

## THETFORD TOWN OFFICES HOURS

Monday: To be posted later  
Tuesday thru Friday: 10:00 A. M. - 12 noon and 1:00 P. M. - 5:00 P. M.  
Telephone: 785-2922  
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Selectmen's Meeting  
Recreation Committee  
Planning Committee  
Board of Adjustment  
School Directors

To be posted later  
First Tuesday of every month, 7:30 P. M.  
Third Wednesday of every month, 7:30 P. M.  
Second Monday of every month, 7:30 P. M.  
First Tuesday of every month, 7:30 P. M.

### EMERGENCIES

FIRE, AMBULANCE & F. A. S. T.  
Thetford Land Owners & Residents with Thetford  
& Fairlee Exchanges CALL 353-4347  
(toll free line direct to Hanover)  
Norwich Phone Exchanges CALL 643-3610  
Orange County Mental Health Service  
24-Hour Service 222-4477

STATE POLICE  
Emergency Only: Dial "O" Ask for Police Emergency  
Non-Emergency: 234-9933 or 785-4500  
Trooper: Danford O'Brien

GAME WARDEN  
James Schmidt  
Leave message with State Police 234-9933

TOWN CONSTABLE  
Call 785-2922 - During office hours  
785-2685 - After hours

BULKY METAL WASTE DISPOSAL - THETFORD SALVAGE - 785-2104  
South of Colton's Motel on the left  
Open Wednesdays & Saturdays, 1:00 P. M. - 4:00 P. M.

STUMP DUMP - Barker-Sargent Landfill - 785-2136 Hours 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P. M.

HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH - Old Dump Site - West Fairlee - Thetford  
State Aid Rd. No. 2, W. Fairlee Road. Open Saturday - 1:00 P. M. - 4:00 P. M.

RECYCLING - Second Saturday of each month  
Post Mills - 9:00 A. M. Thetford Center - 10:00 A. M.  
Thetford Hill - 11:00 A. M. Union Village - 12:00 noon

### DEADLINES

Final dates for paying the following  
without fines:

April 1 . . . . . Dog Licenses  
July 25 . . . . . Poll Taxes  
October 24 . . . . . Property Taxes

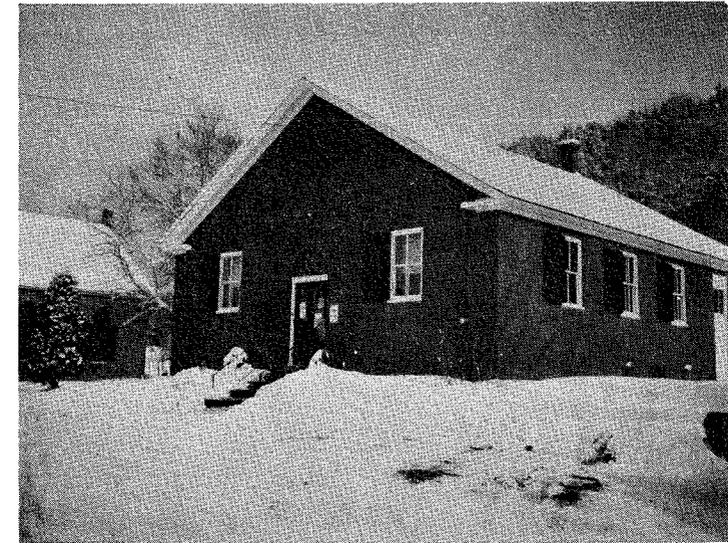
Dan & Dana Grossman  
Box 103  
East Thetford, Vt. 05043

## ANNUAL REPORT

of the Town of  
THETFORD, VERMONT

for the year ending

December 31, 1974



## TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Matthew I. Wiencke
Town Clerk and Treasurer	Emily E. Hood
Road Commissioner ( <i>not elected</i> )	Claude Thurston*
First Constable and Tax Collector	Edward C. LaMontagne
Grand Juror	Robert D. Jaccard
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits	Walter W. Smith
Agent to Convey Real Property	Edward C. LaMontagne
Selectmen (Three year terms)	Term Expires
George A. Phelps	1975
George P. Stowell	1976
Virginia S. Babcock	1977
Listers (Three year terms)	
George C. Davenport	1975
Arthur J. Bacon	1976
Janice V. Mousley	1977
Auditors (Three year term)	
Richard Lucy	1975
Robert Crossett	1976
Roberta C. Howard	1977
School Directors (Three year term)	
Frank L. Barker	1975
Laurence E. Babcock	1976
Martha Wiencke*	1977
Trustees of Library (Five year term)	
Gertrude Clark	1975
Grace Freihofer	1976
Alfreda Wing	1977
Harriett Atkins	1978
Virginia A. Barrett	1979
Trustees of Trust Funds (Three year terms)	
Gertrude Clark	1975
Walter W. Smith	1976
A. Lee Cowles	1977
Cemetery Commissioners (Three year terms)	
John Wilmot	1975
Wesley Clay	1976
Edward F. Clay	1977
Budget Committee (Three year terms)	
Carl A. Anderson	1975
Frederick P. Howard	1976
Amy Patterson	1977

Also Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Chairman of the Selectmen and Chairman of the School Directors.

\* Appointed to finish term due to resignation or retirement.

### Officers Elected at General Election

Representative from District No. Or.-3 Thomas W. Bonnett  
 Justices of the Peace  
 Guy C. Aldrich Frederick P. Howard Walter A. Malmquist  
 William E. Bond Samuel W. Farnham George P. Stowell  
 Robert C. Vaughan, Sr.

### Appointed Town Officers

Assistant Town Clerk Janice V. Mousley  
 Health Officer Robert A. Eaton  
 Town Service Officer Edward LaMontagne  
 Pound Keeper Edward F. Clay  
 Fence Viewers Robert Evans, Robert C. Vaughan, Jr., Royce C. Bond  
 Surveyors of Wood and Lumber  
 Kenneth C. Bragg, Edward C. LaMontagne, Lee Palmer

Tree Warden Elmer C. Brown

Upper Valley Planning and Development Council  
 Vernon Anderson, David Field

Fire Warden Arthur J. Bacon

Town Environmental Officer Edward C. LaMontagne

Administrative Assistant Edward C. LaMontagne

Zoning Administrator Carroll Palmer

Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment

Lucius S. Nye	1975
Arline Hill, Secretary	1975
Bernard Godfrey	1976
George W. Phelps	1976
Richard Hauger	1977
John Stephens, Chairman Planning Commission	1977
Marshall VanNorden	1978
Henry Estes, Chairman Board of Adjustment	1978
Leet Ware	1978

Recreation Committee

Richard Hauger, Chairman	Kathleen Brown, Secretary
Matthew I. Wiencke, Treasurer	Terry Viens, Beverly Vaughan,
	John R. Hoffman, Drew Tallman

Community Health Services, Inc.

Trustees	Virginia Babcock, Barbara Gilbert, M. D., Martina Quellman
Finance	Robert F. Atkins

Orange County Mental Health

Director	David Rutherford
Trustee	Helon Hopkins

Upper Valley Emergency Ambulance Service  
 Representative

Dr. Lucius Nye

Bi-Centennial Committee

William Slade	Robert Vaughan, Sr.	Robert Jaccaud
Annie Boutwell		George Schoenhut

Fuel and Emergency Shelter Coordinators

George P. Stowell	Edward LaMontagne
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Historian

Gertrude Clark

### Notaries Public for Thetford

O. Fay Allen, Jr.	Post Mills
Priscilla B. Banker	East Thetford
Thomas W. Bonnett	East Thetford
Merton H. Boyd	East Thetford
Doris R. Colton	East Thetford
Donna L. Durkee	East Thetford
Samuel W. Farnham	East Thetford
Linda M. Geno	Thetford Hill
Donald A. Graham	Thetford Center
Beulah W. Gray	East Thetford
Victoria B. Hoyt	Post Mills
Jacqueline T. Lucy	Post Mills
Jeanne C. Phipps	North Thetford
Peter C. Pickett	East Thetford
Arthur N. Shopp	Post Mills
Linda Strohmer	Thetford Center
Emily E. Hood, Town Clerk	Thetford Center
Herbert Gray	East Thetford
Daniel F. Grossman	East Thetford

### Official Results Town Officers March 5, 1974

Moderator	Road Commissioner
Matthew I. Wiencke	Kenneth C. Bragg
Town Clerk	Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 yrs.
Emily E. Hood	A. Lee Cowles
Treasurer	Trustee of Trust Funds for 1 yr.
Emily E. Hood	Gertrude Clark
Selectman	Constable & Tax Collector
Virginia S. Babcock	Edward C. LaMontagne
Lister	Town Grand Juror
Janice V. Mousley	Robert D. Jaccaud
Auditor for 3 years	Cemetery Commissioner
Roberta C. Howard	Edward F. Clay
Auditor for 2 years	Budget Committee for 3 years
Robert J. Crossett	Amy H. Patterson
Auditor for 1 year	Budget Committee for 2 years
Richard D. Lucy	Frederick P. Howard
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits	Walter S. Smith

**WARNING**  
**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**

The Legal Voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in said Town of Thetford on Monday evening, March 3, 1975, at 7:30 P. M. to transact the following business:

**Article 1.** To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

**Article 2.** To hear and act upon the report of the Budget Committee, and to raise necessary monies recommended by the Committee. All taxes so raised shall be payable on or before October 24, 1975 with interest of 1% per month thereafter.

**Article 3.** To see if the voters will vote \$3,128.00 to Community Health Services, Inc. \$2.20 per capita (\$2,744.00 was voted in 1974)

**Article 4.** To see if the voters will vote \$1,425.00 to Orange County Mental Health Services, Inc. \$1.50 per registered voter (\$1,350.00 was voted in 1974)

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to purchase Legal Liability Insurance for all Town Officers and employees. (\$532.00 per year)

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote not to participate in the Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System as provided in V.S.A. Title 24, Chapter 99.

**Article 7.** To see if the voters will authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for the Hanover Emergency Ambulance Service.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate for a hose reel-pumper and 1800 feet of 4 inch hose, not to exceed a cost of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.) This unit will be rated at 1000 gallons per minute and have a capacity of 3500 feet of 4 inch hose. The fire department already has the equivalent of 1700 feet of 4 inch hose.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the Selectmen's adoption of the Subdivision Regulations.

**Article 10.** Will the Town vote that any community organization which seeks stabilization of its taxes be required to turn over to the town its property and buildings or reimburse the town for loss in taxes during the period of stabilization in the event of dissolution of said organization.

**Article 11.** To see if the town will vote to exempt the Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept. from taxation, either in whole or in part, for a period not exceeding ten years. Upon the expiration of such exemption, the town may vote additional periods of exemption not exceeding five years each. V.S.A. Title 32, Chapter 3840.

**Article 12. By Petition**

Whereas the Thetford Center Community Association is incorporated as a non-profit organization devoted to the welfare and betterment of the village and community; And further, that it derives its income and operating expenses entirely from donations, community activities (as Old Home Day, suppers, food sales, etc.) and nominal dues; And whereas it maintains the former schoolhouse in Thetford Center as a community building available to the community and residents of Thetford as a meeting place for town-wide organizations, family and public gatherings; We petition that the Town taxes on the said building be stabilized at \$50.00 per annum for a period of 4 years.

**Article 13. By Petition**

Whereas the Rice's Mills Community Association, Inc., a non-profit community organization, was voted a tax stabilization at \$30.00 for one year, at the March 1974 Town Meeting; and Whereas it was the understanding that the said Association would make appropriate provision in its By-Laws for the disposition of its property and assets in the event the Association was disbanded; Whereas the Rice's Mills Community Association, Inc., has duly adopted a By-Law in its constitution providing that, in the event the association shall be given to a non-profit organization of the Town of Thetford, to be designated by the members at the time of dissolution; We therefore petition that the taxes on the Rice's Mills Community Building be stabilized at \$30.00 per annum for a period of five years.

**Article 14. By Petition**

We the officers and members of the Ladies Benefit Society of Post Mills do hereby petition the taxes on the Parish House be reduced 50%.

**Article 15.** To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Whereupon, after the disposition of said business, said meeting shall be adjourned to the following day, March 4, 1975 for balloting by Australian Ballot on the following article. The polls for said ballot shall be at the Town Hall, Thetford Center and shall be open from 10 A.M. until 7 P. M.

**Article 16.** To elect the Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Selectmen

George A. Phelps, Chairman  
George P. Stowell, Clerk  
Virginia S. Babcock

Posted and recorded  
Thetford Town Clerk's Office  
Thetford Center, Vt. 05075  
January 31, 1975

**WARNING  
THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Legal Voters of the Thetford Town School District in the County of Orange and State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in said Town of Thetford on Monday evening, March 3, 1975, at 7:30 P. M. to transact the following business:

**Article 1.** To hear and act upon the reports of the officers of said District.

**Article 2.** To hear and act upon the report of the Budget Committee and to raise necessary School monies recommended by the Committee.

**Article 3.** To see if the District will vote not to participate in the Municipal Employees Retirement System.

**Article 4.** To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

School Directors  
Frank L. Barker, Jr. Chairman  
Laurence E. Babcock  
Martha Wiencke

Posted and filed in the Town Clerk's Office  
Thetford Center, Vermont 05075  
Dated January 31, 1975  
Emily E. Hood, Town Clerk

**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Budget Committee approved a wage of \$3.00 per hour for the assistant town clerk, making all regularly employed employees receiving no less than \$3.00 per hour. The Ballot clerks are to receive the min. wage of \$2.10 per hour.

The Budget Committee also felt with the rising cost of gasoline that the mileage allotment should be upped from 10c per mile to 15c per mile.

The request from Cottage Hospital was denied. The Budget Committee felt they would be setting a precedent, if they started making a donation. Then all hospitals Thetford residents used would ask to be treated likewise.

To the Cemetery Commissioners request was added \$150.00 for mapping of two Town Cemeteries. Lots are being sold each year in these cemeteries and few people know where the empty lots or the unmarked graves are.

The Budget Committee recommended that Orange County Mental Health Services, Inc. and Community Health Services, Inc. be listed as line items in the warning again this year along with the Hanover Ambulance Service. The Fire Dept. presented their plans for the future and requested \$22,500.00 for a new vehicle which is also to be a line item in the warning.

The Budget Committee recommends using the anticipated FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS of \$22,000.00 as follows:

Thetford Library Federation	\$ 2,800.00
Treasure Island (for taxes)	2,000.00
Artesian Well, pump, hookup to Hall & Garage, Septic System & fixtures for toilet and wash facilities at Garage	9,000.00
Town Hall - refinishing floors, office equipment, outside lights	1,000.00
Town Garage - painting & finishing salt shed	500.00
Communications - 10 radios for school buses, constable, road equipment & town hall	<u>6,500.00</u>
	<u>\$21,800.00</u>

The Town Selectmen propose a budget of \$148,200.00 which is an increase of 12% over 1974. The tax increase is more, due to the surplus in 1973. The deficit shown on the accountant's Balance Sheet of \$30,362.29 is somewhat misleading. The reason being the \$15,000.00 Fire Truck note has been paid for 1974 and this balance is to be paid over the next three years. It is anticipated the Town will receive \$18,455.00 in Flood Disaster Funds. \$7,190.81 of the accounts receivable from the State of Vermont for the Highway Account is for the quarter Jan. - March. This leaves a Town Deficit of \$4,098.10.

Reported deficit	\$30,362.29
Fire Truck Note	<u>15,000.00</u>
	\$15,362.29

**Budget Committee Report (Continued)**

Vt. Highways	+ 7,190.81
	<u>\$ 22,553.10</u>
Flood Disaster income	-18,455.00
Actual Town Deficit	<u>\$ 4,098.10</u>

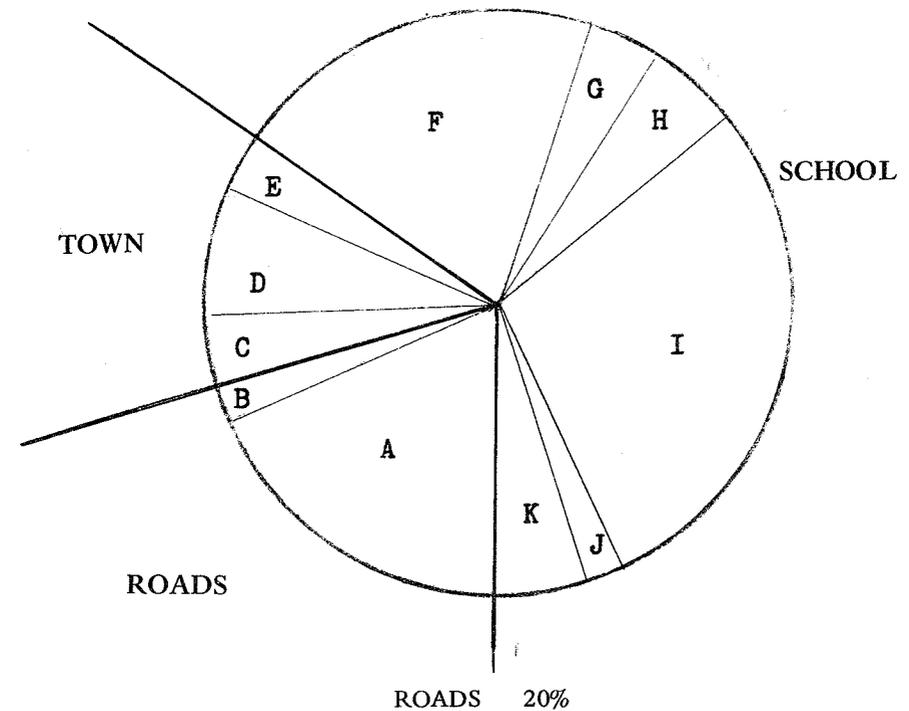
The School Directors presented a budget of \$411,308.70. Needed to be raised in Taxes is \$326,108.50 plus any decrease in the anticipated \$74,900.00 State Aid or less any increase. The School Budget shows an increase of 6.8% over 1974. Tax monies to be raised over 1974 is an 8.1% increase. With skyrocketing prices it was felt that the committee could not decrease their request. Thus the Budget Committee voted to raise \$326,108.50 for the School less any increase or plus any decrease in the \$74,900.00 anticipated State Aid.

The Budget Committee recommends raising \$25,000.00 for the Highway account and \$123,265.00 for the General Fund for a total of \$148,265.00.

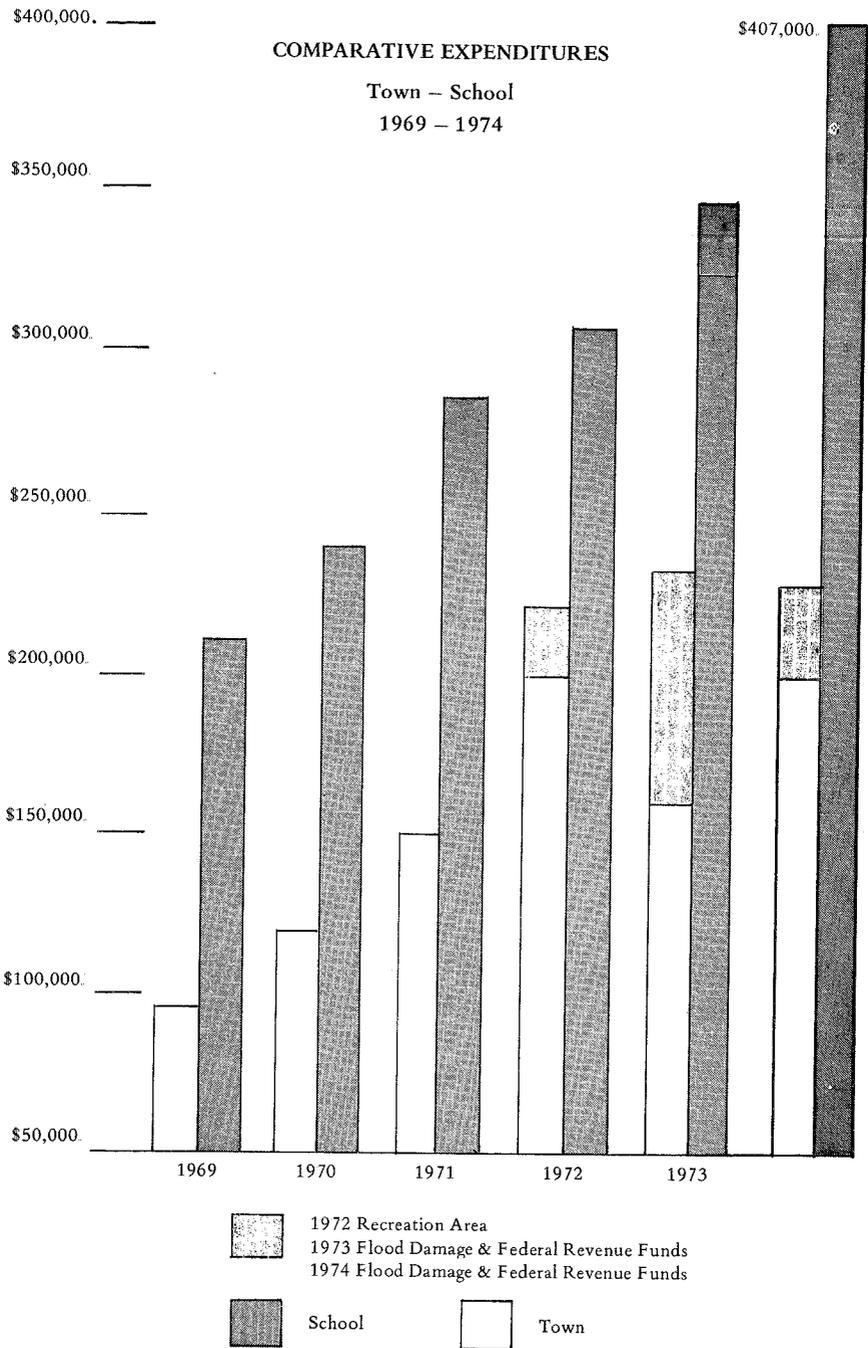
**Budget Committee**

- George A. Phelps, Chairman
- Frederick P. Howard
- Carl A. Anderson
- Frank L. Barker, Jr.
- Claude E. Thurston
- Amy Patterson (absent from meetings)
- Emily E. Hood, Clerk

**DISTRIBUTIONS OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1974**



A	Road Service	18%
B	Flood damage	2%
TOWN 14%		
C	Town officers	4%
D	Buildings and supplies	7%
E	Ambulance, taxes, interest and cemetery	3%
SCHOOL 66%		
F	Administration and Salaries	20%
G	Transportation	4%
H	Building Operation	5%
I	Tuition	29%
J	Supplies	2%
K	Fixed charges, Health and Miscellaneous	6%



**TOWN OF THETFORD**

**FINANCIAL**

**REPORTS**

**PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET**

These appropriations are to be voted upon in Article 2 of the Town Warning.

**SCHEDULE**

	Budgeted 1974	Spent 1974	Dollars Needed 1975
2 Winter Roads	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 24,039.17	\$ 24,000.00
3 Construction	3,000.00	33,641.92	3,000.00
4 Bridges	1,000.00	2,200.77	1,000.00
5 Highway Account *	25,000.00	37,473.37*	25,000.00
6 Equipment Payments *			
*Flood Damage \$12,902.73			
\$9,385.27 Federal Revenue Fund			
7 Taxes, State and County	2,500.00	11,955.97*	2,300.00
8 Town Officers	8,000.00	7,146.60	8,000.00
9 Electricity, Fires, Insurance	27,000.00	26,906.54	27,000.00
* Includes Fire Truck Payment	15,000.00*	11,079.77	16,000.00*
10 Printing, Supplies, Telephone, etc.	8,000.00	6,516.01	8,000.00
11 Buildings, Sanitation, Forest	9,000.00	17,217.83	12,000.00
12 Tax Appropriations			
Lebanon Regional Airport	600.00	---	---
Memorial Day	125.00	125.00	125.00
Scholarships	160.00	240.00	200.00
Thetford Historical Society	75.00	---	75.00
Upper Valley Planning Commission	880.00	880.00	880.00
Vermont League of Cities and Towns	142.00	142.00	284.00
W. G. Colton Memorial Plaque	200.00	151.75	---
Vermont Cemetery Association	1.00	1.00	1.00
			<u>\$1,500.00</u>

13 Contingency	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,057.76	\$ 500.00
14 Repairs and Maintenance	5,000.00	11,392.84	10,000.00
15 Treasure Island * See T. I. report to cover 1974 deficit			2,000.00
Cemetery	700.00	629.00	900.00
Interest	4,000.00	3,935.80	4,000.00
Attorneys fees	5,000.00	1,280.03	3,000.00
Totals	<u>\$131,900.00</u>		<u>\$148,265.00</u>
Appropriations to be voted upon in Articles 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 as in 1974			
Community Health Services, Inc.			
Orange County Mental Health Services, Inc.	\$ 2,744.00	\$ 3,128.00	
Legal Liability Insurance	1,135.00	532.00	
Hanover Emergency Ambulance Service			
Thetford Volunteer Fire Department (if for 3 years)	3,696.10	4,500.00	10,000.00
Estimated TAX on Estimates Grand List for 1975			
Town	\$1.03	\$123,265.00	
Highway	<u>.21</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	
	\$1.24	\$148,265.00	
Articles			
3, 4, 5, & 7	.08		
Article 8	<u>.08</u>		
	\$1.40		
SCHOOL	<u>2.74</u>		
ESTIMATED TAX	\$4.14		

for TOWN BUDGET of  
for Highway Account

IF ALL ARTICLES ARE VOTED IN

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
For Year Ended December 31, 1974

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
**SUMMARY OF MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES**  
FOR 1974

REVENUES	
Taxes	\$422,390.07
Winter Roads aid	1,209.00
Construction, retreatment	31,190.66
Old Age Assistance Tax	920.88
Interest and warrant fees	4,526.81
Dog licenses	977.25
Beverage licenses	187.50
Sale of supplies, services and materials	1,822.56
Flood control	2,297.67
Town Clerk fees	4,106.45
Miscellaneous (Schedule 1)	26,598.25
State of Vermont - licenses	2,815.50
Total revenues	\$499,042.60
DISBURSEMENTS	
Winter roads (Schedule 2)	\$ 24,039.17
Construction, retreatment (Schedule 3)	33,641.92
Bridges (Schedule 4)	2,200.77
Highway account (Schedule 5)	37,473.37*
Equipment payments (Schedule 6)	11,955.97
Taxes, state and county (Schedule 7)	7,146.60
Old Age Assistance tax	828.80
Town officers (Schedule 8)	26,906.54
Electricity, fires, insurance (Schedule 9)	11,079.77
Printing, supplies, telephone, etc. (Schedule 10)	6,516.01
Buildings, sanitation, forests (Schedule 11)	17,217.83
Interest	3,935.80
Tax appropriations (Schedule 12)	5,481.00
Cemetery	629.00
Contingency (Schedule 13)	5,057.76
Repairs and maintenance (Schedule 14)	11,392.84
Town School District taxes	301,643.17
Town School Dist. flood control	1,429.36
Ambulance service	3,696.10
State of Vermont - licenses	2,815.50
Treasure Island (Schedule 15)	8,642.76
Total disbursements	523,730.04
Excess disbursements over receipts	\$ (24,687.44)

\* Includes flood damage in amount of \$12,902.73

Schedule 1

Zoning	\$ 910.00
Revenue sharing	12,585.27
Forest and Parks Leased Land	21.00
Poll taxes abated	50.00
Use of books	578.35
Copy machines	361.33
East Thetford Cemetery Trust Fund	45.00
Interest on Certificate of deposit	41.67
Treasure Island	3,181.20
Treasure Island - refund	7.61
Posting land	6.00
Merton Godfrey Memorial Fund	550.00
Sale of lumber	82.17
Green Mountain	7.50
Ambulance	170.05
Septic system applications	745.00
School gasoline	3,204.83
Thetford Town School District - school bond vote	217.38
Litter levy	2,599.18
Court cost - return of polls	27.27
Tax sale cost	254.41
Tax collectors deed	10.00
West Fairlee news ad	13.50
Sub-division	180.00
Rubbish fines	25.00
Business reregistration	3.00
State stumpage	1.40
Town forest stumpage	651.94
Sale of cemetery lot	50.00
Refund - interest payment	18.09
Postage	.10
Total	\$26,598.25

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT  
DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE**

**WINTER ROADS – Schedule 2**

Gas and oil	\$ 3,964.91	
Labor	12,841.64	
Materials and supplies	913.40	
Machine rentals - chain saws	72.00	
Salt	<u>6,247.22</u>	\$24,039.17

**CONSTRUCTION, RETREATMENT – Sch. 3**

**Construction:**

Labor	\$10,942.31	
Materials and supplies	6,728.03	
Machine rentals (a)	4,526.00	

**Retreatment:**

Labor	1,604.29	
Materials and supplies	8,939.57	
Machines rentals - Vt. Highway Dept.	<u>901.72</u>	33,641.92

**BRIDGES – Schedule 4**

Labor	\$ 496.30	
Materials and supplies	<u>1,704.47</u>	2,200.77

**HIGHWAY ACCOUNT – Schedule 5**

Gas and oil	\$ 6,795.65	
Labor	6,726.34	
Materials and supplies	9,119.08	
Machine rentals (b)	<u>14,832.30</u>	37,473.37*

\* Includes flood damage in amount of \$12,902.73

**EQUIPMENT PAYMENTS – Schedule 6**

1974 Ford F750	\$ 9,385.27	
Loader	<u>2,570.70</u>	11,955.97

**TAXES, STATE & COUNTY – Sch. 7**

Social security	\$ 3,530.75	
Treasurer, Orange County	2,595.85	
Vermont Agriculture Service	<u>1,020.00</u>	7,146.00

(a) W. B. Martin	\$3,488.00	(b) Barker-Sargent	\$8,925.00
Osgood Trucking	630.00	W. B. Martin	4,633.50
Chain saws	376.00	Osgood Truck.	1,179.50
Miscellaneous	<u>32.00</u>	Chain saws	70.00
		Miscellaneous	<u>24.00</u>

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**

**TOWN OFFICERS – Schedule 8**

Listers	\$ 6,129.00	
Treasurer and clerks	7,725.75	
Selectmen	1,200.00	
Administrative Assistant	6,120.00	
Zoning Administrators	784.22	
Clerical - Zoning and Planning Commission	199.07	
Board of civil authority	125.00	
Elections, ballot clerks	550.00	
Health officer	73.50	
Clerks - town officers	<u>4,000.00</u>	\$26,906.54

**ELECTRICITY, FIRES, INSURANCE - Sch. 9**

Electricity	\$ 1,716.22	
Thetford Volunteer Fire Department (does not include fire truck payment)	3,791.20	
Insurance	<u>5,572.35</u>	11,079.77

**PRINTING, SUPPLIES, TEL., etc. - Sch. 10**

Postage and telephone	\$ 1,162.83	
Printing and supplies	4,337.34	
Bank service charge	3.00	
Mileage	<u>1,012.84</u>	6,516.01

**BUILDING, SANITATION, FORESTS-Sch. 11**

<b>Buildings:</b>		
Town offices - fuel oil	\$ 514.70	
(c) - vault expense - insulation & brickwork	1,667.27	
- painting and repairs	287.12	
- cleaning and rubbish removal	116.28	
- voting booths and doors	102.21	
- supplies	41.68	
(d) - parking area and landscaping	1,634.89	
- wheel chair ramp	58.00	
Garage - fuel oil	349.01	
- oil tank	76.00	
- repairs and supplies	138.55	
- outside flood light	167.93	
(e) - salt shed	<u>3,994.02</u>	

(c) Russell Bragg	\$1,187.46	(d) Labor (Town)	\$ 354.00
Densmore Bruck	365.75	Gravel (Vaughn)	147.00
Paint & Insulation	<u>114.06</u>	Connval	68.41
		Elmer Brown	1,062.98
(e) Ely Fence Co.	\$3,850.02	Miscellaneous	<u>2.50</u>
Huntington Fence	<u>144.00</u>		

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

Disb. Schedule (Sch. 11) Continued

- air compressor	\$	140.72	
- rubbish removal		44.50	
Sanitation:			
Town cost - share of dump (Town of West Fairlee)		4,309.65	
Sanitary landfill - Barker-Sargent - 513.75 monthly		3,082.50	
Supplies		4.80	
Forests:			
Mowing roadsides		<u>488.00</u>	\$17,217.83
TAX APPROPRIATIONS - Schedule 12			
Memorial Day	\$	125.00	
Community Health Services, Inc.		2,744.00	
Orange County Mental Health Services		1,350.00	
Scholarships (f)		240.00	
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council		880.00	
Vermont League of Cities and Towns		<u>142.00</u>	5,481.00
CONTINGENCY - Schedule 13			
Advertising	\$	315.79	
Attorney fees		1,280.03	
Zoning, septic system & sub-division refunds		111.00	
Land rental - (Thetford Town Sch. Dist.)		21.00	
Refund of taxes		228.34	
Policing town meeting		40.00	
Lumber		72.17	
Spaulding Reader - Printer		1,444.78	
White River Natural Resources Conservation District - septic systems applications		600.00	
Tape recorder		53.94	
Poundkeeper and expense		455.70	
Winston G. Colton - bronze tablet		151.75	
Signs		18.00	
Reimbursement for calf killed by dogs		70.00	
Miscellaneous		<u>195.26</u>	5,057.76
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(f) Lee Carpenter	\$	80.00	
John Buck		80.00	
Elwood Thurston		<u>80.00</u>	

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - Schedule 14

1968 Dodge	\$	1,440.14	
1972 Dodge		972.34	
Grader		758.16	
Loader		1,375.24	
Plows, sanders, miscellaneous equip.		5,044.64	
1973 Ford		1,313.65	
1974 Ford		<u>488.67</u>	\$11,392.84

TREASURE ISLAND - Schedule 15

Insurance	\$	388.00	
Electricity		791.92	
Labor		8.00	
Personnel		2,340.00	
Machine hire		300.00	
Repairs and maintenance		137.65	
Tennis court - surfacing		77.00	
Advertising		18.44	
Telephone		51.91	
Property taxes (Towns of West Fairlee & Fairlee)		3,987.54	
Refund		20.00	
Postage and petty cash		97.98	
First aid supplies		24.30	
Arm & Hammer String Band		100.00	
Rubbish removal		47.00	
Materials and supplies		<u>253.02</u>	8,642.76

## THETFORD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1974	\$ 4,262.88
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
Taxes	\$389,553.53
Delinquent Taxes	35,571.56
Interest, Warrant and Penalty	4,536.81
State Highway Fund	14,381.64
State Aid - Construction	3,954.92
State Aid Winter Roads	1,209.00
State Aid Town Roads	13,775.13
Litter Levy	2,599.18
State Licenses	
Fish and Game	2,755.50
Marriage	60.00
Green Mt. Forest & Parks passes	7.50
Forest and Parks lease land (school)	21.00
Flood Control	2,188.92
Flood lease rental	108.75
Federal Revenue Sharing (amount Town advanced account)	12,585.27
Town Clerk Fees	4,106.45
Use of Town Records	578.35
Dog Licenses	975.25
Kennel	2.00
Liquor Licenses	187.50
Posting Land	6.00
Sale of Materials	
Office	37.03
Garage	699.08
Gravel	1,027.25
Gas (school)	3,204.83
Cemetery Lot	50.00
Use of Equipment	59.20
Roneo	128.88
Xerox	231.65
Microfilm	.80
Zoning	910.00
Sub-Division	180.00
Septic Systems	745.00
Ambulance	170.05
Rubbish Fines	25.00
State Stumpage	1.40
Town Forest Stumpage	651.94
Lumber	82.17
Business and Title Registration	3.00

## THETFORD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT (Continued)

Merton Godfrey Memorial Fund	\$	550.00
East Thetford Cemetery Fund		45.00
Interest		59.76
Refunds		568.32
Postage and Advertising		21.21
School Bond Costs - return		217.38
Tax Sale		
Costs		254.41
Collectors Deed		10.00
Excess to be held 1 year		449.22
Treasure Island		3,181.20
Bradford National Bank Notes		84,000.00
		586,728.04
		\$590,990.92
Disbursements:		572,110.35
		\$ 18,880.57
Petty Cash		50.00
Balance December 31, 1974		\$ 18,930.57

Emily E. Hood, Treasurer

## TOWN HALL INVENTORY

Flag Pole	9 Drawers (5 x 8)
U. S. Flag and Vermont Flag	8 Drawers (3 x 5)
Hot Water Furnace	Bookcase and Bookrack
500 gal. underground fuel tank	40 Chairs
Vault	Air Conditioner
2 Desks	Tappan Stove
2 Typing Tables	Roneo Duplicator
5 Office Chairs	Aluminum Stepladder
2 Typewriters	4 Tables (large)
Adding Machine	3 Tables (small)
Olympia Calculator	Map Case
Cabinet File	2 Desk Lamps
5 4-drawer Files (Letter size)	Stamp Dispenser
6 2-drawer Files (Letter size)	Aerial Photo of Thetford
Micro-film Reader-printer	Polaroid Land Camera
Addressograph File Cabinet	Paper Cutter
1 4-drawer File (legal size)	Fire Extinguisher
9 Voting Booths	

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31**

REVENUES	1973	1974	Increase (Decrease)
Taxes			
Winter roads aid	\$421,669.55	\$422,390.07	\$ 720.52
Construction, retreatment	2,175.25	1,209.00	(966.25)
Old Age Assistance tax	17,730.05	31,190.66	13,460.61
Interest and warrant fees	3,895.00	920.88	(2,974.12)
Dog licenses	1,736.64	4,526.81	2,790.17
Beverage licenses	906.75	977.25	70.50
Sale of supplies, services and materials	150.00	187.50	37.50
Flood control	3,364.40	1,822.56	(1,541.84)
Town Clerk fees	6,659.06	2,297.67	(4,361.39)
Miscellaneous revenues	4,251.87	4,106.45	(145.42)
State of Vermont - licenses	93,640.30	26,598.25	(67,042.05)
Total revenues	2,649.50	2,815.50	166.00
	<b>\$558,828.37</b>	<b>\$499,042.60</b>	<b>\$ (59,785.77)</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Winter roads	\$ 15,184.15	\$ 24,039.17	\$ 8,855.02
Construction, retreatment	17,249.77	33,641.92	16,392.15
Bridges	1,342.26	2,200.77	858.51
Highway account	57,428.79*	37,473.37*	(19,955.42)
Equipment payments	40,441.40	11,955.97	(28,485.43)

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**

DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)	1973	1974	Increase (Decrease)
Taxes, state and county	\$ 6,018.09	\$ 7,146.60	\$ 1,128.51
Old Age Assistance tax	3,700.25	828.80	(2,871.45)
Town officers	26,736.82	26,906.54	169.72
Electricity, fires, insurance	9,961.39	11,079.77	1,118.38
Printing, supplies, telephone, etc.	6,254.00	6,516.01	262.01
Buildings, sanitation, forests	5,377.47	17,217.83	11,840.36
Interest	3,985.00	3,935.80	(49.20)
Tax appropriations	8,572.50	5,481.00	(3,091.50)
Cemetery	412.75	629.00	216.25
Contingency	10,167.97	5,057.76	(5,110.21)
Repairs and maintenance	5,872.03	11,392.84	5,520.81
Town School District taxes	278,239.35	301,643.17	23,403.82
Town School District flood control	4,762.97	1,429.36	(3,333.61)
Ambulance service	1,422.00	3,696.10	2,274.10
State of Vermont - licenses	2,688.50	2,815.50	127.00
Treasure Island	9,148.11	8,642.76	(505.35)
Total disbursements	\$514,965.57	\$523,730.04	\$ 8,764.47
Receipts over or (under) disbursements	\$ 43,862.80	\$ (24,687.44)	\$ (68,550.24)

Receipts over or (under) disbursements

\* Includes flood damage in amount of \$35,399.31 for 1973 and \$12,902.73 for 1974.

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
**BALANCE SHEET – GENERAL FUND**  
 December 31, 1974

**ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$18,880.57	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Certificate of Deposit	459.22	\$19,389.79
Delinquent taxes receivable		19,621.99
Accounts receivable - State of Vermont		16,809.02
Total assets		<u>\$55,820.80</u>

**LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS**

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued federal withholding	\$ 1,109.40	
Accrued state withholding	401.75	
Accrued social security	2,171.90	
Accounts payable	3,500.04	
Notes payable - Bradford National Bank	64,000.00	
- Fire truck	15,000.00	
Total liabilities		\$86,183.09
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		
Balance January 1, 1974	\$(5,674.85)	
Add excess disbursements over receipts	(24,687.44)	
Total liabilities and surplus		<u>\$(30,362.29)</u> <u>\$55,820.80</u>

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS – GENERAL FUND**  
 December 31

**Assets**

	1973	1974	Increase (Decrease)
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 4,262.88	\$18,880.57	\$14,617.69
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00	---
Certificate of deposit	---	459.22	459.22
Delinquent taxes receivable	21,386.13	19,621.99	(1,764.14)
Accounts receivable - State of Vermont	17,730.05	16,809.02	(921.03)
Total assets	<u>\$43,429.06</u>	<u>\$55,820.80</u>	<u>\$12,391.74</u>

**Liabilities and Surplus**

CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued federal withholding	\$ 1,064.40	\$ 1,109.40	\$ 45.00
Accrued state withholding	339.20	401.75	62.55
Accrued social security	1,879.39	2,171.90	292.51
Accounts payable	1,820.92	3,500.04	1,679.12
Notes payable - Bradford National Bank	20,000.00	64,000.00	44,000.00
- Fire truck	24,000.00	15,000.00	(9,000.00)
Total liabilities	<u>\$49,103.91</u>	<u>\$86,183.09</u>	<u>\$37,079.18</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)			
	<u>\$(5,674.85)</u>	<u>\$(30,362.29)</u>	<u>\$(24,687.44)</u>
Total liabilities and surplus	<u>\$43,429.06</u>	<u>\$55,820.80</u>	<u>\$12,391.74</u>

Note: Notes payable in amount of \$2,460.00 for equipment not included in 1973 Balance Sheet.

## TREASURE ISLAND REPORT

1974

### RECEIPTS:

Season Tickets (80)	\$ 1,374.00
Daily Admission	1,035.50
P. T. A.	50.00
Young Mother's Club	150.00
Ladies Benefit Society	50.00
Gift	15.00
Thetford Hill Congregational Church	75.00
Swimming Lessons	96.00
Concert Donations	47.11
Electricity (paid by tenant)	263.59
Cash Box	25.00
Total Receipts	\$ 3,181.20

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Electricity	\$ 791.92
Phone	51.91
Insurance	388.00
Postage and Advertising	98.02
Refund	20.00
Band Concerts	100.00
Maintenance	
House	51.24
Grounds	781.13
Wages	2,348.00
Taxes	3,987.54
Cash Box	25.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 8,642.76
Balance January 1, 1974	537.30
Receipts	3,181.20
	\$ 3,718.50
Disbursements	8,642.76
Deficit December 31, 1974	\$ 4,924.26

## FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand January 1, 1974	\$ 84.92
Monies received Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1974 for year 1974	15,973.00
Nov. 1, to Dec. 31, 1974 for year 1975	6,102.00
	\$22,159.92

Expenditures paid out	
Thetford Library Federation	\$ 1,400.00
balance due for 1973	
for 1974	2,800.00
Grader, balance due	3,200.00
Sander	1,560.00
Dump Truck, Ford F-700 7 cy 1974	9,385.27
	\$18,345.27

Balance on hand December 31, 1974	\$ 3,814.65
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Cost to Town Account required newspaper publications	\$ 30.53
Anticipated funds for remainder of 1975	18,306.00
	Emily E. Hood, Treas.

## THETFORD CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Bequest from Mary C. Hoisington	\$ 1,000.00
Interest to be used for care of four graves and for floral pieces each Memorial Day.	
Eugene and Caroline Marston and Eugene and Isadore Smith lots.	
Balance on hand January 1, 1974	\$ 1,035.42
Interest	57.32
	\$ 1,092.74
Grave upkeep	\$ 8.00
Floral pieces	10.38
	18.38
Balance on hand December 31, 1974	\$ 1,074.36

Emily E. Hood, Treas.

### THETFORD FREE BED FUND

Fifteen Thetford Residents received assistance from the bed fund between July 1, 1973 and June 30, 1974.

Unused Balance June 30, 1973	\$ 235.32
Allotment '73-'74	1,422.73
Reinstatements/Gifts	300.00
Available for fiscal year	\$1,958.05
Services Rendered	1,644.27
Unused Balance as of June 30, 1974	\$ 313.78

Edward LaMontagne  
Town Service Officer

### 1974 TRUST FUNDS

Town Farm Trust Fund		
Puritan Fund, original investment		
667 Shares		\$4,001.07
December 20, 1974		
2,143.223	@ \$7.59 a share	\$16,267.06267
Cemetery Trust Fund		
Puritan Fund, Original Investment		\$1,300.00
Also purchased	6 Shares 9/6/60	
	6 Shares 6/5/61	
	7 Shares 9/1/64	
Income for 1974 to be divided		\$ 130.00
Hillside Cemetery	\$10.00	
Post Mills Cemetery	\$20.00	
East Thetford Cemetery	\$30.00	
Evergreen Rest Cemetery	\$70.00	
Balance on hand		\$ 160.59

A. Lee Cowles  
Walter W. Smith  
Gertrude Clark

### 1974 DOG REPORT

Males at \$2.00	@	160	\$ 320.00
Females at \$6.00	@	50	300.00
Spayed at \$2.00	@	110	220.00
Males at \$3.00	@	49	147.00
Females at \$9.00	@	16	144.00
Spayed at \$3.00	@	35	105.00
Kennels at \$32.00	@	4	128.00
Kennels at \$40.00	@	1	40.00
			<u>\$1,404.00</u>
Total Dogs licensed		464	
Replaced 5 tags \$\$.25	@		1.25
Total collected			\$1,405.25
Town Clerks fees			--430.00
Dog Damage costs			--70.00
Dog Fund			<u>\$ 905.25</u>

Compared to 1973

16+  
1+  
37+  
7+  
3-  
1-  
1+  
Increase of nine  
kennel dogs

66+

### RABIES CLINIC

There will be a rabies clinic March 22nd, 1975 from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon at the town garage. Only dogs that are getting the rabies shots may get their licenses at this time. Others may obtain theirs at the Town Offices during regular office hours: Monday: 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.; Tuesday through Friday: 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

## WAGES & BENEFITS FOR TOWN OFFICERS

In effect for 1974

Town Clerk	\$120 per wk.	(a) (d)
Administrative Assistant, Tax Collector, & Constable	\$120 per wk.	(a c), (d)
Listers	\$3.00 per hr.	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$2.50 per hr.	
Road Commissioner	\$3.35 per hr.	1 1/2 over 40 hrs. (a b) (d)
Road Crew	\$3.35 per hr.	1 1/2 over 40 hrs. (a b) (d)
Zoning Administrator	\$3.00 per hr.	(c)
Secretary for Planning Comm. & Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$2.50 per hr.	
Accountant	\$4,000 yearly	
Selectman, Chairman	\$475 yearly	
Selectmen	\$375 yearly	
Health Officer	\$3.00 per hr.	(c)
Auditors	None	

### Benefits:

- (a) 6 paid holidays
- (b) Approximately 50% Blue Cross & Blue Shield
- (c) Mileage .10¢ per mile
- (d) 1 week - vacation

## RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS MARRIAGES 1974

Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence	Date	Place
Robert Powell Eaton	Thetford	Barbara Wanda Stocker	W. Hart., Conn.	11/8/73	Waterbury, Conn.
Edward A. Sargent	Thetford	Alice M. Grenier	Hartford, Conn.	2/15/74	Wilder
Douglas S. Piper	Fairlee	Sheila L. Barker	Thetford	4/13/74	Fairlee
Keith J. Ilsley	Thetford	Sandra G. Lumbra	Vershire	4/20/74	Thetford Hill
Alan Albert Fogg	Charlotte	Margaret Barnard Willey	Thetford	5/4/74	Thetford
Bruce Alan Emerson	Thetford	Donna Marie Shea	Burlington	5/4/74	Burlington
Maurice Lester Wilmot	Thetford	Flora Marguerite Fortier	Meredith, N.H.	5/8/74	Thetford
Vernal Marvin Stone	Strafford	Pamela Marie Paige	Thetford	5/25/74	Strafford
John Charles Sherblom	Norwich	Anne Partridge	Hanover	5/25/74	Thetford
Peter Clinton Pickett	Thetford	Merit Scottford	Thetford	6/21/74	Thetford
Phillip Arthur Wilkesman	Thetford	Lynn Mary LeBriton	Oxford, Ma.	6/22/74	Fairlee
Paul Roy Southworth	Thetford	Vicki Lee Williams	Newbury	6/22/74	Newbury
Kevin George Fahey	Thetford	Susan Lee Thurston	Thetford	6/27/74	Thetford
Dennis Patrick Medina	Thetford	Barbara London	Thetford	6/29/74	Thetford
Gary Barnard Fifield	Thetford	Colleen Beth King	Lyme, N. H.	8/3/74	Lyme, N. H.
Robert J. Bacon	Thetford	Sally Ann Wright	Thetford	8/10/74	Thetford
Kenneth Alvin Durkee	Thetford	Diana Louise Barker	Thetford	8/10/74	Thetford
Richard Earl Eastman	Strafford	Pamela Irene Maria Peter	N. Pomfret	8/10/74	Thetford
Harry Paul Benner, Jr.	Thetford	Freida Mitzi Drechsler	Thetford	8/17/74	Thetford
Jeffery Michael Fisher	Albany, N. Y.	Suzanne Borden	Albany, N. Y.	9/14/74	Thetford
Roger Frederick Ricker	Thetford	Susan Marie Bacon	Lyme, N. H.	9/14/74	Lyme, N. H.
John Leslie Blake	W. Fairlee	Mary Ellen Fay	Thetford	9/21/74	W. Fairlee
William Melvin Sanborn, Jr.	Thetford	Lydia Jane Lewis	Thetford	10/4/74	Thetford
Robert Edward Jackson	White River Jct.	Jill Elaine Hurlburt	Thetford	10/11/74	Thetford

Groom	Bride	Residence	Date	Place
Frank Wilcox Bonnett	Karin Therese Grimminger	Orford, N. H.	10/12/74	Thetford
Daniel William King	Susie Jean Roberts	Norwich	10/26/74	Thetford
Phillip Jerome Fish	Marcia Beryl Bloomberg	Thetford	11/24/74	Thetford
Brian Robert Gragory	Brenda Susan Raymond	Thetford	12/16/74	Thetford

### DEATHS 1974

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Place	Residence
Lucille Burnham **	F	87	12/15/72	New York	Thetford
Nora D. Sykes **	F	87	12/19/73	Corinth	Post Mills *
Natalie E. Palmer **	F	43	12/24/73	Hanover	Thetford
Larkin Boy **	M	Infant	12/28/73	Hanover	Thetford
Larkin Girl **	F	Infant	12/28/73	Hanover	Thetford
Adella Anderson	F	87	1/ 3/74	Bradford	Thetford
Thomas Newton Weatherby	M	75	1/ 6/74	Maryland	Thetford
Chauncey Hatch	M	88	2/14/74	Haverhill, N. H.	Post Mills *
Georgia Eithne Abbott	F	77	2/26/74	Harwich, Ma.	No. Thetford *
Mary Hill	F	69	3/25/74	Haverhill, N. H.	Thetford Ctr. *
Fred Ashley Rogers	M	76	3/27/74	White River Jct.	Thetford
Clifford G. Tripp	M	70	4/21/74	Thetford	Thetford
Ruth Emery Pendleton	F	54	4/22/74	Medfield, Ma.	Thetford Ctr. *
Hoyt A. Briggs	M	55	4/26/74	Hanover, N. H.	Thetford Ctr. *
Andrew Schillinger	M	1	5/11/74	Boston, Ma.	Thetford
Rupert Willey	M	73	5/12/74	Thetford	Thetford
Laura M. Smith	F	72	6/18/74	Hanover	Thetford

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Place	Residence
Edward C. Goodspeed	M	58	6/21/74	Hanover	Post Mills *
Wilhelm Schraum	M	71	7/20/74	Hanover	Thetford
Eliza (Lizzie Harlow) Follansbee	F	88	9/22/74	Springfield, Ma.	No. Thetford *
Leon Thayer Hutchins	M	76	10/ 1/74	Post Mills	Thetford
April Lee Van Norden	F	3	10/20/74	Hanover, N. H.	Thetford
Malcolm G. Cole, St.	M	75	11/10/74	Hanover, N. H.	Thetford
Cora Smith	F	70	11/15/74	Hanover, N. H.	Norwich
Ethel Martin	F	87	11/16/74	Hartford, Vt.	Thetford
Martin Hatch	M	56	11/17/74	Haverhill, N. H.	Thetford
Dorothy A. Coombs	F	70	12/ 9/74	Lexington, Ma.	Thetford

\*\* Received too late for 1973 report

\* Place of burial

### BIRTHS 1974

Name	Date	Place	Mother	Father
Rachael Durant Babcock*	1/29/73	Lebanon, N. H.	Anne Virginia Stone	Laurence Ervin Babcock
Brian Gene Eastman *	10/12/73	Hanover, N. H.	Dale Katherine George	Gene Rowland Eastman
Jesse Kenneth Wilkesman	1/21/74	Hanover, N. H.	Lynn Mary Earley	Phillip Arthur Wilkesman
Amy Jo Davenport	1/28/74	Haverhill, N. H.	Susan Francis Hemmings	Raymond Joe Davenport
Mark Lee Tilden	2/23/74	Lebanon, N. H.	Helena Elizabeth Jamieson	Dexter Arnold Tilden
Jeffrey Andrew Maxfield	2/27/74	Hanover, N. H.	Sherry Lee Tatro	Melvin George Maxfield, Jr.
Janus William Crossett	3/14/74	Hanover, N. H.	Patricia Anne Corwin	Robert John Crossett
Thatcher Gearon Trombly	4/25/74	Hanover, N. H.	Christine Elizabeth Upham	Robert Marshall Trombly
Mary Lou Peters	5/ 7/74	Hanover, N. H.	Judith Anne Doyle	Edward Lee Peters

Name	Date	Place	Mother	Father
Inga Lisa Fisk	5/ 9/74	Lebanon, N. H.	Carol Ann Pierson	Lawrence Wayne Fisk
Ian Trimmer Rutter	5/14/74	Hanover, N. H.	Nancy Joanna Groopman	Walter Bernard Rutter
Ryan Allen Osgood	5/28/74	Hanover, N. H.	Kathleen Margaret Allen	Fritz Daniel Osgood
Amy Elizabeth Martin	5/29/74	Lebanon, N. H.	Irena Alice Bragg	Frederick Whitcomb Martin
Tracey Katherine Sullivan	6/ 6/74	Lebanon, N. H.	Diane Lynn Smith	Robert Bruce Sullivan
Jeremy Daniel Cadwell	6/10/74	Lebanon, N. H.	Holly Iris Jenkins	Peter Laurence Cadwell
Chad Edward Osmer	8/ 1/74	Lebanon, N. H.	Linda Lee French	Rodney Gene Osmer
Nathan Guthrie Orgain	9/ 7/74	Hanover, N. H.	Caroline Haywood Richmond	Peter Arpin Orgain
Jodi Anne Theresa Hale	9/ 8/74	Hanover, N. H.	Natalie Louise Cheney	Charles Franklin Hale
Lance Joseph Ilsley	9/27/74	Lebanon, N. H.	Sandra Gail Lumbra	Keith Joseph Ilsley
Ryder Winslow Sherwin	9/28/74	Hanover, N. H.	Beverly Jane Twers	Robert Winslow Sherwin, Jr.
Joseph Lee Tetreault	9/30/74	Hanover, N. H.	Donna Lynn Labine	Richard Joseph Tetreault
April Dawn Eaton	8/ 9/74	Haverhill, N. H.	Donna Mae Rutledge	Thomas W. Eaton
Amy Lynn Slack	10/23/74	Hanover, N. H.	Marie Elena Mardin	Bruce Goodell Slack
Stuart Brady Willmott	10/25/74	Lebanon, N. H.	Robina Kay Adams	Gerald Frank Willmott
Jason George Fahey	10/29/74	Hanover, N. H.	Susan Lee Thurston	Kevin George Fahey
Jennifer Lisa Schmidt	11/ 5/74	Hanover, N. H.	Donna Marie Bragg	James Arthur Schmidt, Jr.
Joshua Kogan Benn	11/16/74	Hanover, N. H.	Vivian Kogan	Bernard L. Benn
Thomas Jefferson Bullard	11/26/74	Hanover, N. H.	Susan Gail Ambler	Thomas Jefferson Bullard

\* Received too late for 1973 report

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

During the past year the selectmen have met weekly. Our meetings are open to the public. We encourage Thetford citizens to visit to offer their suggestions and criticisms about town government.

The selectmen have taken a number of actions in the course of the past year which will affect the future operations of the town. These decisions may be summarized as follows:

Roads – Several town roads were discontinued, or placed in class No. 4 by us in accordance with Vermont Statutes. We have adopted a set of standards which a road must now meet before the town will take over its maintenance. The town also bought a Ford F 750 dump truck and a sander, and built a salt shed next to the town garage.

Sanitary Landfill – In July the selectmen signed a contract with Barker Sargent landfill. This action allowed us to close the old town dump which for many years had been in violation of State Law.

Subdivision Regulations – In July the selectmen also adopted a set of Subdivision Regulations subject to a vote at the 1975 Town Meeting. These regulations were proposed by the Planning Commission. We hope these regulations will protect the town from the economic burdens arising from the expansion of town services for any large scale housing development in Thetford.

Taxes – Through the efforts of our state representative, we presently hope to achieve just compensation for revenues lost due to Camp Farnsworth's tax exempt status. Such compensation must come from the state, for state law exempts Scout Camps from local property taxes.

Miscellaneous – In the spring of 1974 the State Forester marked the town forest on the old George Higgin's property. Mr. Allen Rogers has been logging it.

George A. Phelps, Chairman  
George P. Stowell, Clerk  
Virginia S. Babcock

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LISTERS

December 31, 1974

Total taxable real estate	\$11,458,785.00
Total taxable personal property	<u>172,637.00</u>
Total taxable real and personal property	\$11,631,422.00
One per cent (1%) of the listed value	116,314.22
Total listed valuation of taxable polls at \$1.00 each	<u>943.00</u>
Total Grand List Tax Basis	\$ 117,257.22

These are all listed values which by law are 50% of Fair Market Value.

The following are the Poll Tax Exemptions:

Disabled Veterans, Wives and Widows	19
Citizens over 65 years old	198
Poor	11
Military Servicemen and Wives	<u>27</u>
Total exemptions, Polls	255

The following are the Real Estate Exemptions:

Veterans (50% or more disability) Statutory (8)	\$ 24,000.00
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Taxes stabilized by vote of town at 1974 town meeting:

Eclipse Grange – stabilized for 5 years at \$150.00
Rices Mills Community Association for 1 year at \$30.00

For the first time, last year the listers asked voters to fill out their poll cards at the polls in March. There were approximately 400 cards filled out which saved the listers a lot of time and expense. We also had a good response from the letters that were sent to residents renting apartments and homes in town. These were a big help to the listers and also the town clerk. We plan to do the same this year.

We appreciate all the cooperation we receive from the residents. It certainly makes the town officers job much more pleasant.

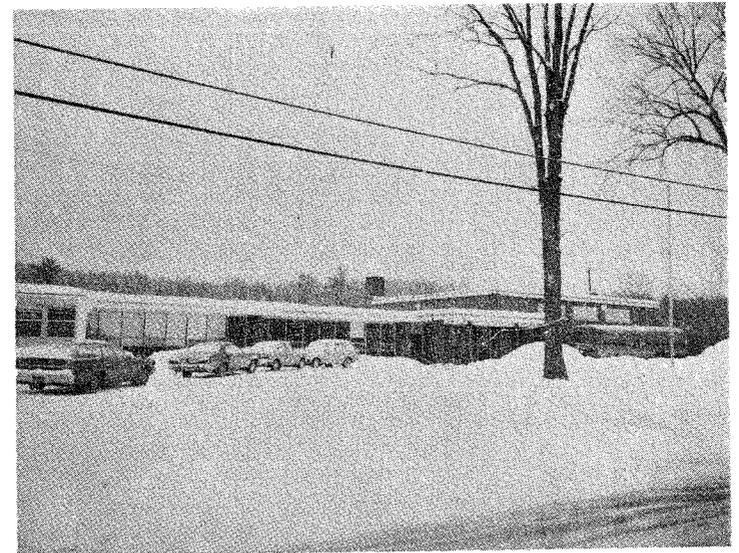
Board of Listers

Arthur J. Bacon  
George C. Davenport  
Janice V. Mousley

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**SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND PROPOSED BUDGET 1975-76**

	Proposed Budget 7/1/74- 6/30/75	Actual Expense 6/30/74- 12/31/74	Estimated Expense 1/1/75- 6/30/75	Spent and Estimated 7/1/74- 6/30/75	Proposed Budget 7/1/75- 6/30/76
<b>Administration</b>					
<b>Salaries</b>					
Board of Education	\$ 1,100.00	\$	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Supt's Office	1,282.85	783.57	745.02	1,528.59	1,635.69
Supt's Salary	2,216.34	1,241.13	1,180.08	2,421.21	2,465.75
Census	60.00		60.00	60.00	60.00
Other Salaries	1,837.10	1,028.52	977.94	2,006.46	2,173.88
<b>Expenses</b>					
Board of Education	825.00	110.00	715.00	825.00	825.00
Treasurer	30.00		30.00	30.00	30.00
Supt's Office	985.43	551.91	524.76	1,076.67	1,096.64
Supt's Travel	466.75	261.18	248.34	509.52	518.79
Other Expense	326.58	883.64	174.00	1,057.64	544.95
	\$ 9,130.05	\$ 4,859.95	\$ 5,755.14	\$10,615.09	\$10,450.70
<b>Instruction</b>					
Teachers Salaries	\$101,250.00	\$43,955.52	\$67,704.48	\$111,660.00	\$102,908.00
Textbooks	1,000.00	1,623.30	50.00	1,673.30	1,000.00
Library Books	600.00	626.01	175.00	801.01	600.00
Periodicals	220.00	280.65	40.00	320.65	250.00
Audio-Visuals	770.00	516.98	140.00	656.98	700.00
Other Library Expense	300.00	325.50		325.50	300.00

	Proposed Budget 7/1/74- 6/30/75	Actual Expense 6/30/74- 12/31/74	Estimated Expense 1/1/75- 6/30/75	Spent and Estimated 7/1/74- 6/30/75	Proposed Budget 7/1/75- 6/30/76
<b>Instruction (Cont.)</b>					
Manipulative Instruction	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 452.29	\$ 85.00	\$ 537.29	\$ 1,000.00
Teaching Supplies	3,622.00	3,933.86	200.00	4,133.86	3,750.00
Other Expense		510.63		510.63	450.00
In-Service Training	1,920.00	309.00	1,111.00	1,420.00	1,900.00
	\$110,682.00	\$52,533.74	\$69,505.48	\$122,039.22	\$112,858.00
<b>Health Service</b>					
Physician	\$ 50.00	\$	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Nurse's Supplies	100.00	64.54	35.46	100.00	100.00
Misc. OCMH & CHS	2,200.00		2,100.00	2,100.00	1,650.00
	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 64.54	\$ 2,185.46	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,800.00
<b>Pupil Transportation</b>					
Salaries - Drivers	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 6,004.50	\$ 8,925.00	\$ 14,929.50	\$ 15,000.00
Contract Services	2,250.00	760.00	1,572.00	2,332.00	2,600.00
Insurance	850.00	820.00	30.00	850.00	850.00
Gas and Oil	5,500.00	1,737.18	3,762.82	5,500.00	5,500.00
Tires and Tubes	700.00	238.80	461.20	700.00	800.00
Maintenance	3,500.00	1,716.60	1,783.40	3,500.00	3,800.00
Rent	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00		200.00	200.00	200.00
	\$ 27,000.00	\$11,777.08	\$17,234.42	\$ 29,011.50	\$ 29,250.00

	Proposed Budget 7/1/74-6/30/75	Actual Expense 6/30/74-12/31/74	Estimated Expense 1/1/75-6/30/75	Spent and Estimated 7/1/74-6/30/75	Proposed Budget 7/1/75-6/30/76
<b>Operation of Plant</b>					
Custodial Services	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 4,663.80	\$ 5,068.00	\$ 9,731.80	\$ 10,500.00
Heat	4,500.00	1,945.01	3,800.00	5,745.01	5,800.00
Electricity	3,600.00	919.58	2,000.00	2,919.58	3,000.00
Gas	300.00	72.77	277.23	350.00	400.00
Telephone	600.00	373.39	600.00	973.39	950.00
Custodial Supply	1,600.00	1,605.98	200.00	1,805.98	1,800.00
	\$ 21,100.00	\$ 9,580.53	\$ 11,945.23	\$ 21,525.76	\$ 22,450.00
<b>Maintenance of Plant</b>					
Grounds	\$ 500.00	\$ 178.50	\$ 321.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Building	1,500.00	1,459.85	500.00	1,959.85	1,800.00
Equip. Repair	1,500.00	4,378.82	500.00	4,878.82	2,000.00
Instr. Equip. Replace	500.00	132.50	367.50	500.00	500.00
Non-Instr. Equip. Replace	1,000.00	4,625.00	200.00	4,825.00	1,000.00
Other Expense	500.00	1,190.04		1,190.04	500.00
	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 11,964.71	\$ 1,889.00	\$ 13,853.71	\$ 6,300.00
<b>Fixed Charges</b>					
Social Security	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,975.39	\$ 3,158.99	\$ 6,134.38	\$ 7,000.00
Property Insurance	800.00	573.60	226.40	800.00	800.00
Employee Insurance	2,800.00	1,357.08	2,326.26	3,683.34	4,500.00
Liability Insurance (Not Bus)	550.00		550.00	550.00	550.00
Fidelity Bond	25.00		25.00	25.00	25.00
Rent	2,450.00	2,750.00		2,750.00	2,750.00
Interest		979.10		979.10	
	\$ 13,625.00	\$ 8,635.17	\$ 6,286.65	\$ 14,921.82	\$ 15,625.00

	Proposed Budget 7/1/74-6/30/75	Actual Expense 6/30/74-12/31/74	Estimated Expense 1/1/75-6/30/75	Spent and Estimated 7/1/74-6/30/75	Proposed Budget 7/1/75-6/30/76
<b>Food Service</b>					
Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 143.10	\$ 356.90	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
Professional Service for Sites		724.46		724.46	
Site and Site Addition Equip.	500.00	245.00	255.00	500.00	500.00
	\$ 500.00	\$ 969.46	\$ 255.00	\$ 1,224.46	\$ 500.00
<b>Debt Service</b>					
Bonds	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest on Bonds	1,190.00	595.00	595.00	1,190.00	1,020.00
	\$ 6,190.00	\$ 595.00	\$ 5,595.00	\$ 6,190.00	\$ 6,020.00
<b>Outgoing Transfer</b>					
Tuition, TA	\$ 184,000.00	\$ 61,273.97	\$ 122,726.03	\$ 184,000.00	\$ 199,555.00
Special Education	1,500.00	1,628.47		1,628.47	3,000.00
Aid-Federal and State	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
In-State Tuition		1,190.00	993.75	2,183.75	
	\$ 188,500.00	\$ 64,092.44	\$ 126,719.78	\$ 190,812.22	\$ 205,555.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 385,077.05	\$ 165,215.72	\$ 247,728.06	\$ 412,943.78	\$ 411,308.70

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS

	January 1, 1975	
Balance on hand - July 1, 1974		
Cash in Bank	\$ 26,194.13	
Savings Account	3,564.59	
Petty Cash	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Assets		\$ 29,783.72
Less Liabilities		
Note Payable	30,000.00	
Accruals	<u>7,686.30</u>	
Total on Hand - July 1, 1974		37,686.30
Income - July 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974		
Taxes		
State of Vermont	\$301,643.17	
State Aid	75,584.00	
20% reimbursement - Debt Service	1,272.00	
Vocational Transportation	2,160.00	
Flood Control	714.68	
Miscellaneous		
Interest	181.63	
Federal Grant	4,061.33	
Refunds	<u>41.75</u>	
Total Available		385,658.56
Less Directors orders drawn July 1, 1974 - Dec. 31, 1974		\$377,755.98
Directors Balance, January 1, 1975		<u>165,215.72</u>
		<u>\$212,540.26</u>

Treasurer's Balance - January 1, 1975		
Cash in Bank	\$218,590.33	
Less Accruals	<u>6,100.07</u>	
Petty Cash	50.00	\$212,540.26
Director's Balance - January 1, 1975		<u>\$212,540.26</u>
Anticipated Income - January 1, 1975 - June 30, 1975		
Vocational Aid		
Bus Income	\$ 3,000.00	
Federal Grant	6,000.00	
Interest - Certificate of Deposit	10,750.00	
Anticipated Total Available to June 30, 1975	<u>2,500.00</u>	\$ 22,250.00
Less Directors Orders Anticipated January 1, 1975 to June 30, 1975		\$234,790.26
Anticipated Deficit		<u>247,728.06</u>
Land - To be paid by Bond as proposed 1974 Town Meeting		\$ (12,937.80)
Anticipated Surplus		<u>13,000.00</u>
Estimated Balance and Income for July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976		\$ 62.20
Surplus		
State Aid	\$ 74,900.00	
Vocational Aid	3,000.00	
Bus Income	6,000.00	
20% Bond and Interest Aid	<u>1,238.00</u>	
		85,138.00
Proposed Budget - July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976		\$ 85,200.20
Less Estimated Balance and Income		<u>\$411,308.70</u>
Tax Money to be Raised		<u>85,200.20</u>
		<u>\$326,108.50</u>

**THETFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance January 1, 1974 \$201,648.34

**Receipts:**

Taxes	\$301,643.17	
State Aid for Education	75,584.00	
Vocational Education		
Technical	3,592.58	
Consumer & Homemaking	3,183.17	
Technical Transportation	2,160.00	
State Tuition	462.50	
State Touring Arts Council	35.00	
Right to Read Workshop	90.00	
Bus Transportation	3,000.00	
20% Reimbursement	1,272.00	
Federal Employment Grant	19,534.00	
Flood Control	1,429.36	
Forest and Parks - lease rental	21.00	
Refunds	550.27	
Re-deposit of Voc. Ed. Tech. Transportation	2,160.00	
Return of Taxes with-held	1,460.10	
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	5,083.34	
Interest on Savings Account	181.63	
Savings Account	3,564.59	
Bradford National Bank Notes	45,000.00	470,006.71
		<u>\$671,655.05</u>

**Disbursements:**

	<u>453,064.72</u>
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1974	\$218,590.33
Petty Cash - Principal's Office	50.00
<b>Total Balance of Funds December 31, 1974</b>	<b>\$218,640.33</b>

Emily E. Hood, Treasurer

**THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31**

	Jan. 1 - June 30	July 1 - Dec. 31	1974 Total	1973 Total
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Taxes	\$ 3,000.00	\$301,643.17	\$301,643.17	\$278,239.35
Bus fares and rentals			3,000.00	3,000.00
State of Vermont:				
State aid for education		75,584.00	75,584.00	54,019.00
Vocational technical education	6,775.75		6,775.75	8,159.85
20% reimbursement of principal and interest		1,272.00	1,272.00	1,509.75
Land rental	21.00		21.00	21.00
Right to read workshop	90.00		90.00	
Tuition	462.50		462.50	
Touring arts council	35.00		35.00	
Vocational transportation	2,160.00	2,160.00	4,320.00	
Flood control	714.68	714.68	1,429.36	4,762.97
Miscellaneous:				
Interest	5,083.34	181.63	5,264.97	1,549.37
Federal grant	15,472.67	4,061.33	19,534.00	7,516.39
Refunds	7.98	41.75	49.73	75.59
Return of land deposit - option to purchase	500.00		500.00	
Insurance - bus accident				251.64
Contribution				25.00
Vermont Council - ABC Workshop				65.00
Total receipts	\$ 34,322.92	\$385,658.56	\$419,981.48	\$359,194.91
Less disbursements (Schedule 1)	241,854.32	165,215.72	407,070.04	345,994.17
Excess receipts over or (under) disbursements	\$207,531.40	\$220,442.84	\$ 12,911.44	\$ 13,200.74

**THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31**

	Jan. 1 - June 30	July 1 - Dec. 31	Total 1974	1973
<u>Administration</u>				
<u>Salaries:</u>				
Salaries for superintendent's office	\$ 589.50	\$ 783.57	\$ 1,373.07	\$ 1,008.01
Superintendent's salary	1,358.64	1,241.13	2,599.77	2,407.03
Census enumeration (Young Mothers' Club)	60.00	---	60.00	---
Office of business administration	483.55	---	483.55	856.30
Other salaries	1,132.98	1,028.52	2,161.50	2,509.41
	<b>\$ 3,624.67</b>	<b>\$ 3,053.22</b>	<b>\$ 6,677.89</b>	<b>\$ 6,780.75</b>
<u>Other expenses:</u>				
Board of education	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 8.52
Board secretary office	750.00	859.92	1,609.92	1,074.00
Superintendent's office	598.74	551.91	1,150.65	1,067.41
Superintendent's travel	271.74	261.18	532.92	458.76
Miscellaneous expense for administration	1,365.66	1,383.64	2,749.30	578.10
	<b>\$ 2,986.14</b>	<b>\$ 3,056.65</b>	<b>\$ 6,042.79</b>	<b>\$ 3,186.79</b>

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Instruction

Teachers	\$ 64,543.97	\$ 43,205.60	\$107,749.57	\$ 98,003.76
Textbooks	190.49	1,623.30	1,813.79	592.02
School library books	---	626.01	626.01	595.65
Periodicals and newspapers	31.00	280.65	311.65	206.51
Audiovisual materials	229.05	516.98	746.03	166.83

**Statement of Disbursements for Years Ended December 31**

	Jan. 1 - June 30	July 1 - Dec. 31	Total 1974	1973
<u>Instruction (Continued)</u>				
Other school library expense	\$ ---	\$ 325.50	\$ 325.50	\$ 300.00
Instructional manipulated devices	15.20	452.29	467.49	2,490.70
Teaching supplies	447.58	3,933.86	4,381.44	2,643.58
Miscellaneous supplies for instruction	---	---	---	192.07
<u>Other expenses:</u>				
In service training and professional meetings	360.00	309.00	669.00	672.00
Miscellaneous	60.00	10.63	70.63	20.00
	<b>\$ 65,877.29</b>	<b>\$ 51,283.82</b>	<b>\$117,161.11</b>	<b>\$105,883.11</b>
<u>Health Services</u>				
Supplies	\$ 58.05	\$ 56.54	\$ 114.59	\$ 63.00
Miscellaneous	---	8.00	8.00	17.00
Other:	---	---	---	910.00
Orange County Mental Health Service	---	---	---	2,760.40
Community Health Services, Inc. (a)	---	---	---	3,750.40
	<b>\$ 58.05</b>	<b>\$ 64.54</b>	<b>\$ 122.59</b>	<b>\$ 3,750.40</b>
<u>Pupil Transportation Service</u>				
Salaries - drivers	\$ 8,262.78	\$ 6,004.50	\$ 14,267.28	\$ 13,308.36
Contracted services and public carriers	763.75	760.00	1,523.75	1,903.00
Bus insurance	---	820.00	820.00	779.00
Gasoline	1,776.21	1,436.62	3,212.83	3,885.61
Oil, grease, lubricants - Ford	55.64	29.77	85.41	80.06
- Internationals	283.13	270.79	553.92	610.65

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**Statement of Disbursements for Years Ending December 31**

**Pupil Trans. Service (Cont.)**

	Jan. 1 - June 30	July 1 - Dec. 31	Total 1974	1973
Tires and tubes - Ford	---	---	---	\$ 462.46
- Internationals	302.36	238.80	541.16	459.98
Maintenance of vehicles by private garages				
- Ford	350.96	580.82	931.78	193.51
- Internationals	4,066.79	1,135.78	5,202.57	4,313.90
Rent for pupil transportation - Ford	---	100.00	100.00	75.00
- Internationals	---	400.00	400.00	400.00
	\$ 15,861.62	\$ 11,777.08	\$ 27,638.70	\$ 26,471.53

**Operation of Plant**

Salaries - custodial services	\$ 4,816.72	\$ 4,663.80	\$ 9,480.52	\$ 9,197.06
Heat for buildings - oil	2,417.98	1,578.48	3,996.46	1,855.17
- electricity	638.41	366.53	1,004.94	944.52
Electricity	1,320.43	919.58	2,240.01	2,312.82
Gas	187.62	72.77	260.39	214.62
Telephone and telegraph	582.35	373.39	955.74	587.85
Custodial supplies	932.07	1,405.98	2,338.05	2,166.06
Supplies for care of grounds	---	200.00	200.00	48.00
	\$ 10,895.58	\$ 9,580.53	\$ 20,476.11	\$ 17,326.10

**Maintenance of Plant**

Contracted services - grounds (b)	\$ 377.50	\$ 178.50	\$ 556.00	\$ 697.75
- repair of buildings	763.80	4,929.94	5,693.74	1,031.26
- repair of equipment	841.16	908.73	1,749.89	528.80

**Statement of Disbursements for Years Ended December 31**

**Maintenance of Plant (Cont.)**

	Jan. 1 - June 30	July 1 - Dec. 31	Total 1974	1973
Instructional equipment	\$ 77.55	\$ 132.50	\$ 210.05	\$ 237.69
Non-instructional equipment	14.98	---	14.98	854.50
Other expenses - buildings	544.29	1,190.04	1,734.33	752.14
	\$ 2,619.28	\$ 7,339.71	\$ 9,958.99	\$ 4,102.14

**Fixed Charges**

Social Security	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5,894.22
Property insurance	3,211.03	2,975.39	6,186.42	280.00
Employee insurance	74.00	573.60	647.60	1,111.12
Liability insurance	1,719.88	1,357.08	3,076.96	550.30
Fidelity bond premiums	82.00	---	82.00	32.00
Land and buildings for instruction (c)	---	2,750.00	2,750.00	3,450.00
Interest on current loans	---	979.10	979.10	---
	\$ 5,086.91	\$ 8,635.17	\$ 13,722.08	\$ 11,317.64

**Food Services Other Expenses**

	\$ 288.19	\$ 143.10	\$ 431.29	\$ 83.94
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**Capital Outlay**

Professional services for sites (d)	\$ 127.00	\$ 724.46	\$ 851.46	\$ 760.75
Site and site additions (e)	13,012.25	---	13,012.25	600.00
Improvements to sites (f)	---	4,625.00	4,625.00	---
Equipment - administration	166.19	---	166.19	452.34
- instruction	---	245.00	245.00	134.75
	\$ 13,305.44	\$ 5,594.46	\$ 18,899.90	\$ 1,947.84

**Statement of Disbursements for Years Ended December 31**

	Jan. 1 - June 30	July 1 - Dec. 31	Total 1974	1973
<b>Debt Service from Current Funds</b>				
Principal of debt - bonds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ ---	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest on debt - bonds	680.00	595.00	1,275.00	1,445.00
<b>Outgoing Transfer Accounts</b>				
Tuition - expend. to other sch. districts	\$ 1,412.32	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 2,602.32	\$ 1,806.82
- Thetford Academy	104,640.58	61,273.97	165,914.55	142,666.78
- Individuals	120.00	---	120.00	---
Expend. to school districts or admin. units in another state	---	---	---	---
Vocational refunds	9,398.25	---	9,398.25	4,400.00
Expenditures to special education	---	1,628.47	1,628.47	8,317.35
				1,507.98
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$115,571.15</b>	<b>\$ 64,092.44</b>	<b>\$179,663.59</b>	<b>\$158,698.93</b>
	<b>\$241,854.32</b>	<b>\$165,215.72</b>	<b>\$407,070.04</b>	<b>\$345,994.17</b>

- (a) OCMHS \$ 444.00  
Community Health \$1,589.00  
Paid Jan. 1975 in budget for 1974
- (b) Contracted Services: Grounds - \$556.00  
(Royce Bond \$170.00, Claude Clark \$279.00, Others \$107.00)  
Repair of Buildings - \$5,693.74  
(Dave Hauger Elec. & Plbg. \$3,490.34;  
Edward Crowley \$735.23; Ridge Const. Co. \$705.10; Brem, Inc. \$274.25; Jay's Septic Tank Service \$125.00; Others \$363.82)

- (c) Land & Bldgs. for Instruction  
Thetford Hill Church - first grade \$1,500.00; No. Thetford Library - Kindergarten \$1,250.00)
- (d) Professional Services for sites:  
Otterman & Allen - deed preparation \$127.00; Richard Belyard, Architect mileage and printing \$724.46

- (e) Site and site additions:  
A. V. D'Ambrosio \$12,450.00;  
Vt. Dept. of Taxes \$62.25;  
Richardson Assoc. \$500.00  
(Option to purchase returned to School account)
- (f) Improvements to site: Aqua Wells \$4,625.00. Well & related exp. at Elementary School.

**THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS FOR YEARS  
ENDED DECEMBER 31**

	1974	1973
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$218,590.33	\$ 51,648.34
Savings Account	---	3,564.59
Certificate of deposit	---	150,000.00
Petty Cash	50.00	25.00
Accounts receivable - State of Vermont	---	154.54
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$218,640.33</b>	<b>\$205,392.47</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued federal withholding	\$ 1,892.60	\$ 1,535.30
Accrued state withholding	508.48	422.42
Accrued social security	2,289.95	1,765.29
Accrued Blue Cross	174.00	249.28
Accrued teachers retirement	1,235.04	1,791.36
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 6,100.07</b>	<b>\$ 5,763.65</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>\$212,540.26</b>	<b>\$199,628.82</b>
<b>Total liabilities and surplus</b>	<b>\$218,640.33</b>	<b>\$205,392.47</b>

Note: Bonded debt not included in Balance Sheet

**THETFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND**

Bond No.	Denom. of Bonds due	Amt. of Bond ea. Mat. date	Interest Payment	Maturity date of Bonds	Total
89-93	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,105.00	6/1/75	\$6,105.00
94-98	1,000.00	5,000.00	935.00	6/1/76	5,935.00
99-103	1,000.00	5,000.00	765.00	6/1/77	5,765.00
104-108	1,000.00	5,000.00	595.00	6/1/78	5,595.00
109-113	1,000.00	5,000.00	425.00	6/1/79	5,425.00
114-118	1,000.00	5,000.00	255.00	6/1/80	5,255.00
119-123	1,000.00	5,000.00	85.00	6/1/81	5,085.00

## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THETFORD ACADEMY

Thetford Academy began the school year with an enrollment as follows: Grade 12, 58; Grade 11, 59; Grade 10, 63; Grade 9, 50; Grade 8, 53; Grade 7, 59; Total enrollment 342. The distribution of enrollment by towns is as follows: Thetford, 186; West Fairlee, 49; Vershire, 43; Strafford, 22; Lyme, 32; Fairlee, 4; Piermont, 1; Dresden, 2; private tuitions, 3.

The faculty this year consists of twenty-one full-time teachers, one principal, one full-time guidance counsellor, one full-time librarian and one part-time nurse (one-half day per week).

Two new additions to our quarter courses in English are play production and movie making. Our business education program continues to grow in number of courses offered and enrollment in the program has been approved as a vocational program. In order to receive this approval a local five year plan had to be drawn up and approved. Mr. Franzoni, our business education teacher, should be credited with helping the principal to plan this program so that it might be accepted by the State Department of Education. Mr. Franzoni is still the state advisor for the Future Business Leaders of America, the vocational club for business education students.

Our art program has continued to grow over the last several years. We now have a full-time art teacher with a total enrollment in art classes of over one hundred students. Students are doing or will be doing work in oil painting, jewelry making, both silver and ceramic, water colors, metal work (copper), silk screening, some clay sculpting and many other activities. The new facility planned for the art program will mean even greater development.

Our drama program also is flourishing. Not only do we have courses in drama scheduled in the curriculum, but we are again planning a Broadway musical for next spring. We also will be working during the year in workshops on lighting, make-up and mime.

Our music program, especially instrumentals, is improving. Our one hundred students are taking instrumental lessons, and we have set a June date for our budding band to make a debut. We are giving lessons in the elementary school which is necessary if we are to have a band.

Some random highlights:

1. The girls' softball team won the Central Vermont League championship and were runner-up in the state Class M championship game. Their overall record was 13-1.
2. Two of our students were elected state officers of the Future Business Leaders of America and one attended the national convention in San Francisco.
3. A truly outstanding production of *Fiddler on the Roof* was presented by the glee club under the direction of Leslie Lee.

4. Our soccer team remained undefeated until the semi-final playoff game with Stowe.

My thanks go to the Executive Committee for their attempts to provide personnel and materials to improve maintenance and to improve the grounds. The buildings and grounds are in better shape than they have been in years, primarily because of the willingness of the Executive Committee to hold any number of meetings necessary to help me solve problems as they arise and to often take the initiative in solving problems, thus relieving me of much of this burden.

I want to thank the entire Board of Trustees for creating an atmosphere in which it is possible to innovate and to add new courses to the curriculum and an atmosphere which does not stifle the teachers or the administration when new ideas are proposed. This atmosphere in turn is also established for the students so that they may feel free to suggest and to feel the school is their own but with the recognition that with authority goes responsibility.

In closing, may I express my appreciation and that of the faculty for the interest shown in the Academy and its students. May I urge you to contact us if you wish to discuss problems faced by your children. Such contact is never viewed as an imposition. You as citizens and we as educators have the same basic goal in mind, namely, the greatest possible growth of each member of the student body. Only with this growth can any community hope to reach its full potential. Only with close contact between the citizenry of a community and its school can the greatest possible educational achievement be attained.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruel Barrett, Principal

### THETFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Thetford, Vermont

#### SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AS OF 2/4/75

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
28	33	35	27	32	43	24	222

## REPORT OF BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION

Our school year began with a total enrollment of 225 students in the kindergarten through sixth grade. Because our school population remains greater than the capacity of our building, we continue to use space in the North Thetford Library and Congregational Church to maintain a workable educational program.

Our staff shows only two new faces this year and there is little question that some of the stability of this year is a consequence of the small teacher turnover. The staff and grade assignments are: Principal - Mr. Robert F. Johnston; Kindergarten - Mrs. Margaret Joiner; 1st Grade - Mrs. Laura De-Goosh; 1st Grade - Mrs. Diane Levy; 2nd Grade - Mrs. Patricia Rogers; 2nd Grade - Mrs. Bonnie Irwin; 3rd Grade - Miss Ann Swanson; 4th Grade - Mrs. Rosemary Redmond; 4th & 5th Grades - Miss Eileen Curran; 5th Grade - Mrs. Helen Magoon; 6th Grade - Mr. Christopher Keefe; Phys. Ed. - Music - Miss Julie Flanagan

In addition, Federal Funds made available through the Orange East Supervisory Union have provided a teacher, an assistant teacher, and an aide who work in the Thetford Elementary School. Thetford also shares the services of the Orange East Remedial Reading Teacher and Consulting Teacher. Library funds through Title II and equipment funds through Title III contributed an extra \$478.50 to the school this year. We hope that similar Federal funding will be available again next year to help supplement the program.

Along with attempting to improve the educational program this year, we have taken steps to alleviate some of our transportation problems, initiated some after-school athletic activities, and began to organize and improve our reading program so that it will become more effective.

A large number of community groups have used the school facilities this year. In addition, several parents and high school students have donated their time to assisting classes and individual students on a daily or weekly basis. We welcome the community's involvement in its school and recognize our commitment to be of service to the town through our facilities and staff.

We are pleased with the leadership of our new Principal, Mr. Robert F. Johnston. His knowledge of children and the learning process, along with his administrative skill and mature judgment has provided the much needed stability to the educational program and general operation of the school.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Barker, Jr.  
Laurence Babcock  
Martha Wiencke  
School Directors  
Robert E. Sheridan  
Superintendent  
John D. Fontana  
Assistant Superintendent  
Robert F. Johnston  
Principal

## WARNING

### TOWN OF THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Special Meeting

April 9, 1974

Whereas, at a meeting duly called and held for that purpose the school directors unanimously determined, and hereby determine, that the public interest and necessity require the construction of certain public school improvements hereinafter described and the acquisition of twelve acres of land, more or less, authorized by voters at the March 4, 1974 Thetford Town School District Meeting at a total estimated cost of \$639,400 and that the district's share of the cost of all of the same after application of available state aid for school construction under 16 VSA ch. 123 will be too great to be paid out of ordinary annual income and revenue and that a proposal to issue bonds of the town school district to defray the district's share of the cost of such improvements and acquisition be submitted to the legal voters of the district at a special meeting to be called and held for that purpose, and it is so ordered.

Therefore, the legal voters in the Town of Thetford Town School District are hereby notified, warned and ordered to meet on April ninth (9th), 1974 at the Town Hall in Thetford Center, to vote by ballot between the hours of ten (10) o'clock in the morning, at which time the polls will open, and seven (7) o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the polls will close, upon the following Article of business:

#### ARTICLE I

Shall bonds of the town school district in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) be issued to defray the district's share of the cost of constructing and equipping an addition to the present elementary school at Thetford Hill of masonry construction to provide the equivalent of eight classroom spaces, together with auxiliary administrative rooms, spaces, services and facilities and to acquire twelve acres of land, more or less, authorized by voters at the March 4, 1974 Thetford Town School District Meeting, all as aforesaid?

Dated this 15th day of March, 1974.

George A. Phelps  
George P. Stowell  
Virginia S. Babcock  
Selectmen

Frank L. Barker, Jr.  
Laurence E. Babcock  
Phyllis D. Biathiaune  
School Directors

Filed for record and recorded this 15th day of March, 1974  
Town Clerk, E. E. Hood

**SPECIAL THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 9, 1974 at 10:00 A. M. Constable Edward LaMontagne declared the ballot box open for the vote on the School Bond issue. Selectman Virginia Babcock relieved Edward LaMontagne of his duties until 6:55 P. M. At 7:00 P. M. Edward LaMontagne declared the ballot box closed. There were nine hundred thirteen (913) names on the check list. Three Hundred Eighty-five cast their vote. Two ballots were spoiled, Two Hundred Five were marked in favor and One Hundred Seventy-eight were opposed. This was a good turn out due to the heavy snow storm which lasted all day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily E. Hood, Town Clerk

**SCHOOL BOND BALLOT**

Directions: Place a (x) in the box in front of the statement of your choice.

ARTICLE I Shall bonds of the town school district in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.) be issued to defray the district's share of the cost of constructing and equipping an addition to the present elementary school at Thetford Hill of masonry construction to provide the equivalent of eight classroom spaces, together with auxiliary administrative rooms, spaces, services and facilities and to acquire twelve acres of land, more or less, authorized by voters at the March 4, 1974 Thetford Town School District Meeting.

[205] I am in favor of the bond issue  
[178] I am opposed to the bond issue

2 spoiled

**SPECIAL THETFORD TOWN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**

At 10:00 AM on May 28, 1974 Constable Edward LaMontagne declared the ballot box open for the vote on the School Bond Issue. At 7:00 PM Edward LaMontagne declared the ballot box closed. There were Nine Hundred Twenty Seven (927) names on the checklist. Five Hundred Nine cast their vote including seventeen absentees. Two Hundred Sixty Two ballots were marked opposed to the bond issue and Two Hundred Forty Five ballots were marked in favor of the bond issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily E. Hood, Town Clerk

NOTES

OFFICERS'  
and  
ORGANIZATIONS  
REPORTS

MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL TOWN & SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

March 4, 1974

On Monday, March 4, 1974 at 7:30 PM Matthew Wiencke called the Annual Town Meeting to order. There were approximately 420 persons in attendance, plus 30 members of the press, including radio, newspapers and TV cameras.

Rev. Tyler led the prayer.

Moderator Matthew Wiencke announced a general ruling as the result of an agreement between the press, selectmen and moderator prior to the meeting. The ruling being the press will be kept to the bleachers and back of the hall. The floor was to remain free for assembly and speakers.

George A. Phelps explained the procedure for Article 14. Due to wording in the Article when the Australian Ballot system was adopted in 1969, it could not be voted upon by Australian Ballot. Article 14 would have to be brought up this evening. He requested a motion that the article be brought up after Article 11. Motion was made and passed.

ARTICLE 1. Reports of the Town Officers were accepted as printed.

ARTICLE 2. Virginia Babcock spoke of the Community Health Services, Inc. and Robert Atkins explained the reason for the large decrease in their request. The basis of assessment was changed to per capita, there was a change in accounting system, and improvement in method of collection.

Dr. Stanley Brown spoke on the increase in accountability, a Nurse-Director full time and 60% reimbursement from patients, Insurance, Medicare and Medicaid. The motion was made and carried by voice vote to grant the C.H.S. their request of \$2,744.00.

ARTICLE 3. David Rutherford, Director of Orange County Mental Health Services, explained their \$1,350.00 request, stating the Town funds were used for the care of residents for the Town of Thetford, for school consultations and educational services to the school system, workshop for the teachers, assessment of students and family. During the past year 29 residents were served. Major problems were marital. In the school budget there is a figure that amounts to \$2.00 per student for work at the Elementary School and school nurse one day a week. The Orange County Mental Health Services, Inc. request was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. Dr. Lucius Nye moved that this Town Meeting authorize the Selectmen to contract the Town of Hanover for emergency ambulance services and appropriate \$3,500.00 to fund the contract. This was carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. Mr. George A. Phelps spoke of Winston Colton's dedication to the Town. He worked hard and long. The motion was carried by a voice vote to spend \$200.00 to purchase a bronze plaque in his memory.

ARTICLE 6. Edward LaMontagne explained the Article and why the desire to raise the interest from  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  to 1% per month on past due taxes. Robert Chamberlain moved the last sentence of the Article, "This shall be retroactive on all back taxes", be deleted. This was carried by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. Since the raising of the poll required a two thirds vote, there was a call for a show of hands. 140 yes and 132 no, thus it was voted not to raise the polls.

At 8:30 a motion was made and passed to recess the Town Meeting and to take up the School Meeting with show of hands.

8:55 PM Moderator Matthew Wiencke called the School Meeting to order.

The following announcements were made:

The P.T.A. and Cub Scouts were selling refreshments.

Polls would be open 10 to 7 on Tuesday.

Rabies Dog Clinic March 16 from 10 to 12 noon.

Carole Anderson announced trips to other schools with open classrooms were scheduled. She had the schedule available to anyone wishing to contact her.

ARTICLE 1. Motion was made and carried by voice vote to accept the reports of the Officers as printed.

ARTICLE 2. Frank Barker, Jr. explained the need for land to build a leach field for sewage disposal, as the present system is not approvable to the State. The twelve acres would cost \$12,000.00.

William Worcester moved the School Board be authorized to buy land needed under the following conditions:

1. advertise for bids
2. specifications call for enough land needed for estimate amount of liquid plus 25%.

Carl Anderson stated he felt we should put faith in the School Directors and defeat Mr. Worcester's amendment.

Mr. Worcester's amendment was voted by voice vote with a unanimous No.

Article 2 was passed in favor with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted to raise \$301,643.17 for the School Budget less an increase or plus any decrease in the \$71,000.00 anticipated State Aid, with all taxes so raised payable on or before October 25, 1974 with interest of 1% per month, thereafter.

ARTICLE 4. The School Board was asked if they would consider going back to using the old one room schools and a local architect.

At 9:45 the school meeting was recessed until March 5, 1974 at the Town Hall, where polls for School Officers will be open from 10 AM 'til 7 PM.

10:00 PM. The Town Meeting was reconvened.

ARTICLE 8. It was voted to amend Article 8 to omit the words "and buildings".

Real Estate & Personal Property	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970
Davis & Simonds Lumber Co.	\$ 90.00				
deMoll, James & Susan	118.80				
Durkee, Heman & Valroy	246.60	145.23			
Durkee, Leonard	111.60	117.18			
Durkee, Miriam	Bal. 30.94				
Eisner, Jay H.	Bal. 16.73				
Fairbrother, Lawrence & Betty		Bal. 32.30			
French, Donald	16.20	17.01			
Godfrey, Franklin & Margaret	Bal. 48.32				
*Gamble, Ross & Margaret	658.80				
*Hall, Margaret et als	217.80				
Hallowell, Joseph	415.80				
Herzenberg, Janice	856.80				
Hooker, Timothy & Minnie	Bal. 31.64				
Hulbut, Larry	16.20				
Josler, Nicholas J.	273.60				
*Judd, Marion et als	Bal. 68.00				
Lochern Camps Inc.	3,870.00				
McCartney, Charlotte	Bal. 887.00				
McGranaghan, Ivan & Lucille	309.60	15.12	64.60		
Manning, Arvin, Jr.	14.40				
Manning, Eileen Joyce	374.40				
Menancon, John	601.20				
Osmer, Rodney	36.00				
*Palmer, Harry	3.60				
Pero, Gary	41.40				

Real Estate & Personal Property	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970
Pero, Reginald & Marion	\$ 207.00	\$ 217.35	\$ 72.68	\$ 79.75	\$
Phelps, William & Carol	1,009.73				
Picknell, Richard	235.80	247.59	121.13	108.75	8.42
Punt, David J.	639.00	227.18			
Raymond, Leon	Bal. 59.15				
Robinson, Carroll & Marion	163.91				
Seace, James & Gertrude	102.60				
Sepanek, Edward & Ardath	264.60				
Simoneau, Philip & Vera	48.60				
Slack, Robert & Geraldine		Bal. 249.31			
Stone, Duane	45.00				
Thorburn, Alexander & Carolyn	Bal. 5.85				
Thurston, Justin & Laura	16.20				
Turner, Gordon	108.00				
Weathersfield Farms, Inc.	689.40	68.82			
Weingart, Joyce	120.60				
Williams, Eleanor Sue	439.20				
Williams, Larry	8.30				
	\$16,798.49	\$1,458.05	\$391.65	\$308.13	\$115.26

Polis and Old Age Assistance	1974	1973	1972
Barker, Gregory A.	\$ 8.60	\$ 8.78	\$
Bergeron, Real	8.60		
Bergeron, Sandra	8.60		
Cadwell, Peter	8.60	8.78	
Cadwell, Holly	8.60	8.78	
Cutts, Waldro	8.60		
Curran, Una	8.60		
deMoll, Susan	8.60		
*Durkee, Heman, Sr.	8.60		
*Durkee, Valroy	8.60		
Durkee, Leonard	8.60		
Durkee, Joan	8.60		
Davidow, Kathy	8.60		
Edson, Ernest	8.60		
Edson, June	8.60		
Goodell, Eugene			21.15
Hooker, Minnie	8.60		
Manning, Arvin Jr.	8.60		
Manning, Lois	8.60		
Meglathery, Neal	8.60		
Osmer, Rodney		8.78	21.15
Osmer, Linda		8.78	21.15
Pero, Merlin			21.15
Pero, Reginald	8.60		
Pero, Marion	8.60		
Picken, William	8.60		
Picken, Sharon	8.60		
Richter, Joseph	8.60		
Rivet, Richard	8.60		
Robinson, Carroll	8.60		
Robinson, Marion	8.60		
Rodriguez, Mary	8.60		
Ruiter, Urban	8.60		
Ruiter, Marie	8.60		
*Schillinger, James	Bal. .97		
*Schillinger, Faith	Bal. .97		
*Seace, James	8.60		
Shatney, Janet	8.60	8.78	21.15
Simoneau, Philip	8.60	8.78	21.15
Simoneau, Vera	8.60	8.78	21.15
Turner, Albert	8.60		
Turner, Edward	8.60	8.78	21.15
	\$302.94	\$79.02	\$169.20

\* Indicates that payment was received after December 31, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward LaMontagne  
Tax Collector

Appeared before me Edward LaMontagne, Tax Collector, who stated under oath that the above is a correct statement of the Thetford Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 1974.

Emily E. Hood  
Notary Public

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

In accordance with 24 V.S.A., sections 1681, we have examined the accounts and records of the various Town Officers, and to the best of our knowledge, the statements of receipts and disbursements are correct and represent the financial position of the town on December 31, 1974.

We wish to thank the Town Clerk for her cooperation in supplying all the requested information and records for our examination.

We would also like to thank the voters for their comments regarding the Town Report. As many requested, we have added more items of interest and have also offered a more detailed explanation of major expenses.

We welcome all further comments and suggestions.

Robert J. Crossett  
Roberta C. Howard  
Richard D. Lucy  
Auditors

### THETFORD 1973 TOWN REPORT WINS FIRST PLACE

The 1973 Town Report was awarded first place in Class IV of The James P. Taylor Memorial Town Report Contest. This was in competition with all towns in Vermont and presented at the October annual meeting of the League of Cities and Towns Fair. The class is determined according to the population of the town. You may see the plaque at the town office.

## Thetford Library Federation

A contract for construction of a Thetford Library-Historical Building, as planned by Fleck and Lewis, Architects, of Hanover, was signed July 24, 1974 at the low bid of \$224,775 by the Trahan Construction Co. of Littleton, N. H. Work was begun on July 1st and the building was half completed by January of '75.

The construction of the building with landscaping completed should be finished by July 1, 1975.

The Trustees faced the soaring inflation by signing the contract, before wages went up again on July 29th, and then made a second appeal for funds to the Thetford people and our friends.

The generous contributions have been most gratifying. Family gifts, first expected to reach \$35,000 have now reached \$60,000, the Town Wide Drive and other special gifts \$15,000.

The Committee is most grateful for the work of the late Leon Hutchins and his co-workers, for the work of Charles Latham and Fred Fisher with their helpers and for the contributions of various societies in the Town of Thetford.

As the Kresge Foundation and the Federal Government do not give us their grant money until the work is done we must borrow money as a "Construction Loan" and in the face of continuing inflation it is quite probable that we shall have to carry a mortgage loan when the building is finished. If so, it is hoped and planned to have this mortgage paid off by the 4th of July 1976.

We are fortunate in receiving a grant of \$3,000 from the Spaulding-Potter Fund at Dartmouth. With this money Mr. Kenneth Cramer, Archivist at Baker Library, will help us plan the organization and cataloging of books, historical records and small artifacts in our Historical Library and Archives Room.

The State Library Department staff are helping organize and catalog the library books from Latham Library as they are transferred to the new building.

### TRUSTEES THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

William Slade, President  
Edward L. Peters, Vice President  
Charles Latham, Clerk  
Ruel Barrett, Treasurer  
Alex Alexander  
Carl Anderson

Frank Barker  
Virginia Barrett  
Gertrude Clark  
Mary Fisher  
Charles Hughes  
Harriet Atkins

## TOWN LIBRARY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

The Town Library Trustees and the Latham Library Trustees are very pleased with the ever-increasing circulation of books and grateful to the donors of many books as well as memorial gifts.

Melitia Hammond, as librarian, reports a circulation of 2054 books, both adult and junior, during the past year of 1974. Special thanks go to Nanine Hutchinson for her tending the library on Monday evenings during the summer. 53 new books have been purchased, some at special sale prices. A variety of 28 books have been gratefully received as gifts from Mrs. Traut, Mrs. Francisco and others. Mrs. Francisco has also given a complete 54 volume set of "Great Books of the Western World".

Mrs. Hammond wishes to resign from the librarianship next summer; not an unreasonable request after ten years. It is hoped that the Trustees will endeavor to find a trained replacement for Mrs. Hammond. The new library should be much more accessible to the public than for only 5 hours a week as at present. Therefore a larger staff will be needed than the library has had for some years. ANYBODY INTERESTED?

Mrs. Hayden Clark and Mrs. Elmer Brown, who serve the Elementary School, grades one through six, during the school year, are happy to report that 1112 books have been placed in circulation during 1974. This is some less than the previous year as we did not have the Kindergarten group coming in as has been in the past. Approximately 60 new books have been purchased and 100 books gotten from the State Library at Montpelier as Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Clark made a visit there.

The Town Library Trustees wish to recommend an appropriation of \$400.00 to the Thetford Town Library to permit its trustees in conjunction with Latham Memorial Library Trustees to continue this fine library service to the town.

Again we wish to thank the teachers and parents for their splendid cooperation in seeing that books are returned promptly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gertrude Clark, Chairman



MARY B. SLADE

Photo (Courtesy of Gladys and Rosetta Estabrook)

## MARY B. SLADE

Jan. 9, 1871 – April 2, 1966

At a time when Thetford's Library-Museum is taking shape it is appropriate to remember that the desire and the need for such a structure antedate the formation of the present Library Federation by many years. It is particularly fitting to recall the work of Mary B. Slade whose lifelong accumulation of historical material will be stored in the new building. For many years she embodied Thetford history. People wrote her in the hope of locating Thetford ancestors. Students from local schools and from Dartmouth College found material in her front room for their essays. She rescued valuable papers, books, and pictures from kitchen stoves or bonfires in the back yards. She listened when older residents visited and reminisced, for there were many who remembered Thetford's past who would never sit down and write about their younger days. Her history of Thetford Academy is still the most extended and substantial book dealing with an aspect of town history, although her letters make it clear how much had to be left out to reduce the cost of publication.

Yet there is little in her early life that suggests the historian. Born Mary Brown Chase, West Newbury, Mass., January 9, 1871, she displayed unusual musical aptitude. She had a fine singing voice and studied violin and piano. Her uncle Somerby C. Noyes was musical, and at the Sunday afternoon musicales at his home she had an opportunity to hear and play with the best musicians of the region including Wulf Friess, perhaps the finest cellist of his period.

Her grandmother, Mary Tasker Chase, had a liking for old things which was not typical of the period. Many years later Mrs. Slade recalled that her grandmother collected lustre ware at a time when few people were interested in it. Possibly her interest in the past had an influence on her granddaughter. Mary B. Chase met Rev. William Slade at West Newbury, Mass., where he was minister and she sang in the choir. She first visited Thetford in 1890 and she and Mr. Slade were married on Aug. 4, 1891. Together they went to Atlanta where he was University chaplain and she taught music. She never lost her interest in the Negro people. In a letter written in her last years she told of a volume of sermons by Martin Luther King which she had just bought and recalled her period in Atlanta. "I had the music and I reveled in it . . . they were full of music."

When the Slades returned to Thetford, Mary B., as she was affectionately called, took her place in the Thetford choir. The leader at that time was Myron Colburn, formerly a drummer boy in the Civil War, later a blacksmith and the leader of the Union Village Band. No doubt the new singer was received with a certain degree of reserve until her skill at sight-reading was evident. "You read like a real old-timer," said he. She entered into other musical activities of the region. She was an original member when the Dartmouth College Orchestra was formed. She sang in the Dartmouth College Handel

and Haydn Society Chorus. She was a member of the music committee for the Thetford Pageant of 1911 and played piano in the orchestra. When her husband became principal of Thetford Academy, she taught music, and she was the first to teach home economics there.

As she came to share her husband's interest in Thetford, they decided to write a history of the town. One of the major triumphs in their search for documents was the discovery of the town charter, crumpled and forgotten, in the Richard Wallace vault. She acquired the oil portrait of Asa Burton, the second pastor of Thetford Church, as well as his Windsor chair, candle stand, and trunk. Mrs. Slade liked to recall how Harry Palmer, who was then custodian of Thetford Church, used to sit on this chair, tilting it back on two legs against the wall. It is a testimony to the maker that it is still in sound condition today. As the years passed it became apparent that Mrs. Slade would have to finish the history. Even while her husband was still working on it, a difference was evident. He wished to tell the story of Thetford in free narrative style while she insisted on a treatment in which each fact could be documented. This was before quick copying machines, and sources had to be copied by hand. Mrs. Slade transcribed the early land records, she deciphered and made copies of letters. She made copious genealogical notes, too often on perishable yellow paper. She gathered photographs, account books, militia records, school and hymn books. She was as well informed about the founders of the town as about her friends and neighbors, and she talked about them in the same informed fashion. She was urged to get it down on paper. She was unwilling. There were bits of evidence in Worcester, in Hebron, that she must see. The materials accumulated, but the history remained unwritten.

Though Mrs. Slade felt the need of an association to support and carry on her work, she was dubious as to its success and its chance of survival. She was keenly aware of cross currents of opinion, was unsure of support in a town populated by individuals with strong and differing opinions. After many misgivings the crucial step was taken, and on April 13, 1944, the Thetford Historical Society held its first meeting in what was then the Thetford Center Schoolhouse (now the Community Building). She wrote her husband, "Dear Will, the child is born." She took part in the early trips of the Society. Though she would never accept the presidency of the Historical Society, she found that she frequently had to prod the incumbent into action. "I might just as well be (president)," she confided in one of her letters. She did serve as corresponding secretary and archivist. She was equally reluctant to speak at the annual meeting, though at meetings in the spring or fall she gave memorable talks on the proprietors and on the Hosford family. At the conclusion of the latter she was somewhat disconcerted to find that she had given an amusing as well as an instructive talk. History was a serious matter to her, and she had no intention of treating it lightly.

It was Harold G. Rugg, Curator of the Vermont Historical Society and Associate Librarian of Dartmouth College, who urged Mrs. Slade to write the

history of Thetford Academy. In 1945 he acknowledged the receipt of the *Preface to the History of Thetford Academy* adding "Keep up the good work." Mrs. Slade herself wrote that "He was the one who gave me my first courage to write the Academy story." She did keep it up and the complete work was published in 1956. This was to be her principal published work though shorter studies appeared in the *Vermont* and in the Thetford Town Reports. The article on Prince Saunders in the *Dictionary of American Biography* is hers. Saunders was a Negro who left Thetford to attain high office under Henry Christophe, King of Haiti, 1812-1820. In later years she tended to concentrate more and more on Asa Burton, the second minister in Thetford. She had made a transcript of Burton's autobiographical sketches and intended to "boil it down" filling the gaps. She studied the Calvinist theology of Burton's day. Again her knowledge of sources beyond her reach held her back. She needed a list of questions which Burton propounded to his theological students and this she hoped to find at the Worcester Antiquarian Society. She would not compromise and travel became less and less possible.

Mrs. Slade could not bear the thought that her books and papers might be scattered or destroyed. Her most precious papers were stored in a trunk in the front hall, and her instructions were that the trunk was to be saved first in case of fire. She knew well that many people were reluctant to entrust papers to a Society which had no safe place in which to store them. She thought that a fireproof building might consist of a basic structure to which additional units could be added as needed. We made a pilgrimage to Archer E. Hudson, a Hanover architect, for suggestions and advice.

Though Mrs. Slade had a long and vigorous old age, she did not escape handicaps of later life. Her deafness increased, and she found the confusion of voices at meetings impossible to bear. She had to remain at home and learn of the proceedings at second hand. Reading was a major part of her life, but eventually she had to depend on the sight of one eye. For many years she lived in a cheerful clutter of books and papers which alternately amused or exasperated her. She persisted in her chosen work with courage and good humor in spite of the erosion of capabilities, the narrowing of range which come with advancing years. She rejoiced in the coming of winter which permitted her to concentrate on her studies without interruption. Yet her letters also tell of formidable winters, sub-zero temperatures, glazed roads, and accumulations of snow and ice which threatened roof and the wires on which we depend for heat and for communication with the outside world. They tell too of the loneliness which is part of a northern winter, even on a village street and among friendly and helpful neighbors. The short walk to the post office was not always possible.

The pursuit of truth within her chosen field was her goal. Her own words were simpler. "I shall of course keep at it as long as I live and have my reason." Her papers are now gathered into rows of storage boxes in the Slade home-  
stead. The "fireproof repository" which Mrs. Slade longed to see is now taking shape. She would have been deeply gratified to know that others have continued in their own way the work which she and her husband began over a half century ago.

## REPORT OF THE THETFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

**Subdivision Regulations:** The Subdivision Regulations were approved this summer by the selectmen subject to approval by the people of the town at the town meeting in March. Most of our attention as a planning commission has been taken up with trying to simplify procedure and requirements for minor subdividers, and with understanding the complexities of this ordinance. The Planning Commission is very sorry that they are so long and involved, but we could see no other way to adequately protect the town against every possibility that might arise. Most of the subdivision regulations are directed towards large development ("major subdivision" in the ordinance). We cannot stress too strongly the impact that a large subdivision could have on the whole town. A badly planned community in this town such as a large scale housing development would end up raising all of our taxes by requiring additional school and town services far in excess of what the town would get back in taxes. It all also might contribute towards an increase in traffic congestion, a lowering of the water table, and in a general deterioration in the rural appearance the town still enjoys.

We are hopeful that the townspeople will adopt these regulations. Again, we would like to emphasize that we are trying to simplify and clarify procedures for the minor subdivider. We are not trying to interfere with property rights of individuals any more than is absolutely necessary. The Planning Commission is, in a very real sense, protecting property owners from having to pay (through their taxes) so that some large developer might come in and make money at town expense. If this ordinance is not passed, any subdivider will have to deal entirely with the state, which will take a much longer time than dealing with Planning Commission. We hope that the people of Thetford will opt for local control.

**Town Plan:** We discussed the town plan in the last annual report and so far have not made much progress, due mainly because of our work on the Subdivision Regulations as well as the ongoing business of the zoning board and processing of subdivision applications.

The town plan will be based, in part, on the returns from the questionnaire that we sent out last year (results of which are posted in the town hall). The plan will also be based on aerial maps and soils interpretation maps, most of which were not available when the '65 Town Plan was drawn up.

Our new Town Plan must be adopted, by state regulations, by the year's end. The old Town Plan is obsolete for a number of reasons — mainly because it could not accurately predict the large population increase that Thetford has experienced. It is very difficult to anticipate the future. It is also difficult to anticipate just what the current economic condition will do to the growth of the town.

The recommendations that we will put forth will affect the revision of the zoning regulations that we will be working on. We will be establishing new zoning districts that will not be arbitrary but will be based on soil survey information. Because of this, there will be more zoning districts. Probably

more because of this change in zoning districts than in any other one thing, the future growth of Thetford will be guided - hopefully in a way that will be more responsive to the geographic needs of the town. We would hope that the people of Thetford would be interested in helping or, at least, supplying information to the Planning Commission.

**Revisions in the Zoning Regulations, Flood Plain Zoning, and Cluster Development:** As was mentioned earlier, we will be revising the zoning ordinance. There are some needlessly complicated parts. Dr. Nye has proposed to the Planning Commission a set of proposals that have been pretty much agreed to by the members. These include changes in the purpose of the ordinance, changes in definitions - particularly the inclusion of definitions for hotels, apartments, dormitories, etc., and changes in spatial requirements in Schedule A.

We've got to get some kind of flood plain zoning into effect by July 1st. If we don't no one will be able to buy federally funded flood insurance or even to get a mortgage from a bank that is a member of the FDIC(which is almost every bank in the area). In order to comply, it means that we will have to have subdivision regulations, building permits, and possibly, a building code. The Planning Commission has gone on record against any kind of building code for the whole town, so we hope that this will apply only to buildings in special areas designated as "flood hazard areas".

The Planning Commission has gone on record as favoring the establishment of CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT. This would permit a more intelligent use of land, clustering buildings together, and leaving large areas open that would forever remain undeveloped. What this really does is to reflect, in miniature, the way that most New England towns have grown anyway — with a clustering of houses in the villages and a large expanse of fields and forests.

All of these proposed changes and additions will have to be ratified by the people in the town. The Planning Commission has the power, under state law, to propose but not to enact new regulations. We ask for your cooperation in this matter and would be interested in your suggestions in this regard.

**Miscellaneous Projects:** The Planning Commission has discussed the idea of having DESIGN CONTROL DISTRICTS so that new houses in a particular village area or part of a village area conform more or less to accepted historical precedents. However, we feel that such interest should be initiated by the people of that particular area, if this is what they would wish.

The Planning Commission was asked by the selectmen to make recommendations as to implementing increased police protection to the town, either through hiring deputy sheriffs or by creating a second constable's position, or both. We are discussing this situation and the need for some kind of ongoing communication for our law enforcement officers.

We are being encouraged by the state to adopt LAKESHORE ZONING – especially of concern to us is the development of Thetford's area of Lake Fairlee. Summer camps are having a difficult time it seems and more and more have closed. We have already felt some pressure by land developers in this area and we intend to draw up some kind of regulations this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Stephens, Chairman  
Thetford Planning Commission  
Henry Estes  
Leet Ware  
Bernard Godfrey  
Richard Hauger  
Lucius Nye  
Arlene Hill  
Marshall Van Norden  
George Phelps, Jr.

#### DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Stephen A. Reynes, District Environmental Coordinator  
Rt. 106, Precision Park  
North Springfield, Vt. 05150

The District Environmental Coordinator is responsible for working with interested citizens on several state permit programs - Act 250, Subdivision, Public Buildings, Mobile Home Parks, and Travel Trailer and Tenting Campgrounds. He can also provide referral service on many other programs and regulations dealing with land use.

In order to be more accessible to citizens of the area, and thus provide more personal, face to face service, I will be at the Two River Regional Planning Commission's office in Sharon every Thursday, effective January 2, 1975. Hours will be 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Appointments are encouraged, but not necessary. (Tel. 763-7713).

You will find the Two Rivers Regional Planning Commission office located just off Exit 2 on Interstate 89, immediately adjacent to the grade school. It is a white building, called the Masonic Hall.

We are grateful to the Regional Planning Commission for their assistance and cooperation in making this possible.

#### THETFORD ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR 1974

##### Permits approved:

12 Residences	10 Residence additions
12 Garages	3 Garage additions
1 Breezeway	5 Mobile Homes
2 Mobile Home additions	15 Accessory Buildings
2 Accessory Building additions	5 Porches
3 Camps	1 Cabin
1 Cabin addition	2 Sundecks
6 Barns	1 Shelter
1 Greenhouse	1 Used Car Lot
1 Storage Rack for well pipe	9 Tent Platforms
1 Farm School	1 Bunker Silo
1 Radio Experimental Room	1 Salt Shed
1 Sugar House	1 Permit to move a Building

##### Permits approved to change by remodeling:

1 Barn to Toy Shop	1 Barn to Dwelling
1 Restaurant to Apartment	1 Shed to Barn
1 Garage to Office	1 Garage to Workshop
1 House to Antique Shop	1 Sugar House to Dress Shop

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held 18 Public Hearings for Variances and Conditional uses. One Variance was denied.

##### Commercial Permits approved:

- 1 Remodel residence to apartments
- 1 Farm School for Children
- 1 Surveyors Office in garage
- 1 Woodworking shop from a garage
- 1 Antique shop from house
- 1 Funeral Home
- 1 Dress Shop from Sugar House
- 1 Woodworking shop and store
- 1 Mobile Post Office

The Selectmen approved 17 permits to connect driveways to town roads.

Carroll B. Palmer  
Zoning Administrator

## UPPER VALLEY-LAKE SUNAPEE COUNCIL REPORT

The Council – until two years ago known as the Upper Valley Planning and Development Commission – has been undergoing a period of rapid growth and change. From what originated as an economic development association, it has become a comprehensive regional planning agency. And, where it originally served just six towns, it now serves twenty-two communities in New Hampshire and Vermont, from Orford on the North to Charlestown on the South; from Canaan on the East to the three Vermont member towns of Hartford, Norwich and Thetford.

The Council operates on an annual budget of more than \$110,000 for the current 1974-75 fiscal year. It is under the direction of a 45 member board of directors composed of two directors from each of its 22 member communities (plus one director-at-large.) Since these directors are appointed by the member communities – the Selectmen or City Councilors – and set the overall policies and programs to be administered by the professional staff, there is complete local control of the Council's activities.

Yet, the membership dues from local communities account for less than 30 percent of the Council's total revenue. The remainder, more than 70 percent, comes from various state and federal sources; sources available to the Council because of its status as a comprehensive regional planning agency recognized by the federal government and the states of New Hampshire and Vermont. In other words, these added sources of revenue have increased the Council's income and thus its ability to serve its members at a better than two-to-one ratio of service to local dollars spent.

Many programs have been undertaken with that money. There are large-scale regional studies which can benefit all member towns. Within the present year, there has been the completion of a comprehensive solid waste management study, which has helped all member towns head in the right direction as they approach the state-mandated deadline for closing their open burning dumps; and which has revealed new options and technical areas for exploration by those towns which already have a landfill established. There are smaller-scale studies which benefit smaller groups of communities in the region. Presently, for example, more than 20 towns are involved in the Council's tax mapping program. Others have benefited from Council aid in local but multi-town problems in areas such as public transportation and recreation.

Direct staff assistance is made available to most communities via a technical services program with help given in such diverse areas as subdivision regulations, land use maps, downtown improvement studies, new zoning ordinances, planning for new municipal facilities and the many technical and graphic needs inherent in these programs.

These are a few of the types of services which the council has provided in the past year. These types of services will be continued in its new fiscal year, which will begin July 1, 1975. The exact components remain to be

identified and they will depend largely on what the town-appointed directors see as pressing needs this spring, since the Council is not a sort of regional government. It is a membership group, established to serve its members.

Thetford's membership dues to the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council for the coming year will continue at the \$880.00 level where it has been since 1972. This rate has been established at sixty-two cents per capita, based upon the 1970 census population figures. The Vermont town rate is some seven cents per capita less than the New Hampshire town rates because the overall level of state and federal support for Vermont towns is greater than the support level provided in New Hampshire. The direct effects of Thetford's membership in this organization are documented in the report by the Town Planning Commission.

Thetford's representation in the UVLSC has undergone a total change during this past year. Mr. George Phelps and Mr. Bob Atkins have both terminated their service as directors to the Council after many years of active and dedicated service. Thetford owes both of these men, as well as the recently deceased Bus Colton, an expression of gratitude for their efforts in behalf of the town of Thetford, as former directors of the UV-LSC.

The selectmen of the town of Thetford are currently in need of a second representative to the Council and would appreciate receiving any expressions of interest from concerned Thetford residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Vern Anderson

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## TOWN HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

The State of Vermont approved indefinitely the Town of Thetford's health regulations relating to permissible means of individual sewage disposal as of December 1974. Under this program, 29 permits were filed and 17 were approved.

The Elementary School and Thetford Academy were inspected and water samples taken. No problems or health hazards were evident.

The four water companies continue to send water samples for state testing and have met the State requirements. The following additional water samples were taken by the Health Officer:

Bacteriological		Chemical Analysis	
Stream	5	Campgrounds	1
Campgrounds	3	Private Residences	2
Private Residences	8	Public Buildings	2
Public Buildings	5		

Two Thetford residents received state approval for conducting soils evaluations on one lot subdivisions. These soils evaluations are required under the new zoning ordinance.

Two well child clinics were held on October 1, and December 3, 1974 and an Adult Screening Clinic was held November 14, all at the Thetford Hill Church. Participation was excellent and health problems that were discovered are now being treated.

Two reports of dog bites were received. Proper medical attention and animal observation were carried out.

The first year as Health Officer has been a learning experience and I wish to thank all Thetford residents for their cooperation and support. The health problems of sewage disposal, water supply, and physical health are critical to the future well-being of Thetford residents and I will do my best to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert A. Eaton  
Health Officer  
Town of Thetford

## ORANGE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, INC.

5 Maple Street - Randolph, Vermont 05060

Telephone 728-3230

David F. Rutherford, Executive Director

The following is our report to the Town of Thetford concerning our efforts made with individual patients from the Town of Thetford:

Number of people served	26
Amount spent	4,188.00
Amount received from patient or third party fees (i.e., Blue Shield, Medicare, Medicaid)	653.00
Amount of town support	1,350.00
Amount of discounted services	2,185.00

<u>Types of Problems</u>	<u>Number of People Seen with These Problems</u>
Marital	7
Depression	6
Alcohol	1
Individual Personality Disorder	2
Parent-Child	3
Child Adjustment	4
Adolescent Adjustment	1
Developmental disabilities	1
Learning disabilities	1

Work Activities Program Figures Countywide                      6,175 hour units

The above charts indicate numbers of people seen, plus the cost of services rendered to them. You will note that the amount received from the patient or third-party payer plus the amount of town support does not equal the actual cost of service delivery. This discounted amount must be made up from sources other than the patient or local community. Local funds from towns are used as "matching" funds to obtain revenues from other sources.

We are requesting that Thetford assess each registered voter \$1.50 to offset the cost of services to the residents of Thetford. This assessment is the same figure we requested for the last three years. This \$1.50 figure is being requested of all towns in our catchment area. We, being residents of Orange County and the central Vermont area, recognize the economic hardships that the area is experiencing and are asking only for level funding - i. e., the same as last year.

Sincerely yours,  
Evelyn Tewksbury, President  
Board of Trustees, OCMHS  
David Rutherford, MSSW  
Director, OCMHS

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.  
Norwich, Vermont 05055

1974 ANNUAL REPORT  
TOWN OF THETFORD

INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Home Visits to patients	65	
Children seen in Well Child Clinic	78	
Adults attending Health Fair	<u>92</u>	
Total Individuals served		235

The figure of 235 represents 8.6% of Thetford's population.

VISITING

Nursing visits in disease control	228	
Nursing visits in disease intervention	86	
Nursing visits in disease prevention	<u>2</u>	
Total Nursing visits		316
Physical Therapy visits in disease control, total		42
Home Health Aide/Homemaker visits in disease control		<u>38</u>
Total of visits		396

The figure of 396 represents 9.7% of total agency caseload.

COSTS

Total Service Cost	\$10,712.48
Patient Service Income	3,507.75
Thetford Tax Appropriation, 1974	2,744.00

The Town of Thetford tax appropriation was used to defray the agency's costs involved in rendering the following services to Thetford residents:

Cost of care received at Well Child Clinic	\$ 930.12
Cost of care received at Adult Health Fair	705.64
Cost for visits to patients (no charge agency policy)	1,845.00
Cost for discounted services	20.00
Difference between agency cost and charge to patient	<u>2,258.88</u>
Total Cost	\$ 5,759.64

Community Health Services wishes to thank our many friends: Thetford Young Mother's Club, Thetford Hill Church, Thetford Lions Club, District 45, Doctor Gilbert, Doctor Martin, Doctor Saladino, Vermont State Public Health Nurses, Orange County Mental Health, Regional Office on Aging, Bradford Community Action, Jinny Babcock, Pat Fifield, Mrs. Ralph Reynolds; Mrs. Robert Eaton, Mrs. Charles Brown, Rosa Tyson, Palma Noyes and Bob Rogers and the many other community volunteers who have worked together with us to provide preventive health care services in the

community of Thetford.

It is difficult to measure the value of these preventive health care services received by the young and old alike. The present and future health and well-being of individuals is affected when they take part in detection and early intervention programs. In some cases, for example tonometry testing for glaucoma, blindness can be prevented if detected and treated. One referral was made for this at this year's Health Fair in Thetford. Other screening efforts may be less dramatic, but often make the difference between a manageable life with chronic illness or disability.

This year at the Thetford Health Fair, 617 individual tests were performed and 62 referrals made.

The multiple screening services offered at the Well Child Clinics provide periodic checks for problems that need the skilled service of your physician. The Thetford Well Child Clinic is offered the 2nd Friday, in the morning, of February, April, June, August, October and December at the Thetford Hill Church.

The following services are available to you in the home: Nursing, Physical Therapy, Home Health Aides, and Homemakers. To receive any of these services in your home, call 649-1520.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores K. Mitofsky, RN  
Director

Thetford Trustees:

Martina Quellman  
Jinny Babcock, Past Vice President and Past Secretary  
Stanley A. Brown, Past Vice President (resigned)  
Dr. Barbara Gilbert, Secretary



**FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT**

**December 31, 1974**

Issued 67 permits.

Reported 1 grass fire.

Inspected three areas for fire permits.

It is forbidden to use tires, asphalt shingles or other material which produces dense black smoke to ignite fires.

**THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Report for 1974**

This department responded to 32 alarms with a break down as follows:

FIRES		ACCIDENTS	
Structurals	5	Smoke Investigations	2
Rekindle	1	Special Service	5
Grass	2		
Chimney	1	Mutual Aid Fires	
Electrical	1	Lyme	4
		Strafford	2
Number of man hours involved on these calls		805	
We had 12 regular drills and 3 mutual aid drills.			
Total man hours involved		618	
Maintenance and repair hours		325	
Activities and fund raising hours		500	

There were some changes made this year in leadership of this department with Edward Emerson resigning in June after many years of service. After which Deputy Chief Joiner served one month as acting Chief. I was elected as Chief in late July.

We purchased more equipment this year. One item was a 1968 Ford truck to carry the 1800 gallon water tank; also a radio for this unit. We also purchased a portable generator for the Post Mills truck.

This department is trying to maintain 25 totally active and fully equipped firemen and 8 to 10 part time men.

The Fire Department urges all citizens of the Town of Thetford to install some type of smoke and heat detection in their homes.

We wish to thank the Town and the people as a whole for their support this past year. We must have all the financial support we can get to keep abreast of town growth and increased coverage, both in firefighting and Emergency Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland E. Clark

Fire Chief

**REPORT OF THE  
THETFORD F.A.S.T. SQUAD**

January 1975

The F.A.S.T. squad responded to thirty emergencies during 1974. This was also an interesting and active year for the squad members. The squad members from Lyme, N. H., come to Thetford, to drill with us now. Together, we have had some lectures, and several drills consisting of simulated automobile accidents, water rescue and other simulated emergencies.

We have had several new members join the squad this year and now have eleven active members.

Nancy Carman, Edward Emerson, David Smith and Sandra Wilmot, have recently completed an Instructors course in American Red Cross, "Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care." There are now five instructors in our squad. Nancy Carman and Karl Tilden, Jr. are Assistant Instructors in the Upper Valley Emergency Medical Training Program, (U-MET). This is a program to train rescue personnel for many of the area towns. This program is based in Hanover, N. H., and consists of eighty-one hours of lecture and practical training. Sick or injured persons can be cared for by these "Emergency Medical Technicians", until the ambulance arrives to transport them if necessary.

Assistance from the F.A.S.T. Squad, may be had by calling 643-3610, 353-4347, or any one of the following members:

Brown, Elmer	785-2167	Smith, David	649-1847
Carman, Nancy	785-4582	Slack, Jerry	785-2187
Emerson, Edward	785-2261	Tilden, Karl	785-2806
Havens, Gail	785-2838	Van Norden, Marshall	333-9543
Huggett, Helen	785-2668	Wilmot, Sandra	333-9256
Joiner, William	785-2443		

Respectfully submitted,  
Karl C. Tilden, Jr.  
"Keeper of the Log"

**ACCIDENTS IN TOWN OF THETFORD  
INVESTIGATED BY STATE POLICE**

Statistics for Thetford year of 1974

Route No.	No. cars	Resident	Non resident	Injury	Prop. damage
IS 91	10	5	5	4	6
Vt. Rte. #113A	15	12	3	5(1 fatal inc.)	9
Vt. Rte. #132	4	3	1	0	4
U. S. Rte. #5	1	1		1	
Vt. Rte. #113	1	1		1 (Fatal)	
State Aid #1	3	3			3
Town Highway #11	1	1		1	
Town Highway #12	1	1		1 (Fatal)	
Town Highway #28	1	1			1
Town Highway #29	3	3			3
Town Highway #30	2	2		2	
Town Highway #32	2	2			2
State Park	1	1		1	
Totals	45	36	9	16 (Inc. 3 fatalities)	28

**UPPER VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL CARE SERVICE 1974**

The Upper Valley Regional Emergency Care Service responded to 557 calls in 1974, an increase of 11% over the 501 calls in 1973. In addition, there were approximately 100 so-called "dry runs" - calls where the ambulance services were not used and no fees were collected.

There were 43 calls to Thetford in 1974, an increase of 25% over the 35 calls in 1973. In addition to these 43 emergency or transfer calls there were nine "dry runs" to Thetford of which six were for auto accidents on the Interstate at which there were no personal injuries. These dry runs are costly for the ambulance service and result in increase in fees for subsequent years.

The 1975 budget for ambulance services has been set at \$89,859. \$64,348 are for salaries of personnel. The salaries of five of the fifteen permanent Hanover firemen are now charged to the ambulance service.

The per capita cost of the service has been set at \$2.35 or \$3,341. for Thetford. The minimum user fee has been set at \$66. for ambulance services to or from Thetford. The communities participating in the ambulance service have agreed to be responsible for all unpaid user fees.

## AMBULANCE SERVICE

Vermont State Law V.S.A. Title 24, Section 2685 reads:

A person who receives emergency ambulance services, shall be liable in contract to the person providing such services for the reasonable and necessary cost of the services, whether or not he has agreed or consented to such liability.

The charge for ambulance to Thetford will be a minimum of \$66.00 per individual.

## SNOWMOBILE ORDINANCE

Snowmobile Travel and Use Regulations, effective August 1, 1972

### Permissible Crossings

Route 5 — 2 crossings in East Thetford, 1 crossing in North Thetford

113A — Behind Wing's Store, 2 crossings in Thetford Center, 1 crossing by each of the following: Bonnett's, State Garage, Elementary School, Fire Station, Donald French's and Mrs. Millers.

Rte. 132 — 1 crossing each by Gillette's, Union Village Dam and old School-house in Rices Mills.

State Aid Road No. 2 — 1 crossing by old dump site.

State Aid Road No. 3 — 1 crossing each by Thetford Academy, Chauncy Willey's and Fritz Osgood's.

### Town Roads Open to Travel

No.'s 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 40, 44, 45, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 61, and 72.

Speed shall be 10 miles per hour and all machines shall travel single file on the extreme right hand side of the road. This applies only on town roads that are plowed and open for snowmobile travel.

Most of these roads are only partially used for snowmobile travel. The local snowmobile club has agreed to put signs warning motorists that these are used for snowmobile travel. All trails will have fluorescent markers.

Approved by Thetford Selectmen  
August 1, 1972

## RECREATION BOARD REPORT

The attendance at Treasure Island was approximately the same as the year with swimming lessons given to children as well as adults.

Emphasis was put on the removal of dead trees and undergrowth, under the direction of the new caretaker. The beach area was doubled in size with the removal of the old dining hall.

The Mothers Club donated a swing set for the playground area.

A wide variety of uses were made by different groups such as Boy Scouts, band concerts and church organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hauger, Chairman  
Cathy Brown  
Rick Hoffman  
Drew Tallman  
Beverly Vaughan  
Terry Viens  
Matthew Wiencke

## FIRST CONSTABLE'S REPORT FOR 1974

94 Dog Complaints  
43 Dogs picked up  
19 Calls on lost dogs  
26 Miscellaneous complaints investigated  
11 Complaints on goats  
4,426 miles patrolled twice a week

Businesses, schools, post offices, stores, garages and vacant houses were patrolled.

### Town Environmental Officer

Green up day was a success. The State highway department did most of the clean up.

### Administrative Officer's Report

Attended 148 Selectmen's meetings since December 20, 1971 until December 31, 1974.

## REPORT OF YOUR TREE WARDEN

These days when wood is becoming more of a necessity to provide heat for most everyone, I thought it might be wise to enlighten you of the regulation concerning the felling of a public shade tree.

"A public shade tree within the residential part of a community shall not be felled without a public hearing by the tree warden, except that when it is infested with or infected by a recognized tree pest, or when it constitutes a hazard to public safety, no hearing shall be required. In all cases the decision of the tree warden shall be final except that when the tree warden is an interested party or when a party in interest so requests in writing, such final decision shall be made by the legislative body of the municipality." 24 V.S.A. 2509

The foregoing regulation is taken from the Vermont State Statutes page 118 concerning the duties of a tree warden.

If you have any problems concerning tree removal, protection of trees, and control of infestations in trees, please contact me.

Elmer C. Brown  
Tree Warden

## CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

We report that the total Cemetery Expenses in 1974 was \$628.00.

Work done in the cemeteries included spring clean-up and general care-mowing, trimming around stones, etc.

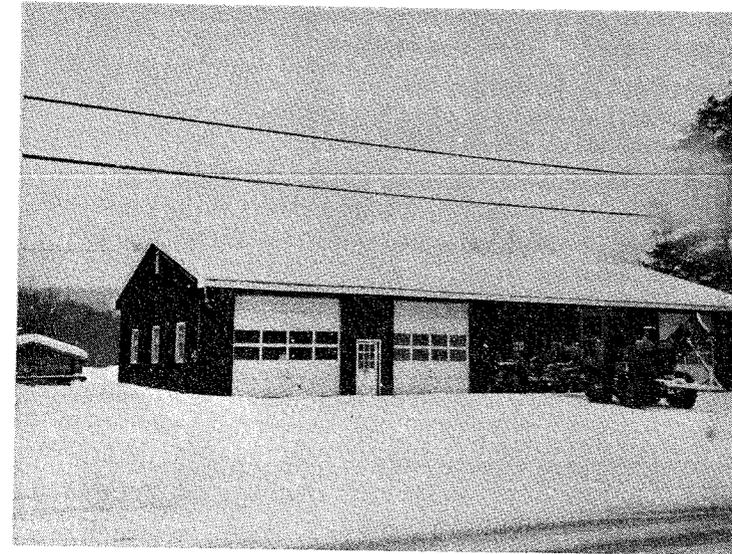
In Steven's District Cemetery a strip of the fence was repaired and in Steven's District and East Thetford Cemeteries many stones were straightened and repaired.

Thetford Cemetery Commissioners

Wesley E. Clay  
John Wilmot  
Edward F. Clay

## ADDRESSING SERVICES

We have a complete listing of all the tax payers, property owners, and residents as of April 1st. You may have your bulletins addressed for a fee of \$5.00.



## TOWN GARAGE INVENTORY

1973 Ford F700 Dump Truck 7cy  
1973 Wabco Grader with wing and bulldozer blade  
1972 Dodge 3/4 ton pickup with plow  
1968 Dodge dump truck  
1974 Ford F750 dump truck 7cy  
Allis Chalmers tractor-loader  
2 Plows  
Sander-Salter 1974 Selecto  
1 horse power Air Compressor  
3,000 gal. under ground tank for gas with duel pumps  
2,000 gal. under ground tank for diesel fuel with pump  
550 gal. tank for diesel fuel with hand pump  
Hot air furnace  
Air-wrench - complete  
Tools

## THETFORD BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Thetford Bicentennial Committee met on four occasions during the year 1974. On three of these occasions representative citizens from various parts of town were invited to attend as consultants.

A study was made of projects, other than the construction of the Thetford Library-Historical Building, that might be carried out by the Town of Thetford in celebration of our National Bicentennial.

The first project, carried out by the Parish Players, was a Historical Drama, "American Primitive" by William Gibson drawn from the actual words of John and Abigail Adams, presented at the Thetford Hill Church November 30th and December 1st.

Other projects will be announced as soon as arrangements are completed and approved as Bicentennial Projects. Additional suggestions will be gratefully received. The State Commission requests that such projects be reported to them so they may be publicized for the benefit of other communities in the State.

### THETFORD BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Annie Boutwell  
Robert Jaccoud  
George Schoenhut

William Slade  
Robert Vaughan

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

I am pleased to report that I have been appointed to the House Education Committee. This committee is studying various formulas for distributing state aid to education. It is my hope that the result of this committee's effort will be a new formula which provides state funds to local school districts in a fair and equitable fashion.

So far during the legislative session, I have held many local office hours in an effort to learn your feelings on important state issues. I hope that you will contact me whenever you have a question concerning the Legislature and State Government. I feel very strongly that good communication is the first step in having good representation and good government. Please keep me informed of your concerns and problems.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas W. Bonnett  
East Thetford, Vt.  
785-2652

## CHURCHES

North Thetford Federated	Rev. John Larkin . . . .	333-4429
Post Mills Congregational	Rev. Edward Tyler . . .	785-2679
Thetford Hill Congregational	Rev. Edward Tyler . . .	785-2679
Timothy Frost Methodist (Thet. Ctr.)	Rev. Hector Sullivan . .	649-1258
Union Village Methodist	Rev. Hector Sullivan . .	649-1258

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Latham Memorial Library	Melitta Hammond . . .	785-2266
(Hrs. - Winter Thurs. 2 PM-5 PM Summer-Mon. 7PM-8:30 Thur. 2-5PM)		
North Thetford Library	Agness Waterman . . . .	333-9588
(Hrs. - Monday-Thursday-Saturday 1PM-4PM)		
Peabody Library	Mary Fisher . . . . .	333-9758
(Hrs. Wednesday 3PM-5PM & 7PM-9PM Closed during winter months)		

## TOWN ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post No. 79, Thet. Hill	Bernard Hazlett . . . . .	333-9211
Boy Scouts	Robert Rogers	
Cub Scouts	A. James Thorburn . . .	785-2804
Civic Assn. of Thetford	Richard Banker . . . . .	785-2229
Crystal Lake Lodge No. 5, Post Mills	Maurice Tucker . . . . .	333-4433
Democratic Caucus	Jacqueline Lucy . . . . .	333-9538
Eclipse Grange, Thetford Hill	Annie Boutwell . . . . .	649-1129
First Aid Squad of Thetford	Karl Tilden, Jr. . . . .	785-2806
Girl Scouts	Francis Haugen . . . . .	649-1611
Cadet Leader	Robin Ricker . . . . .	333-9288
Coordinator-Troop Consultant	Patricia Doyle . . . . .	333-4486
Leader, Brownies	Norma Clark . . . . .	333-9263
	Norma Fifield . . . . .	785-2005
	Carole Anderson . . . . .	333-4695
	Francis Haugen . . . . .	649-1611
4-H Club	Rita French . . . . .	785-2298
Lion's Club	Melvin Maxfield . . . . .	333-9155
Men's Tuesday Lunch Club	Edward Tyler . . . . .	785-2679
P.T.A.	Ann Swanson . . . . .	333-9189
Red Cross-Service to Military Families	Kathleen Bond . . . . .	333-4640
Republican Caucus	Stanley Wing . . . . .	333-9741
Thetford Academy Alumni Assn.	Donna Durkee . . . . .	785-4590
Thetford Historical Society	Charles Latham . . . . .	333-4613
Thetford Mother's Club	Janice Robinson . . . . .	333-9310
Thetford Recreation Board	Richard Hauger . . . . .	785-2282
Thetford Snow Coasters	Bruce Slack . . . . .	785-2041
Thetford Vol. Fire Dept., Thet. Hill	Roland Clark . . . . .	333-9265

## AREA ORGANIZATIONS

Community Assn., Thetford Center	Gertrude Clark . . . . .	785-2538
Friendly Class, North Thetford	Josephine Clay . . . . .	333-4664
H. I. S.	John Larkin . . . . .	333-4429
Ladies Aid Society, No. Thetford	Margaret Balch . . . . .	353-9023
Ladies Benefit Society, Post Mills	Carrie Robinson . . . . .	333-9257
Ladies Benevolent Soc., Thet. Hill	Caroline Steiner . . . . .	785-2476
Lake Fairlee Association	Edward Mead . . . . .	333-9102
Rices Mills Community Assn.	A. J. Thorburn . . . . .	785-2804
Women's Fellowship Assn., Thet. Ctr.	Helen Botsford . . . . .	785-5237
W.S.C.S., Union Village	Annie Boutwell . . . . .	649-1129

### THETFORD RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS INFORMATION

**Dogs** four months of age and older must be licensed between January 1st and April 1st. Before licensing the dog must have had a rabies shot and a certificate on file in the office. Rabies shots are good for 30 months.

Fees:	Male or Spayed Female	\$2.00	Female	\$6.00
Fees after April 1:	Male or Spayed Female	3.00	Female	9.00

Dogs which move into Town after April 1st if licensed within 30 days of arrival, owners pay regular fee. After 30 days they are liable for the late fees. Please report all deceased dogs to the Town Office. Licenses may be obtained by mail.

**Polls** - During the month of April the listers will be going from house to house to compile the yearly poll list. If they miss you, you are responsible for seeing that a card is completed and your name is placed on the poll list.

Poll Tax Bills are mailed out June 24, 1975 and are payable on or before July 25, 1975. Payment of your poll tax does not place your name on the Checklist.

Property Tax Bills are mailed out July 25, 1975 and are payable on or before October 24, 1975.

**Payments**- All payments received after the date due are considered delinquent, regardless of the date on the check or postmark, and will be turned over to the Tax Collector.

**Delinquent Poll and Property Taxes** will have an 8% penalty and warrant fee added, plus interest of 1% each month.

**Checklists** for elections and town meetings close at 12:00 o'clock noon the fourth Saturday prior to voting. Applications forms may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

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## PERMITS NEEDED

**Accesses from Highways** A written permit is required from the selectmen for any access from property to state highways, state aid roads and all town roads. Anyone building and wishing to drive to their property from these roads must obtain a permit.

**Section 43:** It shall be unlawful to develop, construct or regrade any driveway, entrance or approach, or build a fence or building, or deposit material of any kind within, or in any way affect the grade of, a highway right of way, or obstruct a ditch, culvert, or drainage course that drains a highway, or fill or grade the land adjacent to a highway so as to divert the flow of water onto the highway right of way, without a written permit from the Board of Selectmen. (V.S.A. 19: 1-43 Act 460)

**Zoning Permits** No building construction or land development may commence, or no land structure may be devoted to a new or changed use within the Town without a Zoning Permit duly issued by the Zoning Administrator as provided for in Section 4443 of the Act. (Thetford Zoning Ordinance Article 8, Section 820)

**On Site Sewage Disposal System** A person before constructing a sewage disposal system shall make application for a permit to construct, to the Local Board of Health, on the prescribed form, accompanied by a \$30.00 fee. A Sanitary Specialist will then inspect and test the proposed site, and give recommendations.

The local Board of Health must issue a Construction Permit before any construction is done. The Sanitary Specialist is to be notified 48 hours in advance as to the date the system is to be installed, so that he can make an inspection during construction. After all requirements have been complied with, an Occupancy Permit will be issued.

Applications may be picked up and filed with the Town Clerk.

### Sub-division

The Thetford Planning Commission completed the subdivision regulations this year. The regulations were adapted by the Selectmen effective 7/11/74, subject to a town vote. The subdivision regulations have been submitted to the State of Vermont for their approval. It is our hope these regulations will be approved by both the State and the Town of Thetford voters. The purpose of these regulations is to provide for an orderly growth of the town, under town, not State Control. Any questions may be informally answered at the planning board meetings.