

# ***ANNUAL REPORTS***

## ***TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT***

***YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2009***

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Cover Photo: Liz Ryan Cole, Roger Daum and Bob Totz play in the 2009 Labor Day Parade in Post Mills

## THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS

[term expires in “( )”]

### Town Moderator – 1 year

Mark McMahon (‘10)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E. Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
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### School Moderator – 1 year

Mike Brown (‘10)	437 Burnham Road, E Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	333-9527
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### Agent to Convey Real Property – 1 year – vacant

### Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year – vacant

### Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year

John Wilmot (‘11)	PO Box 6, E. Thetford		785-4090
Bruce Avery (‘10)	PO Box 72, N. Thetford		333-9671
Vacant (‘12)			

### Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 3 year

Jill Graff (‘11)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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### Grand Juror – 1 year

Mike Brown (‘10)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	785-4536
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### Justices of the Peace – 2 year (next election Nov ’10)

Wendy Cole	146 Jackson Brk Rd, Thetford Ctr	wendy.s.cole@valley.net	785-2698
Denise Froehlich	725 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	denise.froehlich@valley.net	785-2097
Laurie Ingalls	346 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr	karolasting@aol.com	785-3190
Bill Keegan	PO Box 33, Post Mills	bill.b.keegan@gmail.com	333-9372
Brenda Magoon	PO Box 25, N Thetford	I91x14@aol.com	785-4054
Suzanne Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	suzannemasland@yahoo.com	785-4146
Michael Pomeroy	PO Box 128, Thetford	mcpomeroy@hotmail.com	785-2539
Cy Severance	PO Box 21, E Thetford		333-4436
Jean Wolstenholme	PO Box 6, Thetford		785-4567
Judy Yocum	PO Box 82, Thetford		785-4478

### Listers – 3 year

Denise Adams (‘12)	1100 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
Diane Osgood (‘11)	PO Box 320, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
Janet Stowell (‘10)	462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922

### Representative for Orange-Windsor (next election Nov ’10)

James Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us	785-4146
Margaret Cheney	PO Box 521, Norwich, VT 05055	margaret.cheney@gmail.com	649-3039

### School Directors – 2 & 3 year

Andrew Boyce (‘12)	PO Box 57, Post Mills	andy_boyce@yahoo.com	333-9962
Robin Brown (‘10)	222 Schoolhouse Hill Rd, E. Thet	kevin.p.brown@valley.net	333-4727
Shannon Darrah (‘11)	1240 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr		649-1505
Ashley Hetrick (‘10)	194 Colby Rd S, Thetford Ctr		
Elise Tillinghast (‘11)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4302

**Selectboard – 2 & 3 year**

		selectboard@thetfordvermont.us	
John Bacon ('11)	551 Lower Bailey Rd, Thetford Ctr	johnbacon@wildblue.net	785-4831
Cathee Clement ('11)	468 Garey Rd, E. Thetford	turtlepond@netzero.net	785-2668
Donn Downey ('10)	PO Box 288, Thetford Ctr	donndowney@mac.com	785-4968
Tig Tillinghast, Chair ('12)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	tig@watershed-publishing.com	785-4302
Andrew Toler ('10)	675 New Boston Rd, Thetford Ctr	andrewwtoler@gmail.com	785-9845
Cheryl Ulz, Clerk			

**Senator-Orange County (next election Nov '10)**

Mark MacDonald	404 MacDonald Rd, Williamstown		433-5867
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**Sheriff of Orange County**

Bill Bohnyak	11 VT Route 113, Chelsea		685-4875
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**Town Clerk – 3 year**

Tracy Borst ('10)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	townclerk@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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**Town Treasurer– 3 year**

Jill Graff ('11)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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**Trustees of Latham Library – 4 year**

Ralph Albertini ('13)	PO Box 25, Thetford		785-2778
Diana K. Anderson ('12)	PO Box 211, E Thetford		785-4404
Diane Hagewood ('13)	PO Box 51, N. Thetford		
Stephen Hoffman ('10)	61 New Boston Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4039
Lynn O'Hara ('12)	1656 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Ctr		333-4846
Janet Shepler ('10)	852 Quail John Rd, E Thetford		
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**Trustee of Peabody Library – 3 year (one elected trustee required)**

Stacey Glazer ('10)	633 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-2415
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**Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 year**

Ruel G. Barrett ('10)	PO Box 89, Thetford		785-2867
Elmer Brown ('11)	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr		785-2167
Joe Tofel ('12)	2549 Academy Road, Thetford Ctr		649-1434

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

### Agency on Aging – White River Council

Ruel Barrett ('10) PO Box 184, Thetford 785-2867

### Ancient Roads Committee

Andy Boyce	PO Box 57, Post Mills	andy_boyce@yahoo.com	333-9962
Tracy Borst	101 Alton Drive, E. Thetford	townclerk@thetfordvermont.us	333-4625
Sherry Crossley	616 Turnpike Road North, Fairlee		333-9579
Tom Darrah	1240 Stowell Road, Thetford Ctr		649-1505
Doug Stone	954 Poor Farm Road South, Thetford Ctr		785-2140
Janet Stowell	462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-4387

### Animal Control Officer

Sharon Harkay ('10) PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-4924

### Assistant Town Clerk

Lori Magoon PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

### Assistant Treasurer

Rebecca Buchanan PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

### Budget Committee – 3 year

Terry Longo ('12)	PO Box 12, Thetford	tjl0516@yahoo.com	785-9807
Sarah Martel ('11)	184 Tefft Rd, Thetford Ctr	martel71@gmail.com	785-2018
Mike Pomeroy ('11)	PO Box 128, Thetford	mcpomeroy@hotmail.com	785-2539
Penny Sirjane ('12)	1854 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr	psirjane@worldcupsupply.com	785-4405

### Conservation Commission

Heather Carlos ('10)	478 Colby Rd N, Thetford Ctr	heather.a.carlos@dartmouth.edu	785-4853
Stephanie Carter ('12)	PO Box 7, N Thetford		333-9147
Ann Lavanway, Sec. ('10)	376 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	ann.m.lavanway@dartmouth.edu	785-9814
Amy McElroy, ('11)	3534 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-2291
Robert Pulaski, Treasurer	1006 Barker Rd, Thetford Ctr	bob.pulaski@valley.net	333-4627
Eric Pyle	360 Cadwell Rd, E Thetford		785-2606
Li Shen, Chair	851 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	lilian.shen@dartmouth.edu	785-4950
Connie Snyder	338 Cranberry Hill Rd, E Thetford	c.crovosnyder@valley.net	785-2729
Skip Sturman	PO Box 24, Thetford		785-2423

### Development Review Board

Bill Bridge ('11)	3836 Route 5, Thetford Ctr	unharried@yahoo.com	785-2964
Sherry Crossley ('11)	PO Box 257, Thetford Ctr	scrossley@hughes.net	333-9579
Don Longwell ('12)	1550 Stevens Rd, E Thetford		785-4971
Sean Mullen, Chair ('12)	1562 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	mullharvey@valley.net	785-4373
Tim Taylor ('12)	811 West Fairlee Rd, Fairlee	tim.taylor@valley.net	333-4455

### Emergency Management

Don Fifield ('10) PO Box 161, Thetford Ctr 785-2604

**Energy Committee**

Ellen Blumberg ('12)	189 Jackson Brook Rd	mjblumberg@valley.net	785-9883
Chris Hebb ('10)	767 Barker Rd, Thetford Ctr	chris.hebb@valley.net	333-4159
Paul Gerke ('11)	1414 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	paulgerke@thetfordenergy.org	649-2587
Joel Legunn ('12)	PO Box 130, Post Mills		785-3041
Alice Stewart ('11)	38 Old Strong Rd, Thetford Ctr	afs@finowen.net	785-3087
Bob Walker, Chair ('11)	432 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr	bobwalker@valley.net	785-4126
Scott Zens ('10)	1321 Tucker Hill Rd, Thet. Ctr	michael.s.zens@dartmouth.edu	785-4012

**Fire Warden**

Jeff Sirjane (06/2013)	1854 Sawnee Bean Rd Thet. Ctr	jsirjane@worldcupsupply.com	785-4405
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**Greater UV Solid Waste District Representative**

Ben Bradley ('10)	168 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4245
Jim Masland, Alt ('10)	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us	785-4146

**Health Officer**

Alford Stone	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		785-4503
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**Historian**

Vacant

**Historic Preservation Committee**

Stephen Branchflower ('11)	PO Box 38, Thetford Ctr		785-2667
Clark Graff	PO Box 345, Thetford Ctr	cgraff@valley.net	333-9441
John Hall ('10)	PO Box 148, Post Mills	jwhallvt@gmail.com	333-4077
Roney Hoffman ('11)	68 Cobble Hill Rd, E Thetford		785-2438
William Thrane ('10)	PO Box 633, Thetford		785-2520

**Planning Commission**

Liora Alschuler ('11)	PO Box 177, E Thetford	liora@alschulerassociates.com	785-2623
Stuart Blood ('11), V. Chair	851 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	stuart.blood@valley.net	785-4950
Lori Howard ('10)	PO Box 82, E Thetford	lori.howard@wgmlegal.com	333-9291
Rick Howard ('11)	PO Box 82, E Thetford		333-9291
Kevin O'Hara ('12)	1646 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Ctr	kevin@oharagerke.com	333-4846
Wayne Parks ('12), Chair	895 Turnpike Rd N, Fairlee	wayneparksvt@yahoo.com	333-9761

**Police Department**

Jim Lanctot, Chief	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	jlanctot@dps.state.vt.us	785-2200
Bridget Tweedie, Sergeant			
Wayne Briggs, Patrol Officer			
Adam Akers, Part-time Patrol Officer			
Mark Boles, Part-time Patrol Officer			

**Pound Keeper**

Ruth Dwyer Kent ('10)	2604 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-2817
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**Recreation Director**

Hilary Linehan ('10)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		785-2922
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**Road Foreman**

Doug Stone ('10)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Pager #296-5670	785-4679
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**Highway Commissioners**

John Bacon ('10)	551 Lower Bailey Rd, Thet. Ctr	johnebacon@wildblue.net	785-4831
Andrew Toler ('10)	675 New Boston Rd, Thet. Ctr	andrewwtoler@gmail.com	785-4679

**Senior & Affordable Housing Committee**

Sean Dalton			
David Fisk ('10)	PO Box 166, Post Mills		333-9607
Dale Gephart ('11)	PO Box 29, Post Mills		333-9748
Manny Grewal			
Mark McMahon ('11)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
Jim Masland ('10)	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us	785-4146
Gina Sonne ('10)	565 Poor Farm Rd S, Thetford Ctr		785-4220
Joe Tofel ('11)	2459 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr	joseph.tofel@valley.net	649-1434

**Thetford Elder Network**

Joe Biddle	PO Box 222, Norwich		
Betty Campbell	PO Box 282, E Thetford		785-2407
Roger Daum	PO Box 64, Post Mills		333-4082
Martha Daum	PO Box 64, Post Mills		333-4082
Dale Gephart	PO Box 29, Post Mills		333-3748
Tipi Halsey	PO Box 181, Thetford		785-4978
Roberta Howard ('11)	PO Box 63, N Thetford		333-3725
Jan Mousley	582 Pavilion Rd, E Thetford		785-4458
Susan Rump	PO Box 174, Thetford Ctr		785-4029
Gina Sonne ('11)	565 Poor Farm Rd S, Thetford Ctr		785-4220
Inge Trebitz ('11)	480 Colby Road, Thetford Ctr		785-2129

**Town Service Officer**

Roberta Howard ('10)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		333-3725
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**Two Rivers-Ottawquechee RPC**

Jim Masland ('10)	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us	785-4146
Mike Brown, Alternate ('10)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	785-4536

**Tree Warden**

Ehrhard Frost	6078 Route 113, Thetford Ctr		
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**Upper Valley Ambulance**

Mark McMahon ('10)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
Tod Protzman, Altrnt ('10)	PO Box 185, Post Mills		
Craig McKinney, member at large ('10)			

**Zoning Administrator – 3 year**

Richard Blacklow ('11)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	zoning@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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**Notaries Public**

Karin Bonnett	761 Route 113, E Thetford	kgbonnett@gmail.com	785-2543
Mike Brown	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	785-4536
Wendy Cole	146 Jackson Brk Rd, Thet. Ctr	wendy.s.cole@valley.net	785-2698
Kate Cone	3836 Route 5, Thetford Ctr	kccone@valley.net	785-2964
Lynn J. Daley	358 Picknell Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4336
Emily S. Davis	185 Norford Lake Rd, Thetford Ctr		649-2729
Dana C. Grossman	PO Box 106, E Thetford	dana.c.grossman@hitchcock.org	785-4074

Daniel F. Grossman	PO Box 106, E Thetford		785-4074
Mary M. Hathorn	541 Ely Rd, Fairlee	scooter.hathorn@gmail.com	333-9176
Lynn Irwin	665 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	lynn.irwin@valley.net	785-4581
Brenda Magoon	PO Box 25, N Thetford		785-4054
Kathy McQueen	Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4493
Sherry Merrick	PO Box 21, Post Mills		333-9598
Gloria Thurston Taylor	Thetford Academy		785-4805
Paul Raymond	PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr		785-4953

<b>CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES</b>	
Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year	
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year	Bruce A. Avery
Cemetery Commissioner, 2 year to complete 3 year	
Grand Juror, 1 year	
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	Joanne Kirsten
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	Janet Shepler
Library Trustee, Latham 1 year to complete 4 year	Stephen R. Hoffman
Library Trustee, Latham 1 year to complete 4 year	
Peabody Library Trustee, 3 year	Jill Koppers
Lister, 3 year	Janet E. Stowell
Selectboard, 3 year	Mike Pomeroy
Selectboard, 2 year	Donn Downey
Town Clerk, 3 year	Tracy Borst
Town Moderator, 1 year	Mark McMahan
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	J. Rick Hoffman
School Director, 2 year	Robin R. Brown
School Director, 3 year	Ann Swanson
School Director, 2 year to complete 3 year	Charlie Buttrey
School Moderator, 1 year	

## **TOWN MEETING INFORMATION**

The annual Town and School Meeting will be held on

**Saturday, February 27, 2010 at 9:00 AM**

Gymnasium, Thetford Elementary School

A snack bar, benefiting the PTO, will be open for the morning session.

Childcare will be available free of charge from 9 am to 3 pm.

Luncheon will be provided.

Proceeds will benefit the Thetford Academy 7<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington DC.

## **MODERATOR'S MUSINGS**

We will use Robert's Rules of Order (revised) for our meeting. General Henry M. Robert said:

“The great lesson for democracies to learn is for the majority to give to the minority a full, free opportunity to present their side of the case, and then for the minority, having failed to win a majority to their views, gracefully to submit and to recognize the action as that of the entire organization, and cheerfully to assist in carrying it out....”

Town Meeting offers perhaps the greatest opportunity to exercise one's right to comment on the governance of our community.

Come, be heard, and Vote!

**VOTER INFORMATION  
NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

Applications to the voter checklist for Town Meeting and March Elections are accepted no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, February 24. Apply at the Town Clerk's office. You must be on the checklist to vote February 27 (Town Meeting) and March 2 (Australian ballot).

<p><b>Clerk's Office Hours</b> 6-8 pm Monday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday; Friday 8:00 - Noon <b>Special hours due to election requirements:</b> February 24 open until 5:00 pm March 1 open 3:00 to 5:00 pm March 2 - Polls are open 8 am-7 pm at Town Hall</p>
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**Early or Absentee Voting**

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day may request an absentee ballot – no explanation necessary. Absentee Ballots may be requested by phone, in writing, or in person by the voter's family member (a voter's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents and spouse's grandparents). Requests by others (on behalf of a voter) must be in person or in writing.

**Deadline to request absentee Australian ballots for yourself or on behalf of another voter:**

March 1 by 5 pm

Town offices open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Absentee Ballots may be voted in three ways:**

- 1) In person at the Town Clerk's Office.
- 2) Mailed to you and mailed or delivered back to the Town Clerk's office by 7 pm on Election Day (March 2, 2010).
- 3) Brought to you (in the case of illness or physical disability) by two Justices of the Peace on the day of or day before election. Must be requested at least 3 days in advance.

**Pre-Town Meeting** – February 15, 2010, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

**Town Meeting** – February 27, 2010, 9:00 am, Gymnasium, Thetford Elementary School

**Voting by Australian Ballot** - Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Town and School Officers, School Budget

Thetford Town Hall

3910 VT Route 113

Thetford Center, VT 05075-0126

Polls open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

## WARNING 2010

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in the gym of Thetford Elementary School, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:00 am, to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1** To hear and act on the reports of the Town.
- ARTICLE 2** Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by 5:00 pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town?
- ARTICLE 3** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts?
- ARTICLE 4** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$500 for the restoration of some of the town's older gravestones?
- ARTICLE 5** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$952,925 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?
- ARTICLE 6** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$468,000 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department?
- ARTICLE 7** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$42,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund?
- ARTICLE 8** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$123,000 to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Replacement Fund?
- ARTICLE 9** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the General Fund to provide liquidity for general town operations?
- ARTICLE 10** Shall the Town agree to release to the General Fund all of the funds held in the Bridge Fund, which amounted to \$28,341.54 at the end of 2009?
- ARTICLE 11** Shall the voters of Thetford request the Vermont legislature to:
- 1- Deny approval for the operation of Vermont Yankee after March of 2012, which marks the end of its 40-year design life;
  - 2- Require that the Entergy Corporation of Louisiana fulfill its pledge to fully fund the cleanup and decommissioning costs of closing Vermont Yankee;
  - 3- Seek safe, renewable, regional sources of electricity combined with efficiency and conservation measures to replace the power presently provided by Vermont Yankee?
- ARTICLE 12** To transact any other business.

*The following article shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. The Australian Balloting will take place from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, at the Thetford Town Hall, 3910 Vt. Rte 113, Thetford Ctr., Vt., located across from the Town Highway Garage.*

**ARTICLE 13**            To elect Town and School Officers.

**Dated: January 25, 2010**

**Town Clerk**  
Tracy Borst

**Selectboard**  
John Bacon  
Cathee Daum Clement  
Donn Downey  
Tig Tillinghast, Chair  
Andrew Toler

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of many people, the town has weathered the economic downturn without reducing services or increasing taxes. This will be the second consecutive year the Selectboard forwards a proposed budget reducing the municipal tax rate. We are very lucky for our neighbors' willingness to serve on the fire department, town committees, and other groups devoted to making Thetford a great place to live. We enjoy a quality of local involvement that can come only from volunteers who love their community. The board is thankful for all who participate.

### ACCESSING THE SELECTBOARD

We have dealt with many new issues this year, and will again in the coming one. Our discussions have been most productive when well informed by community input, which can take many different forms. To that end, we encourage people to contact us. You can call one of us, drop off a letter at town hall, visit us during our Monday night meetings or send an email (see contact information in list of elected officials).

You can see the draft agendas for our meetings on our Google Calendar:  
(<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=selectboard%40thetfordvermont.us>).

We also try to highlight important upcoming issues through the Town Newsletter and the listserv.

This past year, we experimented with holding a few meetings in different villages. Because this resulted in more participation from community members, we'd like to continue this, but people should *not* wait for the Selectboard to come to their village if they'd like to speak to a particular issue.

### ISSUES OF INTEREST IN 2009

We had a very busy year. Below is a list issues discussed in 2009. We encourage people to send comments or questions.

#### Miscellaneous Items:

- Collected previous and current town policies and ordinances; scanned them digitally; published them in a comprehensive online document\*
- Created a Recreation Advisory Council
- Installed a generator for the Town's emergency shelter
- Executed a plan to reorganize Town Hall offices
- Hired two part-time police officers
- Created a written guide for town committee members, with capsule versions of the longer policies and ordinances\*
- Repaved about two miles of road
- Hosted discussions on keeping the village character of Thetford
- Accepted our Ancient Roads Committee report, indicating no need to consider any "undetermined corridors"
- Held a special meeting to consider proactively taking down the mill in Post Mills with town funds to be recouped via subsequent property sale
- Started ongoing discussions with neighboring town government officials about areas of potential cooperation

- Dealt with two legal issues: one on development (finished) and another on church exemptions to property taxes (ongoing)

**Financial Issues:**

- Set the 2009 tax rate to a 0.03 percent decrease
- Started analyzing compensation policies
- Created a Recycling Center permit, charging \$18 per household
- Raised zoning fees significantly
- Switched the employee healthcare plan to one that would cause less of a rise in premiums
- Actively sought opportunities for Thetford to apply for stimulus funds
- Maximized non-stimulus grant opportunities
- Secured financial help from the EPA to mitigate damage done to Route 132 regarding the Elizabeth Mine capping project
- Initiated a discussion on how to continue providing Treasure Island services without suffering undue property tax costs
- Clarified personnel policy regarding benefit continuance for deployed employee and spouse
- Created and followed process to consider appealing CLA figure from state

**Policies and Ordinances Created\*:**

- Public Facilities Use Policy
- Liaison Policy
- Selectboard Rules of Procedure
- Town Finance Policies
- Town Committee Finance Policy
- Grants Policy
- Solid Waste and Recycling Ordinance
- Dangerous Buildings Ordinance
- Emergency Response Continuity of Operations Policy
- Emergency Response Continuity of Governance Policy

**ISSUES OF INTEREST IN 2010:**

- There are some unused or ill-used road segments we may wish to throw up or reclassify, and these discussions will likely go through the spring.
- Over the past year or so, we've had a number of interesting issues come up regarding town-owned properties, such as the common in Thetford Center. As policies are developed, we are better able to utilize these, and we expect more policy discussions to happen.
- The Planning Commission plans to propose a series of zoning bylaw updates that will affect many properties in town.
- In order to provide a holistic approach to planning, the Selectboard is eager to engage individual villages in discussions about the long-term goals and desires for their part of the community. This might also inform the Selectboard regarding what sort of economic development opportunities could be desirable and how these could be carefully gauged to enhance rather than hinder the village character.

- Our Dog and Pet Ordinance needs updating.
- There is much room to improve our town website. We currently have a grant application in for this purpose, and if we win the necessary funds, we will be looking for input on features.
- Thetford has taken a more aggressive stance on seeking grant funds in the past year and a half. We have two energy grants for which we are finalists: one allowing us to buy out some of the streetlights that we currently lease, and another setting up a system that would provide financing for renewable energy installations. In 2009 we doubled the amount of state highway grants normally received, half of which will be spent in 2010. We also won grants for the Police Department, our emergency services and Town Hall.
- The Senior and Affordable Housing Committee hopes to receive a planning grant that would allow it to create the actual plans for a facility in town. They are actively seeking help and input in their efforts.

The Selectboard wishes to thank Mike Brown for the years of service he provided the board and town. We also wish to thank Donn Downey for volunteering to fill the vacancy created when Mike stepped down in December.

The Selectboard knows it is lucky to serve a town with people like those in Thetford. We have had intense policy discussions over the past year, and the most notable thing to come out of them is not a policy result, but rather a continued ethic of respectful public discourse. Some quite creative. As we move forward, keeping this open-minded town personality will be a priority so as to encourage the participation of everyone.

\* Want a copy of a document? Please feel free to call or email Tig ([tig@freshmaplesyrup.com](mailto:tig@freshmaplesyrup.com), 785-4260) or stop by the Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Tig Tillinghast, Chair  
John Bacon  
Cathee Daum Clement  
Donn Downey  
Andrew Toler

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

Office Hours: Monday 6 – 8 pm  
 Tuesday –Thursday 8 - 4, Friday 8 – 12  
 Closed Fridays in Summer Months  
 Tracy Borst, Town Clerk      Lori Magoon, Assistant Town Clerk

Services provided this year include, but are not limited to:

Animal Licenses	651	Land Records processed	2934
DMV Registration renewals	123	Notarizations	57
Excess Weight Permits	73	Tobacco and Liquor Licenses	4
Fish and Game Licenses	57	Vital Records	38
Voter Checklist: additions	27	Treasure Island Passes	93
removals	146	Amusement Park Tickets	12

In addition to my local Town Clerk responsibilities, I am serving on the Membership board of the New England Town Clerk Association as well as on the Executive Board of the Vermont Municipal Clerk and Treasurers Association. In November, Lori and I attended a fantastic annual conference of the New England Association of City and Town Clerks in Manchester, VT. The educational seminars were wonderful. We thank you for the opportunity to continue to learn and grow in our ability to serve Thetford’s residents and we look forward to the challenges of 2010.

Lori and I look forward to serving you in 2010.

**RABIES CLINIC**

Saturday, March 20, 2010 from 10:00 to 12:00 Noon

Town Garage, Thetford Center

Rabies and other vaccinations available for cats and dogs by Oxbow Veterinary Clinic

**TOWN LICENSING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL  
 10:00 TO NOON**

**DEADLINE FOR TOWN LICENSING IS APRIL 1, 2010.**

After that date, the penalty of \$25 will be applied and the licensing fee increases.

**LICENSING FEES:**

Current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter required.

Male/Female	\$12.00
Spayed/Neutered	\$ 8.00

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
*February 28, 2009*

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 9:00 am, to transact the following business.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am and began with a flag presentation by scouts Matt Borst, Katie Borst, and Gabriella Pacht. The national anthem was sung by several elementary school students led by music teacher Jennifer Yocum.

Recognition was given to Emily Hood for her years of service to the Town of Thetford as Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector, Town Service Officer and starting the Thetford Food Shelf.

The Moderator, Mark McMahon, introduced the town officers seated at the front of the room and thanked the community members who volunteer to serve the town so generously.

**ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town.** The article was moved and seconded. Michael Brown thanked the Budget Committee for their hard work and commented on the committee report. Stephen Page requested the Selectboard report, in the future, summarize the issues the board faces and the arguments on both sides. **Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Thursday, October 15, 2009 by 5:00 pm? After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town.** The article was moved and seconded. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available?** The article was moved and seconded. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$895,552.23 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?** The article was moved and seconded. **Amendment: Shall the Town apply the \$30,000 surplus from the 2008 General Budget to reduce the taxes required to be raised for the 2009 General Budget thereby requiring the Town to raise the sum of \$858,940.94 for the budgeted expenditures of the 2009 Town General Fund?** Vote by show of voting cards: **Motion carried.**

An amendment to the amendment was offered by Lynn Miller: **Shall the town raise the sum of \$836,947.73 for the budgeted expenditures of the town general fund?** Seconded. Salaries of town employees were discussed; some expressed the opinion that the town's employees are fairly compensated; others felt they are over compensated. Andrew Toler noted the Selectboard is looking at a higher deductible health insurance plan, with lower premiums, that will save thousands of dollars in premiums. Jill Graff spoke to the request of an increase in hours for the Treasurer's assistant and explained the additional work that was required of the office. The vote on the amendment to the amendment reducing budget to \$836,947.73. **Motion to vote by paper ballot carried. Vote via paper ballot: 66/143 amendment failed. The vote on the original amendment carried. Vote on the motion as amended carried.**

**ARTICLE 5** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$35,093 to allocate to organizations requesting appropriations from the Town of Thetford? The article was moved and seconded. Mike Pomeroy commented he had done research into which appropriations are allowed by State Statute (VSA 24 section 2691) and requested that we remove Milfoil, Green Up, and Vermont Trails as they are illegal according to his interpretation of state statutes. Additionally, the following do not meet the state criteria based on the information they provided to the town: Adult Basic Education, George Aiken, GMEDC, Kids Place, Orange County Diversion, The Family Place, CVC, Orange County Parent Child Center, totaling \$8947. **AMENDMENT: Shall the town raise the sum of \$26,146 to allocate to organizations requesting appropriations from the Town of Thetford.** The Moderator ruled the amendment was not germane; an amendment must increase or decrease the amount, but cannot restrict the amount by each line item as it is an appropriation of monies. Many spoke in support or against various appropriations. Andrew Toler, Selectman, explained this was a first attempt at bringing the appropriations to light so they can be discussed. **Call the Question, seconded and passed. Amendment defeated. Amendment to the original motion was offered: Shall the town raise the sum of \$35,093 to allocate to the organizations listed on page 83 of the 2008 Town Report requesting appropriations from the Town of Thetford was seconded and motion carried. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 6** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1000.00 for Safeline? The article was moved and seconded. **Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 7** Shall the Town of Thetford vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$300 for the support of Sustainable Energy Resource Group to provide services to residents of the Town? The article was moved and seconded. Bob Walker spoke to the article; he formed SERG in 2002 as non-profit organization that is active with the energy committee. It networks between the other town committees as a non-profit. When asked, he clarified that he is the chair of energy committee that has paid SERG for doing some things. **Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 8** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$551,875.62 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department? The article was moved and seconded. **Amendment: Shall the town apply \$35, 0000 of the \$95,000 from the 2008 highway budget surplus to reduce the taxes raised for the 2009 highway budget thereby requiring the town to raise the sum of \$551,875.62 for the budgeted expenditures of the highway department?** Moved and seconded. Mark Woodward asked why state funding is going down and the Moderator invited Mark McDonald, State Senator, and Margaret Cheney, State Representative, to reply. **Amendment carried. Motion carried. Motion to reconsider Article 8 failed 81/92.**

Senator Mark McDonald and Representative Margaret Cheney spoke to current activities in the state legislature.

Mike Brown, Selectboard, presented the Civic Pride Award to Lois Paige; a resident since the 1950's who has given many hours of hard work to the community with grace and a quiet manner.

Town Meeting was recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1pm.

**ARTICLE 9** Shall the Town approve the purchase of a new dump truck, to replace truck #4 at a cost not to exceed \$140,000.00 to be financed through the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund? The article was moved and seconded. Discussion included lifespan of town equipment. The Selectboard does not require taxpayer permission to purchase the truck since the money is in the Capital

Equipment Fund but asks taxpayers their opinion on the purchase. The Selectboard does recommend the purchase. **Motion to Call the Question passed. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 10** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$165,000 to be added to the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund? The article was moved and seconded. **Amendment: Shall the town add a total of \$230,000 to the capital equipment replacement fund by using \$60,000 of the \$95,000 surplus from the 2008 highway budget, and raising \$165,000 was moved and seconded.** Tig Tillinghast, Selectman, explained the surplus from 2008 budget was applied to all areas of the budget. The Capital Equipment Fund is now a bit more complex and the new charts are located in the town report. He would like to split out the fund into highway and fire/emergency services funds so there is more reflection of the real cost in each. **Withdraw of amendment by Tig Tillinghast. Amendment: Shall the town add a total of \$225,000 to the capital equipment replacement fund by using \$60,000 of the \$95,000 surplus from the 2008 highway budget, and raising \$165,000 was seconded. Amendment carried. Vote on the article as amended carried. Motion to reconsider was seconded and passed. With no discussion the motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 11** Shall the Town reallocate the \$5000, reserved at the 2008 Town Meeting for a footbridge attached to the Sayre Bridge, to the Bridge fund? The article was moved and seconded. Andrew Toler explained that this is not a new \$5000 but is from funds raised last year; this article allows the town to move the money into the bridge fund. The project was not done since permission from the state was not attainable. **Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 12** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$20,000.00 to provide any required matching funds if the Town receives a federal grant to purchase and install a generator for an emergency shelter located at Thetford Elementary School? The article was moved and seconded. Town officials have been looking to establish an emergency shelter in town to provide emergency housing during a disaster. The elementary school gym was built with some readiness, but budget cuts eliminated the purchase of a generator. A grant was approved from the US government that gives the Town of Thetford \$20,000 toward the purchase of a generator but requires the town to provide matching funds. Concerns raised included the actual purchase of the generator (specifications) and who would do the required maintenance. **Call the Question moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

**ARTICLE 13** To transact any other business. The article was moved and seconded. No discussion.

**Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, March 3, 2009** made and seconded. Motion passed at 2:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Borst  
Town Clerk

A True Record, attest:

Mark McMahan  
Town Moderator

Michael Brown  
Selectboard Chair

## MARCH 3, 2009 AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS

<b>Agent to Convey Real Property</b>	
Write Ins	12
Blank	611
Spoiled	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits</b>	
Write Ins	9
Blank	616
Spoiled	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year</b>	
Write Ins	26
Blank	598
Spoiled	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year</b>	
Write Ins	21
Blank	605
Spoiled	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Grand Juror, 1 year</b>	
Michael Brown	523
Write Ins	4
Blank	100
Spoiled	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Selectboard, 2 year</b>	
Cathee Daum Clement	538
Write Ins	5
Blank	87
Spoiled	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Town Moderator, 1 year</b>	
Mark McMahon	566
Write Ins	6
Blank	58
Spoiled	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Lister, 3 year</b>	
Denise Adams	527
Write Ins	2
Blank	100
Spoiled	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Lister, 2 year to complete 3 year</b>	
Diane C. Osgood	519
Write Ins	2
Blank	108
Spoiled	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Latham Library Trustee, 4 year</b>	
Ralph Albertini	74
Janet Shepler	75
Other Write Ins	29
Blank	1079
Spoiled	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>1270</b>

<b>Latham Library Trustee, 1 year</b>	
Diane Hagewood	65
Write Ins	15
Blank	547
Spoiled	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Selectboard, 3 year</b>	
David Tig Tillinghast	529
Write Ins	3
Blank	98
Spoiled	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

<b>Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year</b>	
Joe Tofel	79
Other Write Ins	11
Blank	535
Spoiled	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

### Margaret Cheney & Jim Masland

The latest economic news shows Vermont slowly recovering from our financial crisis. However, we returned to Montpelier in January facing another serious budget shortfall. We took on this challenge with optimism and sobriety, recognizing that it provided an opportunity for the Legislature to reevaluate the state's priorities and find new ways to meet our obligations -- in effect, by doing more with less. Beyond balancing our current budget, we also recognized that we needed to prepare ourselves for a world in which the economic models of the last several decades are no longer applicable.

We have trimmed \$168 million from the state budget since the crisis began in late 2008, and we face an additional \$150 million cut in this year's budget. Rather than lose heart, legislative committees have rolled up their sleeves and used their collective imagination in an attempt to balance the budget with minimal pain to vulnerable Vermonters. This required a different way of approaching the numbers: We started with the results we wanted for Vermonters and asked the agencies what they needed to meet these goals. Rather than start with what we had last year and simply go up or down, we examined our expenditures with performance and outcomes foremost in mind. Two principles guided our collective efforts: (1) to avoid, as much as possible, burdening property taxpayers by shifting our obligations, and (2) to avoid usurping local control.

For the two of us, other goals are the same as we've been pursuing these past few years -- renewable energy, health care, quality education adequately funded based on one's ability to pay, environmental protection, good jobs that pay livable wages, and an adequate social safety net. These goals must not be abandoned.

We remain enthusiastic about working in the Legislature on your behalf. Please come to the State House to watch or testify in committee. And please contact us with ideas, questions, or concerns. We're here to serve you.

Representative Margaret Cheney  
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## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Development Review Board (DRB) is a five member quasi-judicial board appointed by the Selectboard. The DRB conducts hearings and issues decisions on all subdivision applications, certain zoning applications and appeals from actions of the zoning administrator. The second and fourth Tuesdays of each month are regularly scheduled meeting dates, unless there are no hearings scheduled. The agenda is posted on the bulletin board outside the zoning office and on the list serve a week before the hearing.

In 2009, the number of hearings decreased from 2008. Effective July 1, 2007, local permits for potable water and septic systems are no longer issued by the town of Thetford; state permits are required. Further information may be obtained by calling the state permit specialist at 802-476-0192 or the state engineer at 802-241-3027.

The DRB and the zoning office encourage applicants to initiate the development process early, communicate with the board through the Zoning Administrator, study the zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations. Please anticipate that a substantial time commitment may be necessary to meet the needs of all the interested parties and that a third continuation triggers an additional fee.

The Planning Commission continues to work on revisions to the zoning ordinances and the subdivision regulations. The Selectboard changed the zoning fees effective October 1, 2009. The ordinances and regulations may be purchased at both the zoning office and at the clerk's office; they may also be found on-line at [www.thetfordvermont.us](http://www.thetfordvermont.us).

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006*	2007**	2008	2009
Subdivision Plats Approved	6	11	19	9	6	6	9	7
Number of Lots Created	14	31	45	27	19	14	8	13
Annexations	1	3	3	3	1	1	0	1
Boundary Adjustments	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Residences	13	13	14	15	11	8	10	8
Additions	10	16	29	13	14	22	12	13
Decks & Porches	12	9	6	8	14	15	12	4
Accessory Buildings	29	28	24	37	36	39	33	21
Businesses	2	4	1	0	1	6	4	4
Mobile Homes	4	2	1	3	4	1	1	1
Telecommunication Facility	--	--	--	1	1	1	2	0
Home Occupation	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	2
Driveways	-	-	20	18	16	10	5	6

\* Figures are through the month of November 2006

\*\* Figures are from December 2006 through December 2007

Zoning Office hours are Tuesdays, 8:00 am to Noon, and Thursdays, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. During these hours, you will find Richard Blacklow, the Zoning Administrator, or his Assistant, Diane Osgood, available to assist you. Your calls and inquiries are invited.

Sean Mullen, Chair, Development Review Board  
 Telephone: (802)785-2922, Ext.3; E-mail: [zoning@thetfordvermont.us](mailto:zoning@thetfordvermont.us)

## PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission is still actively working on the Zoning By-laws. We are working on some of the more difficult issues and have had a number of people from various State Agencies come and talk to us on some of these issues. We also have had in put from Town Organizations such as the Conservation Commission, Energy Commission, Lake Fairlee Association and the Senior Housing Group. A number of individuals have attended meetings and expressed their thoughts.

In the late Spring of 2010, the PC is planning to hold a couple of informational sessions for the public. We want to share with you what we have done so far, what remains to be completed and get your input.

In October, with the PC having two vacancies and occasionally experiencing quorum difficulties, the Selectboard reduced the number of members from nine to seven at our suggestion.

The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month at 7:15 pm in the Town Hall. We ask for Community participation and public comment is welcomed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne R. Parks, Chair



## HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

I had a slow year in 2009 with the State taking over the septic permits in 2007.

I investigated two complaints of mold and a dispute between a landlord and tenant. I also investigated sewer smells at two residences and conducted one welfare check.

With all the media hype about H1N1 this fall and the lack of vaccine, many of us were unable to get flu shots. All that is over now and the vaccine is available to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Alford Stone  
Health Officer

## **BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT**

The Thetford Listers Office is staffed by 4 part-time positions; 3 Listers and 1 Clerical Assistant. Each year, the Listers establish a Grand List which specifies the value of taxable property in the town as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. The pre-Grand List must be completed by June 4<sup>th</sup>; and grievance hearings must begin no later than June 18<sup>th</sup>. The final Grand List must be lodged with the Town Clerk on or before July 25<sup>th</sup>.

This year our office processed over 110 Sales/Transfers and 16 Surveys; which include Annexations. We also processed over 130 Building Permits and over 175 Change of Appraisal Notices.

Please read all documents received from the State and the Town. This information may affect the property taxes you will owe. **VERY IMPORTANT:** The Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim (Form HS-122) **MUST** be completed by ALL VT RESIDENTS who own and occupy a VT homestead as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have business and/or rental use of your dwelling and/or outbuildings, please check the appropriate box on Form HS-122. This information determines which tax rate(s) apply to your property. The deadline for filing Form HS-122 is April 15<sup>th</sup> – regardless of extensions for income tax filings. It creates a lot of extra work for everyone when Form HS-122 is filed late; so to those of you who do file in a timely manner - We THANK YOU!

As a Board, we must abide by ever changing state statutes and fixed and constrained timetables. We are here to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have. Our office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Telephone: #785-2922, Ext. 4; Email: [listers@thetfordvermont.us](mailto:listers@thetfordvermont.us) or visit our website at [www.thetfordvermont.us/listers](http://www.thetfordvermont.us/listers)

As individuals and as a group, we take great pride in our ongoing commitment to fulfill our duties and responsibilities, and to serve our community to the utmost of our capabilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thetford Board of Listers

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

For this past year I have been handling mostly animal welfare issues, and the police department has been handling most of the animal complaints. There has been, of course, some overlap depending on who is available to field a call that needs immediately attention.

One of the new issues that I am beginning to tackle in earnest is the presence of large colonies of feral cats. I expect this to be an issue into this coming year as well as we currently have at least three colonies in town. More than twenty adults and kittens have been trapped so far. As of the end of November, eight kittens had been adopted out. Others have been euthanized (primarily adults) or are awaiting adoption (mostly kittens) at the U.V. Humane Society.

If you are an animal owner, I have three requests. One, please remember the importance of registering your dog(s) and of doing so on time. (Puppies need to be registered when they become six months old.) Two, keep a collar with tags on all pets that you allow outside. That way if your pet goes wandering, it is far easier to reunite him or her with you if there is identification. Three, be sure to neuter or spay all cats that you allow to go free outdoors. This will help hold the line on unwanted kittens and feral cats.

Type of incidents	#	Type of incidents	#
Missing dogs	18	Other complaints	8
Missing cats	9	Possible neglect/cruelty investigated	2
Found dogs reported	7	Dog shot unlawfully	1
Found cats reported	6	Miscellaneous questions	11
Dogs running at large	20	State police assist	2
Wandering livestock	3	Transfers to Humane Society	14
Dogs chasing and/or biting humans	4	Animals reunited with owners	14
Dogs attacking other dogs	2	Animals adopted out by ACO	5
Dog killing chickens	1		

Respectfully submitted:

Sharon Harkay, Animal Control Officer

## RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

**Hours—Saturday Only**  
*Year-round 8:30 am – 12:30*

Although we have gone through some changes recently, the Thetford Recycling Center continues to be a “where it’s at” Saturday morning gathering place which we hope is enjoyable and useful while reducing the waste stream. After years of stomping down the paper bins and making us laugh, among other things, Frank Bonnett retired in November and we have new staff members.

Thetford belongs to the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, a non-profit co-operative with more than 350 members in New England. They help us with marketing and education. The markets for recyclables were down during the year which put a squeeze on town budgets everywhere. For instance, the commingled bin of #1 - #7 plastics, tin cans, and aluminum foil, instead of producing income now costs us \$40/ton plus a \$117 freight fee to haul it. That container is picked up by Empire Recycling from Billerica, MA and then the contents are baled and shipped to a Material Recovery Facility in New Jersey to be separated and marketed from there. We ask you to crush plastics to try to pack the container tight. When people put 5¢ cans and plastic bottles in there instead of with the redeemables, it costs us twice.

The lists of acceptable items for each container have been changing. We will keep you posted through the thetford listserv ([thetford-subscribe@lists.valley.net](mailto:thetford-subscribe@lists.valley.net)) and with signs by each bin.

Our little mall, full of fabulous free things, continues to be a big draw. Please bring items in good condition that you think someone might find useful, but no electronics, big trash, or tires; they are taken on special days TBA.

Permits to use the recycling center for trash or recycling are sold for \$18 at Town Hall during office hours. They expire 12/31/10. Trash tickets can be purchased at the Thetford Village Store or by mail from Northeast Waste.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Miller

## SENIOR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

It is our mission to promote, create, and sustain a pool of senior and affordable housing units and associated services in our town. We hope through our efforts we can help to maintain a community of diverse ages and income levels unique to Thetford.

Late in November 2008, the Vermont Conservation Housing Board awarded our committee a grant to perform an engineering assessment of two potential sites, the Odell property in East Thetford and the Malmquist property in Post Mills. In addition, the funds were to be used to complete a market analysis to evaluate the need for senior and affordable housing and the Town's ability to sustain such housing.

Pathways Consultants were selected to perform the engineering assessments, while Hadfield Associates were hired to update a similar analysis done for the Town of Strafford, tailoring it more specifically to Thetford. The results of the engineering assessments favorably supported the use of each of these sites for senior and affordable housing. The Market Analysis defined the need for this type of housing and substantiated the needs of potential residents to occupy and sustain such housing. Both reports are available at Town Hall.

On behalf of Walter Malmquist and the Town, Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Planning Commission enrolled the mill site in the Brownfields Program to identify any potential contamination. Phase I was completed and recommended a Phase II assessment be performed to ensure no contamination existed except surface petroleum, asbestos, and lead consistent with old buildings. Currently, Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Planning Commission is completing the application for the next Phase.

Two Special Town Meetings were held concerning the Selectboard's request for up to \$100,000 to remove the Malmquist Mill building and the acceptance of the property as a gift to be used partially for senior and affordable housing. Based on the concerns expressed by Thetford residents, Walter agreed to have the building removed at his expense. We continue to work closely with Walter, Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Planning Commission and the Brownfields Program in our hope that the property will be conveyed to the Town and senior/affordable housing will be erected at this site.

On November 24, 2009, we applied for a planning grant of \$25,000 from the Vermont Community Development Program to begin preliminary architectural design/plans for the aforementioned sites. In addition, some of the funds will be used to develop a work plan to project the costs and identify the financial sources to develop this project.

We appreciate our community's involvement and support in working to make these goals happen. We meet every second Thursday of each month at 7:15. Everyone always welcome.

Thank you.

Dale Gephart  
David Fisk  
Joe Tofel  
Roger Daum  
Martha Daum  
Tom Monego

Manny Grewal  
Betty Campbell  
Jim Masland  
Sean Dalton  
Mark McMahan

## **TEN: THETFORD ELDER NETWORK**

### **The TEN Mission:**

In order to strengthen the greater Thetford community, we the citizens have formed the Thetford Elder Network. Our mission is to encourage an intergenerational network that listens to seniors' needs and promotes access to healthcare, education, transportation, and local resources. We believe that aging can be a positive experience.

### **TEN Activities:**

During 2009, the Thetford Elder Network continued to work on our monthly Senior Meal (serving 40-50 seniors) with plans to extend social gathering time (Martha Daum), Volunteer Help program (Inge Trebitz), information gathering on models for senior living (Dale Gephart), and education regarding aging (Gina Sonne). We met with the EMT squad to work on emergency disaster planning. Our vision of strengthening neighborhoods continues to be a work in progress. As the grants for SR/Affordable housing develop, TEN will be able to provide valuable input and ensure that future housing will meet the needs of our senior population. We always welcome new members to join us. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 11:00 am at Lightgate.

### **A New TEN program: *\*\*The Thetford Walking Club\*\****

Almost every Friday since early May '09, anywhere from three to thirteen Thetford residents and visitors from other towns have gathered in midmorning at Latham Library parking lot to walk or hike at a moderate pace along trails and roads in Thetford. Our objectives are to improve our personal fitness, to explore places both new and known to us, and to expand our social connections. We expect to continue our walks year-round, dressed for the predicted weather, adapting the route and pace to the needs of participants. Do join us!

Susan Rump, 785-4029 and Inge Trebitz, 785-2129

## THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

One of the most exciting projects that the commission has been partner to neared a triumphant conclusion at the end of 2009. The objective was to preserve the much-loved wetland on Houghton Hill Road, now known as the Zebedee Headwaters, so it will continue to serve as an outdoor classroom for students from Thetford schools, as it has done in years past. In a concerted December campaign, the commission partnered with the Elementary School to raise approximately \$20,000, the sum needed to bridge the gap in funds required for the purchase of the wetland by the Upper Valley Land Trust. The Land Trust will protect the ecology of the wetland under good stewardship and keep it open for the community – students, snowmobilers, skiers, birdwatchers and walkers seeking quiet contemplation of nature.

The commission also worked on other fronts, holding a series of focus groups covering a cross-section of townspeople to help determine priorities for conservation. We continued to manage town parcels, from improving woodcock habitat and securing the entrance to the Post Mills Nature Area to removing trash dumped in the Hughes Forest. Commission members trained with The Nature Conservancy in invasive plant control and mapped invasives on town parcels in preparation for tackling this problem. The Geomorphic Assessment of the Ompompanoosuc, overseen by the commission, drew to a close with a presentation by Bear Creek Environmental on the physical condition of the river's channel, highlighting stretches of instability where erosion threatens. We also produced a new edition of the popular Walking Guide and walked with Nathan Pero as he introduced townspeople to historic and natural features of the Hughes Forest.

Submitted by Li Shen, Chair

## **TREASURE ISLAND**

*Season: June-Labor Day, Hours: 10AM-8PM Daily*

Treasure Island is a town recreation facility located on the shores of Lake Fairlee on Route 244. The park offers many activities including beachfront swimming (with lifeguards on duty), a bathhouse, picnicking (including covered areas), a location for group picnics or birthday parties, clay tennis, a playground, and room for many other outdoor activities. Treasure Island has paddleboats, a canoe and fishing boat available for rent. Townspeople are welcome to launch their own kayaks and canoes from the park.

Thetford Elementary School, the Newton School in Strafford, and the Lyme School came in late May/early June for end-of-the-year school picnics. Treasure Island offered the popular American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program which ran for the full summer and served 150 children/teens this year. We hired local youth who trained with the Red Cross and became lifeguards and swim instructors. Volunteer Diane Ferriter led a weeklong learn-to-play tennis clinic. We hosted two community potlucks, developed a weekly arts and crafts program, and collaborated with Peter Blodgett, Peabody Librarian who led entertaining and enriching weekly story hours. This year, the island was booked for several reunions, and a company picnic. Area groups (including Camp Billings and VerShare Summer Camp) also utilized Treasure Island. We are planning to relocate or build with volunteers a covered shelter on the island in 2010. If you would like to reserve the island for a party, please call us at 333-3507 to make a reservation.

Thank you for visiting Treasure Island. If you have any suggestions, or ideas for recreational programs you would like to see at Treasure Island, please call us at 333-3507, or speak to Hilary, Recreation Director. We wish to thank the Thetford Highway Department, Hilary Linehan, Recreation Director, the Town Hall Staff, and the Town of Thetford Selectboard for their continued support and guidance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott and Ann O'Hearn  
Managers of Treasure Island

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The past year brought more programming outside of Youth Sports to Thetford. Residents attended various classes for all ages, from jewelry making to babysitting to Rec game nights. The summit challenge during the summer was a huge hit, and got many people up to the top of various local mountains. Look for more of this type of programming in the coming year, geared toward adults and teens. Adult sports pick-up programs will continue to be offered in the summer.

Non-competitive youth programs will also be on the rise this year. The first Winter Carnival was a success, and hopefully will catch on as a winter tradition in Thetford. Look for new options this year, such as a biking club, running program and summer camp!

Youth Sports participation increased in 2009, and will continue to be offered during spring, fall and winter. Summer soccer camp, always held the first full week after school is out in June, is continuing to grow, with the potential to offer a full day camp for the older kids as well. The winter Ski program is also growing, with over 160 kids participating in 2010!

I am always looking for suggestions on programs to offer, as well as for volunteers and/or instructors to teach classes. Please contact me via e-mail at [recreation@thetfordvermont.us](mailto:recreation@thetfordvermont.us), call me at 785-2922, x 6, or visit me in the Town Office building on Tuesdays from 9 am-Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hilary Linehan, Recreation Coordinator

## THETFORD FOOD SHELF THETFORD TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

This brief report provides the opportunity for a general acknowledgment of the many contributions made to the Food Shelf. Hardly a week goes by without items being left by townspeople for distribution - canned and boxed goods, eggs, vegetables, fruits, berries, fresh baked breads, and non-food articles. We are also receiving weekly deliveries from Willing Hands of fresh produce and artisan breads.

The support of this community for your town's food shelf and emergency assistance is truly outstanding. Many organizations, churches, schools, fire department, businesses, camps, friends, and neighbors have all contributed to the success of not only this program, but also our Christmas project.

With the assistance of town employees, we have expanded our storage, added an upright freezer, and have provided an area for a selection of winter clothing.

Thank you to Chris and Janice and to all who have helped stack cartons, stock shelves, and distribute commodities. I am grateful for the opportunity to coordinate this program.

Submitted by,

Roberta C. Howard

## THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Thetford Energy Committee (TEC) worked on the following projects in 2009 to help the town, its residents and businesses reduce energy use, save money and protect the environment:

**Energy Efficient Light Bulbs** – The TEC and Sustainable Energy Resource Group (SERG) sold 56 energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) at the 2009 town meeting, which over their lifetimes should save almost 27,161 KWH, \$3,259 in electric use and 20.37 tons reduced CO<sub>2</sub> to atmosphere. Proceeds of \$102.30 from the sale were donated to SERG for organizing the sale and for their assistance with other town energy activities. TEC also installed a CFL over the entrance to town hall.

**Local Food Initiative** – TEC efforts in 2008 and at the 2009 town meeting led to the formation of the Pompanoosuc Agricultural Society in 2009, an ad hoc citizens group promoting local food initiatives.

**Educational Films, Handouts and Tips**– The TEC organized a two-evening film series about climate change and over consumption of resources, each attended by 30-40 participants. TEC produced an energy education handout distributed at the films, town meeting and a Button Up workshop. TEC submitted Energy Tips of the Month to the Thetford Newsletter.

**Vermont Community Energy Mobilization Program** – TEC recruited 24 residents who participated in this program, visiting 52 Thetford homes to install simple weatherization measures. Efficiency Vermont trained volunteers and SERG organized the distribution of materials and teams to various homes.

**Community Center Weatherization** – The TEC provided materials and recruited 42 volunteers to help weatherize retrofits at the Thetford Center Community Center. Training and oversight of volunteers was provided by SERG.

**Promoting Efficient New Building** – TEC and Thetford zoning administrator Richard Blackwell distributed information on the Vermont Energy Star Homes Program and Vt. Energy Building Code to those seeking new building permits. We also worked with the Planning Commission to develop regulations that would promote new efficient housing.

**No Idling Signs** – The TEC made and hung 3 “No Engine Idling Please” signs at the Town Recycling Center.

**Forum on the Future of Vermont Yankee** – The TEC, Norwich Energy Committee, SERG and Sierra Club cosponsored a public forum attended by over 100 on whether to extend the license of Vermont Yankee.

**LED and PACE Grants** – TEC worked with Thetford Selectboard to submit 2 grants: One to purchase town streetlights from CVPS and upgrade them to LEDs. The second to investigate and put before the Town for vote at the 2011 Town Meeting the option of forming or joining a Property Assessed Clean Energy district, allowing the Town to bond and individuals to borrow against the bond to install energy efficiency or renewable energy measures on their homes.

**TEC Education and Networking** – Four TEC members attended the annual day-long Vermont Energy and Climate Action Network conference as well as two Upper Valley roundtables of energy committees organized by SERG.

Respectfully submitted by the Thetford Energy Committee

## THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thetford Police Department welcomes two new part time officers in 2010. Mark Boles and Adam Akers were both hired in the fall of 2009 and will be available for per diem shifts throughout 2010. We are pleased to have both Mark and Adam here as we face a tough year in 2010.

As most of you know Officer Wayne Briggs is on military deployment, proudly serving not only our community here in Thetford, but our great nation through 2010. We will miss him and are eagerly awaiting his safe return from Afghanistan. The effect of Wayne's deployment locally will mean a slight struggle with our proactive policing model and we ask for your patience and help throughout the year. We saw a decrease in overall incidents in our community in 2009 which I directly credit with proactive policing. Consistent patrols have proven to lower crime rates and reduce traffic accidents, which our 2009 statistics indicate. We hope that Mark and Adam will help bridge the scheduling gaps in 2010, but it will undoubtedly be difficult to overcome a missing 40 hour per week position for an entire year.

Thetford Police received an \$18,000.00 grant through Homeland Security in 2009 which allowed us to purchase Mobile Data Computers which we have mounted in our cruisers. This is a significant improvement for communications with dispatch and gives us 911 mapping immediately right in our cars. It also allows us to access the State database for running license plates, driver's licenses, criminal history, warrants and many other records immediately without leaving our patrols. This has already proven to be an upgrade that we would have a difficult time living without as technology continues to change at a rapid rate.

Amongst the several hundred hours of training attended by Thetford Police Officers in 2009, Sgt. Bridget Tweedie and I attended First Responder and Disaster Preparedness training at Camp Johnson in Colchester. This training was made possible through Homeland Security and the instructors were made up of the incident commanders from the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as Los Angeles County, CA Sheriff's Department. This training helped us to prepare for anything from natural disaster to an active shooter.

I thank the entire community for giving me the opportunity to be your Police Chief. We all thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving you in 2010.

Respectfully,

James B. Lanctot  
Chief of Police

## THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

<b>Nature of Incident</b>	<b># of Incidents</b>
911 Hang Up	15
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Accident w/damage	33
Accident w/injury	10
Agency Assist	96
Aircraft Crash	2
Alarm	21
Alcohol Offense	15
Animal Problem	15
Assault	4
Background Investigation	2
Bad check	20
Burglary	9
Citizen Assist	53
Citizen Dispute	15
Death message/notice	2
Directed Patrol	25
Drugs	4
DUI	13
Embezzlement	1
Family Fight/Domestic	13
Found Property	8
Fraud	6
Juvenile Problem	2
Littering	2

<b>Nature of Incident</b>	<b># of Incidents</b>
Lost Property	2
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle complaint	50
Noise Disturbance	2
Parking Problem	1
Phone Disturbance	6
Property Damage	1
Property Watch	5
Public Speaking	5
Runaway Juvenile	3
Service of Restraining Order	3
Sex Offender Registry	6
Sex Offense	3
Suicide Attempt	2
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	54
Theft	13
Threatening	3
Traffic Hazard	16
Traffic Offense	5
Trespassing	1
Unsecure Premise	1
Vandalism	6
VIN Inspection	81
Wanted Person	2
Welfare Check	9
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>668</b>

## VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS TOWN OF THETFORD

The Vermont State Police continue to provide dedicated police coverage for your town. Troopers responded to over 2000 calls for service in 2009 with a staff of seven Troopers and three Sergeants. Troopers responded to a broad range of calls and still remained active in the area schools and participated in a variety of community functions.

The Department is dedicated to providing Troopers with the best equipment and will be outfitting all cruisers with digital recording systems which will replace the existing VHS systems. The recording systems are being paid for by a federal grant.

As with most state agencies, the Vermont State Police is facing budget shortfalls. The Bradford Barracks was forced to lay off a clerk whose duties have now passed on to the Troopers. This will not change the fact that Troopers will continue to perform proactive traffic enforcement to ensure the safety of all motorist and to deter criminal activity. The Department is committed to conducting thorough criminal investigations utilizing all resources. Troopers have maintained a presence on the area snowmobile trails and lakes to ensure the safety of those who choose to take advantage of the great recreational opportunities this area has to offer.

The Vermont State Police ask all community members to stay vigilant and work together to keep our communities safe. Below is a list of incidents that the Vermont State Police responded to in your town from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

911 Hang up Call	3	Family Fight / Domestic	4
Traffic Accident w/Damage	23	Fish & Game Complaint	2
Traffic Accident w/Injuries	2	Motor Vehicle Complaint	58
Agency Assistance	28	Noise Disturbance	1
Alarm	6	Robbery	1
Animal Problem	1	Runaway Juvenile	1
Burglary	3	Attempted Suicide	1
Burglary Alarm	2	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	18
Citizen Assistant	11	Theft	2
Citizen Dispute	1	Threatening	1
Custodial Interference	1	Traffic Hazard	11
Driving – License Suspended	2	Traffic Violation	7
DUI – Alcohol or Drugs	2	Welfare / Suicide Check	1

### TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 193

Stay safe and watch out for one another.

Respectfully,

SGT Michael Manley  
Acting Station Commander  
Bradford Barracks

## **THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **Transitions and Traditions**

Founded in 1960 TVFD has provided emergency service to the Town of Thetford for fifty years. While the traditional goals are unchanged, the frequency and complexity of incidents has increased. The nature of fire has changed due to widespread use of plastic and other synthetic materials. The use of expensive equipment is required to provide respiratory protection from high temperatures and toxic gasses produced by combustion. Survivability in motor vehicle crashes has improved because of airbags, crumple zones and other engineered solutions. However, this has forced rescue workers to buy and maintain special equipment and to constantly re-train to stay current with new vehicle features. Threats to the security and safety of our country have led to major changes in communication, coordination and response of multi-layered resources. This has forced replacement of radio equipment including pagers and required even more training.

The traditional 40-hour Fire School has been replaced by 200-hour courses that lead to standardized firefighter certification. Continued training and re-certification is required. Like many emergency service providers, TVFD provides emergency medical service, and over half of our members are certified Emergency Medical Technicians. The basic Emergency Medical Technician training is an additional 120 hours of training.

Recruitment and retention of volunteer members is a never-ending challenge. Training, equipment maintenance, work details and business meetings all require several hours each week. Emergency calls occur at anytime and range from a thirty minute medical call, such as a sprained ankle, to a twelve-hour wild land fire. Attracting new members who can commit the time and want to do a dangerous, dirty job for free is hard. Keeping them longer than ten years is even harder.

Over the past few years we have added several young men and women to our roster, and now one-third of our members are under thirty years old. Most of these members are certified Firefighters and EMT's and many joined through the Junior Firefighter program. One challenge facing the older members is to pass on the history, values and culture of the fire service and to be proud of a job done well.

A few long-time members retired last year after many years of midnight alarms, hours of drills, details and fundraisers. Ellis Paige was a dedicated member for over 37 years and served many years as Chief. Others include Ben Tilden, past Chief Guy Cook, Rick Dresser, George Stowell, and Tim Ouellette. Thank you to all members past and present.

Donald Sayre Fifield  
Fire Chief

## THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

	2009 Budget	2010 Budget
<b>Administration</b>		
Chief's Stipend	1,250.00	1,250.00
Dispatch Service	5,500.00	6,000.00
Fees	85.00	85.00
Insurance	28,143.00	27,000.00
Office Supplies & Postage	500.00	500.00
Printing	200.00	200.00
Public Relations & Fire Safety	350.00	350.00
Subscriptions & Dues	250.00	300.00
Tax Prep / Audit	1,000.00	750.00
Telephone	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>38,778.00</b>	<b>37,935.00</b>
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>		
Electricity	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fuel Oil / LP Gas	6,000.00	6,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	250.00	250.00
Maintenance & Repairs	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>13,750.00</b>	<b>13,750.00</b>
<b>Firefighter Health &amp; Safety</b>		
Gear & PPE	8,500.00	16,000.00 *
Gear Maintenance	500.00	500.00
Health & Safety	150.00	150.00
Re-Hydration & Food	500.00	750.00
<b>Total Firefighter Health &amp; Safety</b>	<b>9,650.00</b>	<b>17,400.00</b>
<b>Training</b>		
EMS Courses & Expenses	3,000.00	3,000.00
Fire Courses & Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00
Training Corp Membership	250.00	250.00
<b>Total Training</b>	<b>7,250.00</b>	<b>7,250.00</b>
<b>Vehicles &amp; Equipment</b>		
EMS Equipment Replacement	6,000.00	6,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	2,500.00	3,000.00
Fire Equipment Replacement	11,000.00	11,000.00
Preventive Pump	1,500.00	2,250.00
Vehicle Fuel	3,000.00	3,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	5,000.00	5,000.00
<b>Total Vehicles &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>29,000.00</b>	<b>30,250.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,428.00</b>	<b>106,585.00</b>

\* Product price increased. Includes 1 SCBA and bottle and 3 sets of gear.

## **THETFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Emergency Management Director (EMD) is responsible for coordinating the various components of the emergency management system: fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, public works, volunteer groups, and State resources. By incorporating the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, the EMD can plan a response to situations that might occur.

In today's emergency management world, there are an unlimited number of situations in which emergency management professionals may need to respond. These include floods, fires, winter storms, hazardous materials accidents, search and rescue operations, and transportation accidents. Members of the Fire and Police Departments, Select Board and Town Highway meet regularly to develop and review emergency plans.

Some of the goals include:

- Develop an Emergency Operating Center (EOC) facility, a protected site from which key local officials control operations.
- Develop EOC staffing and internal procedures to permit key local officials to conduct coordinated operations in emergencies.
- Conduct tests and exercises to give local officials practice in directing coordinated operations under simulated emergency conditions.
- Develop a local government emergency operations plan, outlining what each local agency and supporting group would do in the case of any emergency.
- Establish a system to alert key local officials in the event of an emergency.
- Coordinate and lead emergency communications planning, secure all required equipment, and exercise emergency communications.
- Establish and maintain a shelter system in coordination with the Red Cross.
- Establish and maintain an emergency public information system and train personnel to utilize it.
- Assist in the establishment of mutual aid agreements to provide needed services, equipment, or other resources during an emergency.

Give us a call if you are interested in learning how you could help. We particularly need a resource pool of trained staff that could help manage the plans during an actual emergency. Members of the emergency services might not be available to staff an EOC or a shelter.

Donald Sayre Fifield  
Emergency Management Director

## ANCIENT ROADS COMMITTEE

This year, the Ancient Roads Committee finished up their three years of research and presented a report to the Selectboard the end of December. We did not find any unidentified corridors. However, we did bring some changes to the AOT map to their attention. The report is on file at the Town Hall for anyone who wishes to review it.

Thanks to those of you who have so faithfully served.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet E. Stowell  
Ancient Roads Committee



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

This year, on top of the usual maintenance to roads, we were able to repave the 113 end of Sawnee Bean and Academy Road from the Academy Building to the Union Village Bridge. This was done with a State grant for Class Two highways. The Resurfacing line item was over budget, first because of the bad mud we had and second, we could not get the same ledge product that we normally purchase. The year ended with good weather for our budget, salt in the shed and sand in the pile. The TOWN OF THETFORD was also awarded a second grant to install a box culvert on Godfrey Road at the intersection of Quail John. We will be working on that project this summer. Our 2010 paving projects could be Latham, Pavilion or smaller sections. We will not be asking for any equipment in 2010 but in 2011, we will need a new grader. There is also talk about an equipment shed, food for thought. I would like to thank the townspeople for your support and the road crew for the work they accomplished.

Submitted by,

Douglas Stone  
Highway Foreman

Highway Crew – Lynn King, Corinth; Rocky Clark, Fairlee; Jack Ward, Bradford; Logan Paige, Thetford

## **LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND PEABODY LIBRARY**

### **Latham Library**

In 2009, more people used the Latham Memorial Library and borrowed more materials than the year before. The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 12,825 with 12,122 people coming to use the library. 243 visitors came to view the exhibits in the Bicentennial Gallery.

From two visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,003 books and these state books were taken out 1,522 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 3,573 videos were borrowed from the library. 1,050 audio-books circulated this year. 147 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 30 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The library depends on voluntary efforts from many members of the community. More new titles in a variety of formats (audio, movies, and books) were made available each week due to the concentrated efforts of your volunteers.

Your continued support through the annual appeal and at Town meeting maintains your library.

Come visit in 2010. If we don't have what you need, we can get it for you. Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm and you are always welcome.

### **Peabody Library**

In its 143rd year, more people came to the library and borrowed more materials than the year before. The library hosted twelve programs including a book discussion series exploring "Gastronomy: Novels about Food and Culture" which was made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council. Volunteers opened the library every Saturday morning during the summer months.

A summer Film series was offered in July and August. The Fourteenth Annual Penny Carnival brought a happy crowd of 116 folks to enjoy a sunny afternoon. Tony Toledo told stories to a group of sixty in November. Programs concluded with the Solstice Celebration led by Simon Brook while the Librarian read for older folks at the Twenty-first Annual Holiday Readings.

The Library had 1,003 visitors borrowing 422 books from the library collection with more than 122 state books lent from the Regional Library. 122 audiobooks also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. 207 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 873 titles circulated from the library in 2009. Come visit to discover one of the most elegant public rooms in town.

Your faithful support maintains the wish of George Peabody "that the library shall be enjoyed by those who may be in the village of Post Mills and its environs." Libraries change lives.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

**Library Hours listed inside the back cover of this report.**

## THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Our member libraries have continued to encourage reading at all levels, by book discussion groups, visiting speakers and authors, story-telling, and by working cooperatively with classroom teachers at both schools. New books have been obtained by purchase, by regular borrowing from state regional libraries, and by interlibrary loan. We are also using a new digital system, Library World, to keep track of our town-wide database, which is beginning to include Peabody Library as well as the libraries on Thetford Hill.

Our other major purpose is to operate the Bicentennial Building as a free home for Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and the Historical Society's library and archives. New bulbs and ballasts in our ceiling fixtures, purchased with help from Efficiency Vermont, are giving more pleasant light and are helping reduce our electric bills. New batteries have been bought for our alarm system, and we will soon purchase a new alarm panel. These are all major purchases. Luckily, the price of fuel oil dropped to a more manageable level this year.

Our main source of income is a yearly grant voted by the Town, which provides a major part of the operating budgets of our two public libraries, Peabody and Latham, and supports ThetNet, the fiber-optic link among the libraries on Thetford Hill. For our other expenses, including operation of our building, we depend on income from our endowment and from our annual fund campaign, which so far this year has brought in about two-thirds of what it did Last year.

Charles Latham, Clerk

## THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT

	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL	2010 BUDGET
<b>INCOME:</b>			
Appropriation from Town	\$66,920	\$66,920	\$66,920
Investment Interest	7,800	7,967	8,000
Donations	6,500	5,330	4,000
Bank Interest	500	317	100
Other (spec. town fund)	15,355	12,709	13,646
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,075</b>	<b>\$93,243</b>	<b>\$92,666</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>			
Member Library Support	\$57,940	\$57,940	\$63,734
Building	0	0	5,000
Equipment and Furnishings	0	0	0
Special Town Funds	15,355	12,709	0
Computing Services	1,400	1,590	2,000
ThetNet	2,000	1,468	2,500
Electricity	3,500	2,972	3,000
Heat	7,000	4,698	5,000
Water	600	850	600
Insurance	1,770	1,796	2,020
Alarm System	200	242	225
Repairs & Maintenance	1,500	755	1,600
Custodial	2,000	2,500	2,500
Rubbish	1,100	943	1,150
Grounds Maintenance	2,800	2,865	2,800
Supplies & Postage	350	218	350
Miscellaneous	50	0	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97,565</b>	<b>\$91,546</b>	<b>\$92,529</b>

## **TOWN OF THETFORD BUDGET REPORT**

### **On the FY2010 Town Budget**

The Selectboard and Budget Committee have worked hard together to finalize a budget. As proposed, the town budget will decrease 1.8% overall, for both the general fund and highway budgets combined. This percentage does not include the warned articles, and is independent of the school budget.

The overall financial picture for Thetford is stable, but may benefit from specific measures to ensure that we have enough to fund town operations in the face of increased tax delinquencies.

Currently there is \$200,000 in unpaid tax, interest and penalty, the Town portion of which is \$66,000. By statute, the Town must fund the schools and absorb any delinquency, while working to mitigate it. In 2009, the Town heavily utilized the previous year's reserve, or "fund balance," to pay bills on time in spite of these unpaid taxes.

As a result, the Town is now running a very low fund balance, about 1% of annual expenditures. Good accounting practices strongly suggest that a 5% to 10% fund balance should be maintained, to ensure a healthy level of inflow and outflow of money, i.e. liquidity.

The Town may have to look to new credit mechanisms in 2010 to maintain liquidity. Credit is a helpful interim solution, but ends up costing taxpayers more in interest payments, even in short-term lending situations of a few months.

Another option is to increase taxes. However, the Selectboard specifically chose not to expand the budget to increase the fund balance. Instead, the fund balance issue will be addressed in two of the articles on this year's Warning.

Other highlights of the 2010 budget include the following:

1. With the warned articles taken into account, it is possible that there will be a net 2% to 3% decrease, since approximately \$15,500 less has been requested, compared to last year.
2. The Selectboard generally held wages steady for 2010, but intends to complete the salary administration analysis that is already underway, and consider adjustments in the next budget cycle for 2011.
3. The Highway training budget was increased as an economical way to improve the road quality in town. (200-5100-40.00 Dues and Meetings)
4. The Selectboard budget appears to double. This is specifically because health and dental benefits from three other departments (Clerk, Police and Treasurer) were moved to the Selectboard budget, for medical confidentiality purposes and easier accounting.
5. After a lengthy research period, the Selectboard decided to switch out of the VLCT Health Trust medical and dental benefits system to a similar MVP high-deductible health plan, saving about \$18,000 in increased costs for 2010.

6. The Selectboard budget includes increased funding for expected contracted services and analysis of town systems, i.e. tax sales, pending litigation, roads survey, town plan, policing and salary administration. (100-3000-85.00 Planning & Consulting)
7. The Selectboard has researched ways to cause the Orange County tax to decrease, including suggesting different health plans and a leaner accounting system on their part. In its letter back to towns, the County Seat has indicated that they are considering these and other cost reductions for 2011. (100-9300-00.00 County & Extension Svc.)
8. The Recreation budget includes money to purchase software for online player registration and record-keeping, which will reduce the time spent on paper records and will free up the Recreation Director for other tasks. (100-7000-20.00 Recreation Admin Supplies)
9. Background checks for referees and coaches who work with children are no longer a fee-based service, but free through the state of Vermont. (100-7000-50.02 Records Fees)
10. The Treasure Island budget includes \$600 for a detailed inspection of electrical and plumbing systems, so that the Town may have a better picture of future maintenance costs and total property value.
11. \$3000 was budgeted for a new roll-off container at the Recycling center for mixed recyclables, to replace the bin that has worn out. (100-6340-75.00 Facility Const & Maint)
12. Recycling costs went up by more than a third this year, to \$49,000, primarily due to the fluctuating value of recycled materials. The net loss to the town was somewhat lessened by the introduction of a new \$18 permit.
13. Single year appropriations to organizations have remained level-funded, with two organizations not requesting funding for 2010, resulting in a 3.2% decrease in contributions.
14. Since the Treasurer will be facing increased labor to handle tax sales, \$3000 has been budgeted for tax collection, as well as funding to cover the related legal and administrative costs. (100-3440-01.00 through 100-3440-04.00)
15. The Listers have requested a reduced budget for labor for 2010, but the Town should expect this to change in a future year for the next round of reappraisals. (100-3430-10.00 Listers Salaries)
16. The Town expects to save approximately \$2400 by switching phone carriers for Town Hall. (100-3210-34.00 Telephone)
17. Funds have been budgeted for Town Hall maintenance, including painting the foyer, sanding the floors and making the heating system more efficient. (100-3710-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance)
18. \$1500 has been budgeted to replace worn out office furniture in Town Hall. (100-3710-20.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Supp)

19. In addition to the base amount for Emergency Operations, \$4000 additional has been budgeted for outfitting the new Emergency Shelter at the elementary school. (100-3900-30.00 Emergency Management)
20. The capital equipment fund now keeps track of all Highway and Fire Department vehicles, separately.
21. Officer Tweedie was promoted to Supervisor.
22. The Police budget has reduced significantly in 2010 due to Officer Briggs' deployment to Afghanistan. Expect that budget to rise in 2011 when he returns. (100-4100-10.01 Police Officers F.T., 100-4100-10.03 Police Officers P.T.)
23. Funds were provided for Chief Lanctot to purchase new ballistic vests for the Police Department, on the replacement schedule. (100-4100-25.00 Uniforms)

We are looking forward to another productive year and have worked hard to provide the town with an improved budgeting process. As always, we solicit your input and participation in these matters throughout the year.

Sincerely,

The Selectboard and Budget Committee

***FINANCIAL REPORTS***

***YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2009***

<b>All Town Departments</b>	<b>2009 Actual</b>	<b>2009 Budget</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Selectboard	109,331.43	108,387.18	193,106.00	78.2%
Police & Animal Control	224,222.05	218,283.07	174,324.00	-20.1%
Misc.	125,355.06	133,505.45	151,239.00	13.3%
Fire Dept. & Emergency Management	104,510.10	100,285.00	114,085.00	13.8%
Recreation & Treasure Island	87,880.42	91,165.87	94,315.00	3.5%
Clerk/BCA/Elections/Operations	107,502.38	109,107.66	89,318.00	-18.1%
Town Hall - Physical	61,664.91	64,526.47	67,730.00	5.0%
Libraries	66,920.00	66,920.00	66,920.00	0.0%
Treasurer	68,224.24	71,428.39	61,643.00	-13.7%
Recycling & Solid Waste	49,475.14	51,395.50	61,015.00	18.7%
Listers	44,996.93	45,263.12	42,824.00	-5.4%
Appropriations	36,393.00	36,393.00	35,213.00	-3.2%
Zoning & Planning Commission	24,755.48	32,578.24	31,908.00	-2.1%
Conservation	4,718.24	5,425.00	5,425.00	0.0%
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>1,115,949.38</b>	<b>1,134,663.95</b>	<b>1,189,065.00</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
Town Surplus Applied	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	-100.0%
Non-tax Revenues	227,305.23	209,332.00	236,356.00	12.9%
<b>Town Funds to Raise</b>	<b>895,334.00</b>	<b>895,331.95</b>	<b>952,925.00</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
Highway Expense	675,078.97	704,875.62	686,433.00	-2.6%
Highway Surplus Applied	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	-100.0%
Non-Tax Revenues	130,259.92	118,000.00	219,036.00	85.6%
<b>Highway Funds to Raise</b>	<b>551,875.62</b>	<b>551,875.62</b>	<b>468,000.00</b>	<b>-15.2%</b>
<b>Total Taxes to Raise</b>	<b>\$1,447,209.62</b>	<b>\$1,447,207.57</b>	<b>\$1,420,925.00</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>

Selectboard	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	% Change
100-3000-10.01 Selectboard Stipend	3,750.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.0%
100-3000-11.00 Selectboard Clerk	2,900.49	3,228.09	2,841.29	2,850.00	0.3%
100-3000-14.00 Selectboard Soc. Security	286.90	267.75	267.75	270.00	0.8%
100-3000-15.00 Selectboard Contingency	2,278.29	724.61	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.0%
100-3000-15.01 Social Security	221.88	248.38	217.36	220.00	1.2%
100-3000-27.00 IT Systems	2,795.97	2,294.00	6,000.00	5,000.00	-16.7%
100-3000-28.00 Computer Supplies/Equip.	398.25	0.00	150.00	0.00	-100.0%
100-3000-30.00 Advertising	981.74	1,416.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%
100-3000-40.00 V.L.C.T.	2,831.00	2,940.00	2,850.00	3,341.00	17.2%
100-3000-40.01 Dues and Meetings	1,200.15	825.00	1,100.00	1,000.00	-9.1%
100-3000-42.00 Unemployment	6,622.00	5,338.00	5,340.00	5,340.00	0.0%
100-3000-48.00 PACIF Insurance	58,128.65	52,293.00	48,184.00	57,000.00	18.3%
100-3000-49.00 PACIF Deductibles	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.0%
100-3000-50.00 Tax Mapping	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00	0.0%
100-3000-60.00 Legal Services	1,189.50	2,915.00	1,300.00	4,000.00	207.7%
100-3000-74.00 Travel	653.47	1,072.50	660.00	1,000.00	51.5%
100-3000-80.00 Professional Audit	10,240.00	13,775.00	10,400.00	12,000.00	15.4%
100-3000-85.00 Planning & Consulting	7,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	100.0%
100-3000-90.00 Mowing	2,160.00	2,502.50	2,500.00	2,750.00	10.0%
100-3000-92.00 Retirement	8,111.19	9,041.60	8,626.78	8,500.00	-1.5%
Employee Medical and Dental Benefits				66,885.00	new
<b>Total</b>	<b>114,199.48</b>	<b>109,331.43</b>	<b>108,387.18</b>	<b>193,106.00</b>	<b>78.2%</b>

### Conservation

100-3800-20.00 Conservation Supplies	83.13	143.24	150.00	125.00	-16.7%
100-3800-40.00 Dues, Meetings	215.06	75.00	175.00	200.00	14.3%
100-3800-80.00 Trust Fund appropriation	5,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,810.00	-15.3%
100-3800-90.00 Project Support	833.62	0.00	600.00	600.00	0.0%
Cost sharing USDA Contract	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.00	new
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,131.81</b>	<b>4,718.24</b>	<b>5,425.00</b>	<b>5,425.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Clerk, BCA, Elections and Town Hall	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	% Change
<b>CLERK</b>					
100-3500-10.00 Town Clerk's Salary	32,986.19	34,478.59	34,266.12	34,266.00	0.0%
100-3500-10.01 Asstnt Town Clerk Wages	18,542.21	18,877.62	18,872.44	18,872.00	0.0%
100-3500-14.00 Social Security-Clerk	2,319.91	2,334.24	2,621.36	2,621.00	0.0%
100-3500-14.01 Social Security-Asst Clerk	1,400.40	1,443.69	1,443.74	1,444.00	0.0%
100-3500-15.00 Town Clerk Benefits	11,668.91	11,102.07	14,579.00	840.00	-94.2%
100-3500-15.02 Town Clerk Dental	877.56	1,816.32	1,900.00	0.00	-100.0%
100-3500-15.50 Town Clerk Deductibles	800.00	3,968.46	800.00	0.00	-100.0%
100-3500-40.00 CLK. Dues/Meetings/Travel	1,837.99	1,386.09	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.0%
<b>RECORDS</b>					
100-3080-62.00 Town Report	5,567.49	5,406.35	5,300.00	5,300.00	0.0%
100-3080-65.00 Restoration of Records	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.0%
<b>BCA</b>					
100-3300-10.02 BCA Expenses	227.50	208.00	250.00	250.00	0.0%
100-3300-40.00 BCA Ed. Workshops & Meet	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.0%
<b>ELECTIONS</b>					
100-3310-10.00 Election Officials	507.00	266.50	300.00	300.00	0.0%
100-3310-21.00 Election Supplies	76.56	66.74	75.00	75.00	0.0%
<b>TOWN OFFICES-OPERATIONS</b>					
100-3210-20.00 Town Office Supplies	4,033.39	3,986.67	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.0%
100-3210-23.00 Copier Contract Support	375.00	508.97	600.00	600.00	0.0%
100-3210-24.00 Copier Maintenance/Supply	397.00	385.64	500.00	500.00	0.0%
100-3210-26.00 Computer Software/Support	2,431.20	3,895.89	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.0%
100-3210-27.00 Computer Maintenance	906.50	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.0%
100-3210-28.00 Computer Supplies/Equip.	574.99	209.24	400.00	400.00	0.0%
100-3210-34.00 Telephone	6,709.24	6,752.87	6,900.00	4,500.00	-34.8%
100-3210-35.00 Town Office Postage	3,651.06	4,464.43	3,900.00	4,300.00	10.3%
100-3210-68.00 Equipment Maint/Repairs	38.29	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.0%
100-3210-83.00 Tools & Equipment	400.00	3,944.00	4,100.00	2,750.00	-32.9%
<b>TOWN HALL-PHYSICAL PLANT</b>					
100-3710-10.00 Custodian	1,631.70	1,691.22	1,668.81	1,700.00	1.9%
100-3710-14.00 Social Security - Custodian	124.78	129.39	127.66	130.00	1.8%
100-3710-20.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Supplies	167.61	352.32	300.00	1,800.00	500.0%
100-3710-56.00 Rubbish Removal/Recycling	1,089.21	892.54	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%
100-3710-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	1,500.00	2,095.61	1,000.00	3,250.00	225.0%
100-3710-70.00 Grounds Maintenance	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	0.0%
100-3710-76.00 Town Hall Utilities	5,865.55	4,968.79	6,400.00	6,000.00	-6.3%
100-3710-80.00 Town Hall Alarm Service	212.00	200.00	150.00	200.00	33.3%
100-3710-83.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Equip	20,147.62	1,101.04	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.0%
100-3710-84.00 Town Hall Fund Contribution		2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.0%
100-3710-90.00 Town Hall Bond Payment	49,230.00	48,234.00	49,230.00	49,000.00	-0.5%
Subtotal Clerk/Records	78,000.66	82,813.43	83,882.66	67,443.00	-19.6%
Subtotal BCA/Elections	811.06	541.24	725.00	725.00	0.0%
Subtotal Town Office Operations	19,516.67	24,147.71	24,500.00	21,150.00	-13.7%
<b>Subtotal Clerk/BCA/Elections/Operations</b>	<b>98,328.39</b>	<b>107,502.38</b>	<b>109,107.66</b>	<b>89,318.00</b>	<b>-18.1%</b>
Town Hall - Physical Plant	79968.47	61664.91	64526.47	67730.00	5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>178,296.86</b>	<b>169,167.29</b>	<b>173,634.13</b>	<b>157,048.00</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>

Treasurer	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	% Change
100-3400-10.00 Treasurer	31,389.24	32,319.72	32,189.38	32,190.00	0.0%
100-3400-11.00 Asst. Treasurer	11,780.76	16,187.46	15,854.64	15,855.00	0.0%
100-3400-14.00 Social Security-Treasurer	2,188.02	2,175.35	2,462.49	2,500.00	1.5%
100-3400-14.01 Social Sec.-Asst Treas.	883.55	1,236.10	1,212.88	1,213.00	0.0%
100-3400-15.00 Treasurer's Benefits	12,559.40	11,999.41	15,479.00	1,785.00	-88.5%
100-3400-15.02 Treasurer Dental	1,610.04	1,816.32	1,900.00	0.00	-100.0%
100-3400-15.50 Deductible-Treasurer	400.00	1,206.18	800.00	0.00	-100.0%
100-3400-20.00 Treasurer supplies	704.18	685.45	650.00	650.00	0.0%
100-3400-40.00 Treasurer Dues & Mtgs.	817.05	598.25	880.00	800.00	-9.1%
<b>100-3440 TAX COLLECTING</b>					
100-3440-01.00 Tax Sale - Publication				600.00	new
100-3440-02.00 Tax Sales - Legal Fees				3,000.00	new
100-3440-04.00 Tax Collection				3,000.00	new
100-3440-74.00 Travel				50.00	new
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,332.24</b>	<b>68,224.24</b>	<b>71,428.39</b>	<b>61,643.00</b>	<b>-13.7%</b>

### Fire and Emergency Management

100-3900-30.00 Emergency Management	479.94	1,607.80	3,000.00	7,000.00	133.3%
100-3900-31.00 transfer out	--	5,724.55	--	--	--
100-4500-00.00 Fire Department	93,885.00	96,785.00	96,785.00	106,585.00	10.1%
100-4500-10.01 Fire Warden	198.64	392.75	500.00	500.00	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,563.58</b>	<b>104,510.10</b>	<b>100,285.00</b>	<b>114,085.00</b>	<b>13.8%</b>

### Listers

100-3430-10.00 Listers Salaries	24,635.75	34,539.95	34,571.84	30,118.00	-12.9%
100-3430-11.00 Lister Clerk Salary	2,994.75	3,525.80	2,707.85	4,855.00	79.3%
100-3430-14.00 Listers Social Security	1,848.31	2,646.30	2,644.75	2,304.00	-12.9%
100-3430-14.01 Lister Clerk Soc. Security	229.10	264.42	207.15	371.00	79.1%
100-3430-20.00 Listers Supplies	713.96	461.91	500.00	500.00	0.0%
100-3430-23.00 Lister Service Contracts	1,415.86	1,721.33	1,896.53	2,126.00	12.1%
100-3430-34.00 Listers - Advertising	41.09	0.00	0.00	150.00	new
100-3430-35.00 Lister Postage	415.78	389.30	500.00	150.00	-70.0%
100-3430-40.00 Lister Dues & Meetings	310.00	224.47	500.00	700.00	40.0%
100-3430-68.00 Lister Professional Services	1,000.00	495.00	1,100.00	900.00	-18.2%
100-3430-74.00 Listers Travel	196.94	403.48	385.00	400.00	3.9%
100-3430-83.00 Lister Equipment	260.98	324.97	250.00	250.00	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,062.52</b>	<b>44,996.93</b>	<b>45,263.12</b>	<b>42,824.00</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>

### Recycling and Solid Waste

<b>SOLID WASTE</b>					
100-6320-00.00 GUVSWMD Dues	15,708.77	15,702.00	15,702.00	21,591.00	37.5%
<b>RECYCLING</b>					
100-6340-10.00 Recycling Salaries	7,480.08	7,003.85	7,286.11	7,286.00	0.0%
100-6340-14.00 Social Security-Recycling	570.74	535.81	557.39	558.00	0.1%
100-6340-20.00 Recycling Supplies	126.54	79.99	250.00	150.00	-40.0%
100-6340-40.00 Bin lease/Comingled NRRA	3,173.05	15,082.54	16,000.00	17,280.00	8.0%
100-6340-42.05 Glass pick up	3,641.62	5,644.51	4,100.00	5,200.00	26.8%
100-6340-42.07 Scrap metal pick up	0.00	278.49	2,000.00	500.00	-75.0%
100-6340-50.00 Community Education	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.0%
100-6340-74.00 Travel	86.86	58.30	100.00	100.00	0.0%
100-6340-75.00 Facility Const & Maint	290.32	89.65	350.00	3,300.00	842.9%
100-6340-90.00 Capital Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,077.98</b>	<b>49,475.14</b>	<b>51,395.50</b>	<b>61,015.00</b>	<b>18.7%</b>

<b>Zoning and Planning</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>ZONING</b>					
100-3620-10.00 Zoning Administrator	14,455.25	11,494.10	13,937.41	13,937.00	0.0%
100-3620-10.01 Zoning Admin.Asst.	4,621.27	4,693.55	4,810.62	4,811.00	0.0%
100-3620-14.00 Social Security-Zoning	1,097.54	876.41	1,066.21	1,066.00	0.0%
100-3620-14.01 Admin.Asst. Soc. Sec.	349.20	363.40	368.01	368.00	0.0%
100-3620-20.00 Zoning Supplies	1,143.37	284.25	800.00	400.00	-50.0%
100-3620-30.00 Zoning Advertising	1,463.02	620.89	1,575.00	1,400.00	-11.1%
100-3620-35.00 Zoning postage	860.31	670.24	900.00	800.00	-11.1%
100-3620-40.00 Zoning Dues & Meetings	200.00	205.00	300.00	250.00	-16.7%
100-3620-74.00 Zoning Travel	46.71	230.99	165.00	240.00	45.5%
100-3620-83.00 Zoning Equipment	205.00	533.99	400.00	400.00	0.0%
<b>Zoning</b>	<b>24,441.67</b>	<b>19,972.82</b>	<b>24,322.25</b>	<b>23,672.00</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>					
100-3650-10.01 Clerical Support	1,637.07	1,475.94	2,130.97	1,831.00	-14.1%
100-3650-14.01 Clk. Support Soc. Sec.	123.18	108.41	163.02	143.00	-12.3%
100-3650-20.00 Plan Com. Supplies	0.00	63.97	125.00	125.00	0.0%
100-3650-21.00 Plan Com. Printing	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,300.00	8.3%
100-3650-30.00 Plan Com. Advertising	205.00	0.00	475.00	575.00	21.1%
100-3650-33.00 Plan Com. Internet Service	25.00	25.00	75.00	75.00	0.0%
100-3650-35.00 Plan Com. Postage	0.00	0.00	100.00	200.00	100.0%
100-3650-40.00 Plan Com. Dues & Mtgs.	55.00	90.00	350.00	350.00	0.0%
100-3650-42.00 Plan Com. Training	35.00	100.00	450.00	450.00	0.0%
100-3650-58.00 Plan Com. RPC Dues	2,892.00	2,892.00	2,892.00	2,892.00	0.0%
100-3650-74.00 Plan. Com. Travel	0.00	27.34	195.00	195.00	0.0%
100-3650-83.00 Plan Com. Equipment	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.0%
<b>Planning</b>	<b>4,972.25</b>	<b>4,782.66</b>	<b>8,255.99</b>	<b>8,236.00</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,413.92</b>	<b>24,755.48</b>	<b>32,578.24</b>	<b>31,908.00</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>

<b>Police and Animal Control</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>POLICE</b>					
100-4100-10.00 Police Chief	51,992.96	52,766.45	52,551.06	52,551.00	0.0%
100-4100-10.01 Police Officers F.T.	61,718.86	69,248.78	72,818.63	39,751.00	-45.4%
100-4100-10.02 Police overtime	8,911.34	10,140.79	7,595.65	8,000.00	5.3%
100-4100-10.03 Police Officers P.T.	4,269.06	7,693.65	5,438.12	14,240.00	161.9%
100-4100-14.00 Social Security-Police Chief	3,932.23	4,019.99	4,020.16	4,020.00	0.0%
100-4100-14.01 Police Officer Soc. Sec.	5,216.72	6,051.22	5,570.63	3,041.00	-45.4%
100-4100-14.02 Spec.Off Soc.Sec. P.T.	326.56	588.57	416.02	1,089.00	161.8%
100-4100-15.00 Police Benefits	17,779.01	21,991.28	22,181.00	2,415.00	-89.1%
100-4100-15.02 Police Dental	1,504.39	1,992.35	1,675.00	0.00	-100.0%
100-4100-15.50 Medical deductibles	0.00	1,706.07	1,200.00	0.00	-100.0%
100-4100-20.00 Police supplies	929.83	1,267.20	750.00	850.00	13.3%
100-4100-25.00 Uniforms	2,317.21	2,133.93	1,500.00	3,750.00	150.0%
100-4100-34.00 Police Telecommunications	2,865.65	3,946.11	2,500.00	4,000.00	60.0%
100-4100-36.00 Radio/Dispatch	10,855.91	10,009.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.0%
100-4100-40.00 Police Dues & Meetings	210.00	41.80	300.00	150.00	-50.0%
100-4100-42.00 Police Training	1,104.43	567.50	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%
100-4100-60.00 Contracted Services	414.00	325.00	300.00	300.00	0.0%
100-4100-68.00 Vehicle Repair	12,190.65	3,751.82	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.0%
100-4100-74.00 Police Fuel	10,242.58	8,072.10	8,300.00	9,000.00	8.4%
100-4100-83.00 Equipment/ Repair/Radio	2,715.49	4,599.03	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.0%
100-4100-90.00 Vehicle Replacement	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.0%
100-4100-91.00 Police small equip. fund	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.0%
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL</b>					
100-6150-10.00 Animal Control Wages	996.35	986.69	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.0%
100-6150-14.00 Social Security-AC	76.23	75.48	91.80	92.00	0.2%
100-6150-15.00 Pound Fees	850.00	185.00	600.00	600.00	0.0%
100-6150-22.00 Humane Supplies	0.00	63.59	200.00	200.00	0.0%
100-6150-37.00 Licensing Supplies	279.55	225.85	200.00	225.00	12.5%
100-6150-40.00 Dues,Mtgs,Innoculations	44.40	0.00	100.00	75.00	-25.0%
100-6150-50.00 Animal Damage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
100-6150-74.00 Animal Cont.Travel	207.31	272.80	275.00	275.00	0.0%
<b>Police Subtotal</b>	<b>206,210.48</b>	<b>222,412.64</b>	<b>215,616.27</b>	<b>171,657.00</b>	<b>-20.4%</b>
<b>Animal Control Subtotal</b>	<b>2,453.84</b>	<b>1,809.41</b>	<b>2,666.80</b>	<b>2,667.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>208,664.32</b>	<b>224,222.05</b>	<b>218,283.07</b>	<b>174,324.00</b>	<b>-20.1%</b>

Recreation and Treasure Island	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	% Change
<b>RECREATION</b>					
100-7000-10.00 Recreation Coordinator	13,527.54	13,274.32	13,120.64	13,121.00	0.0%
100-7000-14.00 Rec. Coordinator Soc.Sec.	1,021.91	1,015.20	1,003.73	1,004.00	0.0%
100-7000-20.00 Recreation Admin Supplies	850.98	556.54	1,000.00	3,000.00	200.0%
100-7000-20.01 Youth Sports Equipment	4,000.39	4,091.88	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.0%
100-7000-30.00 Advertising	330.25	273.00	250.00	0.00	-100.0%
100-7000-34.00 Telephone, Utilities	591.59	849.45	600.00	600.00	0.0%
100-7000-40.00 Dues and Meetings	744.00	384.00	900.00	900.00	0.0%
100-7000-40.01 Skiing Program	1,859.44	9,537.07	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.0%
100-7000-40.02 Cross-Country Skiing Prog	94.99	100.75	150.00	150.00	0.0%
100-7000-40.03 Adult Programs	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	new
100-7000-40.10 Special Events	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	600.00	-66.7%
100-7000-50.00 Officials Fees	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00	-90.0%
100-7000-50.01 Tournaments & Fees	1,345.00	1,160.00	1,200.00	1,350.00	12.5%
100-7000-50.02 Records Fees	0.00	0.00	850.00	0.00	-100.0%
100-7000-50.03 Instructor & Registration	4,165.00	1,475.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.0%
100-7000-50.04 Summer Camp Fees	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.0%
100-7000-50.90 Capital Improvements Fund	2,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.0%
100-7000-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	7,985.54	4,646.09	8,200.00	8,200.00	0.0%
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b>					
100-7005-10.00 Recreation Wages	9,800.81	10,597.13	11,000.00	11,775.00	7.0%
100-7005-14.00 Social Security-TI	743.64	798.82	841.50	800.00	-4.9%
100-7005-17.00 Property Taxes	18,499.36	20,819.09	19,000.00	22,500.00	18.4%
100-7005-22.00 T.I. Supplies	564.28	1,068.29	1,000.00	1,125.00	12.5%
100-7005-30.00 T.I. Advertising	123.00	92.25	125.00	100.00	-20.0%
100-7005-34.00 Treasure Island Telephone	0.00	0.00	200.00	220.00	10.0%
100-7005-68.00 Facility Maint./Repairs-T	11,004.99	8,539.66	8,000.00	7,000.00	-12.5%
100-7005-70.00 Residence Maint./Repairs	3,289.68	4,218.39	2,000.00	2,420.00	21.0%
100-7005-76.00 Utilities-Treasure Island	547.40	468.14	425.00	500.00	17.6%
100-7005-79.00 Misc. train & certificati	0.00	915.35	750.00	400.00	-46.7%
Engineering inspection of facilities				600.00	new
<b>Rec Subtotal</b>	<b>38,516.63</b>	<b>40,363.30</b>	<b>47,824.37</b>	<b>46,875.00</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
<b>TI Subtotal</b>	<b>44,573.16</b>	<b>47,517.12</b>	<b>43,341.50</b>	<b>47,440.00</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,089.79</b>	<b>87,880.42</b>	<b>91,165.87</b>	<b>94,315.00</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

<b>Libraries and Miscellaneous</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>%</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>LIBRARIES</b>					
100-8000-00.00 Thetford Library Federation To	66,940.00	66,920.00	66,920.00	66,920.00	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,940.00</b>	<b>66,920.00</b>	<b>66,920.00</b>	<b>66,920.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>COMMITTEES</b>					
100-4000-50.00 Energy Committee	530.39	368.33	950.00	750.00	-21.1%
100-6950-20.00 TEN Committee Expense		10.53	400.00	400.00	0.0%
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>					
100-6140-10.00 Health Officer Wages	372.60	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.0%
100-6140-14.00 Social Security	28.50	0.00	22.95	23.00	0.2%
100-6140-40.00 Dues & Meetings	55.00	0.00	75.00	75.00	0.0%
100-6140-74.00 Travel	10.10	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.0%
100-6140-83.00 Office Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>DANGEROUS BUILDINGS</b>					
Inspector expenses				500.00	new
<b>AMBULANCE</b>					
100-6110-40.00 Upper Valley Ambulance	39,255.00	48,632.52	48,632.50	55,580.00	14.3%
<b>CEMETERIES</b>					
100-6820-01.00 Cemeteries-Mowing	3,515.00	3,425.00	3,800.00	3,800.00	0.0%
100-6820-02.00 Hillside Cem. Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
100-6820-20.00 Cemeteries - Supplies	243.85	177.09	225.00	225.00	0.0%
100-6820-68.00 Repairs	1,000.00	1,000.00	800.00	1,200.00	50.0%
100-9900-01.00 Veterans' Flags	600.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.0%
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>					
100-9900-02.00 Scholarships	250.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.0%
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>					
100-9300-00.00 County & Extension Svc.	66,247.98	66,765.25	68,000.00	81,636.00	20.1%
<b>INTEREST PAID</b>					
100-9150-00.00 Interest on Loans	9,303.29	2,294.26	7,000.00	3,500.00	-50.0%
<b>MISC</b>					
100-3420-10.00 Auditors			50.00		
100-9990-04.00 Real Estate Abatements	375.62	0.00	800.00	800.00	0.0%
100-9990-06.00 Bank Fees	1,704.82	1,782.08	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,492.15</b>	<b>125,355.06</b>	<b>133,505.45</b>	<b>151,239.00</b>	<b>13.3%</b>

Highways	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2009 Budget	2010 Budget	% Change
<b>Non-Tax Revenue Sources</b>					
200-2232-00.00 State Highway Aid	129,228.93	124,318.68	108,000.00	125,000.00	15.7%
200-2240-00.00 Other Grant Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	93,536.00	new
200-2600-00.00 Insurance Claims Receipts	450.00	5,396.24	0.00	0.00	0.0%
200-2700-10.00 Overweight Permit Fees	540.00	545.00	0.00	500.00	--
<b>Total Highway Non-Tax Revenue</b>	<b>130,218.93</b>	<b>130,259.92</b>	<b>108,000.00</b>	<b>219,036.00</b>	<b>102.8%</b>
<b>Tax Revenue</b>					
200-2000-00.00 Current Tax Levy-Highway	541,469.26	551,875.62	551,875.62	428,000.00	-22.4%
<b>Total Highway Tax Revenue</b>	<b>671,688.19</b>	<b>682,135.54</b>	<b>659,875.62</b>	<b>647,036.00</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
200-5000-10.00 Highway Wages	159,830.11	162,841.50	170,413.45	170,414.00	0.0%
200-5000-11.00 Highway Dept Overtime	26,222.84	13,239.49	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.0%
200-5100-05.01 Retirement	7,357.50	6,951.33	7,536.54	7,537.00	0.0%
200-5100-15.00 Hwy Benefits	39,109.61	46,274.50	47,662.00	53,820.00	12.9%
200-5100-15.01 Social Security	14,451.24	14,129.97	14,413.63	14,412.00	0.0%
200-5100-15.02 Highway Dental	3,573.71	4,453.93	4,000.00	0.00	-100.0%
200-5100-15.50 Deductibles	400.00	2,869.40	1,000.00	0.00	-100.0%
200-5100-17.03 Clothing Exp. - Highway	4,470.20	4,279.80	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.0%
200-5100-20.00 Office Supplies	60.93	439.85	150.00	150.00	0.0%
200-5100-34.00 Telephone	2,159.96	2,356.29	2,500.00	2,000.00	-20.0%
200-5100-36.00 Radio Maintenance	3,048.49	1,683.15	2,500.00	2,000.00	-20.0%
200-5100-40.00 Dues and Meetings	85.00	285.00	300.00	1,300.00	333.3%
200-5100-74.00 Travel	0.00	100.65	200.00	200.00	0.0%
200-5110-22.00 Maint. Supplies	48,682.63	51,410.91	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.0%
200-5120-22.00 Repave/ditch/culv./shoulders	0.00	64,330.69	150,000.00	150,000.00	0.0%
200-5130-56.00 Resurfacing Supplies-gravel	10,559.50	68,261.36	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.0%
200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies	106,989.82	66,912.52	90,000.00	80,000.00	-11.1%
200-5280-00.00 Streetlights	5,964.70	5,899.70	5,800.00	5,500.00	-5.2%
200-5310-22.00 Garage Supplies	2,786.29	2,544.99	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.0%
200-5310-56.00 Rubbish Removal - Garage	523.83	539.17	500.00	500.00	0.0%
200-5310-68.00 Garage Repairs/Equip./Maint	2,820.04	4,868.98	10,000.00	8,000.00	-20.0%
200-5310-76.00 Garage Utilities	4,375.98	3,424.73	4,200.00	4,000.00	-4.8%
200-5310-80.00 Alarm Service	349.19	738.96	400.00	400.00	0.0%
200-5330-20.00 Fuel/Oil	67,206.26	36,024.06	44,000.00	40,000.00	-9.1%
200-5330-22.00 Vehicle supplies	0.00	19.95	300.00	200.00	-33.3%
200-5330-56.00 Equipment	3,529.22	3,490.84	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.0%
200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance & Rep	41,273.03	14,958.51	42,000.00	40,000.00	-4.8%
200-5610-22.00 Highway Signs	775.00	1,693.80	4,000.00	3,000.00	-25.0%
200-5630-95.00 Capital Reserve	0.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>597,878.11</b>	<b>675,078.97</b>	<b>704,875.62</b>	<b>686,433.00</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>

<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>2008 Actual</b>	<b>2009 Actual</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>% Change</b>
100-6900-01.00 Clara Martin Center	4,266.00	4,266.00	4,266.00	0.0%
100-6900-10.00 VNA/VNH	11,200.00	11,536.00	11,536.00	0.0%
100-6900-35.00 ACORN	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.0%
100-6900-40.00 WR Council on Aging	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	0.0%
100-6900-51.00 Vt. Ctr. for Indep. Living	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.0%
100-6900-52.00 Central VT Adult Basic Ed	800.00	800.00	800.00	0.0%
100-6900-53.00 The Family Place	200.00	300.00	300.00	0.0%
100-6900-55.00 Headrest	1,518.00	1,564.00	1,564.00	0.0%
100-6900-56.00 CVCAC	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.0%
100-6900-57.00 Geo D Aiken CRDC	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.0%
100-6900-58.00 Orange County Diversion	175.00	175.00	175.00	0.0%
100-6900-60.00 Upper Valley Services	1,500.00	700.00	0.00	--
100-6900-62.00 Safeline	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%
100-6900-65.00 Vermont Green Up, Inc.	150.00	150.00	150.00	0.0%
100-6900-75.00 GMEDC	1,392.00	1,392.00	1,392.00	0.0%
100-6900-76.00 VT Assn for the Blind	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%
100-6900-77.00 Maple Leaf Treatment Ctr.	500.00	480.00	0.00	--
100-6900-78.00 Kids Place of Randolph	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.0%
100-6900-79.00 VT. Trails and Greenways	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.0%
100-6900-80.00 Little Rivers Health Care	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.0%
100-6900-81.00 Orange Cnty Parent Child	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.0%
100-6900-82.00 Sustainable Energy Resource		300.00	300.00	0.0%
100-6900-90.00 Lake Fairlee Association	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,931.00</b>	<b>36,393.00</b>	<b>35,213.00</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>

<b>Revenues</b>		<b>2009 Budget</b>	<b>2009 Received</b>	<b>2009 Balance</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>
100-2000-00.00	Current Tax Levy	895,334.00	-837,492.72	57,841.28	952,925.00
<b>Non-Tax Revenues</b>					
100-2000-01.00	Hold Harmless Revenue	60,000.00	-69,527.00	-9,527.00	69,000.00
100-2030-00.00	Interest Delinquent Taxes	9,000.00	-10,905.92	-1,905.92	20,000.00
100-2040-00.00	School Tax Billing Fee	0.00	-9,150.00	-9,150.00	9,150.00
100-2101-00.00	Liquor Taxes	200.00	-200.00	0.00	200.00
100-2110-00.00	Dog penalties(late fee)	500.00	-434.00	66.00	500.00
100-2115-00.00	Dog Fines (tickets)	25.00	-59.00	-34.00	25.00
100-2120-00.00	Dog Licenses	2,800.00	-2,980.00	-180.00	3,000.00
100-2121-01.00	Zoning Permits	15,000.00	-8,896.41	6,103.59	9,000.00
100-2121-02.00	SubDivision Permits	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	500.00
100-2211-00.00	Penalty on Taxes	12,000.00	-15,244.02	-3,244.02	20,000.00
100-2310-00.00	Town Clerk Fees	22,000.00	-28,069.39	-6,069.39	28,000.00
100-2351-00.00	Use of Town Records	250.00	-500.00	-250.00	250.00
100-2353-00.00	Zoning Material Receipts	35.00	-22.50	12.50	35.00
100-2400-00.00	Traffic Fines	11,000.00	-7,970.20	3,029.80	6,000.00
100-2400-10.00	Police Receipts	1,000.00	-2,982.85	-1,982.85	2,500.00
100-2630-00.00	Recycling Sticker Revenue	9,001.00	-3,586.00	-3,585.00	9,000.00
100-2634-02.00	Recycling Receipts	2,000.00	-2,841.35	-841.35	2,000.00
100-2682-00.01	Cemetery Receipts	0.00	-120.00	-120.00	0.00
100-2700-00.00	Treasure Island Receipts	17,000.00	-19,522.00	-2,522.00	18,000.00
100-2750-00.00	Recreation Receipts	23,000.00	-25,237.41	-2,237.41	25,000.00
100-2800-00.00	Insurance refunds	0.00	-1,274.00	-1,274.00	0.00
100-2810-00.00	Insurance Claim Receipts	0.00	-1,553.00	-1,553.00	0.00
100-2930-00.00	Bank Interest	8,000.00	-1,048.28	6,951.72	1,000.00
100-2985-00.00	Flood Cont-Water Resource	3,500.00	-3,675.00	-175.00	3,675.00
100-2987-00.00	Forest & Parks Tax	21.00	-21.00	0.00	21.00
100-2988-00.00	Railroad Tax	500.00	-3,034.91	-2,534.91	1,500.00
100-2989-00.00	PILOT Revenues	9,000.00	-8,447.59	552.41	8,000.00
100-2990-00.00	Miscellaneous Receipts	1,000.00	-3.40	996.60	0.00
<b>Non-Tax Revenue Total</b>		<b>209,332.00</b>	<b>-227,305.23</b>	<b>-26,973.23</b>	<b>236,356.00</b>

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009****Significant Accounting Policies:****A. Financial Reporting Entity:**

The Town of Thetford, Vermont, for financial reporting purposes, includes all funds relevant to the operations of the Town. The financial statements, presented herein, do not include agencies which are not controlled by the Town of Thetford. An example of such an agency is the Thetford School District. A separate report will be issued for the Thetford School District prior to its annual meeting.

**B. Fund Accounting:**

The accounting policies of the Town conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Accordingly, the accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds each of which is considered as separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for on 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 are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into three broad categories, as follows:

**I. Governmental Funds (General Fund and Highway Fund):**

These funds are general operating funds of the Town, and are used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**II. Special Revenue Funds:**

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (Other than expendable trusts) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

**III. Capital Project Funds:**

Capital Project Funds are to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities or equipment.

**C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:****I. Measurement Focus:**

All government funds and Expendable Trust funds are accounted for on a spending, or “financial flow” measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included in their balance.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental funds types is limited to exclude amounts represented by non-current liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

**II. Basis of Accounting:**

Basis of Accounting refers to revenues or expenses that are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of Accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

**a. Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting:**

The Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting is followed in the governmental funds. Under the Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available is intended to mean collectible within the current period, or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. Intergovernmental revenues received as reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized if the relevant expenditures have been recorded. Intergovernmental entitlements for unrestricted purposes are recorded as revenues at the time of receipt, or earlier if measurable and available.

Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred, except for:(a) interest on long-term debt, which is recorded when paid; and (b) accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay, and other employee benefits which are not accrued.

Outlays for fixed assets are considered expenditures when paid. No provision is made for depreciation of these fixed assets. Outlays for retirement of general long-term debt are recorded when the debt is due.

**D. Total Column on Combined Statements - Overview:****I. Total Column on Combined Statements - Overviews:**

Captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting practices. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Inter fund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

**II. Long-Term Debt:**

As of December 31, 2009, the Town's long-term debt consisted of six notes payable and one bond payable:

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2.0%, annual principal payments of \$6,348.00 plus \$508.00 interest due December 31, 2012, total balance due \$19,044.
- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$19,100 plus \$1,910 interest due 2014 total balance due \$95,500.
- To Merchants Bank, interest at 4.5%, annual principal payments of \$19,942 plus \$1,750 interest due April 15, 2011, total balance due \$27,928.

- To Vermont Bond Bank, interest ranging from 1.55% to 5.00%, annual principal payments of \$30,000 plus interest, due December, 2022, total balance due \$390,000.
- To John Deere Credit, interest at 4.5%, annual principal payments of \$40,406 plus \$8,269 interest due October 29, 2013, total balance due \$147,159.
- To FSF, annual principal payments of \$49,174 plus interest of \$11,551 due December 2013 total balance due \$218,826 (This piece of debt is in the name of the Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept., but paid for by the Town of Thetford).
- To Ford Motor Credit principal payments of \$5,444 plus interest \$1,012 through July 20012 balance due \$14,259

The total amount of long-term debt is \$ 912,716

### **III. Receivables:**

Taxes receivable and other receivables are recorded net of allowance for collectibles. In addition, a reserve for delinquent receivables is set aside in fund balances to account for receivables which are past due, but which may ultimately be collectible.

### **IV. Reserve for Delinquent Accounts:**

Reserves have been established to cover estimated receivables which won't be collected in 2009. State of Vermont statutes require that these reserves be subtracted from the current year surplus or deficit calculation.

### TOWN HALL RENOVATION BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Annual P &amp; I</i>	<i>Balance (Principal)</i>
2002			7,630.06	7,630.06	600,000.00
2003	1.55 %	30,000.00	22,701.00	52,701.00	570,000.00
2004	1.92 %	30,000.00	22,236.00	52,236.00	540,000.00
2005	2.38 %	30,000.00	21,660.00	51,660.00	510,000.00
2006	2.71 %	30,000.00	20,946.00	50,946.00	480,000.00
2007	3.01 %	30,000.00	20,133.00	50,133.00	450,000.00
2008	3.32 %	30,000.00	19,230.00	49,230.00	420,000.00
2009	3.53 %	30,000.00	18,234.00	48,234.00	390,000.00
2010	3.75 %	30,000.00	17,175.00	47,175.00	360,000.00
2011	3.86 %	30,000.00	16,050.00	46,050.00	330,000.00
2012	3.96 %	30,000.00	14,892.00	44,892.00	300,000.00
2013	4.07 %	30,000.00	13,704.00	43,704.00	270,000.00
2014	4.20 %	30,000.00	12,483.00	42,483.00	240,000.00
2015	4.33 %	30,000.00	11,223.00	41,223.00	210,000.00
2016	4.43 %	30,000.00	9,924.00	39,924.00	180,000.00
2017	4.53 %	30,000.00	8,595.00	38,595.00	150,000.00
2018	4.63 %	30,000.00	7,236.00	37,236.00	120,000.00
2019	4.73 %	30,000.00	5,847.00	35,847.00	90,000.00
2020	4.83 %	30,000.00	4,428.00	34,428.00	60,000.00
2021	4.93 %	30,000.00	2,979.00	32,979.00	30,000.00
2022	5.00 %	30,000.00	1,500.00	31,500.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>		600,000.00	278,806.06	878,806.06	

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

### FARM TRUST

12/4/57	Original investment: 677 shares Puritan Fund	\$4,001.07
	Shares added through 12/18/09 31,660.959 shares	
	Total shares 12/18/09 32,377.958 shares	
	<b>Total @ \$15.95</b>	<b>515,790.43</b>

### Cash on Hand & Income 2009

12/31/08		\$18,283.30
04/29/09	Deposit Fidelity	\$3,228.80
07/29/09	Deposit Fidelity	3,571.82
	Interest (2009)	78.08
	Total	\$25,162.00

### Disbursements & Expenses for 2009

03/04/09	Check no. 149 Thetford Emergency Fund	1,182.91
07/31/09	Check no. 150 Thetford Emergency Fund	2,147.82
06/03/09	Expenses	10.40
11/03/09	Check no. 1001 Thetford Emergency Fund	1,200.00
12/30/09	Check no. 1002 Transfer to Cemetery a/c	750.00
12/31/09	Check no. 1003 Thetford Emergency Fund	1,793.00
12/31/09	<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$18,077.87</b>

### CEMETERY TRUST

12/4/57	Original investment: 220 shares Puritan Fund	\$1,300.20
	Shares added 9/6/60 to 12/18/09 850 shares	
	12/18/09 total shares 1,070.46 shares	
	<b>Total @ \$15.95/share</b>	<b>\$17,073.84</b>

### Cash on Hand & Income 2009

01/01/09	Cash on Hand	\$273.21
04/03/09	Deposit Fidelity	\$103.45
7/29/09	Deposit Fidelity	118.24
	Interest (2009)	1.13
	Total	\$1,246.03

### Disbursements & Expenses for 2009

12/30/03	Town of Thetford	\$520.00
	Hillside Cemetery	\$40.00
	Post Mills Cemetery	80.00
	E. Thetford Cemetery (town)	120.00
	Evergreen Rest	280.00
12/31/09	<b>Total Cash on Hand</b>	<b>\$726.03</b>

## **LATHAM LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND**

Started anonymously on March 10, 1989 with the purchase of U.S. Treasury Strip Bonds, the Fund, as of 12/31/09, has a **value of \$174,770.26.**

The Latham Library Trust provides scholarships to Thetford Academy graduates who, among other things, have:

- Lived in Thetford for at least one year
- Demonstrated high scholastic ability
- Demonstrated financial need to meet the costs of college education

To date, the Library Trustees, who choose the recipients, have awarded **\$63,000.00** in scholarships. In 2009, a scholarship for \$2,000.00 (for each of 4 years) was awarded to each of two Thetford Academy graduates.

## GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL ASSETS

### DECEMBER 31, 2009

<u>Item</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2010 Freightliner	Highway	11/19/2009	116,368
2007 International	Highway	3/9/2007	119,649
2007 Freightliner Body	Highway	9/13/2006	57,000
Ford 550	Highway	11/5/2001	54,499
2006 Freightliner Body	Highway	10/11/2005	48,314
Wing,Plow,Sander Body for 07	Highway	10/11/2005	43,375
1997 Gallion Grader 870	Highway	4/9/1997	121,700
Thawer Pressure Washer	Highway	9/18/2005	5,096
Diesel Tank-2000 Gallon	Highwat	11/10/2005	4,915
Yamaha Generator	Highway	6/30/2003	15,000
Wisconsin Equipment Trailer	Highway	6/30/1988	10,000
York Road Rake	Highway	6/30/1999	5,500
2008 John Deere Backhoe	Highway	9/16/2008	98,500
2009 John Deere Loader	Highway	9/16/2008	118,500
2006 John Deere Tractor	Highway	4/14/2006	73,342
2009 Chevy Impala	Police	2/27/2009	19,275
2009 Chevy Impala	Police	7/27/2009	19,238
2005 Chevy Impala	Police	5/12/2005	18,332
Copier	General	2/13/2009	3,695
Copier	General	6/30/2003	3,500
Police Radios	Police	5/11/2005	10,492
Mobil Data Computers (2)	Police	6/5/2009	8,691
Town Hall	General	6/30/2003	681,770
Generator E.Mgt.	General	12/31/2009	52,123
Generator Town Hall	General	8/28/2008	10,273
Highway Garage Salt Shed	Highway	6/30/1974	44,060
Treasure Island-Original Buildings	Recreation	9/30/1972	36,900
Treasure Island Facilities	Recreation		0
Treasure Island Shop/Crafts	Recreation		0
Recycling Center Shed	Solid Waste	6/30/1993	5,414
Academy Road	Highway	9/30/2009	204,718
Latham Road	Highway	8/3/2005	46,553
Godfrey Road	Highway	9/7/2005	50,178
Tucker Hill Road	Highway	10/5/2005	27,703
Robinson Hill and Barker	Highway	11/1/2004	131,197
Stowell Road Bridge	Highway	6/30/2004	41,345
Tucker Hill Bridge	Highway	11/30/2004	50,500
Pedestrian Path	General	N/A	25,116
Treasure Island Residence Roof	Recreation	12/31/2005	9,000
Land - Treasure Island	Recreation	9/30/1972	127,100
Land - Town Garage	N/A	6/30/1935	300
Land - Town Hall	N/A		0
Land - Recycling Ctr.&PM Cons Area	N/A	6/30/2004	34,031
Land - Town Forest	N/A	4/24/1905	165
Land - Stowell Road	N/A	6/30/1950	600
Land - Old Dump Site	N/A	6/30/1957	62
Land - Elementary School Site	N/A	6/30/1961	2,000
Land - School Leach Field	N/A	6/30/1974	12,400
Land - T & J Taylor Property	N/A	6/30/1997	68,080
Land - Hughes (Center Common)	N/A	6/30/1998	30,300
Land - Uihlein Property (Turnpike Road)	N/A		11,800
Land - Decola Property (Cranberry Hill)	N/A	6/30/2005	13,140
Land - Poor Farm Rd. Nature Cons.)	N/A	6/30/2004	158,690
Land - Sawnee Bean Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Judd Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - by Trussell's	N/A		0
Land - East Thetford Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Thetford Hill Common	N/A		0
Land - Rice's Mills Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Kinney Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Follett Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Post Mills Green	N/A		0
Land - Thetford Cemter Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Poor Farm Road So.	N/A	6/30/1994	40,000
			2,890,499

**BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Investment in Cash Management Pool	562,521	107,299	85,926	131,123	886,869
Receivables	197,840	0	0	495,330	693,170
Inventory	0	24,103	0	0	24,103
TOTAL ASSETS	760,361	131,402	0	626,453	1,604,142
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>					
Liabilities	745,855	7,792	0	495,880	1,249,527
Fund Balances					
Unreserved-Designated	14,506	123,610	85,926	130,573	354,615
Fund Balance Current Year	14,506	123,610	85,926	130,573	354,615
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	760,361	131,402	85,926	626,453	1,604,142



**MARSTON/SMITH GRAVESITE FUND REPORT**

This fund was established by a bequest from Mary B. Hoisington in 1972, with interest used for care of four graves, to include cleaning of stones and for floral pieces each Memorial Day. Graves included are located in the William and Caroline Marston and Eugene and Isadore Smith lots, Post Mills Cemetery.

Balance on Hand 1/1/09	\$1,057.61	Grave upkeep and floral pieces - Donated
Interest Accrued	<u>3.49</u>	

Balance on hand 12/31/09    \$1,061.10

Jill Graff, Town Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Property Taxes	837,493	551,876	165,000	20,000	1,574,369
Penalties and Interest	26,584	0	0	0	26,584
Intergovernmental Revenues	93,856	124,319	0	13,602	231,777
Charges for Services	45,259	0	0	0	45,259
Investment Income	1,048	0	0	109	1,157
Fines and Forfeits	11,012	0	0	0	11,012
Licenses and Permits	14,662	545	0	0	15,207
Other Revenue	34,884	5,396	0	228,398	268,678
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Total Revenues	1,064,798	682,136	165,000	262,109	2,174,043
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	529,675	0	0	122,966	652,641
Highway and Streets	0	550,748	0	150,681	701,429
Public Safety	365,362	0	0	18,329	383,691
Recreation	84,880	0	0	0	84,880
Solid Waste and Recycling	44,475	0	0	1,943	46,418
Cemetery	4,602	0	0	0	4,602
Capital Outlay:					
General Government	0	0	0	0	0
Public Safety	0	0	0	38,978	38,978
Highway and Streets	0	64,331	116,408	0	180,739
Debt Service:					
Principal	30,000	0	139,725	5,444	175,169
Interest	18,230	0	17,143	0	35,373
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Total Expenditures	1,077,224	615,079	273,276	338,341	2,303,920
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Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues					
Over Expenditures	(12,426)	67,057	(108,276)	(76,232)	(129,877)
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Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment		0	59	0	59
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt		0	95,500	0	95,500
Transfers In		0	60,000	66,220	126,220
Transfers Out	(38,725)	(60,000)		(27,495)	(126,220)
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Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(38,725)	(60,000)	155,559	38,725	95,559
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Net Change in Fund Balances	(51,151)	7,057	47,283	(37,507)	(34,318)
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Fund Balances (Deficit) January 1, 2009	65,657	116,553	38,643	148,302	369,155
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Fund Balances - December 31, 2009	14,506	123,610	85,926	110,795	334,837

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
SPECIAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	Cruiser	Restoration	Recycling	Equipment	Bridges	Conservation	Reappraisal	Town Hall	Planning	Lister Education	Rec. Capital Improvement	Rec. Park	Bridge Walkway
<b>Revenues:</b>													
Intergovernmental													
Investment							13,205			397			
Trust Contribution					109								
Fund Revenue				60									
Donations													
Charges for Services		3,058											
Property Taxes				165,000									
<b>Total Revenues</b>	0	3,058	0	165,060	0	109	13,205	0	0	397	0	0	0
<b>Expenditures:</b>													
Current													
General Government		750	1,943			1,750			2,681	375			
Highway				273,278	35								
Public Safety	44,421												
Transfer out													
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	44,421	750	1,943	273,278	35	1,750	0	0	2,681	375	0	0	0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>													
Transfer in	19,703			95,500		75							
Transfer out	10,000	2,000	5,000	60,000	5,000	4,500	2,000	2,000	5,000		3,000		
<b>Total Other Financing</b>	29,703	2,000	5,000	155,500	(10,996)	4,475	0	2,000	(1,399)	0	3,000	0	0
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	(14,718)	4,308	3,057	47,282	(11,031)	2,834	13,205	2,000	4,080	22	3,000	0	(5,000)
Fund Balance 01/01/09	17,826	10,560	30,108	38,644	39,373	19,839	44,649	0	4,080	(22)	3,522	549	5,000
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/09</b>	3,108	14,868	33,165	85,926	28,342	22,673	57,854	2,000	0	0	6,522	549	0

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GRANTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	Homeland Security	Milfoil	Mascoma Police	T.E.N.	Elections	Whip	Community Development	Geomorphic	Gove Hill	Mascoma	Sr. Affordable Housing	Emergency Management	Garden Grant	Highway Paving
<b>Revenues:</b>														
Intergovernmental Investment	11,689				361						10,000	20,000		
Grant Revenue		42,224		2,000				9,551	17,600				500	
Property Taxes												20,000		150,646
Trust Contribution														
Fund Revenue														
Donations			2,001								818			
Charges for Services														
<b>Total Revenues</b>	11,689	42,224	0	4,001	361	0	0	9,551	17,600	0	10,818	40,000	500	150,646
<b>Expenditures:</b>														
Current								9,551					500	
General Government Highway		42,224		1,732	361	100					10,818	52,124		
Public Safety	11,689		3,661											150,646
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	11,689	42,224	3,661	1,732	361	100	0	9,551	0	658	10,818	52,124	500	150,646
<b>Net</b>	0	0	(3,661)	2,269	0	(100)	0	0	17,600	(658)	0	(12,124)	0	0
Other Financing Sources; Transfer in						100			15,996			12,124		
<b>Total Other Financing</b>	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	15,996	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	0	0	(3,661)	2,269	0	0	0	0	33,596	(658)	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance 01/01/09	0	0	4,000	644	0	0	161	0	(33,596)	658	0	0	0	0
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/09</b>	0	0	339	2,913	0	0	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

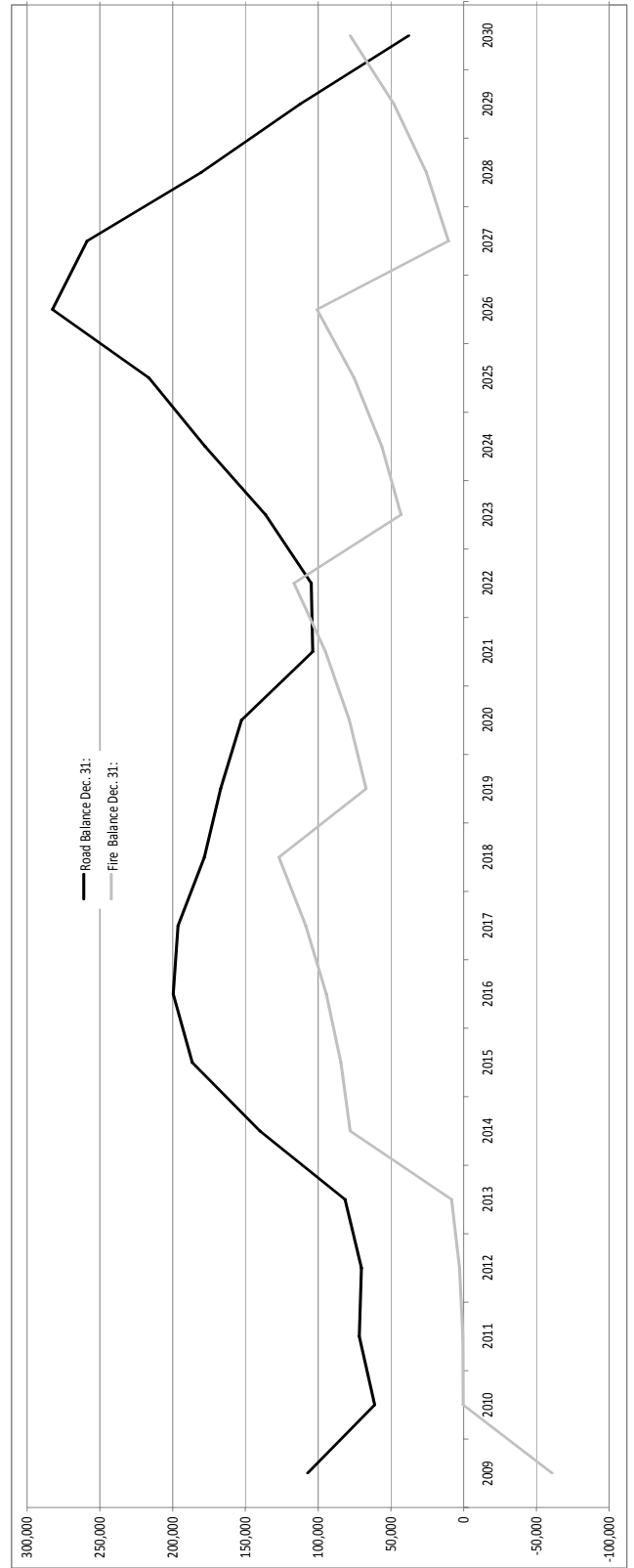
	Town Hall Fund	Bridge Fund	Cruiser Fund	Recycling Fund	Recreation Fund
Expenditures:					
Capital Outlay	0	16,031	24,718	1,943	0
General Government	0				0
Public Safety	0				0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>24,718</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Financing Sources:					
<b>Transfers in</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>11,031</b>	<b>-14,718</b>	<b>3,057</b>	<b>3,000</b>
Fund Balance January 1 2009	0	39,373	17,826	30,108	3,522
<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2009</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>28,342</b>	<b>3,108</b>	<b>33,165</b>	<b>6,522</b>

**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Town Contribution:	165,000	42,000	85,000	109,000	114,450	120,173	126,181	132,490	139,115	146,070	153,374	161,043	169,095	177,550	186,427	195,748	205,536	215,813	226,603	237,933	249,830	262,321
Fire Contribution	0	123,000	61,000	63,000	66,150	69,468	72,930	76,577	80,406	84,426	88,647	93,080	97,734	102,620	107,751	113,139	118,796	124,736	130,972	137,521	144,397	151,617
Road Balance Dec. 31:	107,325	61,039	71,628	70,193	81,469	140,015	186,499	199,545	196,188	178,165	167,088	152,691	103,629	104,701	136,223	177,728	216,217	282,616	258,887	180,463	112,290	37,722
Fire Balance Dec. 31:	-60,725	275	556	2,842	8,327	77,959	84,268	94,356	108,485	126,931	67,017	78,535	94,950	116,595	42,978	56,171	75,297	100,765	10,423	25,580	47,932	77,974

**SPENDING**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
Tractor - 12 yrs 06, 18	21,692	21,692	7,216	15,009	15,009	15,009	15,009	15,009	15,009	15,009	15,009	15,009	21,550	21,550	21,550	24,448	24,448	24,448	24,448	65,526	65,526	65,526	65,526
Truck 1 - 10 yrs 02, 12																							
Truck 2 - 10 yrs 05, 15																							
Truck 3 - 10 yrs 07, 17	6,729	6,729	6,729	6,729	6,729	6,729	6,729	6,729	6,729	6,729	6,729	6,729	38,312	38,312	38,312	38,312	38,312	38,312	38,312	63,174	63,174	63,174	63,174
Truck 4 - 10 yrs 09, 19																							
Truck 5 - 10 yrs 06, 16	26,486	21,010	20,638	20,246	19,684	19,482	40,722	40,722	40,722	40,722	40,722	40,722	49,498	49,498	49,498	49,498	49,498	49,498	49,498	69,649	69,649	69,649	69,649
Grader - 15 yrs 10, 25																							
Backhoe - 12 yrs 09, 21	20,555	20,555	20,555	20,555	20,555	20,555	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	41,579	41,579	41,579	41,579	41,579	41,579	41,579
Loader - 12 yrs 09, 21	20,555	20,555	20,555	20,555	20,555	20,555	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	28,846	41,579	41,579	41,579	41,579	41,579	41,579	41,579
2 Pump/Tankers - 18 yrs (05) and (99)																							
2 Pump/Tankers - 18 yrs (09) and (1)	60,725	60,725	60,725	60,725	60,725	60,725	68,258	68,258	68,258	68,258	68,258	68,258	82,969	82,969	82,969	82,969	100,849	100,849	100,849	100,849	100,849	100,849	100,849
<b>Town Fund Spent in Year:</b>	96,017	90,540	75,693	111,939	104,648	63,337	82,638	123,360	146,663	168,213	168,213	178,928	221,363	178,654	157,104	170,779	153,954	256,267	321,793	321,793	321,793	321,793	321,793
<b>Fire Fire Fund Spent in Year:</b>	60,725	60,725	60,725	60,725	60,725	0	68,258	68,258	68,258	68,258	68,258	151,227	82,969	82,969	82,969	183,817	100,849	100,849	223,431	122,582	122,582	122,582	122,582



<b>DELINQUENT TAX LIST</b>					
<b>As of December 31, 2009</b>					
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Agnoli, Rodney & Debra	328.30				328.30
Bailey, Archie	4,971.23				4,971.23
Bailey, Warren & Florence	2,791.20				2,791.20
Banios, Philip Jr.	3,164.26	3,137.15	152.41		6,453.82
Berecz, Thomas & Diane	4,124.92				4,124.92
Busby, Paul & Christine	1,432.67				1,432.67
Clifford, Gary	8,284.40				8,284.40
Colton, Kendall	288.78				288.78
Cramer-Hodge, Donna	5,208.50				5,208.50
Cummings Estate	1,122.69				1,122.69
Davidonis, Theresa	2,397.34	1,635.20	388.76		4,421.30
Farnham, Robert	1,522.75	1,563.25	1,381.26	747.52	5,214.78
Giguere, Eugene	1,214.37	1,203.96	703.16		3,121.49
Guyer, Paula & William	1,197.60	773.48			1,971.08
Howard, Adam & Theresa	1,672.86				1,672.86
Howe, Matthew & Kim	957.59				957.59
Howe, Wanda & Matthew	598.95				598.95
Johnson Trust	6,598.38	6,541.85	6,051.93		19,192.16
Jordan, William		5,052.17	543.06		5,595.23
Lapierre, Peter & Lane	2,600.45				2,600.45
Lefevre, David	4,049.01				4,049.01
Mack, Ruth Estate	4,279.23				4,279.23
Mamaeva, Olga	2,145.30				2,145.30
Manning, Arvin & Dyke, Patty	4,235.28	2,218.94	2,045.70	96.28	8,596.20
Martin, Robert & Patricia	1,804.43	1,703.31			3,507.74
Mortimer, Kathryn	1,683.10				1,683.10
Niffka, Walter	1,688.43				1,688.43
Parker, Martin & Tammy	1,768.25		1,424.10		3,192.35
Pero, Gary et als.	386.63				386.63
Pershouse, Katharine	941.51				941.51
Pompy Press	3,079.03	3,052.65	1,232.67		7,364.35
Provost, David & Alicia	2,974.24				2,974.24
Race Robert & Lillian	2,716.41				2,716.41
Ranciato, Craig	818.36	811.35			1,629.71
Rutz, Lorenz	2,136.91				2,136.91
Santor, Allen	1,867.00	2,687.46			4,554.46
Shepard, Charles	1,682.99				1,682.99
Slack, Jennifer	3,148.29				3,148.29
Small, Jr. Henry	3,340.42	3,153.22			6,493.64
Stevens, Shawn	700.00				700.00
Stone, Alford & Diane	1,197.60				1,197.60
Stowell, Melba	2,000.00				2,000.00
Swasey, Wayne & Monica	1,292.00	1,329.10			2,621.10
Telephone Operating	61.64				61.64
Tucker, Gerald	2.00				2.00
Tyler, Hilary	3,231.60	2,227.85	2,051.71		7,511.16
Veale, Paul	2,215.76				2,215.76
Walsh, Arthur	2,476.54				2,476.54
Wood, Michael & Nancy	3,771.81	1,569.52			5,341.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>115,665.60</b>	<b>41,956.10</b>	<b>15,974.76</b>	<b>843.80</b>	<b>174,440.26</b>

**SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS AND ANNUAL MATURITIES**

	Schedule of Indebtedness				Annual Maturities						
	Balance 1/1/2009	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2009	Interest Paid 2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014-2022	Total
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Town Hall Improvements, Interest Ranging from 1.55% to 5.0%. Interest due each June 1 and December 1 through 2022											
Principal	420,000		30,000	390,000		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	270,000	390,000
Interest					18,234	17,175	16,050	14,892	13,704	64,215	126,036
<b>Note Payable- John Deere Credit Backhoe and Loader</b>											
Interest at 4.5%, \$41,109 P&I payments due annually at 4.5%, \$41,109 P & I Payments on 10/29 through 2013											
Principal	180,000		32,841	147,159		34,349	35,927	37,578	39,305		147,159
Interest					8,269	6,760	5,182	3,532	1,806		17,280
<b>Note Payable-State of VT Muni</b>											
Equipment Loan Fund, Freightliner Interest at 2% \$77,900 P&I due annually through 6/09											
Truck 5	25,968		25,968	0							
Principal											
Interest					518						
<b>Note Payable State of VT Muni Equip. Loan Fund</b>											
International Int. at 2%, \$6348 Principal due annually plus int. on June 30 through 2009											
Truck 3	25,392		6,348	19,044		6,348	6,348	6,348			19,044
Principal						381	254	127			762
Interest					508						
<b>Note Payable Merchants Bank, Tractor, Mower, Chipper, Broom. Interest at 4.5%</b>											
\$1,808 Principal and Int. Payments due monthly through 4/15/11	47,878		19,950	27,928		20,507	7,421				27,928
Principal						923	167				1,090
Interest					1,742						
<b>Note Payable VT Muni Equipment Loan Fund</b>											
2010 Freightliner. Interest at 2%, \$21,010 due annually on 12/31 through 2014											
Truck 4	0	95,500	0	95,500	0	19,100	19,100	19,100	19,100	19,100	95,500
Principal						1,970	1,528	1,146	764	482	5,830
Interest											
<b>Note Payable Ford Motor Credit Lease 09Chevy</b>											
Impala Prin.&Int. Pmts. Due annually through 7/30/12											
Principal	0	19,703	5,444	14,259	0	4,431	4,746	5,082			14,259
Interest						1,072	698	360			2,070
<b>Note Payable FSE 08 Pumper Interest 4.31%</b>											
Prin.&Int. due annually Dec. 9 through 2013											
Principal		268,000	49,174	218,826		51,294	53,505	55,811	58,216		218,826
Interest					11,551	9,431	7,220	4,915	2,509		24,075
<b>TOTAL</b>	699,238	383,203	169,725	912,716	40,822	166,029	157,047	153,919	146,621	289,100	912,716
Annual Maturities TOTAL						37,592	31,099	24,972	18,783	64,697	177,143
Annual Maturities TOTAL											
<b>TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES</b>	0	1,115,000	1,115,000	0	2,294,26						

**PROPERTY TAX RECONCILIATION**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2009**

Final Tax Billings	6,622,360.95
Less State Education Taxes	<u>4,987,893.17</u>
Net Tax Billings	<u>1,634,467.78</u>
Tax Billings accounted for as follows:	
General Fund	861,098.57
Highway Fund	551,976.21
Equipment Fund	165,000.00
Articles	<u>56,393.00</u>
Total Billings	<u>1,634,467.78</u>

**ESTIMATED TAX RATES FOR 2010**  
**USING 2009 GRAND LIST**

	Amount to be Raised	Grand List	2010 Estimated Tax Rate	2009 Tax Rate for Comparison	2008 Tax Rate for Comparison
General Fund	\$952,925	\$3,102,631.61	0.3071	0.2768	0.28
Highway	\$468,000	\$3,102,631.61	0.1508	0.1779	0.1768
Warned Articles	\$180,500	\$3,102,631.61	0.0582	0.0714	0.0753
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,601,425</b>	<b>\$3,102,631.61</b>	<b>0.5162</b>	<b>0.5261</b>	<b>0.5321</b>
	Change Versus Previous Year:		-1.89%	-1.13%	

## **TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT**

The Town Treasurer's office is responsible for all accounting functions of the town. This involves investing town money, keeping a record of taxes voted and paid, and paying bills when orders to do so are properly submitted. The primary function of the treasurer is to keep the accounts of the town from the moment the money is collected to the moment it is paid out. Payroll, benefits, and all property tax information are also administered through this office.

2009 was a very busy year for the Treasurer's office. In May, we moved to a new office space across the hall from the Police Department. You will find us by coming in the brick entrance. We are the first door on the right, next to the Zoning Office.

Please take the time to look through the financial section of the town report. Currently, we are managing 32 funds including 14 grants and 16 special funds in addition to the General and Highway Funds. You will see that the General Fund showed a deficit of \$51,151 which reduced the fund balance to \$14,506. The Highway Department showed a surplus of \$7,057, which increased the Highway Fund balance to \$123,610.

In addition to the Treasurer duties, we are also responsible for the collection of delinquent taxes. This year, resident property owners received \$1,079,858 in state payments toward their property tax bills. This is up from \$807,000 in 2008. The downturn in the economy seems to have had an effect on Thetford taxpayers. The total amount of taxes delinquent at year end rose to \$174,440 (2.63% of taxes billed). This is approximately \$66,500 more than at year end 2008. We have worked hard at trying to reduce the amount of taxes due. Many people are diligent when it comes to making monthly payments. Unfortunately, for the first time in seven years we will be facing tax sales on those properties whose owners have not complied with their payment agreements.

Each year we remind all resident homeowners to fill out your HS-122 forms by the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. This deadline applies even if you file for an extension on your taxes. In 2009, we were required to send out 88 revised tax bills due to late filings. Please help us out by filing on time.

Our office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 to 4:00 pm. Feel free to stop by anytime if you have questions.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Graff, Treasurer  
Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Treasurer

**\* NOTES \***

***ANNUAL REPORTS***

***2009***

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and  
STATE ORGANIZATIONS***

## THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

With the cancellation of the History Expo for 2009 (the event will return in 2010), we had more time to focus on exhibits and programming at the Hughes Barn Museum, which is open Sundays during the month of August. We continued a format of selecting events to highlight each weekend, and our offerings for 2009 proved popular, and yielded our highest summer attendance to date. New programs and exhibits focused on Thetford's one-room schoolhouses (with photographs and textbooks displayed in our school corner of the Main Barn), Old Tools Day, which explored usage and care of familiar and not so familiar implements, Antiques Appraisal Day, where items from the Historical Society's collection and items brought in by the public were identified and valued. Our final two Sundays featured an outdoor concert of Civil War era music by the NH Serenade band and an exhibit of early Thetford community band artifacts and ephemera. Our last week paid tribute to Thetford's general stores, past and present, with displays of photographs, store ledgers and local store fixtures. Homemade ice cream, cheese and crackers, and pickles were served to visitors of all ages.

We continued our work with classes from the Elementary and Academy, lending images and artifacts once again to the kindergarten classes to supplement their studies of past and present. Seventh graders studying the Civil War visited the Historical Society to research a Thetford soldier buried in the cemetery in North Thetford, and to gather background information for the development of a cemetery quest, which will be available this spring. This class will travel to Washington, DC in April for the culmination of their interdisciplinary study of 'struggles for freedom', visiting a number of national landmarks.

Other programs and activities in 2009 focused on Post Mills, where we hosted Post Mills Day in June, featuring walking tours along Route 244, a sheepdog demonstration, and pot luck supper. We were open as usual during the Thetford Hill Fair, with an exhibit on Camp Hanoum, established 100 years ago in Thetford in 1909. In the fall, we welcomed the new Director of the Vermont Historical Society, Mark Hudson, to our annual meeting, where he spoke about "*American Presidents and Vermont*". In October, Charles Latham presented a program on the life and travels of Thetford's Dean Worcester (see accompanying historical article), which included photographs and anecdotes of his time in the Philippines during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

The Historical Society library is open year-round for research, Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and Tuesday mornings from 10:00 am to noon. Please also visit us online at [www.thetfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.thetfordhistoricalsociety.org).

Martha Howard  
Assistant Director

## **HISTORICAL ARTICLE**

### **A VERMONT IN THE PHILIPPINES Thetford Native Dean C. Worcester**

Thetford, like many Vermont towns, was the birthplace of many men who moved on to other places, to use their intelligence, energy, imagination, and hard work to make their mark. One of these was Dean C. Worcester (1866-1924), who spent most of his life in the Philippines. He was a younger son of Ezra Carter Worcester (1816-1887), a native of Peacham, who graduated from Dartmouth Medical School and settled in Thetford in 1846. He lived at the northeast corner of the Thetford Hill common, and raised eight children, six of whom were either scholars or teachers.

Dean Worcester attended Thetford Academy, graduated from Newton (Mass.) High School, and entered the University of Michigan, where he began by studying four languages, and ended by majoring in zoology, graduating in 1889. He found a friendly mentor in Prof. Joseph B. Steere, who in 1886 invited him to go on an expedition to the Philippines, then ruled by Spain. The cost of the trip was \$1,200. Worcester, who was living on an annual allowance of \$374 provided by an older brother and sister, solved that problem by insuring his life for \$1,500 and then borrowing \$1,200 against the policy. A second expedition with Steere ended in 1893. In the course of these expeditions, Worcester covered quite a few of the 4,000 islands in the archipelago, and gained a considerable fund of knowledge about the people and products of the area. For the next six years he taught at Michigan, succeeding Steere as an assistant professor of zoology. In these years and later, he wrote several books about different animals and birds in the islands.

In 1898, the United States entered into a war with Spain which began with an attack on an American warship in Cuba, but somehow extended to the Philippines with Admiral Dewey's attack on Manila ("You may fire when ready, Gridley"). It was a time when navies were expanding; the steam-powered warships of the time needed coaling stations; and European nations- and Japan and the United States- were picking up ports in China, Samoa, and elsewhere in the Pacific. In the United States, Republicans were strongly in favor of joining this movement, and Democrats were strongly opposed.

In 1898, Worcester wrote a book, "The Philippine Islands and their People," which in a readable style described his observations and also gave an impressive account of the products of the area and their possible value in world trade. This book may well have called attention to its author's knowledge of the area. At any rate he was appointed one of the five members of the 1899 Schurman Commission, which discussed what to do with the captured Philippines. Worcester, pointing to the poor job of governing he felt the Spanish had done in their 400 years, strongly advocated keeping the islands.

In 1900, he was appointed to the Taft Commission, which discussed how to organize the islands. In 1902, after the Filipinos expressed their attitude toward American rule by staging an insurrection, a second commission was established as the upper house of a bicameral legislature in the islands, which were recognized as an unincorporated US territory, with an American Governor General. Worcester served on the commission for twelve years, 1901-1913, with the title of Secretary of the Interior. He took the lead in establishing Baguio, in the mountains north of malaria-ridden Manila, as a summer capital.



He took a special interest in the natives of the mountains and jungles of northern Luzon. He made several trips into the area, lasting one or two months, climbing mountains, tramping through jungles, and riding bamboo rafts down swirling rapids. He brought quite a bit of baggage with him, filled with presents to give the natives, as well as several big cameras and boxes of glass plate negatives which he developed along the way. He had trails, roads, and even railroads built, established telegraph lines, and tried to discourage headhunting by getting the “wild men” to try calisthenics and strenuous games as an outlet for their energy. He wrote voluminous reports, and took hundreds of very good photographs. He saw clear racial differences among the natives, and thought the islands were far better off under a beneficent US rule than in an independence for which they were as yet unprepared.

As the 1912 election approached in the United States, with the possibility of a victory of pro-independence Democrats, Worcester put his pen to work. He filled two complete issues of “National Geographic” with articles and photographs of the least civilized natives, and at the same time wrote a two-volume history of the Philippines, in a very argumentative style, arguing against independence. As Woodrow Wilson’s presidency began in 1913, Worcester’s administrative career ended. For the better part of the next two years he campaigned by speeches and writings against Philippine independence, while Wilson and his appointees moved steadily toward that goal.

In 1915, though Worcester was by now personally quite unpopular in the islands because of his stand on independence, he returned, and put into effect some of the ideas he had advocated about how the area could become a success in world trade. First, centering his business in Cebu, he went into raising coconuts, beginning with oil and then shifting to dried fruit to be used in cooking. The Visayan oil refining company became a



big business, making profits of three and a half million dollars in 1918. Next, finding fertile land for grazing, and a breed of cattle which could thrive in the tropics, he went in for cattle raising on the island of Bukidnon.

Worcester died of a chronic heart condition in 1924, at the early age of fifty-seven. He had many good qualities, and had worked hard in many capacities. If he had a fault, it was his tendency always to work toward an American model. Dean Worcester's daughter, Alice (Mrs. Frederick) Day, lived in Orford. After her death about 1980, her daughter gave a large collection of Worcester's papers - family and other correspondence, several journals of his inspection trips, hundreds of photographs, and copies of many of his books- to our Society's library. The other major repository of his papers is the University of Michigan. His journals, written about a hundred years ago, filled with photographs, are fun to read.

Charles Latham

## THETFORD HILL PARISH PLAYERS

Looking back over the last year's productions:

February: Parish Player's Third Annual Ten Minute Play Fest  
 March-April: Thetford Academy's One Act Play class performance  
 May: Pariah Beat Concert'  
 July-August: Sam Shepard's "Curse of the Starving Class" directed by Ray Chapin  
 November: Neil Simon's original "The Odd Couple" directed by Alan Gelfant  
           TA's Fall Play - The Perils of Lulu]  
 December: Selected Short Stories written by local authors and read by local actors  
           TA's 13th Annual Ten Minute Play Festival

Our 2009 'season' opened with our Third Annual Ten-Minute Play Fest hosted and hustled by the now legendary 'Tuesday Improv Group'\* and closed with auditions for our Fourth Annual Ten Minute Play Fest now in rehearsal.

The Players have been blessed this past year with an infusion of talent, direction and technical help from Thetford Academy students, staff and alums.

In 2010, following our mid-February 10 Minute Play Fest we look forward to producing 'Enchanted April' in May featuring guest director Lester Colodny in the driver's seat. Look for audition notices in March.

Right on the heels of 'Enchanted April' TA moves back into the grange in May with their spring musical 'Into the Woods'.

This summer Laura Shepard plans to run a children's theater program centered around 'fractured fairy tales'.

Stay tuned: [www.parishplayers.org](http://www.parishplayers.org), 785-4344

And thanks again to:

TA for the use of their parking lot...no parking?, no audience!  
 The Town of Thetford for the considerable tax break...no tax break?, no theater!

Respectfully submitted,

Neal Meglathery

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## **AMERICAN LEGION POST #79 OF THETFORD**

Post #79 is a service organization. We help our fellow veterans, their families and the community at large. We speak at schools on flag etiquette, participate in parades carrying our National Colors and provide gravesite services for fallen comrades.

Our meeting house is located on Thetford Hill, across from the elementary school. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm, except during January and February.

For the last seven years the American Legion has donated a decorated Christmas tree to a needy family. Each year we select the family from a different surrounding town. This has become a tradition; where the giving is enjoyed as much as the family who receives the tree.

This year we had two fund raisers to offset building maintenance costs and American Legion community support funds. The yard sale and raffle raised over \$2,000. A significant portion of the monies went to replace the oil furnace with a gas furnace. Thanks to those who donated to make these projects successful.

Flags for all known veteran's graves are put out before Memorial Day. Please notify the Legion of any veterans buried in the town so that a flag can be placed at their gravesite.

This Post welcomes all veterans who served honorably during all wars and conflicts. We ask that you join us in remembering our fallen comrades.

Commander: Raymond "Fred" Adams 649-3468

Adjutant: Nathan Pero 333-4671

## ELIZABETH MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT

This has been a year of significant activity at the Elizabeth Mine Superfund Site. The year began with an independent evaluation of the Elizabeth Mine cleanup plan by a panel of three independent experts. The independent review confirmed that the technical approach for the cleanup was a reasonable approach. Several issues were identified for consideration in the planning for the Tailing Pile 3 (TP3) waste removal.

In May 2009, EPA began the second year of operation of the iron treatment system that removes the iron from the water that seeps from TP1. The treatment system operated from May 2009 into November 2009, removing 99% of the iron from the water. An estimated 50,000 lbs of iron were removed from the water and did not flow into the WBOR.

In June 2009, a team of expert archeologists performed surveying and test pits to document the historic resources in the area of Copperas Factories. EPA then cleaned up of the Copperas Factories, moving lead contaminated soil from the sediment basin for TP3 to be placed on TP1 and covering the remaining lead contaminated soil with stone to prevent human contact with the lead. The archeologists present the findings to the community in September 2009.

In June 2009, EPA removed the waste material below TP3 beneath and adjacent to Mine Road and installed a sediment basin on both sides of Mine Road for the larger scale removal of TP3. This required the closure of Mine Road from June-August 2009. During this time, EPA also installed an on-site water pond to provide a source of water for dust suppression and began processing the stockpiles of soil on TP1 in preparation for the cover system.

In September 2009, EPA installed a groundwater interceptor trench drain along the West side of TP1, as suggested by the independent review. Initial flow rates suggest that it was a success.

In October 2009, EPA removed tailing from the Copperas Brook floodplain area below TP1. A significant rainstorm occurred immediately after the work was completed, causing significant erosion in that area, even though the site contractor had fully complied with all of the project requirements, including sediment and erosion control requirements. A formal review by EPA and the US Army Corps following the event resulted in new procedures to more formally document the planning for significant rain events.

In November 2009, EPA began the removal of the mine waste on TP3 and the placement of this material on TP1. By the end of December 2009, over 50,000 cubic yards of TP-3 will have been re-located to the stockpile. The areas of TP-3 with exposed soil are being stabilized with rip rap. EPA will evaluate ways to encourage re-vegetation of these areas in the long term.

If you have questions or comments about this project, please contact:

Representative to the Thetford Selectboard, Neal Meglathery, 785-2016, [neal.e.meglathery@valley.net](mailto:neal.e.meglathery@valley.net)

Representative to the Thetford Conservation Commission, Scott Stokoe, 785-2083,

[scott.p.stokoe@Dartmouth.edu](mailto:scott.p.stokoe@Dartmouth.edu)

Elizabeth Mine Study Group Coordinator, Bob Walker, 785-4126, [bobwalker@valley.net](mailto:bobwalker@valley.net)

EPA Project Manager, Ed Hathaway, 888-372-7341, ext. 81372; [hathaway.ed@epa.gov](mailto:hathaway.ed@epa.gov)

VT ANR Project Manager, John Schmeltzer, 802-241-2886, [john.schmeltzer@state.vt.us](mailto:john.schmeltzer@state.vt.us)

## UPPER VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB

**PURPOSE:**

- To work for improvement and stimulate interest in the sports of hunting and fishing.
- To promote and engage in the conservation of fish and game management and other natural resources in the area
- To promote and maintain friendly relations with landowners.
- To promote good sportsmanship and educate the public with respect to conservation, hunting and fishing

**OFFICERS:** President: John Adams – Orford, NH 603-353-9201  
 Vice Pres: Doug Stone – Thetford Center 802-785-2140  
 Treasurer: Bruce Avery – North Thetford 802-333-9671  
 Secretary: Rhett Scruggs – East Thetford 802-333-4067

Currently there are 210 members and 25 are junior members. Ice fishing derby on Lake Fairlee in February – 130 participants in 2009. Kid’s fishing derby in June - 45 children participated in 2009. Sponsored a Firearms Hunter Safety class and a Bow Hunter Safety class in the fall - certificates were presented to 35 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 9 Bow Hunter Safety Students in 2009. The Youth Fun Shoot was held in September. Several young shooters shot metal stationary targets and paper bulls eye targets. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer - four were sponsored in 2009. Vermont State Police and several local police departments have used the range for firearms qualification. The club maintains a building, pond, and shooting ranges on approximately 200 acres on the five corners road in Thetford Center. The shooting ranges are used for rifle, pistol, action pistol, sporting clays, trap shooting and Archery competition. Club members are welcome to use the facilities and the surrounding property.

Rhett W. Scruggs  
 Secretary



## ECFIBER BROADBAND REPORT

Those of you with long memories, may remember that ECFiber was about to push the start button when Lehman Brothers went bankrupt in the Fall of ‘07. Since that time, the executive committee has been working week by week to seek alternative routes to financing our 22 town subscriber funded fiber optic network. We are on the cusp of receiving the necessary Certificates of Public Good from the Vermont Public Service Board. It is likely that by Town Meeting, we will have succeeded in obtaining financing.



## UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Upper Valley River Subcommittee published a new and expanded *Connecticut River Recreation Management Plan* and *Water Resources Management Plan*, and sponsored a number of presentations to acquaint the public with the findings. Each plan represents many months of deliberation and reaching consensus among people of widely different backgrounds, and includes extensive detail about the condition and health of the river.

The *Water Resources Plan* emphasizes the environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and encouraging natural vegetation along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff. We encourage towns to consider our recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

Landowners planning projects near water should check first with the town office to see if a state or local permit is needed. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo and other invasive plants and animals.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. This year, we provided advice on a number of projects, including the rowing dock proposed in Hanover. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, and much more are on the web at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org).

Cy Severance and Linda Matteson, Thetford representatives to the Upper Valley River Subcommittee

## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) published a major atlas of the Upper Connecticut River Watershed, *Where the Great River Rises*, and provided complimentary copies to Thetford Academy and Thetford Library. In 2009, we continued our work in river assessment and conducted water quality monitoring on a section of the Upper Valley thought to be affected by combined sewer overflows. Bacteria counts violated state standards for swimming in only one sample this summer.

In our bi-state meetings, we considered issues as wide-ranging as the economics of farmland conservation to the Northern Forest Center's Sustainable Economy Initiative. In October, we hosted Governors Lynch and Douglas on a bi-state tour of the northern river valley.

Through the Connecticut River Byway, CRJC works with communities, businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for heritage tourism. In 2009, we updated the Byway Map and Guide and a major exhibit. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivertravel.net](http://www.ctrivertravel.net).

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site, [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org), for a calendar of events and useful information.

## **TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

The year 2009 was a remarkable one for many reasons. Municipalities have been squeezed by declining revenues from state grant programs while simultaneously gearing up to capture some of the funding from the federal stimulus bill to address infrastructure needs that have not been met for years. Municipal budgets are just as tight, where increased costs on some items require difficult cuts elsewhere.

The services we provide have always been important to municipalities, but current realities make these services even more important. Whether making our communities aware of opportunities, or helping them reduce costs in their operations, TRORC was there to partner. The modest dues we seek each year from our member towns underwrite our ability to anticipate and then respond to whatever is needed. The dues rate we are requesting this year has not risen in over a decade.

As always, the Regional Commission provided technical expertise and resources for our towns as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. Major areas of service include:

**Regional and Local Transportation Planning** – Staff assists communities with traffic counts, speed limit studies and intersection analyses, project management including procuring design engineers, processing requisitions for payment, and organizing public meetings for local input. In addition, TRORC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) works with member municipalities on numerous local transportation projects and prioritizes projects for the Vermont Legislature.

**Local Technical Assistance** – TRORC provides advice and support to town officials on a wide range of activities, including grant writing and administration, assistance on town plan revisions, ordinance development, energy efficiency planning, GIS mapping, transportation planning, and Act 250 development review.

**Emergency Management Activities** – The Regional Commission's emergency management planning program, funded by Vermont Emergency Management, FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security, focuses on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff provides administrative support to Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) #12 and represented the Region's interest on state and national committees.

**Economic Development Planning and Downtown Revitalization** – Under our EPA Brownfields Program, TRORC assesses the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Clean-up funding is then sought to bring properties back into productive use. In addition, TRORC maintains eligibility for our Region for federal Economic Development Administration funding.

We value your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director  
William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

## GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Thetford is a charter member of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District which was created in 1990 for the express purpose of managing waste generated within its member municipalities. The district provided direct local services to Thetford during 2009 while also continuing to develop solutions to the regions long-term waste management needs, including the North Hartland landfill.

In late 2008, the district completed the interstate bridge crossing project approved by Thetford voters in 2006. This past fall, in concert with Twin State Sand and Gravel Co. Inc., the landfill access road was constructed. The combined access road and bridge now connects the proposed landfill to Route 5, thus opening the door for development of this 50 year facility.

As a precursor to issuing new debt to construct the landfill, the district solicited proposals from private solid waste firms to construct and operate the landfill in its initial phases. The results of this effort have yet to be evaluated but we hope to have them available by 2010 Town Meeting. If this privatization process proves unsuccessful the district will ask Thetford voters to approve the funds necessary to construct the initial cell of the landfill, purchase operating equipment and provide start-up costs.

Both this and the previous bridge bond will be repaid by 'user fees' (future landfill tipping fees), not property taxes. District staff is working with their Vermont neighbors' to line up sufficient waste deliveries to ensure a successful project. In the meantime, our partner, Twin State Sand & Gravel Co., Inc. will be utilizing the new access road and bridge to provide essential earth resource building materials throughout the entire Upper Valley.

As the population of the Upper Valley grows and the likelihood increases that the City of Lebanon, whose landfill currently provides disposal capacity for many communities on both sides of the Connecticut River, will raise prices or limit tonnage in order to extend the life of its landfill to benefit its own residents, other options will be needed. GUV's proposed landfill would be a local solution able to limit future cost increases to all participating towns. Currently, all other disposal options are only available at a considerable distance and at increasing cost.

The GUVSWD provided direct services to Thetford and its residents in 2009 including:

- Assisted in the recycling and disposal of hard-to-manage materials collected in Thetford including: fluorescent light bulbs, computers and electrical components, used motor oil, and tires.
- 25 Thetford residents participated in district sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events in Hartford and Woodstock.
- 148 Thetford residents used the electronics recycling, tire disposal, and bulky trash events held at the Montshire Museum and the Thetford Town Garage. Thetford residents also purchased compost and recycling bins, and recycled fluorescent bulbs and electronics at our office in North Hartland.

A 2010 district events calendar and Green Guide will be available in the spring at Town Meeting, all Town Clerks' offices, and the district office. Contact the GUVSWD by email at [guvswd@valley.net](mailto:guvswd@valley.net), at 296-3688 or on the web at [www.guvswd.org](http://www.guvswd.org). **Ben Bradley** returns as Thetford's representative to the District Board of Supervisors, with **James Masland** as the Alternate.

Fred Moody  
Executive Director, GUVSWMD

## GREEN UP VERMONT

“A strong sense of community spirit” is how Green Up Day 2009 was described by many participants. Many towns reported record turn-outs, and numerous volunteers reported less trash than in previous years.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state’s natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment. The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town’s help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up. Children are our future, and Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit [www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org) to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up’s costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 14 percent of our budget, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 46,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont!

**[www.greenupvermont.org](http://www.greenupvermont.org)**  
**[greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)**

### ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS:***

*May 1, 2010, the first Saturday in May, when  
“Green-Up Day” celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!  
Put on your boots, grab your gloves, get together with  
your family, invite some friends and come join us in  
your community to make Vermont  
even more GREEN!*

## LAKE FAIRLEE ASSOCIATION MILFOIL PROJECT



### This Year

In 2009, the Lake Fairlee Association continued its milfoil control program, employing a team of divers to hand pull and suction harvest milfoil, and to deploy plastic bottom barriers to kill it. The length of our dive season was reduced by about 10% from previous years, due to a decline in funding from the State of Vermont and from local donors. We expanded our “Greeter” program at the boat launch, providing a trained information specialist most

Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season. A detailed report on these programs and an explanation of this year’s budget are available on our website at [www.lakefairlee.org](http://www.lakefairlee.org).

### The Future

Lake Fairlee’s milfoil problem is growing. In spite of our efforts, this year the milfoil grew robustly farther around the lake than ever before. In response, last summer the Association invited two companies that specialize in water body management to survey the lake and make recommendations. Both confirmed our fears, and suggested that the application of an herbicide could eradicate the majority of the milfoil and allow us to regain control of the lake.

We hired one of these companies, Lycott Environmental, to do a scientific survey of the aquatic vegetation. This survey is a necessary first step towards an herbicide permit application, and confirmed that milfoil has spread over more than 25% of the lake by area. We held a series of public meetings to discuss the possibility of using an herbicide next summer. We invited scientists from the State Department of Environmental Conservation, and representatives from nearby Lake Morey, where they have had a successful experience treating milfoil with chemicals. We learned about the relative safety of the process and of the herbicide *triclopyr* itself.

Nobody wants to put chemicals in the lake, but if we do not, the lake will likely become increasingly overtaken by the plant until it is unusable. The Lake Fairlee Association Board decided to work with Lycott to develop a five-year management plan and apply for a permit to use an herbicide next June. By the time you read this report, the plan and the application will be available on our website. The good news is that the overall cost of our milfoil program will not increase, and should actually decrease beginning in 2011.

### Support

On behalf of all those who use and enjoy Lake Fairlee, we would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$5000 in 2009. In 2010, the need is even greater. If we are permitted to use the herbicide, we hope to reduce the milfoil in the lake greatly. If not, we will use our traditional means. In either case, we again require your support. We are asking for \$5000, which is about 5% of our total budget. Thank you in advance for your help. With your help, we will continue to preserve the natural beauty and economic vitality of our lake.

The Lake Fairlee Association Board of Trustees

Submitted by Skip Brown, 333-4541

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**Celebrating 20 Years of Service**

To the Citizens of the Thetford:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the citizens of Thetford. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has provided emergency ambulance service to your community since July 1, 1990. This year, UVA responded to over 865 emergency calls from our member towns. We responded along with Thetford Fast Squad to 116 emergency calls. 45 of these calls (39%), no patient was transported, therefore no bill was generated to help offset the costs of responding.

We expect 2010 to be fiscally challenging. Effective January 1, Medicare rates are slated to decrease by 5%. With Vermont's enormous budget deficit, further cuts in our VT Medicaid reimbursement rate can't be ruled out (2% cut July 2009). And no one knows what impact health care reform will have.

Based on a compromise agreement in 2009 with our member towns, we are increasing our per capita charge \$2.50 to \$20.00/per capita. To put things in perspective, in 1990 we provided a basic level service at a cost to the towns of \$14.00 per capita. Twenty years later, we are providing an advanced level service at a cost to the towns of \$20.00 per capita.

Many of you may not be familiar with our Subscription Program. Currently only 34 households in Thetford are receiving the benefits of this service. The yearly membership fee of \$45 per household, entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications with more information are available at your local Town Offices, at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee, or online at <http://www.uppervalleyambulance.com/site/services/subscriptions/>

The Board of Directors, Administration and Employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

Larry Lancaster  
Chair

## 2010 APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

**The Clara Martin Center** provides community mental health services. Requesting **\$4,266.00**.

**The Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont** provides home health care and hospice support services. Requesting **\$11,536.00**.

**ACORN** is an AIDS service organization. Requesting **\$500.00**.

**The White River Council on Aging** provides information, transportation, case management, advocacy and respite for seniors. Requesting **\$4950.00**.

**The VT Center for Independent Living** assists deaf and disabled individuals. Requesting **\$150.00**.

**Central Vermont Adult Basic Education** assists teens and adults with basic reading, writing, math and English as another language programs. Requesting **\$800.00**.

**The Family Place** assists families with early childhood needs, such as parent education, child advocacy and therapy and other programs. Requesting **\$300.00**.

**Headrest** serves the community with crisis hotlines and substance abuse programs. Requesting **\$1,564.00**.

**The Central Vermont Community Action Council** provides emergency assistance and Head Start programs for families in the region. Requesting **\$300.00**.

**The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council** assists communities with natural resource conservation and community development issues. Requesting **\$100.00**.

**Orange County Diversion** is a community-based alternative to the criminal court system, assisting participants referred by the State's Attorney. Requesting **\$175.00**.

**Safeline** provides a domestic violence hotline at 1-800-NEW-SAFE, and many other services related to domestic and sexual violence. Requesting **\$1000.00**.

**Green Up Vermont** organizes and helps supply landscaping and cleanup efforts on the first Saturday of May. Requesting **\$150.00**.

**The Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation** assists communities with business development planning and financing. Requesting **\$1,392.00**.

**The Vermont Association for the Blind** assists individuals with rehabilitation, adaptation, transportation, social networking and assistive technologies. Requesting **\$1,000.00**.

**The Kids Place of Randolph** supports supervised visitation, exchanges and parenting for families in Orange County. Requesting **\$200.00**.

**Vermont Trails and Greenways** assists communities with planning and education related to trails. Requesting **\$30.00**.

**Orange County Parent/Child Center** serves families with early childhood education programs, parenting assistance services and case management. Requesting **\$500.00**.

**Sustainable Energy Resource Group** assists communities with weatherization and energy conservation planning. Requesting **\$300.00**.

**The Lake Fairlee Association** principally acts as steward of the lake, and is currently involved in Milfoil eradication efforts. Requesting **\$5,000.00**.



## **RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

The Rice's Mills Community Center got a lot of use by the community this year. Some of the community uses included:

- a series of four local food workshops organized in conjunction with the Thetford Energy Committee and the Pompanoosuc Agricultural Society
- weekly "Mostly Waltz" dances led by Gina Sonne
- Fall Open Mic night
- Third Sunday Pub Night hosted by Dixie and Ed Eastridge
- monthly Community Potlucks

The Rice's Mills Community Center is a valuable gathering and meeting place that may be used by the community at large. Anyone who would like to use the building for your event or classes, may contact Gina Sonne at [waltzlover@gmail.com](mailto:waltzlover@gmail.com) or 785-4220.

Checks for membership dues of \$10.00/individual or \$15/family can be made payable to "RMCA". All contributions can be mailed to treasurer, Polly Cole, 790 Poor Farm Road, Thetford Center, VT, 05075.

Thanks to all for your ongoing support and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Harriman  
RMCA President

## VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 144 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services, including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water, on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- **Legal, consulting and education services.** In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 14 workshops and 37 on-site training sessions that attracted over 1,300 people. MAC distributed almost 130 hard copy handbooks to municipal officials, but also made all of its handbooks available free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains over 500 other electronic documents currently accessible to all. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- **Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments** to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2010 legislature assuring that state fiscal woes are not shifted to local governments and property taxpayers.
- **Purchasing opportunities** to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2008 for \$46 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services. Other pooled purchasing opportunities exist in such areas as assuring that towns are able to obtain road salt for winter highway maintenance at an affordable price and adequate quantities.

Individuals interested in finding out more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, can visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

## CENSUS 2010

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Please call partnership specialist Helen Simon at (802) 264-0856 at the  
U.S. Census Bureau in Williston, Vt., if you have any questions.*



### **Census 2010: Making Our Community Count**

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the decennial census this year and needs everyone to participate. There's too much at stake to miss out on this opportunity. Let's make our community count!

Our Constitution requires the government to count everyone living in the U.S. every 10 years. Census data is used to allocate \$400 billion annually to states and localities for programs such as social services, health care, education and infrastructure. If our community's population figures are off, we may not receive all the federal dollars to which we are entitled.

Ideally, the Census Bureau counts everyone by delivering or mailing a questionnaire to each household. The residents fill it out and mail it back in a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Filling out the census questionnaire is easy and should only take about 10 minutes. The questionnaire asks 10 or fewer questions about each person living in the household, including their name, age, birthday, sex, Hispanic background, race and other places they might live. It also asks how many people live at the home and whether it's rented or owned.

If residents don't fill out and return their questionnaire, the Census Bureau has to send a representative to collect the information. That ends up costing taxpayers a lot more money. In Vermont, only 60 percent of households returned their questionnaires in the 2000 census, well below the national average of 67 percent. We need to increase that percentage significantly!

Filling out the questionnaire is safe and the information remains completely confidential. Census employees are prohibited from disclosing the information to any agency or individual, and face jail time and fines for any violations.

PLEASE fill out your questionnaire when you receive it in March. Help anyone else who might need assistance. It's easy, it's important and it's safe. We need to make every Vermonter count!

To learn more about the census, contact Vermont partnership specialist Helen Simon at the Census Bureau in Williston at (802) 264-0856, or email her at [helen.j.simon@census.gov](mailto:helen.j.simon@census.gov). You can also visit [2010.census.gov](http://2010.census.gov).

### **The Census: A Snapshot**

**What:** The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census every 10 years.

**Who:** Everyone who lives in the U.S. most of the year - citizens and non-citizens.

**Why:** The census documents state population counts in order to determine how the 435 seats in the House of Representatives will be allocated. Census numbers also help determine how \$400 billion annually in federal money is distributed to states and communities.

**When:** Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to all households in Vermont in March 2010; residents should fill out and return them as soon as possible. Official Census Day is April 1. Between May and July census workers will fan out across the state visiting households that do not return their questionnaires.

**Confidential:** By law the Census Bureau cannot share information gathered from individuals with any other government agency or person.

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