

THETFORD TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.

Tuesday thru Friday: 10:00 A. M. - 12 Noon and 1:00 P. M. - 5:00 P. M.

Telephone: 785-2922

Selectmen's Meeting Every Monday 7:00 P. M.
Recreation Committee First Tuesday of every month 7:30 P. M.
Planning Commission First Tuesday after first Monday
of each month 7:30 P. M.
Planning Commission & Board of Fourth Tuesday after first Monday
Adjustment of each month 7:30 P. M.
School Directors First Tuesday of every month 7:30 P. M.

EMERGENCIES

FIRE, AMBULANCE & F.A.S.T.

Fairlee phone exchanges CALL 353-4347

Thetford and Norwich phone exchanges CALL 643-3610

ORANGE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

24-Hour Service 728-3230

STATE POLICE

Emergency Only: Dial "O" ask for Police Emergency

Non-Emergency 234-9933

Trooper: Danford O'Brian 333-9414

TOWN CONSTABLE

William E. Phelps

During Office Hours: 785-2922 or 649-1147

After hours: 785-4053

GAME WARDEN

James Schmidt

Leave message with State Police 234-9933

DOG CATCHER

A. J. Thorburn 785-2804

Edward F. Clay 333-9259

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ADMINISTRATOR

John Mellquist

Town Hall Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 P. M. - 6:00 P. M.

and by appointment

785-2922 or 685-4687

Bulky Metal Waste Disposal - Thetford Auto Parts

(South of Colton's Realty, Route 5, on left)

333-9686

Open daily Mon. thru Sat. 8:00 A. M. - 12 Noon and 1:00 P. M. - 4:00 P. M.

Stump Dump - Barker Sargent Landfill (Post Mills) - 785-2136

Open Wednesday and Saturday 8:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.

Household Rubbish - Old Dump Site West Fairlee - Thetford Town Line

State Aid Rd. No. 2, West Fairlee Rd.

Saturday 1:00 P. M. - 4:00 P. M.

Recycling Papers - anytime, first stall in horse sheds,

behind Thetford Center Post Office

All papers must be bundled and tied.

DEADLINES

Final dates for paying the following without fines

Dog Licenses April 1

Poll Taxes July 27

Property Taxes October 27



TOWN OF THETFORD
VERMONT

Founded in 1761

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending

December 31, 1976

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CANDIDATES FOR TOWN & SCHOOL OFFICES 1977

TOWN		SCHOOL	
Moderator	Matthew I. Wiencke Fred Fisher	Moderator	Matthew I. Wiencke Fred Fisher
Selectman	Virginia S. Babcock David Hauger Bruce G. Slack James D. Banker	School Director	Webster W. Keefe Margo Lilienthal
Lister	Melba Briggs	Treasurer	Emily E. Hood
Auditor	Roberta Howard		
Trustee of Library			
Trustee of Trust Funds	Merton Boyd	Constable	Douglas H. Dresser A. James Thorburn William E. Phelps
Cemetery Commissioner	Edward F. Clay		
Budget Committee	Andrew Warner Karl C. Tilden, Sr.		
Town Clerk	Emily E. Hood		
Treasurer	Emily E. Hood		
Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits		O. Fay Allen	
Agent to Convey Real Property		Edward C. LaMontagne	
Grand Juror	Robert Jaccaud		
Tax Collector	Douglas H. Dresser A. James Thorburn William E. Phelps Thomas Saler		

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	Matthew I. Wiencke
Town Clerk and Treasurer	Emily E. Hood
Road Commissioner	Claude Thurston
Tax Collector and Constable	William E. Phelps
Grand Juror	Robert D. Jaccaud
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits	O. Fay Allen
Agent to Convey Real Property	Edward C. LaMontagne
Selectmen (Three year term)	Term Expires
Virginia S. Babcock	1977
Richard Hauger	1978
George P. Stowell	1979
Listers (Three year term)	
Melba Briggs	1977
George C. Davenport	1978
Arthur J. Bacon	1979
Auditors (Three year term)	
Roberta C. Howard	1977
Richard Lucy	1978
Robert Crossett	1979
School Directors (Three year term)	
Martha Wiencke	1977
Frank L. Barker, Jr.	1978
Laurence E. Babcock	1979
Trustees of Library (Five year term)	
Alfreda Wing	1977
Harriett Atkins	1978
Virginia A. Barrett	1979
Judith Hunter	1980
Deborah Lewicki	1981
Trustees of Trust Funds (Three year term)	
Merton Boyd	1977
Gertrude Clark	1978
Frederick P. Howard	1979
Cemetery Commissioners (Three year term)	
Edward F. Clay	1977
John Wilmot	1978
Wesley Clay	1979
Budget Committee (Three year term)	
Arline Hill *	1977
George A. Phelps	1978
Frederick P. Howard	1979

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

* Appointed due to resignation

Officers Elected at General Election

Representative from District No. Or.-3 Thomas W. Bonnett
East Thetford, Vt. 05043 - Tel. 785-2652

Justices of the Peace

Guy C. Aldrich	Ely, Vt. 05044	333-4654
William E. Bond	North Thetford, Vt. 05054	333-4640
Frederick P. Howard	North Thetford, Vt. 05054	333-9291
Samuel W. Farnham	East Thetford, Vt. 05043	785-2689
Robert C. Vaughan, Sr.	East Thetford, Vt. 05043	785-2279
Jeanne C. Phipps	North Thetford, Vt. 05054	333-9130
George P. Stowell	Thetford Center, Vt. 05075	785-2518

Appointed Town Officers

Road Commissioner Claude Thurston
Assistant Town Clerks Susan R. Tallman

Health Officer

Town Service Officer Marjorie P. Shopp
Pound Keeper Robert A. Eaton
Assistant Dog Catcher Edward LaMontagne
Fence Viewers Edward F. Clay
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-Lake Sunapee Planning and Development Council

Vernon Anderson, Roy J. Lewicki

Fire Warden Arthur J. Bacon

Town Environmental Officer Barry Gregory

Zoning and Sub-Division Administrator John Mellquist

Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment

	Term expires
Pauline Nichol	1980
Thetford Center, Vt. 05075	785-4475
George W. Phelps	1980
Thetford, Vt. 05074	785-2542
Bernard Benn	1979
East Thetford, Vt. 05043	649-1271
John R. Scotford, Jr.	1979
East Thetford, Vt. 05043	785-4576
Richard C. Howard	1978
North Thetford, Vt. 05054	333-4607
Joseph A. Massey	1978
Thetford, Vt. 05074	785-2809

Daniel Grossman		1978
East Thetford, Vt. 05043	785-4074	
John Stephens, Chairman		1977
Thetford, Vt. 05074	785-4328	
Ilsa Winter		1977
Thetford Center, Vt. 05074	785-2514	

Recreation Committee

Drew Tallman, Chairman	Kathleen Brown, Secretary
Matthew I. Wiencke, Treasurer	Terry Viens
	Martha Vaughan
	Melvin Maxfield

Community Health Services, Inc.

Trustees Barbara Gilbert, M.D.	Martina Quellman	Robert F. Atkins
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Orange County Mental Health

Trustee Michael Bouchard

Upper Valley Emergency Ambulance Service

Dr. Lucius Nye

Emergency Fuel and Shelter Coordinators

George P. Stowell

Edward LaMontagne

Historian

Gertrude Clark

Bicentennial Committee

William Slade, Chairman	Robert C. Vaughan, Sr.	Robert Jaccoud
W. Kenneth Frederick	Annie Boutwell	George Schoenhut
	Webster Keefe	

Notary Publics in Thetford

O. Fay Allen, Jr.	Post Mills
Priscilla B. Barker	East Thetford
Thomas W. Bonnett	East Thetford
Merton H. Boyd	East Thetford
Melba Briggs	Union Village
Doris R. Colton	East Thetford
Donna L. Durkee	East Thetford
Samuel W. Farnham	East Thetford
Beulah W. Gray	East Thetford
Victoria B. Hoyt	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 Grossman	East Thetford

WARNING
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT AND THETFORD
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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, February 28, 1977, at 7:30 PM to transact the following business: At 9:00 PM or shortly thereafter Articles XI thru XV will be taken up.

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

Article II To hear and act upon Part I of the Budget Committee Report in regard to recommended expenditures for anticipated Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in the amount of \$34,200.00.

Article III To hear and act upon Part II of the Budget Committee Report and to raise necessary monies recommended by the Committee. All taxes so raised must be in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 26, 1977 with interest of 1% per month thereafter, plus the five cents warrant fee and 8% penalty.

Article IV To see if the voters will vote \$1,612.50 to Orange County Mental Health Service, Inc. \$1.50 per registered voter (\$1,419.00 was voted in 1976). *p. 88*

Article V To see if the Voters will vote \$3,128.00 to Community Health Services, Inc. \$2.20 per capita (\$3,128.00 was voted in 1975 and 1976) *p. 92*

Article VI To see if the voters wish to appropriate an additional \$2,800.00 to the Thetford Library Federation. (Their request was for \$5,600.00, \$2,800.00 was recommended to be appropriated from the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, as in 1976, the additional \$2,800.00 was voted in 1976) *p. 100*

Article VII To see if the voters wish to appropriate \$350.00 to support the Summer Baseball and Softball Program for boys and girls.

Article VIII To see if the voters wish to discontinue the 4% discount on poll bills when paid on time.

Article IX Shall the Town vote to exempt from real and personal property tax alternate energy sources as defined in 32 V.S.A. Section 3845 (Alternate energy sources includes any plant, structure or facility used for the generation of electricity or production of energy used on the premises for private, domestic or agricultural purposes, no part of which may be for sale or exchange to the public.)

Article X To see if the Town will vote to exclude construction and operation of commercial nuclear reactors, or any other nuclear facility, and the transportation, storage or disposal of radioactive wastes from such reactors in the land, air or water of the Town. (By Petition)

Article XI To hear and act upon the reports of the School Officers of said Town.

Article XII To see if the voters wish to have two separate votes for our school budget; the first vote for the primary school budget, which is prepared by our elected school board officials; the second vote for the secondary school budget. (By Petition)

Article XIII To see if the voters wish to vote to designate Thetford Academy as the public school of the district with the following stipulations: Each of the following stipulations shall be voted upon separately, prior to the designation vote of Thetford Academy, which shall be voted on with such stipulations attached as shall have received affirmative votes.

1. The designation of Thetford Academy as the public high school of the district shall be reviewed at the 1979 annual school district meeting.
2. The recommendations of the New England Association of School and Colleges shall be made available to the public at the Thetford Town Clerk's Office.
3. The recommendations of the evaluation team of the State Department of Education shall be printed in the town report for the year following its issue.
4. Thetford Academy shall make available to the voters of the school district any information that a public school in the State of Vermont is required to make public. (By Petition)

Article XIV To see if the Town of Thetford will vote to designate Thetford Academy as the public high school for the district as provided for under Title 16 V.S.A., Section 827 of Vermont School Law. *145 NO 124 YES AMENDMENT*

Article XV To hear and act upon part III of the Budget Committee Report and to raised necessary monies recommended by the Committee. All taxes so raised must be in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 26, 1977 with interest of 1% per month thereafter, plus the five cents warrant fee and 8% penalty.

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

Article XVII To see if the voters wish to change the present Monday evening, Annual Town and School District Meeting, to the First Tuesday of March, beginning in 1978. (By Petition)

Whereupon, after disposition of said business, said meeting shall adjourn to the following day, March 1, 1977 for balloting by Australian Ballot on the following articles. The polls for said ballots shall be at the Town Hall, Thetford Center, Vermont and shall be open from 10AM until 7PM.

Article XVIII To elect the Town and School Officers for the ensuing year.

Article XIX To see if the Town will approve the following amendment to the Thetford Subdivision Regulations: Change Section 4.12, Filing Fee, to read: "Filing fees for a major or minor subdivision shall be set by the Board of Selectmen. Said fees shall be submitted prior to any action by the Commission to approve or disapprove the final plat. Such fees are charged to defray the expense of administering these regulations, and include costs for publishing notices and holding public hearings and for periodic inspections during the installation of public improvements."

Article XX To see if the Town will amend the Subdivision Regulation in such a way so as to allow the property owner one division of his property with the need of only a Zoning permit so long as this division does not cause undo hardship to neighboring properties or the town. We feel that with state, health, and zoning

regulations these considerations are met. As a suggestion we feel this might be done by amending Section 2 Paragraph 2.40 to read 'shall mean the subdivision of land into three or more lots or sites.'

School directors

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

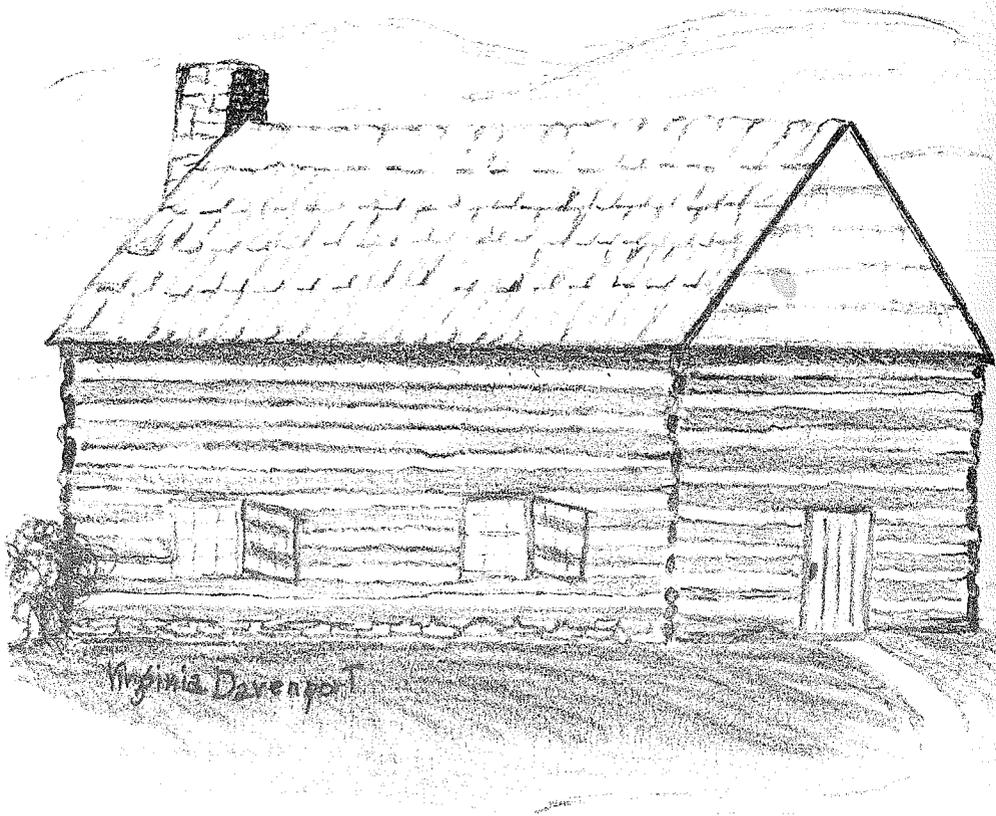
Selectmen

George P. Stowell, Chairman
 Virginia S. Babcock, Clerk
 Richard Hauger

Posted and filed in the Town Clerk's Office
 Thetford Center, Vermont 05075

Dated January 28, 1977

Emily E. Hood, Town Clerk



Log Meeting House not introduced in Vt. until 1790's

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

At the Public hearing held to receive requests for Town and Federal Revenue Sharing Funds the Budget Committee heard the following requests for the \$34,200.00 anticipated Federal Revenue Sharing Funds:

Thetford Vol. Fire Dept.	\$ 8,800.00
Hillside Cemetery Assoc.	2,500.00
Thetford Library Federation	5,600.00
School Directors	18,000.00 for principal on Bond
	16,000.00 school bus
Selectmen	10,000.00 dump truck
	3,125.00 balance on dump truck
	1,475.00 roller shelving
	7,000.00 parts for loader repair
	2,000.00 plow
	2,000.00 Treasure Island taxes
	<u>\$ 76,500.00 Total requests for FRS funds</u>

The Lebanon Regional Airport Authority requested \$1,422. (\$1.00 per capita) Since we have not supported the Airport in the last two years it was decided not to recommend support in 1977.

As in the past, the committee voted to place the requests of Orange County Mental Health Service, Inc. and Community Health Service, Inc., and the Thetford Library Federation in articles on the warning. The committee also recommended placing on the warning articles seven and eight.

Part I

The Budget Committee recommends using the anticipated Federal Revenue Sharing Funds of \$34,200.00 as follows:

Thetford Library Federation	\$ 2,800.00
Thetford Vol. Fire Dept.	1,300.00
Treasure Island (taxes)	2,000.00
School (for principal on Bond)	18,000.00
Snow Plow	2,000.00
Dump Truck (balance due)	3,125.00
Loader repair parts and tires	3,500.00
Roller shelving for land records	1,475.00
	<u>\$ 34,200.00</u>

Part II

The Town Selectmen presented a budget of \$216,070.00.

Less anticipated funds as follows:	
Highway State Aid	\$29,958.00
Federal Revenue Sharing Fds.	12,100.00
Anti-recession funds	<u>3,683.00</u>
	\$45,741.00

The Budget Committee recommended estimating delinquent taxes receivable in 1977 as \$12,000.00 \$57,741.00

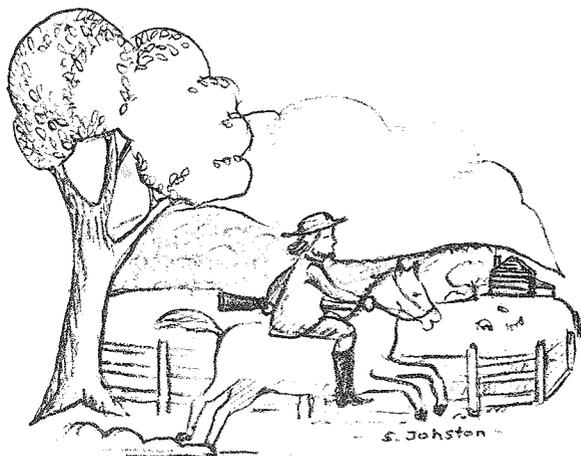
The Budget Committee recommends raising \$79,085.00 for the Highway Account and \$79,245.00 for the General Account for a total of \$158,329.00. In 1976 the amount needed to be raised was \$151,110.00.

Anti-recession funds must be spent within six months or receipt and at this point there is no way of estimating the amount the Town will receive. Thus the Budget Committee recommends spending all anti-recession monies received to date and in the remainder of 1977 in the Highway Budget to relieve the burden of wages.

Part III

The School Directors presented a budget of \$575,772.00. Needed to be raised in taxes is \$476,253.69. This is an estimated \$.14 tax increase on the Grand List for 1977.

Budget Committee
 George A. Phelps, Chairman
 Frederick P. Howard
 Arline Hill
 George P. Stowell
 Frank L. Barker, Jr.
 Claude E. Thurston
 Emily E. Hood



1777 - Town revenue was gained by taking Ethan Allen's suggestion of seizing Tory land.

PROPOSED SELECTMEN'S BUDGET 1977

Total Budget - tax monies to be raised	\$216,070.00
Highway Budget (Items 2-7)	121,350.00
less anticipated state aid for highways	-29,958.00
	\$ 91,392.00
less federal revenue sharing fund requests	-8,625.00
	\$ 82,767.00
less anti-recession funds	-3,683.00
	\$ 79,084.00
Town Budget (Items 8-19)	\$ 94,720.00
less federal revenue sharing fund requests	-3,475.00
	\$ 91,245.00
less delinquent taxes estimated receivable in 1977	-12,000.00
	\$ 79,245.00

Tax Monies to Be Raised	1976	Tax	1977	Est. Tax
Highway	\$68,175.00	.55	\$79,084.00	.63
Town	\$92,782.00*	.75	\$79,245.00	.63
		\$1.30		\$1.26

* includes articles voted at March town meeting '76.

It is estimated that:

- the \$2,800 request from the library federation will increase the tax rate by \$.02.+
- the \$3,128 request from community health services, inc. will increase the tax rate by \$.03.
- the \$1,612.50 request from orange county mental health will increase the tax rate by \$.01.+

A one cent increase in the tax rate raises your taxes \$.19/\$100 you paid last year or:

1976		1977
\$100.00	one cent increase in tax rate	\$100.19

PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET 1977

ITEM	Spent 1975	Budget 1976	Spent 1976	Budget 1977
2 Winter Roads				
gas and oil	\$ 2,792.45	\$	\$ 1,664.04	\$ 1,800.00
labor	14,176.25		15,260.22	16,200.00
materials and supplies	584.13		844.78	1,000.00
machine rentals	2,863.50		565.00	1,000.00
salt	7,330.42		8,514.76	10,000.00
	\$ 27,746.75	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 26,848.80	\$ 30,000.00
3 Construction and Retirement				
Construction				
materials and supplies	\$ 3,747.53	\$	\$ 47.60	\$
labor	262.35		182.00	
machine rentals	1,830.00			
Retirement				
labor	1,063.00		1,139.10	1,500.00
materials and supplies	12,469.31		18,074.51	21,000.00
machine rentals	701.70		1,028.34	1,500.00
	\$ 20,074.79	\$ 21,150.00	\$ 20,471.55	\$ 24,000.00
4 Bridges				
labor	\$ 258.00	\$	\$ 4,019.15	\$ 150.00
materials and supplies	578.15		1,905.64	750.00
town labor and machines	629.44			
	\$ 1,465.59	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 5,924.79	\$ 1,000.00
5 Highway Account				
gas and oil	\$ 4,368.74	\$	\$ 5,508.21	\$ 5,675.00
labor	19,114.34		24,151.27	24,850.00
materials and supplies	2,006.41		8,997.52	6,200.00
machine rentals	4,265.50		5,554.00	6,000.00
	\$ 29,125.55	\$ 31,050.00	\$ 41,872.22	\$ 42,725.00

ITEM	Spent 1975	Budget 1976	Spent 1976	Budget 1977
6 Equipment Payments	\$	\$ 575.00	\$ 11,221.30	\$ 5,125.00 *FRS
7 Repairs and Maintenance	8,412.51	10,000.00	8,779.31	18,500.00
8 Taxes				(3,500.00)*FRS
9 Town Officers 4	7,269.31	9,000.00	7,411.96	8,000.00
Listers				
Treasurer and clerks	6,850.00		8,079.83	8,500.00
Selectmen	9,164.40		9,778.60	10,400.00
Zoning Administrator	1,303.00		1,400.00	1,400.00
Health Officer	826.50		1,092.75	2,000.00
Administrative Assistants	145.25		129.50	200.00
Sec'y zoning and planning	1,460.00 ²			
Elections, ballot clerks	382.76		433.50	300.00
Bd. of Civil Authority, fence vers., etc.	282.30		503.50	300.00
Auditing	175.00		308.00	300.00
Dog wardens and expenses	459.23		225.00	300.00
Accounting	2,000.00		323.90	500.00
Constable	22.50		2,200.00	2,400.00
	\$ 23,070.94	\$ 24,125.00	\$ 24,474.58	\$ 26,400.00
10 Electricity, Fire Dept., Ins.				
electricity	\$ 2,228.93	\$	\$ 2,356.99	\$ 2,500.00
vol. fire dept.	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00
insurance	7,034.63		6,220.96	9,000.00
	\$ 19,263.56	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 18,577.95	\$ 21,500.00
11 Printing, supplies, tel., etc.				
Printing and supplies	\$ 3,902.08	\$	\$ 5,611.05	\$ 4,000.00
Postage and telephone	1,594.83		1,852.02	2,000.00
Bank service charges	259.00		261.40	300.00

ITEM	Spent 1975	Budget 1976	Spent 1976	Budget 1977
Mileage	\$ 424.82	\$	\$ 454.98	\$ 500.00
Advertising	370.53		478.30	400.00
12 Buildings, Sanitation, Forests Buildings: Town Hall	\$ 6,551.26	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 8,657.75	\$ 7,200.00
fuel oil	\$ 387.43	\$	\$ 524.35	\$ 550.00
custodians, rubbish removal, supplies	429.12		672.17	725.00
office furniture & equip.			144.13	1,675.00
repairs, painting	306.68		99.91	(1,475.00)*FRS 50.00
Town Garage	\$ 1,123.23	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,440.56	\$ 3,000.00
fuel oil	\$ 853.76	\$	\$ 332.20	\$ 350.00
electricity	189.53		358.14	400.00
repairs and supplies	249.32		300.94	300.00
Sanitation: Landfill	\$ 1,292.61	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 991.28	\$ 1,050.00
town cost-share of dump	\$ 3,912.30	\$	\$	\$
landfill	9,333.25		8,271.00	9,000.00
Forests:	\$ 13,245.55	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,271.00	\$ 9,000.00
mowing roadsides	\$ 2,247.00	\$	\$ 1,868.75	\$ 2,000.00
tree service	75.00		70.00	50.00
dept. of forests and parks	\$ 2,322.00	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 1,938.75	\$ 2,050.00
	\$ 17,983.39	\$ 14,670.00	\$ 12,641.59	\$ 15,100.00

ITEM	Spent 1975	Budget 1975	Spent 1976	Budget 1976
13 Tax appropriations	\$	\$	\$	\$
Memorial Day	125.00		200.00	200.00
scholarships	240.00		400.00	240.00
vlt	284.00		354.00	354.00
uv-lsc	880.00		880.00	880.00
Theat. hist. soc.	150.00		150.00	75.00
Vermont cemetery assoc. rc&d	1.00		1.00	1.00
			25.00	25.00
14 Contingency (rabies clinic; sm. claims court costs; miscellaneous)	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 2,010.00	\$ 1,775.00
15 Treasure Island	\$	\$	\$	\$ 345.00
16 Cemetery (comm. 750; mapping 150)				2,000.00*FRS
17 Interest	5,404.80		888.50	900.00
18 Attorney fees	3,240.05	2,000.00	3,549.70	4,000.00
19 Ambulance 3	4,901.97	2,500.00	387.40	1,000.00
			3,774.87	6,500.00
		Total proposed budget 1977		\$216,070.00

* FRS Requests if voted with reduced budgeted figure
by amount indicated.

NOTES ON PROPOSED TOWN BUDGET 1977

- No. 1 1976 equipment payments came out of FRS funds.
 No. 2 Administrative ass't. in 1975 was paid for under a federal grant.
 No. 3 \$2,500 ambulance fund was voted for 1976.
 No. 4

Pay Increases	1976	1977
Town Clerk and treasurer	150/wk	160/wk
Constable	3.00/hr.	3.00/hr.
Listers	3.25/hr.	3.45/hr.
Asst. Clerks	3.00/hr.	3.20/hr.
& bookkeeper	3.25/hr.	3.45/hr.
Road Commissioner		4.40/hr.
Town Crew		4.15/hr.
		4.15/hr.
		3.80/hr.
Zoning administrator	3.00/hr.	3.50/hr.*in effect 1/1/77
Accountant	2,200/yr.	2,400/yr.
Selectmen	1,400/yr.	1,400/yr.
		(600,400,400)
Health Officer	3.50/hr.	3.50/hr.
Auditors	2.25/hr.	3.00/hr.
Ballot clerks	2.20/hr.	2.30/hr.
Justices of the Peace	5.00/mtng	5.00/mtng
Janitors	3.00/hr.	3.00/hr.

We recommend an additional paid holiday (veteran's day) for town clerk and road crew; and 100% BCBS insurance for the same.

TAXPAYERS !!

Based on last year's tax rate of \$4.93, property which is appraised at \$30,000 is taxed on 1/2 of this amount (\$15,000). The \$4.93 (town-75¢, hwy.-55¢, and sch.-3.63) is paid on each \$100 of this \$15,000. To calculate the tax we divide \$100 into \$15,000 and multiply this amount by the tax rate.

$$\$15,000 \div 100 = 150; 150 \times 4.93 = \$739.50$$

This year the tax rate is estimated to increase 16¢. This means that the tax rate (if all items are voted) would be \$5.09 (town-63¢, hwy.-63¢, sch.-3.77, lib.-2¢, CHS-3¢, OCMH-1¢). On the same property described above, this year's tax would be: $150 \times 5.09 = \$763.50$. This is an increase of \$24.00.

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 OF THETFORD, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET – GENERAL FUND – DECEMBER 31, 1976

Assets		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,075.25	
Petty Cash	50.00	\$ 1,125.25
Delinquent taxes receivable		<u>27,140.23</u>
Total assets		<u><u>\$28,265.48</u></u>

Liabilities and Surplus

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued federal withholding	\$ 326.22	
Accrued state withholding	288.14	
Accrued social security	1,080.21	
Accrued Blue Cross	142.20	
Notes payable - Fire truck	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total liabilities		\$ 6,836.77
 SURPLUS		
Balance January 1, 1976	\$ 2,498.74	
Add excess revenues over disbursements	<u>18,929.97</u>	
Total liabilities and surplus		<u><u>21,428.71</u></u> <u><u>\$28,265.48</u></u>

Note:

The Balance Sheets and Statements of Revenues and Disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1976, were prepared on the cash basis. The Balance Sheets and Statements of Revenues and Disbursements for 1975 and prior years were prepared on the accrual basis.

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND DISBURSEMENTS
For Year Ended December 31, 1976

REVENUES		
Taxes		\$608,925.36
State of Vermont		28,870.87
Old Age Assistance tax		4,925.00
Interest and warrant fees		1,774.34
Dog licenses		909.00
Beverage licenses		200.00
Sale of supplies, services and materials		1,876.82
Flood control		2,333.69
Town Clerk fees		5,518.61
Miscellaneous	(Schedule 1)	26,154.69
State of Vermont - licenses		<u>2,966.50</u>
Total revenues		\$684,454.88
 DISBURSEMENTS		
Winter Roads	(Schedule 2)	\$ 29,236.04(1)
Construction, retreatment	(Schedule 3)	20,471.55
Bridges	(Schedule 4)	5,924.79
Highway account	(Schedule 5)	47,239.34 (2)(3)(4)
Taxes - state and county	(Schedule 6)	7,411.96
Old Age Assistance Tax		4,447.09
Town officers	(Schedule 7)	24,474.58
Electricity, fires, insurance	(Schedule 8)	8,577.95
Printing, supplies, tel., etc.	(Schedule 9)	7,929.45
Buildings, sanitation, forests	(Schedule 10)	12,641.59
Interest		3,549.70
Tax appropriations	(Schedule 11)	13,781.20
Cemetery		644.30
Contingency	(Schedule 12)	4,685.22
Repairs and maintenance	(Schedule 13)	8,779.31
Town School District taxes		448,696.43
Town School District flood control		1,575.10
State of Vermont - licenses		2,966.50
Ambulance		3,774.87
Treasure Island	(Schedule 14)	<u>8,717.94</u>
Total disbursements		665,524.91
Excess revenues over disbursements		<u><u>\$ 18,929.97</u></u>
Includes cost of gasoline sold to Thetford Town School District		(1) \$2,387.24
Includes flood work		(2) \$3,028.34
Includes work performed for Thetford Academy		(3) \$1,566.97
		(4) \$ 771.81

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

FOR 1976

Schedule 1

Use of records	\$ 300.50
Office machines	467.99
Cemetery trust fund	30.00
Insurance refunds	2,380.93
Postage	12.31
Treasure Island	5,056.31
Treasure Island (from revenue sharing)	2,000.00
Ambulance	792.00
Zoning	780.00
Septic systems	935.00
Labor	18.00
Interest received	392.61
Town forest stumpage	25.00
Gasoline sold to Thetford Town School District	5,415.58
Sub-division	540.00
State of Vermont - B & M tax receipts	6,018.16
State forest fires	78.71
Junk yard license	25.00
Posting land	18.00
State leased land	21.00
Bicentennial fund	88.87
Dog disposal	3.00
Refund	46.67
Flood control rental	442.50
Court costs returned	5.98
Litter levy - State of Vermont	<u>260.57</u>
Total	<u>\$26,154.69</u>

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE**

WINTER ROADS - Schedule 2

Gas and oil	\$ 4,051.28
Labor	15,260.22
Materials and supplies	844.78
Machine rentals	565.00
Salt	<u>8,514.76</u>
	\$29,236.04

Less gasoline sold to Thetford Town
School District

2,387.24

\$26,848.80

CONSTRUCTION, RETREATMENT - Schedule 3

Construction:	
Materials and supplies	\$ 47.60
Machine rentals	182.00
Retreatment:	
Labor	1,139.10
Materials and supplies	18,074.51
Machine rentals	<u>1,028.34</u>
	20,471.55

BRIDGES - Schedule 4

Labor	\$ 4,019.15
Materials and supplies	<u>1,905.64</u>
	5,924.79

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT - Schedule 5

Gas and oil	\$ 8,536.55
Labor	24,151.27
Materials and supplies	8,997.52
Machine rentals	<u>5,554.00</u>
	\$47,239.34

Less gasoline sold to Thetford Town School

District \$3,028.34

flood work 1,566.97

work performed for Thetford

Academy:

Labor \$122.00

Materials & sup. 552.31

Machine rentals 97.50 771.81

5,367.12

41,872.22

TAXES - STATE & COUNTY - Schedule 6

Treasurer, Orange County	\$ 3,297.22
Social security	2,574.74
Vermont Agricultural Extension Service	<u>1,540.00</u>
	7,411.96

TOWN OFFICERS - Schedule 7

Listers	\$ 8,079.83
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TOWN OFFICERS - Sch. 7 (Continued)

Treasurer and clerks	\$ 9,778.60	
Selectmen	1,400.00	
Zoning administrators	1,092.75	
Health officer	129.50	
Secretary, zoning and planning	433.50	
Elections, ballot clerks	503.50	
Board of civil authority, fence viewers, etc.	308.00	
Auditors	225.00	
Dog wardens	323.90	
Accounting	<u>2,200.00</u>	\$24,474.58

ELECTRICITY, FIRES, INSURANCE - Schedule 8

Electricity	\$ 2,356.99	
Insurance	<u>6,220.96</u>	\$ 8,577.95

PRINTING, SUPPLIES, TEL., etc. - Schedule 9

Printing and supplies	\$ 5,611.05	
Postage and telephone	1,852.02	
Bank service charge	11.40	
Mileage	<u>454.98</u>	\$ 7,929.45

BUILDINGS, SANITATION, FORESTS - Sch. 10

Buildings:		
Town offices - custodians	\$ 575.40	
- painting and repairs	99.91	
- fuel oil	524.35	
- supplies	67.77	
- rubbish removal	29.00	
- filing cabinet	122.49	
- hall carpet	21.64	
Garage - fuel oil	332.20	
- electricity	358.14	
- repairs and supplies	300.94	
Sanitation:		
Sanitary landfill	8,271.00	
Forests:		
Department of Forests and Parks	70.00	
Mowing roadsides	<u>1,868.75</u>	\$12,641.59

TAX APPROPRIATIONS - Schedule 11

Vermont League of Cities and Towns	\$ 354.00	
Community Health Services	3,128.00	
Memorial Day	200.00	
Orange County Mental Health	1,419.00	
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council	880.00	
Thetford Historical Society	150.00	
Thetford Library Federation	2,800.00	

TAX APPROPRIATIONS - Sch. 11 (Cont.)

Thetford Volunteer Fire Department	\$ 4,450.20	
Scholarships	<u>400.00</u>	\$13,781.20

CONTINGENCY - Schedule 12

Memberships	\$ 11.00	
Bookkeeping expense	635.00	
Attorney fees	387.40	
Rabies clinic	20.00	
Keys for town offices and garage	3.51	
First aid kit - garage	15.34	
Preservation of documents	12.80	
Town officers meeting	31.75	
White River Natural Resources Conservation District	1,400.00	
Eye examination	15.00	
Federal Revenue Sharing account	571.60	
Small claims court	11.96	
East Central Vermont R.C. & D. project	25.00	
Highway workshop	5.00	
Truck registrations	16.00	
Bicentennial expense	388.66	
Dog warden supplies	8.85	
Town Plan expense	67.10	
Refunds recording fees, zoning and septic	92.13	
Merton Godfrey plaque	46.10	
Tax rebates	248.72	
Dog damage	100.00	
Miscellaneous	50.00	
Advertising	478.30	
Birth certificates	<u>44.00</u>	\$ 4,685.22

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE - Schedule 13

1968 Dodge	\$ 83.90	
1976 GMC Dump	23.53	
1972 Dodge	358.83	
Grader	1,491.80	
Loader	1,260.10	
Plows, sanders, miscellaneous equipment	1,514.74	
1973 Ford	481.22	
1974 Ford	2,399.00	
1976 GMC Pickup	469.59	
Supplies for operation of vehicles	296.60	
Radio for grader	<u>400.00</u>	\$ 8,779.31

TREASURE ISLAND - Schedule 14

Electricity	\$ 1,254.43	
Personnel	1,499.98	
Other wages	755.00	
Telephone	66.56	
Repairs and maintenance	323.85	
Advertising	55.00	
Postage	50.00	
Septic tank pumping	45.00	
Supplies	113.38	
Property taxes	4,044.00	
Insurance	423.00	
Social security on personnel	87.74	\$ 8,717.94



1768 - The first organized Town Government meeting allocated funds to build main roads and offered a mill site to John Strong on Gun Brook, North Thetford.

THETFORD TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1976 \$ 46,099.02

RECEIPTS:	
Taxes:	
Polls	\$ 7,412.14
Real Estate and Personal Property	564,264.82
Delinquent Taxes:	
Del. Polls	2,095.75
Del. Real Estate and P.P.	38,064.30
Interest and Warrant Fee	1,774.34
State Highway Fund	28,870.87
State - Litter Levy	260.57
State Licenses:	
Fish and Game	2,927.50
Marriage	39.00
Flood Control	2,333.69
Flood Lease rental	442.50
Town Clerk fees	5,518.61
Use of Town Records	300.50
Dog Licenses	907.00
Kennel Permit	2.00
Dog Disposal	3.00
Liquor Licenses	200.00
Posting Land	18.00
Sale of Materials:	
Office	34.40
Garage	1,287.57
Labor	18.00
Use of Equipment	554.85
Roneo	158.39
Zerox	304.60
Addressograph	5.00
Zoning	790.00
Sub-Division	540.00
Septic Systems	935.00
Ambulance	792.00
Town Forest Stumpage	25.00
School Gas	5,415.58
Postage	12.31
Treasure Island	7,056.31
Bicentennial Fund	88.87
Junk Yard License	25.00
State - Forest Fires	78.71
Boston and Maine tax receipts on sales	6,018.16
Interest on C.D.'s	392.61

East Thetford Cemetery Fund	\$	30.00	
School Note		3,200.00	
Insurance Refunds		58.00	
Insurance for damages		167.04	
State lease land		21.00	
Refunds		46.67	
Scholarship refund		40.00	
Court costs recovered		5.98	
Covered bridge damages collected		2,155.89	
Certificates of Deposit		35,000.00	
Bradford National Bank Notes		20,000.00	740,691.53
			<u>\$786,790.55</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:			785,715.30
			<u>\$ 1,075.25</u>
Petty Cash			50.00
Balance December 31, 1976			<u>\$ 1,125.25</u>

Emily E. Hood, Treasurer

TOWN HALL INVENTORY

Flag Pole	40 chairs
U. S. Flag, Vermont Flag & Bicentennial Flag	Air conditioner
Hot Water Furnace	Tappan stove
500 gal. Underground Fuel Tank	Roneo Duplicator
Pressure Tank	Aluminum Stepladder (5 ft.)
Vault	Wooden Stepladder (8 ft.)
2 Desks	5 Tables (large)
2 Typing Tables	3 Tables (small)
5 Office Chairs	Map case
2 Typewriters	2 Desk Lamps
Adding Machine	Stamp Dispenser
Olympia Calculator	Aerial Photo of Thetford
2 4-drawer files (legal size)	Polaroid Land Camera
5 4-drawer files (letter size)	Paper Cutter
Storage Cabinet	Fire Extinguisher
9 file drawers (5 x 8)	2 Cabinets on wheels
12 file drawers (3 x 5)	RCA Communication Radio
Bookcase mounted on wall	2 Outside Lamps and Posts
Bookrack	Clock
Telephone Shelf	Artesian Well and Pump
Radio and Light Shelf	12 Voting Booths with Lights
Micro-film Reader-Printer	Addressograph File Cabinet
Bookshelves	4 Bulletin Boards
Electric Stapler	
5 2-drawer files (letter size)	

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

	Assets		Increase (Decrease)
	1975	1976	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	\$46,099.02	\$ 1,075.25	\$(45,023.77)
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00	---
Delinquent taxes receivable	25,126.88	27,140.23	2,013.35
Total assets	<u>\$71,275.90</u>	<u>\$28,265.48</u>	<u>\$(43,010.42)</u>

Liabilities and Surplus

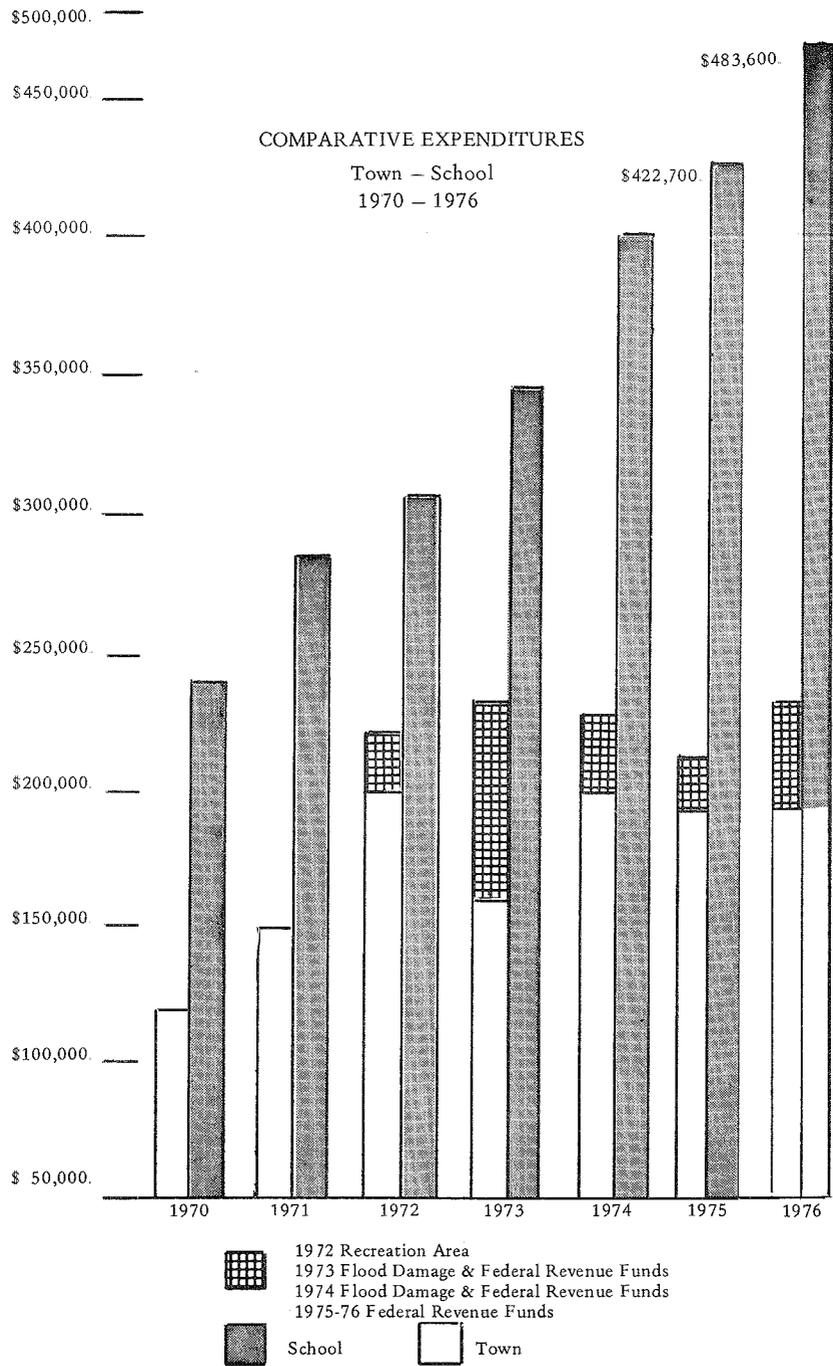
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued federal withholding	\$ 422.07	\$ 326.22	\$ (95.85)
Accrued state withholding	257.15	288.14	30.99
Accrued social security	1,861.70	1,080.21	(781.49)
Accrued Blue Cross	104.15	142.20	38.05
Accounts payable	1,132.09	---	(1,132.09)
Notes payable - Bradford National Bank	55,000.00	---	(55,000.00)
– Fire truck	10,000.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
Total liabilities	<u>\$68,777.16</u>	<u>\$ 6,836.77</u>	<u>\$(61,940.39)</u>
SURPLUS	<u>\$ 2,498.74</u>	<u>\$21,428.71</u>	<u>\$ 18,929.97</u>
Total liabilities and surplus	<u>\$71,275.90</u>	<u>\$28,265.48</u>	<u>\$ 43,010.42</u>

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

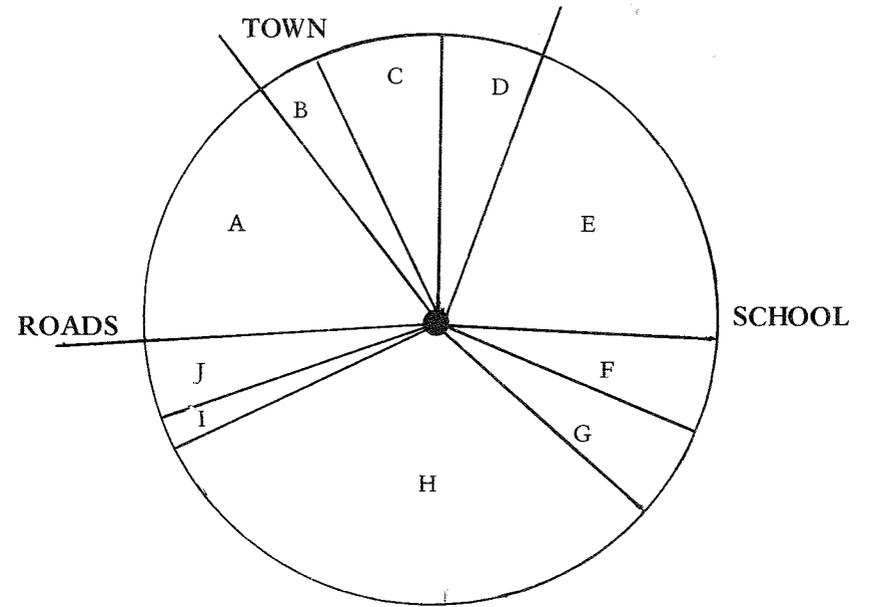
REVENUES	1975	1976	Increase (Decrease)
Taxes	\$481,693.90	\$608,925.36	\$127,231.46
State of Vermont	21,082.52	28,870.87	7,788.35
Old Age Assistance tax	4,025.00	4,925.00	900.00
Interest and warrant fees	1,209.31	1,774.34	565.03
Dog licenses	976.75	909.00	(67.75)
Beverage licenses	150.00	200.00	50.00
Sale of supplies, services and materials	1,515.91	1,876.82	360.91
Flood control	2,241.56	2,333.69	92.13
Town Clerk fees	4,367.43	5,518.61	1,151.18
Miscellaneous	41,576.07	26,154.69	(15,421.38)
State of Vermont - licenses	3,986.50	2,966.50	(1,020.00)
Total revenues	\$562,824.95	\$684,454.88	\$121,629.93
DISBURSEMENTS			
Winter roads	\$ 31,269.84(1)	\$ 29,236.04(1)	\$ (2,033.80)
Construction, retreatment	20,074.79	20,471.55	396.76
Bridges	836.15	5,924.79	5,088.64
Highway account	31,871.82(2)	47,239.34(2)(3)(4)	15,367.52
Equipment payments	231.47	---	(231.47)
Taxes - state and county	7,269.31	7,411.96	142.65
Old Age Assistance tax	3,909.96	4,447.09	537.13
Town officers	20,589.21	24,474.58	3,885.37
Electricity, fires, insurance	13,438.56	8,577.95	(4,860.61)
Printing, supplies, telephone, etc.	5,930.73	7,929.45	1,998.72

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)	1975	1976	Increase (Decrease)
Buildings, sanitation, forests	\$ 18,488.65	\$ 12,641.59	\$ (5,847.06)
Interest	5,404.18	3,549.70	(1,854.48)
Tax appropriations	6,232.00	13,781.20	7,549.20
Cemetery	888.50	644.30	(244.20)
Contingency	10,247.89	4,685.22	(5,562.67)
Repairs and maintenance	8,412.51	8,779.31	366.80
Town School District taxes	326,108.50	448,696.43	122,587.93
Town School District flood control	1,500.98	1,575.10	74.12
State of Vermont - licenses	3,986.50	2,966.50	(1,020.00)
Ambulance	4,901.97	3,774.87	(1,127.10)
Treasure Island	8,370.40	8,717.94	347.54
Total disbursements	\$529,963.92	\$665,524.91	\$135,560.99
Receipts over disbursements	\$ 32,861.03	\$ 18,929.97	\$ (13,931.06)
Includes cost of gasoline sold to Thetford Town School District	(1) \$3,523.09	(1) \$2,387.24	
Includes flood work	(2) \$2,116.83	(2) \$3,028.34	
Includes work performed for Thetford Academy	(3) \$1,566.97	(3) \$1,566.97	
	(4) \$ 771.81	(4) \$ 771.81	



DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1976



		Comparative	
		1975	1976
ROADS			
A	Road Service	15%	16%
TOWN			
B	Town Officers	3%	3%
C	Buildings and supplies	9%	5%
D	Ambulance, taxes, interest cemetery etc.	4%	5%
SCHOOL			
E	Administration and Salaries	20%	20%
F	Transportation	5%	5%
G	Building Operation	5%	5%
H	Tuition	33%	32%
I	Supplies	2%	1%
J	Fixed charges, Health and Miscellaneous	4%	7%

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUND ACCOUNT

Balance on hand January 1, 1976		\$11,708.76
Federal Revenue checks received Jan. 1 to Sept. 21, 1976 for year 1976		26,091.00
Oct. 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 1976 for year 1977		6,103.00
Interest from Certificates of Deposits		1,201.22
Sale of 68 truck and tires		425.00
		<u>\$45,528.98</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:	\$36,521.30	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1976		\$ 9,007.68
Anticipated funds for remainder of 1977		18,309.00
Bradford National Bank Note (balance due of Dump truck)	3,125.00	

DISBURSEMENTS:	Budgeted	Spent
Thetford Library Federation	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00
Treasure Island (for taxes)	2,000.00	2,000.00
Radio for deputy sheriff	350.00	400.00
Pickup truck	6,500.00	4,500.00
Fire Department	2,500.00	2,500.00
School (to defray Bond)	18,000.00	18,000.00
Dump Truck (actual cost \$9,446.30) (BNN note \$3,125.00)	5,650.00	6,321.30
	plus sale of truck and tires	
	<u>\$37,800.00</u>	<u>\$36,521.30</u>

THETFORD CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Bequest from Mary C. Hoisington 1972	\$1,000.00
Interest to be used for care of four graves, cleaning stones and for floral pieces each Memorial Day. Eugene and Caroline Marston and Eugene and Isadore Smith lots.	
Balance on hand January 1, 1976	\$1,089.70
Interest	66.33
	<u>\$1,156.03</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Grave upkeep	\$8.00	
Floral pieces	<u>7.00</u>	15.00
		<u>\$1,141.03</u>

Emily E. Hood, Treasurer

TRUST FUNDS 1976

TOWN FARM TRUST FUND

Puritan Fund, original investment 12-4-57 667 shares		\$4,001.07
October 29, 1976 2,505.093 shares @ \$10.42		\$26,103.06906

CEMETERY TRUST FUND

Puritan Fund, original investment 12-4-57 220 shares		\$1,300.20
Puritan Fund, additional investments		
9-6-60 6 shares		
6-5-61 6 shares		
9-1-64 7 shares		
8-12-75 6.873 shares		
8-2-76 5.027 shares		
October 1, 1976 250.900 shares @ \$10.27		\$2,576.743

Income for 1976 to be divided \$ 195.00

Hillside Cemetery	\$15.00
Post Mills Cemetery	30.00
East Thetford Cemetery	45.00
Evergreen Rest Cemetery	105.00

Cash on hand

1-27-76	\$ 182.85
1-27-76 Interest	3.71
2-13-76 Income dividend	31.96
4-2-76 Income dividend	31.96
8-17-76 Interest	5.78
8-17-76 Income dividend	51.63
11-12-76 Income dividend	33.87

\$ 341.76

-195.00

Balance on hand 12-31-76

\$ 146.76

Frederick P. Howard
Merton A. Boyd
Gertrude Clark

**DOG REPORT
1976**

			Compared to 1975
Total Dogs Licensed	471		+4
Males at \$2.00 @	182	\$364.00	+2
Females at \$6.00 @	55	330.00	-14
Spayed at \$2.00 @	125	250.00	-1
Males at \$3.00 @	38	114.00	0
Females at \$9.00 @	9	81.00	-1
Spayed at \$3.00 @	27	81.00	+11
Kennels at \$32.00 @	4	128.00	+1
Tag replacements \$.25 @	4	1.00	
Total collected		\$1,349.00	
Town Clerk fees		442.00	
Dog Damage		-100.00	
Dog Fund for 1976		\$ 807.00	

POUND KEEPER REPORT

The following were picked up during the year 1976:

3 cats, 5 kittens, 1 rabbit, 18 dogs

Nine citations were issued by the Poundkeeper and assistant dog catcher. This does not include ones issued by the selectmen and constable.

EXPENSES:

Dog collar	\$ 2.50
Dog food	73.75
Care of unclaimed animals	198.00
Assistant Dog Catcher's wages	65.25
Assistant Dog Catcher's mileage	41.28
Total expenses	\$380.78

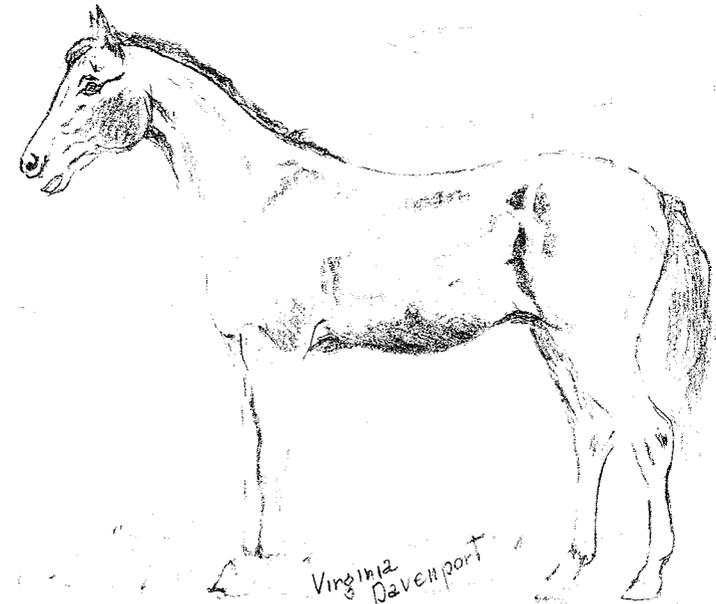
RECEIPTS:

Fines and fees	\$ 53.00
(retained by pound keeper to cover mileage and care of claimed dogs.)	

Edward F. Clay, Pound Keeper
A. J. Thornburn, Assistant Dog Catcher

RABIES CLINIC

There will be a rabies clinic for cats and dogs Saturday, March 19, 1977 from 9:00 A. M. to 12:00 noon at the Town Garage. Rabies shots will cost \$4.00 each. Only dogs receiving rabies shots may get their licenses at this time. Others may obtain theirs at the Town Office during regular office hours: January 3, 1977 thru April 1, 1977.



Morgan Horse brought to Vermont in 1791

**TOWN GARAGE EQUIPMENT AND
CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES**

STOCKPILE		VALUE
4 bags	9/0 Grader Cross Chains	\$ 600.00
3 bags	7/0 Truck Cross Chains	180.00
1 drum	Oil	204.78
1 case	Oil	30.88
1 drum	Mobil Oil	133.10
11 cases	110 Mobil Oil	198.00
1 drum	Gear Oil	30.30
2 cases	Prestone Antifreeze	46.68
1 case	Dry Gas	8.25
1 case	Ether	23.76
1 case	Windshield Washer	11.95
	Oil Filters	50.00
25	High Tensile Bolts	20.75
2 sets	Grader Blades	290.32
1	Plow Blade	101.00
2	Wing Blades	182.60
1 box	Welding rod 7018	23.25
102	Guard Posts	174.22
30 ft.	15 in. culvert	113.40
80 ft.	18 in. culvert	463.40
Total Value		\$2,886.64

DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971-70
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Atkinson Davis Corp.	340.17	278.07				
Bailey, Archie Estate	1,059.95	866.45	104.12			
Bailey, Charles & Vivian	465.88	380.83	340.20			
Bailey, Charles Jr.	59.16	48.36	43.20			
Bailey, Fred and Minnie	285.94	233.74				
Bailey, William and Louise	165.15					
Benner, Harry and Freda (Swanson)	300.73					
Berecz, Frederick and Diane	658.05					
Berkeley, Robert W.		29.36				
Boston and Maine Railroad	171.55	141.05	126.00	105.84	133.24	226.47
*Brown, Priscilla	409.19					
Bush, J. Douglas and Hazel (Sellman)	8.26					
Cadwell, Nellie	172.55	141.05	32.70			
Cappell, Laura Estate and Emma Nichols	369.75					
Coffin, Ray Jr. and Annie	120.78	98.73	88.20			
Cook, Duane and Virginia	347.56					
Cummings, Lawrence and Rose	142.97	2.16	3.12			
Davenport, Donald and Mary	42.64					
Dickenson, Edward and Marjorie	189.80					
Durkee, Hemon and Valroy			246.50			
Durkee, Leonard	152.83	124.93	111.60	13.13		
Durkee, Miriam Hart		33.96				
Eaton, Thomas	167.62	3.24				
*Emerson, Edward and Priscilla	83.81					
Fairbrother, Lawrence and Betty			16.20	32.30		
French, Donald	22.18	18.13		17.01		
Goodale, William and Mary Ann	515.18	195.45				

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971-70
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Goodrich, David and Joyce	131.00					
Josler, Nichols	155.38		233.81			
Kimball, Edward and Ida	211.99					
Krawczyk, William and Nancy (James and Linda Durkee)	91.20					
Littlefield, Howard	84.87					
Lockard, Joseph and Ruth	692.66					
McGranaghan, Ivan and Lucille	412.19					
Manning, Arvin Jr.	19.72	16.12	14.40	15.12		
Manning, Eileen Joyce	512.72	419.12				
Marcou, Thomas and Eleanor	200.00					
Menanon, John	700.06	578.31	525.60			
*Northland of Vt., Inc. (Pugh)	70.37					
Osmer, Rodney and Linda		40.30	36.00			
Palmer, Alden and Geraldine	261.73					
Pero, Elwin	411.65	336.50				
*Pero, Gary and Patricia	5.18					
Pero, Reginald and Marion	283.47	231.72	207.00	217.35	72.68	160.87
Phelps, William and Carol	601.46					
Phelps Auto Body	172.55					
Picknell, Richard	322.91	263.96	235.80	80.32		
Raymond, Leon			59.15			
Richter, Joseph	32.04					
Robinson, Joanna	79.91					
Ruza, Stanley	48.41					
Schilling, James and Faith	12.70					
Sepanek, Edward and Ardaath (Essex)		26.71				
*Snelling, Carroll and Muriel	152.83					

Delinquent Property Taxes as of December 31, 1976

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971-70
Spooner, Frederick and Edna	\$ 125.44	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Spydell, Sally A. Carothers	345.10					
Stone, Duane	61.62					
*Thetford Salvage	19.24					
Thurston, Justin and Laura	22.18	18.13	16.20			
Turner, Gordon	147.90					
Vance, Kermit and Marcia	658.15	735.47				
Vance, Jim's Garage	276.08	28.21				
Van Eills, Paul and Margaret	361.35					
Weathersfield Farms	944.09	771.74	689.40	68.82		
Williams, Eleanor Sue	601.46		439.20			
Williams, George Gill	130.64					
Wright, Judith	43.77					
	\$15,656.72	\$6,061.80	\$3,568.40	\$ 549.89	\$ 205.92	\$ 387.34

* Payments made after Dec. 31, 1976

DELINQUENT POLL TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
Adams, Leon	\$	\$	\$ 9.03	\$	\$
Arnold, Martha D.					
Bailey, Tom	9.93				
Bailey, Leigh	9.93				
Banker, Blair A.	9.93				
Barnes, Doris	9.93				
Bray, Michael P.	9.93				
Bray, Patricia A.	9.93				
Burke, William J.	9.93				

Delinquent Poll Taxes as of December 31, 1976

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
Berman, Phillip	\$ 9.93	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cadwell, Peter	9.93				
Cadwell, Holly	9.93				
Caldwell, Scott	9.93				
Condit, William S.	9.93				
Considine, Brian B.	9.93				
*Considine, Pamela P.	9.93				
Cook, Duane P., Sr.	1.14				
Cook, Virginia A.	1.14				
DeMoll, Susan			8.60		
Durkee, Gary J.	9.93				
Durkee, Leonard	9.93				
Durkee, Joan	9.93				
Davidow, Kathy E.	9.93				
French, Donald	9.93				
Hill, Enoch	1.14				
Hill, Nancy	1.14				
Hooker, Timothy E.	9.93				
Hooker, Minnie	9.93				
Hosmer, Shirley	9.93				
Hyzer, Eleanor	9.93				
Kniffen, Wayne	1.14				
Kornberg, James		9.03			
Kornberg, Sally E.	1.14				
Laramie, Melissa	9.93				
Lee, Sharon J.	9.93				
MacGrath, Sheila	9.93				
Manning, Gerald O.	9.93				
Miller, Julian A.	9.93				

Delinquent Poll Taxes as of December 31, 1976

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
Mross, Michael	\$ 9.93	\$	\$	\$	\$
Nichols, Duncan	9.93				
Osgood, Gary	1.14				
Osgood, Janice H.	1.14				
Osmer, Rodney	9.93	9.03		8.78	21.15
Osmer, Linda	9.93	9.03		8.78	21.15
Patterson, Jane E.	9.93				
Pero, Reginald A.	9.93				
Pero, Marion E.	9.93				
Picknell, Richard	9.93				
Raymond, Francis	9.93				
Richter, Joseph A.	9.93	9.03			
Richter, Martha J.	9.93	9.03			
Ross, Dennis A.	1.14				
Rutter, Walter B.	1.14				
Rutter, Nancy G.	9.93				
Sanborn, William Jr.	9.93				
Sanborn, Lydia	9.93				
Smith, Gerard	9.93				
Smith, Alexander	9.93				
Smith, Allyn	9.93				
*Sutherland, Edward	9.93				
*Sutherland, Ann	9.93				
Stone, Kathleen	9.93				
Turner, Edward	9.93				
Turner, Charlotte	9.93				
Van Ells, Paul A.	9.93				
Van Ells, Margaret E.	9.93		8.60	8.78	21.15

Delinquent Poll Taxes as of December 31, 1976

	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972
Waterman, Dana M.	\$ 9.93	\$	\$	\$	\$
Waterman, Michael	9.93				
Whitmore, James M.	9.93				
Wright, Woody	1.14				
	\$ 539.97	\$ 63.21	\$ 17.20	\$ 26.34	\$ 63.45

* Partial payment made after December 31, 1976

Delinquent taxes December 31, 1975

Delinquent taxes from Treasurer 1976
Real Estate & Personal Property
Polls and Old Age Assistance

\$25,208.00
\$39,650.26
2,184.60
\$41,834.86
\$67,042.86

Delinquent taxes collected in 1976

Real Estate & Personal Property
Polls and Old Age Assistance
Abated

\$37,200.81
2,073.17
628.64
39,902.62

Delinquent taxes on December 31, 1976

Delinquent Polls & Old Age Assistance
Real Estate and Personal Property
Total Delinquent Taxes

\$ 710.17
26,430.07
\$27,140.24

William F. Phelps, Tax Collector

**TREASURER ISLAND REPORT
1976**

RECEIPTS:

Season Tickets	104	
Non Resident	14	\$ 390.00
Single	7	62.00
Family	83	1,438.00
Tennis	29	336.00
Swimming lessons		126.05
Daily Admissions		1,697.00
Electricity (from caretaker)		1,007.26
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds (voted by town for taxes)		<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Receipts:		\$7,056.31

DISBURSEMENTS:

Electricity	\$1,254.43
Taxes to West Fairlee and Fairlee	4,044.00
Insurance	423.00
Telephone	66.56
Wages	2,342.72
Supplies and Repairs	483.43
Septic Cleaning	45.00
Postage and Advertising	<u>105.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$8,764.14
Deficit	<u>\$1,707.83</u>

ANTIRECESSION FISCAL ASSISTANCE

July 1, 1976 - Dec. 31, 1976	\$ 2,783.00
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$0.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1976	<u>\$ 2,783.00</u>

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board of Selectmen meets weekly in the Town Hall. Our meetings are open to the public and citizens are invited to attend and offer their suggestions and criticisms about town government. We can serve you best if you make your concerns known to us. Most of our work is the day to day solution of town problems.

To summarize briefly some of our major concerns in 1976:

FOLLOW UP ON TOWN MEETING 1976 — Article 9 - The effort to lower ambulance costs through alternate services failed. Both Lebanon and Hartford were asked to provide ambulance service. Lebanon refused because of the distance. Hartford provided service for approximately five months until they found serving Thetford was detracting from service to their own residents. The selectmen contracted with Hanover for the remainder of 1976 and at December's special town meeting voters approved contracting with Hanover in 1977.

Article 15 - After consultation with trustees of the fire department, the selectmen adopted fire pond and dry hydrant specifications, copies of which are available from the town clerk.

BRIDGES AND ROADS: Both the Union Village and Thetford Center covered bridges were under repair in '76. The eastern approach to the UV bridge was severely undermined by poor drainage of surface water. In late summer the abutment was repaired and the approach rebuilt so as to correct the drainage problem.

The beams in the Thetford Center bridge were damaged for the second time within a year by overheight trucks. Repairs were completed in the fall.

Thetford has approximately twenty miles of blacktop, five miles of which we undertake to retreat each year. In '76 our retreatment monies were spent on 132; scheduled for '77 are Academy Rd., Tucker Hill Rd. and Potato Hill Rd. With material costs constantly going up, we do not propose to blacktop any new roads.

Thetford's ninety miles of dirt roads are also on a maintenance program and no new construction is proposed in '77.

FEDERAL MONIES: Thetford's application for funds under the Community Development Act for projects such as a fire station in Post Mills was denied. According to Mr. James Wechsler, director of the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council, the criteria for judging applications, which had appeared so favorable to Thetford's proposal, were changed in 1976 and favored larger towns in Vermont. Discouraged but not discouraged, we continue to be on the lookout for state and federal funds with which to lessen the property tax burden.

Federal Revenue sharing funds purchased a new pickup truck and made the first of two payments on a dump truck in '76. In '77 we are asking the voters to approve FRS funds of \$3,125 for the balance due on the dump truck, \$2,000 for a new snow plow, \$3,500 for repairs to the loader, \$1,475 for roller shelving for the town vault, and \$2,000 to defray taxes on Treasure Island. We hope FRS funds will continue in future years and that needs of towns will not be sacrificed to needs of cities.

During the year it is frequently the selectmen's duty to appoint citizens to town

and regional boards. We try to advertise openings and hope townspeople interested in serving will make themselves known to us. We thank all those who have given of their time this past year in service to Thetford town government.

George P. Stowell, chairman
Virginia Babcock, clerk
Richard Hauger

Thetford Board of Selectmen

TOWN GARAGE INVENTORY

Allis Chalmers tractor loader
1976 GMC Dump truck, with radio
1976 GMC 3/4 ton pickup, with plow and radio
1973 Ford F700 dump truck, 7cy with radio
1974 Ford F750 dump truck, 7cy with radio
1973 Wabco Grader, with wing and bulldozer blade
3 plows
1974 Selecto sander - salter
1 horse power air compressor
3,000 gal. under ground tank for gas with dual pumps
2,000 gal. under ground tank for gas with pump
550 gal. tank for diesel fuel with hand pump
Hot air furnace and 275 gal. fuel tank
Air wrench - complete
Gas Welding torch - complete
Hot Water heater
Water pressure tank
Hand tools
AC Welder 225 amps
2 Bolt bins
4 Hard hats with liners
1 pair welding gloves
Super XL - automatic Homelite chainsaw
4 rain jackets and pants
6 fire rakes
6 round pointed fire shovels
4 fire extinguishers

WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR TOWN OFFICERS & EMPLOYEES For Year 1976

Town Clerk and Treasurer	\$150.00 per wk. (a b c d)
	Note: Town Clerk does not receive money from account labeled Town Clerk Fees in revenue. The money goes into the General Fund.
Constable	\$3.00 per hr. (c)
Listers	\$3.25 per hr. (c)
Assistant Town Clerk	\$3.25 per hr. (c)
Road Commissioner	\$4.15 per hr. 1½ over 40 hrs. (a b c)
Road Crew	\$3.30 & \$3.90 per hr. 1½ over 40 hrs. (a b c)
Zoning and Sub-Division Administrator and Secretary for Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Adjust.	\$3.00 per hr. (c)
Accountant	\$2,000.00 yearly
Selectman, Chairman	\$600.00 yearly
Selectmen	\$400.00 yearly
Health Officer	\$3.50 per hr. (c)
Auditors	\$225.00 to be divided
Ballot Clerks	\$2.20 per hr.
Justice of the Peace	\$5.00 each meeting
Janitor	\$3.00 per hr.
Benefits:	
(a)	6 Paid Holidays
(b)	50% Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance
(c)	Mileage \$.15 per mile
(d)	Vacation 1 week, after 5 years employment 2 weeks

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LISTERS

Total taxable real estate	\$12,079,662.00
Total taxable personal property	<u>198,828.00</u>
Total taxable real and personal property	\$12,278,490.00
One percent of the listed value	122,784.90
Total listed valuation of taxable polls at \$1.00 ea.	<u>978.00</u>
Total Grand List	\$ 123,762.90

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

The following are poll exemptions:

Disabled veterans, wives and widows	25
Citizens over 65 years of age	214
Poor	10
Military servicemen and wives	<u>28</u>
Total exemptions, polls	277

The following are real estate exemptions:

Veterans (50% or more disability) statutory (8)	\$ 24,000.00
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As of April 1st, 1976 there were 992 individual pieces of property in town. There are 86 listings of personal property.

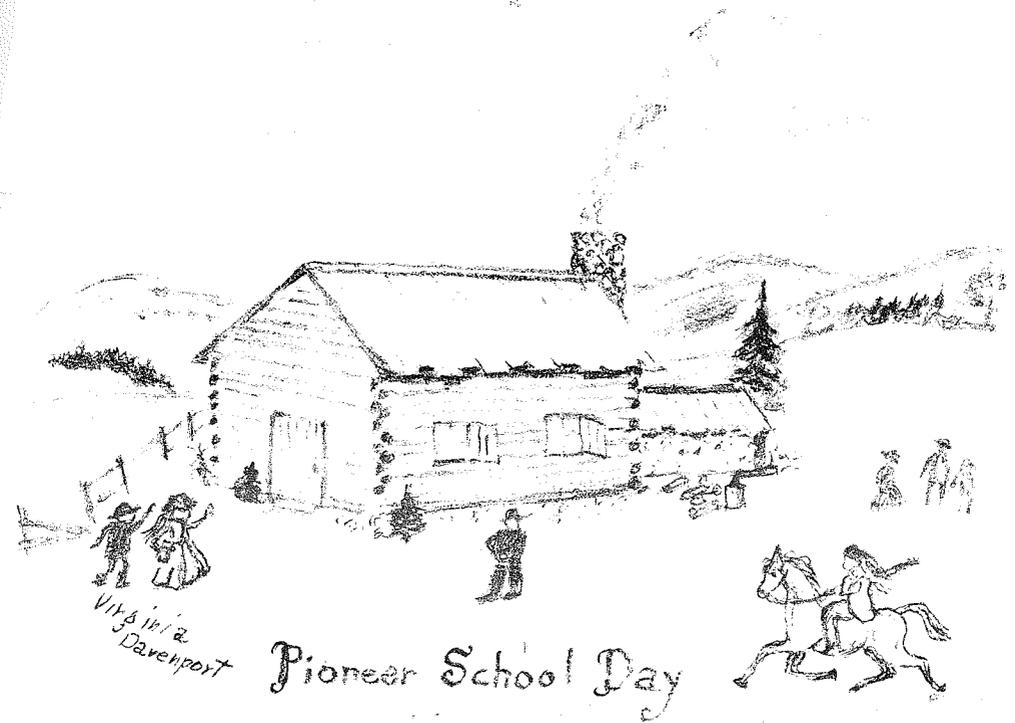
From April 1st, 1975 to April 1st, 1976 there were 132 pieces of property transferred, compared to 107 one year ago.

Below is a list of new dwellings, mobile homes, garages, etc. from the year 1970 through 1976.

Year	Dwl.	M.H.	Garages	Additions	Accs. Bldgs.	Total Const.
1970	18	9	7	13	10	57
1971	16	6	8	9	12	51
1972	26	13	18	29	19	105
1973	20	10	23	34	29	116
1974	14	5	7	24	22	72
1975	19	3	8	19	25	74
1976	21	3	5	16	13	58
Totals	134	49	76	144	130	533

We will once again be asking people to fill out poll tax cards at the March 1st town meeting.

Board of Listers
Arthur J. Bacon
George Davenport
Melba J. Briggs



Virginia
Davenport

Pioneer School Day

* Log Cabin Introduced in America in 1638

**TOWN OF THETFORD
SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPORTS**

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND PROPOSED BUDGET

1977 - 1978

	Proposed Budget	Actual Expense	Estimated Expense	Spent & Estimated	Proposed Budget
	7/1/76 - 6/30/77	6/30/76 - 12/31/76	1/1/77 - 6/30/77	7/1/76 - 6/30/77	7/1/77 - 6/30/78
ADMINISTRATION					
<u>Salaries</u>					
Board of Education	\$ 1,100.00	\$ ---	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Supt's. Office	1,540.00	742.10	742.07	1,484.17	1,619.00
Supt's. Salary	2,322.00	1,009.46	1,009.46	2,018.92	2,200.00
Census	60.00	60.00	---	60.00	60.00
Other Salaries	1,925.00	918.82	918.83	1,837.65	2,004.00
<u>Expenses</u>					
Board of Education	825.00	250.00	575.00	825.00	825.00
Treasurer	30.00	---	30.00	30.00	30.00
Legal Services	---	---	1,500.00	1,500.00	---
Supt's. Office	1,191.00	604.24	604.24	1,208.48	1,318.00
Supt's. Travel	489.00	248.50	248.49	496.99	542.00
Other Expense	559.00	329.85	230.00	559.85	600.00
Contracted Service	57.00	23.42	23.41	46.83	51.00
	\$ 10,098.00	\$ 4,186.39	\$ 6,981.50	\$ 11,167.89	\$ 10,349.00
<u>Instruction</u>					
Teachers	\$122,000.00	\$ 47,783.16	\$ 80,541.84	\$128,325.00	\$130,825.00
Textbooks	1,060.00	1,071.98	---	1,071.98	1,500.00
Library Books	680.00	692.73	---	692.73	1,000.00
Periodicals	220.00	283.76	---	283.76	250.00
Audio Visuals	750.00	559.74	---	559.74	1,200.00
Other Library Expenses	600.00	300.00	---	300.00	600.00

	Proposed Budget	Actual Expense	Estimated Expense	Spent & Estimated	Proposed Budget
	7/1/76 - 6/30/77	6/30/76 - 12/31/76	1/1/77 - 6/30/77	7/1/76 - 6/30/77	7/1/77 - 6/30/78
INSTRUCTION (Cont.)					
Manipulative Inst.	\$ 1,060.00	\$ 526.72	\$ ---	\$ 526.72	\$ 1,200.00
Teaching Supplies	3,960.00	4,213.79	500.00	4,713.79	4,250.00
Other Expense Instr.	250.00	210.95	---	210.95	250.00
Other Expense Misc.	550.00	550.00	---	550.00	550.00
In-Service Training	1,500.00	561.00	400.00	961.00	1,500.00
	\$132,630.00	\$ 56,753.83	\$ 81,441.84	\$138,195.67	\$143,125.00
<u>Health Service</u>					
Physician	\$ 150.00	\$ ---	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
School Nurse	525.00	210.00	315.00	525.00	1,188.00
Nurse's Supplies	75.00	53.24	10.00	63.24	75.00
Misc. OCMH	500.00	536.00	---	536.00	500.00
	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 799.24	\$ 475.00	\$ 1,274.24	\$ 1,913.00
<u>Pupil Transportation</u>					
Salaries - Drivers	\$ 17,600.00	\$ 7,823.79	\$ 10,275.00	\$ 18,098.79	\$ 18,750.00
Bus Insurance	950.00	816.00	---	816.00	1,100.00
Gas and Oil	6,800.00	3,191.14	3,800.00	6,991.14	7,000.00
Tires and Tubes	1,000.00	897.96	102.04	1,000.00	1,200.00
Maintenance	4,000.00	3,518.25	2,300.00	5,818.25	6,000.00
Rent	500.00	---	500.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	200.00	41.94	158.06	200.00	200.00
	\$ 31,050.00	\$ 16,289.08	\$ 17,135.10	\$ 33,424.18	\$ 34,750.00
<u>Operation of Plant</u>					
Custodial Services	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,151.17	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 10,151.17	\$ 11,000.00
Heat	9,400.00	2,879.79	6,520.21	9,400.00	9,600.00

OPERATION OF PLANT (Cont.)					
	Proposed Budget 7/1/76 - 6/30/77	Actual Expense 6/30/76 - 12/31/76	Estimated Expense 1/1/77 - 6/30/77	Spent & Estimated 7/1/76 - 6/30/77	Proposed Budget 7/1/77 - 6/30/78
Electricity	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 745.74	\$ 3,454.26	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
Gas	300.00	68.92	181.08	250.00	250.00
Telephone	1,000.00	524.55	725.45	1,250.00	1,250.00
Custodial Supplies	3,000.00	1,118.11	700.00	1,818.11	2,000.00
	\$ 28,900.00	\$ 9,488.28	\$ 17,581.00	\$ 27,069.28	\$ 28,300.00
<u>Maintenance of Plant</u>					
Grounds	\$ 500.00	\$ 142.30	\$ 357.70	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Building	1,800.00	1,226.14	573.86	1,800.00	1,800.00
Equipment Repair	2,000.00	85.41	900.00	985.41	1,000.00
Instr. Equip. Replace	500.00	447.50	52.50	500.00	500.00
Non-Instr. Equip. Replace	1,000.00	651.20	348.80	1,000.00	16,000.00 Bus
Other Expense	500.00	595.51	100.00	695.51	750.00
	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 3,148.06	\$ 2,332.86	\$ 5,480.92	\$ 20,550.00
<u>Fixed Charges</u>					
Social Security	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 3,811.79	\$ 5,038.21	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 9,600.00
Property Insurance	1,000.00	1,863.50	---	1,863.50	2,000.00
Employee Insurance	5,500.00	2,791.90	2,724.86	5,516.76	6,200.00
Liability (not bus)	---	---	490.00	490.00	490.00
Fidelity Bond	35.00	26.00	---	26.00	35.00
Rent	2,000.00	1,250.00	1,000.00	2,250.00	---
	\$ 17,385.00	\$ 9,743.19	\$ 9,253.07	\$ 18,996.26	\$ 18,325.00
<u>Food Service</u>					
Expense	500.00	25.00	475.00	500.00	100.00

OPERATION OF PLANT (Cont.)					
	Proposed Budget 7/1/76 - 6/30/77	Actual Expense 6/30/76 - 12/31/76	Estimated Expense 1/1/77 - 6/30/77	Spent & Estimated 7/1/76 - 6/30/77	Proposed Budget 7/1/77 - 6/30/78
Bonds	\$ 23,000.00	\$ ---	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
Interest	6,850.00	425.00	6,425.00	6,850.00	14,360.00
	\$ 29,850.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 29,425.00	\$ 29,850.00	\$ 37,360.00
<u>Outgoing Transfer</u>					
Tuition, TA	\$243,400.00	\$ 77,600.00	\$156,000.00	\$233,600.00	\$274,000.00*
Special Education	3,000.00	4,089.37	---	4,089.37	4,000.00
Aid - Fed. and State	3,000.00	239.00	2,761.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
In-State Tuition (Oxbow-Voc.)	---	1,553.16	1,553.16	3,106.32	---
Out-of-State Tuition (Eaton Court Decision)	---	---	1,200.00	1,200.00	---
	\$249,400.00	\$ 83,481.53	\$161,514.16	\$244,995.69	\$281,000.00
Totals	\$507,363.00	\$184,339.60	\$326,614.53	\$510,954.13	\$575,772.00

* \$1,300.00 Tuition per student - Est. 210 pupils (195 this year).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS

January 1, 1977

Balance on Hand - July 1, 1976		
Cash in Bank	\$ 8,209.33	
Petty Cash	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Assets	\$ 8,259.33	
Less Accruals	<u>(8,877.42)</u>	\$ (618.09)
Total on Hand - July 1, 1976		
Income - July 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976		
Taxes	\$448,696.43	
Bus Fares and Rentals	<u>1,232.00</u>	
State of Vermont:		
State Aid for Education	34,958.00	
20% Reimbursement - Debt Service	<u>1,204.00</u>	
Title IV	602.00	
Flood Control	1,575.10	
Federal Grant	<u>1,650.12</u>	489,917.65
Total Available		\$489,299.56
Less Directors' Orders drawn July 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976		<u>184,339.60</u>
Directors' Balance, January 1, 1977		\$304,959.96
Treasurer's Balance - January 1, 1977		
Cash in Bank	\$ 21,519.14	
Certificates of Deposit	<u>290,000.00</u>	
Petty Cash	50.00	
Less Accruals		
Directors' Balance - January 1, 1977		304,959.96
		<u>304,959.96</u>

Anticipated Income - January 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977:

Vocational Aid	\$ 3,000.00	
Bus Income	6,160.00	
Federal Grant	5,449.88	
Interest - Certificate of Deposit	4,000.00	
Debt Retirement - Revenue Sharing	<u>18,000.00</u>	\$ 36,609.88
Anticipated Total Available to June 30, 1977		341,569.84
Less Directors' Orders Anticipated Jan. 1, 1977 to June 30, 1977		<u>326,614.53</u>
Anticipated Surplus		\$ 14,955.31
Estimated Balance and Income for July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978		
Surplus	\$ 45,553.00	
State Aid	3,000.00	
Vocational Aid	7,000.00	
Bus Income	8,010.00	
20% Bond and Interest	3,000.00	
Estimated Interest Income	<u>18,000.00</u>	84,563.00
Revenue Sharing		\$ 99,518.31
Proposed Budget - July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978		\$575,772.00
Less Estimated Balance and Income		<u>99,518.31</u>
Tax Money to be Raised		\$476,253.69

RECAPITULATION

	Proposed Budget 7/1/76 - 6/30/77	Actual Expense 6/30/76 - 12/31/76	Estimated Expense 1/1/77 - 6/30/77	Spent & Estimated 7/1/76 - 6/30/77	Proposed Budget 7/1/77 - 6/30/78	Increase (Decrease)
Administration	\$ 10,098.00	\$ 4,186.39	\$ 6,981.50	\$ 11,167.89	\$ 10,349.00	\$ 251.00
Instruction	132,630.00	56,753.83	81,441.84	138,195.67	143,125.00	10,495.00
Health	1,250.00	799.24	475.00	1,274.24	1,913.00	663.00
Transportation	31,050.00	16,289.08	17,135.10	33,424.18	34,750.00	3,700.00
Oper. of Plant	28,900.00	9,488.28	17,581.00	27,069.28	28,300.00	(600.00)
Maintenance	6,300.00	3,148.06	2,332.86	5,480.92	20,550.00	14,250.00
Fixed Charges	17,385.00	9,743.19	9,253.07	18,996.26	18,325.00	940.00
Food Service	500.00	25.00	475.00	500.00	100.00	(400.00)
Debt Service	29,850.00	425.00	29,425.00	29,850.00	37,360.00	7,510.00
Outgoing Transfer	249,400.00	83,481.53	161,514.16	244,995.69	281,000.00	31,600.00
Total	\$507,363.00	\$184,339.60	\$326,614.53	\$510,954.13	\$575,772.00	\$ 68,409.00

THETFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance January 1, 1976

\$ 26,828.23

RECEIPTS:

Taxes	\$448,696.43	
State Aid for Education	34,958.00	
Vocational Education		
Consumer and Homemaking	1,460.75	
Transportation	2,160.00	
Technical	7,111.02	
Special FBLA	800.00	
U. S. Treasurer - HEW	1,200.00	
Right to Read Program	95.00	
NDEA Title III & Title IV-B ESEA	794.59	
State Fire Fighter Assoc.	85.00	
Forest and Parks (lease rental)	21.00	
State reimbursement 20% indebtedness	1,204.00	
Federal Employment Grant	3,452.28	
Flood Control	1,575.10	
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	3,691.27	
Bus Transportation	5,867.04	
School Construction (reimbursement)	48,926.26	
Town Loan	3,200.00	
Certificates of Deposit	245,389.58	810,687.32
		<u>\$837,515.55</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

	<u>815,996.41</u>
Balance cash on hand December 31, 1976	\$ 21,519.14
Certificates of Deposit	290,000.00
Petty Cash (Principal's Office)	<u>50.00</u>
Total Balance of Funds December 31, 1976	\$311,569.14

Emily E. Hood, Treasurer

**THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

RECEIPTS:	Jan. 1- June 30	July 1- Dec. 31	Total 1976	1975
Taxes				
Bus fares and rentals		\$448,696.43	\$448,696.43	\$326,108.50
State of Vermont:	\$ 4,635.04	1,232.00	5,867.04	3,600.00
State aid for education		34,958.00	34,958.00	73,555.00
Vocational education	9,456.77		9,456.77	8,431.01
20% reimbursement principal and interest		1,204.00	1,204.00	1,238.00
Land rental	21.00		21.00	21.00
Right to read workshop	95.00		95.00	40.00
Tuition				505.00
Vocational transportation	2,160.00		2,160.00	2,160.00
Reimbursement - equipment				1,935.88
Title III	192.59		192.59	162.95
Title IV		602.00	602.00	
Flood control		1,575.10	1,575.10	
School bond construction	48,926.26		48,926.26	1,500.98
Miscellaneous:				
Interest on certificates of deposit	3,691.27		3,691.27	3,567.58
Federal grant	1,802.16	1,650.12	3,452.28	13,297.47
Gift				25.00
Insurance claims				494.50
HEW	1,200.00		1,200.00	
Total receipts	\$ 72,180.09	\$489,917.65	\$562,097.74	\$436,642.87
Less disbursements (Schedule 1)	299,277.52	184,339.60	483,617.12	422,703.79
Excess receipts over disbursements	\$(227,097.43)	\$305,578.05	\$ 78,480.62	\$ 13,939.08

**THETFORD TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

Schedule I

ADMINISTRATION	Jan. 1- June 30	July 1- Dec. 31	Total 1976	1975
Salaries:				
Board of education	\$ 1,100.00		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,075.00
Salaries for superintendent's office	713.70	742.10	1,455.80	1,458.72
Superintendent's salary	1,076.38	1,009.46	2,085.84	2,256.46
Census enumeration		60.00	60.00	120.00
Other salaries	892.42	918.82	1,811.24	1,870.36
Contracted services	\$ 3,782.50	\$ 2,730.38	\$ 6,512.88	\$ 6,780.54
Other expenses:	\$ 26.22	\$ 23.42	\$ 49.64	\$ 26.22
Board of education	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00	\$ ---
Board secretary office	1,648.00	1,657.44	3,305.44	2,394.16
School elections				256.77
Superintendent's office	575.62	719.24	1,294.86	1,076.62
Superintendent's travel	226.66	248.50	475.16	475.00
Printing and publishing				49.46
Miscellaneous expense for administration	529.51	464.85	994.36	837.51
INSTRUCTION	\$ 3,029.79	\$ 3,090.03	\$ 6,119.82	\$ 5,089.52
Teachers	\$ 73,095.16	\$ 46,125.72	\$ 119,220.88	\$ 112,986.49
Salaries for secretarial and clerical services for teachers				567.00
Other salaries for instruction	300.00		300.00	
Textbooks	11.60	1,471.98	1,483.58	959.97
School library books	72.85	292.73	365.58	419.14

Disbursements for Year Ended December 31

INSTRUCTION (Cont.)	Jan. 1- June 30	July 1- Dec. 31	Total 1976	1975
Periodicals and newspapers	\$ 57.69	\$ 283.76	\$ 341.45	\$ 178.70
Audiovisual materials	239.35	559.74	799.09	241.88
Other school library expense	---	300.00	300.00	300.00
Instructional manipulated devices	---	526.72	526.72	635.05
Teaching supplies	1,147.95	4,213.79	5,361.74	5,599.50
Miscellaneous supplies for instruction	135.79	210.95	346.74	258.04
Travel expense for instruction	165.80	673.79	839.59	156.00
Other expenses - miscellaneous	---	550.00	550.00	450.00
In service training and professional meetings	968.50	561.00	1,529.50	411.00
	\$ 76,194.69	\$ 55,770.18	\$ 131,964.87	\$ 123,212.77
HEALTH SERVICES				
Salaries - school nurse	\$ 315.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 210.00
Supplies	1.43	53.24	54.67	119.49
Miscellaneous	132.00	76.00	208.00	61.00
Other:	---	---	---	---
Community Health Services	---	---	---	1,589.00
Orange County Mental Health	---	460.00	460.00	888.00
	\$ 448.43	\$ 799.24	\$ 1,247.67	\$ 2,867.49
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE				
Salaries - drivers	\$ 10,896.09	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 18,046.09	\$ 15,364.91
Contracted services and public carriers	---	---	---	1,717.50
Bus insurance	66.30	816.00	882.30	926.70
Gasoline	2,978.44	2,808.42	5,786.86	5,704.45
Oil, grease, lubricants - Ford	77.35	89.52	166.87	223.91

Disbursements for Year Ended December 31

PUPIL TRANS. SERVICE (Cont.)	Jan. 1- June 30	July 1- Dec. 31	Total 1976	1975
-- Internationals	\$ 442.64	\$ 293.20	\$ 735.84	\$ 705.17
Tires and tubes -- Ford	25.00	644.56	669.56	637.41
-- Internationals	769.56	253.40	1,022.96	743.01
Maintenance of vehicles by private garages - Ford	1,283.22	1,133.15	2,416.37	765.78
-- Internationals	3,080.28	2,385.10	5,465.38	3,004.90
Rent for pupil transportation -- Ford	100.00	---	100.00	100.00
-- Internationals	400.00	---	400.00	400.00
Miscellaneous	65.00	41.94	106.94	28.00
	\$ 20,183.88	\$ 15,615.29	\$ 35,799.17	\$ 30,321.74
OPERATION OF PLANT				
Salaries - custodial services	\$ 4,093.00	\$ 3,679.92	\$ 7,772.92	\$ 8,300.92
Contracted services	70.00	471.25	541.25	290.50
Heat for buildings - oil	5,221.05	2,579.81	7,800.86	6,060.38
- electricity	947.07	299.98	1,247.05	1,146.12
Water and sewerage	---	10.00	10.00	1,050.32
Electricity	2,406.48	745.74	3,152.22	2,819.52
Gas	212.78	68.92	281.70	251.63
Telephone and telegraph	707.62	524.55	1,232.17	1,029.08
Custodial supplies	693.54	1,108.11	1,801.65	2,778.59
Supplies for operation of vehicles	---	---	---	1.18
Other supplies	94.50	---	94.50	40.95
	\$ 14,446.04	\$ 9,488.28	\$ 23,934.32	\$ 23,769.19

Disbursements for Year Ended December 31

<u>MAINTENANCE OF PLANT</u>	Jan. 1- June 30	July 1- Dec. 31	Total 1976	1975
Contracted Services - grounds	\$ 784.00	\$ 142.30	\$ 926.30	\$ 656.00
-- repair of buildings	1,263.05	1,226.14	2,489.19	2,204.38
-- repair of equipment	310.26	85.41	395.67	787.60
Instructional equipment	---	1,098.70	1,098.70	952.37
Non-instructional equipment	---	---	---	1,786.98
Other expenses - grounds	65.00	---	65.00	240.00
-- buildings	305.42	581.17	886.59	1,091.36
-- equipment	44.30	14.34	58.64	49.65
	<u>\$ 2,772.03</u>	<u>\$ 3,148.06</u>	<u>\$ 5,920.09</u>	<u>\$ 7,768.54</u>
<u>FIXED CHARGES</u>				
Social Security	\$ 4,264.83	\$ 3,811.79	\$ 8,076.62	\$ 7,665.23
Property insurance	1,549.50	1,863.50	3,413.00	73.00
Employee insurance	1,823.58	2,791.90	4,615.48	3,686.31
Liability insurance	---	26.00	26.00	36.00
Fidelity bond premium	36.00	---	36.00	---
Land and buildings for instruction	---	1,250.00	1,250.00	2,750.00
Interest on current loans	---	---	---	115.70
	<u>\$ 7,673.91</u>	<u>\$ 9,743.19</u>	<u>\$ 17,417.10</u>	<u>\$ 14,326.24</u>
FOOD SERVICES - Other expenses	\$ 426.61	\$ 25.00	\$ 451.61	\$ 233.03
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>				
Professional services for sites	\$ 1,408.00	\$ ---	\$ 1,408.00	\$ 500.00
Professional services for buildings	23,386.23	---	23,386.23	---
New buildings and building additions	3,330.00	---	3,330.00	---

Disbursements for Year Ended December 31

<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY (Cont.)</u>	Jan. 1- June 30	July 1- Dec. 31	Total 1976	1975
Equipment - instruction	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 132.52
	<u>\$ 28,124.23</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 28,124.23</u>	<u>\$ 632.52</u>
<u>DEBT SERVICE FROM CURRENT FUNDS</u>				
Principal of Debt - bonds	\$ 5,000.00	\$ ---	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Interest on debt - bonds	510.00	425.00	935.00	1,105.00
	<u>\$ 5,510.00</u>	<u>\$ 425.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,935.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,105.00</u>
<u>OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS</u>				
Tuition - expenditures to other school districts	\$ 1,872.84	\$ 1,553.16	\$ 3,426.00	\$ 2,801.83
-- Thetford Academy	125,499.58	77,600.00	203,099.58	187,782.56
Vocational refunds	9,286.77	239.00	9,525.77	9,583.51
Expenditures to special education	---	4,089.37	4,089.37	1,403.09
	<u>\$136,659.19</u>	<u>\$ 83,481.53</u>	<u>\$220,140.72</u>	<u>\$201,570.99</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$299,277.52</u>	<u>\$184,339.60</u>	<u>\$483,617.12</u>	<u>\$422,703.79</u>

1. See Page 67 for full amount of Architect Fee
2. See Page 72 for Thetford Academy Operation Account

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

ASSETS	1975	1976	Increase (Decrease)
Cash	\$ 26,828.23	\$ 21,519.14	\$ (5,309.09)
Certificates of deposit	205,389.58	290,000.00	84,610.42
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00	---
Total Assets	<u>\$232,267.81</u>	<u>\$311,569.14</u>	<u>\$79,301.33</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accrued federal withholding	\$ 1,267.31	\$ 1,405.85	\$ 138.54
Accrued state withholding	345.24	382.95	37.71
Accrued social security	2,133.36	2,285.48	152.12
Accrued Blue Cross	230.80	214.38	(16.42)
Accrued teachers retirement	1,811.76	2,320.52	508.76
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 5,788.47</u>	<u>\$ 6,609.18</u>	<u>\$ 820.71</u>
SURPLUS			
Total liabilities and surplus	<u>\$226,479.34</u>	<u>\$304,959.96</u>	<u>\$78,480.62</u>
	<u>\$232,267.81</u>	<u>\$311,569.14</u>	<u>\$79,301.33</u>

Note: Bonded debt not included in Balance Sheets.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND ADMINISTRATION**

The addition to the elementary school has been completed. It is an excellent facility and reflects the town of Thetford's dedication and commitment to excellence for its children.

Our enrollment stands at 226 elementary and 195 secondary. We are fortunate to have retained all of our teachers from last year. The staff has continued to improve the Reading Program and our test results indicate impressive growth. In addition a new Social Studies Program has been implemented in grades 3 and 4 this year. Work has also begun to update the mathematics and writing programs. These areas will remain priorities for 1977-78.

We continue to participate in the Orange East Supervisory Union Remedial Reading Program. A speech pathologist has been added to the Orange East special programs this year. Thetford receives speech services one day each week. The 1977-78 budget includes \$3,000 as a 25% share of a learning disabilities specialist. The balance of the position will be funded through district special education funds.

The 1977-78 budget proposal requests an increase of \$68,409 and requires a tax increase of \$27,557.26 or 6.1%. Some of the major items of increase are: \$10,495 for negotiated staff salary increases and the addition of the learning disabilities specialist (200 series); \$15,000 to replace one bus (700 series); \$7,500 to pay the interest on the construction loan for the addition (1300 series); \$32,000 in increased tuition costs.

We are anticipating a 1976-77 surplus of nearly \$15,000 which will be carried to 1977-78 to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes. It should be noted that using this surplus to reduce taxes this year will necessitate raising an additional \$15,000 next year just to maintain level funding. Income projections for 1977-78 also include an appropriation of \$18,000 from revenue sharing funds to pay one payment on our indebtedness. Additional income from State aid and other sources makes the necessary tax rate increase only 14¢ or less than 4%.

Every effort has been made to keep increases to a minimum and we urge you to support the proposal as presented.

Another important question which must be decided at town meeting is that of whether or not to designate Thetford Academy. Much controversy has arisen over this issue, and, as a result, some positive communication has emerged and some constructive action taken. It will be important for each voter to examine all of the facts and vote accordingly.

We invite you to visit school and to use the facilities. We also extend an invitation for you to attend and participate in school board meetings. The board meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Special meetings are announced in advance.

John D. Fontana
Superintendent
Robert W. Kellog
Assistant Superintendent
Robert F. Johnston, Principal

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Barker, Jr.
Laurence Babcock
Martha Wiencke
School Directors

**THETFORD ELEMENTARY TEACHERS SALARY SCHEDULE
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1976 - 77**

Step	B.S.	B.A.+15	B.A.+30(M.A.)
(Normally years of experience)			
1	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,630
2	7,315	7,525	7,945
3	7,630	7,840*	8,260
4	7,945*	8,155	8,575
5	8,260*	8,470*	8,890
6	8,575*	8,785*	9,310
7	8,890	9,205*	9,730
8	9,310	9,625	10,150
9	9,730	10,045	10,570
10	10,150*	10,465*	10,990**

Non Degree 9520*

* Indicates number of teachers in each step.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
23	26	35	36	39	27	40	226

A decrease of 2 pupils from last year

**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
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

SCHOOL BOND CONSTRUCTION

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Professional Site Services	
R. Bilyard (architect)	\$ 1,107.46
Briggs (engineer)	3,785.00
Town of Thetford	25.00
Dubois & King	500.75
Aqua Wells	4,625.00
Otterman & Allen	280.00
Twin State Surveys	200.00
Dept. of Water Resources	20.00
McGreavy	59.25
Site Acquisition	
Briggs (engineer)	260.00
D'Ambrosio	13,050.00
Richardson Association	500.00
Vermont Department of Taxes	62.25
Site Improvements	
R. Howard	105.00
Foster Concrete	697.40
Professional Building Service	
R. Bilyard (architect)	33,794.45
Bradford National Bank	8.98
H. Jacobs	1,050.00
Contractor	
H. P. Cummings	343,589.70
Remodeling	
R. Howard	732.00
Barker Equipment	200.00
Interest on Notes	154.52
Bank Notes	31,435.00
Administration	352.86
Grounds	83.75
Miscellaneous	15.96
	<u>\$436,694.33</u>

RECEIPTS:	
School Bond	\$360,000.00
Bank Notes	116,435.00
State School Construction Aid	78,920.40
Interest on C.D.'s	6,552.52
	<u>\$561,907.92</u>
	\$125,213.59

ASSETS:	
Check Book	\$ 213.59
Certificate of Deposit	125,000.00

LIABILITIES:	
School Bond	\$360,000.00
Howard Bank Notes	85,000.00

Emily E. Hood, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE
PRINCIPAL OF THETFORD ACADEMY

January 1977

General Information

Thetford Academy began the school year with an enrollment as follows: Grade 12, 52; Grade 11, 49; Grade 10, 67; Grade 9, 72; Grade 8, 37; Grade 7, 55; total enrollment, 332.

The breakdown by town is as follows: Thetford, 195; West Fairlee, 41; Ver-shire, 39; Strafford, 34; Lyme, 15; Fairlee, 4; Corinth, 2; parents, 2.

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 full day per week).

Through the addition of Mrs. Lynn Smith, more work in reading is being done at the eighth and ninth grade levels. We are also working with pilot materials for basic competencies as outlined by the State Department of Education in the areas of language arts, mathematics and reasoning. We are using these materials, as are many other schools in the state, to assist the state department to come up with basic competencies that must be reached before a student can be graduated. Schools must show that they have made provisions to assist all students capable of having reached a fifth grade level of competencies in key areas basic to successful functioning in society. A record on how each student stands in attainment of basic competencies must be kept from grade one on.

An art appreciation course for interested freshmen has been established as an adjunct to but not an integral part of world history. Some ten students are enrolled with Mrs. Considine. Two senior students enrolled in courses at Dartmouth College.

Our soccer and field hockey teams both reached the tournament this year and we have two state officers in the Future Business Leaders of America.

I was elected president of the Vermont Headmasters' Association at our annual meeting last September. As president I'll be conducting the monthly meetings of the Executive Council of the V.H.A., serving as a member of the Vermont Education Management Coordinating Council, and representing the V.H.A. at various functions here in the state and in the New England region. I also represented Vermont at the annual convention of the National Association of Secondary School Principals held in New Orleans where I served on the Board of Nominators and the National Advisory Council.

Evaluation by the New England Association of
Schools and Colleges

On October 19, 1976 the Executive Committee met with Ralph West of the N.E.A.S.C. to discuss the procedure to be followed should the trustees decide to undergo the evaluation process necessary pursuant to membership in the N.E.A.S.C.

The following statements of principle about the evaluation process are taken from the *Manual for School Evaluation* which is published by the N.E.A.S.C.:

1. An institution is to be evaluated in terms of its own statement of purposes and objectives, assuming this statement reflects legitimate educational and social goals.
2. The self-evaluation by the institution is vital to the total process of evaluation. This is the aspect of the procedure that is of most value to the school and also provides the material that is necessary to the work of a visiting committee and an appropriate reviewing body.
3. The entire process is thought of in terms of a constructive exercise for the school, designed for improvement of the educational process. It is not an effort either to impose a strait-jacket on a school or to project any preconceived notion of what should be.
4. Since accrediting associations historically in this country are voluntary membership organizations, they must proceed independently to develop their own standards for membership and accreditation thereby. Nevertheless they are not insensitive to their social responsibilities and certain political realities.

The evaluation report is based on several considerations: 1) how well the school's program meets its stated purposes and objectives; 2) relationship of the school to students, graduates, parents and the community; 3) the quality and effectiveness of the professional staff; 4) the program of the school; 5) the decision making process; 6) the administration of the institution.

Probably the most valuable aspect of accreditation by the N.E.A.S.C. is the self-evaluation which the school undergoes. Also, as part of this evaluation we would have to establish more written policy statements about all aspects of the school than we have in the past. There is a definite need for such policy statements. Also the self-evaluation will force all those connected with it to take a critical look at themselves with a view to improving any deficiencies found. The visiting committee then take a look at the school and evaluate it.

The trustees have moved to undergo the evaluation process during 1977. This is not a short-term process but will extend over a period of time. Self-evaluation committees will utilize faculty members, students, parents, and others from the community so that input can be as complete as possible in improving our school.

New Building Addition

The trustees have approved the erection of a new \$420,000 addition that will better meet the needs of industrial arts (shop), business education, homemaking, art, music and give much greater capabilities in the area of visual aids.

At the present time our shop area is overcrowded because it is shared with agriculture classes; our state approved vocational business education program must have available more adequate facilities. If it is to continue to grow and receive some reimbursement from the State Department of Education; homemaking classes at present are overcrowded with some kitchen equipment fast becoming obsolete; the art program enrolls over 100 students and will be greatly aided by new

equipment and more space available in the new addition; a quiet area for music with adequate storage for instruments and sound proof practice rooms will greatly enhance the music program; some form of graphic arts and printing will be possible with the new facility; an audio-visual room which will help to give us capabilities in this area which we do not have now and will improve our total program in all subject areas; a teaching darkroom will make it possible to do even more than we are doing now in the field of photography.

The new addition will also enable us to have space available for other offerings in our program.

Additional Administrator

The additional full-time administrator whose primary job is the daily operation of the school program will free the headmaster of the school to devote more time to public relations, liaison work with area school boards and support agencies, continued but expanded contacts with the State Department of Education, investigation of possible foundation grants which could not only improve the school's programs but also help tuition costs, general fund raising for the building fund, and investigation of possible federal funds.

In a private school such as the Academy, the headmaster devotes much of his time to functions usually carried on by a superintendent in a public system. The result is that some needs are met and some areas covered well and some are not through the necessity, because of time limitations, establishing a priority of needs. Usually the nitty-gritty daily workings of the school take priority, thus resulting in inadequate time spent on the areas mentioned above and on long term planning. The new position should alleviate this problem.

Maintenance and Janitorial Personnel

The trustees have hired a full-time maintenance man and an additional custodian to replace the combination maintenance-janitorial position vacant since the end of November. Much justifiable criticism has been leveled at the trustees because of the condition of some of the buildings. The employment of the new personnel should go far toward improving the situation.

Other Concerns

As is the case throughout much of the country, concern has been expressed about the quality of the program of studies being offered at the Academy. The trustees are also concerned since the discussion of the possibility of New England evaluation began some four or five years ago. We must provide a comprehensive program which does the best with the resources at hand for all students, regardless of ability. Through self-evaluation and concerns openly expressed by interested citizens we can become aware of areas of concern and attempt to solve problems as they arrive.

Although the percentage of students going on to college has decreased the last few years, we are still close to the percentage going on from other schools in the area according to State Department statistics. Our drop-out rate is less than two percent through the school year of 1975-76.

Approval of the Academy by the Vermont State Department was last given in 1974 for a three year period following a visitation by nine members of the State Department. We are presently awaiting approval since approval is renewed every three years. After visiting the school in late November and inspecting the facilities and going over curriculum offerings, Howard Kimball, Consultant for Secondary School Services for the State of New Hampshire, recommended approval of Thetford Academy to the New Hampshire State Board of Education.

Should we receive approval following a New England Association of Schools and Colleges evaluative study, this will serve as the instrument of approval by the Vermont State Department.

The question of whether or not the trustees are responsive to the needs of the area should be attested to by the fact that over two million dollars worth of buildings have been added since 1948, at no cost to the taxpayers for construction costs. However, if they are to continue to meet the needs of the area students they do need input from concerned citizens. These are several ways to express those concerns: 1) by calling the principal of the school; 2) by expressing concern to the trustee from each town who serves as the public trustee; 3) by expressing concern to public school boards who can then make these concerns known to the trustees or principal of the Academy.

I am confident if better lines of communication are established and an additional administrator, one of whose primary concerns is regular contact with area school boards and other concerned citizens, is hired, then we will have taken steps which will result in making the Academy a better school than it already is. We will have also taken the first steps toward eliminating misunderstandings and misinformation on the part of both citizens and those responsible for the operation of the Academy.

The one common goal we all share is to provide the best possible educational, social and community experiences for our young people. Working together we can provide a school which will achieve this goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruel G. Barrett, Principal

THETFORD ACADEMY ENROLLMENT OF THETFORD STUDENTS FOR 1976-1977

Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
40	27	38	38	27	25	195

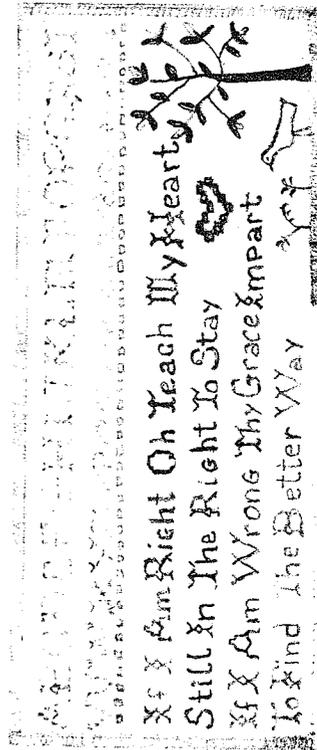
THETFORD ACADEMY OPERATING ACCOUNT

INCOME:	1975-1976	1976-1977	1977-1978
Tuition	\$329,732.97	\$380,800.00	\$400,400.00
Reimbursement from Office	959.73	925.00	950.00
Reimbursements from State (\$1,324.88 due 1974-75)	11,506.52	9,600.00	9,600.00
For Homemaking-Agriculture-Bus. Ed. etc.			
Town of Thetford - gift	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
State Student Conventions (in and out item)	1,447.23	1,400.00	1,400.00
Scholarships	2,825.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Rent	5,051.25	5,400.00	5,400.00
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	445.24	300.00	249.00
Miscellaneous	145.61	150.00	150.00
Total Income	\$353,113.55	\$401,575.00	\$421,149.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			
Teachers Salaries	\$216,142.84	\$222,311.60	\$244,167.00
Clerical Salaries	5,462.00	5,462.00	5,462.00
Nurse	---	1,100.00	1,200.00
Custodial Service	15,840.15	18,500.00	22,000.00
Social Security	13,780.86	15,050.22	16,043.00
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	8,353.55	7,632.84	7,800.00
Extra Curricular Activities (Teachers-Coaching-Drama, Music etc.)	4,100.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
College Courses (Teachers)	615.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Student Activity Account	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Supplies and Equipment	34,391.54	18,000.00	19,000.00
Improvements and Maintenance	17,894.27	24,000.00	23,500.00
Electricity	8,307.11	8,800.00	8,800.00

THETFORD ACADEMY ACCT. (Cont.)

	1975-1976	1976-1977	1977-1978
Heat	\$ 15,481.59	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 17,000.00
Books (Classes)	4,583.13	4,500.00	4,500.00
Library	2,377.99	3,300.00	3,500.00
Telephone	1,246.55	1,250.00	1,250.00
Insurance	3,316.00	4,607.00	4,607.00
Scholarships and Awards	2,855.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Vermont Headmasters Association	314.00	330.00	350.00
Vermont School Board Association	---	---	250.00
New England Accreditation	---	---	1,500.00
Postage	405.61	425.00	425.00
Thetford Academy - Europe	1,000.00	---	---
Accounting and Legal	635.00	---	---
Motor Vehicle Registration	163.00	165.00	165.00
Bus Account	6,703.67	6,800.00	8,200.00
Bus Drivers	---	5,400.00	5,400.00
Mower Rentals	324.00	---	---
Snow Plowing	384.00	500.00	500.00
Student Conventions (In and Out)	1,447.23	1,400.00	1,400.00
Driver Education	727.21	800.00	800.00
Transportation and Travel	2,446.25	3,000.00	3,000.00
Gas for lawnmowers, snow plow etc.	260.06	300.00	300.00
Requirement of Agency Environmental Conservation	---	12,000.00	3,000.00
Requirement of Bureau of Labor & Industry	---	10,500.00	8,000.00
Miscellaneous	731.84	700.00	700.00
Total Disbursements	\$371,289.95	\$401,433.66	\$420,919.00

1975-76					
Balance 9/1/75	\$ 27,818.82	Income	\$401,575.00	\$421,149.00	
Income 75-76	353,113.55	Disbursement	401,433.66	420,919.00	
Total	\$380,932.37		\$ 141.34	\$ 230.00	
Disbursement 75-76	371,289.95				
Balance	\$ 9,642.92				



c. 1795 - Part of a New England schoolgirl's sampler.

REPORT OF THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Dear Neighbors:

Due to my outspoken concern for equal educational opportunities for all Vermont children, I have again been appointed to the House Education Committee. Based on a preliminary head-counting of the members of this committee, there is some hope that educational finance reform could receive favorable attention this winter. However, even if a new state aid formula is approved by my committee, there will be many more obstacles to overcome before the measure takes effect. Unfortunately, many of the current legislative leaders (curiously, from urban areas) are not interested in lending support to a reform proposal that would result in greater tax relief for our "land-rich and income-poor" towns . . . But the struggle goes on.

There has been much concern over the performance of the Public Service Board in protecting the consumers and regulating utilities. I am sponsoring legislation that expands the Board to five members and reforms the method of appointment. This idea and related proposals, including one by Governor Snelling, share the overriding intent of providing better public protection and more rational, independent energy planning for our future. I am also continuing my battle with the utilities over the appropriateness of rate-payers footing the bill for utility advertising, biased bill stuffers, political activities, and lobbying expenses. H.67, with ten other sponsors, and H.68 specify that stockholders, not customers, shall be responsible for the above costs.

I am pleased to report that the gradual up-lift in the national economy has resulted in an increase of tax revenues here in Vermont. If prudent management continues during the Snelling administration, there will be no need of increased taxes in Vermont in the next few years. Given this improving fiscal situation, I am hopeful that meaningful tax reforms can be adopted.

I am very busy this session promoting my own bills and following other important legislation. My proposals range from educational aid reform to Fish and Game bills from lobbyist disclosure to providing greater protection for Fast Squad (emergency care) volunteers. I have been elected to represent and serve you. If you have a problem, an interest, or an opinion about state government, please contact me. I am home (785-1652) most weekends during the legislative session.

Sincerely,
Rep. Thomas W. Bonnett
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Virginia Davenport
1976

RECORD OF VITAL STATISTICS
MARRIAGES 1976

Groom	Bride	Residence	Residence	Date	Place
Allen, Stanley J.	Rexford, Lenore V.	Thetford	Thetford	6-26-76	Thetford
Cloud, James L.	Thurston, Penny Ann	West Fairlee	Thetford	7-17-76	Norwich
Coffin, John G. III	Chaplin, Julie L.	Thetford	Thetford	5-2-76	Thetford
Cook, Gary L.	Grady, Darlene F.	Thetford	Fairlee	5-29-76	West Fairlee Ctr.
Cook, Guy M.	Cadwell, Wendy A.	Thetford	Thetford	8-14-76	Thetford
deMoll, James E.	Lancaster, Jane A.	Thetford	Hanover, NH	9-25-76	White River Jct.
Eastman, Paul E.	Cook, Donna-Lee	West Fairlee	Thetford	11-6-76	Thetford
Huggett, Robert L.	Lund, Bonnie May	Thetford	Thetford	7-17-76	Thetford
Huntley, Merton W.	Roberts, Leola S.	Thetford	Thetford	3-24-76	Thetford
MacDonald, Brian P.	Day, Edith M.	Portsmouth, RI	Portsmouth, RI	5-9-76	Strafford
O'Brian, Danford L.	Waite, Patricia Anne	Thetford	Thetford	8-21-76	Thetford
Paige, Ellis L.	Burroughs, Wanita L.	Thetford	Thetford	10-9-76	Thetford
Schmidt, John	Johnson, Joanne E.	Thetford	Hamden, Conn.	12-6-75	Hamden, Conn.
Stowell, George D.	Adams, Janet E.	Thetford	Vershire	6-25-76	Thetford
Wamboldt, Robert A.	Cutts, Aletha M.	Thetford	Thetford	9-25-76	Thetford

DEATHS 1976

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Place	Burial
Ray L. Allen	M	84	6/26/76	Hartford	Lunenburg
Ruth Anderson	F	75	3/14/76	Vernon	Thetford
Ralph L. Bean	M	78	6/10/76	Tilton, N. H.	Post Mills
Lawrence Bond	M	73	9/6/76	Hanover	Union Village
Stephen G. Bond	M		3/7/76	Washington	Union Village
Rose Bonnett	F	81	1/11/76	Hanover	N. Thetford
Edna E. Chamberlin	F	62	6/21/76	Lebanon	Post Mills

Deaths 1976 (Continued)

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Place	Burial
Alice D. Chapin	F	86	9/29/76	Hanover	N. Thetford
Albert Lee Cowles	M	84	7/9/76	Hanover	Thetford
Clifford W. Durkee	M	82	4/20/76	Rutland	Post Mills
Hawley A. George	M	81	4/15/76	Ely	Fairlee
Lee G. Gilman	M	73	10/25/76	Hanover	Thetford
Lewis Goodrich	M	39	10/10/76	Hanover	Post Mills
Roger W. Higgins	M	78	10/17/76	Lawrence, Ma.	Harvard Med. School
Clarence Lane	M	72	8/9/76	S. Barre	Post Mills
Vera P. Palmer	F	89	4/27/76	Quincy, Ma	Post Mills
Myron Robinson	M	70	1/8/76	Hanover	Post Mills
Pearl Sanborn	F	90	10/28/76	Marlboro, Ma	Thetford
Armstrong W. Sperry	M	78	4/26/76	Hanover	Thetford
Howard K. Smith	M	71	3/16/76	Somerville, Ma.	N. Thetford
Leon Valentine Stevens	M	90	7/11/76	Chelsea	N. Thetford
Ethel M. Vaughan	F	91	3/10/76	Michigan	N. Thetford
Helen Warrington	F	69	10/29/75		Thetford

BIRTHS 1976

Name	Date	Place	Mother	Father
Adams, Brodic Gray	11/22/76	Randolph	Kirstin Williams	Bruce Graham Adams
Berger, Noah	7/6/76	Hanover	Carole Bernsten	Charles Jay Berger
Bouchard, Zachary I.	3/17/76	Berlin, Vt.	Martha Ellen Baker	Michael Jude Bouchard
Braley, Christina Dale	10/1/76	Randolph	Linda Sue Tilton	George Minier Braley
Dallett, John Sheridan	8/5/76	Hanover	Mary Sheridan	John Dallett, Jr.
DeLong, Brenda Jean	7/11/76	Lebanon	Connie Lee Doyle	Richard David DeLong
Dobrow, Joshua Nathaniel	10/24/76	Hanover	Grace Laureen Reynolds	Matthew Isle Dobrow
Eastman, Debra Joyce	7/21/76	Hanover	Candace Ann Eastman	Ervine Roy Eastman
Espiritu, Lorris Nodora	12/21/76	Hanover	Estrella Pacleb Nodora	Catalino Garcia Espiritu
Fahey, Clifford Erni	9/7/76	Hanover	Susan Lee Thurston	Kevin George Fahey
Fifield, Evelyn Adele	4/19/76	Randolph	Norma Adele Benjamin	Derek Allen Fifield
Fungcharoen, Gina Paradee	11/15/76	Hanover	Evelyn Bandolin	Somchat Fungcharoen
Godfrey, Dawn Marie	3/5/76	Lebanon	Nancy Lee Rose	Wayne Harland Godfrey
Grossman, Emily Margaret	7/12/76	Lebanon	Dana Marie Cook	Daniel Francis Grossman
Harris, Dustin Willard	7/26/76	Hanover	Julie Marie Ware	James Andrus Harris
Harris, Michael Quincy	6/12/76	Hanover	Bonnie Lynn Eastin	Peter Quincy Harris
Harvey, Rachel Gwen	7/1/76	Hanover	Mary Lloyed Lewis	Benson Harvey, Jr.
Jackson, Tawnya Dee	2/4/76	Lebanon	Jill E. McAllister	Robert E. Jackson
Kimball, Tomas E. C.	2/12/76	Hanover	Ida Ann Raymond	Edward C. Kimball
Lee, Colin John	12/1/76	Hanover	Sharon Joy Horter	Leslie John Lee
Ludwig, Erich Robert	5/11/76	Hanover	Ann Louise Matlock	David Lawrence Ludwig
MacPhail, Duncan Moss	4/12/76	Lebanon	Ann Lewers Pinkerton	Bruce Glidden MacPhail
Pero, Sonya Marie	9/18/76	Newton, Ma	Patricia Ruth Swain	Gary Dale Pero
Ricard, Rebecca Anne	9/23/76	Hanover	Marilyn Frances Lang	John Alpha Ricard
Sanborn, Troy Anthony	5/4/76	Lebanon	Lydia Jane Lewis	William Melvin Sanborn, Jr.
Southworth, Tonya Marie	4/17/76	Lebanon	Doris Mary Cheney	Robert Edward Southworth
Stanley, Todd Clitus	4/17/76	Hanover	Sharon Ann Hoisington	Jerry Orville Stanley
Stephens, Sean Christopher	8/1/76	Lebanon	Margaret Ann Aldrich	John Harris Stephens
Tilden, Martha Ann	4/3/76	Hanover	Nancy Jean Knights	Benjamin Keene Tilden
Waterman, Jason Allen	9/18/76	Hanover	Dona Marie Durkee	Michael Richard Waterman
Wilmot, Wallace John	2/7/76	Lebanon	Martha R. Williams	John M. Wilmot

MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 1, 1976

On Monday, March 1, 1976, at 7:45 P.M., Moderator Matthew I. Wiencke called the Annual Town Meeting to order. Helen Hopkins was appointed by the Moderator as the parliamentarian for the meeting.

The local Scout groups, Cub Pack No. 1, Boy Scout Troop No. 711, Brownie Troop No. 405, Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 535 and Cadet Troop No. 144 conducted a presentation of the colors.

Reverend Edward Tyler led those attending in prayer.

The motion was made that if Article 16 had not been acted upon by 11 P.M., the Meeting should finish the Article on the floor at that time and recess until Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. This motion was seconded and carried.

Article 1. The Reports of the Town Officers were accepted as printed.

Article 2. After some discussion, it was voted to accept Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

Article 3. The motion was made to pass over this article to see if the voters wish to vote on each recommended use of the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds as presented by the Budget Committee, and carried.

Article 4. After each item to receive anticipated Federal Revenue Sharing Funds was discussed, a motion to accept the Budget Committee's recommendations was made and carried. The following will receive these amounts from the total of \$37,000.00:

Thetford Library Federation	\$2,800.00
Treasure Island (for taxes)	2,000.00
Radio for deputy sheriff	350.00
Pickup truck (4-wheel drive)	6,500.00
Fire Department	2,500.00
School (to defray Bond)	18,000.00
Dump Truck (first year's payment for truck to be purchased on a two year payment plan	5,650.00

Article 5. The motion was made to make no contribution to the Lebanon Regional Airport this year and carried.

Article 6. It was voted by voice to raise \$68,175.00 for the Highway Account and \$82,935.00 for the General Funds for a total of \$151,110.00. All taxes so raised must be in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 27, 1976, with interest of 1% per month thereafter, plus the five cents warrant fee and 8% penalty.

Article 7. A motion was made to accept the reports of the School Officers of said district.

Article 8. The School Directors presented a budget of \$19,363.00. Needed to

be raised in taxes is \$478,696.43 plus any decrease in the anticipated \$31,983.00 State Aid or less any increase. All taxes so raised must be in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 27, 1976, with interest of 1% per month thereafter, plus the five cents warrant fee and 8% penalty.

Frank Barker, Jr. explained that since Article IV was passed the capital could be reduced by \$18,000.00 and interest on the Debt Service will be lower than anticipated by \$12,000.00, making a total reduction of the budget by \$30,000.00. The motion was made to amend the Article to raise \$448,696.43 and carried.

Another motion was made and carried to amend the Article to read: "That the Town of Thetford reaffirm its support of Thetford Academy as a private institution with the understanding that it will work with the Town, and that the Thetford School Board will give to the Town a budget for the tuition at Thetford Academy starting with the next fiscal year, 1977-1978, for monies raised by taxation from the Town of Thetford." The motion was made to pass the Article as amended and carried.

The Town Meeting was recessed at 9:55 for refreshments, and resumed business at 10:15 P. M.

Thomas Bonnett, State Representative, presented his report on the important bills and activities in Montpelier for the past year. He also distributed questionnaires to be filled out and returned to him.

The second speaker was Julie Harris on behalf of the Nurses Health Services. Their purpose is to promote better health through educational meetings with various groups in town and to provide a source of information for the health services offered in this area.

Article 9. The motion was made to amend the Article authorizing the Thetford Selectmen to negotiate a contract with Hanover. The motion was lost.

The motion was made to amend the Article authorizing the Thetford Selectmen to negotiate a contract with Hanover with certain stipulations, i.e., an independent investigation of the U.V.R. Ambulance Service budget, removing the Town of Thetford's liability for non-resident fees and preparing a report as to the possibility of an ambulance service supervised by the M.H.M. Hospital. The motion was lost.

The Article was passed to appropriate \$2,500.00 for an ambulance fund to assist residents of Thetford, unable to pay part or all of their ambulance bill for the year 1976.

Moderator Matthew Wiencke announced that he would not be able to attend Town Meeting on Tuesday. The Selectmen appointed Robert Atkins pro tem.

The Town Meeting was resumed at 10:40 A. M. Tuesday with Robert Atkins presiding.

Article 10. The Article was passed to vote \$1,419.00 to Orange County Mental Health Service, Inc.

Article 11. Barbara Gilbert spoke to the request of \$3,128.00 by the Community

Health Services, Inc. A call for paper ballot was made. Results: Yes 61 No 31. The Article was passed.

Article 12. Robert A. Eaton spoke for the need of a hose reel pumper and hose for \$27,000.00. After the paper ballots were counted, the results were: Yes 45 No 62. Since there were 107 votes and only 102 voters, a motion was made to accept the vote as cast, since the incorrect votes were too few to change the outcome. The motion was carried.

Article 13. The Article to stabilize taxes on the Crystal Lake Lodge No. 34, I.O.O.F., in Post Mills for 5 years at \$30.00 was defeated. The reason was insufficient information.

Article 14. This Article was defeated to exempt 10% of the listed personal property inventory for each year, for ten years or until 100% of the inventory is exempt.

Article 15. The motion was made to amend the Article to include "and the Board of Selectmen" in the wording after "by the Fire Department". The motion was carried.

A second amendment was proposed to the Article "that this action not be construed as exempting the land occupied by the pond from the property tax which would normally apply if it was dry land." The motion was carried.

The article to see if the voters will vote to exempt from property taxes Fire Ponds provided that said pond has a minimum capacity of 100,000 gallons of usable water, is equipped with a dry hydrant capable of flowing a minimum of 500 gallons per minute and whose location is approved by the Fire Department for year round use, was passed with the two amendments.

Article 16. The motion was made to amend the Article to include the full statement as written on the original petition. The motion was passed. The Article to see if the voters of the Town of Thetford, Vermont will call for an investigation by the Vermont Senate, of the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont, particularly with respect to the Board's failure to protect the public interest in the matter of the Vermont Yankee-General Electric Fuel rod settlement and the Board's continual support of ever-increasing electrical rates to Vermont consumers was passed.

Article 17. The Article to appropriate an additional \$2,800.00 to the Thetford Library Federation was voted on by paper ballot. The result was: Yes 60 No 37 Spoiled 1. The Article was passed.

Robert Atkins was thanked for filling in as Moderator for Matthew Wiencke. Thank you's were also extended to Donald Haven for handling the public address system, to Mrs. Hopkins for her participation as parliamentarian and to Representative Thomas Bonnett for his interest in attending the meeting and his service in the State government.

Town Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. Hood, Town Clerk

Official Results for Town Officers March 2, 1976

Moderator Matthew I. Wiencke	Tax Collector Edward C. LaMontagne
Town Clerk Emily E. Hood	Town Grand Juror Robert D. Jaccaud
Treasurer Emily E. Hood	Cemetery Commissioner Wesley Clay
Selectman George P. Stowell	Budget Committee Frederick P. Howard
Lister Melba Briggs	Constable William E. Phelps
Auditor Robert Crossett	School Director Laurence Babcock
Library Trustee Deborah Lewicki	Agent to Defend and Prosecute Suits O. Fay Allen
Agent to Convey Real Property Edward C. LaMontagne	Trustee of Trust Funds Frederick P. Howard

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WARNING
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT AND THETFORD
SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING

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 Saturday morning, December 11, 1976 at 10:00 AM to transact the following business:

Article I. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Thetford Planning Commission's proposal for general amendment of the Thetford Town Plan filed in the office of the Town Clerk on September 10, 1976 and additions and changes in the same recommended by the Planning Commission after their hearing September 29, 1976 and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on October 4, 1976. Copies of the afore-mentioned are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Thetford Center, Vermont 05075.

Article II. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Thetford Planning Commission's proposed amendments to the Thetford Zoning Ordinance filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on September 10, 1976 and additions and changes in the same recommended by the Planning Commission after their hearing September 29, 1976 and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on October 4, 1976. Copies of the aforementioned are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Thetford Center, Vt. 05075.

Article III. By PETITION

To see if the voters wish to change the present Monday evening, Annual Town and School District Meeting, to the First Tuesday of March, beginning in 1977.

Article IV. To see if the Town will vote to contract with the Town of Hanover for Ambulance service for the year 1977.

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

(As required by law voting on Article I and II shall be by Australian Ballot. The polls will open after all discussion is closed on Articles I and II, and will remain open until 7:00 P. M., in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy.)

Selectmen:

George P. Stowell, Chairman
Virginia S. Babcock, Clerk
Richard Hauger

Posted and filed in the Town Clerk's Office
Thetford Center, Vt. 05075
Dated November 10, 1976
Emily E. Hood, Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 1976

At 10:20 A.M. Moderator Matthew Wiencke called the meeting to order.

George P. Stowell was called to the floor to present a bronze plaque to Annie Godfrey in memory of Merton Godfrey.

"It is indeed an honor to have been asked to dedicate this plaque in memory of Merton Godfrey. To those of you who do not know and a reminder to those who did, but may have forgotten, Mert served the Town as Road Commissioner for 21 years.

In the snow, wind and cold of winter, in the heat of summer, and in a season known only to New Englanders, Mud Season, thru the years Mert carried on.

He did not always have the best of equipment, but he made do with what he had.

Midway of his years of service Mert had a very serious operation which would have made many men give up, but not Mert. Sheer will power and dedication kept him on the job, providing service to the town at a very economical cost.

It is rather sad that he and his men had only a small and inconvenient building as a Town Garage. This plaque will be placed at the entrance of the Town Hall to remind us and generations to come, of his years of dedicated service to Thetford." George P. Stowell

Annie Godfrey: "My family and myself wish to thank all the town officials for their part in making this possible. I am pleased and deeply honored to receive this in his memory. Thank you George for presenting it to me."

Article I was read and a motion made to adopt the article. John Stephens, chairman of the Planning Commission spoke on the content of the Town Plan. The Town Plan is an analysis of the Town's current and projected resources. Thetford is the fastest growing town in the area, growing 35.6% from 1960 to 1970. The idea is to plan for the best use of the resources and accommodate the Town's growth. Two Public Hearings had been previously held. There was no discussion from a very small turnout of voters (50-75). At the close of the polls at 7:00 PM the vote was 96 in favor and 136 opposed to the article.

Article II was read and a motion was made that the article be adopted. A clarification of the difference between the Town Plan and Article II was asked for. Article I recommends and Article II makes concrete changes. Zoning and Sub-Division regulations can't be enacted unless a Town Plan is in force, according to state law. The Town Plan has to be reenacted every five years. At close of polls the vote was 87 in favor and 145 opposed.

Article III Moderator Matthew Wiencke explained that Article III could not be brought to a vote due to an oversight in that the school directors signatures were not on the warning, as this matter effect the annual Town and School Meeting. It was moved to pass over Article III.

Article IV There is no other service outside of Hanover available to the Town of Thetford, within a reasonable distance. Dr. Nye revealed that the preliminary Hanover Ambulance Budget for 1977 is \$110,000.00, up \$20,000.00, about 20% increase for last year. The cost to Thetford will rise about 45%. Thetford's cost for 1977 will be between \$5,300. - \$5,700., the user fee is expected to remain the same \$74.00. The motion was made and carried, that we contract with Hanover for 1977, with a voice vote.

Article V There was no discussion and the meeting was recessed at 11:05 until 7:00 PM when the polls were closed.

The F.A.S.T. Squad served food and drinks and the T. A. Alumni held a Promise Food Sale.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily E. Hood, Town Clerk

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES AVAILABLE

Thetford Post No. 79, the American Legion, has the following hospital equipment available for use by anyone who needs it:

5 hospital beds	7 pair crutches
2 mattresses	2 canes
1 mattress pad	1 commode (potty chair)
4 wheelchairs	1 rubber doughnut
3 walkers	

There is no charge for the use of any of this equipment. Townspeople are simply asked to return the equipment as soon as they can and to keep it in good condition.

To obtain the loan of any item, contact Loren Bacon, Robert Bacon, Arthur Bacon, George Davenport, or Edward LaMontagne.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

We, the Cemetery Commissioners of the Town of Thetford, Vermont report that the total expenses paid out in 1976 on our town cemeteries were \$594.30.

Work that was completed was spring clean-up and general care - mowing and trimming.

The John Knox stone was replaced and cemented and the lot was left in good order.

A new metal gate has greatly improved the appearance of the East Thetford Cemetery. This was given to the Town for the cemetery in memory of Henry and Edna Hartson.

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Commissioners
Wesley E. Clay
Edward F. Clay
John Wilmot

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

December 31, 1976

56 permits issued
1 fire started by unauthorized persons

TITLE TWENTY: Section 2751 - Slash Removal

(a) A person, firm or corporation who cuts or causes or permits to be cut any forest growth, shall be subject to the following regulations:

(1) All slash shall be removed for a distance of fifty feet from the right of way of any public highway, also from the boundary lines of woodlots owned by adjoining property owners; (2) All slash shall be removed for a distance of one hundred feet from standing buildings of adjoining property.

(b) Owners or operators of timber or woodlots shall leave the main logging roads through cut over areas free from slash so that tractors may pass over these roads unobstructed in order to carry men and supplies and fire fighting equipment to fire suppression crews.

(c) If in the opinion of the town forest fire warden there is no fire hazard as a result of a cutting he shall issue, upon request, a statement relieving the operator of the conditions required in this section.

(d) Upon complaint of a fire warden, a person who violates the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than \$50.00 for each offense.

Arthur J. Bacon
Fire Warden

ORANGE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE, INC.

5 Maple Street - Randolph, Vermont 05060

David E. Rutherford, Executive Director

The following is our report to the Town of Thetford concerning mental health services to individuals from the Town of Thetford from 11/15/76 through 11/1/76.

Number of individuals served	42
Dollars spent in delivery of service	\$13,589.00
Dollars received from patient and third party fees (i.e., Blue Shield, Medicare, Medicaid)	5,116.75
Amount of town support	1,419.00
Amount of discounted services	7,053.25

<u>Types of Problem</u>	<u>Number of People Seen with These Problems</u>
Speech	5
Personality Disorder	2
Marital	10
Parent-Child	7
Depression	8
Adjustment to Old Age	2
Childhood Adjustment	5
Developmental Disabilities (Mental Retardation, Epilepsy, Cerebral Palsy)	3

The above figures 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 state and federal sources.

We are asking that Thetford assess each registered voter \$1.50 to offset the cost of services to the residents of Thetford. This assessment formula has been in effect for the last five years and is being requested of all towns in our catchment area, and results in the following request for 1977 - 1075 registered voters x \$1.50 = \$1,612.50.

We would like to add that Orange County Mental Health Service is a local non-profit corporation that spends the major part of its budget in the central Vermont area - thus not only providing a much-needed service to residents of the community but an economic asset as well.

OCMHS is engaged in services in the following clinical areas: inpatient care, outpatient care, 24-hour emergency crisis care, consultation and education programs, alcoholism treatment and prevention, drug treatment, alternate/aftercare, services for the elderly, and comprehensive children's services - both a treatment and preventative nature - and is considered a comprehensive mental health center.

AUDITORS' NOTE: The amount shown here represents only the Town's cost. An additional amount is also included in the School Budget.

ACCIDENTS IN TOWN OF THETFORD

INVESTIGATED BY STATE POLICE

1976

Route No.	No. Accidents	
I-91	9	27 accidents involved 1 vehicle
113	7	10 accidents involved 2 vehicles
5	7	
132	4	
Town Roads	9	Injuries were sustained in 12 accidents
Parking Lot	1	Property damage reported in 25 accidents
	<u>37</u>	
		8 accidents between midnight and 6 AM
		10 accidents between 6AM and 12 noon
		12 accidents between 12 noon and 6 PM
		7 accidents between 6 PM and midnight

George C. Nickerson, Sgt.
Vermont State Police

1976 REPORT OF THE THETFORD F.A.S.T. SQUAD

The fifteen member F.A.S.T. squad has rendered first aid to more than thirty-six persons, involved in thirty-seven emergency situations during 1976.

Our training program continues, as it must, to keep our personnel qualified. Several of our members have signed up for a "Emergency Medical Technician" course that will start in January of 1977, to run two nights a week for six months.

You may receive our services free of charge by calling the Emergency telephone number 643-3610 or 353-4347. You can also call your favorite F.A.S.T. squad member listed below.

Elmer Brown	785-2167	William Joiner	785-2443
Nancy Carman	785-4582	Melvin Maxfield	333-9155
Edward Emerson	785-2261	Paul Rump	785-4029
Alan Colter	649-5190	Jerry Slack	785-2187
Tom Gibson	785-4453	Karl Tilden, Jr.	785-2806
Don Havens	785-2838	Marshall Van Norden	333-9543
Gail Havens	785-2838	Sandra Wilmot	333-9256
Helen Huggett	785-2668		

Respectfully submitted,
Melvin Maxfield, Sr., Keeper of the Log.

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Report for 1976

The Department answered 44 alarms in 1976 which were classified as follows:

Fires		Accidents	
Structural	3	Auto	2
Grass	5	Aircraft	1
Chimney	16		
Auto	2		
Mutual Aid	12		
Special Service	3		

The Department had 12 drills of its own and 4 mutual aid drills with surrounding towns. A total of 1,951 man hours were spent by the members with a breakdown as follows:

Alarms	771	Maintenance and Repair	275	Drills	335
		Organization and Fund Raising	570		

It was with great regret that the Department accepted the resignation in October of Roland E. Clark as Fire Chief. Although other commitments did not permit him to continue in this capacity, he has remained as a regular call fireman.

The only major purchase this year was a Dodge chassis which will serve as a tanker replacing No. 3 which has become too expensive to continue repairing. With gratitude we announce that the Thetford Lions Club has provided us with the necessary funds to purchase the materials for the new tank.

Smoke detectors are now available through the Fire Department and Mr. Frederick P. Howard has assumed responsibility for this project.

We would like to remind you that we are more than ready to assist you with any information regarding safety and prevention in and around your home and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the great support given us in this past year.

Freeman Hoisington, Acting Fire Chief
Denis G. Gamache, Acting Fire Chief

FIRST CONSTABLE'S REPORT FOR 1976

6	Miscellaneous complaints investigated
11	Dog Complaints
5	Criminal Complaints
3	Accident Investigated
6	Motor Vehicle Complaints

William F. Phelps, Constable

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Financial Statement 12/31/76

Cash on hand January 1, 1976 \$ 6,181.26

RECEIPTS:

Town appropriation	4,450.20
Revenue Sharing	2,500.00
Donations, fund raising letter	2,098.45
Activities, BBQ, Auction	1,854.00
Rent of room at station	921.30
Town of Bradford, fire fighting	1,187.50
Miscellaneous	491.32
Total receipts	\$13,502.77

DISBURSEMENTS:

Utilities	\$ 2,480.17
Equipment	2,135.59
Insurance	2,224.00
Activity expenses	1,013.64
Dispatching	1,087.83
Equipment repair	821.34
Gasoline, oil, tires	668.44
Miscellaneous	278.50
Total disbursements	\$10,709.51
Cash on hand 12/31/76	\$ 8,974.52

Paul Lilienthal, Treasurer

THETFORD FREE BED FUND

Nine Thetford residents received assistance from the Bed Fund between July 1, 1975 and June 30, 1976.

Overuse brought forward July 1, 1975	\$ 199.06
Allotment '75 - '76:	1,427.30
Available for the fiscal year '75 - '76:	\$1,228.24
Services rendered:	1,100.66
Unused Balance as of June 30, 1976	\$ 127.58

Edward LaMontagne
Town Service Officer

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC. Annual Report for 1976

The Town of Thetford, Vt. provided \$3,128.00 in support of Community Health Services, Inc. in 1976. Despite inflation, the level of support has remained the same since 1975. We will provide similar service in 1977 at the same level of support of \$3,128.00 or \$2.20 per capita.

This support assures the continuation of a certified Home Health Agency in your community. Through this certified Home Health Agency skilled nursing care, physical therapy and home health aide services will be available in your town for all who need such care. This means that the value of insurance under social security and virtually all other health insurance plans is substantially increased since these policies pay for home health care only through certified agencies.

Maternal and child health services are available, in the home, for mothers and their newborn infants, and in well child clinics held regularly throughout the year. Screening for congenital defects and other illnesses are carried out, as well as appropriate referral and follow-up care. All of the currently recommended immunizations are given to children attending the well child clinics. Maternal counseling is also provided by clinic physicians and nurses.

This year we have initiated a new service which we call the Town Nurse Screening Program. Twice a month, a Community Health Service Nurse will have a scheduled clinic at a central location in each town. A variety of screening tests for such conditions as high blood pressure, diabetes and glaucoma will be offered as well as health counseling and referral services. In January and February of 1977 postal customers in each town will be sent a notice of this service. It will also be in the local newspapers. If you have any questions regarding this program and its scheduling call Community Health Services for details. We urge you all to use this service.

James Watt, President

NOTE: Financial Statements of Community Health Services, Inc. may be viewed at the Town Clerk's Office, or Community Health Services, Inc. office.

TABLE I

Towns	Ages					Total
	Under 1	1-9	10-20	21-59	60 and over	
Bradford	15	17	13	13	30	88
Corinth	2	2	1	3	8	16
Fairlee	1	0	0	3	10	14
Hartford	9	11	10	29	67	126
Newbury	7	4	3	10	26	50
Norwich	2	1	1	5	29	38
Thetford	5	1	1	8	19	34
W. Fairlee	0	0	0	2	6	8
Totals	41	36	29	73	195	374*

* This does not include 55 individuals who received evaluation services.

TABLE II

Town	1970 Pop.	% of Pop.	Total		% of CHS Visits for '76	
			Cases for 1976	Served for '76		
Bradford	1,625	11.2%	95	5.8%	802	17.1%
Corinth	683	4.7%	16	2.3%	177	3.8%
Fairlee	602	4.1%	15	2.5%	257	5.5%
Hartford	6,466	44.5%	158	2.4%	1511	32.2%
Newbury	1,438	9.9%	56	3.9%	972	20.7%
Norwich	1,964	13.5%	43	2.2%	611	13.0%
Thetford	1,420	9.8%	38	2.7%	204	4.4%
W. Fairlee	337	2.3%	8	2.4%	152	3.2%
Totals	14,535	100.0%	429*	3.0%	4686	100.0%

* This includes 55 individuals who received evaluation services.

UPPER VALLEY-LAKE SUNAPEE COUNCIL REPORT

The Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Council is the regional planning and development commission for Thetford and 30 other municipalities in Vermont and nearby New Hampshire. It is governed by a Board of Commissioners, two from each member community. For the past year, Thetford's commissioners, appointed by the Selectmen, have been Vernon Anderson and Roy Lewicki.

The Council operates on an annual budget of about \$100,000, of which one-third comes from member town's dues, the rest from the state and federal governments, giving local towns a 2 to 1 return on their investment.

The Council's work program consists of both regional and local projects, with priorities set by the locally-appointed commissioners. Regional programs - recent ones have been in water quality, waste water management, solid waste management and, presently, in public transportation - seek regional answers to problems which individual towns may have difficulty in solving.

Local programs generally consist of providing technical assistance to Planning Commissions or Boards of Selectmen.

In Thetford, the Executive Director, Town Planner, and Council members have worked extensively with the Planning Commission in the preparation and revision of the Master Plan during 1976. The Community Development Act grant that was prepared in late 1975 was not received. In spite of commendations on our excellent proposal, the grant awards were made to larger cities. The Executive Director and the Council have kept the Selectmen and Planning Board advised on other grants which may be available to Thetford, as well as helped to maintain a close liaison with new federal and state regulations.

As one of the fastest growing towns in the Upper Valley, Thetford has made excellent use of the resources of the Upper Valley Council. In light of this, it is important to note that the town's assessment for membership, \$880 (or 62¢ per resident) is exactly the same for the third straight year. As your representatives to the Council, we believe that this is an outstanding investment for Thetford, given the information, assistance and counsel that we have received from the Council and its professionals.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Lewicki
Vernon Anderson

ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REPORT FOR 1976

Building permits issued during the calendar year 1976 were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>No.</u>
Residences	30	Accessory Buildings	9
Additions	22	Barns	6
Agricultural building	1	School addition	1
Camps	2	New Businesses	2
Duplex	1	Change of Use, Business	1
Swimming Pool	1		

The Selectmen approved 20 driveways.

The Planning Commission approved, and the final plats were recorded for, 18 subdivisions.

John Mellquist
Zoning and Subdivision Administrator

TOWN HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

The four water companies continue to send water samples for state testing and are meeting state requirements.

Water sample bottle for testing private residences are being made available locally by the state. Bottles and instructions may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office during business hours or by calling the Health Officer.

If any problems are experienced with water, sewage, septic system design, or physical health, please contact me as soon as possible at 785-2846. If I cannot be reached, contact the Town Clerk for assistance.

46 septic applications were filed in 1976.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert A. Eaton,
Health Officer

REPORT OF THE THETFORD PLANNING COMMISSION

January 1977

Obviously, we were disappointed with the recent vote that both rejected the new proposed town plan and the proposed changes in the zoning ordinance. Perhaps even more disappointing was the exceedingly small number of people who even bothered to vote at all. Over two and a half years of work went into the development of both these articles. The Planning Commission has been very concerned with the rapid rise in property taxes that the people in this town have to bear every year. We feel that the adoption of both these articles would have been the most reasonable solution to this very serious problem. At any rate, we must try to go from here and find out what is and what isn't acceptable to the majority of voters, at least to the majority that turn out to vote.

It would probably be more pertinent to discuss the reasons, as we see it, why both the new town plan and the revisions in the zoning ordinance were rejected. First of all, there seems to have been an incredible amount of misinformation in circulation at the time of the vote. The hearings and the town meeting were poorly attended, despite notices in the newspapers and on the radio. Many people thought that there would be five acre zoning all over town. There was a great deal of misunderstanding about the zoning district around the intersection of the interstate. One man thought that he would need a permit to chop down trees on his property. Another person thought that once her property had been subdivided that it could not be subdivided again. Still another person thought the intent was to zone out all industry and business. This misinformation was certainly a major factor in the defeat of the zoning ordinance revisions.

Another very important factor is the complexity of both documents. It is indeed very unfortunate that they could not be greatly simplified. Many people undoubtedly took one look at the zoning revisions that were mailed to them and either did not bother to come or simply voted "no" because they felt such a document was just too hard to understand. We are sensitive to this criticism. However, oversimplification of complex issues can be disastrous. It can create both gross inequities for some residents and ridiculous loopholes that would in fact render our zoning ordinance practically ineffective. We have tried to make the language contained in both the town plan and in the proposed changes in the zoning ordinance as simple as possible, yet still have the meaning come across. The growth of the town, the reduction of town expenses, and the changes in the zoning ordinance that would best effect the recommendations in the town are complex. The Planning Commission did not make them complex. They are issues that face every small town, indeed they face our whole society. The job of the town plan is to isolate them and make recommendations about how to deal with them. The voters must then make some effort to understand them so they can decide whether to accept the recommendations. State law intended that the required hearings and the town meeting would be the forum in which this discussion would take place. It does take a lot of effort on the part of everyone of us to understand what is going on in our town and what we should do about it. But, that is what democracy is all about.

A third factor was the continued antagonism on the part of some people towards the planning commission. Some of this antagonism may be justified. It has been hard for volunteers to be as efficient and knowledgeable as expert lawyers. We do feel that we have taken steps to improve our service and that many of these criticisms are no longer justified. Certainly much current criticism does stem from several unfortunate misunderstandings. Some people seem to feel that we should ignore certain aspects of our ordinance when we deal with certain kinds of people. However, we have been warned by the town lawyer that we must be absolutely impartial in the way in which we administer all ordinances. Our minutes are public and any person who feels discriminated against can easily take us to court. Either the town may end up paying damages or the whole ordinance may be thrown out because it has been administered arbitrarily. One of the things a large developer does when coming to town is to go through the minutes and try to find any instance where the planning board might have been arbitrary. While many of us sincerely feel that we would really like to give the individual a break and be rigorous with the developer, we have to be impartial. The ordinance cannot be subject to the prejudices of individual board members and we hope that the people in this town will come to understand what our responsibilities are.

Apparently, one of the things that bothered some people was the inclusion in the proposed zoning ordinance of 5 acre minimum lot size zones in certain parts of the town. These areas were only in parts of the town where it would be very difficult to develop any way. Septic systems would be difficult if not impossible to build. Most of these areas were located on slopes of 25% or more. Intensive development would be an ecological disaster. These areas have been the traditionally "wild" parts of the town where people have always enjoyed hunting, hiking, skiing, and snowmobiling. The cost of furnishing town services, of creating and maintaining new roads, of providing school bus service, fire protection, etc. would, in the long term, be staggering. We had hoped the people of the town would wish to have some areas more sparsely settled than others.

We feel that the argument that "young people won't have any place to get started" in town if this five acre minimum lot size went into effect has no merit whatsoever. In the first place, as a trade off we greatly expanded so called "village residential" areas. In other words many more one acre lots would have been available. "Young people getting started" simply cannot afford to build on these steep areas. Building a septic system on five acres is astronomical; building it on one acre is out of the question. The reason why we proposed five acre lots in certain parts of the town in the first place was because a large majority of the responses in the '74 survey expressed a desire for the creation of 5 acre minimum lot size zones in certain parts of the town. Then too we received petitions from people living in these areas. Ultimately, it was the soils survey maps prepared by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council that justified our decision to create a "rural residential" district in about 30% of the town.

At any rate, we must decide where to go from here. In retrospect, perhaps we should have separated the various parts of the zoning ordinance for individual consideration. We are a little baffled about the town plan. Perhaps we should change

the recommendations. Unfortunately, the adoption process for changes in the ordinance is both cumbersome and time consuming. The town plan can be approved by the selectmen. We have discussed the possibility of having another survey, this time with very specific questions. However, the response to the last survey wasn't much better than the recent vote. We do feel frustrated in as much as it is very hard for us to know just what people want in this town. We know that there are factions and we have vague ideas about what certain factions want and don't want. Whether any one faction represents a majority is certainly pretty difficult to ascertain. Calling for a town vote is expensive business and we would like to have some idea of what the voters might or might not approve.

We feel unhappy that many noncontroversial items in the proposed zoning changes were lost as well when the final vote was taken. There were some archaic parts of the zoning ordinance that we felt were unnecessary and confusing. The idea of "cluster development" was also lost. We will try to present these concepts individually next time. We do not know when we will have another town meeting at this time. We are concerned that anything we propose at this time might be voted down and we feel a "cooling off" period would be appropriate.

Our job is to serve the people in this town. We would hope in the future that more people might take an interest in what we are doing, at least to the point of coming out and voting. Understanding the problems that face Thetford is hardly anyone's idea of a fun way to spend an evening. But, decisions cannot be made when people abdicate their responsibilities to be informed and to vote. Like so many things, it is a problem of communication. Communicating takes effort. We would be happy to receive comments, criticisms, and suggestions. Letters can be addressed to the Planning Commission Administrator at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,
John Stephens,
Chairman, Thetford Planning Commission
George Phelps
Dan Grossman
Dick Howard
Ilse Winter
Pauline Nichol
Bernard Benn
John Scotford
Joe Massey

RECREATION BOARD REPORT

The Recreation Committee was pleased with the work accomplished at Treasure Island this past year. The beach area was expanded slightly with sand added. The picnic tables and facilities were increased also. More residents and non-residents played on the tennis courts than ever before. Financially, Treasure Island improved slightly than the previous year.

Again, as in the past, a great many boys and girls received swim lessons from the life guards. Skill improvement was clearly noticed with many of them. This is mainly due to the lessons taught in the past. This summer Treasure Island hopes to expand with the addition of some boating and camping.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Brown
Rick Hoffman
Melvin Maxfield
Drew Tallman
Matt Wiencke
Martha Vaughn
Terry Viens



1777 - "Frolicks" were held each month.

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION
Thetford, Vermont

The Thetford Library Federation will be five years old in the Spring of '77 and we have been using the new building for one year.

A financial report covering costs of operation for the first year is submitted herewith.

The Bicentennial Building, costs for which came up for bids at the height of inflation is proving to be all we had hoped for. It was a hard decision to make, to construct an excellent building as planned at the inflation price of \$282,000 instead of the \$195,000 as estimated. Costs were going up steadily so we went ahead.

The financial report sent to you by letter last summer, 1976, showed a deficit of \$60,000. Thanks to the loyalty and generosity of Thetford people we received in response to that letter \$18,000 which, with some other assets brings our deficit in the building fund as of December 31, 1976 to \$39,000.

The Federation has been fortunate, through the National Unemployment Program, to have Ms. Nan Jesse of Bradford as a full time assistant librarian for a full year and also Mr. Maurice Wilmot of East Thetford as custodian for the new building.

In the year ahead the Federation will endeavor to "furnish services to member libraries which one small library might not be able to provide."

1. Help complete and maintain a Union Catalog of books at each library.
2. Give special attention to the organization of the Historical Library and Archives rooms that they may be available to the public.
3. Provide professional meetings for Thetford librarians concerning their respective problems and needs.
4. Develop Special Collections to be available to all Thetford libraries, as for example: art books and framed art masterpieces loaned for Thetford homes as a library book.
5. Help and encourage libraries to obtain funds from various sources.
6. Prepare exhibits available to all libraries or villages.

and more

William Slade, President
Judy Hunter, Vice President
Charles Latham, Clerk
Ruel Barrett, Treasurer
Alex Alexander
Carl Anderson

Harriet Atkins
Frank Barker
Virginia Barrett
Mary Fisher
Charles Hughes
Jean Wolstenholme

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION
ADOPTED BUDGET 1976-77 (Fiscal Year 1/76-6/77)

	Expenditures		
	Expended 1/76 through 12/76	Expended 7/76 through 12/76	Adopted Bud- get for 7/76 through 6/77
Office Supplies	\$ 878.30	\$ 337.61	\$ 500.00
Postage	26.00	---	50.00
Mileage	---	---	75.00
Fuel Oil	754.41	343.44	1,000.00
Electricity	885.78	455.30	900.00
Water	135.00	50.00	95.00
Telephone	153.54	99.23	200.00
Insurance	624.00	624.00	700.00
Custodian	---	---	1,000.00
Maint. & Supplies	919.57	359.51	800.00
Cataloguing Supplies	215.56	146.98	100.00
Peabody Library	730.00	700.00	700.00(1)
Latham Library	55.00	---	1,400.00(2)
Historical Society	---	---	700.00(2)
Miscellaneous	587.99	309.23	100.00
Totals	\$5,965.15	\$3,425.30	\$8,320.00

- (1) To be paid immediately upon adoption of budget.
- (2) To be paid at end of fiscal year or paid proportionately as budget performance allows.

FUNDS AVAILABLE AS OF 12/31/76

Balance in Savings (less restricted funds)	\$ 682.81
Revenue Sharing Funds from town	2,800.00
Grand from town from General Fund	<u>2,800.00</u>
Total	\$6,282.81

SUMMARY

Funds available as of 12/31/76	\$6,282.81
Expenditures:	
Proposed Budget	\$8,320.00
Expended 7/76 through 12/76	<u>3,425.30</u>
	<u>4,894.70</u>
Anticipated balance 6/30/77 (provided all budgeted items are paid in full)	\$1,388.11

Submitted by
Ruel G. Barrett, Treasurer

**TOWN LIBRARY
and
LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, INC.**

The Latham Memorial Library has experienced its first year in the new Thetford Library Historical Building. Certain ideas for having the Library a resource for information and recreation to a greater number of the Town's families were put into operation during 1976. Preschool Story Hour is held Wednesday morning with Stefanie Johnston as volunteer director. The program varies - puppetry, reading, dramatization, flannel board. The Thetford Elementary School pupils spend one half hour in the Library every week. Previously a pupil came into the Library once a month and took out one book a month. Now the pupil comes in four times a month and carries out four books a month. There was at first a curiosity and excitement over the new building. There is now an appreciation and interest in the learning material in the Library. The subjects on which the children want books exceeds the information in the Library. To meet this need the librarian calls on the Vermont State Regional Libraries. A magazine rack makes visible some thirty magazines. Picture books for the very young are now in a separate section.

The Library is open to the public twenty-one hours a week. Quite a jump from the previous four and a half hours.

Afternoons	2:00 — 4:00	Mon. thru Fri.	Telephone is
Evenings	7:00 — 8:30	Mon., Tues., Wed.	785-4361
Mornings	9:30 — 1:30	Wednesday	or
	10:30 — 1:00	Thursday	784-2274

Volunteers who operate the Library number twenty-five. Previously the need was for one volunteer.

Responding to a patron's request for a specific book or for books on a specific subject and the material is not available within the Library, the librarian requests such material through the Vermont Interlibrary Loan facilities. Some seventeen libraries across the State mailed over one hundred books to Latham Library to meet this need.

Mrs. Robert Atkins of Ely was elected President to replace Mr. Ruel Barrett. The Board approved a Policy Statement which is available to the public. Standards prescribed by the Vermont Department of Libraries which must be met before a library is eligible to receive Grants of Federal monies given by the State have now been met through Board action. The Board met five times during the year and voted to meet quarterly - the second Tuesday in February, June, September and December. Meetings are open to the public.

During the year more than one hundred books were added to the Library's collection. Sixty-five percent were adult books and thirty-five percent were children's books. Eight hundred and fifty were given as gifts. One hundred and fifty-eight were purchased. The Armstrong Sperry Memorial Children's Book Fund was established by Mrs. Sperry as a gift to the Thetford Library Federation. Many fine

books for the children of the community were purchased by a committee headed by Mrs. Sperry. Mr. Sperry, a resident of Thetford Center, was an author and illustrator of children's books. Some of his books have been translated into numerous languages. The books housed in the Library are identified by a bookplate using one of Mr. Sperry's illustrations.

Seven thousand nine hundred and ninety-two books were circulated. In the previous year the number was four thousand two hundred and thirteen. Circulation of magazines (an innovation) numbered one hundred and ninety-seven. LP records thirty-one. The Library welcomes and needs magazines and records.

The Thetford Center Community Association voted in August to donate the books of the Thetford Center Library with the provision that the books from the collection which Latham should not wish to keep be returned to the Community Association to go into the next book sale at Thetford Center Old Home Day. A bookplate noting that the book was donated by the Thetford Center Community Association will be in each book accepted.

In December a Conscience Box was placed next to the Return Book cart as an experiment. After a trial period the Board will decide if, to encourage the borrower to return his book by the date due, the Conscience Box or the historical one cent a day fine is more satisfactory to both the Library and the borrower.

An incomplete list of families borrowing books from the Latham Library for the first time in 1976 indicates that forty-seven percent of the families live in East Thetford, twenty-four percent in Thetford Center, Twenty-two percent in Thetford Hill. Others were from Union Village, Rices Mills, Post Mills, West Fairlee, Gove Hill, Strafford, Camp Farnsworth.

Support and help from the Town Clerk, Thetford Academy, the Thetford Elementary School Principal, teachers, pupils and their parents, the Thetford Library Federation and its President, William Slade, and the volunteers raised immeasurable the usefulness of the Library to the community. Wisdom, patience and interest from many people of all ages and from all areas of the town caused the Library to grow.

A certain amount of experimentation was employed in an effort to learn what Thetford families want of their library. There remains much to be done to improve the quality of the Library's service. Your interest and suggestions for consideration are welcome.

Elizabeth Champe, Librarian

Board of Trustees

Church appointed

1977 Ruel Barrett
1977 Bertha Brown
1978 Alice Francisco
1978 Peg Carpenter
1979 Ann Darling
1979 Jean Wolstenholme

Town elected

1977 Alfreda Wing
1978 Harriet Atkins
1979 Virginia Barrett
1980 Judith Hunter
1981 Deborah Lewicki

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

After more than two years of preparation Thetford celebrated the Bicentennial of the Declaration of Independence Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15 (the weekend nearest Charter Day) with a series of programs and events, calculated to engage the attention of youths and their elders to the significance of freedom to their rights and privileges. The principal attraction, however, was the dedication of the town's Bicentennial Project, the Library - Historical Building on Thetford Hill.

Under the aegis of a town committee, William Slade, chairman, Webster Keefe, as director general, planned the two day celebration with the assistance of George Schoenhut, publicity director. Many committees and organizations under the leadership of Larry Drew, Don Wilson, Melvin Maxfield, Marshall Van Norden, Pamela Considine, Charles and Fannie Hughes, Fran Haugen, Gary Van Pelt, Gary Ullman, Rick Hoffman, Chris Hebb, David and Linda Strohmer, John Scotford and Kenneth Frederick pulled the celebration together. Many others from all over town donated time, muscles, enthusiasm and supplementary funds.

On Saturday 14 August a "Junior Olympics" composed of many competitive sports for youngsters started the day at nine thirty. There were awards, cups, banners and many balloons; a festival air permeated Quentin Malmquist's field where the events took place.

At noon the town opened its recreation area "Treasure Island" to all residents for a free swim and a picnic catered by the Lions Club of Thetford.

Exhibition Time began at two o'clock when "the Building" was opened for the public inspection of three excellent shows: (1) Childrens' Art in the lower meeting room; (2) the Vermont photographs of Larry McDonald in the gallery and (3) historical objects in the Slade Room of the Historical Society.

At three o'clock a five piece brass ensemble, "Die Weinkeller Funf," started to play appropriate music to introduce the dedication to the four hundred people who had gathered on the green, many in their own chairs which they had brought with them.

Daniel Grossman, master of ceremonies, brought the group together at a quarter past three when the Reverend Edward J. Tyler invoked Divine Guidance. Accompanied by the band, the audience sang four verses of America The Beautiful. Boy and Girl Scouts and Brownies paraded in uniform, presented the flag and led the traditional salute thereto. John McCrossan, State Librarian, brought greetings from Montpelier and Charles Latham, President of the Historical Society, reminded the audience that although "The Building" was finished and occupied, its financial independence was not yet a reality.

Walter Malmquist introduced his old and good friend, former Governor Deane C. Davis who addressed a very attentive gathering of over four hundred, on the meaning of Liberty and the good fortune Americans enjoy because of it. He insisted that Americans experience many more privileges and opportunities than they often realize. Janice Smith, Ruth Southworth and the band led the singing,

for many folks for the first time, all four verses of the Star Spangled Banner.

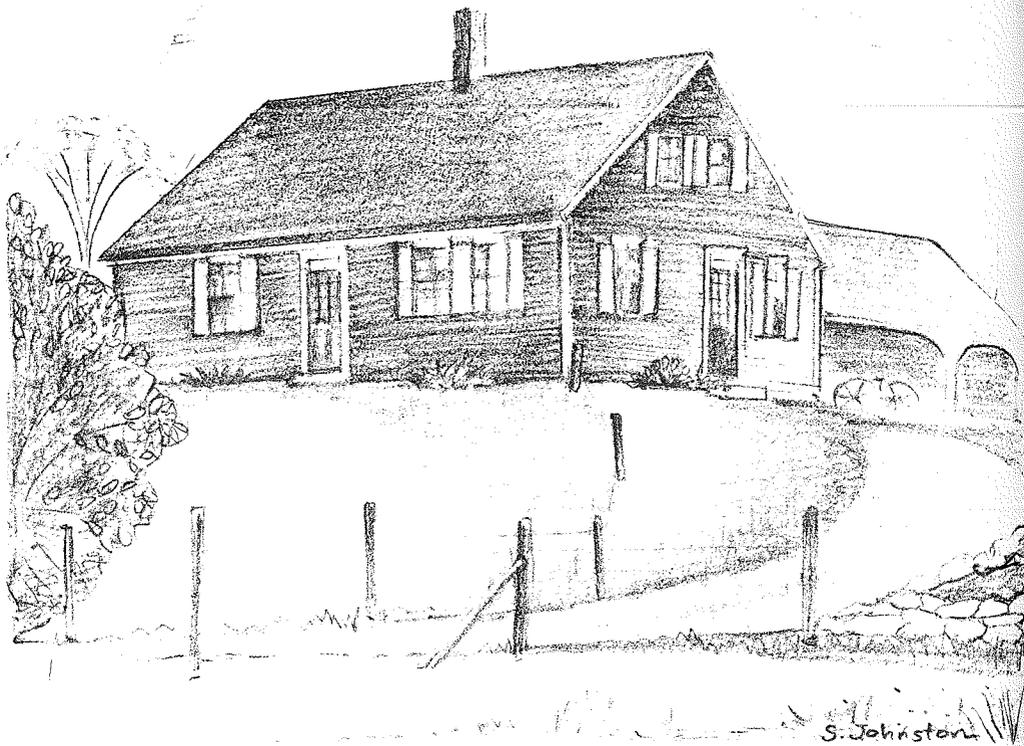
At five o'clock the Recreation Committee of the Thetford Volunteer Fire Company soon sold out the entire barbecue of chickens, hamburgers and frankfurters which they had prepared over a large grill at the south end of the Green, while Sugar Maple, a local group of musicians, played and sang Country Music.

In the evening the Parish Players offered a specially priced performance of their popular "Red White and Blue Review" to a capacity audience in Anderson Hall.

An ecumenical service of thanksgiving filled the North Thetford Federated Church to capacity at ten o'clock Sunday morning August 15. Pastoral addresses were offered by the Reverend Gary Waite, the Reverend Edward J. Tyler and Mrs. Botsford who substituted for the Reverend Hector Sullivan, a vacationer in Canada. Lester Wakefield, organist, led a combined ecumenical choir from the several churches through hymns and anthems. A prayer of dedication was offered by the Reverend James Green who supplied the Thetford Center Church during the absence of the Reverend Mr. Sullivan. A coffee hour and reception in the Parish Hall followed immediately after the service.

From Lake Fairlee to Union Village and from Gove Hill to Pavillion Road many participants from the whole town cooperated to make Thetford's Bicentennial celebration a quietly dignified salute to the past and a hopeful dedication to the future. The participation was town wide. It would be normal and fitting for everybody to congratulate everybody else.

Bicentennial Committee
William Slade, Chairman
Annie Boutwell
W. Kenneth Frederick
Robert Jaccaud
Robert Vaughan, Sr.
Webster W. Keefe
George W. Schoenhut



The Richard Wallace Homestead in Rice's Mills, taken from an old photograph before it burned.

RICHARD WALLACE

On a chilly October day in 1777 Richard Wallace risked his life by swimming across Lake Champlain from west to east with dispatches for Gen. Jonathan Warner. This bicentennial year seems an appropriate time to retell his story.

He was born in Nova Scotia in 1753. An orphan, he had managed to survive, and at the age of sixteen was on the way to Haverhill with the party of Col. Charles Johnson who was to be the leading citizen of that region. Wallace tells us that he lagged behind the party because his feet were swollen and finally reached a stream which he did not dare to cross in the darkness. He managed to find some shelter under a fallen tree and slept a little in spite of a hard frost. When he awoke the forest echoed with the cries of wild animals, "the wolves taking the chief lead, and carrying the highest notes." Wallace later remarked that "their noise was some alarming, and very disagreeable." When it was light he managed to cross the stream on a fallen tree and rejoined his party. "I shall never forget how Col. Charles looked when he told me what concern he had for me through the night."

Possibly Wallace was indentured to Col. Johnson; the fact that he left him when he was of age suggests this. He then went to Thetford. When he first came to Haverhill he did not know the alphabet and could not write his own name. He was unwilling to continue thus and in the fall of 1775 went to Exeter, Connecticut "for his health" and "to attend school."

In the meanwhile the Battle of Bunker Hill had been fought and Connecticut was mustering troops. About the first of February, 1776 Wallace joined Col. Mason's regiment in Lebanon, Connecticut. The regiment marched to Dorchester Heights where Washington's army was establishing siege lines around Boston which was occupied by Lord William Howe and his English troops. Wallace helped to construct two forts on the heights "which we completed by daylight." Later, after the British evacuated Boston, he was one of a detail sent "to cleanse the town from small-pox and guard the town, where I remained a number of days and saw the castle blown up." On April first the "two months men" were dismissed without pay and also without a discharge. In later years Wallace responded to a query about discharge papers by saying that he had not received "a written one, and I did not know of any at the time who did."

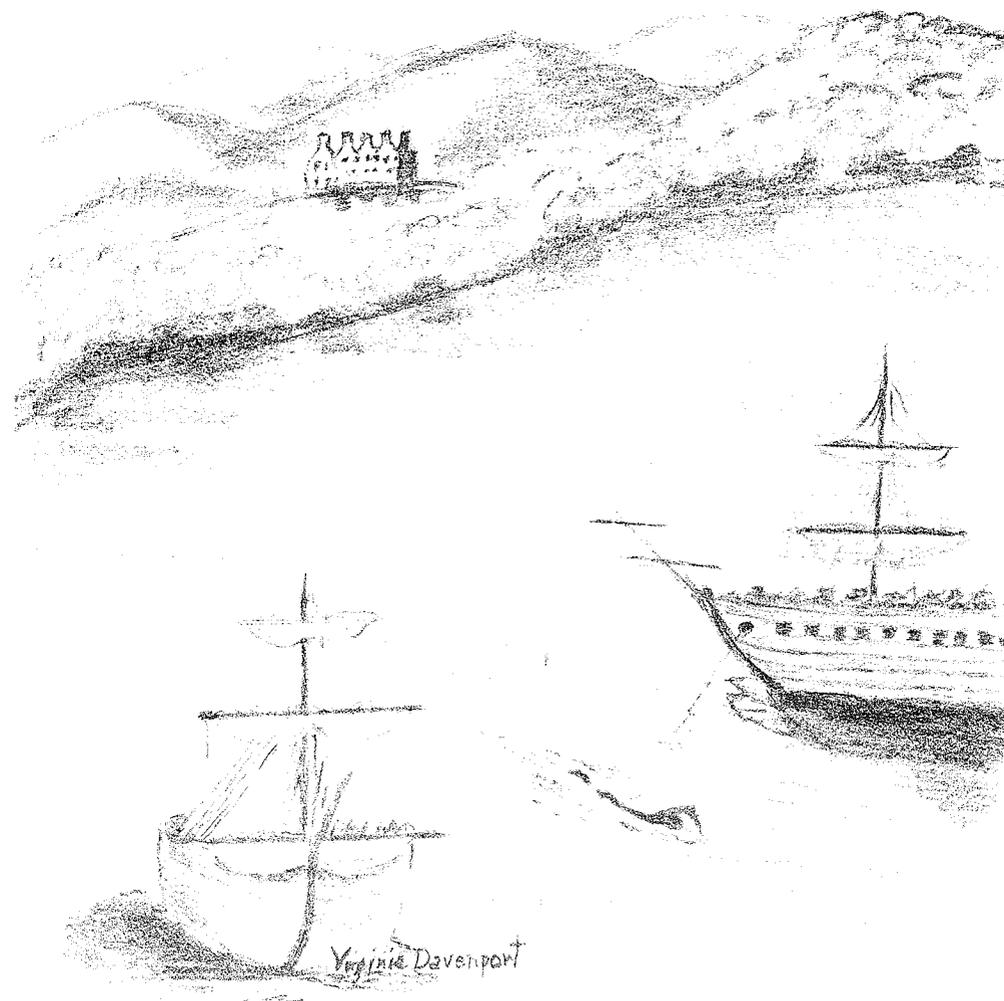
Once back in Thetford he married Bathsheba Rich of Lyme, N. H., a remarkable woman, on Nov. 7, 1776. Wallace had previously made a pitch in the western part of Thetford in what is now Rice's Mills. The newly married couple now moved there. They were not to remain undisturbed for long. The English forces under General Burgoyne were moving south from Lake Champlain. Impeded in his progress by stubborn resistance on the part of the American forces and deprived of supplies by the defeat at Bennington, it was thought that he might attempt to fight his way north again, thus endangering the settlers in Vermont.

The capture of a British scout with papers informing local Tories of an intended attack precipitated a panic in Thetford and Strafford. The settlers fled towards the Connecticut River on foot and on horseback, carrying what goods they could and driving their cattle with them. Richard Wallace hastened from Charlestown,

where he had seen the captured papers and heard them read, to join his wife. He searched for her in vain among the refugees, pushed on to his own tract, and found his wife "sticking by the stuff", some of which she had already hidden in the woods. Wallace helped her complete this task. On July 15, 1777^{*} he enlisted again, this time in a Vermont regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Herrick. They marched to Manchester, to Pawlet, and finally to the mountains south of Ticonderoga. An attack was planned to destroy the boats which Burgoyne had left at Lake George Landing. This had to be coordinated with a diversionary thrust by another American force towards Mount Independence on the east side of the lake. The lake itself was controlled by the British fleet. It was Col. John Brown who thought that a swimmer might pass through the fleet and carry instructions to the forces on the eastern side. He turned to Wallace who said he "was not a great swimmer" but, with Ephraim Webster of Newbury, finally agreed to make the attempt.

"We undressed, bound our clothes upon our backs, drank a little ginger and water, and entered the waters of the lake, here about a mile in width. When we had got into the middle of the lake the wind blew and dashed the water onto our bundles of clothes and wet them and made them very heavy, and the garter (with) which I bound on my bundle swelled and got across my throat and choked me and exceedingly embarrassed me. When we had swam about two thirds across, I found myself almost exhausted and thought I could not proceed further. But at the instant I was about giving up the Lord seemed to give me new courage and strength and, shifting my manner of swimming a little, I went forward and soon discovered a tree directly before me and about twenty rods from the shore. This tree I reached with a struggle and thought I could not have obtained the shore if it had been to gain the world." At this moment Webster cried out for help. Wallace managed to reach the shore, and, after two failures, pushed a long pole out to Webster which he grasped and so was pulled to the shore. They were challenged by a sentry who by great good fortune turned out to be an American, were taken to General Jonathan Warner, and delivered their message. The attack was successful, and the boats were taken and destroyed, and a large number of prisoners were taken. Wallace returned to Pawlet and was discharged, having served his six months. "He and his wife lived through the succeeding winter without any chimney, hearth, or floor, except three or four loose boards to set their pole bedstead upon that was corded with elm bark." Their first child Zerviah was born on Feb. 6, 1778.

Though Wallace responded to the "Strafford alarm" (July 20, 1777) and the "Royalton alarm" (April, 1781), these were local expeditions of twelve days each under a local leader, Captain William Heaton. He could now hang his musket on the wall and cultivate the arts of peace, — not only as a farmer, but also according to tradition, as a cabinet maker. In 1808 his holdings amounted to over a hundred acres. He liked to ride over to a neighbor, borrow a newspaper, and return in a leisurely fashion, reading as he rode. In his later years Wallace became a local sage, one who remembered pioneer days, which must already have seemed remote. When the Rev. Grant Powers wrote his *Coos County Sketches*, Wallace was listed among the authorities consulted.



* Richard Wallace swimming Lake Champlain through British fleet fall of 1777

By 1817 Wallace had enough of farming, though he was only sixty-four, and sold the home place to his son Luther for two thousand dollars. Luther agreed to support his parents in a document which left very little to chance. Neither Wallace nor Bathsheba needed to work for Luther "unless they please." They were to have a "youngerly horse," saddle, bridle, one-horse wagon, cutter, and harness. They were to have the use of two good milk cows, but the calves were Luther's property. However Luther sold the farm in 1823 to Rufus Reed who had married Wallace's daughter Lydia.

Richard Wallace should have been entitled to a pension under the provisions of a law passed by Congress in 1813, but he did not apply. However when the new pension law of June 7, 1832 was passed he went to Simeon Short, Justice of the Peace in Thetford, and recounted once more the story of his exploits. Three surviving comrades, Lieut. John Powell, Hezekiah Goodrich, and Henry Burton, all of Strafford, filed supporting statements. Bathsheba died on May 13, 1832 and Wallace himself on Jan. 16, 1833. They are buried in the old cemetery near the covered bridge in Thetford Center.

On Dec. 10, 1834 two married daughters, Hannah Gillet and Prudence W. Boynton asked that the value of Richard Wallace's pension certificate be paid to Wallace's son Major Darius Wallace to be divided among the surviving children. Of the nine survivors, Daniel, the second child and oldest son, is said to have gone to "parts unknown." Though he did not inform his parents of his whereabouts, we know that he moved first to the Finger Lakes region of New York and later to Salinas, Mich. The response to this claim was a payment of \$58.75 which presumably was divided among the children in accordance with Wallace's wishes.

* This is the date which Wallace gives, but Herrick received his commission on the same day. The records of Capt. William Heaton of Thetford show that Wallace served twelve days on the "Strafford alarm" of July 20, 1777. Perhaps Wallace did enlist on the fifteenth but did not join his unit until later. Possibly his memory failed him and the date of enlistment was later than the fifteenth.

Charles W. Hughes
Thetford Historical Society

CHURCHES

North Thetford Federated	Rev. Gary Wait	333-4429
Post Mills Congregational		
Thetford Hill Congregational		
Timothy Frst Methodist (Thet. Ct.)	Rev. Hector Sullivan .	649-1258
Union Village Methodist	Rev. Hector Sullivan .	649-1258

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Latham Memorial Library	Elizabeth Champe . . .	785-2274
		or 785-4361
	(Hrs. Mon.-Fri., 2PM-4PM., Mon.-Wed., 7PM-8:30PM.,	
	Preschool story hr. Wed. 9:30 AM)	
North Thetford Library	Agness Waterman . . .	333-9184
	(Hrs. Monday, Thursday, Saturday 1PM - 4PM.)	
Peabody Library	Mary Fisher	333-9758
	(Hrs. Wednesday 3PM - 5PM & 7PM - 9PM)	
Thetford History Library	Louise Vaughan	785-2819
	(Hrs. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7PM - 8:30 PM)	

TOWN ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion Post No. 79, Thet. Hill	George Davenport . . .	785-2536
Boy Scouts	Gary Ulman	785-4037
	George Demers	785-2887
Cub Scouts	A. J. Thorburn	785-2804
Civic Assn. of Thetford	Dana Grossman	785-4074
Crystal Lake Lodge No. 5, Post Mills	Maurice Tucker	333-4433
Democratic Caucus	Daniel Grossman	785-4074
First Aid Squad of Thetford	Sandra Wilmot	333-9256
Food Coop	Cynthia Toutant	785-2826
Girl Scouts		
Coordinator-Troop, Consultant	Patricia Doyle	333-4486
Leader, Brownies	Norma Clark	333-9263
	Yvonne Littlefield . . .	785-2251
Leader, Cadettes	Roberta Howard	333-4607
	Sherry Crossly	333-9579
I Can Hardly Wait for Winter	Gary Wait	333-4429
Lions Club	Chauncey Willey	785-2435
Men's Goodfellowship, Union Village	George P. Stowell	785-2118
P.T.A.	Jean Wolstenholme . . .	785-4567
Parish Players		785-4344
Red Cross Service to Military Families	Kathleen Bond	333-4640
Republican Caucus	Stanley Wing	333-9741
Thetford Academy Alumni Assn.	James A. Bacon	333-9571
Thetford Historical Society	Charles Latham	333-4613
Thetford Mother's Club	Mary Copans	649-1985
Thetford Recreation Board	Drew Tallman	785-4579
Thetford Snow Coasters	Ivan McGranghan	649-1896
(2nd Fri. of each month)		

Thetford Vol. Fire Dept.

Thetford Workshop

Upper Valley Fish & Game Club

(3rd Wed. each month at Thetford Elementary School)

Denis Gamache &

Freeman Hoisington

Maggie George 333-4407

James Banker 785-2229

AREA ORGANIZATIONS

Community Assn., Thetford Ctr.

Friendly Class, North Thetford

Ladies Aid Society, North Thetford

Ladies Benefit Society, Post Mills

Ladies Benevolent Soc., Thetford Hill

Lake Fairlee Assn.

Rices Mills Community Assn.

Women's Fellowship Assn., Thet. Ctr.

W.S.C.S., Union Village

Matthew Wiencke . . 785-2654

Josephine Clay 333-4664

Margaret Balch 353-9023

Ruth Southworth . . 333-4304

Christine Warner . . . 785-2194

George Porter . winter 649-1745

summer 333-9313

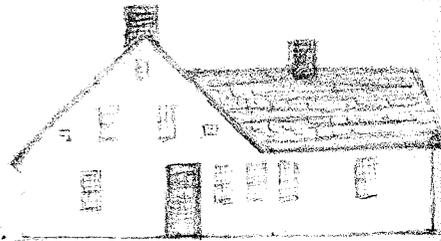
A. J. Thorburn 785-2804

Bertha Brown 785-2167

Annie Boutwell . . . 785-4308



1777- The town's religious society had 16 members when Asa Burton came to Thetford as 2nd minister.

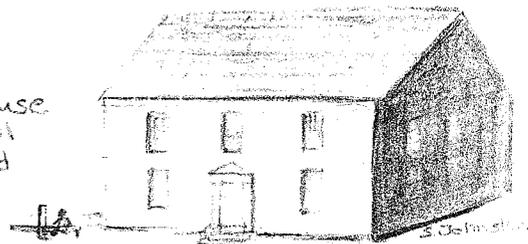


1779- Asa Burton built his house and held weekly youth meetings there. (Now Chioff home).



1780's- A log church was built (site now on Chapman property). Rev. Burton started a musical society.

1787- A new Meeting House was built on Thetford Hill (Moved to present site and remodeled in 1830)



THETFORD RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS INFORMATION

Dogs four months of age and older must be licensed between January 1st and April 1st of each year. Before licensing, the dog must have a rabies shot and a certificate on file in the Town Clerk's 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 Clerk's Office. Licenses may be obtained by mail.

"The owner or keeper of 2 or more dogs, four months of age or older, kept for sale or breeding purposes . . . shall apply to the Town Clerk for a kennel permit . . . Kennel permit expires March 31." 20 VSA 3681

Polls - Cards will be filled out at the time of voting. Anyone missed at the time listers will go to their house. If they miss you, you are responsible for seeing that a card is completed and your name is placed on the poll list.

USA 32 Section 3601 The listers shall set the polls of all inhabitants of the state, citizens and aliens who are between the ages of 18 and 65 years in the Grand List in the town wherein such inhabitants reside on April 1 in each year.

Poll Tax Bills are mailed out June 21, 1977 and are payable on or before July 22, 1977. Payment of your poll tax does not place your name on the Check-list.

Property Tax Bills are mailed out July 25, 1977 and are payable on or before October 26, 1977.

Payments - All payments received in the office 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 & Property Taxes will have a 8% penalty and warrant fee added, plus interest of 1% each month the day they become delinquent.

Checklists for election and town meeting close at 12:00 o'clock noon the fourth Saturday prior to voting. Application 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

No sub-division of land may legally occur without a hearing before the Thetford Planning Commission. Application forms and copies of the Thetford Sub-Division Ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Sometimes there can be confusion over the meaning of the Ordinance. Members of the Thetford Planning Commission will be glad to try to informally answer questions. A sub-divider is also welcome to come before the Planning Commission during one of its regularly scheduled meetings to ask questions.

Flood Hazard Regulations

Flood hazard regulations were adopted by HUD, October 20, 1975. Complete copies of the regulations may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

The cover of this report is by John R. Scotford, Jr., who is the College Designer for Dartmouth College. Mr. Scotford and his family live on Pavilion Road in East Thetford.