

2004 Annual Reports – Town of Thetford, Vermont



THETFORD TOWN OFFICES

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Office Hours:
Monday: 6:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-3:30 pm

POLICE, FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, dial 911

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2200

COUNTY AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Vermont State Police, Bradford – 333-9414
Fish and Wildlife Warden – 802-234-9933
Orange County Sheriff – 685-4875

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Sharon Harkay – Pager 290-5521
785-4924

HEALTH OFFICER

Alford Stone – By Appointment
785-4503

PLANNING AND ZONING

Office Hours:
Tuesday: 8:00 am-12:00 noon
Thursday: 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Board Meets: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

LISTERS

785-2922 ext 15
Office Hours:
Tues. & Wed.: 8:30 am-4:00 pm

SELECTBOARD

Board Meets:
Mondays at 6:30 pm
Town Hall

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Town Garage – 785-4679

FIRE DEPARTMENT

PO Box 330
Thetford Ctr, VT 05075
Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2412
Fire Wardens (Burning Permits):
Ellis Paige – 785-4477
Jeff Sirjane – 785-4405

TREASURE ISLAND

333-9731

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TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

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THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS:

[term expires in "()"]

Town Moderator – 1 year

Joseph Tofel 2459 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr Joseph.Tofel@valley.net 649-1434

School Moderator – 1 year

Mary McNelly Denison 982 Quinibeck Rd, Post Mills 333-9527

Selectboard – 2 or 3 year

Richard Barrows ('05)	PO Box 245, Thetford Ctr	rbarrows@cs.dartmouth.edu	785-4607
Mike Brown ('06)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Mary Spata ('06)	272 Route 244, Post Mills	spataburk@valley.net	333-9383
Mark McMahon ('07)	2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
Paul Raymond ('05)	PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr		785-4953

Town Clerk – 1 year

Tracy Borst PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr Thetford.Clerk@valley.net 785-2922

Town Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector – 1 year

Jill Graff PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr Thetford.Treasurer@valley.net 785-2922

Grand Juror – 1 year

Vacant

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year

Vacant

Agent to convey Real Property – 1 year

Vacant

Listers – 3 year

Denise Adams ('06)	1100 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	Thetford.Listers@valley.net	785-4331
Donna Durkee ('05)	PO Box 122, E Thetford	Thetford.Listers@valley.net	785-4590
Roxy Maxfield (Rsgnd)	895 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4215
Janet Stowell ('07)	462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	Thetford.Listers@valley.net	785-4387

School Directors – 2 & 3 year

Charlie Buttrey, Chair ('05)	347 Cranberry Hill Rd, E Thetford	c.t.buttrey@valley.net	785-4005
David Celone ('05)	1535 Route 132, Thetford Ctr	Dave.Celone@valley.net	785-2034
Denise Froehlich, ('06)	725 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	Denise.Froehlich@valley.net	785-2097
Marty Jacobs ('07)	360 Cadwell Rd, E Thetford	Martha.Jacobs@alum.dartmouth.org	785-2606
Joe Malpino (rsgnd '06)	3779 Route 113, Thetford Ctr		
Darrin Clement ('05/ Appt '04)	468 Garey Rd, E Thetford	dclement@maponics.com	785-2668

Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 year

Frederick Howard ('06)	PO Box 57, N Thetford		333-9291
Ruel G. Barrett ('07)	PO Box 89, Thetford		785-2867
Elmer Brown ('05)	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr		785-2167

Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year

Andrew Martin ('06)	619 Quail John Rd, E Thetford		785-2024
John Wilmot ('05)	PO Box 6, E. Thetford		785-4090

Budget Committee – 3 year

Lynne Miller ('05)	759 Stevens Rd, E Thetford		785-4410
Ken McDaniels ('05/ Appt '04)	PO Box 313, Thetford		785-4908
2 vacant			

Trustees of Latham Library – 4 year

Kathryn Bonyai ('06)	93 Cream St, Thetford Ctr		785-4403
Janice S. Cook ('06)	313 Cream St, Thetford Ctr		785-2587
Sally Duston ('05)	545 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	Sally.Duston@valley.net	785-2012
Gwendolen Gensler ('07)	PO Box 141, E. Thetford		785-4038
Darla LaRoche ('07)	4396 Route 132, Thetford Ctr		785-2734
Lucy Young ('05)	PO Box 175, Thetford	lucyjy@valley.net	785-4530
Maureen Morse ('08)	678 Picknell Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4747

Trustee of Peabody Library – 3 year (one elected trustee required)

Suzanne Houston ('07)

Justices of the Peace – 2 year (next election Nov '06)

Gladys Boyd	805 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford		785-2029
Mike Brown**	437 Burnham Road, E. Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Murray Burk*	272 Route 244, Post Mills	spataburk@valley.net	333-9383
Wendy Cole	146 Jackson Brook Rd, Thetford Ctr	Wendy.S.Cole@valley.net	785-2698
Laurie Ingalls	346 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-3190
Brenda Magoon	PO Box 25, N Thetford		785-4054
Roxy Maxfield*	895 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4215
Diane Osgood**	Po Box 18, N. Thetford		333-9397
Paul Raymond	PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr		785-4953
Cy Severance	PO Box 21, E Thetford		333-4436
Ann Swanson	414 Cream St, Thetford Ctr	Ann.Swanson@valley.net	785-9855
Jean Wolstenholme	PO Box 6, Thetford	Jean.Wolstenholme@valley.net	785-4567
*Term expired 1/05			
**Term begins 2/05			

Representative for Orange-Windsor

James Masland 714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr Jim.Masland@valley.net 785-4146

Senator-Orange County

Mark MacDonald 404 MacDonald Rd, Williamstown 433-5867

APPOINTED OFFICERS**Police Chief**

Joseph Anthony (Appt 11/04) PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2200

Special Officers – Police

Jim Lanctot	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-2200
Laura Holt	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-2200

Road Foreman

Doug Stone PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-4679

Zoning Administrator – 3 year

William Thrane PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr Thetford.Zoning@valley.net 785-4927

Assistant Town Clerk

Joan Crosson PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

Assistant Treasurer

Rebecca Buchanan PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

Town Service Officer

Roberta Howard PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 333-4607

Health Officer

Alford Stone PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-4503

Animal Control Officer

Sharon Harkay PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr Pager 290-5521 785-4924

Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC

Vacant

Pound Keeper

Ruth Dwyer Kent 2604 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-2817

Fire Wardens (Burning Permits)

Ellis Paige 41 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4477
 Jeff Sirjane 1854 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr Jsirjane@worldcupsupply.com 785-4405
 Don Fifield, Jr. PO Box 161, Thetford Ctr 785-2604

Planning Commission

Sean Mullen, Chair 1562 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4373
 Robert Pulaski, Vice Chair 1006 Barker Rd, Post Mills 333-4627
 Dennis Donahue 416 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-3177
 Richard Haugen 515 Burnham Rd, E Thetford 785-4494
 Dennis Marquise 339 Burnham Rd, E Thetford 785-2175
 Ken Robinson 329 Turnpike Rd, Post Mills 333-9310
 Tim Taylor 811 West Fairlee Rd, Fairlee 333-4455
 Bill Thrane PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr Thetford.Zoning@valley.net 785-4927

Historic Preservation Committee

Stephen Branchflower PO Box 38, Thetford Ctr 785-2667
 James Fowle PO Box 604, Thetford 785-2630
 John Hall PO Box 148, Post Mills John.Hall@valley.net 333-4077
 Roney Hoffman 68 Cobble Hill Rd, E Thetford 785-2438
 Tod Moses PO Box 164, Thetford Ctr 785-3060

Greater UV Solid Waste District Representative

Ben Bradley 168 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4245

Conservation Commission

Jennifer Davey PO Box 166, Post Mills 333-9607
 Richard Haugen 515 Burnham Rd, E Thetford 785-4494
 Ted Levin PO Box 117, Thetford Ted.Levin@valley.net 333-4443

Robert Pulaski, Chair 1006 Barker Rd, Thetford Ctr 333-4627
 William Shepard 2360 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-2855
 Scott Stokoe 518 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr Scott.Stokoe@valley.net 785-2083
 Fred Thomas 1221 Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-2596

Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society

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 Mike Pomeroy, VP PO Box 128, Thetford 785-2534
 Ann-Marie Linnehan PO Box 11, Thetford 785-2447
 Michelle Longo PO Box 12, Thetford 785-9807
 Leslie Carleton PO Box 125, Thetford 785-4526
 Carl Estabrook PO Box 96, Thetford 785-4644

Energy Committee

Ellen Blumberg 189 Jackson Brook Rd mjblumberg@valley.net 785-9883
 Bill Halsey PO Box 181, Thetford whalsey@alum.dartmouth.org 785-4020
 Chris Hebb PO Box 103, Thetford chris.hebb@valley.net 333-4159
 Paul Gerke 1414 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr Paulgerke@aol.com 649-2587
 Mike Pepe 2643 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford mike.pepe@progression-systems.com 649-1566
 Heinz Trebitz 480 Colby Rd N, Thetford Ctr Heinz.H.Trebitz@valley.net 785-2129
 Bob Walker, Chair 432 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr bobwalker@valley.net 785-4126

Recreation Committee

Scott & Ann O'Hearn Treasure Island, 1218 Route 244, Fairlee 333-3507

Emergency Management

David Goodrich 1015 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4635

Upper Valley Ambulance

Wendy Cole 146 Jackson Brook Rd, Thetford Ctr Wendy.S.Cole@valley.net 785-2698

Agency on Aging – White River Council

Ruel Barrett PO Box 184, Thetford 785-2867

Tree Warden

Elmer Brown PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr 785-2167

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber

Gary Ulman 359 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4037
 2 vacant

Fense Viewers

Robert Evans (rsgnd '04) 100 Evans Rd, E Thetford 785-2673
 Robert Vaughan (rsgnd '04) PO Box 54, E Thetford 785-2968
 Royce Bond 155 Turnpike Rd, Thetford Ctr 333-4640

Historian

Marian Fifield PO Box 255, Thetford Ctr 785-2430

Notaries Public

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 Roberta Howard PO Box 36, N Thetford 333-4607
 Laurie Ingalls 346 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-2922
 Lynn Irwin 665 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford Lynn.Irwin@valley.net 785-4581
 Brenda Magoon PO Box 25, N Thetford 785-4054
 Donna McMahan 2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford 785-4687
 Kathy McQueen Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4493
 Jeanne Phipps PO Box 76, N Thetford 333-9130
 Gloria Thurston Taylor Thetford Academy 785-4805
 Paul Raymond PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr 785-4953

TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

The annual Town and School Meeting will be held on
 Saturday, February 26, 2005 at 9:00 am
 Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy
 A snack bar will be open throughout the day.

Child Care, sponsored by the National Honor Society, will be available free of charge,
 from 9 am until 3 pm except during the lunch break.
 A luncheon will be served in the Family and Consumer Science Room.

Proceeds will benefit the Thetford Academy trip to France

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

Town Moderator, 1 year	Joseph Tofel
Town Clerk, 1 year	Tracy Borst
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Jill D. Graff
Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	Jill D. Graff
Select Board, 3 year term	John E. Bacon Paul Raymond
Select Board, 2 year term	Douglas Stone David Turner
Grand Juror, 1 year	
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year	
Lister, 3 year	Donna Phelps Durkee
Budget Committee, 3 year (2 vacancies)	Lynne A. Miller
Budget Committee, 2 year (2 vacancies)	Ken McDaniels
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	
Cemetery Commissioner	John M. Wilmot
Latham Library Trustee, 4 year	Ron Chabot
Latham Library Trustee, 4 year	Lisa Ladd
Latham Library Trustee, 3 year	Elizabeth Edmunds
School Moderator, 1 year	Deecie M Denison
School Director, 3 year	Bryant Patten
School Director, 2 year	
School Director, (1 yr to complete 3 yr term)	Darrin Clement

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

Applications to the voter checklist for Town Meeting and March Elections are accepted no later than noon on Tuesday, February 22, 2005. Apply at the Town Clerk's office. You must be on the checklist to vote February 26 and March 1.

Clerk's Office Hours

6-8 pm Monday
8:30 am to 3:30 pm Tuesday – Thursday
Special hours due to election requirements:
February 28 - 8:30 to 5:00 pm

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Absentee Ballots may be requested by phone, in writing, or in person by the voter's family member (a voter's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents and spouse's grandparents). Requests by others (on behalf of a voter) must be in person or in writing.

Deadline to request absentee Australian ballots for yourself or on behalf of another voter:
February 28 by 5 pm
Town offices open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Absentee Ballots may be voted in three ways:

- 1) In person at the Town Clerk's Office.
- 2) Mailed to you and mailed or delivered back to the Town Clerk's office by 7 pm on Election Day (March 1, 2005).
- 3) Brought to you (in the case of illness or physical disability) by two Justices of the Peace on the day of or day before election.

Pre-Town Meeting – February 21, 2005, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

Town Meeting – February 26, 2005, 9:00 am, Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy

Voting by Australian Ballot

For Town and School Officers, School District Budget
Tuesday, March 1, 2005
Thetford Town Hall
3910 VT Route 113
PO Box 126
Thetford Center, VT 05075-0126
Polls open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

**WARNING
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, February 26th, 2005 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 Friday, October 17th, 2005 by 5:00 pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town.
- ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for current expenses in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available.
- ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$634,924.22 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.
- ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$391,762.87 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department.
- ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$80,000.00 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new dump truck to replace truck #2 at a cost not to exceed \$88,517.00 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the town establish a Highway Garage Brownfield Reserve Fund with \$10,000.00 of the 2004 Highway Department surplus funds.
- ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new fire truck / tanker to replace the old tanker in Post Mills at a cost not to exceed \$170,000.00 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund
- ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new police cruiser at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 to be purchased through the Police Cruiser Replacement Fund.
- ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$4000 to be added to the existing funds in the Police Cruiser Replacement Fund for the purchase of a second police cruiser for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.

- ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town of Thetford support the development of the Thetford Center Common as outlined in the Thetford Common Steering Committee Report.
- ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town raise the sum of 5,000.00 to establish a fund devoted to long term planning and improvements to the Thetford Community.
- ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town vote to elect a town clerk for the term of three years as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(2), beginning 2006.
- ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town vote to elect a town treasurer for the term of three years as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(3), beginning 2007.
- ARTICLE 117 Shall the Town vote to elect a collector of delinquent taxes for the term of three years as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(9), beginning 2007.
- ARTICLE 18 Shall the Town elect to adopt or amend the town municipal plan by Australian Ballot.
- ARTICLE 19 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$10,468.00 for the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.
- ARTICLE 20 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$9,500.00 for the Thetford FAST Squad.
- ARTICLE 21 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$100.00 for the Aiken RC & D Council.
- ARTICLE 22 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$4,600.00 to continue the Milfoil / Aquatic Nuisance Control program.
- ARTICLE 23 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$400.00 for the Maple Leaf Treatment Center.
- ARTICLE 24 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$200.00 for the Kids Place of Randolph.
- ARTICLE 25 *Whereas*, the Town and its citizens strongly support the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq and recognize the sacrifices that each of them is making. The Town and its citizens stand ready to help these Vermonters in any way they can.

Whereas, in October 2002 the United States Congress adopted a Joint Resolution to Authorize the use of United States Armed Forces Against Iraq, relying on statements that were untrue, when in fact the United States:

- ✍ was not threatened with attack by Iraq,
- ✍ Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction,
- ✍ Saddam Hussein had no role in the 9/11 attacks.

Whereas, in going to war, the President did not meet the conditions imposed by Congress, failing to show Congress why he:

✍ decided that diplomatic or peaceful means alone would not protect the national security of the United States or lead to enforcement of Security Council resolutions on Iraq,

✍ why he decided that going to war was a necessary action against Iraq on the theory -- never proven -- that Iraq authorized, committed, or aided in the 9/11 attacks.

Whereas, the war has resulted in serious and potentially long-lasting consequences for the United States and for the chances for a just and durable peace in Iraq and the Mideast;

Whereas, the United States Constitution provides that Congress shall have the power to "provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, to suppress insurrections and repel Invasions," and the Vermont Constitution provides for the General Assembly to direct the training and arming of members of the Vermont National Guard for defense of the State;

Whereas, at least since 1986 the President and the Congress have had nearly total control over state militias, including the Vermont National Guard;

Whereas, the costs of the call-up of Vermont National Guard members for deployment in Iraq has been significant, as reckoned in lost lives, combat injuries, psychic trauma, disruption of family life, financial hardship for individuals, families, and businesses, interruption of careers, and damage to the fabric of civic life in many Vermont communities;

Whereas, these are costs which would be suffered willingly were there a threat to our nation, but which are not tolerable where there is none;

Whereas, Vermonters have joined the Guard thinking that they would be serving their neighbors by helping with Vermont-based emergencies, unless there was a danger to America requiring transfer to active duty;

Whereas, stop-loss orders violate the mutual understanding between Vermonters in the Guard and the state and nation they agreed to serve; and

Whereas, there is reason to believe that the federalization and deployment of Vermont National Guard members has rendered the remaining Guard force unable to carry out its state activities effectively;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

Resolved, that the Town requests the members of Vermont's Congressional Delegation to urge Congress to restore the balance between the federal government and the states, limiting the nearly complete federal control over State National Guard units to cases:

- ✍ where there is reasonable evidence that war powers are requested in order to protect against a threat to the territory of the United States,
- ✍ where there is an insurrection or a plausible threat of insurrection; or
- ✍ where there is a declaration of war under the United States Constitution;

Resolved, that the Town requests the General Assembly of the State of Vermont, exercising its powers under Ch. II, Sec. 59 of the Vermont Constitution, to:

✍ investigate and discuss whether members of the Vermont National Guard have been called to active service and assigned to duties relating to the war in Iraq in conformity with the U.S. Constitution and federal laws, including the 2002 Congressional Resolution on Iraq; and

✍ create a commission or other body to collect statutory, historical, and statistical information about the role of the National Guard in serving the State of Vermont and to study the impact of the federalization and deployment of its members on the ability of the Guard to perform its mission in Vermont;

Resolved, that the President and the Congress take steps to withdraw American troops from Iraq, consistently with the mandate of international humanitarian law; and

Resolved, that the Town Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Vermont Congressional Delegation, the Vermont Governor, the Speaker of the Vermont House, the President *Pro Tempore* of the Vermont Senate, the Adjutant General of Vermont.

ARTICLE 26 To transact any other business.

The following article shall be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday March 1st, 2005. Please take note that Australian Balloting will take place from 8:00am to 7:00pm, at the Thetford Town Hall, 3910 Vt. Rte 113, Thetford Ctr., Vermont, located across from the Town Highway Garage.

ARTICLE 27 To elect Town and School Officers.

Dated: January 25, 2005

Tracy Borst
Town Clerk

Mary Spata
Mike Brown
Paul Raymond
Richard Barrows
Mark McMahon, Chair
Selectboard

~☞ Remembrance ☞~

Due to illness, our Town Historian was unable to write individual remembrances for each Thetford resident who died in 2004. What follows is a list of past and present Thetford residents and the date their obituary appeared in the Valley News. An archive of the Valley News is available at the Latham Library.

John J. Aleskivitch...March 13, 2004

~☞ ☞~

Carol J. Bacon...November 27, 2004

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Robert A. Bailey, Jr...February 6, 2004

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Mona A. Banios....August 26, 2004

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Lillian M. Bircher....August 17, 2004

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Harold L. Blodgett....October 17, 2004

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Darlene D. Bowen....October 13, 2004

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Walter A. Boyd, Jr....October 09, 2004

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Sarah S. Boyd....April 06, 2004

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Anthony H. Brackett....June 08, 2004

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Marion E. Braley....September 28, 2004

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Nellie H. Cadwell....May 29, 2004

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Douglas F. Caswell....January 13, 2004

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Richard G. Chamberlin....February 10, 2004

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Jim Cowden....June 16, 2004

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Clyde A. Cummings Jr....August 31, 2004

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Stewart M. Dall....January 21, 2004

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Rose A. Dixon Kearney....October 31, 2004

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Robert Doyle....September 12, 2004

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Shannon D. Durkee....January 16 & May 11, 2004

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Royce M. Emerson....November 12, 2004

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Betty J. Fairbrother....March 06 & May 4, 2004

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Lawrence W. Fairbrother....October 30, 2004

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Donald S. Fifield Sr.....November 09, 2004

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Grace J. Geier....February 14, 2004

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Jesse J. Donaldson Geoffrey....March 19, 2004

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Kenneth W. Gould....March 03, 2004

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Richard H. Gray....November 28, 2004

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Frank R. Hayes....January 14, 2004

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Gloria D. Honney....August 07 & 09, 2004

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Edith V. Houghland....March 04, 2004

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Alice J. Hurley....April 22 & 23, 2004

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Trina Schart Hyman....November 21, 2004

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Pauline Jeffery....March 21 & April 28, 2004

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Anne G. Jenks....November 25, 2004

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Robert E. Johnson, Sr.....October 27, 2004

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Helena M. Johnson....December 07, 2004

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Milton N. Kadish....May, 06, 2004

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Margaret E. Kendall....May 08, 2004

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Roxy R. Kendall....June 08 & 09, 2004

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Katherine E. Kincaid....May 4, 2004

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Louis R. Lange....September 28, 2004

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Frank A. Latona....June 22, 2004

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Marilyn L. Laverdiere....August 13, 2004

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Sandra K. McClelland....January 27, 2004

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Edna M. Meglathery....July 13, 2004

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Thomas S. Melendy, Sr.....April 15, 2004

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Martha Miller....January 3 & May 04, 2004

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Edythe H. Mocho....February 28, 2004

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Ray B. Moran....May 17, 2004

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William A. Nutbrown April 04, 2004

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Mary J. Odell August 09, 2004

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Harold T. Parsbly April 22, 2004

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Marion E. Pero September 29 & 30, 2004

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Noel Perrin November 24, 2004

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William J. Pierce August 21, 2004

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Virginia E. Porter September 27, 2004

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Robert H. Post April 17, 2004

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Margaret J. Pratt May 22 & 23, 2004

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Gloria L. Reed March 30, 2004

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Ernest W. Rogers October 27, 2004

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Martin W. Rose, Jr. September 29, 2004

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Dora E. Sanborn March 28, 2004

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Katharine S. Shepley September 28, 2004

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Doris B. Southworth May 19, 2004

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Eleanor F. Stevens February 16, 2004

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Jessie J. Storms July 31 & August 03, 2004

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Murray Sylvester September 20, 2004

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Mary E. Thurston July 20, 2004

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Margaret H. Trapnell October 26, 2004

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Edward Tyler November 23, 2004

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David F. Upham August 03 & 04, 2004

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Paul A Van Ells June 25, 2004

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Theodore A. Vietje April 26, 2004

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Bonnie Ray Westcott November 22, 2004

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Robin M. Williams September 18, 2004

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Charlotte Wilson February 21 & 25, 2004

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Barbara C. Yates April 02, 2004

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SELECTBOARD REPORT

Change: A word that has become synonymous with Vermont. And, this is certainly true for Thetford as well.

In March the Town elected a new treasurer and delinquent tax collector. The challenging transition into these positions has been a daunting task for Jill Graff and her assistant, Becky Buchanan. Jill not only had to learn the day-to-day responsibilities of the town treasurer, but additionally had to implement the new computer accounting system for a more effective and efficient bookkeeping of Town records. We are proud at how she has responded to the challenges and are confident she will continue to make improvements wherever necessary.

The functions of the Town Clerk's office have also undergone changes such as the hiring of a new assistant, computerization of many functions, updating and preservation of town records, and plans toward computerized public access to town records. Residents can be assured that Tracy Borst will continue to provide outstanding service as Town Clerk.

At this time, we would like to take the opportunity to thank Martha Howard for her many years of service to Thetford. She has served our community well in many capacities. She will be missed. Thank you.

In early February, our Police Chief Phil Call resigned to accept a position with the State of Vermont Corrections Department. A group of residents volunteered to form a police search committee to find a replacement. As a result of their efforts, we are happy to announce the hiring of Joe Anthony as our new Chief of Police. Joe comes with more than 25 years of law enforcement knowledge and experience. He will work diligently at leading our police department to serve the needs of our community. Welcome.

After a short stint as Road Foreman, Tim Gibbs also resigned to pursue a career with the State of Vermont Corrections Department. Although he had relatively little experience at this position, Tim performed his duties well. We are grateful for his service.

In late June Doug Stone was selected to oversee our highway department as Road Foreman. Doug is a long time resident of Thetford and is familiar with our roads and the care they need. He immediately began immersing himself in every aspect of road maintenance and is committed to improving our roads in an ongoing effort to provide safe and reliable travel.

The Planning Commission spent much of this past year revising our Town Plan. The changes reflected in this new plan will help manage future growth in the Town of Thetford. We ask that you familiarize yourself with the plan as it continues to evolve. We have chosen to present the completed plan to the Town. Please refer to Article 18.

We have made some small increases in several areas of the budgets. We decreased in other areas to help reduce overall spending. Both the Town General Fund and the Highway Department represent a 9.6% increase in the 2004 budgets. However, the General Fund increase in taxes to be levied reflects a 1% increase from the previous year. The Highway budget reflects a 1% decrease in taxes to be raised from 2004.

Each year the group of volunteers who unconditionally serve our community, essential to the success of Thetford, never ceases to astound us. Their work provides the necessary ingredients that make our Town special. Thank you for everything.

Our Town continues to grow and change. Regardless, we must never lose sight of our commitment to the community. Thetford has always offered a unique and diverse environment that welcomes all. With your help and support, we will continue to move that tradition forward.

We hope 2005 will be a great year for the Town of Thetford and all its residents.

SELECTBOARD: Rick Barrows
Mike Brown
Mark McMahon, Chair
Paul Raymond
Mary Spata



THE ORIGINAL THETFORD ACADEMY
(picture courtesy of Charles Latham)

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's Office has settled comfortably in our new space in 2004. I hope you've been in to see the new building. The Wallace Vault (the tiny building on the right as you face town hall) is also newly renovated as a small conference room and is filled with historical artifacts, pictures of each village and scrapbooks of Thetford for the years 1940 - 2001. Please stop by with some time to visit and catch a bit of Thetford's history.

I'd like to point out two major accomplishments within the Town Clerk's office this year. The first is Land Record Restoration. This year fifteen land record books were transported to Marotti's Conservation Laboratory Lab in Milton, Vermont, where they were cleaned, de-acidified, mended, reinforced and placed in new binders. Thirteen birth record books were also restored and their documents placed in archival capsules and placed in new binders. The result is a clean, lasting product that is easily handled and copies without damage.

Secondly, our office has been updated extensively this year with the addition of three new computers. We have nine computers in the building, and they are all networked. We are communicating with various town committees via email, and assisting many residents and nonresidents through that venue. While upgrading hardware and software presented many challenges, the end result is an incredible increase in efficiency. We are ready for the 2006 requirement of the statewide checklist, and many of our daily functions (animal licensing, voter checklist, land record indexing, and cash receipts) are now computerized.

A new service we offer is Motor Vehicle Registration Renewals. Simply bring your renewal certificate with payment to the DMV and a \$3 payment to the Town of Thetford, and we will issue temporary stickers. You will receive actual stickers from the DMV within a couple weeks. Also new to the Town Clerk's Office is Joan Crosson, who was appointed assistant Clerk and is trying hard to learn the "trade". Her sunny disposition and eagerness to help is a wonderful addition to town hall.

Please take note of the voter registration and animal licensing deadlines listed in this report. I have listed our office hours below, and we can be open to accommodate your schedule by appointment if the listed times are not convenient. Once again, I look forward to serving your municipal needs in 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Borst
Town Clerk

Town Clerk's Office Hours	
Monday	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday - Thursday	8:30 - 3:30 pm
Also by appointment.	

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

There are a number of critical issues before the General Assembly in 2005, many involving limited financial resources. Perhaps the most critical is the huge deficit in the Vermont Health Access Trust Fund that finances our Medicare programs. Further, the astronomical rise in health care costs is straining family and state budgets across the board. It will likely be the end of the session before we have answers to these problems.

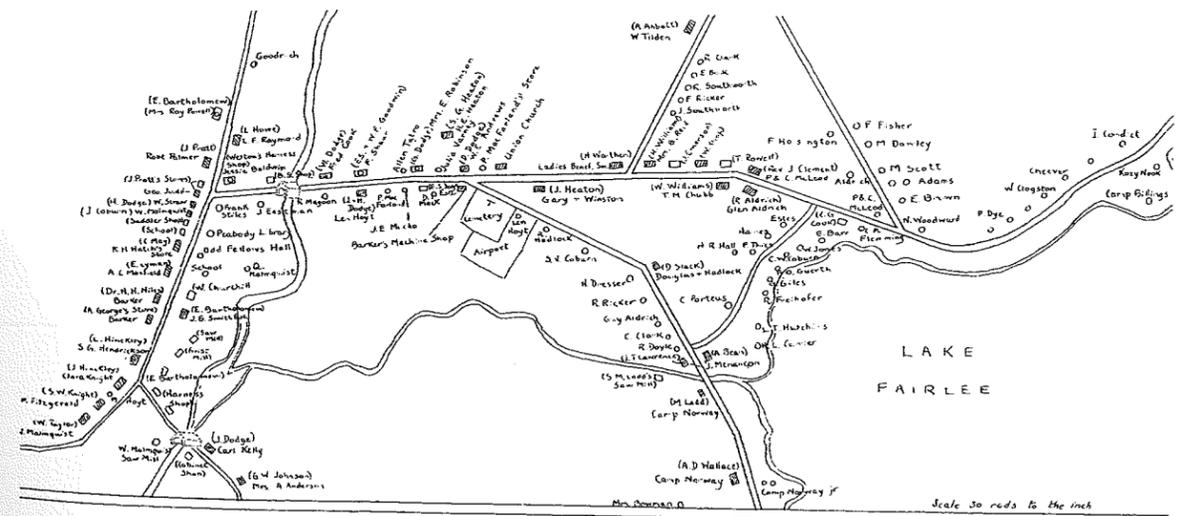
Just as important as the rising cost of health care, is the energy crisis that is looming on two fronts. Energy issues will be before the Committee on Natural Resources & Energy, where I will be the vice-chair. First, contracts that provide two thirds of Vermont's electrical energy from Vermont Yankee and Hydro Quebec begin to expire in 2012. Even if new contracts are written with these sources, the cost will likely be significantly higher. Second, the earth's non-renewable fossil fuel reserves of oil and natural gas will be in deep decline in 30, 40, or 50 years, depending on which estimates you accept. We all depend on energy from a variety of sources in our homes, at work, and to sustain the national economy on which we depend. While I will be working diligently on these issues in Montpelier, we ought to recognize that a satisfactory comprehensive solution will depend on the participation of each of us.

That said, I look forward to hearing from you on any issue, large or small, that you think I may be able to help you with. And, please come visit YOUR State House while we are in session in Montpelier. I can be reached at any of the numbers below.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you,

Representative Jim Masland

State House: 1-800-322-5616
Home: 785-4146
E-Mail: jmasland@leg.state.vt.us



POST MILLS

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

The Thetford Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment consist of seven members who serve in both of these areas. The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month and the Zoning Board on the fourth Tuesday.

Currently, planning activities are concentrated on the completion of the revision and publication of a new Town Plan which must be renewed every five years.

The Zoning Board is primarily devoted to the review and approval of Zoning Permit applications. The Board is preparing to review the bylaws of the Zoning Ordinances and Subdivision Regulations for publication in 2005. A number of changes in zoning have been issued by the State of Vermont and will require incorporation into the *Town of Thetford Zoning Ordinance* and the *Subdivision Regulations for the Town of Thetford, VT*.

The major difference for 2004 was the increase in the number of minor subdivisions and the resultant lots created. The following table gives summaries of the permit activity over the past four years.

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Subdivision Plats Approved	6	6	11	19
Number of Lots Created	10	14	31	45
Annexations	4	1	3	3
Boundary Adjustments	-	1	1	0
Residences	19	13	13	14
Additions	15	10	16	29
Decks & Porches	9	12	9	6
Accessory Buildings	23	29	28	24
Businesses	3	2	4	1
Mobile Homes	3	4	2	1
Home Occupation	1	1	1	1
Driveways	-	-	-	20

Zoning office hours are Tuesdays, 8:00 am to noon, and Thursdays, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Your call or personal inquiries are invited.

William Thrane
Zoning Administrator
E-mail: Thetford.Zoning@valley.net

LISTER'S REPORT

The year 2004 has been another one of change for the Listers Office. Act 68 - new legislation to finance school education - has been fully implemented. Thetford property owners have been exposed to many new terms; house site, homestead, nonresidential, and the annual homestead declaration form HS-131. Carefully read any forms that you receive from the Listers or the State of Vermont since they may contain important information that could have an effect on the amount of taxes you will pay. If you need further clarification of these new terms, please call or stop by the office for assistance.

Due to the high acceleration of real estate prices in the Town of Thetford and the direct effect this can have on property taxes, the Listers Office is in the process of conducting a town-wide revaluation. This process will update land and building costs.

All property owners will be receiving important documentation regarding this matter and we ask your assistance in completing these forms. The "Property Summary Report" will contain data on which your assessment is based upon. Please review this information carefully. Return the form to the Listers Office with appropriate corrections. If an interior inspection of your property is necessary, we will notify you.

During the first part of June, you will receive a "Change of Appraisal Notice" with your new assessed value. This notice will be in booklet form. If you feel aggrieved by your new assessment, you have 14 days from the date of mailing to appeal to the Listers.

The Listers are fortunate to have Caroline Lockyer as our revaluation consultant. Caroline has over 20 years of experience and knowledge in the assessment field. She is currently the assessor for Barre City and past president of Vermont Assessors and Listers Association.

The Listers (along with Ms. Lockyer) will research area demographics and sales trending, create neighborhoods, and update the town's land schedule. Caroline will also provide training on our updated software system. Our goal is to update Thetford's grand list to current fair market values which will minimize the impact of the state's equalization sales study.

The Listers appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this latest endeavor. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Listers at 785-2922, ext 4. We are here to assist you with your property assessment questions. Our office is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 am to 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Listers
Janet Stowell, Chair
Denise Adams
Donna Durkee

**TAXABLE LISTED VALUES
TOWN OF THETFORD
GRAND LIST AS OF APRIL 1, 2004**

REAL ESTATE	NO.	HOMESTEAD	NON-RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL LAND VALUE
Residential I	603	70,952,327	20,359,111	91,311,438
Residential II	375	67,695,675	17,494,131	85,189,806
Mobile Homes-U	19	220,400	79,700	300,100
Mobile Homes-L	48	3,016,460	843,826	3,860,286
Vacation I	27	0	3,008,000	3,008,000
Vacation II	21	0	2,873,550	2,873,550
Commercial	40	56,032	13,567,501	13,623,533
Commercial Apts	0	0	0	0
Industrial	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E	3	0	2,475,600	2,475,600
Utilities-O	0	0	0	0
Farm	12	734,279	513,797	1,248,076
Woodland	109	2,619	4,275,346	4,277,965
Other	1	0	9,500	9,500
Miscellaneous	63	3,200	1,664,430	1,667,630
TOTALS	1321	142,680,992	67,164,492	209,845,484



HEALTH OFFICER REPORT - 2004

New Systems	11
Additions	3
Repair Systems	4
Privy	1
Renewal	1
TOTAL Septic Permits Issued	20
Tenant/Landlord Dispute	1

Respectfully Submitted, Alford W. Stone, Health Officer

2004 PET LICENSING REPORT

	FEMALE	MALE	SPAYED/NEUTERED	TOTALS
Dogs	57	51	521	629
Ferrets			4	4

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 12 2005

10:00 to 12:00 Noon

Town Garage

Thetford Center

Rabies and other vaccinations available for cats and dogs

by Dr. David Webster of the Oxbow Veterinary Clinic

TOWN LICENSING AVAILABLE TOO

PLEASE NOTE: Vermont now recognizes a 3-year rabies vaccine. You must present a new certificate. Most area veterinarians will issue an amended certificate.

Amended certificates **WILL NOT** be available at the Rabies Clinic on March 12. You may call Oxbow Veterinary Clinic before re-registering to receive an amended certificate; they will need the animal's rabies tag number.

DEADLINE FOR TOWN LICENSING IS **APRIL 1, 2005** – After that date, the penalty is \$25 per animal and licensing fee increases by half. **ALL DOGS OVER 6 MONTHS, FERRETS AND WOLF-HYBIRDS MUST BE LICENSED.**

LICENSING FEES*

Male/Female \$11.00

Spayed/Neutered \$ 7.00

* Fees reflect increase of \$2.00 per animal as of July 1, 2004

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to recycle. I would encourage you to buy recycled products!

2004 will be remembered as the year that the Thetford Recycling Center claimed a permanent site. We are staying at our present location on Route 113 in Thetford Center. The town has acquired the land and improvements are in the works. Trees have already been planted!

Kudos to the Recycling Committee for investigating and researching alternative methods of recycling and handling our trash. At their recommendation, we are considering changing to a 3 bin recycling system. One would be all paper products, including magazines, news papers, cardboard and mixed paper. The second would be aluminum, tin cans, #1 and #2 plastics. The third would be for clear and colored glass. A fourth bin is being considered for scrap metal. This easier to use 3 bin system is projected for mid 2005. Be prepared for a possible Saturday closing to allow for construction.

Speaking of construction, a civil engineer has been contacted and will be offering advice to help ease traffic congestion. Hopefully when the snow disappears we will have a site plan ready to implement.

Our new three stream system will eliminate the use of our old wooden steps. Until that happens, all parents should be careful and closely supervise their children. Several times young children have thrown glass bottles into the bin and have been sprayed with glass when they smashed. I know this is fun but let's be safe and careful first.

We have two areas at the Recycling Center that you may wish to use. One area is our used articles such as dishes, toys, mason jars and small appliances that still work. Anything that is in good condition may be left and picked up by someone who can use it. **DO NOT BRING CLOTHING OR FURNITURE, PLEASE.** Another area that is popular is our used book collection. Feel free to browse and drop any books that you would like to share. Again, only ones that are in good condition please.

As always, the Recycling Center hours are 9-12 on Saturdays, except for the summer months. From Memorial Day until Labor Day, the hours are 8-12. Trash ticket purchases may be made at the town office only on Saturday mornings, and they open 15 minutes before we do, and close 15 minutes earlier, too. Trash stickers are still \$3.00 each. Hartford trash stickers are only available through the Town Clerk, during her posted hours.

We try to make the Recycling Center as user friendly as possible. Please drop by and recycle and visit with your neighbors!

Frank Bonnett, Coordinator
Sandra Miller, Asst. Coordinator
Ken Colton, Super Sub

RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the March 2000 Town Meeting, Thetford voters approved \$50,000 to purchase property for a recycling center. Following that vote, the Selectboard appointed a Recycling Center Site Committee to identify and evaluate options for a permanent location for the operation. With a scarcity of suitable sites within the town, the search committee submitted recommendations to the Selectboard. In the spring of 2004, the Selectboard approved the purchase of ~2.7 acres from the French property. The purchase will allow for improvements to the site that were not possible under a lease agreement.

Development costs for this location will vary depending upon the method and extent to which recycled materials are processed. To defray costs, we will submit an application to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Solid Waste Implementation Grant. The grant reimburses capital purchases or improvements up to 40%, specifically dealing with recycling.

During 2004, the Committee explored alternative recycling options that would reduce capital improvement and operational costs. Currently in review is a proposed three-sort commingled recycling alternative. The proposed method would consolidate or commingle numerous recyclables into only three bins – reducing land footprint and greatly reducing costs. The system is low-tech and has been proven effective in other regional towns. We hope to implement this change quickly once more specific information and cost estimates are made available.

In addition, the Town of Norwich is likely to become a host town for glass aggregate. That means that Thetford could send all its glass (possibly including plate glass and ceramics) there for a nominal fee per ton, in turn removing glass from commingles and reducing recycling costs. The public works department might gain access to glass aggregate from Norwich after it has been ground and use the inexpensive material for town projects.

We have also discussed options regarding solid waste disposal. Currently, we are reviewing the costs and feasibility for the town owning and operating its own trash compactor. The proposed (electric) trash compactor would generate no fumes, be quieter for neighbors and be lower cost per ton to operate.

We extend thanks to everyone contributing to our efforts this year, notably John Fay and Fred Moody of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District, Roy Fava and Tracy Borst. Needless to say, many thanks to Frank Bonnett and Sandra Miller for their dedication and service at the recycling center.

Thetford Recycling Center hours of operation:
Saturdays Winter 9-12 Summer 8-12

In 2004, Thetford residents recycled 66.0 tons of glass; 9.0 tons of mixed plastic; 54.5 tons of mixed paper; 46.4 tons of magazines; 39.7 tons of newspaper; 30.0 tons of metal containers; and 20.0 tons of cardboard.
TOTAL TONS RECYCLED 265.6

Please contact the following committee members with any concerns you may have regarding these issues:

Jean Lariviere, Chair
Mike Brown, Selectboard
Paul Raymond, Selectboard
Mary Sparta, Selectboard
Nancy Stanley
Bob Walker

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This year Robert Pulaski stepped down as Chair of this Commission. Thetford residents owe Bob much appreciation for chairing this Commission for over a decade. Please take time to thank him for his years of service to the town and its natural history. People like Bob, who volunteer many hours per year to town interests, deserve our praise.

Aimee Pike and Patricia Weyrick have joined the Commission this year and we thank them in advance for their willingness to participate and the work they have already done in a short time.

The Town has recently acquired, or soon will acquire, two large parcels of land. One is the Post Mills Natural Area in the village of Post Mills and the other is a large parcel off Sawnee Bean Road once owned by Charles Hughes. Both parcels have easements held by the Upper Valley Land Trust and are protected from development and have other restrictions. Both were essentially gifts to the town. The town also owns the Town Forest on Five Corners Road, another parcel in Post Mills (site of the Linny Levin Trail) and a small parcel on Houghton Hill. The Conservation Commission, with the help of professionals and citizen input, will be writing management plans for the conserved properties and actively participating in the stewardship of all these town-owned parcels. We are looking for volunteers to help in this stewardship effort. "Thank you" to those who have already contacted us. You will be hearing more from us as the year progresses.

A new Master Plan is being written for Thetford and our Commission has participated, especially the chapter regarding natural history. We would like to thank Stuart Blood, Li Shen, Kate Cone and Ginger Wallis (not commission members) for all the time they donated to that project.

Our Commission is interested in many issues and to better inform our neighbors of our purpose we would like to list some of the most significant and long-lasting work we are or would like to be involved in:

- Promoting the establishment of local conservation funds for land conservation work
- Being stewards of municipal lands
- Inventorying the natural and cultural resources in our town so we know what is most important to conserve before it is too late
- Promoting local economies, especially those of the working landscape
- Encouraging a land ethic and respect for all living things with whom we share our communities
- Creating opportunities for townspeople to recreate and celebrate living more closely with the land
- Participating in local planning, zoning, and development review
- Working to prevent or stop polluting activities

We encourage any Thetford resident who would like to work on these types of projects to contact us or attend our monthly meetings (second Wednesday of the month, 7:15 pm at the Town Hall)

"You don't own the land. The land has come from forever and is going to forever. The house that I own was built well over two hundred years ago, and with a little luck will be here well over two hundred years from now. So I'm living in it but I don't consider it precisely to be mine. I'm simply living there. There's a certain degree of stewardship in most things." Howard Mansfield, The Same Ax, Twice

Jennifer Davey, Chair
Thetford Conservation Commission

TREASURE ISLAND REPORT

Season: June 18 - Labor Day

Park Hours: 10AM - 8PM Daily

Swim Lesson Registration: May 14 10:00 – Noon at Town Hall (Thetford Residents Only)
June 18 10:00 – Noon at Treasure Island (All Children)
Lessons start June 20, for ages 4 and up

Season Passes

Thetford Residents Family - \$45, Individual \$25
Non Residents Family \$60, Individual \$40

Prior to June 1st, save \$10 on a Family Membership, \$5 on Individual

2004 Passes Sold -143

Resident - 104 Non-Resident - 34 & Tennis - 5

Treasure Island is a Town of Thetford recreational facility located on Lake Fairlee, offering beachfront swimming, picnicking, tennis and other outdoor activities. This year's season began with the Community Work Day held on May 1st, in conjunction with Green-Up Day. The turnout was fantastic and many tasks got accomplished, with community members helping with the seasonal routines of raking/removing pine needles from the beach and small brush removal. Thank you to all the Work Day participants. Also in May, the Thetford Girl Scouts and a student girls' group from Thetford Academy came to Treasure Island to perform community service. These volunteers applied fresh stain to the newly renovated "Craft Shop" building located just off the parking lot. The building was used throughout the summer for arts and crafts for local children. In the second week of May, Treasure Island also participated in Thetford Academy's Operation Day's Work where four students helped ready the waterfront for the approaching warmer weather and swimming. School groups from Thetford Elementary and neighboring districts came to enjoy the beach and park for day-long outings all of the second week in June. Swimming lesson registration was held at Town Hall the second Saturday in May from 10AM – 12PM, and then registration was opened to out-of-town children and families on Opening Day, June 19th, from 10AM-12PM. Season passes continued to be available at a \$10 discount if purchased before June 1.

The American Red Cross Swim Lesson program began on Monday, June 21st, and continued throughout the summer in four two-week sessions. Lessons ran daily in the morning for half-hour periods and were led by Red Cross-certified staff. A total of 105 children received lessons this year, ranging in levels from Level 1 (Beginners) – Level 6 (Swimmers). The swim lesson sessions were well-attended and the children made many accomplishments. All participants receive Treasure Island Certificates of Achievement and American Red Cross course completion certificates if applicable.

The beach was once again enlivened this summer with the weekly Peabody Library Story Hour on Wednesdays at 10:30AM led by Children's Librarian Simon Brooks. Summer reading was also supported and encouraged via a book basket put out daily at the beach. Children were able to browse through and read books provided by the library. Drop-In Arts and Crafts were held every Tuesday from 10AM-12PM in the newly renovated Craft Shop adjacent to the parking lot. This small rustic building has an interior for supplies, and a lovely outdoor wrap-around porch overlooking the lake with table-tops and benches for children to create arts and crafts. Children and parent volunteer leaders were busy Tuesday mornings creating and making use of this

refurbished space at Treasure Island. On Fridays, Friday Field Sports continued to take place in various locations around Treasure Island. These activities included bocce ball, badminton, and croquet.

Summer tennis was encouraged through the Tennis Clinic held for adults and children the third week of July, led by local tennis pro Diane Ferriter. Children took to the court for the free, fun clinic from 9-10AM daily, and adults followed from 10-11AM. The tennis clinics were fun and well-attended though the weather was a bit misty on a few mornings. The discounted tennis admission rate for families remains at Treasure Island of \$5/ per ninety minutes of play on the clay tennis courts, one-half the regular adult use rate.

The weather this summer started off great, then steadily declined for beach-goers, with summer temperatures but some disappointing days of rain. Swimmers and those seeking outdoor recreation continued to come to Treasure Island hoping for cooperative weather throughout the summer. Groups from local organizations, neighboring camps, and other entities continued to utilize the park, some on a weekly basis. Treasure Island boat rentals (canoe, paddleboat and rowboat) were very busy. Many families used the park for children's birthday parties, and individuals and groups came to celebrate reunions and get-togethers. The Lake Fairlee Association and the hired dive crew provided valued assistance with Eurasian Milfoil clean-up at Treasure Island this summer, through the placement of plastic bottom-barriers in much of the outer swim area. The second annual Tropical Beach Party was held on Monday, August 16th, to celebrate the end of the swim lesson season. The party was postponed from the earlier Friday due to weather, but many came out and celebrated on Monday with a beautiful island potluck picnic, and D.J. sound-system dancing on the beach. Thank you to the Treasure Island lifeguards and gate attendants for leading children's games and activities, which included sand-castle building contests, water relays, and dance games.

Thank you to our 2004 staff: Charlee Eaton, Casey Levin, Josiah Gruber, Becca Grover, Craig Martin, Matthew Jencks, Jenna Jurgelevitz, Flora Lansburgh, and Forrest Miller. Thank you to all parents and families, volunteers, and individuals utilizing the park. Most importantly, we are grateful for the support and assistance received all year from the Thetford Town Office Staff, the Thetford Highway Department, and the Town of Thetford Selectboard.

Thank you also to all community parents, children, and individuals who enjoyed the park and otherwise contributed time and interest at Treasure Island this summer.

See you next year at Treasure Island.

-Report submitted by Scott and Ann O'Hearn, Managers, Treasure Island

TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

Thetford Town Hall accommodated a record number of voters for this year's Presidential election and hosted other events not previously possible in the original building.

The Wallace Vault renovation was completed with volunteer contributions of plastering by Dan Russell and interior painting by Tod Moses. Thetford Trust volunteers and Cy Severance prepared the vault for various stages of restoration. Charles Latham donated Pompanoosuc Mills' table and chairs and through his efforts, the Thetford Historical Society installed historic photos of each of the six villages of Thetford. Also in place are a rubbing of Richard Wallace's grave stone and an installation depicting his role in the Revolutionary War and in Thetford.

Having completed the renovation project within budget, \$19,555 of the \$25,000 allotted contingency was returned to the town hall building fund for future improvements and maintenance. Items previously eliminated from the original contract, including recapping of the Wallace Vault parapet and chimney, and heating for the record vaults, will be addressed in the coming months. Resurfacing of the parking area was accomplished with a grant for handicap voting accessibility from the Vermont Secretary of State's office. As part of the same grant, improved parking area lighting will be installed. Sue Gault donated meeting room chairs and we are still seeking donation of a large Persian-style rug for the main meeting room. All town records have been evaluated and relocated into the two record vaults and fire proof storage room as appropriate. The town's food shelf has been expanded into the lower level at Town Hall, and donations are always welcome.

The committee sincerely thanks Smith and Vasant Architects for their continued assistance and extends grateful appreciation to town staff and volunteers who have contributed to the completion of Town Hall and the Wallace Vault.

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

THETFORD HILL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society (THVIS), which dates from the adoption of its first constitution in 1905, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. The Society works "to improve and beautify the village of Thetford Hill and, in general, to promote the welfare of this community." There are no paid positions in the Society, and most services are rendered for free by the citizens of the community. Any resident with an interest in the community of Thetford Hill is welcome to participate in the Society and attend all activities.

The Society is primarily concerned with two events--the Thetford Hill Fair and the Annual Meeting. The Fair is a major community event that will take place on Saturday, July 30th from 1-4:30 on the Green. As this is our Centennial celebration, you can expect some special additions to the fair this year including commemorative t-shirts and more! For newcomers and newly interested residents, this is the place and time to become acquainted with the work of the Society and its neighbors. There is always a need for more helpers before, during, and after the Fair. The Fair Committee meets for a planning session in June. Please feel free to contact any of us to find out how you can participate.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 31st, at 7:30 in Latham Library. All are welcomed to attend. Announcements of THVIS events are posted in the Latham Library and on the bulletin board outside of the Thetford Hill Post Office as well as on the Thetford email list-serve.

This year, THVIS worked with the Sustainable Energy Resources Group (SERG), the Selectboard, and community members on the town street lighting project. Together we identified ten Town streetlights and six owned by the THVIS that were deemed unnecessary and will be eliminated. This will save the town over \$1600 per year, conserve energy, and reduce night-time light pollution.

In addition, THVIS was involved in planning and laying the groundwork for a multi-use pedestrian pathway connecting Latham Library and Thetford Academy. Again we partnered with the Selectboard and community members, as well as Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission and Thetford Academy. This natural trail will enhance the Village aesthetic, encourage non-vehicular transportation, and allow students and others to walk safely, year round, along Academy Road. We look forward to the implementation of the path this spring or summer, with a possible ribbon cutting at the 2005 Centennial Fair.

Please join us in celebrating our 100th year!

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Fox, Secretary
Jessica Londa, President

THETFORD COMMON STEERING COMMITTEE

In 2004, a Thetford Common Steering Committee was formed to work with the Selectboard and provide the direction and guidance needed for establishing a town common. The proposed common is located within the Thetford Center Village, at the intersection of Tucker Hill Road and VT Route 113, on land that was generously donated to the Town by Mr. Charles W. Hughes.

The Steering Committee's primary accomplishment in 2004 was a Thetford Common Design Charrette held on September 28th and 29th. Numerous residents and design professionals collaborated on this charrette to create a conceptual plan for the town common. A full report and conceptual plan is available at the Town offices. All of this was done using volunteer time, a \$2,500 Vermont Urban and Community Forest, Parks, & Recreation grant, and resources from the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission who contributed much needed staff time and production materials. Ultimately the charrette was only a success because of the time and effort put forth by the Steering Committee and the residents who participated in a very thoughtful and productive public process.

Over the next few years, the Steering Committee has the difficult task of implementing the conceptual plan. Additional design, engineering, and construction are required which necessitates continual input and direction from the Thetford Selectboard, Steering Committee, and residents.

The goal was to create a simple, peaceful, natural gathering place, a common that enhanced the scenic landscape and provided connections with the other buildings in Thetford Center. The plan is for a design that can be implemented and maintained at minimal cost to the Town, and one that will provide for a variety of recreational uses.

Here are some of the specific proposals:

Common entry garden – near the Community Center, with a bike rack and a bench

Path – circling the common would be a path suitable for pedestrians and bicyclists

Deck/Stage – a platform would be constructed behind the Community Center to allow for concerts with seating in a natural amphitheater.

Playground/Picnic Area – set back from the road would be an area for families

The Thetford Common Steering Committee encourages our fellow citizens to continue their participation and actively assist us in creating a town common that we can all enjoy for years to come. Please contact Chuck Wise (cwise@trorc.org or 457.3188) for information on volunteering.

Submitted by: Chuck Wise

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

The Thetford Energy Committee (TEC) is working with the town, its residents and businesses to help them reduce energy use, save money and protect the environment. If you are interested in becoming involved with the committee or if you have ideas for energy saving projects in town, please let us know. If you have not yet filled out a residential energy survey, please do so. Energy survey forms, energy efficient bulbs and more information about the TEC are available at town meeting or by contacting the committee chair at 785-4126 or Robert.J.Walker@valley.net.

- **Efficient Light Bulb Sale** – At last year's town meeting, the TEC and Sustainable Energy Resource Group sold 380 compact fluorescent bulbs. Over their lifetimes, these bulbs will cumulatively: use 227,100 fewer kilo-Watt hours of electricity, save their owners \$27,252 in electric use, and release 200 fewer tons of CO² to the atmosphere. Proceeds from the sale benefited Thetford schools and SERG. We hope to repeat the sale this year. Please visit our display at the back of the hall.

- **Town Streetlight Project** – The TEC and Selectboard worked with Sustainable Energy Resource Group on improving the town's street lighting. The TEC reviewed all 36 of the Town's streetlights to identify which ones might be unnecessary and recommended for removal. Following test outage periods with input from Thetford citizens, 11 Town lights and 6 lights owned by the Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society, which assisted in the review on Thetford Hill, were removed. The removal of these lights should save the Town about \$1,760.00 per year in street lighting costs, cut the Town's energy use and create less nighttime light pollution. The TEC and Selectboard are now review options for changing the streetlights that remain to more efficient lights with fixtures that direct more light on the road and less out to the sides.

- **Town Energy Plan** – The TEC completed its redraft of the Town's Energy Plan, a chapter in the town's master plan. The energy plan spells out the overall direction the town should take in terms of energy decisions and those projects on which the committee intends to focus. Promoting conservation, efficiency and the cost-effective, sustainable use of renewable energy is at the core of the plan. Some of the ways we hope to do this are through: conducting energy surveys on buildings; providing information and references; and promoting energy efficient products. The finalized plan will be posted on a Thet.net hosted Thetford Energy Committee web site this spring.

- **Town Garage Energy Assessment** – The TEC conducted an inspection of the Town Garage and produced a report with a list of energy efficiency recommendations, including upgrades in lighting, insulation and weather-stripping. The TEC also contributed its \$500 annual budget for 2004 to implementing the report's recommendations. Several measures have been implemented with the remainder of the work to take place in 2005. We expect that once installed these measures will cut the garage's energy use by at least a third.

- **Energy Club** – The TEC has been working with the Sustainable Energy Resource Group to create and promote the SERG Energy Club. Fifty-eight families in Thetford are participating in the club – buying their fuel oil and propane through the club at reduced rates, completing a residential energy survey and consulting with SERG on how to reduce their energy consumption. If you are interested in joining the energy club next year, contact the TEC.

Respectfully submitted,
Thetford Energy Committee Members

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thetford Police Services
2004 Annual Report

I am very grateful and honored to be asked to serve as your new police chief. Vermont is not altogether new to me having formerly served as police chief in Vergennes, but I have also worked in larger cities such as Chester, Pennsylvania and Hampton, New Jersey. The breadth of my professional experience includes not only department head and patrolman, but community college teacher, private-sector manager, and town public safety director. I am very interested in outreach and served as program director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters for four years. My deep commitment to education will also be applied to my new role here. It is my desire to fully utilize my professional and personal experience to protect and enhance the Thetford community.

The Thetford Police Department is reorganized and ready to accept our responsibilities to serve our residents. I am joined by Corporal James Lanctot who is back after completing "boot camp" at the Police Academy this past fall, a requirement set forth by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. Special Officer Laura Holt will continue as a part-time officer. Our team of three, with continued assistance from the Vermont State Police, looks forward to improving the quality of life in Thetford by guaranteeing residents excellent public safety services.

The Town of Thetford initiated a police department in 1993. With crime rates rising (especially over the past year—see chart that follows), the current police department is not adequately funded or equipped to provide the services required by our growing community. We are at least five years in arrears in our approach to sound police service delivery with aging vehicles (1992 Plymouth Acclaim and 2000 Ford Explorer), outdated or nonexistent equipment and insufficient patrol coverage. We also need to lessen the burden we place on the State Police who are spread thin due to military obligations and a large geographic area of responsibility. Therefore, the proposed budget for 2005 reflects an increase in appropriations and a 12-hour work schedule. The latter will help alleviate the workload for the State Police—a commitment made to them several years ago. We will continue to pursue all other avenues of funding available to us, i.e., state awards, grants, etc.

The Thetford Police Department is looking forward to a year of improved public safety and service to our community. We intend to provide this by increasing patrol coverage, improving and updating equipment and continuing education for both ourselves and the community. It is our objective to insure the citizens of Thetford the capability to enjoy a peaceful existence.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Anthony
Police Chief

**VERMONT CRIME REPORT
TOWN OF THETFORD**

2003				2004			
PART 1 CRIME		PART 2 CRIME		PART 1 CRIME		PART 2 CRIME	
Homicide	0	Forgery	0	Homicide	0	Forgery	2
Rape	0	Fraud	9	Rape	1	Fraud	5
Robbery	0	Embezzlement	0	Robbery	0	Embezzlement	0
Aggravated Assault	0	Stolen Property	1	Aggravated Assault	2	Stolen Property	1
Burglary	5	Vandalism	7	Burglary	11	Vandalism	27
Larceny	10	Sex Offense	0	Larceny	14	Sex Offense	6
Auto Theft	0	Drugs	5	Auto Theft	3	Drugs	12
Arson	0	Family/Child	7	Arson	1	Family/Child	9
		Liquor Violations	5			Liquor Violations	1
		Disorderly Conduct	2			Disorderly Conduct	13
		Simple Assault	5			Simple Assault	4
		Weapons	0			Weapons	2
		Prostitution	0			Prostitution	0
		Gambling	0			Gambling	0
		Vagrancy	0			Vagrancy	1
		DUI	20			DUI	12
		Other	17			Other	38
Part 1 Crime '03	15	Part 2 Crime '03	78	Part 1 Crime '04	32	Part 2 Crime '04	133

THETFORD POLICE MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the Thetford Police Department, our fundamental duty is to serve our community, to safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder, and to respect the Constitutional rights of all people.

We will provide fair and impartial treatment to all people demonstrating care, concern and understanding of each person's plight.

We will constantly strive to achieve the objectives and ideals of our oath of office as law enforcement officers, dedicating ourselves "before God and our chosen profession...law enforcement."

Chief Joseph A. Anthony
Corporal James Lanctot
Officer Laura Holt

VERMONT STATE POLICE

The Vermont State Police at Bradford has undergone a series of significant changes during the last year.

In December 2003, our dispatching shifted from the Bradford Barracks to the Derby Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The Derby PSAP is a brand new state of the art modern facility, utilizing the latest available dispatching technologies. This final phase of a multi year project will enable our department to better meet the communications challenges that lie ahead.

At the Bradford station, we've had three new Vermont State Troopers assigned during the last eighteen months. Troopers Hugh O'Donnell, Mark Potter, and Robert Giolito have become members of our community and are now on patrol in your town.

Our mission and efforts continue to be focused on reducing highway fatalities by aggressively apprehending impaired drivers (DUIs) while on patrol. We also continue to prioritize the detection, investigation, and apprehension of those individuals who have chosen to violate Vermont criminal laws.

By working together, we can keep our families and neighbors safe, and improve the quality of life in our communities.

Please visit with us at one of the many community events that we participate in each year, or at our web site: www.vtsp.org/bradford.html.

The 2003 Crime Statistics for the Town of Thetford are posted on the previous page.

On behalf of the entire staff at the Bradford State Police Barracks, I want to thank you for your continued support.

LT Walter Goodell
Station Commander

TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

Acquired	Description	Acreage	Amount Paid
Unknown	Sawnee Bean Cemetery	1/2 Acre	
Unknown	Judd Cemetery	1/2 Acre	
Unknown	Land by Trussell's	1/4 Acre	
Unknown	East Thetford Cemetery		
Unknown	Post Mills Cemetery	3/4 Acre	
Unknown	Thetford Center Green	1/8 Acre	
1818	Thetford Hill Common	1/3 Acre	Gift
1831	Town Hall Site	1/2 Acre	\$20
1833	Rice's Mills Cemetery	.4 Acre	\$10
1836	Kinney Cemetery	.2 Acre	Gift
1919	Follett Cemetery		Gift
1935, 1953	Town Garage Site	1 Acre	\$300
1941	Town Forest	195 Acres	\$165
1950	Off Stowell Rd	8 Acres	Gift
1957	Old Dump Site	1 Acre	
1961	Elementary School Site	8.3 Acres	TA Gift
1972	Treasure Island	9.18 Acres	\$155,000
1974	School Leach Field	13 Acres	\$12,400
1997	T & J Taylor Property	36.8 Acres	Gift
1998	C. Hughes Property	3.6 Acres	Gift
2001	V. Uihlein Property	15 Acres	Gift
2004	Recycling Center	2.74 Acres	\$50,000
2004	Post Mills Conservation Area	±104 Acres	Per Landfill Agreement

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2004

The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department Inc. was founded in 1960 by a group of business owners and other citizens concerned about the lack of Town emergency service. This group had the foresight and wisdom to create a privately incorporated fire department. A Board of Trustees manages the department finances, and appoints a Fire Chief. The Fire Chief is responsible for providing apparatus, equipment, staffing, and training. While the Town of Thetford has designated TVFD as its sole provider of emergency fire service, the corporation can function independently. TVFD is a solid member of the Upper Valley's fire community and strives to provide the community with a professional service.

Over the department's 45-year history, emergency services have become complex, and can be highly technical. Many of our firefighters are also registered EMT's and most have earned the Vermont Fire Service Training Level One Certification. Together with the FAST squad, we can respond to a variety of incidents including rescue, fire, medical emergencies, hazardous materials, fire alarms.

Motor vehicle accidents are our most frequent incident and present a challenging set of hazards. Modern vehicles have substantial safety systems designed to protect the occupant in a crash. These safety systems often impede rapid access by rescue workers and can actually cause firefighter injuries if not handled appropriately. We have been able to upgrade our rescue equipment with Federal grants, and train constantly to be aware of new technologies. We respond to numerous fire alarm activations, particularly at the schools. These sophisticated systems protect our public property with a variety of features that also require us to maintain current training.

We have written several successful grant applications, and have been able to replace all of our breathing apparatus with updated models. By combining some of our fund raised money with a grant we replaced the Rescue vehicle with an efficient, custom built unit. Some of our new equipment includes Thermal Imaging Cameras, multi gas meters, replacement hydraulic rescue tools (Jaws), all of our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus, and a storage and filling system to maintain our SCBA bottles.

We have an active Junior program to introduce high school aged members to the fire service. While several new members have joined our ranks, we need more firefighters. Our Support Staff helps to organize our fund raisers, and provides food and drink at lengthy incidents. If you are interested in any of our activities, please call 785-2412.

Submitted by

Donald S. Fifield Jr.
Fire Chief

**THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT DETAILS**

Incidents by Type		MVA by Street	
Chimney Fire	4		
CO Alarm	3		
Fire Alarm	19	Route 132	2
Hazmat	1	Academy Road	1
Investigation	14	Eagle Hollow Road	1
Mutual Aid	19	Gove Hill Road	2
MVA Crash	27	Interstate 91 N	9
Power Lines	4	Interstate 91 S	6
Public Assist	2	Latham Road	1
Rescue	1	Route 113	2
Structure Fire	8	Route 244	2
Vehicle Fire	1	Sawnee Bean Road	1
Wildland Fire	5		
Total	108	Total	27

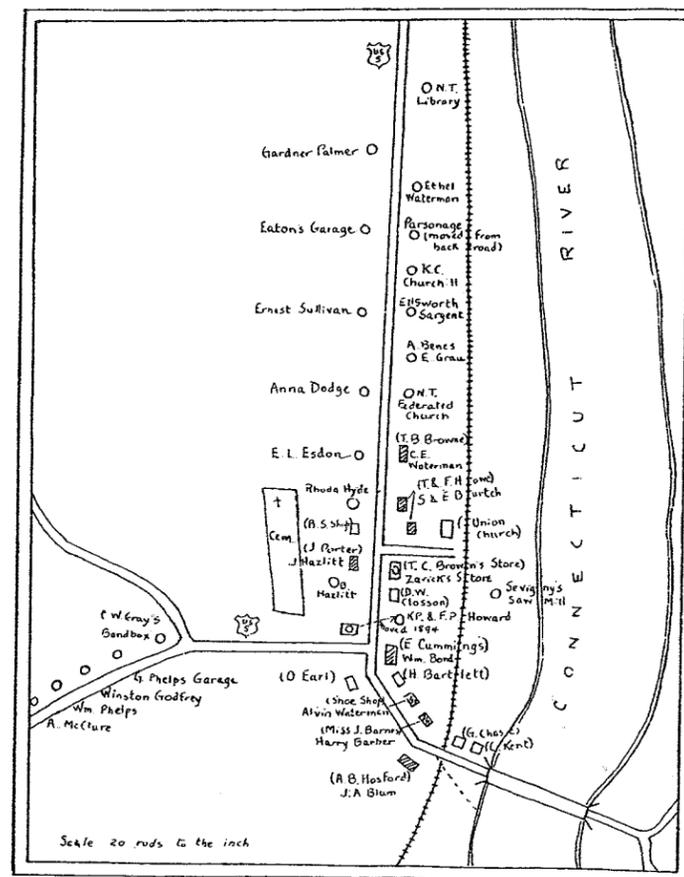
Roster			
Larry Ackerman	FF/EMT	Spunk Kuehlwein	FF/EMT
Eric Bragg	FF	Lieutenant Craig McKinney	FF/EMT
Lieutenant Mariah Capurso	FF/EMT	Captain Tim Ouellette	FF/EMT
Lieutenant Rich Cole	FF	Ellis Paige	FF
Guy Cook	FF	Brian Ricker	FF
Nathaniel Cook	JR FF	Deputy Jeff Sirjane	FF/EMT
Rick Dresser	FF	Janet Stowell	FF/EMT
Chief Don Fifield	FF/EMT	George Stowell	FF/EMT
Luke Hodgdon	FF	Ben Tilden	FF
Bill Hoyt	FF	Bill Wallace	FF/EMT
Casey Huling	FF/EMT	Cindy Watson	FF
Dan Huff	JR FF	Dan Whitcomb	FF
Bart Koop	FF/EMT	Captain Chad Whitcomb	FF

Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept.	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget
REVENUES			
Town Appropriation	67,225.00	67,225.00	73,798.00
Interest Earned	75.00	2.01	2.00
TOTAL REVENUES	67,300.00	67,227.01	73,800.00
EXPENDITURES			
ADMINISTRATION			
Chief's Stipend	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Dispatch Service	2,800.00	3,125.00	3,600.00
Fees	50.00	35.00	50.00
Insurance			
Workers Comp.	2,650.00	2,370.00	2,650.00
Non Workers Comp.	16,500.00	17,850.00	18,000.00
Office Supplies & Postage	500.00	334.55	500.00
Public Relations & Fire Safety	350.00	652.60	350.00
Subscriptions and Dues	500.00	422.65	500.00
Tax Prep / Audit	500.00	475.00	500.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,408.34	1,200.00
Total Administration	26,500.00	27,923.14	28,600.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS			
Electricity	2,200.00	2,211.57	2,200.00
Fuel Oil / LP Gas	3,000.00	3,874.98	4,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	500.00	1,783.81	500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	8,500.00	11,843.97	7,500.00
Total Buildings & Grounds	14,200.00	19,714.33	14,200.00
FIREFIGHTER HEALTH & SAFETY			
Gear Maintenance	800.00	0.00	800.00
Gear & Personal Protective Equip.			
Protective Clothing	4,000.00	8,168.55	6,000.00
Pass Devices	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Health & Safety	250.00	0.00	250.00
Re-Hydration & Food	300.00	765.93	500.00
Total Firefighter Health & Safety	6,350.00	9,934.48	8,550.00
TRAINING			
Training Corporation Membership	250.00	250.00	250.00
Training Courses & Expenses	2,500.00	5,141.76	4,500.00
Total Training	2,750.00	5,391.76	4,750.00

Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept.	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT			
Equipment Maintenance	2,500.00	3,432.54	2,500.00
Equipment Replacement			
SCBA	2,500.00	2,500.13	2,500.00
Radios	2,500.00	1,056.78	2,500.00
Hand Tools	2,500.00	7,581.47	2,500.00
Power Tools	2,000.00	597.96	2,000.00
Vehicle Fuel	1,500.00	1,950.67	1,700.00
Vehicle Maintenance	4,000.00	4,623.45	4,000.00
Total Vehicles & Equipment	17,500.00	21,743.00	17,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	67,300.00	84,706.71	73,800.00

Payables as of 12/31/04
 Administration \$40.32
 Buildings & Grounds \$295.05
 Vehicles & Equipment \$1,755.17

Prepared by Gail Paige, Treasurer



NORTH THETFORD

THETFORD FAST SQUAD

The Thetford FAST squad has had another busy year. Our sole purpose continues to be to provide emergency medical service to the community of Thetford and our mutual aid area. Squad members, who are all volunteers, are able to respond to most emergencies within minutes. We continue to work closely with the Police, Fire and Highway Departments, as well as our area ambulance services, in managing emergencies.

The members of the Thetford FAST Squad again wish to thank the community of Thetford for all of their support. We continue to receive your kind donations and have been overwhelmed by the various notes and cards that accompany them. THANK YOU! Your support has allowed us to continue to offer high level training to our squad members, directly benefiting the community that we serve.

As has been the trend over the last 5 years, our call volume has continued to increase. As our volume has increased, our patient acuity has also increased which demands a greater response than only 2 fast squad members. The typical call demands at least 4 fast squad members and if the call is an advanced life support call, several more will be needed. Additionally, we have had several instances this year of multiple calls, requiring a response from the majority of the squad members. It is critical that we continue to respond to all calls in Thetford and in order to do so, we require a strong roster.

The typical emergency call from the time the pager tones to returning the rescue truck to the station will last 75 minutes. In addition, members are required to put all supplies in service at the end of each call, complete paperwork and add each emergency to a log book. This process takes anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour depending on the supply needs. We also hold 6 business meetings per year and 15-18 training sessions per year. Each training session is averages 2 hours.

As such, the average member volunteers a total of 86 hours per year on calls alone. This is working from the assumption that the average member will attend 40% of all calls. When administrative time is added in, the average member volunteers another 36 hours to complete training and participate in the business operations of the squad. There is more of a time commitment for the officers within the squad as, for example, the President of the squad also spends a minimum of 12 hours per week answering phone calls, completing paperwork for the State of Vermont, arranging training opportunities, and managing the overall business of the squad. Each other officer spends at least 2 hours per week completing their tasks in addition to participating in medical calls.

We have submitted for a level funded budget for the last 5 years from the town of Thetford, but with these significant increases in emergency call volume can no longer afford to do so. A request that accurately represents what is costs to maintain the Thetford FAST Squad has been proposed this year. It is important to note that the requested funding for 2005 does not include 2 significant expenses, insurance and dispatching fees. These fees for the FAST Squad are several thousands of dollars and have been paid by the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department since the squad's inception.

In addition to our yearly operating costs of fuel, medical supplies, equipment, and training, the cost of outfitting a new EMT member is generally \$2215.00. This amount covers the initial training course, cost of equipment and supplies, and necessary additional training that is needed throughout that first year of certification.

Training for the squad members is a high priority. This year we participated in continuing education classes that included topics such as search and rescue, advanced vehicle rescue, obstetrical emergencies, pediatric trauma, basic trauma assessment, public education, injury prevention, and bioterrorism incidents. We continue our monthly squad drills on a variety of pertinent topics with an open invitation for other area squads to join us. In the past year, we have been fortunate to have several outside speakers from Dartmouth

Hitchcock Medical Center, the Hanover Fire Department, local community members, as well as individual members speaking on their particular area of expertise.

Another priority of the FAST is community service and education. We continue to offer safety information to the community on a variety of topics such as car seat and seat belt safety. We once again provided medical coverage for two large cross-country races at Thetford Academy this fall. Approximately 10 volunteers worked at each race to provide enough personnel to staff a fully stocked first aid room, a rescue truck team, an ATV for rapid response and a finish line response team. This group responded to over 100 incidents at the two races and provided care for numerous young athletes and spectators.

Including motor vehicle crashes, we responded to 181 emergencies in 2004. This represents a 20% increase in total calls as compared to last year.

Our current roster has been included with this report for your reference. There are currently 16 active members on the Thetford FAST Squad.

President – Mariah Capurso	Bill Wallace	George Stowell	Larry Ackerman
V. President – Wendy Cole	Bob Mousley	Sara Eastman	Bart Koop
Treasurer – Janet Stowell	David Goodrich	Tim Ouellette	
Secretary – Casey Huling	Spunk Kuehlwein	Sarah Blanchard	
	Don Fifield	Jeff Sirjane	

Our goal is to provide the town of Thetford with a professional level of emergency service. Thank you for all of your support over the last year. Those interested in becoming members should call 785-2412. We look forward to continuing our service to the town of Thetford.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariah Capurso, President



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

My Name is Douglas Stone. I grew up in Strafford and have lived in Thetford for the past 20 years. I accepted the position of Highway Foreman on July 1, 2004 with the intention of improving and maintaining the Town's roads. This includes, but is not limited to grading, ditch work, flushing culverts, brush cutting, and of course, salting, sanding and plowing throughout the winter months.

The crew has been working on all of these things with a lot more left to do. There are currently four full-time road crew members: Jim Pero, Lynn King, Paul Betters and Bob Simmons, and one part-time, Bill Houts. This results in a fully staffed road crew who all work well together as a team.

I look forward to serving the Town of Thetford as Highway Foreman. Please call the Highway Garage at 785-4679 with any concerns or comments. Also, please remember to slow down while traveling through work zones. Thank you.

Douglas Stone
Highway Foreman

INVENTORY January 2005

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT:

2004 Cat Backhoe
1990 John Deere Tractor with Mower
1997 Galion Grader
York Road Rake
2002 550 Ford Dump Truck with Plow and Tailgate Sander
1996 International Dump Truck with Plow, Wing and Tailgate Sander
1999 International Dump Truck with Plow, Wing and Tenco Sander Body
2002 International Dump Truck with Plow, Wing and Tenco Sander Body
1992 Chevrolet Pick up
Eager Beaver Brush Chipper
Wisconsin Equipment Trailer
Chloride Trailer

SHOP:

Lincoln 255 mig welder
Miller Stick welder
Acetalene Torch
Makita 14" chop saw
Makita 7" grinder
Makita 4" grinder
Makita 7 1/4" circular saw
Makita 3/8" drill
Craftsman Drill Press
Milwaukee 1/2" drill
Assorted Drill Bits
Stihl HT75 Pole Saw
Stihl FS 250 String Trimmer
Jonsered Chainsaws (2)
Husquarvana Chainsaw
Logger Chaps (2)
Logger Helmets (5)
Chainsaw Tool Box (1)
Stationary Chloride Tank
Surveyor Transit Tripod & Rod
Assorted Fuel Cans

Napa pressure washer
Napa Battery Charger
Lincoln 20-ton Air jack
Transmission Jack
Yamaha Generator
Licoln 20-ton Hydraulic Jack
2 Hand Trucks
Assorted Hand Tools
Emglo Air Compressor
1/2" drive air wrenches (3)
1" drive air wrench (1)
Air powered grease gun
Bench Grinder
Rolling Tool Box
3 Ladders (32' 20' and 16')
Shovels, Rakes, etc.
Hand Crank Seeder
Temporary Highway Sign Stands (14)
Assorted Temp Highway Signs
Propane Steam Jenny for Thawing Culverts
Creepers (2)

LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

HOURS

Monday:	2:00 – 8:30 pm
Tuesday:	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Wednesday:	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Thursday:	2:00 – 5:00 pm
Friday:	10:00 – 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 – 1:00 pm

In 2004 the automated catalog and circulation system began operating in January and continued to challenge both patrons and volunteers at the library. Necessary software upgrades were delayed several months and an internet connection upgrade anticipated for June was not completed until August which introduced more chaos and confusion before system upgrades made everything work together with greater speed and reliability. Latham library volunteers never knew if the computers would work or if they would be checking items out by hand. The major hurdle remaining for 2005 is to install a network printer so all the machines in the library can print on demand. The public access computers have grown in popularity as word spread that the library has one of the fastest internet links in Thetford. A donated Airport hub also allows patrons to bring in their own laptops and connect to the internet.

Simon Brooks continues as Children's Librarian offering storytelling and activities on Thursday afternoon after school.

Programs included a book discussion series exploring "Why Religion Matters", made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council. Coordinating with Thetford Reads, the library co-hosted two book discussions of Jodi Picoult's "Second Glance"; one book discussion of "Cave of Falling Water" by former Thetford author, Janice Ovecka; as well as storytelling by Simon Brooks along with a book giveaway on Halloween. Nancy Schindler was reluctantly pulled away from Friday Morning Storytime by work demands and Cathee Clement is continuing our tradition of songs and stories. The Library wishes to thank Nancy for her many years of friendly fun on Friday mornings!

From two visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,099 books and these state books were taken out 1,146 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 1,975 videos were borrowed from almost 30 video series offered by the library from the LUV Video Co-op. 115 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 37 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 11,718 with 9,950 people coming to use the library. 181 visitors came to view the exhibits in the Bicentennial Gallery. 782 audio books circulated this year.

During the past year the library bought 137 books. 214 titles were added to the library's shelves. 70 donated magazine subscriptions produced a total of 97 magazines with four newspapers.

The library provided space for 42 meetings of The Thetford Hill Improvement Society, the Thetford Hill Preservation Committee, the Thetford Recreation Committee, Upper Connecticut River Watershed Commission, the Thetford Conservation Commission, the Parish Players, and the

Thetford Hill Water Coop. Latham Library also hosted two distinct AA meetings and the WIC health program temporarily displaced from the Thetford Hill Church during its expansion.

The library depends on voluntary efforts from many members of the community. Alice Gnaedinger and Inge Trebitz worked behind the scenes to process and barcode materials. Charlie Eastridge was joined by Maria Ciambra and they cheerfully undertook a wide variety of tasks each week. Your support through the annual appeal assures the success of your library.

Come visit in 2005. If we don't have what you need, we can get it for you. You may even browse the library catalog from the Thetnet website.

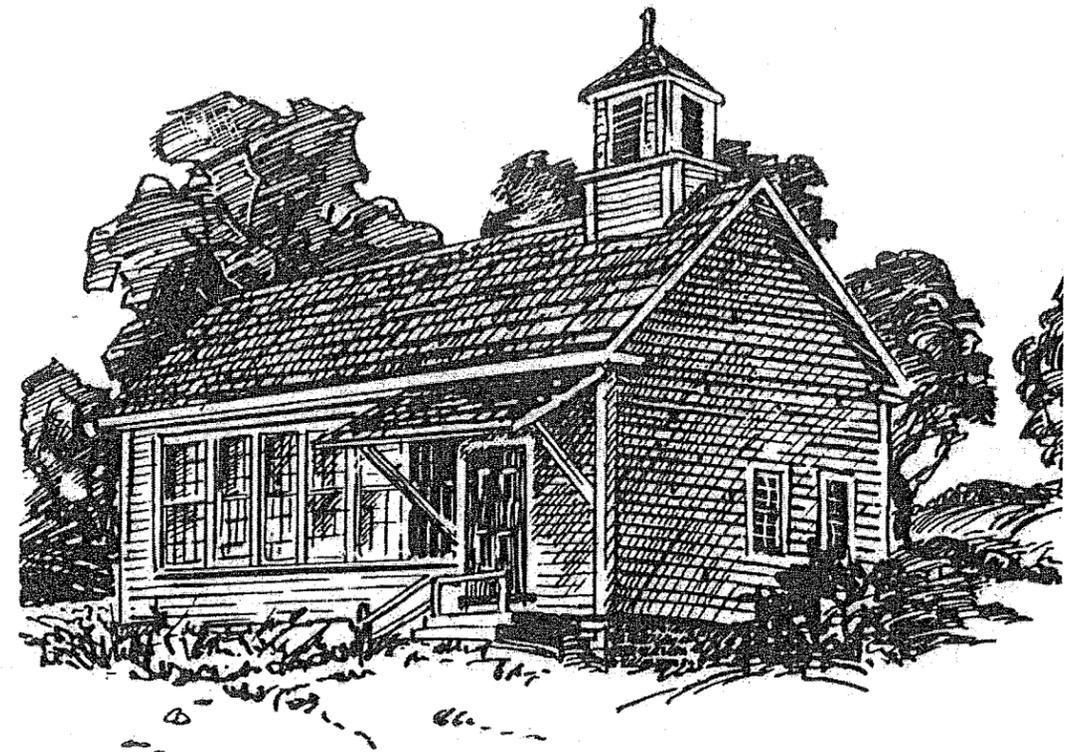
Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm and you are always welcome.

The Latham Library Scholarship will be awarded in 2005 and all Thetford residents are eligible for consideration.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

Kathryn Bonyai T'06
Janice S. Cook T'06
Sally Duston T'05
Gwendolen Gensler T'07

Darla LaRoche T'07
Lisa Ladd T'05
Maureen Morse T'08
Anne Scotford T '08



PEABODY LIBRARY

<u>HOURS</u>	
Tuesday:	5:00 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday:	2:00 – 8:30 pm

2004 Annual Report for Peabody Library

In its 138th year, the library returned home from the Oddfellows Hall on a January Saturday with temperatures at fifteen below zero. Volunteers moved smartly to unload 110 boxes of books and enjoyed hot cocoa for their labors. It took two months to replace the library collection in new bookcases. Music programs featuring Jeremy Kittel and John Behling at the Thetford Hill Church and Will Danforth were hosted by the library in May and June.

A grand Open House brought the community in to view the improvements and renovations made possible from funds awarded by the Vermont Public Library Foundation. Your beautiful library now offers expanded collections of audio-books and movies.

"Vermont Writers: Contemporary Concerns" were explored every other Tuesday night during the summer. This book discussion series was made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council. Simon Brooks brought storytelling to Treasure Island in June and July. In August the Ninth Penny Carnival brought large crowds to the library for pleasure and camaraderie. Barbara Condict led a Photographic Walking Tour of Post Mills and Grace Paley gave a reading of her writings in August. September saw a familiar library presence in the Post Mills Labor Day parade. The Sixteenth Annual Holiday Readings were read for the young by Simon Brooks and for older by the librarian with stories from local authors; Trina Schart Hyman, Noel Perrin, and Edward Tyler.

The Library had 904 visitors borrowing 600 books from the library's own collection with more than 177 state books lent from the Regional Library. 163 audio books also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. 123 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 1,093 titles circulated from the library in 2004 for an average of 21 titles a week.

Come visit Thetford's oldest library in 2005 to savor a space of revitalized grace and dignity. More films and audio books will be available for your pleasure at your library, thanks to additional Freeman Foundation funds. Your faithful support insures that the Peabody Library continues to serve the people of the town for its 139th year.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

Trustees:

Andrew Boyce, Murray Burk, Olivia Chapman, Brad Gellerstedt, Stacey Glazer, Suzanne Houston, Nancy Hughes, Phebe McCosker, El Wilson

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Our Federation continues to work for its two stated purposes: to work through our member libraries to improve library service in the Town; and to maintain the Bicentennial Building as a free home for Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and for the library/archives of the Thetford Historical Society.

Our member libraries have taken several important steps to improve service. Peabody Library has renovated its historic interior, with new carpeting, lighting, and moveable shelves. Latham Library has received a grant from the Vermont Public Library Foundation, which will make new carpeting possible in the reading room, as well as a rearrangement of the circulation and reference areas. The Historical Library has reorganized its vault and workroom to make manuscript and artifact collections more readily accessible. Both the school and public libraries have numerous programs to encourage reading by both adults and children. The "Thetford Reads" program has reached 87 adults and 50 children.

The Academy library has made special efforts to make its collection coordinate with classroom activities, and is open one day a week through the summer. Two member libraries had added staff during the year: Martha Howard as Assistant Director of the Historical Society, and Mary Wunderlich as Librarian/Technology Specialist at Thetford Elementary School.

The Bicentennial Building as it approaches its thirtieth year has required some repairs: a couple of expensive door handles and a new drinking fountain. So far, we have not had to replace the furnace. There have been a number of exhibits in the downstairs gallery, the latest a colorful combination of art and poetry produced by Mrs. Waldman's second grade class at the Elementary School in collaboration with upperclassmen at Thetford Academy. During construction and renovation at the Thetford Hill Church, after service coffee hours were held across the street in the Library.

We have three main sources of funding for our activities. An annual grant voted by the Town goes mainly to provide a major part of the operating budgets of our two Town Libraries, Latham and Peabody. For our other activities, namely the operation of the building and the computer network, we depend on income from our endowment and from what we can raise by our annual giving campaign. So far in the 2004 campaign, which began in September, 81 donors have given \$ 5,300.00.

Charles Latham,
Clerk

**THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION
2004 FINANCIAL REPORT**

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget
INCOME:			
Appropriation from Town	\$52,540	\$52,540	\$52,540
Investment Interest	7,000	6,950	7,000
Donations	6,000	6,909	6,000
Bank Interest	150	184	150
Other	0	0	0
Total	\$65,690	\$66,583	\$65,690
EXPENSE			
Member Library Support	\$48,600	\$48,600	\$48,600
Building	5,000	0	2,000
Equipment and Furnishings	0	1,213	0
Computing Services	2,000	1,249	2,000
Electricity	3,800	3,506	3,600
Heat	3,200	3,817	4,000
Water	450	225	450
Insurance	1,517	1,804	1,804
Alarm System	450	277	350
Repairs & Maintenance	1,200	2,021	1,200
Custodial	1,500	1,500	2,000
Rubbish	720	744	780
Grounds Maintenance	1,500	1,110	1,500
Supplies & Postage	250	203	250
Miscellaneous	50	0	50
Total	\$70,237	\$66,269	\$68,584
GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR	-4,547	314	-2,894

Dianne Sharkey, Treasurer

**THETFORD FOOD SHELF AND
THETFORD TOWN SERVICE OFFICER**

Many improvements have been made to the Food Shelf during 2004. Thanks to Robert and Marilyn Stone, and Cy and Liz Severance we have new shelving that has opened up the display and storage of food and non-food supplies. Paul Raymond has provided us with a chest freezer and we are now able to purchase the many frozen items that the Food Bank has to offer (including Ben & Jerry's ice cream!!). Andy Martin obtained wooden pallets for us and has moved our inventory off the cement floor.

We are very fortunate to have the support we do for Thetford's Food Shelf. We receive many financial donations which are used for purchasing from the Vermont Food Bank and also for providing emergency assistance. During the severe cold snap last year, we were called upon many times for help with fuel and utilities. At other times throughout the year, we are frequently asked for assistance with other urgent expenses. I am more than grateful to the Trustees of Trust Funds for their cooperation and support so I can answer these needs.

I would also like to mention the many donations of food that we have received this past year. Joanna Waldman's first-graders collected 100+ items of canned goods, delivered them to the Food Shelf, and made sure that all items were stacked on the appropriate shelves. Friends attending the birthday party for Della Smith each brought a food item that Judy Adams donated to our Food Shelf. Marley Sirjane personally organized a food-drive for Thanksgiving among her class-mates. River Bend Technical Center also sponsored a drive and delivered 800lbs of various canned goods and packaged items. Thetford's Youth Group furnished us with prepared dinners for the freezer. Several area Churches have on-going collections of many varieties of foods. 'Cook-in-the-Kitchen' donated their scone and pancake mixes at Holiday time. There are many others who frequently leave bags of canned goods and personal supplies to be distributed. Cy Severance faithfully keeps the Food Shelf supplied with many varieties of winter squash from his garden.

The annual Christmas project was a successful, once again. With the joint effort of local Churches and other individuals, many families were provided with games, toys, and clothing. Dan Huff organized a toy drive as part of a Scout Project and contributed his collection to the Christmas gifts. Once again, Helen Huff and the Cadette Girl Scouts helped assemble and deliver the 'Remembrance Bags' to residents in Town. Thanks also to Kandy Seace and the ladies of Thetford Baptist Church for their contributions to our remembrance program.

My apologies if I have overlooked any contributors. I sincerely appreciate your continuing support and donations for this program. It is truly a rewarding experience to have the opportunity of providing assistance to those in need.

Roberta C Howard
Food Shelf Coordinator
Town Service Officer

TRUSTEES OF TOWN FARM TRUST FUNDS		
DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Fund--original investment 677.000 shares	\$4001.07
12/04/57 to 12/31/04	Puritan Fund--shares added by reinvestment 24,080.836 shares	
12/31/04	Puritan Fund--total shares held 24,747.836 shares	
12/31/04	Puritan Fund--value of investment @ \$18.95/share	\$469,160.99
CASH ON HAND & CASH INCOME FOR 2003:		
01/01/04	Cash on Hand (Merchants Bank #36004570)	\$12,059.22
03/16/04	Fidelity (#01304252 & #01304258)	2,723.36
06/30/04	Fidelity (#01469648 & #01469649)	2,723.36
09/13/04	Fidelity (#01602194 & # 01602193)	14,359.54
10/22/04	Fidelity (#01668349 & #01668350)	2,723.36
12/04	Fidelity (#01783131 & #01783132)	6,437.04
	SUBTOTAL Fidelity Accounts	28,966.66
12/31/04	Interest (#36004570)	126.62
	TOTAL	\$41,152.50
DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES FOR 2004:		
06/03/04	Check #132, Thetford Emergency Fund 3,368.18	
11/30/04	Check # 134, Thetford Emergency Fund 1,569.54	
	TOTAL	-4,937.72
12/03/04	CASH BALANCE ON HAND	\$36,214.78

Trustees of Trust Funds

Ruel G. Barrett
Elmer C. Brown
Frederick P. Howard

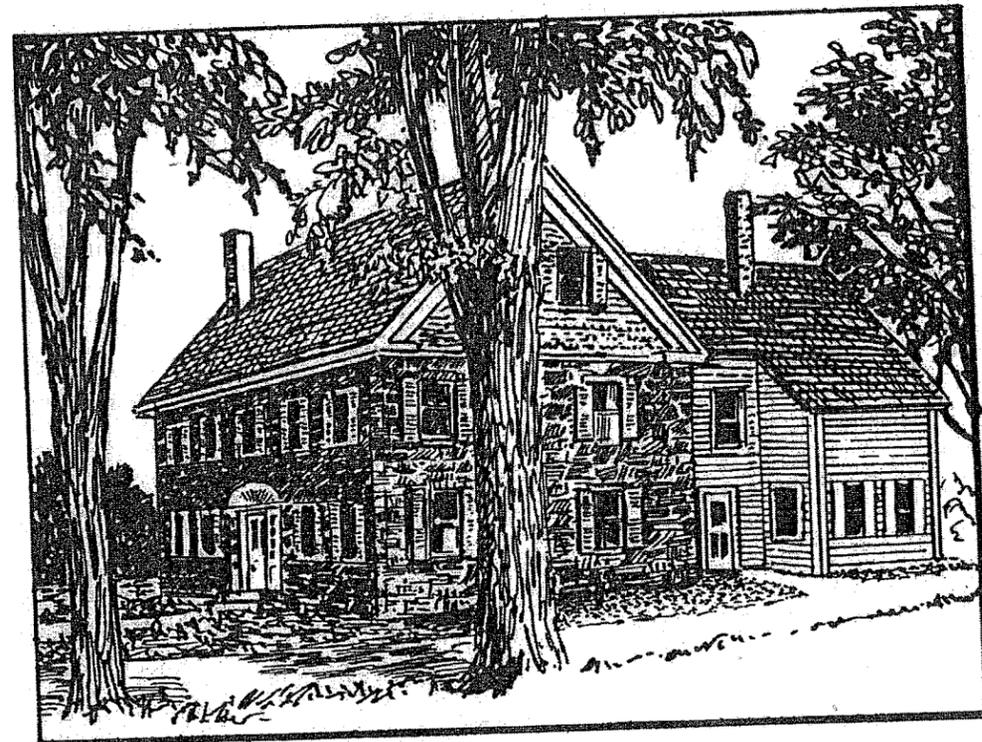
CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS		
DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Funds--original investment 220.000 shares	\$1,300.20
09/06/60 to 12/31/04	Puritan Funds--shares added by reinvestment 683.555 shares	
12/31/04	Puritan Fund--total shares held 903.555 shares	
12/31/04	Puritan Fund--value of investment @ \$18.95/share	\$17,122.36
CASH ON HAND & INCOME - 2004		
01/01/04	Cash on Hand (Wells River Savings Bank #631565)	\$127.98
04/06/04	Fidelity (#01304232 & #01304233)	95.59
07/01/04	Fidelity (#01469824 & #01469825)	95.59
10/25/04	Fidelity (#01668325 & 01668326)	98.65
12/13/04	Fidelity (#01783131 & #01783132)	107.62
12/31/04	Interest (Wells River Savings Bank #631565)	.96
	TOTAL	\$526.39
DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES - 2004		
10/25/04	Personal Money Order #67981 in amount of \$390.00 from Wells River Savings Bank paid to Town of Thetford and disbursed as follows:	
	Hillside Cemetery	30.00
	Post Mills Cemetery	60.00
	East Thetford Cemetery	90.00
	Evergreen Rest Cemetery	210.00
		390.00
11/30/04	Service Charge (#631565)	1.00
12/31/04	Service Charge (#631565)	1.00
12/31/04	CASH BALANCE ON HAND	\$134.39

Trustees of Trust Funds

Ruel G. Barrett
Elmer C. Brown
Frederick P. Howard

CONSERVATION TRUST FUNDS		
Balance	January 1, 2004	\$10,403.34
Income		0.00
Expenditures	Linny Levin Fund	0.00
	Non-Levin Fund	0.00
Balance	December 31, 2003	\$10,403.34
Balance	Non-Levin Fund	\$2,973.34
Balance	Linny Levin Fund	\$7,430.00
	(Restricted for establishment and maintenance of trails in Thetford.)	

Ruel G. Barrett, Treasurer



Hosford house at North Thetford

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Thetford General Fund and Highway Fund budgets are products of a process that begins in December when the Select Board and Budget Committee meet with town organizations and divisions to review budgetary requests for the next fiscal year. The final budget incorporates these requests as best as possible.

The fiscal year 2005 General Fund and Highway Fund budgets, as presented in the Town Report, represent a particularly thorough review by the Select Board and the Budget Committee. Each line item was discussed and a determination was made regarding how to fund them.

Fuel costs continue to be an issue for taxpayers as well as increases in insurance. The Town has little or no control over such costs. Many items are level funded for FY2005.

The Budget Committee recommends the adoption of the proposed Town of Thetford General Fund and Highway Fund budgets for FY2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken McDaniels
Lynne A. Miller

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AT THETFORD HILL

***FINANCIAL REPORTS******YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2004***

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2004**

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, 2004, the Town's long-term debt consisted of one note payable and one bond payable:

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2.0%, annual principal payments of \$18,457.43 plus interest, due December 31, 2005, total \$52,238.00.
- 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 \$ 540,000.00.

The total amount of long-term debt is \$ 592,238.00.

III. Receivables:

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

IV. Reserve for Delinquent Accounts:

Reserves have been established to cover estimated receivables which won't be collected in 2004. 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
Totals:		\$600,000.00	\$278,806.06	\$878,806.06	

Town of Thetford, Vermont
Summary of Long Term Debt - December 31, 2004

Item Financed	Financing Source	Balance	Loan	Principal	Interest	Balance
		12/31/2003	Received			
Ford F-550 Dump Truck	St of Vt Muni Loan	9,375.00	0.00	9,375.00	188.00	0.00
Town Hall Renovation	Vermont Bond Bank	570,000.00	0.00	30,000.00	22,236.00	540,000.00
2004 Caterpillar	St of Vt Muni Loan	0.00	52,238.00	0.00	0.00	52,238.00
Totals		579,375.00	52,238.00	39,375.00	22,424.00	592,238.00

Town of Thetford, Vermont
Statement of Changes to Fund Balance - Town and Highway Funds - 2004

	General Fund		Highway Fund		Totals
	Undesignated	Reserved for Delinquent Taxes	Undesignated		
Fund Balance - 12/31/0	20,792.21	75,000.00	30,652.57		126,444.78
Total Revenues	803,157.58		686,882.12		1,490,039.70
Total Expense	781,993.48		582,339.56		1,364,333.04
Transfers to Special Re	7,000.00		70,000.00		77,000.00
Fund Balance - 12/31/	34,956.31	75,000.00	65,195.13		175,151.44

Town of Thetford, Vermont Combined Balance Sheet - December 31, 2004						
	General Fund	Highway Fund	Special Revenue Fund	General Long Term Debt	Totals (memo only)	
ASSETS						
Cash	1,889,251.35		248,947.43		2,138,198.78	
Taxes Receivable	77,439.39				77,439.39	
Receivable - St of Vt Highway		32,000.00			32,000.00	
Due from (to) Other Funds	(119,993.69)	33,195.13	86,798.56		0.00	
Prepays	2,626.63				2,626.63	
Long Term Debt				592,238.00	592,238.00	
Total Assets	1,849,323.68	65,195.13	335,745.99	592,238.00	2,842,502.80	
LIABILITIES						
Due to Schools	1,731,167.00				1,731,167.00	
Prepaid property taxes held	7,886.89				7,886.89	
Other payables	313.50				313.50	
Notes Payable				592,238.00	592,238.00	
Total Liabilities	1,739,367.39	0.00	0.00	592,238.00	2,331,605.39	
FUND BALANCE						
Restricted			335,745.99		335,745.99	
Unrestricted	34,956.29	65,195.13			100,151.42	
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	75,000.00				75,000.00	
Total Fund Balance	109,956.29	65,195.13	335,745.99	0.00	510,897.41	
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,849,323.68	65,195.13	335,745.99	592,238.00	2,842,502.80	

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			2003 Budget	2003 YTD 12/31	2004 Budget	2004 YTD 12/31	2004 Budget	2004 YTD 12/31	2004 Budget	2004 YTD 12/31	2005 Proposed		
GENERAL FUND REVENUES													
1 Town Clerk Fees			25,000.00	35,809.11		30,000.00		27,413.58		30,000.00			
2 Delinquent Tax Penalty			19,000.00	12,575.62		10,000.00		13,984.96		10,000.00			
3 Interest Delinquent Taxes			18,000.00	8,848.07		8,000.00		13,129.97		8,000.00			
4 Interest			10,000.00	2,134.09		2,000.00		9,251.07		2,000.00			
5 Use of Town Records				939.50		500.00		339.00		500.00			
6 Liquor Licenses			200.00	200.00		200.00		295.00		200.00			
7 Dog Fines			50.00	-		50.00				50.00			
8 Dog Penalties			1,000.00	650.00		700.00		288.00		700.00			
9 Dog Licenses			1,800.00	1,755.00		1,800.00		1,670.00		1,800.00			
10 Zoning Fees			4,500.00	10,477.20		7,500.00		12,690.30		10,000.00			
11 Subdivision Fees			500.00	1,464.00		1,000.00		2,083.00		1,000.00			
12 PC/ZBA Fines													
13 Septic Fees			1,200.00	1,760.00		1,200.00		965.00		1,200.00			
14 Copying Fees			2,200.00	3,614.20		2,500.00		1,448.36		2,000.00			
15 Office Supplies			175.00	71.07		100.00				100.00			
16 Zoning Materials			200.00	410.00		250.00		370.50		250.00			
17 Computer, Communications			75.00	161.57		100.00		17.50		100.00			
18 Municipal Court Fines				149.00									
19 Traffic Fines			3,000.00	11,716.12		7,500.00		4,745.96		7,500.00			
20 Police Receipts			500.00	456.84		500.00				500.00			
21 Police Dept - Outside Funding			4,000.00										
22 Sale of Equipment - Police													
23 COPS Revenue - Prior Year													
24 Listers Research			25.00	33.45		25.00		9.32		25.00			
25 Listers' Changes - Re-bills													
26 Current Use Withdrawals				1,044.30									
27 Recycling Receipts			2,200.00	5,238.04		3,500.00		7,712.46		3,500.00			

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31	Trash Sticker Revenues	50,000.00			50,000.00	-			50,000.00	50,000.00	
32	Treasure Island	16,000.00	15,246.20	138.91	15,000.00	13,953.00			15,000.00	15,000.00	
33	Insurance Refunds		2,262.33			15.00					
34	Insurance Claim Receipts	1,000.00	1,331.00		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00	
35	Federal Land Entitlement	600.00	3,714.00		1,000.00				1,000.00	1,000.00	
36	Flood Cont./Water Resources	100.00	21.00		21.00	60.00			21.00	21.00	
37	Forest & Parks Tax	2,500.00	2,808.74		2,500.00	3,034.91			2,500.00	2,500.00	
38	Railroad Tax	2,000.00	2,534.96		2,000.00	4,725.62			2,000.00	2,000.00	
39	PILOT Revenues		250.00								
40	Cemetery Lot Sales		5,874.67		300.00	125.00					
41	Sale of Town Owned Property	500.00	288.69		300.00	2,549.85			300.00	300.00	
42	Miscellaneous	161,100.00	110,100.00								
43	Special Appropriations Tax Levy	507,398.08	471,252.08		627,495.20	632,256.22			634,924.22	634,924.22	
44	Town Tax Levy		36,146.00		25,000.00	50,024.00			40,000.00	40,000.00	
45	Hold Harmless Revenue		5,834.59								
46	Adcl. Current Yr Taxes Raised	834,823.08	757,310.35		801,741.20	803,157.58			826,170.22	826,170.22	
47	Subtotal General Revenue Fund	123,622.92	123,622.92		20,792.21	20,792.21			34,956.31	34,956.31	
48	Gen. Fund Surplus - Prior Year										
49											
50	Total General Fund Revenues	\$ 958,446.00	\$ 880,933.27		\$ 822,533.41	\$ 823,949.79			\$ 861,126.53	\$ 861,126.53	
51											
52	GEN.FUND EXPENDITURES										
53	Selectboard Stipend	3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00			3,500.00	3,500.00	
54	Selectboard Clerk	2,500.00	837.52		2,500.00	2,192.45			2,500.00	2,500.00	
55	Social Security	3,500.00	5,398.15		3,500.00	1,315.90			3,500.00	3,500.00	
56	Selectboard Contingency	3,000.00	3,162.86		3,000.00	2,226.06			3,000.00	3,000.00	
57	Advertising	1,750.00	2,003.00		2,003.00	2,119.00			2,898.00	2,898.00	
58	V.L.C.T.	500.00	325.00		500.00	307.50			500.00	500.00	
59	Due & Meetings	4,563.00	4,562.72		4,945.00	4,945.00			5,135.00	5,135.00	
60	Unemployment										

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61	Workers Comp	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	
62	Insurance	29,000.00	28,261.00		32,000.00	37,007.00			44,000.00	44,000.00	
63	PACIF Deduct		1,000.00		0.00	1,000.00			500.00	500.00	
64	Dental Plan	7,000.00	7,710.80		0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	
65	Retirement Plan	6,000.00	0.00		5,000.00	4,455.03			4,500.00	4,500.00	
66	Info/Technological Systems	1,000.00	160.00		8,000.00	8,786.72			3,000.00	3,000.00	
67	Tax Mapping	1,235.00	1,235.00		1,235.00	1,235.00			1,350.00	1,350.00	
68	Legal Services	2,000.00	1,085.00		1,500.00	871.50			1,000.00	1,000.00	
69	Travel	500.00	663.94		500.00	142.50			300.00	300.00	
70	Professional Audit	4,000.00	0.00		4,000.00	2,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	
71	Fire Warden	2,110.00	1,520.00		0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	
72	Planning & Consulting										
73	Total Selectmen	\$72,158.00	\$61,489.06		\$72,374.25	\$72,138.00			\$83,874.25	\$83,874.25	
74											
75	Town Report	4,700.00	4,363.45		5,000.00	5,206.00			4,000.00	4,000.00	
76	Restoration of Records		0		2,000.00	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00	
77	Total Records	\$4,700.00	\$4,363.45		\$7,000.00	\$7,206.00			\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
78											
79	Town Office Supplies	4,000.00	5,097.78		4,000.00	3,443.53			4,000.00	4,000.00	
80	Copier Contract Support	500.00	150.00		500.00	348.00			250.00	250.00	
81	Copier Maint/Supplies	1,000.00	779.99		1,000.00	358.77			500.00	500.00	
82	Computer Software/Support	2,600.00	2,377.40		2,400.00	3,122.25			3,500.00	3,500.00	
83	Computer Maintenance	300.00	0.00		300.00	252.98			500.00	500.00	
84	Computer Supplies/Equipment	2,000.00	1,831.47		500.00	99.36			300.00	300.00	
85	Telephone	4,000.00	4,216.65		3,500.00	5,863.55			4,500.00	4,500.00	
86	Postage	3,500.00	4,360.79		4,000.00	3,184.95			4,000.00	4,000.00	
87	Dues and Meetings	500.00	546.00		500.00	741.09			1,000.00	1,000.00	
88	Payroll Service	1,000.00	1,108.24		0.00	0.00			0.00	0.00	
89	Equipment Maintenance	200.00	219.25		200.00	198.17			200.00	200.00	
90	Tools & Equipment	3,500.00	3,564.42		1,000.00	370.00			500.00	500.00	
91	Total Town Office	\$23,100.00	\$24,251.99		\$17,900.00	\$17,982.65			\$19,250.00	\$19,250.00	

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144	Zoning Administrator	7,200.00	9,761.86	8,670.00	11,582.53	10,192.00					
145	Social Security	490.00	746.77	663.00	846.04	780.00					
146	Zoning Admin Asst			2,000.00	1,145.00	3,214.00					
147	Social Security			153.00	126.43	246.00					
148	Supplies	500.00	615.64	500.00	278.06	800.00					
149	Advertising	500.00	298.31	500.00	1,345.75	1,000.00					
150	Postage	400.00	413.04	400.00	305.82	400.00					
151	Dues & Meetings	300.00	370.00	300.00	320.00	400.00					
152	RPC Dues	2,892.00	2,892.00	2,892.00	2,892.00	2,892.00					
153	Legal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
154	Travel	150.00	68.62	100.00	69.01	100.00					
155	Equipment	500.00	0.00	250.00	433.42	250.00					
156	Total Planning /Zoning	\$12,932.00	\$15,166.24	\$16,428.00	\$19,344.06	\$20,274.00					
157											
158	Custodian	2,500.00	1,434.76	2,000.00	1,582.07	2,000.00					
159	Social Security			153.00	121.05	153.00					
160	Supplies	300.00	1,012.16	400.00	427.75	500.00					
161	Rubbish Removal/Recycling	500.00	471.71	500.00	500.00	500.00					
162	Repairs & Maintenance	2,000.00	4,873.06	2,000.00	1,255.40	1,000.00					
163	Grounds Maintenance	350.00	634.13	350.00	0.00	350.00					
164	Utilities	5,000.00	5,222.53	4,000.00	3,956.40	3,700.00					
165	Equipment	1,500.00	941.47	500.00	0.00	300.00					
166	Alarm Service	200.00	500.00	200.00	150.00	200.00					
167	Total Town Hall	\$12,350.00	\$15,139.89	\$10,103.00	\$7,992.67	\$8,703.00					

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169	Conservation Supplies	75.00	47.00	75.00	0.00	75.00					
170	Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
171	Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
172	Dues & Meetings	150.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	50.00					
173	Professional/Legal Service	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
174	Newsletter	350.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
175	Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
176	Conservation Trust Fund	400.00	400.00	250.00	413.85	5,000.00					
177	Project Support	500.00	200.00	500.00	8,000.00	500.00					
178	Total Conservation	\$1,475.00	\$1,447.00	\$875.00	\$8,513.85	\$5,625.00					
179											
180	Energy Committee	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00					
181	Total Energy Committee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00					
182											
183	Emergency Management	1,000.00	899.00	1,500.00	341.65	1500.00					
184	Total Emergency Mgmt	\$1,000.00	\$899.00	\$1,500.00	\$341.65	\$1,500.00					
185											
186	Constable	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00					
187	Police Chief	35,000.00	34,999.90	35,000.00	13,585.41	42,000.00					
188	Social Security			2,677.49	998.65	3,213.00					
189	Special Officer	25,000.00	24,189.48	30,000.00	44,112.62	32,136.00					
190	Social Security	3,000.00	1,850.49	2,295.00	3,191.82	2,459.00					
191	Police Benefits	8,000.00	8,998.22	9,600.00	8,946.18	17,362.00					
192	Police Dental			1,694.00	1,770.00	1,446.80					
193	Grants/Outside Funding Payroll	3,000.00	4,535.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
194	Supplies	600.00	1,376.77	600.00	928.22	750.00					
195	Computer	2,000.00	1,187.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
196	Special Officer Start-up/Uniforms	1,000.00	274.48	500.00	1,494.10	1,000.00					
197	Telephone/Postage	2,500.00	3,005.78	2,500.00	2,539.60	3,000.00					

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198	Radio/Dispatch	11,500.00	9,590.79	10,000.00	9,152.44	10,000.00	9,152.44	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
199	Dues & Meetings	300.00	254.00	350.00	513.75	500.00	195.70	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	
200	Police Training	1,000.00	335.75	500.00	195.70	500.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
201	Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
202	Contracted Services	500.00	0.00	0.00	295.00	0.00	295.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
203	Vehicle Repairs	1,000.00	5,310.00	2,000.00	3,832.11	2,000.00	3,832.11	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
204	Fuel	3,000.00	3,598.44	3,000.00	4,068.77	3,000.00	4,068.77	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	
205	Equipment, Repair, Radio	2,000.00	2,273.03	2,000.00	2,397.39	2,000.00	2,397.39	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
206	Vehicle Replacement	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
207	Total Police	\$104,401.00	\$109,456.62	\$107,718.00	\$103,021.76	\$107,718.00	\$103,021.76	\$130,367.80	\$130,367.80	\$130,367.80	
208											
209	Fire Department Operations	65,250.00	65,250.00	67,300.00	67,225.00	67,300.00	67,225.00	73,800.00	73,800.00	73,800.00	
210	Fire Warden			2,200.00	159.98	2,200.00	159.98	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
211	Fire Truck Payment/Replacement Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
212	Total Fire Department	\$90,250.00	\$90,250.00	\$69,500.00	\$67,384.98	\$69,500.00	\$67,384.98	\$75,300.00	\$75,300.00	\$75,300.00	
213											
214	Upper Valley Ambulance	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00	
215	Total Ambulance	\$39,255.00									
216											
217	Health Officer Wages	500.00	398.75	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
218	Social Security	50.00	30.50	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
219	Dues & Meetings	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	
220	Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
221	Travel	100.00	58.40	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	
222	Total Health Officer	\$725.00	\$487.65	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$675.00	\$0.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	
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224	Animal Control Wages	700.00	123.49	500.00	352.50	500.00	352.50	500.00	500.00	500.00	
225	Social Security	35.00	6.69	35.00	7.91	35.00	7.91	38.00	38.00	38.00	
226	Pound Fees	600.00	235.00	500.00	620.00	500.00	620.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
227	Humane Supplies	200.00	37.01	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
228	Licensing Supplies	300.00	20.50	100.00	269.61	100.00	269.61	200.00	200.00	200.00	
229	Dues & Meetings	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
230	Dog Damage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
231	Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
232	Travel	250.00	71.91	150.00	65.28	150.00	65.28	150.00	150.00	150.00	
233	Total Animal Control	\$2,185.00	\$494.60	\$1,485.00	\$1,315.30	\$1,485.00	\$1,315.30	\$1,588.00	\$1,588.00	\$1,588.00	
234											
235	GUVSWMD	14,394.00	14,393.50	14,393.50	14,468.68	14,393.50	14,468.68	14,393.50	14,393.50	14,393.50	
236	Solid Waste Disposal	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	
237	Supplies	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
238	Total Solid Waste	\$64,894.00	\$14,393.50	\$64,393.50	\$14,468.68	\$64,393.50	\$14,468.68	\$64,393.50	\$64,393.50	\$64,393.50	
239											
240	Recycling Salaries	6,700.00	6,337.97	6,835.00	5,292.47	6,835.00	5,292.47	6,835.00	6,835.00	6,835.00	
241	Social Security	350.00	466.36	523.00	435.75	523.00	435.75	523.00	523.00	523.00	
242	Supplies	500.00	131.43	250.00	98.22	250.00	98.22	250.00	250.00	250.00	
243	Bin Lease	4,000.00	3,400.00	4,000.00	3,310.05	4,000.00	3,310.05	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
244	Bin Pickup	23,000.00	9,080.45	9,000.00	1,520.68	9,000.00	1,520.68	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	
245	Newspaper Pickup		1,094.90	1,200.00	793.55	1,200.00	793.55	600.00	600.00	600.00	
246	Magazine Pickup		788.10	900.00	1,118.95	900.00	1,118.95	450.00	450.00	450.00	
247	Mixed Paper Pickup		3,105.20	3,300.00	4,320.25	3,300.00	4,320.25	1,650.00	1,650.00	1,650.00	
248	Mixed Plastic Pickup		1,176.35	1,300.00	3,288.95	1,300.00	3,288.95	675.00	675.00	675.00	
249	Glass Pickup		4,130.85	4,300.00	4,235.10	4,300.00	4,235.10	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
250	Cardboard Pickup		1,899.13	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
251	Metal Pickup		1,327.34	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	
252	Rubbish Removal		336.47	400.00	1,130.59	400.00	1,130.59	400.00	400.00	400.00	
253	Fuel Surcharge		589.44	600.00	3,182.56	600.00	3,182.56	600.00	600.00	600.00	
254	Community Education	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	

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1	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00			
2	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	200.00	200.00			
312	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
313	1518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00			
314	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00			
315	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	ARTICLE 21	ARTICLE 21			
316	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00			
317	1500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00			
318	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00			
319	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00			
320	1239.00	1,239.00	1,239.00	1,239.00	1,239.00	1,239.00	1,239.00	1,239.00			
321	1000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00			
322	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00			
323	4000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	ARTICLE 22	ARTICLE 22			
324	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	ARTICLE 23			
325	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	ARTICLE 24			
326											
327	\$88,774.00	\$89,074.00	\$89,074.00	\$89,074.00	\$89,074.00	\$89,056.00	\$69,588.00	\$69,588.00			
328											
329	\$911,146.00	\$860,141.06	\$822,533.41	\$860,141.06	\$822,533.41	\$788,993.48	\$860,643.55	\$860,643.55			
330											
331		\$4,292,156.00		\$4,292,156.00		\$3,442,156.00					
332											
333		\$880,933.27		\$880,933.27		\$823,949.79	\$861,126.53	\$861,126.53			
334		\$20,792.21		\$20,792.21		\$34,956.31	\$482.98	\$482.98			
335											
336		\$20,792.21		\$20,792.21		\$34,956.31	\$482.98	\$482.98			
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338											
339											
340	\$115,000.00	\$124,340.68	\$115,000.00	\$159,142.02	\$115,000.00	\$159,142.02	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00			
341	\$0.00	\$50,916.01	\$0.00	\$5,356.01	\$0.00	\$5,356.01	\$0.00	\$0.00			
342	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
343	\$500.00	\$1,005.95	\$500.00	\$175.88	\$500.00	\$175.88	\$500.00	\$500.00			
344	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
345	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
346	\$275.00	\$345.00	\$300.00	\$527.50	\$300.00	\$527.50	\$300.00	\$300.00			
347	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
348	\$0.00	\$4,818.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
349	\$432,085.90	\$432,085.90	\$399,517.43	\$469,442.71	\$399,517.43	\$469,442.71	\$391,762.87	\$391,762.87			
350											
351	\$597,860.90	\$663,561.54	\$515,317.43	\$634,644.12	\$515,317.43	\$634,644.12	\$512,562.87	\$512,562.87			
352	-\$12,460.90	-\$12,460.90	\$30,652.57	\$30,652.57	\$30,652.57	\$30,652.57	\$55,195.13	\$55,195.13			
353	\$585,400.00	\$651,100.64	\$545,970.00	\$665,296.69	\$545,970.00	\$665,296.69	\$567,758.00	\$567,758.00			
354											
355											
356	153,000.00	136,396.32	153,000.00	130,555.68	153,000.00	130,555.68	155,000.00	155,000.00			
357	13,000.00	10,496.73	14,000.00	10,000.93	14,000.00	10,000.93	11,858.00	11,858.00			
358	31,000.00	33,011.04	35,000.00	25,134.02	35,000.00	25,134.02	33,000.00	33,000.00			
359			4,220.00	2,523.54	4,220.00	2,523.54	3,500.00	3,500.00			
360	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	3,234.93	2,500.00	3,234.93	3,500.00	3,500.00			
361	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	400.00	1,000.00	400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00			
362	200.00	197.03	1,000.00	400.75	1,000.00	400.75	1,000.00	1,000.00			
363	1,400.00	1,218.64	1,400.00	2,006.14	1,400.00	2,006.14	2,000.00	2,000.00			

A	F	G	H		J		K
			2003 Budget	2003 YTD 12/31	2004 Budget	2004 YTD 12/31	
1							
2							
364	Radio Maintenance	1,200.00	1,197.00	1,200.00	806.00	1,200.00	
365	Dues & Meetings	300.00	0.00	300.00	534.00	300.00	
366	Travel	300.00	550.41	300.00	0.00	300.00	
367	Contingency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	
368	Retirement Plan	75.00	0.00	0.00	3,845.48	0.00	
369	Service Charges	0.00	34.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	
370	Total Administrative	\$ 202,475.00	\$ 184,102.12	\$ 213,920.00	\$ 179,441.47	\$ 216,658.00	
371	Maintenance Supplies-Culverts, guard rails, crushed rock, gravel, asphalt, calcium chloride, outside grading, lumber, concrete blocks, mulch, grass seed, equipment rental	46,000.00	31,590.28	44,000.00	43,870.16	50,000.00	
372	Annual Repaving Project-repaving, ditching, culvert replacement & shoulder work	130,000.00	108,623.27	130,000.00	146,399.41	130,000.00	
373	Resurfacing Supplies-Gravel and the crushing of gravel	20,000.00	1,728.37	18,000.00	13,365.38	18,000.00	
374	Winter Road Supplies-Salt and sand, includes hauling of sand when necessary	60,000.00	74,405.91	60,000.00	57,653.66	65,000.00	
375	Flood Damage Repairs		50,216.01				
376	Total Road Expenses	\$256,000.00	\$266,563.84	\$252,000.00	\$261,288.61	\$263,000.00	
377			1,889.44				
378	Bridge Supplies & Expenses		5,000.00				
379	Transfer to Stowell Bridge Fund	7,000.00	7,386.94	7,000.00	4,504.65	5,000.00	
380	Streetlights						
381	Streetlights Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$14,276.38	\$7,000.00	\$4,504.65	\$5,000.00	
382							

A	F	G	H		J		K
			2003 Budget	2003 YTD 12/31	2004 Budget	2004 YTD 12/31	
1							
2							
383	Garage Equipment & Repairs-Includes materials needed for repairs and maintenance to the town garage and surrounding area.	5,500.00	1,760.32	10,000.00	6,389.56	10,000.00	
384	Garage Supplies-Includes paper products, cleaning materials, safety equipment, light bulbs, etc.	800.00	4,385.02	1,000.00	1,828.77	2,000.00	
385	Garage Utilities	3,400.00	5,156.55	3,700.00	3,188.74	4,000.00	
386	Rubbish Removal	400.00	351.96	400.00	400.00	400.00	
387	Fire Alarm Service	200.00	100.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
388	Vehicle Fuel & Oil	18,000.00	21,719.71	18,000.00	20,987.19	20,000.00	
389	Vehicle Supplies	100.00	4,170.31	250.00	378.86	500.00	
390	Insurance Deductible	500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	
391	Highway Equipment Fund	0.00	45,000.00	0.00	70,000.00	0.00	
392	Equipment & Payments	3,700.00	2,400.00	3,700.00	3,435.40	3,500.00	
393	Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	30,000.00	66,121.31	30,000.00	41,502.51	35,000.00	
394	Vehicle Warranties	2,500.00	2,930.00	2,500.00	4,650.00	4,000.00	
395	Total Town Garage	\$65,100.00	\$154,595.18	\$70,250.00	\$152,961.03	\$79,600.00	
396							
397	Highway Signs	2,000.00	910.55	2,000.00	1,905.80	3,500.00	
398	Total Highway Signs	\$2,000.00	\$910.55	\$2,000.00	\$1,905.80	\$3,500.00	
399							
400	TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES	\$532,575.00	\$620,448.07	\$545,170.00	\$600,101.56	\$567,758.00	
401							
402	Highway Fund Revenues		\$651,099.91		\$665,296.69		
403	HF Revenues less Expenditures		\$30,652.57		\$65,195.13		
404							
405	Highway Surplus (Deficit)		\$30,652.57		\$65,195.13		
406							
407							

SUMMATION OF TAX RATE AND MONIES RAISED									
YEAR	TOTAL TAX	HIGHWAY TAX	TOWN TAX	TAX	SCHOOL TAX	TAX	ARTICLES TAX	TAX	
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
2003	2.6007	432,085.90	0.2098	471,252.08	0.2288	4,292,156.00	2.0842	160,100.00	0.0777
2004									
Homestead	2.2469	399,517.43	0.1905	627,495.20	0.2993	3,535,893.69	1.7237	70,000.00	0.0334
Non-Resid.	2.1322	399,517.43	0.1905	627,495.20	0.2993	3,535,893.69	1.6090	70,000.00	0.0334

THETFORD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE YEARS 2003-2013

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Chipper - 15yrs 05, 20			\$10,000.00								
Mower - 10yrs 06,16				\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00						
Truck 1 - 8 yrs 02,10	\$9,750.00	\$9,562.50									
Truck 2 - 10 yrs 06,16			\$24,080.00	\$24,080.00	\$24,080.00	\$24,080.00					
Truck 3 - 10yrs 08,18						\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00		
Truck 4 - 10yrs 10,20	\$15,327.89							\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00	
Grader - 12 yrs 09,21							\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00		
Loader - 12 yrs 03,15		\$12,762.00	\$18,457.43	\$18,109.18	\$17,760.91						
Pick up Truck	\$2,400.00										
Fire Trk Replacement			\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00					
Total Projected Expenditures	\$27,477.89	\$22,324.50	\$95,037.43	\$102,689.18	\$92,340.91	\$92,580.00	\$61,000.00	\$104,000.00	\$104,000.00	\$78,000.00	\$43,000.00
Fund Balance January 1:	\$49,191.13	\$66,798.07	\$146,447.25	\$137,980.31	\$110,555.69	\$92,625.51	\$73,547.79	\$86,675.18	\$60,558.94	\$33,136.89	\$31,643.73
Projected Contribution:	\$45,084.83	\$95,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Projected Expenditures:	-\$27,477.89	-\$22,324.50	-\$95,037.43	-\$102,689.18	-\$92,340.91	-\$92,580.00	-\$61,000.00	-\$104,000.00	-\$104,000.00	-\$78,000.00	-\$43,000.00
Fund Balance December 31:	\$66,798.07	\$139,473.57	\$131,409.82	\$105,291.13	\$88,214.78	\$70,045.51	\$82,547.79	\$57,675.18	\$31,558.94	\$30,136.89	\$63,643.73
Balance w/ Averaged Interest	\$66,798.07	\$146,447.25	\$137,980.31	\$110,555.69	\$92,625.51	\$73,547.79	\$86,675.18	\$60,558.94	\$33,136.89	\$31,643.73	\$66,825.92

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 Year Ending December 31, 2004

Account	Balance 12/31/03	Revenues	Expenses	Balance 12/31/04
Emergency Management/E-911	0	0	0	0
Cruiser Replacement	23,726.76	5,000.00	0	28,726.76
Restoration of Records	11,950.86	6,325.00	16,951.00	1,324.86
Recycling	138,506.20	0	59,064.20	79,442.00
Act 200	6,912.00	0	0	6,912.00
Town Plan Planning Grant	1,150.00	6,190.00	5,620.00	1,720.00
Equipment Fund	66,798.07	95,000.00	22,324.50	139,473.57
Fire Truck Fund	25,000.00	0	25,000.00	0
Special Bridge Fund	48,363.61	0	13,345.00	35,018.61
Tucker Hill Bridge Fund	5,050.00	0	5,050.00	0
Stowell Road Bridge Fund	(3,000.00)	3,000.00	0	0
Conservation Commission	2,452.93	10.59	312.00	2,151.52
EEGL Funds—Re-appraisal	18,947.74	10,311.00	8,630.95	20,627.79
Recreation Park Post Mills	549.76	0	0	549.76
Town Hall Renovation Bond	50,013.14	1,007.15	36,457.44	14,562.85
FEMA Funds	5,236.27	0	0	5,236.27
TOTALS	\$401,657.34	\$126,843.74	\$192,755.09	\$335,745.99

DELINQUENT TAX LIST
 As of December 31, 2004

	2004	2003	2002	2001/prior	TOTAL
Baade, K	128.07	0	0	0	128.07
Brown, J	1316.77	0	0	0	1316.77
Cadwell, L & M	1606.54	1421.40	0	0	3027.94
Clifford, G	10,258.01	0	0	0	10,258.01
Cross, M*	3191.90	105.88	0	0	3297.78
Dube, L & B	186.50	215.86	163.11	0	565.47
Elphick, K	767.02	0	0	0	767.02
Goodrich, R*	1648.01	0	0	0	1648.01
Howard, A & T	1815.50	0	0	0	1815.50
Howe, M & K	1026.83	0	0	0	1026.83
Jamieson, B	1130.07	1378.37	43.64	0	2552.08
Jamieson, D	2556.97	2959.60	0	0	5516.57
Johnson Trust	5925.38	1022.50	0	0	6947.88
Kogel, C	2302.05	0	0	0	2302.05
Kostintina's Inc	4614.08	3198.10	0	0	7812.18
Labutti, B	1901.92	0	0	0	1901.92
Lee, L	599.99	0	0	0	599.99
Manning, Jr, A	2831.09	0	0	0	2831.09
Martin, R & P	537.32	308.86	0	0	846.18
Nanopoulos, S	2676.06	0	0	0	2676.06
Pagani, D*	456.50	0	0	0	456.5
Perkins, K & R	1285.23	971.55	0	0	2256.78
Provost, D & A	443.21	0	0	0	443.21
Purcell, S	25.76	0	0	0	25.76
Rutz, L	1402.82	0	0	0	1402.82
Stunkel, E	4724.68	0	0	0	4724.68
Tallman, S*	4819.60	0	0	0	4819.60
Williams, B	250.04	0	0	0	250.04
Wood, M	4273.61	949.01	0	0	5222.62
TOTALS	64701.53	12531.13	206.75	0	77,439.41

*Indicates 2004 taxes paid in full in January 2005

STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO DELINQUENT TAXES			
(Taxes Billed vs. Taxes Collected)			
Year Ending December 31, 2004			
Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2003			148,029.02
Total Taxes Raised and Billed - Tax Year (TY) 2004	4,632,865.87		
Tax Re-Bills—TY2004	-5,369.51		
		4,627,496.36	
Total Property Taxes Billed in 2004			4,775,525.38
Total Taxes Collected - TY 2004	4,565,168.05		
Total Taxes Collected - TY 2003 and prior	119,778.92		
State of Vermont Landfill Agreement	13,139.00		
Total Taxes Collected in 2004			4,698,085.97
Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2004			77,439.41

Estimated Tax Rates for 2005			
(Town, Highway, Warned Articles)			
Using 2004 Grand List*			
	Amount to be Raised	Grand List	Estimated Tax Rate
Town	634,924.22	2,096,659.28*	.3028
Highway	391,762.87	2,096,659.28*	.1869
Warned Articles	114,268.00	2,096,659.28*	.0545
TOTAL	1,140,955.09	2,096,659.28*	.5442
<i>(Amount to be raised/Grand List = Tax Rate)</i>			

*Listers are currently re-appraising properties which may change this figure.

TREASURER AND DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

This year, the Treasurer's Office has been filled with challenges, insights and accomplishments. I am very grateful for the support I have received from Tracy Borst, the Selectboard, and the other Town employees who have gone out of their way to make my transition as smooth as possible.

Rebecca Buchanan joined me as the Assistant Treasurer in April and has brought a wealth of technical knowledge. Her computer knowledge has been widely appreciated by all of us in the office. As well as processing payroll and handling the bills for the Highway Department, Becky has been working on documenting the procedures of the office.

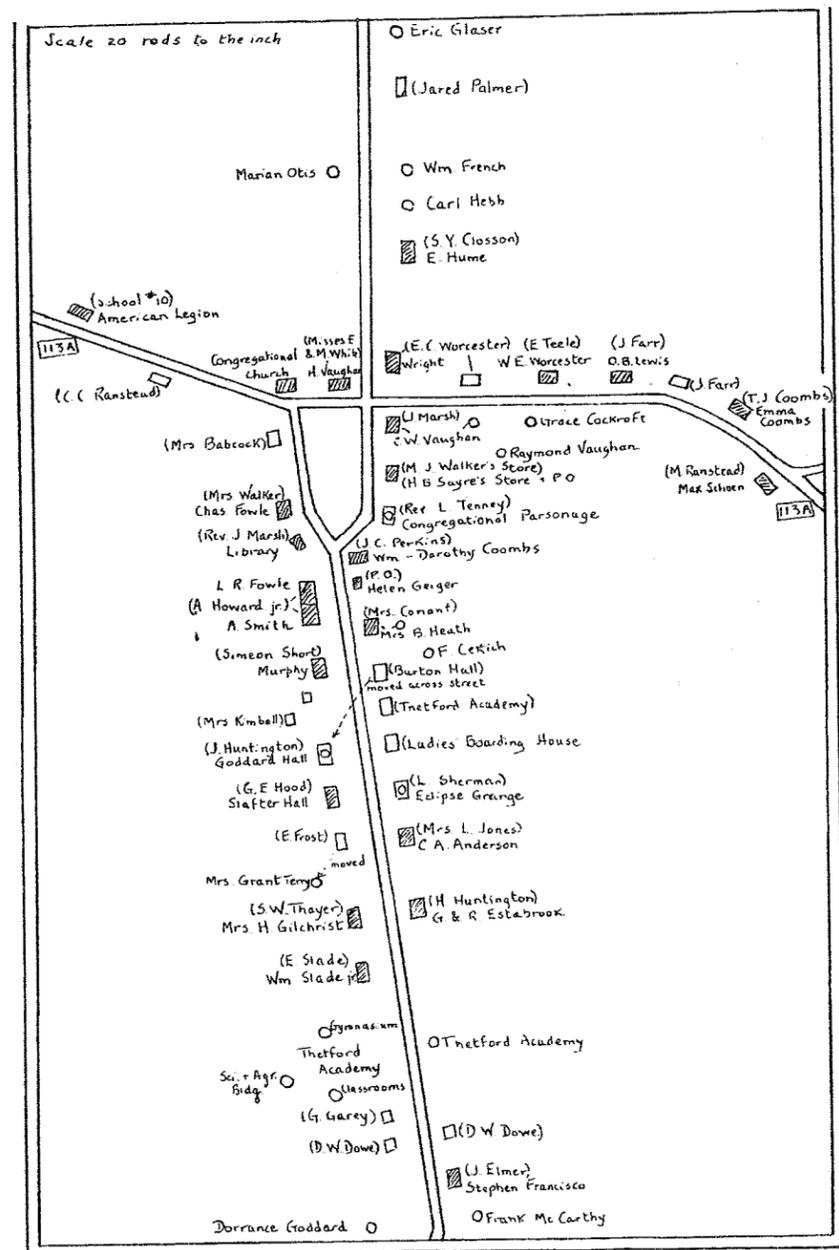
In July we added a cash receipt module that is used by the Clerk's office. This has simplified the mechanics of processing revenue. We also added bar codes to the tax bills which expedited the processing of payments. We are well on our way to fine-tuning the operations of the office.

We hope you will read the information in the Financial Section. All departments are given financial reports on a regular basis and watch their budgets very carefully. You will see that revenues were higher than expected and expenses came in lower.

Delinquent Taxes have been a priority and I think you will be pleased to see that the Delinquent Tax List is shorter this year. The total dollar amount of outstanding taxes (\$77,439.41) has been reduced to about half of what it was last year (\$148,029.02). This is due in part to the former UV Landfill back taxes (\$13,139.00) being removed from the Delinquent Tax List, lower tax rates, and our working with taxpayers to commit to payment plans.

We are looking forward to another busy year in the Treasurer's Office. Please call or stop in if you have any questions regarding taxes or the finances of the Town.

Jill Graff, Treasurer and Delinquent Tax Collector
Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Treasurer



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COMMUNITY, AREA and STATE ORGANIZATIONS

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This has been a busy year for the Society, with a couple of major projects in addition to our regular activity.

One project was to make the Wallace Vault at the Town Hall into a small museum of town history, as well as a meeting room. On the shelves are photographs of each village with related artifacts and with a rubbing of Richard Wallace's original tombstone. If you haven't seen this exhibit yet, take a look: the entrance is just to the right as you come into the Town Hall.

In November, we lost a faithful member, Don Fifield, who had given long service as membership chairman, museum curator, and as an interviewer for oral history. In his memory, we are undertaking to transcribe all the oral history tapes made by Don and others over several decades, and to get them transferred to permanent storage on CD's. Excerpts from one of these transcripts, by Kermit Cook about building the Union Village Dam in 1947-1949, is the basis for this year's historical article in the Town Report.

We made a special effort to get publicity for our August opening of the Hughes Barn Museum. We received good cooperation from both the Valley News and the Spectator, and this produced a fifty percent increase in attendance.

This fall we had our usual visit from sections of the 5th and 6th grade from the Elementary School, who received a brief introduction to Vermont's and Thetford's early history. Last spring, Joe Deffner and Casey Huling brought their 7th grade classes for a short course in Academy history, and then followed up by putting together a Valley Quest for Union Village, led by Society Trustee Steve Glazer.

At our Annual Meeting in July, Kevin Graffagnino, the new director of the Vermont Historical Society, gave a talk on Ira Allen, Ethan's less flamboyant brother.

Last spring our Board decided it was time to fund a part-time assistant director. We had six very good applicants, and chose Martha Howard, who has a long family background in the Town, familiarity with people and property, and a facility with computers which will bring us into the 21st century. With her help, we have reorganized our manuscript collections in our upper vault, and have completed putting our artifact collections (which contain as many as a dozen boxes of different sizes and shapes) into numerical order in our downstairs workroom. The tireless efforts of several Trustees must also be mentioned. Barbara Condict worked on cataloging artifacts and photographs, Martha Wiencke on large manuscript collections, and Lilla Willey on church materials.

Our library continues to be open year-round on Monday and Thursday afternoon and Tuesday mornings. During the year, we have served patrons in person, and by mail and telephone from as far away as Oklahoma and Georgia.

Charles Latham,
President

HISTORICAL ARTICLE

Kermit Cook Helps Build the Union Village Dam

Over the past forty years, the Thetford Historical Society has developed a collection of oral history tapes, many of people interviewed by Don Fifield, who was adept at getting people to talk and keeping them in the subject. Here are excerpts of Don's talk in 1984, with Kermit Cook, who was brought up on a farm in the area flooded by the Union Village Dam and who worked at its construction.

... I worked there the summers of 1946, '47, and '49, and I worked basically moving stone from the tunnel and worked in the tunnel while the cement work was being carried out. It's the tunnel where the water goes and also where they have their gauge to control water in case they need to allow the water in the dam to be lowered. Working on the dam at that time, I remember working with George Tilden and Charles Vance, local people who were working there regularly, and pretty much through the entire time that the dam was being built.

It was done in sections. There would be a crew that came in and built the core and put up all the gravel and stone and clay to make the dam; then there was another group that came in had to do the tunnel work, another group that came in and did the cement work, the spillways. And then a group that came in and did the highways, landscaping. So, it was actually done by different groups coming in on a scheduled basis.

They tried to hire as many people as they could. But, basically they brought their own skilled foreman. But, if local people wanted to do the long, hard hours that the dam was being run on they could work there. It was basically a ten-hour day with much overtime; particularly when they had breakdowns. I was involved once when the cement pipe broke when they were filling a section of the tunnel. We'd worked a ten-hour day, and we ended up working until early the next morning, perhaps around a twenty-hour day.

They immediately had to face the situation because there was probably 1,000 feet of heavy pipe full of cement which would have hardened in a very short period of time. So, we had to unhook all these pipes which were two or three feet in length, and wash them out with water. And, that was a very difficult job, and it had to be done as fast as you possibly could and it was just a wild affair while it was being done. This was cement for the surface of the tunnel.

The tunnel was first blasted out and it was something like eighteen feet in diameter, then ironwork and cement were put in and it became a cylinder, circular-type finished product. And when it was done I think it was thirteen feet in diameter—a very big project that had to be done in about twenty-foot lengths. Trucks were driven into the tunnel, bulldozers, it was a large tunnel.

They diverted the water from the river. First of all, they built a tunnel and, when the tunnel was finished, then they diverted the river so that all of the water went through the tunnel and allowed them to build the "breastwork" So, they put in the clay and the gravel to build the earthen dam. At the same time of course they were doing a great deal of cutting of the lumber, wood and preparing the area for landscaping and for the new highways. Things were being done in concert, but the first thing they had to do was to get the water out of the riverbed so they could work on putting the bulldozers in to get them working.

They used a lot of material from the hillsides for construction. I believe they used just materials from the area. They did blast a lot of rock from different places. They had a Army officer who had a great deal of experience in WW II, and he brought in a large crew of very experienced drivers, bulldozers, Euclids, carriers of all kinds. In just one summer, I believe, they moved countless yards of material in and basically built the dam.

They moved a tremendous amount of clay, stone, gravel; and I believe they moved it all from the local area upstream basically because they were so near to the Village they couldn't take anything from that area. But, I remember the Goddard hill which was such a large hill above the corner, above the dam, well, it practically disappeared. It must have had a particular kind of gravel that they wanted to use for fill. Goddard hill must have been back a quarter or half a mile from where the dam is. About halfway back to Buzzell Bridge, if you came down from Thetford Center to Buzzell Bridge, turn left the first sharp corner you came to where the Goddard house was.

I worked in '46 and '47 in the tunnel. After the tunnel was built and the house—powerhouse—was being constructed, the last year I worked there (which I think was '49) there's two things: Once I worked putting on the roof on the powerhouse and it was high for me. These people who are experienced carpenters who are good to work with, they are very cautious people about safety. But, they surely worked high up in the air and the high area work. So, for a person not accustomed to it, it was rather dangerous. But, I worked there part of the year, and later in the summer I worked with a group that was manicuring all the slopes around the dam area which were to be seeded. And, after they were raked and smoothed up a group came in with power sprayers and sprayed on the seed and fertilizer and in a very short time an amazing amount of grass came up, because they put on such a strong solution of nutrients.

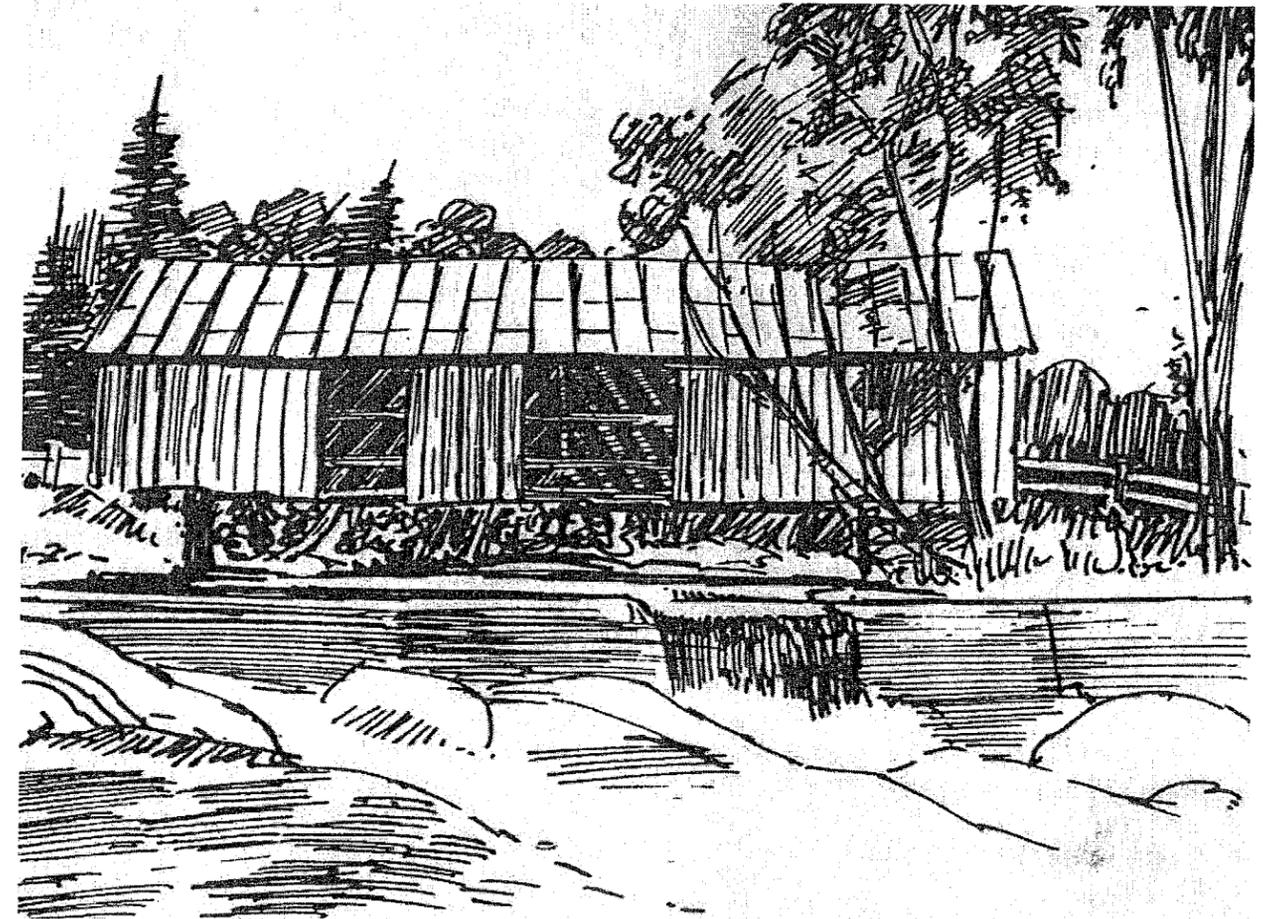
I worked ten hours a day—just raked for ten hours a day on these raking down all these stones and boulders and it was a heck of a job. The pay scale was much better than the local pay scales. The only problem I think was that they demanded a lot of hard work and a lot of overtime and some people objected to 10 hours a day...and the speed that they asked you to work, they really weren't bashful about asking the work to be put out. People who didn't like to work hard, they didn't last there very long. People came and went a lot. But, the people that they really depended upon were well paid, and most of the people with skills were there most of the time it was being built. It was the unskilled labor that tended to come and go. My regular job at that point was teaching at Thetford Academy, and I was just doing this as a way to secure funds to go pay tuition and expenses in Boston to attend graduate school. It really was lucrative as far as I was concerned. They would allow me to work as many hours as I wanted to and sort of took a liking to me and gave me chances to work overtime.

I knew all the superintendents and foremen. In fact, I guess if it was bad weather they couldn't work on certain jobs, they'd have me take a truck and go to West Lebanon and White River to get repairs and parts so that I could have full-time work and work a full day regardless of the weather. Even so, some people were let go and sent home, I seemed to get extra consideration.

There were several good farms in this area and I think people were rather upset that the dam came in and took the property it did. And, it was hard to justify losing so many good farms, I think. But, the Corps of Army Engineers planned to put dams in strategic places all up and down the Connecticut River basin and we happened to be one of the places they chose.

After the serious floods of 1928 and 1936, which did tremendous damage up and down the Connecticut River Basin; they had planned to put in a series of dams and they were interrupted by the advent of WWII. I really think that these dams would have been put in—gosh—by 1938 or 1940 if it hadn't been for the war. It was held up until '45 and '46 after the war was over. But, it was a long-term plan; it was nothing that came up all of a sudden. Most of us knew they were planning to take land. In fact, my mother was town clerk and they were buying land up and looking up titles all through the war. So, this was a planned affair. I don't think many people realized how much was being done to look over all the land titles and determine what they would take. But, this had to be done before they did much work.

My mother didn't choose to relocate any of our properties so we sold it to the government and the next year -- that was 1946, it was knocked down, as most buildings were, and burned. Most all the buildings, I'd say, were destroyed.



COVERED BRIDGE AT THETFORD CENTER

THETFORD HILL PARISH PLAYERS

The Parish Players is an organization dedicated to presenting high quality dramatic productions created by people who participate for the love of the work. We are committed to:

- Offering an intimate theater venue that is accessible, affordable and welcoming to both audiences and artists
- Challenging participants to stretch their abilities and expand their understanding of theater and the world it describes
- Presenting new and challenging works including those created by local artists
- Inspiring, encouraging and supporting the arts and cultures of our communities.
- Toward this goal this year the Players mounted three major productions and a reading:
- "Emma" by Howard Zinn directed by our most energetic and ambitious neighbor Ethan Cole,
- "Will" written by local playwright and teacher Alan Haehnel and directed by Linda Neubelt of Bradford,
- Shakespeare's "As You Like It" directed by new board member Dan Deneen of Strafford, and finally,
- "Masque for Love" by Frank Gado. These productions drew the strength, skill and talent of over 100 actors and technicians of all ages and occupations from all across the valley region.

We continued to share our stage with other artists and community groups including:

- three major productions (including "Book Group" written by local playwright Marisa Smith) mounted by the recently founded 'Signal and Noise' theater company under the direction of Faith Catlin of Lyme,
- Thetford resident Duncan Nichols' world premier of the global musical "Club Wave",
- and Upper Loveland Puppets production of Antoine St Exupery's "The Little Prince" produced by Ria Blaas of Norwich.

Once again this summer we offered a chicken barbecue to accompany the Thetford Hill Fair. In December, Thetford Academy parents used the Grange to auction off donated items to raise money (\$5K) for "Project Graduation". The Players are forever grateful to Thetford Academy for the use of their parking lot and to the neighbors for their tolerance of the bustle and nuisance the extra traffic brings. Finally, we appreciate the continued support of the community in our efforts to improve the historic building and grounds of our home the Eclipse Grange. This spring will reveal the colorful contributions made by several local nurseries arranged and planted in November by aspiring Troop 772 Eagle Scouts under the supervision of scoutmaster Jim LaMontagne, inspired by a plan drawn up by Judy Reeves of Hanover.

Our 'open house, potluck luncheon' Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 13th. We'd love to meet you. 785-4344, www.parishplayers.org

Submitted by Neal Meglathery
785-2016

THETFORD GIRL SCOUTS

Our Service Unit continues to grow and currently serves over 100 girls in the towns of Fairlee, Orford, Thetford and West Fairlee. Thetford alone has six different groups serving several age levels. We would love to include a Daisy group among these six. There are a few Kindergarten age girls interested, but need a leader. If anyone would like to help, please contact Helen Huff.

As membership remains high at the first, second and third grade level, we continue to support two Brownie Girl Scout Groups. Group #2395 is now being led by Lisa Swett with Tammie Patten as co-leader. This group of 16 energetic scouts started their year with a visit to the corn maize in Fairlee, made Thanksgiving decorations for home meal deliveries to Senior Citizens and attended our service unit's Halloween/birthday party. They are planning to keep very busy this spring by attending a few day events, an overnight and donating some of their group profits to Thetford Cares. Group #2554 is being led this year by Troi Ulman.

Membership also remains high at the Junior Girl Scout level. Sharon Littlefield continues as the leader with Group #2064 and seven enthusiastic young ladies. These girls are making an overnight trip to the USS Salem in Boston an annual event. They went last May and are planning to return this coming spring along with celebrating our founder's birthday and seasonal crafts. Tracy Borst, along with Bernice Clark and Cindy Grigel, return this year with Junior Group #2630. These 17 curiosity seekers ventured to Boston this fall to participate in a Camp-in overnight at the Museum of Science as well as helped to serve a community dinner in Lebanon. They are planning their own 'dinner and derby' evening with their families in March and are looking forward to attending a team building workshop in April.

The Cadette Girl Scout Group # 2468 is in its third year with Helen Huff and Carol Mullen as leaders. Girls have been developing their leadership skills by planning service unit events for younger groups, finding a sense of community helping with the annual holiday bag distribution and testing their abilities at the climbing wall in Quechee. Spring activities being planned include an overnight at the Boston Museum of Science, shopping at the Mall of NH, and several service projects. A few of the girls have begun their journey toward their Silver Award, the highest award a girl at this level can earn.

Three girls returned this fall to join the Senior Girl Scout Group #1025 with Helen & Carol as advisors. Girls are meeting once or twice a month, helping with service projects and making plans for their Gold Award projects.

We would like to thank the many organizations which allow us to hold meetings in their facilities and the support of family and friends.

Respectfully Submitted
Helen Huff
Service Unit Facilitator

THETFORD YOUTH SPORTS

The collection of coaches, directors, parents (and certainly children) that are Thetford Youth Sports continued in 2004 to demonstrate the spirit that has made TYS programs successful in years past. Participation rates in baseball, softball, soccer and basketball were all very strong and all of us with children should be thankful for the dedication of the volunteer coaches that are so critical to a positive athletic experience. Just as critical are the TYS directors that coordinate registration, scheduling, equipment purchases and myriad other tasks to make things run as smoothly as possible. Our sports directors for 2004 were:

Softball – Kristie Gray
 Baseball – Ted Levin
 Soccer – Cara Jackson and Ray Thorburn
 Basketball – Andy Martin

A couple of new developments this past year worth noting are the 8' rim height for 3rd and 4th grade basketball as well as the new reversible jerseys. As you may know, Thetford is part of the Upper Valley Recreation Association (UVRA) and as such, has adopted the reduced rim height for the younger kids along with all other UVRA members. Studies have shown that the lower height is advantageous in developing proper shooting technique, and it is a relatively easy adjustment to the standard 10' height when required in 5th grade. Fortunately, those responsible for selecting the new gymnasium's backboards had the foresight to purchase adjustable units, so there was no additional cost incurred by Thetford to follow the UVRA guidelines. A number of other UVRA towns with older gyms were forced to buy special 8' units that rest on the fixed 10' backboard. You may notice some non-home games will be played at the 10' level...these are the schools outside of the UVRA. You may also notice the kids are sporting new reversible jerseys as opposed to the T-shirts worn in the past. This is being done on a trial basis for the 3rd/4th grade basketball teams and, if successful, will be extended to other teams and sports. Not only do these jerseys look good, but they are reusable and thus make good fiscal sense (anyone have a few extra "Thetford" T-shirts hanging around the house)? It's entirely possible registration fees will be reduced if we don't have to spend money replacing jerseys not returned at the end of the season.

From time to time questions arise as to the objectives and policies of TYS; I would encourage anyone with such questions to first visit the TYS page on www.thet.net. Further questions may be directed towards any of the board members, including myself and the directors listed above.

Despite the dedication of the individuals required to make the TYS programs a success, it's time to consider how these programs might fare under the direction of a paid recreation director. Such a director would not only coordinate TYS activities, but facilitate an array of recreation activities for kids and adults alike. Without a recreation director, Thetford is alone amongst UVRA towns; you will have an opportunity at this year's town meeting to voice your opinion on a proposal for such a position.

Mike McCabe
 TYS board president

SNOW COASTERS, INC.

As always, we wish to extend sincere thanks to all landowners for their continued support and generosity. Our annual Chicken BBQ was held in September 2004, which is not only a fundraiser for our club, but is also our way of expressing our appreciation to all landowners by inviting them as our guests. Once again our club was pleased to present a Thetford Academy Scholarship and congratulations go to this past year's recipient, who was Eric Bragg. We must take this opportunity to remind all trail users to please stay on marked trails, use caution where trails are shared with motor vehicles and remember that we have permission for winter use only. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, October thru April. Please contact me at 785-4701 (or any of the following officers) for additional information.

List of Officers:

President – Phillip O'Donnell
 Vice President – Gary Osgood
 Secretary – Loretta Gray
 Treasurer – Becky Gray
 Membership Chairperson – Roxy Maxfield
 Trail Master – Phillip O'Donnell
 Reporter – Diane Osgood

TMA's sold by:

Roxy Maxfield
 Phillip O'Donnell
 Loretta Gray
 Eric Maxfield

Phillip O'Donnell, President
 Snow Coasters, Inc



AMERICAN LEGION POST #79 OF THETFORD

The purposes of this Post are to foster all those values for which our country stands, to help people in need whenever we can and to give special help to our veterans. Our meeting house is located on Thetford Hill, opposite the Thetford Elementary School. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month, except January and February, at 7pm.

Post #79 is a service organization. We help our fellow veterans and their families and the community at large. In addition, we loan hospital equipment, place flags on veteran's gravesites, speak at schools on flag etiquette, participate in parades carrying our National Colors, and provide gravesite services for fallen comrades.

The last few years the American Legion has donated a decorated tree to a needy family. Each year we select from a different surrounding town. This is becoming a tradition; where the giving is enjoyed as much as the families who receive the gift. We would like to thank the Braley family of Post Mills for the Christmas tree donation and Fogg's Hardware of Fairlee for the lights.

The American legion would like to thank the community for its support during our fundraisers. Your donations help provide needy monies for continued building maintenance and community projects.

This Post welcomes all veterans who served honorably in all our wars and conflicts. We ask that you join us in remembering our fallen comrades.

Commander: Raymond "Fred" Adams 649-3468 Adjutant: Nathan Pero 333-4671

UPPER VALLEY FISH AND GAME CLUB

PURPOSE:

- To work for improvement and stimulate interest in the sports of hunting and fishing.
- To promote and engage in the conservation of fish and game management and other natural resources in the area.
- To promote and maintain friendly relations with landowners.
- To promote good sportsmanship and educate the public with respect to conservation, hunting and fishing.

OFFICERS:	President: Robert Stone	-Thetford Center	- 785-4237
	Vice Pres: Doug Stone	-Thetford Center	- 785-2140
	Treasurer: Bruce Avery	-North Thetford	- 333-9671
	Secretary: Rhett Scruggs	-East Thetford	- 333-4067

MEMBERSHIP: Currently 200 members, 17 are junior members. Open to any person interested in helping with our stated purpose. Junior membership is available to persons aged 15 and under.

MEETINGS: 3rd Wednesday of each month. Held at the Thetford Elementary School Library September - May, 7:00 pm and at the club grounds June - Aug, 6:30 pm. Annual meeting is held in February.

ACTIVITIES: Ice fishing derby on Lake Fairlee in February – 120 participants in 2004. Kid's fishing derby in June - 37 children participated in 2004. Sponsored a Firearms Hunter Safety class and a Bow Hunter Safety class in the fall - certificates were presented to 24 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 16 Bow Hunter Safety Students in 2004. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer - 4 were sponsored in 2003.

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

Rhett W. Scruggs
Secretary

ELIZABETH MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT

The Elizabeth Mine, a former iron, copperas and copper mine, bordering the towns of Thetford and Strafford, has been polluting Copperas Brook and the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc since its closure in 1958. Representatives from the Thetford Select Board and Conservation Commission as well as Thetford and Strafford residents in the Elizabeth Mine Study Group have been working with landowners, community groups from Strafford, and federal and state agencies for eight years to clean up the mine. The mine site was included on EPA's National Priorities List of Superfund sites in 2001.

Technical studies by the EPA in the winter of 2003, to prepare for the remediation of the site, found that the face of 27-acre Tailing Pile 1 (TP-1) was unstable and in danger of failing. EPA determined that such a failure might result in a huge mud slide of waste tailings flowing down the Copperas Brook and Ompompanoosuc River valleys, destroying 11 houses along the river in Thetford and ecological damage as far down the Ompompanoosuc as the Connecticut River.

This human health threat resulted in an emergency response action at the Mine begun in 2003 and completed in the fall of 2004. A 36" diameter plastic pipe was installed to carry the flow of Copperas Brook through the tailing pile (this replaced a failing 24" diameter concrete pipe). The angle of the tailing pile's steep face was reduced in order to stabilize the pile, which required the relocation of about 70,000 cubic yards of material and building out a sand and soil buttress on the bottom half. And footing drains were installed at the bottom of the tailing pile. All stabilized areas were then graded and seeded.

About 68% of the buttress material, or 55,000 cubic yards, was obtained from an on-site borrow pit. The remaining buttress material and additional material that was needed was used for the roads, erosion stabilization, topsoil, lime, and ditches, was brought in from off site in 3,500 truck loads from West Lebanon. The abnormally wet summer in 2004 made it impossible to extract more local borrow material and made working conditions more difficult.

To date, about \$11,000,000 has been spent on the cleanup. Much work remains to be done at the site, including: diverting surface and groundwater away from tailing piles, dealing with Tailing Pile 3, (TP-3) the most polluting section of the Mine site, and determining and installing the final capping system on TPs-1 & 2. However, there is currently no funding for the final cleanup of the site due to inadequate funding of the Superfund program by Congress and will likely result in delayed action at the Elizabeth Mine site. Representatives from local groups and state agencies working on the clean up have actively approached Vermont's congressional delegation and federal EPA to seek reestablishment of Superfund funding for this and other projects.

During studies in 2004, EPA found levels of cadmium and manganese above health based levels in the groundwater beneath and adjacent to TP-1, TP-2 and TP-3, with the cadmium levels in groundwater at TP-3 more than 200 times over the federal and state safe drinking water standards. Levels of lead above human health levels were found in the soil in one area below TP-3. Further tests will be conducted on these areas to determine the source and potential remediation of this contamination.

EPA will continue its work on the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study this year to determine what additional future work might be necessary at the site in order to complete cleanup. Additional

areas of focus include Lord Brook Watershed which is potentially impacted by the south open bedrock cut, the old south mine, a waste rock pile called TP-4, and the underground mine workings. Vermont State Agencies and local groups will continue our efforts to our work with EPA to review and comment on this study and future plans as the project moves forward. We will also continue informing and including the public in the process.

If you have questions or comments about this project, please contact:

Thetford Select Board, 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 Upper Valley River Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan*, taking a close look at river access, riverfront recreational development, scenic views, and more, including the practical question of whether all our towns are prepared for emergency water rescues. We helped stimulate a state study of water quality in the Connecticut River after discovering gaps in information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing, and boating.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, including advice to the State of New Hampshire on riverbank projects, advising landowners on dock proposals, and following the continued commercial and highway developments in West Lebanon.

We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shore land protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal of riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room.

The Upper Valley Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the third Monday evening of every other month, at the Thetford Bicentennial Building. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

Cy Severance and Linda Matteson, Thetford representatives

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

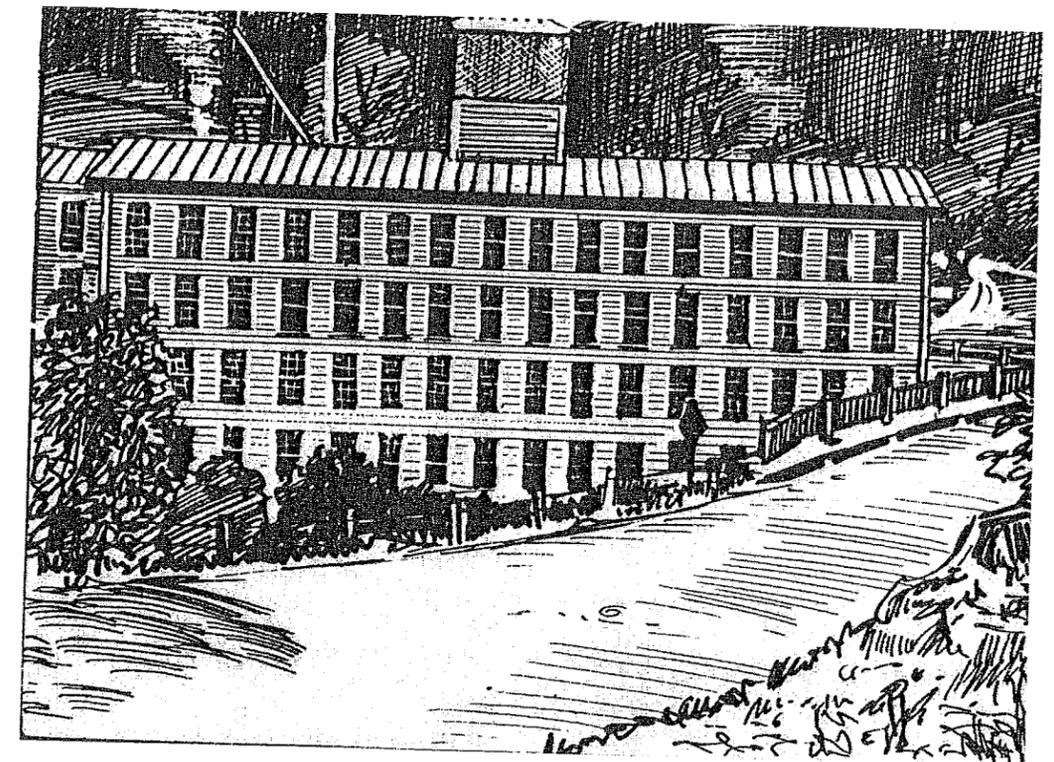
This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as the future of hydro dam ownership and status of boating law enforcement on the river to economic development initiatives in the valley. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region.

In 2004, the Commissions stimulated a water quality assessment of the entire 275 miles of river shared by New Hampshire and Vermont. The NH Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection Agency led the study to bring reliable information to those using the river and planning for its future. CRJC also sponsored a major study of the river's behavior in the north country, to better understand the reasons for erosion and how the river moves through its valley.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including natural resources inventories for the Waits River headwaters, several recreation and river access projects, a stream study of the Stevens River, and a mini-watershed plan for the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc River.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway. This year we won a federal grant to provide signage for each of them, and created a video about the river valley, "Welcome to the Heart of New England." CRJC provides coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at www.crjc.org for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, *River Valley News*.



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TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION 2004 YEAR-END REPORT

During 2004, the Regional Commission provided technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. TRORC functions 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 Transportation Enhancement Grants and assisted our towns in procuring design engineers, processing requisitions for payment, and organizing public meetings for local input - Two Rivers helped projects get built. TRORC also assisted communities as they worked their way through the environmental permitting process on transportation projects and conducted many traffic counts, speed limit studies and intersection analyses.

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 by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Projects focused on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff helped write and coordinate many of the First Responder Grants for safety equipment received by our towns.

Economic Development Planning - In 2004, the Regional Commission continued working 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 helps towns locate funding sources for clean-up. An additional \$200,000 was received by TRORC this year to help to those communities with properties contaminated by petroleum products. In addition, TRORC spent considerable time maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal economic development administration money.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

GEORGE D. AIKEN RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) celebrated 40 years of "making things happen" for towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects this past year. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments watershed groups and nonprofit organizations 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 2004 include:

- 13 towns received a total of \$68,685 to improve water quality and upgrade back roads through our better back roads grants
- We are developing complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting for three towns
- 26 towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires
- We provided \$60,000 in grants and \$119,000 in loans to support agri-tourism on farms
- 1 town received assistance from a consultant to help them prepare for and go through an ISO (Insurance Service Office) evaluation. Towns are given a rating from 1 to 10 by the ISO and many insurance companies use that rating to set their rates. If a town can lower their ISO rating, it may lead to lower insurance costs for businesses and residents in that town
- We serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership, Orange County Headwaters project and Connecticut River Birding Trail
- Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Envirothon

Other current projects include helping a town with flooding problems, erosion control and stream bank stabilization in several locations, helping to develop community centers and recreation fields and two projects helping to connect residents with locally grown food. We currently have funding available for low interest loans (3.0 - 5.0%) to develop agri-tourism 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 organization 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.

**GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**
2004 Annual Report of Activities
— THETFORD —

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 2004 while also planning for the member towns' long-term waste management needs, including continued planning and development of the North Hartland landfill. The District achieved a significant milestone in 2004 by fully permitting the publicly-owned solid waste landfill as envisioned by the Vermont's Act 78 solid waste law.

Services to Thetford and its residents included—

- Access to household hazardous waste and recycling services required by the State of Vermont.
- Planning for the town's long-term waste management needs, including continued planning and development of the North Hartland landfill.
- Special collections of big trash, tires, and household hazardous waste held in Thetford.
- Direct service to 323 Thetford residents who participated in District sponsored events including household hazardous waste events, scrap metal collection, used oil collection, compost bin sales, tire collections, bulky waste collection, and computer recycling.

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.

Fred Moody
Executive Director, GUVSWMD

GREEN UP VERMONT
~ Green Up Day, May 7, 2005 -- 35th Anniversary! ~

Thirty-four 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 works to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment.

Well over 15,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2004, using over 35,000 Green Up bags, collecting hundreds of 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 annual Vermont tradition of, 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 10 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.

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MILFOIL PROJECT Project Completion Summary

The Lake Fairlee Community completed another season of aggressive milfoil control with significant changes from prior years. Numerous volunteers and paid staff worked very hard, mostly motivated by a common desire to have a healthy lake. This effort paid off with the removal of more milfoil than in any previous year.

This was the first year that we began to see some of the benefits of implementing new techniques including bottom barriers and suction harvesting. About an acre of barrier was installed in the fall of '03, removing an area that did not have to consume resources this year. Additional barrier membrane was installed in areas with similar high resource demands. At the end of the season we began to use our suction harvester which was immediately far more efficient than hand pulling. Growth in some of the worst areas was controlled, which provided a much brighter outlook going forward. Nevertheless, there were a few areas where we saw further spreading. We benefited from the experience of our returning staff who tried to find the most efficient and safe methods of implementing the new equipment. One staff member spent a considerable part of the season building the suction harvester along with volunteers. Community outreach activities continued but at a lower level than prior years. This was partly due to a stronger focus on implementing the new control methods. Hand pulling was not promoted as much as in the past. Most of our resources were expended on the dive crew so they could install the bottom barriers, continue hand pulling, and finish construction and implementation of the suction harvester. The volume of milfoil removed was initially less than prior years because the bottom barriers didn't result in material being removed. The suction harvester was so productive in the last few weeks that by the end of the season we had removed more milfoil than in 2003. More importantly, we controlled more milfoil than would normally be possible in more than two years of hand pulling.

The Milfoil Project was multifaceted. Volunteers played a necessary role with hand pulling areas around their camps that are hard to get to with other crews. Volunteers also helped with administrative duties, fund raising, education, and building the suction harvester. The dive team consisted of two teams of two scuba divers. A third boat was donated and used to help shuttle divers and plant material back and forth from the staging areas. The crew also used a pontoon boat, which had the suction harvesting equipment mounted on it at the end of the year. The equipment was easily removable so the large flat deck could be used for bottom barrier installation. A fifth boat with a large motor was donated at the end of the year for towing the trash rack. Shallow water teams, called "Rubber Duckies", consisted of teams of two or three people without scuba gear.

Looking to the future, the lake community is optimistic. If the local, state and federal governments continue to allocate funds to milfoil control, and donors are willing, we will be able to continue in high gear. Two new methods have dramatically improved our productivity. Donations declined this year, as expected, but will need to increase in the future to sustain this level of activity. Chemical treatments, such as Flouridone remain prohibitively expensive and environmentally unpopular. Approximately 120 acres of Lake Fairlee have been targeted as areas of nuisance plant control. An estimated 300 cubic yards of milfoil were removed. This represents 14,006 large dive bags, 54 cubic yards with the suction harvester plus about 3000 gallons of plant material.

GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

GMEDC has completed another very active year. Our thanks to all of those who have served and made a contribution over the months and years.

A major portion of our endeavors have fallen under the Pilot Program, a formal way of approaching new and existing clients. It features reliance on SBDC and SCORE for consultation assistance. At the midpoint of our year we were working with 29 clients in 29 communities that represented 516 jobs.

Governor Douglas, Secretary of Commerce Kevin Dorn and Commissioner Mike Quinn have made regular visits in our area promoting economic development and job growth opportunities. We are pleased to have received their attention and assistance in our efforts. The State of Vermont has provided significant assistance in all that we have accomplished.

The most significant single venture has been in Hancock where GMEDC worked diligently to support the capital formation efforts of Vermont Plywood LLC in their efforts to purchase and restart the former Chesapeake Plywood facility. We helped the Town of Hancock obtain a \$730,000 grant to be used for working capital and purchase of the equipment. USDA and Union Bank joined the team to make this acquisition a reality, which will create as many as 50 jobs. The Town of Hancock eagerly supported this effort and has worked well with GMEDC to make this happen.

We have spent considerable energy on the Randolph School/DuBois & King project. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for November 22, 2004. The community has other significant projects under way, as well, including the Randolph Craft Center. They continue to utilize our services and more opportunities are emerging at this time.

The Bradford area is on the verge of several new and exciting ventures and GMEDC wants to be on the leading edge of that movement.

It is our continuous goal to assist communities and businesses in any way that we can to retain and create jobs. It is our desire to assist the 30 towns in our region with any economic development problems or opportunities. This will help to enhance the economic vitality in our region and the State of Vermont.

We sincerely seek opportunities to serve in any way we can. Your support is appreciated.

KIDS PLACE

Kids Place is a non-profit organization in Randolph that offers supervised visitation, exchanges, and parenting support for families in Orange County. Kids Place is establishing additional sites for their services to be located in Bradford and Chelsea.

The Kids Place program allows children to see a parent who otherwise might be absent from their lives if supervised visitation weren't available. Kids Place wants to help families preserve the bonds between parents and their children that could be lost during the break-up within a family. Kids Place works closely with the court system, judges, SRS, attorneys, Safeline, law enforcement, and other parties that may be involved or concerned of the situation. This is all done with the benefit and welfare of the children placed first and foremost by Kids Place staff.

Kids Place has hired a new Direct Services Coordinator this year. This coordinator acts as a liaison in the Orange County Family Court on a weekly basis, and also meets with community organizations and citizens to spread awareness about supervised visitation options and services in Orange County. Kids Place has provided trainings for their monitors on such subjects as the court system, domestic violence, and divorce issues. The Kids Place can attribute much of its success to the dedication and understanding of our monitors, who give many hours of their time to provide their services to help families in need.

If you would like additional information about the services we provide, or volunteer opportunities in your area, please call us at 802-685-7809.



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To the Citizens of the Communities we Proudly Serve:

We are pleased to present our 14th annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our eight (now - nine) communities since July 1, 1990. In the past fourteen years, Upper Valley has responded to over 19,000 ambulance calls. This year we will have responded to over 900 requests for emergency medical assistance from the nine communities we serve.

Corinth voted to join at last year's Town Meeting. They are the ninth town served by UVA. We are very pleased providing emergency services to a larger portion of Vermont and New Hampshire. 2004 has proven to be a challenging year from a businesses perspective. 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. Reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payors continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Despite this, we strive to continue providing a high level of service

2005 should be no different. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which placed ambulances on a fixed fee schedule was implemented in 2002 and "adjustments" are ongoing. Insurance rates continue to climb, and the job market remains tight. UVA continues to practice conservative fiscal management. After countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors have approved the 2005 budget reflecting no increase in our request of \$15.00/ per capita.

The cornerstone of Upper Valley Ambulance is our personnel. We are proud to have paramedic level EMTs staffing our ambulances. The clinical equipment is updated and hands-on training is ongoing. Further training allows Critical Care Paramedics to transport critical patients with the complex equipment between hospitals.

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 \$40 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 continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Lancaster, Chair
Board of Directors

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns' mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Vermonters use more local government services and interact more with their local government officials on a daily basis than with any other level of government. These governmental services 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 all but a very few municipalities, the property tax is the sole option a municipality has for raising revenue to fund its municipal and school responsibilities.

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

- Training, municipal assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities. In the past year, we have responded to more than 3,000 telephone and e-mail inquiries. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by municipal officials. VLCT distributed more than 575 copies of local government publications and distributed more than 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's Weekly Legislative Report to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.
- 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, in land use discussions and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- 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 municipal employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance as well as reasonable insurance rates.

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.72 per capita plus a \$500 service fee per year. These funds support much of the work of the VLCT Municipal Assistance Center. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 42 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3.2 million.

Individuals interested in finding out more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including reviewing its audited financial statements, can visit the VLCT Website at www.vlct.org.

RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

It has been a very active year for the Rice's Mills Community Association (RMCA) with numerous events and great progress on our building renovation project. RMCA established a Building Committee, which has been researching renovation options & materials, and suggesting prioritized work to the entire association so that decisions can be made.

Since the beginning of 2004 many RMCA volunteers have devoted long hours to complete the structural work to strengthen the interior roof members and get ready for new standing-seam roofing. This effort was coordinated by Garrett Hack. Volunteers also installed strapping on the ceiling joists, to which Jeff Snelling & his Lyme, NH crew hung & plastered new sheetrock.

Neal Meglathery, Bob Walker & Steve Hoffman upgraded the electrical wiring and installed our wonderful new schoolhouse lights much like those that have been missing since the 1960's, except these are dimmable and efficient as well. Two ceiling fans were kindly donated and installed which will help with heating and/or cooling the building when needed.

A donation of new room-darkening window shades has made it more pleasant to enjoy an "armchair travel" slideshow at our community center in the evenings. Mary Bryant has been doing much research on composting toilets and options for installing a water source in the building in the future.

In spring the greenhouse provided an ideal space for starting vegetable and flower seedlings for members' home gardens. Monthly RMCA potluck dinners followed by social events began in May and continued through October on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

It's been a year and a half since our "Garden Rejuvenation Day" with senior citizens and youths, and we are happy to report that the results of all their labor have given the community a lovely new garden to enjoy. We hope you'll stop by to "smell the roses."

This fall, RMCA was awarded an \$11,000 grant from the Preservation Trust of Vermont and the Freeman Foundation for building restoration and renovations which may include a propane heater, insulation, and new exterior doors with screens.

The building continues to serve its members and is being rented and used by individuals and community organizations. This summer three week-long Art Camps taught by Debra Kraemer were based at the community center. It's delightful to have the building used for teaching children once again. RMCC hosted The Parish Players rehearsals of their play, "As You Like It" and the annual meeting of the Copperas Hill Coalition, which is working on the cleanup of the Elizabeth Mine.

A special event called "(WAY) Back to School Night" organized by Cynthia Taylor & Mary Bryant was held on October 16th and featured five former Rice's Mills Schoolhouse graduates. We thank Lois Overton, Leona Paige Foote, Warren "Sunny" Bailey and brothers Lee & Barry Ilsley for keeping the audience of 40 local residents entertained with tales of what it was like attending school in a one-room schoolhouse.

New improvements are taking place monthly, making our community center a great place to gather with friends and neighbors! Donations of time and/or money are always welcome and encouraged. Donations can be mailed to Polly Cole/Treasurer at 790 Poor Farm Road, Thetford Center, VT 05075.

Debra Kraemer
Chair, Building Committee

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- **Bioterrorism and Emergency Preparedness:** The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local health office activities include monitoring and early identification of disease; investigating disease sources; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; training personnel; as well as planning and testing regional responses with hospitals and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) #12.
- **Special Supplemental Food & Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):** WIC improves the health of eligible pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children through access to health care, nutrition education and individually designed nutritious food packages. In 2003, 44 women, infants and young children living in Thetford received health and nutrition screening, education and nutritious foods through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$40.00 per person each month.
- **Reportable Disease Investigations:** Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S., accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Department of Health investigates all reportable disease cases, such as hepatitis, meningitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea. When these illnesses occur, we strive to determine their source and recommend measures to control and prevent further spread of disease. In 2003, Orange County had 69 cases of disease investigated.
- **Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care costs, 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 costs from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont are more than \$2.5 million. In 2003, the Vermont Department of Health distributed more than \$244,777 worth of vaccine to health care providers in the White River Junction District.
- **Food & Lodging Inspections:** Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools and fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreak. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are storing food at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, unsafe food sources, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include a 44-item review to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling, as well as to identify potential risks. Of the 14 establishments in your area, there were 17 inspections in 2003. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, please go to www.healthyvermonters.info and select "Program List" then scroll down to "Division of Health Protection" and select "Restaurant Inspection Scores."
- **Town Health Officer (THO) Program:** Every town in Vermont has a THO who is nominated by the Select Board and appointed by the Commissioner of Health. THOs work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints and septic systems. The Department of Health supports THOs with training, information and technical assistance. From July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004, the Health Department assisted your THO and Thetford residents with 2 inquiries.
- **West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance:** WNV first appeared in the U.S. in 1999. Birds and mammals (including 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. As of September 20, 2004, there had been 19,639 mosquitoes collected, with one mosquito pool testing positive. In Orange County from June – September 20, 2004, 28 dead birds were reported, 11 were tested, and none was found to be infected with WNV. There were no horses testing positive, or probable human cases of WNV reported in Vermont during this time period.

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and promote the public's health. Current challenges include emergency preparedness and response to disease threats, development of substance abuse treatment opportunities, and the reorganization of the Agency of Human Services, which shifted Vermont's mental health efforts to the Department of Health. This past year, the Department also increased its services to women age 40 and older to help access screening for conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease in addition to breast and cervical cancer.

If you would like to learn more about these or other efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Health Department's White River Junction District Office at (802) 295-8820. Please visit our website at www.healthyvermonters.info for recent publications, news updates and other current information about public health.



CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC)

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 9,123 individuals in 4,150 households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support Services, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 20 individuals in 8 Thetford and Post Mills families with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

Here are some CVCAC program statistics for Thetford & Post Mills:

- 3 households (including 13 family members) received emergency assistance with food, shelter, Crisis Fuel, and other basic needs.
- 2 households participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 4 family members.

- 2 people received training and technical assistance from our Micro Business Development program to start or expand small businesses.
- 1 household benefited from lower utility bills and increased comfort through the free assistance provided by our Weatherization Program.

Our 2005 Funding Request: Community Action uses a formula for our funding requests to all towns based on population, number of residents served, and dollars spent in each community. Based on that formula, we are requesting \$300 from the citizens of Thetford & Post Mills to support Community Action. Your support is critical to our work, and the Board and staff of Community Action are most grateful for your help.

Central Vermont Community Action Council is supported in part by the towns we serve!

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**VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND HOSPICE OF VERMONT
 AND NEW HAMPSHIRE
 Home Care, Hospice and Family Health**

The VNA and Hospice is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net - with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Regardless of ability to pay, we are committed to provide care those uninsured and under-insured individuals residing in the communities we serve to access needed and medically necessary, skilled-level home-health services

We value the continued partnership with the Town of Thetford to help us meet your residents' home care, hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

- Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term and chronic illness. For many such patients, many are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.
- Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through Hospice they have that control.

- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants and young children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.

The VNA provided the following services this past year: (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004)

Home Care	
Skilled Nursing	585
Physical Therapy	139
Speech Therapy	24
Occupational Therapy	34
Medical Social Worker	8
Home Health Aide	557
Homemaker	144
Hospice & Private Duty Visits	42
Total Visits	1,533
Hospice	
Patient Families served	3
Maternal Child Health Program	
Children	11

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Larman

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To the Citizens of Thetford:

We thank you for your continued financial support in the fight against substance abuse. The monies that you contribute are used to fund several programs that serves the residents of Thetford along with many other residents of the State of Vermont. Our Crisis Hotline, Crisis Teenline, and the National Hopeline – 1-800-Suicide are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Headrest is 1 of 70 national call-in sites for 1-800-Suicide and we are accredited by the American Association of Suicideology whose headquarters are in Washington, D.C. Last year we had received a total of 12,000+ calls on our crisis hotlines and this service is funded solely by the local Towns & Cities (like Thetford), the United Way of the Upper Valley, the United Way of Sullivan County and private donations. Our crisis hotline has been in operation for 33 years, that's more than 12,000 consecutive 24 hour days of continual service to the Upper Valley.

The number of Thetford residents who have called any of our "24-Hour Crisis Hotlines" is increasing each year. We have answered over hundred calls from individuals who identified themselves as Thetford residents. It's clear to us that the Thetford residents have found our services to be beneficial and at times they were identified as the catalysis that brought change for a healthier lifestyle. Once again, all of our crisis hotlines stay operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and have proven themselves to be a valuable community resource.

Substance abuse has been identified as one of the leading public health issues that we are facing locally and nationally. Studies show that nationally, deaths directly related to drug use have more than doubled since the early 1980's. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention found in their 1995 study that "Alcohol is a major factor in the leading causes of youth death – Accidents, Homicides and Suicide."

Once again, we thank the citizens of Thetford for their continued support.

Respectfully,

Michael Cryans
Executive Director

MAPLE LEAF FARM ASSOCIATES, INC.

Maple Leaf Farm operates a 33-bed residential treatment center for adults age 17 and older who suffer from chemical dependency. Maple Leaf Farm also provides on-site medical detoxification services. The "Farm" is located in Underhill, Vermont on sixty-six secluded acres in the foothills of Mount Mansfield and provides privacy and serenity that helps in the healing process. Our mission: to improve the quality of life for persons affected by substance use, abuse and dependence, by providing evidence based medical detoxification and clinical treatment services.

Maple Leaf Farm provides a refuge from the stress of daily living and a safe, supportive community of peers in a drug and alcohol free environment. Here at the Farm, patients can begin to address their drug and alcohol dependency in a confidential, non-judgmental and supportive environment. We are also dedicated to reducing the barriers to treatment and recovery and the stigma experienced by persons suffering with the disease of substance dependence.

This past year we have made some significant changes to our programming. We have moved from a two-week curriculum to a three-week curriculum that allows important additional educational and supportive therapy elements to be presented to our patients. With three weeks, we have significantly increased the number of topic areas that are addressed in our, now five-times a week Community group focused on teaching sober coping skills. Based on research, continuation in treatment as well as life without substance use, these groups address issues both immediate and long-term. Some of the most important skill areas addressed include learning to deal with sleep disturbances, depression, anxiety, anger, grief, stress, and shame as well as developing more adaptive problem-solving skills, mindfulness, and self-esteem enhancement, and more effective communication strategies, interpersonal skills, and emotional regulation. Lastly, within community-wide groups, we have made Auricular Acupuncture groups available to all residential and detoxing patients four days-a-week. We hope to increase the availability of these groups through additional staff training in the coming year.

As CEO of Maple Leaf Farm, I wish to extend a thank you for the support your town has provided to the patients we serve. As one patient's family wrote, "Many thanks to all who have worked to help Alcoholics make a news life for themselves. Thank you for keeping your door and your minds open for anyone who wants to recover. May this place be here until Alcoholics are extinct. God Bless."

Respectfully Submitted,

William Young
Executive Director

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Preparer: Katie Borden, Marketing/Operations Manager

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) greatly appreciates the Town of Thetford for including a contribution to VABVI in their budget.

Founded in 1926, VABVI pursues a mission to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. All of our services are provided without charge to the client, to ensure that no one is excluded due to financial concerns. During the 2004 fiscal year, we served nearly 1,400 clients from all fourteen counties in Vermont, including 2 children and 2 adults from the Town of Thetford.

The 2 children that we serve in your community receive a variety of support and services from VABVI. We provide the support, tools and materials necessary for students to succeed in school, at home, and in the community. Our itinerant Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) begin work with infants, children and their families as soon as visual impairment is discovered. Some skills and services that TVIs teach include:

- Instruction in Braille, as well as obtaining textbooks in Braille, large print, and on audiotape so visually impaired children have the same materials as their sighted peers;
- Orientation and mobility training;
- A Transition Program to help teens successfully move from high school to college or the workplace;
- An Intense Residential Life Experiences (IRLE) education program, which provides opportunities for our youngest clients to learn independence, and self-esteem, and meet others coping with vision loss.

The 2 visually impaired adults from the Town of Thetford also receive a variety of support and services from VABVI. From reading, writing and cooking, to hobbies, recreation and travel, we help visually impaired adults maintain their independence and dignity. Services for adults include:

- **Orientation and mobility training, including white cane instruction;**
- **We offer home adaptation and recommendations, training and procurement of aids and appliances;**
- **Adult Service Providers (ASP's) help our clients to continue performing daily tasks and activities that may have become difficult;**
- **The Central Vermont Mini Center, a training facility for consumers coping with vision loss;**
- **Peer Assisted Learning and Support (PALS) groups that meet monthly in eleven locations around the state for peer education, group support, coping skills, ways to modify and handle everyday tasks, group interaction skills, and an opportunity for involvement in the community.**

Volunteers are an important part of our organization. Last year 253 volunteers drove 199,672 miles and donated 14,036 hours of service – the equivalent of seven and a half full time employees – either by driving, reading, walking, shopping, brailleing, providing companionship, working in our offices or other capacities. It is in large part because of these volunteers that we spent 88 cents out of every dollar on direct services in your community last year.

Children and adults need to realize that there is no reason they cannot succeed in life provided they have the right tools and positive motivation they need to help make that success a reality. In 1930 Helen Keller said it best, "What really counts in life is the quiet meeting of every difficulty with the determination to get out of it all the good there is." As direct service providers, VABVI believes that independence should never be compromised. To become a volunteer or to learn more about our services, contact us at (800) 639-5861, general@vabvi.org or visit our website at www.vabvi.org.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING Summary for the Town of Thetford Annual Report

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. VCIL, a private non-profit organization, 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, from October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004, VCIL responded to over **2,000** 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 **355** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided **401** households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over **345** with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to **76** Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through the Vermont Equipment Distribution Program, and delivered meals to almost **555** Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

VCIL's central office is located in Montpelier with three regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses a disability resource library and the toll-free information line, through which answers to disability-related questions are provided to callers from every Vermont community. Our locally-based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 2004, VCIL provided direct services to 7 residents of the Town of Thetford utilizing the following services/programs:

Information & Referral
Meals on Wheels (for people with disabilities under the age of 60)
Sue Williams Freedom Fund
Peer Advocacy Counselor Program
Equipment Distribution Project

To learn more about VCIL, call toll-free at 1-800-639-1522

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 assistance to 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.

For information contact the Bradford location of Upper Valley Services, Inc. at 1-802-222-9235.

ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

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 of 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. Contracts may involve an apology to the victim, mediation between offender and victim, restitution, mental health or substance abuse counseling, a jail tour, community service, a donation to a worthy cause, completion of a GED, a job search, writing an essay, or other appropriate activities related to the offense. Diversion clients have performed volunteer work for local libraries, hospitals, cemeteries, road crews, recycling centers, schools, senior centers, volunteer fire departments and the like. Approx. 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 177 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2004. Of this amount, 79 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 98 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. With the exception of a few cases that were transferred 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 FY04 paid a total of \$7,793.00 in restitution to victims and victim related causes, and performed 478 hours of community service.

Orange County Court Diversion budgeted \$73,822.00 for its FY04 operating budget. Approx. 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
PO Box 58 Chelsea, VT 05038 802-685-3172

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN THETFORD

~~Local Partnerships in Learning~~

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

Students and teachers meet in classes, one-to-one, and/or small group sessions to complete an individual learning program which suits the requirements of each adult student. This "school without walls" ties together basic literacy and math skills with practical interest areas. Helping children with homework, budgeting, filling out forms and applications, beginning computer skills, studying for a driver's permit or a Commercial Driving License, reading work related texts or writing reports are just a few of the many areas for which adults seek help.

Five adults from Thetford were enrolled in CVABE's free programs last year. Volunteers from the community helped make this education service accessible to all Thetford residents.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education has served the people of Orange, Washington, and Lamoille County for nearly forty years. For more information about Central Vermont Adult Basic Education services, please contact:

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education
Barre Learning Center
46 Washington St.—Suite 100
Barre, Vermont 05641
(802) 476-4588

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education
Bradford Learning Center
24 Barton St. (Suite 1)—PO Box 917
Bradford, Vermont 05033
(802) 222- 3282

For information about CVABE's learning sites located throughout Orange, Washington, and Lamoille Counties, please call CVABE headquarters in Barre: (802) 476-4588.

BUGBEE SENIOR CENTER WHITE RIVER COUNCIL ON AGING

The Bugbee Senior Center is a multipurpose senior center which delivers a broad spectrum of services to residents over 60 and their families. Services provided during FY 2004 were: Center and Home-Delivered Meals, transportation, advocacy, paralegal services, housing assistance, information and referral, nutrition screening and education, health clinics, volunteer opportunities, informative monthly newsletter, support groups, educational and recreational opportunities. We are the gateway into the aging network for those requiring assistance in remaining vital, independent adults.

We have available for seniors, three IBM computers which can be used to access online services, correspondence, games, etc. Additionally, we have caring volunteers working one on one to help familiarize folks with computers. We have our own web site as well.

During FY 04, we had the privilege of providing services to 140 Thetford individuals over the age of 60 in a combination of the above listed services. During 2004, 36 Thetford residents joined us for lunch 952 times! The Bugbee Senior Center provided 1,248 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. 1,788 copies of our newsletter (the "Bugbee Bulletin") were sent to 140 individuals in Thetford.

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

Kathleen W. Avery
Executive Director



MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM

Lorraine Carbino, local coordinator, wishes to thank the regular route drivers – Gail Dimick, Joseph and Dorothy Tofel, Alice Gollnick, John Hall and Paul Rump as well as the "spares" Paul Raymond, Nancy Vaughan and Helen Oska.



11 Main St Randolph, VT 05060 (802) 728-4466	Safe Haven 4 Highland Ave Randolph, VT 05060 (802) 728-5233	Challenger School 579 VT Rte 14 So E Randolph, 05041 (802) 728-3896	1483 Lower Plain Rd Bradford, VT 05033 (802) 222-4477	CVSAS 100 Hospitality Dr Berlin, VT (802) 223-4156
356 VT Rte. 110 Chelsea, VT 05038 (802) 728-4466	24 South Main St Randolph, VT 05060 (802) 728-6000		Regional Alt Prgrm Norwich Ave Wilder, VT 05088 (802) 295-8628	Quitting Time 61 Depot Rd Wilder, VT 05088 (802) 295-1311

Clara Martin Center 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):

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School-based & Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance

- Free Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol & other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

Clara Martin Center continually demonstrates its commitment to the community and remains focused on the quality enhancement of services provided to our consumers. Thus, in conjunction with the reorganization of the Agency of Human Services throughout 2004 at the state level, Clara Martin Center has also reshaped the manner in which our Child and Family program is structured. The Director of School Services position is a recently developed role that allows us to have a stronger focus on the school services we provide throughout the greater Orange County area. Our Challenger School, Regional Alternative Program, Home School Coordinator and Student Assistance Professional contracts and employees are centralized. Our school-based staff continue to be an integral part of the school community and the Clara Martin Center workforce.

Care Partner positions, which were created to integrate primary care and behavioral health services have been added to our Chelsea site location and have enabled us to offer services out of the Gifford Family Health Center in Bethel. The establishment of these positions serves to assist adults and adolescents with solution focused, behavioral interventions

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.

FY04 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC

Children & Family Services	663
Adult Services	565
CSP Services*	179
Substance Abuse Services	1,251
Walk-in Clinic Services	100
Emergency Contacts	<u>1,977</u>
Total Served:	4,735

TOTAL SERVED FROM THETFORD

Child and Family Services	14
Adult Services	11
CSP Services*	5
Substance Abuse Services	17
Walk-in Clinic Services	<u>1</u>
Total Served:	48

2005 Town Appropriations Request = \$4,266 (Same figure we have used for the past 19 years)

*CSP is our community support program that serves the chronically mentally ill population. 10/04

With abundant thanks for being a partner in our work in your town and the community at large.

**ACORN - A COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK
Accomplishments Fiscal Year 2004**

* AIDS Community Resource Network (ACORN) continues to be the only provider of programs and services to people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as, community educational programs in 94 municipalities throughout Orange/Windsor Counties in Vermont and Sullivan/Grafton Counties in New Hampshire.

* ACORN case managers provided comprehensive case management services to a total of 51 individuals infected with HIV and 135 affected family members and partners. These case management services included; education and counseling services, employment counseling, assistance in accessing medical treatment and medical insurance programs, direct financial assistance, transportation services, respite care, and referrals to other support services such as mental health and substance abuse counseling.

* ACORN dispersed a total of \$38,500.00 in direct financial assistance to 51 infected persons living with HIV/AIDS and 135 affected family members and significant others. Nutritional support was the leading expense at \$7,000.00, followed by \$6,400 to support and maintain a secure living environment and \$5,000.00 was spent on transportation to insure access to medical treatment and support services.

* ACORN remains the only free and anonymous HIV testing and counseling provider in the Upper Valley. During this past year 48 individuals received free HIV testing and approximately 100 hours of HIV education and safer sex counseling.

* ACORN provided approximately 1,200 incarcerated men and woman in Vermont Correctional facilities with over 3,000 hours of basic HIV education and risk reduction information.

* ACORN established a separate free standing non-profit organization called, "The Upper Valley Men's Project" (UVMP) in order to provide a greater number of diverse programs and social services for gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning men living and working in the Upper Valley. The UVMP website is located at: www.uvmp.net.

* Near the close of this fiscal year, ACORN staff, board of directors and membership began making specific plans to expand programs and services to include persons infected and affected by Hepatitis C. Hepatitis C is currently the leading blood born viral pandemic throughout the world and within the U.S. It is estimated that Hepatitis C infections are currently ten times greater than those infected with HIV. In this past year, all three of the clients served by ACORN who died were co-infected with HIV and Hepatitis C.

ACORN
Rivermill Commercial Center
85 Mechanic Street Suite 240
Lebanon, NH 03766
603-448-8887

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
MARCH 2, 2004**

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange in the State of Vermont were warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at 9:00 am to transact town business.

The Annual Town Meeting of Thetford, Vermont was called to order at 9:10 am by Joseph Tofel, Town Moderator. He provided information about the PTO coffee concession available, the National Honor Society lunch benefiting the Thetford Academy student trip to Spain, and the concessions available by a local youth group in the afternoon. Childcare provided by the Girl Scouts and National Honor Society. Frances Rich, Bag Piper, led the procession of colors by the Thetford Girl Scouts in a flag ceremony. Local high school students Alex Daum and Amanda Gray sang the Star Spangled Banner. Bertha Brown led the invocation. Introduction of the Treasurer, Clerk and Selectboard members preceded a moment of silence to honor those who passed away this year. Candidates for local office were introduced and Joseph Tofel informed us the first town meeting was most likely in 1768 making this meeting the 236th consecutive meeting.

Article 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town.

The article was moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Mike Brown. Article passed by show of voter cards.

Article 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Friday, October 15th, 2004 by 5:00 pm After this deadline, interest of 1 % per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8 % penalty will be due the town.

The article was moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by William Halsey. Article 2 passed by show of voter cards.

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

The article was moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Mike Brown. Article 3 passed by 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.

Article 4 was moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by William Hallsey. Article 4 passed by show of voter cards.

At 9:25 am the Town Meeting was recessed to allow for annual school district meeting, with completion of town meeting to follow. The annual school district meeting was recessed at 10:30. The town meeting resumed, and Moderator Tofel, with permission from the Town, invited our elected representatives, Senator Mark McDonald and Representatives James Masland and Ann Siebert to

update the Town on activities in Montpelier. At 11:50 am Town Meeting was recessed to allow completion of the Annual School District Meeting, which recessed at 12:18 pm. Town Meeting reconvened at 12:20 pm.

Bob Walker of the Energy Committee spoke of the current Energy plan being presented in the state legislature and encouraged all to write to Thetford's legislative representatives. He also advocated the towns people practice energy efficiency by purchasing the energy efficient bulbs the Energy Committee has on sale.

Mary Spata, Selectboard, presented a Civic Pride Award to retired schoolteacher Cy Severance. Cy serves on the Board of Abatement and is a Justice of the Peace. He has chaired previous building committees, is a member of the current building committee and has organized shelving for the food shelf. In addition, he has volunteered for various jobs at town hall.

Rick Barrows, Selectboard, presented a Civic Pride award to Dave Celone for his rescue efforts at the Thetford Center covered bridge automobile accident.

At 12:23 Town Meeting was recessed and the Annual School District Meeting reconvened. The Thetford School District Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 pm. Lunch recess began 12:32pm

Town Meeting reconvened at 1:35 pm with the absence of electricity due to power outage.

Article 5 Shall the town raise the sum of \$627,495.20 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.

The article was moved by Rick Barrows, seconded by Sarah Clarke. Rick mentioned some of the particular changes to the budget. Frances Rich inquired of the Solid Waste Hauling expense. It was explained that the expenses and offset of revenue, would be necessary if we bought our own truck, there are currently no plans to do such. Betty Waterman inquired on the specifics of dental coverage for town employees. Mark McMahon explained it is a benefit for all full-time employees, but more noticeable as it is broken into departments in this year's budget. Ellis Paige inquired why the Fire Truck Replacement fund has zero funds indicated, Mark McMahon explained the amount was moved to Highway Equipment Fund. Ginne Sonne inquired of the new Fire Warden line item, Mark McMahon explained the Fire Warden Expense used to be in the Selectboard budget, it is now in the Fire Department Budget. Dave Turner questioned the equipment fund and Police vs. Fire Department Fund and Highway Fund, Mark McMahon asked him to wait for explanation during Article 7 discussion. Betty Waterman raised concern about pricing for gasoline and diesel fuel. Mark McMahon explained we have a fixed rate for propane and diesel, but not for gas, the selectboard will look into pricing. Article 5 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$399,517.43 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.

The article was moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Mike Brown. Mark McMahon addressed an increase in budget for line 44 – Garage Equipment/Repairs – the State report found leaching of pentachlorophenol and an unacceptable amount of petroleum hydrocarbons in the soil around the Town Garage as a result of leaks from the diesel fuel storage tank. Mark McMahon explained that the Town, in cooperation with Two Rivers Ottaquechee Planning Commission, applied for

remediation grants, and put some of the investigation expense into the budget. Ellis Paige inquired about line 34, Resurfacing Expenses, he feels it doesn't look like we need to budget so much as it hasn't been used in the last 2 years. Mark McMahon explained that drainage must be addressed, as resurfacing roads requires adequate drainage. For the previous 2 years we've attempted resurfacing but had factors such as personnel issues and the '03 rainstorm with significant flood damage. Without FEMA money to help with flood damage repairs, we'd have had a huge deficit. This year's plan is to resurface 10 miles, though ditching and culverts need to be addressed as well as building roads up. He also explained that the Vehicle Repair/Parts expense to be high due to many serious problems this year that led to drastic steps in that department – dismissals, disciplinary actions and daily meetings between the selectboard chairman and the road foreman. Each truck has been reviewed for current condition for accurate expectation of each vehicle. In the future greater importance will be placed on maintenance. Dave Turner inquired why vehicle supply expenses was so high, and was told it was mostly for truck chains that were missing or broken. Some of the expenses were due to flood damage that was not covered by FEMA. Article 6 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 7 Shall the town raise the sum of \$70,000.00 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.

The article was moved by Mark McMahon, seconded by Ellis Paige. (Please see replacement pages 39 & 40.) Mark McMahon explained that after review of Highway Department trucks replacement schedule, it was decided to put the fire truck into this schedule too. The Town can borrow money for the new fire truck through the Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund at a much lower rate of interest. It is anticipated that a new, rather than used truck will be purchased and a vote would be required next year to purchase the new truck. Dave Lefevre inquired about a new mower in 2006, and the possibility of needing a new tractor. Mark McMahon explained that due to limited use we might downsize the tractor and subcontract mowing work. Ellis Paige inquired about the \$25000 for Fire Truck Replacement Fund last year, Mark McMahon explained that the Fire Truck Replacement is included in the Highway Equipment Fund. Article 7 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 8 Shall the Town spend the sum of \$7,000 from our Reappraisal Fund for the Lister to hire a consultant to develop an equitable assessment of land values and neighborhoods in the Town.

The article was moved by Mary Spata, seconded by Mike Brown. Mary Spata explained the Lister's request to hire a consultant to help develop more sophisticated land schedules and increase the grand list and to better evaluate commercial properties. Rik Fowle questioned if this would help our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA), and was told it definitely would since there is a greater risk of penalties the further the CLA is out of line. Denise Froehlich indicated that the town appears to be moving towards a partial reappraisal. Tim Briglin asked if we were not happy with our current assessment, and Mary Spata explained that was one reason for hiring a consultant. Chuck Cole suggested the CLA problem is the penalty, but should actually be seen as equalization. Larry Schaffer suggested the town not reappraise but just pay the penalty. Mary Spata explained the reappraisal would not be across the board, but would divide taxes more fairly. Denise Froehlich explained that since the CLA is below 100% this year, it adds 7cents to the tax rate. Article 8 passed by show of voter cards.

Article 9 Shall the Town vote in 2005 by Australian Ballot to hold town meeting on the Monday evening preceding Tuesday Town Meeting Day.

The article was moved by Mike Brown, seconded by Elsheva Landman. This was put on the warning by the selectboard at Joseph Tofel's, the Town Moderator, request. Nancy Stanley wanted to know how it would change town meeting, Elsheva Landman suggested some elderly do not like to drive after dark and would not attend. Frank Barker spoke in support of keeping it on Saturday. Linda Ide inquired about the advantage of Australian Ballot, and Mark McMahon explained that state statute requires it. Murray Burk suggested that if the goal is to increase attendance, the day doesn't matter, but perhaps going back to voting more items at town meeting, i.e. officers, school budget, would increase the number of townspeople at Town Meeting. Bill Halsey inquired as to what would happen if this article does not pass; the answer was nothing. Deecie Denison asked the legal process to follow Murray Burk's suggestions about going back to voting more items at Town Meeting and Mark McMahon explained that it would require an article on next year's warning. Richard Haugen asked for clarification of the wording "proceeding Tuesday Town Meeting Day" and Mike Brown explained that Vermont Statue requires the town must meet one of the three days immediately before Town Meeting Tuesday.

Pam Kniesel offered clarification that we are voting today to put the article on the ballot for next year. Rik Fowle made a motion to call the question. The motion to call the question (or end debate) passed by show of voter cards. Article 9 failed by show of voter cards.

Article 10 To transact any other business.

An article was moved by Bob Nichols, seconded by Elsheva Landman "The Town of Thetford is concerned that unlabeled and unregistered genetically engineered seeds are being sold for use by Vermont Farmers. We urge the State Regulatory Agencies to study the long-range consequences of this to Vermont agriculture, particularly as it adversely effects organic farmers. Cross-pollination of crops has not been sufficiently tested. We support a two year moratorium on the use of genetically engineered crops in Vermont until this is done." Bob Nichols presented that genetically altered seeds are contaminating organic crops (drift), Elsheva Landman offered that the long term consequences are unforeseeable and questions whether we can trust the manufacturers to tell us the truth about the safety of genetically engineered seeds. Pricilla Hall pointed out that this article is asking for a moratorium. The motion passed by show of voter cards.

Rik Fowle asked where the Secondary School Options committee is going and would the school board please clearly outline concerns to the board.

Mark McMahon thanked residents for attending – volunteers, police crews, and food sales and asked for recognition for Mary Spata, selectboard member, who has devoted a lot of time to the Town Hall building project and thanked her for her commitment and devotion.

Deecie McNelly Denison asked everyone to read page 89 of the Town Report, Milfoil Project Summary. Joseph Tofel pointed out that drivers are needed for the Meals on Wheels program. Dave Lefevre inquired as to why the Stowell Road Bridge did not open in time and with guardrails not completed. Mark McMahon explained it will be completed in the spring, barriers were put up for safety, delays were due to a late start, the money is being held, and it will not cost us more to complete it later. Dave Lefevre inquired as to why charges weren't filed against the selectboard member who used town equipment for personal use. Mark McMahon explained that the member was censured, and in addition, the selectboard member wrote a letter of apology. Tony DeLaPena

congratulated the selectboard for the manner in which that episode was handled. Dave Turner asked if it was appropriate for an employee traveling to and from home to be using the Town Highway Department pickup truck. With permission to speak, Tim Gibbs, Road Forman, explained that the employee is the emergency contact on-call and uses the truck to check roads. Mark McMahon added all previous on-call contacts used their own vehicles and were never paid time or mileage – this arrangement is only for winter conditions and the mileage and gas usage are monitored. Dave Turner offered his thanks to the selectboard for their year of service.

Article 11 To elect Town and School Officers

Article shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 2, 2004 at the Thetford Community Center Building. Future voting to be done at the newly renovated town hall.

At 3:35 pm the 2004 Annual Thetford Town Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 8:00 am.

A True Record, Attest:

Joseph Tofel
Town Moderator

Mark McMahon
Selectboard Chair

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Borst, Clerk

**TOWN OF THETFORD
2004 AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS
March 2, 2004**

Moderator, 1 year	
Joseph Tofel	724
Write In	6
Blank	91
Spoiled	4
Total	825

Lister, 2 year	
Janet Stowell	703
Write In	4
Blank	114
Spoiled	4
Total	825

Town Clerk, 1 year	
Tracy Borst	703
Write In	21
Blank	96
Spoiled	5
Total	825

Grand Juror, 1 year	
Write In	24
Blank	793
Spoiled	8
Total	825

Town Treasurer, 1 year	
Jill D. Graff	470
Martha J. Howard	307
Write In	0
Blank	43
Spoiled	5
Total	825

Agt To Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 yr	
Write In	25
Blank	794
Spoiled	6
Total	825

Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	
Jill D. Graff	463
Martha J. Howard	309
Write In	0
Blank	48
Spoiled	5
Total	825

Agt to Convey Real Prprty, 1 yr	
Write In	20
Blank	799
Spoiled	6
Total	825

Selectboard, 3 year	
Mark McMahon	718
Write In	13
Blank	90
Spoiled	4
Total	825

Budget Committee 2 year	
Write In	24
Blank	796
Spoiled	5
Total	825

