continuous service are eligible to retire at age 55. Employees are eligible for service-related disability benefits regardless of length of service. Five years of service is required for nonservice-related disability eligibility.

Disability benefits are determined in the same manner as retirement benefits but are payable immediately without an actuarial reduction.

Contributions

Employees are required to contribute 2.5% of their annual pay. The Town's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2015 was 4.0% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the pension plan for the Town were \$4,863 for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows or Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2015 the Town reported a liability of \$3,265 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Town's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Town's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating towns, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2014, the Town's proportion was 0.0358%, which was a decrease of .0023 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2013.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 10. Pensions (continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Town recognized pension revenue of \$108. At June 30, 2015, the Town reported deferred outflows or resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experiences	\$ -	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	10,067
Change in proportional share of contributions	-	666
Town's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	4,863	-
Total	\$ 4,863	\$ 10,733

\$4,863 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Town's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2016. Amounts reported as deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:

2016	\$	2,845
2017		2,845
2018		2,845
2019		2,198
Thereafter		-
	\$	10,733

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0%-3.25%
Salary increases	5%
Investment rate of return	8.23%

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Tables for Males and Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT

Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 10. Pensions (continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) developed for each major asset class using an econometric model that forecasts a variety of economic environments and then calculates asset class returns based on function relationships between the economic variable and the asset classes. These best estimate ranges were combined to produce forecasts of the short, intermediate, and long term horizons by weighing the expected future nominal rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage. The various time horizons in the forecast are intended to capture more recent economic and capital market conditions as well as other plausible environments that could develop in the future over economic cycles. To reflect this in the rate-of-return assumption, a Select and Ultimate assumption setting approach, which is cited in Section 3.8.4 of Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27 as an alternative to a single assumed rate of return is employed.

Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2014 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity	31.50%	6.70%
Fixed income	33.00%	2.94%
Alternatives	15.50%	6.26%
Multi-strategy	20.00%	5.98%

Nominal long-term expected rates of return for these asset classes are equal to the sum of the above expected long-term real rates and the expected long-term inflation rate of 3.0%.

Discount Rate

The discount rate to measure the total pension liability was 8.23%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will continue to be made in accordance with current funding policy. The assumed discount rate has been determined in accordance with the method prescribed by GASB 68.

The following presents the Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 8.23%, as well as what the proportionate share would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percent lower (7.23%) or one percent higher (9.23%).

1% Decrease (7.23%)	Current discount rate (8.23%)	1% Increase (9.23%)
\$ 27,502	\$ 3,264	\$ (17,070)

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 10. Risk Management

The Town of Panton, Vermont is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and injuries to employees. The Town of Panton, Vermont maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three (3) fiscal years.

Note 11. Contingencies

Federal and State Grants

In the normal course of operations, the Town receives grant funds from various Federal and State agencies. The grant programs are subject to audit by agents of the granting authorities, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the granting of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as a result of such audits is not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Town's funds.

Note 12. Prior Period Adjustments

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the Town implemented GASB No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – Amendment to GASB no. 27*. The implementation of Statement No. 68 resulted in the reporting of an asset, deferred outflow of resources, liability, and deferred inflow of resources related to the Town's participation in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

The Town's net position has been restated as follows:

Net position beginning of year, as previously stated	\$ 1,443,049
GASB Statement No. 68 implementation:	
Beginning net pension liability	(13,856)
Beginning deferred outflows of resources for contributions subsequent to the measurement date	4,614
Net position beginning of year, as restated	\$ 1,433,807

Note 13. Subsequent Events

The Select Board has evaluated subsequent events through November 16, 2015, the date on which the financial statements were available.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues			
Property taxes	\$ 545,051	\$ 552,909	\$ 7,858
Licenses, fees, & permits	2,030	4,033	2,003
Intergovernmental	115,481	147,909	32,428
Charges for services	7,000	7,387	387
Fines & forfeitures	2,400	3,427	1,027
Miscellaneous	2,550	5,738	3,188
Appropriated fund balance	111,088	-	(111,088)
Total revenues	<u>785,600</u>	<u>721,403</u>	<u>(64,197)</u>
Expenditures			
General government:			
Town salaries and benefits	62,099	66,931	(4,832)
Stipends	3,550	3,288	262
Insurances and taxes	14,233	13,715	518
Town hall	11,462	11,396	66
Administrative	44,670	36,687	7,983
Library	12,822	12,822	-
Cemetery	2,080	2,080	-
Community services	8,551	8,551	-
Public safety:			
Fire protection	20,000	22,772	(2,772)
Patrol	7,100	5,763	1,337
Vergennes Rescue	4,400	4,401	(1)
Fire man hours	800	1,104	(304)
Recycling	6,000	5,800	200
Public works	301,888	292,386	9,502
Debt service:			
Principal	34,846	34,846	-
Interest	1,011	1,022	(11)
Capital outlays	261,914	201,414	60,500
Total expenditures	<u>797,426</u>	<u>724,978</u>	<u>72,448</u>
Other financing sources:			
Note proceeds	70,826	70,826	-
Transfers in	-	30,037	30,037
Transfers out	(59,000)	(59,000)	-
Total other sources (uses)	<u>11,826</u>	<u>41,863</u>	<u>30,037</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 38,288</u>	<u>\$ 38,288</u>

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TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Schedule of the Local Government s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Year Ended June 30, 2015

VMERS Pension Plan
Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Town's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0358%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town's covered-employee payroll	\$ 121,580	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Town's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll	2.69%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 12/31

See the independent auditor's report.

TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Schedule of Local Government Contributions

VMERS Pension Plan
Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 4,863	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>4,863</u>	<u>-</u>								
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 121,580	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	4.000%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Combining Balance Sheets
Nonma or Special Revenue Funds
June 30, 2015

	<u>Highway Capital Equipment</u>	<u>Reappraisal Fund</u>	<u>Digitali ation Fund</u>	<u>Grader Tire Fund</u>	<u>Town Hall Restoration</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Assets						
Cash	\$ 21,615	\$ 12,488	\$ 6,006	\$ 2,104	29,830	\$ 72,043
Total assets	<u>\$ 21,615</u>	<u>\$ 12,488</u>	<u>\$ 6,006</u>	<u>\$ 2,104</u>	<u>29,830</u>	<u>\$ 72,043</u>
Fund balance						
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	-	-	-	-
Committed	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned	21,615	12,488	6,006	2,104	29,830	72,043
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fund balance	<u>21,615</u>	<u>12,488</u>	<u>6,006</u>	<u>2,104</u>	<u>29,830</u>	<u>72,043</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ (21,615)</u>	<u>\$ 12,488</u>	<u>\$ 6,006</u>	<u>\$ 2,104</u>	<u>29,830</u>	<u>\$ 72,043</u>

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TOWN OF PANTON, VERMONT
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures
And Changes in Fund Balances - Nonma or Special Revenue Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2015

	<u>Highway Capital Equipment</u>	<u>Reappraisal Fund</u>	<u>Digitali ation Fund</u>	<u>Grader Tire Fund</u>	<u>Town Hall Restoration</u>	<u>Total Special Funds</u>
Revenues						
Interest	\$ 11	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 5	\$ 21
Licenses, fees & permits	-	3,183	-	-	-	3,183
Total revenues	<u>11</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3,204</u>
Expenditures						
Miscellaneous	10	-	-	-	-	10
Total expenditures	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>1</u>	<u>3,186</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3,194</u>
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers in	20,000	2,000	-	2,000	15,000	39,000
Transfers out	(30,037)	-	-	-	-	(30,037)
Total	<u>(10,037)</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>8,963</u>
Change in fund balance	(10,036)	5,186	2	2,000	15,005	12,157
Fund balances, beginning of year	<u>31,651</u>	<u>7,302</u>	<u>6,004</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>14,825</u>	<u>59,886</u>
Fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 21,615</u>	<u>\$ 12,488</u>	<u>\$ 6,006</u>	<u>\$ 2,104</u>	<u>\$ 29,830</u>	<u>\$ 72,043</u>

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