

Bring This Report to Town Meeting

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF THETFORD

VERMONT

For the Year Ending December 31

1955

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator Charles A. Wilcox
Town Clerk Mildred W. Cook
Assistant Town Clerk Kenneth W. Cook
Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes Harold E. Heaton
Ass't. Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes Elsie C. Heaton

Selectmen

Winston G. Colton (1953) George Huggett (1954)
William M. Bacon (1955)

School Directors

William E. Bond (1953) Frank R. Stiles (1954)
Claradella S. Betts (1955)

Auditors

Ruth Prevost (1953) Carl A. Anderson (1954)
Kate P. Howard (1955)

Listers

William E. Bond (1953) John E. Mocho (1955)
(Appointed to fill term (2 yrs. to fill unexpired
of A. M. Palmer) term of Kenneth Cook)
J. Borden Smith (1955)
(for three years)

Trustees of Public Funds

Pearly A. MacFarlane (1953) Vanessa Tilden (1954)
Ellsworth H. Sargent (1955)

Constable and
Collector of Taxes

William E. Worcester

Overseer of the Poor

Selectmen

Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits Gerald H. Wilson

Road Commissioner

Merton Godfrey

Town Grand Juror

R. Alden Burt

Library Trustees

G. Cass Lightner (1955) Kate P. Howard (1953)
Rosetta Estabrook (1954) Emma E. Coombs (1952)
Claire Fowle (1949) Charlotte Vaughan (1955)
(to fill unexpired term of
Frank Ross)

Cemetery Trustees

Ellsworth H. Sargent (1953) E. C. Bond (1954)
William E. Bond (1955)

Budget Committee

Alice F. Fifield (1955) Harold E. Heaton
G. Cass Lightner (1954) Merton Godfrey
Walter A. Malmquist (1953) George Huggett
William E. Bond

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Surveyors of Wood, Lumber and Weighers of Coal

George Chase Ray H. Palmer
Walter A. Malmquist

Fence Viewers

Glen Aldrich William M. Bacon
J. Floyd Judd

Pound Keeper

Edwin Roberts

TOWN MEETING NOTES — 1955

The following business was transacted at the Annual Town Meeting held March 1, 1955:

- Art. 1. Charles A. Wilcox elected Moderator.
- Art. 2. Mildred W. Cook elected Town Clerk.
- Art. 3. Sale of malt and vinous beverages:
Yes 124 No 77
Sale of spirituous liquors:
Yes 83 No 102
- Art. 4. Reports of town officers accepted as printed.
- Art. 5. Merton Godfrey appointed for a term of one year as Road Commissioner.
- Art. 6. William M. Bacon, Selectman for term of three years.
Mrs. Kate Howard, Auditor for term of three years.
J. Borden Smith, Lister for term of three years.
John E. Mocho, Lister to fill unexpired term of Kenneth W. Cook.
Ellsworth H. Sargent, Trustee of Public Funds for term of three years.
William E. Worcester, Constable and Collector of Taxes for term of one year.
Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor.
Gerald H. Wilson, Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits.
R. Alden Burt, Town Grand Juror.
G. Cass Lightner, Library Trustee.
Charlotte Vaughan, Library Trustee to fill unexpired term of Frank Ross.
William E. Bond, Cemetery Trustee.
Alice F. Fifield, Budget Committee.

Harold E. Heaton, Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes.

Elsie E. Heaton, Assistant Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes.

Claradella S. Betts, School Director for a term of three years.

- Art. 7. Budget Report accepted as printed.
- Art. 8. Voted Town Tax of \$2.25; \$1.00 Highway Tax.
- Art. 9. \$125.00 voted for observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 10. Voted to exempt Church parsonages as long as their rental goes for support of churches.
- Art. 11. Voted to authorize the Cemetery Commission to proceed with erection of a suitable monument to early settlers, provided they arrange to make payments out of savings from cemetery allotments in the budget. The total not to exceed \$500.
- Art. 12. Voted to raise tuition to Thetford Academy from \$225.00 to \$245.00.
- Art. 13. Voted \$1,000.00 to Thetford Academy.
- Art. 14. Voted \$3.80, School Tax.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to take any action towards providing a new central school or any other new school buildings, and if so, to raise a special tax to cover the costs of such action.
Yes 77 No 65
- Motion approved, "That the School Board be given authority to employ an architect, secure final plans, that bids be secured. Also that the School Board shall ascertain from proper legal source the cost of issuing bonds and incorporate

the same in their report at a Special Town Meeting before next March." Motion amended to read that the Committee look over entire town for a location.

Art. 16. "To see if the Town School District will vote to endorse a five-year program of rehabilitation and improvement of facilities in existing one-room school buildings, providing each with running water, toilets, adequate heat and insulation, etc., at a cost estimated to total about \$38,000 for the five years or about \$7,500 each year, and to raise a special tax of 90 cents on the Grand List to pay the costs for same during the first year. Yes 42 No 110

Art. 17. Voted to hold next annual Town Meeting at the new Thetford Academy Gymnasium. Voted to give Thetford Center ladies first chance to serve lunch at the meeting next year.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The following business was transacted as a Special Town Meeting held November 18, 1955:

Art. 1. Shall the following public improvements, viz: The acquisition of land and incidental rights at Thetford Center, by gift, purchase or otherwise, and the construction thereon and equipping of a new elementary school building of concrete block and brick construction of approximately eight general class rooms, one multi-purpose room, auxiliary rooms and other usual school facilities, for public school purposes, at an estimated cost of \$160,000 be made?
Yes 145 No 187

Art. 2. Shall bonds of the Town of Thetford Town School District to the amount of \$125,000, bearing interest at not to exceed three per cent, be issued to pay the remaining cost of said public improvements after application of state aid school construction grant under No. 256 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1953, as amended?
Yes 134 No 173

Art. 3. To see and determine if the aforesaid legal and qualified voters will authorize the school directors to renovate the seven local schools by the installation of automatic oil-fired heat, running water where needed, flush toilets, a full four-inch blanket type cap insulation, storm windows where needed and in connection therewith to build utility rooms and toilet rooms where needed and to build an additional class room in one of the existing schools.
Yes 125 No 164

Art. 4. To see and determine if the aforesaid legal and qualified voters will vote that the said town school district shall incur a bonded indebtedness and issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000 for the purpose of paying for the aforesaid renovations, said bonds to mature serially in equal or diminishing amounts in not more than 20 years and bearing interest at not to exceed 3%.

Yes 105 No 175

Art. 5. Shall the selectmen be authorized to purchase a power grader, with incidental equipment, at an estimated cost of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000), and issue notes of the Town of Thetford, bearing interest at not to exceed three per cent (3%) to pay for same?

Yes 225 No 107

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED W. COOK,

Town Clerk

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

1953		
Jan.		
1	Cash balance	\$11,383.28
18	State of Vermont, town highways	3,894.75
18	State of Vermont, gravel resurfacing	141.50
March		
18	Town of Strafford	105.00
April		
13	Community Store, liquor license	37.50
16	Mildred Cook, dog licenses	442.00
May		
2	Wing, Inc., liquor license	37.50
2	J. Borden Smith, liquor license	36.50
18	State of Vermont, winter maintenance, state aid roads	504.50
18	Mildred Cook, dog licenses	82.00
23	Bradford National Bank, borrowed money	8,000.00
24	State of Vermont, winter maintenance, town roads	1,165.00
27	State of Vermont, tax loss by flood control, paid by State of Massachusetts	721.60
June		
7	Rent of Town Hall	5.00
July		
9	Rent of Town Hall	5.00
9	Refund, Montgomery Ward	16.30
Aug.		
22	State of Vermont, tax loss by flood control, paid by State of Connecticut	1,349.08
Oct.		
12	Mildred Cook, dog licenses	12.00
25	Town of Norwich, refund	273.75

Nov.		
1	From 1955 tax bill	59,996.13
30	Town of West Fairlee, safe	208.10
Dec.		
13	U. S. Army Engineers, salt	60.00
17	Town of West Fairlee, salt	142.80
21	State of Vermont, resurfacing	298.54
21	State of Vermont, retreatment black top	3,496.67
31	Refunds on Social Security	37.63
31	W. E. Worcester, Col., abatement of taxes	109.71
31	W. E. Worcester, Col., refund of over-payment	.90
31	W. E. Worcester, Col., delinquent taxes	3,769.53
31	W. E. Worcester, Col., interest and warrant fees	268.36
	Total receipts	<u>\$96,600.63</u>

Disbursements

Selectmen's current orders	\$35,232.70
Road Commissioner's current orders	8,497.22
Overseer of the Poor's current orders	3,571.98
Cemetery Commissioners' current orders	265.11
Transfer to School District balance of 1954 tax	12,008.59
Transfer to School District current taxes	33,180.23
Cash to balance	3,844.80
Total disbursements	<u>\$96,600.63</u>

H. E. HEATON,
Treasurer

Thetford, Vermont
December 31, 1955

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report

Receipts

1955		
Jan.		
1	Cash balance	\$14,697.24
8	Thetford Academy, bus fares	55.75
12	State of Vermont, Home Economics	300.00
Feb.		
23	Thetford Academy, bus fares	191.10
27	R. H. Hatch, refund on gasoline	7.50
March		
11	State of Vermont, vocational education	621.46
15	R. H. Hatch, refund on gasoline	9.60
17	Thetford Academy, bus fares	112.75
18	Refund from General Fund, student aid	320.00
April		
18	From General Fund, 1954 tax bill	2,500.00
18	Thetford Academy, bus fares	101.10
May		
17	Thetford Academy, bus fares	77.80
20	From General Fund, 1954 tax bill	1,508.59
26	From General Fund, 1954 tax bill	8,000.00
June		
16	From Thetford Center PTA	86.86
17	George D. Wrightson Jr., tuition	100.00
23	Thetford Academy, bus fares	240.10
	Total receipts	<u>\$28,929.85</u>

Disbursements

Disbursements of School Directors' orders from January 1 to July 1, 1955	\$28,193.00
Balance in account July 1, 1955	\$ 736.85

Receipts

July		\$ 736.85
1	Cash on hand	
5	Thetford Academy, bus fares	140.70
5	State of Vermont, Home Economics	15.90
5	State of Vermont, Home Economics	440.00
Aug.		
9	Thetford Academy, bus fares	16.50
9	State of Vermont, Home Economics	250.00
31	American Legion Post, payment on note	50.00
31	American Legion Post, interest on note	6.00
31	W. O. Johnson, land rent	2.39
Sept.		
9	State of Vermont, vocational educa- tion	735.94
9	Thetford Academy, bus fares	24.00
Oct.		
14	Thetford Academy, bus fares	225.95
25	From General Fund, 1955 tax bill	33,180.23
Nov.		
10	Thetford Academy, bus fares	171.65
10	George D. Wrightson Jr., tuition	110.00
17	State of Vermont, Home Economics	67.50

Dec.

6	State of Vermont, state aid for educa- tion	16,964.78
15	Thetford Academy, bus fares	162.95
23	Thetford Academy, bus fares	120.65
	Total receipts to January 1, 1956	\$53,421.99

Disbursements

Disbursement of School Directors' orders from July, 1955, to January 1, 1956	\$26,357.05
Cash on hand	\$27,064.94

H. E. HEATON,

Treasurer

Thetford, Vermont
December 31, 1955

TOWN FARM TRUST FUND

Investment		
Note #2 - 53, Town of Thetford	\$4,000.00	
Bank Acct., Inter-State Trust Co.	209.62	
		<u>\$4,209.62</u>
Interest, 1955:		
Town Note	\$120.00	
Bank Interest	4.73	
		<u>124.73</u>
Total December 31, 1955		<u>\$4,334.35</u>

Expenditure		
Hitchcock Hospital, Thetford Free Bed Fund	120.00	
Balance December 31, 1955		<u>\$4,214.35</u>

Recapitulation		
Balance, December 31, 1954	\$4,209.62	
Interest for 1955	124.73	
Total		<u>\$4,334.35</u>
Expended for 1955	120.00	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1955		<u>\$4,214.35</u>

Ellsworth Sargent,
Vanessa Tilden,
Pearly A. MacFarlane,
Trustees

REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Funds		
Investment:		
Note No. 3-53		\$1,300.00
Bank Account, Inter-State Trust Co.		165.55
Interest for 1955:		
Town Note	\$ 39.00	
Bank Interest	3.74	
		<u>42.74</u>
Balance on hand		<u>\$1,508.29</u>

Expenditures		
Evergreen Rest Cemetery	\$ 21.00	
Post Mills Cemetery Association	6.00	
East Thetford Cemetery	9.00	
Hillside	3.00	
		<u>39.00</u>
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1954		<u>\$1,469.29</u>

Recapitulation		
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1954		\$1,465.55
Interest for 1955		42.74
Total		<u>\$1,508.29</u>
Expenditures		39.00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1955		<u>\$1,469.29</u>

VERMONT HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Bradford, Vermont

Date, January 11, 1956

Town of Thetford
Board of Selectmen
Attention Mr. George Huggett
H. E. Heaton, Treas.

Listed below are funds which were available and spent by the town during 1955. Some of this money has already been paid to the town by the state and some is in the process of making claims, etc.

Town Highway Fund

Total available from the state, including any balance from 1954	\$8,079.00	
Total spent as per claim made by town	0.00	
Amount to be paid by state		\$ 0.00

State Aid Resurfacing (gravel)

Available from state, 1/3 town, 2/3 by state	\$ 212.25	
Total spent as per claim made by town	212.10	
Amount to be paid by state		\$ 141.40

State Aid Construction Funds

Available from state, regular	\$ 2,320.70	Work to be done and claim filed before June 15, 1956
Special funds put in by town	1,000.00	
State funds, matching 2 to 1 1/2-cent gas tax, if used	6,412.25	
Total funds available	\$11,732.95	
Total spent as per claim made by town	0.00	

State Aid Retreatment

Two-thirds cost of work		
Total spent as per claim made by town	\$5,692.82	
Amount to be paid by state		\$3,795.21

Summary of Above Funds

	Paid by State	Paid by Town	Total Cost
State Aid resurfacing	\$ 141.40	\$ 70.70	\$ 212.10
State Aid retreatment	3,795.21	1,897.61	5,692.82
Total	\$3,936.61	\$1,968.31	\$5,904.92

R. H. ARNOLD,
District Engineer

ITEM NO. 1

OVERSEER OF THE POOR ACCOUNT

Tax rate \$0.22		Total tax \$1,920.96
Board	\$1,904.71	
Medical care, hospital expenses	642.37	
Department of Social Welfare	94.94	
Probate Court fees	83.50	
Clothing	91.82	
Groceries	801.34	
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		\$3,618.68

The above amount was spent for the care of eight persons and, with the exception of two, for the entire year.

The contributions to the Thetford Memorial Hospital Fund for the living are being gratefully accepted by your Town Treasurer.

ITEM NO. 2

WINTER ROADS

Tax rate \$0.40		Total tax \$3,492.66
1955		
Jan.		
8	Merton Godfrey, labor	\$ 78.78
	Frank Stevens, labor	62.15
	Frank Godfrey, labor	6.00
	Eaton's Garage, repairs	8.62
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		\$ 155.55
15	Merton Godfrey, labor	57.50
	Frank Stevens, labor	41.80
	Milford Preston, labor	2.00
	Frank Godfrey, labor	2.50
	Bernard Godfrey, labor	4.00
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		107.80

22	Merton Godfrey, labor	54.05	
	Frank Stevens, labor	51.15	
	Frank Godfrey, labor	10.00	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	4.00	
		<hr/>	119.20

29	Noble-Belisle Machinery, Inc., tools	9.35	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	76.48	
	Frank Stevens, labor	52.80	
	Frank Godfrey, labor	12.50	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	18.00	
		<hr/>	169.13

Feb.			
5	Merton Godfrey, labor	56.05	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	28.00	
	Harry Palmer, labor	2.00	
	Frank Godfrey, labor	8.50	
		<hr/>	94.55

19	W. C. Eaton, gas, oil	349.59	
	Treas., State of Vermont, plo- shoes	21.69	
	Palmer's Garage, repairs and maintenance	109.34	
	Sanborn Oil Co., oil	12.12	
	Bunker Hill, gas	3.20	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	180.56	
	Frank Stevens, labor	122.75	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	7.00	
	Kenneth Pomeroy, labor	42.50	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	33.00	
	Bernard Godfrey, labor	17.00	
	Foster Palmer, labor	7.00	
	Dawson Fifield, labor	23.45	
	Ray Uline, welding	7.50	
	George Huggett, express	1.35	
		<hr/>	938.05

March			
5	International Salt Co., 800 100# bags	508.00	

	Boston & Maine R. R., freight	324.00	
	George Huggett, cs. Zerex	15.05	
	Palmer's Garage, repairs, motor, differential	453.08	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	108.41	
	Frank Stevens, labor	7.40	
	Dawson Fifield, labor	13.50	
	George Higgins, labor	7.00	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	61.00	
	Gordon Fifield, labor	5.00	
	Richard Godfrey, labor	3.00	
	Frank Godfrey, labor	3.00	
	Kenneth Robinson, labor	3.00	
	Talbert Bacon, labor	4.00	
		<hr/>	1,515.44
12	J. Borden Smith, gas	3.08	
	Loren Bacon, plowing	3.00	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	57.18	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	37.00	
	Myron Smith, labor	14.00	
	Dexter Picknell, labor	10.80	
		<hr/>	125.06
19	The Village Store, gas	13.25	
	Sargent Coal Co.	13.29	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	53.48	
	Myron Smith, labor	28.00	
	Dexter Picknell, labor	18.90	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	5.00	
		<hr/>	131.92
April			
2	Merton Godfrey, labor	101.21	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	26.00	
	Elwin Pero, labor	42.00	
	Richard Godfrey, labor	17.00	
		<hr/>	186.21
9	Palmer's Garage, repairs	88.26	
	Casellini-Venable Corp., plow blades	79.63	
		<hr/>	167.89
23	George Huggett, anti-reeeze	2.94	
	Myron Smith, labor	7.50	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	10.00	
		<hr/>	20.44

ITEM NO. 3
CONSTRUCTION, RETREATMENT,
STATE AID PATROL

	Tax rate \$0.39		Total tax \$3,405.34
March			
5	W. H. Sayre Jr., moving dozer, '53	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
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April			
9	Treas., State of Vermont, patrol route #132	492.10	492.10
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23	George Huggett, 2 reel barbed wire, Sawnee Bean job	8.25	8.25
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May			
28	Sherman Cochran, 250 cedar posts	42.50	42.50
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Sept.			
3	Merton Godfrey, labor, brush control	31.05	
	George Higgins, labor, brush control	27.00	
	Wilhelm Schramm, labor, brush control	24.30	
	Russell Goodrich, labor, brush control	22.95	
	Alfred Young, labor, brush control	18.70	
		<hr/>	124.00

Sept.			
24	Treas., State of Vermont, re- treatment, state forces	1,506.53	1,506.53
Oct.			
8	Merton Godfrey, labor, Rob- erts bridge	5.75	
	Wilhelm Schramm, labor, Roberts bridge	16.20	
	George Higgins, labor, Rob- erts bridge	18.00	
	Russell Goodrich, labor, Rob- erts bridge	7.23	
	Twin State Sand & Gravel Co., pea stone	56.72	
	Treas., State of Vermont, re- treatment	2,220.10	2,324.00
22	Treas., State of Vermont, re- treatment	150.97	
	H. F. Messier, labor, fencing Sawnee Bean Job	30.00	
	Merton Godfrey, labor, brush control	46.01	
	Wilhelm Schramm, labor, brush control	58.95	
	George Higgins, labor, brush control	45.00	
	Elwin Pero, mower, brush control	103.00	433.93
Nov.			
29	Treas., State of Vermont, re- treatment	36.50	
	The Barrett Division, tar, re- treatment	2,494.24	
	Wilhelm Schramm, labor, brush control	22.05	
	Elwin Pero, mower, brush control	48.00	
	George Higgins, labor, brush control	8.50	2,609.29

Dec.			
10	Town of Tunbridge, shovel, resurfacing	47.25	
	Lawrence Lyons, truck	47.60	
	B. Barnaby, truck	36.00	
	Richard Prescott, truck	36.00	
	Gile Kendall, truck	64.00	
	John Clogston, 198 cu. yd. gravel	19.80	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	10.35	
	Wilhelm Schramm, labor	8.10	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	7.00	
			276.10
31	Wesley Smith, Inc., trap rock, Roberts bridge	394.20	
	Merton Godfrey, labor, Rob- erts bridge	48.31	
	Elwin Pero, labor, Roberts bridge	3.00	
			445.51
			\$8,292.21
May			
7	D. S. Bacon, gas	4.47	4.47
Sept.			
24	International Salt Co., 800 100# bags salt	832.00	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	10.35	
	Wilhelm Schramm, labor	8.10	
	George Higgins, labor	9.00	
	Elwin Pero, labor	9.00	
			868.45
Nov.			
29	Merton Godfrey, labor	47.15	
	Wilhelm Schramm, labor	34.20	
	W. H. Savre, labor	34.00	
	Richard Godfrey, labor	3.00	
			118.35

Dec.			
10	Town of Tunbridge, shovel, winter sand	73.50	
	Lawrence Lyons, truck	30.60	
	B. Barnaby, truck	36.00	
	Richard Prescott, truck	12.00	
	Danny Williams, truck	36.00	
	Palmer's Garage, maintenance	25.42	
	George Huggett, anti - freeze, supplies	73.54	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	78.79	
	Wilhelm Schramm, labor	27.45	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	52.50	
	Richard Godfrey, labor	6.00	
	Elwin Pero, labor, loader	50.00	
		<hr/>	501.80
17	Merton Godfrey, labor	54.05	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	12.00	
	Elwin Pero, labor, loader	46.00	
		<hr/>	112.05
24	Town of West Fairlee, use of culvert boiler	6.00	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	36.80	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	7.00	
	Elwin Pero, labor	28.20	
		<hr/>	78.00
31	George Huggett, grader tire chains, cs. oil	51.10	
	Merton Godfrey, labor	42.55	
	Elwin Pero, labor	38.50	
	W. H. Sayre, labor	15.00	
	Maurice Tucker, use of truck, man, on culverts	12.90	
	Palmer's Garage, maintenance	100.19	
		<hr/>	260.24
	Total expenditures		<hr/> \$5,674.60

ITEM NO. 4	
ELECTRIC SERVICE, INSURANCE	
Tax rate \$0.10	Total tax \$873.16
Jan. 1, 1955 - Jan. 1, 1956, to Central Vermont Public Service Corporation	
Street lights	\$465.00
Town Hall	24.18
	<hr/> \$ 489.18
Feb.	
19 C. A. Wilcox, insurance on equipment	143.00
March	
12 C. A. Wilcox, workman compensation	164.10
19 George Huggett, registra- tion	20.00
April	
23 C. A. Wilcox, officers' bonds	55.00
May	
28 C. A. Wilcox, bal. work- man compensation	24.86
Edw. H. Peet, sec'y, insur- ance on buildings	36.00
Dec.	
24 C. A. Wilcox, insurance, Chevrolet	50.85
	<hr/> 493.81
Total expenditures	<hr/> \$ 982.99

ITEM NO. 5

TAXES, SOCIAL SECURITY

Tax rate \$0.45	Total tax \$3,929.24
Jan.	
19 Bursar, Dartmouth College, lease land	\$ 20.00
April	
9 E. H. Sargent, county treasurer, county tax	257.53
23 Treasurer, State of Vermont, Social Security	100.59
Oct.	
8 Treasurer, State of Vermont, highway assessment tax	1,716.89
22 Treasurer, State of Vermont, Social Security tax	45.07
Treasurer, State of Vermont, Old Age Assistance tax	1,401.30
Nov.	
29 Vermont Agricultural Service, tax	338.92
Dec.	
24 Treasurer, State of Vermont, Social Security	48.88
William E. Worcester, tax collector, tax abatement	110.61
Wendall Grant, tax refund	1.12
Beulah West, tax refund	12.48
31 Treasurer, state of Vermont, Social Security	45.79
Treasurer, State of Vermont, Social Security Teachers Training Fund	69.40
March	
12 Treasurer, Town of Thetford, School District, 1954	320.00
Sept.	
24 Florence Robinson, part tuition	40.00
Total expenditures	<u>\$4,528.58</u>

ITEM NO. 6

FIRES, DAMAGES

Tax rate \$0.05	Total tax \$436.58
Nov.	
29 Treasurer, Town of Fairlee	\$ 142.00
Dec.	
24 Treasurer, Town of Lyme	231.50
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 373.50</u>

ITEM NO. 7

PRINTING, CLERICAL SUPPLIES

Tax rate \$0.08	Total tax \$698.53
Feb.	
19 William E. Worcester, stamped envelopes	\$ 18.81
March	
5 Bradford National Bank, service charge	3.00
E. C. Bacon, stamped envelopes	12.59
12 Cory - Hewitt Press, Inc., 700 town reports	410.75
April	
9 E. C. Bacon, stamped envelopes	3.53
Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	3.32
Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	11.02
May	
7 Clara G. Knight, 525 cards	10.50
The Alden Press, printing 525 tax cards	13.60
D. S. Bacon, postage, town reports	1.10
Clara G. Knight, 250 envelopes	9.14

June			
11	E. C. Bacon, stamps, envelopes	6.66	
	Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	5.06	
25	B. N. Sisco, Admr., supplies	15.63	
July			
9	Clara G. Knight, stamped envelopes	17.63	
	Bradford National Bank, service charge	3.00	
	Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	5.80	
	Green Mountain Press, printing 250 envelopes	2.35	
Aug.			
6	B. N. Sisco., Admr., tax collector forms	4.92	
27	E. C. Bacon, envelopes	7.19	
	The Alden Press, printing 550 tax cards	11.50	
	Tuttle Law Print, supplies	3.97	
	Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies	9.24	
Sept.			
24	Green Mountain Press, printing 500 envelopes	3.00	
	Bradford National Bank, service charge	3.00	
	Hall-McChesney, Inc., record book	46.95	
	B. N. Sisco, Admr., highway signs	17.70	
Nov.			
29	B. N. Sisco, Admr., tax notices	2.27	
	Valley News, notice Special Town Meeting	18.90	
	E. C. Bacon, stamps, envelopes	10.19	
Dec.			
24	Bradford National Bank, service charge	3.00	
	H. E. Heaton, supplies	1.47	
	Mildred Cook, supplies	2.80	
	Tuttle Stationery Co., supplies, record book	33.27	
31	George Huggett, telephone charges	44.38	
	W. G. Colton, telephone, express, car	19.50	
	William M. Bacon, telephone, supplies	10.70	
	Total expenditures	\$ 807.44	

ITEM NO. 8

BUILDINGS

	Tax rate \$0.04	Total tax \$349.27
Jan.		
22	The Village Store, kerosene	\$ 11.00
March		
19	The Village Store, supplies	5.57
Nov.		
29	Milford Preston, care of lawn, buildings	60.50
Nov.		
	Nichols Hardware, supplies	4.87
	Total expenditures	\$ 81.94

ITEM NO. 9

TOWN OFFICERS

	Tax rate \$0.29	Total tax \$2,532.18
Jan.		
29	Harvey B. Otterman, legal service	\$ 3.00
Feb.		
19	Auditor service	105.00
	Ballot clerk	10.00
March		
5	C. A. Wilcox, moderator	10.00
19	Mildred Cook, services, town clerk	52.15

May		
28	John E. Mocho, lister service	168.32
	J. Borden Smith, lister service	160.00
	Elsie E. Heaton, ballot clerk	7.50
	Gladys Aldrich, ballot clerk	5.00
June		
11	Mildred Cook, recording, compiling Grand List	75.00
	Iva Fifield, ballot clerk	7.50
July		
9	Hugh W. Hastings, legal service	41.50
Sept.		
29	Mildred Cook, recording, town clerk service	53.75
	H. E. Heaton, receiver of taxes	210.00
Oct.		
8	W. E. Bond, lister service	170.00
Nov.		
29	H. E. Heaton, balance receiver of taxes	396.21
Dec.		
17	Elsie E. Heaton, assistant treasurer, bal- lot clerk	23.75
	Marion Wilson, ballot clerk	10.00
24	H. E. Heaton, service as treasurer	300.00
	Mildred Cook, recording, dog tax fees	61.00
31	George Huggett, selectman, overseer poor	250.00
	W. G. Colton, selectman	150.00
	William M. Bacon, selectman	100.00
	A. Maxwell Palmer, fire warden, '52-'55	31.56
	Wilson & Keyser, legal service	3.00
	Hugh W. Hasting, legal service	2.00
	Total expenditures	\$2,406.24

ITEM NO. 10
APPROPRIATIONS

Tax rate \$0.02	Total tax \$174.63
May	
28	Treasurer, American Legion, Post #79 \$ 125.00
Dec.	
31	Treasurer, Latham Memorial Library 50.50
	Total expenditures \$ 175.00

ITEM NO. 11
INTEREST

Tax rate \$0.04	Total tax \$349.27
Nov.	
29	Bradford National Bank, interest on loan, 1955 \$ 120.00
Dec.	
31	Trustees, Public Funds, Town Funds, interest on note #2-53 120.00
	Trustees, Public Funds, Cemetery Fund, interest on note #6-52 39.00
	Evergreen Rest Cemetery, interest on note #3-47 21.00
	Total expenditures \$ 300.00

NOTES, PAYMENT ON NOTES

May			
23	Bradford National Bank, loan,, note #1-55, cur- rent expenses	\$8,000.00	\$
Nov.			
29	Bradford National Bank, payment on note #1- 55	8,000.00	
Dec.			
31	Franklin Savings Bank and Trust Co., payment on grader, #9-65, #10-66	2,530.00	
	Evergreen Rest Cemetery, payment on note #3-47	700.00	
	Money borrowed	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	
	Payment on notes	<u>\$11,230.00</u>	

ITEM NO. 12

CEMETERIES

Tax rate \$0.04

Total tax \$349.27

See Cemetery Commissioner's Report

ITEM NO. 13

ROAD ACCOUNT

Tax Rate \$1.00

Total Tax \$8,731.64

Labor:

Merton Godfrey	\$1,801.11
Wilhelm Schramm	930.00
W. H. Sayre	525.75
George Higgins	417.25
Lawrence Cummings	336.75
Russell Goodrich	219.32
Elwin Pero	188.50
Herbert Cook	58.50
Frank Godfrey	43.50
George Huggett	28.50
George Hodge	16.00
Albert Godfrey	8.00
Alden Palmer	7.20
W. M. Bacon	6.00
Ralph Doble	5.00
Harry Benner	4.00
Harry Muzzey	3.40
Bernard Godfrey	3.00
	<u>\$4,601.78</u>

Repairs:

Casellini-Venable Corp.	\$ 152.53
Bailey Bros.	15.58
Montgomery Ward, tires	126.60
Eaton's Garage	17.80
Noble Belisle Machine Co., Inc.	81.80
Palmer's Garage	182.37
	<u>\$ 576.68</u>

Gas, Oil and Fuel:

W. C. Eaton	\$ 542.90
Sanborn Oil Co.	41.92
	<u>\$ 584.82</u>

Hired Equipment:

Treasurer, State of Vermont, grader	\$ 380.12
Leonard Cook, truck, loader	125.50
Willard Martin, trucks, shovel	160.00
Daniels Transportation Co., trucks, shovel	171.00
Trumbull-Nelson Co., backhoe	129.00
Town of Tunbridge, shovel	29.20
Wesley Smith, Inc., truck	8.75
W. H. Sayre Jr., moving dozer	25.00
Arvin Manning, moving dozer	5.00
Merton Godfrey, tractor	13.00

\$1,046.57

Miscellaneous:

Black-Top, Inc., cold patch	\$ 270.91
New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts	948.70
Noble-Belisle Machinery, Inc., small tools	8.85
James O'Shea, 200/100 chloride	355.16

\$1,583.62

Gravel:

John Stillman	\$ 10.90
Charles Palmer	10.50
Clyde Blake	29.85
Raymond Gulick	20.90
Lynn Martin	2.40
John Clogston	29.20

103.75

Total expenditures

\$8,497.22

Hours credited to equipment:

Tractor, 288 hours @ \$2.50	\$ 720.00
Grader, 260 hours @ \$3.50	910.00
Ford, 143 hours @ \$1.00	143.00
Chevrolet, 811 hours @ \$1.00	811.00

\$2,584.00

Respectfully submitted,

MERTON GODFREY,
Road Commissioner

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ITEM NO. 13

ROAD ACCOUNT

Tax rate \$1.00 Total tax \$8,731.64

See Road Commissioner's Report

ITEM NO. 14

EMERGENCY, EQUIPMENT, CIVIL DEFENSE

Tax rate \$0.10 Total tax \$873.16

Blister Rust Control

June 4	Craig A. Hartson	\$70.00	
	Max O. Mousley	72.00	
	Clifton R. Fisk	10.00	
	Ellis W. Wheeler	10.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 162.00
June 25	Craig A. Hartson	\$40.00	
	Max O. Mousley	46.00	
	Clifton R. Fisk	20.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 106.00
July 9	Craig A. Hartson	\$14.00	
	Max O. Mousley	22.00	
	Ellis R. Fisk	7.50	
	Clifton R. Fisk	10.00	
		<u> </u>	\$ 53.50
	Total expenditures		<u>\$ 321.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. COLTON,
GEORGE HUGGETT,
W. M. BACON,
Selectmen
TOWN OF THETFORD

(35)

**REPORT OF COOPERATIVE BLISTER RUST
CONTROL WORK**

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

1955

White Pine Blister Rust control was continued in Thetford in 1955 through the cooperation of the Town, the Vermont Forest Service and the U. S. Forest Service.

Following is a summary of the 1955 work:

Total area eradicated of currants and gooseberries	1373 acres
White Pine protected	570 acres
Number wild currants and gooseberries removed	7354
Town expense for labor	\$321.50
State and federal expense for labor	\$473.00

State and federal expenses for transportation, equipment, supervision and mapping are not included above.

About 60 percent of the pine areas of Thetford have now been reworked by blister rust crews. This includes work on the State Forest which was done as a special project—not with town funds.

The prospects are that an increase in state and federal money may be available for Thetford in 1956 if another town appropriation is made. We hope that, with this additional money, the work may be completed in the town during 1956.

HUNTLEY PALMER,

District Leader

January 4, 1956

DELINQUENT TAXES

Due Town of Thetford December 31, 1955

1946 Property, Cadwell, Harvey	\$ 6.38	
1947 Property, Cadwell, Harvey	6.83	
1948 Property, Cadwell, Harvey	6.63	
1949 Property, Cadwell, Harvey	\$ 15.54	
Poll, Tracey, George	8.15	
	<hr/>	23.69
1950 Property, Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie	15.81	
Property, Tracey, George	35.94	
	<hr/>	51.75
1951 Property, Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie	18.45	
Property, French, Erni and Agnes	.47	
Property, Tracey, George	32.29	
	<hr/>	51.21
Poll, Hill, Bryce		8.65
1952 Property, Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie	26.00	
Property, French, Erni and Agnes	6.50	
Property, Tracey, George	34.13	
	<hr/>	66.63
1953 Property, Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie	19.20	
Property, Hall, Evelyn	17.14	
Property, Plouffe, James E.	35.41	
Property, Tracey, George	33.60	
	<hr/>	105.35
Poll, Tracey, George		9.40
1954 Property, Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie	20.40	
Property, Dennett, Warren	24.91	
Property, French, Erni and Agnes	66.98	

Property, Plouffe, James	102.68	
Property, Robinson, Myron and Mildred	34.20	
Property, Tracey, George	35.70	
	<hr/>	284.87
1955 Property, Adams, Marie	42.30	
Property, Bailey, Archie	84.60	
Property, Barker, Harry Est.	66.00	
Property, Cadwell, Harvey and Nellie	21.15	
Property, Cook, Duane P.	21.15	
Property, Dennett, Warren	65.21	
Property, Durkee, Heman and Valroy	22.91	
Property, French, Erni and Agnes	69.80	
*Property, Farwell, Lewis	28.20	
Property, Hazlett, Joseph and Isabel	131.84	
Property, Kelley, Parker	49.05	
Property, Peron, Romeo	7.05	
Plouffe, James E.	113.86	
Robinson, Alfred	90.24	
Property, Robinson, Zelesta	45.50	
Property, Thorburn, Edward	7.05	
Property, Tracey, George	37.01	
	<hr/>	902.92
Poll, Cadwell, Nellie	10.05	
Poll, Cadwell, Harvey	2.05	
*Poll, Durkee, Heman	5.05	
Poll, McEachern, J. Alfred	10.05	
Poll, Robinson, Elizabeth	10.05	
Poll, Robinson, Rodney	4.63	
Poll, Tatro, Aletha	10.05	
	<hr/>	51.93
Total Delinquent Taxes		\$1,576.24
*Item paid since Dec. 31, 1955		
1955 Taxes to Collector:		
Property	\$2,251 11	
Poll	743 70	
	<hr/>	\$2,994 81

Delinquent Taxes Dec. 31, 1954	2,460 42
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Total Collections during 1955	\$5,455 23
	3,878 99
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Delinquent taxes December 31, 1955	\$1,576 24
Paid Treasurer:	
Real estate taxes	\$2,498 80
Personal property	416 95
Poll	701 94
Old age assistance	261 55
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	\$3,879.24
Over payment	.25
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	\$3,878.99
Taxes collected by abatement	\$109.71

WILLIAM E. WORCESTER,
Tax Collector

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our twentieth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Thetford on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1955.

The total number of recipients in the State has remained reasonably stable for four years. The number aided in the Totally and Permanently Disabled program has continued to increase. Old Age Assistance and Blind Assistance caseloads have declined. The impact of the Social Security Insurance programs have not been fully realized in Vermont but will be a continuing factor in the reduction of case loads as an increasing number of our people attain a fully insured status. At the present time less than 50% of the aged population in Vermont, sixty-five years or over, are entitled to Social Security benefits. The towns and cities participated financially in two of the programs as indicated below. Administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance have always been among the lowest in the nation.

Old Age Assistance	\$8,103.00
Aid to Dependent Children*	766.00
TOTAL	\$8,869.00

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,
Commissioner

*One-eighth paid by the town or city unless family is non-settled.

REPORT OF STATE OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Public Health Nurse

I herewith submit a report of public health nursing service rendered to the citizens of Thetford by the Vermont Health Department during 1955.

We in the Vermont Health Department will remember 1955 as the year in which Salk vaccine for the prevention of Infantile Paralysis was first given. The administration of this program has taken much time and planning on the part of the staff of the Health Department, and also many hours of volunteer work on the part of local physicians, nurses and lay people. Without the help of these local people it would have been impossible to carry on either the Salk vaccine program or many of the other phases of the public health nursing program, and we wish to say thank you for ourselves and for the children who have benefited.

By local arrangement 1st and 2nd grade children whose parent gave permission were twice transported to Bradford for inoculations of Salk vaccine purchased by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis for children in this age group. 32 Thetford children received 2 doses of this vaccine.

Salk vaccine is now being made available by the Vermont Health Department for children in other age groups, and it is likely that plans for clinics for its administration to Thetford children will be made.

47 visits were made to the homes of 30 persons to discuss health problems and 14 other visits were made.

Assistance was given to teachers with vision and hearing testing and with other phases of their health programs.

27 children under 6 and 18 children of school age were given physical examinations and immunizations by Dr. W. F. Putnam and Dr. Dorothy Davies at medical conferences held at East Thetford and North Thetford.

The public health nurse for Thetford at the present time is Mrs. Queenie B. Temple, R.N., who may be reached by mail sent to her at Stockbridge.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY M. ALLEN, R.N.
Public Health Nursing Supervisor

DOG ACCOUNT

To Harold E. Heaton, Treasurer

Dog Account:

163 males at \$2.00	\$326.00
14 males at \$3.00	42.00
22 females at \$6.00	132.00
4 females at 9.00	36.00

Submitted to Treasurer \$536.00

Respectfully submitted

MILDRED W. COOK

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSION

Your cemetery commission has cared for the seven cemeteries in its care for \$265.11. This comprises mowing, repairing stones, smoothing the ground, building and repairing the fences, etc. The auditors have all the figures.

We are looking forward to having a suitable memorial in the East Thetford Cemetery in memory of the early settlers of this town to whom we owe so much.

We have \$18.00 deposited with Inter-State Trust Co., to be used for East Thetford and \$6.00 for Hillside Cemetery.

Remember a town is judged by the way it cares for its cemeteries.

E. H. SARGENT

E. C. BOND

W. E. BOND

REPORT OF THE NEEDS AND CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS

The following pages contain the financial and statistical summaries of the report on your schools. These reports tell the story of actual costs as against the budget set up for the year. As you all know, the basement room, normally used for hot lunch, at Post Mills was renovated to serve as a classroom. Included was the laying of flooring over the cement, installation of additional lights; sheathing of ceiling; placing hinges on one window with stairs leading out to serve as exit in case of fire. The classroom was also painted. In addition another heat duct from the furnace was installed to provide warmth. Other routine repairs and replacements are: Furnace at Union Village, digging up iron pipe at Union and installation of approximately 750 feet with $\frac{3}{4}$ " plastic pipe. New water pump at Post Mills; Blackout curtains and window draft deflectors in two windows at Thetford Center. As per our usual schedule, toilets were painted and window sash and sills painted or varnished in most schools. The whole interior at the Center was painted. Twelve folding kindergarten chairs were purchased, and six each are in use at the Center and at Union Village. Fifteen desks were purchased to meet necessary needs and replacement. Regular classroom floors at Post Mills were revarnished and approximately one hundred desk tops were sanded and refinished.

Before the winter is over, we shall have to replace the hood thermostat on furnace at the Center. Starting shortly after Christmas Vacation an additional teacher was employed at Union Village. This is to relieve the teacher load where all but one grade, grade 7, is enrolled with 30 pupils, sixteen of whom are in Grades 1, 2 and 3. We are trying our best to insure that the beginning pupils have ample teacher time to insure the best start and foundation possible to further schooling. You are aware also, that there has been a full time teacher all year at Post Mills. It is apparent from the census list that for the next four or five years we shall have to employ at least nine full time teachers and for the same period one more on a full or part time basis. You are well aware that from reports by the Committee on Consolidated School Study that eight teachers would be able to adequately

handle our pupil population. Your directors feel that we would be able to save the cost of these extra teachers and give added opportunities and advantages to these children if there were a Central School. These two teachers were not planned for in our budget, and consequently the added costs are shown in the statistics following. Here alone lies the major portion of the deficit which is anticipated this coming June 30th. Adding to this anticipated tuition increase of over \$700.00 plus necessary purchase of Text Books and supplies over and above the amount budgeted, of approximately \$200.00, pretty much tells the story to June 30.

In explaining our budget figures for school year 1956-1957, we have taken consideration of all general factors and have planned accordingly. Beginning with control costs, because of added teachers the actual cost this year exceeds amount budgeted by \$250.00. Since we can foresee no change in need of these added teachers under the present set up we have had to increase the regular teacher budget by \$4,900.00. Music Teacher increased \$100.00. High School Tuition for next year is increased \$20.00 per pupil to \$265.00. Glancing at the pupil progress sheet you will see that there are 28 pupils graduating from the eighth grade who are potential High School students. At present there are 13 seniors to graduate from the Academy. The difference of 15 added to the present number of 66 brings the total to 81. To be on the safe side we have budgeted for 80 next year, an increase over this year's budget of \$4,925.00. In line of increased costs of texts and instructional supplies we budgeted what actual costs were for this year or increase of \$200.00. The total increase over last year's budget is \$11,600.00. The real increase over actual and expected costs for this year is \$6,551.59.

To meet the proposed budget, it will be necessary to raise a tax of \$4.90 on the Grand List for the coming year, and we strongly recommend the same.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. BOND
FRANK R. STILES
CLARADELLA BETTS
School Directors
FAY G. WHITCOMB,
Superintendent

PUPIL PROGRESS — 1954 - 1955

Grades	Total Pupils Enrolled for Year	No. Promoted One or More Grades	No. Promoted One Grade on Condition	No. Not Promoted a Grade	No. Transferred To Other Public Schools	No. Dropped Out of School
1	32	25	1	1	5	0
2	26	21	0	0	5	0
3	32	28	0	1	3	0
4	38	31	1	1	5	0
5	18	18	0	0	0	0
6	25	21	3	0	0	1
7	32	30	0	0	0	2
8	21	19	0	0	1	1
Elem. Total	224	193	5	3	19	4

ENROLLMENT — 1955 - 1956

School	Grades								Tot.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Post Mills 1-3	8	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	26
Post Mills 4-6	0	0	0	7	4	10	0	0	21
Post Mills 7-8	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	18	28
E. Thetford	5	3	3	0	3	3	5	0	22
No. Thetford	0	2	2	8	8	0	2	0	22
Thetford Ctr.	8	4	3	7	6	0	0	0	28
Rice's Mills	3	1	2	1	2	2	3	7	21
Union Village	6	6	4	4	5	4	0	1	30
Stevens	2	3	1	3	3	0	3	2	17
	32	29	23	30	31	19	23	28	215

At Academy	Grades	9	10	11	12	Total
1954-1955		18	20	14	11	63
1955-1956		18	18	17	13	66

COMPARISON OF SCHOOL EXPENSE AND INCOME — 1950-1957

Expenditures	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	Spent, July 31, '55	Estimated Jan 1 to June 30, '56	Estimated Year Total, 1955 - 1956	Budget, 1955 - 1956	Budget, 1956 - 1957
Supt. salary & expenses	\$ 1,117.10	\$ 1,190.84	\$ 1,187.54	\$ 1,308.16	\$ 1,467.23	\$ 669.19	\$ 1,086.93	\$ 1,756.12	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,750.00
School Directors & misc.	376.56	462.24	397.19	310.03	412.54	259.99	160.00	419.99	400.00	400.00
Fed Aid-Voc. to T.A. and Scholarships	2,260.12	1,025.99	2,272.29	2,639.32	4,137.96	1,533.34	1,200.00	2,733.34	2,500.00	2,500.00
Teachers' salaries	15,224.92	15,663.10	16,410.00	17,582.00	17,686.00	8,320.00	13,956.62	22,276.62	19,100.00	24,200.00
Music classes			550.00	650.00	843.05	300.00	450.00	750.00	750.00	850.00
High School tuition and aid	9,120.00	9,807.97	11,143.67	14,305.00	13,875.00	6,390.22	10,600.22	16,990.44	16,275.00	22,200.00
Text books and supplies	933.48	1,383.30	1,064.58	1,357.81	1,421.86	1,316.55	75.00	1,391.55	1,200.00	1,400.00
Library-health-lunch-census	59.20	162.95	126.96	33.66	74.57	33.86	200.00	233.86	370.00	250.00
Janitors, cleaners, supplies	847.75	1,652.59	1,688.04	2,161.23	2,080.85	1,470.76	1,000.00	2,470.76	2,000.00	2,500.00
Fuel and lights	884.20	1,055.22	1,202.74	1,325.76	1,359.06	663.82	700.00	1,363.82	1,300.00	1,300.00
Repair and upkeep	930.75	1,570.16	1,659.68	1,251.52	1,497.14	1,737.41	262.59	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,500.00
Furniture and equipment	29.65	30.00	340.36	232.40	49.23	553.83	40.00	593.83	500.00	500.00
Insurance	354.18	327.93	238.96	303.36	424.82	34.60	240.00	274.60	275.00	275.00
Transportation (except bus)	2,755.62	3,187.50	3,167.50	3,501.00	2,726.50	1,303.22	1,800.00	3,103.22	3,000.00	3,000.00
Bus driver, gas, rep., etc.	2,880.71	1,607.05	2,288.35	2,376.57	1,511.78	645.96	925.00	1,570.96	1,880.00	2,000.00
Additions to buildings	.00	142.11	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
New school bus, capital outlay	.00	2,090.07	1,460.00	323.33	3,100.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Debt payment and interest	5,072.50	.00	.00	.00	31.25	1,025.00	.00	1,025.00	.00	25.00
Repaid to selectmen's acct.	.00	990.49	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Plans, Consolidated School				166.90		94.30	50.00	144.30		.00
	\$42,816.74	\$42,349.51	\$45,197.86	\$49,656.15	\$52,845.74	\$26,352.05	\$32,746.36	\$59,098.41	\$54,050.00	\$65,650.00

Income

Balance on hand July 1	\$ 617.99	\$ 990.49	\$ 482.27	\$ 26.42	\$.00	\$ 731.85	\$27,064.94	\$.00	\$ 400.00	\$
Town taxes	19,586.53	24,783.69	27,093.77	27,433.07	30,516.98	33,182.62	.00	33,182.62	*32,540.00	42,810.00
State Aid	12,579.54	12,348.50	13,296.50	16,002.84	16,163.38	16,964.78	.00	16,964.78	17,000.00	17,500.00
Fed Aid-Voc. to T.A.	2,260.12	1,025.99	2,272.29	2,639.32	2,817.96	1,509.34	1,200.00	2,709.34	2,500.00	2,500.00
Tuition	220.00	1,135.00	210.00	245.00	310.00	110.00	200.00	310.00	310.00	620.00
Borrowed	5,411.08	.00	.00	.00	2,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Bus fares and receipts	2,608.95	1,857.55	1,847.66	1,866.40	1,261.05	862.40	1,000.00	1,862.40	1,200.00	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	23.02	190.56	21.79	403.34	103.96	.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Sale of school house	500.00	500.00	.00	59.00	84.26	56.00	.00	56.00	50.00	50.00
Gen. Fund, Scholarships				200.00	320.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	320.00
Total income	\$43,807.23	\$42,831.78	\$45,224.28	\$48,875.39	\$53,577.59	\$53,416.99	\$29,514.94	\$55,135.14	\$54,050.00	\$65,650.00
Total expense	42,816.74	42,349.51	45,197.86	49,656.15	52,845.74	26,352.05		59,098.41		

Balance on hand June 30	\$ 990.49	\$ 482.27	\$ 26.42	\$	\$ 731.85	\$27,064.94
Actual deficit on June 30	**4,420.59		\$ 780.76			\$ 3,963.27

Actual surplus on June 30 \$ 482.27 \$ 26.42

**Paid from General Fund *Tax rate \$3.80

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

General Fund and Highway expenditures during 1955 have once more been kept within the total of the Budget estimates, and no increase seems necessary in either the General Fund or Road Tax for 1956. Outstanding notes have been reduced by another \$700.00, so that now the only long-term, outstanding notes are those of the Trustees of Town Funds and Cemetery Funds of \$4,000.00 and \$1,300.00, respectively. Since these funds belong to the town, they do not really constitute an indebtedness.

The School District has paid off one of the two notes on the school bus, purchased in 1954, leaving a balance of \$1,000.000 to be paid in November, 1956. This is included in the School Budget for next year.

The new item on the Auditors' Report of \$10,120.00 owed to the Franklin County Savings Bank and Trust Company is a series of eight notes of \$1,265.00 each, due one each year for the next eight years. These are part of 10 such notes issued in payment for the new grader on the authority of the vote in the Special Town Meeting on November 18, 1955. Two notes were repaid in 1955. It is expected that man-power savings on town road work will take care of these notes out of road appropriations each year, without any increase in the road tax rate.

Our tax collector has again reduced the outstanding uncollected taxes, the balance remaining being only about \$1,500.00. Part of this is owed by slow payers of 1955 taxes and should be collected shortly.

The town has received during 1955 the following payments under the Four - State Flood Control Compact:

Massachusetts	\$ 721.60
Connecticut (1953)	577.28
Connecticut (1954)	771.80
Total	\$2070.68

This money is in the hands of the town treasurer, available for use, and your Budget Committee suggests that it be divided and allocated in proportion to the current tax rate to the School District, Road Commissioner and Selectmen's Fund, for the heads of those departments to use on most pressing needs.

Your attention is also called to the money now in the hands of the trustees of public funds, this being a town note of \$4,000,000, plus cash in bank of \$214.35. We understand that, subject to certain restrictions, this money also is available for necessary purposes, at the vote of the town.

The matter of a proposed memorial or monument to early settlers is again in the Warning. The Cemetery Committee has requested an appropriation not to exceed \$500.00. The Budget Committee suggests that, subject to a vote of approval by Town Meeting, this amount might be made up partly from the \$214.35 cash in bank in the Town Fund and the balance from the Flood Control receipts. This would avoid levying any special tax for the purpose.

The School District has incurred expenses in the current school year in excess of the budget. It appears likely that by June, 1956, they will have a deficit of nearly \$4,000.00. Expenses for the year 1956-57 are expected to increase again, and the school directors are compelled to ask for an increase in the School Tax to \$4.90. Details are given in the School Report on another page. However, your attention is called to the fact that increased costs are almost entirely due to the large increase in high school attendance and teachers' salaries.

From the five-year table of school costs, note this comparison:

	1950	1956
No. of H. S. pupils from Town of Thetford	45	81
Yearly cost, H. S. tuition	\$9,120.00	\$22,200.00
No of Elementary pupils	178	221
No. of Elementary teachers	8	10
Yearly teachers' salaries only	\$15,224.92	\$24,200.00

The increase in the total School Budget from 1950 to 1956 is \$21,834.00, BUT the increase in the two items of H. S. tuition and Teachers' Salaries is \$22,000. In other words, your school directors have held all other items down to about the same total, in spite of rising costs. Your Budget Committee expects other items, such as building repairs and improvement of school facilities, can not be kept at these low costs much longer. This means a still further large increase in the school tax rate, whether a new building is erected or the old ones repaired and modernized.

Regarding high school tuition, it is noted that the proposed budget item of \$22,200.00 for 81 pupils is only \$274.00 per pupil, whereas Thetford Academy finds it costs them \$315.00 each, the difference being made up by contributions from private sources. The tuition charged the Town of Norwich by Hanover High School is \$425.00 per pupil!

Our teachers' salaries are largely fixed by state law, which now sets the minimum starting rate for a teacher meeting state requirements at \$2,500.00.

For the year 1956, the following tax rates are recommended, as detailed in the school and general budgets shown herewith:

Town \$2.25 Highway \$1.00 School \$4.90

Respectfull submitted,

The Budget Committee

George E. Huggett
 William E. Bond
 Merton E. Godfrey
 Harold E. Heaton
 Mrs. Ralph Fifield
 Walter A. Malmquist
 G. Cass Lightner,
 Chairman

PROPOSED BUDGET — 1956

Item	1955 Grand List		1955 Spent	1956 Est. Grand List
	Tax Rate	Total Tax		
1. Poor Account	\$.22	\$ 1,920.96	\$ 3,618.68	\$ 1,870.00
2. * Winter Roads	.40	3,492.66	5,834.65	3,400.00
3. * Construction, Bridges, State Aid Patrol, Resurfacing	.42	3,667.29	8,292.21	3,570.00
4. Electric Service, Insurance	.10	873.16	982.99	850.00
5. Taxes—State, County and Social Security	.45	3,929.24	4,528.58	3,825.00
6. Fires, Damages	.05	436.58	373.50	425.00
7. Printing, Clerical Supplies	.08	698.53	807.44	680.00
8. Buildings	.04	349.27	81.94	340.00
9. Town Officers	.29	2,532.18	2,406.24	2,465.00
10. Appropriations	.02	174.63	175.00	170.00
11. Interest	.04	349.27	300.00	340.00
12. Cemetery Account	.04	349.27	265.11	340.00
13. Road Account	1.00	8,731.64	8,497.22	8,500.00
14. Emergency, Equipment, Civil Defense	.10	873.16	321.50	850.00
	\$3.25	\$28,377.84	\$36,485.06*	\$27,625.00
			9,500.96	
			<u>\$26,984.10</u>	

*Refund received from State Highway Department, '54 and '55 claims

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THETFORD ACADEMY

To the Citizens of Thetford:

Thetford Academy started its 137th year of service on September 7, 1955 with an enrollment of 142 students and a faculty of seven full-time teachers and four part-time teachers for special classes. The enrollment by classes was as follows: Freshmen, 45; Sophomores, 34; Juniors, 34; Seniors, 29. The following towns were represented: Thetford, 66; Strafford, 32; West Fairlee, 16; Lyme, N. H., 8; Vershire, 7; Corinth, 5; Norwich, 4; Tunbridge, 3 and Fairlee, 1.

The faculty remains the same for the most part. Miss Emma Coombs is teaching the typing; Mr. Alpha Bond, a graduate of Dartmouth College who also holds a master's degree from Columbia University, was added to the faculty at the completion of his term of service with the army in November. He has helped to relieve several of us teachers of the heavy teaching load we have been carrying.

As part of our graduation exercises the Auditorium-Gymnasium was dedicated Saturday afternoon, June 11, and in the evening, in the presence of an audience of over 850 people, the graduating class of 21 students received their diplomas.

I believe that the Auditorium-Gymnasium is filling a vital need. Three of the rooms on the lower floor are being used by our commercial, art, and reducing interpretive dancing classes, thus reducing somewhat the congestion in one of the smaller rooms in our recitation building. In addition, the main hall of the Auditorium-Gymnasium is in constant use. On several occasions it has been used for large community gatherings. On Saturdays and Sundays it has attracted sizable groups of the alumni and friends as well as members of the student body.

In the days when our dormitories were in operation, study hours were in force regularly each night from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. Now we are no longer in a position to con-

trol the evening study hours of our students. That responsibility rests directly with the parents. Once more I ask the parents of Thetford Academy students to cooperate with the teachers by seeing that regular study hours are maintained at home. The minimum of home studying should be at least one hour. Much of the time two to three hours would bring better results.

It might be of interest to state that Kendrick Putnam is one of the 58,000 students in the United States who took the National Merit Scholarship Examinations in November; 387 students from Vermont took these tests and Kendrick placed among the highest 19 in the state.

Another item of interest concerns a member of our faculty and one of his classes. In the book Conservation Handbook, 1955, printed by the National Association of Biology Teachers of America, four and one half pages are devoted to the Conservation Experiment directed by Mr. Robert Bacon and carried out by his students in Biology at Thetford Academy.

Like all towns and cities throughout the country, the town of Thetford and Thetford Academy face the ever-increasing cost of education. In the table of operating costs for all schools in the state of Vermont, released by the State Department of Education, it is interesting to note the comparative cost of the seven schools most nearly approximating the size of Thetford Academy. The cost per student for the school year 1954-1955 was as follows:

Enrollment	Cost per student
127	\$348.01
128	289.53
129	447.19
132	498.07
137	221.10
146	230.81
149	322.49
Thetford Academy	314.91

The cost to the towns for tuition to Thetford Academy this last year was \$245.00. Thetford Academy received in tuitions \$29,128.04. Our total income from all sources amounted to \$36,088.29 while our total expenditures for operating amounted to \$37,789.21. Not one cent of the above was expended on operating the Auditorium-Gymnasium. In June the Building Committee turned the Auditorium-Gymnasium over to the Board of Trustees, which means that the operation of that building must now come out of the regular operating expenses. The amount of the mortgage and interest will not come under operating expenses but will be kept entirely separate. The Academy must also face the fact that the salaries at Thetford Academy are below the average of the state, a situation which must be remedied very soon.

Last year I told you that I could not give you a financial statement on the building of the Gymnasium. I can do so now. The cost of the building as you see it today, including architect's fee, equipment, etc., is \$133,922.91. On April 7, 1954, Thetford Academy borrowed from the Dartmouth Savings Bank \$40,000 at 4% on a ten year note and \$4,500 from other sources. The Academy agreed to make semi-annual payments on the principal plus interest. The Dartmouth Savings Bank agreed that we could pay any amount at any time to cut down the principal and interest.

I have given the above facts with the hope that there may be a fuller understanding and better realization of the problems which the Academy faces in its efforts to provide for the educational needs of the young people of this and the several surrounding communities.

The trustees, faculty and students join with me in expressing our appreciation for your continued cooperation and interest, and for the many contributions which you as individuals have made to Thetford Academy.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL A. ANDERSON

AUDITORS' REPORT

		Liabilities	
Notes		1954	1955
2-53	Trustees Public Funds, town funds	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
6-52	Trustees Public Funds, cemetery funds	1,300.00	1,300.00
3-47	Evergreen Rest Cemetery	700.00	
3-10	Franklin County Savings Bank and Trust Co.		10,120.00
School Notes to Montpelier National Bank:			
	Due Nov. 15, 1955	1,000.00	
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	Total notes	\$ 8,000.00	\$16,420.00
	Due Town School District	12,008.59	
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	Total liabilities	\$20,008.59	\$16,420.00
Assets			
	Trustees of Public Funds, Note of town, 2/53	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
	Cash on hand, Inter-State Trust Co.	209.62	214.35
	W. H. Higgins Farm	500.00	500.00
	Outstanding taxes	2,460.42	1,576.24
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School District	1954	1955	
	Cash on hand		11,381.76
	Cash on hand	\$14,697.25	\$27,064.94
	Due from town tax	12,008.59	
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		\$26,705.84	\$27,064.94
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	Total assets	\$45,257.64	\$37,194.33
	Total liabilities	20,008.59	16,420.00
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		\$25,249.05	\$20,774.33

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Note of town, June, 1952	\$1,300.00
Bank account, Inter-State Trust Co.	169.29
Total	\$1,469.29

SURETY BONDS

American Fidelity Co., Montpelier, Vt.

William E. Bond	\$1,000.00
Claradella S. Betts	1,000.00
Harold E. Heaton, school treasurer	5,000.00
Merton N. Godfrey	1,000.00
Mildred W. Cook	1,000.00
William E. Worcester	2,000.00
Harold E. Heaton, town treasurer	5,000.00

The auditors recommend that the money of the Thetford Memorial Hospital Fund be kept separate from the General Fund.

We hereby certify that we have examined the recorded entries of the books and accounts of the Town Officers and Trustees of Public Funds of Thetford, Vermont, and found the same to be correct.

Katherine Howard,
Ruth Prevost,
Carl A. Anderson,
Auditors

MARRIAGES — 1955

TOWN OF THETFORD

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date of Marriage	Place
Robinson, Charles Merrill	Thetford	Rutledge, Kathleen Bernice	Newbury, Vt.	16 February	Vershire, Vt.
Nutbrown, William Albert	Thetford	Mills, Dolores Elizabeth	Hartford, Vt.	19 March	Hartford, Vt.
Johnson, Thurman Luther	Thetford	Johnson, Marion C.	Thetford	26 March	Lebanon, N. H.
Phelps, William Carlos	Thetford	Drew, Carol Ann	Lyme, N. H.	6 May	Vershire, Vt.
Churchill, Bernard Charles	Lebanon, N. H.	Godfrey, Mary Ann	Thetford	7 June	Norwich, Vt.
Covey, Merle A.	Bradford, Vt.	Tuttle, Verlea	Thetford	18 June	Norwich, Vt.
Dye, Rollin Lee	Thetford	Troup, Patricia Margaret	Barre, Vt.	18 June	Barre, Vt.
Smith, Ernest Ralph	New Milford, Conn.	Erickson, Ruth Miller	New Milford, Conn.	2 July	Norwich, Vt.
Howard, Frederick Porter	Thetford	Jobin, Iola Meacham	Fairlee, Vt.	10 July	Fairlee, Vt.
Hill, Enoch Ernest	Thetford	Martin, Nancy Ann	Thetford	22 July	Thetford, Vt.
Hoehing, Herbert Otto	Staten Island, N. Y.	McCormick, Patricia Ann	Tonowanda, N. Y.	25 August	Thetford, Vt.
Palmer, Charles Carroll Jr.	Thetford	Dukett, Charlotte Rosamond	Royalton, Vt.	3 September	Royalton, Vt.
Shumway, Gordon Leigh	Thetford	Perkins, Joyce Carolyn	Strafford, Vt.	23 September	Thetford, Vt.
Comstock, Kenneth Arthur	Corinth, Vt.	Roberts, Barbara Ann	Thetford	24 September	Thetford, Vt.
Goodspeed, Edward Charles	Thetford	Ashline, Violet Fern	Lyme, N. H.	4 November	Norwich, Vt.
Cook, Larry Bingham	Thetford	MacDonald, Bernice Alexan- dria	Hartford, Vt.	17 November	Norwich, Vt.
Thurston, Claude Erni	Corinth, Vt.	Goodrich, Annabelle Lee	Thetford	19 November	Norwich, Vt.
Blandin, Woodrow Jr.	West Fairlee, Vt.	Lands, Dorothy May	Thetford	13 December	Norwich, Vt.

TOWN OF THETFORD

BIRTHS — 1955

Name of Child	Father	Mother	Place of Birth	Date
Fifield, Michael Glen	Bernard Glenwood Fifield	Priscilla Alice Caswell	Lebanon, N. H.	4 January
Grant, Pamela Marie	Wendell Conrad Grant	Marie Ann Gauthier	Haverhill, N. H.	6 January
Fifield, Karen Carlene	Everett Alger Fifield	Evelyn Alice Estes	Hanover, N. H.	9 January
Wallace, Robert William	Melbourne Homer Wallace	Esther May Doble	Hanover, N. H.	27 January
Pero, Rex William	Morris Harlan Pero	Dorothy Louise Cadwell	Lebanon, N. H.	17 February
Eaton, Russell James	Russell Boyd Eaton	Elspeth Frazer Powell	Hanover, N. H.	14 March
Emerson, Jenny Lu	Edward Sayre Emerson	Priscilla Davis	Lebanon, N. H.	18 March
Johnson, Luther Davis	Thurman Luther Johnson	Marion Corabelle Cook	Hanover, N. H.	19 March
Johnson, Luther David	Kenneth Francis Barker	Barbara Louise Kennedy	Haverhill, N. H.	23 March
Donaldson, Dawson Richard	Herbert William Donaldson	Madeline Jessie Messier	Hanover, N. H.	26 March
Tower, Verne Frederick	Arthur Frederick Tower	Irmgard Juliana Mueller	Hanover, N. H.	8 April
Lackey, Daniel Louis	Leroy Harold Lackey	Norma Jean Welch	Lebanon, N. H.	24 April
Barker, Jennifer Amy	Frank Loriston Barker Jr.	Emily Tyler Anderson	Lebanon, N. H.	1 May
Godfrey, Corinne Ann	Winston Allen Godfrey	Mary Gertrude Moses	Hanover, N. H.	23 May
Teeter, Patricia Evelyn	Walter Reed Teeter	Alma Ann Powers	Lebanon, N. H.	28 June
Fowle, Charlotte Joy	James Warren Fowle	Alison Bozorth	Hanover, N. H.	22 July
Stanley Jr., Jesse Maynard	Jesse Maynard Stanley	Gladys Emogene Nutbrown	Hanover, N. H.	1 September
Vaughan, Richard Charles	Robert Clifton Vaughan Jr.	Janet Cornelia Kendall	Lebanon, N. H.	9 September
Estes, Mark David	Henry Willis Estes	Verna Lillian Aldrich	Hanover, N. H.	17 October
Phelps, Christopher Allen	William Carlos Phelps	Carol Ann Drew	Haverhill, N. H.	11 November
Cadwell, Louis Harvey III	Louis Harvey Cadwell Jr.	Madeline Virginia Hodge	Lebanon, N. H.	19 November

DEATHS — 1955

TOWN OF THETFORD

Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Place of Death	Years	Months	Days
Grant, Pamela Marie	7 January	Haverhill, N. H.			2
Nugent, Elmer H.	11 February	Hartford, Vt.	80		
Robinson, Alice S.	21 March	Hanover, N. H.	83		
Berry, Mabel G.	25 March	Bradford, Vt.	86		
Nutbrown, Abbie	9 May	West Fairlee, Vt.	83		
Ward, Ida Louise Bacon	19 May	Thetford	57		
Knight, Edwin	26 June	Thetford	72		
Pero, Edith Olive Godfrey	30 June	Thetford	62		
Clogston, Susie	11 July	Hanover, N. H.	58		
Longstreet, Sarah E.	12 July	Thetford	94	9	27
Grant, Edward E.	7 September	Hartford, Vt.	62		
Pennell, Albert Grover	16 November	Thetford	46	6	25
Winslow, Elsie	17 December	Thetford	66		
Lang, Elsie M.	20 December	Thetford	74		
Perry, Carrie	31 December	Thetford	85		

TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town and Town School District of Thetford, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Thetford Academy Auditorium-Gymnasium in said Town of Thetford, Tuesday, March 6, 1956 A.D., at 10 o'clock A.M., E.S.T., to transact the following business:

- Article 1. To elect a Moderator.
- Article 2. To elect a Town Clerk.
- Article 3. Providing for vote upon the following question:
- a. Shall license for the sale of malt and vinous liquors be granted in this Town?
 - b. Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town?
- Article 4. To hear and act on the report of the Town Officers.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Selectmen to appoint a Road Commissioner, or elect same by ballot.
- Article 6. To elect all other Town Officers.
- Article 7. To hear and act on the report of the Budget Committee, and raise taxes:
- a. To pay the indebtedness of the Town, and Current Expenses;
 - b. Highway Tax.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote approval of the expenditure of the Gas Tax Funds for construction on either the state aid or town highway system as determined by the Selectmen.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$125.00, to Post No. 79 for Memorial Day observances.

- Article 10. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$50.00, for the Town Library.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to erect a suitable monument in the East Thetford Cemetery commemorating the early settlers of the Town of Thetford.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to continue the program on the Pine Blister Rust Control.

Note: According to law, all bond issues must be voted on by ballot. That is why Article 14 calls for ballot voting. Because Article 13 is so closely related to Article 14, it was thought best to vote on Article 13 in like manner.

- Article 13. Shall the following public improvements, viz.: The acquisition of land and incidental rights at Thetford Center by gift, purchase or otherwise, and the construction thereon and equipping of a new elementary school building of concrete block and brick construction, of approximately eight general classrooms, one multi-purpose room, auxiliary rooms and other usual facilities, for public school purposes, at an estimated cost of \$176,000 be made? Balloting on this article will take place at the polls on March 6 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Article 14. Shall bonds of the Town of Thetford School District to the amount of \$140,000, bearing interest at not to exceed 3%, be issued to pay the remaining cost of said public improvements after application of state aid school construction grant under No. 256 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1953, as amended? Balloting on this article will take place at the polls on March 6 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- Article 15. To see if the Town School District will vote to accept the Budget proposal and raise the tax as recommended in same.
- Article 16. To see if the Town School District will vote to increase the rate of tuition to be paid Thetford Academy from \$245.00 to \$265.00.
- Article 17. To see if the Town School District will vote to donate a sum of money to Thetford Academy.
- Article 18. To see if the Town School District will vote a sum of money, not to exceed 80.00 per student, as a scholarship for one or more Thetford students in a teacher preparation institution in the state in accordance with the provisions of Section 4352 of the Public Laws.
- Article 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated at Thetford, Vermont, February 6, 1956

W. G. Colton,
 George Huggett,
 W. M. Bacon,
 Selectmen
 Town of Thetford

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