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Board of Trustees
Carpenter-Carse Library
69 Ballards Corner
Hinesburg, VT 05461

To the Board of Trustees:

Preparing a municipal budget for FY16 has been a challenging enterprise. The Selectboard has been actively pursuing a budget that maintains the current level of municipal services and the integrity of the capital planning process while also being cognizant of the impact on property taxpayers.

To that end, the Selectboard is proposing that the allocation request by the library be reduced to a proposed increase in expenditures of 2.29% – the same proposed rate of increase as the municipal budget as a whole. This change would reduce the library's request by \$1,495.

The Selectboard is also seeking a clearer understanding of what the library's non-property tax income is and how it may be utilized. Of particular interest is what percentage of any interest income is used towards offsetting expenditures (notably those related to capital projects).

The library is a treasured community asset, and the efforts of volunteers, Trustees, and staff are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all that you do in service to the residents and guests of Hinesburg.

Sincerely,