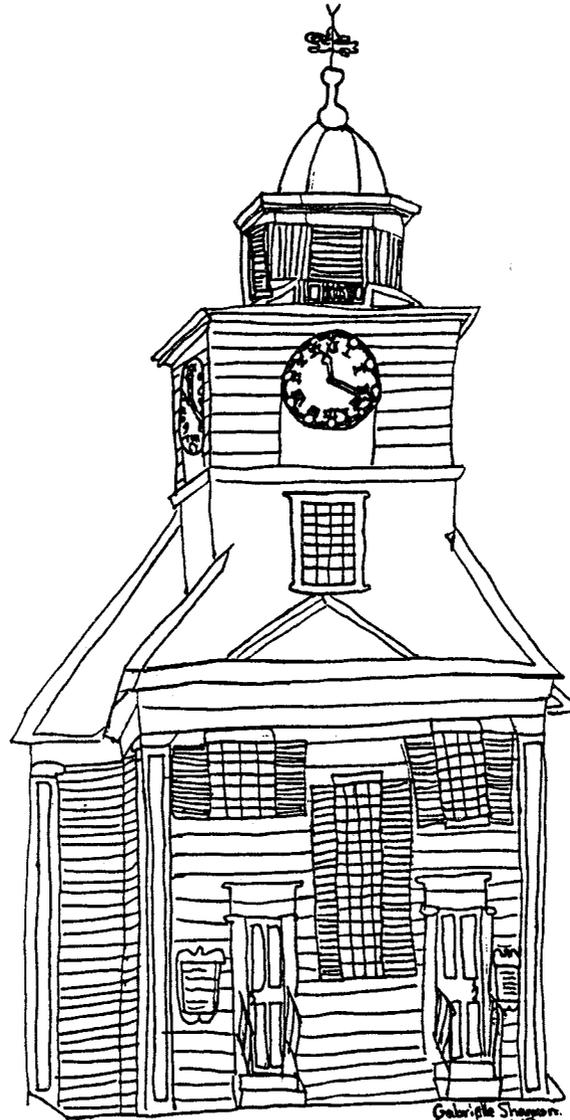


# ANNUAL REPORTS



## TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT



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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2002

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

FAX (802) 785-2031

e-mail: [Thetford.Clerk@valley.net](mailto:Thetford.Clerk@valley.net)

Office Hours:

**Monday 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

**Tues-Fri. 8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.**

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***POLICE, FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, dial 911***

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### THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2200

### LISTERS

785-4744 or 785-4327

Office Hours:

**Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

### COUNTY AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Vermont State Police, Bradford - 333-9414

Fish and Wildlife Warden (802) - 234-9933

Orange County Sheriff - 685-4875

### SELECTBOARD

Board Meets:

**Mondays at 6:30 P.M.**

At the Town Office

### TREASURE ISLAND

333-3507

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Town Garage 785-4679

### HEALTH OFFICER

By Appointment

785-4503

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2412

Fire Wardens (Burning Permits):

Don Fifield, Jr. 785-2604

Ellis Paige 785-4477

Jeff Sirjane 785-4405

### PLANNING AND ZONING

Office Hours:

**Tuesday 8:00 A.M - 12:00 Noon**

**Thursday 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

Board Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays,

7:15 P.M., Town Office

### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Emergency: 333-4334

By Appointment: 785-2922

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## TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT



**YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2002**

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**Grand Juror**

Vacant

**Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits**

Vacant

**Agent to Convey Real Property**

Vacant

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3 Vacancies

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 David Evilsizer ('04) 1530 Latham Rd, Thetford Center 333-3716  
 John Wilmot ('05) PO Box 6, East Thetford 785-4090

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2 vacant

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*2 Vacant*

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CANDIDATES FOR TOWN and SCHOOL OFFICES	
Town Moderator, 1 Year	Joseph Tofel
Town Clerk, 1 Year	Tracy Borst Sara Ferguson Laurie Ingalls Timothy I. Moore
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Martha Howard
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	Martha Howard Roxy Maxfield
Selectman, 3 Year	Mary Spata
Selectman, 2 Year	Richard Barrows
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, 2 Year (to complete 3 year term)	Roxy Maxfield
Lister, 3 Year	Denise Adams
Auditor, 3 Years	no candidate
Auditor, 2 Years	no candidate
Auditor, 1 Year	no candidate
Budget Committee, 2 Year	Lynne Miller
Budget Committee, 2 Year (to complete 3 year term)	no candidate
Budget Committee, 3 Year	no candidate
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 Year	Frederick P. Howard
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 Year	Andrew B. Martin
Library Trustee, 4 Years	Darla LaRoche
Library Trustee, 4 Years	Gwen Gensler
School Moderator, 1 Year	Deecie Denison
School Director, 1 Year (to complete 3 year term)	Denise Froehlich
School Director, 2 Year	no candidate
School Director, 3 Year	Joseph Malpino

## TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

The annual Town and School Meeting will be held on  
Saturday, March 1, 2003  
at Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy,  
beginning at  
9:00 a.m.

A snack bar will be open throughout the day.

Child Care, sponsored by Thetford Girl Scouts and Scout Leaders, will be available free of charge from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. except during the lunch break.

A luncheon will be served in the Family and Consumer Science Room at TA.  
Proceeds will benefit the TA Spring Trip to Spain



**VOTER INFORMATION  
NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

**CHECKLIST POSTED:**

(No later than 30 days before election) February 2, 2003. Make sure your name is on the Voter checklist. If your name is not on it:

**REGISTER TO VOTE:**

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 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM; and Saturday, February 22, 2003, 10:00 AM to NOON at the Town Hall. Registration must be completed no later than Second Saturday before election, February 22, 2003, before 12:00 NOON at Town Offices.

All applications must be received no later than Saturday, February 22, 2003, by 12:00 NOON, in order to vote on March 1 and March 4, 2003. Voters may request absentee ballots until 5:00 PM or the closing of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 3, 2002.

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

**ABSENTEE BALLOT:**

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 3, 2003.

When: Apply not later than 8:00 PM on March 3, 2003.

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 3, 2003.

**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 7:00 PM on Election Day (March 4, 2003).
- ★ 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 2, 2003.

**VOTE:**

Voting by Australian Ballot will be Tuesday, March 4, 2003, 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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 2003 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 Wednesday, October 15th, 2003 by 5:00pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction 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 vote to authorize the delinquent tax collector to collect delinquent property taxes in payments sufficient to pay total due within 6 months of the due date.

ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$507,398.08 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.

ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$432,085.90 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$75,000.00, to be added to \$63,000.00 in existing funds, to establish the Town Recycling Center permanently.

ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to contract with a private hauler for removal of solid waste.

ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town vote to change from our current ambulance service, Upper Valley Ambulance, to the Town of Hanover Ambulance service.

ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$45,000.00 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.

ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund to be used for future fire truck replacements.

ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new dump truck to replace truck #2 at a

cost not to exceed \$75,000 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund

- ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a used pickup truck, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the Highway Department. The \$3,500.00 would be spent from the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.
- ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town authorize changing the Union Village Bridge Special fund to a new Special Bridge Maintenance fund. This fund would be used for future major construction expenses on Town bridges. Any money spent from this fund would require a vote at the Annual Town Meeting.
- ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town authorize the spending of \$5,000.00 from the Special Bridge Maintenance fund to match State funds for the repairs and reconstruction of the T. H. #55 Bridge #20, Stowell Rd. Bridge.
- ARTICLE 17 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$5,000.00 to match State funds for the repairs and reconstruction of the T. H. #55 Bridge #20, Stowell Rd. Bridge.
- ARTICLE 18 Shall the Town authorize the spending of up to \$1,300.00 from the Special Emergency Management fund for the installation of a generator hook-up at the renovated Town Hall.
- ARTICLE 19 Shall the Town vote to eliminate the office of Town Auditors and contract with a licensed public accountant to perform an annual financial audit of all funds of the Town, under the authority of VSA, Title 17, Section 2651b.
- ARTICLE 20 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$9,800.00 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.
- ARTICLE 21 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$300.00 for Safeline.
- ARTICLE 22 "Be it resolved that the Town of Thetford fly the POW MIA flag under the American flag in front of Town Hall on six national holidays (Armed Forces, Memorial, Flag, Independence, National POW MIA Recognition and Veterans Day)."
- ARTICLE 23 "Be it resolved that the citizens of the Town of Thetford urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor, and the congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont homes, businesses, public buildings, and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the state of Vermont."
- ARTICLE 24 "RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE EDUCATION FUND PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

DISTRICTS TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES;

Resolved by the citizens of the Town of Thetford, as follows:

WHEREAS, Act 60 created a State Education Fund with revenues principally coming from the property tax supplemented with State General Fund revenues; and WHEREAS, the inflationary growth in the value of real property in Vermont has resulted in significant growth in revenues from the property tax in the Education Fund while State General Fund resources for education have not increased to match the growth in education spending; and

WHEREAS, under Act 60 the state contribution to local education funding is principally derived from the statewide education tax rate, set at \$1.10 since adoption. However, the education block grant to local school districts has grown at a rate considerably less than the inflationary growth in statewide property values; and WHEREAS, local school districts are highly dependent upon the property tax, while the State General Fund has at least 17 major broad-based taxes at its disposal; and WHEREAS, the State annually sets for all municipalities an Equalized Education Grand List which is adjusted for the inflationary growth in local property values and said adjustment is represented, in part, by a measure known as the Common Level of Appraisal; and

WHEREAS, the single largest contributor to the estimated increase in many FY 2004 local school tax rates, as it was in the FY 2003 school tax rates, is estimated to be the adjustment for the Common Level of Appraisal; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the additional property tax revenue received by the State through the annual adjustment to the Equalized Education Grand List when coupled with the more modest growth in the education block grant will result in continued growth in surpluses in the Education Fund and will not result in an equitable distribution of funds to offset the growth in local education tax rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the citizens of the Town of Thetford call on the Governor and the members of the Vermont Legislature to take the necessary action to increase the education block grant or reduce the statewide property tax rate in an effort to reverse the trend of increasing school property taxes.

ARTICLE 25 To transact any other business.

*The following article shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Please take note that Australian Balloting will take place from 8:00am to 7:00pm, at the Thetford Center Community Association Building, located next to the Town Highway Garage.*

ARTICLE 26 To elect Town and School Officers.

Dated: January 30, 2003

Roberta C. Howard  
Town Clerk

Richard Barrows  
Sara Ferguson  
Paul Raymond  
Mary Spata  
Mark McMahon, Chair

## REMEMBRANCE

*Joyce Bonnett* grew up in Hanover and was employed by the Town of Hanover for 30 years. She married Bob Bonnett of Thetford and was the mother of four children including Frank of East Thetford and Linda of North Thetford. After her retirement she traveled to Mexico, Alaska, and the Dominican Republic. Joyce was a trustee, deacon, and treasurer at the North Thetford Federated Church, a member of the Valley Chords, a trustee of the Thetford Historical Society, a driver for Meals on Wheels, and a talented artist.

*Roxanna S. Brannan*, mother of Alice Gnaedinger of North Thetford, received a degree in Home Economics at Ohio State University, and a Master's from Western Reserve. Roxanna worked in public schools and adult education before joining her daughter in Vermont.

*Eriks A. Davidonis, Jr.* grew up in Massachusetts and went to motorcycle mechanic school in Florida. He married Theresa Pero in 1984 and went to work for the Wilder Dam in 1986. He was greatly devoted to his four children, Ales, Holly, Brittany, and Adriana, all of Thetford.

*Anna L. Farley*, 95, grew up in Massachusetts and graduated from Worcester City Hospital as a registered nurse. She served and was decorated as a nurse and lieutenant in the Pacific during WWII. Mrs. Farley retired to Post Mills where she was active in civic groups, trustee for the Peabody Library and the Ladies Benevolent Society, and a member of American Legion Post #79. She traveled extensively to Europe and the Middle East.

*Agnes French*, born in West Fairlee, attended the one room schoolhouse on Sawnee Bean Road and Thetford Academy. Agnes married Erni French and lived the rest of her life in Thetford Center. She worked in the woods with her husband and helped with sugaring. Erni and Agnes brought up a large family. She was sister to Morris Pero of Thetford Center. In all, she had 28 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

*Lee A. Guilbault*, 90, of East Thetford was the father of Patricia E. Rockwell also of East Thetford. He worked on the Comerford Dam at age 16 and later as a foreman for Indian Motorcycle Co. He also ran a pulp and logging operation and was an electrician at Bay State Electric Co. From 1976 - 1984 he was employed by P & H Truck Stop. Lee was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, and traveling. His many grandchildren were a very special part of his life.

*Sarah F. Hauger*, 92, lived for more than 30 years, with her husband Oscar, in Ridgewood, NJ. She was involved with both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, before moving to Thetford. Sarah was an active member of the St. Barnabas Church in Norwich. She enjoyed playing bridge, dancing, traveling, and especially spending time with her grandchildren. Her daughter, Lois Wiggin and son, David Hauger live in Thetford.

*Helen T. Ilsley* came to Vermont from NJ upon her marriage to Maynard. She was a member of the Friends of Thetford and enjoyed needlepoint, cooking, and family gatherings. Helen's daughter, Patricia Hill, and her sons, Edmund, Lee, and Barry live in Thetford and her son, Keith lives in Vershire.

*Gretchen C. Jamieson*, 84, formerly of Thetford, mother of Beth Tilden of Post Mills, was a 30 year member of Eclipse Grange No. 255 in Thetford Hill. Gretchen worked part-time as a cook, was famous for her doughnuts, and drove children to the one room schoolhouse in Rice's Mills. She worked as a matron at Dartmouth College and secretary for Shopping International in Norwich. She was very active with the PTA, Rice's Mills and Union Village Community Centers

*Malcolm B. Jamieson* received his education at a one-room schoolhouse in Rice's Mills, was employed at Trumbull-Nelson Construction Company and the US Army Cold Regions Research Laboratory in Hanover. He

was a self-employed stonemason until becoming disabled in 1980, a member of Eclipse Grange No. 225, and Rice's Mills Community Center. He is survived in Thetford Center by his wife Dorothy, a son, Bobby, and sister Helena "Beth" Tilden of Post Mills.

*Robert Hiram Judd, Sr.*, was born in Union Village and graduated from Thetford Academy in 1956; where he was known as an all star first baseman. He served for eight years in the Vermont National Guard. Robert owned and operated the Judd Acres Family Farm in Troy, Vermont. He was a long time member of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association and the Ox Teamsters Association. His brother, John Judd, lives in Thetford.

*Bruce G. Slack*, born in Pompanoosuc, graduated from Thetford Academy and Vermont Technical College. Bruce worked in construction and was a truck driver for 38 years. He enjoyed camping, fishing, cooking, reading, and family gatherings. He was a trustee of the Timothy Frost Methodist Church, president of the Thetford Center Community Association and the Evergreen Rest Cemetery Association. Bruce was a past member of the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department serving as its' captain, chairman of the annual BBQ and president of the board of trustees. Bruce's wife Beverly, stepson Richard and brother, Robert, all live in Thetford.

*Geraldine I. Slack*, 63, wife of Robert Slack, mother of Richard, Rodney and Roberta was a graduate of Thetford Academy. Geraldine was a school bus driver for over 30 years in Thetford, Bradford, and Fairlee. She enjoyed camping, cooking, and spending time with her grandchildren and family. She was an avid NASCAR fan, rooting for Jeff Gordon.

*Robert J. Sorenson* grew up in Indianapolis, graduate of Butler University and recipient of a Master's Degree from Northwestern University. He had a long and distinguished career with Shell Oil Co. Robert was an Eagle Scout and loved sailing, golf, doughnuts, and ice cream. He gave generously to the Timothy Frost Methodist Church, Thetford Elementary, and Thetford Academy. For the past seven years he lived with his daughter, Barbara, of Thetford.

*Lillian H. Vaughan*, 92, moved to Thetford from Quebec in 1925. She graduated from Thetford Academy and attended Nurse's Training at MHMH before her marriage to Robert C. Vaughan. She and her husband owned and operated a dairy farm in East Thetford until 1980. Lillian served as a deacon at First Congregational Church in Thetford. Her sons, Ronald, Robert Jr, Russell, and Roger, and daughter, Janice Mousley, all live in Thetford.

*Paul Vaughan* was born in Thetford Center in 1915. He graduated from Thetford Academy and from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a degree in electrical engineering. Paul was a lieutenant in WWII and in 1943 attended the British Military College of Science. In retirement, he enjoyed traveling and gardening. He designed and built a home solar-powered heating system. He is survived by his wife, Lydia.

*Rebecca A. Ware* 52, worked as a medical records clerk at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. Through Hitchcock she obtained an A.R.T. and an associates degree. She along with her husband Leet helped run the Ware Construction Co. and Ware's Country Kitchen. She was active in politics, and volunteered time to committees, school boards, and her church. Most recently Becky had returned to work as a medical secretary at D.H.M.C. She enjoyed sitting by a campfire, playing golf, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

The commitment of individuals to accomplishing our objectives, as a community, from year to year, is immense. We are always amazed at the dedication of these individuals, ranging from the volunteers at cross-country meets, ball games, potluck dinners, and building committees, to the selling of raffle tickets to support a veterans memorial (to name but a few). We cannot begin to provide a list of all the great contributions community members have made. We can only thank each and every one of you for working to make our town a better place to be.

After more than 18 years of service, Roberta Howard will retire as Town Clerk. Roberta has guided us through two decades of growth and has shown exceptional professionalism, knowledge, expertise, and - above all - compassion, to each resident of our community. It is hard to imagine our Town Clerk's office without the soft-spoken charm of Roberta. She will be sorely missed. Our most heartfelt thanks for everything.

The two-year reassessment of properties in town has now been completed. Although we will again benefit from additional State of Vermont education aid, the trend of properties selling for well above their assessed values continues. Consequently it has become evident that we will be faced with a more regular schedule of reassessments in order to provide adequate funding for our schools in the future.

Shortly after the departure of James Krackowieki, our former Police Chief, a new Police Chief search committee was formed to begin the task of advertising for and interviewing candidates for the position. Upon review and the recommendation of the committee, we are pleased to announce the hiring Phil Call as our new Chief of Police. Phil comes with a solid background in the law enforcement field, having served for the last twelve years with the Windsor Police Department. He also brings with him an abundance of that native "home town" flair, having grown up in White River Junction. Please take the time to stop by and welcome him to our community.

Frank Thurston was appointed as our new Road Commission in midsummer. Frank brings to the town a wealth of road maintenance experience. He served as Road Commissioner for the town of Vershire for ten years and is now putting his knowledge to good use for Thetford. He will actively pursue new grant money and start to reorganize the Highway Department to assure that consistent road maintenance schedules are kept on track.

We reported last year the need for repairs and improvements to Treasure Island. We replaced the electric heating system in the Caretakers' Residence with a new forced hot water system. Structural repairs were made to the gazebo, and to the old rec hall on the island. We will continue to make improvements this year and in years to come. The roof of the residence will be replaced, and water damage caused by inadequate drainage will be corrected. Some structural repairs and landscaping will be done at the lower tennis courts. These are a few of the improvements that we anticipate undertaking in the near future. We feel confident that you will be excited and happy with the results.

For ten years the Thetford Recycling Center has operated on leased land. During this time the question of a permanent site has been studied in detail. In spite of countless hours of hard work by many individuals and committees, the difficulty of identifying suitable land has, so far, prevented a satisfactory resolution. After last year's Town Meeting it appeared that the Selectboard was to establish our Recycling Center at a site on Thetford Hill owned by the School District. After months of unavoidable delays we received engineering information that the site contains large amounts of ledge that would prevent or limit future expansion. It seems likely that the Selectboard will soon have to make a hard choice between two less-than-optimal sites.

Every five years the Town of Thetford is required to update our Town Plan. This helps to improve our long-range planning goals and allows for more grant opportunities that provide much-needed additional revenue. In 2002, our Zoning Administrator, Bill Thrane, applied for and was awarded a \$9,500.00 grant to assist in this process. In coordination with the Two Rivers-Ottawahechee Regional Planning Commission, information will be gathered and a new revised comprehensive Town Plan will be completed by year's end.

By Town Meeting the ongoing litigation with the Upper Valley Regional Landfill will have been resolved. As part of the settlement agreement the Town has accepted a 104-acre parcel next to the landfill. Under the supervision of the Upper Valley Land Trust a conservation management plan has been designed to ensure the future protection of this land for the Town to enjoy. More information will be available at Town Meeting.

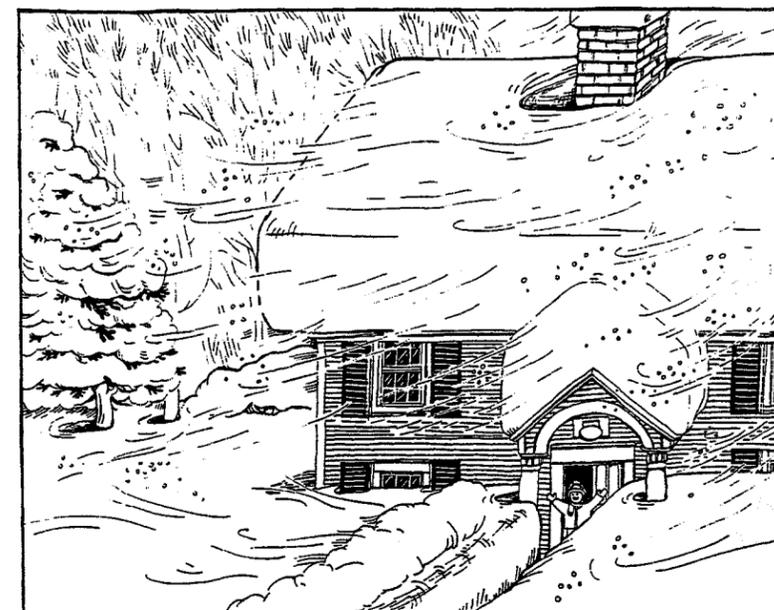
The restoration of the Union Village Bridge was completed in early November 2002. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Federal, State, and local officials for their concerted effort in making this project happen.

The need for regular maintenance for our bridges has never been more apparent than in the year 2002. We hope that establishing a bridge maintenance fund ( Article 15 ) will allow us the funds to seek professional advice to help prevent unnecessary deterioration, and to facilitate prompt repairs to our bridge structures in the future.

Success can be measured in a variety of ways. Our town's success depends largely on those who are willing to work in cooperation with others regardless of the task set before them. We ask that you make every effort to thank all of those who contribute so generously of their time and energies. They are responsible for the true success that our town enjoys.

Thank You,

Mark McMahon, Chair  
Rick Barrows  
Sara Ferguson  
Paul Raymond  
Mary Spata



## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I typically take this opportunity to remind residents of various deadlines throughout the year - animal licensing, voting, and tax payment due dates. Please pay close attention to deadlines - I never enjoyed informing a Thetford resident that he or she had failed to license their pet by April 1<sup>st</sup>, or that taxes remained unpaid after the due date. Missing deadlines is unpleasant for everyone, not to mention costly for those who are late.

On the topic of lateness, there are two important items of note with regard to delinquent taxes. The first is that our Delinquent Tax list continues to shrink. This year, the total of delinquent taxes stands at just under \$87,000.00 - a decrease of nearly \$ 50,000.00 from December, 2001. On a related note, we have begun a policy of payment of delinquent taxes, which allows for a 6 month period of time following the deadline to either pay the tax (with penalty and interest assessed) or establish a payment plan. After the 6 month period has passed, tax sales for properties will commence for property owners who have not adhered to the policy. The Selectboard have placed this issue on the Warning for voter consideration.

I would be remiss not to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for the continuing support of our Food Shelf. Food 'drives' by high school students at Thetford Academy and River Bend Vocational Center brought in many, many boxes of commodities- literally, from "soup to nuts"! The students at Thetford Elementary School also conducted their own food drives, and delivered their collections to the Town Office, as did the vacation Bible School from Thetford Center.. Their interest and enthusiasm is truly rewarding. We are also grateful to Nancy Frankel and her staff at Camp Farnsworth for their donations. Many times, Thetford's Food Shelf is the recipient of food items brought to birthday parties or informal gatherings in lieu of gifts. All of the area Churches also contribute generously throughout the year with donations of food and special monetary collections.

My sincere thanks also to Helen Huff, her assistants, and the Girl Scouts. for their help each year with our annual 'remembrance bags'. We provide the contents - many donated by Vermont companies or purchased by anonymous donors - home-baked treats, fruit, cheese, bulbs for planting - just to mention a few. This year, the girls decorated the bags, assembled the contents in colored tissue paper, added a candy cane for the final touch, and with the help of parents, delivered the bags throughout the Town.

We are also fortunate to receive donations so we may supplement our commodities with purchases from the Vermont Food Bank. Many times, these donations have enabled us to provide assistance with heating expenses or other necessities. This past year, we had to replace the old refrigerator that had been donated to us many years ago. With funds that were available to us, we were able to purchase a new refrigerator with a larger freezer section. This enables us to take advantage of purchasing more frozen items available from the Food Bank. I am hopeful that when remodeling and renovations to the Town Offices are completed, there will be ample space available to accommodate storage of food and non-food items, as well as USDA commodities. I also hope to continue with the Food Shelf program thru the transition period ahead and be assured that all recipients will be comfortable and confident with their requests for assistance.

As you are probably aware of by now, I have chosen not to be a candidate for election this year as Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, or Delinquent Tax Collector. I am truly grateful for your continuing support, friendliness and especially your kindness year after year. I will miss those special time when old friends come in just to say 'hello'; when new residents come in to get acquainted and obtain information regarding the Town; and when children come in with their parents.

It would be impossible to personally acknowledge the cooperation and support from all my co-workers over the years - Selectboard members, Listers, Zoning Administrators, Health Officers, Police and Highway Department members, Justices of the Peace, and Election Officials. The volunteers who assisted with bulk mailings and animal licensing are also much appreciated, as are all those who were able to respond to last minute requests for assistance.

I have been extremely fortunate to have superb Assistants over the years and personal recognition must be given to four very special ladies who have served in this position - Martha Howard, Diane Stone, Donna Durkee, and Jane Cramer.

There will be many adjustments to be made and issues to be resolved this year. I have offered to assist in any way during this period of transition. Please offer my successors the support and consideration that I have received.

My sincere thanks to my family for their support, understanding and patience; and to all my fellow townspeople for a most enjoyable tenure of office. Bless you all!



Matissa Hack

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

As the new legislative session begins, Vermonters find themselves in a difficult and challenging spot. We are faced with the worst fiscal crisis since World War II. James Douglas, the new Republican Governor, has proposed a budget that is lean by any standard. Yet, the challenges that we face in Montpelier and throughout the Nation are not new. We are hamstrung by decreasing state revenues and an increased demand for social services, infrastructure repair and education funding.

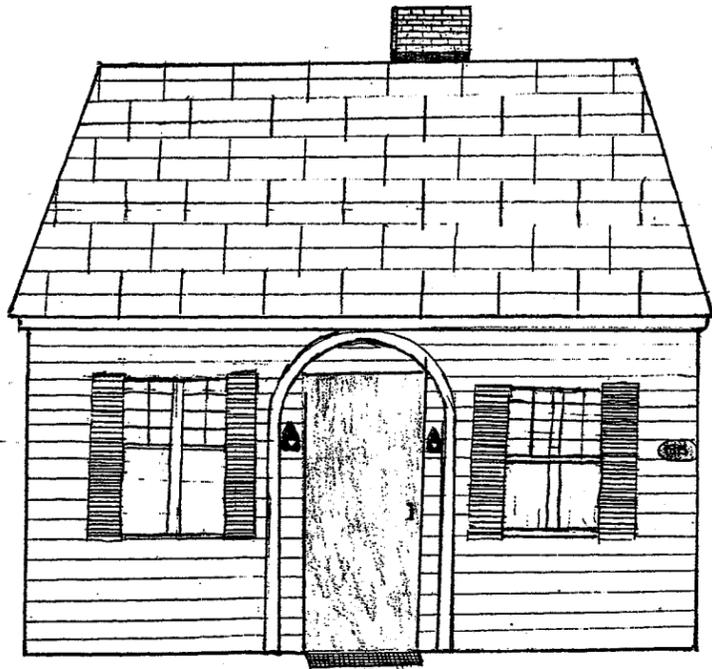
Nationally, the economy is faltering and we face the prospect of war with Iraq. In Congress there is considerable uncertainty as to which way to turn. Within this context, our obligation is to focus on our state priorities - equitably funded quality education; decent and affordable housing, good paying and fulfilling jobs, and protecting the environment. Above all, we need to maintain and strengthen our sense of community. Come what may, in good times and bad, our communities are what sustain us.

I serve on the House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. We will be working on Act 250 permit reform issues, local zoning and planning issues, petroleum cleanup, mercury contamination, and other subjects that deal with water, air, and land resources. I also track housing, education funding, health care and other issues in other standing committees. Further, I look into specific issues as requested by constituents like you. Please do not hesitate to contact me about any issues of concern.

I am available in Montpelier or at 1(800) 322-5616; at home at 785-4146; or by email at [jmasland@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:jmasland@leg.state.vt.us). I encourage you to visit the State House while we are in session to see your state government at work.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Representative. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rep. Jim Masland, Thetford  
785-4146  
[jmasland@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:jmasland@leg.state.vt.us)



### PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

Issuance of building permits was similar to the past with slight increases in lots created and accessory buildings as seen in the summary below.

Appropriate permits are required prior to commencing construction, sign and satellite dish erection or starting a business or home occupation. If you are uncertain as to if and when a permit is required, please call the Town Office. Some activities may also require State or Federal permits; but, in any case, it is the obligation of the person planning such activities to acquaint themselves with the proper procedures and forms prior to commencing. Further information is available at the Zoning Office in the Town Hall.

The following table gives summaries of permit activity over the past 3 years:

	2000	2001	2002
Number of plats approved	7	6	6
Number of lots created	3	10	14
Annexations	4	4	1
Boundary Adjustments	-	-	1
Residences	13	19	13
Additions	20	15	10
Decks and Porches	9	9	12
Accessory Buildings	20	23	29
Businesses	2	3	2
Mobile Homes		3	4
Home Occupations	4	1	1
Miscellaneous and Conversions	-	3	2

The Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment was awarded a grant of \$9,500.00 from the State of Vermont Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. These funds are to help municipalities develop and implement their Town Plans. We have contracted with the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission for the updating of the Thetford Town Plan dealing with policies, village section and recreational planning, transportation, and generating of new Geographical Information Service (GIS) maps.

Effective January 1, 2003, the Zoning fees were increased based upon analysis of our processing and filing costs as well as those of neighboring communities.

Zoning office hours are Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to noon; and Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Your call or personal inquiries are invited. E-mail [Thetford.Zoning@valley.net](mailto:Thetford.Zoning@valley.net).

William Thrane  
Zoning Administrator

## LISTERS' REPORT

The year 2002 has been one of change for the Lister's Office. The Listers upgraded the current assessment program with a user-friendly software system called ProVal. Appraisal Resource Group completed the much-needed town-wide reappraisal. The reappraisal brought properties closer to market value to better meet the Listers' goal of fair and equitable assessments. The Grand List was increased by approximately 20 percent while the tax rate was reduced to 2.2733.

The Board of Listers must abide by certain laws in the Vermont statutes. To reevaluate property there must be a physical change in the property before April 1<sup>st</sup> (i.e. remodeling, addition, etc.); a town-wide reassessment; or a request by an owner in writing.

We must also follow a certain timetable. The pre-grand List must be completed by June 4<sup>th</sup>. Grievance hearings must begin no later than June 18<sup>th</sup>. The final Grand List must be lodged with the Town Clerk by July 25<sup>th</sup>. The only adjustment that can be made to the Grand List after it has been lodged is correction of physical data. These changes must be approved by the Selectboard and are not retroactive. If you are concerned about your assessment, the Board of Listers asks that you list your concerns in writing and include any documentation that would support your case. Putting your request for reconsideration in writing makes the process legal and protects your rights. The Listers will act upon your request sometime during the year. If there are any changes in your assessment, you will be notified of that change in writing by the last week in May.

Your responsibility after you receive a Change of Appraisal Notice is as follows: If you agree with the value, do nothing. If you disagree with the value or have questions you must contact the Board of Listers in writing or make an appointment to meet with them. This should be done before grievance meetings, which begin on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to put your grievance in writing. It is not necessary by law to list your reasons why, but it would help the Listers to better understand your concerns.

The regulations governing the appeal process can be confusing. We are willing to help alleviate any concerns you may have but are limited in what we can do legally.

Our office is open Tuesday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or by appointment. In closing, the Listers would like to thank the Town's property owners for their cooperation during the reappraisal process. The Listers greatly appreciate your willingness to assist us.

Denise Adams  
Janet Stowell  
Roxy Maxfield

## TAXABLE LISTED VALUES TOWN OF THETFORD GRAND LIST AS OF APRIL 1, 2002

REAL ESTATE	NO.	CORPORATIONS	TOWN RESIDENTS	STATE RESIDENTS	NON-STATE	TOTALS
Residential I	616	0	79,083,762	3,480,500	5,773,000	88,337,262
Residential II	348	0	63,553,358	1,825,500	8,078,580	73,457,438
Mobile Homes-U	32	0	516,500	0	13,000	529,500
Mobile Homes-L	56	0	3,792,900	102,300	124,200	4,019,400
Vacation I	38	0	902,200	1,354,300	1,864,800	4,121,300
Vacation II	23	0	544,250	683,115	1,868,595	3,095,960
Commercial	47	38,600	9,302,311	2,466,400	1,413,000	13,220,311
Commercial Apts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E	3	2,316,700	0	30,400	255,000	2,602,100
Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	11	299,198	1,905,627	40,919	0	2,245,744
Woodland	146	0	3,055,753	1,580,374	2,277,613	6,913,740
Other	2	0	0	0	19,300	19,300
Miscellaneous	93	0	2,719,813	977,049	593,463	4,290,325
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>2,654,498</b>	<b>165,376,474</b>	<b>12,540,857</b>	<b>22,280,551</b>	<b>202,852,380</b>

### HEALTH OFFICER REPORT - 2002

Septic Permits Issued	22
New Septic Systems	12
Septic System Repair Permits	8
Permit Renewals	2
Animal Bite Reports	0

*Alford Stone, Health Officer*

2002 PET LICENSING REPORT					
	FEMALE	MALE	SPAYED	NEUTERE DD	TOTALS
Dogs	81	78	260	236	655
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 15, 2003 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 Tuesday, April 1, 2003 to avoid penalty and late licensing fees. Licensing fees are \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs, \$9.00 for unaltered. Penalties for late licensing are \$25.00 plus one half of the licensing fee for previously licensed dogs. All 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. If you become an owner/keeper of a dog or wolf hybrid that is over six months old after April 1<sup>st</sup>, you have 30 days to license the animal.



### RECYCLING REPORT

On some Saturday mornings the line of cars waiting to get into the Recycling Center stretches out onto Route 113. This is a good thing in that it indicates an active and growing recycling program, but not so good for convenience or for traffic safety.

Developing a permanent Recycling Center will address these problems, and we look forward to a future Town Meeting at which Recycling is not an issue under discussion.

During the year 2002, the residents of Thetford recycled 85.96 tons of glass; 13.50 tons of metal containers (cans, etc.); 6.58 tons of mixed plastic; 18 tons of cardboard, 27.72 tons of magazines, 53.11 tons of mixed paper, and 51.67 tons of newspaper.

Thank you your efforts to reduce the waste stream by recycling.

Sara Ferguson, Selectboard Member

### THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The major activities conducted by the Conservation Commission during 2002 included the following:

During March through June the Commission sponsored the Thetford Landscape Project, which consisted of an integrated series of six evening presentations and four weekend field trips exploring the past, present and future of the Thetford landscape. During these well-attended events, participants had opportunities to discover and learn about the geology, ecology, and human history of their local landscape.

In October the Commission hosted a public informational gathering at the Thetford Center Community Association building regarding a grant sponsored program called Keeping Track. Volunteers from Thetford and neighboring towns who are participants of the program explained the goals of the program, which is to develop a data base that can be used in support of land preservation initiatives that will support habitats for certain animal species whose range is threatened by forest fragmentation from human development.

Representatives from the Commission and the Upper Valley Land Trust have conducted a site evaluation and have developed a draft conservation easement for a 100+ acre parcel adjacent to the former Post Mills landfill. This parcel, which is in the process of being transferred from the State of Vermont to the town, will be managed as a preserve and watershed. The conservation easement will also provide for recreational trails and other historic uses.

Other accomplishments for the year included continuing support to energy conservation initiatives, the Elizabeth Mine EPA project, and the beginning of an inventory of data base maps for soils, wetlands, and geographic features.

In 2003, it is anticipated that the Commission will begin assistance to the Planning Commission in revising the town plan, expand educational outreach programs, and begin conducting species inventories on town-held properties.

We encourage town residents who have a specific interest or concern in natural resource issues to contact any commission member (see listing under Appointed Officers in the Town Report).

Robert J. Pulaski, Chair

## TREASURE ISLAND REPORT

**SEASON:** June 15 - Labor Day

**PASSES SOLD:** Total - 185  
Residents - 143  
Non-Resident- 33  
Tennis - 9

**PARK HOURS:** 10 A.M. - 8 P.M. daily

It was an enjoyable year for Treasure Island in 2002. We started the summer off prior to Opening Day with school group end-of-the-year picnics. Reservations for school groups came from local and nearby towns, and for the first two weeks in June, nearly every day was scheduled for a group picnic. Opening day was June 15, and swimming lessons commenced the following Monday, and continued throughout the summer in four two-week sessions. A total of 144 children received lessons from our Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and Red Cross certified lifeguards. Children filled the beginner, advanced beginner, intermediate and swimmer-level lessons. We hope to offer Junior Lifesaving next year, which follows the swimmer-level class, and teaches water safety and the duties and responsibilities of a lifeguard. This year, lessons were led and supervised by our Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, Craig Martin, who has had the opportunity to work for several years with many of our local children. Near the end of the summer, our lifeguard team staged an impromptu thank you to Craig, as he headed off to his first year of college.

Thanks are extended to Mrs. Diane Ferriter, who led the Treasure Island tennis clinic in Mid-July. It was a great time, with children's lessons taking place first, and adults taking to the court afterward for their own clinic. In 2002, Treasure Island offered a lower tennis youth rate of \$5.00 for court time in an effort to increase court utilization. We were fortunate this year to have children's tennis racquets available to sign-out for free, and we hope to be able to arrange this again in 2003.

The weather for Treasure Island outings was terrific this year, and the park and beach were highly utilized, especially during the heat wave weeks at the end of July and August. Children, adults, and families came out to enjoy the water, sun, beach, playground and community/family "together-time." Treasure Island also continues to draw fishing enthusiasts through the boat rentals or general shore-based fishing. We continued to see preschool groups, bike groups, out-of-town visitors, and new visitors at Treasure Island this year, due in part to local word-of-mouth, helpful advertising in *The Parent's Paper* and the *Valley News*, and from the recommendations of local inns, campgrounds and bed and breakfast establishments. Treasure Island also hosted many island rental events including Camp Billings campfire visits, Thetford Boy Scouts ceremony and meeting, family reunions, birthday parties, a high school reunion, a pre wedding celebration, and also a full-scale island wedding reception! Library Story Hour was held weekly at Treasure Island throughout the summer - thank you to Stacey Glazer, who organized the Tuesday morning schedule. Thank you as well to all parents and children who participated. Treasure Island also hosted a milfoil infestation control training and work day this summer. Thank you to the volunteers who attended and worked for the day. In addition, several local scuba divers volunteered this summer to help control the spread of milfoil in the swim area - your help was truly appreciated.

Do you have a talent or skill to share at Treasure Island in 2003? We are considering some new initiatives, including an arts and crafts hour (much like a story hour), a field sports period, or a children's conservation/environmental hike and activity period. Volunteers would be helpful in making this happen. If you are interested, or have additional ideas, please contact us.

We enjoyed working with all of you. We continue to need Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructors to lead swim lessons. You must be 17 years or older to become certified and hold this position. Please contact us for more information.

Thank you to Roberta Howard and the town office staff for the fine administrative support we received this summer, and thank you also to the Thetford Board of Selectmen for supporting and guiding the development of Treasure Island as a valuable town resource.

Scott and Ann O'Hearn  
Caretakers, Treasure Island



## RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2002, an attempt was made to revive the Town of Thetford Recreation Committee. Several town residents met in April at the Latham Library to begin discussion of town needs, present resources, and future development in the area of recreation in Thetford. Present at the April meeting were Scott O'Hearn, Ann O'Hearn, Susan Arnold, Tim Taylor, Lelia Mellen, Jill Glassmith, Jeff Sirjane, and Jennifer Davey.

Scott and Ann O'Hearn summarized current plans for repairs to Treasure Island and members suggested a Community Work Day at Treasure Island for Spring 2003. Tim Taylor and Jeff Sirjane outlined the progress that has been made in surveying the 40 acres of donated recreation land in Post Mills, including budding plans for Linny's Trail and two ball fields, including a proposed soccer field.

Members reviewed present recreational opportunities available in town, including ice skating at Child's Pond, the school ski program, Balloon Festivals, The Fun Runs, and organized children's team programs coordinated by the Thetford Youth Sports Board. Some members suggested that there might be community interest in a children's Fun Run also. Other new ideas suggested for the future included more trail building (for walking, biking, and skiing), a second Bike Rodeo, the possibility of bike and ski racks on school buses, and the possible development of a Recreation Center in town with ping-pong, foosball, billiards, sofas, etc. Attendees at the April meeting were particularly interested in finding better, more comprehensive ways to communicate recreational opportunities and special events to interested Thetford residents, possibly by way of a monthly newsletter or town calendar.

In May, Scott O'Hearn, Jill Glassmith, and Lelia Mellen attended the second meeting where Scott outlined the system which the Town of Fairlee uses to create and distribute its "Community Events Calendar." Help is available from Sandra Smith-Ordway at Customized Creations in Fairlee if this committee decides to proceed with the creation of a similar ongoing calendar of events for the town of Thetford.

In 2003 another attempt will be undertaken to solidify and expand membership in the Thetford Recreation Committee. If you would like to be involved and/or have suggestions for the committee, please contact Scott O'Hearn at 333-3507.

Respectfully Submitted  
Scott O'Hearn, for the Recreation Committee

### TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The results of the Tuesday, March 5, 2002 vote by Australian ballot were 428 in favor of and 241 opposed to a \$600,000 municipal bond to be expended for renovation and expansion to the current Town Hall. Our committee and Smith and Vasant architects continued to meet throughout the year to further develop renovation plans. We assessed current conditions, evaluated available options and met with abutters to further refine plans. The Thetford Energy Committee and Historic Preservation Commission also worked with us to review options.

Following the open bidding process, the committee interviewed a number of construction management firms to oversee the renovation and expansion process. Neagley and Chase of South Burlington were selected to manage the project due primarily to their extensive experience with historic renovations.

Committee members met with historic preservation specialists and applied for grants to allow for preservation of specific exterior elements of the current Town Hall. A grant of \$25,000. Has been awarded by the Vermont Preservation Trust, and a grant request for \$15,000 was submitted to Vermont Historic Preservation. We extend our special thanks to Laurel Mackin for her work with Chris Levey and Mary Spata during finalization of these grant applications.

In compliance with Thetford zoning regulations, the necessary permits have been obtained from the Planning Commission. Hazardous materials in the current building have been assessed and abatement procedures decided.

After much consideration, we delayed the construction start date from September 30, 2002 to March 30, 2003 in order to allow more time for plan review and value engineering by Neagley and Chase and to avoid the added costs of winter construction. We currently anticipate completion of phase one of the project (new addition) by the end of June and phase two (renovation of existing building) by early fall.

The final architectural drawings and construction specifications have been reviewed by the committee and including electrical, heating, ventilation, water, septic, and landscape designs and remain within budget projections. Local contractors have been included in the bidding process for all aspects of the project.

Once construction is underway, the committee will continue to meet regularly with the managers and architects to oversee the project to completion. We are currently seeking a knowledgeable volunteer to serve as Clerk of the Works. If you are interested in this position, please contact Mary Spata at (802) 333-4141.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Mary Spata, Chair  
Chris Levey  
Paul Raymond  
Cyrus Severance  
Susan Thrane

### THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Would you like to reduce your energy use, cut your electric and heating bills, stimulate the local economy, and help protect the environment at the same time? Then contact the Thetford Energy Committee (TEC), a town committee recently created by and working under the Selectboard and funded by the town. We want to work with Thetford residents, businesses and the town government to do just that.

#### COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM:

TEC is collaborating with Efficiency Vermont (EVT - the state's energy efficiency utility), the Sustainable Energy Resource Group and other local town energy committees and businesses to organize a community energy outreach program. Through the program, trained volunteers will go to homes and businesses in town to conduct an energy survey in order to identify conservation opportunities. We will provide information and offer reduced rates on energy saving programs and devices.

Did you know that through EVT each electric customer in the state is qualified to receive up to 6 compact fluorescent light bulbs and 4 lamps/fixtures at huge discounts each year? These lights use about one quarter of the electricity of a standard incandescent bulb of equivalent brightness. This can save you close to \$100 each over the lifetime of the bulb through reduced electric consumption! We can show you samples of the bulbs and assist you in ordering from the EVT catalogue. Discounts for these bulbs and other EVT programs are subsidized by a charge on your electric bill.

And, efficient lighting is only the beginning. We can test the efficiency of your electric appliances and provide you with information on energy efficient appliances and vehicles for those looking to buy new products. We will help you to determine if your house or business is using more heating energy than it should. If it is, we will suggest improvements. If additional services are necessary, we will offer referrals for energy audits, blower door tests and infrared scans through local energy conservation contractors to let you know where your most cost effective retrofits can take place.

#### OTHER PROJECTS:

TEC will work with the selectboard and school building committee to assure that any new and renovated municipal buildings are energy efficient. We will provide information on renewable energy opportunities for those on and off the grid. TEC will work to expand public transportation and car pooling in town. And we will keep you informed about pending legislation which might help us all conserve more.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

To accomplish all of this, we need your help. TEC needs more committee members to help organize our efforts in town. We are also looking for volunteers who are interested in participating in a training class and assisting with the outreach campaign. We hope to draw volunteers from a wide spectrum of the community - schools, churches, civic organizations, neighborhoods, etc. - who will then return to implement the program with their constituent groups. We will hold the training class in early April and begin conducting the outreach program in the spring.

If you would like to participate as a volunteer or committee member, if you would like us to conduct an energy survey on your home or business, or if you would like us to share information with you, please contact us at 785-4126 or at [bobwalker@valley.net](mailto:bobwalker@valley.net).

Bob Walker, Thetford Energy Committee

### THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

I wish to thank you for the welcome, the opportunity, and the overall support that you have shown me. Although more than half the year was gone when I started work in Thetford, I have succeeded in getting many things back on track while simultaneously meeting day-to-day operational needs.

In that there had been no chief and a very limited and minimal Police presence for the previous five months prior to my tenure beginning, the Policing focus had gone from proactive to reactive at best. This void and its results will be addressed further on.

The foremost concern I've heard from the community since my first day was, and is, the need of better night and weekend coverage. There is an extensive need for both interaction and response during these times.

Some coverage was provided by State Police and Sheriffs, who are, and were, overtaxed and overburdened with covering their own areas, as they have budget cuts and personnel shortages themselves. Nonetheless they did an excellent job of responding and have remained a greatly appreciated help and resource.

Since we started in mid-July, the current Police Department staff has handled 41% of the over 600 complaints this year. There is great variety in the kind of calls for Police assistance that we receive, from gun incidents (one with shots fired) to credit card fraud against Thetford residents from out of Miami and New York, sex assaults, alcohol and drug use, Federal wanted persons, arrest warrants, criminal driving, DWI, excess speed, bad checks, vandalism, etcetera.

While this may seem at first glance a bad view for the Town, to the contrary, and speaking highly for Thetford and its citizens, is the fact that the majority of these incidents have been perpetrated on our citizens and community by people coming here from elsewhere. Some of the perpetrators even indicated that the prior lack of Police and our out-of-the-way (relatively speaking) locale is the reason why they were here, or why they were in the area.

As well as community commitment and involvement to addresses these issues, the Police Department's increased presence will aid in keeping these types of things from either continuing or escalating. We strongly encourage citizens to call or come into the office. We will, as decently, quickly, completely, and confidentially as possible, be glad to address concerns no matter how large or small they may seem.

The Officers and I look forward to a long, positive and productive relationship, hopefully better serving you, gaining your respect, cooperation and trust. We will be busy implementing and expanding any a community policing presence in Thetford. Our goal is to establish and maintain good faith, confidence, communication and interaction with citizens, schools, local interest groups, fire and ambulance services, the public at large and any other entities or agencies, for the overall good of the Town of Thetford and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Phil Call, Chief of Police

### THETFORD POLICE STATISTICS

NATURE OF CALL	#	%
911 Hangup Call	18	2.97
Abandoned Vehicle	1	0.17
Accident Fatal	1	0.17
Traffic Accident w/Damage	50	8.25
Traffic Accident w/ Injuries	13	2.15
Agency Assistance	52	8.58
Alarm	2	0.33
Alcohol Offense	2	0.33
Animal Problem	15	2.48
Assault (All Types)	4	0.66
Attempt to Locate	1	0.17
ATV Incident	1	0.17
Insufficient Funds Check	3	0.50
Burglary	7	1.16
Burglary Alarm	8	1.32
Citizen Assist	57	9.41
Citizen Dispute	19	3.14
Dead Animal	2	0.33
Dead Body	1	0.17
Disorderly Conduct	2	0.33
Driving, License Suspended	7	1.16
Controlled Substance Problem	2	0.33
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	10	1.65
Embezzlement	2	0.33
Family Fight/Domestic	10	1.65
Fire	1	0.17
Fire Investigation	2	0.33
Fireworks	1	0.17
Fish and Game Complaint	35	5.78
Found Property	3	0.50

NATURE OF CALL	#	%
Information Report	11	1.82
Intoxicated Person	1	0.17
Juvenile Problem	7	1.16
Litter/Public Health	4	0.66
Lockout	1	0.17
Lost Property	2	0.33
Medical Emergency	1	0.17
Miscellaneous	17	2.81
Missing Person	4	0.66
Motor Vehicle Complaint	50	8.25
Noise Disturbance	3	0.50
Phone/Harassment	1	0.17
Restraining Order	1	0.17
Runaway Juvenile	2	0.33
Service Abuse Prev. Order	3	0.50
Snowmobile Incident	1	0.17
Stabbing	1	0.17
Stalking	2	0.33
Suspicious	60	9.90
Theft	22	3.63
Traffic Hazard	1	0.17
Traffic Violation	1	0.17
Trespassing	6	0.99
Unlawful Mischief	1	0.17
Unlawful Mischief	28	4.62
VIN Number Inspection	36	5.94
Wanted Person	3	0.50
Weapon Offense	2	0.33
Welfare/Suicide Check	5	0.83
<b>TOTAL CALLS</b>	<b>609</b>	

**VERMONT STATE POLICE**

The Vermont State Police in Bradford have had a busy year in 2002.

We have maintained our commitment to strong DWI and traffic enforcement in an effort to keep our roadways safe. We have remained vigilant in the area of criminal investigations, working to solve area crimes, and deter criminal activity. We have participated in a variety of community functions in an effort to meet the people we serve. (Please visit our web site at: [www.dps.state.vt.us](http://www.dps.state.vt.us)).

The year has brought many challenges, as we have had to review our mission priorities, while facing severe budgetary constraints.

I am confident that any changes in service will have a minimal impact on you and your community, while allowing us to become more effective at providing the professional level of law enforcement that you expect and deserve.

We face new challenges as a department and as a community in meeting the threat of terrorism. There is an influx of illegal drugs and the criminal activity associated with the drugs in our towns.

These issues affect our quality of life and that of our families. Only by working together can we expect to meet and conquer them.

I would ask for your assistance and support in the coming year, when the opportunity presents itself.

Below are the overall FY 2002 statistics for Thetford. I have not listed the miscellaneous calls for service that do not require an investigation.

Have a Safe and Healthy New Year.

LT Walter Goodell, Station Commander  
Troop B-Bradford

Assault simple, not aggravated -	1
Harassing phone calls -	2
Burglary force residence -	0
Threatening phone calls -	0
Burglary no force residence -	2
Trespassing violation -	1
Burglary attempt residence -	0
Accident-injury-short form -	2
Larceny from Building -	2
Accident-damage-DMV report	14
Larceny all other -	5
Accident-damage-short form -	4
Theft automobile -	0
Motor vehicle, disturbances -	31
Stolen property poss -	1
Noise disturbances -	31
Vandalism of residence -	0
Abandoned vehicle -	1
Vandalism-misc -	10
Agency Assist -	26
Family offenses, other -	3
Citizen assist - - -	35
DUI of liquor - - -	12
DLSC DLS-criminal -	6
Illegal possession by minor -	4
JUVP juvenile problem -	4
Other liquor law violations -	0
SUSP suspicion -	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>

TRUSTEES OF TOWN FARM TRUST FUNDS		
DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Fund original Investment: 677.000	\$4,001.07
'57-02	Shares added by reinvestment: 24,080.836	
12/31/02	Puritan Fund - Total Shares held: 24,747.836	
12/31/02	Value of Investment @ \$ 17.67/share	\$393,243.11
<b>CASH ON HAND &amp; CASH INCOME FOR 2002:</b>		
01/01/02	Cash on Hand (Merchant's Bank)	10,571.30
12/31/02	Income Dividend	\$3,466.10
12/31/02	Interest Income	\$104.59
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$14,141.99</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS &amp; EXPENSES FOR 2001:</b>		
02/21/02	Check #115, Treasurer, Town of Thetford	975.00
04/04/02	Check #116, Emergency Food Shelf	2,000.00
04/23/02	Check #117, "Life Line"	450.36
10/18/02	Check #119, Treasurer, Town of Thetford	6,500.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$9,925.36</b>
	<b>CASH BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/01:</b>	<b>\$4,216.63</b>
<i>Trustees of Trust Funds:</i>		<i>Ruel G. Barrett</i>
		<i>Elmer C. Brown</i>
		<i>Frederick P. Howard</i>

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
2001	V. UHLEIN PROPERTY	15.0 AC	GIFT

TOWN OF THETFORD CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS		
DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Fund original investment 220.000 shares	\$1,300.20
'60 - '02	Shares added by reinvestment: 634.254	
12/31/02	Puritan Fund total shares held 854.254 shares	
12/31/02	Value of reinvestment @ \$ 15.92 / share	\$13,599.92
<b>CASH ON HAND &amp; INCOME - 2002</b>		
01/01/02	Cash on Hand	219.64
03/08/02	Income Dividend	102.51
06/07/02	Income Dividend	102.51
09/06/02	Income Dividend	102.51
12/31/02	2002 Interest	5.33
<b>DISBURSEMENTS &amp; EXPENSES - 2001</b>		
12/11/02	Treasurer, Town of Thetford	455.00
	Hillside Cemetery	35.00
	Post Mills Cemetery	70.00
	East Thetford Cemetery	105.00
	Evergreen Rest Cemetery	245.00
12/31/02	<b>CASH BALANCE ON HAND:</b>	<b>\$77.50</b>
<i>Trustees of Trust Funds:</i>		<i>Ruel</i>
		<i>Frederick P. Howard</i>

### UNION VILLAGE BRIDGE REPORT

The Union Village Bridge Project began on time and progressed rather nicely to completion. There are one or two minor cosmetic items to be changed or completed and we will hopefully celebrate with a grand opening in May or June.

The contractor did an exceptional job on this project and should be commended for his work

Submitted by Paul Raymond, Selectboard

## THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Fire Department was busy in 2002, responding to 117 emergencies. Motor vehicle accidents continue to be the single largest incident type, followed by mutual aid calls. We are part of an automatic mutual aid system involving all the Upper Valley Towns, and also receive assistance. Many of us are also EMT's and respond to EMS incidents as well. The members contributed several thousand hours responding to and training for a wide range of emergencies.

Aircraft Crash	1
Chimney Fire	2
CO Alarm	1
Fire Alarm	10
Investigation	15
Mutual Aid	20
MVA Crash	34
Power Lines	13
Public Assist	2
Rescue	2
Structure Fire	5
Vehicle Fire	10
Wildland Fire	2
Grand Total	117

TVFD is entirely volunteer and is staffed by dedicated members who carry pagers 24 hours every day of the year. We respond to all calls with fully staffed apparatus and work hard to provide the Town with a professional level of service.

We have several new members, including two Thetford Academy seniors. Our Junior Firefighter program is a good way for students to learn about the fire service, help their community, and possibly find a life-long interest in emergency work.

A grant from the Mascoma Foundation will extend our computer systems to the emergency scene. Now we will be able to utilize our mapping and Haz-Mat software in the field. A Jeffords Grant was also received, and pays half the cost of new airpaks which are replaced on rotating schedule. Last but not least, we received a major FEMA grant of \$65,000 toward updating our Rescue truck.

Our operating budget is covered by the Town appropriation, and we raise over \$15,000 annually with our fund-raising events. Considerable time was donated by firefighters and their families to continue

these efforts. This past year a small group of non-firefighters organized a Support Team. Among other goals, they will reduce the time volunteer firefighters spend raising money. This will allow us more time for training. If you would like to help the Support Team, or join the department, please call.

Thetford has E-911 and we use the address numbering system when we respond to your emergency. We are familiar with our response area but any mutual aid responders including the ambulance service relies on spotting your address marker. Please take the time to put your number where we can see it from the road.

Submitted by  
Don Fifield, Jr.

Chief - Don Fifield	FF/EMT
Captain - Brenda Moore	FF/EMT
Captain - Chad Whitcomb	FF
Captain - Jeff Sirjane	FF/EMT
Lieutenant - John Brown	FF
Lieutenant - Tim Ouellette	FF/EMT

Russ Bragg	FF
Carol Bean	FF
Josh Boyd	FF
Mariah Capurso	FF/EMT
Guy Cook	FF
Jim Cloud	FF
Scott DiFrancesco	FF
Rick Dresser	FF
David Goodrich	FF/EMT
Bill Hoyt	FF
Bart Koop	FF
Spunk Kuehlwein	FF/EMT
David Moore	FF
Tim Moore	FF/EMT
Ellis Paige	FF
Gail Paige	FF
Brian Ricker	FF
George Stowell	FF/EMT
Janet Stowell	FF/EMT
Ben Tilden	FF
Bill Wallace	FF/EMT
Dan Whitcomb	FF

Thetford Vol. Fire Department	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Town Appropriation	59,500.00	59,500.00	65,250.00
Interest Earned	75.00	17.46	75.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$59,575.00</b>	<b>\$59,517.46</b>	<b>\$65,325.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Chiefs Stipend	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00
Dispatch Service	1,750.00	2,347.30	2,500.00
Fees	50.00	25.00	50.00
Insurance	16,500.00	17,259.00	17,900.00
Office Supplies & Postage	500.00	494.93	500.00
Public Relations & Fire Safety	500.00	192.00	500.00
Subscriptions and Dues	500.00	464.87	500.00
Tax Prep / Audit	400.00	0.00	500.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,156.19	1,400.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>22,850.00</b>	<b>21,939.29</b>	<b>25,100.00</b>
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>			
Electricity	2,200.00	1,856.08	2,200.00
Fuel Oil LP Gas	2,500.00	2,306.54	2,500.00
Furniture & Fixtures	500.00	403.45	500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	5,500.00	4,833.40	8,500.00
<b>Total Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>10,700.00</b>	<b>9,399.47</b>	<b>13,700.00</b>
<b>FIREFIGHTER HEALTH &amp; SAFETY</b>			
Gear Maintenance	600.00	498.21	600.00
Gear & Personal Protective Equipment	4,400.00	423.44	4,400.00
Health & Safety	500.00	0.00	500.00
Re-Hydration & Food	200.00	2.19	200.00
<b>Total Firefighter Health &amp; Safety</b>	<b>5,700.00</b>	<b>923.84</b>	<b>5,700.00</b>
<b>TRAINING</b>			
Training Corporation Membership	250.00	250.00	250.00
Training Courses & Expenses	2,500.00	992.25	2,500.00
<b>Total Training</b>	<b>2,750.00</b>	<b>1,242.25</b>	<b>2,750.00</b>
<b>VEHICLES &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>			
Equipment Maintenance	2,500.00	1,485.62	2,500.00
Equipment Replacement	9,500.00	9,771.44	10,000.00
Vehicle Fuel	1,500.00	852.11	1,500.00
Vehicle Maintenance	4,000.00	1,295.42	4,000.00
<b>Total Vehicles &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>17,500.00</b>	<b>13,404.59</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$59,500.00</b>	<b>\$46,909.44</b>	<b>\$65,250.00</b>

Prepared By Gail Paige



## UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC.

To the Honorable Citizens of the Eight Communities we Proudly Serve:

We are pleased to present our 12th annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our eight communities since July 1, 1990. In the past twelve years, Upper Valley has responded to over 16,000 ambulance calls. This year we will have responded to over 800 requests for emergency medical assistance from the eight communities we serve.

2002 has proven to be a very challenging year. Like many small businesses, we have had a difficult time finding qualified employees in a tight labor market. We continue to absorb double digit increases in health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance, and reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payors continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Despite this, we continue to provide a high level of service.

2003 should be no different. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which placed ambulances on a fixed fee schedule was implemented last year. Insurance rates continue to climb, and the job market remains tight. After countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors have approved the 2003 budget reflecting no increase in our per capita request of \$15.00/ per capita based on the 2000 census numbers.

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. This no cost program was developed to reduce risks around your home and help you identify hazards in the hopes of preventing an injury from occurring. 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.

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.

Larry Lancaster  
Chair, Board of Directors

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

I started work for the Town of Thetford in June of this year. At that time Tucker Hill Road was being upgraded. Part of the project was done by the Thetford Highway Department. We replaced culverts, rebuilt the shoulders, raked and seeded.

The summer kept us busy with roadside mowing and grading as well as repair and maintenance work. A new culvert was put in on Picknell Road, Robinson Hill Road was improved by the addition of Stapak, the bank was cut back at the intersection of Jackson Brook Road.

Getting equipment ready for winter kept us busy in the fall season.

The Fiat-Allis loader has been giving us some trouble, and the grader is due for repairs.

Looking forward to a productive year in 2003.

Frank Thurston, Road Commissioner

## HIGHWAY DEPT INVENTORY

### Garage Equipment

Steam Jenny  
20 Ton Jack  
3 Ton Hydraulic Jack '01 2001  
Transmission Jack  
Air Grease Gun  
Chop saw  
Line Feed Welder  
Torch Set  
Stick Welder  
Pressure Washer  
Battery Charger - 2001  
Assorted Hand Tools (wrenches, hammer, etc.)  
Ladders (20' metal, 32' wood, 16' fiberglass)  
Water Pump  
Drill Press  
Air Compressor  
Creepers (3)  
Hand Dolly (2)  
Roll - around Tool Box  
12,000 kw Portable Generator - 20

### Highway Equipment

2002 Ford F-550 1 1/4 Ton Truck  
2000 International Dump Truck  
1999 International Dump Truck  
1996 International Dump 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) - 1 new 2001  
Logger's Chaps (2)  
Limb Pruner  
Power tamp (compactor)  
Transit  
Shovels, Rakes, Etc.

**THETFORD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE YEARS 2002 THRU 2007 (continued below)**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Chipper - 15yrs - '02, 17			10,000.00	10,000.00		
Mower - 10 yrs 04, 14				7,500.00	7,500.00	
Truck#1 - 6 Yrs 96, 02,08	28,712.50	9,937.50	9,937.50			16,000.00
Truck#2 - 7 yrs 96, 03, 10		20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Truck#3 - 7 yrs 98, 05, 12				22,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Truck#4 - 7 yrs 00, 07, 14	15,628.43	15,600.00				24,000.00
Grader - 12 yrs 97, 09, 21						
Loader - 12 yrs 99, 11, 23	\$19,854.23					
Projected Expenditures:	\$64,349.92	\$45,537.50	\$39,937.50	\$59,500.00	\$49,500.00	\$62,000.00
Fund Balance Jan. 1	\$67,787.61	\$49,191.13	\$75,494.97	\$108,196.41	\$121,663.82	\$145,717.91
Projected Contribution:	\$45,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00
Projected Expenditures:	\$-64,349.92	\$-45,537.50	\$-39,937.50	\$-59,500.00	\$-49,500.00	\$-62,000.00
Fund Balance Dec. 31:	\$48,437.69	\$73,653.63	\$105,557.47	\$118,696.41	\$142,163.82	\$158,717.91
Balance w/Aver. Interest:	\$49,191.13	\$75,494.97	\$108,196.41	\$121,663.82	\$145,717.91	\$162,685.86

**THETFORD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE YEARS 2008 thru 2012 (cont. from above)**

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Chipper - 15yrs - '02, 17						
Mower - 10 yrs 04, 14						
Truck#1 - 6 Yrs 96, 02,08	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00			
Truck#2 - 7 yrs 96, 03, 10			\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	
Truck#3 - 7 yrs 98, 05, 12	\$22,000.00				\$27,000.00	
Truck#4 - 7 yrs 00, 07, 14	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00			
Grader - 12 yrs 97, 09, 21		\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	
Loader - 12 yrs 99, 11, 23				\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
Projected Expenditures:	\$62,000.00	\$73,000.00	\$97,000.00	\$82,000.00	\$109,000.00	
Fund Balance Jan. 1	\$162,685.86	\$180,078.01	\$186,629.96	\$168,745.71	\$165,789.35	
Projected Contribution:	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	
Projected Expenditures:	\$-62,000.00	\$-73,000.00	\$-97,000.00	\$-82,000.00	\$-109,000.00	
Fund Balance Dec. 31:	\$175,685.86	\$182,078.01	\$164,629.96	\$161,745.71	\$131,789.35	
Balance w/Aver. Interest:	\$180,078.01	\$186,629.96	\$168,745.71	\$165,789.35	\$135,084.08	

**BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Budget Committee has met with the Town Of Thetford Selectboard five times to review the various departmental budget submissions. In addition, the Budget Committee has met independently of the Selectboard to review and discuss the proposed budget for the Town of Thetford for the fiscal year 2003.

It should be noted that while the Town's budget is formulated on a fiscal year which is the calendar year, the Thetford Elementary School and Thetford Academy budgets run from July to June. With the Town and School Meetings set in March, this creates a rather challenging situation in and of itself.

The development of the budget for fiscal year 2003 presented several challenges. The Town has undertaken the Town Hall building project. This increased space will have a corresponding increase in operations and maintenance costs.

Many items in the Town Budget are out of our control, i.e. fuel costs, utilities, Social Security, insurance. Other items are determined by contract, i.e. salaries, equipment payments, bond payment. Some items are in flux, i.e. the recycling situation. The remaining items are there by the "pleasure of the taxpayers", i.e. appropriations, Treasure Island, and conservation.

Thetford is a growing community and while providing for the basics of its Highway Department, Town government, Police, and Fire Department, we must also look to planning for the future. Quality of life, meaning different things to different people, must be weighed against the ability of all the town residents to pay for those items above the basics. Federal and State funding can be of some assistance but they are also experiencing budget concerns.

The Town of Thetford Selectboard has given much consideration and exercised restraint in formulating the budget for FY 2003.

Having made the above remarks, the Budget Committee proposes that taxpayers carefully study the proposed budget. Recommendations for the Selectboard to take under consideration can be made at the Annual Meeting.

The Budget Committee recommends adoption of the proposed Town Budget for FY 2003.  
Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brown  
Lynne A. Miller  
Nancy Vosburg



Caddy Shannon

## LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### HOURS

**Monday: 2:00 - 8:30 PM**  
**Tuesday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM**  
**Wednesday: 10:00 - 5:00 PM**  
**Thursday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM**  
**Friday: 10:00 - 5:00 PM**

In 2002 the trustees worked hard to increase local library support as well as sought outside revenues. A long range plan of service was developed between fundraising efforts, which included a concert by Banjo Dan and the Midnite Plowboys; a sale of 100 pies; and a popular raffle of goods and services. The board also hired Tammie Patten as Children's Librarian, when Jean Gerber retired in October.

Programs included a book discussion series exploring "Southern Writers", made possible by the Vermont Council on the Humanities. Opera North offered a program in May. Coordinating with Thetford Reads, the library co-hosted a book giveaway on Halloween.

From three visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,599 books, and these state books were taken out 1,399 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 1,682 videos were borrowed from almost 30 video series' offered by the library from the LUV Video Co-op. 168 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 72 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 13,771 with 11,436 people coming to use the library. 380 visitors came to view the exhibits in the Bicentennial Gallery. 1,026 books-on-tape circulated this year.

During the past year the library bought 200 books and 25 books on tape for children and adults. 357 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 49 meetings of The Thetford Hill Improvement Society, the Recycling Committee, the Thetford Recreation Committee, Adult Basic Education, the Thetford Conservation Commission, the Parish Players, and the Thetford Hill Water Coop.

All these activities depend on voluntary efforts from many members of the community. Alice Gnaedinger, Helen MacLam, Dale Sidler, and Inge Trebitz worked behind the scenes to process and barcode books. Charlie Eastridge put away many books, sorted magazines and resolved computer glitches. Nina Strauss continues every summer to insure the collection is current. Nancy Schindler

Gladys Boyd, Susan Fetter, and Anne Scotford have worked at your library for more than seventy years cumulatively! The warm tone set by them is carried on by all the other front desk volunteers who keep the library open six days a week throughout the year. Your support of the Library through the annual appeal assures the success of your library.

Come visit in 2003. 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



## PEABODY LIBRARY

### HOURS

**Tuesday: 5:00 - 8:00 PM**  
**Wednesday: 2:00 - 8:30 PM**

Children meet every Wednesday to read together at the Peabody Library, which is now in its 136<sup>th</sup> year. "From Book to Film" was explored every other Tuesday night during the summer. This series was made possible by the Vermont Council on the Humanities. In August the seventh Penny Carnival brought large crowds while Myllarit drew another standing room only crowd for their energetic music and stories. September saw a familiar library presence in the Post Mills Labor Day parade. The Fourteenth Annual Holiday Readings were read for young and old by the librarian.

The Paperback Book Sale continued on the porch all summer providing reading material to the many folks of the Lake Fairlee region. Flowers continued to grace the front of the library all summer thanks to friends with green thumbs.

The Library had 1,169 visitors borrowing 1,070 books from the library's own collection with more than 384 state books lent from the Regional Library. 167 Books on Tape also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. A total of 1,832 titles circulated from the library in 2002 for an average of 35 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 was inspired by Jean Gerber, and encouraged by Tammie Patten who took over for Jean in October.

The enthusiasm and hard work of the library trustees and volunteers has brought improvements to the library. Successful fundraising efforts and many good wishes have produced a

restored and freshly painted ceiling. Future renovations include new carpet and bookcases in the coming year made possible by a Freeman Foundation grant.

Come visit Thetford's oldest library in 2003 to savor a space of abiding grace and dignity. Your support insures that the Peabody Library continues to serve the people of the town for its 137th year.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian  
Kathleen W. Avery, Executive Director

Trustees:

Andrew Boyce, Murray Burk, Barbara Condict, Brad Gellerstedt, Stacey Glazer, Nancy Hughes, Samantha Moffatt, Phebe McCosker, El Wilson



## THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Our Library Federation, comprising Latham Memorial Thetford Town Library, Peabody Library, and the libraries of Thetford Academy, Thetford Elementary School and Thetford Historical Society, continues to fulfill its purposes of maintaining and improving library services in the Town and operating the Bicentennial Building.

At Peabody Library, the interior has been greatly improved with new lighting, a new stronger guardrail around the balcony, and more space available downstairs for book discussion groups and children's activities. Thursday open hours were added last summer.

At Latham Library, one wing chair has been re-upholstered and two large tables refinished. The building's exterior was painted a year ago and we have contracted to put on a new roof this winter. Carpet in the main reading room is in imminent need of replacing. Three-quarters of the book collection has been bar-coded in preparation for automated circulation. The "Thetford Reads" program is based at Latham. Both the Academy and the Elementary School libraries have automated circulation, and both are finding new ways to encourage students to read and make the library a useful adjunct to the classroom. The Academy library was open one day a week during the summer. The Historical Society library has worked with the social studies classes of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at the Elementary School and 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Academy. It also provided materials for projects of senior classes in Perspectives and in Human Geography.

The Bicentennial Building, in addition to giving a rent-free home to Latham Library and to the library/archives of the Historical Society, hosts meetings for several local organizations, and regularly provides space for exhibits in the downstairs gallery. A recent exhibit was by Gary Hamel, in collaboration with the Upper Valley Land Trust.

Funds for our activities come partly from an annual grant voted by the Town, most of which makes up a substantial part of the operating budgets of Latham and Peabody, our two public libraries. We maintain the Bicentennial Building partly with income from our endowments and partly by annual giving campaigns. Last year we received \$5,905 from 96 donors and so far this year we have received \$3,720 from 64 donors.

Submitted by Charles Latham

# FINANCIAL REPORTS



YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2002

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002**

**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:**

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, 2002, the Town's long-term debt consisted of two notes payable and one bond payable:

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$ 15,027.23 plus interest, due July 15, 2004, total \$ 15,027.34

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$ 9,375.00 plus interest, due December 31, 2004, total \$ 18,750.00.

- To Vermont Bond Bank, interest ranging from 1.55% to 5.00%, annual principal payments of \$ 30,000.00 plus interest, due December, 2022, total \$ 600,000.00.

The total amount of long term debt is \$ 633,777.23.

**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 2003. State of Vermont statutes require that these reserves be subtracted from the current year surplus or deficit calculation.

Town Hall Renovation Bond Repayment Schedule					
Year	Rate	Principal	Interest	Annual P & I	Balance (Principal)
2002			\$7,630.06	\$7,630.06	\$600,000.00
2003	1.55 %	\$30,000.00	22,701.00	52,701.00	570,000.00
2004	1.92 %	30,000.00	22,236.00	52,236.00	540,000.00
2005	2.38 %	30,000.00	21,660.00	51,660.00	510,000.00
2006	2.71 %	30,000.00	20,946.00	50,946.00	480,000.00
2007	3.01 %	30,000.00	20,133.00	50,133.00	450,000.00
2008	3.32 %	30,000.00	19,230.00	49,230.00	420,000.00
2009	3.53 %	30,000.00	18,234.00	48,234.00	390,000.00
2010	3.75 %	30,000.00	17,175.00	47,175.00	360,000.00
2011	3.86 %	30,000.00	16,050.00	46,050.00	330,000.00
2012	3.96 %	30,000.00	14,892.00	44,892.00	300,000.00
2013	4.07 %	30,000.00	13,704.00	43,704.00	270,000.00
2014	4.20 %	30,000.00	12,483.00	42,483.00	240,000.00
2015	4.33 %	30,000.00	11,223.00	41,223.00	210,000.00
2016	4.43 %	30,000.00	9,924.00	39,924.00	180,000.00
2017	4.53 %	30,000.00	8,595.00	38,595.00	150,000.00
2018	4.63 %	30,000.00	7,236.00	37,236.00	120,000.00
2019	4.73 %	30,000.00	5,847.00	35,847.00	90,000.00
2020	4.83 %	30,000.00	4,428.00	34,428.00	60,000.00
2021	4.93 %	30,000.00	2,979.00	32,979.00	30,000.00
2022	5.00 %	30,000.00	1,500.00	31,500.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$600,000.00</b>	<b>\$278,806.06</b>	<b>\$878,806.06</b>	

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 2002					
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Fund	General Long Term Debt	TOTALS (memo only)
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	2,075,903.97		723,808.33		2,799,712.30
Taxes Receivable	86,701.20				86,701.20
Due from Employees	0.00	75.00			75.00
Other Receivables	10,046.87				10,046.87
Due from (to) Other Funds	(114,136.71)	(12,535.90)	73,051.41		(53,621.20)
Long-Term Debt				633,777.34	633,777.34
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$2,058,515.33</b>	<b>(\$12,460.90)</b>	<b>\$796,859.74</b>	<b>\$633,777.34</b>	<b>\$3,476,691.51</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY FUNDS</b>					
Accounts Payable	46,847.77				46,847.77
Due to Schools	1,867,896.25				1,867,896.25
Due to (from) other Funds	(54,170.96)				(54,170.96)
Accruals	(680.65)				(680.65)
Notes Payable				633,777.34	633,777.34
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$1,859,892.41</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$633,777.34</b>	<b>\$2,493,669.75</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>					0.00
Restricted			796,859.74		796,859.74
Unrestricted	123,622.92	(12,460.90)			111,162.02
Restricted for Delinquent Taxes	75,000.00				75,000.00
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$198,622.92</b>	<b>(\$12,460.90)</b>	<b>\$796,859.74</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$983,021.76</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$2,058,515.33</b>	<b>(\$12,460.90)</b>	<b>\$796,859.74</b>	<b>\$633,777.34</b>	<b>\$3,476,691.51</b>

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO FUND BALANCE TOWN AND HIGHWAY FUNDS - 2002						
	General Fund			Highway Fund		Totals (Memo Only)
	Undesignated	Reserved for Delinquent Taxes	Special Rev. Transfer	Undesignated	Special Rev. Transfer	
FUND BALANCE 12/31/01	\$112,038.71	\$75,000.00		\$160,016.73		\$347,055.44
Total Revenues	706,380.50			501,089.38		1,207,469.88
Total Expenses	694,796.29			673,567.01		1,368,363.30
Transfers to Designated and Reserved			5,000.00		45,000.00	50,000.00
FUND BALANCE 12/31/02	\$123,622.92	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	(\$12,460.90)	\$0.00	\$186,162.02

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Year Ending December 31, 2002					
Account	Balance 12/31/01	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 12/31/02	
Town Hall Improvements	\$12,562.00	\$0.00	\$12,562.00	\$0.00	
Emergency Mgmt/E-911	1,303.68	13.00	0.00	1,316.68	
Cruiser Replacement	13,522.07	5,160.00	0.00	18,682.07	
Restoration of Records	6,230.98	703.30	0.00	6,934.28	
Recycling	77,012.12	550.00	13,837.97	63,724.15	
Act 200	6,827.52	68.00	0.00	6,895.52	
Equipment Fund	67,787.61	45,598.68	64,195.16	49,191.13	
UV Bridge Fund	53,300.87	657,500.19	662,443.10	48,357.96	
Conservation Commission	2,344.89	5,080.87	3,951.00	3,474.76	
COPS Account	11,943.38	0.00	11,943.38	0.00	
EEGL Funds - Re-appraisal	30,875.32	10,549.00	34,559.40	6,864.92	
Town Hall Feasibility Study	2,533.77	25.00	2,558.77	0.00	
Recreation Park Post Mills	506.58	43.18	0.00	549.76	
Town Hall Development Fund	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	
Tucker Hill Bridge Fund	5,000.00	50.00	0.00	5,050.00	
Town Hall Renovation Bond	0.00	606,242.67	24,224.16	582,018.51	
Town Plan Update Grant			3,800.00	3,800.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$316,750.79</b>	<b>\$1,331,583.89</b>	<b>\$859,074.94</b>	<b>\$796,859.74</b>	

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT SUMMARY OF LONG TERM DEBT - DECEMBER 31, 2002					
Item Financed	Financing Source	Balance 12/31/01	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Balance 12/31/02
Fire Engine (1999)	Merchants Bank	57,724.25	57,724.25	2,561.81	0.00
Flat-Allis Backhoe-Loader (Leased)	Associates Commercial Leasing	18,703.94	18,703.94	1,150.29	0.00
International Dump Truck (2000)	State of VT Municipal Loan	30,054.67	15,027.33	601.10	15,027.34
Ford F-550 Dump Truck (2001)	State of VT Municipal Loan	28,125.00	9,375.00	562.50	18,750.00
Town Hall Renovation	Vermont Bond Bank	0.00	0.00	7,630.06	600,000.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$134,607.86</b>	<b>\$100,830.52</b>	<b>\$12,505.76</b>	<b>\$633,777.34</b>

	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
<b>GENERAL FUND REVENUES</b>					
1 Town Clerk Fees	15,000.00	28,308.68	18,000.00	33,475.10	25,000.00
2 Delinquent Tax Penalty	12,000.00	19,988.65	15,000.00	33,735.61	19,000.00
3 Interest Delinquent Taxes	14,000.00	31,230.78	17,000.00	30,814.33	18,000.00
4 Interest	15,000.00	13,427.88	15,000.00	11,219.96	10,000.00
5 Use of Town Records	0.00		0.00		
6 Liquor Licenses	200.00	150.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
7 Dog Fines	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
8 Dog Penalties	700.00	1,325.00	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,000.00
9 Dog Licenses	2,000.00	1,949.50	2,000.00	1,741.00	1,800.00
10 Zoning Fees	4,000.00	4,752.12	4,000.00	4,858.46	4,500.00
11 Subdivision Fees	400.00	215.00	300.00	425.00	500.00
12 PC/ZBA Fines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13 Septic Fees	1,200.00	1,290.00	1,200.00	1,285.00	1,200.00
14 Copying Fees	2,000.00	2,412.85	2,200.00	2,418.65	2,200.00
15 Office Supplies	50.00	231.55	100.00	217.00	175.00
16 Zoning Materials	150.00	185.00	150.00	291.50	200.00
17 Computer, Communications	75.00	31.74	75.00	65.18	75.00
18 Municipal Court Fines				50.00	0.00
19 Traffic Fines	2,000.00	6,773.50	1,000.00	4,524.11	3,000.00
20 Police Receipts	500.00	1,072.20	0.00	571.50	500.00
21 Police Dept - Outside Funding	5,280.00	7,595.36	0.00	3,718.89	4,000.00
22 Sale of Equipment - Police	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
23 COPS Revenue - Prior Year				11,943.38	0.00
24 Listers' Research	25.00	0.00	25.00	5.00	25.00
25 Listers Changes - Re-Bills	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26 Current Use Withdrawals	0.00	1,479.20	0.00	3,505.00	0.00

	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
27 Recycling Receipts	1,500.00	2,914.71	2,000.00	2,544.31	2,200.00
28 Trash Sticker Revenues					50,000.00
29 Treasure Island	15,000.00	18,299.85	15,000.00	17,558.90	16,000.00
30 Insurance Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.35	0.00
31 Federal Land Entitlement	700.00	1,105.00	800.00	1,162.00	1,000.00
32 Flood Cont./Water Resources	900.00	837.00	800.00	624.75	600.00
33 Forest & Parks Tax	1,000.00	21.00	500.00	21.00	100.00
34 Railroad Tax	1,500.00	2,595.84	2,500.00	2,808.77	2,500.00
35 PILOT Revenues	100.00	1,000.00	750.00	2,730.65	2,000.00
36 Cemetery Lot Sales				250.00	0.00
37 Miscellaneous	500.00	123.78	500.00	1,017.50	500.00
38 Special Appropriations Tax Levy	27,250.00	27,250.00	61,900.00	61,900.00	0.00
39 Town Tax Levy	494,428.63	443,420.63	465,766.00	418,477.00	507,398.08
40 Hold Harmless Revenue	0.00	51,008.00	0.00	47,289.00	0.00
41 Addl Current Yr Taxes Raised				3,585.60	0.00
42 Subtotal General Revenue Fund	617,508.63	670,994.82	627,816.00	706,380.50	673,723.08
43 Gen. Fund Surplus - Prior Year	108,512.37	108,512.37	112,038.50	112,038.50	123,622.92
44 <b>Total Gen. Fund Revenues</b>	<b>\$726,021.00</b>	<b>\$779,507.19</b>	<b>\$739,854.50</b>	<b>\$818,419.00</b>	<b>\$797,346.00</b>
45					
46 <b>GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES</b>					
47 Selectmen's Salaries	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
48 Selectmen's Clerk	2,500.00	1,753.15	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
49 Selectmen's Contingency	2,500.00	359.56	3,500.00	2,841.32	3,500.00
50 Social Security	11,334.00	11,959.94	13,000.00	11,344.44	0.00

	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
51 Advertising	1,500.00	2,846.09	3,000.00	3,314.65	3,000.00
52 V.L.C.T. Dues	1,588.00	1,588.00	1,659.00	1,701.00	1,750.00
53 Other Dues & Meetings	500.00	71.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
54 Unemployment	3,305.00	3,307.00	3,500.00	3,770.00	4,563.00
55 Workers Comp	0.00	205.07	0.00	489.00	0.00
56 Insurance	27,000.00	27,069.00	29,000.00	26,477.00	29,000.00
57 Dental Plan	7,300.00	4,043.13	7,300.00	6,267.14	7,000.00
58 Retirement					6,000.00
59 Information Tech. Systems					1,000.00
60 Tax Mapping	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,235.00	1,235.00
61 Legal Services	2,500.00	1,014.57	2,500.00	1,126.62	2,000.00
62 Travel	500.00	451.98	500.00	793.14	500.00
63 Professional Audit	2,000.00	1,610.00	2,000.00	2,700.00	4,000.00
64 Fire Warden	3,568.00	3,526.51	2,100.00	1,165.78	2,110.00
65 <b>Total Selectmen</b>	<b>\$70,830.00</b>	<b>\$64,540.00</b>	<b>\$75,794.00</b>	<b>\$66,725.09</b>	<b>\$72,158.00</b>
66					
67 Town Report	4,000.00	3,068.32	4,000.00	3,630.86	4,700.00
68 Restoration of Records					
69 <b>Total Records</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,068.32</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,630.86</b>	<b>\$4,700.00</b>
70					
71 Town Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,701.65	3,500.00	3,683.63	4,000.00
72 Copier Contract Support	500.00	650.00	500.00	375.00	500.00
73 Copier Maintenance/Supplies	1,000.00	539.00	1,000.00	339.00	1,000.00
74 Computer Software & Support	1,960.00	1,808.88	2,000.00	1,049.99	2,600.00
75 Computer Maintenance	300.00	172.50	300.00	0.00	300.00
76 Computer Supp./Equipment	500.00	620.88	750.00	257.28	2,000.00
77 Telephone	3,700.00	2,981.38	3,700.00	3,501.66	4,000.00

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78 Postage	2,700.00	2,316.53	3,000.00	3,409.76	3,500.00
79 Dues and Meetings	400.00	40.00	400.00	58.00	500.00
80 Payroll Service	1,800.00	2,072.55	2,000.00	2,178.35	1,000.00
81 Equipment Maintenance	200.00	34.45	200.00	49.95	200.00
82 Tools & Equipment	1,000.00	62.87	500.00	615.90	3,500.00
83 <b>Total Town Office</b>	<b>\$17,060.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.69</b>	<b>\$17,850.00</b>	<b>\$15,518.52</b>	<b>\$23,100.00</b>
84					
85 Board of Civil Authority					
86 BCA Expenses	1,000.00	310.00	1,500.00	1,434.80	500.00
87 BCA Ed Workshops	\$100.00	0.00	100.00	360.00	250.00
88 <b>BCA Totals</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>	<b>\$1,794.80</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
89					
90 Election Officials	500.00	100.00	500.00	160.00	250.00
91 Election Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
92 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
93 <b>Election Totals</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>
94					
95 Auditors	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
96 Dues & Meetings - Auditor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
97 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
98 <b>Total Auditors</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
99					
100 Listers Salaries	36,300.00	29,464.61	32,000.00	32,218.62	26,750.00
101 Social Security					1,500.00
102 Supplies & Miscellaneous	1,000.00	261.56	500.00	728.99	350.00
103 Copier Service Contract	200.00	0.00	300.00	200.00	200.00
104 Telephone & Advertising	250.00	0.00	100.00	782.58	400.00

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105 Postage	2,500.00	157.33	2,300.00	265.61	250.00
106 Dues & Meetings	300.00	155.00	300.00	390.00	500.00
107 Professional Services	30,300.00	17,772.00	15,000.00	9,905.00	1,100.00
108 Travel	300.00	288.68	300.00	403.37	200.00
109 Equipment	5,000.00	5,654.64	500.00	1,500.35	500.00
110 Legal fees	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00
111 BCA Appeals	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
112 <b>Total Listers</b>	<b>\$76,150.00</b>	<b>\$53,753.82</b>	<b>\$56,300.00</b>	<b>\$46,394.52</b>	<b>\$31,750.00</b>
113					
114 Town Clerk's Salary	32,273.00	30,776.60	33,500.00	29,113.86	24,960.00
115 Asst Clerk	24,600.00	27,221.82	28,500.00	31,629.07	14,980.00
116 Town Assistant	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,788.25	0.00
117 Social Security					2,080.00
118 Town Clerk Benefits	4,770.00	4,042.23	5,100.00	5,987.09	5,600.00
119 Asst. Clerk Benefits	2,970.00	2,543.92	3,600.00	3,015.46	0.00
120 Deductibles -Clerk	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
121 Deductibles - Asst.Clerk	200.00	147.46	200.00	400.00	0.00
122 <b>Total Town Clerk</b>	<b>\$68,013.00</b>	<b>\$64,732.03</b>	<b>\$71,100.00</b>	<b>\$72,933.73</b>	<b>\$47,820.00</b>
123					
124 Town Treasurer					19,760.00
125 Asst. Treasurer					7,500.00
126 Social Security					1,196.00
127 Town Treasurer's Benefits					3,900.00
128 Deductibles					200.00
129 <b>Total Town Treasurer</b>					<b>\$32,556.00</b>
130					
131 Zoning Administrator	6,240.00	5,274.82	6,400.00	7,966.42	7,200.00

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132 Social Security					490.00
133 Supplies	500.00	289.05	500.00	252.69	500.00
134 Advertising	500.00	356.19	500.00	333.98	500.00
135 Postage / Telephone	400.00	190.63	400.00	65.98	400.00
136 Dues & Meetings	120.00	125.00	200.00	435.00	300.00
137 RPC Dues	2,695.00	2,694.00	2,892.00	2,892.00	2,892.00
138 Legal Services	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
139 Travel	75.00	26.18	75.00	213.97	150.00
140 Equipment	4,500.00	2,309.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
141 <b>Total Planning / Zoning</b>	<b>\$15,530.00</b>	<b>\$11,264.87</b>	<b>\$11,967.00</b>	<b>\$12,160.04</b>	<b>\$12,932.00</b>
142					
143 Janitor	1,200.00	1,442.50	1,500.00	1,253.20	2,500.00
144 Supplies	100.00	48.17	150.00	420.18	300.00
145 Rubbish Removal	300.00	250.59	300.00	229.19	500.00
146 Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	317.99	4,000.00	1,557.90	2,000.00
147 Grounds Maintenance	350.00	245.60	350.00	164.25	350.00
148 Utilities	3,000.00	2,776.60	3,500.00	3,094.22	5,000.00
149 Equipment	600.00	720.94	600.00	493.93	1,500.00
150 Alarm Service	135.00	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
151 <b>Total Town Hall</b>	<b>\$5,685.00</b>	<b>\$5,902.39</b>	<b>\$10,500.00</b>	<b>\$7,412.87</b>	<b>\$12,350.00</b>
152					
153 Conservation Supplies	75.00	75.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
154 Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.00	0.00
155 Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
156 Dues & Meetings	150.00	189.00	150.00	220.00	150.00
157 Professional/Legal Services	0.00	57.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
158 Newsletter	250.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	350.00

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159 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
160 Conservation Trust Fund	250.00	250.00	300.00	400.00	400.00
161 Project Support	450.00	450.00	600.00	693.28	500.00
162 <b>Total Conservation</b>	<b>\$1,175.00</b>	<b>\$1,021.18</b>	<b>\$1,475.00</b>	<b>\$1,385.28</b>	<b>\$1,475.00</b>
163					
164 Energy Committee			500.00	329.01	500.00
165 <b>Total Energy Committee</b>			<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$329.01</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
166					
167 Emergency Management	1,000.00	999.75	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
168 <b>Total Emergency Mgmt</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$999.75</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
169					
170 Constable	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
171 Police Chief	17,230.00	17,230.00	30,000.00	21,201.64	35,000.00
172 Special Officer	24,960.00	6,862.29	20,000.00	9,903.07	25,000.00
173 Social Security					3,000.00
174 Police Benefits	5,280.00	0.00	8,000.00	1,946.48	8,000.00
175 Grants/Other Funding Payroll	0.00	4,258.94	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
176 Supplies	600.00	363.59	600.00	364.16	600.00
177 Computer	2,000.00	1,171.78	2,000.00	1,724.80	2,000.00
178 Special Officer Start-up	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,019.90	1,000.00
179 Radio/Dispatch	7,600.00	10,666.62	7,600.00	11,347.94	11,500.00
180 Dues & Meetings	200.00	91.50	200.00	200.00	300.00
181 Police Training	1,000.00	462.50	1,500.00	10.50	1,000.00
182 Contracted Services	200.00	0.00	200.00	2,113.90	500.00
183 Vehicle Repair	1,500.00	243.45	1,000.00	1,771.45	1,000.00
184 Travel	4,000.00	2,595.10	3,000.00	1,565.95	3,000.00
185 Equipment, Repair, Radio	2,000.00	1,966.91	2,000.00	508.48	2,000.00

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186 Vehicle Replacement	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
187 Telephone	3,500.00	1,999.93	2,500.00	1,811.11	2,500.00
188 <b>Total Police</b>	<b>\$75,071.00</b>	<b>\$52,912.61</b>	<b>\$86,601.00</b>	<b>\$60,489.38</b>	<b>\$104,401.00</b>
189					
190 Fire Department Operations	56,500.00	56,500.00	59,500.00	59,500.00	65,250.00
191 Fire Truck Payment	65,000.00	62,947.90	65,000.00	60,286.06	0.00
192 <b>Total Fire Department</b>	<b>\$121,500.00</b>	<b>\$119,447.90</b>	<b>\$124,500.00</b>	<b>\$119,786.06</b>	<b>\$65,250.00</b>
193					
194 Upper Valley Ambulance	36,570.00	36,570.00	36,570.00	39,255.00	39,255.00
195 <b>Total Ambulance</b>	<b>\$36,570.00</b>	<b>\$36,570.00</b>	<b>\$36,570.00</b>	<b>\$39,255.00</b>	<b>\$39,255.00</b>
196					
197 Health Office Wages	1,000.00	363.00	750.00	165.00	500.00
198 Dues & Meetings	75.00	55.00	75.00	55.00	50.00
199 Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
200 Travel	150.00	40.80	100.00	0.00	100.00
201 <b>Total Health Officer</b>	<b>\$1,225.00</b>	<b>\$458.80</b>	<b>\$925.00</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>
202					
203 Animal Control Wages	700.00	257.55	700.00	332.56	700.00
204 Social Security					35.00
205 Pound Fees	200.00	710.00	500.00	2,160.00	600.00
206 Humane Supplies	100.00	225.95	100.00	0.00	200.00
207 Licensing Supplies	450.00	31.00	300.00	410.36	300.00
208 Dues & Meetings	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
209 Dog Damage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
210 Legal Fees	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
211 Travel	200.00	10.88	200.00	342.41	250.00
212 <b>Total Animal Control</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,235.38</b>	<b>\$1,900.00</b>	<b>\$3,245.33</b>	<b>\$2,185.00</b>

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213					
214 GUVSWMD	13,904.00	13,904.00	14,393.50	14,393.00	14,394.00
215 Solid Waste Hauling					50,000.00
216 Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
217 <b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$13,904.00</b>	<b>\$13,904.00</b>	<b>\$14,393.50</b>	<b>\$14,393.00</b>	<b>\$64,894.00</b>
218					
219 Recycling Salaries	8,000.00	5,027.35	8,000.00	5,910.00	6,700.00
220 Social Security					350.00
221 Supplies	700.00	234.53	700.00	46.79	500.00
222 Bin Lease	0.00	3,086.00	4,000.00	3,230.00	4,000.00
223 Bin Pickup	16,000.00	19,473.57	21,000.00	22,353.52	23,000.00
224 Community Education	0.00	101.75	100.00	0.00	100.00
225 Travel	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
226 Facility Const. & Maintenance	2,000.00	122.95	2,000.00	1,701.00	2,000.00
227 Site Lease	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	3,000.00
228 Container Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
229 Rubbish - Recycling Site	0.00	310.55	0.00	206.00	0.00
230 <b>Total Recycling</b>	<b>\$29,300.00</b>	<b>\$30,756.70</b>	<b>\$38,400.00</b>	<b>\$35,847.31</b>	<b>\$39,850.00</b>
231					
232 Cemeteries - Mowing	2,000.00	1,912.50	2,500.00	2,290.03	2,500.00
233 Hillside Cemetery Assn	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	300.00
234 Supplies	0.00	79.75	225.00	163.96	200.00
235 Repairs	11,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,800.00	1,000.00
236 <b>Total Cemeteries</b>	<b>\$13,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,192.25</b>	<b>\$3,925.00</b>	<b>\$4,453.99</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>
237					
238 Clara Martin Center	4,266.00	4,266.00	4,266.00	4,266.00	4,266.00
239 VNA/VNH	7,633.00	7,633.00	8,460.00	8,460.00	0.00

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240 Library Federation	29,256.00	29,256.00	52,540.00	52,540.00	52,540.00
241 WR Council on Aging	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00
242 FAST Squad	5,286.00	5,286.00	5,286.00	5,286.00	5,286.00
243 VT Ctr Independent Living	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
244 Adult Basic Education	725.00	725.00	800.00	800.00	800.00
245 The Family Place	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
246 Hospice of the Upper Valley	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	0.00
247 Headrest	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00
248 CVCAC	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
249 George Aiken RC&D	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
250 Orange County Diversion	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00
251 Upper Valley Services	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
252 Safeline	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
253 Vt Green Up	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
254 GMEDC	1,264.00	1,270.50	1,239.00	1,239.00	1,239.00
255 VT Assn for the Blind	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
256 ACORN	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
257 Single Year Appropriations	25,250.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
258 Milfoil/Aq. Nuisance Control	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
259 Maple Leaf Treatment Center	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
260 Kids Place of Randolph			100.00	100.00	100.00
261 <b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$89,273.00</b>	<b>\$89,029.50</b>	<b>\$88,284.00</b>	<b>\$88,284.00</b>	<b>\$78,974.00</b>
262					
263 School District	2,853,702.74	2,853,702.74	3,864,846.00	3,864,846.00	0
264 <b>Total School District</b>	<b>\$2,853,702.74</b>	<b>\$2,853,702.74</b>	<b>\$3,864,846.00</b>	<b>\$3,864,846.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
265					

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266 Recreation Development/Supplies	500.00	319.50	500.00	289.21	500.00
267 Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
268 Telephone, Utilities	500.00	614.94	500.00	523.49	550.00
269 Repairs & Maintenance	1,500.00	725.36	1,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
270 <b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,659.80</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,312.70</b>	<b>\$3,050.00</b>
271					
272 Treasure Island Wages	8,000.00	8,270.53	10,200.00	8,160.56	10,200.00
273 Social Security					550.00
274 Property Taxes	14,000.00	15,415.58	16,000.00	17,828.46	19,000.00
275 Supplies	300.00	714.23	800.00	1,208.16	900.00
276 Advertising, Postage	0.00	33.60	50.00	26.21	50.00
277 Telephone	250.00	68.59	170.00	119.31	170.00
278 Insurance	500.00	0.00	650.00		0.00
279 Facility Repairs & Maintenance	7,500.00	8,154.99	10,000.00	12,360.54	7,000.00
280 Utilities	550.00	386.32	600.00	559.06	600.00
281 Training & Miscellaneous	0.00	1,073.96	300.00	579.85	650.00
282 Residence Repairs/Maint.					10,000.00
283 <b>Total Treasure Island</b>	<b>\$31,100.00</b>	<b>\$34,117.80</b>	<b>\$38,770.00</b>	<b>\$40,842.15</b>	<b>\$49,120.00</b>
284					
285 Town Hall Bond - Principal					30,000.00
286 Town Hall Bond - Interest					22,701.00
287 <b>Total Town Hall Bond</b>					<b>\$52,701.00</b>
288					
289 Interest Expense	10,000.00	3,463.22	10,000.00	3,968.70	10,000.00
290 <b>Total Interest</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,463.22</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,968.70</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
291					

	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
292 County Tax	36,835.00	34,310.00	38,000.00	37,388.00	39,000.00
<b>293 Total County Tax</b>	<b>\$36,835.00</b>	<b>\$34,310.00</b>	<b>\$38,000.00</b>	<b>\$37,388.00</b>	<b>\$39,000.00</b>
294 Veterans' Flags	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
295 Scholarships	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
296 Miscellaneous	0.00	54.44	0.00	119.43	0.00
297 Town Clerk Refunds	0.00	121.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
298 Real Estate Refunds	0.00	160.61	0.00	9,054.54	0.00
299 Real Estate Abatements	0.00	854.66	0.00	4,519.29	0.00
300 Bank Fees	1,500.00	1,507.91	1,500.00	1,272.69	1,500.00
<b>30 Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,598.62</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>	<b>\$15,865.95</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>
302					
<b>303 TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,579,723.74</b>	<b>\$3,498,052.37</b>	<b>\$4,604,700.50</b>	<b>\$4,559,642.29</b>	<b>\$797,346.00</b>
304 School District	\$2,853,702.74	\$2,853,702.74	\$3,864,846.00	\$3,864,846.00	0
305 Town Expenditures less School	\$726,021.00	\$644,349.63	\$739,854.50	\$694,796.29	\$797,346.00
306					
307 General Fund (GF) Revenues	\$726,021.00	\$779,507.19	\$739,854.50	\$818,419.00	\$797,346.00
308 GF Revenues - Expenditures	\$0.00	\$135,157.56	\$0.00	\$123,622.71	\$0.00
309					
310 General Fund Surplus(Deficit)	\$0.00	\$135,157.56	\$0.00	\$123,622.71	\$0.00
311 Unutilized Prior Yr Surplus		\$1,881.15		\$0.21	
312					
<b>313 2002 Actual Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$137,038.71</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$123,622.92</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Proposed	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
<b>1 HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES</b>					
2 State Highway Aid	115,000.00	118,347.67	115,000.00	116,309.58	115,000.00
3 Highway Receipts	10,000.00	35,227.27	10,000.00	0.00	0.00
4 Highway Grant Receipts				109,500.00	0.00
5 Sale of Fuel	500.00	496.26	500.00	340.80	500.00
6 Highway Materials Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7 Highway Equipment Fund	65,000.00	65,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
8 Overweight Vehicle Permit Fees	200.00	215.00	225.00	310.00	275.00
9 Appropriation - Tucker Hill Bridge	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10 Insurance Claims Receipts	0.00	9,371.07	0.00	4,900.00	0.00
11 Highway Tax Levy	382,216.42	382,216.42	224,729.00	224,729.00	\$432,085.90
12					
<b>13 Total Highway Revenue</b>	<b>\$577,916.42</b>	<b>\$615,873.69</b>	<b>\$395,454.00</b>	<b>\$501,089.38</b>	<b>\$547,860.90</b>
14 Surplus/(Deficit) Highway Fund Prior Year	15,144.58	15,144.58	160,016.00	160,016.00	(\$12,460.90)
<b>15 Total Available Highway</b>	<b>\$593,061.00</b>	<b>\$631,018.27</b>	<b>\$555,470.00</b>	<b>\$661,105.38</b>	<b>\$535,400.00</b>
<b>16</b>					
<b>17 HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES</b>					
18 Total Highway Wages	144,000.00	146,290.60	150,000.00	140,092.60	153,000.00
19 Employee Benefits	28,400.00	18,285.10	28,400.00	28,125.51	31,000.00
20 Clothing Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
21 Social Security	11,016.00	11,191.23	12,000.00	10,717.07	13,000.00
22 Deductibles	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
23 Office Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	184.00	200.00
24 Telephone	1,400.00	1,282.65	1,400.00	1,136.84	1,400.00
25 Radio Maintenance	1,200.00	1,465.08	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
26 Dues & Meetings	200.00	150.00	200.00	405.00	300.00

	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Proposed	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
27 Travel	150.00	443.04	250.00	655.39	300.00
28 Contingency Fund		5,694.90	0.00	0.00	0.00
29 Retirement Administration	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
30 Service Charges		13.05	0.00	70.17	
31 <b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$188,641.00</b>	<b>\$185,815.65</b>	<b>\$195,725.00</b>	<b>\$182,386.58</b>	<b>\$202,400.00</b>
32					
Construction and Maintenance Expenses - Includes Bridges, Culverts, Guard Rails, Crushed Rock, Gravel, Asphalt, Calcium Chloride, Outside Grading, Lumber, Concrete Blocks, Mulch, Grass Seed, Equipment Rental.	48,500.00	14,607.24	38,000.00	38,905.46	46,000.00
34 Annual Repaving Projects - Includes repaving, ditching, culvert replacement and shoulder work.	129,000.00	66,720.17	129,000.00	225,034.96	130,000.00
35 Resurfacing Expenses - Includes gravel and the crushing of gravel.	22,500.00	3,246.57	18,000.00	7,446.18	20,000.00
36 Winter Road Supplies	59,000.00	55,093.51	57,000.00	69,258.06	60,000.00
37 <b>Total Road Expenses</b>	<b>\$259,000.00</b>	<b>\$139,667.49</b>	<b>\$242,000.00</b>	<b>\$340,644.66</b>	<b>\$256,000.00</b>
38					
39 Bridge Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	6,552.71	0.00
40 Bridge Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
41 Other Bridge Expenses	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	20,807.35	0.00
42 Streetlights	6,500.00	6,548.15	6,700.00	6,429.13	7,000.00
43 <b>Total Bridge &amp; Streetlights</b>	<b>\$11,700.00</b>	<b>\$11,548.15</b>	<b>\$6,900.00</b>	<b>\$33,789.19</b>	<b>\$7,000.00</b>
44 Garage Equipment/Repairs - Includes materials for repairs and maintenance to the Town Garage and surrounding area.	5,500.00	1,726.88	5,500.00	1,296.65	5,500.00

	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Proposed	2002 Actual	2003 Proposed
45 Garage Supplies	800.00	3,176.78	800.00	1,462.16	800.00
46 Garage Utilities	3,400.00	3,731.19	3,400.00	3,668.70	3,700.00
47 Rubbish Removal	350.00	833.87	375.00	403.49	400.00
48 Alarm Service	170.00	100.00	170.00	200.00	200.00
49 Vehicle Fuel & Oil	17,000.00	17,812.13	17,000.00	17,996.17	18,000.00
50 Vehicle Supplies	100.00	211.53	100.00	728.25	100.00
51 Insurance	0.00	33.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
52 Insurance Deductible	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
53 Highway Equipment Fund	65,000.00	65,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00
54 Equipment & Payments	3,700.00	479.00	3,700.00	579.95	3,700.00
55 Vehicle Repair Parts	30,000.00	36,506.03	27,000.00	41,949.60	30,000.00
56 Vehicle Repair Tools	3,200.00	1,932.13	2,600.00	0.00	2,600.00
57 Vehicle Warranties	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
58 <b>Total Town Garage</b>	<b>\$131,720.00</b>	<b>\$131,542.54</b>	<b>\$108,645.00</b>	<b>\$113,284.97</b>	<b>\$68,000.00</b>
59					
60 Highway Signs	2,000.00	2,428.00	2,200.00	3,461.61	2,000.00
61 <b>Total Highway Signs</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,428.00</b>	<b>\$2,200.00</b>	<b>\$3,461.61</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
62					
63 <b>Total Highway Expenditures</b>	<b>\$593,061.00</b>	<b>\$471,001.83</b>	<b>\$555,470.00</b>	<b>\$673,567.01</b>	<b>\$535,400.00</b>
64					
65 Highway Fund (HF) Revenues	\$593,061.00	\$631,018.27	\$555,470.00	\$661,105.38	\$535,400.00
66 HF Revenues less Expenditures	\$0.00	\$160,016.44	\$0.00	(\$12,461.63)	\$0.00
67 Unutilized Prior Year Surplus		\$0.29		\$0.73	
68 <b>Highway Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$160,016.73</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$12,460.90)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**SUMMATION OF TAX RATE AND MONIES RAISED**

YEAR	TOTAL TAX	HIGHWAY	TAX	TOWN	TAX	SCHOOL	TAX	ARTICLES	TAX
1992	1.7944	217,526.92	0.1348	344,518.43	0.2135	2,327,776.32	1.4425	5,709.00	0.0036
1993	1.8637	215,706.27	0.1346	300,773.86	0.1877	2,412,429.43	1.5096	34,949.00	0.0318
1994	1.9346	283,067.09	0.1772	303,576.07	0.1902	2,416,321.00	1.5129	86,789.00	0.0543
1995	2.0158	283,704.37	0.1768	272,388.21	0.1698	2,586,914.00	1.6123	91,289.50	0.0569
1996	2.0492	229,981.97	0.1501	258,946.00	0.1690	2,557,808.00	1.6690	93,706.79	0.0611
1997	2.1713	283,535.49	0.1793	283,182.24	0.1790	2,780,342.00	1.7577	87,447.50	0.0553
1998	2.1465	351,148.90	0.2684	296,283.14	0.1934	2,525,262.00	1.6486	103,800.00	0.0361
1999	2.2255	416,473.00	0.2683	281,145.00	0.1554	2,658,334.00	1.7129	97,233.00	0.0889
2000	2.3675	295,127.90	0.1862	458,802.92	0.2909	2,816,567.18	1.7757	131,800.00	0.1147
2001	2.6769	382,216.42	0.2378	443,420.63	0.2760	3,379,143.00	2.1026	97,250.00	0.0605
2002	2.2733	269,729.00	0.1329	418,477.00	0.2061	3,864,846.00	1.9039	61,900.00	0.0305

**DELINQUENT TAX LIST  
As of December 31, 2002**

	2002	2001	2000	1999/prior	TOTAL
Bailey, W & F	\$2,050.52	\$437.48	\$91.82		\$2,579.82
Baker, P	1,304.87	990.68			2,295.55
Berecz, F	920.00				920.00
Berecz, T	2,934.83				2,934.83
Braley, G & L	330.36				330.36
Cadwell, L & M		1,357.47			1,357.47
Charpiot, R	2,155.09				2,155.09
Clifford, D		4,154.55			4,154.55
Dube, L & B	188.68	4.26			192.94
Durant, H Estate	2,932.56				2,932.56
Fulton, D	2,000.50				2,000.50
Gillespie, J	186.41				186.41
Gregory, A	122.76				122.76
Hauger, E	2,097.95				2,097.95
Howard, A & T	936.83				936.83
Hurt, J	2,418.79				2,418.79
Jamieson, B	1,204.85				1,204.85
Johnson Trust	6,317.50				6,317.50
Jordan, W & D	360.91				360.91
Kostintina's	4,919.42	608.51			5,527.93
Labutti, B	2,027.78				2,027.78
Lucy, R	597.88				597.88
Manning, G & L	1,486.74	966.36			2,453.10
Manning, Jr., A	2,864.36				2,864.36
Marsh, W	675.17				675.17
Martin, R & P	577.42				577.42
Pero, G et als	613.79				613.79
Pompy Press	3,439.50				3,439.50
Spanos, V & T	2,707.50	1,614.23			4,321.73
UV Landfill	1,591.31	2,170.97	1,920.04	13,139.00	18,821.32
Stone, S	1,379.89	142.74			1,522.63
Taylor/Paragon	743.37				743.37
White, B	3,960.09				3,960.09
Wood, M	2,377.87				2,377.87
Foreclosures				97.46	97.46
Abatements Pending	245.10				245.10
Pd after 12/31/02	290.52	44.51			335.03
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$58,961.12</b>	<b>\$12,491.76</b>	<b>\$2,011.86</b>	<b>\$13,236.46</b>	<b>\$86,701.20</b>

<b>Division of Tax Rates - 2002</b>	
Town	0.2061
Highway	0.1329
Warned Articles	0.0305
School District	1.9039
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>2.2733</b>

<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO DELINQUENT TAXES</b> Year Ending December 31, 2002		
Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2001		\$133,521.63
Total Taxes Billed - Tax Year (TY) 2002	\$4,573,537.60	
Tax Abatements - TY 2002 and prior	(13,573.83)	<u>4,559,963.77</u>
		\$4,693,485.40
Total Taxes Collected - TY 2002	4,505,326.44	
Total Taxes Collected - TY 2001 and prior	<u>101,457.76</u>	
		(\$4,606,784.20)
<i>Total Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2002</i>		<i>\$86,701.20</i>

<b>Estimated Tax Rates for 2003</b> (Town, Highway, Warned Articles) Using 2002 Grand List			
	<b>Amount to be Raised</b>	<b>Grand List</b>	<b>Estimated Tax Rate</b>
<b>Town</b>	\$507,398.08	\$2,028,523.00	0.2501
<b>Highway</b>	\$432,085.90	\$2,028,523.00	0.2130
<b>Warned Articles</b>	\$160,100.00	\$2,028,523.00	0.0789
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,099,583.98</b>		<b>0.5421</b>
<b>(Amount to be raised/Grand List = Tax Rate)</b>			

# ANNUAL REPORTS

2002



## COMMUNITY, AREA and STATE ORGANIZATIONS

## THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This has been a busy year for the Historical Society. Our library has been open three days a week, staffed by volunteers Barbara Condict, Marion Fifield, Louise Vaughan, Martha Wiencke, and Lilla Willey. Besides local customers we have served patrons from Virginia, Alabama, Texas, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, California, and Washington. We had several important acquisitions, particularly four boxes of papers of Grace Gordon Chase, a former storekeeper and postmaster in Union Village. We received considerable material from the estate of Marion Fitzgerald, formerly of Post Mills, and an additional two boxes of papers and a 1850s hand-drawn map of Thetford Hill properties from the Slade house, and aerial photographs of the town from Ron Koeppel and Arthur and Diane Sharkey.

This fall we had the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies classes over from the Elementary School for a session on Town history. Last winter and spring we worked with Joe Deffner's 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes on projects concerning Academy history. We also worked with two senior classes from the Academy; one produced a video interviewing local veterans of World War II; the other produced a video on the history of Thetford's schoolhouses, and an exhibit on how the closing of the North Thetford bridge affected people on both sides of the Connecticut River.

At an April meeting we showed the two videos, and we showed the North Thetford bridge exhibit at the Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge in June, along with views of the Hughes Barn Museum and its contents. At our annual meeting in July, we had a well-attended "show-and-tell." At our fall meeting in November, Charles Latham read excerpts from the log of Charles F. Gordon, a Norwich boy who served on a small merchant ship in 1857-1858. We also worked with PLACE and the Thetford Conservation Commission in putting together "The Story of Thetford" and a series of lectures and field trips last spring to make people aware of the local landscape.

The Hughes Barn Museum was open usually on Sunday afternoons in August. Don Fifield had a special exhibit on houses in the various villages. Inge Trebitz made more laminated labels for artifacts.

We did a second reprinting of Collamer Abbott's book on "Green Mountain Copper." We hope before long to get Charles Gordon's logbook into print.

Submitted by Charles Latham

## HISTORICAL ARTICLE

### A THETFORD MAN JOINS THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

When gold was discovered in California in 1848, Americans from the east coast rushed to get a share in the bonanza. One of these was Daniel Waterman of Thetford, and his story is contained in two small notebooks in our library.

Daniel Waterman (1825-1906), was the son of Cyrus and Martha (Howard) Waterman of Thetford and Lyme. He apparently attended a district school, but his name does not show up in any Thetford Academy catalogs.

In March 1849, Daniel took the first step of his journey by going to Boston, probably on the railroad which had just been built. His account book for 16 March shows that he paid three dollars for passage to Boston, and bought supplies for his trip: a compass, four flannel shirts, a pair of pants, boots, "tinware," a tent and cradle, a chest, and paper and ink, totaling \$22.29. (A cradle, or rocker, a box with a sieve on top, was a basic tool for gold mining).

On 16 April he took passage on the bark Ellen Noyes, and began the voyage around Cape Horn to California. He wrote nothing about the trip, but carefully noted the ship's position and distance

traveled each day, noted wind directions without noting the day, and listed the twenty ships they saw or "spoke" during the voyage, which ended at San Francisco on 10 October.

He soon found that the gold rush had produced much higher prices than he was used to at home. On 11 October he had to pay seven dollars more for "freight to Nevada" City, a mining town which had suddenly sprung up that summer on Deer Creek, about forty miles northeast of Sacramento. On the 17<sup>th</sup>, he noted that he had paid nine dollars for three days board and that he had "money left \$1.75."

The next day, Daniel found a job with Jonathan Phelps, and worked for him for two weeks at five dollars a day, making \$65. On 7 November, he moved to Ford Downs and Co. (a partnership of Ford and Downs) at \$5 a day, working for fifteen days. With his replenished funds, he bought a pair of boots for ten dollars, and listed other expenses of \$64.62 including this series of repairs and supplies:

to one pair blankets	\$7.00
to fixing watch	1.00
to one cristal	2.00
to fixing boots	1.37
to filling four teeth and filling one	22.50
to one toothbrush	.50
one bottle Sassaparilla	.30
one box caps	1.00

At some point Daniel bought a share in the company's claim, because an undated entry, probably from the end of November, shows that "Downs for Five hundred dollars bought of Ford and my interest in the claim."

On 2 December, he began work for Bates and Co. He apparently bought a quarter share of the claim, and from this time on he kept the accounts of the company. "The whole expenses of this week ending December the seventh 549.75 - washed out this week 983.85 - put in co. bag 51.00 - kept on each quarter 96.00."

The account for the week of 9-14 December shows nine men working at six dollars a day. Expenses included two bills for sharpening picks, a pound of nails, a pound of powder, and "sixteen loads of dirt" at two dollars a load; also 90 pounds of potatoes, 24 pounds of sugar, 11 pounds of butter, 100 pounds of barley, and a bottle of pepper. Clearly mining involved a great deal of work with the pick. A nutritionist might cringe at what the diet seems to have been. What the sixteen loads of dirt were for is a mystery, unless they were being hauled out of a mining tunnel.

Operations at Bates and Co. continued through January 1851, with a crew of nine to thirteen men. Purchases of candles, lumber, and nails, and shoeing a mule, indicate that the work was being done below ground and the ore being hauled out. Water, apparently water rights to sluice out the gold, was regularly purchased at twelve dollars a day. Food purchases included beef, pork, barley, sugar, tea, coffee, and one cabbage! Results varied: in the week of 16 December, expenses exceeded returns by \$21.25; the following week there was a net profit of \$868. On 1 February, Daniel "sold out to W. Bates for \$500," but kept on working alone at the claim till 25 February. On 5 March, Daniel went back to work for Jonathan Phelps at six dollars a day, and seems to have stayed with him for over three months.

By now, Daniel had apparently made and saved quite a bit of money. On 19 June he began a new account book, noting that he had "bought of Joseph Gardner one half of the tunnel and Mine claims laying in North Nevada and known as Gardner and Phillips Tunnel Claim for the sum of twenty four hundred dollars." Accounts for work done on this claim begin immediately. The first week, John Tompkins, John Baker, and Wm. Lee worked one day each at \$6. The following week the same men, plus H.D. Wilmot, G. Heating, and Peter Souter joined the work at varying rates up to \$6.50 a day.

Expenses in June and July give some idea of the work being done. They include "fixing car" for

\$18. A canister of powder for \$2, sharpening pick (twice), 124 feet boards and slabs for \$15 and "74 sticks of four feet" for 74 cents, water for \$150, and sluice boxes for \$59. In other words, there was a good deal of pick work in the tunnel; some blasting was done; a timber framework was built to strengthen the tunnel; and a car or tram was used to bring out the ore. Also, the company apparently had to use someone else's water rights in order to sluice out the metal.

On 16 July, Waterman made a further purchase "Bought of Grayham on claim Laying North of Phillips and Waterman's claims for the sum of two hundred and twelve dollars." On 22 July, 2,000 pieces of lumber were bought for \$433.

Work at the claim continued from July 1851 till January 1852. Weekly labor costs for the crew of six or seven men ran slightly over \$200. Meanwhile, notes for three weeks indicate the amount of gold "washed out" each week:

14-19 July	1914.00
21-26 July	1857.00
28 July- 2 August	1053.00 plus "quicksilvered" 160.00

Entries for early 1852 show:

<i>"Washed and divided one each</i>			
<i>half Quicksilvered</i>	69.00	<i>tom</i>	69.00
<i>Jan 3 divided</i>	1087.00	<i>Feb 7 divided</i>	1589.50
<i>Jan 10 divided</i>	606.00	<i>Feb 28 divided</i>	1948.00
<i>for cans and tailings</i>	57.00	<i>or one half of [?]</i>	200.00"
<i>Jan 17 divided</i>	409.00	<i>quicksilvered</i>	95.00

(Quicksilvering was a method using mercury to attract small particles of gold; when heated, the mercury would evaporate, leaving the gold; caught and returned to liquid form, the mercury could be reused. A tom, or long tom, was a larger version of a rocker, taking five or six men to operate.)

By this time the deposits at Nevada City were getting harder to mine and requiring more expensive equipment. Early in February 1852 Daniel sold out his half of the claim, for the low price of \$116.67, to H.D., L.W., and Roswell Wilmot. For the rest of the month he paid Roswell Wilmot and Alfred Souter for their work for "Phillips and Co."

The account ends in March 1852. Daniel apparently returned to Thetford shortly thereafter and took up sheep-farming. Maps of 1858 and 1877 show him living on Godfrey Road, and a third account book shows him doing business with M.J. Walker's store in Union Village from 1852 to 1860. Giving his address as Bradford, he enlisted in Company H of the Twelfth Vermont Regiment, serving from August 1862 till July 1863, guarding a railroad in Virginia and the baggage train at Gettysburg. He married Roxana E. Newcomb, and they had a son, Erni, and a daughter who died in infancy.

Let us end with a bit of gossip. A family member, writing to Mary B. Slade in the 1930s, said that late in life Daniel told his father-in-law that while mining in California he had built a log cabin and stored his gold under the floor. He shared his cabin with someone from Thetford, and one day while Daniel was working and the other man was home sick, the gold disappeared. The other man "returned home a rich man... Later on Daniel came home with little money."

Charles Latham

## THETFORD HILL PARISH PLAYERS

The Eclipse Grange was very busy in 2002. In February the Grange opened its doors after four years of renovation with "Lend Me A Tenor" to sold out audiences hungry to see Thetford's new theater and welcome the Players home. In March "Wedding Dresses" brought more enthusiastic patrons to the Grange. April saw the return of the Snow Ball to the Grange.

"The Memory of Water" further impressed audiences with the local talent of the Upper Valley during the merry month of May. "A Thousand Clowns" in July was so popular that extra performances were added. The Players once more offered a Barbeque Chicken and Tofu Dinner during the Thetford Hill Fair.

A staged reading of "Under Milk Wood" was produced in August and a world premiere reading of "Sincerely, AML" was staged in early November. The year concluded with "Angel Street" in December offering the Upper Valley yet another dramatic production for the holiday season.

While all Parish Players productions hope to meet their expenses and restore the treasury for future plays, this year's revenues also helped fund repainting and reroofing the Grange.

Groups using the Grange between shows included the Community College of Vermont for a theater arts course; Unity Scholars for the Future Fair; two Full Moon Concerts; a David Lasagna production; and rehearsal space for more shows in the coming year by independent producers.

The Players wish to thank the Town of Thetford for their continued interest and support of the Grange and the Players. Plans for the coming year include landscaping the building, refilling the driveway and exploring ways to cool the theater during summer shows. The Players are grateful to Thetford Academy, the Latham Library, and Nancy King for the use of their parking areas. Our neighbors have graciously accepted a change in activity from renovation to laughter and applause.



## AMERICAN LEGION POST #79 OF THETFORD

We would like to say thanks to Town residents for their support. This last year we raffled off 18 items that were donated to us. The proceeds helped us send boys to Boys State where they could learn about political life.

The Legion purchased and dedicated a monument for the Four Chaplains. This was the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their heroic deed. Father John Washington, Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling, and Reverend George Fox were on the troop ship Dorchester, along with 902 other soldiers. The Dorchester was hit with two torpedoes off the coast of Greenland. The Chaplains helped men into lifeboats and handed out life jackets until they were gone. The Four Chaplains removed theirs and placed them onto other soldiers. The last sight most of the men saw was the Four Chaplains with their arms linked reciting the Lord's Prayer as the ship slipped beneath the North Atlantic. Reverend George Fox ministered at the Timothy Frost Church in Thetford Center and joined our post in 1937.

It has been our pleasure to carry our National Colors at the head of the parades. Going to the schools and talking about our country and our Flag is always a treat.

We are a service organization. We help our fellow Veterans and their families, and the children and people of our communities. We loan out all kinds of hospital equipment to any one and accept gladly any donations of equipment. Last year we had an over-abundance of walkers, so we found a place that sent them overseas to needy countries.

The last two years we have presented a family in Thetford and West Fairlee a decorated Christmas tree. Our goal is to keep this going each year to Vershire and Fairlee, and around again.

Through our fund raisers we have purchased bronzed flag holders for our departed Veterans. Two dozen last year and another dozen this year. When you look at a cemetery and see all the small American flags waving in the wind, remember what the Veterans and their families sacrificed to bring freedom to the people of the world and the United States of America. Each month we lose 1500 WWII Vets.

We want to thank the Boy Scouts for helping put out the flags in the spring and the Girl Scouts for picking them up in the fall. We have a joint ceremony each year where we retire worn and tattered flags. You can place your old flags in a bag and leave them in the mailbox located on the railing of the front step. We welcome all to our flag retirement ceremony. For further information please contact one of the following Officers.

R. Fred Adams	785-4331	Nathan E. Pero	333-4671
Stephen F. Ingalls	785-3190	Bruce Drewett	333-4019

## THETFORD BOY SCOUT TROOP 772

While a number of our activities were not new to the troop, having a number of new boys experience them made this last year as exciting as always. The Spring and Fall Camporees were both packed with new and interesting events and we had terrific attendance for our annual trek northward for the Klondike Derby. Not only are all of these events fun, but they offer an excellent opportunity for the boys to practice newly learned skills. A majority of our Scouts took advantage of our week at Mt. Norris Scout Camp to earn many of the Eagle required badges, among them, Life Guarding, First Aid, and Emergency Preparedness. Who knows, Thetford's future firemen and FAST squad members may well have gotten a jump start on their training this last year. Our annual Winter campout was survived by all who attended despite temperatures that plunged well below zero. Another notable accomplishment was completing several extended bicycle trips anywhere from 10 to 50 miles each.

New activities this year included an overnight to the USS Salem, a WW II battleship now anchored South of Boston. Everybody got to experience "life aboard ship" first hand. Another new activity was a Service Project. Early this Spring we helped to open up one of the Connecticut River campsites operated by the Upper Valley Land Trust. Throughout the Summer we did some routine maintenance and closed the site up this Fall. Many of our activities are service oriented and we were involved with several last year. For the last few years, Scouts have helped with community events like the Springfest and the Fall Foliage Run. We weeded, did some planting, fertilized, and mulched the flower beds in the median strip at the Thetford exit this Fall and picked milfoil at the Treasure Island swim site to name just a few.

Perhaps the most noteworthy news, is that James Harhen is the first Thetford Boy Scout to earn his Eagle Rank in many years. His Eagle project renovated a woods trail for the Baptist Mission on Gove Hill. James has rejoined the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Congratulations James!

Respectfully submitted,

Bill T. Huff, Assistant Scoutmaster

## THETFORD GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts....Where Girls Grow Strong - and we are definitely growing strong here in Thetford. Currently, we have five different groups serving several age levels. Daisy Girl Scouts, who are kindergarten age, are under the capable leadership of Roxanne Eastman. They have eight girls who are very busy learning what it means to be a Girl Scout. Due to an increase in interest at the first, second, and third grade levels, a second Brownie group was added this year. Group #2395, with 17 second and third grade girls, is led by Tracy Borst, Cindy Grigel and Bernice Clark. Group #2554 has 12 first and second grade girls and is led by Troi Ulman, Keisha Barbour, and Tammie Patten. They are all very excited to be heading to Manchester for the "Disney on Ice" show at the end of February.

Our junior Girl Scout group is under new leadership with Christine Hart and Sharon Littlefield. They have 19 enthusiastic young ladies in fourth, fifth and sixth grades. These girls traveled to Manchester to participate in "Business Wise/Career Day" and are planning their child care service project for the Town Meeting.

The Cadette Girl Scout group is also under new leadership after Helen Huff and Carol Mullen moved up from the Junior group this past fall. These six girls have been busy backpacking, camping, and wall climbing. They are currently getting ready for an overnight at the Boston Museum of Science.

With this many new groups, it was time to organize ourselves and resurrect the service unit. We undertook this task last fall, gave ourselves the new name of "Pompanoosuc Service Unit" and began having monthly Leader meetings to help support all our members. This service unit currently serves over 100 girls in the towns of Fairlee, Lyme, Orford, Thetford, and West Fairlee. We are planning our first unit wide activity, a roller skating party, in March, to celebrate the 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of Girl Scouting.

One of our favorite activities is selling Girl Scout Cookies. The girls not only raise their own funds for projects and activities but learn some valuable lessons along the way - goal setting, teamwork to reach those goals, social and business skills. More than half our girls, from Brownies to Cadettes, attended summer camp at our own Camp Farnsworth last year. Word is, they all had a blast and can't wait to go back. Most girls helped pay their own way by using credits they earned from the cookie sale. A huge 'thank you' to all who supported a Girl Scout in this fund raiser.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen S. Huff, Service Unit Facilitator



## 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 aged children. TYS consists of 11 volunteer board members. We meet regularly to organize seasonal program, set budgets, plan improvements and address issues that are brought to our attention. Our objectives are 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 many community members and individuals have contributed their efforts to TYS. We would like to thank Sam Eaton for hauling jock sand for the softball and baseball fields, Philip O'Donnell for mowing the fields, and Kristie Gray for organizing the Cook Walsh Soccer Camp for our children this summer. From the proceeds of the soccer camp, the funds from the town, and TYS, we have purchased 4 new 6-on-6 soccer goals. These have all been really great for our children and the program.

We had a wonderful turnout of participants for the youth sports program this past year. We had 85 children playing baseball in the spring, with 3 of those members making the all-stars. 35 girls played softball and 65 children participated in the basketball program. Sharing the gym with the Academy, things fell into place nicely. Speaking of basketball, we are all excited about the new gym and know it will be a great addition to the youth sports programs. The soccer season brought much excitement with new coaches and 142 children playing soccer. Some of the new coaches don't even have children in school yet. As you can see, we are having a lot of community support and participation.

We are looking forward to the development of the Taylor Fields. A nature trail, sports field and family recreation area will be greatly utilized by many community members. All this should be happening within the next couple of years.

Everyone is reminded that scholarships and multiple-child payment plans are available to those in need of assistance. The cost of registration should not keep your children from participating.

There are still some specific items that need our attention in the future. Athletic/multipurpose facilities are needed badly. One of the greatest concerns remains the Elementary School gymnasium, which is unacceptable for the current usages (basketball, drama, music, and assemblies). There are significant safety and utilization issues and we continue to strongly support and encourage efforts to solve this problem. Other items, including the improvement of the Post Mills property donated by the Taylor family, are also in our minds. There is a need for a reinvigorated Recreation Committee for the Town of Thetford. Please consider donating your talents to this worthy cause.

There is much to do and we encourage your interest. Please contact a member if you wish to get involved. Current members are: Loretta Gray, Ted Levin, Bob Leach, Kristie Gray, Ray Thorburn, Amos Kornfeld, Annemarie Linnehan, Andy Martin, Casey Huling, Christina Wilson, and Mike McCabe.

Special thank you to Steve Fifield, Chuck Metz, and Mark McMahon for their years of service to Thetford Youth Sports.

Submitted by Loretta Gray

## ELIZABETH MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT

The abandoned Elizabeth Mine is located in the southern most corner of Strafford, with tailings from the mine spilling over into Thetford's westernmost corner. The mine, which operated from 1806 to 1958, is a major source of pollution to Copperas Brook, which lies in Strafford, and the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc River in Thetford. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources considers the site the state's worst source of non-point water pollution and the Environmental Protection Agency has included the site on its National Priorities List of Superfund sites.

In 1996, four Thetford residents and one from Strafford formed the Elizabeth Mine Study Group and began activities leading toward a cleanup of the site. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources asked EPA to get involved in the project in 1999 and EPA has assumed the lead in organizing the cleanup. Ten local community groups, including the Thetford Selectboard and Conservation Commission, are working under the umbrella of the Elizabeth Mine Community Advisory Group to give advice and direction to EPA and VT-ANR.

EPA has conducted many studies at the mine site and along the affected waters in order to determine the problem and propose a solution. The project is nearing a critical stage as EPA will release its Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis report, which lays out the final basic plans EPA is considering for the remediation of the site, in early March of 2002.

The EE/CA lays the groundwork for many important decisions: the size and cost of the remediation, which will be paid for by EPA; the extent and cost of operation and maintenance of the site after EPA completes the clean-up, which is paid for by the state; an approximate amount of construction traffic to and from the site for at least a couple of years; how much of the historically significant aspects of the site will be preserved; and future reuse opportunities at the site.

Once the EE/CA is released, the public will have 30 days to comment. EPA will hold public information meetings in conjunction with the release of the EE/CA to explain their plans. The meetings will take place: Wed. March 13, 7PM at Barrett Hall in S. Strafford, and either Tue. or Thur., March 12 or 14, 7PM at the recently renovated Parish Players Hall on Thetford Hill. EPA will hold a hearing to take public comments on the plans Wed. March 27, 7PM at Barrett Hall in S. Strafford. [These dates are tentative, depending on how negotiations proceed between the EPA, state and local public. Confirm with one of the contacts listed below before you go.] Comments can also be sent directly to EPA or delivered through one of the EMCAG contacts listed below.

This is one of the most important points in the community's negotiations with EPA since their decisions on the final plans will affect the community and Ompompanoosuc River for years to come. You are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings and voice your opinions.

More information about the project and copies of reports are available through the EMCAG contacts or at two public repositories of mine related documents: the Norwich Public Library and the Strafford Town Hall. More information is also posted on a mine project web site at: <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~cehs/CAGsite/index.html>.

Questions and comments can be directed to these contacts:

Neal Meglathery, 785-2016  
Thetford Conservation Commission, Scott Stokoe, 785-2083  
Elizabeth Mine Study Group, Bob Walker, 785-4126  
EPA Project Manager, Ed Hathaway, 888-372-7341 ext. 81372

## UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE Connecticut River Joint Commissions

This year, the Subcommittee sponsored a well-attended public meeting to share the results of a study of river sediments and fish tissue in our region, by the EPA and the states of Vermont and New Hampshire.

We have distributed boating guides to the river and a new map and guide for the Connecticut River Byway, a regional economic development project focusing on the river, natural resources, recreation, farming, history, culture, and local products. Copies of both of these free publications are available at the visitor center in White River Junction.

We have continued to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, advising the State of New Hampshire on applications for riverbank stabilization and dock projects in Hanover and Orford, and providing planting recommendations for the Orford/Fairlee bridge project. We commented on a draft of the new land use chapter of Lebanon's master plan and a draft shoreland protection ordinance for Hanover. We are closely following an experimental riverbank restoration project on a farm in Fairlee, and provided the Connecticut River Flood Control Commission with advice on revised floodplain maps.

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. Citizens interested in representing the Town should contact the Selectmen. The public is welcome at our meetings at the Lyme Town Office on the third Monday of every other month. Visit [www.crjc.org/localaction.htm](http://www.crjc.org/localaction.htm) for more information, including advice on bank erosion, riparian buffers, and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, a meeting calendar, and the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*.

Cyrus Severance and Linda Matteson, Thetford representatives



## TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

During 2002, the Regional Commission continued to provide technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocate for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. We function as staff for many of our towns and most of our work was initiated at the request of Selectboards, Planning Commissions, and other Town Officials. Major accomplishments for this past year included:

**Regional and Local Transportation Planning:** The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) worked with member municipalities on numerous local transportation projects. Two Rivers' staff wrote many successful Transportation Enhancement Grants and Pedestrian Facility Grants. We assisted our towns in procuring design engineers, processed requisitions for payment, and organized public meetings for local input - Two Rivers helped projects get built. This office also helped communities as they worked their way through the environmental permitting process on transportation projects.

**Local Technical Assistance:** Over the past year, we provided advice and support to all town officials on a wide range of activities. This included grant writing and administration, assistance on town plan revisions, ordinance development, GIS mapping, transportation planning, and Act 250 development review. The TRORC Region once again received the largest share of municipal planning grants statewide. This allowed our towns to conduct the planning necessary to respond to changes in state and federal requirements.

**Emergency Planning Activities:** The Regional Commission's emergency management planning program continued to be funded in part by FEMA and State contracts; projects focused on hazard mitigation associated with natural and man-made disasters. Other programs included assistance to communities in preparing Rapid Response Plans and working with towns more effectively in constructing disaster resistant infrastructure.

**Economic Development Planning:** In 2002 the Regional Commission began work on a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to assess the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Once the level of contamination is known, the Regional Commission will help towns locate funding sources for clean-up.

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

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

## GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) has been actively assisting towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects over the past year. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments and nonprofit groups in the six southern Vermont counties. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. 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 a self-supporting 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Highlights of our work in the six counties in 2002 include:

- ◆ Nine towns received funding to improve water quality and upgrade backroads through our better backroads grant.
- ◆ Two towns received complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting in the town.
- ◆ 21 towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires.
- ◆ 76 towns received Jeffords' fire safety grants to purchase personal protective gear for firefighters.
- ◆ Numerous farmers received technical and marketing assistance with agritourism ventures.
- ◆ Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Envirothon.
- ◆ The Connecticut River and Lake Champlain Birding Trails both made improvements and brought additional tourism dollars into the region.
- ◆ We provided grant writing assistance to towns and organizations seeking funding for projects supporting activities ranging from recreation, agricultural education, to helping the eastern bluebird become established in Vermont.

Other current projects include helping a town with flooding problems, erosion control and streambank stabilization in several locations, helping to develop community centers and recreational fields. In Thetford, we provided a Jeffords Fire Safety Grant for \$1,725.00. We currently have funding available for low interest loans to develop agritourism ventures on farms. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526, or email: [kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov).

## GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Thetford is a charter member of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District which was created in 1990 for the express purpose of managing waste generated within its member municipalities. The District provided direct service to Thetford in 2002 while also planning for the member towns' long-term waste management needs, including continued planning and development of the North Hartland landfill.

Direct services to Thetford and its residents included:

- A Spring bulky waste and tire recycling event at the Town Garage.
- A Fall used motor oil collection at the Town Garage.
- Access to household hazardous waste collections required by the State of Vermont.

172 Thetford residents participated in District sponsored events including:

- 105 at the pre-Green Up Day bulky waste and tire collection.
- 24 at Household Hazardous Waste collection events.
- 33 at computer recycling events.

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 for the upcoming collection season will be available at Town Meeting, at all Town Clerks' offices, and the District office at 296-3688 or [www.guvswd.org](http://www.guvswd.org).

Fred Moody, Executive Director



## GREEN UP VERMONT

~ Green Up Day, May 3, 2003 ~

Thirty-three years strong, "Green Up Day" is a special day when Vermonters clean and spruce up their communities. We were the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state. Working together, we can keep our unique Green Up spirit growing for Vermont.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501c(3) organization that promotes litter-free communities by supporting Green Up Day, civic pride and education.

Over 13,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2002, using over 30,000 Green Up bags, collecting over 200 tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont arranged widespread promotional support in excess of \$25,000.

The success of 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 our unique Vermont tradition of annually taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so 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 rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses. These funds pay for supplies, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

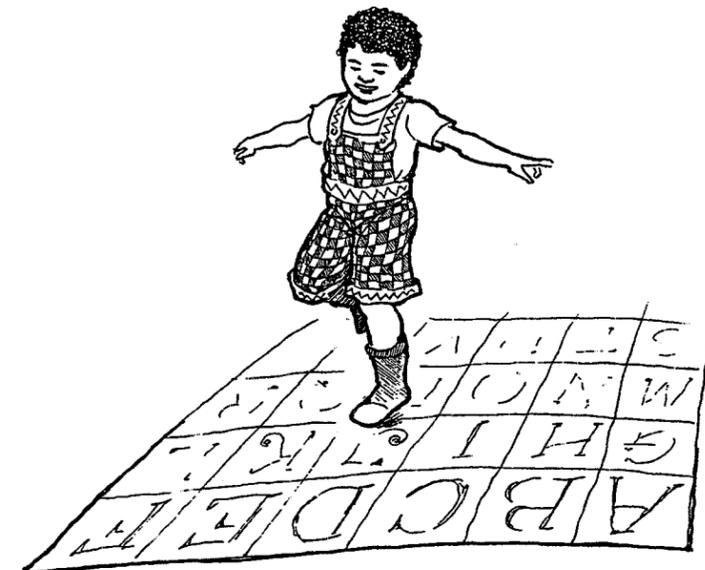
## GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) completed an unusually busy year. The economic recession took time to creep into our region but, unfortunately, many of our businesses became challenged by the downturn by year's end. GMEDC facilitated loans and other assistance to several small businesses that required a little help to weather these difficult times. Happily, however, we continued to see many business start-ups and expansions throughout the year. GMEDC worked very closely with the Small Business Development Center to provide business counseling of hundreds of clients and financial assistance to these growing businesses.

During the year we assisted four towns with the administration of grants and three additional towns with the management of revolving loan funds. Additionally, we participated in several municipal-planning projects. We also participated actively in the work of our two Regional Planning Commissions and the Regional Marketing Organization.

We continued to work very hard to establish the Vermont Technical College Business Incubator in Randolph and to secure a one million dollar grant for the Incubator and a new downtown office building. This project will be the first economic development initiative in the GMEDC region that will have been funded through the U.S. Department of Commerce. This new eligibility for Department of Commerce grants opens up a new source of funding for such projects throughout our region.

With the closure of Ethan Allen in Randolph our region experienced its first major layoff in many years. Although GMEDC was unable to prevent this closure, we work every day to try and provide services to our companies in order for them to thrive in this new global economy. Despite this closure, the GMEDC region continues to be rich in the diversity of its businesses and poised for continued growth. In the year ahead, working with our towns and our partner agencies, we will do our best to foster balanced growth and a strong regional economy. We look forward in the year ahead to serving our towns and our businesses from the smallest operations to our largest employers to ensure that every resident of our region enjoys rewarding employment.



## VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns' mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Most government services used by Vermonters on a daily basis are those provided by its cities and towns. These include highways, police, fire, recreation, sewer and water. Vermont municipal officials are responsible for raising and expending nearly one-half of the non-federal taxes raised in the state.

In large part, volunteer, elected and appointed municipal officials lead these governments. VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns to serve and strengthen the ability of these officials to provide quality services at affordable levels of taxation:

◆ **Advocacy representation before the State legislature, administration and judiciary, ensuring that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.

◆ **Training, technical assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities.** In the past year, we have responded to over 21,000 telephone calls from local officials. Our Law Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by over 4,000 municipal officials and answered almost 3,000 legal questions posed by municipal officials. VLCT distributed over 400 copies of local government publications and distributed over 2,000 copies of VLCT's *Weekly Legislative Report* to municipal officials each week during the legislative sessions.

◆ **Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost.** These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to your employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members was made painfully clear this year when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for municipal property and casualty insurance was placed in receivership by the State of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies.

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.67 per capita plus a \$250 service fee per year. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 38 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$2.8 million.

Individuals interested in finding out more about Vermont League of Cities and Towns can visit its website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

## VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and improve the health of all citizens. The following are some of the essential services available to residents of Thetford.

◆ **Food & Lodging Inspections:** Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. For the 12 establishments in Bradford, 12 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2001.

◆ **Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children ('WIC'):** WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2001, 56 women, infants and children living in Thetford received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program at an average value of \$35.00 per person per month.

◆ **Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care dollars, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced reportable cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record low levels. Still, total annual hospital charges from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont is \$2.6M, and each year 150 to 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia or influenza. During 2001, the Health Department distributed 3,252 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Orange County. This represents a value of \$55,583.43 to these communities, including children living in Thetford.

◆ **West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance:** WNV first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in the Northeast. Birds, mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. As of October 1, 2002: 455 mosquito pools were tested, with nine positive for WNV, and three horses have tested positive (one each from Addison, Orleans and Franklin Counties). In Orange County from June-Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 2002, 48 dead birds were reported, 28 were tested, and none were found to be infected with WNV. There were two probable human case of WNV reported during this same time period.

◆ **New public health issues emerge every year.** Some challenges being addressed by the Health Department include expansion of substance abuse (including heroin, alcohol and tobacco) prevention and treatment; access to health care (including mental health services, special health needs and dental care); and development of comprehensive statewide plans for chronic diseases such as asthma and diabetes.

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the White River Jct. District Office at 802-295-8820. Please visit our web site at [www.HealthyVermonters.info](http://www.HealthyVermonters.info) for Healthy Vermonters 2010, our state's blueprint for improving public health; news releases; other publications and reports; and general public health information.

## CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services are designed to help families work toward better lives and to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. This year, CVCAC worked with nearly 11,500 individuals in 4,500 households through our Child Care Food Program, Head Start/Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support services, Welfare to Work programming, Weatherization assistance, Emergency Fuel, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 56 individuals in 22 Thetford families with program services and emergency assistance.

### Here are some CVCAC program statistics for Thetford:

- ◆ 8 households (including 25 family members) received emergency assistance with food, shelter, and other basic needs.
- ◆ 10 households received Crisis Fuel Assistance to keep homes warm this past winter for 22 family members.
- ◆ 1 household received weatherization assistance to help lower fuel bills.
- ◆ 1 household participated in our Community Economic Development programs including micro business development, individual development accounts, and the Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund.
- ◆ 1 household participated in Head Start and/or Early Head Start programs that supported 3 family members.
- ◆ 1 household participated in our Farmworker Program to improve skills and increase income potential.

## HEADREST

Headrest, Inc.'s mission is to develop and deliver effective programs that improve the lives of those who are addicted, homeless, in crisis, or otherwise bereft of support. Headrest services are: Clinically Managed Residential Detoxification for adult, Outpatient Substance Abuse Counseling for adults and teens, and a 24/7 Crisis/Information and Referral hotline. We request annual appropriations from Vermont towns served by our Hotline, which is available to their residents 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Trained hotline crisis workers with hundreds of resources at hand have been unceasingly available since 1971 to provide outstanding services to people of all ages. Understanding, non-judgmental staff and volunteers listen carefully, lending emotional support, providing emergency crisis intervention if necessary and giving information and referral to callers 24-hours a day (448-4400). Headrest was awarded re-certification by the American Association of Suicidology in 2000, one of only 70 in the entire country. We are currently answering 1 (800) SUICIDE for all of Vermont and New Hampshire. *Headrest answered 40 hotline calls from callers identifying themselves as Thetford residents in the last fiscal year.*

We are requesting an annual appropriation from the Town of Thetford of \$1,518.00. We wish to thank the residents of Thetford for their ongoing use of our services, for their donations, and for their public support through their annual appropriation.

## VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) is grateful for the commitment that the Town of Thetford has made to their blind and visually impaired residents and the services that VABVI provides for those residents. Our mission is to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the only private, non-profit organization in the state providing direct services to visually impaired Vermonters.

Our services for children include one-on-one intensive work with children, their families and teachers, assistance in the classroom and community, acquisition of educational materials in alternative formats (such as Braille, large print and audiotape). In addition, we have educational overnight camps for children and teens and we have a transition program for teenagers preparing for college or work. Services for adults include: individual and group rehabilitation training and peer support; orientation and mobility training; access to and training on adaptive equipment and technology. We provide a range of volunteer services including transportation, in-home assistance and companionship.

With offices based in Brattleboro, Burlington, Montpelier and Rutland, we reach Vermonters in every corner of the state. During fiscal year 2002 we provided assistance to 1,382 clients, including 55 people in Orange County and four in Thetford, and eighty-nine cents out of every dollar we received went toward direct services. If you would like additional information about VABVI services or volunteer opportunities, please call our Montpelier office toll free at 1(877)350-8838.

## THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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

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

Statewide, in FY02, from October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, VCIL responded to 1,931 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to 365 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided 377 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over 303 individuals with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to 80 Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through our Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, and served home-delivered meals to 403 Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

**During FY02, VCIL provided direct services to 6 residents of Thetford. One or more of the following services or programs were provided: Information and Referral, the Peer Advocate Counseling Program and Meals On Wheels for People with Disabilities Under Age 60.**

VCIL's main office is on downtown Montpelier with three regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses our resource library and our toll-free information line, which provides answers to disability related questions from every Vermont community. Our locally based Peer Advocate Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

To learn more about VCIL, please call us toll-free at 1-800-639-1522 or visit our new web site at [www.vcil.org](http://www.vcil.org).

## UPPER VALLEY SERVICES, INC.

Upper Valley Services, Inc. is a private non-profit agency, which provides a variety of services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Orange County. We also provide a statewide crisis program, for the more challenging individual, which is located in Moretown, VT.

The services that we provide are as follows:

- ◆ Residential Supports - These supports range from minimal supports to individuals, 24 hour supports in a Group Home setting, and 24 hour supports through contracts with private providers, Developmental Home 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 1:1 training for competitive employment as well as job development services for those who do not need the continual 1:1 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 a 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 two weeks, with the assistance of families/agencies with reintroduction into their own communities.
- ◆ Family Respite - This service provides limited funding to assist families in keeping their family member with developmental disabilities within their natural home.

## ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCCDP) 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 OCCDP 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 28 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. The main criteria for acceptance into the program is an admission of wrongdoing, and no prior history of criminal activity. Each client accepted into diversion is required to discuss all issues and questions concerning their offense with the Review Board. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs both the victim and the community, and held responsible for the offense. The Review Board designs an individualized contract that specifies the conditions of the person's participation. Contacts 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. Approximately 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete the program. Less than 5% of the clients who successfully complete the program end up becoming repeat offenders.

The citizen Review Board replaces the judge and jury in deciding how an offender must make amends for his/her wrongdoing. This approach is a powerful way to help the offender realize the impact and seriousness of the crime to his community and its citizens. For the offender, it takes the act out of the abstract and puts it in a real context where responsibility is both unavoidable and an expected outcome of the program.

In addition to processing criminal cases from court, the Orange County Court Diversion program administers Orange County's Teen Alcohol Safety Program for first time, civil cases of underage drinking. All clients who are referred on a civil offense of underage drinking meet with our Review Board and are required, in addition to other contract conditions, to complete an alcohol assessment and any recommended follow-up counseling or treatment services.

A total of 227 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2002. Of this number, 108 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 119 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. With the exception of a few cases that were referred from other counties throughout the state, nearly all of the client caseload represented crimes and offenses that occurred in Orange County. In cases involving criminal offenses, clients who successfully completed their Diversion contract during FY02 paid a total of \$2,816.00 in restitution to victims and victim-related causes, and performed 474 hours of community service.

Orange County Court Diversion budgeted \$61,609.00 for its FY02 budget. Approximately 80% of the operating budget was funded by a State grant and client fees. The remaining 20% 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.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P O Box 58 Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

## THE FAMILY PLACE

*Mission: The Family Place supports the positive growth and development of all parents by offering services that encourage families to build upon their strengths.*

The Family Place Parent Child Center serves 22 towns in Vermont, as well as numerous NH towns in the Upper Valley. We are committed to promoting the healthy growth and development of families with children aged birth to five. We serve all families, because parenting is the most important role in the community. At the same time, we strive to ensure that our services are available regardless of a family's ability to pay.

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

### FAMILY PLACE HIGHLIGHTS IN 2002 INCLUDE:

- Our Child Care Subsidy Program helped finance child care for 976 individuals from area towns.
- Our Home Visiting Programs served 949 individuals over the course of the year.
- We offered 6 Playgroups in area towns. A total of 1,066 individuals participated in and benefitted from these playgroups.
- Our Family Fun Events attracted 246 parents and children.
- Our Parent Education Program served 371 individuals with parenting information and informational workshops.
- Our on-site Child Advocacy Center has become a full member in the National Children's Alliance. It has grown in both number of families served and services offered. Children up to the age of 17 are now able to access the CAC and we now have an on-site therapist, qualified to treat sexual abuse victims. A total of 52 children in the Upper Valley received CAC services this year.
- There were 541 documented telephone calls for information and referral service as well as numerous walk-ins looking for assistance. We also provide a web site to assist individuals seeking information.
- Our lending library, consisting of more than 440 books and videos, is popular with adults and children alike.

Our primary goal for the upcoming year is to strengthen and financially sustain our existing programs.

## SAFELINE, INC.

Safeline, Inc. is a human service agency providing advocacy for and direct services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. These services are accessed through our toll-free hotline 1-800-NEW-SAFE, which is staffed by volunteers 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Safeline is the primary service provider for 17 towns in Orange County and five northern tier towns in Windsor County. Our catchment area population is approximately 333,500. Last year Safeline provided services to over 700 individuals. Units of service numbered over 2,000, including hospital advocacy, court advocacy, emergency legal advocacy, in school counseling for children, crisis intervention counseling for adults, continuing emotional support and information and referral. Over 10,000 hours of volunteer time were donated on the hotline as well as hospital emergency rooms, police stations and the court.

Safeline has a court advocate in the family court sessions as a free service to plaintiffs in need of support. This is a constant, and well received service provided by us at no cost to the clients and to the court staff themselves.

In addition to the above services, Safeline continues to provide educational programs to school, para-professionals and civic groups. Over 2,000 persons ranging from children in elementary, middle and high schools, to rescue squad personal and graduate law students at the Vermont Law School receive the benefits of these informational programs. Each and every program is specifically tailored to respective age groups and areas of interest.

Safeline is working 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 is 501(c)(3) private, non-profit Vermont Corporation. A Board of Directors governs Safeline. There are four core staff members, a full-time Executive Director, a Program Educator at 35 hours, a Direct Service Coordinator at 40 hours and a Direct Service Assistant at 15 hours a week. Approximately fifteen 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 and our agency continues to be mandated reporters of child and elder abuse.



## KIDS PLACE

Kids Place is a 2-year old non-profit agency based in Randolph, VT. We offer supervised visitation, supervised exchanges and parenting support for families in Orange and Washington Counties. Additional sites are located in Bradford and Chelsea.

"The Kids Place Program provides a safe, neutral and comfortable place for children and non-residential parents to visit and maintain family ties, no matter what else may be happening in their lives. We know that children have a great need to love both of their parents and to feel loved and nurtured by both parents."

Kids Place has served in excess of 147 families in its 2 years of operation. Our program is the only one of its kind in Orange County. During the past 6 months we have seen a marked increase in the number of families using our services. We expect to see the use of our program continue to grow at a fast rate as we become better known in the central Vermont area.

Much of the success of our program stem from the dedication of our staff of monitors. These individuals give up many hours of their time and we are profoundly grateful for their help. This, along with highly professional training, has made us such a success.

Our program makes it possible for children to see a parent who may otherwise be absent from their lives. Our goal is really quite simple. We want to help families preserve the bonds between parent and child that might be lost during stressful and potentially violent break-ups in families. Many times this involves working closely with our court systems, judges, SRS, attorneys, law enforcement and other concerned and involved parties. This is all done with the benefit and the welfare of the children placed first and foremost by Kids Place Staff.

The monies allocated last year allowed us to serve more families, train more monitors, and increase our hours. This allows us to be more flexible scheduling for the evening and weekend visits. We wish to thank the voters for their support of this vital and unique program.

We are currently offering services to Washington and Orange Counties and their court systems. If you would like additional information about our services, our volunteer opportunities in your area please call us at (802) 728-6124.

Gary Osha, Director

## CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT EDUCATION, INC.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education has provided thirty-seven years of literacy services to adults in Orange, Washington, and Lamoille counties. The program served 819 students in FY 2002.

CVABE offers free, one-to-one instructions for adults over 16 years of age with less than a 12<sup>th</sup> grade education. There are an estimated 20 percent of Vermont adults who cannot read, write or do math well enough to function independently in today's society. Economic and demographic profiles indicate that as many as 16,000 adults in central Vermont are eligible for the free, instruction services of CVABE.

In FY 2002, three (3) Thetford adults were served by Central Vermont Adult Basic Education.

There are now fifteen staff teachers in the regional program working with volunteers; our Main Office and Learning Center, three satellite resource centers and an education center for out of school youth.

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 CVABE. 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 student. This "school without walls"

ties together basic literacy and math skills with such practical interest area 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 nad reading work related texts.

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

CVABE (main office)  
46 Washington Street Suite 100  
Barre, VT 05641  
(802) 476-4588

CVABE  
1 Main Street  
P O Box 917  
Bradford, VT 05033

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### BUGBEE SENIOR CENTER WHITE RIVER COUNCIL ON AGING

The Bugbee Senior Center is a community focal point and a vital social institution. We are an essential link in the aging network, offering a broad range of services and activities, as well as access to many other community resources. Our focus is on the older adult as a total person, to recognize their diverse needs, and to implement a quality program which incorporates those needs in an independence-promoting manner.

Services provided during FY02 were: Center and Home-Delivered Meals, transportation, advocacy, paralegal services, primary case management, housing assistance, information and referral, nutrition screening and education, health clinics, volunteer opportunities, informative monthly newsletter, support groups, and recreational opportunities.

During FY02, we had the privilege of providing services to 141 Thetford individuals over the age of 60 in a combination of the above listed services. During 2002, 32 Thetford residents joined us for lunch 762 times. The Bugbee Senior Center provided 984 home-delivered meals to home-bound or convalescing residents of Thetford over 60. Advocacy and paralegal services were provided by appointment at the Center or individual's homes by Melanie Cash and Eleanor Zue. A total of 1,692 copies of our newsletter were sent to 141 individuals in Thetford.

The Bugbee Senior Center welcomes all Thetford residents to learn more about our services. For more information, you may contact Kathy Avery at 295-9068. Ruel Barrett us the Thetford representative to our Board of Directors. We welcome your visits weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We encourage your interest and participation.

Kathleen W. Avery, Executive Director

### CLARA MARTIN CENTER

The Clara Martin Center's programs serve children, families, and individuals coping with behavioral challenges, emotional stress, mental illness, alcohol and other drug problems. Services are confidential and include (but are not limited to):

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

#### WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

The Clara Martin Center remains dedicated to the proposition that the physical expansion and internal growth of our programs greatly enhances the quality of services we offer to our communities at a local level. It is based upon these beliefs that the Agency takes great pride in recognizing our new efforts through the opening of our Chelsea site office above the Chelsea Health Clinic in Chelsea, Vermont. In addition, we have enhanced our Challenger program from a Tutorial Review Program to an Independent School. It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these Agency successes and in turn continue to meet our goal of strategically positioning our Agency for the future behavioral and physical health care needs of our local environment.

The Clara Martin Center has received another three-year accreditation from CARF (Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities). The Center has been noted for strengths in many areas that include those listed below:

- ~ "A cadre of staff members who appear qualified, committed and caring.
- ~ Strong support in the local communities the organization serves.
- ~ A strong commitment to continuous quality improvement at all level of the organization.
- ~ A commitment to seamless service delivery to both individuals and family system across multiple programs, funding sources, locations and staff."

<u>FY02 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC</u>		<u>TOTAL SERVED FROM THETFORD</u>	
Children & Family Services	617	Child & Family Services	13
Adult Services	593	Adult Services	12
CSP Services	197	CSP Services*	3
Substance Abuse Services	1,373	Substance Abuse Services	26
Walk-in Clinic Services	98	Walk-in Clinic Services	2
Emergency Contacts	1,438		
Total Served:	4,316	Total Served:	56

Additionally, the Clara Martin Center provides services within the Thetford school system through our Student Assistance Program, which offers students access to substance abuse education and counseling and other services of the Clara Martin Center.

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

## ACORN AIDS COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK

As we approach the end of 2002, we hear news of a worsening AIDS crisis in Africa, China, and Russia. We hear little about the spread of AIDS in America, particularly rural areas such as the Upper Valley. It's easy to forget that HIV/AIDS continues to be a deadly threat to our country as well as to our own community.

HIV/AIDS continues to be a problem in the Upper Valley. In the past year, ACORN provided professional case management, advocacy, and related services to 62 individuals living with HIV/AIDS as well as an additional 130 affected family members. ACORN offers free services to anyone living within the 94 municipalities of our area: Windsor and Orange Counties of Vermont, and Grafton and Sullivan Counties of New Hampshire.

We at ACORN are trying hard to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Upper Valley and to provide services to those who are afflicted. We have expanded our programs and services and added two new full-time employees, raising our total paid staff to seven. Below are some of the highlights from the past year:

- ACORN provided the only anonymous HIV testing and counseling site in the Upper Valley, utilizing OrsSure testing. We expanded our counseling and testing services to include any member of the community concerned about the possibility of having contacted HIV.
- ACORN broadened its role in HIV Education/Prevention services, including HIV educational programs in five of the major prison systems in Vermont.
- ACORN's Dove Program, in collaboration with St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hanover and the West Lebanon Congregational Church, collected and home delivered over 12,000 pounds of food and other household items to our clients.
- ACORN distributed approx. \$43,450 in emergency financial assistance directly to clients living with HIV/AIDS to support their living environment and their nutritional, emotional, and physical needs.
- ACORN's Men's Program held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Green Mountain Men's Retreat", with 25 sexually active gay men from four states participating in a variety of workshops designed to help reduce the risk of HIV transmission.
- Global Exchange (a non-profit human rights organization headquartered in San Francisco) selected Kylie Fauth to lead a three week HIV/Aids fact-finding mission to Zimbabwe and South Africa.
- The ACORN website went online at <http://www.acornvtnh.org>. Our site includes information on upcoming ACORN fund raising activities, resources for those who want to know more about HIV/AIDS, and contact information for ACORN staff.

On behalf of our clients, their families, the community members we serve, our staff, our dedicated volunteers, and our Board of Directors, we extend a most heartfelt thank you for your assistance.

Thomas Mock / Kylie Fauth  
Co-Executive Directors

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT MARCH 2, 2002

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont met at Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2002 at 9:00 am. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 by Town Moderator Joe Tofel. Piper Frances Rich, accompanied by Thetford Girl Scouts, presented the American and State flags. Four Thetford Academy students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. An invocation was offered by Rik Fowle. Mark McMahon introduced candidates for Town and School Offices. Joe Tofel offered a number of announcements, and outlined the order in which Articles would be discussed.

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

Moved by David Fisk, seconded by Michael Brown. There was no discussion. Motion carried by a show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 2:** *Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 by 5:00pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month and 8% penalty will be due the Town.*

Moved by David Fisk, seconded by William Halsey. There was no discussion. Motion carried 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 William Halsey. There was no discussion. Motion carried by a show of voter cards.

**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 William Halsey. There was no discussion. Motion carried by a show of voter cards. The Town Meeting was suspended at 9:40 am to take up the School District meeting.

Town Meeting reconvened at 10:45 am.

**ARTICLE 5:** *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 477,304.50 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.*

Moved by Michael Brown, seconded by Bill Halsey. Mark McMahon offered an amendment, changing the amount to \$ 465,766.00. The change would utilize the entire General Fund Surplus, less \$ 500.00 to fund the newly-formed Energy Committee. Seconded by William Halsey. There was no further discussion, and the Article as amended passed by a show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 6:** *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 234,745.00 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department.*

Moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Michael Brown. Amended down to \$ 224,729.00. Moved by Rick Barrows, seconded by William Halsey. Frank Barker asked if the surplus would be

the same next year. Mark McMahon responded that paving programs were not done as planned. Tim McCosker asked about capital improvements that were being put off, or bridge repairs that were not being done. Mark McMahon responded that the paving program previously established had not been followed, but that it shouldn't be critical. Marian Fifield requested that the Covered Bridge in Thetford Center be known as the Sayre Bridge. Frances Rich asked about status of request for Speed Limits, specifically on Houghton Hill Road. Mark answered that traffic engineering studies were planned to establish speed limits, so that limits could be established and enforced. The planned bridge repairs on the UV Bridge will not accommodate School Buses. Dr. Elisheva Landman asked about lowering the speed limit on Route 113 in Post Mills. Sean Mullen asked about the status of the Police Department - Board will be seeking a replacement, and is establishing a search committee. Myree Muller asked about people crossing Rte. 113 at the Congregational Church, and the speed limit in that area. Tod Moses spoke about the need for future police protection. Ellis Paige asked about unspent line items, specifically resurfacing. Ellis had established a resurfacing program in earlier years that was clearly not being followed. Mark responded that the road crew was inexperienced, and a number of projects were put on hold due to that inexperience. With no further discussion, the Article as amended passed by a show of voter cards.

The Town Meeting was suspended to take up Article 1 of the Special Town meeting. Town Meeting reconvened at 11:40 am. Mary Spata presented the Civic Pride Award to Don and El Wilson. An enthusiastic and appreciative crowd accepted Mrs. Wilson's thanks, on behalf of herself and her late husband, Don. A suggestion was made that a plaque be installed at Treasure Island in Don's memory.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am for Lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 pm.

Moderator Joe Tofel introduced Representative Jim Masland, who spoke about legislative issues, including reapportionment, the Governor's budget, and Act 60. Following the 2000 census, the state has proposed a number of legislative district changes, including a change that will affect Thetford. Jim also discussed the current state of affairs in Montpelier.

**ARTICLE 7:** *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$45,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.*

Moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Bill Halsey. Mark McMahon spoke to the Article, noting that the amount requested this year is \$ 20,000.00 less than last year, and pointing out the longer projected life for both the mower and the chipper. The Article passed by a show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 8:** *Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a used pickup truck, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00 for the Highway Department. The \$3,500.00 would be expended from the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.*

Moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Bill Halsey. Mark discussed the proposed use of the pickup - running for parts, small jobs, etc. Charlie Buttrey asked that fuel efficient vehicles be purchased. Jean Ulman asked about the Police Car sitting in the parking lot at the Town Offices - Mark replied that it would be used by the future police department. With no further discussion, the article passed by a show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 9:** *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$52,540.00 for the Thetford Library Federation.*

Moved by Peter Blodgett, seconded by Michael Brown. Peter Blodgett spoke to the Article. Peter indicated that the need for the request is due to the fact that census figures for 2000 were lower than anticipated, and the growth in population did not occur as planned. Alford Stone asked about

the warned amount being different from the budget as printed in the Town Report. Tammie Patten spoke about all the wonderful things available at the Library. Lisa Celone, Treasurer of the Latham Library, spoke briefly about the Latham Library budget. Charles Latham spoke to the meeting, indicating that the endowment is used for the building's operating expenses. Grants from the Town began in 1976 at \$ 4.00 per capita. The increase is in proportion to the way that other expenses have risen. Motion passed by a show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 10:** *Shall the Town pursue an option to relocate the Recycling Center from its existing site on Route 113 to the Vermont State Garage property located on West Fairlee Road.*

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Rick Hoffman. Jim spoke to the Article. The State has changed its mind about letting the Town use the property, and is in favor of the proposal. The Town of West Fairlee has requested that they be able to continue to store their winter sand and salt there. State Highway will also be able to continue to store various things there. A large pile of spoils may be leveled to accommodate a Recycling Center. The fill material will raise the grade sufficient to avoid flooding, and will improve access to the site, and to containers. The oldest salt shed would need to be removed, but could be a controlled burn by the Fire Department. Bill Pond indicated that it was a residential area, and located in a non-buildable flood plain. Bob Walker asked about the wording of the Article - was this instead of the former site on Thetford Hill? Jim agreed about the flooding issue, and believed that the fill present is adequate to raise the grade. Mark McMahon stated that the Board had decided to put the option to the Town for consideration. A final decision would be made by the Selectboard, on recommendation of the Townspeople. Sean Mullen urged discussion with Vershire and West Fairlee. Jean Ulman confirmed that the property does indeed flood, there are a number of children from the Trailer Park that skateboard and ride bicycles on West Fairlee Road on Saturdays. Murray Burk asked about deadline for leaving current site. Judy Bowden updated the meeting on progress on a new site. Alford Stone asked about renewing the lease on the present site. Judy replied that the Town could in fact purchase the present site, but due to concerns of neighbors, the Town would like a site that is less of an impact to abutting residents. Denise Froehlich asked about the State changing their mind after five years. Jim stated that this was a possibility, but unlikely. Sean Mullen asked about the proposed landfill property acquisition - Judy responded that, with the State's restrictions already in place for that property, a Recycling Center is not an option there. Ann Fenton voiced her opposition as a neighbor. Frank Barker asked about the current state of recycling in Thetford - do we lose money? Yes. We also expend a lot of energy recycling, driving to and from a site, which should also be a consideration. It definitely costs to recycle. Duncan Nichols is in favor of the Thetford Hill site (to which he is an abutter). A transfer station is also included in the plans for the Thetford Hill site. Proposed new site in Hartland will be for commercial trash haulers only, and does not have a public Recycling Center component. Frank Bonnett urged looking into the site. Sara Ferguson called the question. The vote to close debate carried. Article carried by a count of standing voters, 61 to 56.

**ARTICLE 11:** *Shall the Town accept ownership of 100 acres of land in Post Mills to be accepted under a permanent conservation easement by the Upper Valley Land Trust at a one time stewardship cost not to exceed \$5,000.00, with any other additional costs to be raised privately. Accepting this parcel is contingent upon abatement of delinquent taxes, penalties and interest in the amount of \$ 31,906.65.*

Moved by Judy Bowden, seconded by David Fisk. Judy moved to pass over Article 11, seconded by Paul Raymond. Judy indicated that there were a number of legal nuances that were yet to be worked out. Bill Keegan asked when this would be brought out again - Judy replied that it

would be before next year, as the state's option on the landfill property expires in a year. Frank Barker spoke about the process, saying that it was his understanding that the back taxes were to be paid by the state. Motion to pass over Article 11 passed by a show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 12:** *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$8,460.00 for the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.*

Moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Rick Barrows. Pat Whitney of the VNA spoke to the Article. Martha Rich spoke in support of the Article. With no further discussion, the Article passed by a show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 13:** *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$800.00 for Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.*

Moved by David Fisk, seconded by Bill Halsey. Following a brief explanation of CVABE's services in Thetford by David Fisk, the Article passed by a show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 14:** *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$100.00 for Kids Place, Randolph, Vermont.*

Moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Rick Barrows. Kids Place is a non-profit organization providing supervised parenting and other family assistance. Katrin Tchana offered that it is a service that assists with families at risk, assisting with supervised visitation between children and parents. Article carried by a show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 15:** *To transact any other business.*

Bob Walker offered a non-binding, non-warned resolution that read as follows: "Shall the legislature be urged to change Vermont's voting law for statewide elections, which currently can result in non candidate receiving a majority and this the selection of a governor by the legislature instead of the voters; and replace it with a system that allows voters to rank their choices so that, without the need for a separate runoff election, the candidate preferred by a majority of voters is elected?"

The resolution would apply only to Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Bob explained briefly how the new system would work, and would not require additional cost or time to local governments, and any needed recounts would be handled in Montpelier. A number of persons spoke in favor of the resolution. The resolution passed by a show of voter cards.

Donna Foster addressed the meeting, suggesting that the Town Meeting be moved back to the evening, citing a large number of young persons that had to work weekends, and who would attend the meeting if it was in the evening.

Lynne Miller requested that the Town Reports be sent out earlier. Ms Miller also requested that more information be included on Treasure Island

Plaque at Treasure Island - Rags Muller suggested a permanent memorial at TI for the Wilsons.

Bill Halsey moved, Jean Lariviere seconded to adjourn.

A True Record, Attest:

Joseph Tofel  
Town Moderator

Mark McMahon  
Selectboard Chair

**TOWN OF THETFORD  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2002**

**ARTICLE I:** *Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Thetford in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$ 600,000), subject to reduction from the receipt of available state and federal grants-in-aid and other sources of funding and payable at the rate of \$ 30,000 per year over a term not to exceed twenty years, be issued for the purpose of making certain public building improvements, viz: renovations and enhancements to the Town Hall, at an estimated cost of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$ 600,000).*

The Town Meeting was suspended to take up Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting. Selectboard member Mary Spata introduced Chris Levey, Renovation Committee member, who spoke to the Article. Chris spoke about planned improvements, indicating that the enlarged space should serve for years to come. Concerns such as water, septic, and cemetery encroachment have reportedly been addressed. A question was asked about the start of construction - it could be as soon as Fall, 2002. The addition would be built first, offices moved, then older portion renovated. Marian Fifield, Town Historian, asked that people vote for the Article. Jean Ulman asked that the parking issue be addressed. Chris and Pi Smith indicated that there were room for approximately 12 parking spaces. Jim Krakowiecki asked about 12 parking spaces being adequate for the proposed life of the project. Elmer Brown spoke in favor of the Article. Dave Celone asked about passing the Article for the full amount, and would that affect the ability to get grants. Pi indicated that it would most likely be positively viewed as strong community support. Richard Balagur asked about going over budget - Pi responded that the Committee was planning on a Construction Manager to insure that the project stayed within budget. A question was asked about recycled building materials - are any planned to be used? That option will be explored. With no further discussion, the Special Town Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am, and the Town Meeting resumed.

A True Record, Attest:

Joseph Tofel  
Town Moderator

Mary Spata  
Thetford Selectboard



OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS - TOWN OFFICERS - MARCH 5, 2002

<b>TOWN MODERATOR, 1 YEAR</b>	
JOSEPH TOFEL	595
WRITE IN (DAN GROSSMAN)	2
SPOILED	0
BLANK	79
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK, 1 YEAR</b>	
ROBERTA C. HOWARD	632
WRITE INS	1
SPOILED	0
BLANK	43
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>TOWN TREASURER, 1 YEAR</b>	
ROBERTA C. HOWARD	626
WRITE INS	2
SPOILED	0
BLANK	48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>DEL. TAX COLLECTOR, 1 YR</b>	
ROBERTA C. HOWARD	631
WRITE INS	1
SPOILED	0
BLANK	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>SELECTMAN, 3 YEAR</b>	
PAUL RAYMOND	345
WRITE IN (MICHAEL BROWN)	267
OTHER WRITE INS	5
SPOILED	0
BLANK	59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>SELECTMAN, 2 YEAR</b>	

SARA FERGUSON	333
ALFORD STONE	295
WRITE IN (MICHAEL BROWN)	5
OTHER WRITE INS	1
SPOILED	4
BLANK	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>GRAND JUROR, 1 YEAR</b>	
WRITE IN (DAN GROSSMAN)	3
WRITE IN (CHARLIE BUTTREY)	2
WRITE IN (WENDY COLE)	2
WRITE IN (ROBERT JACCAUD)	2
WRITE IN (JOHN WILMOT)	2
OTHER WRITE INS	8
SPOILED	6
BLANK	651
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>AUDITOR, 3 YEAR</b>	
WRITE IN (MICHAEL SHOOB)	3
WRITE IN (WENDY COOK)	2
WRITE IN (MARY HATHORN)	2
WRITE IN (ROXY MAXFIELD)	2
OTHER WRITE INS	10
SPOILED	4
BLANK	653
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>

<b>AUDITOR, 2 YEAR</b>	
WRITE IN (FRANK BONNETT)	2
WRITE IN (CHET PALMER)	2
OTHER WRITE INS	7
SPOILED	4
BLANK	661
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>AUDITOR, 1 YEAR</b>	
WRITE INS	14
SPOILED	2
BLANK	660
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>BUDGET COMM., 3 YEAR</b>	
WRITE IN (ELMER BROWN)	2
OTHER WRITE INS	17
SPOILED	6
BLANK	651
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE, 2 YR</b>	
MICHAEL BROWN	537
WRITE INS	1
SPOILED	3
BLANK	135
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE, 1 YR</b>	
WRITE INS	10
SPOILED	5
BLANK	661
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE, 1 YEAR</b>	
WRITE INS	7
SPOILED	5
BLANK	664
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>

<b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS, 3 Y</b>	
ELMER BROWN	626
WRITE IN	0
SPOILED	0
BLANK	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>CEMETERY COMM., 3 YEAR</b>	
JOHN WILMOT	618
WRITE INS	1
SPOILED	0
BLANK	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 4 YEAR</b>	
KATHY BONYAI	574
WRITE INS	1
SPOILED	0
BLANK	101
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 4 YEAR</b>	
JANICE COOK	601
WRITE IN	0
SPOILED	0
BLANK	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>

OFFICIAL VOTING RESULTS - TOWN HALL RENOVATION BOND - MAR. 5, 2002

YES	428
NO	241
SPOILED	1
BLANK	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>676</b>

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## PERMITS NEEDED

### ACCESS FROM HIGHWAYS

A written permit is required from the Selectmen for any access from property to State Aid roads and all town roads. Anyone building or wishing to drive to his property from these roads must obtain a permit.

Section 43: "It shall be unlawful to develop, construct or regrade any driveway entrance or approach, or build a fence or building, or deposit material of any kind within, or in any way affect the grade of a highway right-of-way, or obstruct a ditch, culvert, or drainage course that drains a highway, or fill or grade the land adjacent to a highway so as to divert the flow of water onto the highway right-of-way, without a written permit from the Board of Selectmen." VSA 19:1-64 Act 460.

### ZONING PERMITS

No building construction or land development may commence 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 44443 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 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 used prescribed by the Thetford Zoning Ordinance, which fall within the federally-designated flood hazard areas, within 100 feet of these boundaries, or within 100 feet from the centerline of any stream designated as a flood hazard area. Copies of this By-Law may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

### SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS - CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (FOR NEW SYSTEM OR REPAIRS)

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

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

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

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

### OCCUPANCY PERMIT

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

### ADDITIONS

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



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## THETFORD INFORMATION

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### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M.  
Latham Library

### SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M.  
Elementary School

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

#### ~ LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY ~

Thetford Hill  
785-4361

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**

#### ~ PEABODY LIBRARY ~

Post Mills  
333-9724

Peter Blodgett, Librarian  
Hours:

**Tuesday: 5:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Wednesday: 2:00 - 8:30 PM**

#### ~THETFORD HISTORICAL LIBRARY~

Thetford Hill  
Marian Fifield 785-2430  
Charles Latham 333-4613

Hours:

**Monday & Thursday: 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Tuesday 10:00 AM to Noon**

or by appointment, call 785-2068

### CHURCHES

#### ~ THETFORD BAPTIST CHURCH ~

East Thetford  
785-2050

Rev. John Hartley

#### ~ NORTH THETFORD FEDERATED CHURCH ~

North Thetford  
333-4429

Rev. Gail Dimick

#### ~ POST MILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ~

Post Mills  
333-9352

Rev. J. Yorke Peeler

#### ~ FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ~

Thetford Hill  
785-2915

Rev. Thomas Kinder

#### ~ TIMOTHY FROST METHODIST CHURCH ~

Thetford Center  
785-2167

Rev. Bertha Brown

#### ~ UNION VILLAGE METHODIST CHURCH ~

Union Village  
295-3266

Rev. Louis Maxfield