

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Thetford

VERMONT

Chartered August 12, 1761

For The Year Ending December 31

1961



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GRAND LIST	\$9,686.91
TAX Rate	11.00
Moderator	Charles A. Wilcox
Town Clerk *	Mildred W. Cook
Assistant Clerk *	Kenneth W. Cook
Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes	***Harold E. Heaton
Ass't Treas. and Ass't Receiver of Taxes	Elsie C. Heaton
Selectmen	
Winston G. Colton (1959)	George Huggett (1960)
	George Evans (1961)
School Directors	
Frank R. Stiles (1960)	Charles A. Wilcox (1960 for 2 yrs.)
	Claradella S. Betts (1961)
Auditors	
Carl A. Anderson (1960)	Quentin Malmquist (1960 for two years to complete term of Ruth Prevost)
	Carl Kelley (1961 for 1 year to complete term of Katherine Howard)
Listers	
William E. Bond (1958)	Roy B. Gould (1960)
	Edward C. LaMontagne (1961)
Trustees of Public Funds	
Pearly A. MacFarlane (1959)	
	Vanessa A. Tilden (1960)
	Walter Smith (1961)
Constable and Collector of Taxes	William E. Worcester
Overseer of Poor (appointed)	Carl Hebb
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits	Gerald H. Wilson
Road Commissioner	Merton Godfrey
Town Grand Juror	A. Lee Cowles

Library Trustees

Emma E. Coombs (1957) Kate P. Howard (1958)
Rosetta Estabrook (1959) Charlotte Vaughan (1960)
Marion Fitzgerald (1961)

Cemetery Trustees

Edward Clay (1960) Ellsworth Sargent (1959)
Ernest C. Bond (1960-Lifetime Honorary Member)
Wilbur MacAllister (1961)

Budget Committee

Walter A. Malmquist (1959) Carl A. Anderson (1960)
Alice F. Fifield (1961)
Harold E. Heaton, Treasurer
Merton Godfrey, Road Commissioner
George Huggett, Selectman
Frank R. Stiles, Chrm. School Board

* Claradella S. Betts appointed Town Clerk August 7, 1961.

**Charles W. Betts appointed Ass't. Clerk October 13, 1961.

*** Frederick L. Prevost appointed Deputy Acting Treasurer January 1, 1961.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, Weighers of Coal.
Gerald H. Wilson Ray Palmer

Walter A. Malmquist

Fence Viewers

Glen Aldrich

Roy Gould

Arthur Bacon

Pound Keeper

Daniel Roberts

Town Representative

William E. Bond

Justices of the Peace

Harold E. Heaton

Charles W. Vaughan

Bernard A. Tilden

William E. Bond

Charles A. Wilcox

Frederick P. Howard

Walter A. Malmquist

MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1961

The annual Town Meeting of the Town of Thetford was held at Thetford Academy Gymnasium at 10:09 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 1961. The meeting was called to order by Charles A. Wilcox, Moderator, who asked Reverend Edward Tyler to open the meeting with a prayer.

The Town Warning was not read into the minutes of this meeting as it had previously been posted in the town and entered into the Town Report.

Article 1. Charles A. Wilcox was re-elected Moderator for a term of one year

Article 2. Mildred Cook was re-elected Town Clerk for a term of one year. Kenneth Cook was appointed Assistant Town Clerk.

Article 3. was passed over at this time and Article 4 regarding the sale of Malt and vinous liquors was open to vote. The result of this vote was: Sale of malt and vinous liquor Yes - 157 No - 73
Sale of spiritous liquors Yes - 87 No - 127
The Town Meeting was then adjourned and the School Meeting opened at 10:17 a.m.

Article 4 Mrs. Hyde raised the question of a limited amount of fire exits in the plans for the new school. Mrs. Claradella Betts pointed out that the present plans were only suggested plans and that after the bond issue was passed, these plans would go to Montepeli-

er to be approved by the State Fire Marshal and the State Board of Education. The Moderator recognized Mr. Arthur LaPierre, who questioned the cost of new equipment for the school. Mrs. Betts replied that furniture now being used would be transferred to the new school. She also stated that the estimated figure of \$158,000 would cover all furnishings for the school. Mr. Stowell then asked what would happen if the cost of the school construction goes over the estimated figure. Mrs. Betts said the architect had quoted an outside figure and that costs should not exceed the estimated figure.

Colonel Robert Overton asked if the school vote was affirmative, would that definitely mean the new building would be located on Thetford Hill. Mr. Wilcox replied that after the vote was accepted, the taxpayers could petition the School Board to call a special meeting and vote to relocate the school.

The School Meeting was then adjourned and Town Meeting reconvened.

Article 5. To hear and act on the report of the Town Officers. It was voted to take up each report individually.

Town Treasurer's Report - There was some question as to the use of the revenue from the flood control dams. It was explained that 60% was used for schools and 40% for highways. Mr. Reininger also questioned the whereabouts of the Marmon Harrington motor. This was answered by Mr. Huggett. The Treasurer's Report was accepted. The School District Treasurer's Report was

to be taken up later in the day when the School Meeting reconvened.

Trust Funds Report - Mr. Fowle questioned who takes care of the Puritan Fund Shares. Mr. Wilcox answered that E. H. Sargent watches the market. It was agreed that these shares should be closely watched. The Trust Funds Report was accepted.

General Fund - Mr. LaPierre questioned the figure of \$7,000 due the Thetford School District. Mr. Wilcox explained that this figure was loaned by the School Directors without interest to the Selectmen. Mr. Reininger then suggested that the report be revised to state the items for which the money was spent. Mr. Anderson replied that this procedure would involve too much paper work and that the accounts are open for inspection by the townspeople at any time. The General Fund Report was accepted.

The Vermont Highway Department Report was broken down by Selectman George Huggett at the request of Mr. Walter Malmquist. This report was accepted. The reports of the Volunteer Fire Department and Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital were passed over for the moment because they were self-explanatory.

The Overseer's Report was accepted as printed.

Budget Committee accepted.

Tax Collector's Report accepted.

Dog Account accepted.

Cemetery Commissioners Report accepted.

Library Report accepted.

Bicentennial Committee Report - Mr. Fowle

spoke in behalf of this Committee and hoped that interest would begin to build. The motion was made and seconded that a copy of the report be sent to the representatives in Washington. This report was accepted.

Article 6 Election of Town Officers.

Road Commissioner - elected by ballot
Merton Godfrey - 88 Royce Bond - 54
George Huggett - 1 Lawrence Bond - 1
Robert Evans - 1 Robert Vaughan - 1
Total number of votes cast - 146

The meeting was then recessed for lunch.
The Town Meeting reopened at 12:59 p.m.
and continued with the election of Town Officers.

Selectmen

Nominated - George Phelps - 36; George Evans - 74 — elected; Carl Hebb - 19.

Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes - Harold Heaton was elected for a term of one year.
Assistant Treasurer and Receiver of Taxes —Elsie C. Heaton was elected for a term of one year.

Carl Kelly elected Auditor for a term of one year.

Edward LaMontagne elected Lister for a term of three years.

Walter Smith elected Trustee of Public Funds for a term of three years.

William Worcester was elected Constable and Tax Collector for a term of one year.

Overseer of the Poor to be appointed by the Selectmen. Carl Hebb was appointed.

Gerald Wilson elected Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits for a term of one year.

A. Lee Cowles elected Town Grand Juror

for a term of one year.

Marion Fitzgerald elected for a term of five years as Library Trustee.

Wilbur McAllister elected Cemetery Trustee for a term of three years.

Alice Fifield elected member of Budget Committee for a term of three years.

It was then voted to send a word of thanks to Mrs. Howard for her services to the town, and also to Mrs. Cowles for her services as Town Representative. It was also voted to send a note of thanks to Harold Heaton along with a copy of the minutes of this meeting, and a note to William Bacon's widow in remembrance for his services.

The Report of the Budget Committee was again brought before the meeting and the report was accepted.

Article 7. Following taxes voted:

a) Town Tax — \$2.55

b) Highway Tax — \$.80 to be payable on or before the 25th of October with interest at one half of one percent thereafter on delinquent taxes.

Article 8 Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to employ a bookkeeper for the Town Officers and the Budget Committee.

Article 9 \$125.00 voted for Memorial Day observances by American Legion Post No. 79.

Article 10 \$100.00 voted for Town Library.

At this point in the Meeting, Doctor William Putnam was invited to give a report on the existing conditions of the grammar schools in the Town of Thetford.

Dr. Putnam inspected the Thetford school system in February 1961, as required by law. Thetford Academy was also included in this inspection because the seventh and eighth grades are now there. This was the

only school that passed Dr. Putnam's inspection satisfactorily. Of the other schools inspected, Post Mills had the fewest faults. In all other schools, stated Dr. Putnam, drinking water was available, but at North Thetford school the water was not fit for consumption. The facilities for hand-washing were inadequate and no schools have hot water. The only school having flush toilets was Thetford Center; also some schools have chemical toilets. All schools have wooden floors which are impossible to keep clean and dry. Fire hazards were present in all schools and no schools have second exits. Each building has one extinguisher but not always readily available. Union Village was the only school having adequate lighting facilities. There was no food preservation facilities in any schools except Thetford Academy. There were no infirmaries for the care of a sick child. Also, none of the grammar schools have telephones. Several schools do not have adequate heating facilities and in some instances only a wood stove is provided. No schools have proper ventilation.

After Dr. Putnam's report, Article 11 was brought up again.

Article 11 To see if the Town would appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$100.00, for Thetford Volunteer Fire Department was accepted.

Article 12 To see if the Town would relocate the Town sheds at a suitable site outside the village of Thetford Center.

Mrs. Fifield stated that the Town shed and garage were an eye-sore to the village of Thetford Center and suggested that they be relocated at some spot on a less-traveled road. Mr. Malmquist, then suggested that Articles 12, 13 and 14 be discussed collect-

ively, as they were all concerned with the same subject. Article 13 was to see whether an option for the purchase of the property now occupied by the Town sheds should be granted to the Community Association of Thetford Center. Article 14 was to see if the Town would vote to approve construction of a suitable Town garage and site for same, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. After a period of discussion, it was moved that these three articles be left to the Selectmen for consideration until the next Town Meeting.

Article 19 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. No other important business was brought up and the Town Meeting was closed at 2:22 p.m.

The School Meeting was then reconvened with the discussion of Article 16 — to see if the Town School District will vote to accept the School Report and raise tax as recommended. There was no discussion and the report was accepted.

Article 6. — to elect a School Director — was the next item of business. Mrs. Claradella Betts was the only nominee and since this official had to be elected by ballot, the Town Clerk was authorized to cast one ballot for Mrs. Betts' election.

Article 15. — 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 provision of Section 4352 of the Public Laws, subject to recommendation by the

school Directors and Principal. This article was accepted.

Article 16 — to see if the Town School District will vote to accept the School Report and raise tax as recommended. The motion was made that if the old schools were to be maintained, the tax would be \$7.06. If the new school was accepted, a tax of \$7.65 (a \$.59 increase over the old tax) would be passed. This motion was accepted.

Article 17 — to see if the Town will vote to donate a sum of money to Thetford Academy. It was voted to invest \$1000.00 in Thetford Academy.

Article 18 — to see if the Town will authorize the school directors to sell the Rice's Mills School and apply the sum of money to the school account. To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to sell the East Thetford School and apply the money to the school accounts.

Mr. Sawyer asked if the Town would give the Rice's Mills School to the community to use as a Community Building. This proposal was rejected because it was thought that this would be a source of income for the town. Mr. Colton then suggested that the schools be sold outright and the money be given to the General Fund to help pay for a new Town Garage. It was suggested that the schools be put up for bids and that the village have a chance to match the best bid. Mr. Chester Palmer made the motion that if the buildings were sold, the funds go into the Town School District Treasury for budgeting the next year. This motion was carried.

Article 19 was brought up again — to transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. No important discussion developed at this time.

The School Meeting was closed at 3:30 p.m. and the Town Meeting was opened again to discuss any last minute business that would come before the Town Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. although the voting on the School Bond Issue continued until 6 p.m.

The result of the School Bond vote was:

Number of votes cast: 300. Spoiled — 6, No — 76, Yes — 218.

The Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Thetford Town Clerk's Office

Received for Record

March 9, 1961 at 10 o'clock p.m. and recorded in Town Meeting Records.

Attest: Mildred W. Cook

Town Clerk

TOWN OF THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Academy Gymnasium in Thetford, Vermont, on August 26, 1961, at one o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls will open, until seven o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls will close, to vote by ballot upon the following article of business:

ARTICLE 1

Shall bonds of the Town of Thetford Town School District to the amount of \$11,000 bearing interest at not to exceed 4% be issued for the purpose of providing needed funds after state aid, to complete the school im-

provements voted March 7, 1961 in accordance with the original plans therefor, at an estimated cost of \$15,500.00.

Dated this 1st day of August, 1961.

George Huggett	Charles A. Wilcox
W. G. Colton	Frank R. Stiles
Geo. E. Evans	Claradella S. Betts
Selectmen	School Directors

Filed for record and recorded this 2nd day of August, 1961

Kenneth W. Cook
Assistant Town Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

August 26, 1961

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford Town School District met at the Academy Gymnasium in Thetford, Vermont, on August 26, 1961, at one o'clock in the afternoon at which time the polls were closed, and voted by ballot upon the following article of business:

ARTICLE 1

Shall bonds of the Town of Thetford School District to the amount of \$11,000 bearing interest at not to exceed 4% be issued for the purpose of providing needed funds after state aid, to complete the school improvements voted March 7, 1961 in accordance with the original plans therefor, at an estimated cost of \$15,500.00.

The outcome of the vote was as follows:

Number of votes	126
Affirmative	76
Negative	50

Recorded 26 August A.D. 1961 at 7:30 P.M.

Claradella S. Betts
Town Clerk

STATE OF VERMONT
Office of the Auditor of Accounts
Montpelier

January 31, 1962

Dear Town Treasurer:

This letter is to remind you of Title 24, Section 1692: "Section 1692. Assistance from auditor of accounts in auditing town accounts; warning, accountant.

The warning for the annual meeting in towns and villages every even year shall contain an article in substance as follows:

'Will the town of Thetford authorize the auditors of the town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the auditor of accounts as provided for in this section and sections 1693-1697 of this title to conduct an audit of the accounts of the town?'

When the vote is in the affirmative the auditors shall request the auditor of accounts to make available to the town or village the services of an accountant from the office of such auditor of accounts on such time schedule basis as the auditor of accounts may arrange.

The legislature has restricted the cost to \$20.00 per day per man, which is the smallest fraction of the gross cost.

The purpose of this warning is to give the towns an opportunity to hire an accountant whose specialty is governmental accounting. He will review your recording and accounting procedures and give you, if necessary, friendly and constructive advice and help.

Sincerely yours,
David V. Anderson
Auditor of Accounts

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TOWN OF THETFORD TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 1961 \$ 405.28

Receipts:

State of Vermont Highway	\$ 45,775.56
State of Vermont Welfare Dept.	4,168.41
Credit to Poor Account by individuals	338.05
Taxes, Interest & Warrant Fees	109,805.69
Loan, Bradford Bank	12,000.00
State of Vermont Tax Loss—	
Flood Control	1,693.98
State of Vermont, Land Rentals	292.22
Dog Licenses	525.00
Beverage Licenses	112.50
Sales and Services	279.20
Insurance Damage	40.58
Refunds	272.90
Cemetery Fund	19.80

\$175,323.89

Total Receipts	\$175,729.17
Disbursements	152,574.73

Cash in Bank — December 31, 1961 \$23,154.44

THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Treasurer's Report

January 1, 1961 - June 30, 1961

Cash in Bank, January 1, 1961 \$ 4,634.96

Receipts:

State of Vermont:		
Homemaking Education	\$732.27	
Agriculture Education	587.44	\$1,319.71
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Town of Thetford Gen. Fund, Loan	\$7,000.00	
Montpelier Nat. Bank, Loan (net)	4,959.38	
Transportation:		
Thetford Academy	\$1,454.55	
Alice Bragg	88.50	1,543.05

Thetford Academy Scholarship Refund 733.48

Land Rents:

Town of Thetford		
From Conn. 1960	\$748.74	
W. O. Johnson-school land	2.39	
Town of Thetford,		
Flood control 1960	137.18	
Town of Thetford,		
Thetford State Forest	210.00	1,098.01
Miscellaneous:		
Vt. Mut. Ins. Co.		
Bus Damage	\$71.93	
Ins. Refund—		
Payroll Audit	15.10	87.03

Total Receipts, June 30, 1961 16,790.96

Disbursements — Orders No. 18—

30 inclusive	58,812.66
Cash in Bank, June 30, 1961	\$4,328.26
Cash in Bank, July 1, 1961	4,328.26
Receipts:	
State of Vermont:	
Agriculture Education	\$383.42
Homemaking Education	314.10
Agriculture Education	330.00
Agriculture & Homemaking Education	? 178.57
	\$1,206.09
Town of Thetford, Mass. 1960	
Flood control	935.92
Thetford School Tax Bill, 1961	74,104.86
State of Vermont, State Aid for Education	24,179.79
Thetford Academy, Scholarship Refund	596.00
Transportation, Bus Fares	915.30
Montpelier National Bank, Consol. School Loan	19,884.50
State of Vermont Building Aid—Consolidated School	26,400.00
Consolidated School Acct.—Refunds of overpayment	7,666.42
Miscellaneous, Sale and Refunds	102.89
	156,001.77
Total Receipts, July 1 - Dec. 31, 1961	\$160,330.03
Disbursements	97,343.68
Cash in Bank, December 31, 1961	62,986.35
Thetford, Vermont December 31, 1961	H. E. Heaton Treasurer

TRUST FUNDS

TOWN FARM TRUST FUND

January 1, 1962	
Puritan Fund, Original Investment—	
667 Shares	\$ 4,001.07
January 1, 1961	
Puritan Fund, 829.61 shares	4,811.13
Dividends and capital gains are automatically invested in more shares	
January 1, 1962	
Puritan Fund, 887.425 shares @ \$9.05	8,031.19
At any time when this income is needed for the care of the poor, it may be had by the sale of shares, any or all in excess of the original investment.	

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

January 1, 1962	
Puritan Fund, 220 shares—	
Original investment	\$ 1,300.20
Income:	
One deferred income payment	\$19.80
Income 1961	83.78
	103.58
Total to be divided	\$103.58
Distribution:	
Hillside Cemetery	\$ 7.97
Post Mills, Cemetery	15.93
East Thetford Cem.	23.90
Evergreen Rest Cem.	55.78
Total	103.58
Balance, January 1, 1962	\$1,300.20

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of Public Funds

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET — GENERAL FUND

December 31, 1961

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash	\$23,154.44
Delinquent taxes receivable	1,595.26
Accounts receivable	309.92
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Total Assets	\$25,059.62

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Current Liabilities:	
Accrued Taxes payable:	
Federal withholding	\$202.42
State withholding	45.95
Social Security	371.33 \$ 619.70
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Notes payable—tax anticipation	12,000.00
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	\$12,619.70
Surplus:	
Balance	\$(2,317.29)
Less excess receipts over disburse.	14,757.21 12,439.92
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Total liabilities and surplus	\$25,059.62
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The above does not include the notes on the Grader held by the Franklin County National Bank.

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS

	Estimate 1961	Received 1961	Excess (Deficiency)
Revenues			
Taxes	\$103,617.73	\$104,601.81	\$ 984.08
Poor account	600.00	4,506.46	3,906.46
Winter Roads	2,224.00	2,224.00	—
Construction	13,000.00	43,551.56	30,551.56
Taxes — old age assistance	2,435.00	2,550.00	115.00
Interest and warrant fees	75.00	79.49	4.49
Dog licenses	500.00	525.00	25.00
Beverage Licenses	75.00	112.50	37.50
Sale of supplies, service and materials	300.00	254.20	(45.80)
Flood control	1,694.00	1,755.20	61.20
Miscellaneous	217.89	337.05	119.16
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	\$124,738.62	\$160,497.27	\$35,758.65
Appropriations			
Poor account	\$ 4,824.00	\$ 8,974.11	\$ 4,150.11
Winter roads	5,584.00	5,623.47	39.47
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Construction, retreatment, bridges	Schedule 3	14,440.00	29,431.34	14,991.34
Highway account	Schedule 4	7,680.00	7,829.05	149.05
Equipment payment		1,440.00	1,391.50	(48.50)
Taxes — state and county	Schedule 5	3,072.00	3,351.69	279.69
Old age assistance tax		2,191.50	2,295.00	103.50
Town officers	Schedule 6	3,264.00	3,758.96	494.96
Electricity, fires insurance	Schedule 7	2,112.00	1,571.78	(540.22)
Printing, supplies, telephone	Schedule 8	1,152.00	1,490.80	338.80
Buildings, sanitation, forests	Schedule 9	480.00	287.89	(192.11)
Interest		288.00	122.50	(165.50)
Tax appropriations	Schedule 10	384.00	363.75	(20.25)
Emergency		96.00	—	(96.00)
Cemetery		192.00	146.90	(45.10)
Contingency	Schedule 11	1,152.00	1,035.65	(116.35)
Repairs and maintenance	Schedule 12	1,824.00	2,627.71	803.71
Town School District taxes		73,440.00	74,104.86	664.86
Town School District flood control		1,123.12	1,333.10	209.98
		\$124,738.62	\$145,740.06	21,001.44
			\$14,757.21	

EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS

THETFORD, VERMONT
APPROPRIATION SCHEDULES

	Rec'd 1961	Expens. 1961	Net Cost (Income) to Town
Poor account — Schedule 1			
General assistance		\$ 1,452.40	\$
Department of Social Welfare		428.69	
Clothing and incidentals		79.53	
Medical care		6,527.64	
Commodities		485.85	
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		\$8,974.11	
Less credits:			
State of Vermont Welfare Dept.	\$4,168.41		
Individuals	338.05	4,506.46	4,467.65
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Winter Roads — Schedule 2			
Gas and oil		\$728.03	
Labor		2,788.55	
Materials and supplies		45.00	
Machine rentals		355.89	
Salt		1,706.00	
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		\$5,623.47	
Less credits:			
State of Vermont	\$2,224.00		
Sales of salt	90.10	2,314.10	\$3,309.37
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Construction, retirement bridges — Schedule 3			
Construction:			
Labor	\$	5,378.18	
Materials and supplies		3,112.20	
Machine rentals		13,942.86	
Retreatment:			
Labor		537.75	
Materials and supplies		5,228.57	
Machine rentals		818.21	

Bridges:

Materials and supplies

413.57

\$29,431.34**Less credits:**

State of Vermont

\$43,551.56 43,551.56 (14,120.22)**Highway account — Schedule 4**

Gas and oil

\$ 811.42

Labor

3,542.05

Materials and supplies

1,253.90

Machine rentals

1,574.18

Patrol

647.50

\$7,829.05**Less credits:**

Sales of gravel

\$52.00

Labor and equipment

85.00

Materials and supplies

27.10

164.10 \$7,664.95

Expended 1961	Net Cost to Town
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Taxes—State and County—Schedule 5

Social Security

\$ 601.23

Treasurer Orange County

481.33

State of Vermont—highway
assessment

1,925.32

Vermont Agricultural Service

343.81

\$3,351.69**Town Officers —Schedule 6**

Listers

\$ 865.00

Medical examiner

28.50

Town clerk

281.75

Treasurer

1,331.46

Assistant treasurer

18.75

Selectmen

450.00

Overseer of poor

600.00

Ballot clerks, board of civil
authority, etc.

183.50

3,758.96**Electricity, fires, insurance—Schedule 7**

Electricity

\$516.90

Fires

489.00

Insurance

565.88

1,571.78

Printing, supplies, telephone, etc.—**Schedule 8**

Postage and telephone

\$130.13

Printing and supplies

966.53

Service charge

6.00

Mileage

388.14

1,490.80

Buildings, sanitation, forests—Schedule 9

Paint

\$ 26.45

Moving town clerk's safe and
building foundation

98.50

Town share—care of dump

162.94

287.89

Tax appropriations—Schedule 10

Memorial day

\$125.00

Latham library

100.00

Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept.

\$100 less 5 Indian fire pumps \$41.25

Scholarships

80.00

363.75

Contingency — Schedule 11

Tape recorder for town meeting

\$ 9.45

Legal services

7.00

Signs

11.90

Sheriff

7.30

Clerk—town officers —

1,000.00

1,035.65

Repairs and Maintenance — Schedule 12

Ford truck

\$ 665.60

F-600 truck

640.92

Grader

983.93

Backhoe

160.86

Tractor and other

176.40

\$2,627.71

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

With this, the second report of our organization, we are happy to report that the Fire House, into which so many man hours of work have been devoted, is progressing as rapidly as possible. Much remains to be done, but this will be accomplished as soon as weather and volunteer labor become available.

The property upon which the Fire House is being erected on Route 113 A, was very graciously donated by Mr. William Nye. The Department has taken out a \$2000.00 loan to finance the new building.

The fire truck discussed in the last annual report, has been purchased and put in operational condition. In addition, 1300 feet of 2½ inch hose, 100 feet of 1½ inch hose, 100 feet of 1 inch high pressure hose and 50 feet of used suction hose have been obtained. Also a high pressure fog nozzle and a new portable pump have been purchased.

Funds for the purchase of these items have been raised through the \$10.00 initial membership fees, renewal memberships of \$5.00; a chicken barbecue; sugar on snow supper; auction; refreshments; pre-Christmas auction; a rifle raffle, and the sale of fire extinguishers.

Anyone may contact any of the officers to fill their fire extinguisher needs.

This years department officers are: president Carlton Gray; vice president Rodney Palmer; secretary, Herbert Reininger; treasurer, Royce Bond; and purchasing agent, George Phelps; Chief, George Phelps; first assistant, Rodney Palmer; second assistant, Lawrence Bond; third assistant, George Evans; fourth assistant, George Stowell.

Meetings are held the last Wednesday of each

month in the Thetford Center School House and all interested people are invited to attend.

Department officers request townspeople not to call the department for aid until a public notice of active operation is published and posted. This will come as soon as the Fire House is completed enough to house the fire truck at all temperatures and an alarm system is solved and installed. This last item is the department's next major problem.

New memberships or volunteer work are most welcome at any time, and we wish to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way to fulfilling our plans for the fire protection of Thetford.

MARY HITCHCOCK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Hanover, New Hampshire

January 25, 1961.

Mr. Carl Hebb
Overseer of Welfare
Thetford, Vermont
Dear Mr. Hebb:

During the year January 1, 1961 through December 31, 1961 the Thetford Free Bed Fund in the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital, Hanover, New Hampshire has rendered 63 days' service to 12 patients, residents of the Town of Thetford, Vermont.

The portion of the hospital's income from Free Bed Funds amounted to \$1,300.00 for the year 1961. In addition, an unused balance of \$49.75 from December 31, 1960 brought the net allotment for the year to \$1,349.75.

The charges at the minimum hospital rates for service rendered to these patients during the period amounted to \$1,358.54, showing an overuse of \$8.79 at the end of 1961.

A summary of accounts as charged to the Fund is enclosed.

Please accept my personal and official thanks for the fine manner in which you have handled the many problems during the past year.

Sincerely yours,
 W. L. Wilson
 Administrator

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE

In submitting a budget for this coming year, you will notice that there are changes in the rate of several of the schedules. This is in line with an effort to be more realistic in our approach to certain items. The overall picture of the General Fund is good, and we can only hope that it will continue to be so.

Again this year, as in the last several years, the Budget Committee recommends that a Town Tax of \$2.55 and a Highway Tax of \$.80 be raised for the current year.

The School Board has submitted its report. The Budget Committee is in complete accord with the report of the School Board and feels that the saving to the town through avoiding large long term interest payments by retiring bonds as specified in the School Committee's Report is well worth while. The increase in taxes is mainly due to the increase brought about by the immediate retirement of a larger part of the bond, and by the increase in the number of tuition students entering Thetford Academy.

The Budget Committee recommends a School Tax of \$8.95 broken down as follows: General Operation, \$7.47; Bond Retirement, \$1.04; Interest, \$.44.

Respectfully submitted,

Budget Committee

PROPOSED BUDGET — 1962

Estimated Grand List \$9,686

Tax Rate \$3.35

	1961		1962	
	Gross Spent	Est.	Exp.	Rate
Poor Account	\$ 8,974.11	\$ 4,843.00		.50
Winter Roads	5,623.47	3,389.00		.35
Construction, retreatment, etc.	29,431.34	1,452.00		.15
Equipment payment	1,391.50	1,452.00		.15
Taxes — State & County	3,351.69	3,099.00		.32
Old Age Assistance Tax	2,295.00			—
Town Officers	3,758.96	3,293.00		.34
Electricity, Fires, Insurance	1,571.78	2,324.00		.24
Printing Supplies, Tel.	1,490.80	1,162.00		.12
Buildings, sanitation, forests	287.89	290.00		.03
Interest	122.50	193.00		.02
Tax Appropriations	363.75	386.00		.04
Emergency				—
Cemetery	146.90	96.00		.01
Contingency	1,035.65	871.00		.09
Repairs and Maintenance	2,627.71	1,840.00		.19
				—
	\$62,473.05	\$24,690.00		\$2.55
Highway	7,829.05	7,756.00		.80
				—
	\$70,302.10	\$32,446.00		.3.35

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Delinquent taxes Dec. 31, 1960	\$ 2,832.38
Delinquent taxes for 1961 from Treasurer:	
Real Estate	\$ 4,043.72
Personal property	727.54
Poll and old age	976.00
	5,747.26
	\$8,579.64
Collected and paid to Treasurer	\$6,573.70
By adjustment by Board of Civil	410.68
	6,984.38
Delinquent taxes Dec. 31, 1961	\$1,595.26
Collected warrant fees \$4.90	
Collected interest \$74.59	

The following tax payers were delinquent on December 31, 1961:

Real Estate—	
1952 Harvey & Nellie Cadwell,—balance	\$ 19.00
1953 Harvey and Nellie Cadwell,	19.20
1954 Harvey and Nellie Cadwell,	20.40
1955 Harvey and Nellie Cadwell,	21.15
1956 Harvey and Nellie Cadwell	24.45
1957 Harvey and Nellie Cadwell	24.60
1960 Warren Dennett—Balance	17.24
1961 Marie Adams	\$ 38.50
*Alice Cross	334.95
Edwin and Anna Crowley	184.80
*Arthur Hazen	11.55
Warren Dennett	57.75
*Robert and Dorothy Overton	231.00
*Charles and Eileen Palmer	117.70
*Sevigny Lumber Co.,	

Personal property (Balance)	440.97	
Arvin Manning, Poll and Old Age	16.00	
Joyce Manning, Poll and Old Age	16.00	1,499.22
		\$1,595.26

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Worcester, Tax Collector

Items marked * paid since Dec. 31, 1961

To the taxpayers of Thetford:—

Every year, and 1961 was particularly bad, an annoying situation arises in regard to property that has been sold after April first and careless adjustment or none has been made between the buyer and seller as to the payment of taxes.

Our treasurer has been cussed out by buyers until he is tired of it because they had no tax bills in their name. The first they knew taxes had not been paid was when they received a delinquent tax bill. The collector had then received some abuse, too.

Now, obviously, neither the treasurer nor the collector are in any way at fault. The listers make up the tax lists on the basis of titles of record on April first. The tax bill is then sent to the treasurer for billing. He has no duty to know what sales or changes in title are made at a later date. If the owner as of April first does not pay the tax before October 25th. it becomes delinquent and it is passed to the collector with a warrant for collection. The collector also bills the April first owner. With no response, a check is made of the records so legal action can be taken against the property. At that time the new owner is notified. When he finds that he must pay a warrant fee, 8% penalty and interest as well

as the tax, injured feelings are vented on the treasurer and collector.

The usual and proper way to avoid all this is to make a tax settlement at the time the deed is passed. Usually the seller pays the tax from January first, or other date agreed upon, to the date of sale and the buyer pays the balance. Even if the tax bills are not out, the amount can be obtained from the listers. If the seller agrees to pay the entire tax he should show a receipt; if pro-rated, he should pay the buyer the amount due and give him the tax bill so the buyer can pay it on time and avoid the penalty. Don't blame the town treasurer if you are careless in your business methods. He has troubles enough of his own. So has your collector.

Your collector wonders;-

1. Why folks complain about high taxes, then fail to budget for them and, by becoming delinquent, automatically raise their poll and old age tax by at least 15.6%, and their property tax by 8½%!

2. Why, when it costs between \$300.00 and \$400.00 for each child in school, that parents who pay less than that should not realize that they have a real bargain. Someone else is paying for their child's education.

3. Why anyone wanting to be on the following years voting list does not make every effort to pay his tax before December 31. Delinquents of that date are cut off the check list.

4. Why the town of Thetford does not elect a younger man as Tax Collector.

William E. Worcester, Tax Collector.

VERMONT STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The following health services were available from State-Federal tax money and local voluntary contribution to protect the health of the people of Thetford, along with the people of the other towns and cities in Vermont. A tabulation of the principal State Health Department services which the residents of your town used last year* follows:

With the aim of keeping children well and helping handicapped children, well-child and school conferences were attended by 30 children. Nutrition and dietary consultations numbered 1, 2 with orthopedic, cardiac, plastic or neurological conditions received services or appliances through clinics for handicapped children.

In the effort to control communicable disease 20 persons received chest x-rays; 70 children received immunizations, including boosters, against diphtheria, whooping cough and/or tetanus. Polio immunizations, including boosters, were given 82 children and adults in clinics and conferences, and 146 people obtained immunizations during the summer mobile polio program. The State laboratory performed tests on 37 water samples, 0 food and dairy products, 46 blood specimens and 10 other specimens. Vaccines, antitoxins and biologicals were distributed for protection against communicable diseases.

There were 55 sanitary inspections or consultations at the town's food and lodging places and 17 concerning water supply, sewage disposal, public buildings and other problems, to protect health through improved town sanitation Service to maintain and improve adult health in industry included 0 chest x-rays and inspections and consultations at plants. In connection with the state program and the Hill-Burton federal aid program for hospital and medical facility construction there was 1

inspection-consultation.

Individual interviews with the psychologist or psychiatric social worker were given 1. Under the community mental health program to develop local projects for prevention, treatment or education in mental health, financial assistance and staff consultations are available.

All programs in the department offer educational services. Pamphlets, films, a news release and information service and speakers are available. A health educator is available to help town groups study their health problems and plan educational programs.

The public health nurse served at well-child and school conferences, x-ray and immunization clinics, assisted by local people. She visited homes, doctors, and agencies, making 473 visits on behalf of 67 persons and community health activities. Her service is an essential element in the department's program for health promotion, disease prevention, diagnosis, treatment and education.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. Aiken, M. D., M. P. H.
Commissioner of Health

*To show the amount of services and have this available by the time your town report is prepared we have tabulated most of our services in the 12 month period ending September 30, although some are in the fiscal year ending June 30th.

THE THETFORD TOWN LIBRARY

During the past year there has been more activity at the Library. Books taken out numbered 2157 of which 954 were children's books. On Friday afternoons pupils from the 7th and 8th Grades have come in increasing numbers to the Library.

The budget for the year was \$650, allocated as follows:

Librarian's salary	\$200
Operating expenses	200
*New Books	250

* \$100 given by town was used for purchase of children's books.

Other expenses occurred amounting to \$191.38 of which the largest items were:

New cellar stairs	\$68.20
Refill 2/61 oil leakage	42.24
Replacement of oil tank	55.48

Extra expenses were met through the contributions of the Friends of the Library. Mr. O. B. Lewis gave the new oil tank. Without these gifts the Library's usefulness would have been impaired.

In view of the salaries commanded by the professional librarians it is gratefully acknowledged that our Thetford librarians are making a munificent gift of their time and energies. Other ladies, too, have contributed much time and labor to the Library in the sorting and rearranging of books and, in general, making the library more attractive and useful to all of us.

Special efforts will be made this coming year to acquaint the consolidated elementary school children with the Library and to encourage them to use its facilities.

Report of Cemetery Commission

The cemeteries have been cared for at an actual expense of \$127.10.* This includes fence for the Stevens Cemetery, part of which has been erected. For names, locations, and general conditions, reference may be made to last year's report.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilber E. McAllister
Edwin Clay
Ellsworth Sargent

*Please note that the Cemetery Account was charged \$19.80 more than the figure shown above. This was a transfer of \$19.80 from the General Fund to the Trustees of the Public Funds - Cemetery Trust Fund. Auditors.

DOG ACCOUNT

To: Harold E. Heaton — Treasurer
Fm: Claradella S. Betts, Town Clerk

138 Males at	\$2	\$276.00
20 Females at	6	120.00
1 Kennel Lic.	30	30.00
21 Males at	3	63.00
4 Females at	9	36.00
Total		\$525.00

Respectfully submitted,
Claradella S. Betts
Town Clerk

Report of the Needs and Conditions of the School

Again we are pleased to make this annual report. As begun last year, we show the enrollment statistics and the usual comparison over a five year period. Continuing we show as clearly as possible the current budget, actual expense and estimated expense for current school year in two columns each covering six months. A fourth column gives an anticipated total expense for current year and items can be easily compared to budget figures. The last column shows our proposed budget for the 1962-1963 school year. A financial statement at the end gives a close estimate of how we shall stand this June 30th.

Once again only minor repairs have been made in order that facilities be kept in usable condition. With the start of construction on the new school, this policy is even more rigid with contemplated expense for balance of current school year limited to breakage, replacement of grates and possible plumbing repairs. The cleaning in preparation for school opening was done as usual and floors at Post Mills treated with Gym finish.

This year in anticipation of moving to the new facilities before school closes in June, we have taken one further step in shifting pupils. We felt that having one grade per teacher would create less pupil disruption when the change is made. Granted it has given us problems of transportation over which time in discussion and means of solving have been spent. We are not happy with our results yet, but feel once all the children come to a central spot, a major part of the problem will disappear. With a trial period at the new school this Spring, it seems probable that most of the current problems can be ironed out and a sound schedule of transportation worked out for next year.

By the shift in pupil transportation we have eliminated one teacher and closed one more school. (This reflects savings in Salary, heat and upkeep; however; the added transportation will somewhat offset these savings.) We were again fortunate to get well qualified and very good teachers to replace those who had to retire last June. We would like to express our appreciation to those retired teachers and wish it possible to have made it known before the whole community was saddened by the death of Mrs. Cook. The years of her teaching and influence on those children for whom she worked tirelessly will long be remembered.

We show a slight drop in elementary pupil population from last year, but a gain at junior high level. Our over all figure remains quite constant. It seems natural to expect a gradual influx of pupils soon after the new facilities are in use. High School and Junior High enrollment figures bear out the estimate made for the year with 70 High School and 50 pupils in Grades 7 and 8. We still have four pupils attending Valley School and expect them to continue.

Considering the total expense figures for the period July 1 through Dec. 31, 1961: General Control figures run close to budget except in Board and Treasurer expense. This is partially explained by the fact we are keeping separate accounts for current school expenses and for new construction expenses. Included here is an increase in School Board Association dues.

Instruction expenses show a slight fluctuation in the two major items of Teachers and Tuition. As mentioned one teacher less than last year, will save nearly \$3,900.00. However, added pupils for tuition will exceed budget by nearly \$1,100.00—most of which though not shown directly is lessened by monies returned as scholarships. This money shows as income and for the year should come out nearly even.

Operation and Maintenance budgets will be very close

and should vary little from figures shown. Fixed Charges will also be in line.

Auxiliary costs will be the category where overage occurs. This particularly in Transportation Other than Town-owned Bus. As mentioned previously added transportation was necessary to divide our grades as has been done. This cost is running over budget by approximately \$3,200.00. Shown also are cost on new school paid from regular school accounts for interest on bonds and repayment to consolidated fund for monies transferred to pay construction bills before separate accounts were in operation. Noting closely it is shown that an overpayment to Consolidated Funds are listed in amount of \$7,666.42. This will be repaid the General School Fund and is reflected in the Financial Statement.

In a separate report will be found an accounting of the Consolidated School Funds.

True operations costs for period July 1 - December 31, 1961 are reduced to \$40,907.08 if all items on Consolidated School are deducted. This is slightly less than operational costs were for the same period last year. Our increased costs will show up larger in the following half year January 1 - June 30, 1962 under estimated expense column. This is particularly true as mentioned above on Transportation and with the added costs of bond retirement and interest. From our bond retirement schedule you can see that \$9,000.00 on principal and \$2,091.00 interest will be due June 1. In addition \$206.25 interest on second bond issue is due in April. You may remember that in the report one year ago in estimating the tax to be raised we used a bond retirement figure of \$6,150.00. This figure was obtained by dividing the issue by 20 years. When the bonds were sold they were not set up in this manner, nor did we know this until Summer. We are retiring \$9,000.00 each year for 2 years, \$8,000.00 each year for five years

and the balance at \$5,000.00 yearly to completion. This is original bond issue alone. The second bond issue runs for eleven years at \$1,000.00 each year for retirement. This of course was necessary and voted for with no provision made in estimated budget for retirement and interest. By this set up, we of course underestimated by \$3,000.00 the amount needed for retirement of first issue alone. And at the time of our report anticipated no added bond issue.

We hasten to add we are in complete agreement with the schedule of retirement on first issue bonds in spite of the increase it makes for the next few years. The savings to the town are shown by the following comparison. If the schedule were as we mentioned last year on the basis \$6,150.00 for twenty years the interest would cost the town \$43,911.20 or average yearly interest of \$2,195.56. As with actual schedule in effect now the cost to town is \$38,658.00 or average yearly interest of \$1,932.90. This is a total savings of \$5,253.20 or \$262.66 yearly — translated to tax savings \$.03 yearly.

At the end of seven years interest payments are only about one-half the beginning cost. Likewise the bond principal is reduced to \$65,000.00. In the long run this will be an advantage for as the bond payment and interest decrease, the tax for operating expense will no doubt rise. This operational expense should not however increase as fast as the decrease in costs of interest so should stabilize the tax rate. Consequently from our financial statement, you can see at a glance we expect a deficit this June 30th of about \$3,600.00. We feel this is not unreasonable and a result of circumstances beyond our control.

Considering the proposed budget for 1962-1963 school year: The budget for Teachers' Salaries is reduced from last years figure by \$3,250.00 This represents the dif-

ference saved through having one less teacher less increments for the coming year. A large increase in Tuition Costs is budgeted. This year we have 120 students at the Academy. Eight seniors graduate from High School while 21 finish Grade 6. If all continue, this would increase number of tuition pupils by 13 to a total of 133 next year at the Academy. Notice has been received that the rate will be increased \$15.00 to a total of \$390.00 next September, with scholarships reduced by half for Junior High pupils. Tuition costs over this year will increase by \$6,420.00 which reflects consideration of scholarships. It does not include the \$1,000.00 usual Town Aid. Operation costs show anticipated reductions. Maintenance as to repairs is pared while equipment is as to provide cleaning and polishing machines to care for the floor. Fixed Charges remain constant. Auxiliary costs bear the brunt of necessary budget increments. Transportation other than bus has been cut some from expected costs this year. We may very well find our estimate too conservative here. The usual Sinking Fund and Federal Vocational Aid to Thetford Academy are used. Interest on bonds in amount of \$4,269.75 will have to be paid in period by budget, as well as \$10,000.00 on principal.

If the town continues to vote the usual \$1,000.00 aid to the Academy at March meeting, it is the feeling of your Directors that we can comply with such action by using money which is now budgeted for the Sinking Funds. It would not change our tax but simply postpone payment to Sinking Fund for bus.

You will also note in financial statement we are to make use of monies received from sale of East Thetford and Rices Mills schools to lower our anticipated deficit this June 30th. This was voted for by the budget committee and was acceptable to all. We trust

that sale of remaining school houses will liquidate balance of deficit.

To meet the proposed budget considering monies to be received other than taxes in amount of \$30,450.00 will require \$86,331.75 to be raised. We recommend the following tax for 1962-1963: General Operation \$7.47; Bond Retirement \$1.04; Interest \$.44 for a total of \$8.95.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Wilcox,
Claradella Betts,
Frank Stiles,

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Fay G. Whitcomb,
SUPERINTENDENT

PUPIL PROGRESS — 1960 - 1961

Grades	Total Pupils Per Year	No. Pro. 1 or more Grade	No. Pro. on Condition	No. Not Pro. a Grade	No. Trans. to other Schools
1	23	21	1	0	1
2	28	23	5	0	0
3	29	26	3	0	0
4	22	20	1	0	1
5	23	19	2	1	1
6	26	21	4	0	1
Totals	151	130	16	1	4

ENROLLMENT — 1961 - 1962

Schools	Grades	No. of Stud.
Post Mills	1	24
Thetford Center	2	16
North Thetford	3	24
Union Village	4	25
Post Mills	5	24
Post Mills	6	21

Elementary Totals 134

**At Academy
Jr. High and
High School**

	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
1960 - 1961	24	19	27	17	12	16	115
1961 - 1962	28	22	19	18	25	8	120
St. Johnsb'y Trade	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
1961-1962 Totals	28	22	19	19	25	8	121

TOWN OF THETFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Estim. bal. and income for July 1, 1962 - June 30, 1963:	
Anticipated deficit June 30, 1962	\$ 3,637.34
Estimated State Aid	24,500.00
Estimated Federal Voc. Aid	
to Thetford Academy	3,000.00
Estimated Bus Fares	1,500.00
Estimated Flood Tax	1,400.00
Leased Land rent	50.00
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	\$26,812.66
Tax Money	89,969.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS

Balance on hand—July 1, 1961	\$	4,328.26
Income — July 1 - December 31, 1961:		
Taxes	\$74,104.86	
State Aid	24,179.79	
Bus Fares	915.30	
Home Economics & Agriculture	1,206.09	
Refunds and Miscellaneous	99.09	
Scholarship — Junior High	596.00	
Flood Tax	935.92	102,037.05
Total Available — Dec. 31, 1961		\$106,365.31
Less Directors' Orders Drawn, July 1 - Dec. 31, 1961		52,817.58
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1962		\$53,547.73
Anticipated Income, Jan. 1, - June 30, 1962		
Scholarship Aid	\$ 1,200.00	
Home economics & Agriculture	1,800.00	
Bus Fares	1,100.00	
Rices Mills and E. Thetford		
School Sale Receipts	1,100.00	5,200.00
Total Available — June 30, 1962		\$58,747.73
Less Directors' Orders Anticipated, Jan. 1 - June 30, 1962		70,051.49
		-\$11,303.76
Overpayment of		7,666.42
Deficit Anticipated — July 1, 1962		\$3,637.34

NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance January 1, 1961		0.00
Receipts:		
First Bond Issue	\$123,000.00	
Interest & Premiums	364.10	123,364.10
State Aid		26,400.00
		11,000.00
Second Bond Issue	11,000.00	
Interest & Premiums	12.60	11,012.60
		45,000.00
Temporary Loans		45,000.00
Interest earned on Savings Acct.		1,837.50
Overpayments from Gen. Fund	7,666.42	215,280.62
		215,280.62
Disbursements:		
School Directors' Orders Paid		163,453.29
Interest deducted from Proceeds	157.23	163,610.62
		\$51,670.10
Balance—Dec. 31, 1961		\$51,670.10
Savings		43,338.39
Checkbook		8,331.71
		\$51,670.10
Construction		118,610.52
Temporary Loans Paid		45,000.00
		\$163,610.52
Construction Contract	\$173,367.30	
Architect—6% of Contract	10,402.04	183,769.34
Survey, wells, grading, tables, curtains, lights, etc.		12,000.00
Paid to date		118,610.52
		\$ 77,158.82
Balance left to be paid—Dec. 31, 1961		\$ 77,158.82
Cash on hand—Dec. 31, 1961	\$ 51,670.10	
Est. Rev.—State Aid, \$183,769.34 at 30%	\$55,130.80	
Less first payment	26,400.00	28,730.80
		80,400.00
Balance when construction completed		\$3,242.08

COMPARISON OF SCHOOL EXPENSES AND INCOME — 1956 - 1961

	1956 - 57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
Expenditures					
Supt. Salary & Expense	\$ 1,722.20	\$1,735.00	\$ 1,805.94	\$ 1,416.16	\$ 1,635.16
School Dir. and Misc. (inc. SS)	593.02	566.24	611.46	1,015.50	818.94
Fed. Aid-Voc. Thet. Academy	2,458.65	3,617.18	2,933.71	2,439.53	7,573.90
Teachers' Salaries	22,326.25	24,781.50	27,660.00	22,521.83	25,213.13
Music Classes	803.00	647.57	750.00	750.00	850.00
Jr.-Sr. H.S. Tuition and Aid	18,832.68	19,578.12	19,442.78	35,799.60	44,040.42
Textbooks and Supplies	1,255.01	1,636.44	1,867.41	1,523.64	1,437.75
Library, Health, Lun., Census	212.82	110.76	258.04	142.27	153.93
Janitor, Cleaners, Supplies	2,422.18	2,525.54	2,924.84	2,533.40	3,130.45
Fuel, Lights, Water	1,582.86	1,313.88	1,558.20	1,403.04	1,755.70
Repairs and Upkeep	2,665.24	1,950.81	2,264.08	1,654.61	794.61
Furniture and Equipment	23.86	346.94	1,906.35	000	124.11
Insurance	313.20	913.96	526.30	689.80	594.97
Transportation (except Bus)	3,627.09	3,067.87	5,694.50	6,036.00	6,221.50
Bus driver, gas, oil, repairs	2,156.75	4,069.07	2,527.09	2,236.04	2,378.62
New Bus—Capital Outlay	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,659.45	0.00
Debt Payment and Interest	1,025.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plans — Consolidated School	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,277.14
Sinking Fund	0.00	1,188.78	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Special Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	228.10	1,268.25
	<u>\$62,019.81</u>	<u>\$68,039.66</u>	<u>\$73,790.70</u>	<u>\$86,048.97</u>	<u>\$100,268.58</u>
Balance on Hand July 1st	0.00	4,817.78	6,451.17	2,250.98	4,328.26

Income					
Town Taxes	44,245.38	43,404.70	44,482.17	51,322.02	63,745.43
State Aid	17,905.87	20,995.95	21,524.68	21,687.35	22,411.51
Fed. Aid-Voc. Thetford Academy	2,458.65	3,617.18	2,933.71	2,235.36	7,573.90
Tuitions	475.00	310.00	512.50	480.00	0.00
Borrowed or Gen. F. Transfer	1,024.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,959.38
Bus Fares and Receipts	1,582.60	1,663.10	1,975.40	1,435.80	2,057.23
Miscellaneous	112.27	44.89	78.82	394.05	1,530.88
Sale of School House	54.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flood Tax	0.00	1,188.78	671.86	2,032.12	2,555.33
Sinking Fund — Bus	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,262.08	0.00
	<u>\$67,858.97</u>	<u>\$76,042.38</u>	<u>\$72,239.14</u>	<u>\$81,848.78</u>	<u>\$104,833.66</u>
TOTAL INCOME					
TOTAL EXPENSES	62,019.81	68,039.66	73,790.70	86,048.97	100,268.58
Balance June 30th	*5,839.16	8,002.72	6,451.17	2,250.98	**6,816.06

* \$1,021.38 Difference actually paid in School Year 1956-57 for previous year.

** \$2,487.80 Transferred from General Fund to Consolidated School.

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	Current	Actual Estimated		Total Spent	Proposed
	Budget	Expense	Expense & Estimated	Budget	Budget
	July 1, '61- June 30, '62	July 1, '61- Dec. 31, '61	Jan. 1, '62- June 30, '62	July 1, '61- June 30, '62	July 1, '62- June 30, '63
GENERAL CONTROL:					
SUPERVISION:					
Supt. Salary and Travel	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 606.24	\$ 606.24	\$ 1,212.48	\$ 1,250.00
Supt. Office Expense	300.00	187.50	187.50	375.00	375.00
BOARD OF EDUCATION:					
Salary	225.00	84.00	120.00	204.00	225.00
Clerk	200.00	115.00	85.00	200.00	250.00
Expenses	90.00	209.58	25.00	234.58	100.00
Treasurer	25.00	26.40	25.00	51.40	25.00
INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSES:					
Teachers	29,500.00	9,935.25	14,670.00	24,605.25	26,250.00
Jr. & Sr. H.S. Tuition and Aid	44,125.00	16,112.50	29,112.50	45,225.00	50,645.00
Text Books	500.00	525.88	25.00	550.88	500.00
Instructional Supplies	1,100.00	937.87	125.00	1,062.87	1,100.00
Library and Reference	125.00	107.40	0.00	107.40	100.00
Special Education	1,300.00	1,305.76	0.00	1,305.76	1,300.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PPLANT					
Janitors' Services	3,000.00	964.00	1,336.00	2,300.00	1,500.00
Janitors' Supplies	300.00	76.96	200.00	276.96	500.00
Fuel	1,000.00	399.71	600.00	999.71	1,200.00
Lights and Water	400.00	150.41	250.00	400.41	500.00

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

Repairs	2,000.00	438.44	1,000.00	1,438.44	500.00
Furniture and Equipment	250.00	29.33	200.00	229.33	650.00
FIXED CHARGES:					
Insurance	750.00	230.81	520.00	750.81	750.00
Bank	12.00	0.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Social Security	200.00	41.40	160.00	201.40	200.00
AUXILIARY COSTS:					
Health and Medical	35.00	0.00	35.00	35.00	50.00
Transportation (Other than Bus)	6,400.00	4,006.00	5,650.00	9,656.00	8,000.00
Transportation Bus	2,000.00	1,077.10	1,000.00	2,077.10	2,500.00
Truant and Census	30.00	42.45	10.00	52.45	30.00
Sinking Fund	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Federal and State Aid—					
Thetford Academy	3,000.00	1,206.09	1,800.00	3,006.09	3,000.00
Interest on Loans	0.00	2,091.00	2,297.25	4,388.25	4,269.75
Repay Consolidated School Funds	0.00	*11,910.50	0.00	*11,910.50	0.00
Bond Payments	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	10,000.00
	<u>\$ 99,267.00</u>	<u>\$ 52,817.58</u>	<u>\$70,051.49</u>	<u>\$122,869.07</u>	<u>\$116,781.75</u>
				7,666.42	
					<u>\$115,202.65</u>

* Should be \$4,244.08 Net Costs
Overpayment of

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THETFORD ACADEMY

To the Citizens of Thetford:

Thetford Academy opened its doors to begin its 143rd year on September 6, 1961. There were three changes in the faculty, including my appointment as principal and teacher of senior English and sociology. Miss Ruth Doyle, who attended Champlain Business College, replaced Mrs. Lilla Willey as typing instructor. Mr. H. Brooks Walker of Fairlee, a graduate of Yale Art Institute, replaced Mr. R. Alden Burt as art teacher and is offering instruction to all 7th and 8th Grade students and all interested Senior High students. Professor Elliot Grant is again teaching French III. Dr. William Putnam is teaching a group of students in Greek II.

On opening day there was an enrollment of 231 students constituted by grades as follows: Junior High, 7th Grade: 28; 8th Grade: 22; Senior High, 9th Grade: 59; 10th Grade: 44; 11th Grade: 56; 12th Grade: 22. There have been 10 drop-outs in the Senior High. Two students have transferred from the Junior High to an out-of-state school. Our present enrollment is 219, an increase of 12 over last year's enrollment.

Since my schedule is free of classes in the afternoon, individual guidance conferences are available to each student. Individual conferences have been held with every student in the Senior High at least once. Those with problems they wish to discuss or those who are failing or doing poorly in their work have been interviewed several times. Such conferences are designed to aid each student to develop his full potential. Also in line with this development a new record system which utilizes a permanent record card for each student has been started. On these cards will be all information available on each student in a readily used form designed to make more effective the guidance of each student.

Several teaching aids and reference works have been added this year. A new set of WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA has been added to the Junior High along with several reference works in the field of Science. In the Senior High the following aids have been added: a new set of the ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA; a new atlas and several other reference works; a complete set of maps to help make the teaching of the social studies more effective; a set of wall charts for the typing room; two reference works in the field of science. Also the Science Research Associates Reading Laboratory, which is designed to help retarded readers, is available for use and is being used in both the Junior and Senior High. Two other changes should be mentioned. A course in world affairs has been made available to interested seniors. Also a school newspaper is now being published, with five issues planned for the first year.

In concluding my first report to the townspeople of Thetford, may I express my sincere appreciation for the way you have made me and my family feel welcome as members of the community. It is my aim to do all I can, in cooperation with the trustees and the faculty and with you as parents and interested citizens, to carry on the fine traditions represented by Thetford Academy and to help keep it not only the onward-moving institution it has always been, but to help maintain the personal interest shown in each and every student in order that the youth of the area may be offered the best possible opportunity for development.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruel G. Barrett

AUDITOR'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Liabilities	1960	1961
Franklin County Bank, Notes 8-10	\$ 5,060.00	\$ 3,795.00
Selectmen's Note to School Board	7,000.00	_____
Note — Bradford National Bank	_____	12,000.00
Accrued Taxes, Fed., State., Soc. Sec.	477.33	619.70
	_____	_____
Total Liabilities	\$12,537.33	\$16,414.70
Assets		
Cash	\$ 405.28	\$23,154.44
Outstanding Taxes	2,832.38	1,595.26
Accounts Receivable* (State)	13,000.87	_____
Accounts Receivable	457.30	309.92
	_____	_____
Total Assets	\$16,696.23	\$25,059.62
Assets over Liabilities	4,158.90	8,644.92

* Paid in January 1961.

SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Assets	
Cash on hand	\$46,349.96 \$62,986.35
Selectmen's Note to School Board	7,000.00 _____

Total Assets	\$53,349.96 \$62,986.35
School Accounts in Bank	
Northfield National Bank (Bus Fund)	1,050.89
Peterborough Savings Bank (Bus Fund)	1,025.00
In Escrow Bradford Sav. Bank— (Sale of School Houses)	1,105.50
Other Monetary Assets of the Town	
Town Farm Trust Fund	
Jan. 1, 1962 — 887.425 shares of Puritan Fund	8,031.19
Cemetery Trust Fund	
Jan. 1, 1962—220 shares of Puritan Fund	1,991.00
Thetford Town Forest	500.00

The officers of the town are properly bonded as required by law.

We hereby certify that we have examined the recorded entries of books and accounts of the town officers and trustees of public funds of Thetford, Vermont, and have found the same to be correct.

Carl Kelley
 Quentin Malmquist
 Carl A. Anderson
 AUDITORS

BIRTHS REPORTED TO THE TOWN OF THETFORD — 1961

Name of Child	Father of Child	Mother of Child	Place of Birth	Date of Birth
Slack, Donald Keith	Slack, Bruce Goodell	Bond, Sally Ann	Lebanon, N.H.	Dec. 30, 1960
Perkins, Gordon Frederick	Perkins, Richard N.	Richardson, Winifred	Lebanon, N.H.	Jan. 19, 1961
Thurston, Ronald Ray	Thurston, Elwood E.	Goodrich, Gloria Ann	Lebanon, N.H.	Feb. 15, 1961
Hill, Steven Enoch	Hill, Enoch E.	Martin, Nancy Ann	Lebanon, N.H.	Mar. 23, 1961
Barker, Jeffrey, Scott	Barker, Kenneth F.	Kennedy, Barbara L.	Lebanon, N.H.	Mar. 25, 1961
Bragg, Richard Carroll	Bragg, Carroll K.	Chaplin, Frances M.	Lebanon, N.H.	June 19, 1961
Goodrich, Roy Allen	Goodrich, George L.	Clark, Ariene R.	Theftord	June 27, 1961
Bushway, Jr., Richard Olsen	Bushway, Richard O.	Tilden, Jean E.	Lebanon, N.H.	Aug. 3, 1961
Robinson, Nancy Lynne	Robinson, Kenneth B.	Corliss, Janice G.	Haverhill, N.H.	Aug. 26, 1961
Fitzgerald, Jordan Dean	Fitzgerald, John D.	Tilden, Phyllis A.	Lebanon, N.H.	Sept. 7, 1961
Judd, David Francis	Judd, Richard Floyd	Jamieson, Mary Ethel	Lebanon, N.H.	Sept. 10, 1961
Evans, Robert Scott	Evans, Robert H.	Tullar, Patricia J.	Lebanon, N.H.	Sept. 16, 1961
Dresser, Doreen Edna	Dresser, Howard E.	Boyd, Betty L.	Lebanon, N.H.	Oct. 22, 1961
Blandin, Robert Mitchell	Blandin, Kenneth K.	Lezer, Joan	Lebanon, N.H.	Nov. 8, 1961

DEATHS REPORTED TO THE TOWN OF THETFORD — 1961

Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Place of Death	Age
Ash, Elma	February 7	Haverhill, N.H.	78
Shailcross, Elizabeth Churchman	March 10	Theftord	80
Clay, Frederick Payson	March 15	Theftord	77
Emerson, Leonard Berry	April 3	Theftord	76
Knights, Nathan Z.	April 14	Keene, N.H.	39
Druge, Mary	June 12	Lebanon, N. H.	63
Dubrule, Frances M.	June 18	Lebanon, N.H.	83
Smith, Annie Elizabeth	June 19	Hanover, N.H.	81
Smith, Alice	July 21	Theftord, Vt.	83
Prevost, Ruth	July 21	Lyme, N.H.	
Cook, Mildred W.	July 23	Hanover, N. H.	68
Dodge, Kate	June 27	Hanover, N.H.	76
Baker, Herrman Leslie	September 3	Hanover, N.H.	64
Ford, Lois Montross	September 12	Theftord, Vt.	64
Coombs, Emma E.	September 19	Theftord, Vt.	63
Eastman, John Murray, Jr.	September 19	Hanover, N.H.	63
Banker, Brian Andrew	October 8	Point Arena, Calif.	35
Morse, Isa Mae	October 19	Hanover, N.H.	8 mos.
Sanborn, Harley Curtis	November 4	Norwich, Vt.	90
Buckley, John	November 12	Hopedale, Mass.	89
Judd, Hiram H.	November 19	Unity, N.H.	87
Doble, Beth Almira Newcomb	November 21	Theftord, Vt.	53
MacFarlane, Pearly Arthur	November 29	Theftord, Vt.	74
Penniman, Edward Charles III	December 3	Theftord, Vt.	66
Cadwell, Eliza	December 3	Theftord, Vt.	38
	December 29	Theftord, Vt.	90

MARRIAGES REPORTED TO THE TOWN OF THETFORD — 1961

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence	Date	Place
Orf, Walter Christian	Vt. Thetford	Drew, Emily Gertrude	Vt. Lyne, N. H.	25 March	Vt. Thetford
Blake, Robert Ashel	Vt. Royalton	Cadwell, Patricia Doris	Vt. Thetford	31 March	Vt. Royalton
Wilnot, William Bacon	Vt. Thetford	Scruggs, Sandra	Vt. Fairlee	2 April	Vt. Fairlee
Hazlett, Kenneth Mark	Vt. Thetford	Phelps, Nancy Ann	Vt. Barre	8 April	Vt. Barre
Earnes, Warren Baker	Mass. Templeton	Oliver, Susan Elizabeth	Mass. Gardner	29 April	Vt. Thetford
Sayre, William H. Jr.	Vt. Thetford	Doyle, Alice Maria	Vt. Strafford	14 Mary	Vt. Strafford
French, Roland Erni	Vt. Thetford	Johnson, Rita Frances	Vt. Vershire	10 June	Vt. Vershire
Hauger, Richard	Vt. Thetford	Coburn, Marvel Joyce	Vt. Strafford	10 June	Vt. Strafford
Teeter, Robert Charles	Vt. Ireland	Ouellette, Bonnie Jean	Vt. Hartford	23 June	Vt. Wilder
Brownlow, Frank Walsh	Vt. Ireland	Piazza, Jeanne Brockway	Vt. Lyne, N. H.	24 June	Vt. Thetford
Palmer, Lee Dearborn	Vt. Thetford	Nelson, Sylvia Elizabeth	Vt. Vershire	24 June	Vt. Vershire
Overton, David Windsor	Vt. Thetford	Benner, Lois Elaine	Vt. Thetford	29 July	Vt. Thetford
Gusha, Francis Sidney, Jr.	Vt. Barre	Gusha, Mary Ann	Vt. Thetford	14 August	Vt. Barre
Hall, Peter Giles	Vt. Woodstock	Bailey, Roberta Ann	Vt. Thetford	20 August	Vt. Thetford
Morse, Emerson Glover	Vt. Lyne, N. H.	Dunn, Lois Adelaide	Vt. Lyne, N. H.	7 Sept.	Vt. Thetford
Torrey, Eugene Henry	Vt. Lebanon	Gray, Edna Marilyn	Vt. Thetford	23 Sept.	Vt. Thetford
Pero, Wallace Harry	Vt. Thetford	Andrews, Laurel E.	Vt. Hartford	17 Sept.	Vt. Thetford
Beede, Earl John, Jr.	Vt. Thetford	Doyle, Patricia Jean	Vt. W. Fairlee	23 Sept.	Vt. Lyne, N. H.
Fifield, Dawson Ivan	Vt. Thetford	Derusha, Carol Ann	Vt. Hartford	27 Sept.	Vt. Hartford
Elder, Don Edward	Vt. Lyne, N. H.	Balch, Julia Mae	Vt. Lyne, N. H.	15 Oct.	Vt. Thetford
Hodge, Richard Allen	Vt. Thetford	Stone, Elaine Mary	Vt. Strafford	21 Oct.	Vt. Norwich
Roberts, Daniel W.	Vt. Thetford	Clark, Verna M.	Vt. Lyne, N. H.	25 Nov.	Vt. Thetford
Cadwell, Benjamin Thomas	Vt. Thetford	Fowler, Donna Jean	Vt. Lyne, N. H.	2 Dec.	Vt. Thetford
Hurlbert, Burnham John	Vt. Thetford	McAllister, Jill Elaine	Vt. Thetford	10 Dec.	Vt. Thetford
Rivera, Valentin	Vt. Piermont	Strout, Rose Lyndia	Vt. Lyne, N. H.	16 Dec.	Vt. Thetford

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 March 6, 1962, 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:
 - a. Shall license for the sale of malt and vinous liquors be granted in this town?
 - b. Shall spiritous 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, and elect all other Town Officers.
- ARTICLE 6. To hear and act on the report of the Budget Committee and raise taxes:
 - a. To pay indebtedness of the Town and Current Expenses.
 - b. Highway tax.
- ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to employ a bookkeeping clerk for the Town Officers and the Budget Committee.

- ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$125.00, to American Legion Post No. 79 for Memorial Day observance.
- ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$100.00, for the Town Library.
- ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed \$200.00, for Thetford Volunteer Fire Department.
- ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town 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 provision of Section 4352 of the Public Laws, subject to recommendation by the School Directors and Principal.
- ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will appoint a committee, composed of a representative from each of the six villages, plus two alternates, to study the advantages and disadvantages of zoning, or the organization of a Town Planning Board; and to report its findings at the next annual town meeting.
- ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to exempt in whole or in part, in accordance with the provisions of Title 32, Section 3840, as amended, of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, for a period not exceeding ten (10) years, the real estate owned by Camp Farnsworth, Inc., a charitable, non-profit corporation lawfully organized under the laws of the State of Ver-

mont, said real estate being used exclusively for the purposes of such organization.

- ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town School District will vote to accept the School Report and raise tax as recommended.
- ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to donate a sum of money to Thetford Academy.
- ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town School District will authorize the school directors to sell and deed the school houses located at North Thetford, Stevens District, Union Village, Thetford Center and Post Mills; and use the money therefrom as directed by the Budget Committee.
- ARTICLE 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Dated at Thetford, Vermont, February 1, 1962

GEORGE HUGGETT

W. G. COLTON

GEORGE EVANS

Selectmen