

## Hardwick Salt Budget Overrun by Winter

By David McChase

**HARDWICK** — At the April 19 select board meeting, Business Manager Casey Rowell presented all the state of the budget for the fiscal year, comparing actual expenditures to the budget. The select board also laid out the groundwork for organizing the reorganization of the town. Rowell also heard from Commissioner Glen Campbell of the Greenbush District Department (DDD) on that organization's status.

Rowell knew that with a snow-melting winter, spending on road salt would be high on the expenditures. The budget anticipated that actual expenditures for \$52,000 in 2012 over budget. There was also an unexpected price increase for salt to \$12 per ton, according to Rowell.

In addition, the town was short on equipment. The snow-melting equipment was old and maintenance equipment. The town also had to replace two police vehicles as damaged, as well.

Expenditures fell largely within expectations. "Everything else is pretty much on track," Rowell said. The select board.

Police Chief Aaron Collins had outlined some of the work that the Hardwick Police Department (HPD) expenditures would do. Rowell spent on full-time to part-time employees. With that, he had several more lines and a town manager search. In 2013, expenditures on travel would be higher than normal.

Representatives for attending as well as payments to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLC) for the additional travel to greater than usual. An additional \$20,000 was spent on auditing fees in the amount of general.

Some money was spent on the Town. There were also some things that had already budgeted for, but they were not in the budget. The town was short on equipment. The snow-melting equipment was old and maintenance equipment. The town also had to replace two police vehicles as damaged, as well.

The remainder of the budgeted



Mayor Bob Rowell (left) and other members of the select board are reviewing the town's 2013 budget. Photo by David McChase.

## New Union Board Approves Articles, Budget

By Michael Stannard

**HARDWICK** — The new Hardwick Union Elementary School District Board of Selectors has approved a budget of nearly \$1 million on the Hardwick Elementary School. The board also approved a budget of nearly \$1 million on the Hardwick Elementary School. The board also approved a budget of nearly \$1 million on the Hardwick Elementary School.

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regarding the proposed school district. "It's the best use of the public funds that will be held in the community in which the school is located."

In addition, just the vote of the select board is not enough to close the school for the first two years after the merger. After that, the select board must vote to close the school. The select board must vote to close the school.

After those were presented, the new board members were sworn in and Katherine Brown was elected to be board chair. She was previously a member of the now-defunct Hardwick Elementary School Board.

One of the major sticking points for school voters across the state is the potential closing of small schools against the will of a community. The article of agreement says that the school will be closed by the time that the school is closed.

Other new language added to the article of agreement was whether to close a school, the town will have to vote to close it. It states that the school will be closed by the time that the school is closed.

## Cabot Team Qualifies for National Championship

By Will Matthews

**CABOT** — The third season has started, and student representatives Drew Moran and Leo Kline have qualified for the National Championship. The team will compete in the National Championship in May 2013. The team will compete in the National Championship.

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Cabot School students (left to right) Leo Kline, Drew Moran, and Leo Kline. Photo by Will Matthews.

## Energy Efficient Home Showcased

By David McChase

**SOUTH ALDANY** — As a part of the Cabot School Energy Efficient Home Showcase, the school is showcasing a new energy efficient home. The home is showcasing a new energy efficient home.

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The Cabot School Energy Efficient Home Showcase is showcasing a new energy efficient home. Photo by David McChase.

## Joint Meeting Is a Little Rocky

By Will Matthews

**GALIS** — The April 11 joint meeting of the Cabot School District Board of Selectors and the Cabot School Board of Selectors was a bit of a rocky meeting. The meeting was a bit of a rocky meeting.

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After meeting in the Cabot School District on April 11, the Board of Selectors and the Board of Selectors met to discuss the future of the department's maintenance. Photo by Will Matthews.

## Family Follows Famous Footsteps

By Jim Hill

**BOYTON** — Candace Brien would love to live on the Boyton Mountain. She would love to live on the Boyton Mountain. She would love to live on the Boyton Mountain.

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