

ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN *of*
THETFORD, VT



Year ending December 31, 1998

THETFORD TOWN OFFICES

(802) 785-2922 / (802) 785-4927

(802) 785-2031 [FAX]

TOWN GARAGE

(802) 785-4679

TREASURE ISLAND

(802) 333-9615

Town Clerk & Treasurer

Monday: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Listers

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Zoning Administrator

Tuesday: 7:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Thursday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Health Officer

By Appointment

Selectmen

Mondays: 6:00 PM, Town Offices

PC/ZBA

2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:15 PM, Town Offices

Conservation Commission

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Latham Library

School Directors

2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Elementary School

POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

all exchanges : 911

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency/Messages (Hanover Dispatch) 333-4347

Office 785-2922

STATE POLICE

Emergency 333-9414

FISH & WILDLIFE WARDEN

Via VSP-Bethel (802) 234-9933

Home 333-4815

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

(802) 685-4875

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

Business Office 333-4043

FIRE WARDEN (Burning Permits)

Ellis Paige (home) 785-4477

Alford Stone (home) 785-4503

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Gene Thorburn - 333-4347

POUND KEEPER

Dr. John Dwyer - 785-4353

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

24 hours (800) 639-6360

SAFELINE

24 hours (800) 639-7233

HEADREST

24 hours (603) 448-4400

Annual Report

Town of Thetford, Vermont

Year Ending

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THETFORD TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator - Town		
Joseph Tofel	2553 Academy Rd Thetford Ctr	649-1434
Moderator - School		
Mary McNelly Denison	892 Quinibeck Rd Fairlee	333-9527
Selectmen		
Patricia Blake ('99)	PO Box 43 East Thetford	785-4505
Timothy Moore ('99)	PO Box 289 Thetford Ctr	785-2106
James Masland ('00)	714 Pero Hill Rd Thetford Ctr	785-2698
Lucy Young ('00)	PO Box 175 Thetford	785-4580
Paul Raymond ('01)	PO Box 223 Thetford Ctr	785-4953
Town Clerk, Treasurer, Del. Tax Collector		
Roberta C. Howard	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-2922
Constable		
Vacant		
Grand Juror		
Agt. to Prosecute/Defend Suits	} Vacant	
Agt. to Convey Real Property		
Listers (Three Year Term)		
Arthur Bacon ('00)	1074 Stevens Rd East Thetford	785-4208
Janet Stowell ('01)	462 Stowell Rd Thetford Ctr	785-4387
Vacant		
Auditors (Three Year Term)		
Mary Bronson ('99)	1694 Academy Rd Thetford Ctr	785-4408
Vacant		
Vacant		
School Directors		
Brian Odell ('00)	PO Box 81 East Thetford	785-2400
Charlie Buttrey ('99)	347 Cranberry Hill Rd E Thetford	785-4005
Pauline Cole ('01)	790 Poor Farm Rd N Thetford Ctr	785-2016
Cynthia Char ('99)	360 Colby Road N Thetford Ctr	785-9813
Adam Keller ('99)	1392 Robinson Hill Rd Fairlee	333-9447
Trustees of Trust Funds (Three Year Term)		
Frederick Howard ('00)	PO Box 57 North Thetford	333-9291
Ruel G. Barrett ('01)	PO Box 89 Thetford	785-2867
Arthur N. Shopp ('99)	PO Box 94 Post Mills	333-4647
Cemetery Commissioners (Three Year Term)		
John Wilmot ('99)	PO Box 6 East Thetford	785-4090
Andrew Martin ('00)	PO Box 162 East Thetford	785-2024
David Evilsizer ('01)	1530 Latham Rd Thetford Ctr	333-3716

Trustees of Library (Five Year Term)

Emily Barker	PO Box 4 Thetford	
Kathryn Bonyai	93 Cream Street Thetford Ctr	785-4403
Ron Chabot	PO Box 171 Thetford Ctr	785-2772
Patricia Charyk	26 Quinibeck Road Fairlee	333-4717
Janice Cook	316 Cream Street Thetford Ctr	785-2587
Diana Eastridge	2002 Gove Hill Rd Thetford Ctr	785-2428
Marilyn Welch-Fava	PO Box 218 Thetford Ctr	785-3117
Martha Wiencke	1708 Tucker Hill Rd Thetford Ctr	785-2654
1 vacant		

Budget Committee

Arlene Palmer ('99)	PO Box 37 North Thetford	333-4655
Mark McMahan ('00)	2166 Godfrey Rd East Thetford	785-4687
Chester Palmer ('00)	PO Box 37 East Thetford	785-2454
Nan Vosburg ('99)	PO Box 75 North Thetford	333-4167
Mary Spata ('99)	272 Rte 244 Post Mills	333-4624

Justices of the Peace

Arthur Bacon	1074 Stevens Rd East Thetford	785-4208
Gladys Boyd	805 Godfrey Rd East Thetford	785-2029
Elmer Brown	PO Box 237 Thetford Ctr	785-2167
Richardson Fowle	PO Box 54 Thetford	785-4527
Wendy Cole	751 Quail John Rd East Thetford	785-2698
Charles Johnson	PO Box 151 Thetford	
Theodore Levin	PO Box 117 Thetford	
Roxy Maxfield	PO Box 157 Post Mills	785-4215
Robert Vaughan	PO Box 54 East Thetford	785-2968
Jean Wolstenholme	PO Box 6 Thetford	785-4567

Representative for Orange District 4

James Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd Thetford Ctr	785-2698
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Senator - Orange County

Mark MacDonald	Williamstown	433-5897
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

Police Chief

James Krackowiecki	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-2922
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Special Officer - Police

Charles Stephens	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-2922
Andrew Havens	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-2922
Dean Marthers	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-2922

Road Commissioner

Chad Whitcomb	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-4679
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Zoning Administrator			
George Stowell	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-2922	
Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer			
Martha Howard	PO Box 34 North Thetford	333-9171	
Donna Durkee	PO Box 122 East Thetford	785-4590	
Town Service Officer			
Roberta Howard	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-2922	
Animal Control Officer			
Eugene Thorburn	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	333-4347	
Pound Keeper			
Dr. John Dwyer	2604 Sawnee Bean Thetford Ctr	785-4353	
Fire Warden (Burning Permits)			
Ellis Paige	41 Whippoorwill Thetford Ctr	785-4477	
Key Man (Burning Permits)			
Alford Stone	687 Whippoorwill Thetford Ctr	785-4503	
Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee RPC			
Jim Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd Thetford Ctr	785-4146	
Planning Commission			
Arthur Bacon ('99)	1074 Stevens Rd East Thetford	785-4208	
Norm Marshall ('99)	PO Box 173 East Thetford	785-4017	
Mark McMahon ('99)	2166 Godfrey Rd East Thetford	785-4687	
Ken Robinson ('00)	329 Turnpike Rd N Fairlee	333-9310	
Sherry Crossley ('01)	PO Box 257 Thetford Ctr	333-9579	
Karen Kaliski ('01)	176 Burnham Rd East Thetford	785-3116	
<i>1 position vacant</i>			
Historic Preservation Committee			
Jennifer Barker Allen	PO Box 4 North Thetford	333-4408	
Marian Fifield	PO Box 255 Thetford Ctr	785-2430	
James Fowle	PO Box 46 Thetford	785-2630	
Clark Graff	97 Quinibeck Rd Fairlee	333-9441	
Roney Hoffman	68 Cobble Hill Rd East Thetford	785-2438	
Dan Russell	North Thetford	333-4402	
Conservation Commission			
Bill Bridge	3836 Route 5 Thetford Ctr	785-2964	
Jennifer Davey	PO Box 166 Post Mills	333-9607	
Richard Haugen	515 Burnham Rd East Thetford	785-4494	
Robert Pulaski	1006 Barker Rd Post Mills	333-4627	
William Shepard	2360 Academy Rd Thetford Ctr	785-2855	
Scott Stokoe	518 Ulman Rd Thetford Ctr	785-2083	
Fred Thomas	1221 Gove Hill Rd Thetford Ctr	785-2596	
Kristin Brown	250 Old Strong Rd Thetford Ctr	785-2027	
<i>1 position vacant</i>			

Greater UV Solid Waste District			
James Masland (Rep.)	714 Pero Hill Rd Thetford Ctr	785-4146	
Stuart Blood (Alt.)	851 Poor Farm Rd S Thetford Ctr	785-4112	
Solid Waste Committee			
Mark Richardson	1994 Sawnee Bean Thetford Ctr	785-4001	
Recreation Committee			
No members			
Emergency Management			
David Goodrich	1015 Whippoorwill Thetford Ctr	785-4635	
Upper Valley Ambulance			
Todd Protzman	PO Box 185 Post Mills		
Orange County Mental Health Trustee			
Vacant			
Agency on Aging - Southeast Council			
Ruel Barrett	PO Box 184 Thetford	785-2867	
Agency on Aging - White River Council			
Joe & Dot Tofel	2553 Academy Rd Thetford Ctr	649-1434	
Tree Warden			
Elmer Brown	PO Box 237 Thetford Ctr	785-2167	
Surveyors of Wood & Lumber			
Kenneth Bragg	176 Park Ln Thetford Ctr	333-4688	
Gary Ulman	359 Ulman Rd Thetford Ctr	785-4037	
Lee Palmer	PO Box 106 North Thetford	333-9026	
Fence Viewers			
Robert Evans	100 Evans Rd East Thetford	785-2673	
Robert Vaughan	PO Box 54 East Thetford	785-2968	
Royce Bond	155 Turnpike Rd S Thetford Ctr	333-4640	
Historian			
Marian Fifield	PO Box 255 Thetford Ctr	785-2430	
Notaries Public			
Ruel G. Barrett	PO Box 89 Thetford	785-2867	
Karin Bonnett	761 Rte 113 East Thetford	785-2543	
Judith Bowden	1671 Barker Rd Post Mills	785-2712	
Charlie Buttrey	347 Cranberry Hill Rd E Thetford	785-4005	
Kate Cone	3836 Rte 5 Thetford Ctr	785-2964	
Sherry S. Crossley	PO Box 257 Thetford Ctr	333-9579	
Lynn J. Daly	358 Picknell Rd Thetford Ctr	785-4336	
Emily S. Davis	447 Norford Lake Rd Thetford Ctr	649-2729	
Betty A. Ferriot	PO Box 85 East Thetford	785-2247	
Herbert C. Gray	PO Box 87 East Thetford	785-4348	
Loretta Gray	PO Box 35 East Thetford	785-4189	
Rebecca B. Gray	PO Box 87 East Thetford	785-4348	
Dana C. Grossman	PO Box 106 East Thetford	785-4074	

Notaries Public, cont

Daniel F. Grossman	PO Box 106 East Thetford	785-4074
Mary M. Hathorn	541 Ely Road Fairlee	333-9176
Martha Howard	PO Box 34 North Thetford	333-9171
Roberta C. Howard	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-2922
Lynn Irwin	665 Godfrey Road East Thetford	785-4581
Jeanne Phipps	PO Box 76 North Thetford	333-9130
Paul Raymond	PO Box 223 Thetford Ctr	785-4953
Rebecca Raymond	PO Box 223 Thetford Ctr	785-4953
Charles Stephens	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	785-2922
Roger Thrall	2243 Godfrey Road East Thetford	785-4102
Gloria Thurston	Thetford Academy	785-4805



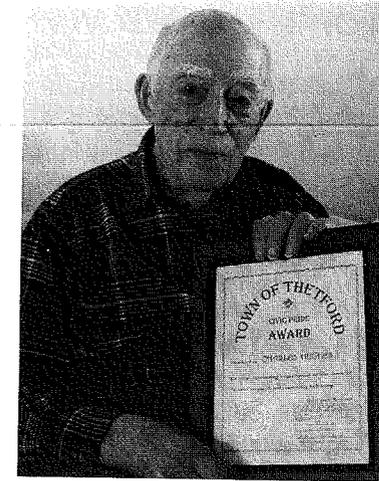
TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

The Annual Town and School Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 27, 1999, at Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, beginning at 9:00 AM.

A Snack Bar sponsored by TA Project Graduation will open at 8:30 AM.

Child Care is available free of charge, from 9:00 AM to Noon, and from 1:00 PM until the meeting ends. Care provided by TA and Elementary School student volunteers.

A luncheon will be served at Noon, featuring New England Chowders, Salads, and Breads. The cost is \$ 3.00, and proceeds will benefit the TA to Greece School Trip.



CHARLES W. HUGHES

February 20, 1900 - January 9, 1999

Dr. Charles W. Hughes was born in South Portsmouth and later moved to Newport, Rhode Island. He was a 1920 graduate of Columbia University in New York and later earned a Ph D in music from Columbia.

Dr. Hughes had been a professor at Hunter College in New York City where he was head of the music department. In 1970, he retired from Lehman College of the City University of New York.

In 1926 he married Fannie Lippman in New York City, and with her studied music in France for several years under Nadia Boulanger. Mrs. Hughes died in 1989. Dr Hughes was author of "American Hymns, Old and New," and numerous articles about his friend Percy Grainger, the American musician. He also authored two books published by the Thetford Historical Society, "Beloved Village, Reminiscences of Thetford Hill" and "Mills and Villages of Thetford Center, Vermont."

Dr. Hughes was a founder of the Thetford Historical Society and curator of the Charles and Fannie Hughes Thetford Historical Barn. He was an accomplished photographer, dedicated gardener, and columnist for Behind the Times. He enjoyed children, village life, and will always be remembered for his informal musical concerts.

**WARNING
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the Town of Thetford, on Saturday, February 27, 1999 at 9:00 AM, to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town.
- ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 15, 1999, by 5:00 PM. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1 1/2% per month or fraction thereof, and 8% penalty will be due the Town
- ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money needed for current expenses in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available.
- ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 281,145.00 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund
- ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 356,473.00 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department.
- ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$20,000 to make structural repairs and modifications to the existing building used as the Town Hall
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town purchase a new Fire Engine for a cost of up to \$235,000 to be paid for over a four year period starting in the fall of 1999.
- ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town raise the amount of \$29,256.00 for the Thetford Library Federation

- ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$16,500 to be used as a local match for a two year co-operative project with the U.S. Geological Survey to study the characteristics of the bedrock aquifer in the vicinity of the Upper Valley Regional Landfill, in Post Mills, subject to securing sufficient additional matching funds from federal, state and private sources.
- ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town raise the amount of \$5,286.00 for the Thetford FAST Squad
- ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$2,000.00 to contribute towards the continuing Lake Fairlee Milfoil Control Project.
- ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town transfer the development rights of Bill Hill in Thetford Center to the Upper Valley Land Trust.
- ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town stabilize the taxes of Camp Billings at \$11,200.00 per year for a period of five years.
- ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town stabilize the taxes of the Thetford Center Community Association at \$ 50.00 per year for a period of five years.
- ARTICLE 17 Shall the Town stabilize the taxes of the Rices Mills Community Association at \$ 30.00 per year for a period of five years.
- ARTICLE 18 Shall the Town stabilize the taxes of the Thetford Historical Society at \$ 100.00 per year for a period of five years.
- ARTICLE 19 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$725.00 for Central Vermont Adult Basic Education Inc.
- ARTICLE 20 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$500.00 for the AIDS Community Resource Network (ACORN).
- ARTICLE 21 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 150.00 for VT Green Up.
- ARTICLE 22 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$100.00 for the Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel.

ARTICLE 23 (By petition) Shall the citizens of Thetford, Vermont call upon the US government and governments of all nuclear weapons states to secure on an urgent basis a nuclear weapons abolition treaty. The treaty must include an early timetable for the elimination of nuclear weapons in a manner that is mutual and verifiable among all nations. We further urge our state senators and representatives to introduce a resolution to this effect and send it on to the Vermont Congressional delegation for immediate action.

ARTICLE 24 To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

The following Articles shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the Thetford Town Offices.

ARTICLE 25 To elect Town and School Officers.

ARTICLE 26 Shall the voters adopt a revision to the Thetford Zoning Regulations, adding a section on Telecommunications towers. Added section contains site plan, co-location, permit, report, continuing obligation and insurance requirements for said towers, standards for tower and antenna design, lighting and signage, temporary wireless facilities, interference with public safety telecommunications, and new definitions. The Thetford Zoning Ordinance revisions are proposed in accordance with sections 4401 and 4407, Ch 117 of Title 24, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

(The full text of the proposed Zoning Ordinance revisions is available at the Town Offices, and at the Annual Town Meeting).

Dated January 28, 1999

Thetford Board of Selectmen

Patricia Blake, Chair

James Masland

Timothy Moore

Paul Raymond

Lucy Young

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN and SCHOOL OFFICES

Town Moderator, 1 Year	Joseph S. Tofel
Town Clerk, 1 Year	Roberta C. Howard
Town Treasurer, 1 Year	Roberta C. Howard
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 Year	Roberta C. Howard
Selectman, 3 Year	Raymond (Fred) Adams
Selectman, 2 Year	Mark McMahon John Judd Sr.
Grand Juror, 1 Year	No Candidate
Agt To Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 Year	No Candidate
Agt. To Convey Real Property, 1 Year	No Candidate
Lister, 3 Year	Laurie A. Ingalls
Auditor, 3 Years	No Candidate
Auditor, 2 Years	No Candidate
Auditor, 1 Year	No Candidate
Budget Committee, 3 Years	No Candidate
Budget Committee, 2 Year	Nancy W. Vosburg
Budget Committee, 1 Year	Mary Spata
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Years	Elmer C. Brown
Cemetery commissioner, 3 Years	John Wilmot
Library Trustee, 4 Years	Diana Eastridge
Library Trustee, 4 Years	Marilyn Welch-Fava
Library Trustee, 2 Years	Bryant Patten
School Moderator, 1 Year	No Candidate
School Director, 3 Years	Charlie Buttrey
School Director, 2 Years	Tracy Bach
School Director, 1 Year	Tom Gray

VOTER INFORMATION

Residents of the Town of Thetford may make application to have their names placed upon the checklist during Town Clerk Office hours: Mondays 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM; Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM; and Saturday, February 20, 1999, 10:00 AM to NOON at the Town Hall.

All applications must be received no later than Saturday, February 20, 1999, by 12:00 NOON, in order to vote on February 27 and March 2, 1999. Voters may request absentee ballots until 5:00 PM or the closing of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 1, 1999. An authorized person, on behalf of an absent voter, may apply for an absent voter ballot not later than 12:00 NOON on Monday, March 1, 1999.

Voting by Australian Ballot will be Tuesday, March 2, 1999, from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, for Election of Town and School Officers, and proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

CHECKLIST POSTED: (No later than 30 days before election) February 3, 1999. Make sure your name is on the Voter checklist. If your name is not on it - REGISTER TO VOTE: No later than Second Saturday before election, February 20, 1999, before 12:00 NOON at Town Offices

SECRET PARTY CHOICE: You do not register by party in Vermont.

ABSENTEE BALLOT:

When - Apply not later than 8:00 PM on March 1, 1999.
Where - Town Clerk's Office
How - Either in person, in writing, or by telephone.
Who - Voter, or authorized person must request absentee ballot on behalf of an absent voter by 12 NOON on March 1, 1999

WAYS OF VOTING ABSENTEE:

- Vote in Town Clerk's Office before the deadline.
- Have a ballot mailed to you, and mail or take it back to the Town Clerk's Office before 7:00PM on Election Day (March 2, 1999).
- Have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home on the day before or the day of the election.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: (10 days before election) February 20, 1999.

REMEMBRANCE

Marion Aldrich, 93, of Post Mills, was mother of Verna Estes and devoted family member; member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Post Mills Congregational Church. She was very fond of animals and especially of her dog Snowflake.

Dorothy L. Bacon, a resident of Thetford Center most of her life. She was a hard worker for the Timothy Frost Methodist Church, the Thetford Center Community Association, and a number of community affairs, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was the mother of Carol Bacon of Lebanon and sister to Doris Cowden, recently of Thetford Center, and worked fifteen years for the Dartmouth College Alumni Records Department.

Wanda "Coke" Blake, born in Thetford, drove a school bus in West Fairlee for forty years and worked for Lake Morey Inn and her husband's restaurant, snowmobile, and auto repair business. She was sister to Marge Alder of Thetford.

Evelyn A. Chaplin was a life resident of Post Mills and mother of Helen Shumway and Francis Bragg, and a successful homemaker.

Alberta Cook was a resident of East Thetford and mother of Goldie Jamieson.

Charles H. Daniels of North Thetford moved three years ago to Framingham, Massachusetts. He was a retired health care counselor for the State of Vermont.

Donna Eaton, wife of Tom Eaton who runs the Thetford Center garage. Donna and Tom lived in North Thetford for many years, and raised their family there. At the time of her death, Donna and Tom and their family were living in West Fairlee. Donna is sadly missed by family, friends, and neighbors in North Thetford.

Ranald Hill of Post Mills and Hanover founded Ranald C. Hill Opticians of Hanover and was active in his profession and pioneer of development of contact lenses. In Thetford he contributed articles about railroads for the Thetford Historical Society.

Nancy Lewis, 97 years old, was born in Wales and married Oscar Lewis, a WW I aviator. They lived in New York and Canada, before retiring to Thetford in 1958. After his death in 1963, she lived alone. She was an artist all her life known for her shows at the Thetford Bicentennial Building and luminous water colors of Thetford. She was the mother of Gillian Tyler.

Howard Maxfield, brother of Melvin Maxfield, was a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and railroad conductor.

Mary Lee "Mimi" Morton was the wife of John Morton and mother of Julie Morton, and moved to Thetford in 1978. She was in the knitting business for ski hats worn by Olympic champions and earned certification as a therapeutic body worker in the Traeger Method. She once taught in Alaska and maintained an interest in polar bears.

Effie May Orcutt and family moved to Thetford in 1957 and was mother to Joanne Wood of North Thetford and sister to William Sanborn of East Thetford. She was a secretary and an Emergency Room nurse at DHMC.

John C. Pulaski was the father of Robert Pulaski. He was a WWII Navy veteran with service in the Pacific and chief operating power plant engineer for a medical complex; an avid gardener and accomplished league bowler.

Marjorie A. Ricker, widow of Floyd Ricker, a graduate of Thetford Academy worked in the Red and White Store in Bradford and Baker's Store in Post Mills. She was former secretary of the Post Mills Congregational Church, a member of the Rebekahs, and a loyal friend.

Lt. Colonel Haven E. Southworth of Post Mills was a civil engineer in the Army and the State of Vermont. He is survived by his widow, Doris Southworth.

Virginia H. Stunkel was mother of Erwin H. Stunkel of North Thetford and a member of the North Thetford Federated Church. She worked as a store clerk, a bookkeeper, and executive secretary for the Federal Deposit Insurance Company.

Alfreda Sweet Tuttle, matriarch of a large family, was a nurse at MHMH and made her home in Thetford since 1946.

Maurice Wilmot was the father of John Wilmot of East Thetford. He worked at the Norris Farm in Lyme, Jenks Sawmill, Snelling Sawmill, and Bradford National Bank in East Thetford. He enjoyed gardening and working with wood.



SELECTBOARD REPORT

We begin our report by thanking all those who serve our local government and community through the many volunteer organizations. While some are paid for their contributions, most are not. It is important that we all recognize the important role that community service plays in our Town. Where would we be without the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department, the FAST Squad, the Planning and Conservation Commissions, those who work in our libraries, ThetNet creators, and on and on. Local government works best when new faces and new energy join forces with the old. We urge you to participate.

1998 was a year of change and challenge. Topping the list of changes were the appointments of Chad Whitcomb as Road Commissioner and James Krakowiecki as Police Chief. Here are some of the other highlights.

Last year the Town voted to increase the Police Chief position from a 32 hour per week position to a full time 40 hour per week position, this in conjunction with a Federal COPs grant that would pay for seventy-five percent of the cost for a three year period. A selection committee reviewed 21 applications and presented three applicants to the interview board. Chief Krakowiecki was selected in late fall and officially began his duties on January 15th. He previously served with distinction on the Elizabeth, New Jersey police force. We are thankful that he has chosen to bring his many years of experience to Thetford. He is dedicated to community based police protection and we urge you to get to know him and his wife Paulette and make them welcome in their new home town.

We must pause to thank outgoing Police Chief Charlie Stephens for his outstanding contribution to the Town of Thetford. Charlie's dedication and his quiet effective style laid the groundwork for the Town's transition to a full time Police department. Charlie will continue to serve in the capacity of part time police officer for the Town.

Our new Road Commissioner, Chad Whitcomb, has served on the Thetford Highway Department for six years. He has excellent skills to bring to his new role as leader of the highway department. Chad is also a firefighter and will maintain the close cooperation between Highway and Fire departments. We are fortunate that he was available to step into the Commissioner's shoes when needed. The Selectboard wants to thank Ellis Paige for his 12 years of service as Road Commissioner. He is now a full time member of the Norwich Highway Department. Ellis left our roads, our highway equipment and the Town Garage in excellent condition. Under Ellis's stewardship the Town successfully modernized many of its operations and established long term plans for equipment replacement, graveling and repavement. We wish Ellis luck in his new endeavor.

Last year saw the repair work completed on the damaged Thetford Center covered bridge. The Union Village covered bridge is still enrolled with the State and Federal bridge program but this program did not see any movement within the State this last year. The Route 132 repavement project continued for the third year with anticipated completion of the project this year. This is a year longer than originally expected due to the cost and extensive work required on the road base. Overall the Highway budget for 1999 is up approximately \$36,174 with \$30,000 of it an anticipated one time increase to complete the Route 132 project this year.

The requested amount to be raised by taxes for the Highway budget in FY 1999 is up approximately \$5,324. An Article is included for a \$60,000 contribution to the Highway Equipment Replacement Fund. This is the 3rd year at this amount and the plan projects an increase in the contribution next year (see the spread sheet detailing the Replacement Program Fund elsewhere in the Town Report). No major purchases for the Highway Department are on the Warning this year.

The Fire Department needs to alter their equipment replacement plan of keeping a vehicle for 40 years. An article is on the warning to purchase a fire engine pumper truck in 1999, two years earlier than original replacement plan called for.

Our General Fund ended the year with a surplus, much of which related to two articles from last year regarding the recycling center. The purchase of a proposed recycling site did not take place for several reasons. A potential alternative site was revealed with land that the Town/Schoolboard already owned and the present lessors of our current site decided to continue the lease with some additional land and might consider future negotiations towards purchase if this site proves adequate with the additional space and modifications. No money was spent as a local match for development of a recycling site. As it turned out, there was no grant money available from the State for this.

The 1999 anticipated operating budget is \$473,389.95 and when surplus revenue is applied towards it, it reflects a decrease from last year in the amount to be raised by taxes of approximately \$15,000. Requests from several organizations are listed as Articles this year because they are asking for increased contributions from the Town. This follows a long established precedence. Most notably, the two Town organizations seeking increases are the FAST Squad and the Library Federation.

Noticeably absent from the Warning this year is any proposal regarding the needs of an adequate Town municipal facility. This year a property boundary survey was conducted of the existing site, only to find that space is even more limited than was anticipated. The existing vault is on cemetery land and any proposed addition plans would need to be altered.

In September we received notification that the Evergreen Rest Cemetery Commission was not interested in relinquishing any land. Shortly after that, the possibility of purchasing the Bushway Agency surfaced, and was an option until recently. The Selectboard and others who work within our Town Hall have spent long hours considering the options of renovating the current building or moving to a different location. Both options have their positives and negatives. It had been hoped that we could have a proposal to bring before voters at Town meeting but events and the time frame did not permit this. While progress may not be occurring as quickly as many would like, progress is none the less being made. We feel that this is such an important issue to our community that all possibilities must be considered and the best choices made. This issue will continue to be of concern for the Selectboard in the upcoming year and we will keep everyone informed.

Thetford Board of Selectmen

Patricia Blake, Chair

James Masland

Tim Moore

Paul Raymond

Lucy Young

1998 HIGHLIGHTS

- *The Thetford Academy Alumni Association celebrates 60 years of continuous contribution to the school.
- *The Thetford Academy Girls' softball team wins Division III State Championship!
- *Rice's Mills is included in the Elizabeth Mine \$100,000 clean up study.
- *Thetford Center is designated a Historic District and is placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- *Thetford Town Meeting votes to add a full time Police Chief to the department of three part-time police officers.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

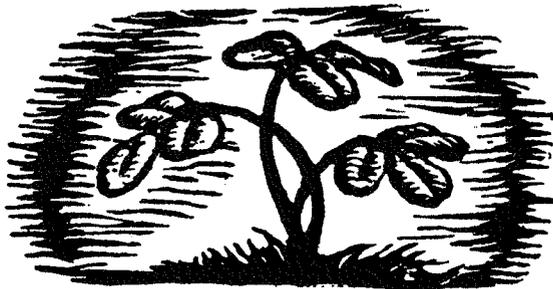
I look forward to this biennium as an opportunity to provide workable common sense solutions to problems we face. Please feel free to contact me by phone, mail or e-mail with your concerns. You can also track the progress of bills by accessing the Vermont Legislature home page on the net. Phone numbers and addresses are listed below.

As this report is being written in mid-January, is unclear what direction the House will take regarding changes to Act 60. I remain committed to making property taxes and education funding understandable and fair to all of us. I have been assigned to the Committee on General, Housing, & Military Affairs. We have been asked to define the direction the House will take on electric utility restructuring and will be devoting much of our time to this exceedingly complicated issue. My committee is also looking at the future of the VA Hospital in White River Junction, and defining policy for the State's initiatives in affordable housing.

Within our district, I will be working with the Board of the New Rivendell School district to see that their efforts are supported by the legislature and the Department of Education. I will also be looking at providing State support for the assessment and maintenance of small but economically important small dams such as the one on Lake Fairlee.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Once again, we are caught between a printer's deadline and pausing for a few minutes to re-acquaint you with the usual due dates coming up and deadlines that must be met. This year we have turned to 'Transaction Ads' in the Valley News as a reminder to Thetford residents to license dogs, register to vote, property tax due dates, etc. The cost is minimal compared to the appreciation of being reminded.

One of our residents who had volunteered to call delinquent dog owners has moved out of town. If you would like to take her place, let us know. We will provide you with a list of names and phone numbers of owners of unlicensed dogs. A brief phone call that avoids paying a \$25.00 penalty is much appreciated. This is also our opportunity to thank Chris Senger for her annual volunteer effort of notifying delinquent dog owners of the April 1st deadline for licensing. The list is long; and Chris would gladly share it! We also want to point out to you that the annual rabies clinic will be held again this year at the Town Garage on Saturday, March 13, 1999, from 10:00 to Noon. Our thanks to John Dwyer and his staff for providing this service to the Town. You may also license your pets at this time. Costs of licenses are \$ 9.00 for male or female; \$ 5.00 for spayed or neutered animals. If your pet has recently been spayed or neutered, please provide the certificate to obtain the lower licensing rate.

We cannot remind each property owner of the tax due date personally, but the due date has remained the same for many years (October 15th), and we do put notices in the local paper, indicating the final due date and any extra office hours for accepting payment.

You will notice that the Ordinances & Policies adopted by the Selectboard, which usually appear in this book, have been omitted. Several Ordinances are in need of updating, and inclusion of existing Ordinances added 12 extra pages to (an already long) book. After review and update, we are planning to prepare a booklet of Town Ordinances and Policies that will be available at the Town Offices, to any persons interested.

We are requesting your approval to appropriate funds for urgent repairs to the roof structure of the Town Hall. In addition, the Selectboard is soliciting bids for minor renovations to the Town Hall; namely, a partial partition in the Town Hall that will provide the Listers with more working space and enable our new Police Chief to have a more secure office. We have been assured that this is only temporary, but it will give the Board time to explore other options and reach a solution that will not be a mere 'band-aid' to a situation that truly deserves more long-range planning.

Our 'in house' cooperation and assistance knows no bounds! We turn to Arthur Bacon for information on ancestors, old roads, and sites buried deeply in the early archives of land records. George Stowell and Al Stone have updated their files to the present system for locating surveys, subdivisions, zoning permits, and the required occupancy permits. Finally using a single filing system (by parcel number) throughout the Town Offices has proven to be of tremendous assistance to the many attorneys and legal assistants involved in title searches in Thetford.

We miss our old friend Diane Stone and send her our love and best wishes. I was disappointed to lose Donna Durkee's invaluable help in the office, but she has been utilizing some of her quiet time by typing some of the articles for inclusion in this Annual Report. We were most fortunate to have Jane Cramer from Fairlee agree to step in as Office Assistant and help us out in the office after Donna left. As a former Town Clerk, Jane is very familiar with the duties and requirements of a Town Clerk's office; and we have all benefitted from her willingness to help out.

As most of you are aware of, we maintain the Thetford Food Shelf from the Town Clerk's office. We are also the distribution location for USDA commodities. The donations received for the Food Shelf - cash, food, and non-food items - are extremely generous in Thetford. I wish we could take the time to thank each one individually, however, we take this opportunity to convey the gratitude and appreciation of each family and individual that we are able to assist. Because of your continued support and contributions, we have been able to provide more than just emergency food to supplement supplies. Again, this past year we worked with area Churches to provide food and gifts baskets. Many families were over-joyed with the abundance of food, clothing, and toys that was collected. The Girls Scout troops under the leadership of Helen Huff and Julie Eaton, together with their assistants, provided many of the items for the 'Remembrance' bags that were delivered, and the younger girls in the Brownie troop brought in special items for the Holiday food baskets. The community spirit and creativity of all the girls was rewarding and greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all for your continuing support and assistance - families, friends, and fellow employees.

Roberta Howard
Town Clerk

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LISTERS' REPORT

1998 was a busy year for the Listers' Office. It was the year we had to start dealing with the changes of Act 60, establish Homestead values for all qualifying parcels and updating our files to be E-911 compliant. Due to the diligence of the Listers, the Grand List was logged ahead of the state's schedule again this year. Unfortunately, tax bills were held up while we waited for our computer consultant to update our programs to meet the requirements of Act 60. The positive side of Act 60 was a reimbursement from the state for the new computer we purchased last year. We also were able to lower the tax rate from 2.1713 to 2.1465. This meant a savings of \$25.00 for each \$100,000 of value.

Homestead Information:

By April 15, 1999, Vermont residents who want to have their 1999 school property taxes "income sensitized" will have to complete the Homestead Declaration form that will be part of the 1998 Vermont Income Tax booklet and return it to the Vermont Department of Taxes. The homestead declaration is simply a statement that the individual wants his or her homestead school taxes income sensitized and that the person is a Vermont resident with a specific residence. As part of Act 60, all property owners who register with the state will receive a "Change of Homestead Value Notice". These notices can be appealed the same as "Change of Appraisal Notices". For those of you who have questions about Act 60. The Town Offices have bulletins from the state that explain certain aspect more fully.

The Board of Listers must abide by certain laws in the Vermont Statutes. To revalue property there must be a physical change in the property before April 1st. (i.e., re-modeling, addition, etc); town-wide reappraisal; or a request by the owner in writing. We must also follow a certain timetable. The new Act 60 deadlines are: the pre-grand list must be completed by June 4, grievance hearings must begin by June 19, and the final grand list must be logged with the town clerk by July 25. After that date, the only adjustments which can be made to the grand list is through the Selectboard, and then only if it is an error or omission in physical data.

If you are concerned about your assessment, the Board of Listers asks that you list your concerns in writing, and include any documentation that would be helpful to your case. Putting your request for reconsideration in writing makes the process legal and protects your rights. The Listers will then act upon your request sometime during the year, and if there are any changes you will be notified of that change in writing by the first week in June.

Your responsibility after you receive a Change of Appraisal Notice is as follows: If you agree with the value, do nothing. If you disagree or have questions, you must contact the Board of Listers in writing, or make an appointment to meet with them. This should be done before the grievance process starts in June. Please remember to put your grievance in writing. It is not necessary by law to list the reasons why, but it would help the Listers to better understand your concerns. The regulations governing the appeal process can be confusing. We are always willing to help alleviate any concerns you may have, but we are limited in what we can legally do. There is usually someone in the office Tuesday through Thursday who can help you, or you can call and make an appointment.

In the Fall of 1998, the Selectboard hired Laurie Ingalls to help us. Laurie has been a great asset to our office and has been instrumental in getting us back to our regular time schedule after a year of playing catch-up.

Due to an illness Diane Stone has been absent since January of last year. Diane was always appreciated for her work ethic and sense of humor. She will be greatly missed by all, and we wish her the best of luck.

Respectfully submitted

Arthur J. Bacon
Janet E. Stowell



**Taxable Listed Values - Town of Thetford
Grand List as of April 1, 1998**

REAL ESTATE	# OF PARCELS	CORPORATIONS	TOWN RESIDENTS	STATE RESIDENTS	NON-STATE	TOTALS
Residential I	572	0	56,438,700	2,455,100	4,085,000	62,978,800
Residential II	301	0	45,233,100	2,181,500	2,699,900	50,114,500
Mobile Homes-U	33	0	583,500	0	0	583,500
Mobile Homes-L	62	0	3,304,300	140,000	148,400	3,592,700
Vacation I	71	0	1,722,500	1,340,000	4,639,100	7,701,600
Vacation II	47	0	474,700	822,800	5,679,500	6,977,000
Commercial	41	807,400	5,078,900	2,990,280	911,000	9,787,580
Utilities-E	3	2,087,800	0	30,800	0	2,118,600
Utilities-O	2	41,600	0	0	0	41,600
Farm	12	0	2,198,400	59,900	0	2,258,300
Woodland	166	0	1,868,700	1,329,200	2,298,900	5,496,800
Miscellaneous	80	50,500	866,875	273,200	421,000	1,611,575
TOTALS	1390	\$2,987,300	\$117,769,675	\$11,622,780	\$20,882,800	\$153,262,555

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

Again, this year has been a busy one with the Planning Commission and Zoning Board considering changes to the Zoning Ordinance and the Town Plan. In light of recent federal legislation in favor of telecommunications companies, the Planning Commission and Selectboard have been diligently working to enact zoning regulations for telecommunications towers. The Selectboard was able, under state law, to enact a 6 month moratorium on the construction of telecommunications towers while we worked on the regulations. Additionally, the Town Plan has to be re-adopted every 5 years, and this was the year. The Planning Commission, with the assistance of various groups and individuals, has updated the Town Plan.

Residents and property owners are again reminded to obtain proper permits before beginning construction, erecting signs and satellite dishes as well as starting a business or Home Occupation, to name a few. Residents of the Historic Preservation Overlay are subject to more restrictive zoning regulations. Generally, any change to the exterior of your building, including demolition, requires a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Planning Commission. Since this involves interaction with the Historic Preservation Committee, as well as the Planning Commission, additional time is necessary before the permitting process is complete. A public hearing before the Commission also incurs extra cost for the applicant.

If you are not sure if you need a permit, what permits are required, or if you live in a special district, such as the Historic Preservation Overlay, please call the Town Office. Certain types of activities may also require a state and/or federal permit. It is your responsibility to obtain all necessary permits before construction, or activity begins.

If you are building, remodeling, or buying a home you should be aware of the new Vermont Residential Energy Code which went into affect on July 1, 1998. You can get more information from the Energy Code Assistance Center at (888) 373-2255, or email them at code@veic.org.

The following tables summarize the permit activity for the past 3 years.

SUBDIVISIONS	1996	1997	1998
Number of Plats Approved	10	4	11
Number of Lots Created	4	1	7
Annexations	5	3	5

ZONING PERMITS	1996	1997	1998
Residences	12	5	11
Additions	20	12	21
Decks & Porches	9	5	7
Accessory Buildings	25	30	21
Businesses	6	0	5
Mobile Homes	4	3	2
Home Occupations	3	4	3
Cert. of Appropriateness	2	3	1

If you have any questions about zoning, feel free to give me a call at the Town Office during my regular office hours. These hours are Tuesday mornings 7:15-11:15 AM and Thursday afternoons from 2-5 PM. You can also e-mail me at thetford.zoning@valley.net

George Stowell
Zoning Administrator

WHAT, ME E-MAIL?

The Town Office has been working on establishing a municipal web site for the Town of Thetford this past year. We are provided server space, without charge by the Vermont Secretary of State's office. The amount of information is limited, but we hope to add more as time allows, including minutes of some meetings. You can find out who's who in the various departments, as well as phone numbers and office hours. You can also email separate offices directly from the site.

Stop by and take a look. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the site, feel free to email us, or drop us a note by "snail mail".

Check us out at <http://vermont-towns.org/thetford!>

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

1998 was a fairly quiet year for the Health Department. In addition to permitting duties, I spent time getting the files back in order.

There were 16 permits issued for new septic systems, and 14 permits issued for repairs to existing systems.

Alford Stone, Health Officer

RABIES CLINIC

There will be a RABIES CLINIC for cats and dogs only on Saturday, March 13, 1999, from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Thetford Town Garage. Rabies and other shots will be available for a fee. Rabies shots will be \$ 5 00 and distemper shots will be \$ 10.00.

Thetford dog owners may obtain licenses for their dogs at this time. Please remember - all dogs must be licensed by April 1, 1999 to avoid penalties and late fees.

Please note: Beginning in 1995 - State law requires that in addition to dogs, ferrets and wolf-hybrids must also be licensed, with the same requirements applying to these species as to dogs. Contact the Town Clerk's Office if you need further information to complete licensing of your pet.

The Rabies Clinic has proven to be stressful for cats. If your cat does not do well with other animals, please consider a private appointment to obtain shots.

1998 PET LICENSING REPORT

	Female	Male	Spayed	Neutered	Totals
Dogs	71	88	255	213	627
Ferrets	0	0	2	1	3

TREASURE ISLAND REPORT

REVENUES

GENERAL ADMISSION PASSES		\$7,050.00
Resident	\$4,755.00	
Non-Resident	\$2,295.00	
TENNIS PASSES		\$400.00
GENERAL ADMISSIONS (GATE)		\$9,137.00
TENNIS ADMISSIONS (GATE)		\$635.00
SWIMMING LESSONS		\$332.00
TOTAL REVENUES:		\$17,554.00

Don Wilson, Caretaker



CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

Balance 01/01/98	\$2,322.69
Received from Town of Thetford	\$250.00
Expenditures	\$0.00
Balance 12/31/98	\$2,572.69

Submitted by Ruel G. Barrett, Treasurer

TOWN OF THETFORD CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Fund - original investment 220.000 shares	\$1,300.20
'60 - '98	Puritan Fund shares added by reinvestment 528.739 shares	
12/31/98	Puritan Fund total shares held 748.739 shares	
12/31/98	Value of reinvestment @ \$ 20.07/share	15,027.19
CASH ON HAND and INCOME - 1998		
01/01/98	Cash on Hand	239.76
03/12/98	Income Dividend	111.06
06/30/98	Income Dividend	118.01
09/18/98	Income Dividend	118.01
12/17/98	Income Dividend	127.29
12/31/98	1998 Interest	9.26
DISBURSEMENTS and EXPENSES - 1998		
10/05/98	Treasurer, Town of Thetford Ck # 16453	520.00
	Hillside Cemetery	\$ 40.00
	Post Mills Cemetery	80.00
	East Thetford Cemetery	120.00
	Evergreen Rest Cemetery	280.00
12/31/98	CASH BALANCE ON HAND:	\$203.39

CEMETERY TRUST FUND REPORT

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

Balance on hand, 1/1/98	\$1,127.90
Interest accrued 1998	<u>12.93</u>
	1140.83
Grave Upkeep -	\$ 20.00
Floral Pieces	22.00
	<u>42.00</u>
Balance on hand, 12/31/98	\$ 1,098.83

TRUSTEES OF TOWN FARM TRUST FUNDS

DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Fund - Original Investment - 677.000 shares	\$4,001.07
'57-'98	Puritan Fund Shares added by reinvestment - 19,419.838	
12/31/98	Puritan Fund - Total Shares held 20,086.838	
12/31/98	Puritan Fund - Value of Investment @ \$ 20.07/share	\$403,142.84
CASH ON HAND AND CASH INCOME FOR 1998:		
01/01/98	Cash on Hand (Merchant's Bank)	7,683.35
12/31/98	Interest	82.07
	TOTAL:	\$7,765.42
DISBURSEMENTS AND EXPENSES FOR 1998:		
5/20/98	Check # 104, Treasurer, Town of Thetford	1,000.00
12/09/98	Check # 105, Treasurer, Town of Thetford	1,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$2,000.00
CASH BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/98:		\$5,765.42

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 1998 the Commission's rural preservation committee assisted the Planning and Selectboard in revising the Town Plan, with specific emphasis to the natural and social/historic resources of the community. The "Home Grounds" program, conducted by commission member Ted Levin, naturalist and author, held a series of field trips. These outings, conducted in the Thetford area included: (a) identification of plant and animal habitat at the Conant and Gillette Swamps, (b) hawk migration observation, (c) bird species identification and inventory, and (d) tour of the Robinson Family maple sugaring operation.

The Commission has been actively involved with the Elizabeth Mine Study Group, which has developed a preliminary pollution remediation plan for the west branch of the Ompompanoosuc River. Members of the Commission are also part of a town residents group working with federal and state environmental agencies to secure grant financing for a study of ground water pollution at the Post Mills landfill.

Other activities conducted by Commission members during 1998 included: (a) creation of a Thetford interpretive search map for the Valley Quest program, (b) conservation easement compliance inspections, (c) native tree species planting program in conjunction with students of Thetford Elementary School, and (d) site visits of undeveloped lands under consideration for preservation and protection.

For 1999, the Commission will continue the ongoing programs identified above, and anticipates working with the Selectboard on developing a management program for the town forest coupled with a stewardship responsibility, and participation in a new Upper Valley Trails Project – a partnership of Vital Communities of the Upper Valley and the National Park Service Rivers and Trails program.

We encourage and welcome town residents who have a specific interest in any of the above programs, or other conservation/environment issues, to please contact any commission member (see listing under Appointed Officers at the beginning of the Town Report).

Robert J. Pulaski
Chair

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

UNKNOWN	SAWNEE BEAN CEMETERY	1/2 AC.	
"	JUDD CEMETERY	1/2 AC.	
"	LAND BY TRUSSELL'S	1/4 AC.	
"	EAST THETFORD CEMETERY		
"	POST MILLS CEMETERY	3/4 AC.	
"	THETFORD CENTER GREEN	1/8 AC.	
1818	THETFORD HILL COMMON	1/13 AC.	GIFT
1831	TOWN HALL SITE	1/2 AC.	20.00
1833	RICE'S MILLS CEMETERY	4 AC.	10.00
1836	KINNEY CEMETERY	2 AC.	GIFT
1919	FOLLETT CEMETERY		GIFT
1935, 1953	TOWN GARAGE SITE	1 0 AC.	300.00
1941	TOWN FOREST	195 AC.	165.00
1957	OLD DUMP SITE	1 0 AC.	
1961	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE	8.3 AC.	TA GIFT
1972	TREASURE ISLAND	9.18 AC.	155,000.00
1974	SCHOOL LEACH FIELD	13.0 AC.	12,400.00
1997	T & J TAYLOR PROPERTY	36.8 AC.	GIFT
1998	C. HUGHES PROPERTY	3.6 AC.	GIFT



E-911 CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

It is with no small amount of satisfaction that I write what will be the last E-911 Coordinator's Report to the residents of Thetford. In the late summer of 1998, Enhanced 911 addressing was (finally!) completed, and Thetford officially went 'on-line' in November of 1998 with Vermont's statewide E-911 Emergency Telecommunications system.

First and foremost, it should be noted that the time spent by Charlie and I, serving as E-911 Coordinators for Thetford, has been completely volunteer, and in addition to our respective obligations to the Police Department and Town Clerk's Office. Although we didn't keep close track of our hours, the time involved in planning, gathering information, writing a road Naming and Numbering Ordinance, endless data entry, address notification and telephone number verification, and informing Emergency Services organizations of Road Name and Address changes easily surpassed several hundred hours each. The monetary costs to the Town for this project have been minimal: supplies, printing the address change letters, and reimbursement of mileage for field work. You may remember that funds for private road signs, were raised at the Annual Town Meeting in 1995 and set aside in a Special Revenue Fund. The Town also received a State grant in 1996 of \$ 609.50 for costs incurred in writing a municipal plan for E-911 implementation - this money was added to the Special Revenue Fund. We have expended approximately \$ 900.00 for signposts and \$ 300 for expenses out of this fund in 1998, and have yet receive or be billed for the actual signs. The new signs are of a slightly different format, with larger lettering. Hopefully, they will be easier to read. Private Road signs, and remaining Town signs will be installed by the Highway Department as time and conditions permit.

To briefly summarize E-911 in Thetford, the process began back in 1995, when Charlie and I met with Postal Service employees, members of several Town Departments including Listing and Zoning, a representative from our regional planning commission, and a few Emergency Services personnel, to pore over our then current road map, and to begin identifying private roads, postal routes delivery zones, and features that should 'show up' on an E-911 map of Thetford. At that point, we could see that this was going to be a large undertaking, but we never truly appreciated just how large, until we got our preliminary field data to review from the mapping contractor in the Spring of 1997. We found that we had alot of field work to do, locating missing or misplaced residences, re-numbering misnumbered roads, etc. Much of this work could have been eliminated (in Thetford and Statewide) if we had been permitted to ride with the mapper when they first visited Thetford in 1996. For some reason, the mapping contractor didn't think it was necessary at the time.

The work in Thetford was more complicated than most towns due to the fact that we are served by no less than 6 zip codes (which includes seven home delivery routes, in addition to post office boxes), and three telephone exchanges. In addition to naming roads and numbering structures, there was a significant component of E-911 that many are not aware of. This was verifying telephone numbers as being located in Thetford, and assigning a locatable address to them. We assigned locatable addresses to nearly 1700 telephone numbers, which necessitated many phone calls to residents who were not easily identified, and working with neighboring towns and Bell Atlantic to make certain that the correct town and address was associated with each number. Because we are served by three exchanges (333, 649 and 785) we had to go through *all* the listings for these exchanges, to insure that no numbers belonging in Thetford were overlooked. Towns are still working with the telephone company on some lingering unclaimed numbers. I am in hopes that this summary of the project will help to answer the "why did this take so long"? question.

Many thanks are due to the Town Office staff - Arthur, Janet, George, Donna and Roberta, for their assistance in locating houses, making phone calls, field work, etc. These efforts were over and above their regular tasks. The Offices are now in the process of converting our own address databases (tax administration, dog licenses and voter checklist) over to E-911 addresses. The ongoing E-911 database maintenance now falls to the Zoning Administrator, who is responsible for assigning any new addresses associated with new driveways, or construction permits.

My appreciation is also extended to residents of Thetford, who have been cooperative, patient, and positive about what amounts to a significant change in how we locate ourselves. Standardizing road names and numbering houses is new for Vermont. And for those with rural route mail delivery who were blessed (?) with a new mailing address, I appreciate what an inconvenience this is. Fortunately, the Postal Service has allowed a generous changeover time. I am confident that over time, the benefits of locatable addressing will outweigh the inconveniences associated with it. I am also very glad that our part is done, and hopeful that as a Town, we never have to do this again.

E-911 Coordinators,

Martha Howard
Charles Stephens

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

I would like to start this report by thanking the Town of Thetford for hiring me as your new Police Chief. I would like to give you a brief introduction.

I was born and raised in Elizabeth, New Jersey where I attended and graduated from school. I have been married for 34 years, and together with my wife raised three sons. I served my country in the U. S. Army working with the Provost Marshall Investigation Unit. I received a honorable discharge.

I joined the Elizabeth Police Department and began a long and rewarding career for over 26 years. During my police career, I had been privileged to received assignments in various divisions, each assignment adding to my experience and knowledge of law enforcement.

During the brief time I have been here with you, I have heard some of your concerns about drug abuse, domestic violence, and drunk driving, all for which I have zero tolerance. My goals are to utilize the two DARE trained officers, presently working here in Thetford as special officers, to better educate our children and young adults to be smarter and more responsible about the abuses of alcohol and drugs. This can be accomplished through the cooperation of you, the parent, and the school administration with the aid of grants available through the State of Vermont.

Domestic violence occurrences are another concern. I will ensure that all police personnel are sensitive to these issues with training in the proper way to handle such events. The department will make sure that the victim receives the support needed with restraining orders, prosecution, and locating and contacting social services such as Safeline.

Statistically, Vermont has the highest fatality rate in the nation for youthful drunk drivers. We, as a community, have to work together to educate our citizens, young and old, to be responsible concerning alcohol consumption and driving.

After reviewing the different calls of service needed for the Town of Thetford, and with the increase of manpower, I plan to change the operational procedures for patrolling the community to give more coverage and better response for calls for police service.

I will be implementing department operating policies and procedures which are needed to delineate the responsibilities of all police personnel. All the police personnel here at the Thetford Police Department are committed to helping you in whatever way we can. We're looking forward to your continued support.

For emergencies, dial 911. If we are not available to respond to your call, Hanover Dispatch will call Vermont State Police for you. Hanover Dispatch is 333-4347. For messages for Special Offices, Charles Stephens, Drew Havens, Dean Marthers, or myself, please call Hanover Dispatch. We will get back to you as soon as possible. The report that follows is the statistical report for the year 1998 submitted to me by then Chief Charles Stephens.

Respectfully submitted,
James P. Krakowiecki, Chief

Special Officers, Charles Stephens
Drew Havens
Dean Marthers



Thetford Police Department ♦♦ Incident Report ♦♦ 1998	
Death/Injury	1
Robbery	9
Burglary	5
Theft	21
Stolen Vehicles	2
Fraudulent Activities	1
Damage Property	24
Family Offenses	1
Weapons Offenses	3
Public Peace	4
Traffic Offenses	348
Health or Safety	2
Privacy Violations	19
Fish & Wildlife	2
Animal Control	40
Public Order	26
Assist other Jurisdiction	87
Alarms	14
Lost/Found Property	5
Missing Person	7
Juvenile Status Offenses	1
Citizen Assists	24
Incident Services	130
Criminal Warrants	2
Paper Service	5
TOTALS	783

VERMONT STATE POLICE REPORT

This is the first year that the Vermont State Police have prepared an activity report for inclusion in your Town Report. I hope that it answers some of your questions concerning what the State Police actually do in your town. I intend to provide this report each year.

The Bradford Barracks provides police coverage for eight towns in Orange County and two towns in Caledonia County. Currently, there are seven troopers, three sergeants, a lieutenant, and a BCI Detective that staff the Bradford Barracks. The addition of a seventh trooper was just realized through the 1998 legislature that funded a new statewide DWI squad that will be starting operations in March, 1999. While the DWI trooper will not be handling routine complaints within our barracks, he/she will be in the area 50% of the time, while the other 50% will be with the DWI Unit as a whole. This addition will undoubtedly assist us in our mission to apprehend drunk drivers and make our highways a safer place to be.

Below are the statistics for the Bradford barracks as a whole, over the entire 1998 year. Also included are the statistics for Thetford as provided by the troopers from Bradford. Please remember that given the number of personnel allotted to Bradford and the necessity of providing seven day per week coverage, there are normally only two troopers working any given shift.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. Michael P. Jennings
Troop C, Bradford Barracks

VSP 1998 statistics (Troop C Coverage Area)	
Incidents	2434
Arrests	428
Criminal Cases	583
Traffic Tickets	1389
Traffic Warnings	925
DWI's	91

VSP 1998 statistics (Thetford)	
Traffic Accident with Damage	38
Traffic Accident with Injuries	13
Agency Assistance	18
Alcohol Offense	4
Assault	5
Attempt to Locate/Missing Persons	7
Boating Accident/Incident	1
Burglary	6
Burglary Alarm	4
Citizen Assist/Citizen Dispute	13
Custodial Interference	1
Driving - License Suspended	1
DUI - Alcohol or Drugs	6
Dead Body	1
Death Message/Attempted Suicide	2
Disorderly Conduct/Noise Disturbance	4
Embezzlement	1
Explosives	1
Family Fights/Domestic	10
Fraud	1
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem/Runaway Juvenile	8
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	26
Phone Problem/Harassment	5
Probation/Parole Violation	1
Property/Home Watch	1
Public Speaking	1
Restraining Order	6
Search Warrant	1
Sex Offense	2
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	17
Theft	15
Threatening	4
Trespassing	4
Unlawful Mischief	13
Wanted Person	2
Welfare/Suicide Check	1
Total Incidents in Thetford	246

THETFORD FAST SQUAD

It has been an exciting year of growth for the FAST Squad. We now have 19 members, 18 of whom are certified at the EMT-B level and 1 at the EMT-I level. Since April 1998 we have added ten new members to our organization, which currently includes the following folks: Mel & Roxy Maxfield, Wendy Cole, Tom Neumann, Karl Tilden, Bill Wallace, Amy Vance, Brian Campion, Mariah Capurso, Spunk Kuehlwein, Janet & George Stowell, Drew Havens, Don Fifield, Tim Ouellette, Tammy Johnson, Jeff Sirjane, and Brenda & Tim Moore. This combined roster represents more than 125 years of experience in the emergency medical system and uncountable hours of training, a real plus for the Town of Thetford!

The system is simple. When someone calls 911 (or until just recently Hanover Dispatch), the call is transferred to our local dispatch center, which then puts out a tone for any responding EMS personnel. Information concerning location and nature of the called is disseminated, and those of us who are available to respond do so. Upper Valley Ambulance also responds, and as needed we are assisted by the Thetford Fire Department and the Town Road crew. With our increase in members, the number of us able to attend calls has risen significantly; and thankfully we are geographically better located to respond in a timely fashion to all our territory.

Our focus is community service and public education. We have sponsored public safety demonstrations and continue to work each year with local scout troops on their first aid badges. FAST members participate in the Hunter's Safety Program. We offer our services each fall at the various cross country races at Thetford Academy; this year we were able to staff both a first aid room and provide field personnel. In the plans for the spring of 1999 is a drunk driving/safety demonstration at the Academy in conjunction with the Driver's Education course. We are happy to share our knowledge and skills; we welcome requests for information.

It is worth noting that each of us serves on a volunteer level, giving our time and energy to help our neighbors, a commitment not without expense. Initial expenses for each member include the cost of training and certification, which averages about \$300.00 per person. Upon successful completion of training, each member is outfitted with medical equipment and supplies. Continuing education, required to keep certification current, also adds significant cost.

Our income is generated in three ways, through donations and contributions, fund-raising, and the annual stipend from the Towns of Thetford and West Fairlee. For more than ten years, we have been level funded by the Towns, at less than \$1.00 per capita. In 1999 we are asking for an increase in that allotment, to cover our rising financial obligations to educate and equip our members. Also, we ask townspeople to remember us when making charitable contributions this year.

We wish to thank three former members who resigned from the FAST Squad in 1998. Jason Fahey relocated in the spring and is working in another part of Vermont. Martha Howard and Mindy Martin chose not to recertify because of family and time constraints; their knowledge and contributions to the squad are sorely missed. Martha served in many capacities; including president, log keeper, and training officer. Mindy managed the books and kept our finances in order. We appreciate the efforts of all three and wish them well. Also of note, 30 year member Karl Tilden has announced his upcoming retirement in 1999. Karl is the last of the original founding FAST members and has been active since the squad's inception in 1969!!! While we understand his desire to hang up his O2 tank and sleep through the night without one ear tuned for the tone, we know his service to the FAST Squad and the Town cannot be replaced. We thank Karl from the bottoms of our hearts and know his influence will be felt for many years to come.

Any questions, call 785-4215.

Roxy Maxfield, President



UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC.

We are pleased to present our 8th annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service since 1990. From 1990 to the end of this year Upper Valley will have responded to over 9,500 ambulance calls. This year we will have responded to over 675 requests for medical assistance from the eight communities we serve.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have been able to level fund or lower our assessment rate for seven of the past eight years. Despite the ongoing changes in health care reimbursement we are very pleased to again level fund our assessment rate at \$14 for the next year. We extend our appreciation to everyone for his or her continued support.

Two new ambulances were put into service to replace older ambulances with over 150,000 miles of service on each of them. Proceeds from our 5th Annual UVA Open helped purchase a new Monitor Defibrillator, which gives us defibrillation capabilities on all three emergency vehicles.

Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated, spending many hours each year sharpening their skills while participating in training programs such as Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Pediatric Advanced Life Support and Advanced Trauma Life Support. We continue to work with the American Heart Association as a Training Center. In 1998, 376 people were trained in CPR. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and CPR classes are available for the general public. For further information please call 802-333-4043.

We are pleased to announce the implementation of our Domicile Risk Assessment Program "Home Sweet Home...Home Safe Home". At no cost to you, trained members of Upper Valley Ambulance will come to your home and help you identify hazards in and around your home and make recommendations for a safer home environment in the hopes of preventing an injury from occurring. We strongly urge everyone to take advantage of both this program and our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$30 entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications are available at your local Town Offices, at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee, or area places of business.

We encourage the public to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Lake Morey Road facility. Please feel free to contact John Vose, Administrator or your Town Representative, if you have any questions concerning our service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continue striving to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Todd Protzman
Thetford Representative

**THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
1998 CHIEF'S REPORT**

This has been a busy year for the department. Severe weather caused numerous powerline related incidents, and the fire department spent several nights guarding downed lines until CVPS could make repairs. The same bizarre weather led to an increase in number and severity of wild fires in the Spring, and we had several large (for Vermont) brush fires that required help from our mutual Aid neighbors.

Ten of our members passed the department hosted Emergency Medical Technician course and became National Registered and Vermont Certified EMT's. These members have also become active members of the Thetford FAST squad. TVFD now has thirteen EMT members, which greatly improves delivery of EMS to the community and enhances the fire department's response to rescue related emergencies. The department is hosting an Essentials of Firefighting course this winter and has three members enrolled. Three other members were honored at a ceremony at the Bradford Fire Department and became the latest of our members to be certified Level I Firefighters, which is a career level of training.

We gained three regular members and one junior member in 1998, and always need more help. We are very short of members in the Post Mills area of Town, and also seek non-firefighting members who can help with fund-raising and many other department chores.

Our recently purchased computer system has become the focal point of an improved record system. We have a program that reminds us to perform regular checks on everything from apparatus to generators, SCBA and pagers. We can record and track both maintenance and repairs to equipment, which improves efficiency. One of our members wrote a detailed system for recording department run records, that is linked with several different databases allowing us to retrieve and analyze data in many new and useful directions. We also have a substantial library of firefighter training software that is in regular use.

A truck committee was formed early in 1998 and spent several hundred hours studying the current status of our apparatus and preparing specifications for a new pumper. This group interviewed representatives from several manufacturers and recommends that a new pumper be purchased from the Ferrara Fire Apparatus Company. This new equipment will allow the retirement of our 28 year old tanker, and conversion of a 1981 pumper to a tanker. The committee, the Board of Trustees and the department ask for your support of this purchase, which will appear as a warned article.

Thetford Volunteer Fire Department is a private, non profit corporation, chartered to provide emergency services to the Town of Thetford. A nine member Board of Trustees oversees the department operation and appoints a fire chief for a term of three years. I have served as Chief for the past nine years, and beginning January 1, 1999 will turn the responsibility over to Tim Moore. Tim has been the department Deputy Chief for nine years and will bring new energy to the department as Fire Chief.

Submitted by Don Fifield Jr.

OUR CURRENT ROSTER

Donald Fifield	Guy Cook	Jasmine Paige
Tim Moore	Michelle Cook	Jeff Sirjane
Ellis Paige	Rick Dresser	George Stowell
Andrew Havens	David Goodrich	Janet Stowell
Chad Whitcomb	Angie Havens	Amanda Stryker
Brenda Moore	Bernie Hazlett	Ben Tilden
Russ Bragg	Tammy Johnson	William Wallace
Wayne Briggs	Bart Koop	Daniel Whitcomb
John Brown	Shannon Kuehlwein	David Saturley
Mariah Capurso	David Moore	Greg Timmins
	Timothy Ouellette	

1998 RUN RECORD

<u>TYPE OF RUN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alarms, CO or Fire	12
Public assist	1
Chimney fire	3
Hazardous materials	3
Investigations	12
Mutual aid	9
Motor vehicle accident	31
Power line incidents	4
Structure fire	3
Vehicle fire	5
Wildland fire	12
<i>Total</i>	<u>95</u>

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>1998 BUDGET</u>	<u>1998 ACTUAL</u>	<u>1999 BUDGET</u>
Town Appropriation	\$51,120.00	\$51,420.00	\$52,900.00
Interest Earned	300.00	104.54	100.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$51,420.00	\$51,524.54	\$53,000.00
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
<u>Administration</u>			
Chief's Stipend	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Dispatch Service	2,970.00	887.00	1,250.00
Insurance	14,500.00	12,392.00	13,500.00
Fees	50.00	25.00	50.00
Office Supplies & Postage	500.00	323.55	500.00
Public Relations & Fire Safety	250.00	109.33	250.00
Subscriptions & Dues	500.00	391.00	500.00
Tax Return Preparation	250.00	260.00	250.00
Telephone	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>1,391.06</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>
<i>Total Administration</i>	<i>\$21,370.00</i>	<i>\$17,028.94</i>	<i>\$18,950.00</i>
<u>Buildings & Grounds</u>			
Electric	1,800.00	1,761.56	1,800.00
Furniture & Fixtures	500.00	383.26	500.00
Heating Fuel Oil	1,250.00	1,652.44	1,500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>3,750.00</u>	<u>3,672.38</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
<i>Total Buildings & Grounds</i>	<i>\$7,300.00</i>	<i>\$7,469.64</i>	<i>\$8,800.00</i>
<u>Firefighter Health & Safety</u>			
Gear Maintenance	600.00	155.41	600.00
Gear/Personal Protective Equip.	4,200.00	3,162.64	4,200.00
Health Safety	500.00	54.99	500.00
Re-hydration & Food	<u>200.00</u>	<u>173.58</u>	<u>200.00</u>
<i>Total FF Health & Safety</i>	<i>\$5,500.00</i>	<i>\$3,546.62</i>	<i>\$5,500.00</i>
<u>Training</u>			
Training Courses & Expenses	2,500.00	2,435.99	2,500.00
Training Corp. Membership	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
<i>Total Training</i>	<i>\$2,750.00</i>	<i>\$2,685.99</i>	<i>\$2,750.00</i>
<u>Vehicles & Equipment</u>			
Equipment Maintenance	2,000.00	1,300.78	2,000.00
Equipment Replacement	8,000.00	8,219.55	8,500.00
Vehicle Fuel	1,500.00	1,123.73	1,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,302.78</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
<i>Total Vehicles & Equipment</i>	<i>\$14,500.00</i>	<i>\$13,946.84</i>	<i>\$17,000.00</i>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$51,420.00	\$44,678.03	\$53,000.00

Penny Sirjane
Treasurer, TVFD

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

We finished the third phase of reclaiming and paving on route 132. This gave us 1.25 miles, totally reclaimed and paved with hot mix. We did extensive ditching, culvert replacement, brush and tree cutting, and installed 1100 feet of steel beam guardrail. Next year we will be trying to complete reclaiming and paving of Route 132 and Miller Pond Road.

A major improvement was done to Robinson Hill Road this year with the help of grant monies. We stabilized 400' of road that keep washing into Lake Fairlee. The use of ledge stabilized the bank and allowed for installation of guardrail. Much improvement was also done on Mud Pond Road. With the removal of trees and the widening of the road it has allowed for a safer and easier maintainable road. We will be finishing up this project in 1999.

We have made improvements to the town garage building this summer with two new overhead doors. These new doors are wider and insulated. This has allowed for easier entry, exit and better heating efficiency. We plan to install two more doors in 1999 and the last door in the following year. In 1999 we will be replacing the rock rake and purchasing an equipment trailer. With the purchase of the rake it will be much safer for the equipment operator and the public and the use of a trailer will make our work more efficient.

I would like to thank the road crew and the townspeople for all their support. I also would like to thank Ellis Paige for his 12 years of service to the town as road commissioner. I look forward to serving the town as road commissioner.

Chad Whitcomb, Road Commissioner



HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Chipper (15 yrs, '02, '17)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Mower (10 yrs, '04, '14)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tk 1 (6 yrs, '96, '02, '08)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,750.00
Tk 2 (7 yrs, '96, '03, '10)	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tk 3 (7 yrs, '98, '05, '12)	13,956.00	13,956.00	13,956.00	13,956.00	0.00
Tk 4 (7 yrs, '00, '07, '14)	0.00	0.00	20,500.00	20,500.00	20,500.00
Grader (10 yrs, '97, '07, '17)	51,700.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
Loader (10 yrs, '99, '09, '19)	19,855.00	19,855.00	19,855.00	19,855.00	19,855.00
Interest - borrowed funds (4% est.)	3,520.00	5,216.00	2,704.00	3,212.00	1,640.00
Total Expenditures	\$103,031.00	\$73,027.00	\$77,015.00	\$57,523.00	\$64,745.00
Balance on Jan 1	88,474.97	45,443.97	32,416.97	20,401.97	27,878.97
<i>Projected Town Contribution</i>	<i>60,000.00</i>	<i>60,000.00</i>	<i>65,000.00</i>	<i>65,000.00</i>	<i>65,000.00</i>
Projected Expenditures out of fund	(103,031.00)	(73,027.00)	(77,015.00)	(57,523.00)	(64,745.00)
Estimated Balance on Dec 31	45,443.97	32,416.97	20,401.97	27,878.97	28,133.97
Balance on Dec 31 (interest added)	\$47,716.17	\$34,037.82	\$21,422.07	\$29,272.92	\$29,540.67

REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12,750.00	12,750.00	12,750.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00	
23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	24,800.00	24,800.00	24,800.00	24,800.00	0.00	0.00
20,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,800.00	26,800.00	26,800.00	26,800.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41,500.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2,750.00	3,780.00	2,650.00	3,896.00	1,984.00	9,188.00	7,624.00	
\$69,000.00	\$47,030.00	\$70,700.00	\$51,696.00	\$53,584.00	\$76,788.00	\$91,924.00	
28,133.97	29,133.97	52,103.97	51,403.97	74,707.97	96,123.97	94,335.97	
<i>70,000.00</i>	<i>70,000.00</i>	<i>70,000.00</i>	<i>75,000.00</i>	<i>75,000.00</i>	<i>75,000.00</i>	<i>80,000.00</i>	
(69,000.00)	(47,030.00)	(70,700.00)	(51,696.00)	(53,584.00)	(76,788.00)	(91,924.00)	
29,133.97	52,103.97	51,403.97	74,707.97	96,123.97	94,335.97	82,411.97	
\$30,590.67	\$54,709.17	\$53,974.17	\$78,443.37	\$100,930.17	\$99,052.77	\$86,532.57	

EMPLOYEE SALARIES

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/DEL. TAX COLLECTOR	\$13.98	hour
ASSISTANT TREASURER	\$10.82	hour
ASSISTANT CLERK	\$8.65	hour
OFFICE ASSISTANT	\$7.88	hour
POLICE CHIEF	\$ 1171.72	bi/wkly
SPECIAL OFFICER 1	\$13.03	hour
SPECIAL OFFICER 2	\$11.47	hour
HEALTH OFFICER	\$10.27	hour
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	\$11.14	hour
AUDITORS	\$225.00	each
BALLOT CLERKS	\$5.00	hour
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, BALLOT COUNTERS	\$5.00	mtg.
JANITOR	\$44.75	bi/wkly
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	\$8.19	hour
RECYCLING COORDINATOR	\$9.80	hour
ASST. RECYCLING COORDINATOR	\$6.50	hour
ROAD COMMISSIONER	\$14.00	hour
ROAD CREW	\$11.78	hour
ROAD CREW	\$11.02	hour
ROAD CREW	\$9.69	hour
ROAD CREW (PART TIME EXTRA WORKER)	\$9.25	hour
SELECTBOARD MEMBERS	\$700.00	year
SELECTBOARD CLERK	(RATE TO BE DETERMINED BY SELECTBOARD)	
LISTERS	\$8.93	hour
LIFEGUARDS (FULL TIME)	\$300.00	week
RECREATION 1	\$7.00	hour
RECREATION 2	\$5.00	hour

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

While many items in this year's budget remain level funded, the overall Town budget represents a slight increase from last year. We have endorsed the budget as appropriate to continue to provide basic services to our community.

The Town Highway Budget increase is for the completion of scheduled road maintenance and replacement of older equipment.

The Recycling Center did not use the warned amount approved by last year's voters for a new facility. That allocation was returned to the Town General Fund. Instead, this year, the center is seeking funds to improve and expand the existing site.

The new Police department expenses reflect necessary start-up costs and equipment to link Thetford with state-wide law enforcement agencies.

Many other items come before the voters at Town Meeting in Warned Articles which we urge voters to review carefully.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMahan
Arlene Palmer
Chet Palmer
Mary Spata
Nancy Vosburg

NOTES

**TOWN OF
THETFORD, VERMONT**

FINANCIAL REPORTS

**YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1998**

TOWN OF THETFORD
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 December 31, 1998

I. Summary of Significant Accounting policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity:

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

B. Fund Accounting:

The accounting policies of the Town conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Accordingly, the accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered as separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise it assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for on individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into three broad categories, as follows:

- I. **Governmental Funds (General Fund and Highway Fund):** These funds are general operating funds of the Town, and are used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- II. **Special Revenue Funds:** Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (Other than expendable trusts) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.
- III. **Fiduciary Funds: Trust and Agency Funds:** Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. These include expendable Trust Funds, non expendable Trust Funds, and Agency Trust Funds.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

I. Measurement Focus

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

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

All non expendable Trust Funds are accounted for on a "capital maintenance" focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activity are included in their balance sheets.

II. Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

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

Outlays for fixed assets are considered expenditures when paid. No provision is made for depreciation of these fixed assets.

Outlays for retirement of general long-term debt are recorded when the debt is due.

b. Accrual Basis of Accounting: The Accrual Basis of Accounting is followed by the Non expendable Trust Funds. Under the Accrual Basis of Accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

Outlays for retirement of general long-term debt are recorded when the debt is due.

b. **Accrual Basis of Accounting:** The Accrual Basis of Accounting is followed by the Non expendable Trust Funds. Under the Accrual Basis of Accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

D. Total Column on Combined Statements - Overview:

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

II. Long-Term Debt:

As of December 31, 1998, the Town's long-term debt consisted of three notes payable:

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$ 14,000.00 plus interest, due December 15, 1999, total \$ 14,000.00.
- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$ 20,000.00 plus interest, due July 15, 2000, total \$ 40,000.00.
- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$ 11,250.00 plus interest, due July 15, 2002, total \$ 45,000.00.

The total amount of long term debt is \$ 99,000.00.

III. Receivables:

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

IV. Reserve for Delinquent Accounts:

Reserves have been established to cover estimated receivables which won't be collected in 1999. State of Vermont statutes require that these reserves be subtracted from the current year surplus or deficit calculation.

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1998					
ASSETS	Highway Fund	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	General Long-Term Debt	TOTALS (Memo only)
Cash	\$0.00	\$1,011,185.45	\$182,547.38	\$0.00	\$1,193,732.83
Taxes Receivable	0.00	130,314.64	0.00	0.00	130,314.64
Due from Employees	0.00	949.58	0.00	0.00	949.58
Other Receivables	0.00	1,963.94	0.00	0.00	1,963.94
Due from (to) Other Funds	22,150.29	(11,957.91)	0.00	0.00	10,192.38
Long-Term Debt	0.00	0.00	0.00	99,000.00	99,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$22,150.29	\$1,132,455.70	\$182,547.38	\$99,000.00	\$1,436,153.37
LIABILITIES & EQUITY FUNDS					
Accounts Payable	0.00	8,099.46	0.00	0.00	8,099.46
Due to Schools	0.00	1,026,641.00	0.00	0.00	1,026,641.00
Due to (from) Other Funds	0.00	(54,170.96)	64,363.34	0.00	10,192.38
Notes Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	99,000.00	99,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$980,569.50	\$64,363.34	\$99,000.00	\$1,143,932.84
FUND BALANCE					
Restricted	0.00	0.00	\$118,184.04	0.00	118,184.04
Unrestricted	22,150.29	101,886.20	0.00	0.00	124,036.49
Reserved for Delinquent Taxes	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$22,150.29	\$151,886.20	\$118,184.04	\$0.00	\$292,220.53
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	\$22,150.29	\$1,132,455.70	\$182,547.38	\$99,000.00	\$1,436,153.37

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Account	Balance 1/1/98	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 12/31/98
Recreation	\$306.19	\$0.00	\$48.00	\$258.19
Town Hall Improvements	278.14	6.82	0.00	284.96
Treasure Island	3,578.09	134.29	0.00	3,712.38
Emergency Mgmt/E-911	3,006.00	266.00	1,298.83	1,973.17
Cruiser Replacement	10,215.04	5,885.00	0.00	16,100.04
Restoration of Records	4,150.96	354.00	0.00	4,504.96
Recycling	20,573.93	1,771.00	0.00	22,344.93
Act 200	4,270.48	354.00	0.00	4,624.48
Equipment	88,009.03	108,718.00	145,254.68	51,472.35
UV Bridge	10,390.98	885.00	0.00	11,275.98
Erosion Control	1,250.00	89.00	1,339.00	0.00
Recreation Fields	5,660.00	531.00	6,191.00	0.00
Conservation Commission	1,871.67	45.45	284.52	1,632.60
TOTALS	\$153,560.51	\$119,039.56	\$154,416.03	\$118,184.04

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
SUMMARY OF LONG TERM DEBT - HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**

Equipment	Financing Source	Balance 12/31/97	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Balance 12/31/98
International Dump Truck (1996)					
State of VT Municipal Loan		\$28,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$560.00	\$14,000.00
Galion Grader (1997)					
State of VT Municipal Loan		\$60,000.00	20,000.00	1,200.00	40,000.00
Merchants Bank		\$31,700.00	31,700.00	762.66	0.00
International Dump Truck (1998)					
State of VT Municipal Loan		\$0.00	0.00		45,000.00
Totals		\$119,700.00	\$65,700.00	\$2,522.66	\$99,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
1	GENERAL FUND REVENUES					
2	Town Clerk Fees	\$15,000.00	\$14,212.00	\$15,000.00	\$17,878.00	\$15,000.00
3	Delinquent Tax Penalty	13,000.00	16,120.00	14,000.00	13,216.93	14,000.00
4	Interest - Delinquent Taxes	15,000.00	16,209.45	15,000.00	15,339.11	15,000.00
5	Interest	15,000.00	17,893.43	15,000.00	19,012.23	15,000.00
6	Use of Town Records	0.00	544.50	0.00	736.00	0.00
7	Liquor Licenses	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
8	Dog Fines	700.00	1,100.00	100.00	50.00	100.00
9	Dog Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	500.00
10	Dog Licenses	2,000.00	1,955.50	2,000.00	2,016.50	2,000.00
11	Zoning Fees	4,000.00	3,491.20	3,500.00	5,368.65	4,000.00
12	Sub. Division Fees	1,000.00	130.00	500.00	425.00	400.00
13	PC/ZBA Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Septic Fees	1,500.00	880.00	1,200.00	1,220.00	1,200.00
15	Copying Fees	2,000.00	2,148.00	2,000.00	2,420.35	2,250.00
16	Office supplies	200.00	129.03	200.00	56.50	50.00
17	Zoning Materials	100.00	175.00	200.00	218.00	200.00
18	Communications	200.00	11.00	100.00	9.14	25.00
19	Computer Receipts	200.00	0.00	100.00	2,869.51	100.00
20	Accounting Services	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	0.00
21	Traffic Fines	1,500.00	2,061.00	1,500.00	3,810.50	2,000.00
22	Constable Receipts	2,000.00	1,109.75	2,000.00	958.00	500.00
23	Sale of Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24	Lister's Research	50.00	129.50	100.00	38.00	50.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
25	Tax Sales - Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,408.24	0.00
26	Tax Sales - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.78	0.00
27	Landfill Coupons	0.00	875.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
28	Recycling Receipts	3,000.00	4,708.13	3,000.00	1,574.21	0.00
29	Treasure Island	18,500.00	19,789.15	18,500.00	17,780.77	15,000.00
30	Insurance Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,039.65	0.00
31	Listers Changes - Re-bills	0.00	0.00	0.00	101.68	0.00
32	Federal Land Entitlement	750.00	709.00	750.00	709.00	700.00
33	Flood Control/Water Res.	900.00	887.00	900.00	3,942.00	900.00
34	Forest & Parks Tax	970.00	953.37	970.00	1,033.68	970.00
35	Railroad Tax	1,500.00	2,091.24	1,500.00	2,396.72	1,500.00
36	PILOT Revenues	100.00	405.00	100.00	395.00	100.00
37	Miscellaneous	500.00	4,018.00	500.00	12,756.43	500.00
38	Special appropriations-tax levy	84,148.00	84,148.00	55,265.50	55,265.50	0.00
39	Town Tax Levy	272,499.00	272,647.00	296,282.14	296,282.14	281,145.00
40	Hold Harmless Revenue	13,983.00	15,084.00			
41						
42	Subtotal Gen. Revenue Fund	472,500.00	485,814.75	451,467.64	482,877.22	373,390.00
43						
44	Gen. Fund Surplus-Prior year	73,217.00	73,217.00	59,034.00	59,034.00	99,999.95
45	Auditors' Adjustment		500.00		0.00	
46	Adjusted Prior Year Surplus	73,217.00	73,717.00	59,034.00	59,034.00	99,999.95
47						
48	Total General Fund Revenue	\$545,717.00	\$559,531.75	\$510,501.64	\$541,911.22	\$473,389.95

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
49	GEN. FUND EXPENDITURES					
50	Selectmen's Salaries	2,700.00	2,793.24	2,700.00	2,700.00	3,500.00
51	Selectmen's Clerk	2,270.00	411.04	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
52	Selectmen's Contingency	2,500.00	2,365.64	1,500.00	3,804.16	2,500.00
53	Social Security	9,492.21	8,116.65	9,906.00	8,105.40	10,635.00
54	Computer Supplies / Equip.	0.00	571.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
55	Advertising	1,000.00	578.66	750.00	994.91	1,000.00
56	V.L.C.T.	1,328.00	1,328.00	1,403.00	1,403.00	1,466.00
57	Dues & Meetings	250.00	148.00	250.00	336.00	500.00
58	Unemployment	2,166.00	2,166.00	2,098.00	2,098.00	2,711.00
59	Workers Comp	9,765.75	7,425.00	9,650.00	0.00	8,166.83
60	Insurance	11,821.35	11,940.10	14,112.00	23,949.80	14,150.00
61	Tax Mapping	1,200.00	1,075.00	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,235.00
62	Legal Services	10,000.00	3,881.53	7,500.00	1,064.83	7,500.00
63	Travel	200.00	55.68	200.00	247.04	200.00
64	Professional Services - Audit	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,700.00	2,000.00
65	Fire Warden	0.00	617.00	675.00	622.50	1,250.00
66						
67	Total Selectmen	\$58,693.31	\$43,473.29	\$55,979.00	\$51,260.64	\$58,313.83
68						
69	Town Report	4,000.00	3,435.00	4,000.00	4,053.12	4,000.00
70	Restoration of Records	0.00		0.00		
71						
72	Total Records	\$4,000.00	\$3,435.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,053.12	\$4,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
73	Town Office Supplies	3,200.00	1,603.26	3,000.00	2,771.63	3,000.00
74	Copier Contract Support	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	500.00
75	Copier Maint/Supplies	400.00	350.00	250.00	927.50	1,050.00
76	Computer Software/Support	1,500.00	966.45	1,500.00	1,279.88	1,750.00
77	Computer Maintenance	200.00	319.36	300.00	195.00	300.00
78	Computer Supplies	3,000.00	788.60	500.00	2,414.59	1,500.00
79	Telephone	3,500.00	3,060.86	3,500.00	4,084.79	3,500.00
80	Postage	3,000.00	2,958.63	3,500.00	2,105.97	3,000.00
81	Dues and Meetings	400.00	185.00	1,400.00	28.00	400.00
82	Payroll Service	1,500.00	1,495.37	1,500.00	1,676.64	1,500.00
83	Retirement Administration	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
84	Equipment Maintenance	200.00	40.00	200.00	134.95	200.00
85	Tools & Equipment	500.00	40.88	500.00	291.10	1,200.00
86						
87	Total Town Office	\$17,800.00	\$12,108.41	\$16,450.00	\$16,210.05	\$17,900.00
88						
89	BCA Expenses	750.00	625.00	750.00	295.00	300.00
90	Workshops & Meetings	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
91	Election Officials	400.00	265.00	400.00	284.28	400.00
92	Travel	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
93						
94	Total BCA/Elections	\$1,250.00	\$890.00	\$1,300.00	\$579.28	\$800.00
95						
96						

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
97	Auditors	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00
98	Dues & Meetings - Auditor	25.00	0.00	50.00	40.00	50.00
99	Travel	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
100						
101	Total Bookkeeping/Auditors	\$750.00	\$675.00	\$775.00	\$715.00	\$725.00
102						
103	Listers Salaries	22,850.00	25,526.93	28,000.00	23,333.31	28,000.00
104	Supplies and Miscellaneous	200.00	223.40	100.00	135.95	200.00
105	Service Contract	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
106	Advertising	70.00	18.84	70.00	19.41	70.00
107	Postage	250.00	152.71	250.00	55.91	250.00
108	Dues and Meetings	225.00	396.00	400.00	96.00	400.00
109	Professional Services	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	0.00	500.00
110	Travel	200.00	119.87	200.00	19.84	200.00
111	Equipment	1,600.00	1,683.76	950.00	890.00	1,200.00
112						
113	Total Listers	\$28,095.00	\$30,821.51	\$32,170.00	\$24,750.42	\$31,020.00
114						
115	Tax Sales - Publication	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.78	0.00
116	Tax Sales - Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,408.24	0.00
117						
118	Total Tax Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,508.02	\$0.00
119						
120						

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
121	Town Clerk's Salary	26,636.00	25,942.08	27,435.00	27,107.68	30,128.93
122	Asst Clerk/Bookkeeper	21,424.00	18,455.88	22,069.00	19,492.09	22,510.38
123	Town Office Assistant	1,500.00	1,297.46	3,026.00	1,036.52	3,026.00
124	Town Clerk Benefits	3,102.96	2,538.57	2,947.96	3,414.31	3,956.00
125	Asst. Clerk Benefits	1,997.52	1,851.51	1,931.88	2,059.63	2,324.00
126	Deductibles - Clerk	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
127	Deductibles - Asst. Clerk	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
128						
129	Total Town Clerk	\$55,060.48	\$50,085.50	\$57,809.84	\$53,110.23	\$62,345.31
130						
131	Zoning Administrator	6,366.00	5,100.03	6,552.00	4,636.39	6,552.00
132	Supplies	200.00	116.73	200.00	397.41	500.00
133	Advertising	500.00	229.13	200.00	486.12	500.00
134	Postage / Telephone	250.00	184.18	250.00	160.57	250.00
135	Dues and Meetings	250.00	73.00	100.00	25.00	100.00
136	RPC Dues	1,902.00	1,902.00	1,902.00	1,902.00	1,902.00
137	Legal Services	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
138	Travel	50.00	0.00	50.00	17.28	50.00
139	Equipment	750.00	272.99	250.00	228.95	750.00
140						
141	Total Planning/Zoning	\$10,768.00	\$7,878.06	\$10,004.00	\$7,853.72	\$11,104.00
142						
143						
144						

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
145	Janitor	1,108.00	1,102.48	1,140.00	1,090.60	1,162.80
146	Supplies	100.00	72.58	100.00	56.54	100.00
147	Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	85.00	0.00	0.00
148	Insurance	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
149	Rubbish Removal	250.00	120.14	200.00	249.69	300.00
150	Repairs and Maintenance	5,000.00	4,876.49	0.00	168.87	100.00
151	Grounds Maintenance	100.00	348.25	200.00	231.58	350.00
152	Utilities	2,500.00	2,144.18	2,500.00	1,891.62	2,500.00
153	Equipment	900.00	847.46	0.00	0.00	500.00
154	Alarm Service	160.00	0.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
155						
156	<i>Total Town Hall</i>	<i>\$10,118.00</i>	<i>\$9,511.58</i>	<i>\$4,845.00</i>	<i>\$3,858.90</i>	<i>\$5,182.80</i>
157						
158	Conservation Supplies	75.00	20.20	75.00	73.24	75.00
159	Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00
160	Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.40	0.00
161	Dues, Meetings	150.00	47.00	150.00	105.00	150.00
162	Professional/Legal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
163	Newsletter	250.00	40.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
164	Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
165	Conservation Trust Fund	250.00	300.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
166	Project Support	450.00	524.58	450.00	448.83	450.00
167						
168	<i>Total Conservation</i>	<i>\$1,175.00</i>	<i>\$931.78</i>	<i>\$1,175.00</i>	<i>\$898.47</i>	<i>\$1,175.00</i>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
169	Emergency Management	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
170	Advertising	100.00	101.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
171						
172	<i>Total Emergency Mgmt.</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	<i>\$101.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
173						
174	Constable	19,310.00	14,930.77	1.00	0.00	1.00
175	Police Chief			7,479.00	0.00	7,479.00
176	Special Officer	3,440.00	2,116.58	22,064.00	18,419.97	22,064.00
177	Supplies	400.00	276.77	600.00	409.65	600.00
178	Computer	625.00	375.00	800.00	840.71	5,762.00
179	Officer Start-up	400.00	400.38	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
180	Radio/ Dispatch	3,400.00	3,840.31	4,300.00	7,355.79	8,300.00
181	Dues and Meetings	100.00	10.00	100.00	76.00	100.00
182	Police Training	300.00	415.00	800.00	416.52	1,000.00
183	Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
184	Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
185	Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	103.46	0.00
186	Vehicle Repair	500.00	551.08	800.00	1,109.56	1,000.00
187	Travel	1,000.00	1,100.94	1,000.00	978.44	1,200.00
188	Equipment & Repair	2,500.00	2,654.30	1,000.00	1,421.51	2,000.00
189	Vehicle Replacement	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
190						
191	<i>Total Police</i>	<i>\$31,975.00</i>	<i>\$26,671.13</i>	<i>\$43,944.00</i>	<i>\$36,131.61</i>	<i>\$55,506.00</i>
192	Fire Department Operations	49,400.00	49,400.00	51,420.00	51,420.00	52,900.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
193						
194	Total Fire Department	\$49,400.00	\$49,400.00	\$51,420.00	\$51,420.00	\$52,900.00
195						
196	Upper Valley Ambulance	34,132.00	34,132.00	34,132.00	34,132.00	34,132.00
197						
198	Total Ambulance	\$34,132.00	\$34,132.00	\$34,132.00	\$34,132.00	\$34,132.00
199						
200	Health Officer Wages	2,800.00	352.08	2,000.00	684.77	2,000.00
201	Dues, Meetings, Supplies	100.00	40.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
202	Legal Fees	650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
203	Travel	125.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
204						
205	Total Health Officer	\$3,675.00	\$392.08	\$2,150.00	\$684.77	\$2,150.00
206						
207	Animal Control Wages	975.00	611.29	1,075.00	684.42	1,100.00
208	Pound Fees	200.00	335.00	200.00	174.00	200.00
209	Humane Supplies	100.00	447.00	100.00	12.00	100.00
210	Licensing Supplies	450.00	320.12	450.00	194.21	450.00
211	Dues & Meetings	125.00	0.00	125.00	18.57	100.00
212	Dog Damage	250.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
213	Legal Fees	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
214	Travel	200.00	134.14	200.00	153.78	200.00
215						
216	Total Animal Control	\$2,550.00	\$1,847.55	\$2,550.00	\$1,236.98	\$2,400.00
217	GUVSWMD	12,190.00	12,190.00	12,190.00	12,190.00	12,190.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
218	Miscellaneous	0.00	897.00	0.00	4,068.00	0.00
219						
220	Total Solid Waste	\$12,190.00	\$13,087.00	\$12,190.00	\$16,258.00	\$12,190.00
221						
222	Recycling Salaries	6,148.00	2,618.72	4,431.80	2,874.42	4,500.00
223	Supplies	300.00	77.76	300.00	45.28	200.00
224	Bin Lease	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,160.00
225	Bin Pickup	9,750.00	9,818.35	12,000.00	12,256.32	13,500.00
226	Community Education	800.00	371.90	500.00	59.13	200.00
227	Travel	200.00	189.00	200.00	112.00	200.00
228	Facility Const. & Maint.	400.00	85.00	200.00	195.54	3,500.00
229	Land Lease	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	2,200.00
230	Future Site Development	0.00	0.00	43,800.00	1,110.00	0.00
231						
232	Total Recycling	\$19,198.00	\$14,760.73	\$63,031.80	\$18,252.69	\$26,460.00
233						
234	Cemetaries - Mowing	1,940.00	1,180.00	1,940.00	1,160.00	1,940.00
235	Hillside Cemetery Assn.	100.00	30.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
236	Post Mills Cemetery Assn.	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
237	Evergreen Rest Cemetery	0.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
238	Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
239	Repairs	1,060.00	750.00	1,060.00	2,470.00	5,540.00
240						
241	Total Cemetaries	\$3,100.00	\$2,230.00	\$3,100.00	\$3,730.00	\$7,580.00
242	Clara Martin Center	4,266.50	4,766.50	4,266.50	4,266.50	4,266.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
243	VNAVNH	7,633.00	7,633.00	7,633.00	7,633.00	7,633.00
244	Library Federation	27,380.00	27,380.00	24,380.00	24,380.00	0.00
245	VVR Council on Aging	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00
246	FAST Squad	2,435.00	2,435.00	2,435.00	2,435.00	0.00
247	VT Ctr. Independent Living	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
248	Adult Basic Education	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
249	The Family Place	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
250	Hospice of the Upper Valley	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
251	Headrest	1,446.00	1,446.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00
252	CVCAC	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	300.00
253	George Aiken RC&D	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
254	Orange County Diversion	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00
255	Elementary Playground	0.00	5,660.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
256	Upper Valley Services	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
257	Safeline	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
258	UV Joint River Comm.	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
259	VT Green Up	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
260	GMEDC	1,241.50	1,241.50	1,268.50	1,268.50	1,264.00
261	VT Assn for the Blind			1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
262	ACORN					
263						
264	Total Appropriations	\$53,327.00	\$59,487.00	\$51,376.00	\$51,376.00	\$23,806.00
265						
266						
267	School District	2,770,342.00	2,780,342.00	2,556,641.00	2,556,641.00	

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
268						
269	Total School District	\$2,770,342.00	\$2,780,342.00	\$2,556,641.00	\$2,556,641.00	0.00
270						
271	Recreation Supplies	500.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
272	Advertising	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
273	Telephone, Utilities	50.00	829.74	1,000.00	489.88	1,000.00
274	Repairs & Maintenance	3,000.00	1,480.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00
275						
276	Total Recreation	\$3,650.00	\$2,309.74	\$3,300.00	\$489.88	\$1,400.00
277						
278	Treasure Island Wages	9,250.00	7,635.00	9,000.00	7,585.00	9,000.00
279	Property Taxes	12,000.00	14,929.29	12,000.00	10,059.60	10,000.00
280	Supplies	250.00	273.42	250.00	134.76	150.00
281	Advertising	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
282	Telephone	250.00	171.97	200.00	214.20	250.00
283	Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
284	Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
285	Repairs and Maintenance	750.00	293.87	750.00	1,162.20	1,000.00
286	Utilities	400.00	599.84	500.00	526.80	500.00
287	Miscellaneous	200.00	17.50	200.00	0.00	0.00
288						
289	Total Treasure Island	\$23,150.00	\$23,920.89	\$22,900.00	\$19,682.56	\$21,400.00
290						
291						
292	Interest Expense	10,000.00	4,092.28	10,000.00	9,073.28	10,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES						
	1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget	
293						
294	\$10,000.00	\$4,092.28	\$10,000.00	\$9,073.28	\$10,000.00	
295						
296	25,000.00	22,492.00	\$25,000.00	\$28,610.00	\$30,000.00	
297						
298	25,000.00	22,492.00	\$25,000.00	\$28,610.00	\$30,000.00	
299						
300	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
301	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
302	0.00	10,248.28	0.00	1,009.22	0.00	0.00
303	0.00	215.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
304	0.00	125.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
305	0.00	4,759.08	0.00	762.95	0.00	0.00
306	0.00	1,473.18	0.00	1,476.55	0.00	0.00
307						
308	\$900.00	\$17,722.13	\$900.00	\$4,148.72	\$900.00	\$900.00
309						
310	\$3,230,398.79	\$3,212,797.66	\$3,067,142.64	\$2,996,665.34	\$473,389.95	\$473,389.95
311	2,770,342.00	2,780,342.00	2,556,641.00	2,556,641.00		
312						
313	460,056.79	432,455.66	510,501.64	440,024.34	473,389.95	
314						
315	545,717.00	559,531.75	510,501.64	541,911.22	473,389.95	
316						
317	85,660.21	127,076.09	0.00	101,886.88	0.00	0.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES						
	1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget	
318						
319	(85,660.21)	(68,042.09)	Included above	Included above		
320						
321	\$0.00	\$59,034.00	\$0.00	\$101,886.88	\$0.00	\$0.00
322						
323						
324	105,000.00	107,406.28	105,000.00	107,719.62	105,000.00	105,000.00
325	10,000.00	7,963.14	10,000.00	1,400.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
326	1,000.00	407.29	1,000.00	282.80	500.00	500.00
327	0.00	1,132.43	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
328	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
329	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
330	290,257.52	283,535.49	351,148.90	351,148.90	356,473.00	356,473.00
331			60,000.00	60,000.00		
332	\$406,257.52	\$400,594.63	\$527,148.90	\$520,711.32	\$471,973.00	\$471,973.00
333	5,265.00	5,265.00	(8,600.00)	(8,600.00)	22,150.00	22,150.00
334	\$411,522.52	\$405,859.63	\$518,548.90	\$512,111.32	\$494,123.00	\$494,123.00
335						
336						
337	127,226.00	112,137.62	142,107.66	128,498.17	138,161.00	138,161.00
338	16,886.52	14,594.54	15,400.00	14,435.32	12,548.00	12,548.00
339	0.00	0.00	500.00	449.94	500.00	500.00
340	9,740.00	8,457.67	10,871.24	9,830.11	10,569.00	10,569.00
341	1,800.00	728.50	2,000.00	549.89	2,000.00	2,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
342	Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
343	Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
344	Office Supplies	50.00	7.99	50.00	2.29	50.00
345	Advertising	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
346	Telephone	750.00	852.38	1,100.00	1,064.39	1,400.00
347	Radio Maintenance	500.00	408.50	600.00	129.99	600.00
348	Dues and Meetings	50.00	95.00	100.00	10.00	100.00
349	Travel	100.00	31.28	100.00	115.20	150.00
350	Contingency Fund	0.00	274.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
351	Retirement Administration	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
352	Service Charges				91.95	
353	<i>Total Wages & Administration</i>	<i>\$157,202.52</i>	<i>\$137,587.77</i>	<i>\$172,928.90</i>	<i>\$155,177.25</i>	<i>\$166,153.00</i>
354						
355	Maintenance Supplies	39,500.00	41,347.44	28,700.00	35,674.46	30,000.00
356	Other Maintenance Expense	2,500.00	2,427.92	1,500.00	3,133.92	2,000.00
357	Retreatment Supplies	100,000.00	97,292.10	120,000.00	118,109.85	150,000.00
358	Other Retirement Expense	2,500.00	1,121.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
359	Resurfacing Supplies	6,750.00	5,937.75	11,250.00	1,386.00	11,250.00
360	Other Resurfacing Expense	6,600.00	21,469.91	11,000.00	11,247.75	11,250.00
361	Construction Supplies	3,000.00	2,191.25	3,000.00	126.00	3,000.00
362	Other Construction Expense	6,000.00	4,569.89	500.00	1,450.00	1,000.00
363	Winter Road Supplies	32,000.00	41,199.69	45,000.00	32,852.16	45,000.00
364	Other Winter Road Expense	6,000.00	11,309.00	9,000.00	13,535.50	9,000.00
365	<i>Total Road Expenses</i>	<i>\$204,850.00</i>	<i>\$228,866.35</i>	<i>\$229,950.00</i>	<i>\$217,515.64</i>	<i>\$262,500.00</i>
366	Flood Funds - Materials	0.00	3,780.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
367	Flood Funds - Contractors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
368						
369	<i>Total Flood Funds</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$3,780.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
370	Bridge Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	33.60	600.00
371	Bridge Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
372	Other Bridge Expenses	0.00	681.04	1,500.00	1,671.92	1,000.00
373	Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
374	Streetlights	5,500.00	5,650.09	5,500.00	5,620.49	5,500.00
375						
376	<i>Total Bridge & Streetlight Exp.</i>	<i>\$5,700.00</i>	<i>\$6,331.13</i>	<i>\$7,200.00</i>	<i>\$7,326.01</i>	<i>\$7,100.00</i>
377						
378	Garage Equipment	1,500.00	1,936.43	500.00	866.09	1,000.00
379	Garage Supplies	500.00	895.05	500.00	904.16	800.00
380	Garage Repairs	1,000.00	443.81	6,500.00	8,710.44	6,500.00
381	Garage Utilities	4,000.00	3,359.44	4,000.00	2,676.33	3,000.00
382	Rubbish Removal - Garage				260.97	300.00
383	Alarm Service	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
384	Vehicle Fuel	11,000.00	11,089.57	11,000.00	7,724.67	11,000.00
385	Oil	2,000.00	1,499.17	2,000.00	1,353.56	2,000.00
386	Vehicle Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
387	Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
388	Insurance Deductible	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
389	Highway Equipment Fund	0.00	0.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	
390	Equipment & Payments	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
391	Vehicle Repair Parts	20,000.00	1,885.03	3,000.00	4,119.87	4,000.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES		1997 Budget	1997 Actual	1998 Budget	1998 Actual	1999 Budget
392	Vehicle and Equipment Repair	0.00	13,497.73	17,000.00	16,293.18	17,000.00
393	Vehicle Repair Tools	700.00	1,068.25	900.00	1,167.99	1,100.00
394	Vehicle Warranties	1,800.00	1,690.00	1,800.00	4,085.00	2,300.00
395						
396	Total Town Garage	\$43,170.00	\$37,834.48	\$107,870.00	\$108,332.26	\$56,870.00
397						
398	Highway Signs	600.00	59.68	600.00	1,609.87	1,500.00
399	Total Highway Signs	\$600.00	\$59.68	\$600.00	\$1,609.87	\$1,500.00
400						
401	Total HIGHWAY Expenditures	\$411,522.52	\$414,459.41	\$518,548.90	\$489,961.03	\$494,123.00
402						
403	Highway Revenues	\$411,522.52	\$405,859.63	\$518,548.90	\$512,111.32	\$494,123.00
404						
405	Revenues less Expenditures	0.00	(8,599.78)	0.00	22,150.29	0.00
406						
407	Highway Surplus (Deficit)	0.00	(8,599.78)	0.00	22,150.29	0.00

TOWN of THETFORD, VERMONT
SUMMATION OF TAX RATE AND MONIES TO BE RAISED

YEAR	TOTAL TAX	HIGHWAY TAX	TOWN TAX	SCHOOL TAX	ARTICLES TAX				
1988	2.1470	184,107.27	0.1970	146,346.00	0.1570	1,636,594.53	1.7490	40,605.00	0.0440
1989	2.4250	200,192.53	0.2080	172,049.83	0.1790	1,923,978.75	2.0000	36,667.25	0.0380
1990	2.7084	203,072.22	0.2092	196,795.75	0.2028	2,179,429.00	2.2455	49,441.00	0.0509
1991	2.9373	244,694.41	0.2486	196,913.46	0.2000	2,327,776.32	2.3645	122,220.00	0.1242
1992	1.7944	217,526.92	0.1348	344,518.43	0.2135	2,327,776.32	1.4425	5,709.00	0.0036
1993	1.8637	215,706.27	0.1346	300,773.86	0.1877	2,412,429.43	1.5096	34,949.00	0.0318
1994	1.9346	283,067.09	0.1772	303,576.07	0.1902	2,416,321.00	1.5129	86,789.00	0.0543
1995	2.0158	283,704.37	0.1768	272,388.21	0.1698	2,586,914.00	1.6123	91,289.50	0.0569
1996	2.0492	229,981.97	0.1501	258,946.00	0.1690	2,557,808.00	1.6690	93,706.79	0.0611
1997	2.1713	283,535.49	0.1793	283,182.24	0.1790	2,780,342.00	1.7577	87,447.50	0.0553
1998	2.1465	351,148.90	0.2684	296,283.14	0.1934	2,525,262.00	1.6486	103,800.00	0.0361

DIVISION OF TAXES FOR 1998

Town	0.1934
Highway	0.2684
Warned Articles	0.0361
School District	1.6486
TOTAL	2.1465

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT
as of December 31, 1998
(Excludes Penalty & Interest)

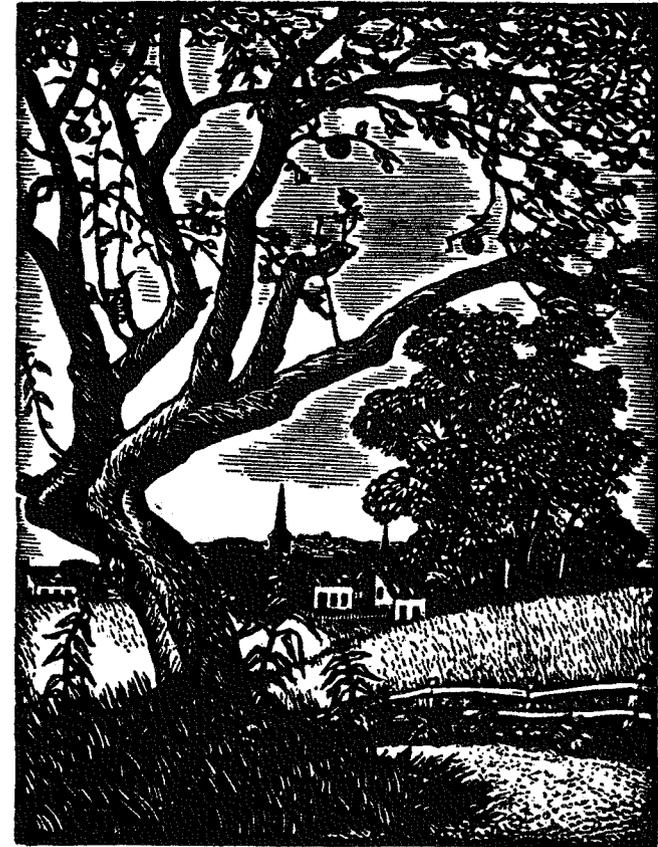
	1998	1997	1996 & Prior	Total
Agnoli, R & D	2,176 55			2,176 55
Allen, M & J	1,931 74			1,931 74
Allen, T	81 30			81 30
Bailey, A	3,649 05			3,649 05
Bailey, W & F	1,426 90			1,426 90
Barker Equip. Service	4,301 59			4,301 59
Barker, S	948 14			948 14
Berecz, F & D	2,121 90			2,121 90
Bickford, G & W	78 77			78 77
Brow, E	1,545 48			1,545 48
Brown, J	884 36	394 58		1,278 94
Chapman, S & O		1,171 30		1,171 30
Charpiot, R	1,749 40	1,769 61	1,670 10	5,189 11
Clifford, G	4,829 63			4,829 63
Davidonis, T	1,118 33			1,118 33
Derome, J & S	1,174 14	1,187 70	1,920 16	4,282 00
Dodds Land Resources	126 64			126 64
Doody, T & C	2,187 28	2,212 55		4,399 83
Dube, L & B	206 06	208 44		414 50
Fraser, B & M	910 12	920 63	2,559 13	4,389 88
Harper, H	1,103 30			1,103 30
Hauger, E	1,570 00			1,570 00
Higgins, R		80 34	290 94	371 28
Hodge, R	1,629 87	4,177 58		5,807 45
Howe, W & M	1,094 72	1,107 36		2,202 08
Hurt, J	2,507 11			2,507 11

	1998	1997	1996 & Prior	Total
Kostantina's	4,404 62	339 30		4,743 92
LAM Assoc.	6,000 10			6,000 10
LaFlamme, J		868 52		868 52
Lee, L & S	1,717 20	527 69		2,244 89
Leonard Trust	4,949 83			4,949 83
Lincoln, C & D	1,000 00			1,000 00
Lyons, C	2,732 49	2,764 06	3,947 67	9,444 22
Macphail, B & A *	1,154 03			1,154 03
Manning, A	2,354 71	2,375 40	1,403 25	6,133 36
Manning, G	774 89	783 84	739 76	2,298 49
Marsh, W	626 78			626 78
McCarty, W	841 43	851 15	803 29	2,495 87
McClure, White,	57 73			57 73
McGuinness, B & A *	453 04			453 04
Montague, J & J *	59 82			59 82
Nikao Concepts	590 29	597 11	4,812 90	6,000 30
Omp. River Properties			15 88	15 88
Pero, G et als	326 27	221 81		548 08
Slack, R & G	742 96			742 96
Spanos, V & T	2,268 85	584 26		2,853 11
Stone, A & D *	1,914 30			1,914 30
Stone, S	663 43	1,172 50		1,835 93
Stowell, M	1,530 45	682 52		2,212 97
UV Regional Landfill	1,740 81	1,760 92	7,832 39	11,334 12
Wilmot, L *	57 14			57 14
(Adjustments not booked as 1998)	1,246 45			
TOTALS	\$77,560.00	\$26,759.17	\$25,995 47	\$130,314.64

* Indicates payment received since January 1, 1999.

NOTES

ANNUAL REPORTS



COMMUNITY AND AREA
ORGANIZATIONS

PEABODY LIBRARY

In its 132nd year, programs for young and old energized the Peabody Library. In 1998 the Library sponsored a variety of events; all year long children met every Wednesday to read together. August ushered in the third wildly popular Peabody Penny Carnival complete with an appearance by Elvis while September saw a youthful troop with the library float in the Post Mills Labor Day parade. The librarian read the Eleventh Annual Holiday Readings for young and old.

The summer season began with the Fine Book and Bake Sale, which brought ninety people to the library in search of the perfect gift and delicious pastries. The Paperback Book Sale continued on the porch all summer. For only a quarter summer reading was provided daily to the many folks of the Lake Fairlee region. Suzanne Houston's green thumb and watering can nourished the flowers gracing the front of the library all summer. Jean Gerber produced a summer book discussion series exploring Literature of the Far North. Every other Wednesday night saw record numbers of participants sharing their insights on authors from Siberia, Denmark, Finland, Alaska, and Canada.

The Library had 1,313 visitors borrowing 788 books from the library's own collection with more than 574 state books lent from the Regional Library. 174 Books on Tape also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. A total of 1,536 titles circulated from the library in 1998 for an average of 29 titles a week. On Wednesday afternoons throughout the year young readers gathered to practice their reading skills by reading aloud together and their writing skills by creating a mail box in the library and corresponding with each other. Their energy and enthusiasm have made the library a wonderful place to work. Becky Buchanan and Jean Gerber worked together to make Wednesdays at the library a weekly treat for many children. After the Penny Carnival, the Buchanans moved from Thetford and Olivia Chapman has picked up the Children's Program.

The vigorous energy of the library trustees and volunteers insured another fine year for the cherished Peabody Library. Fund-raising efforts produced the popular Lake Fairlee afghans and a second grant application for an earthen ramp was filed. A new furnace was needed after 21 years and it has been installed.

Come visit Thetford's oldest library in 1999 and witness the past joining the present in an atmosphere of abiding grace and dignity. With your continued support, The Peabody Library is 133 years young in 1999.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

HOURS

Tuesday 5:00 to 8:00 PM;
Wednesday 2:00 to 8:30 PM

LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

In 1998 the Latham Memorial Library improved its services to the public by providing a public access computer. Infrastructure put in place in 1997 made this service available in 1998. A grant from the VT Department of Libraries helped fund the computer. The Trustees realized a vision of community-wide library service by linking the library and the World Wide Web.

Programs included a book discussion series exploring "Honor", made possible by the Vermont Council on the Humanities and a second book series exploring ethnic diversity in America, made possible by Dartmouth College; Friday afternoon videos; and twenty-three storytimes at Treasure Island during June, July, and August.

From four visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 2,145 books and these state books were taken out 2,059 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 1,019 videos were borrowed from almost 30 video series offered by the library from the LUV Video Co-op. 165 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 120 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 16,464 with 11,751 people coming to use the library; a new record in attendance! 471 visitors came to view exhibits in the Bicentennial Gallery. 1,220 books-on-tape circulated this year. During the past year the library bought 180 books and 24 books on tape for children and adults. 272 titles were added to the library's shelves. 71 donated magazine subscriptions produced a total of 96 magazines with three newspapers.

The library provided space for 150 meetings of the Saturday Night Step meeting of the AA, ACOA meetings, The Thetford Hill Improvement Society, the Adult Basic Education, the Thetford Conservation Commission, Parish Players, and the Thetford Hill Water Coop.

All these activities are dependent on voluntary efforts from many members of the community. I particularly want to thank Drew Bradley who put in many hours last summer downloading records. Alice Gnaedinger, Susan McGrew, Janice Mousley, Pat Pinder, and Inge Trebitz worked with patience and good humor behind the scenes to process books and download records. Charlie Eastridge, Ciel Haviland, Lindsay Krugman, and Michou Tchana put away many books, sorted magazines and have been great help previewing children's books.

I am very grateful to all the volunteers who keep the library open six days a week throughout the year and to those who have given so much to the Library through the annual appeal and the antique show in August.

This year records more people than ever using the Town Library. More services, more titles in more formats are available than ever before. For the last five years Town funds amounting to \$10.00 per person have helped improve your library. With your continued support the library can strive to offer more services to the citizens of Thetford.

Stop by your library in 1999. Let us help you with your informational or recreational needs. If we don't have what you want, we can get it for you. Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

HOURS

Monday 2:00 to 8:30 PM;
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 2:00 to 5:00 PM;
 Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM;
 Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Much continues to be done in carrying out one of our Federation's main purposes—working through its member libraries, to improve library service in the Town. In addition to regular circulation and service, the year has seen several book programs and children's programs in member libraries; cooperation among members such as the Historical Society's work with elementary and Academy students; continued progress in developing our interlibrary communications network; and installation of a public-access computer in Latham Library.

Our other main purpose is to maintain the Bicentennial Building, both as a free home for Latham Memorial Library and for the archives of Thetford Historical Society, and as a place for exhibits and for meetings of local organizations. Space was also found for a tutoring program last winter. The Federation paid for half the cost of two new air-conditioners for the main reading room of Latham Library.

The Federation serves as the medium through which the Town supports its two public libraries, Latham and Peabody. The annual grant from the Town is passed directly to those libraries, along with small grants for special library programs at the Elementary School and the Academy. Each year the Federation has added to the Town grant from its other funds, which come partly from endowment income and partly from an annual giving campaign which last year brought in \$5,545 from 98 donors.

The cost of books and other library materials continues to increase rapidly. Over the past five years our support to member libraries has increased by 12.5 percent from \$24,000 a year to \$27,000 a year. However, we level-funded last year, and project for 1999 an increase of only \$500 or 1.8 percent. Meanwhile our total budget, which also includes all the cost of maintaining the Bicentennial Building, has shown a budgeted deficit of \$4,215 for 1998 and a projected deficit of \$4,145 for 1999.

Charles Latham
 Clerk

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION
1998 FINANCIAL REPORT

	1998 BUDGET	1998 ACTUAL	1999 BUDGET
INCOME			
Town Appropriation	\$24,380.00	\$24,380.00	\$24,380.00
Computing fees from member libraries	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Dividends	5,000.00	6,454.00	6,000.00
Donations	4,500.00	4,916.00	5,000.00
Interest	700.00	475.00	700.00
Sale of Land	0.00	100.00	0.00
<i>TOTAL INCOME</i>	<i>\$36,580.00</i>	<i>\$38,325.00</i>	<i>\$38,080.00</i>
EXPENSES			
Member Library Support	27,000.00	27,000.00	27,500.00
Equipment & Furnishings	0.00	475.00	0.00
Computing Services	2,000.00	1,750.00	2,250.00
Electricity	3,400.00	2,961.00	3,500.00
Heat	2,000.00	2,016.00	2,000.00
Water	300.00	300.00	300.00
Insurance	1,175.00	1,168.00	1,200.00
Alarm System	450.00	69.00	450.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,000.00	88.00	2,000.00
Custodial	1,560.00	2,000.00	1,600.00
Rubbish	140.00	154.00	220.00
Snow Removal/Mowing	400.00	465.00	600.00
Supplies & Postage	200.00	386.00	400.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	36.00	50.00
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$40,625.00</i>	<i>\$38,868.00</i>	<i>\$42,070.00</i>
Loss for the Year:	(\$4,045.00)	(\$543.00)	(\$3,990.00)

Richardson Fowle, Treasurer

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

During the year we have continued to open our library three days a week, and have served many patrons both in person and by letter. Our program of working with the fifth and sixth grades at the Elementary School and the seventh grade at Thetford Academy received an award last April from the League of Local Historical Societies. Through Police Chief Charles Stephens we obtained a large quantity of very early legal documents which were being discarded by the Orange County Courthouse; sorting these papers has begun, and has turned up some interesting 18th-century items. Martha Wiencke is nearing the end of several years' work sorting and organizing hundreds of documents from the Town's first century.

We have received several important acquisitions through the year, especially several hundred photographs by Gladys Estabrook documenting sites now demolished, such as Buzzell's Bridge (in the area flooded by Union Village Dam) and the covered bridge at Pompanoosuc. We had an exhibit of some of these pictures in July, along with a library exhibit for the Thetford Hill Fair.

We have reprinted the Rev. Asa Burton's autobiography, an important original source of the Town's early history, which had been out of print for several years. Trustee Bob Brown produced a booklet, with colored photographs, of the rebuilding of the Thetford Center bridge; the original printing sold out, and we had additional copies printed.

Our annual meeting centered on the 1938 hurricane and the devastation it wrought in Thetford's villages. At our October meeting Charles Latham read a paper about one-room schoolteacher Emma Newcomb of Thetford. In November historic sites specialist Elsa Gilbertson talked about what historic buildings show us about our past. Our historical trip in September was a railroad excursion from Bellows Falls to Chester and return.

The Hughes Barn Museum was open as usual on Sunday afternoons in August, and we had about a hundred visitors, some of them attracted by a video segment about the museum on "Across the Fence" on Channel 3 TV in Burlington. We have solved the drainage problem in our new storage building, and are proceeding to move things into it.

Charles Latham
President

THETFORD HILL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society (T.H.V.I.S.) dates from the adoption of its first constitution on August 3, 1905. The State of Vermont incorporated the Society on February 21, 1991.

The Society's constitutional purpose is "to improve and beautify the village of Thetford Hill and, in general, to promote the welfare of this community". There are no paid positions in the Society and citizens of the community render most services free.

Two major events occur with the Society – the Thetford Hill Fair and the Annual Meeting.

The Thetford Hill Fair is run by T.H.V.I.S. and the Ladies Benevolent Society of Thetford. Last year the Fair took place on August 1, 1998, and thanks to scores of devoted volunteers, it was a very successful event. This year the Fair will be held on July 31, 1999. The Planning Committee will meet in June and volunteers are always appreciated to assist with this community activity. Anyone interested in lending a helping hand (and having fun besides) can call Peter Blodgett at the Latham Memorial Library for details (785-4361).

The Executive Committee of the Society is in the process of revising the T.H.V.I.S. Constitution (last one in 1968!). The final draft will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on Monday, August 23, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Latham Memorial Library, Thetford Hill, VT.

Any resident who regards the Village of Thetford Hill as the center of their community life is welcome and encouraged to attend all T.H.V.I.S. activities.

Joan Tomasi, President
(802) 785-2689

THETFORD CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Thetford Center Community Association, which began in 1949, aims to "improve and beautify the village of Thetford Center, and to promote the welfare of the community." It is open to all those with an interest in Thetford Center.

The Association owns and maintains the old schoolhouse in the village of Thetford Center as a Community Building for the use of members of the Association, community members, and community groups. The building continues to be used a great deal. It serves as a parish hall for the Timothy Frost Methodist Church, which holds its coffee hours, meetings, and other gatherings there. It is the meeting place for several Boy Scout and Brownie groups, and for other non-profit organizations. The Thetford Center Fellowship of Women holds senior luncheons there, and families and other groups organize reunions and open houses. The new Historic District of Thetford Center was celebrated in 1998 also, with a well-attended meeting.

The Community Association itself puts on community thank you dinners, pot-lucks, dessert socials, as well as seasonal fund-raising dinners, and a community holiday party for children with Santa Claus, gifts and treats. Together with the Timothy Frost Methodist Church, it celebrated a Springfest in May and the annual Old Home Day Dinner in July. The Association furnished two scholarships to new graduates of Thetford Academy from the area this past year, and it plans to award one of \$ 500.00 in June. Maintenance of the building and the mowing of the little common at the south end of the village are performed mostly by volunteers. We shall be holding monthly potluck community dinners during the winter, including March 20 and April 10, and we invite everyone to come and meet your neighbors.

The Community Building is available for rental by non-profit groups and by individuals wishing to hold family parties. We would be glad to have new community renters. If you are interested, please contact the Chair of Building Use. We welcome everyone interested in the community of Thetford Center.

Martha H. Wiencke,
Secretary

President: Penny Sirjane 785-4405
Chair of Building Use: Lois Paige 785-2687

RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY CENTER

The Rice's Mills Community Association is a group of people who use and maintain the old Rice's Mills Schoolhouse on Rt 132. The Association and its events are open to anyone, and we gladly welcome new members. Membership is \$5/person and \$10/family. Also, the building is available for rent for one-time use or as a meeting space for groups. It is primarily used between June and October as it is heated with wood and has no running water. It is a pleasant space, and unchanged from its schoolhouse days.

The Association events of last year included monthly potluck suppers, raising garden seedlings in the greenhouse, painting the outside, a fun evening of charades, a great slide show on Montana, and our annual Harvest Supper in September. These last two events had excellent attendance and encouraged our small group to keep on going. But it is difficult to keep ahead of the peeling paint and window work needed on the building. So we all encourage anyone who is interested in this wonderful old schoolhouse to join us in keeping it alive. Thank you!!

To join, call or mail Polly Cole 790 Poor Farm Road, Thetford Center VT 05075 (785-2016)

Submitted by
Sally Whitlock



THETFORD YOUTH SPORTS

The Thetford School Board has designated Thetford Youth Sports (TYS) as the group to manage organized athletic activities for Thetford's elementary age children. TYS consists of eleven volunteer Board members, and we meet regularly to organize seasonal programs, set budgets, plan improvements, and address issues that are brought to our attention.

Our objective is to give all Thetford children an opportunity to participate in activities that provide the desired benefits of extracurricular sports. We strive for positive experiences for the children, so that they may continue to include physical activities in their daily experiences.

Over the last year we have completed several improvements to our program. A number of groups, companies and individuals have contributed to these efforts. The entire Town should be better off for their involvement, and should be grateful for their dedication to our children.

A major achievement was the improvement of the Elementary school field. The Town had appropriated \$6,660 for this project at the March 1997 meeting. Partial site preparation was performed in the Spring of 1997, where the project was delayed due to weather, and very busy commercial contractors. The work was restarted in the Spring of 1998, and completed over the course of the Summer. The usable area was increased by nearly one acre, the surface drainage was greatly improved, and two infields were established. Many people were crucial to the success of this project. Numerous volunteers contributed nearly 600 hours of manual labor to go along with in excess of \$5000 of equipment time contributions by local contractors. A total of \$6,711.04 has been spent on the project. The value of the work exceeds \$18,000.

It was a pleasure having the input, and effort of several local contractors during the field project, and their efforts are highly appreciated. In no particular order: Sam Eaton of L.H. Cook, Inc., Larry Godfrey of Larry Godfrey Excavating, Gary Ulman of Northwoods Excavating, Inc., Ken Smith of K.W. Smith Trucking and Bulldozing and Lebanon Crushed Stone all went above and beyond the norm in their contributions. When a job needed doing someone always stepped up.

We also funded the construction of a storage shed at the school for our equipment. Along with the school, and the PTO, safety pads were installed in the gym. New, full uniforms were purchased for the fifth and sixth grade girls softball team. Our policies and guidelines have been formalized and instituted. All in all, we have had a very productive year.

Everyone is reminded that scholarships and multi-child payment plans are available to those who need them. Please do not feel that the cost of registration should stop the participation of a child.

There are still some specific items that need attention in the near future. Backstops and smoothing are needed at the school field. Athletic/multipurpose facilities are needed. One of the greatest concerns remains the Elementary School gym, which is unacceptable for the uses it is currently housing (basketball/drama/music/assemblies...). There are significant safety and utilization issues, and we continue to strongly support, and encourage efforts to solve this problem. Many Out-of-Towners have this facility to judge us by. Other items, including the improvement of the Post Mills property recently donated by the Taylor family are also on our minds. There is a need for a reinvigorated Recreation Committee in Town.

There is much to do, and we encourage your interest. There are currently openings on the Board. Please contact a member if you want to get involved. Current members are: Peter Boyd, Bev Carpenter, Ray Chapin, Steve Fifield, Loretta Gray, Steve Page, Mark Snider, Tom Stickney and Robin Wagner. Thank you to David Carpenter and Chip Thurston for their years of service to TYS.

Submitted by Peter Boyd

CUB SCOUT PACK #772

Thetford Cub Scouts have had another busy year since my last report. Over twenty-five boys from first grade through fifth grade have participated in a wide variety of activities with their Dens, together as a Pack, and with their Families.

This January we celebrated the founding of Scouts at our Blue and Gold spaghetti dinner. We topped off the evening with entertainment provided by "Marko the Magician". We raced over twenty-five handmade cars in our third annual PineWood Derby last March, finally narrowing the field to the fastest three cars. Each of the three brought home a trophy for their efforts. Lots of non-perishable food items were donated to the Thetford Food Shelf through the efforts of the "Scouting for Food" event. This is an Annual State wide event. Town Meeting Day found most Thetford Scouts (Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies) enjoying an afternoon of skating at Champion Ice Rink. In December all Thetford Scouts came together again to sing Christmas carols around the "green" and again around the Community Center building.

As school let out for the summer last June; we capped off our year in Scouts with a picnic at the top of Gove Hill. The evening concluded with songs, skills, and an award ceremony around a blazing campfire as the sun slowly set behind the hill. Two Scouts were recognized for achieving the Arrow of Light, the highest award any Cub Scout can earn. They were Eric LaMontagne and John Graff. A third Cub, Dan Huff, earned the coveted award this winter. Congratulations to all three.

Eight Cub Scouts went to a week of Summer Camp in Benson, Vermont. Activities included swimming, boating, scout skills, fishing, and sports. There were three campfires, a chicken barbecue, and a raft building contest. We won the scavenger hunt setting a new camp record and got honorable mention for our raft design. Thanks to the parents who were able to help me out over the course of the week.

This summer we marched in both the Alumni Day Parade and the Labor Day Parades, and traveled to Montreal to attend an Expos game. A Boy Scout Troop was organized this summer for graduating Cub Scouts and got off to a strong start.

The "Holiday in the Hills", an annual Scout Camporee held in Victory, Vermont was attended by over 400 campers, including both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Thetford. We once again took the cooking competition for the Cub Scouts by baking a number of items over the campfire and were recognized for "Best Campsite".

Our fall popcorn sale fund-raiser was another success, thanks to the generosity of Thetford residents. We sold almost as much as in previous years, ensuring funds enough for another fun year in Scouting. Thank you all for your support.

I would also like to thank the Thetford Center Community Association for their continued sponsorship and use of their facilities as well as all of the adult leaders who have helped make this program a success. Your efforts and leadership have been tremendous. Thank you all.

Bill T. Huff
Committee Member

THETFORD BROWNIE TROOP 2194

The Brownie Troop is a large group this year consisting of thirty very eager first, second, and third grade girls and four new leaders. The year started off with a Brownie pinning ceremony welcoming the new members, as well as learning the Girl Scout Promise and Law, the format of a meeting, and just getting to know each other. Since then we have been working on activities recommended for earning badges or "try its". The girls chose the 'try its' themselves, one from each of the Worlds of Interests- the World of the Arts, Well Being, Today and Tomorrow, People, and the World of Out-of-Doors. This provides a nice balance in many different areas.

We have worked on Caring and Sharing which has encouraged the girls to think about ways that they can help others and incorporate the brownie slogan "do a good deed daily". They also made donations to the town food shelf. Our music try it involved instrument recognition, rhythm, and movement. We were able to teach some of the history of scouting using the 'Girl Scout Ways' by practicing the Promise and Law, the friendship circle, a flag ceremony and the celebration of Juliette Low's birthday and Thinking Day. Our remaining badges are Puppets and Dolls, Food Fun, Outdoor Adventures, Art to Wear and Citizens Near and Far which we are currently working on.

The Girl Scout cookie sales have proven to be a big success again this year thanks to all the community support. A portion of the sales are going towards a troop trip to the Montshire Museum this spring. We are also planning to attend the Native American Pow Wow in May. It has been a pleasure to work with this wonderful group of girls and we wish our third graders well at the Junior level.

Mary Bryant, Regina Gioia,
Betsy Johnstone, Mindy Martin
Co-Leaders

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2064

This year Junior Troop has sixteen energetic young ladies all from Thetford. The girls range in age from 9 to 12 and are in grades 4, 5 & 6. Any girl in these grades is welcome, anytime, at our meetings to see what we are all about.

Our cookie sale was very successful last January. It remains our main fund raising event and allows us to provide many opportunities for the girls. We thank everyone who supported one of our scouts in this event.

The junior troop has enjoyed a number of interesting and fun adventures over the past year. Early last winter we went to WNNE for a tour of the station and to watch production of the evening news, we even got to meet Karen Meyers after the broadcast. We also attended Thinking Day which was right here at our own elementary school; went on a winter camping adventure at Sunset Valley Girl Scout Camp in Gorham, N.H. and went ice skating at Campion Ice Rink in Hanover with several other scout troops from Thetford and Fairlee.

Many of the girls earned their Junior Aide badge last spring by working with Brownie troop 2194 in fulfilling their bridging activities. Girls also completed work on several other badges, which they received at their Court of Awards Ceremony. Before we ended our scouting year in June, we had helped clean up Treasure Island on Green-Up Day; helped to restore a lakeside trail at Camp Farnsworth and held a Pizza Party/Dance. We also had Faith Knapp, who is a certified EMT, AMC river guide, outdoor survival guide, and a member of the ski patrol & search & rescue team, come to our meetings to teach us some outdoor health and safety.

Last year's troop was also awarded with a certificate of \$25 for completing requirements during last years cookie sale. This money will be used this year to help us go on a council sponsored camping event in June. We were also awarded the "Tip Top Troop" award. We needed to fulfill ten requirements over the course of the scouting year, which we were able to do. "A troop that earns this award should know that they have had an outstanding, well rounded, year in scouting."

This year promises to be just as fun filled. Already the girls have been working with the Neighbor to Neighbor group to help where they are needed in our community, worked toward earning badges, spent an afternoon at the roller rink, and joined all other Thetford Scouts in an evening of Christmas caroling on Thetford Hill and in Thetford Center. Right now the girls are very busy with this years cookie sale and planning for trips and activities.

We would like to thank the Thetford Community Association for allowing us to use their facility for our weekly meetings; the Thetford community and the parents of the girls for their help and support in all our endeavors.

Helen Huff & Lauren Harhen
Co-Leaders

OPEN FIELDS SCHOOL

Open Fields School is your local alternative elementary school situated in an historic building on Thetford Hill since 1971. We serve families from Thetford and surrounding towns who are looking for a small, more personal approach to education - you might consider us an alternative to home schooling. This year we have 20 students from as far north as West Newbury, Vermont and as far south as Newbury, New Hampshire. There are four highly-qualified full-time teachers.

Our students come to us for a variety of reasons beyond the family style of our approach. Our satisfied customers include children with special needs - physical, educational or emotional - but we are by no means a special education school. Many of our children are exceptional in other ways - intellectually or creatively. Some of our students come to us in kindergarten because they were born two days or two months too soon to attend public school, and happily stay throughout all of their elementary school years.

We teach solid basic skills and everything else that makes childhood and life worth living. We allow time for art and music and sledding and computers and sewing and reading; anything we, or the children, come up with. All of our children are introduced to French, some are studying Spanish and a few of the older ones are studying Latin. This year we have become very involved in theater, and skits, puppet shows and plays are an almost daily occurrence. Most of all our children love to come to school because, "It's fun."

We welcome inquiries about the school - even if you are just curious, stop by and check us out. We guarantee you'll have fun too!

Jean K. Aull, Director
Open Fields School



THETFORD POST #79, THE AMERICAN LEGION, INC.

The purposes of this Post are to foster all those values for which our country stands, to help people in need whenever we can, and to give special help to our veterans. Present Officers are: Commander, Arthur Bacon; Adjutant, Nathan Pero; Finance Officer, Alford Stone; and others in numerous capacities.

Our meetinghouse is on Thetford Hill, opposite the Thetford Elementary School. Meetings are held the first Thursday in each month, except January and February, at 7:30 PM. Two school awards are made each year to graduates of Thetford Academy; delegates to Boys' and Girls' States are sponsored, and programs for patriotic holidays are given. Flags for all known veterans' graves are put out before Memorial Day and removed when possible soon after November 11th. This Post stands ready to give aid to children to the extent of our means. Flag etiquette has been taught for several years in the area schools. Food sales are held to raise money and we have had successful yard sales. Our meetinghouse has been used by several organizations, and is available for sharing the costs of upkeep.

On loan free to anyone who needs their use, are the following items of hospital and invalid equipment: wheelchairs, bedpans, crutches, walkers, commodes, various canes and other items. We no longer have hospital beds. Some of the items named are in short supply. Users are asked no fee for the use of any equipment, but donations are gratefully accepted. We do ask that borrowed items be kept in good condition, and returned as soon as possible. Please notify a Legion member before returning anything so it can be put safely inside. Much of our equipment has been given to Brookside.

This Post welcomes all veterans who served honorably in all our wars and so-called conflicts. We should be notified when a veteran is buried in the town of Thetford so a marker and flag can be placed at the gravesite.

Robert L. Bacon
Chaplain

UPPER VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB

PURPOSE: To work for improvement and stimulate interest in the sports of hunting and fishing.

To promote and engage in the conservation of fish and game management and other natural resources in the area.

To promote and maintain friendly relations with landowners.

To promote good sportsmanship and educate the public with respect to conservation, hunting and fishing.

OFFICERS: President: Bill Rose North Thetford 333-9325
 Vice President: Robert Stone Thetford Center
 Treasurer: Alford Stone Thetford Center 785-4503
 Secretary: Rhett Scruggs East Thetford 333-4067

MEMBERSHIP: Currently 164 members, 17 are junior members. Open to any person interested in helping with our stated purpose. Junior membership is available to persons aged 15 and under. Membership chairman is Bill Rose, 333-9325

MEETINGS: 3rd Wednesday of each month. Held at the Thetford American Legion September – May, 7:30 PM and at the club grounds June – August, 6:30 PM. Annual meeting is held in February.

ACTIVITIES: Ice fishing derby on Lake Fairlee in February – 115 participants in 1998. Children's fishing derby in June – 47 children participated in 1998. Sponsored a hunter safety class in the summer and fall – certificates were presented to 26 students in 1998. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer – 4 were sponsored in 1998.

FACILITIES: The Club maintains a building, pond, and shooting ranges on approximately 200 acres on the Five Corners Road in Thetford Center. The shooting ranges are used for rifle, pistol, action pistol matches, sporting clays, trap shooting and Archery competition. Club members are welcome to use the facilities and the surrounding property.

Rhett Scruggs, Secretary

A COLLECTION OF MEMORIES

Charles Hughes

EVENING PERFORMANCE AT SAWNEY BEAN

I feel a sense of loss when I think of the performances I used to enjoy at Sawney Bean farm. The deer would walk down our driveway and out through the gate on their way to the pond and a long drink of water. Our whippoorwill would settle down a bit to the south of the house and deliver a series of strident cries before flying to its next location, which was well to the south. The next voice later, and coming from the southeast, was that of an owl, the "five hooter". "Who - who - who ----- who who"

Add to these the bats searching the night sky for flying insects and the chimney swift, which I lost without realizing it. Morris Pero had just delivered some firewood and he remarked that one could get a good idea of the condition of the interior of a chimney by inserting your wife's hand mirror in the lowest opening. The chimney seemed to be in good condition but what interested me more were what looked like fragments of a very rudely made cup, for I knew that their nest was fastened to the interior of a chimney. Evidently this one had fallen and perhaps had carried the baby birds to their death.

A SAFE PLACE FOR RECUPERATING SNAKES

My housekeeper, Mrs. Greason, spent one summer at the Sawney Bean Farm. On one occasion she wanted to go to the attic and I assured her that there were no snakes up there. In a few moments I heard a piercing scream and Mrs. Greason reappeared downstairs in such a distracted state that it was some time before I could find out what was the matter. Then I climbed the attic stairs myself.

There was a pile of textiles in the corner, and on top a round mat and on the mat a small snake forming a circle which matched the curve of the mat. I had misinformed Mrs. Greason, but I had learned something. When a snake changes its skin it seeks a safe and secluded place until the change is made. Later I found a dry snakeskin, which seemed to show that another snake had visited the attic for this purpose. Veronica, one of my visiting nurses, tells me that they found dry snakeskin in their woodpile. Evidently that was a good place for a snake to recuperate.

WHAT MEAT DO YOU EAT?

What meat do you eat? When I was in Paris I saw meat shops where the sign was a gilded horse's head and I was told that horse meat was good for invalids, but I never ate any unless by accident. I think there are people in Thetford who eat smaller animals. Mr. Little used to say "they are part of my living."

I even found one Lyme woman who admitted eating skunk. It had ventured into a strawberry patch and they killed it to save the strawberries. "We had to do something with it, so we ate it." I asked what it tasted like. "Like the dark meat of chicken."

I was with Rex Pero one evening when the woodchuck family passed by. He said "they would taste delicious." My own woodchucks live in a burrow not far from my big lilac. My chipmunks long used a pile of split wood as a shelter. When I approached they would scream in anger and then pop into the woodpile if I came too near. At first I thought of them as attractive little creatures. Then I saw how they raided the vegetable garden.

That season I had bought a new trap with the woodchucks in mind. But when the chipmunks saw the new trap they ran in, ate the bait, and ran away. They were too small to spring the trap, which caught nothing.

I read an account of a church service in the Allegheny Mountains. The men brought their guns into the church, placing the gun and whatever they had killed against the wall where it could be taken at the end of the service.

THE MOLE

The mole has a bad reputation with people who are fussy about their lawns, and those who care for the greens on golf courses. In its endless search for earthworms and other goodies, it makes and lives in an endless tunnel, just above the surface of the ground. From above it is a ridge, showing where the mole has been.

I once saw that a mole had made a mistake. As our driveway drops rather abruptly to the road on both sides no grass grows. The mole tunnel with its raised ridge ran directly to one of these steep grassless slopes. At this point the mole found itself in the sunlit upper world, but he could not see it because moles are blind. One would expect that mole would dig in again and start another tunnel, but I saw no evidence that it had done this.

Only once did I see a dead mole on the surface of the ground. I saw the strong front legs with their formidable digging claws. As a former college teacher, I know something about how boys and girls get together, but how does a gentleman mole meet a lady mole? And how does he know that the other mole in the other tunnel is a lady mole? I wish I could tell you. I don't know.

THE BEAVER

Men liked to wear beaver hats and this set in motion an army of trappers to supply the demand. When my wife Fannie and I moved to the Sawney Bean Farm there was no pond in which a beaver could live; just a swampy area filled

with cattails and brush. A beaver set up housekeeping in Thetford and everyone (including my wife Fannie and I) went to see it. Mike Wheelock cut the brush and filled in a dam and a lone beaver from who knows where moved in. I was delighted and then not quite so well pleased as our new tenant felled aspen after aspen.

Finally I asked the game warden to remove our beaver. A beaver cannot endure the sound of water running over a dam. He dug a trench through the top of the dam and the water began to flow through it. He placed a trap in the trench. Almost immediately the beaver swam to fix the leak, entered the trap and became a prisoner - a disconsolate lump of brown fur. The warden was going to take him "to someone who thinks he wants a beaver."

But other beavers found my little pond. There was a beaver house at the south end of the pond. When I drove home after dark there was one spot where I could stop and there would be a beaver industriously and noisily shaping up a piece of wood which he would then swim with to the beaver lodge.

THE PORCUPINE

At Sawney Bean I did not need to seek the porcupine - they came to visit me. I would be dropping off to sleep when I was awakened by a sound from the back of the house: "scrunch" and then a second "scrunch." I got into whatever garment I could find, slipped into my shoes and sallied forth. I would find one or two porcupines taking noisy mouthfuls from the kitchen wall. I chased the intruders away, but they visited me again the following night. A porcupine needs salt and it is not easy to find in the woods. When they gained access to an unused kitchen they will eat away any board where bacon grease or another salty liquid has been spilled.

But there was another side to the picture. Fannie and I sometimes spent my Easter holidays at Sawney Bean. As I looked to the West, I could see a porcupine in the top of a tall hemlock tree. I could see that the branch in front of him looked white, as if he had eaten the bark off. Was that his Easter breakfast?

The end of that group of porcupines was not pretty. A forester evidently walked through the valley and discovered the porcupine den, poisoned the den, and left a tag to show what he had done. I was angry. They were my porcupines, weren't they? What right did he have to meddle with them?

Later I visited the cave with my neighbor Elwin Pero and an old man with a long beard whom I did not know. The old one began to tell of a porcupine den that he had seen. It went 150 feet into the mountain. The porcupines had killed trees 1 and 1/2 feet through by girdling them. And when they cleaned the cave out, they removed five wagonloads of dung. I seemed to hear the voice of Baron Munchausen, the patron of big liars.

1938 HURRICANE HITS THETFORD

Charles Latham

Sixty years ago, weather forecasters were not as clever as today in predicting the course of hurricanes, or in naming them so that neither sex is solely blamed for nature's depredations. Still, there were hurricanes back then, and the one that swept across Long Island and then up the Connecticut River valley in September 1938 hit Thetford hard, and changed the face of several of its villages. The Historical Society recently received a letter, apparently written by Rosetta Estabrook to her sister Gladys, who was then teaching in New Jersey. It describes the storm's damage in Thetford house by house. Some excerpts may be interesting. The description begins on Academy Road just south of Thetford Hill.

"Ernest Bond's (now Willey) barn was half blown down. The shed by the house was wrecked. I understand they are to tear it down anyway. Mrs. Bond stood it very well. Mr. B. says you couldn't keep it a secret! Mr. Bond's sugar place is gone.

"Len Emerson's (now Hoagland) shop roofing was torn off and the place is more wrecked than usual. The house stood, but wouldn't have if Len and Ruth's husband (Roy Vigeant) hadn't gone to the barn for 2-by-4s which they managed to nail down as braces. Jennie used all the strength she had to hold the door on the east side until they could get the boards nailed on. In the morning, they found a piece of the tin roofing from the barn driven two inches into a stick of rock maple by the barn...

"Miss Snow's cottage (now Matteson) is one of the worst wrecks in town...the garage was blown down and was only kindling wood. The house is shorn of its porch roof, which was carried bodily over the house and landed bottom side up over by the garage. The pump was blown into the pines by the road. The windows were all gone and the house is all twisted around...

"But—the Slade house! (now Wyman) It's a wonder they are alive to tell the tale. Their house and Claire Fowle's were our chief exhibits for days...It seemed that the brick house would never wink an eyelash; we thought of them quite comfortably during the howling hours when our house swayed about. She and Mr. Slade were there alone. Mrs. S. realized the fury of the gale and so went upstairs and took pictures off the walls (they were swaying around), moved bureaus away from windows, and then went down with Mr. S. in the front room. She heard the chimney fall, and had a hard time to keep Mr. S. from going up to the attic to investigate, or from going over after Mr. Anderson.

All this happened when everything outside was pitch black. I've never seen so black a night!...The whole (tin) roof came off the house and scattered itself generally about yards and fields, and some of it was wrapped around branches high up in the tree which still stood by the ell part of the house...I forgot to say the leg of a table...came down through the ceiling of the room where Mrs. S. had so carefully stored the pictures on the bed. It was a wonder the plaster didn't break the pictures.

"Their first terrifying experience was when a huge branch came through the window of the room opening out of the kitchen. They couldn't do a thing with it until they suddenly thought of roping it to the iron stove in the middle of the room. That anchored it so that it stayed there through the night. It was a funny sight in the morning, half the branch in and the other half out...

"The big elm in front of Slafter Hall is tipped more than half over—a sad sight. The dorm strewed its roofing generously over the village. One huge piece landed on the porch of the double house, and one blocked the Khrabroffs' (Greenwood) "hind" door. The rest landed somewhere toward Sunset Hill. Luckily school had let out that afternoon for a holiday at Tunbridge's World Fair...

"The (double) house has been a sight. Dotty Duncan sat on the ironing board she had put on a box against the front door and braced all her strength against the door from six till quarter of eight. When she could count fifty between blasts she dared get up and brace the door with a chair. In the meantime a piece of Academy roof had landed on the wall outside, and two huge trees had landed on the roof all but over her head. The dense foliage was the only thing that saved the house from being cut in two, it seems...

"We had one freaky experience (at the parsonage). We heard a queer noise in the downstairs bathroom. Dad and I went in and found the water bubbling up in the seat and squirting water all over the seat and floor. Dad thought at first the water in the tank was getting too hot, he went down to investigate while I opened the hot water faucet. It was sure nuf hot. The wind had speeded up the fire plenty, but as we thought it over, that couldn't have been the cause of the boiling-over seat. What do you suppose made it? Did the wind blow up the sewer? There was the queerest hot antiseptic smell. We found the upstairs seat was performing likewise, only not so much. It kept it up all evening.

"The yellow house (now Rik Fowle's) has been the sorriest looking one on our street. The huge elm that they loved so much fell on the roof, splitting it and sending the north side of the house way out of line from the second story up. They began gently taking branches off on last Thursday and it wasn't till yesterday that they succeeded in getting the whole tree off the roof. Now the roof is covered and the side seems to be put back in line...The trees rested, miraculously enough, on the rafters of the attic instead of making hash of the upstairs ceilings...

"Did I say that we counted forty-two trees down from (present Thetford Academy to Route 113), just counting those on the street and none in the fields? George Sayre's barn (halfway to Thetford Center) was stripped even of rafters on one side. The shed roof came down and went through the car. The engine is unharmed and he may fix the top. His trucks were outside and are OK. His buildings were really damaged a lot, but he has been working over at the yellow house instead of at this own..."

"The most spectacular thing at East Thetford was, of course, Huntington's dance hall (now Scotford's), turned into a woodpile on the railroad tracks. The only whole thing there was the floor and that was warped. Possible one could do the Big Apple, but we didn't try, although I told John we had come down just for that. The piano still plays although the woodwork was mostly blown off..."

"Dad, FME and I rode to North Thetford and Fairlee Monday afternoon about six. The road to North Thetford isn't open via the CCC camp (north end of Latham Road). Perhaps the bridge is out. So we had to go by the woody road (Trailer Park Road). I've never seen such a sight! There won't be any woods when they get the broken trees out. We continued past Ray Palmer's (Conklin's on Clay Road) and sights grew worse. The Stevens' big barn was flat. Otherwise the damage was mostly in fallen trees. Ray has lost practically all of his sugar place."

"Our greatest fear now is that some of us may have defective chimneys, or that the least wind will take trees that have already been weakened. Morey Lake and the camps have suffered terribly. On the Fairlee street just as you enter we counted nine trees fallen over on two houses set close together. There was a light on in one of the houses! What courage to stay inside! Otherwise Fairlee street doesn't have as devastated a look as ours."

"I drove to Montpelier on Tuesday and we saw plenty, but no place looked worse than ours, for number of trees down... After all, we are fortunate."



UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

In 1998, our work specifically for the Town of Thetford included:

- Assisted Planning Commission with Master Plan revision and adoption work. Developed a calendar and to do list for Master Plan adoption.
- Provided tax map information to consultant for project which involved flood plain determination.
- Provided advice to Historic District Commission member and collected information to be used in expansion of the Thetford Hill National Register district. Helped complete National Register Nomination for Thetford Center National Register Historic District. Developed an historic district amendment for the Thetford Center area.
- Met with land use subcommittee to discuss options for ridgeline protection, open space preservation, village preservation and preservation of old structures.
- Assisted with identifying grant sources for Town Hall renovation.
- Completed a GIS inventory of business sites to be used in local planning and by the regional Development Corporation to assist businesses. Developed a two-page economic and demographic summary for the town and posted it on the UVLSRPC website.
- Organized four regional household hazardous waste collections and arranged for participation of Thetford residents. Provided Planning Commission with list of hazardous sites.
- Prepared consultation and confirmation materials, held public hearings to confirm that Thetford is involved in a continuing planning process that within a reasonable time will attain consistency with legislative goals in Section 4302 Title 24 and are maintaining efforts to provide local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes. Reviewed proposed zoning amendments and provided comments.
- Referred developer of café/youth center to funding sources
- Developed a GIS base map, wetlands and deeryard maps for Master Plan. Provided Board of Selectmen with parcel map as a GIS coverage. Developed a GIS inventory of business sites to be used in local planning and by the regional Development Corporation to assist businesses.
- Provided information on regulation of telecommunications facilities and model ordinances. Helped prepare telecommunications amendment to Zoning Ordinance and hearing notices.
- Reviewed and commented on a draft community attitude survey.
- Assisted the Solid Waste committee members with driveway/access issues on the new transfer station site.

Our Commission looks forward to serving Thetford in the coming year.

GREATER UV SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

1998 Annual Report of Activities

Charter Member Municipalities: Thetford, Bridgewater, Hartland, Norwich, Pomfret, Sharon, Strafford, Vershire, West Fairlee, Woodstock.

The District was created in 1990 for the express purpose of managing the solid waste generated by its member municipalities. Our solid waste management practices follow the philosophy articulated in Act 78, Vermont's solid waste law, emphasizing reduction, reuse and recycling. We are governed by a Board, comprised of a supervisor and an alternate, appointed from each member municipality, which directs District policy and programs.

Notable accomplishments of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District in 1998 are highlighted below:

GUVSWD Programs: Recycling, Hazardous Waste and Education

- The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program continued its two-year rotation, with 97 Thetford households attending one of the ten HHW events or the daily collection provided through the Hartford HazWaste program. The District also coordinated a very cost effective disposal of the Thetford Academy science department clean-out of a myriad of hazardous materials from old photography and science labs. Thetford will host the Hazardous Waste Collection in September, 1999.

- Special collections were held for tires, scrap metal, textiles, books and trash furniture with 170 Thetford households participating. Thetford hosted three events at the recycling center. Most popular was the SC: Textiles and Books in May, where 67 households brought in nearly two tons of books and clothes. In addition, the SC: Tires and Big Trash was attended by 56 households, bringing in 5.6 tons of tires and trash. The District sold 51 compost bins to Thetford households, the most of any District town, as well as 44 recycling bins.

- The District, in cooperation with the Norwich Solid Waste Committee has undertaken a new project, the Book Shed. Located at the Norwich Transfer Station, this shed is where reusable books are dropped off and taken away during a monthly "Open House" for District residents and during regular open hours for Norwich residents. Plans are in progress to bring some of these books on a road trip to Thetford and other towns during the next spring and summer.

- Thetford Recycling Committee members went on a fact-finding visit organized by the District to check out programs in towns similar to Thetford in population base. This information and other research undertaken by staff has assisted in the planning for the future recycling center site and program.

- Education projects on waste reduction and recycling were undertaken with classes from the Thetford Academy. Twelve recycling bins were placed in classrooms which were missing bins from previous projects. Several dozen boxes of retired math textbooks were collected and sent for reuse in third world countries through District efforts. A textiles collection fundraiser for students headed to Paris through the French program was coordinated by District staff.

- A total of 76 Thetford households obtained 84 permits from the Thetford Town Office and purchased 1,999 coupons at the Hartford Transfer Station.

- Updated Solid Waste Plan - A major revision to the State mandated District Solid Waste Plan was completed this year. The outdated 1992 Plan was amended to acknowledge the dissolution of the bi-state program and Hartford's withdrawal from the District. Other key issues addressed in the 1998 revised Plan include:

- Recognition of proposed state mandates for 50% recycling and waste diversion, mercury management and unit based pricing (ie. bag rate),

- The District will not seek to directly compete with the Lebanon City Landfill provided service availability and pricing remain competitive,

- The need for construction debris disposal capacity may advance the need for developing the North Hartland site,

- If capacity at the North Hartland site is sold, it should not reduce District generated capacity to less than 50 years,

- The District will maintain its lead role in managing "hard to handle waste" such as scrap metal and tires, furniture, used oil, toxic materials, electronics, textiles, books and mercury containing devices such as thermostats and fluorescent bulbs.

- Special Collections - As a result of the reduced service area noted above, the District is better able to direct its resources to serve the rural needs of its member municipalities. Local special waste collections and regional contracts for service at the Hartford recycling center and the Lebanon landfill will maintain the District's integrated system of comprehensive waste management.

- Landfill Permitting - After several years of unsuccessful negotiations for an alternative access to the North Hartland landfill, it became necessary to submit the Act 250 application utilizing an improved existing public roadway. The Act 250 Commission agreed that all impacts of the landfill are acceptable except those associated with traffic. An appeal to the state will determine whether the proposed roadway improvements will be sufficient to accommodate the minimal impact of an additional 15 trucks per day.

- Future Needs - Once permitted, the proposed North Hartland landfill will provide a contingency plan for use by the District or others. Construction debris disposal needs, limited statewide capacity and retention of permit viability may factor into the timing of landfill development.

- **Budget Plans** - The District financing structure has gone through fundamental changes in the past few years. Initially being funded by state grants and capital fund appropriations, the District's primary revenue sources is now local assessments and waste management fees. In order to maintain the capital debt account and deliver local services, the District Board of Supervisors is exploring the need to supplement existing revenues. Beginning July 1, 2000 rate increases, a committed new source of income or further expense cuts may be necessary. A mid-year budget amendment has already pared down office overhead costs and restructured debt obligations for more prudent financial management. The District may also relocate its office headquarters to further curtail expenses.

We welcome your suggestions on ways to improve our services and are always on the outlook for new opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle. Please call at 649-2610.

Fred Moody
Executive Director, GUVSWMD

GREEN MT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.

It has been a very busy and productive year, indeed. The following are some of our accomplishments over the past year:

We helped to shape and get passed, the Economic Development Incentives. These are the tax credit programs now available to our businesses. These incentive programs will result in tens of thousands of dollars (and maybe a lot more) in tax relief for our region's businesses.

We established the GMEDC "Location Challenge." If a business comes to us and asks, "Why should we locate to Vermont?" we arrange for them to meet with an accountant of their choice to analyze the impact of their location options. Regardless of where the business locates, GMEDC pays the bill for the accountant's assistance. Largely through this initiative, we facilitated the relocation of six new businesses to our region. Together, these businesses provide at least seventy-five new jobs. We also helped to keep one Vermont business in the region that resulted in the retention of another thirty jobs.

Together with the Small Business Development Center Counselors working out of GMEDC, we assisted in the start-up or expansion of another sixteen businesses resulting in the creation of least sixty-four jobs.

We have worked closely with our two Regional Planning Commissions to help our towns with development planning and to respond to development challenges. We have also worked with the RPCs and our Chambers of Commerce to implement the new Regional Marketing model. We have helped to establish a new bi-state tourism organization to more effectively market the Upper Valley.

In August, we conducted a Job Fair and a Business Services Expo. We hope to sponsor this event annually and to improve it into an essential event for area employers. We helped to establish the Business Liaison program. The Business Liaison is working to help area employers and business education providers more closely match training and education programs to the specific needs of our businesses.

We helped secure a \$383,000 grant to put welfare recipients back to work with minimum risk to employers. Working with our towns and the Small Business Development Center, we expect to place 70 persons into the workforce and off of the welfare rolls. In addition to this grant, we managed four other grants for our region and assisted five towns with technical assistance related to grants.

We have continued to improve our revolving loan fund management systems and to market loan fund availability. We have completely revised the Connecticut River Valley Revolving Loan Fund's operations and we have substantially reduced delinquency and default rates.

In the coming year, we will continue to work with our regional partners, the SBDC, the Upper Valley Commerce and Education Alliance and our towns to seize development opportunities, create jobs and improve our workforce. We will be working to improve the business regulatory climate, access grants for our communities whenever possible, and to consolidate travel and tourism marketing.

I want to thank our member businesses and towns, our supportive and dedicated Board of Directors, our hard working staff, and our partners including, the SBDC, Regional Planning Commissions, Chambers of Commerce and Workforce Investment Board Members. Looking back over the year it is my opinion that the most important achievement we have made is in the strengthening of our relationships. Relationships that will help us to accomplish more, in consort with each other, than we have ever accomplished before.

James J. Saudade
Executive Director



UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES, 1998

Local officials joined to organize the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) in 1967. Today local governments face increasing insurance needs and skyrocketing costs; a restructuring of the electricity delivery system; and issues concerning school funding, municipal management and technical planning that were never contemplated 30 years ago. VLCT is still today governed by a 13 member board of directors comprised of selectpersons, mayors, managers and clerks from around the state, and is dedicated to serving the best interests and needs of Vermont municipalities. VLCT is supported entirely by revenues from local governments and is an association independent from state or federal government. VLCT is proud to say that all-246 cities and towns in Vermont are members of the association.

Local officials' responsibility for a vast number of laws and regulations only grows over time. In 1999 and 2000, the most significant issue for local officials will be to comply with the evolving requirements of the new Equal Education Opportunity Act, Act 60. VLCT puts considerable effort into providing education for local officials and expects to increase that effort in 1999. VLCT offers workshops throughout the year to health officers, planning commissions, zoning administrators, selectpersons, auditors, tax collectors and others. In 1998 a new series of interactive workshops was offered to train local officials in mediation and violence prevention skills. In addition, VLCT provides handbooks on specific subjects to guide local officials in the discharge of their responsibilities. VLCT staff and attorneys are only a phone call away for local officials with specific questions about any local government matter. Thousands of questions were answered in the past year from virtually every member municipality.

VLCT is currently working with the Agency of Transportation to develop a program for the repair of local bridges by local governments in a streamlined way. The Vermont Local Roads Program offers technical assistance support to local officials as part of this project as well. Likewise, VLCT is collaborating with the Agency of Natural Resources to assist municipalities in complying with environmental regulations.

VLCT offers to municipalities insurance "trust" programs that save taxpayers thousands of dollars every year because member municipalities pool their resources before purchasing insurance. In 1997 and 1998 the VLCT Health Trust subsidized insurance rates for local officials in the amount of \$400,000. The Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) returned \$1,000,000 to its 210 member municipalities and the Unemployment Insurance Trust returned \$120,000. Since 1983 total distributions from the Health, PACIF and Unemployment Trusts have equaled \$8,740,000!

The VLCT News and Weekly Legislative Report provide municipal officials with up-to date information on legislative issues along with articles of special interest on topics such as workplace safety, the Underage Drinking Task Force (S.T.A.R.T.), and municipal planning. Members may access that information and much more through VLCT's web site (www.vlct.org). VLCT also represents the interests of local government in the Legislature, using VLCT's Vermont Municipal Policy. This policy is developed by four committees of local officials and voted on by cities and towns at the annual meeting, which this year was held in September in Sherburne. Each city and town is entitled to a vote at the annual or any special meetings. Dues paid by member municipalities are vital to the continued existence of VLCT. Municipal officials around the state thank you for your support.



ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCDP) is a cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for first offenders referred by the State's Attorney. It offers both juveniles and adults an opportunity to make amends for their offenses in a way that teaches responsible behavior and deters future delinquent or criminal activities. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion, resulting in a clean record.

The OCDP is a local non-profit organization run by a board of trustees and staffed by a three-quarter time director, a one-fifth time caseworker and the 25 community volunteers from Orange County who serve as review board members. A volunteer citizen review board interviews each offender and decides who will be accepted into the program and designs an individualized contract which specifies the conditions of the person's participation. Contracts may involve an apology to the victim, mediation between offender and victim, restitution, mental health or substance abuse counseling, a jail tour, community service, a donation to a worthy cause, completion of a GED, a job search, writing an essay, or other appropriate activities related to the offense. Diversion clients have performed volunteer work for local libraries, hospitals, cemeteries, road crews, recycling centers, schools, senior centers, volunteer fire departments and the like. During FY '98 Orange County Diversion clients performed 671 hours of community service and paid \$11,010.00 in restitution, donations, and in-kind services.

Diversion also benefits our clogged court system by freeing up court time to deal with more serious matters. In fiscal year 1998, an impressive 57% of the juvenile delinquency petitions filed in Orange County were referred to this program as well as 65 adult criminal cases. This resulted in significant savings to the taxpayers, as it is far more cost effective for the state to send someone through Diversion than through the court system.

In FY'98, 124 clients were referred to OCDP, 109 were accepted into the program and served. Eighty-three percent (83%) of the clients successfully completed the program. The recidivism rate was 6%. Alcohol or other drugs were directly involved in 50% of the diversion cases during the year. Of the 124 offenders referred to the program during the twelve months ending with June 1998, 89 resided in Orange County. The largest single number of offenses committed were 39 taking place in Randolph; followed by 21 in Bradford, 17 in Fairlee, 10 in Strafford, 7 in Williamstown, and 5 in Washington. The remainder of the offenses occurred in towns throughout the rest of the county.

Our Fiscal Year '98 budget was funded at \$43,463.15. State funds provided sixty-one percent (61%) of the program's funding. Eleven percent (11%) of revenue came from fees paid by offenders, and the balance of twenty-eight (28%) of the program's funds came from miscellaneous and local funding sources. These local sources were Green Mountain United Way, town appropriations, and individual donations. For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County.

SAFELINE, INC.

SAFELINE, INC. is a human service agency providing advocacy for and direct services to victims of family and/or sexual violence. Services are accessed through our toll free hotline 1-800-NEW-SAFE. SAFELINE is the primary service provider for 17 towns in Orange County and 5 northern tier towns in Windsor County. Our catchment area population is approximately 26,500. Last year SAFELINE provided services to over 600 individuals. Units of service numbered 1,900, including hospital advocacy, court advocacy, emergency legal advocacy, in-school counseling for children, crisis intervention and counseling for adults, continuing emotional support and information and referral. Over 68,000 hours of volunteer time were donated on the hotline, in hospital emergency rooms, police stations and in court.

In addition, SAFELINE provided 55 educational programs to schools, paraprofessionals, and civic groups. Over 900 persons ranging from children in elementary, middle and high schools, to rescue squad personnel and graduate law students at Vermont Law School received the benefits of these programs, with each offering specifically tailored to respective age groups and areas of interest.

SAFELINE, INC. is a 5018(3) private, non-profit Vermont Corporation. It is governed by a Board of Directors. There are three staff members; an executive director, a program educator, and a direct service supervisor/counselor. Fourteen trained volunteers help in expanding SAFELINE's capacity to provide services. Volunteers and staff are required to receive a minimum of 20 hours of training in the fields of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault each year, every year.

STAFF: Nancy Metz, Leslie McIntyre, Judy Szeg

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Charlene Bohl, Michael Claffin, Doreen Clark, Linda Culver, Barbara Lawlor, Donna Soltura, Pamela Stafford, George Terwilliger.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Vermont Center for Independent Living teaches people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services for living more independently. We also conduct public education and systems change activities that promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL), a private not-for-profit corporation, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability center for independent living and the first organization in the state to be directed and staffed by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

Statewide, in FY98, from October 1 1997 through September 30, 1998, VCIL responded to over 2000 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to 368 individuals to help increase their opportunities and skills for independent living; provided 212 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; we provided 273 individuals with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; and served a total of 13,217 home-delivered meals to Vermonters with disabilities.

VCIL's main office is located in downtown Montpelier. We have two smaller satellite offices in Bennington and Brattleboro. The Montpelier office houses our resource library and our toll-free information line, which provides answers to related questions from every Vermont community. Our locally based peer counselors are available to people with disabilities in every town in Vermont.

Between October 1, 1997 and September 30, 1998, VCIL provided direct services to 3 residents of Thetford utilizing the following programs/services: Information & Referral and Meals on Wheels. To learn more about VCIL, please call us toll-free at 1-800-639-1522.

Vermont Center for Independent Living
11 East State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602
1 (800) 639-1522
e mail: vcil@plainfield.bypass.com

VT ASSN FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) served ten people in Thetford during the last fiscal year at a cost of \$6,818. VABVI's services include: one-on-one intensive work with children, their families and teachers, educational Winter and Summer Camps for children and young adults; individual and group rehabilitation training and peer support for adults; orientation and mobility training; access to and training on adaptive equipment and technology. We provide a range of volunteer services including transportation, home assistance and companionship, and Braille transcription.

VABVI's mission is to help blind and visually impaired Vermonters achieve and maintain independence. We are the only private organization in the state providing direct services in education, training, and support to help visually impaired Vermonters adjust to vision loss. With staff based in Burlington, Montpelier, Rutland and Brattleboro, we serve Vermonters of all ages in every corner of the state. For 72 years we have been helping visually impaired Vermonters, currently serving approximately 1,125 Vermonters a year.

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

Thetford adults who want help with learning basic reading, writing math and English as a second language may receive that help through a free program of instruction provided by Central Vermont Adult Basic Education. Men and women 16 years of age and over who are enrolled in the program also have the opportunity to study for their high school equivalency (GED) exam or the adult diploma program.

Students and teachers meet in one-to-one and/or small group sessions and design an individual learning program to suit the requirements of each adult student. This "school without walls" ties together basic literacy and math skills with such practical interest areas as childcare, budgeting, filling out forms and applications, beginning computer skills, studying for a driver's permit or a Commercial Driving License (CDL), writing reports and memos and reading work related texts. Each year, Thetford adults enroll in the program and volunteers from the community help to make the service accessible to all Thetford residents. For more information about Central Vermont Adult Basic Education services, you may contact:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education
18 North Main Street - Barre, Vermont 05641
(802) 476-4588

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

For 34 years, Central Vermont Community Action has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington counties and of nine towns in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland counties with programs and services designed to help families work toward better lives. This year, CVCAC worked with nearly 12,000 individuals in 3,734 households through the Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development Programs, the Emergency Fuel Program, Family/Community Support Services, the Family Housing Partnership, Farmworkers, Head Start/ Early Head Start, and Weatherization.

Our work is focused on offering long-term support to families trying to get out of poverty, while providing short-term assistance to those facing poverty's most immediate effects. We believe in the power of forming partnerships with families and with other community based organizations to work together toward finding real solutions to the barriers to becoming economically self-sufficient. We believe that this approach represents everyone's best chance to strengthen our local communities.

CVCAC is proud of its work in the last year, during which we have considerably expanded and strengthened our family services and economic development programs. We maintain offices in Bradford, Morrisville, and Randolph in addition to our central office in Barre, through which all our services can be accessed. We will continue to work collaboratively with community groups as we face the challenges of the next few years.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 81 individuals in 22 Thetford families with program services and emergency assistance. Thirty-six people benefitted from the subsidized meals provided to day care homes; 13 were helped through the Emergency Fuel Program, and 18 through Family/Community Support Services. Three participated in Head Start, and four households benefitted from having a home weatherized to save energy costs.

Central Vermont Community Action Council is supported in part by the towns we serve. Community Action uses a formula for our funding requests to all towns based on population, number of residents served, and dollars spent in each community. Your support is critical to our work, and the Board and staff of Community Action are most grateful for your help.

CVCAC
195 US Route 302 Berlin
Barre, Vermont 05641
1-800-639-1053

ACORN AIDS Community Resource Network

"AIDS Deaths Decline..." It was a headline those infected with the AIDS Virus could only have dreamed of a couple of years ago. However, most worrisome to organizations like ACORN is that the drop in the death rate wasn't matched by a drop in the rate of new infections. As a recent article in the Sunday Valley News (October 11, 1998) pointed out, there is still a long way to go before AIDS is rendered a chronic, controllable disease.

ACORN's mission is "to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS to live fully and with dignity and to stop the spread of the disease through education, information, and understanding." However, our wide range of services is becoming very difficult to provide, at this time of decreased federal and state funds, without the financial help of municipalities that we serve.

ACORN is the only AIDS service organization serving Windsor County. We are requesting financial assistance from Hartford and other Vermont communities that we serve. While confidentiality rules prohibit us from disclosing the number of HIV/AIDS infected persons in any specific municipality, ACORN provides and coordinates services for over 150 infected and affected individuals in more than 50 local communities of four counties in New Hampshire and Vermont. These services include practical assistance such as transportation, hospital visitation and help with day-to-day tasks, support groups, education and prevention programs for schools, community groups, and public policy advocacy.

Financial assistance from municipalities will go directly to services and education activities that will prevent the spread of AIDS and the ignorance and prejudice that make our efforts necessary. When there is understanding and a cure - ACORN will not need to exist. Until then, we hope we can count on your understanding and support.

Tom Mock and Kylie Fauth
Executive Directors of ACORN
578 Hartford Avenue
White River Junction, Vermont 05001
(802)295-8777 | (800)816-2220 | fax (802)295-3278
E-mail: acorn@valley.net

THE FAMILY PLACE

The Family Place is a non-profit Parent Child Center located in Norwich with outreach services in 22 towns in Vermont. We are committed to promoting the healthy growth and development of families with children age birth to five.

We provide parent education, support, and therapeutic services through home-based and center-based programs. We know that the earlier we reach children and their families, the better their chances are for successful, healthy lives and meaningful contributions to their communities.

FAMILY PLACE HIGHLIGHTS IN 1998 INCLUDE:

Our ChildCare Subsidy program helped finance childcare for 1206 children from the area towns.

Our Home Visiting Programs consist of *Healthy Babies, Welcome Baby, Early Intervention, Reach Up* and *Family Education*. Our staff served 824 individuals in these programs.

We offer 5 playgroups in area towns. 508 individuals enjoyed this morning out with other adults and children.

The Parent Education Programs held throughout the year served 364 residents from the 22 area towns.

Over 80 individuals took advantage of our Therapy program.

The Family Fun Events brought in over 70 children and their caregivers throughout 1998 from area towns.

A total of 64 Thetford residents participated in services offered by The Family Place in 1998.

The Family Place
319 US Route 5
Norwich, VT 05055
1 (802) 649-3268

UPPER VALLEY SERVICES, INC.

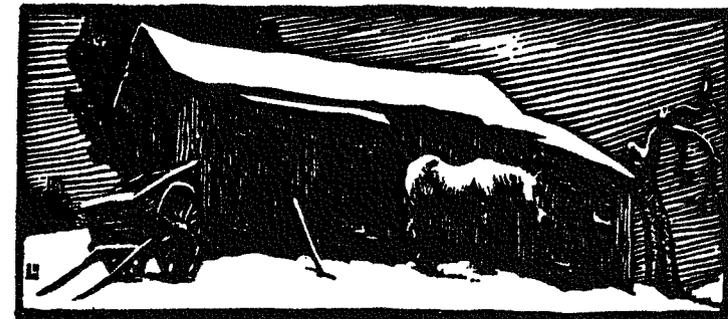
Upper Valley Services, Inc. is a private non-profit agency, which serves the needs of adults with mental retardation within the greater Orange County area. We provide a variety of residential services throughout the county area, which include a group home, a number of supervised apartment programs, all of which have staff available twenty-four hours a day. We also contract with a number of private residential providers throughout the county, which allows us another type of residential service.

We provide vocational training and/or day programming to approximately seventy-five people on a daily basis. These services include volunteer sites, community integration, work crews and supported employment models (1:1 training for competitive employment). Primary sites for our vocational programs are located in the town of Randolph and Bradford. In the town of Bradford we also operate the Connecticut River Redemption Center.

Other services provided include case management, assessments, evaluations and a respite program which provides limited funding for families to assist them in keeping their family member with mental retardation within their natural home.

We are grateful to your town for your continued support.

Upper Valley Services
Pierson Industrial Park
Bradford, VT 05033
1 (802) 222-9235



**VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT
AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.
Bradford Branch**

Continual changes in our nation's health-care systems mean that government has placed increased responsibility for patient care with community-based agencies, such as our Bradford Branch. We are very appreciative of the continued support that Town of Thetford provides to help us meet the home care, hospice, and family support service needs of people in your community. We help your family, friends, and neighbors remain at home during times of illness or injury; promote community wellness; and provide important services to families-at-risk:

Town funds help provide care for people who require medically necessary services but who are unable to pay or who do not have adequate health insurance. Our comprehensive range of services is available to everyone in the community—people of all ages and all economic means use our services. Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with us to decide on an appropriate course of treatment for each home health or hospice patient.

Our clinical staff provide skilled services for people recovering from surgery or accidents; who have an acute illness or a disability; who require long-term care; or who need support and symptom control during a terminal illness. Our Maternal Child Health staff and Orange County Parent Child Center (OCPCC) staff provide home visiting, parent education, playgroups, preschool and parent support groups, and other vital services to promote healthy and happy families. Our Bradford Branch provided the following services in the Town of Thetford during the past year:

VNA Visits July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

<i>Nursing</i>	<i>1,652</i>
<i>Physical Therapy</i>	<i>242</i>
<i>Speech Pathology</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>Occupational Therapy</i>	<i>59</i>
<i>Flu Clinic Attendance</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>Social Services</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Home Health Aide</i>	<i>1,260</i>
<i>Homemaker</i>	<i>215</i>
	<i>3504</i>

	<i>Hospice VNH</i>
<i>Volunteers, families served</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Hospice VNH Volunteers, hours</i>	<i>85</i>
	<i>Other Services</i>
<i>Orange Cty. Parent Child Center Families</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Family Support Services Families</i>	<i>3</i>

On behalf of people we serve in your community, thanks for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH

BUGBEE SENIOR CENTER

The White River Council on Aging appreciates the financial support provided by the Town of Thetford during the past year. According to the 1990 census, there were 300 residents in Thetford over the age of 60. It is estimated that there are dozens more currently. Our request is less than \$16 per elder per year to have all of our services available.

The Home Delivered Meals program continues to be very important to Thetford elders. During the past year we provided 1854 nutritious meals to the homebound. Special thanks to Lorraine Carbino and later Janet Stowell and their very caring meal deliverers who braved all kinds of weather to perform this valuable service. Thetford residents had lunch at the Bugbee Senior Center 649 times during the past year, and many folks participated in health clinics, volunteered, or took part in an activity.

Melanie Cash provided assistance and support to 34 Thetford elders for over 400 unites of service during the past year. Melanie is the advocate for Thetford elders and is available at the center and in the home (for visits by appointment only.) We mailed 1,944 newsletters to Thetford residents; keeping them informed of new legislation and items of interest as they related to medical, financial, social security or other aging concerns, as well as a monthly calendar of events.

We invite everyone to join us in our third decade of serving those over 60 in our community!

Kathleen W. Avery, Executive Director

HEADREST

1998 was Headrest's 27th year of service to Thetford and the rest of the Upper Valley. Headrest is a comprehensive alcohol and drug treatment facility available to all members of the community, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, regardless of their ability to pay. We offer drug and alcohol counseling and education to adults and teens, and consultation and referral to families affected by substance abuse. Our alcohol crisis intervention program allows for overnight lodging, non-medical detox, assessment, and treatment and referral.

Headrest's Shelter Program offers temporary emergency lodging to homeless people referred by local police, hospitals, churches, and mental health centers, as well as transitional shelter for those folks returning to the mainstream from residential programs.

Trained Hotline workers with hundreds of resources at hand have been unceasingly available since 1971 to inform, educate and empower individuals and families to improve the quality of their lives. Understanding, non-judgmental staff and volunteers listen carefully, lending emotional support, information and referral to callers 24-hours a day (448-4400). These special folks have expertise in handling crises involving the use of alcohol and drugs.

In addition to Headrest's local (448-HELP) and toll free Teen Hotline (800-639-4400) education/prevention programs such as Teens Taking Charge For A World Without AIDS, Peer Helpers Programs, and alcohol and other drug treatment groups are available to the youth of Thetford and the rest of the Upper Valley.

In 1998, 32 Hotline calls were received from callers who specifically identified themselves as Thetford Residents. There were 440 other callers who would not give their place of residence and we suspect that many of them were Thetford residents.

We wish to thank the residents of Thetford for their ongoing use of our services, for their private donations and for their public support through their annual appropriations.

HEADREST
14 Church Street
Lebanon, NH 03766
1 603-448-4872

THE CLARA MARTIN CENTER

The Clara Martin Center's programs serve children, families, and individuals coping with behavioral challenges, emotional stress, mental illness, alcohol and other drug problems. Services are confidential and include, (but are not limited to), counseling, psychiatric services, consultations, short term crisis intervention, education for families related to emotional and behavioral challenges, evaluations, respite care, housing, assistant in obtaining disability benefits, help with job training, other outreach and home-based services, alcohol and other drug treatment and a 24-hour emergency system. Following the Legislature's elimination of money for services, the Clara Martin Center developed a walk-in clinic to provide free consultation and supportive counseling services. Since its conception in 1994, the Walk-in Clinic has seen over 586 people come through its doors.

WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

Any of us might need counseling at one time or another. Many people cannot afford the full charge and do not have Insurance or Medicaid. Counseling can save lives and money. Without it there can be social and financial costs to schools, police, physicians, etc. State support for these services has been eroding yearly. Town support is essential to the continuing availability of these services. The demands for counseling services have accelerated and the financial support for those services has significantly deteriorated.

The majorities (61%) of clients seen by the Agency have family incomes below \$20,000. More than one quarter of the clients seen were treated for suicidal symptoms. A fifth of the clients had a severe problem that interfered with their ability to carry on normal, everyday functions.

FY98 CLIENTS SERVED - TOWN OF THETFORD - AT THE AGENCY

Children and Family Services	11	(371.75 hrs)
Adult Services	8	(56.25 hrs)
CSP (Community Support for chronic mentally ill)	2	(25.00 hrs)
Substance Abuse Services	11	(108.75 hrs)
Total Served	32	(561.75 hrs)

The Clara Martin Center
Route 5
Bradford, VT 05033
1 802 222-4477

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Vermont, after twenty-eight years, is still working for a cleaner more beautiful Vermont. "It not only makes you feel better as a citizen of the state," said one town coordinator, "it's good for our economy." A cleaner state is good for businesses and generates more tourism.

Green Up Vermont gives people, of all walks of life with varying beliefs and ages, a special opportunity to come together in your community for the community of Vermont. Though environmental issues shine and fade with changing public and political focus, Green Up must remain a constant beacon. Imaging what would happen if we did not clean up annually. The unfortunate level of carelessly tossed trash would not only be unsightly and demoralizing, it would present more environmental hazard and cost more money to clean up.

Your community's children participating on Green Up Vermont Day enjoy the experience of responsible civic action and hands-on learning, working beside adults of all ages. "A lot of little people made a big difference today," said a town coordinator.

Green Up begun in 1970 by Governor Deane C. Davis, assists Vermont's communities in spring cleaning and promotes anti-litter education. In 1998, Green Up distributed 30,000 green clean up bags for over two hundred tons of trash. By careful use of resources, we continue to minimize the costs of this major effort. Financial gifts help purchase materials and public promotion and pay for services of two part-time employees. Green Up Vermont is a not-for-profit, 501 © (3) organization. The State appropriates close to 20 percent of its budget. The majority of our operating funds come from private citizens, business and towns and cities.

The success of Green Up in Vermont depends upon the essential ingredients of: combined efforts of volunteers; and financial support by private and public sectors throughout Vermont. With your town's help, our state can continue its unique Green Up tradition.



TOWN of THETFORD, VERMONT Town Meeting Minutes March 2, 1998

ARTICLE I. To hear and act on the reports of the Town.

Motion made and seconded. No discussion on the Article.
Article approved by show of hands

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 15, 1998, by 5:00 PM. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1 1/2% per month or fraction thereof, and 8% penalty will be due the Town.

Motion made and seconded. No discussion on the Article.
Article approved by show of hands

ARTICLE III. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money needed for current expenses in anticipation of taxes. No discussion.

Motion made and seconded. No discussion on the Article.
Article approved by show of hands.

ARTICLE IV. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available.

Motion made and seconded. No discussion on the Article.
Article approved by show of hands.

ARTICLE V. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$281,782.34 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.

Motion made and seconded. A motion was made by Drew Havens to amend the amount warned in Article V. to \$296,282.14. Seconded by Al Stone. Reason for amendment was to provide additional tax monies to provide for budgeted items inadvertently omitted in the budgeting process. Drew further explained amounts as shown in Town budget. Question regarding Hold Harmless payment explained by Ruth Dwyer as compensation from State for changes in Current Use funding. No further discussion. Amended motion approved by show of hands.

ARTICLE VI. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$351,148.90 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department.

Moved by Al Stone, seconded by Patricia Blake. The details of the Highway Budget were presented to the Meeting by Al Stone. Major items for discussion included details on wage increase (\$1.25 each highway employee plus additional 3%), retreatment supplies line shows an increase of \$20,000.00; bridge expenses line includes a barricade to be erected for the Thetford Center covered bridge; garage repairs include replacement of existing bay doors with insulated doors. Jessica Eaton questioned priorities on roads for winter maintenance. No further discussion. Moderator called for vote. Article approved by show of hands.

ARTICLE VII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$60,000 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Fund.

Moved by Al Stone, seconded by Jim Masland. Jim Masland explained that the Highway Equipment Fund was established about 5 years ago and the intention is to raise a similar amount of money every year, lately has been \$60,000.00. It is designed to work as a revolving fund. Summary of fund is presented on pages 84/85. Projected contribution for years 2000, 2001, 2002 should be \$65,000. Article approved by show of hands.

ARTICLE VIII. Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new dump truck with a down payment of \$15,000 to be taken from the Highway Department Capital Fund.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Tim Moore. Discussion of this Article - 'new' money is not being appropriated; approval of this Article authorizes a down payment for a new dump truck to be taken from the Highway Capital Fund. Article approved by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE IX. Shall the Town authorize the lease/purchase of a Fiat-Allis loader backhoe with the expenditure of \$19,855/per year for the total of five years to be taken from the Highway Department Capital Fund.

Moved by Drew Havens, seconded by Tim Moore. Discussion of this Article - similar to previous Article - no additional funds to be raised; approval of the article would authorize payment of this equipment to be taken from Highway Equipment Fund. Approved by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE X. Shall the Town vote to spend \$250,000 to renovate and expand the Town Hall, with the amount being borrowed from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank and to be repaid over 20 years.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Pat Blake. Moved by Jim Masland that Article be passed over, seconded by Pat Blake. Article was incorrectly warned - since it is a bond issue, it must be voted by Australian Ballot.

Pi Smith, architect, explained plans for addition; basic structural needs, enlarging office areas for all department; and providing the required office for new police chief. Article was passed over by a show of hands.

ARTICLE XI. Shall the Town vote to spend \$50,000. To repair the roof and the floor system, to alter interior walls, and complete necessary work in order to achieve code compliance.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Susan Brown. Motion by Jim Masland, seconded by Pat Blake to also pass over this Article, since it was to provide the primary structural needs for the new addition. Motion to pass over approved by a show of hands.

ARTICLE XII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$7,479.00 to fund the Town's portion of a full time Police Chief's position, with additional funding to come from a Federal Community Oriented Policing Services grant.

Article XII moved by Drew Havens and seconded. Dave Singer, grant writer, spoke to this article and after lengthy discussion of the costs-current and future, differences between Police Chief and Constable, training required, full time vs. part time, revenues from tickets, current Police Chief Charlie Stephens' resignation due to move to Hanover, the question was called at 9:25 PM. A show of hands vote was inconclusive and voters were asked to stand for a recount. Article XII was approved.

ARTICLE XIII. Shall the Town prohibit the Constable from exercising any law enforcement authority.

Article XIII moved by Drew Havens and seconded. Drew explained that the state says we have to have a Constable position on the ballot, but we have a Police Department that is better trained and insured, whereas the Constable could be anyone popular enough to get elected with any or no training, and may expose the town to great liability. Article XIII passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XIV. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$24,000 to be placed in the capital reserve fund for the purpose of obtaining a site for a recycling center, subject to securing all necessary state and town permits, and authorize the Selectboard to expend the total sum of \$39,000 plus interest from said capital fund to purchase real estate and undertake other matters necessary to complete this purchase.

Article XIV moved by Mark Richardson and seconded. Mark gave extensive background to this article and it was discussed at length. The question was called at 10:10 PM and Article XIV was passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XV. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$19,800 to be used as a local match for up to 40% grant (\$13,200) from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and authorize the Selectboard to apply for said grant and expend the total amount of \$33,000 to develop a Recycling Center, including site improvements, equipment purchase, and recycling shed construction.

Article XV moved by Mark Richardson and seconded by Jean Ulman. Discussion of this article, basically a continuation of the previous article, was also lengthy, and Article XV was passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XVI. Shall the Town vote to start its annual meeting on the Saturday immediately preceding the first Tuesday in March, at 9:00 AM and transact at that time any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

Article XVI moved by Francis Adams, wearing a nightgown over her jeans, and seconded. Various options were discussed, everyone agreed there is no perfect day, but this may improve attendance. Article XVI passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XVII. Shall the voters request that the legislator representing this Town support legislation to create a Citizens Initiative process, whereby a majority of voters in a general election may require the ensuing legislature to promptly vote on specified legislation.

Article XVII moved by Fred Adams and seconded by Alford Stone. Some discussion about what this would help and what problems it would cause led to a vote by show of cards which defeated Article XVII.

At 10:55 PM Bob Brown requested a short recess, allowing for announcements and our state representatives to address the meeting. Ruth Dwyer felt that the hour was too late for a speech, and Senator Mark MacDonald spoke for 60 seconds about the big issue still being Act 60. Bob Walker of the Elizabeth Mines Restoration Study asked for volunteers. The meeting resumed in five minutes.

ARTICLE XVIII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$125 for the purpose of joining the Vermont Coalition of Municipalities.

Article XVIII moved by Donna Foster and seconded by Peg Sadler. Donna explained the work the Coalition is doing challenging Act 60 and after some discussion Article XVIII was defeated by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XIX. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$200 for Safeline.

Article XIX was moved by Charlie Buttrey and seconded by Mr. Sadler. Charlie spoke to the article as a former Chair of the Board, explaining the very important work Safeline does. Article XIX was approved by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XX. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1518 for Headrest.

Article XX moved by Mr. Chabot and seconded; approved after brief discussion by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XXI. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1000 for the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Article XXI moved and seconded. Mr. Evan Smith, Director of Development and Education from Burlington explained how they allow people to remain in their homes at a cost of approximately \$1,000 annually versus institutions costing \$3,000 monthly, and he reported helping five people in Thetford. Article XXI was approved by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XXII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1,268.50 for Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation.

Article XXII moved by Jim Masland and seconded by Al Stone. This article warned because their request was for a slightly larger amount than previous years. Benefits to the town, specifically to Pompanoosuc Mills and Malmquist Wood Products were reiterated and the article was approved by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XXIII. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Rick Fowle moved to thank moderator Joe Tofel, seconded by Jim Masland. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM with a reminder of election of officers tomorrow.

A True Record, Attest:

Roberta C. Howard
Town Clerk

Joseph Tofel
Moderator

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS - TOWN OFFICERS
MARCH 3, 1998

Town Moderator, 1 Year			Selectman, 3 Year	
Joe Tofel	435		Paul Raymond	329
Dan Grossman	6		Al Stone	6
Other Write Ins	4		Lucy Young	6
Blank	36		Dick Towle	3
TOTAL	481		Other Write Ins	16
			Blank	121
Selectman, 2 Year			TOTAL	481
Lucy Young	29			
Al Stone	18		Town Clerk, 1 Year	
Dick Towle	14		Roberta Howard	465
Paul Raymond	10		Other Write Ins	2
Drew Havens	6		Blank	14
Other Write Ins	74		TOTAL	481
Blank	330			
TOTAL	481		Town Treasurer, 1 Year	
			Roberta Howard	468
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 Year			Other Write Ins	2
Roberta Howard	465		Blank	11
Other Write Ins	3		TOTAL	481
Blank	13			
TOTAL	481		First Constable, 1 Year	
			Charles Stephens	15
Lister, 3 year			Drew Havens	9
Janet Stowell	436		Other Write Ins	27
Other Write Ins	4		Blank	430
Blank	41		TOTAL	481
TOTAL	481			
Agent to Pros/Defend Suits, 1 Year			Auditor, 3 Year	
Charlie Buttrey	20		George Klausner	424
Other Write Ins	19		Other Write Ins	5
Blank	442		Blank	52
TOTAL	481		TOTAL	481

Grand Juror, 1 Year			Agt/ Convey Real Prop, 1 Year	
Write Ins	25		Charlie Buttrey	9
Spoiled	1		Other Write Ins	16
Blank	455		Blank	456
TOTAL	481		TOTAL	481
Library Trustee, 4 Year			Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Year	
Emily Barker	47		Ruel Barrett	406
Janice Cook	21		Other Write Ins	1
Other Write Ins	40		Blank	74
	373		TOTAL	481
TOTAL	481			
			Library Trustee, 4 Year	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 Year			Janice Cook	41
Write Ins	43		Emily Barker	17
Blank	438		Other Write Ins	30
TOTAL	481		Blank	393
			TOTAL	481
Budget Committee, 2 Year				
Liz Ryan Cole	385		Budget Committee, 3 Year	
Other Write Ins	10		Write Ins	40
Blank	86		Blank	441
TOTAL	481		TOTAL	481

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CHURCHES

Thetford Baptist Church - East Thetford Rev. Gregory Meyers	785-2050
North Thetford Federated Church - North Thetford Rev. Elizabeth Upton	333-4429
Post Mills Congregational Church - Post Mills Rev. J. Yorke Peeler	333-9352
First Congregational Church - Thetford Hill Rev. Thomas Kinder	785-2915
Timothy Frost Methodist Church - Thetford Center Rev. Bertha Cook Brown	785-2167
Union Village Methodist Church - Union Village Rev. Louis Maxfield	295-3266

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Latham Memorial Library - Thetford Hill Peter Blodgett, Librarian Mon. 2:00 - 8:30 PM, Tues., Wed., Thurs. 2:00 - 5:00 PM Fri. 9:00 - 5:00 PM, Sat. 10:00 - 1:00 PM	785-4361
North Thetford Library - North Thetford Jeanne Phipps Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 PM	333-9130
Peabody Library - Post Mills Peter Blodgett, Librarian Wed. 9:30 - Noon, 2:00 - 5:00, 7:00 - 8:00 (Winter) Wed. 9:30 - Noon, 2:00 - 5:00, 7:00 - 8:00, Sat. 10:00 - Noon (Summer)	333-9724
Thetford Historical Library - Thetford Hill Marian Fifield Charles Latham Mon 10:00 - Noon, Tues. 10:00 - Noon (Summer), other hours by appt.	785-2430 333-4613

POST OFFICES

East Thetford - Theresa Marron	785-2874
North Thetford - Holly Towle	333-9555
Post Mills - Robert Totz	333-9571
Thetford - Dennis Fennell	785-2146
Thetford Center - Henry McKee	785-4566

PERMITS NEEDED

Access from Highways

A written permit is required from the Selectmen for any access from property to State Aid roads and all town roads. Anyone building or wishing to drive to his 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.' VSA 19:1-64 Act 460

Zoning Permits

No building construction or land development may commence on no land or 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) Any business use carried on within the home requires a Home Occupation Permit or Conditional Use approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Subdivision Permits

No subdivision of land may legally occur without a hearing before the Thetford Planning Commission. The placing of a second dwelling on a lot constitutes a subdivision (Thetford Subdivision Regulations, Section 2.42) Application forms and copies of the Thetford Subdivision Regulations are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Sometimes there can be confusion over the meaning of the Regulations. The Zoning Administrator and/or members of the Thetford Planning Commission will be glad to try to informally answer questions. A subdivider is also welcome to come before the Planning Commission during one of its regularly scheduled meetings to ask questions. Meetings are held the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall.

Flood Hazard Area Zoning By-Law

A comprehensive Flood Hazard Area Zoning By-Law was adopted by the Board of Selectmen on July 31, 1978. This By-law regulates all new construction and development uses prescribed by the Thetford Zoning Ordinance, which fall within the federally-designated flood hazard areas, within 100 feet of these boundaries, or within 100' from the centerline of any stream designated as a flood hazard area. Copies of this By-law may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Sewage Disposal Systems - Construction Permit (for new system or repairs)

A Sewage Disposal Construction Permit must be obtained for the following:

1. New Homes (including trailers, camps, or any other type of dwelling)
2. Any repairs or alterations to existing septic systems

The sewage disposal system must be designed by a licensed engineer, an application (available from the Town Clerk) must be submitted with the engineering drawings. A \$ 75.00 application fee is charged.

After the completed application and plans are received, the Town Health Officer will review the plans and issue a Construction Permit if the plans meet State and Local septic regulations.

Occupancy Permit

The designer/engineer must make inspections during the construction of the septic system. The Health Officer may also make inspections. When the inspections are complete, the designer/engineer will submit a written report to the Health Officer. If the system has been built as specified in the approved plans, an Occupancy Permit will be issued. The house may not be occupied until this permit is issued.

Additions

The septic system capacity must be reviewed before additions to existing buildings can be approved for construction.