

ANNUAL REPORTS

TOWN OF

THETFORD, VERMONT

YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2000

THETFORD TOWN OFFICES

(802) 785-2922 or (802) 785-4927

Fax (802) 785-2031

THETFORD TOWN GARAGE

(802) 785-4679

TREASURE ISLAND

(802) 333-9615

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Monday 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Tuesdays - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Listers

Tuesdays - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Zoning Administrator

Tuesday 7:15 AM to 11:15 AM

Thursday 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Health Officer

By Appointment

Selectboard

Monday, 6:30 PM, Town Offices

Planning Commission/Zoning Board

2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7:15 PM, Town Offices

Conservation Commission

2nd Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Latham Library

School Directors

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

POLICE, FIRE, OR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, dial 911

Thetford Police Department Office

(802) 785-2200

Thetford Police - Messages, after hours, through VSP

(802) 785-2200

Vermont State Police Office - Bradford

(802) 333-9414

Fish and Wildlife Warden

(802) 234-9933

Orange County Sheriff's Department, Chelsea

(802) 685-4875

Thetford Fire Department (non-emergency, messages)

(802) 785-2412

Upper Valley Ambulance Office, Fairlee

(802) 333-4043

Fire Wardens (Burning Permits)

Ellis Paige 785-4477

Jeffrey Sirjane 785-4405

Alford Stone 785-4503

Chad Whitcomb 785-2786

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Moderator - Town		
Joseph Tofel	2553 Academy Road, Thetford Center	649-1434
Moderator - School		
Mary McNelly Denison	982 Quinibeck Road, Fairlee	333-9527
Selectmen		
Paul Raymond ('01)	PO Box 223, Thetford Center	785-4593
Mark McMahon ('01)	2166 Godfrey Road, E Thetford	785-4687
Judith Bowden ('02)	PO Box 240, Post Mills	785-2712
David Fisk ('02)	PO Box 166, Post Mills	333-9607
Mary Spata ('03)	272 Route 244, Post Mills	333-4624
Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector		
Roberta C. Howard	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2922
Grand Juror		
<i>Vacant</i>		
Agt. to Prosecute/Defend Suits		
<i>Vacant</i>		
Agt. to Convey Real Property		
<i>Vacant</i>		
Listers (Three Year Term)		
Janet Stowell ('01)	462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Center	785-4387
Denise Adams ('03)	PO Box 178, Post Mills	785-4331
<i>1 Vacant</i>		
Auditors (Three Year Term)		
<i>Vacant</i>		
<i>Vacant</i>		
<i>Vacant</i>		
School Directors		
Pauline Cole ('01)	790 Poor Farm Rd S., Thetford Center	785-2016
Tracy Bach ('01)	149 Miller Pond Rd, Thetford Center	785-3165
Tom Gray ('02)	PO Box 27, North Thetford	333-4139
Charlie Buttrey ('02)	347 Cranberry Hill Rd, East Thetford	785-4005
Joseph Malpino ('03)	PO Box 248, Thetford Center	785-4456
Trustees of Trust Funds (Three Year Term)		
Ruel G. Barrett ('01)	PO Box 89, Thetford	785-2867
Elmer Brown ('02)	PO Box 237, Thetford Center	785-2167
Frederick Howard ('03)	PO Box 57, North Thetford	333-9291
Cemetery Commissioners (Three Year Term)		
David Evilsizer ('01)	1530 Latham Rd, Thetford Center	333-3716
John Wilmot ('02)	PO Box 6, East Thetford	785-4090
Andrew Martin ('03)	619 Quail John Rd, East Thetford	785-2024
Trustees of Library (Five Year Term)		
Emily Barker	PO Box 4, Thetford	
Kathryn Bonyai	93 Cream Street, Thetford Center	785-4403
Patricia Charyk	26 Quinibeck Rd, Fairlee	333-4717
Janice Cook	316 Cream Street, Thetford Center	785-2587
Diana Eastridge	2002 Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Center	785-2428
Marilyn Welch-Fava	PO Box 218, Thetford Center	785-3117
Martha Wiencke	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Center	785-2654
Bryant Patten	730 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Center	785-3160
Budget Committee		
Nan Vosburg ('01)	PO Box 75, North Thetford	333-4167
Roxy Maxfield ('01)	895 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Center	785-4215
Michael Brown ('01)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	785-4536
<i>2 Vacant</i>		

Justices of the Peace

Gladys Boyd	805 Godfrey Road, East Thetford	785-2029
Claude Buttrey	347 Cranberry Hill Road, East Thetford	785-4005
Sarah Clarke	1255 Latham Rd, East Thetford	333-4480
Wendy Cole	751 Quail John Road, East Thetford	785-2698
Roxy Maxfield	895 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Center	785-4215
Paul Raymond	PO Box 223, Thetford Center	785-4953
Marcia Smith	PO Box 100, Thetford	785-2705
Ann Swanson	414 Cream Street, Thetford Center	785-9855
Jean Wolstenholme	PO Box 6, Thetford	785-4567
<i>1 Vacant</i>		

Representative for Orange District 4

James Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Center	785-4146
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Senator - Orange County

Bill Corrow	361 Chelsea Rd., Williamstown, VT 05679	433-6085
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

Police Chief

James Krakowiecki	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2200
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Special Officers - Police

Charles Stephens	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2200
David Eggum	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2200
Andrew Havens	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2200

Road Commissioner

Vacant

Zoning Administrator

George Stowell	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-4387
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Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer

Martha Howard	PO Box 34, North Thetford	333-9171
Jane Cramer	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-4927

Town Service Officer

Roberta Howard	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2922
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Health Officer

Alford Stone	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2922
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Animal Control Officer

Vacant

Pound Keeper

Ruth Dwyer	2604 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Center	785-2817
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Fire Wardens (Burning Permits)

Chad Whitcomb	20 Appian Way, E Thetford	785-2786
Alford Stone	687 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Center	785-4503
Jeff Sirjane	1854 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Center	785-4405
Ellis Paige	41 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Center	785-4477

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC

Norm Marshall	PO Box 173, East Thetford	785-4017
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Planning Commission

Norm Marshall	PO Box 173, East Thetford	785-4017
Ken Robinson	329 Turnpike Rd N, Fairlee	333-9310
Karen Kaliski	176 Burnham Rd, East Thetford	785-3116
Robert Pulaski	1006 Barker Rd, Post Mills	333-4627
Dennis Marquise	339 Burnham Rd, East Thetford	785-2175
Sean Mullen	1562 Poor Farm Rd S., Thetford Center	785-4373
<i>1 vacant</i>		

Historic Preservation Committee		
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	5414 Rte 5, North Thetford	333-4402
Susan Thrane	PO Box 633, Thetford	785-2520
1 Vacant		
Conservation Commission		
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 Center	785-2855
Scott Stokoe	518 Ulman Rd, Thetford Center	785-2083
Fred Thomas	1221 Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Center	785-2596
Ted Levin	PO Box 117, Thetford	333-4443
Jean Lariviere	770 Route 244, Post Mills	333-7025
1 Vacant		
Greater UV Solid Waste District		
Judith Bowden (Rep.)	PO Box 240, Post Mills	785-2712
James Masland (Alt.)	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Center	785-4146
Recycling/Solid Waste Committee		
Stuart Blood	851 Poor Farm Rd S., Thetford Center	785-4950
Judith Bowden	PO Box 240, Post Mills	785-2712
Sharon Irwin	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2922
Jean LaRiviere	770 Route 244, Post Mills	333-7025
Sean Mullen	1562 Poor Farm Rd S., Thetford Center	785-4373
Paul Raymond	PO Box 223, Thetford Center	785-4593
Gary Ulman	359 Ulman Rd, Thetford Center	785-4037
Recreation Committee		
No members		
Emergency Management		
David Goodrich	1015 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Center	785-4635
Upper Valley Ambulance		
Todd Protzman	PO Box 185, Post Mills	unlisted
Clara Martin Center 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 Center	649-1434
Tree Warden		
Elmer Brown	PO Box 237, Thetford Center	785-2167
Surveyors of Wood & Lumber		
Gary Ulman	359 Ulman Rd, Thetford Center	785-4037
Lee Palmer	PO Box 106, North Thetford	333-9026
1 Vacant		
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 South, Thetford Center	333-4640

Historian

Vacant

Notaries Public

Ruel G. Barrett	PO Box 89, Thetford	785-2867
Karin Bonnett	761 Route 113, East Thetford	785-2543
Judith Bowden	PO Box 240, Post Mills	785-2712
Charlie Buttrey	347 Cranberry Hill Rd, East Thetford	785-4005
Kate Cone	3836 Route 5, Thetford Center	785-2964
Sherry S. Crossley	PO Box 257, Thetford Center	333-9579
Lynn J. Daly	358 Picknell Rd, Thetford Center	785-4336
Emily S. Davis	185 Norford Lake Rd, Thetford Center	649-2729
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
Daniel F. Grossman	PO Box 106, East Thetford	785-4074
Mary M. Hathorn	541 Ely Rd, Fairlee	333-9176
Martha Howard	PO Box 34, North Thetford	333-9171
Roberta C. Howard	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2922
Lynn Irwin	665 Godfrey Rd, East Thetford	785-4581
Jeanne Phipps	PO Box 76, North Thetford	333-9130
Charles Stephens	PO Box 126, Thetford Center	785-2200
Gloria Thurston	Thetford Academy	785-4805

TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

The Annual Town and School Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2001 at Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

A snack bar sponsored by TA Project Graduation will be open throughout the day.

Child Care will be available free of charge sponsored by Thetford Girl Scouts and Scout Leaders. Child Care will be available beginning at 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM except during the lunch break.

A luncheon will be served in the Family and Consumer Science Room at TA. Proceeds will benefit the TA school trip to Italy.

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN and SCHOOL OFFICES

Town Moderator, 1 Year	no candidate
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	Mark McMahon
Selectman, 2 Year	Paul Raymond
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	Janet Stowell
Lister, 1 Year (to complete term)	Roxy Maxfield
Auditor, 3 Years	no candidate
Auditor, 2 Years	no candidate
Auditor, 1 Year	no candidate
Budget Committee, 3 Years	no candidate
Budget Committee, 3 Years	no candidate
Budget Committee, 3 Years	no candidate
Budget Committee, 2 Years	no candidate
Budget Committee, 2 Years	no candidate
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Years	no candidate
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 Years	David Evilsizer
Library Trustee, 4 Years	Sally Duston Whitlock
Library Trustee, 4 Years	no candidate
Library Trustee, 3 Years	Bradley Gellerstedt
School Moderator, 1 Year	no candidate
School Director, 3 Years	Tracy Bach
School Director, 2 Year	Mary Claire Doyle

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 24, 2001, 10:00 AM to NOON at the Town Hall.

All applications must be received no later than Saturday, February 24, 2001, by 12:00 NOON, in order to vote on March 3 and March 6, 2001. Voters may request absentee ballots until 5:00 PM or the closing of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 5, 2001. 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 5, 2001.

Voting by Australian Ballot will be Tuesday, March 6, 2001, from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Thetford Center Community Association building, for Election of Town and School Officers, and the School District Budget and Articles.

NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

CHECKLIST POSTED: (No later than 30 days before election) February 4, 2001. 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 24, 2001, 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 5:00 PM on March 5, 2001.
- Where:** Town Clerk's Office
- How:** Either in person, in writing, or by telephone.
- Who:** The voter, or authorized person may request absentee ballot on behalf of an absent voter by 12 NOON on March 5, 2001.

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 6, 2001).
- 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 24, 2001.

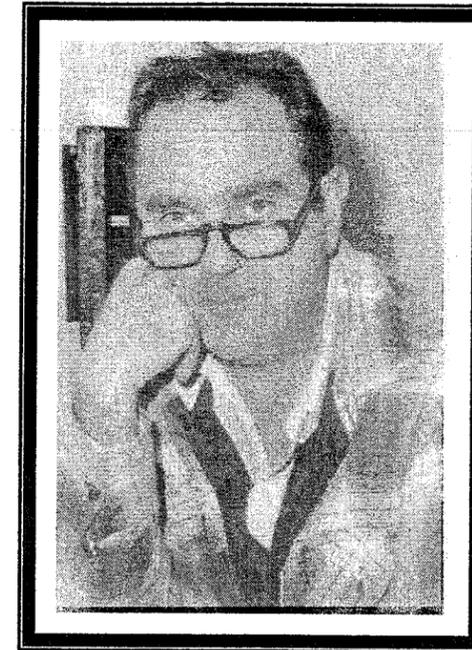
**WARNING
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**

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, March 3, 2001 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 Monday, October 15, 2001, by 5:00 PM. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction thereof, and 8% penalty will be due the Town.
- ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money 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 \$ 494,428 63 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.
- ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 382,216.42 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department.
- ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 65,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 5,000.00 to match Federal funds for the Tucker Hill Bridge Enhancement Grant.
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 4,000.00 to contribute toward the continuing Lake Fairlee Milfoil Control Project.
- ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 250.00 as a contribution for the construction of a handicapped accessible boat dock at the Fish and Game boat access on Lake Fairlee. These funds shall be contingent upon funding by the State of Vermont.
- ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 25,000.00:
1. To resolve whether the Thetford Center parcel left to the Town by Charles Hughes can be used to site a water well and a septic system, and if it can be so used,
 2. To develop plans to renovate and enlarge our Town Hall according to the concept developed in the feasibility study that was funded by Article 20, Thetford Town Report, 1999. The plans will be in sufficient detail to allow construction bidding and a possible future bond vote.
- ARTICLE 12 Public Opinion Poll-Non Binding Referendum - Which one of the following options for a permanent Town recycling program do you prefer:
1. Develop the School District Property located on Thetford Hill, down the hill from the fire station, if the property and a right of way can be obtained at no cost to the Town.
 2. Purchase the current leased site located on Route 113 in Thetford Center and expand the Recycling Center.
- ARTICLE 13 To transact any other business.
- The following article shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 6th, 2001. Please take note that Australian Balloting will take place from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, at the Thetford Ctr Community Bldg, located next to the Town Garage.*
- ARTICLE 14 To elect Town and School Officers.

Dated February 2, 2001

Thetford Board of Selectmen



RICHARD HAUGER

Born March 23, 1937, Richard was the oldest of three children. He grew up in Patterson, NJ and attended high school in Ridgewood. He later attended the University of Vermont and NE College, graduating in 1960 with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Richard married Marvel Coburn on June 10, 1961. They lived in various towns around Vermont, depending on where his job monitoring construction of Interstate 89, and other state highways, took him. In 1967, they moved to their new home off Academy Road in Thetford, which he built. From 1970 until his retirement in 1998 he was the first Director of Public Works for the town of Hanover, NH. During this time, he also served for a short period as interim Town Manager and President of Hanover Water Company. In December 1997, the town of Hanover honored Richard for his many years of dedicated service by naming the public works facility after him.

Richard also served his local community as a Thetford Selectman for 3 years and a Thetford Academy Trustee for 10 years. In 1998, he volunteered as "clerk of the works" for construction of a new maintenance facility, improved parking and landscaping at the Academy. The Academy presented him with a chair honoring his service and dedication.

He was a member of Jackson Lodge No. 60 in West Fairlee since 1959. He also served as the Chairman of the Thetford Recreation Committee and was a catalyst in starting Treasure Island, a beautiful 10 acre recreation area on Lake Fairlee. Later, he and Marvel purchased a camp on the same lake and there were people water-skiing, swimming and just having fun there for many summer weekends.

Richard will long be remembered for his friendly and easygoing personality. He was a dedicated family man who cherished his marriage and children and spent many hours with the grandchildren who were so special and dear to him. He is survived by his wife, Marvel, and their children Corrine, Vaughn and Stephanie; grandchildren Kyle and Kasey; as well as his mother, Sally Hauger, brother David, sister Lois and several nieces and nephews.

REMEMBRANCE

Annie S Bradley

Member of Class of 1929 of Thetford Academy; taught school for 38 years, mostly in the one-room school buildings; crocheted 84 afghans for project Linus at DHMC.

Harold Carter

Summer resident of Post Mills; Navy veteran; former employee of Fellows Gear Shaper in Springfield, Vt.

K Danner Clouser

Best known for initiating the first department of humanities in medical school at Penn State College of Medicine and for developing others at numerous colleges and medical schools; served on ethics committee of the National Institute of Health fetal tissue transplantation research panel.

Florence Cummings

Moved to Thetford 50 years ago; mother of Laurence and Raymond Cummings; cared for elderly people in her home for more than 30 years; large family included nine great, great, grandchildren.

Martha H Davies

Moved to East Thetford in 1978 and with her husband Donald, owned and operated Thetford Pharmacy, later known as Once A Pharmacy; also ran her own business, Martha Davies Real Estate.

James Darling

Served in Marine Corps Intelligence in the Pacific; corporate vice-president of Mars, Inc.; retired to Thetford in 1974 and served as a volunteer consultant to the International Executive Service Corps.

Evelyn George

Wife of Gordon George of Ely; member of North Thetford Federated Church; and enjoyed square dancing with the Connecticut Valley Swingers.

Richard Hauger

Served 3 years as Thetford Selectman; 10 years on Board of Trustees at Thetford Academy; clerk of the works for Thetford Academy parking and landscaping development; director of Public Works for Town of Hanover; interim Hanover Town Manager; and president of Hanover Water Company.

Ruth Hazlett

Wife of Bernard Hazlett; employed 21 years in produce department of Hanover Co-op Food Store in Hanover.

Linda L Levin

Member of education department of Montshire Museum of Science where she developed nature programs and field trips locally and to the Arctic Circle; recipient of the Patchen Miller Award of the Upper Valley Land Trust for her contribution to environmental awareness.

Dorothy A Magoon

Mother of Ron Magoon of Thetford Center; enjoyed sliding and berry-picking with her grandchildren.

Richard Munis

Husband of Diane Munis of Sawnee Bean; prior to retirement, worked as chemist at Cold Regions Laboratory in Hanover.

Alice B Paige

Wife of Alvin L Paige of Thetford Center; involved in the Grange, Firemens Auxiliary, and Girl Scouts.

Jeanne Phillips

Wife of Dr Joseph Phillips; mother of Michael, student at Thetford Academy; resident of Thetford Hill.

Colleen Y Prescott

Wife of W Lloyd Prescott of Post Mills; registered nurse at Gifford Memorial Hospital, Veterans Administration Hospital; and Dartmouth Hitchcock Memorial Hospital.

Richard D Reeves

Husband of Sharon Reeves of Post Mills; served in both the Army and Navy and as an Airborne Ranger.

Sarah Emily Schoenhut

Formerly of Post Mills prior to her move to Kendall at Hanover; worked at Museum of Fine Arts and taught costume design at Wellesley College, Dartmouth College, and Parish Players; trustee of Peabody Library.

John Scotford

Assisted in development of Hopkins Center; directed Bicentennial exhibits for Dartmouth's 200th year celebration, and his typeface design won a 1965 national competition. In 1969, he was commissioned to design postage stamp of Daniel Webster; in 1976, he was the winner of the Vermont Bicentennial poster; served on Thetford Planning Board for 14 years.

Arthur N. Shopp

Formerly of Post Mills; husband of the late Marjorie Powell; president, trustee, and sexton for Post Mills Cemetery for 25 years; volunteer for Meals-on Wheels program; and Thetford Historical programs

Gordon Shumway

Worked for 30 years at U S Postal Service in White River Junction; and at several area farms; husband of Helen Shumway of Thetford Center.

Jean C. Spata

Mother of Mary Spata-Burk of Post Mills; born and resided in New York City; relocated to Post Mills with her late husband to be near her family.

Eunice Stevens

Sister of Morris Pero, Agnes French, and Myrtle Severance; member of Rebekah Lodge in Post Mills and Eclipse Grange in Thetford; graduate of Thetford Academy.

George Swinzow

Husband of Neonila Swinzow; relocated in Boston area in 1952 from the Ukraine where they had endured WWII; obtained his Doctorate from Boston University in 1958; described as a 'true scientist'; worked at CCREL in Chicago; and at CCREL in Hanover.

Blaine C Tufts

Husband of Linda Tufts; mechanic for Quechee Lakes Landowners Association; operator of Blaine's Repairs; and recently employed at Lyme Timber Company.

THETFORD SELECTBOARD REPORT

The year 2000, like many years before, has provided ups and downs, twists and turns, some familiar issues, and some that are brand new. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contribute so generously of not only their time but also their wisdom, to continue one of our most fundamental rights, the governing of our local community.

The Upper Valley Regional Landfill Corporation, the State and the landfill neighbors, at long last, reached an agreement this past year. The landfill will be capped and a new water supply will be found for the neighbors. Both jobs are expected to be completed this year. The State, and perhaps the Town, will have an option to take over a 100-acre piece of undeveloped land adjacent to the landfill that belongs to the Landfill Corporation. A portion of this land is necessary as a wellhead protection area for the new water supply, and therefore has strict easements on its use.

We chose Janson Designs of Waterbury to study the feasibility of renovating and enlarging our Town Hall. Fred Keil, Janson Designs Architect, has met several times with a Feasibility Study Committee. They have discussed a variety of issues and potential solutions (see the Committee's report). Mr. Keil will present his conceptual design of the improved Town Hall at Town Meeting.

In response to strong support indicated by a survey and by voters at the 2000 Town Meeting, a committee was appointed to research potential locations for a permanent site for the town's recycling center. Two public hearings have been held to report on the work of the committee and to hear public comments. The committee report will be available prior to Town Meeting. At Town Meeting, a non-binding preference vote will guide the Selectboard in making the final decision.

In 2000, the Town of Thetford was awarded one of ten federally funded grants to rehabilitate the Union Village Covered Bridge. Hoyle Tanner Associates will execute a Vermont Agency of Transportation project to rebuild the bridge. The project will be paid entirely with Federal and State funds with the reconstruction phase of the project to commence April 2001.

We hired Marcon Corporation to apply for and manage an Enhancement grant to develop an over-height warning system for the Tucker Hill Covered Bridge. We are looking to design a system that will warn drivers when their vehicles are too high for the bridge while at the same time not detract from the historic beauty of the bridge and its surrounding area.

In a continuing effort to preserve Thetford's rural character, the Selectboard revised its Class 4 Road Policy. The policy now limits the width to which a Class 4 Road can be cleared to a maximum width of 24 feet to allow reasonable access to a resident's property. Any significant alteration of any Class 4 Road from its present condition will be done according to our Right of Way Clearing and Tree Policy and subject to the Selectboard's approval.

It has become evident that more attention is needed at our Treasure Island facility. There are several maintenance issues that need to be addressed promptly in order to provide a safe and enjoyable recreational environment. We updated the Treasure Island manager's agreement and have budgeted extra money to correct the specific areas that have deteriorated over the years.

In late spring we are planning to make improvements to the east end section of the West Fairlee Road. It needs new surfacing, ditches, and more shoulder area for pedestrians. To counteract the natural tendency for drivers to go faster when a road is wider we intend to add the necessary width on the outsides of the curves, which will increase their curvature. This is a common traffic calming practice. In an effort to reroute damaging overweight vehicles to State Route 244, in collaboration with the Town of West Fairlee, we are presently investigating the possibility of limiting truck traffic on this road.

In an ongoing attempt to assure a safe traffic speed on Thetford Hill in our school areas, we recently amended our traffic ordinance to reduce speed on Academy Road to 25 miles per hour from Route 113 to the entrance of the State Park. All Class 3 roads will continue to have a maximum speed limit of 35 miles per hour unless otherwise posted. Once again, we will petition the State and ask for a permanent reduction in speed to 25 miles per hour on Route 113 extending from Garey Road to Mud Pond Road.

After more than eight years of service, most recently as our Road Commissioner, Chad Whitcomb resigned to pursue a new venture. Thank you for all your endless hours of hard work and your contributions in improving our roads to help ensure safe travel to all our residents. He will be missed. We wish him all the best.

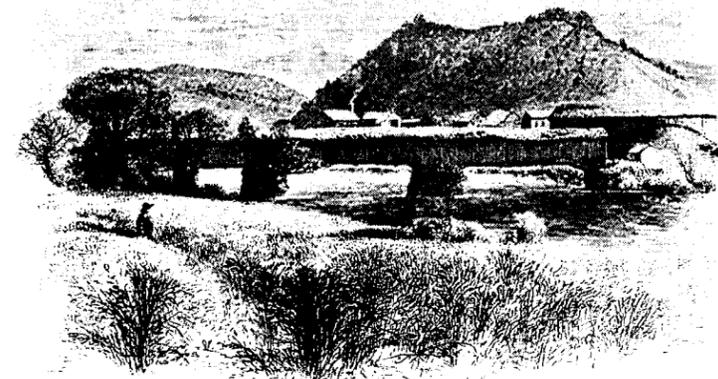
This past year, Selectboard member David Fisk represented the Town of Thetford in the Elizabeth Mine site study. This is an important part of our history and we appreciate the extra time David has committed to this project. Please refer to the Elizabeth Mine report by the Conservation Commission for more information.

In small Vermont towns like ours, where we rely largely on revenues from property taxes, it is critical that actively pursue grant money to help off set rising property taxes. We will look more closely this year at the merit of budgeting money to employ an individual to research, apply for and manage grants.

Currently, there are various positions that are vacant in the Town. We have been without an Animal Control Officer for most of the year, and many positions remain unfilled. Please step forward and help us fill these positions.

As always, there have been difficult issues that we have faced this past year and certainly more to come. It is our intention to help guide and govern our community through as much input as possible from our residents. We welcome any and all new challenges and ask only that you participate in this endeavor. Thank you.

Mark McMahon, Chair
Judy Bowden
David Fisk
Paul Raymond
Mary Spata



STATE SENATOR'S REPORT

It is my privilege and honor to serve and represent the people of Orange County in the Vermont Senate. As you may know, I serve on the General Affairs and Housing Committee as well as the Education Committee. My legislative priorities are quality education, affordable, quality healthcare, and improved economic environment for Orange County. I believe that Vermont farms, which are in decline, need to be saved as a vital texture of our state. Our community values also need to be reinvigorated.

I represent you, not myself, and your desires as a community are important to me. Let me know about your issues, and I will fight for them in Montpelier.

Please feel free to call, write or email me on any issue. Thanks for your support.

Senator Bill Corrow

361 Chelsea Rd., Williamstown, VT 05679
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

It is a privilege to represent you again in Montpelier. I enjoy hearing from you about your concerns whether your issues are large or small and look forward to being of service whenever I can.

As you may know, there is new leadership in the House this session, and, as of this writing (January 24th). What this change will provide has yet to develop. It is clear, nonetheless, that there will be efforts to amend or significantly modify Act 250, Act 60, and our Civil Unions Law. I will have up to date information to present to you at Town Meeting. In each case, the legislature will be reviewing whether the laws work as they were intended and without being overly cumbersome. Your opinions are always welcome.

I serve on the House Natural Resources and Energy Committee that has jurisdiction over Act 250, on-site septic systems, landfills, and many other issues pertaining to our lakes, rivers and forests. We will be looking at finding ways to increase funding for milfoil eradication and to maintain small dams such as those on Lake Fairlee and Lake Morey.

My personal priorities include making healthcare and prescription drugs affordable, making housing affordable to working families, wise use of your tax dollars and support for individuals to help them be healthy, successful, and self-reliant. I will also continue to work with each of the Selectboards and School Boards, where appropriate, on matters of concern to them.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or to "bend my ear" on matters which are of concern to you.

Representative Jim Masland, Orange 4

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E-mail: jmasland@leg.state.vt.us
www.leg.state.vt.us

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

We have a saying in the office on a busy day, that the day is 'like a Tuesday' - generally our busiest day of the week. Last year, most days were 'like Tuesdays', and it seems as though we have more and more to do, as the number of rules and regulations grow, along with the demand for all municipal services. Oftentimes, our office acts as a clearinghouse for questions and information, and there are days when we are inundated with tasks, but feel as though we haven't accomplished a thing at day's end. Such is our quiet, small town existence!!

We had a new telephone system installed last year as part of the Town Offices renovations, and it is a huge improvement over the doorbell/intercom/economy telephone 'system' that we used for many years. We are able to transfer calls between offices without walking down the hall to alert someone to a call, and we have far fewer 'dropped' calls, which were a frequent occurrence with our old phones and their unreliable 'hold' buttons. This year, our priority is to tackle our records storage vault, which is in dire need of interior paint. The vault will also need to be re-arranged to accommodate a new set of records storage shelving, as we have reached capacity with our existing shelves. The Richard Wallace Vault storage space is overflowing, despite the fact that a carload of recyclables was removed last summer. We are very fortunate to have excellent records dating from Thetford's beginning, but we're slowly but surely running out of room.

Another change noted last year is the location of Australian Balloting, moved from the Town Hall across the street to the Thetford Center Community Building. Many thanks to the Community Center members for allowing the Town to use their facility, as the remodeling project in the main hall eliminated the possibility of continuing to vote at the Town Hall. On the subject of elections, I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation for all those who worked so tirelessly to make elections run smoothly. This is no easy task, as those of you who have served as Election Officials know. I would also like to acknowledge three members of the Board of Civil Authority who will not be returning to their office this year, and to thank them for all they have done. Robert Vaughan was a long time Board member, and could always be counted on to do his share of the duties of a BCA Member. Cy Severance was not re-elected, and his organizational skills and attention to detail are a great loss to the Board. And Elmer Brown, long time BCA Chairman, will also not be returning, and I will miss his wit, his wisdom, and his no-nonsense approach to solving dilemmas. There is a wealth of knowledge and just plain common sense in these three men, and I hope that they will be willing to continue to help out at future elections.

Another function performed by our office is the collection of taxes, both current and delinquent, and our list of delinquent taxpayers is large. A number of citizens have expressed concern with these unpaid taxes. Tax sales are in progress and are scheduled for April for those persons not abiding by their payment plans for 1999 and prior taxes. In May, taxpayers with 2000 delinquent taxes will be notified of their tax sale deadlines, as well. We are more than willing to work out payment plans that will clear up delinquencies in a reasonable amount of time, but there are frankly some delinquencies that have been carried too long. Be assured that this is being addressed, and we have already had substantial payments towards these taxes since January 1st.

The Clerk's Office is also the location of Thetford's Food Shelf, and we had another busy year. My thanks to those individuals, Churches and School groups who contributed money and foodstuffs to keep our shelves well-stocked. We provided food baskets and gifts to a number of families over the holidays, thanks to many volunteers. Volunteers also again filled over 100 'red bags' of goodies for seniors and shut-ins. We hope that the recipients enjoyed getting them as much as we did putting them together.

We hope that you enjoy the new format of this report. The year 2000 seemed like a good time to change to a larger format, as the number of pages was becoming difficult to manage at the smaller size. We now have fewer pages, more readable type, and, because we are changing to a standard paper size, a lower total cost. All in all, we feel it is a good change. Finally, we wish former co-worker Laurie Ingalls the best in her new position. Laurie has been a great help to my office. Her willingness to pitch in when needed and keen sense of humor are greatly missed.

Roberta Howard, Town Clerk

LISTERS REPORT

The year 2000 has been a year of growth and change for the Listers Office. The Listers visited over 200 properties and reviewed over 100 for tax map changes, subdivisions and building permits. At the suggestion of the state, they thoroughly reviewed all 127 Current Use properties for correct appropriation, and contributory values. The Listers took courses in Marshal and Swift cost estimation, Act 60, Current Use and mobile home valuation. As a result, it became evident that a reappraisal is long overdue.

Why is a reappraisal necessary?

The town's common level of appraisal is falling and will continue to fall. The state's equalization study for the year 2000 shows Thetford at 95.03%, down from 99.02% for 1999. The study uses sales values from the previous three years. The equalization study will be replacing its 1996 sales data with sales from the year 2000. The sales in 1996 were much closer to 100% market value but the sales from 2000 were historically high. This causes the Thetford's common level of appraisal to drop dramatically. With Act 60, the common level of appraisal directly affects to how much the town pays the state in local share and education property taxes. In addition, most of the data in the town's computer assessment programs will be 9-10 years old. The previous reappraisal was started in 1991 and completed in 1992. Much of this data is outdated or incorrect in some cases. A town-wide reappraisal will bring properties closer to market value to better meet the Listers goal of fair and equitable assessments.

Who will do the reappraisal?

At first, the Listers felt they were the best persons to complete this project. After soliciting proposals from several firms, the Listers decided to recommend that Appraisal Resource Group of Essex Junction, Vermont do the work. This company has knowledge of the most up-to-date software systems, their personnel are experienced and they can do the job more cost effectively than the Listers. Appraisal Resource Group has been highly recommended by several of its former clients. The Listers interviewed the firm's personnel and found them easy to work with. They are willing to allow the Listers a very active role in the reappraisal process.

What will it cost?

Appraisal Resource Group would give the town a reduced rate of \$50.00 per parcel. They would include deductive pricing for Listers assistance. However, there will be the added cost of upgrading the Listers' computer system and new software. As of the date of this report the final costs are still to be worked out. A reappraisal benefit is that the state has been sending the town \$6.00 per parcel since 1999. This is part of Act 60's legislation to encourage towns to reappraise. Since 1999, the money received has been placed in a special fund for this purpose. At the end of the reappraisal in 2002, it is estimated that this fund will pay for about 60% of the costs.

As always, the Listers are here to serve you, the property owners, by educating ourselves and by keeping our office as cost efficient as possible. We welcome anyone to visit us at the town offices. We will answer your questions to the best of our ability.

Finally, it is with regret that we accept the resignation of Laurie Ingalls. She has been an asset to our office and will be missed. We wish her the best of luck in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet E. Stowell, Chairman
for the Board of Listers

**TAXABLE LISTED VALUES- TOWN OF THETFORD
GRAND LIST AS OF APRIL 1, 2000**

REAL ESTATE	# OF PARCELS	CORPORATIONS	TOWN RESIDENTS	STATE RESIDENTS	NON-STATE	TOTALS
Residential I	611	0	61,012,172	2,802,700	5,192,300	69,007,172
Residential II	344	0	49,585,834	1,860,432	6,468,822	57,915,088
Mobile Homes-U	33	0	593,500	0	18,400	611,900
Mobile Homes-L	55	0	3,066,600	92,600	104,000	3,263,200
Vacation I	39	0	600,300	1,062,700	1,384,700	3,047,700
Vacation II	23	0	382,978	578,049	1,416,570	2,377,597
Commercial	45	0	7,196,300	2,285,600	1,631,871	11,113,771
Utilities-E	3	2,141,500	0	30,400	344,400	2,516,300
Utilities-O	2	31,000	0	0	10,600	41,600
Farm	11	0	1,811,034	51,872	0	1,862,906
Woodland	149	0	1,820,908	1,237,104	1,701,553	4,759,565
Other	5	0	0	9,800	24,400	34,200
Miscellaneous	86	0	1,118,626	257,456	564,300	1,940,382
TOTALS	1406	2,172,500	127,188,252	10,268,713	18,861,916	158,491,381

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

This year has not been as busy as recent years with new construction, subdivisions and other business for the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

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. 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. You can review the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations as well as print some application forms directly from the Thetford web site at <http://170.222.200.76/thetford>.

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 give summaries of the permit activity over the past 3 years.

	1998	1999	2000
Number of Plats Approved	11	9	7
Number of Lots Created	7	6	3
Annexations	5	5	4

	1998	1999	2000
Residences	11	14	13
Additions	21	13	20
Decks & Porches	7	8	9
Accessory Buildings	21	29	20
Businesses	5	3	2
Mobile Homes	2	2	2
Home Occupations	3	3	4
Cert. of Appropriateness	1	1	1

The Planning Commission is still planning on tackling several issues which include expansion of the Community Business District in East Thetford, adding new districts or overlays and I-91 Interchange planning. There will be 2 vacancies on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment. If you are interested in serving on the Board (term is 4 years), you may contact either myself or one of the current Planning Commission members.

If you have any questions about zoning, feel free to give me a call at the Town Office during my regular office hours which are Tuesday mornings 7:15-11:15 AM and Thursday afternoons from 2:00-5:00 PM. You can also email me at thetford.zoning@valley.net

George Stowell
Zoning Administrator

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Septic Permits Issued	28
New Septic Systems	18
Septic System Repair Permits	10
Permit Renewals (included in Permits Issued)	
Upgrade for House Addition (included in Permits Issued)	
Animal Bite Reports	5

Alford Stone, Health Officer

2000 PET LICENSING REPORT

	Female	Male	Spayed	Neutered	Totals
Dogs	79	79	257	235	650
Ferrets	0	0	2	1	3

RABIES CLINIC

Dr David Webster, Oxbow Veterinary Clinic, will once again be conducting the RABIES CLINIC this year for cats and dogs only on Saturday, March 17, 2001 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the Thetford Town Garage in Thetford Center. Rabies shots will be \$5.00; other shots will be available for an additional fee.

Thetford dog owners may obtain licenses for their dogs at this time. Please remember that all dogs must be licensed by April 1, 2001 to avoid penalty and late licensing fees. Ferrets and wolf-hybrids must also be licensed. Please contact the Town Clerk's office if you need further information to complete licensing of your pet.

Fees for licensing of dogs (male and female) is \$5.00 for spayed or neutered; \$9.00 (male and female) for unaltered dogs.

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

For 2000, the Commission's activities were primarily conducted by individual members serving on special project committees appointed by the Selectboard or other community organizations. These committees and their purpose are:

(a) Elizabeth Mine Study Group: This is a local community advocacy organization which actively promotes the clean-up and remediation of the Strafford Elizabeth Mine. The EMSG is a member of an eight group coalition representing various local constituencies in the process of negotiating project planning with the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Vermont.

(b) Thetford Recreation Facility Development Committee: This Selectboard appointed group combines representatives of the environmental, educational and recreation communities in Thetford. Their mission is to develop a use plan for land located in Post Mills that was donated to the Town. The Post Mills Park and Preserve project will endeavor to provide low impact recreational activities within a managed nature preserve consisting of forest, riparian and meadow habitats. The ecological activities will be designed to create the maximization of plant and animal species diversification.

(c) Thetford Recycling Center Siting Committee: This Selectboard appointed group has been in the process of researching and evaluating several sites within the Town. The goal is to recommend a permanent location for Thetford's recycling operation.

The Conservation Commission and the Ted and Linny Levin family have established the Linny Levin Fund. This dedicated memorial fund of the Commission will be used for the establishment and maintenance of an interpretive trail in the proposed Post Mills Park and Preserve and provide for other environmental education programs.

For 2001, in addition to the activities listed above, the Commission plans to enhance its data base and begin development of land use management plans for town owned property.

We encourage town residents who have a specific interest in natural resource issues to contact any Commission member (see listing under Appointed Officers at the beginning of the Town report).

Robert J. Pulaski Chair,
Thetford Conservation Commission



RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

At the beginning of the year, the only remaining recycling worker was the Coordinator. I took over the position of coordinator in April. For a majority of the year, the Thetford Boy Scout Troop worked at the Recycling Center with a parent in exchange for a donation from the Town. The Thetford Girl Scout Troop also gave their time to help when the Boy Scouts were unavailable. Many thanks go out to all the help the Scouts provided.

As many of you have noticed, there have been physical changes to the site to enlarge our capacities and to reduce hauling costs.

1. The three small cardboard bins have been exchanged for one large bin where all the cardboard is broken down and stacked in the container.
2. The mixed paper/newspaper/magazine bin was replaced with one mixed paper bin and one newspaper/magazine bin.
3. The glass/plastic bin has been replaced with one bin for glass - colored and clear, and one bin for plastics - # 1 and #2.
4. Gravel was brought in making extra space for bins to be angled sideways and pushed back into the hill allowing for more parking.

Beginning March 1, 2000, Thetford Recycling Permits were instituted, allowing only Thetford residents to dispose of recyclables and garbage. For those of you who have not yet experienced the permit system, it is now required for each vehicle using the Recycling Center to have a Thetford Recycling Permit on the lower driver's corner of the windshield. These permits can be obtained from the Town Clerk's Offices during regular business hours. There is no charge for a permit. Thank you to those who have been so diligent about having your permit.

Sharon Irwin

Recycling Coordinator

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Town of Thetford is starting a Recreation Committee, as we have not had one in the recent past. The Committee welcomes new members who are interested in creating an agenda of ideas for recreational opportunities in Town.

We are interested in considering needed facilities or facility upgrades as well as programs and events in which member of the town would enjoy participating. Please contact me if you are interested in any way.

Sarah Hauger

785-2861

TREASURE ISLAND REPORT - 2000

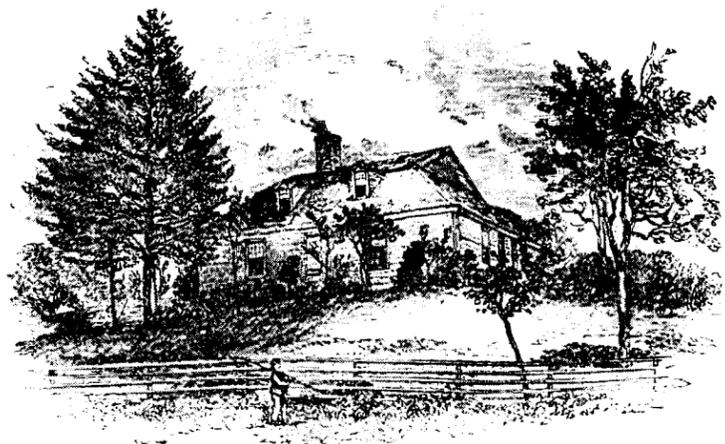
RECEIPTS:

Season Tickets: 168	
Complimentary Passes: 4	
Resident - 130 passes (127 family, 3 individual)	\$4,685.00
Non-resident - 34 passes (family 34, individual 0)	\$1,940.00
Tennis passes: 19 (Family 8, individual 11)	\$675.00
Swimming Lessons: 189	\$318.00
Day Admissions	\$6,139.00
Tennis Daily Admissions	\$233.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,990.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Taxes (West Fairlee & Fairlee)	\$11,000.00
Wages	
Lifeguards (2)	\$6,391.00
Gate Attendant	\$691.00
Workers Comp/Insurance	\$527.00
Utilities	\$596.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,620.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$22,825.00

Don E. Wilson, Manager



TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

The Town Hall Renovation Committee has been meeting with Janson Design Associates to conduct a feasibility study for the potential renovation of the existing Town Hall as approved by voters at last year's Town Meeting. The Committee is comprised of members of the previous Town Hall Renovation Committee, Town Hall staff, and Selectboard members.

The Feasibility Study included analysis of the current structure, expansion, water and septic systems, restoration of the existing facility and incorporation of the adjacent historic brick vault. The Committee met several times to develop plans to adequately accommodate Town Hall functions anticipating growth for the next twenty years. Members of the Committee also met with the Evergreen Rest Cemetery Association, TC Community Association, and the Historic Preservation Committee. Mr Fred Keil, who has done an admirable job addressing all concerns, will present the proposed plans at Town Meeting.

Town Hall Renovation Committee

- David Fisk
- Chris Levey
- Paul Raymond
- Mary Spata
- Cy Severance
- George Stowell
- Janet Stowell

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

TOWN OF THETFORD CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	
Balance January 1, 2000	\$3,122.69
Donations to Linny Levin Memorial Fund	\$6,995.00
Expenditures (Deposit Stamp)	(\$6.00)
Balance December 31, 2000	\$10,111.69
<i>Submitted by Ruel G. Barrett, Treasurer</i>	

TOWN OF THETFORD CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS		
DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Fund original investment 220.000 shares	\$1,300.20
'60 - '00	Shares added by reinvestment: 601.730	
12/31/00	Puritan Fund total shares held 821.730 shares	
12/31/00	Value of reinvestment @ \$ 18.68/share	\$15,351.92
	CASH ON HAND & INCOME - 2000	
01/01/00	Cash on Hand	180.46
03/12/00	Income Dividend	111.17
06/11/00	Income Dividend	111.17
09/03/00	Income Dividend	111.17
12/10/00	Income Dividend	156.13
12/31/00	2000 Interest	7.84
	DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES - 1999	
10/12/00	Treasurer, Town of Thetford	520.00
	Hillside Cemetery	\$ 35.00
	Post Mills Cemetery	70.00
	East Thetford Cemetery	105.00
	Evergreen Rest Cemetery	245.00
12/31/00	CASH BALANCE ON HAND:	\$222.94
<i>Trustees of Trust Funds: Ruel G. Barrett Elmer C. Brown Frederick P. Howard</i>		

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 01/01/00:	\$ 1,035.83	
Interest accrued	7.20	\$1,043.03
Grave Upkeep & Floral Pieces	donated	
Balance on Hand, 12/31/00:		\$1,043.03
<i>Roberta C. Howard, Town Treasurer</i>		

TRUSTEES OF TOWN FARM TRUST FUNDS		
DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Fund original Investment: 677.000 shares	\$4,001.07
'57-'00	Shares added by reinvestment: 21,644.484	
12/31/00	Puritan Fund - Total Shares held: 22,331.484	
12/31/00	Value of Investment @ \$ 18.68/share	\$416,153.12
	CASH ON HAND & CASH INCOME FOR 2000:	
01/01/00	Cash on Hand (Merchant's Bank)	17,875.60
12/31/00	Interest (total for year)	\$756.28
	TOTAL:	\$18,631.88
	DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES FOR 2000:	
1/20/00	Check # 108, Treasurer, Town of Thetford	750.00
	TOTAL:	\$750.00
	CASH BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/00:	\$17,881.88
<i>Trustees of Trust Funds: Ruel G.Barrett Elmer C. Brown Frederick P. Howard</i>		

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

As I start my third year as your Chief I would like the community to feel comfortable with the direction that your police department is headed. I have an open door policy and welcome anyone to come and express their concerns.

Your Police Department had a very busy year. The Department has continued to make the roadways safer, especially in the area of the schools. The speed limit on Academy Road has been lowered to 25 miles per hour along the common, and past the area of Thetford Academy.

The Town of Thetford had the misfortune of being a victim of offensive and vulgar graffiti on both overpasses along Interstate 91, and the Turnpike Road underpass. Organized by the Police Department, Thetford Boy Scouts from Troop 772, along with five parents, used paint donated by the Vermont Highway Department to cover the offensive graffiti.

We had another successful program at Thetford Academy. The Administration, faculty, students, several Domestic Violence Awareness Instructors and Thetford Police officers cooperated to conduct a program designed to aid "TEENAGERS IN A DATING SITUATION". Over the year our presence in both schools has shown some positive progress in bridging the gap between law-enforcement and the youth of the community.

The Thetford Police Department sponsored a Telemarketing Fraud Workshop at Thetford Academy. Telemarketing fraud is a growing crime that mainly targets our senior citizens. The workshop was presented by Anne Whitten, Vermont Assistant Attorney General.

The Department received several grants from the state and federal governments. A Highway Safety Grant was awarded in the amount of \$5000 to help combat drivers operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and speeders who tend to show little care in the areas of our schools. The Department was also awarded a block grant in the amount of \$1311 that was used to help purchase a needed police radio.

The Department went in a new direction concerning dispatching services. As of December 1st, Thetford Police began being dispatched by the Vermont State Police. There were several factors that brought about this change. First, a savings of over \$3000 in dispatching costs will be realized. Second, the Department is now on a new Vermont CAD (Computer Assisted Dispatching) system, which allows the Department to have access to information from other police agencies throughout the state. Officer safety was also a vital concern. With the new system, an officer can have first hand knowledge when making a felony motor vehicle stop. Officers can also have access to more information when responding to a domestic violence call, or any other 911 call.

The Department hired Special Officer David Eggum to fill the position vacated by David Singer, who took a full-time position with the Woodstock Police Department. We thank Mr. Singer for his service. Officer Eggum has a wife and two children, and is a part-time officer with the Orange County Sheriff's Department. He was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service, and will be a good fit to help serve the townspeople. As of November 1st, Sgt. Charles Stephens took a full-time position with the Windsor County Courts. Sgt. Stephens is still a member of our Department, but in a much smaller role. This has left the Police Department shorthanded, and has caused a drastic reduction in police coverage.

As I stated in last year's Town Report, the Thetford Police Department is still interested in forming some type of citizen committee consisting of representatives from each of the villages. We realize that every community would love to think of their town as free of crime, but the reality is that they are not. Thetford is no exception, and the continuing growth in the Upper Valley has resulted in an increase in calls for police service.

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES: call 911

FOR OTHER POLICE SERVICES: 785-2200 - Thetford Police Department or Vermont State Police will answer you.

All of us at the Thetford Police Department are committed to help you in whatever way we can.

Respectfully Submitted,
James P. Krakowiecki, Chief

Part Time Officer:
Officer David Eggum

Special Events Officers:
Sgt. Charles Stephens
Officer Drew Havens
Officer Dean Marthers

Thetford Police Department Incident Report - 2000	
Accidents- Motor Vehicle	78
Accidents - Aircraft	2
Arson	3
Assault	4
Aggravated Assault	1
Arrest	5
Animal Complaints	41
Assist Other Police Agencies	28
Assist Other Fire/Medical Agencies	57
Burglaries	4
Citizen Assists	87
Check Fraud	8
Drug Violation	4
Drug Arrest	1
DWI Arrest	1
Domestic Violence	19
Found Property	6
House Alarms	18
911 Hangup	18
Missing Persons	9
Malicious Damage	23
Motor Vehicle Stops	464
Motor Vehicle Complaints	23
Suspicious Activity	41
Stalking	3
Stolen Property	5
Stolen Vehicles	5
Recovered Stolen Property	2
Recovered Stolen Vehicles	2
Theft	23
Threats	9
Sexual Assaults	3
Vehicle Identification Checks	103
TOTAL	1100

VERMONT STATE POLICE ANNUAL REPORT - 2000

The Y2K scare turned out to be a bust as the year 2000 came in without a problem. We were prepared for any contingency with extra troopers working throughout the night and day. In fact, just in case, no one in the Department of Public Safety was allowed annual leave starting Christmas and ending January 2, 2000. Everyone was relieved when the New Year started without any surprises.

The Bradford Barracks was busy again this last year and I don't foresee the trend changing. Bradford was a relatively senior barracks until this year at which time one trooper received a promotion and several transferred to other assignments. The end result is that the Bradford Barracks has essentially four new troopers working the area. We wish those that left the best in their new assignments.

If you haven't noticed the trend, burglaries and petty thefts are on the rise. Heroin and other drugs that are so prevalent even in our rural area, are driving much of the crime. I urge all of you to watch out for your neighbor's best interest, lock your doors, and take the keys out of your car. I know many of you have dreaded the day that crime would infiltrate your town, but it is here. I'm not a pessimist, nor am I saying that the good life is over. I ask only that you be alert, help others, and don't provide temptation for those not as reputable as yourself.

Below are the overall FY 2000 statistics for the ten towns that the Bradford Barracks is responsible for, and a breakdown of the State Police activity in your particular town. I have not listed the literally hundreds of miscellaneous calls for which we do not draw a law incident card.

Respectfully submitted,

Lt. Michael P. Jennings
Troop C, Bradford

Selected VSP 2000 Statistics (Troop C Coverage Area)	
Incidents	2117
Arrests	365
Traffic Tickets	1326
Traffic Warnings	990
DWI's	105

VSP STATISTICS - THETFORD - 2000

Accident- Damage - Dmv Report	1
Accident - Damage - Short Form	27
Accident - Fatal (Traffic)	1
Accident - Injury - Short Form	6
Agency Assist	25
Aircraft Problem	1
Alarm	1
Arson Motor Vehicle	1
Arson Other Structure, Uninhabited	1
Assault Simple, Not Aggravated	2
Attempt to Locate	1
Attempted Theft Automobile	1
Burglary No Force Residence	2
Burglary Force Non-residence	1
Citizen Dispute	4
Citizen Assist	18
Controlled Substance/possess Other	1
Disturbing the Peace	1
Dui of Liquor	13
False Information on Report	2
False Alarm	3
Family Offenses, Other	4
Fraud, Checks Closed Accounts	1
Fugitive	1
Interstate Highway Regulations	1
Juvenile Problem	4
Larceny Bicycles	1
Larceny All Other	6
Larceny from Building	1
Lewd, Immoral Practices	1
Littering	1
Lost or Found Property	1
Lsa Motor Vehicle	2
Missing Person	1
Motor Vehicle, Disturbances	22
Runaway Juvenile	3
Sex Offense, Forcible Rape	1
Speeding 20+ Interstate	1
Suspicion	11
Suspicious Person/circumstance	3
Traffic Offense	1
Traffic Hazard	1
Vandalism - Misc.	2
Vandalism, Commercial Building	1
Vandalism of Motor Vehicles	2
Vandalism, Schools, Public Property	2
Total Incidents - Thetford	188

THETFORD FAST SQUAD

It has been another exciting year for the Thetford FAST Squad. The squad was organized for the sole purpose of providing emergency medical service to the Town of Thetford. The squad is staffed by 18 volunteers who carry pagers and respond at any time of day or night. Generally we are able to respond to emergencies within minutes. We continue to work closely with the Thetford's Police, Fire and Highway Departments in managing emergencies.

One of our focuses is on community service and public education. We continue to provide safety information to the community on a variety of topics at the Fire Department's Annual Chicken BBQ. Each fall, we offer our services at two of the larger cross-country meets at the Thetford Academy, staffing a first aid room and locations throughout the trail system. Plans are currently underway for an Automated External Defibrillator course to be offered to town employees. We have also had several requests for a CPR course for the general public.

We continue to emphasize training for the members of our squad. This year several members attended weekend schools in topics such as pediatric trauma, airplane emergencies, trauma assessment and motorcycle injuries. We continue to hold monthly squad drills on a variety of pertinent topics with an open invitation to other area squads to join us. Additionally many of our members are Thetford firefighters and have training in the areas of hazardous materials, vehicle rescue, and incident command.

In the year 2000, we responded to 106 emergencies, including 23 motor vehicle accidents. We also responded to 11 incidents in our neighboring towns as mutual aid.

Type of Call	Total
Chest Pain	4
Medical Problem	19
Motor Vehicle Accident	23
Other	10
Shortness of Breath	16
Trauma	21
Unknown Medical	13
Grand Total	106

We continued to add to our membership list this year by accepting three new certified EMT Basics. This brings our current roster to 18 volunteers.

President Mariah Capurso	April Cutter	David Goodrich
Vice-President Don Fifield	David Saturley	George Stowell
Treasurer Janet Stowell	Brenda Moore	Tim Ouellette
Secretary Karen Ingalls	Wendy Cole	Roxy Maxfield
Spunk Kuehlwein	Bill Wallace	Jeff Sirjane
Drew Havens	Bart Koop	Tim Moore

We strive to provide the town with a professional level of emergency service. Those interested in becoming members of the squad should contact any member or call 785-2412. Thank you for your continued support over the last year. We look forward to continuing our service to the Town of Thetford.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Mariah Capurso, President

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC.

Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service since July 1, 1990. In the past ten years, Upper Valley will have responded to over 13,000 ambulance calls. This year we have responded to over 770 requests for medical assistance from the eight communities we serve.

2000 has proven to be a very challenging year. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and its associated legislation placed ambulance services on a fee schedule beginning January 1, 2001. Like many other small businesses we have absorbed double digit increases in both health insurance and workers compensation coverage. Despite the fragile reimbursement landscape, we have been able to continue providing a high level of service, while preparing for the additional reimbursement challenges that lie ahead. We have expanded the range of ambulance services we contractually provide to DHMC which we hope will help stabilize some of the revenue losses.

After countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors have approved the 2000 budget reflecting no increase in our request of \$15.00/per capita.

We appreciate the Fairlee Selectboard who worked with us to design an addition to our station and the townspeople who approved the construction bond. We invite you to stop by for a tour. Lectures, demonstrations and CPR classes are all available for the general public. For further information please call 802-333-4043.

Our Domicile Risk Assessment Program "Home Sweet Home ... Home Safe Home" continues to grow. Members of Upper Valley Ambulance trained in identifying hazards in and around your home will meet with you to offer recommendations for a safer home environment. We strongly urge everyone to take advantage of this free program. If you would like to schedule an assessment, or would like to volunteer to assist us with this worthwhile program, please give our office a call.

Many of you are familiar with 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, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee.

We encourage you to join your friends and neighbors who stop by to visit or have their blood pressure checked 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.

This past July 1, we celebrated our tenth year of service with an open house and safety demonstration day. Thanks to all who donated items or stopped by to celebrate with us. Finally, we would like to invite you to our 10th Anniversary Celebration to be held this July. 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.

Sincerely,

Larry Lancaster, Chair
 Board of Directors

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thetford Volunteer Fire Department
Message From The Chief

The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the sole purpose of providing emergency services to the Town of Thetford. The community's support through taxes and donations is both essential and appreciated. Dedicated individuals carry pagers 24 hours a day and respond to emergencies day or night. This year the Fire Department responded to 100 calls, a milestone for the department. Fourteen Firefighters are also EMT's and respond with the FAST Squad. Between the two organizations we responded to over 200 emergencies during the year 2000. Last year 1363 hours were given to handle emergencies. Here is a summary of the emergencies that the Fire Department responded to.

SUMMARY OF EMERGENCIES BY TYPE FOR YEAR 2000

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER
Air Craft Crash	2
Alarms (Fire, CO)	11
Chimney Fires	1
Haz-Mat	2
Smoke / Odor Investigations	9
Mutual Aid	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	34
Power Line (Fire or Hazard)	4
Public Assists	5
Rescue Calls	2
Structure Fires	5
Vehicle Fires	13
Wildland Fires	3
Total	100

HOURS DONATED

ACTIVITY	HOURS
Emergencies	1363 Hours
Drills/Training	540 Hours
Work Details	354 Hours
Support/Operational	1402 Hours
Total	3659 Hours

In addition to the time spent responding to emergencies, countless hours are spent training, maintaining equipment, apparatus, buildings and grounds, as well as keeping the organization functioning. During my second year as Chief, I have averaged 17.5 hours per week of non-emergency related time dedicated to the Fire Department. In March we started making an effort to track and document the hours other members spent behind the scene during non-emergency time. Not every activity was documented by any means but the amount of hours that were recorded during last year reflects the dedication of the small group of volunteers that serve the Town. From March 1st to December 31st 2000 1365 hours were documented. This reflects a tremendous commitment to the Town on the part of our volunteers as well as a significant savings to Thetford. If our emergency service organizations were staffed with paid personnel, or if members received payment for their time, the financial sum would be tremendous.

Each year our membership changes. People move, commitments change, people retire and we are constantly faced with recruiting new members. Then the process of training new personnel begins. It takes many hours of training and experience to become to a well-rounded firefighter. An individual member trains in specialized areas of interest so that collectively we are better prepared as a whole to handle what confronts us. National statistics indicate that only 3 in 10 volunteer firefighters are with their respective departments after 5 years. This represents a large volume of turnover, while TVFD does significantly better; we still have the need for new volunteers.

We need new members, including junior firefighters, and support staff for non-firefighting, non-emergency duty. Consider joining us in some capacity - come talk with us!

HIGHLIGHTS:

✧ Our new Engine is working out very well. It had a major impact on the first structure fire it responded to. Five firefighters stepped off the engine with air packs on their backs ready to fight fire at a cellar fire early one morning. Crucial time was saved since personnel did not have to don air packs at the scene. The fire was extinguished, much property saved, and the house could be repaired.

✧ During FY2000 Tanker 1 was refurbished (with non-tax dollars) and the 17 year old power plant for the "Jaws" of Life Rescue Tool was replaced. Motor vehicle accidents still account for approximately 30% of our emergency calls each year. Working with the FAST Squad, replacement of the Rescue will be one of our next priorities once the mortgage (again non-tax funding) from the addition to the station is paid off.

✧ For the 5th year in a row TVFD had firefighters attend the 3 day Firehouse Conference and Exhibit in Baltimore, Maryland. Six firefighters paid their own expenses for travel and lodging to participate in the training and Expo. Top fire service personnel from around the nation speak during the morning and the exhibit hall opens in the afternoon.

✧ Five firefighters are working towards completing their Vermont Firefighter Level I Certification representing over 180 hours of proficiency based training and testing. Upon their completion, seventeen Thetford Firefighters will have achieved this level of Certification and training.

✧ Our second annual Halloween Trick or Treat site was again a huge success. Well over 200 people stopped by the Fire Station and we lost count. Your donation of candy for the event helps make it possible and we enjoy having people stop by and visit the station.

✧ Jean Ulman has joined Laurie Ingalls, Penny Sirjane and Roxy Maxfield as support staff bringing food and water to emergencies. More help is needed, we are trying to establish a organized group to ensure that people are available to assist during and after emergencies. Contact us if you are interested in helping with this.

CURRENT FIREFIGHTERS (indicates also a member of Board of Trustees)**

INTERIOR CLASSIFICATION:	Chief Tim Moore	Deputy Don Fifield**	Asst. Drew Havens**
	Capt. Chad Whitcomb**	Capt. Brenda Moore	Lieut. Jeff Sirjane
	Guy Cook	John Brown**	Mariah Capurso
	David Goodrich**	Tammy Johnson	Shannon Kuehlwein**
	Tim Ouellette	Brian Ricker	David Saturley
	Bill Wallace	Dan Whitcomb	
ACTIVE CLASSIFICATION:	Janet Stowell	Rick Dresser	Darryl Carvel
CALL CLASSIFICATION:	Ben Tilden	Russ Bragg	Butch Moore
	Chris Demarest	Greg Timmons	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:	Jean Ulman	Daniel Birnbaum	one vacant position

Respectfully Submitted,
Tim Moore, Chief

Thetford Volunteer Fire Department Financial Statement Year Ending 12/31/2000			
REVENUES	2000 BUDGET	2000 ACTUAL	2001 BUDGET
Town Appropriation	\$53,650.00	\$53,750.00	\$56,425.00
Interest Earned	100.00	77.42	75.00
Grant Money Received		\$2,905.15	\$0.00
Total Revenues	\$53,750.00	\$53,827.42	\$56,500.00
EXPENDITURES			
Administration			
Chief's Stipend	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Dispatch Service	1,250.00	1,628.00	1,750.00
Insurance	13,500.00	13,486.00	14,000.00
Fees	50.00	26.03	50.00
Office Supplies & Postage	500.00	675.66	500.00
Public Relations & Fire Safety	250.00	540.03	500.00
Subscriptions & Dues	750.00	446.00	500.00
Tax Return Preparation	400.00	400.00	300.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,377.02	1,400.00
Total Administration	\$19,350.00	\$19,828.74	\$20,250.00
Buildings & Grounds			
Electric	1,800.00	2,133.01	2,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	500.00	401.24	500.00
Heating Fuel Oil	1,750.00	2,490.14	2,500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	5,000.00	3,467.64	5,500.00
Total Buildings & Grounds	\$9,050.00	\$8,492.03	\$10,500.00
Firefighter Health & Safety			
Gear Maintenance	700.00	667.17	600.00
Gear & Personal Protective Equip.	4,200.00	3,897.55	4,200.00
Health Safety	500.00	0.00	500.00
Re-hydration & Food	200.00	19.17	200.00
Total Firefighter Health & Safety	\$5,600.00	\$4,583.89	\$5,500.00
Training			
Training Courses & Expenses	2,000.00	2,782.28	2,500.00
Training Corporation Membership	250.00	250.00	250.00
Total Training	\$2,250.00	\$3,032.28	\$2,750.00
Vehicles & Equipment			
Equipment Maintenance	2,000.00	2,750.41	2,000.00
Equipment Replacement	8,500.00	9,606.03	9,000.00
Vehicle Fuel	1,500.00	1,457.24	1,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	5,000.00	3,536.42	5,000.00
Total Vehicles & Equipment	\$17,000.00	\$17,350.10	\$17,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$53,750.00	\$53,287.04	\$56,500.00

Prepared by David Goodrich

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVENTORY

Garage Equipment

Steam Jenny - 2000
 20 Ton Jack - 2000
 Air Grease Gun - 2000
 Chop saw - 2000
 Line Feed Welder - 2000
 Torch Set
 Stick Welder
 Pressure Washer
 Battery Charger
 Assorted Hand Tools (wrenches, hammer, etc.)
 Ladders (20' metal, 32' wood, 16' fiberglass)
 Water Pump
 Drill Press
 Air Compressor
 Creepers (3)
 Torque Wrench
 Hand Dolly (2)
 Roll - around Tool Box
 Portable Generator (needs repair)
 Salamander Heater
 Transmission Jack

Highway Equipment

2000 International Dump Truck
 1999 International Dump Truck
 1996 International Dump Truck
 1996 Ford 1 Ton Truck
 1997 Galion Grader
 1996 Fiat Allis Loader/Backhoe
 1990 John Deere Tractor w/bucket and mower
 1986 York Road Rake
 Plows, Wings and Sanders
 Trailer Mounted Chloride Tanks (2)
 Chloride Tank (2500 gal.)
 Equipment Trailer
 Eager Beaver Chipper
 Chainsaw (4) - 2 new 2000
 Logger's Chaps (2)
 Limb Pruner - 2000
 Power tamp (compactor)
 Transit
 Shovels, Rakes, Etc.

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE										
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Chipper (15 yrs) '02, '17			10,000.00	10,000.00						
Mower (10 yrs) '04, '14					7,500.00	7,500.00				
Truck 1 (6 yrs) '96, '01, '07		12,750.00	12,750.00	12,750.00	12,750.00			16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Truck 2 (7 yrs) '96, '03				20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00			
Truck 3 (7 yrs) '98, '05	13,956.00	13,956.00				22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	
Truck 4 (7 yrs) '00, '07	15,600.00	15,600.00	15,600.00	15,600.00				24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Grader (12 yrs) '97, '09	20,400.00									30,000.00
Loader (10 yrs) '99, '09	19,855.00	19,855.00	19,855.00							25,000.00
Total Projected Expenditures:	69,811.00	62,161.00	58,205.00	58,350.00	40,250.00	49,500.00	42,000.00	62,000.00	62,000.00	95,000.00
Fund Balance January 1:	42,406.79	39,475.58	44,430.31	53,786.57	63,458.40	92,618.82	113,524.76	143,351.00	153,668.55	164,501.98
Projected Contribution:	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
Projected Expenditures:	69,811.00	62,161.00	58,205.00	58,350.00	40,250.00	49,500.00	42,000.00	62,000.00	62,000.00	95,000.00
Fund Balance December 31:	37,595.79	42,314.58	51,225.31	60,436.57	88,208.40	108,118.82	136,524.76	146,351.00	156,668.55	134,501.98
Balance with averaged interest:	\$39,475.58	\$44,430.31	\$53,786.57	\$63,458.40	\$92,618.82	\$113,524.76	\$143,351.00	\$153,668.55	\$164,501.98	\$164,501.98

EMPLOYEE SALARIES - PROPOSED 2001	
Rates are per hour, unless otherwise noted	
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/DEL. TAX COLLECTOR	\$14.40
ASSISTANT TREASURER	11.15
ASSISTANT CLERK	9.00
OFFICE ASSISTANT	7.50
POLICE CHIEF (BI/WEEKLY SALARY)	1,219.06
SPECIAL OFFICER 1	12.00
HEALTH OFFICER	10.58
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	11.47
AUDITORS	225.00
BALLOT CLERKS	5.00
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE/BALLOT COUNTERS (PER MTG)	5.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	10.00
RECYCLING COORDINATOR	15.00
ASST. RECYCLING COORDINATOR	10.00
ROAD COMMISSIONER	14.42
ROAD FOREMAN	12.00
ROAD CREW	11.10
ROAD CREW	10.82
SELECTBOARD (YEARLY STIPEND)	700.00
SELECTBOARD CLERK	12.50
LISTERS	9.20
LIFEGUARDS (FULL TIME)	300.00
RECREATION 1	7.00
RECREATION 2	5.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Budget Committee is approving this year's Town and Highway Budgets with reservations.

It is dismaying that the tax levy will increase by 15% on average, but there are certain increases over which we have no control.

The 4% cost of living increases for full-time employees, plus additional insurance benefits, are reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Brown
Roxy Maxfield
Nancy Vosburg

(LACK OF) AUDITORS' REPORT

For the *third* year in a row, the Town of Thetford is without a Board of Auditors. Let this report serve as notice that:

1. The Town of Thetford *has* no Auditors,
2. Town Financial Information presented in this report was once again prepared by the Town Clerk's Office with the assistance of Jane Burroughs, CPA, of Fothergill, Segale and Valley.

Roberta C. Howard
Treasurer, Town of Thetford

FINANCIAL REPORTS**YEAR ENDING****DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**TOWN OF THETFORD
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2000**

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 timing 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.

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, 2000, the Town's long-term debt consisted of three notes payable:

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$ 11,250.00 plus interest, due July 15, 2002, total \$ 15,000.00.
- To Merchants Bank, annual principal payments of \$ 57,724.25 plus interest, due November 15, 2002, total \$ 115,448.50.
- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$ 11,270.50 plus interest, due July 15, 2004, total \$ 45,082.00

The total amount of long term debt is \$ 175,530.50

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 2001. 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, 2000

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Fund	General Long Term Debt	TOTALS (memo only)
ASSETS					
Cash	63,434.59	0.00	174,399.29	0.00	237,833.88
Taxes Receivable	195,415.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	195,415.35
Due from Employees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Receivables	10,007.17	96.11	0.00	0.00	10,103.28
Due from (to) Other Funds	(139,298.74)	15,048.76	70,079.02	0.00	(54,170.96)
Long-Term Debt			0.00	175,530.00	175,530.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$129,558.37	\$15,144.87	\$244,478.31	\$175,530.00	\$564,711.55
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY FUNDS					
Accounts Payable	7,728.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,728.77
Due to Schools	19,465.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,465.18
Due to (from) other Funds	(54,170.96)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(54,170.96)
Due to (from) Accruals	(3,858.14)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Notes Payable		0.00	0.00	175,530.00	175,530.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	(\$30,835.15)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175,530.00	\$144,694.85
FUND BALANCE					
Restricted	0.00	0.00	244,478.31	0.00	244,478.31
Unrestricted	110,393.52	15,144.87	0.00	0.00	125,538.39
Restricted for Delinquent Taxes	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$160,393.52	\$15,144.87	\$244,478.31	\$0.00	\$420,016.70
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
	\$129,558.37	\$15,144.87	\$244,478.31	\$175,530.00	\$564,711.55

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO FUND BALANCE
TOWN AND HIGHWAY FUNDS - 2000

	General Fund			Highway Fund		Totals (Memo Only)
	Undesignated	Reserved for Delinquent Taxes	Special Revenues Transfer	Undesignated	Special Revenues Transfer	
FUND BALANCE 12/31/99	\$72,525.23	\$50,000.00		\$76,933.39		\$199,458.62
Total Revenues	712,435.03			527,619.65		1,240,054.68
Total Expenses	674,566.74			589,408.17		1,263,974.91
Transfers to Designated and Reserved			91,345.00		104,000.00	195,345.00
FUND BALANCE 12/31/00	\$110,393.52	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,144.87	\$0.00	\$175,538.39

TOWN of THETFORD, VERMONT				
STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Year Ending December 31, 2000				
Account	Balance 12/31/99	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 12/31/00
Town Hall Improvements	\$183.53	\$12,352.00	\$183.53	\$12,352.00
Treasure Island	3,837.83	141.48	0.00	3,979.31
Emergency Mgmt/E-911	1,261.68	0.00	0.00	1,261.68
Cruiser Replacement	21,633.07	15,975.00	29,296.00	8,312.07
Restoration of Records	4,633.98	866.00	0.00	5,499.98
Recycling	22,985.33	52,770.00	0.00	75,755.33
Act 200	4,756.93	1,986.59	0.00	6,743.52
Equipment	45,780.00	112,591.00	115,964.21	42,406.79
UV Bridge	11,599.87	40,821.00	0.00	52,420.87
Conservation Commission	1,668.40	42.33	0.00	1,710.73
COPS Account	26,400.12	723.91	23,400.32	3,723.71
EEGL Funds - Re-appraisal	9,667.00	10,645.32	0.00	20,312.32
Town Hall Feasibility Study	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
TOTALS	\$164,407.74	\$248,914.63	\$168,844.06	\$244,478.31

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT					
SUMMARY OF LONG TERM DEBT - DECEMBER 31, 2000					
Equipment	Financing Source	Balance 12/31/99	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Balance 12/31/00
Galion Grader (1997)					
	State of VT Municipal Loan	20,000.00	20,000.00	400.00	0.00
International Dump Truck (1998)					
	State of VT Municipal Loan	30,000.00	15,000.00	600.00	15,000.00
Fire Engine (1999)					
	Merchants Bank	173,172.75	57,724.25	7,835.47	115,448.50
Fiat-Allis Backhoe-Loader (Leased)					
	Associates Commercial Leasing	42,923.42	15,637.89	4,216.52	42,923.42
International Dump Truck (2000)					
	State of VT Municipal Loan	0.00			45,082.00
Totals		\$266,096.17	\$108,362.14	\$13,051.99	\$218,453.92

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
GENERAL FUND REVENUES					
1 Town Clerk Fees	15,000.00	17,532.50	15,000.00	16,205.30	15,000.00
2 Delinquent Tax Penalty	14,000.00	9,948.04	12,000.00	14,310.85	12,000.00
3 Interest - Delinquent Taxes	15,000.00	12,710.70	13,500.00	17,274.47	14,000.00
4 Interest	15,000.00	18,052.60	15,000.00	27,557.38	15,000.00
5 Use of Town Records **	0.00	635.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Liquor Licenses	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
7 Dog Fines	100.00	0.00	50.00	30.00	50.00
8 Dog Penalties	500.00	715.00	700.00	900.00	700.00
9 Dog Licenses	2,000.00	1,887.50	2,000.00	1,932.00	2,000.00
10 Zoning Fees	4,000.00	5,238.40	4,000.00	4,777.26	4,000.00
11 Sub. Division Fees	400.00	260.00	400.00	380.00	400.00
12 PC/ZBA Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13 Septic Fees	1,200.00	1,495.00	1,200.00	1,120.00	1,200.00
14 Selectmen's Promotional	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15 Copying Fees	2,250.00	2,114.36	2,500.00	1,967.51	2,000.00
16 Office supplies	50.00	77.45	50.00	93.00	50.00
17 Zoning Materials	200.00	210.00	200.00	112.50	150.00
18 Communications	25.00	41.15	25.00	40.75	25.00
19 Computer Receipts	100.00	46.00	100.00	47.50	50.00
20 Traffic Fines	2,000.00	5,673.78	2,000.00	11,604.39	2,000.00
21 Police Receipts	500.00	6,575.19	500.00	1,283.83	500.00
22 Police Dept-Outside Funding			6,000.00	4,200.66	5,280.00
23 Sale of Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00
24 Lister's Research	50.00	20.00	25.00	5.00	25.00
25 Listers Changes - Re-bills	0.00	726.33	0.00	440.74	0.00
26 Equalization Study-Reappraisal **		9,667.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27 Current Use Withdrawals		2,102.87	0.00	3,588.60	0.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
28 Recycling Receipts	0.00	1,435.62	1,500.00	2,297.31	1,500.00
29 Treasure Island	15,000.00	18,371.00	17,500.00	14,949.00	15,000.00
30 Insurance Refunds	0.00	1,419.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
31 Federal Land Entitlement	700.00	733.00	700.00	772.00	700.00
32 Flood Control/Water Res.	900.00	3,675.00	900.00	966.00	900.00
33 Forest & Parks Tax	970.00	1,176.64	970.00	1,038.34	1,000.00
34 Railroad Tax	1,500.00	2,396.72	0.00	2,595.84	1,500.00
35 PILOT Revenues	100.00	1,360.00	100.00	851.00	100.00
36 Miscellaneous	500.00	370.65	500.00	286.88	500.00
37 Special appropriations-tax levy	139,517.00	97,940.86	77,800.00	77,800.00	0.00
38 Town Tax Levy	281,145.00	281,145.00	458,802.92	458,802.92	494,428.63
39 Hold Harmless Revenue	0.00	40,849.00	0.00	43,964.00	0.00
40 Subtotal Gen. Revenue Fund	\$512,907.00	\$546,802.84	\$634,222.92	\$712,435.03	\$590,258.63
41 Gen. Fund Surplus-Prior year	99,999.95	101,886.88	70,644.08	70,644.08	108,512.37
42					
43 Total General Fund Revenue	\$612,906.95	\$648,689.72	\$704,867.00	\$783,079.11	\$698,771.00
GEN. FUND EXPENDITURES					
44 Selectmen's Salaries	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
46 Selectmen's Clerk	1,500.00	834.89	2,000.00	2,401.53	2,500.00
47 Selectmen's Contingency	2,500.00	3,261.01	2,500.00	2,387.08	2,500.00
48 Social Security	10,635.00	9,632.90	10,650.00	11,333.76	11,334.00
49 Dental Plan					7,300.00
50 Advertising	1,000.00	1,741.34	1,500.00	1,674.05	1,500.00
51 V.L.C.T.	1,466.00	1,466.00	1,466.00	1,569.00	1,588.00
52 Dues & Meetings	500.00	150.00	500.00	165.00	500.00
53 Unemployment	2,711.00	2,711.00	2,205.00	2,205.00	3,305.00
54 Workers Comp	8,166.84	7,944.00	0.00	1,074.18	0.00
55 Insurance	14,150.00	13,307.38	22,258.00	22,430.00	27,000.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
56 Tax Mapping	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,235.00
57 Legal Services	7,500.00	1,822.04	7,500.00	1,991.08	2,500.00
58 Travel	200.00	274.04	300.00	735.28	500.00
59 Professional Audit	2,000.00	1,100.00	2,000.00	970.00	2,000.00
60 Fire Warden	1,250.00	1,148.35	3,500.00	2,987.52	3,568.00
61 Total Selectmen	\$58,313.84	\$50,127.95	\$61,114.00	\$56,658.48	\$70,830.00
62					
63 Town Report	4,000.00	3,479.05	4,000.00	3,816.27	4,000.00
64 Restoration of Records					
65 Total Records	\$4,000.00	\$3,479.05	\$4,000.00	\$3,816.27	\$4,000.00
66					
67 Town Office Supplies	3,000.00	2,545.33	2,500.00	2,588.96	3,000.00
68 Copier Contract Support	500.00	407.83	500.00	325.00	500.00
69 Copier Maint/Supplies	1,050.00	259.00	1,000.00	789.49	1,000.00
70 Computer Software/Support	1,750.00	1,302.79	1,750.00	1,446.90	1,960.00
71 Computer Maintenance	300.00	0.00	300.00	180.00	300.00
72 Computer Supplies/Equipment	1,500.00	319.85	500.00	116.68	500.00
73 Telephone	3,500.00	5,550.51	3,500.00	3,653.70	3,700.00
74 Postage	3,000.00	2,099.11	2,500.00	2,577.41	2,700.00
75 Dues and Meetings	400.00	0.00	400.00	40.00	400.00
76 Payroll Service	1,500.00	1,891.48	1,600.00	2,141.37	1,800.00
77 Equipment Maintenance	200.00	9.95	200.00	34.35	200.00
78 Tools & Equipment	1,200.00	531.35	500.00	411.10	1,000.00
79 Total Town Office	\$17,900.00	\$14,917.20	\$15,250.00	\$14,304.96	\$17,060.00
80					
81 BCA Expenses	300.00	0.00	300.00	755.00	1,000.00
82 Workshops & Meetings	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
83 Election Officials	400.00	44.00	1,000.00	751.00	500.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
84 Election Supplies				252.60	
85 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.36	
86 Total BCA/Elections	\$800.00	\$44.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,789.96	\$1,600.00
87					
88 Auditors	675.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
89 Dues & Meetings - Auditor	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
90 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
91 Total Bookkeeping/Auditors	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
92					
93 Listers Salaries	28,000.00	26,986.29	29,500.00	26,525.19	36,300.00
94 Supplies and Miscellaneous	200.00	237.51	250.00	148.52	1,000.00
95 Service Contract	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
96 Telephone & advertising	70.00	30.02	70.00	36.49	250.00
97 Postage	250.00	190.00	200.00	246.65	2,500.00
98 Dues and Meetings	400.00	1,065.00	500.00	255.00	300.00
99 Professional Services	500.00	2,162.50	500.00	0.00	30,300.00
100 Travel	200.00	350.60	300.00	274.84	300.00
101 Equipment	1,200.00	1,124.77	500.00	677.00	5,000.00
102 Total Listers	\$31,020.00	\$32,346.69	\$32,020.00	\$28,363.69	\$76,150.00
103					
104 Town Clerk's Salary	30,128.93	28,971.98	31,032.00	31,432.80	32,273.00
105 Asst Clerk/Bookkeeper	22,510.38	17,773.62	23,185.00	24,784.90	24,600.00
106 Town Office Assistant	3,026.00	3,026.00	3,117.00	1,121.16	3,000.00
107 Town Clerk Benefits	3,956.00	3,788.34	4,332.00	4,383.61	4,770.00
108 Asst. Clerk Benefits	2,324.00	2,294.30	2,700.00	2,885.30	2,970.00
109 Deductibles - Clerk	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
110 Deductibles - Asst. Clerk	200.00	0.00	200.00	400.00	200.00
111 Total Town Clerk	\$62,345.31	\$55,854.24	\$64,766.00	\$65,007.77	\$68,013.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
112					
113	Zoning Administrator	4,532.94	6,000.00	4,843.32	6,240.00
114	Supplies	686.45	600.00	134.05	500.00
115	Advertising	617.12	650.00	302.39	500.00
116	Postage / Telephone	383.92	400.00	229.36	400.00
117	Dues and Meetings	60.00	120.00	90.00	120.00
118	RPC Dues	1,902.00	2,695.00	2,694.00	2,695.00
119	Legal Services	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
120	Travel	50.00	96.96	89.36	75.00
121	Equipment	750.00	648.00	332.00	4,500.00
122	Total Planning/Zoning	\$11,104.00	\$8,927.39	\$11,540.00	\$15,530.00
123					
124	Janitor	1,162.80	1,160.02	1,173.02	1,200.00
125	Supplies	100.00	48.13	119.17	100.00
126	Rubbish Removal	300.00	203.54	231.37	300.00
127	Repairs and Maintenance	20,100.00	11,298.14	16,721.32	0.00
128	Grounds Maintenance	350.00	245.00	87.84	350.00
129	Utilities	2,500.00	2,682.80	3,480.82	3,000.00
130	Equipment	500.00	582.99	275.00	600.00
131	Alarm Service	170.00	0.00	170.00	135.00
132	Total Town Hall	\$25,182.80	\$16,220.62	\$22,258.54	\$5,685.00
133					
134	Conservation Supplies	75.00	0.00	75.00	75.00
135	Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
136	Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
137	Dues, Meetings	150.00	160.00	114.95	150.00
138	Professional/Legal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
139	Newsletter	250.00	29.70	35.00	250.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
140	Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
141	Conservation Trust Fund	250.00	550.00	250.00	250.00
142	Project Support	450.00	148.50	450.00	450.00
143	Total Conservation	\$1,175.00	\$888.20	\$1,175.00	\$1,175.00
144					
145	Emergency Management	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,000.00
146	Total Emergency Mgmt.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,000.00
147					
148	Constable	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
149	Police Chief	7,479.00	7,966.50	11,008.00	17,230.00
150	Special Officer	22,064.00	25,701.25	22,064.00	24,960.00
151	Grants/Outside Funding Payroll	600.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
152	Supplies	600.00	760.07	600.00	600.00
153	Computer	5,762.00	791.71	8,762.00	2,000.00
154	Special Officer Start-up	1,000.00	1,610.78	0.00	5,280.00
155	Radio/ Dispatch	8,300.00	10,690.00	11,500.00	7,600.00
156	Dues and Meetings	100.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
157	Police Training	1,000.00	200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
158	Contracted Services	0.00	126.00	0.00	200.00
159	Vehicle Repair	1,000.00	3,276.65	1,500.00	1,500.00
160	Travel	1,200.00	2,955.36	3,000.00	4,000.00
161	Equipment, Repair, Radio	2,000.00	1,843.62	6,000.00	2,000.00
162	Vehicle Replacement	5,000.00	5,000.00	9,000.00	5,000.00
163	Telephone			3,500.00	3,500.00
164	Total Police	\$55,506.00	\$66,921.94	\$84,135.00	\$75,071.00
165					
166	Fire Department Operations	52,900.00	52,900.00	53,750.00	56,500.00
167	Fire Truck Payment	65,000.00	65,040.21	65,560.00	65,000.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
168	Total Fire Department	\$117,900.00	\$119,310.00	\$119,309.72	\$121,500.00
169					
170	Upper Valley Ambulance	34,132.00	36,570.00	36,570.00	36,570.00
171	Total Ambulance	\$34,132.00	\$36,570.00	\$36,570.00	\$36,570.00
172					
173	Health Officer Wages	2,000.00	505.77	1,000.00	1,000.00
174	Dues & Meetings	75.00	70.00	75.00	75.00
175	Legal Fees	0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00
176	Travel	75.00	140.97	150.00	150.00
177	Total Health Officer	\$2,150.00	\$841.74	\$1,225.00	\$1,225.00
178					
179	Animal Control Wages	1,100.00	45.05	700.00	700.00
180	Pound Fees	200.00	90.00	200.00	200.00
181	Humane Supplies	100.00	47.24	100.00	100.00
182	Licensing Supplies	450.00	233.55	450.00	450.00
183	Dues & Meetings	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
184	Dog Damage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
185	Legal Fees	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
186	Travel	200.00	6.60	200.00	200.00
187	Total Animal Control	\$2,400.00	\$422.44	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
188					
189	GUVSWMD	12,190.00	12,190.00	13,904.00	13,904.00
190	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
191	Total Solid Waste	\$12,190.00	\$12,190.00	\$13,904.00	\$13,904.00
192					
193	Recycling Salaries	4,500.00	3,066.07	7,500.00	8,000.00
194	Supplies	200.00	66.85	200.00	700.00
195	Bin Lease	2,160.00	100.00	0.00	0.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
196	Bin Pickup	13,500.00	14,578.89	15,000.00	16,000.00
197	Community Education	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
198	Travel	200.00	55.00	200.00	200.00
199	Facility Const. & Maint.	3,500.00	2,364.52	4,500.00	2,000.00
200	Container Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
201	Land Lease Start Up Cost	2,200.00	1,600.00	2,200.00	2,400.00
202	Future Site Development		120.00		0.00
203	Capital Reserve			50,000.00	
204	Total Recycling	\$26,460.00	\$21,951.33	\$79,600.00	\$29,300.00
205					
206	Cemeteries - Mowing	1,940.00	1,335.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
207	Hillside Cemetery Assn.	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
208	Post Mills Cemetery Assn.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
209	Evergreen Rest Cemetery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
210	Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
211	Repairs	5,540.00	1,425.00	10,115.00	11,000.00
212	Total Cemeteries	\$7,580.00	\$2,860.00	\$12,315.00	\$13,200.00
213					
214	Clara Martin Center	4,266.00	4,266.00	4,266.00	4,266.00
215	VNA/VNH	7,633.00	7,633.00	7,633.00	7,633.00
216	Library Federation	29,256.00	29,256.00	29,256.00	29,256.00
217	WR Council on Aging	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00
218	FAST Squad	5,286.00	5,286.00	5,286.00	5,286.00
219	VT Ctr. Independent Living	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
220	Adult Basic Education	725.00	725.00	725.00	725.00
221	The Family Place	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
222	Hospice of the Upper Valley	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00
223	Headrest	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
224 CVCAC	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
225 George Aiken RC&D	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
226 Orange County Diversion	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00
227 Upper Valley Services	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
228 Safeline	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
229 VT Green Up	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
230 GMEDC	1,264.00	1,264.00	1,264.00	1,264.00	1,264.00
231 VT Assn for the Blind	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
232 ACORN	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
233 Milfoil/Aquatic Nuisance Control			2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
234 Maple Leaf Treatment Center			300.00	300.00	300.00
235 Single Year Appropriations	18,600.00	\$2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
236 Total Appropriations	\$78,323.00	\$61,823.00	\$62,023.00	\$62,023.00	\$62,023.00
237					
238 School District	2,658,334.00	2,658,334.00	2,816,567.18	2,816,567.18	
239 Total School District	2,658,334.00	2,658,334.00	2,816,567.18	2,816,567.18	
240					
241 Recreation Supplies	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
242 Advertising	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
243 Telephone, Utilities	1,000.00	345.18	500.00	457.82	500.00
244 Repairs & Maintenance	100.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
245 Total Recreation	\$1,400.00	\$545.18	\$2,000.00	\$1,957.82	\$2,500.00
246					
247 Treasure Island Wages	9,000.00	7,415.54	8,000.00	7,020.00	8,000.00
248 Property Taxes	10,000.00	10,639.01	11,000.00	13,466.76	14,000.00
249 Supplies	150.00	293.41	200.00	107.87	300.00
250 Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
251 Telephone	250.00	209.31	250.00	0.00	250.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
252 Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
253 Insurance	500.00	0.00	550.00	0.00	500.00
254 Repairs and Maintenance	1,000.00	703.79	1,300.00	3,848.96	7,500.00
255 Utilities	500.00	516.29	550.00	596.41	550.00
256 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
257 Total Treasure Island	\$21,400.00	\$19,777.35	\$22,050.00	\$25,040.00	\$31,100.00
258					
259 Interest Expense	10,000.00	6,695.66	10,000.00	5,685.27	10,000.00
260 Total Interest	\$10,000.00	\$6,695.66	\$10,000.00	\$5,685.27	\$10,000.00
261					
262 County Tax	30,000.00	30,100.00	31,000.00	36,835.00	36,835.00
263 Total County Tax	\$30,000.00	\$30,100.00	\$31,000.00	\$36,835.00	\$36,835.00
264					
265 Veterans' Flags	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
266 Scholarships	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
267 Miscellaneous	0.00	76.87	0.00	49.22	0.00
268 Town Clerk Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
269 Real Estate Refunds	0.00	1,922.83	0.00	0.00	0.00
270 Real Estate Abatements	0.00	3,178.91	0.00	94.26	0.00
271 Bank Fees	0.00	1,406.91	1,000.00	1,465.28	1,500.00
272 EEGL Funds Reserve Transfer		9,667.00		0.00	0.00
273 Other Transfers to Res. Funds			\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
274 Total Miscellaneous	\$900.00	\$17,152.52	\$11,900.00	\$12,508.76	\$2,400.00
275					
276 Total Town Expenditures	3,271,240.95	3,234,492.71	3,523,434.18	3,491,133.92	698,771.00
277 Less School District Budget	2,658,334.00	2,658,334.00	2,816,567.18	2,816,567.18	0.00
278					
279 Town Less School	612,906.95	576,158.71	706,867.00	674,566.74	698,771.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
280 General Fund (GF) Revenues	612,906.95	648,689.72	704,867.00	783,079.11	698,771.00
281 GF Revenue less Expenditures	0.00	72,531.01	(2,000.00)	108,512.37	0.00
282					
283 General Fund Surplus Carryover	\$0.00	\$72,531.01	(\$2,000.00)	\$108,512.37	\$0.00
284 Unutilized 1999 Surplus				\$1,881.15	
285 2000 Actual Surplus (Deficit)				\$110,393.52	

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Proposed	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
1 HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES					
2 State Highway Aid	105,000.00	128,123.56	105,000.00	122,784.74	115,000.00
3 Highway Receipts	10,000.00	200.00	10,000.00	4,474.19	10,000.00
4 Sale of Fuel	500.00	134.84	250.00	1,032.82	500.00
5 Highway Materials Receipts	0.00	521.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 Highway Equip. Fund	0.00	0.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00
7 Overweight Permit Fee	0.00	140.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
8 Appropriation-UV Bridge	0.00	0.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	0.00
9 Highway Tax Levy	416,473.00	416,473.00	295,127.90	295,127.90	382,216.42
10					
11 Total Highway Revenue	\$531,973.00	\$545,593.21	\$514,377.90	\$527,619.65	\$507,916.42
12 Surplus (Deficit) Highway Fund prior year	22,150.00	22,150.00	76,933.10	76,933.10	15,144.58
13 Total Available Highway	\$554,123.00	\$567,743.21	\$591,311.00	\$604,552.75	\$523,061.00
14					
15 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES					
16 Total Highway Wages	138,161.00	127,174.93	142,305.00	128,760.38	144,000.00
17 Employee Benefits	12,548.00	12,927.36	15,000.00	13,541.73	28,400.00
18 Clothing Allowance	500.00	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
19 Social Security	10,569.00	9,808.54	10,886.00	9,850.00	11,016.00
20 Deductibles	2,000.00	400.00	1,000.00	580.30	1,000.00
21 Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22 Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23 Office Supplies	50.00	78.00	200.00	97.72	200.00
24 Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Telephone	1,400.00	1,355.61	1,400.00	1,155.35	1,400.00
26 Radio Maintenance	600.00	685.50	800.00	742.91	1,200.00
27 Dues and Meetings	100.00	30.00	100.00	174.00	200.00
28 Travel	150.00	86.72	150.00	165.76	150.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Proposed	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
29 Contingency Fund	0.00	525.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
30 Retirement Administration	75.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	75.00
31 Service Charges				37.40	0.00
32 Total Administrative	\$166,153.00	\$153,572.26	\$172,841.00	\$156,135.55	\$188,641.00
33 Maintenance Supplies	30,000.00	31,909.37	40,000.00	43,252.21	40,000.00
34 Other Maintenance Expense	2,000.00	1,572.30	3,000.00	12,960.84	5,000.00
35 Retreatment Supplies	150,000.00	124,052.37	125,000.00	126,280.05	125,000.00
36 Other Retreatment Expense	0.00	4,100.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
37 Resurfacing Supplies	11,250.00	3,356.54	11,250.00	10,616.58	11,250.00
38 Other Resurfacing Expense	11,250.00	2,009.85	11,250.00	12,057.10	11,250.00
39 Construction Supplies	3,000.00	1,267.50	2,500.00	2,171.53	2,500.00
40 Other Construction Expense	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	436.95	1,000.00
41 Winter Road Supplies	45,000.00	35,561.72	45,000.00	45,372.75	48,000.00
42 Other Winter Road Expense	9,000.00	7,874.76	9,000.00	5,433.70	11,000.00
43 Total Road Expenses	\$262,500.00	\$211,704.41	\$252,000.00	\$261,581.71	\$259,000.00
44					
45 Bridge Supplies	600.00	829.48	200.00	0.00	200.00
46 Bridge Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
47 Other Bridge Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	39,000.00	39,000.00	0.00
48 Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
49 Streetlights	5,500.00	5,893.12	6,000.00	6,275.49	6,500.00
50 Total Bridge & Streetlight Exp.	\$7,100.00	\$6,722.60	\$45,200.00	\$45,275.49	\$6,700.00
51					
52 Garage Equipment	1,000.00	1,059.47	500.00	1,145.16	500.00
53 Garage Supplies	800.00	740.12	800.00	749.06	800.00
54 Garage Repairs	6,500.00	4,505.35	7,500.00	2,383.47	5,000.00
55 Garage Utilities	3,000.00	2,751.27	3,000.00	3,186.41	3,400.00
56 Rubbish Removal	300.00	289.52	300.00	351.57	350.00
57 Alarm Service	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00

	1999 Budget	1999 Actual	2000 Proposed	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
58 Vehicle Fuel	11,000.00	9,472.99	11,000.00	16,507.64	15,000.00
59 Oil	2,000.00	1,650.94	2,000.00	1,323.38	2,000.00
60 Vehicle Supplies	200.00	140.15	200.00	40.48	100.00
61 Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
62 Insurance Deductible	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
63 Highway Equipment Fund	60,000.00	60,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	0.00
64 Equipment and Payments	7,000.00	7,778.00	3,300.00	0.00	3,700.00
65 Vehicle Repair Parts	21,000.00	27,944.20	21,000.00	28,079.77	30,000.00
66 Vehicle Repair Tools	1,100.00	1,006.50	3,000.00	3,417.97	3,200.00
67 Vehicle Warranties	2,300.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,030.00	2,500.00
68 Total Town Garage	\$116,870.00	\$117,508.51	\$120,270.00	\$124,384.91	\$66,720.00
69 Highway Signs	1,500.00	1,302.33	1,000.00	2,030.51	2,000.00
70 Total Highway Signs	\$1,500.00	\$1,302.33	\$1,000.00	\$2,030.51	\$2,000.00
71					
72 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$554,123.00	\$490,810.11	591,311.00	589,408.17	523,061.00
73					
74 Highway Fund (HF) Revenues	\$554,123.00	\$567,743.21	\$591,311.00	\$604,552.75	\$523,061.00
75 HF Revenue less Expenditures	\$0.00	\$76,933.10	\$0.00	\$15,144.58	\$0.00
76					
77 Highway Surplus (Deficit)	\$0.00	\$76,933.10	\$0.00	\$15,144.58	\$0.00

YEAR	SUMMATION OF TAX RATE AND MONIES RAISED						ARTICLES	TAX
	TOTAL TAX	HIGHWAY	TOWN	TAX	SCHOOL	TAX		
1990	2,7084	203,072.22	196,795.75	0.2028	2,179,429.00	2.2455	49,441.00	0.0509
1991	2,9373	244,694.41	196,913.46	0.2486	2,327,776.32	2.3645	122,220.00	0.1242
1992	1,7944	217,526.92	344,518.43	0.2135	2,327,776.32	1.4425	5,709.00	0.0036
1993	1,8637	215,706.27	300,773.86	0.1877	2,412,429.43	1.5096	34,949.00	0.0318
1994	1,9346	283,067.09	303,576.07	0.1902	2,416,321.00	1.5129	86,789.00	0.0543
1995	2,0158	283,704.37	272,388.21	0.1698	2,586,914.00	1.6123	91,289.50	0.0569
1996	2,0492	229,981.97	258,946.00	0.1501	2,557,808.00	1.6690	93,706.79	0.0611
1997	2,1713	283,535.49	283,182.24	0.1793	2,780,342.00	1.7577	87,447.50	0.0553
1998	2,1465	351,148.90	296,283.14	0.1934	2,525,262.00	1.6486	103,800.00	0.0361
1999	2,2255	416,473.00	281,145.00	.1554	2,658,334.00	1.7129	97,233.00	.0889
2000	2,3675	295,127.90	458,802.92	.1862	2,816,567.18	1.7757	131,800.00	.1147

Division of Taxes - 2000	
Town	0.2909
Highway	0.1862
Warned Articles	0.1147
School District	1.7757
TOTAL	2.3675

Estimated Tax Rates for 2001 (Town, Highway, Warned Articles) Using 2000 Grand List	
Town	0.312
Highway	0.2412
Warned Articles	0.0626
TOTAL	0.6158

ANNUAL REPORTS

COMMUNITY, AREA and STATE ORGANIZATIONS

PEABODY LIBRARY

In its 134th year, children met every Wednesday to read together at the Peabody Library. A St. Patrick's Concert brought a standing room crowd to hear Celtic music. Valley quest created a quest at the library during the month of March. Young patrons carried the library banner in the West Fairlee Memorial Day Parade. In August the fifth Penny Carnival brought large crowds while September saw a popular library crowd in the Post Mills Labor Day parade. The Twelfth Annual Holiday Readings were read for young and old by the librarian.

The Paperback Book Sale continued on the porch all summer providing reading to the many folks of the Lake Fairlee region. Suzanne Houston's green thumb and El Wilson's watering can nourished the flowers gracing the front of the library all summer. Burt Porter came to present New England Ballads.

Vermont Authors were explored every other Wednesday night. This series was made possible by the VT Council on the Humanities and the dedicated efforts of Jean Gerber.

The Library had a record 1,545 visitors borrowing 841 books from the library's own collection with more than 525 state books lent from the Regional Library. 137 Books on Tape also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. A total of 1,366 titles circulated from the library in 2000 for an average of 26 titles a week.

On Wednesday afternoons throughout the year younger readers gathered to practice their skills by working on projects together and listening to stories. Their energy and enthusiasm were inspired by Olivia Chapman.

The vigorous energy of the library trustees and volunteers insured another fine year for the cherished Peabody Library. Fundraising efforts produced some fine contributions and many wishes for a cherished library.

Come visit Thetford's oldest library in 2001 and experience an environment of abiding dignity and grace. With your continued support, The Peabody Library is 135 years young in 2001.

Hours: Tuesday: 5:00 - 8:00 PM; Wednesday: 2:00 - 8:30 PM

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This year the Latham Memorial Library lost a loyal and devoted supporter with the passing of John Scotford. His graphic designs graced many library efforts and his logo for the Antique Show and Sale has defined the library's identity for more than twenty years. John's wit and his curiosity live on in the library he gave to so faithfully.

In 2000 the trustees worked steadily on a long-range vision of expanding library services. Additional library hours were offered on Tuesday mornings for six months from May to October.

Programs included a book discussion series exploring "The Holocaust", made possible by the Vermont Council on the Humanities. Local Authors gave readings through the winter months. Opera North and the VT Earth Institute offered programs in May. I Gotta Groove gave two rousing performances to young audiences. Coordinating with Thetford Reads, the library co-hosted a book giveaway on Halloween. The first Science in the Stacks exhibit cosponsored with the Montshire Museum and the Institute for Museum and Library Services arrived in December and begins a year long national pilot project between libraries and science museums.

From three visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,674 books and these state books were taken out 1,288 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 1070 videos were borrowed from almost 30 video series offered by the library from the LUV Video Co-op. 102 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 109 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 16,319 with 13,233 people coming to use the library; a new record in attendance! 608 visitors came to view the exhibits in the Bicentennial Gallery. 965 books-on-tape circulated this year.

During the past year the library bought 185 books and 25 books on tape for children and adults. 316 titles were added to the library's shelves. 70 donated magazine subscriptions produced a total of 97 magazines with three newspapers.

The library provided space for 82 meetings of the Saturday Night Step meeting of the AA, Parish Players, the Thetford Hill Improvement Society, the Recycling Committee, the Thetford Garden Club, the Thetford Recreation Committee, Adult Basic Education, the Thetford Conservation Commission, and the Thetford Hill Water Coop.

All these activities are dependent on voluntary efforts from many members of the community. Alice Gnaedinger, Pat Pinder, and Inge Trebitz worked with patience and good humor behind the scenes to process books and download records. Charlie Eastridge and Ciel Haviland put away many books, sorted magazines and have covered the front desk. Jesse Cook has been a consistent Saturday volunteer. Connie Snyder has been working Monday nights and alternate Fridays. Nancy Schindler keeps story time eternally young.

It is the many willing volunteers who keep the library open six days a week throughout the year and who make possible the antique show in August. Your support of the Library through the annual appeal assures the success of your library.

Stop by in 2001. If we don't have what you need, we can get it for you.

Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. and you are always welcome.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

Hours

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

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

One main purpose of our Federation is to work, through our member libraries, to maintain and improve library service in the town. This year those member libraries-- Latham, Peabody, the Academy, Elementary School and the Historical Society-- have continued their work, circulating many books, providing computer access to information, running book discussion groups and story hours, having programs to encourage reading and book ownership and bringing history to class groups. Each member library has its own organization and does its own fundraising.

Our other main purpose is to maintain our Bicentennial Building, which, in addition to serving as a free home for Latham Library and the library and archives of the Historical Society, continues to provide a meeting place for several local organizations and, in its downstairs gallery, a place for monthly exhibits by local artists, photographers and school classes. The cost of maintaining the building has increased this year. A new electric rate has increased that cost. This winter's supply of oil was bought at an increase of 45 per cent. Though we have done some spot painting the last two summers, the whole exterior of the building will need to be painted next summer.

For our work, we have three sources of income. The appropriation which the town has voted us every year since our founding pays for most of our grants to Latham and Peabody Libraries. These grants provide more than half their operating budgets. We also fund special library programs at the Academy and Elementary School. For the rest of our expenses we depend on income from our endowment and on what we raise each year from an annual giving campaign. In 1999-2000, this campaign raised \$5,195 from 88 donors; in the 2000-2001 campaign which began in September, 52 donors have so far given \$3,375. We will probably end this year with a small deficit. Next year's budget projects a larger deficit caused by higher electric and oil rates and also by increased requests from Latham and Peabody Libraries in order to bring the public librarian's salary up to the level of others in the area and region.

Charles Latham, Clerk

THETFORD HILL PARISH PLAYERS

The Parish Players have been busy since the last Town Meeting. A new foundation for the Eclipse Grange building was poured and a new septic system has been installed. Volunteers have been working steadily every Sunday to deconstruct the interior of the building so that carpenters and plumbers and electricians would have room to reconstruct a stage space (wider, higher and deeper than the original) and provide an audience space that was safe, warm, dry, level and comfortable. Months were spent steadily dragging "stuff" from the building, recycling materials, and removing construction debris.

Steel beams have been installed on steel pillars to support the ceiling of the audience hall. The ceiling and walls of the hall will have a double layer of fire resistant sheetrock. Two new floors have been laid for the storage spaces above the hall and above the stage. Improved fire exits will exist for the hall and the stage area.

The old kitchen will be renovated into a comfortable "green room" (where actors wait to enter the stage) and two restrooms to serve both audience and cast. The space above the old kitchen will become dressing rooms for the cast. Improved fire exits will be incorporated into these areas. Contributions are still gratefully accepted for these costly improvements.

This Spring the Grange building will be connected to the Thetford Hill Water Coop and the Players will begin moving back into their home.

The Players wish to thank the Town of Thetford for their efforts in helping improve this historic structure. Thanks to the help and support of many people from Thetford the Players are pleased and proud to produce a theater facility in Thetford for the next half century. We invite you to come to our debut production in the newly renovated Grange!

The Parish Players

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This has been a very busy active year for all phases of the Society. We have continued to open our historical library three days a week, and have gotten a lot of processing done. Martha Wiencke finished organizing thirty boxes of town documents, a job she has been working on for several years. Louise Vaughan and Lilla Willey finished sorting hundreds of 200 year-old documents rescued from the Orange County Courthouse, and we have distributed to thirty other towns documents pertaining to them. Marian Fifield has been organizing the many articles written by Charles Hughes. Joyce Bonnett has kept busy typing catalog cards and collection guides. Barbara Condict has identified and organized hundreds of photographs from the Hughes collection, and the books from his estate have all been catalogued. We have received several valuable acquisitions, especially photographs from two members of the Bond family and a number of early books from Peter Blodgett.

In June we were among 80 local historical societies participating in the Vermont History Expo at the fairgrounds in Tunbridge. About 9,000 people attended. We had an exhibit on the Chubb fishrod factory. We continued our program to bring the 5th and 6th grades at the Elementary School to both our Barn Museum and the historical library. Joe Deffner brought 7th grade classes from the Academy to the library, and there were follow-up projects, some coordinated with Valley Quest. During the summer a photographer from Valley Quest took pictures of a number of items in our museum to use as illustrations for their new booklet. Charles Latham did some work with the human geography class at the Academy.

In July, we had exhibits for the Thetford Hill Fair, and in July in the Bicentennial Gallery we had an exhibit of paintings and prints from the estate of Charles Hughes. At our annual meeting, Art and Dianne Sharkey talked about their experiences running the Stone House Inn.

Early in the year we reprinted, with the author's permission, Collamer Abbott's "Green Mountain Copper", the best available source on the Ely mine in Vershire, with a chapter on the Elizabeth mine in Strafford. This has been selling well, as have several of our other publications.

The Charles and Fannie Hughes Barn Museum was open Sunday afternoons in August, drawing about a hundred visitors. A major improvement was new laminated signs made for us by Ingeborg Trebitz. Leaks in the roof of the main barn necessitated re-roofing most of the building and in the process, we put a new roof on Sheldon Miller's ashhouse. We had more new shelving built in our storage building and made some progress on sorting and organizing the large number of items we inherited from Charles Hughes.

Submitted by
The Thetford Historical Society

HISTORICAL REPORT

About two years ago, Marian and Don Fifield received word from then Thetford Police Chief Charlie Stephens that a number of early documents from the Orange County Court in Chelsea had been thrown out into a dumpster, but had been saved by deputy sheriffs and stored in a garage. Representatives of the historical societies in Thetford, Corinth, and Strafford rescued the documents, about two-thirds going to Corinth. The societies agreed to sort the documents by town, based on the person sued, and then to distribute the sorted documents to the historical societies in the towns concerned.

The Fifields first stored Thetford's share in their henhouse, and began the sorting process. Marian wrote an article for the December 2000 issue of "Behind The Times" describing what happened. As winter came on, the documents moved to the workroom of the Historical Society library, and the work was carried on by Louise Vaughan (who had to wear a mask to protect her from mold on the documents) and Lilla Willey. By last spring, after about two years' work, Thetford's share of the papers was sorted and was distributed to about thirty local historical societies. Lots of surprising towns were included, because at one, time Orange County extended all the way to the Canadian border. A number of towns did not have historical societies. Their documents were given to the library of The Vermont Historical Society. We then took on the documents which Strafford had taken but given up on, finished sorting those, and distributed those. Corinth has safely stored the ones they took, but have not done any sorting.

Next, the court documents concerning people in Thetford were sorted by type - summonses, depositions, jury duty, et cetera - and then put in chronological order by type. This short paper is a first attempt to show the kind of information the collection yields.

Over two-thirds of the Thetford collection are summonses and attachments, dated 1782 - 1886, but mainly before 1800. Almost all these papers, except for a few calling witnesses for trials, have to do either with a debt or with a court judgment, either calling the debtor to answer a charge, or summoning him to fulfil a court judgment against him.

In the summons, the sheriff of the county or either of the constables of the town, is ordered to summon the debtor to appear in court at a given time to answer to the plaintiff for a given sum. On the back of the summons, the sheriff or constable notes that "ye within was read in ye hearing of ye within named." Sometimes the back of the summons also tells what happened when the case came to court: the plaintiff did not appear and the case was dropped; defendant did not appear ("disappeared") and was judged in default, and so forth.

Attachments were used when a case had come to court and a judgment had been given. On these, the officer is directed to seize or attach property in order to get the judgment paid. "And for want of such money, goods, or chattels, you are commanded to take the body of the said." In later documents, the debt was usually expressed in dollars, though the use of pounds, shillings, and pence was common for a long time. The earliest judgments in this collection, however, go back to the 1780s, when Vermont was not a state and was still considering whether to join Canada or the United States. The state had no mint except for copper coins and no reliable paper money. So, when the amount of a debt was described, it was as "lawful money", "lawful silver money", "hard money", or "lawful money of New Hampshire."

In a few cases, the debt was in goods. Sometimes, a money debt was settled in goods. In December 1784 Joseph Horsford, owed nine pounds seven shillings three pence, received payment in the form of a black heifer priced at 13 bushels of wheat at five shillings a bushel, and one hog weighing two hundred pounds at four pence per pound. In December 1782, Simeon Crane sued Walter Abbott of Thetford for "Tow [sic] thousand [feet] of good marchantable pine Timber to be D[elivered] at the mouth of Stoney Brook where Jacob Hathaway[s] sawmill stands".

Other debts were expressed as "wheat at a Dollar a bushel" or "bushels of good merchantable wheat". In September 1783, Joseph Green of "Norwich" sued Johan Burges of Thetford for nine bushels of wheat. Carrying out this writ, Sheriff Abner Chamberlin reported that "I at[t]ached ... a sarten [certain] quantity of whe[a]t... deposited in John Chamberlin's barn in the sou[th] e[ast] comer in a hors[e] stable as also another quantity in a long hovel at the e[ast] end of the s[ai]d Barn."

Most of the amounts mentioned in suits were comparatively small, from fifteen shillings to fifteen pounds. The largest debt among the early papers was 200 pounds, owed by Eldad Post who founded Post Mills in 1779. In 1787, he was sued by the executors of the estate of Charles Hinckley of Lebanon from whom he had bought a piece of land. The suit was settled by taking back from Post fifty - three acres fifty - eight rods in one lot and three acres 114 rods in another.

Two suits are reminders of the time during the Revolution when Thetford drove out its Tories and confiscated some of their land. The most prominent of those Tories were Clement Sumner, Thetford's first minister and his brother Thomas Sumner. In two suits in October 1784, John Strong, who built the first mill in North Thetford (on the stretch of Gun Brook between Latham Road and Route 5) sued "Thos Sumner late absconded fr[om] this town and said to be within his Britannick Majesty's Dominions". Strong received two parcels of land, totalling about five acres, "of land being a part of the Lot called Gun Brook".

Most of the documents are single sheets, with an order on the front and with one or many endorsements on the back telling how the order was carried out. However, one series of papers, from 1854, gives a good picture of how a case might drag on. On 26 April 1854, Welcome D. Abbott was summoned to "Campbell's [Comer?] school house" by Justice of the Peace Charles Barnett to answer to John Hubbard for \$100. On 6 May Abbott was summoned to answer to Isaiah M. Newcomb for \$100 for a list of services including: "drawing potatoes to depot, work at auction time, 1 pair double reins, 1 chain, 1 day's work butchering, carrying to Lake and back, helping move, on 6 and 13 May, Abbott did not appear and justice Barnett concluded that he was out of state and had not received the summons. When he did not appear on 20 May, Barnett judged him in default and awarded Newcomb \$28.99, subject to review. On 26 September, Abbott finally showed up in court. The case was reviewed and Abbott was awarded the return of his \$28.99. To enforce this judgment, Deputy Sheriff Cyrel Barrettt reported that "by virtue of this writ I attached as the property of the defendant [Newcomb] one gig waggon and one cow." It is not clear where the case went from there.

The year 1797 brings a new kind of document, the bail bond. This is a promise to pay signed by a person in prison, and co-signed by another who guarantees payment. The bond states that, "now a prisoner in the Common Gaol in guarantees that he "shall faithfully and absolutely remain within the limits of said Gaol-Yard" and therefore is now "admitted to the Liberties of said Prison." It is not clear what these liberties were or how far the gaol yard extended. Eldad Post's sons each appear in two of these bonds in 1797: Israel Post with bonds of \$600 and \$750 and Aaron Post with bonds of \$500 in one case and \$100 in the other.

Aaron Post also appears in two documents of 1796 in which disputes between him and two men in Fairlee are settled by three referees, Jacob Bayley of Newbury, Ebenezer Senter and Jonathan Sawyer. The referees report their decision to the county court.

In the collection is a folder of papers concerning jury duty in the county court, which was sometimes at Newbury and sometimes at Chelsea. These followed a regular procedure. The clerk of the county court would issue to the county sheriff an order to summon a number (fifteen or eighteen or after 1828, twenty-seven) of "able, judicious freeholders" to serve as grand or petit jurors on a given date. He would specify how many, usually from one to three, each town was to provide. The sheriff would then appoint deputy sheriffs to take certain towns.

Some types of document are quite rare in the collection. One is a report by Justice of the Peace Beriah Loomis of licenses he had issued during the year 1810. There were several licenses in other towns. In Thetford, Joseph Reed (who lived where Rik Fowle now lives) got a license for a tavern and James White (who built the yellow house next to the Thetford Hill church) got a license to retail wines and spirits.

One might expect to see a good many depositions in this collection, but there are only five, dated 1794-1799. One deals with a debt, one with the soundness of two potash kettles and two with paternity suits. The fifth deposition is quite colorful. It dates from 1797 and was made by Bathsheba Wallace of Rice's Mills, a well-known midwife and the wife of Thetford's Revolutionary War hero Richard Wallace. She testifies that on a March night in 1796, "a man by the name of Fulsom" and a woman knocked at her door and asked for shelter for the night. Bathsheba provided a bed downstairs. The couple were observed by family members, both in bed with their clothes hanging on a chair, from which it was concluded that they were sleeping "as man and wife." Fulsom departed the next morning without paying his "reckoning", but promised to return and pay it. Sometime later, he came back with another man, Asa English, who paid the reckoning and then came back to tell Bathsheba that Fulsom's name was really Tucker and that the woman was Michael Ordway's wife. This deposition was probably used in a suit for divorce.

In a note also signed in 1797, Joseph Amsden and his son agree to pay Bathsheba's husband Richard Wallace "four suitable six feet oxen and one middling cow not more than eight years old" for "carpenter and joiners work in setting up a house frame and so far compleating the joiner work as the above sum will do" In other words a bargain completely in terms of goods and services. Wallace is known to have made furniture and to have built his own house in Rice's Mills, but this is the first evidence that he did carpenter work for others. The earliest papers in this collection are signed by Israel Smith, Justice of the Peace. In 1794 he begins to sign as a judge. Beriah Loomis appears as justice of the peace in 1792 and as assistant judge in 1797. James White appears as justice in 1795 and signs most of the papers from 1797 on. After 1790, all of these three lived around the common on Thetford Hill which began to grow as a village only after the meeting house was built in 1787. Timothy Bartholomew, who lived in North Thetford, signed one document in 1796. Abner Chamberlin signs as county sheriff in 1783. Appearing most often as town constables are John Strong, Jonathan Nichols, and John Chamberlin, Jr.

This account barely scratches the surface of what can be found in these papers, which are among the earliest in our archives. Together with the thirty boxes of town documents now completely processed by Martha Wiencke after several years of work, they can be an invaluable source of information about who lived in Thetford a hundred to two hundred years ago and how they lived.

Charles Latham
Thetford Historical Society

THETFORD HILL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society (THVIS) 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 the community". There are no paid positions in the Society, and most services are rendered free by citizens of the community.

Two major events occur with the Society: The Thetford Hill Fair and the Annual Meeting. The Thetford Hill Fair is run by the THVIS, and the Ladies Benevolent Society of Thetford. Last year, the Fair took place on July 29, 2000, and thanks to the efforts of loyal community members, it was a success. This year, the Fair will be held on July 28, 2001. The Fair Planning Committee will meet in June and volunteers are always appreciated to assist with this community activity. Anyone interested in lending a helping hand can call Peter Blodgett at the Library for details. (785-4361).

The year 2005 will mark the 100th anniversary of THVIS. We would like to plan an appropriate celebration of the event, so if anyone has ideas on how to honor the anniversary, or has photographs and/or stories that they would like to share about the Thetford Hill Common, THVIS wants you!! The Annual Meeting of the THVIS will be on Monday, August 27, 2001 at 7:30 PM in the Latham Memorial Library, Thetford Hill, Vermont. Any resident who regards the village of Thetford Hill as the center of their community life is welcome and encouraged to attend all THVIS activities.

Joan Tomasi, President

THE AMERICAN LEGION, INC., THETFORD POST #79

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. Our meetinghouse is located on Thetford Hill, opposite Thetford Elementary School. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month, except January and February, at 7.00 PM.

Flags for all known veterans' graves are put out before Memorial ay and removed when possible after November 11th. We would like to thank the Thetford Boy Scouts for their help on this project. Please notify the Legion of any veterans buried in the town of Thetford so a flag can be placed at the gravesite. Flag etiquette has been taught for several years at the area schools.

On loan free to anyone who needs their use are the following items of hospital and invalid equipment: hospital beds, wheelchairs, bedpans, crutches, walkers, commodes, various canes and other items. Some of the items listed 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. If you need to borrow equipment, or wish to donate equipment that is no longer needed, please contact any Legion member listed below. Please notify any of the same members before returning equipment so it can be put safely inside.

This Post welcomes all veterans who served honorably in all our wars and conflicts. We ask that you join in remembering our fallen comrades. Thank You from Post #79.

	Commander Raymond "Fred" Adams	785-4331	
Adjutant Nathan Pero	333-4671	Chaplain Robert L. Bacon	785-2663
Financial Officer Alford Stone	785-4503	Service Officer Stephen F. Ingalls	785-3190

THETFORD BOY SCOUT TROOP 772

Camping has become a four season activity for the Thetford Boy Scouts. Winter camping included both a night encamped at Treasure Island and another in Eden Vermont. Fishing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and building winter shelters were just a few of the outdoor activities enjoyed by the boys. We attended both Fall and Spring Camporees in northern Vermont, and as usual, the Thetford Boy Scouts were able to demonstrate their spirit and skills in a number of camp wide competitions. A first place finisher in the cooking competition, were baked apples filled with green tomato mincemeat, a recipe reproduced from the depression era. Camping at Kettle Pond in Groton State Park has become a tradition with this Troop. This last year, the Scouts focused on advancement and a lot of hard work produced both rank advancement and merit badges earned. As has been the practice for a number of years now, the Troop attended a week of Scout Camp at Mt. Norris this last Summer. Usual summer camp activities were interspersed with merit badge classes and a good time was had by all.

A Scout Ski Day was well attended by both Scouts and Scout families at Whaleback Ski Area last March. Some scouts strapped on skis for the first time and by the end of the day were keeping up with the group. A number of Scouts marched in the second annual Veterans Day parade, paying tribute to Servicemen and Veterans from all over Vermont. The Scouts have teamed up with a Dartmouth College fraternity on a couple of occasions this last year for some fun together. We attended a hockey game and played a softball game followed by a BBQ and socializing with the fraternity members some of whom are Eagle Scouts.

Two Thetford adult leaders were recognized as "Outstanding Unit Leaders" in their district last Spring. Jim LaMontagne and Bill Huff were recognized at the annual district awards banquet.

Merit Badges earned this last year run the gambit from Fishing to First Aid and Communications to Citizenship in the community. Special emphasis on the Eagle required badges this Winter have gotten several of our Scouts very close to earning the prestigious Eagle rank. Special thanks are offered to the Thetford Fish and Game Club and in particular, Rhett Scruggs for the time spent coaching our Troop on the shotgun range this Fall. Not only did several of the boys become quite good shots, but some Scout Moms got to take their first shots ever on the range as well.

Service to others is one mission of the Scouts and everybody can be proud of the example these boys have set over the last year. For instance, the Troop painted over graffiti that had shown up on several interstate under/over passes, completed several service projects at Summer Camp, donated pumpkins to David's House this last Fall, helped deliver some remembrance baskets last December, and donated money to the Annual David's House drive with a challenge to other Upper Valley Troops to do the same. While no other Troops came forward to meet the challenge, two Eagle Scouts from Dartmouth stepped forward and donated, thus effectively tripling the donation from the Thetford Troop.

I would like to thank the residents of Thetford for their never ending support of the Scouts. Your generous patronage of our fund raising activities ensures that this youth group will continue to produce upstanding future citizens of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Huff, Assistant Scout Master

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2064

We are now known as "Girl Scouts of Swift Water Council.... Where Girls Grow Strong". A new name and slogan for the new millennium. There are other changes being made to each levels badge and handbooks but the goals of scouting will always remain..... to develop self-potential; to relate to others; to develop values; and to contribute to society.

Our past year of scouting has been a fun and exciting one for us all. We have had many experiences and adventures that will stay in our memories for many years to come. One of our favorite activities is selling Girl Scout cookies. The girls not only raise their own funds for projects and events but learn some valuable lessons along the way ... goal setting, teamwork to reach those goals, social skills and business skills. Last year, more than half of the girls were able to help their parents pay for weeks at summer camp. We thank all of you who have supported us in this once a year event.

Of our many adventures, some of our favorites have been: providing child care at the annual town meeting (to over 30 children last year); attending a Dartmouth Women's basketball game to see them win the Ivy League Championship (and even meet some of the players); delivering baby items to the first girl born during Girl Scout week; an afternoon of bowling and pizza; roller skating at Great View Rink; attending Thinking Day celebration in Bradford; making May baskets and delivering them to a local nursing home; hiking to the Girl Scout cabin on Mt Tom in Woodstock and getting some spring cleaning done there; doing the ropes course at Hanover High School and our trip to Camp Seawood in Portsmouth (we love exploring the ocean's tidal pools).

Last years troop was awarded the "Tip Top Troop" award and a \$25 certificate toward any council sponsored event. This is the second year in a row that we have earned this award. "A troop that earns this award should know that they have had an outstanding, well rounded, year in scouting."

This fall we had a record twenty girls register and join the troop. Some, joining girls scouts for the first time. Our meetings also moved from evening to after school. So far we have been quite busy with an awesome time at Riverview farms, riding the hay wagon to the orchard to pick apples, seeing the cider press and then later, using the apples for baking. We have also.... attended Juliette Low's Birthday party with other scouts in Lebanon; helped serve the meal at the Community Center's Harvest Dinner; ran errands at the Fall Foliage-Five run; provided baked goodies for the poll workers at this fall's election; attended the "Ride the Wave" cookie kick off in Lebanon; and helped host the Community Center's Holiday celebration.

We would like to thank the Thetford Community Association for allowing us to use their facility for our weekly meetings; David Cushman for making an extra bus stop on Wednesday's; the Thetford Community and the parents of the girls for their help and support in all our endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
Junior Troop 2064 Co-Leaders

Helen Huff & Carol Mullen

THETFORD CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Thetford Center Community Association, which began in 1949, is to "improve and beautify the village of Thetford Center and to promote the welfare of the Community". The Association is open to anyone who has an interest in Thetford Center, not just its residents. Member dues are payable in January for the following year and are three dollars per person or five dollars for a family. The dues can be paid anytime during the year and are applicable only to that calendar year.

The Community Association puts on potluck dinners, thank-you dinners such as the one for the Emergency Management Services, dessert socials, a Holiday party, and fund-raisers. Each year the Association awards a scholarship to a deserving Academy graduate from Thetford Center.

The Association owns and maintains the old schoolhouse building in the village of Thetford Center. The Community Building is used by members of the Association, of other groups and of the community at large. It is located in the Thetford Center Historic District and is on the National Historic Register. It serves as a Parish Hall by Timothy Frost Methodist Church for their coffee hours, meetings and other gatherings. Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, other non-profit organizations and political groups also meet there. The Thetford Center Fellowship of Women holds luncheons there for Senior Citizens and for the Retired Teachers Association. Families and other groups use the building for reunions, gatherings and wedding receptions.

This beautiful and historic building needs your help. Become an Association member. This spring join the volunteer crew that will begin working to restore and update the building to its full potential. Volunteer to help put on a dinner and raise scholarship money. Be involved with an event as a planner or just participate and enjoy the benefits of close knit, small-town life in Vermont!

Individuals and organizations are welcome to rent the Community Building. For rates and further information contact one of the following officers: Bruce Slack - President, Sue Clark - Vice-President, Bob Pulaski - Treasurer, Marty Moses - Secretary, Sue Rump - Publicity, Charlie and Lisa Ladd - Membership.

Upcoming events include potluck dinners on March 10, and April 7; restoration weekends on April 28, May 5 and May 12, and Springfest at the end of May. Come and join us!



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 another improvement to our program. A number of groups, companies and individuals have contributed to these efforts. During the past years have continued the improvements to the new fields. The backstop has been installed on the small baseball field behind the elementary school. TYS thanks the Town of Thetford for the \$1500.00 given to the program last year. A number of companies and individuals have contributed to TYS, including but not limited to, L. H. Cook Co, Sam Eaton, Johnny Johnson, Twin State Sand & Gravel and our coaches and volunteers who have helped make this past year a great success.

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. 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, etc. There are significant safety and utilization issues and we continue to strongly support and encourage efforts to solve this problem. There is a need for a reinvigorated Recreation Committee in Town.

TYS has and will continue to offer its support to the Taylor Field recreation project in Post Mills. TYS has two members on the committee, Bob Leach and Mark McMahon. TYS also is participating in The Gym committee. Bob Leach is the active member for the TYS board.

There is much to do and we encourage your interest. Please contact a member if you want to get involved. Current members are: Bev Carpenter, Steve Fifield, Loretta Gray, Robin Wagner, Susan Arnold, Chuck Metz, Ted Levin, Tony Thurston, Mark McMahon, Bob Leach and Brian Smith.

"Thank you" to Ray Chapin and Russ Eaton for their years of service to TYS.

Submitted by Loretta Gray

THETFORD SNOW COASTERS

The Thetford Snow Coasters snowmobile club has worked very hard to improve trails in town. Our goal is to widen trails for safety and for the enjoyment of all who use them. We have our meetings on the 1st Tuesday of each month, November-April. The meeting places change from month to month. For more information, please call me at 785-4701. We also have club rides, events and fund raisers.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask people to please stay on the trails and respect the landowners' property. We would also like to thank the landowners for the use of their land. Without them, we could not enjoy the sport that we love. Thank you for your support.

Phillip O'Donnell, President
Thetford Snow Coasters

UPPER VALLEY FISH AND 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:	Robert Stone	Thetford Center	785-4237
Vice President:	Alford Stone	Thetford Center	785-4503
Treasurer:	Bruce Avery	North Thetford	333-9671
Secretary:	Rhett Scruggs	East Thetford	333-4067

MEMBERSHIP: Currently 171 members, 12 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 - Aug, 6:30 PM. Annual meeting is held in February.

ACTIVITIES: Ice fishing derby on Lake Fairlee in February - 136 participants in 2000. Children's fishing derby in June - 38 children participated in 2000. Sponsored a Hunter's Safety class in the summer and fall - certificates were presented to 27 students in 2000. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer - 1 was sponsored in 2000.

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

ELIZABETH MINE PROJECT UPDATE

The abandoned Elizabeth Mine, straddling the border of Thetford and Strafford, operated intermittently from 1810 to 1958. Initially, iron, then copperas (iron sulfate) and finally copper were mined from the site. The mine is considered of historical importance due to the innovative mining and manufacturing processes developed there and its contribution to our country's industrial independence from Europe. Lately, the site has become the focus of much attention and activity due to the environmental and possible health consequences of the former mining operations. Highly acidic leachate from the exposed mine tailings dissolve metals into solution and carry them down Copperas Brook where they are deposited in the Ompompanoosuc River, hurting aquatic vegetation, insect and fish populations.

In 1996 the site was listed as one of the top environmental hotspots on the Connecticut River watershed by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission and Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) declared it as the state's worst non-point source of water pollution. In response to this information, the Elizabeth Mine Study Group (EMSG), composed of concerned Thetford and Strafford residents, began studying the site to determine the nature of the problems and to see what could be done about them. The activities of the EMSG and a report on their work helped persuade the ANR to take action. The state decided to invite the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in to help address the problem. EPA began studying the problem to determine if the site is eligible for inclusion on its National Priorities List (NPL) of Superfund sites in the spring of 2000.

The Elizabeth Mine Community Advisory Group (EMCAG), a coalition of ten groups representing various segments of the local community, formed in response to EPA's entrance into the project and at EPA's request. The role of the EMCAG is to be the voice and conscience of the local community and a conduit for information flowing between EPA and the community. EMCAG meets often with EPA and ANR to discuss the project. In October, EMCAG voted unanimously to support EPA's efforts to place the site on the NPL, which would allow EPA to access funding to clean up the site. On December 1, 2000 the EPA formally proposed the Elizabeth Mine site to the NPL. There is now a 60-day public comment period on the listing. Comments to EPA must be received by Jan. 29, 2001.

It is important to understand that while the greatest activity of this project will take place at the mine site, the broader community will see its effects as well. Water quality downstream from the project could be adversely impacted in the short term during remediation work, but should be significantly improved following cleanup. The cleanup will undoubtedly bring increased heavy truck traffic on local roads. Local commerce may be affected during construction. Land values on and near the site may be affected prior to and after remediation. Long range end uses of the site, including a possible mining history and environmental education center and possible listing of the site on the National Register of Historic Places, will affect the broader community. Since the project will affect the broader community, it is important that the greater community, including the town of Thetford, become well informed about the process and be included in the discussion of the directions it might take.

Currently, the town's interests are being represented on the EMCAG by a member of the Selectboard and a member of the Conservation Commission. However, their presence at EMCAG meetings doesn't necessarily mean they can cover all the bases. In the coming months there will be many opportunities for community input and involvement during the planning phase of this project. We encourage you to get involved.

Sincerely,
Thetford Select Board, Thetford Conservation Commission, Elizabeth Mine Study Group

UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

This year, the Subcommittee has continued to provide information, advice and assistance to the states and to local landowners on a number of projects and problems on or near the river, from residential development and docks to large and small bridge repairs. We advised the State of NH on the Orford/Fairlee Bridge project, urging adequate passage for mutual aid during construction, and advising on drainage and bank stability issues.

The Subcommittee also advised the Connecticut River Joint Commissions on new riparian buffer fact sheets for landowners and towns. This free information is useful for anyone whose property lies on water, from a small brook to the Connecticut River itself. It is now available from subcommittee members, the conservation district, Cooperative Extension, and the town library. Retaining natural vegetation along the shoreline is the most effective way landowners can help protect both their riverbanks and water quality.

We advised CRJC on the newest kind of development on the horizon, telecommunications towers. Our report prompted CRJC to hold a river-wide meeting on this subject to advise towns how to guide this development so that it provides the region with good communications but does not interfere with the beauty of the river landscape.

The Subcommittee advised the states of NH & VT, Environmental Protection Agency and CRJC on a study of the health of river sediments and suggested water quality monitoring sites to the State of Vermont. We met with representatives of PG&E National Energy Group to discuss its dams, reservoirs, management of the river, and the effects of the new competitive bidding system for hydropower. We also met with the Purple Loosestrife Coalition on the effort to track populations of this invasive exotic in our area.

Towns in the Upper Valley region are reviewing the many tools and recommendations we have provided in the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan. Several communities are actively moving to incorporate them as they update their existing town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection.

The public is encouraged to participate in our meetings which take place at the Lyme Town Office on the third Tuesday evening of every other month. More information, including advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, a calendar of meetings and a summary of the Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan, is on the web at www.crjc.org/location.htm. Thetford is currently not represented on the river subcommittee. Citizens interested in representing the town are invited to contact the Selectboard.



CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have looked at a number of river-related issues that could affect the Town of Thetford, issues as wide-ranging as toxins in fish tissue to telecommunications towers in the sky. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed of the Connecticut River, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river and its valley.

Following up on the widespread public concern surrounding riverbank erosion, we have devised a way to prioritize erosion sites for restoration and have convened a technical team to evaluate the top of the Connecticut River mainstem. We are preparing to seek funding to restore several of the top priority sites next summer.

This year, we created a set of informational fact sheets to help landowners and communities learn more about riparian buffers, the stream side vegetation which is so important to protect against bank erosion and purify stream water. Copies are being distributed to all towns in the watershed. This material and more is free and also available on our web site: www.crje.org.

We continue to work to bring the attention of federal and state agencies to the Connecticut River Plan, to give local people new influence in the decisions of then, government when it comes to their river. For example, our local subcommittees called for better information on the possible toxicity of fish tissue which led this summer to an investigation of the river's fish by all four Connecticut River states, the first such river-long study in the country. We encourage towns to incorporating the River Plan into their town's master plan.

Each of our five local river subcommittees is active voice for river issues in its region. We also keep in touch through our newsletter, River Valley News.

The CRJC support efforts to safeguard natural and historic assets of the valley, and are working with valley businesses and the states of NH & VT to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in "way point communities" along the Connecticut River Scenic Byway. We are providing staff and coordination for the Byway effort.

In order to help represent the interests of valley communities in the Fifteen Mile Falls negotiations, we have been an active participant and stakeholder for the last five years, advising the states on river flow issues.

With the support of the four Senators from NH and VT, we are working hard to reinstate Our Partnership Program, which for eight years provided funds for locally inspired projects throughout the watershed.

Our monthly meetings focus public attention on a wide range of topics. Meeting topics in 2000 included mercury and pollution by other heavy metals, new opportunities for rail in the river valley, boating issues, telecommunications towers, and a possible new Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program for Connecticut River Valley farmers. We welcome the public to our meetings, held on the last Monday of each month in various locations around the river valley.

Submitted by

Sharon Francis, Executive Director

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Charter Member Municipalities: Bridgewater, Hartland, Norwich, Pomfret, Sharon, Strafford, THETFORD Vershire, West Fairlee and 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 District in 2000 are highlighted below:

GUVSWD Recycling, Hazardous Waste, and Education Programs in Thetford: Through the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program, 116 Thetford households brought approximately 1,447 gallons of HHW to six collection events, primarily at the April collection in Thetford. The next HHW event will be in May, 2001 at the Hartford Recycling Center.

Special collections were held throughout the District for tires, scrap metal, textiles, trash furniture, and books with 131 Thetford households participating. A total of 9.2 tons of material from Thetford was handled by the District.

Hartford Transfer Station Use: Approximately 57 households obtained 62 permits from the Thetford Town Office, GUV office or Town of Hartford, and purchased 818 coupons.

Special Hazardous Waste Collections: In an on-going program in conjunction with Vermont's Department of Agriculture, the District is working with growers to properly manage old and unused repositories of agricultural herbicides and pesticides. Anyone who has outdated or unneeded farm chemicals can contact the District staff to arrange collection and disposal of these toxic materials.

Revised Solid Waste Implementation Plan: GUVSWD revised its solid waste implementation plan to reflect changes in the District (Hartford withdrawal) and to prepare for anticipated regional waste management trends. The revised plan incorporates legislative and regulatory mandates and builds upon the success of the community collection programs.

Landfill Progress: A landfill study group was formed to research timing and cost considerations in order to determine the most appropriate development scenario for the regional landfill. A new landfill access road was conceptually designed including a redesign of the bridge across Interstate 91 which eliminated the center pier and produced a similar cost estimate. The District purchased a private residence adjacent to the landfill and determined it would be cost effective to relocate the District's headquarters to the site. Our new address is P.O. Box 58, 96 Mill Street (across the covered bridge), North Hartland, 05052 (phone 296-3688). Negotiations commenced with the City officials to afford all District towns uninterrupted access to the Lebanon City Landfill upon completion of the new lined cells.

We welcome your suggestions on ways to improve our services and are always on the outlook for new opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle. District events schedule for the upcoming collection season will be available at Town Meeting, in your Town Clerk's office or call the District office at 296-3688.

Fred Moody
Executive Director, GUVSWMD

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

During 2000, the Regional Commission continued providing technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocating for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. Most of our work is initiated at the request of Selectboards, Planning Commissions and other Town officials. Major accomplishments for 2000 included:

Regional and Local Transportation Planning

The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) continued working with member municipalities on local transportation projects. Two Rivers' staff continues to write many successful Transportation Enhancement Grants as well as pedestrian facility grants. We assist towns in procuring design engineers, process requisitions for payment and organize public meetings for local input. The Commission also works with towns and the state on regional transportation facilities and concepts such as rail, public transit and highways.

Local Technical Assistance

We continued to provide advice and support to town officials on a wide range of activities over the past year. This included grant writing and administration, assistance on town plan revisions, ordinance development, GIS mapping, transportation planning, and Act 250 development review. Due to increased state funding for municipal planning this year, all of our municipal members received some level of support this year.

Emergency Planning Activities

This year the Regional Commission continued an emergency planning program, continuing the tradition of offering our members technical assistance, where needed. This effort is being funded in part by a two-year Project Impact grant from FEMA. Currently, we have 28 on-going local projects under this program focused on hazard mitigation associated with natural disasters. Other programs will include assistance to communities in preparing rapid response plans, working with towns more effectively in constructing disaster resistant infrastructure, and expanded financial support for emergency shelters in the region by buying and installing emergency power generators and/or hook-ups in many schools in the region. In addition, TRORC has offered to provide each school in the region with a weather alert radio to assist administrators in protecting our children.

Economic Development Planning

In association with the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation, the Regional Commission continued working on refining a commercial/industrial sites inventory for the region. Its purpose was to document commercial/industrial space and economic planning policies for the region. In addition, we are about to complete an economic analysis that will lead to eligibility for each of our towns for federal Economic Development Administration funding. This area of Vermont has never qualified, so we are particularly pleased about this effort.

We value your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year. Please call us if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The George D. Aiken RC&D Council is here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate help to town governments, school districts, fire departments and nonprofit groups in the six southern Vermont counties. We are a voluntary nonprofit citizen's group supporting natural resource conservation, community improvement and rural development. We get technical assistance and staff help through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is self-supporting 501 (c)(3) nonpartisan organization.

We are available to your community upon your request. We bring together technical and financial resources focused on the specific needs that you may have. We rely on our extensive networks to bring the resources together to help you meet your needs. Highlights of our work in 2000 and initiatives that can HELP YOU include:

Help is available from The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force and Vermont's RC&D Councils to:

- ✧ Assist with strategic Fire Protection Water Supply Plans
- ✧ Provide technical specifications, plans and funding for Dry Hydrants/pumping basins
- ✧ Become eligible for the Jeffords Fire Safety Equipment Grant Program
- ✧ Increase cost savings on the purchase of fire safety equipment through cooperative purchasing

The Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force is a working group of the Vermont RC&D Area Councils. They worked with the state and federal government to provide grant money to Vermont communities for the Dry Hydrant and Jeffords Fire Safety Equipment Grant Program. Our staff is available to assist your community with these programs.

Over (90) towns statewide have received one or two \$1,000 grants for dry hydrants in 2000. Since May 2000 (183) Fire Departments statewide have received Jeffords Fire Safety Equipment Grants ranging from \$700-\$4,000. We anticipate having funds available to continue these effective and popular programs for 2001.

Want to save \$ while improving fishing, swimming and water supplies? Technical and financial support is available to HELP YOUR TOWNS DO JUST THAT! The Better Backroads Manual, Driveway Access Policy Guidelines and our popular Pocket Guide to Better Road Maintenance are also available.

This year the Vermont RC&D Area Councils' Better Backroads Small Grants Program awarded over \$62,340 to 21 Vermont towns for erosion control, inventories and capital budget planning and to demonstrate good road maintenance techniques and fix chronic problems. We hope to have continued funding for 2001. This program demonstrates cost effective practices for protecting the quality of waters in our streams, ponds and lakes, as well as helps to keep our backroads in good shape.

Assistance is available on a request basis for your community's needs. If you are looking for assistance in the natural resource conservation or economic development area, we may be able to help. Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organization on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our Executive Director at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

This past year has been one of our most productive at Green Mountain Economic Development Corp. (GMEDC). We have worked throughout the year to retain and create new, good jobs in the region. To this end we have facilitated access to tax credits, financing, training and other services required by our businesses. We have collaborated with our towns, Regional Planning Commissions, local development corporations, chambers of commerce and other groups to maintain and improve the business climate in the region.

As a result of this activity, millions of dollars in business assistance has flowed into the region. Assistance that has helped businesses get started or expand. These businesses have retained at least 50 existing jobs and created more than 150 new jobs. In addition to this activity, we have made progress towards establishing the region as eligible for U.S. Department of Commerce assistance through the Economic Development Administration. This is a designation that we have never enjoyed before and which can result in substantial underwriting for development projects throughout the region.

We are working with our Randolph partners to establish a new business incubator there. This incubator will be supported by Vermont Technical College and will provide unlimited opportunities for new and emerging industries from throughout our region. With our new industrial and commercial sites database, we are helping to match businesses with existing buildings more efficiently than ever before. Additionally, with our Small Business Development Center partners, we are providing help, counsel and support to many entrepreneurs who continue to fuel our economy with diverse and cutting edge businesses.

We are very thankful for the support we have received from our members and partners this past year. Without their financial and cooperative assistance we could not have realized the success we have enjoyed. We took forward to what should prove to be a banner year serving the region and its businesses.

"GREEN UP" VERMONT

Thirty years strong, Green Up Day, is when thousands of volunteers state-wide clean litter from roadsides and public places and "spruce up" our communities. "Green Up" Vermont is the not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization charged with organizing this massive clean-up effort and promoting anti-litter education with the Green Up lifestyle.

Well over 10,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up's thirtieth anniversary, May 2000, using some 30,000 bags to clean up in excess of 100 tons of trash plus loads of mixed metals and many tires. Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont. With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique tradition of annually cleaning up our entire state, so that our children grow up with Green Up.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 15 percent of our budget. The remainder comes from financial gifts from towns, individuals and businesses and is used to purchase supplies, promote awareness and pay for the services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to helping keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

Green Up Day, May 5, 2001

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

City, town and village officials joined to organize the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) in 1967. Today local governments face skyrocketing insurance needs and costs, a restructuring of the electricity delivery system; and issues concerning school funding, municipal management and through transportation of that were never contemplated 30 years ago. VLCT is governed by a 13-member board of directors comprised of 6 selectpersons, 1 mayor, 4 managers and 2 clerks from around the state and is dedicated to promoting 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. Of a total 246 cities and towns in Vermont, 245 are members of the association, including yours.

Local officials' responsibility for a vast number of laws and regulations only grows over time. In 2000, the most significant issue for local officials has been to comply with the evolving requirements of the new Equal Education Opportunity Act and Act 60 and its amendments. A new issue on the horizon for local governments is management of the waters of the state on a watershed-wide basis and the impacts of water usage on the land. VLCT puts considerable effort into providing education for local officials and expects to increase that effort in 2001. VLCT offers workshops throughout the year to health officers, planning commissions, zoning administrators, selectpersons, auditors, tax collectors, municipal attorneys and others. In addition, VLCT provides handbooks on specific subjects to guide local officials in the discharge of their responsibilities, and on request staff travel to member towns to provide specialized technical assistance on issues such as insurance packages, personnel management, mediation and negotiation. VLCT staff and attorneys are only a phone call away for local officials who have specific questions about any local government matter. Thousands of questions were answered in the past year from virtually every member municipality.

VLCT offers municipalities several insurance "trust" programs that save considerable local taxpayer dollars every year because member municipalities pool their resources to purchase insurance coverage. The VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) returned another \$1,000,000 to its 218 member municipalities, and the VLCT Unemployment Insurance Trust returned \$139,000 to its members. Since 1983, total distributions from the Health, PACIF, and Unemployment Trusts have equaled \$9,879,000.

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 Municipal Policy. This policy is developed by four committees of local officials and voted on by cities and towns at the annual meeting, which was held September 28, 2000 in Killington. 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.

ENHANCED 9-1-1 REPORT

System Operations:

The General Assembly has charged the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board with the responsibility for supervising the operation of statewide enhanced 9-1-1. The Board has established benchmarks for system performance based on nationally accepted standards. The Board fulfills its responsibilities by monitoring and auditing the database, network, Public Safety Answering Points and call-taker components of the system to assure that established performance standards are met. The Board assures compliance with the Federal ADA, trains and certifies the 9-1-1 call-takers, maintains the statewide enhanced 9-1-1 GIS database, and disseminates information about 9-1-1. The Board is active at the state and national level on a variety of issues that impact enhanced 9-1-1 service.

Network Performance:

Statistics provided are for the period December 1, 1999 through November 30, 2000.

Total 9-1-1 Calls Received:	171,492
Total Cellular 9-1-1 Calls Received:	46,619
Total Abandoned 9-1-1 Calls:	11% of total (average)
Call Set Up Time:	1.5 seconds
Time to Answer:	4 seconds (average)

The enhanced 9-1-1 network continues to perform within established benchmarks.

Please Post Your House Numbers!!!

Local emergency responders have asked the Board to deliver an urgent message to residence and business owners. Please post your 9-1-1 address if you have not already done so. Please post your 9-1-1 address where it can be seen by responders, even at night. Some neighborhoods have a confusing mixture of old and new numbers, so if you have not taken down your old number and replaced it with your new number, please do so right away. Your life or that of someone you love may depend on it.

Evelyn Bailey, Director
VT Enhanced 911 Board



VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and promote the health of all citizens. The following are highlights of some of the public health initiatives under way in your community.

The Special Supplemental Food & Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) assures a supply of nutritious foods during developmental years. During 1999, 87 women, infants and young children living in Thetford received health and nutrition screening and education as well as nutritious foods through this program.

The Health Department is responsible for investigating cases of reportable diseases like hepatitis or food poisoning. When these illnesses appear, our job is to determine the cause and to recommend measures that will control and prevent further spread of disease. In 1999, the department investigated 66 cases of reportable disease in Orange County.

Screening for breast and cervical cancer can save a woman's life. Through the Health Department's Ladies First Program, free mammograms and Pap tests are provided to Vermont women ages 40 to 64 with limited incomes. Transportation to appointments is also provided for women who have none. Thanks in part to this effort, breast cancer deaths in Vermont have decreased significantly in the past decade. In 1999, 93 women in Orange County received free cancer screening through Ladies First.

Vermont has the best childhood immunization rate in the nation: 90.5% of children 19-35 months of age are appropriately immunized. Proper vaccinations help ensure children are adequately protected against disease, and also save health care dollars. If families need help getting their children immunized, Health Department staff will assist them to find medical care and/or to get the needed vaccination. In 1999, the Health Department distributed 5570 doses of vaccine to medical providers in Orange County. This represents a value of \$48,754 to these communities, including children living in Thetford.

Approximately 6 1% of all housing in Vermont was built before 1978 and is likely to contain some amount of lead paint. This can be a serious health hazard for young children, putting developing bodies at risk for learning disabilities, behavior problems and more serious health effects. The Health Department and health care professionals work together to make sure all children are screened for lead poisoning at recommended times. In 1999, 315 children were screened for lead in Orange County: 17 (5%) were found to have elevated levels.

Federal funding is available to assure that children have access to necessary health care services. A partnership between Supervisory Unions and the Health Department can reimburse school personnel who provide certain health care services to Medicaid-insured children. In 1999, participating Supervisory Unions in Vermont received \$2 million through this program. These funds enhanced school services in a variety of ways: expand or improve school nursing (38%), mental health/substance abuse/counselors (34%), prevention programs (13%), health screening equipment (9%). The Orange East Supervisory Union participates in this program.

Responding to citizen concerns about local health threats, from sewage problems to animal bites is the job of your Town Health Officer. Every Vermont town has a Health Officer who is nominated by the Select Board and appointed by the Vermont Commissioner of Health. Health Department staff work with Town Health Officers to provide technical assistance, to assist with enforcement, to reduce local health threats and to respond during disaster situations. Your Town Health Officer's report describes last year's activities in Thetford.

If you would like to learn more about these or other efforts, or if you have a health concern, please call the Health Department's White River Jct. District Office at 1-802-295-8820.

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

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

Town funds help provide care for people who require necessary services but 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.

The Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc. provided the following services in the Town of Thetford during the past year:

VNA Visits (July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000)		Family Support Services	
Skilled Nursing	777	Families	4
Physical Therapy	245	Individuals	17
Speech Therapy	92	Home Visits	1
Occupational Therapy	28		
Medical Social Worker	10	Hospice VNH Volunteers	
Home Health Aide	974	Families Served	2
Homemaker	115		
Hospice Home Visits	11	Orange County Parent Child Center	
TOTAL:	2252	Families Served	16

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Davis, RN, MPH

THE VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Since 1926 The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired has been providing service, training and support to Vermonters with blindness or visual impairment. Our outreach includes one-on-one intensive work with children and 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 and access to and training on adaptive equipment and technology. We provide a range of volunteer services including transportation, in-home assistance and companionship and Braille transcription.

Pursuing a mission to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We continue to be the only private organization in the state which provides direct services in education, training and support to help visually impaired Vermonters adjust to vision loss. All services are provided without charge, so that no one goes without needed assistance due to financial constraints. With offices based in Brattleboro, Burlington, Montpelier, and Rutland, we serve Vermonters of all ages in every corner of the state. During our 2000 fiscal year, we provided assistance and support to over 1,300 Vermonters including four Thetford residents. We helped them to achieve independence and become contributing members of society. Thank you for enabling us to be an effective alternative for persons facing blindness or visual impairment.

If you would like additional information about the services we provide or volunteer opportunities in your area, please call our Montpelier office toll free at (877) 350-8838.

UPPER VALLEY SERVICES INC.

Upper Valley Services, Inc. is a private non-profit agency, which provides a variety of services to individuals in Orange County with developmental disabilities. We also provide a state-wide crisis program, located in Moretown, VT, for the more challenging individual. The services that we provide are as follows:

- ✧ Residential Supports - These supports range from minimal supports to individuals who reside in their own apartments, 24 hour supports in a group home setting and 24 hour supports through contracts with private providers who take the individual into their home.
- ✧ Community and Social Supports - These supports include volunteer sites, community integration, social interaction, etc.
- ✧ Vocational Supports - These supports include: training for competitive employment as well as job development services for those who do not need continual job support. In the Town of Bradford, we operate the Connecticut River Redemption Center as a job site for those individuals who wish to work there.
- ✧ Service Coordination - These supports are available to support natural families, guardians, consumers, and providers with coordination of services needed by the consumer. Our service coordinators provide 24 hour/7 days per week emergency response.

- ✧ Assessments and Evaluations - These services determine the eligibility of any individual who requests services from Upper Valley Services. State regulations require that individuals requesting services meet specific eligibility and System of Care Priority requirements.
- ✧ Crisis Services - This service is a Statewide service available to any agency/family where the consumer meets entrance criteria. The Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services determines if the consumer meets the criteria for entrance into this program. This is a short term program, usually not more than 2 weeks, with assistance to families/agencies with reintroduction into their own communities.
- ✧ Family Respite - This service provides limited funding to assist families in keeping a member with developmental disabilities within their natural home.

SAFELINE

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 550 individuals. Units of service numbered over 2,000, 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 10,000 hours of volunteer time were donated on the hotline, in hospital emergency rooms, police stations and in court.

In addition, SAFELINE continues to provide 55 educational programs to schools, para-professionals and civic groups. Over 1,000 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 informational programs. Each and every program is specifically tailored to respective age groups and areas of interest.

SAFELINE works to build safer communities through preventative education and collaboration with other groups and agencies. SAFELINE is a member of the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

SAFELINE, INC. is a 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. Nineteen 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. All staff continue to be mandated reporters of child and elder abuse.

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CLARA MARTIN CENTER

The Clara Martin Center, a non-profit community mental health center, has been serving the greater Orange County area since 1966.

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):

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| Counseling Psychiatric Services | Free Walk-In Clinic |
| Short-term crisis Intervention | Help with job training |
| School-based & Home-based services | Alcohol & other drug treatment |
| Education for families | Respite Care |
| Community resource assistance | 24-hour emergency system |

WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

Any of us might need help at one time or another. Our goal is to serve anyone who is in need of our services. Many people cannot afford the full charge and do not have insurance or Medicaid. We need town support to continue the availability of these services. The services we provide save lives and improve the quality of life for individuals and our communities. Without these needed services there are social and financial costs to schools, police, towns, etc. While demands for services have accelerated, the financial support for those services has significantly deteriorated.

FY 2000 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC::

- Children & Family Services 578
- Adult Services 317
- CSP Services* 123
- Substance Abuse Services 582
- Walk-in Clinic Services 65
- Emergency Contacts 986
- Total Served 2,651

TOTAL SERVED FROM THETFORD:

- Child & Family Services 4
- Adult Services 4
- CSP Services 3
- Substance Abuse Services 12
- Walk-in Clinic Services 1
- Total Served: 24

*CSP is our community support program that serves the chronically mentally ill population.

Submitted by the Clara Martin Center

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN THETFORD

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 child care, 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.

Two (2) CVABE volunteers from the community help to make the service accessible to Thetford residents. Seven (7) residents of Thetford were enrolled in the program

For more information about Central Vermont Adult Basic Education services, you may contact:

CVABE (main office)
18 North Main Street
Barre, Vermont 05641
(802) 476-4588

CVABE
1 Main Street - PO Box 917
Bradford, VT 05033

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC)

For 36 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 3,692 households through the Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development Programs, the Emergency Fuel Program, Family/Community Support Services, Farmworkers, Head Start and Early Head Start, Weatherization, Welfare-to-Work, and Working Wheels.

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. Central Vermont Community Action 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 122 individuals in 31 Thetford families with program services and emergency assistance. Eighteen people benefitted from the subsidized meals provided to day care homes; 70 were helped through the Emergency Fuel Program; 28 helped through Family/Community Support Services; and 3 helped with Head Start programs. Three persons were helped through having their homes weatherized to reduce 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.

ORANGE COUNTY 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 00, Orange County Diversion clients performed 1856 hours of community service and paid \$4720.00 in restitution and donations to victim related causes.

Diversion also benefits our clogged court system by freeing up court time to deal with more serious matters. In fiscal year 2000, close to 50% of the juvenile delinquency petitions filed in Orange County were referred to this program as well as 1147 criminal cases filed in adult court. This resulted in a 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 00, 172 clients were referred to OCDP. 144 were accepted into the program and served. Eighty-two percent (82%) of the clients successfully completed the program. The recidivism rate continues to remain at or below 5%. Alcohol or other drugs were directly involved in 60% of the diversion cases during the year. Of the 172 offenders referred to the program during the twelve months ending with June 2000, 129 resided in Orange County. The largest single number of offenses committed were 46 taking place in Randolph; followed by 16 in Bradford, 12 in Newbury, 11 in Williamstown, 9 in West Fairlee, 8 in Fairlee, 7 in Corinth; and the rest scattered among other towns in and outside Orange County.

Our Fiscal Year 2000 budget was funded at \$57,125.58. State funds provided fifty-six percent (56%) of the program's funding. Sixteen percent (16%) of revenue came from fees paid by offenders and the balance of twenty-eight percent (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.

HEADREST

Headrest's Inc's mission is empowering individuals and communities to take greater responsibility for their lives. Headrest offers residents of Thetford emergency shelter for homeless adults, alcohol and drug treatment services for adults and teens, 24 hour hotline crisis center, and a teen program. We are pleased to announce that as part of our 30th anniversary activities, it is our goal to increase awareness about Headrest's services to the Upper Valley.

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 returning to the mainstream from residential programs. 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 detoxification, assessment, treatment, and referral.

Trained hotline crisis 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 1-603-448-4400. These special people have expertise in handling crises involving the use of alcohol and drugs. Headrest was awarded re-certification by the American Association of Suicidology in 2000, one of only 70 in the entire country.

In addition to Headrest's local hotline and toll-free teenline (800-639-6095), education prevention programs such as Teens Taking Charge for a World Without AIDS, Teen Action Program, and alcohol and other drug treatment groups are available to the youth of Thetford and the rest of the Upper Valley.

Marcel Duclos, Executive Director

BUGBEE SENIOR CENTER - WHITE RIVER COUNCIL ON AGING

The Bugbee Senior Center is a community focal point where older adults come together for services and activities that reflect their experience and skills, enhance their dignity, support their independence, and encourage their involvement at the Center and in the community. The range of programs and activities offered include: Congregate and home delivered meals, transportation, health and wellness programming, arts and humanities programs, volunteer opportunities, educational and recreational opportunities, inter-generational activities, housing assistance, information, referral and counseling. Information and referral services are also offered to the families of older individuals. All of our services are available to Thetford residents age 60 or older, and their spouses. Our information/referral component is available to friends and families of older persons.

THETFORD UNITS OF SERVICE PROVIDED DURING 2000

1,035	Congregate meals at the senior center
1,639	Home delivered meals
52	Various health clinics
1,756	Newsletters mailed out
28	Clients assisted with social service concerns/problems
421	Opportunities for recreational or educational activities
167	Different Thetford persons over age 60 served

During 2000, we continued to offer the services of a paralegal in response to requests for assistance in more complicated matters, and the services of a primary case manager to enable older adults to stay at home and independent longer. We are constantly evaluating the services provided, and make adjustments as necessary to ensure that we remain in touch with the current need of our clients. Additionally, Melanie Cash is available to help with Medicare, insurance, housing, and many other concerns.

We provided congregate meals at the Community Center that were enjoyed by over 50 individuals, and we would be happy to make this practice ongoing if requested. Please join us Mondays through Fridays, from 8:30 - 4:30. We welcome your inquiries and participation!

Kathleen W. Avery, Executive Director

ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS MARCH 7, 2000 OFFICIAL RESULTS	
TOWN MODERATOR	
JOSEPH TOFEL	718
WRITE INS	16
SPOILED	1
BLANK	107
TOTAL	842
TOWN CLERK	
ROBERTA HOWARD	776
WRITE INS	2
SPOILED	
BLANK	64
TOTAL	842
TOWN TREASURER	
ROBERTA HOWARD	769
WRITE INS	2
SPOILED	
BLANK	71
TOTAL	842
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR	
ROBERTA HOWARD	767
WRITE INS	1
SPOILED	
BLANK	71
TOTAL	842
SELECTMAN, 3 YEAR	
R FRED ADAMS	287
MARY SPATA	442
WRITE INS	2
SPOILED	1
BLANK	110
TOTAL	842
SELECTMAN, 2 YEAR	
JUDITH BOWDEN	660
WRITE INS	15
SPOILED	1
BLANK	166
TOTAL	842

LISTER, 3 YEAR	
DENISE ADAMS	657
WRITE INS	3
SPOILED	
BLANK	182
TOTAL	842
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
FREDERICK P HOWARD	700
SPOILED	2
BLANK	140
TOTAL	842
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 4 YEAR	
LISA CELONE	673
WRITE INS	1
SPOILED	2
BLANK	140
TOTAL	842
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 4 YEAR	
EDITH HAM	650
WRITE INS	4
SPOILED	
BLANK	188
TOTAL	842
GRAND JUROR	
WRITE INS	53
SPOILED	2
BLANK	787
TOTAL	842
AGT TO PROSECUTE/DEFEND	
CHARLIE BUTTREY (WRITE IN)	24
OTHER WRITE INS	15
SPOILED	3
BLANK	800
TOTAL	842
AGT TO CONVEY PROPERTY	
CHARLIE BUTTREY (WRITE IN)	11
OTHER WRITE INS	9
SPOILED	4
BLANK	818
TOTAL	842

AUDITOR, 3 YEAR	
WRITE INS	26
SPOILED	1
BLANK	815
TOTAL	842
AUDITOR, 2 YEAR	
WRITE INS	15
SPOILED	1
BLANK	828
TOTAL	842
AUDITOR, 1 YEAR	
WRITE INS	13
SPOILED	1
BLANK	828
TOTAL	842
BUDGET COMMITTEE, 3 YEAR	
WRITE INS	41
SPOILED	1
BLANK	800
TOTAL	842
BUDGET COMMITTEE, 3 YEAR	
WRITE INS	17
SPOILED	
BLANK	825
TOTAL	842
BUDGET COMMITTEE, 2 YEAR	
WRITE INS	20
SPOILED	0
BLANK	822
TOTAL	842

BUDGET COMMITTEE, 2 YEAR	
WRITE INS	18
SPOILED	
BLANK	824
TOTAL	842
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	
ANDREW MARTIN (WRITE IN)	52
OTHER WRITE INS	48
SPOILED	2
BLANK	740
TOTAL	842

HISTORIC DISTRICT AUSTRALIAN BALLOT MARCH 7, 2000 OFFICIAL RESULTS	
YES	389
NO	415
SPOILED	1
BLANK	37
TOTAL	842

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
MARCH 4, 2000

The day began with a flag ceremony with Thetford Boy and Girl Scouts, led in by piper Frances Rich. A group of Thetford Academy students led the audience in the National Anthem. Rev. Tom Kinder offered an invocation. Moderator Joseph Tofel asked for a moment of silence to remember townspeople who had passed away over the past year. The Moderator introduced Town Officials, and Selectboard member Lucy Young read the list of candidates for Town Offices for 2000. Paul Raymond presented the Civic Pride award to Dan Grossman. The meeting was called to order at 9:27 AM.

ARTICLE 1 *To hear and act on the reports of the Town.*

Moved by David Fisk, seconded by Bill Halsey. There was no discussion, and Article 1 passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 2 *Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Monday, October 16, 2000, by 5:00 PM. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction thereof, and 8% penalty will be due the Town.*

Moved by David Fisk, seconded by Bill Halsey. Lucy Young offered an amendment, which read: "Shall the Town have all taxes raised be postmarked no later than October 15, 2000. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction thereof, and 8% penalty will be due the Town." The amendment was seconded. Ms. Young went on to cite examples of taxes arriving at the office late due to postal service delays. Town Clerk Roberta Howard asked that the amendment be defeated. The Article as warned is black and white - the deadline is clear, and unambiguous. Adopting a postmark clouds the deadline, and is unfair to persons who do pay before the 15th. Tim Taylor asked about the due date - and didn't that include a substantial grace period? The Clerk replied that yes, property taxes were considered due when the bills were presented to the property owner, and that the time period following receipt of the bill and the October 15th deadline was the grace period. The Clerk's Office tries to get tax bills out with at least 60 days grace period, and often it is closer to 90 days. The Office is also open extra hours the week preceding the final due date. The question was raised about the BCA's ability to abate penalty and interest for a delinquent taxpayer. Town Clerk Howard responded that State statutes govern what the BCA can and cannot do, and that abatement of just penalty and interest could not be done without an abatement of tax principal, as well. The suggestion of a progressive penalty and interest assessment was made - with the amounts assessed increasing as the number of days late increased. How many instances of lateness due to postal service delays are there per year? The Clerk replied that there were one, maybe two such cases per year. Bill Halsey commented that tax payments should be treated like mortgage payments - they were due on a certain date, and were considered late if not received by the due date, and for efficiency's sake, we should continue to collect taxes as we have done. Motion was made and seconded to close debate. Motion carried by a show of voter cards. The Article as amended was defeated by a show of voter cards. With no further discussion, Article 2 as warned passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 3 *Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for current expenses in anticipation of taxes.*

Moved by David Fisk, seconded by Bill Halsey. No discussion, passed by an audible vote.

ARTICLE 4 *Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available.*

Moved by David Fisk, seconded by Bill Halsey. No discussion, passed by an audible vote.

ARTICLE 5 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 458,802.92 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.*

Moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by David Fisk. Richard Hammersley asked about Police Computer and Grants payroll. Nick Horster asked about warned articles. Richard Hammersley asked about

the lack of an estimated tax rate - Paul Raymond responded that the Board did not have a total Grand List figure yet, so any tax rate would be a very rough estimate. Motion carried by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 6 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 295,127.90 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department.*

Mark McMahon moved, Bill Halsey seconded. Janice Robinson asked about the Highway Department's clothing allowance. Mark replied that this was a divided issue with the Board, and that not all members supported the increase. A question was asked about required uniforms. Kathryn Astrausckas commented that perhaps the Highway Department's clothing wore out faster than persons in other lines of work, and that it seemed reasonable to compensate them for it. Article 6 passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 7 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 25,000.00 to pave the unpaved portions of Gove Hill Road (TH 8).*

Moved by Paul Raymond, seconded by Mark McMahon. Mark spoke about the section of road in question, and indicated that pavement would be less expensive than maintaining a gravel surface. Bruce McPhail asked for actual costs of maintenance. Bill Bridge asked about how residents of Gove Hill Road feel about paving. Nick Horster offered two suggestions for Gove Hill Road. Richard Hammersley spoke about a recent widening project and how that sped up and increased traffic. John Judd spoke in favor of paving. Bruce McPhail indicated that the road was fine the way it is. Gary Ulman commented on the cost to personal vehicles running over paved roads vs gravel roads - gravel roads being harder on vehicles. Rik Fowle wondered about damage to roads by trucks going to and coming from the future Elizabeth Mine cleanup. Bruce Nelson is opposed to paving, citing increased traffic, speed. Kathy Astrausckas indicated that persons should look beyond their own personal properties and do what is in the best interest of the Town as a whole. Elmer Brown called the question, indicating that he had observed Gove Hill residents driving too fast, along with everyone else. Motion to call question passed by a show of hands. Article was defeated by a show of standing voters.

ARTICLE 8 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 65,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.*

Mark McMahon made the meeting aware of a corrected handout available in the Hall that should be referred to when discussing the Capital Fund. Gary Ulman asked why the appropriation isn't just included in the Highway Budget. Bill Halsey also agreed with Gary Ulman, and noted that the Equipment Fund was established to even out major equipment purchases, and served to stabilize the tax rate. Jonathan Jones reminded voters that the equipment would be certainly needed, seeing as how the meeting had just voted not to pave Gove Hill Road. The Article passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 9 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 12,000.00 to make modifications to the existing building used as the Town Hall.*

Moved by Paul Raymond, seconded by Chet Palmer. Paul Raymond indicated that the funds were for a new telephone system, new fuel tank, and revisions to the heating system. Mary Spata asked about how this related to the planned (?) Improvements to Town Hall. Paul responded that these things need to be done this year, regardless of any long term improvements. Jean Ulman asked about the cost of replacing the fuel oil tank. Tim Taylor called the question, seconded by Elisheva Landman. Article passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 10 *Shall the Town stabilize the taxes of Camp Billings at \$12,950.00 for the 2000 tax year.*

Moved by Paul Raymond, seconded by Bill Halsey. Laurie Ingalls, member of the Board of Listers, moved to pass over Article 10, due to recent changes in how stabilized properties would be treated under Act 60. Chet Palmer asked about the effect on other stabilized properties. Charlie Buttrey asked about the taxes for Camp Billings and the Parish Players. Don Fifield asked about properties that were stabilized for five years. Paul responded that he was unsure, but would know after a meeting with Property Valuation and Review. Kathy Astrausckas suggested an appropriation for those organizations from the Town that would enable them to pay their full amount of taxes. Bob Nichols recommended sending a message to legislature indicating our displeasure with the inability to stabilize properties. Polly Cole asked if we were indeed going to get the opportunity to vote on all stabilizations at a later date. Paul responded that a Special Town Meeting

would be held to clarify stabilizations, later on in the year. John Judd spoke in favor of passing over the Article. Chris Hebb asked about the purpose of the special town meeting. The vote to end debate carried by a show of cards. The motion to pass over passed by a show of standing voters.

ARTICLE 11 *Shall the Town vote to stabilize the taxes of the Eclipse Grange Hall (Parish Players) at \$500.00 for the 2000 tax year.*

Moved by Paul Raymond, seconded by Polly Cole. Laurie Ingalls moved to pass over Article 11, for the reasons stated for Article 10. Peter Blodgett spoke at length on behalf of the Parish Players. Laurie Ingalls and David Fisk spoke to the Article. David Johnston asked to suspend the rules and pass over Article 11 and Article 12. Two thirds approved taking Article 11 and 12 together, and passing over both Article 11 and Article 12. Passed by a show of standing voters.

ARTICLE 12 *Shall the Town stabilize the taxes of all stabilized properties in Thetford at a 70% owner and 30 % Town ratio, as each expires, for a one year period. (Stabilized properties will be assessed and taxed in the same manner as other properties in Town.)*

Passed over with Article 11.

ARTICLE 13 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 50,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of developing a new Recycling Center and Authorize the Selectboard to expend the total sum of \$ 72,000.00 plus interest from said Capital Reserve Fund to purchase real estate and undertake any other matters necessary related to this project including, but not limited to, site improvements, equipment purchase and building construction.*

Moved by Judy Bowden, seconded by Chet Palmer. Judy Bowden spoke to the Recycling Issue, indicating that it was time for the Town to own their own site, rather than lease, due to expansion of recycling efforts in Thetford. Pauline Stumpf asked if townspeople would be able to vote on the proposed site. Rick Barrows asked about funds already in reserve - Judy indicated that those funds would be available for use as well. Gary Ulman asked about obtaining a portion of the Landfill property in lieu of delinquent taxes. Judy indicated that the state didn't recommend that. Wanda Vaughan mentioned that other delinquent properties that might be an option, both for a Recycling Center, and for other Town Facilities needed in the future. Richard Hammersley offered an amendment: "Shall the Town raise the sum of \$50,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of developing a new Recycling Center and Authorize the Selectboard to expend a sum not to exceed \$ 5,000.00 for feasibility, cost estimation studies and engineering studies for said new Recycling Center." There was no second to the amendment. Roy Fava spoke in favor of raising the funds. Stuart Blood spoke in favor of the article, citing shortcomings with the present site. The Article passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 14 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 1,535.00, contingent upon receipt of a Federal Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant to fund the first year of a part time Police Officer position. The Town will be committed to fund this position for a period of four years.*

Moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Bill Halsey. Tim Taylor asked about the number of hours we are up to now - 32 for Special Officers, 40 for Chief (partially funded by the COPS grant). Chief Jim Krakowiecki spoke to the article, indicating that it would allow an additional 20-23 hours per week. Bruce McPhail asked why we need more policing. The chief responded that previously Thetford had depended on the State Police for coverage. There was an increase in crimes over the past few years. Bill Keegan asked about increases in the police budget. Deecie Denison spoke in favor of the Article, citing importance of education. Richard Balagur asked if the COPS program was over and above what was budgeted. Gary Uiman asked that people think about the type of police department that we wanted to have. Rick Barrows also felt that the Town was moving too fast with growth in the Police Department. Rick also reminded us that the Chief's position was also funded by a COPS grant, and that the Town's portion of that position increases yearly until it is fully the town's responsibility. Martha Rich asked if the grant would be available in future years. Probably not. Scott Jacobs-Rebhun spoke in favor of the Article. Lucy Young stated that Chief Krakowiecki did not have Selectboard's approval to pursue the grant. Paul indicated that the Chief had preliminary approval. Chet Palmer spoke about other government subsidized programs that provided funding for positions, where the town's share increased. Myree Muller moved to call the question. The motion to close debate passed by a show of standing voters. Article 14 was defeated by a show of standing voters.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:10, and resumed at 1:17. Senator Mark McDonald addressed the meeting. Representative Jim Masland also spoke about current events in Montpelier. Mark McMahon presented a gift to Jim, who recently resigned from the Selectboard.

ARTICLE 15 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 4,000.00, in addition to existing funds in the Cruiser Fund, to purchase a new Police Cruiser, with any unspent monies to be deposited into the Cruiser Fund for future purchases.*

Moved by Lucy Young, seconded by Bill Halsey. Mark McMahon offered an amendment which read: "Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 4,000.00, in addition to existing funds in the Cruiser Fund, to purchase a new Police Cruiser for a sum not to exceed \$ 25,633.07, with any unspent monies to be deposited into the Cruiser Fund for future purchases." Mark explained that the Board had decided to put the present Cruiser (Explorer) up for sale by bid, due to a low trade in offer. Amendment passed by a show of cards. Article as amended passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 16 *Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new dump truck, with a down payment of \$ 10,000.00 to come from the Highway Equipment Fund.*

Moved by David Fisk, seconded by Mark McMahon. Mark offered an amendment, which read "Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new dump truck, not to exceed \$ 61,500.00, with a down payment of \$ 10,000.00 to come from the Highway Equipment Fund. Jeff Sirjane asked what would happen to the old truck. The existing truck will be traded towards the new truck. Bill Keegan asked if this was a planned purchase. Yes, it is in keeping with the Equipment Replacement Plan schedule. Amendment passed by a show of voter cards. The article as amended passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 17 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$39,000.00 to match Federal and State funds for repairs to the Union Village Covered Bridge.*

Moved by Lucy Young, seconded by Bill Halsey. Paul Raymond spoke to the Article, explaining that the \$ 39,000.00 was intended to be added to the \$ 11,000.00 already in a capital reserve fund. \$ 50,000 is the estimated Town's share of the project. Questions were asked about design, weight limits, re-routes, etc. Myree Muller asked about deadlines - why are we voting this year? Paul replied that there would be funds raised next year for another bridge project, and that spreading out the cost over two years, rather than a larger sum next year, would be less of a burden. The Selectboard noted several times that they would do their best to make the public aware of progress on the project and provide for as much citizen input as possible, but that the actual design would be done by State Engineers in Montpelier. Former Selectboard member Jim Masland spoke in favor of raising the money, feeling certain that concerns and issues would be addressed as the project progressed, and that support of the new and improved bridge would benefit the Town, specifically increased weight limits would permit larger vehicles (town and fire equipment, school busses, other service vehicles) to cross the bridge, rather than being detoured around. The Article passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 18 *Shall the Town raise \$ 1,500.00 for the Thetford Youth Sports project.*

Moved and seconded. Loretta Gray, Thetford Youth Sports Board member, spoke to the Article. Loretta described the Board's efforts to date, and outlined the types of activities and groups that used the fields in question. So far, all the work has either been done through volunteered labor, materials and equipment, and through other sources of funding. The Youth Sports Board felt it was time to come to the Town and request an appropriation to complete their projects.

ARTICLE 19 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 300.00 for Maple Leaf Treatment Center.*

Moved by David Fisk; seconded by Paul Raymond. Mark McMahon spoke to the Article. As this is the initial request for funds from Maple Leaf, the Selectboard opted to place the request on the Warning as a separate Article rather than automatically include it in the budget. A representative from the Treatment Center was unable to attend the meeting. Mark explained that the Center is for early treatment of substance abuse and rehabilitation. With no discussion from the audience, the motion carried by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 20 *Shall the town of Thetford appropriate \$25,000 for feasibility and cost estimation studies for town offices, and possibly initial costs for site acquisition; including as appropriate architectural and engineering studies, as well as professional cost estimation.*

Motion made and seconded to amend the rules to reverse the order in which Article 20 and Article 21 are considered by the meeting. Following discussion, the motion was carried by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 21 *Public Opinion Poll - Non Binding Referendum*

Which one of the following options for improvement to the Thetford Town Office Facilities do you prefer:

- 1) *Renovating and expanding the present town offices, at an estimated cost of \$527,000. This is the first option listed in the Building Committee report.*
- 2) *Construction of a new building for town offices on the present site of the Pharmacy in East Thetford, at a roughly estimated cost of \$ 617,000. This is the second option in the building committee report.*
- 3) *Purchase of a large parcel of land in Post Mills to accommodate a number of town functions, and construction of a new town office building on this site, at a roughly estimated net cost (land and office building only) of \$1,000,000. This option was proposed independently of the building committee and is not something that they studied; it is a variant of their Generic New Site option.*
- 4) *Take no action at this time.*

Moved and seconded. Discussion on the Article summarized as follows: Option 1: This is the first option listed in the Building Committee report. Option 2: This is the second option in the Building Committee report. Option 3: This option was proposed independently of the building committee and is not something that they studied; it is a variant of their Generic New Site option. General discussion on pros and cons of each option. A count of voter cards for remaining attendees at Annual Meeting indicated that 116 voters favored Option 1; 1 voter favored Option 2; 5 voters favored Option 3; and 9 voters favored Option 4.

Motion made and seconded to close discussion and move onto ARTICLE 20; motion carried by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 20 *Shall the town of Thetford appropriate \$25,000 for feasibility and cost estimation studies for town offices, and possibly initial costs for site acquisition; including as appropriate architectural and engineering studies, as well as professional cost estimation.*

Moved and seconded. Motion made and seconded to amend amount of appropriation from \$25,000 to \$10,000. Motion to amend passed by show of voter cards. The Article, as amended, passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 22 *To transact any other business.*

There was no other business brought to the meeting. After announcements for Australian Balloting date, time, and location, the meeting adjourned after 4:00 PM. Exact time of adjournment not noted.

Roberta C. Howard
Town Clerk

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CHURCHES

Thetford Baptist Church - East Thetford	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 Brown	785-2167
Union Village Methodist Church - Union Village Rev. Louis Maxfield	295-3266

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Latham Memorial Library - Thetford Hill Peter Blodgett, Librarian Hours: Monday: 2:00 - 8:30 PM Tuesday - Thursday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM Friday: 9:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 - 1:00 PM	785-4361
Peabody Library - Post Mills Peter Blodgett, Librarian Hours: Tuesday: 5:00 - 8:00 PM Wednesday: 2:00 - 8:30 PM	333-9724
Thetford Historical Library - Thetford Hill Marian Fifield Charles Latham Hours: Monday & Thursday: 2:00 - 4:00 PM Tuesday 10:00 AM to Noon, or by special appointment by calling 785-2068.	785-2430 333-4613

POST OFFICES

East Thetford - Melanie Bacon	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:I-64 Act 460.

Zoning Permits

No building construction or land development may commence or 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