

THETFORD TOWN OFFICES

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THETFORD POLICE

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT PO Box 330

Thetford Ctr., VT 05075
Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2412
Fire Wardens (Burning Permits):
Ellis Paige – 785-4477
Don Fifield Jr. – 785-2604
Jeff Sirjane – 785-4405

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Town Garage – 785-4679
Pager 240-5527

SELECTBOARD

Mondays at 7:00 PM
Town Hall

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Sharon Harkay – Pager 240-1288
785-4924

HEALTH OFFICER

By Appointment
785-4503

LISTERS

785-2922 ext 4
Office Hours:
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM
Thursday 8:30 – 4:00 (April - November)

PLANNING & ZONING

785-2922 ext 3
Office Hours:
Tuesday: 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon
Thursday: 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

TOWN CLERK

785-2922 ext 5
Office Hours:
Monday: 6:00-8:00 PM
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

TOWN TREASURER

785-2922 ext 2
Office Hours:
Tuesday-Friday: 8:30 AM-3:30 PM

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TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

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Pictures of Town Employees*

THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS

[term expires in "(")]

Agent to Convey Real Property - 1 year

Vacant

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year

Vacant

Budget Committee - 3 year

Lynne Miller ('08)	759 Stevens Rd, E Thetford		785-4410
Ken McDaniels ('08)	PO Box 313, Thetford		785-4908
Mike Pomeroy ('09)	PO Box 128, Thetford	MCPomeroy@hotmail.com	785-2539
Manohar Grewal ('07)	PO Box 128, Thetford		785-2534
Tig Tillinghast ('07)	1708 Tucker Hill Road	tig@watershed-publishing.com	785-4302

Cemetery Commissioners - 3 year

John Wilmot ('08)	PO Box 6, E Thetford		785-4090
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Collector of Delinquent Taxes - 1 year

Jill Graff	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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Grand Juror - 1 year

Mike Brown ('07)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
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Justices of the Peace - 2 year (next election Nov '08)

Mike Brown	437 Burnham Road, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Diane Campbell	PO Box 303, Thetford	Dianes_home_email@earthlink.com	785-2066
Wendy Cole	146 Jackson Brk Rd, Thetford Ctr	Wendy.s.cole@valley.net	785-2698
Laurie Ingalls	346 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr	Karolasting@aol.com	785-3190
Brenda Magoon	PO Box 25, N Thetford	I91x14@aol.com	785-4054
Michael Pomeroy	PO Box 128, Thetford	MCPomeroy@hotmail.com	785-2539
Paul Raymond	PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr		785-4953
Cy Severance	PO Box 21, E Thetford		333-4436
Jean Wolstenholme	PO Box 6, Thetford		785-4567
Suzanne Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	suzannemasland@yahoo.com	785-4146

Listers - 3 year

Denise Adams ('09)	1100 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-4331
Donna Durkee ('08)	PO Box 122, E Thetford	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-4590
Janet Stowell ('07)	462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-4387

Representative for Orange-Windsor (next election Nov '08)

James Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	Jim.Masland@valley.net	785-4146
Margaret Cheney	PO Box 521, Norwich, VT 05055	Margaret.cheney@gmail.com	649-3039

Town of Thetford

School Directors - 2 & 3 year

Andrew Boyce ('07)	PO Box 57, Post Mills	andy_boyce@yahoo.com	333-9962
Robin Brown ('07)	222 Schoolhouse Hill Rd	Kevin.P.Brown@valley.net	333-4727
Kristen Downey ('07)	PO Box 228, Thetford Ctr	Kristenannedowney@yahoo.com	785-4968
Jennifer Reining ('08)	319 Cadwell Rd, E Thetford	Jennifer.Reining@valley.net	785-3083
Susan Weider ('08)	51 Lower Cream St, Thet. Ctr	susie@northernedgeassociates.com	785-4529

School Moderator - 1 year

Mary McNelly Denison	982 Quinibeck Rd, Post Mills		333-9527
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Selectboard - 2 & 3 year

John Bacon ('08)	551 Lower Bailey Rd Thetford Ctr	selectboard@thetfordvermont.us	
Mike Brown ('08)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Johnebacon@wildblue.net	785-4831
Mark McMahan ('07)	2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Mary Spata ('09)	272 Route 244, Post Mills	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
Doug Stone ('07)	954 Poor Farm Rd. South Thetford Ctr	spataburk@valley.net	333-9383
Marilyn Cook (Clerk - appointed)			785-2140

Senator-Orange County (next election Nov '08)

Mark MacDonald	404 MacDonald Rd, Williamstown		433-5867
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Sheriff of Orange County

Dennis McClure ('07)	11 VT Route 113, Chelsea		685-4875
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Town Clerk - 1 year

Tracy Borst ('07)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	townclerk@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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Town Moderator - 1 year

Joseph Tofel ('07)	2459 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr	Joseph.Tofel@valley.net	649-1434
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Town Treasurer - 1 year

Jill Graff ('07)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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Trustees of Latham Library - 4 year

Ron Chabot ('09)	1092 Poor Farm Rd South, Thetford Ctr		785-2772
Betsy Edmunds ('08)	482 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-2132
Nan Crowell ('10)	208 Lower Bailey Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-3014
Stephen Hoffman ('10)	61 New Boston Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4039
Lisa Ladd ('09)	688 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4917
Darla LaRoche ('07)	4396 Route 132, Thetford Ctr		785-2734
Maureen Morse ('08)	678 Picknell Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4747

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

Suzanne Houston ('07)	PO Box 98, Post Mills		333-9651
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Trustees of Trust Funds - 3 year

Frederick Howard ('09)	PO Box 57, N Thetford		333-9291
Ruel G. Barrett ('07)	PO Box 89, Thetford		785-2867
Elmer Brown ('08)	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr		785-2167

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Agency on Aging – White River Council

Ruel Barrett PO Box 184, Thetford

Animal Control Officer

Sharon Harkay PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr

Assistant Town Clerk

Lori Magoon PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr
 Cyndi Briggs PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr

Assistant Treasurer

Rebecca Buchanan PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr

Conservation Commission

Heather Carlos, Secretary	478 Colby Rd N Thetford Ctr	Heather.A.Carlos@dartmouth.edu	785-4853
Jennifer Davey, Chair	PO Box 166, Post Mills	Jennifer.Davey@dartmouth.edu	333-9607
Ann Lavanway	376 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	Ann.m.lavanway@dartmouth.edu	785-9814
Robert Pulaski, Treasurer	1006 Barker Rd, Thetford Ctr	Bob.Pulaski@valley.net	333-4627
Li Shen, Vice Chair	851 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	Lilian.Shen@dartmouth.edu	785-4950
William Shepard	2360 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-2855
Pat Weyrick	1891 Five Corners Rd Thetford Ctr		333-9430

Development Review Board

Bill Bridge ('08)	3836 Route 5 Thetford Ctr		
Sherry Crossley ('08)	PO Box 257 Thetford Ctr	unharried@yahoo.com	785-2964
Dennis Marquise ('09)	339 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	scrossley@hughes.net	333-9579
Sean Mullen, Chair ('09)	1562 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	dmarquise@aol.com	785-2175
Tim Taylor ('09)	811 West Fairlee Rd, Fairlee	mullharvey@valley.net	785-4373
		Tim.Taylor@valley.net	333-4455

Emergency Management

Don Fifield PO Box 161, Thetford Ctr 785-2604

Energy Committee

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Bill Halsey	PO Box 181, Thetford	whalsey@alum.dartmouth.org	785-4020
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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

Fence Viewers

John Bacon ('08)	551 Lower Bailey Rd Thetford Ctr		785-4831
Mike Brown ('08)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Mark McMahan ('07)	2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687

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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

Greater UV Solid Waste District Representative

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

Health Officer

Alford Stone ('09) PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-4503

Historian

Vacant

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

Planning Commission

Liora Alschuler ('08)	PO Box 177, E Thetford	liora@alschulerassociates.com	785-2623
Stuart Blood('08), Vice Chair	851 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	Stuart.blood@valley.net	785-4950
Hayden Brownell ('07)	2330 Gove Hill, Thetford Ctr	Hayden.brownell@dartmouth.edu	785-9803
Heather Carlos ('09)	478 Colby Rd N., Thetford Ctr	Heather.a.carlos@dartmouth.edu	785-4853
Dennis Donahue ('07)	416 Pero Hill, Thetford Ctr	Dennis.a.donahue@dartmouth.edu	785-3177
Donn Downey ('09)	PO Box 228, Thetford Ctr	donn@downeydesignbuild.com	785-4216
Lori Howard ('07)	PO Box 82, E Thetford	Lori.howard@wgmlegal.com	333-9291
Rick Howard ('08)	PO Box 82, E Thetford		333-9291
Wayne Parks ('09), Chair	PO Box 148, E Thetford	WayneParksVT@yahoo.com	333-9761

Police Chief

Jim Lanctot PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr jlanctot@dps.state.vt.us 785-2200

Police Special Officers

Bridget Tweedie	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		785-2200
Wayne Briggs	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		785-2200
Larry Lamphere	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		785-2200

Pound Keeper

Ruth Dwyer Kent 2604 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr 333-9291

Recreation Committee

Diana Anderson	PO Box 211, E Thetford	785-4404
Kevin Brown, Co-Chair	222 Schoolhouse Hill Road	333-4727
Dave Carpenter	PO Box 175, Thetford Ctr	785-4572
Lisa Celone	1535 Route 132, Thetford Ctr	785-2034
Jay Clark	5071 Route 113, Thetford Ctr	785-2154
Marilyn Cook	PO Box 26, Post Mills	333-4103
Kathleen Cunneen	558 Stevens Rd, E Thetford	785-2406
Roxanne Eastman	PO Box 321, Thetford Ctr	785-3055
Kristie Gray	PO Box 251, E Thetford	785-2716
Cara Jackson	4960 Route 113, Thetford Ctr	785-4489
Andy Martin	PO Box 232, E Thetford	785-2024
Dave McGinn	PO Box 42, Thetford	785-2254
Ann O'Hearn	1218 Route 244, Fairlee	333-3507
MaryDan Pomeroy, Co-Chair	PO Box 128, Thetford	785-2539
Mike Pomeroy	PO Box 128, Thetford	785-2539
Pete Sonnhalter	1132 Route 132, E Thetford	785-4396
Mark Woodward	PO Box 62, N Thetford	333-3585

Recycling Committee

Frank Bonnett	761 Route 113, E Thetford	785-2543
Joy Gaine	789 Gove Hill Road, Thetford Ctr	785-2153
Sandra Miller	565 Poor Farm Rd S, Thetford Ctr	785-4220
Mary Spata, Chair	272 Route 244, Post Mills	333-9383
Nancy Stanley	15 Cranberry Hill Rd, E Thetford	785-2791
Bob Walker	432 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-4126

Road Foreman

Doug Stone	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Pager #290-5527	785-4679
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Senior & Affordable Housing Committee

Liora Alschuler	PO Box 177, E Thetford	liora@alschulerassociates.com	785-2623
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Mark McMahan	2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
Jim Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	Jim.Masland@valley.net	785-4146
Gina Sonne	565 Poor Farm Rd S, Thetford Ctr		785-4220
James Taylor	582 Route 132, Thetford Ctr		785-2842
Bob Walker	432 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr	bobwalker@valley.net	785-4126

Surveyor of Wood & Lumber

Mike Brown ('07)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Mary Spata ('07)	272 Route 244, Post Mills	spataburk@valley.net	333-9383
Gary Ulman ('07)	359 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4037

Town Service Officer

Roberta Howard ('07)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		333-4607
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Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC

Vacant

Town of Thetford**Tree Warden**

Elmer Brown ('07)	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr	785-2167
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Upper Valley Ambulance

Vacant		
Tod Protzman, Alternate	Po Box 185, Post Mills	

Weigher of Coal

Mike Brown ('07)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
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Zoning Administrator - 3 year

Richard Blacklow ('08)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	zoning@thetfordvermont.us	785-4927
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Notaries Public

Ruel G. Barrett	PO Box 89, Thetford		785-2867
Karin Bonnett	761 Route 113, E Thetford	kgbonnett@valley.net	785-2543
Tracy Borst	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	townclerk@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
Mike Brown	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Bud Bushway	East Thetford		785-4843
Charlie Buttrey	347 Cranberry Hill Rd, E Thetford	C.T.Buttrey@valley.net	785-4005
Kate Cone	3836 Route 5, Thetford Ctr		785-2964
Sherry Crossley	PO Box 257, Thetford Ctr		333-9579
Lynn J. Daley	358 Picknell Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4336
Emily S. Davis	185 Norford Lake Rd, Thetford Ctr		649-2729
Herbert C. Gray	PO Box 87, E Thetford		785-4348
Loretta Gray	PO Box 35, E Thetford	lgray4189@aol.com	785-4189
Rebecca Gray	PO Box 87, E Thetford		785-4348
Dana C. Grossman	PO Box 106, E Thetford	Dana.C.Grossman@hitchcock.org	785-4074
Daniel F. Grossman	PO Box 106, E Thetford		785-4074
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Martha Howard	PO Box 34, N Thetford	mhoward@sover.net	333-9171
Lynn Irwin	665 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	Lynn.Irwin@valley.net	785-4581
Brenda Magoon	PO Box 25, N Thetford		785-4054
Rick Maynard	PO Box 8, Post Mills		333-9130
Donna McMahan	2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford		785-4687
Kathy McQueen	Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4493
Sherry Merrick	PO Box 21, Post Mills		333-9598
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, March 3, 2007 at 9:00 am

Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy

A snack bar will be open for the morning session.

Child Care, sponsored by the National Honor Society, will be available free of charge,
 from 9 am to noon.

A luncheon will be served in the Family and Consumer Science Room.
 Proceeds will benefit the Thetford Academy trips.

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

Every member of the Town has the right to speak, and is encouraged to do so.

When rising to speak, and recognized, please give your name, and address all discussion "through" the Moderator.

We will use Robert's Rules of Order (revised) for the meeting, however, Vermont law differs in two ways:

1. No warned item, once decided, may be reconsidered at the same meeting, once we have moved to the next item.
2. Any 7 voters may request a paper ballot at any time during the counting of the vote-before, during, or after.

And, a couple of explanations:

Object to Consideration-Before debate begins on a motion, any person may object to that motion being considered.

Pass Over/Postpone Indefinitely- After debate begins on a motion, any person may move to "pass over" the item being discussed. During the discussion on "passing over", the original article may be discussed.

Call the Question (a motion to cease debate), is a motion (requiring 2/3 approval) that stops discussion on the item being considered, and brings it to an immediate vote.

**TOWN MEETING IS THE TRUEST FORM OF DEMOCRACY
 WE REPRESENT OURSELVES!**

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year	
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Budget Committee, 3 year	Tig Tillinghast
Budget Committee, 2 year	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yr	Bruce Avery
Cemetery Commissioner, 2 yr to complete 3 yr	
Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year	Jill Graff
Grand Juror, 1 year	Michael J. Brown
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	Richard Balagur
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	Elise Tillinghast
Peabody Library Trustee, 3 yr	Stacey Glazer
Lister, 3 year	Janet Stowell
Select Board, 3 year term	Mark McMahon
Select Board, 2 year term	Suzanne Masland
Town Clerk, 3 year	Tracy Borst
Town Moderator, 1 year	Joe Tofel
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Jill Graff
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	Ruel G. Barrett
School Director, 3 year	Robin R. Brown
School Director, 2 year	Andrew Boyce
School Director, 2 year (complete 3 yr term)	Kristen Downey
School Moderator, 1 year	Deecie McNelly Denison

**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 Monday, February 26, 2007. Apply at the Town Clerk's office. You must be on the checklist to vote March 3 (Town Meeting) and March 6 (Australian Ballot).

Clerk's Office Hours
6-8 pm Monday
8:30 am to 3:30 pm Tuesday – Friday
Special hours due to election requirements:
March 5th- 10:00 to 5:00 pm

Early or Absentee Voting

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day may request an absentee ballot – no explanation necessary. 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:

March 5 by 5 pm

Town offices open from 10:00 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 6, 2007).
- 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. Must be requested at least 3 days in advance.

Pre-Town Meeting – February 26, 2007, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

Town Meeting – March 3, 2007, 9:00 am, Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy

Voting by Australian Ballot

For Town and School Officers, School District Budget

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Thetford Town Hall

3910 VT Route 113

Thetford Center, VT 05075-0126

Polls open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

**WARNING
2007**

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 3rd, 2007 at 9:00 am, to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town.
- ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Monday, October 15th, 2007 by 8:00 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 pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts.
- ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$798,193.50 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.
- ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$441,116.43 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department.
- ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$125,000.00 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.
- ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new truck, to replace truck #3 at a cost not to exceed \$120,000.00 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$35,000.00 for the Thetford Library Federation.
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town vote to increase the Veterans' Exemption for disabled veterans, his or her surviving spouse or dependent, from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Such voted exemption shall reduce the assessment of the property thereby reducing the property taxes due from the qualified property owner.
- ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$25,000.00 for improvements to the multi-use fields at Thetford Elementary School, Post Mills and Thetford Center.
- ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town vote to exempt for a period of 5 years the properties located in Post Mills and Thetford Hill that are owned by the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department and are used exclusively for the purposes of such organization.

ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town vote to allow the use of a vote tabulating machine.

ARTICLE 13 To transact any other business.

The following article shall be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday March 6th, 2007. The Australian Balloting will take place from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, at the Thetford Town Hall, 3910 Vt. Rte 113, Thetford Ctr., Vt. located across from the Town Highway Garage.

ARTICLE 14 To elect Town and School Officers.

Dated: January 29, 2007

Tracy Borst
Town Clerk

Mary Spata
Mike Brown
Doug Stone
John Bacon
Mark McMahon, Chair
Selectboard

SELECTBOARD REPORT

We would like to thank everyone who makes substantial and lasting contributions to our town. It is our belief that significant achievements are accomplished through the efforts of thoughtful, compassionate and committed people. In Thetford, we have many such people.

After two years of revisions and review, the Selectboard will hold its two public hearings on the adoption of the Town Plan in February 2007. We are grateful for all the preparation and work in updating the Plan. We are confident it will be adopted shortly.

The Sayre covered bridge will finally go through some much needed repairs in spring 2007. We will work to minimize the interruption to traffic however; the necessary work will not be completed until August 2007. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Jim Lanctot has recently completed his first year as Police Chief. Jim and Officer Bridget Tweedie, have provided excellent service to our town. He and his department's ability to foster a good working relationship with the community are reinforced by the positive comments and support by our residents. We are very fortunate. Thank you.

We would also like to express our deep appreciation to all our other town departments and their staff. We too easily label these individuals "employees", too often underestimating their talents and the significance of their abilities. Without their daily contributions, many of our town's goals and objectives would not be met. It is a privilege to work with them all.

The Town General Fund has been increased by 10% due primarily to several new items previously not budgeted. They include improvements to our vaults to ensure proper protection to our vital records, GIS mapping, the creation of the Development Review Board and Planning Commission, and a new Recreation Coordinator. These, in part, have been added in an ongoing effort to help enhance planning, development and manage the increase in current and future needs and activities in Thetford.

The Highway Department budget will reflect a slight decrease from last year's budget. In order to help offset the increase to the General Fund budget, we were committed to keep the Highway Department's budget as close to level funded as possible.

The success of any community is contingent upon its utilization of its resources. The Town of Thetford's greatest resource is its people. It is through your direction, guidance and support that we can successfully navigate a course that benefits our community. May our cooperative efforts be an opportunity to inspire us all to address any challenges we may face in the future.

Submitted by:

Mark McMahon, Chairman
Mary Spata
Mike Brown
John Bacon
Doug Stone

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Office Hours:
 Monday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday – Friday 8:30a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 Also by Appointment
 785-2922

I think most people would be surprised at the variety of requests we get on a day to day basis at town hall. From the usual – dog registration, recording of mortgages and deeds, questions about town meetings or committees - to the unusual – “Do you know who might be missing their sheep?”, we try our best to help anyone who needs it. Other than the routine business that this office was presented with, 2006 brought us a few challenges; new voting methods and processes, clerk certification, updates in technology, and some new staff.

Currently there are two assistants (working a combined total of 30 hours) in the Town Clerk’s office. Cyndi Briggs spends approximately 6 hours a week entering our land records onto the computer index system and I expect to have our public access terminal in place by mid-2007. Lori Magoon handles the day-to-day requests – phone coverage, animal licenses, DMV renewals, land and vital record information, monthly and quarterly reports, etc. (see the list below). Both assistants are incredibly helpful and efficient and we are lucky to have them serve this town.

The following chart indicates what services we have provided in 2006:

Animal Licenses	661	Land Records Processed (pages)	2240
DMV Registration Renewals	108	Notarizations	145
Excess Weight Permits	76	Tobacco and Liquor Licenses	4
Fish and Game Licenses	67	Vital Records Processed	23
Voter Checklist additions/deletions	156/108		

In August of 2006, I received the *Vermont Certified Municipal Clerk* designation. This means I have met the Vermont Municipal Clerk and Treasurers Association’s requirements of mandatory courses (Elections, Vital Statistics, Recording & Records Management, and Municipal Law) and experience to be named a Vermont Certified Municipal Clerk. One of the requirements, membership in the Vermont Municipal Clerks’ and Treasurers’ Association, provides me with excellent contacts, training and support. This year I attended the New England Municipal Clerk’s Institute at Saint Michaels College and the New England Clerk and Treasurers conference in Rhode Island. I enjoyed representing our town and attending the fabulous educational presentations.

An interesting challenge this year was the discovery of some mold on documents in the “lesser used” vaults. Hopefully this was an isolated incident; that the records were damp when they went into the vault. The affected records were sent to a facility in Canada to be freeze dried, a process which removes the moisture and mold. In 2007 we expect to insulate the vault to control the temperature and moisture levels more consistently.

In the near future we will see changes in the vital records structure in Vermont. The Department of Health keeps towns up to date on the Intelligence Reform Law and the Real Id Act – both federal regulations that will bring sweeping changes to vital records processing. It will possibly lead to the

closing of birth and death records (Vermont is one of seven states that still has open records), and new security regulations for buildings and offices as well as centralized locations for all state records. Draft regulations are expected out in August, 2007, though there have been many delays. The State Department of Health is also in the process of developing the Electronic Death Registration System which will eventually replace today’s paper process.

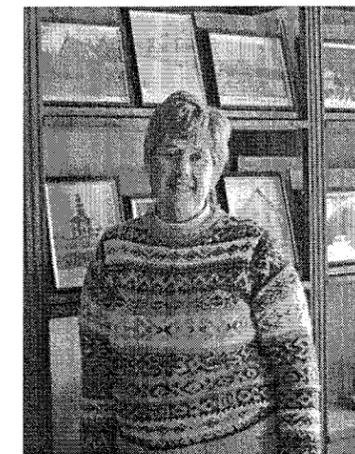
This was the first year towns used the federally mandated statewide checklist in the Primary and General Elections. The federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Grant provided us with a laptop computer, a printer, installation of satellite internet service and programming of phone jacks for the new vote by phone system. The statewide checklist requires us to have computer internet access (to connect to the state voter checklist) and to add and delete voters via computer, which we then download the information to our local computer program. The additional steps this system has required has fit smoothly into our work load with the support of our local software company, NEMRC.

The Primary Election brought a turnout of 499 voters, and the General brought 1307 voters. The absentee voting process was popular this year, 192 absentee ballots were requested during the General Election. Many residents were surprised to hear about this method of voting which requires no explanation of why you are voting early, simply request the ballot from the town clerks office. Please read the Voter Information on page 10 to understand how this process works.

This year I’d like to express my appreciation to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) for their hours of service this year. The BCA consists of the Justice of the Peace, Selectboard and Town Clerk; it is responsible for town elections and overseeing the checklist. They are elected officials that are very dedicated to the town of Thetford, many who are here when polls open (8:00 am) until ballot counting is complete (sometimes 11:30 pm). This year a few members helped to recount on the county level; again, offering many hours of their service to represent our town in the election process. Our elections run smoothly thanks to the experienced, dedicated individuals.

Whether it’s routine business or something more challenging, I look forward to continuing to serve the town of Thetford in 2007.

Tracy Borst, VTCMC
 Thetford Town Clerk



NEW DATES FOR 2007 DECLARATION OF VT HOMESTEAD

VT residents who own and occupy a VT dwelling as a principal residence on April 1, 2007 must file a Declaration of VT Homestead, Form HS-122. Due date is April 17, 2007 (Even if you file for an extension of taxes, this form must be filed!)

Free electronic filing of this form is available at www.state.vt.us/tax ; paper copies are available in the VT tax booklet. You can also request the form by phone at 802-828-2865.

WHY THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST TOWN REPORT:

Many towns distribute the town report to *property owners, or, registered voters.*

In the past, Thetford has distributed the town report to both lists and recently decided to change that. Factors that influenced this decision include the amount of paper waste created by the number of reports trashed or recycled (without being read) the cost of printing and distributing the town report, and the administrative work required to maintain the mailing of the report to both lists.

Starting with the 2007 Town Report, the town will mail a copy of the town report to each household with one or more registered voters and to non-resident property owners that request one. Requesting one will be easy - property owners who are not registered voters will have the option to request their town report by checking the appropriate box on their tax bill. The town report will also be available online at www.thetfordvermont.us.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk at 785-2922 ext 10.

~☞ REMEMBRANCES ☞~

*Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in times of sorrow.
~Robert Louis Stevenson~*

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| <i>William A. Bailey</i> | <i>Janelle Miller</i> |
| <i>Madeline V. Cadwell</i> | <i>George W. Pratt</i> |
| <i>Carl Cyrus Clark</i> | <i>Sylvia N. Palmer</i> |
| <i>Philip Doss</i> | <i>Mary E. Rising</i> |
| <i>Marion J. Fifield</i> | <i>Liam Wilder Smith</i> |
| <i>Pauline E. Gould</i> | <i>George P. Stowell</i> |
| <i>Richard Haugen</i> | <i>David Kutter-Walker</i> |
| <i>Robert Huit Hunter</i> | <i>Jack Kutter-Walker</i> |
| <i>Scott A. Jurgelewicz</i> | <i>Rodney B. Webb</i> |
| <i>Robert W. McClelland</i> | <i>Richard Welch</i> |
| <i>Daniel A. Young</i> | |



SCHEDULE OF TOWN COMMITTEES

(Contact Town Clerk for more information)

- Board of Civil Authority – always prior to an election and as needed
- Board of Abatement – as needed
- Broadband Study Committee – contact Jim Masland
- Budget Committee – starts in November
- Cemetery Commissioners – contact Commissioner
- Conservation Commission – 2nd Wednesday 7:15 at town hall
- Development Review Board – 2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:00 at town hall
- Energy Committee – contact Robert Walker, Chair
- Historic Preservation Committee – contact board member
- Libraries:
Latham – 1st Wednesday of the month 6:30
Peabody – Every other month, contact the library for the schedule
- Planning Commission – 1st & 3rd Tuesday at town hall
- Recreation Committee – 1st & 3rd Wednesday at town hall
- Recycling Committee – as needed, contact Mary Spata, Chair
- School Board – 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm at town hall
- Selectboard – Mondays 7:00pm at town hall
- Senior & Affordable Housing – meets monthly, contact Mark McMahon
- Thetford Hill Village Improvement Committee – Contact Mike Pomeroy
- Thetford Broadband Committee – Jim Masland, Chair
- Trustees of Trust Funds – contact a trustee
- Town Community Common Committee – Contact Sue Gault, Chair

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 7, 2006

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 at Thetford Academy on Saturday March 4, 2006 at 9:00 am to transact town business.

Moderator Joseph Tofel announced: all those eligible to vote should have a voter card; non-voters may not participate without permission; the Parent Teacher Organization is operating a snack bar; the TA language department will provide assorted soups and bread at lunch time (offered as a fund raiser); and childcare is provided downstairs by the National Honor Society. He introduced town officials including: Jill Graff, Town Treasurer and Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Tracy Borst, Town Clerk; and Mark McMahon, Mike Brown, Mary Spata, Doug Stone, and John Bacon, Selectboard. The Board of Civil Authority was thanked for their efforts.

Preceded by bagpiper Jonathan Rugg, members of American Legion Post #79 presented the flag. The pledge and anthem were led by a group of Thetford Academy students.

Moderator Joseph Tofel indicated that page 12 of the town report lists those Thetford residents who have passed since last March. A moment of silence was observed. He then read a town meeting invocation by Toby Balivat of Danville, VT and in addition thanked Head of School Martha Rich for her efforts in bringing this meeting together.

Town Moderator Joseph Tofel called the 238th Town Meeting of Thetford, Vermont to order at 9:12 am.

ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town. The article was moved and seconded. Moderator urged residents to review the reports and ask questions. After no other discussion Article 1 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Monday, October 16th, 2006 by 8:00 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 and seconded. Article 2 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for current expenses in anticipation of taxes. The article was moved and seconded. After no other discussion Article 3 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available. The article was moved and seconded. After no other discussion Article 4 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$647,769.86 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund. The Article was moved and seconded. Laurie Ingalls questioned the \$9000 miscellaneous expense on Line 279. Mark McMahon explained that when the Nature Conservancy gave the town the Hughes' property off Poor Farm Road the town was responsible for paying the taxes. Similarly, the twenty-one acre DiCola property on Godfrey Road was donated with the understanding that the town would pay the property tax. Additionally there was a \$366 discrepancy between the 2004 audit and the NEMRC computer system. Laurie Ingalls proposed an amendment

to the article to read, "Shall the Town raise the sum of \$600,000 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund". Mrs. Ingalls questioned the appropriate use of Town Budget Line 28 (Trash sticker revenues) and Line 222 (expense for Solid waste Disposal). Mrs. Ingalls explained that she believed this to be an inappropriate accounting procedure. Mark McMahon explained that these line items are there in case the town moves to selling its own trash tickets. The amendment failed. It was also discussed that appropriation of service organization funds should be requested by petition. Charlie Buttrey explained the policy was changed so that all requests could be voted as a group rather than individually and only if the amount requested changed significantly would a separate article be warned. Original article passed by standing vote.

ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$487,212.33 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department. The article was moved and seconded. No discussion, Article 6 passed.

ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$80,000.00 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund. The article was moved and seconded. Article 7 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new dump truck, to add to the existing fleet (to be known as truck #5) at a cost not to exceed \$106,000.00 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund. The article was moved and seconded. Mark McMahon explained that the town equipment fund is used to make payments on equipment not necessarily to purchase it. Doug Stone explained that the town is divided into four plow routes; a new truck would mean all routes would be plowed with a large truck with fewer trips back to the sand pile at the Town Garage. This will save on gas and time. The increase in town population with the resulting increase in commuters make it necessary to ensure plowing is done as soon as possible. He also indicated that the Ford 550 dump truck will be used as back up and will still be useful. After much discussion, Article 8 passed by standing vote.

Selectman John Bacon presented the Civic Pride award to Gladys Boyd. She was a lifelong Upper Valley resident, helped found the Visiting Nurses Association, was very active in community affairs served many terms as a trustee of Latham Library, was an active member of the Thetford Congregational Church, assisted with Meals on Wheels and Senior Lunches programs, served as a School Director (1989-1992), and a Justice of the Peace from 1994 to just before her death in December 2005. Her son, Peter Boyd, accepted the award.

The Town Meeting was recessed until approximately 1pm.

Town Meeting called back to order at 1:30. After a brief introduction and greeting from the new Police Chief, Jim Lanctot, Senator Mark McDonald spoke to the town, then State Representatives Jim Masland and Ann Siebert.

ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new tractor/mower/chipper/broom to replace the 1990 John Deere tractor at a cost not to exceed \$118,200.00 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund. Article was moved and seconded. Doug Stone, Road Foreman, told voters that the current mower has been passed over for replacement for the past couple of years. The new updated equipment will replace a 1990 John Deere 2555 tractor, over the rail mower, and the chipper that was purchased used. The broom will speed clean up on the paved roads and will give the tractor another use. Buying all four pieces together will save money and update all of this equipment. Motion carried by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$18,000.00 to construct a hazardous material room at the town garage. Article was moved and seconded. Doug Stone, Road Foreman stated the hazardous material room would be used to store the gas, oil, fuels, aerosol cans, and other flammable items

currently stored in the garage as required by newly passed OSHA requirements. It would be built to fireproof code beneath the lean-to roof that is already there. Mark McMahon added that there might be some funds that recently became available from the Brownsfield Clean Up Project money to offset some of these costs. Motion passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 11 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 2007. Article was moved and seconded. Mike Brown spoke in favor of the article suggesting a three-year term will better serve the town of Thetford by allowing ample time for the clerk to learn the various aspects of the position. Suzanne Masland spoke in favor and reported statistics that over 60% of Vermont towns elect their town clerk to a three-year term. Article passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 12 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 2008. Article was moved and seconded. Mike Brown also spoke in favor of this article and explained that the term will start in 2008 so that the terms of Clerk and Treasurer will be staggered. Motion passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 13 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 2008. Article was moved and seconded. Mike Brown explained that traditionally in Thetford the same person serving as Treasurer has held this office. Therefore the terms should coincide. Motion passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$350.00 for Safeline. Article was moved and seconded. Michael Pomeroy spoke against such donations, and wanted to hear from Safeline about their services. Jim Masland, Sue Rump and Pam Kniesel spoke in support of the policy which does not require them to speak, and for support of such social services. Motion passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$4,800.00 to continue the Milfoil/Aquatic Nuisance Control program. Article was moved and seconded. This is a \$200 increase over last year's request. Deecie Denison explained that 90% of the budget of the Lake Fairlee Association is for Milfoil eradication and the total budget for this program is approximately \$100,000. Motion passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1380.00 for the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation. Article was moved and seconded. Jim Masland, board member of the GMEDC, pointed out the report on page 103 of the Town Report. GMEDC helps develop small and large businesses in Vermont access state funding. Motion passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 17 Shall the voters of the Town of Thetford instruct the Governor and our State Representatives and Senators to oppose:

- any use of the State Education Fund for purposes that are outside the law's original intent to "make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education";
- the shifting of existing State General Fund expense obligations to the Education Fund; and
- the reduction of any existing State General Fund revenue support to the Education Fund?

Article was moved and seconded. Mary Spata spoke in support of this article stating that 150 Vermont towns passed this resolution last year. She asked for support in sending this resolution to Montpelier. Rep. Jim Masland assured us that the education fund has not been raided yet, but the amount of funds in it is continually tempting. Motion carried by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 18 Any other business. Motion is moved and seconded. Diana Kimball-Anderson would like the town to consider forming a committee to discuss a way to incorporate a part-time or full-time recreation department within the town offices. She stated that Thetford is the only town in this area without a formal recreation department while volunteers run Thetford Youth Sports. She sees a formal department as providing more centralized youth activities as well as adult activities. Mary Spata encouraged her to gather people to develop the program through the recreation committee. Mark McMahon pointed out the budget process was unable to keep it as a priority but agrees we should have more money for recreation such as camps, sports, music, etc. He stated that those interested should come to the Selectboard with recommendations. However, Moderator Tofel noted that the town cannot vote any binding motion at this forum.

Mark McMahon offered thanks to Donna & Mark Richardson for serving as Green Up Day Coordinators for the past 14 years. We are now looking for a new coordinator. If interested please contact any Selectboard member.

Mike Brown offered an update on the Town Plan process. The Selectboard has updated the 1999 plan, will send it back to the planning commission for review, and then hold public hearings. It was also decided to create a separate Planning Commission and Development Review Board beginning in June. Volunteers will be needed to fill vacancies. Anyone interested in serving on these board are asked to contact the Selectboard to apply.

Eileen Dugan inquired of the town's readiness regarding pandemic flu. Mark McMahon relayed that the Fire Department and Fast Squad are developing our local emergency evacuation plan and making sure we are in compliance with federal and state regulations. The comprehensive plan should be in place by June.

Tony De La Pena inquired about the final decision made on the land north of the community center (Thetford Common) in Thetford Center. Mike Pomeroy, Thetford Common Committee member, gave an explanation that work will commence this spring. Northwoods Construction donated the heavy equipment work needed and are just waiting for their schedule to allow for the work to be done. The town will be billed fuel charges only. The Committee is still willing to take suggestions; see Mike Pomeroy for more details.

The following article shall be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday March 7th, 2006. Voting will take place from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Thetford Town Hall, 3910 Vermont Route 113, Thetford Ctr., VT located across from the Town Highway Garage.

ARTICLE 19 To elect Town and School Officers.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday March 7th at 8 am was made and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:

Joseph Tofel Mark McMahon
Town Moderator Selectboard Chair

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

Town of Thetford
Australian Ballot Results
March 7, 2006

Moderator, 1 year	
Joseph Tofel	448
Write In	3
Blank	29
Spoiled	0
Total	480

Lister, 2 year	
Denise Adams	426
Write In	0
Blank	54
Spoiled	0
Total	480

Town Clerk, 1 year	
Tracy Borst	463
Write In	1
Blank	15
Spoiled	1
Total	480

Grand Juror, 1 year	
Mike Brown	398
Write In	0
Blank	82
Spoiled	0
Total	480

Town Treasurer, 1 year	
Jill Graff	453
Write In	0
Blank	27
Spoiled	0
Total	480

Agent to Prosecute Defend Suits, 1 year	
Write In	9
Blank	471
Spoiled	0
Total	480

Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year	
Jill Graff	453
Write In	0
Blank	27
Spoiled	0
Total	480

Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year	
Write In	10
Blank	469
Spoiled	1
Total	480

Selectboard, 3 year	
Mary Spata	414
Write In	11
Blank	53
Spoiled	2
Total	480

Budget Committee, 3 year	
Michael Pomeroy	401
Write In	1
Blank	77
Spoiled	1
Total	480

Selectboard, 2 year	
Michael J. Brown	432
Write In	3
Blank	45
Spoiled	0
Total	480

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	
Frederick P. Howard	408
Write In	2
Blank	70
Spoiled	0
Total	480

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year	
Write In	30
Blank	450
Spoiled	00
Total	480

Budget Committee, 1 year (to complete 3 year term)	
Manohar Grewal	383
Write In	2
Blank	95
Spoiled	0
Total	480

Budget Committee, 2 year	
Write In	21
Blank	457
Spoiled	2
Total	480

Latham Library Trustee, 4 year Voting for TWO	
Steve Hoffman	383
Nancy Crowell	359
Write In	2
Blank	214
Spoiled	2
Total	960

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Vermont faces some very difficult challenges in the year ahead. Whether you believe that Global Warming is upon us or whether you think it's a hoax; whether you support the War in Iraq or whether you think it's a travesty, changes in the world around us are beginning to bear down on Vermont as we know it.

On the immediate level, the almost complete lack of snowfall between Thanksgiving and the New Year has played havoc with the tourist industry and has cut sharply into tax receipts. It also affects family recreation and our four footed and winged friends. We are also impacted by budget cuts and unfunded mandates from Washington. These changes affect all of us, not just those who might benefit directly from those dollars.

Our state must grapple with important questions about energy production, deteriorating roads and bridges, health care costs, property taxes, and how we help the underprivileged get back on their feet. Because our resources are limited (and in some cases decreasing) none of the questions will be easy to answer. A quick fix to solve one problem will make trouble elsewhere.

Several months ago, I wrote in the Valley News that property taxes, by themselves, are not the problem that Governor Douglas makes them out to be. That's because Douglas seeks to divert attention from one issue by drawing attention to another and by pitting one party or group against someone else. What IS at issue is what we get for our tax dollars and whether all of us are treated fairly.

... Finally, please welcome Representative Margaret Cheney of Norwich as my new district mate. Margaret replaced Ann Seibert who has retired from the Vermont Legislature. Margaret's contact information is - phone, 649-3039; email - mcheney@leg.state.vt.us.

We will never resolve our differences unless we work together. I look forward to hearing from you on any issue large or small. You can reach me at 785-4146 or my email at jmasland@leg.state.vt.us.

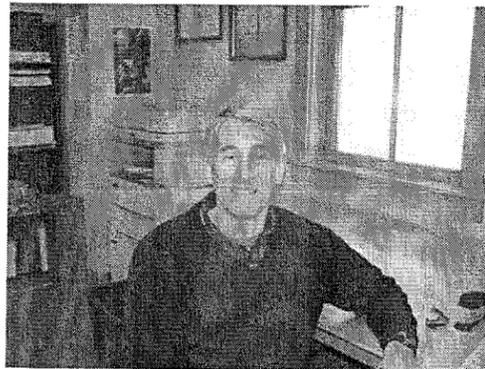
Representative Jim Masland
Thetford Center

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

In 2006, the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Adjustment was split into two separate committees. The intention of this action was to facilitate long term planning by the newly constituted nine member Planning Commission and allow the ZBA to be reorganized as the Development Review Board (DRB). The DRB is a five member board whose mandate is to enforce the zoning and subdivision regulations. The DRB is a quasi-judicial board appointed by the Selectboard to staggered three year terms.

The town of Thetford will continue to be impacted by the dynamic growth patterns of the Upper Valley. Two boards with distinct areas responsibility will allow each committee to work to retain Thetford's historic character while better anticipating the contributions and stresses of future development.

In the past year the DRB (and the Zoning Board of Adjustment prior to June, 2006) has reviewed more complex sub-division applications. 2006 has seen proposals in more fragile habitats, lengthening the hearing process. Although the number of hearings does not seem to grow significantly, the movement into areas less compatible to housing demands more time and expertise in the review process. This has extended the permitting process resulting in continued hearings and much greater time commitments by applicants, the DRB and the zoning administrator.



We encourage applicants to initiate the process early, communicate with the board through the Zoning Administrator, and anticipate that a substantial time commitment may be necessary to meet the needs of all the interested parties.

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Subdivision Plats Approved	6	11	19	9	6
Number of Lots Created	14	31	45	27	19
Annexations	1	3	3	3	1
Boundary Adjustments	1	1	0	1	1
Residences	13	13	14	15	11
Additions	10	16	29	13	14
Decks & Porches	12	9	6	8	14
Accessory Buildings	29	28	24	37	36
Businesses	2	4	1	0	1
Mobile Homes	4	2	1	3	4
Telecommunication Facility	--	--	--	1	1
Home Occupation	1	1	1	0	4
Driveways	-	-	20	18	16

Zoning office hours are Tuesdays, 8:00 am to noon, and Thursdays, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. During these hours you will find Richard Blacklow, the Zoning Administrator available to assist you. Your calls or personal inquiries are invited.

Sean Mullen, Chair DRB, E-mail: zoning@thetfordvermont.us

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

In early 2006, the Selectboard made the decision to split up the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission into separate entities. On June 13, 2006, the Thetford Planning Commission was established and given the mandate to update the 1999 Town Plan without any substantive changes. The new Planning Commission immediately went to work reformatting, reorganizing and omitting repetition with the goal of making the plan more readable and easier to understand.

After several informal sessions and a formal hearing on October 25, 2006, some minor changes were made to the draft based on public input. Late in November, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to adopt our final draft of the plan and present it to the Selectboard as the 2006 Thetford Town Plan Draft.

After the Selectboard holds its hearings and adopts a plan, we will then work on the Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Bylaws to bring them in line with new State Statutes and the new adopted Town Plan.

We would like to thank all of the people who participated at the sessions and hearing providing us with excellent suggestions and comments. We have captured and classified your comments and will refer to them in our future work.

The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:15 pm at Town Hall. All are welcome and Public Comment is the first item on the Agenda.

I would personally like to thank the members of the Planning Commission for all the time and hard work they put into this effort and getting a Town Plan Draft completed in five and one half months.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne R. Parks, Chair

Thetford Planning Commission:

Liora Alschuler	Donn Downey, Clerk
Stuart Blood, Vice Chair	Lori Howard
Hayden Brownel	Rick Howard
Heather Carlos	Wayne Parks, Chair
Dennis Donahue	

BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

The Board of Listers must abide by state laws and timetables. Our basic function remains annually establishing a Grand List which specifies the value of taxable property in the town as of April 1. The Pre-Grand List must be completed by June 4th. Grievance hearings must begin no later than June 18th. The final Grand List must be lodged with the Town Clerk on July 25.

Recent years have seen many changes to school funding, Act 68 legislation, homesteads, nonresidential property, house sites, and annual HS-131 forms; and now new changes will go into effect for 2007. These changes were specified in a recent statewide mailing from the Vermont Tax Department. Please read the entire notice for further information and clarification. Here are the highlights, as we know them now.

This year the declaration of Vermont Homestead and the application for property tax adjustment will be on one form. The new form, HS-122 is due April 17, 2007. If the homeowner is applying for a property tax adjustment, a household income form HI-144 must accompany the HS-122. Timely filing of the New HS-122 is important. Late filing by September 1, 2007 allows the homeowner to be taxed at the homestead school property tax rate and if eligible receive a property tax adjustment. Late filing penalties will be charged. Homeowners that file after September 1, 2007 will be subject to the following:

1. Property remains listed as nonresidential.
2. Property is taxed at nonresidential school property tax rate.
3. Homeowner is ineligible for property tax adjustment.
4. Penalty equal to 1% of correct school property tax will be billed and collected by town.

Several other changes will also go into effect for 2007:

1. Payment of property tax adjustments are made directly to the town.
2. Homeowners may designate all or part of their Vermont income tax refund to pay 2007 property taxes.
3. Property tax rebates can no longer be used to pay income tax.
4. Rebate is combined with prebate and sent directly to the town.

Please read all documents from the State and the Town. The information may affect the taxes you will owe. Any time the value of your property changes from the previous Grand List, the Listers will notify you in writing. Values can increase or decrease due to various reasons. Property owners' responsibility after receiving a change of appraisal notice is as follows:

- If you agree with the value do nothing.
- If you disagree with the value, you must file in writing a grievance letter within fourteen days of the mailing. (V.S.A 4111 and 3756) The letter can be brief but be prepared to support your position at a hearing.

The regulations governing the appeal process can be confusing. We are willing to help alleviate any concerns you might have but are limited in what we can do legally. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Listers at 802 785-2922, ext 4. Our office is open on Tuesday and Wednesday

between the hours of 8:30 am-4 pm. Another change for us in 2007 - additional summer hours Thursday 8:30 to 4. Please feel free to leave a telephone message anytime and we will try to help in any way we can.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Stowell, Denise Adams, and Donna Durkee



**TAXABLE LISTED VALUES
TOWN OF THETFORD
GRAND LIST AS OF APRIL 1, 2006**

CTGY	COUNT	LISTED VALUE	CUSE VALUE	LISTED VALUE EXCL CUSE	APPLIED RATIO	EQUALIZED VALUE	COD	AVG LV INCL ST EXMPTN
R1	619	135,811,300	600	135,810,700	101.80	133,409,887	13.24	219,412
R2	384	117,060,107	868,800	116,191,307	97.80	119,608,643	13.34	321,423
MHU	14	448,200	0	448,200	100.50	445,970	0	32,014
MHL	51	5,918,260	0	5,918,260	100.55	5,888,816		116,044
V1	26	5,420,730	0	5,420,730	109.21	4,963,584	5.86	208,490
V2	20	3,648,846	168,600	3,480,246	100.50	3,618,884	11.79	215,293
COMM	38	17,563,095	25,500	17,537,595	106.66	16,466,110	0.25	468,018
CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UE	3	2,752,037	0	2,752,037	93.60	2,940,210	0	917,346
UO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FRM	12	1,784,150	175,100	1,609,050	91.88	1,913,216	0	344,243
OTH	1	5,175	0	5,175	100.320	5,158	0	5,175
WOOD	108	5,696,021	401,700	5,294,321	89.62	6,279,088	14.44	73,964
MISC	61	2,745,348	47,400	2,697,948	91.88	2,980,226	18.83	51,720
GRAND TOTAL	1,337	298,853,269	1,687,700	297,165,569		298,519,793	13.63	

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

New Systems	9
Repaired Systems	11
Privy	1
TOTAL Septic Permits Issued	21
Complaints of Garbage	2
Complaint of Manure	1
Complaint of Mold	1
Complaint of Failed Septic	1

Respectfully Submitted,

Alford W. Stone, Health Officer

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 24, 2007

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 WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL- ALSO 10:00 TO NOON

**ALL DOGS FERRETS AND WOLF-HYBIRDS OVER 6 MONTHS
MUST BE LICENSED**

DEADLINE FOR TOWN LICENSING IS APRIL 1, 2007. After that date, the penalty of \$25 will be applied and the licensing fee increases.

LICENSING FEES:

Current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter required

Male/Female	\$11.00
Spayed/Neutered	\$ 7.00

VSNIIP

(Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program)

VSNIIP is a state program that provides a low cost pet spay/neuter service for low income eligible households. Dogs and cats are included in this service which also covers discounted rabies and distemper vaccinations. See the town clerk for applications and list of participating veterinarians. This program is administered by the Animals Humane Society.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

It has been another busy year in the animal control department. Listed below is the number of initial calls received in seven categories. Many of these calls required several follow-up calls, site visitations, letters, impoundments, adoption efforts and/or fines.

Owners calling about missing animals	10
Calls reporting animals running at large	53
Barking dog complaints	2
Calls regarding cases of possible neglect	8
Cases of animals charging or biting	7
Other	10
ACO reuniting animals with their owners	11
Animals adopted or taken to the UVHS	11
Number of dogs euthanizes	2

The animals running at large that are not accounted for above either returned to their owners themselves, were returned by the townspeople who found them, or disappeared before anyone could catch them. The two dogs that were euthanized were deemed unadoptable due to vicious behavior. Prior to euthanasia however, every effort was made to locate their owners.

Please bear in mind that the town requires all dogs and wolf-hybrids to be registered by April 1st on an annual basis. While animal control assistance is a town benefit, it is not a free service. To that end, if everyone were to get their dogs registered, it would greatly speed up the process of reuniting stray animals with their owners. This would save everyone time and stress and would decrease not only the amount the town spends on such efforts but also the amount owners spend on impoundments, late registration fees and fines.

Please also bear in mind that the ACO deals with all domesticated animals including farm animals, but does not handle calls regarding bats, rats, skunks, fox or the like. For those concerns please try the Fish and Game Department or an exterminator.

Thanks to everyone who has shown compassion for the animals and given assistance to me throughout the year.

Sharon Harkay
Animal Control Officer

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

Hours—Saturday Only
Summer 8 am – 12 noon (until Labor Day)
Winter 9 am – 12 noon (until Memorial Day)

This year brought many changes and improvements at the Recycling Facility, and we are not done yet. We'd like to thank to Doug Stone, Mary Spata, the Selectboard for their work on the changes, and we appreciate the cooperation and patience of everyone that recycles. Our goal is to operate an efficient and safe center. Future plans include a roof over the collection bins, the possibility of acquiring a trash compactor and expanded areas for books and reusable items.

Saturday mornings are a social occasion at the recycling center. Meet old friends, pick out a book, find a new coffee mug and don't forget to bring your recycling. We only have one earth, lets be nice to it. The Recycling Center is a great place to hold bake sales, sell raffle tickets or gather petition signatures. Any group or organization may call and reserve a Saturday, as we do not want to have two or three groups on the same day. Please call Frank at 785-2543 to schedule.

The Town of Thetford requires that all residents using the Recycling Center must obtain and display a valid window sticker (permit) in their vehicle. Stickers (permits) are free to Thetford residents and may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours or Saturday mornings during trash ticket sale hours.

Items Accepted for Recycling (4 Categories)

1 Metal Scrap metal*	2 Glass Any colored glass, porcelain, Pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, drinking glasses, window panes (no frames)	3 "Anything that Rips" Brown paper bags, boxboard, paper egg cartons, fax paper, newsprint, glossy, most paper, envelopes, corrugated cardboard, magazines	4 Plastic & Tin #1 & #2 plastic bottles, steel, tin, or aluminum food/ beverage containers, NO plastic tubs (like yogurt or margarine)
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Please note: We also collect Styrofoam peanuts.

*Scrap Metal is any item that contains 90% metal.

Items that are still functional and in good shape (small electrical appliances, tools, toys, books) can be left for others to pick up and use. NO CLOTHING, FURNITURE, or BROKEN ITEMS will be accepted, as the Town of Thetford must pay to dispose of anything that does not find a home. If anyone needs information about where to take couches, furniture, appliances, refrigerators, batteries, computers or bathtubs, please ask Sandra Miller or Frank Bonnett.

Trash Ticket Sales

Trash tickets for use at the Thetford Recycling Center may be purchased in either of the following ways:

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| <p>❖ \$3.50 per ticket Saturday mornings at the Town Offices
 <i>Make checks payable to:</i>
 Town of Thetford (Please note this change.)
 <i>Summer hours: 7:45 am – 11:45 am</i>
 <i>Winter hours: 8:45 am – 11:45 am</i></p> | <p>OR</p> <p>❖ \$3.50 per ticket by mail from Northeast Waste Services
 <i>Send check payable to:</i>
 Northeast Waste Services 19
 PO Box 1045
 White River Junction, VT 05001</p> |
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RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Recycling Committee met a few more times this year to set in motion the planned changes for the center. All of our efforts would not be possible without the gracious and capable work of the Recycling Center Staff headed by Frank Bonnett and Sandra Miller and Karin Bonnett who make the Recycling Center function every Saturday.

With the assistance of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUVSWMD) staff John Fay, the Recycling Center's operations were transformed from an eight sorting process into a three stream sort system for recycling. Residents can now recycle all paper products, all plastic aluminum and tin, and all glass and porcelain into three respective sorts. Large metal objects can also be recycled all at no individual cost to residents. Larger containers and paved ramps serve to make the facility safer, easier and quicker to use. Expanded parking has also aided the flow of traffic at what continues to be a very busy site.

Funds for the many improvements were available through an existing Recycling Special Fund, therefore no additional tax dollars were required. Overall, the cost of recycling has been reduced due to change in sorting and hauling operations.

Future improvements include moving utility poles to allow for more parking and driving area, improved signs as well as building a roof over all bins and ramps to reduce the impact of weather. The possibility of maintaining our own on-site trash compactor will require state permitting and review.

Many thanks to the dedicated members of the Recycling Committee: Frank Bonnett, Sandra Miller, Nancy Stanley, Bob Walker, and Joy Gaine.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Spata, Chair

SENIOR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Senior and Affordable Housing Committee was established in December 2006 by the Selectboard to promote the Town of Thetford's long-term commitment to provide safe, affordable and sanitary housing for the elderly, physically challenged and low to medium income families.

The primary objective of the committee is to develop and recommend permanent affordable housing policies that will help guide the Town to adopt a plan for a continued perpetuity of senior and affordable housing in Thetford.

We will work to identify sources that could assist in this by exploring and recommending partnerships with existing organizations such as the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, HUD, Habitat for Humanity, as well as others.

We will also evaluate and report to the Selectboard the effect current Town policies have on senior and affordable housing and how they might impact the ability for projects to be created and sustained.

We are pleased to support the Selectboard's commitment to this important need in our community. We look forward to helping accomplish this goal.

Senior and Affordable Housing Committee:

Liora Alschuler
Stuart Blood
Bill Bridge
Mark McMahon
Jim Masland
Gina Sonne
James Taylor
Bob Walker

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 2006, the Conservation Commission continued its efforts to inventory more of the natural resources of Thetford using maps produced by federal and state agencies. We are fortunate in that our Town contains much relatively undeveloped land, giving us the opportunity to identify special places in our Town before they are compromised. This knowledge will enable landowners to make informed decisions regarding development. It is important to identify features like wetlands, natural heritage sites, critical wildlife habitat, and geologic formations that are NOT plentiful so they may be protected as much as possible. Mapping of these features has begun and data on them and on Thetford biodiversity is available to residents on request. This includes maps and a DVD recording of a talk on Thetford biodiversity by the UVM ecologist Elizabeth Thompson. The discs will all be available at Town Meeting also. We will continue to work with other Town Boards to help transfer and act upon the information we acquire.

Providing information on the natural world and its conservation is important to the Commission and therefore we have encouraged certain activities like Li Shen's essays on a variety of environmental topics published through the Thetford listserv (copies of any or all of her articles are available upon request). Her work has stimulated interest in a variety of topics including invasive species, wood turtle habitat and E. Coli levels in the Ompompanoosuc River. Other activities include assisting students from Thetford Academy in pursuit of projects like promoting loon nesting sites on Lake Fairlee. We hope to increase this sort of collaboration with the young people of Thetford; they are encouraged to contact us if they are interested. We would love to have a student representative on the Commission! In a similar vein, we have sponsored (and will sponsor more) nature walks on Town-owned and privately-owned conserved lands to help introduce everyone to these places. We are stewarding the town-owned conserved properties in ways that promote the natural resources on them rather than deplete them. Our goal is to have them serve as examples of good stewardship. A federal grant program is paying 75% of the cost of maintaining open fields, removing invasives and improving woodcock habitat on the Post Mills Natural Area. Come take a look.

Other activities this year included a study buy a group of dedicated volunteers taking water samples at multiple sites along the East branch of the Ompompanoosuc River. Samples were taken from West Fairlee to Norwich every other Thursday all through the summer. Several grants paid for the water tests to detect E. Coli and a variety of metals. The report is available on the Town web site and Listserv. High readings were recorded indicating that further study is needed regarding possible pollution sources.

Helping residents conserve their land is another priority for the Commission and this year we participated in a fund raising effort to help a Thetford landowner conserve 472 acres. Over 100 families in Thetford contributed to this successful effort. We hope projects of this kind will continue to keep us busy.

Our Commission members all spend a lot of time learning about our Town's natural heritage and the more we learn the more we appreciate it. Our hope is to transfer that appreciation to as many residents as possible. The more people who understand and appreciate Thetford's natural heritage the more likely it is that we will secure Thetford's natural environment not only for wildlife but for our own well being.

We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:15 pm at Town Hall. All are welcome.

Jennifer Davey, Thetford Conservation Commission (TCC)

TREASURE ISLAND

Season: June 17 – Labor Day (September 3)
Hours: 10 AM – 8 PM Daily during season

Season Passes Sold:	Resident:	154
	Non-Resident :	39
	Tennis:	7
	Total:	200

Treasure Island is the Town of Thetford's recreational facility located on the shores of Lake Fairlee just off Vermont Route 244. This town park offers many recreational activities, including beachfront swimming (with lifeguards on duty), picnicking, a location for group picnics or parties, clay tennis courts, a playground and other outdoor activities. Boat rentals are available for a small fee.

This year on Saturday, May 6 (Vermont Green-Up Day), Treasure Island hosted its yearly Community Work Day and 30-35 residents and other helpers (including the Thetford Girl Scouts) came and helped with raking and readying the grounds for summer. The turnout and spirit was great. Several Thetford Academy students also participated with work projects at the park through Thetford Academy's Operation Day's Work.

A Central feature of Treasure Island operations is the American Red Cross Learn-To-Swim program. Swimming lessons are offered to local children (ages 4-15) daily throughout the summer in four two-week sessions, allowing families choice and flexibility while planning summer fun and vacations. Lessons ran daily (Monday through Friday) in the morning for half-hour periods between 10 am and 12 Noon. The American Red Cross swim lesson curriculum serves the very beginner all the way to the advanced swimmer (Level 1-6). The children were fortunate to receive lessons from familiar and returning teachers Casey Levin and Kelley MacDonald, who not only provided great swim instruction, but also made very nice relationships with the local children. A total of 186 children received lessons this year. The Learn-To-Swim program concluded on Friday, August 11, with celebration in the form of the annual Beach Party, open to everyone on the community. The weather cooperated and the party went on with a great island community potluck, DJ-led music on the beach, and many activities and games for children and adults.

At Treasure Island this summer other structured activities continued to take place, such as Thetford Peabody Library's weekly Story Hour on the beach, led by talented Children's Librarian, Simon Brooks. This took place on Thursdays at 10 am. A basket of books was maintained daily at the beach for summer library reading as well. Another offering, Treasure Island Arts and Crafts, took place every Tuesday from 10 am to noon. A rotation of local parent volunteers led each Arts and Crafts period—thank you again to those parents for their commitment, energy and enthusiasm.

Diane Ferriter and Scott O'Hearn led a Children's Tennis Clinic on the clay courts in mid-July. This was well attended and fun. Thank You to Diane and Scott for volunteering. Use of the clay tennis courts at Treasure Island costs \$10/per 90 minutes of play. A discounted rate of \$5 is extended to children and families. On July 15 in conjunction with the Lake Fairlee Association, Treasure Island hosted its annual Milfoil Pick Day to help clear the coves of the invasive play Eurasian Water Milfoil. Volunteers worked

hard and cleared a large volume of the plant, including plant fragments, which drift into the coves and collect there. These areas continued to be picked throughout the summer.

Treasure Island's beach and environs were highly utilized this summer. Individuals, families, and groups came to enjoy the park and the good weather. Individuals and organizations continued to use Treasure Island for children's birthday parties, reunions and group picnics. Residents of surrounding towns also visited the park frequently this year and participated in the Learn-To-Swim program. In addition, many pre-school and day-care groups, neighboring camper groups and community organizations enjoyed the park on a regular basis throughout the summer. Lifeguards were on duty from 12-5 pm daily. The paddleboat, canoe and fishing boat rentals continued to be popular with many visitors.

We are grateful for the support and assistance received this year from the Town of Thetford administrative staff at Town Hall, the Thetford Highway Department, and the Thetford Selectboard. We would also like to extend thanks to our staff of lifeguards and gate attendants who served so ably over this past season. Thank You to John Vansant for design help on the new residence roof, and to North Chapman Builders for construction and repairs on the new roof. Another Thank You goes to Crossroads Farm for their yearly donations of beautiful planter flowers. Lastly, thank you to all community parents, children, and individuals who enjoyed the park. We look forward to seeing you in 2007.

Submitted by:

Scott and Ann O'Hearn
Managers of Treasure Island

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Our mission is to evaluate existing and future leisure time endeavours for the entire Thetford community, providing opportunities and coordination for both competitive and non-competitive activities, as well as passive recreational pursuits for people of all ages and abilities. The committee has identified seven issues: (These issues are not listed in any specific order.)

- ❖ the lack of insurance coverage for all recreational organizations
- ❖ creating an adequate number of playing fields
- ❖ the need for co-ordination/hierarchy throughout all sports/recreational activities
- ❖ the development of the Taylor property
- ❖ the need to address safety issues on existing fields and a maintenance schedules
- ❖ the increased utilization of Treasure Island
- ❖ the development of a Recreation Department.

We meet at Town Hall on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. We welcome anyone to attend.

Submitted by: Mary Dan Pomeroy, Co-Chair
785-2539

THETFORD HILL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society (THVIS), which dates from the adoption of its first constitution in 1905, 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 28th on the Green. 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 August 29th, at 7:00 pm in Latham Library. All are welcome 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, we continued working with the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission on plans to slow traffic on 113 and make the village safer for pedestrians by improving the road and creating pathways that link the library, post office, and elementary school. If we are awarded the permitting and construction grant, we will be notified this winter and hopefully have access to funds in June or July. Construction will begin sometime thereafter.

THVIS continued its participation with the town energy committee to look at ways to conserve energy and reduce night-time light pollution. CVPS cooperated to a degree, and installed 2 different test lights that are more efficient than the mercury vapor lights that are mostly used here. One uses high pressure sodium and one metal halide. The energy committee is also looking at town ownership of streetlights, despite CVPS' policy against this.

In previous years, THVIS partnered with the selectboard, members of the community and the Academy to lay the groundwork for a pedestrian pathway connecting Latham Library and Thetford Academy. The selectboard will have plans available to the public when the drainage issues along Academy Road have been resolved and they are ready to begin construction. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Carleton, Secretary
Mike Pomeroy, President

THETFORD COMMON COMMITTEE

In 2006, all the planning for the Thetford Town Common really started paying off with a transformation of the land donated by Charles Hughes. In the spring, Gary and Tim Ulman, graded the common to make it more accessible and installed culverts to solve the drainage problem. Kevin Brown and Mike Pomeroy spread grass seed and we all got to watch the common turn green over the summer.

Then Valley Quest added a box at the back of the common as part of their project to help people learn about our area.

In October, townspeople came together to make the common a place for people to enjoy. Together, we planted about 40 trees and shrubs, installed a bench given in memory of a loved one, built stone caps for the culverts, put playground equipment in place, and added a horse shoe pit. Everyone worked hard and it all happened in a morning. All of the equipment and trees added to the common came as a result of people's generosity with both their time and money. The Town Common Committee thanks everyone who made this effort so successful!

In the spring of 2007, we would like to continue improving the common by building a stone entryway that would hold a plaque acknowledging Charles Hughes and others whose generosity made the common possible. We would also like to add a performance platform for entertainment and a gazebo so that there is a sheltered place to sit and enjoy the common.

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Thetford Energy Committee (TEC) continues working with the town, its residents and businesses to help reduce energy use, save money and protect the environment. It has been an active year working on the following projects.

Efficient Light Bulb Sale – At last year's town meeting, the TEC sold 128 compact fluorescent bulbs. Over their lifetimes these bulbs will cumulatively: save 60,480 kilo-Watt hours of electricity, save their owners \$7,258 in electric use, and release 83 fewer tons of CO² to the atmosphere. Proceeds from the sale (about \$256) were donated to Sustainable Energy Resource Group (SERG) for organizing the sale and for their assistance with the town street lighting project.

Town Streetlight Project – The TEC continued working with the Selectboard and SERG on its streetlight initiative. At the 2006 Town Meeting, we surveyed the community on additional lights to remove and which lights the community would like to see placed on photocell shutoff timers, turning them off in the middle of the night. As a result we removed one more streetlight in Union Village from service and recommended 12 streetlights for placement on shutoff timers. A hearing before the Vermont Public Service Board is scheduled for Jan. 10, 2007 in our case asking Central Vermont Public Service Co. to allow Thetford to purchase our own streetlights. This would expand options for lighting, fixtures and controls, and allow us to save more energy and money on street lighting.

Biodiesel – The TEC worked with the Selectboard and Highway Department to consider using biodiesel in the Town's truck fleet. Biodiesel is a renewable fuel made from seed oils that is mixed with regular diesel fuel. Biodiesel reduces greenhouse gas emissions, increases fuel mileage and decreases dependency on imported oil. The Town began using biodiesel in October and the Selectboard decided to use it in all diesel vehicles and the town garage's oil furnace throughout the 2007 winter.

Town Garage – The TEC install several energy-saving measures at the town garage, including compact fluorescent bulbs, insulating hot water pipes and plasticating windows. We also worked with the Road Foreman to get an estimate for adding increased cellulose insulation, which will be installed before winter.

Carpooling – The TEC conducted a survey at the 2006 Town Meeting to gather ideas for improving the current park & ride area near I-91 and see what areas in town might be appropriate for developing additional carpooling/park & ride sites. The results of the survey were shared with the Selectboard.

Tire Inflation Project – The TEC agreed on final wording and ordered signs encouraging drivers to properly inflate their tires in order to increase gas mileage. The signs will be posted at local businesses that distribute free air to customers.

Energy Plan – The TEC worked with the Thetford Planning Commission to redraft the Thetford Energy Plan for inclusion in the new Town Master Plan. This plan encourages energy conservation, efficiency and renewables in Thetford.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the committee or if you have ideas for energy saving projects in town, please visit the TEC information table at town meeting or contact us below.

Respectfully submitted by the Thetford Energy Committee:

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Bob Walker, Chair - 785-4126, Robert.J.Walker@valley.net

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

It was a busy and trying year for Thetford Police in 2006. I was sworn in as Thetford's fourth Police Chief since the department's inception in 1992, and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve the Thetford Community.

My first order of business as Chief was to fill our full time officer opening, and I am pleased to officially introduce Officer Bridget Tweedie for that position. Bridget brings experience and professionalism to our department. We are truly lucky to have her in our community. Prior to coming to Thetford, Bridget worked as a Police Officer for the Lyndonville Police Department. She also brings a vast array of experience including a back ground in mental health, where she worked as a Crisis Counselor for Washington County, and spent time working for Washington County Diversion.

I am also pleased to introduce Officer Larry Lamphere and Officer Wayne Briggs who were both hired as part time officers in 2006. Larry most recently worked as an officer for the Norwich Police Department, as well as several years as a Deputy for Windsor County Sheriff's Department. Wayne is a lifetime Thetford resident and has been a long time Corrections Officer for the State of Vermont, and worked as a Field Supervisor for Probation and Parole.

In addition to getting personnel in place, we saw an increase in Police related calls in our community. While the majority of calls are what some could call "routine", there were also several more serious and high profile incidents that found their way into our statistics in 2006. It is these calls that affect us all as police officers, emergency responders, and community members. It is also these headlines that remind us that no one is immune from uncomfortable, and sometimes very dangerous situations. Prior to 2006, Thetford Police averaged approximately 300 calls per year, the most being 2005 with approximately 400 calls. In 2006, the number of police calls nearly doubled that of 2005, with 730 incidents.

Our goal for 2007 remains the same as always, to serve the Thetford community with professionalism and courtesy, by highly trained and qualified Police Officers who are committed to public safety through community policing.

Professionally,

James B. Lanctot
Chief of Police



THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

NATURE OF INCIDENT	TOTAL INCIDENTS
911 Hang up Call	21
Abandoned Vehicle	8
Traffic Accident w/damage	23
Traffic Accident w/injuries	5
Agency Assistance	80
Aircraft Crash	1
Alarm	9
Alcohol Offense	22
Animal Problem	16
Assault	2
ATV Accident/Incident	1
Background Investigation	4
Bad Check/Non-sufficient Funds	24
Burglary	11
Chemical Spill	1
Citizen Assist	66
Citizen Dispute	17
Dead Body	4
Death Message/Notice	1
Directed Patrol/School Zone	39
Disorderly Conduct/Noise	2
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	10
False Report	2
Family Fight/Domestic	10
Fingerprints	5
Found Property	4
Fraud	1
Intoxicated Person/ICP	3
Juvenile Problem	5
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	3
Lost Property	2
Missing Person	3
Motor Vehicle Complaint	64
Noise Disturbance	3
Phone Problem/Harassment	5
Property/Home Watch	8
Public Speaking	6
Recovered Stolen Property	3
Restraining Order/Violation	3
Robbery/Bank	1
Runaway Juvenile	4
Service of Restraining Order	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	77
Theft	12
Theft of Automobile	4
Threatening	4
Traffic Hazard	29
Traffic Violation	3
Trespassing	2
Unlawful Mischief	11
VIN Number Inspection	75
Wanted Person	3
Welfare/Suicide Check	7
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR 2006	730

**VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS
TOWN OF THETFORD
Total Incidents**

Consent Search	1	Family Disturbance	3
Sex Offense, Forcible Rape	1	Threatening Phone Calls	1
Sex Offense, Forcible Fondling	1	Arrest on Warrant – Police Check	2
Aggravated Assault w/Firearm	1	Accident – Injury – DMV Report	5
Aggravated Assault w/Knife	1	Accident – Damage – DMV Report	19
Assault Simple, Not Aggravated	4	Motor Vehicle Disturbances	53
Stalking	1	Careless Negligent Motor Vehicle	2
Burglary – Force, Residence	2	DLS Criminal	1
Burglary – Force, Non-residence	1	Alarm	1
Burglary – No Force, Residence	2	Animal Problem	2
Larceny from Motor Vehicle	3	Agency Assistant Town Clerk	37
Larceny – All Other	2	Citizen Dispute	16
Larceny – Attempted from M.V.	1	Citizen Assistant Town Clerk	9
Theft – Snowmobile	1	E911 Hangup	8
Vandalism of Motor Vehicles	2	False Alarm	4
Vandalism – Commercial Building	1	Juvenile Problem	1
Vandalism – Schools, Public Property	1	Motorist Assistance	27
Vandalism – Residence	2	Noise Disturbance	3
Vandalism – Miscellaneous	1	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	19
Lewd, Immoral Practices	1	Search Warrant	2
Cont. Substance/Possess Marijuana	1	Traffic Hazard	17
Driving Under the Influence	12	Vehicle Serial # Inspection	1
Illegal Possession by a Minor	1	Welfare Check	2
Quarrels	1		

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 280

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department is a non-profit corporation that was chartered in 1960 to provide emergency services to the Town of Thetford. A nine member Board of Trustees manages the financial side of the business, and appoints a Fire Chief who organizes and runs the department. A tax appropriation supports most of our operating budget as shown in this report. Fund-raised and donated money is kept in a separate account and pays for improvements to our buildings, some vehicle replacement, and anything else not covered by the tax based budget. While periodic replacement of major apparatus is funded by the Town, TVFD has paid for the Rescue, and Forestry trucks, and has converted several pumpers into tankers.

Thanks to a generous private donation, we are able to replace our Forestry truck. We have ordered a new Ford chassis and hope to have this unit in service by Spring.

Training and firefighter safety are priorities, and are required by OSHA, EPA, and numerous other State and Federal agencies. We also adhere to the standards of the National Fire Protection Administration. In their first year, new members must reach the Level One Certification through Vermont Fire Training. Many have reached Level Two, most are also registered EMT's, and the Officer Corp is working to comply with new National Standards for Incident Management.

Our Junior Firefighter program is a structured opportunity for students from 14 to 17 years old to participate in TVFD activities. On-scene activities are limited by the guidelines, but Junior members learn all firefighter skills in the training environment. A one on one mentoring system assures that each Junior has the opportunity to work to their potential. Some of our Juniors have completed Level One Certification, and some are interested in EMS.

The Support Staff is a resourceful, dedicated group of non-firefighting members. They provide food and liquids to us at working fires. Many of them carry pagers, and will coordinate the needed resources and even deliver to us at out of town mutual aid incidents. They work hard at our fundraisers, and are greatly appreciated.

You can help. We are always interested in training new firefighters and EMT's. If you are not interested in crawling into a burning house while breathing from a tank on your back, or removing an injured driver from a vehicle crash in the passing lane of I-91, then please consider the Support Staff. The Board of Trustees looks for new members at the Annual Meeting in August.

We are proud of our department, and appreciate your support.

Donald Sayre Fifield
Fire Chief

**THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT DETAILS**

Incidents 2006

Chimney Fire	2
CO Alarm	3
Fire Alarm	8
Hazmat	2
Investigation	8
Mutual Aid	9
MVA Crash	34
Power Lines	16
Public Assist	6
Rescue	6
Structure Fire	7
Vehicle Fire	3
Wildland Fire	10
Aircraft Crash	1
Total	115

Roster

Captain Mariah Capurso	FF/EMT
Guy Cook	FF
Rick Dresser	FF
Chief Don Fifield	FF/EMT
Spunk Kuehlwein	FF/EMT
Bart Koop	FF/EMT
Captain Tim Ouellette	FF/EMT
Ellis Paige	FF
Captain Jeff Sirjane	FF
George Stowell	FF
Ben Tilden	FF
Bill Wallace	FF/EMT
Deputy Chad Whitcomb	FF
Dan Whitcomb	FF
Rachel Borst	JR
Casey Huling	FF/EMT
Captain Craig McKinney	FF/EMT
Cindy Watson	FF
Larry Ackerman	FF/EMT
Nathaniel Cook	FF
Dan Huff	FF/EMT
Niko Nanopolous	JR
Jason Watson	FF
Craig Martin	FF
Greg Auch	FF/EMT
Laura Conrad	FF
Michael Mann	FF
Brian Ricker	FF
Andrew Field	JR

Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept.	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
REVENUES			
Town Appropriation	75,998.00	67,225.00	79,885.00
Interest Earned	2.00	58.89	50.00
Grant Money Received			
TOTAL REVENUES	76,000.00	67,283.89	79,935.00
EXPENDITURES			
ADMINISTRATION			
Chief's Stipend	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Dispatch Service	4,000.00	3,971.01	4,500.00
Fees	50.00	85.00	85.00
Insurance	22,150.00	20,970.00	22,650.00
Office Supplies & Postage	500.00	428.00	500.00
Public Relations & Fire Safety	350.00	160.00	350.00
Subscriptions and Dues	500.00	359.95	400.00
Tax Prep / Audit	750.00	525.00	550.00
Telephone	1,000.00	1,005.49	1,000.00
Total Administration	30,550.00	28,754.45	31,285.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS			
Electricity	2,000.00	2,452.16	2,500.00
Fuel Oil / LP Gas	4,650.00	6,046.02	6,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures	500.00	67.15	250.00
Maintenance & Repairs	7,500.00	5,434.50	5,000.00
Total Buildings & Grounds	14,650.00	13,999.83	13,750.00
FIREFIGHTER HEALTH & SAFETY			
Gear Maintenance	500.00	160.00	500.00
Gear & Personal Protective Equip.	6,600.00	7,490.29	7,000.00
Health & Safety	250.00	27.39	150.00
Re-Hydration & Food	500.00	548.94	500.00
Total Firefighter Health & Safety	7,850.00	8,226.62	8,150.00

TRAINING			
Training Corporation Membership	250.00	250.00	250.00
Training Courses & Expenses	4,500.00	3,632.41	4,500.00
Total Training	4,750.00	3,882.41	4,750.00
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT			
Equipment Maintenance	2,000.00	2,212.10	2,000.00
Equipment Replacement	9,500.00	11,398.09	11,000.00
Preventative Pump Maintenance	1,000.00	3,376.00	1,000.00
Vehicle Fuel	2,200.00	3,166.08	3,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	4,000.00	6,038.08	5,000.00
Total Vehicles & Equipment	18,700.00	26,190.35	22,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	76,500.00	81,053.66	79,935.00

Prepared By Gail Paige
TVFD Treasurer

THETFORD FAST SQUAD

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. 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 these emergencies.

Our call volume remained stable throughout the year 2006. Including motor vehicle crashes, we responded to 148 emergencies in the year 2006. This includes emergencies that our squad is requested to respond to in our neighboring towns through mutual aid agreements. It is important to note that 90% of the emergencies that we respond to are in Thetford. It is critical that we continue to respond to all calls in Thetford and in order to do so, we require a strong roster. While our roster has remained stable over the last year, we are actively recruiting new EMTs.

Our volunteers are a dedicated group of community members who give numerous hours throughout the year. 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 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 approximately 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.

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, 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 squad 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 and injury prevention. We 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, an ATV for rapid response and a finish line response team. This group responded to over 75 incidents at the two races and provided care for numerous young athletes and spectators. In addition, we were fortunate to have additional volunteer EMTs from mutual aid departments work with us at these races.

Our current roster has been included with this report for your reference. There are currently 17 active members on the Thetford FAST Squad.

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

* retired as of September 2006

We are pleased to report the safe return of Bart Koop to both the fire department and Fast Squad. Bart is a member of the Vermont National Guard and was stationed in Iraq for over a year. He has returned home safely and is once again serving his community.

We also wish to thank two hardworking and dedicated members who have recently retired from the FAST Squad, George and Janet Stowell. Their work with the squad over the last several years has been invaluable and they will be missed. Thank you both for the numerous hours you gave to the town of Thetford and the FAST squad.

Finally, we wish to thank our community for all of your support over the last year. Our goal is to provide the town of Thetford with a professional level of emergency service and your support makes this goal one that we can achieve. Anyone interested in volunteering should call 785-2412. We look forward to continuing our service to the town of Thetford.

Respectfully submitted,
Mariah Capurso, President



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Highway Department has had a good summer getting much done with no major break downs. After a learning process to find the blades that worked the best, the new mower worked well and we finished mowing three quarters of the town. The new chipper works well; is faster than the old one and the broom is a big time and labor saver. I thank the town people again for letting the crew have this equipment to do our job; we are committed to taking good care of it and using it properly. And thank you for the hazardous material room. It freed up some space in the shop and helped to organize the areas. A new furnace was installed and we insulated the shop ceiling to save us money in the future.

The crew did a large amount of ditching this summer and fall and will continue as long as weather permits. We've also done brush cutting and chipping; if you see us working on your road and would like some ditch fill or wood chips, please stop and ask for some. We are always looking for places to dump the fill.

The paving went well this year on Academy, Vaughan and some patching on Latham Road. Next summer we will be looking at the north end of Godfrey, Lake Shore, Cross Street, and the dirt section on Robinson Hill road.

The crew will continue to grade, ditch, and cut brush as well as all our other duties to make our roads safe to travel. Please slow down and pay attention when traveling through work zones and have a safe 2007.

Submitted by: Douglas Stone, Road Foreman

Highway Employees: Rocky Clark, Fairlee; Lynn King, Corinth; James Pero, Thetford;
Jack Ward, Bradford

ANCIENT ROADS IN THETFORD

In May 2006, Governor Douglas signed into law Act 178, known as the "Ancient Roads" bill. This bill lays out a process by which municipalities can formally recognize and preserve their older, unmapped, and often unobserved, Class 4 highways. Act 178 requires municipalities to identify these "ancient roads" and formally declare their existence to the State of Vermont by February 10, 2009, by adding them to the official town highway map. Those ancient roads that are not added to the official map by that date will become "unidentified corridors" on July 1, 2009. Act 178 specifies that "unidentified corridors" will cease to exist as of July 1, 2015, unless the town has followed a formal, and potentially costly, procedure to lay them out as a town highway by that date.

Over the next year and a half, a great deal of work needs to be done to identify Thetford's ancient roads", so that a decision can be made to preserve them or not. WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you would like to assist us, please let one of the Selectboard members know. We will need to check historical maps of the area, old town records, and even the memories of some of our town "elders" to locate these old roads. Hikers, snowmobilers, mountain bikers, hunters, etc. who may use these old roads should let us know where they are and why they are important for the town to preserve.

Finally, there are public notice and hearing provisions for landowners if a municipality decides to add an "ancient road" to its official highway map. Thetford landowners will be apprised if their land is affected.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVENTORY

January 2007

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT:

2007 Freightliner dump truck with plow, wing, and Tenco sander body
 2006 Freightliner dump truck with plow, wing and Tenco sander body
 2006 6715 John-Deere tractor with Diamond mower/Valby chipper/Sweepster broom
 2005 Landa gas powered pressure washer / culvert thawer
 2004 420D Cat backhoe
 2002 550 Ford dump truck with plow and tailgate sander
 2000 International dump truck with plow, wing, and Tenco sander body
 1999 International dump truck with plow, wing, and Tenco sander body
 1997 870 Galion grader
 Wisconsin equipment trailer
 Chloride tank trailer
 1999 York road rake
 PTO post hole auger

SHOP EQUIPMENT:

Lincoln 255 mig welder	Napa pressure washer
Miller stick welder	Napa battery charger
Acetalene torch	Lincoln 20-ton air jack
Makita 14" chop saw	Transmission jack
Makita 7" grinder	Yamaha generator
Makita 4" grinder	Lincoln 20-ton hydraulic jack
Makita 3/8" drill	Assorted hand tools
Craftsman drill press	Emglo air compressor
Milwaukee 1/2" drill	1/2" drive air wrenches (3)
Assorted drill bits	1" drive air wrench
Stihl ht75 pole saw	Air powered grease gun
Stihl FS 250 string trimmer	Bench grinder
Jonsered chainsaws (3)	Rolling tool box (2)
Husquarvana chainsaw	4 Ladders (32', 20', 16', and 8')
Logger chaps (2)	Shovels, Rakes, Brooms, etc.
Logger Helmets (5)	Hand Crank Seeder
Chainsaw Tool Box	Temporary Highway Sign Stands (14)
Stationary Chloride Tanks (2)	Assorted Temp. Highway Signs
Surveyor Transit, Tripod, Rod	2 battery powered grease guns
Assorted Fuel Cans	Creepers (2)
Gas Boy Diesel Pump	2000 Gallon Diesel Tank

LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY**HOURS**

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

In 2006, the library trustees surveyed citizens and have responded with evening hours twice each week made possible by more new volunteers covering the front desk.

More programs have also been offered with Community Corner events twice a month. Workshops on Photography and Storytelling were led by Simon Brooks, Children's librarian. The public access computers have grown in popularity as word spread that the library has one of the fastest internet links in Thetford. An average of five patrons each day brought in their laptops for fast internet access via a wireless hub.

Simon Brooks offered story-telling and activities on Thursday afternoons after school. Movies were shown on Friday afternoons.

The library hosted a Brown Bag Lunch series with third-graders from the Elementary School where reading aloud at lunchtime brought increasing confidence and competence to eager readers. A Fright Night brought ghosts and chills to the basement of the library in October along with a book giveaway on Halloween.

From three visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,379 books and these state books were taken out 1,069 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 1,966 videos were borrowed from almost 30 video series offered by the library from the LUV Video Co-op. 710 audio-books circulated this year. 146 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 36 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 9,968 with 9,214 people coming to use the library. 267 visitors came to view the exhibits in the Bicentennial Gallery.

During the past year the library bought 257 books. 422 donated titles were also added to the library's shelves. 70 donated magazine subscriptions produced a total of 97 magazines with four newspapers.

The library provided space for 58 meetings of The Thetford Hill Improvement Society; the Thetford Hill Preservation Committee; the Thetford Recreation Committee; the Upper Valley Local Rivers Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commission; the Thetford Conservation Commission; the Parish Players; and the Thetford Hill Water Coop.

The library depends on voluntary efforts from many members of the community. Joanne Kirsten, Diana Eastridge, Meredith Tracy and Inge Trebitz worked behind the scenes to process, barcode and catalog materials. More new titles in a variety of formats (audio, movies, and books) were made available each week due to the concentrated efforts of these volunteers. Connie Snyder requested and mailed Inter-Library Loan requests. New front desk volunteers included Richard Balagur, Bill Bridge, Polly Cole, Tamarin Goldenshur, Dianne Hagewood and Lara Mellot.

The Latham Library Scholarship was awarded in 2006 and all Thetford residents are eligible for consideration.

Your support through the annual appeal assures the success of your library.

Come visit in 2007. If we don't have what you need, we can get it for you. Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and you are always welcome. Libraries change lives.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

Karen Buttrey C '09
Ron Chabot T'08
Nan Crowell T'10
Elizabeth Edmonds T'09

Gwendolen Gensler T'07
Marguerite Hiser C'08
Steve Hoffman T'10
Lisa Ladd T'09

Darla LaRoche T'07
Maureen Morse T'08
Gina Sonne C'09



PEABODY LIBRARY

HOURS

Tuesday: 3:00 – 8:00 pm Wednesday: 2:00 – 8:30 pm

In its 140th year, the library hosted a chocolate sampling in February, a Celtic Concert in March, favorite poems in April, and "The Way of the Warbonnet" with Jim Schley in May.

A book discussion Series exploring "People and Other Animals" was offered every other Tuesday night during the summer. This book discussion series was made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council. Simon Brooks brought story-telling to Treasure Island in June and July. Volunteers opened the library every Saturday morning during the summer months. In August the Eleventh Penny Carnival brought large crowds to the library for pleasure and good company. In September Ted Scheu, the Poetry Guy, provided a delightful workshop for young writers. September saw a familiar library presence in the Post Mills Labor Day parade. Poets Don Coburn and Patricia Norton shared a reading in October. The Eighteenth Annual Holiday Readings were told by young story tellers led by Simon Brooks and read for older folks by the librarian.

The Library had 1,230 visitors borrowing 501 books from the library's own collection with more than 165 state books lent from the Regional Library. 182 audiobooks also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. 58 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 994 titles circulated from the library in 2006 for an average of 18 titles a week. More people visited this year than in 2005.

More films and audiobooks are being processed for your pleasure at your library.

Come visit Thetford's oldest library in 2007 to savor a space of revitalized grace and dignity. In the past twenty years your library has installed new roof shingles; restored the ceiling; replaced a ceiling light with a chandelier; repainted its walls and trim both inside and out; replaced its bookcases; enhanced its lighting; replaced the carpet, the furnace, installed an electric toilet; built an entrance ramp, and replaced the library sign.

Your faithful support maintains the wish of George Peabody "that the library shall be enjoyed by those who may be in the village of Post Mills."

Libraries change lives.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

2006 Trustees:

Andrew Boyce, Olivia Chapman, Stacey Glazer, Suzanne Houston, Nancy Hughes, Phebe McCosker, Margo Nutt, Cheryl Twerdowsky

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

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

Bicentennial Building: our building has not needed any major repairs this year, but despite efforts to conserve light and heat, the cost of those items has continued to increase. The Historical Society has improved its quarters by installing new vault humidifiers and an ultra-violet screen for the front window of the reading room. Several organizations continue to hold their meetings in the building. The downstairs gallery has been used for a series of exhibits, notably work by a number of local artists last summer, and a well attended show of the Thetford work of Clara Sipprell, a nationally known photographer who had a studio here from 1919 to 1934. The Federation and two local donors purchased equipment to make it easier to hang exhibits.

Library Service: member libraries continued to encourage reading at all levels by story hours, book discussion groups, inviting local authors, and poetry readings. Latham Library had a successful series of Community Corner meetings, and also attracted people into the library by a concert, a Halloween celebration, and a story-telling workshop. The Historical Society had visits from the third grade at the Elementary School and the seventh grade and the senior Human Geography classes at Thetford Academy; and also had three public meetings based on materials from the archives.

On-line service has become increasingly important to the four libraries on Thetford Hill. The digitized circulation system used by the two school libraries and Latham is working much more smoothly. The Academy is digitizing its photographic collection, and is experimenting with a system to permit on-line note-taking while getting information from an electronic service. The Historical Society plans a second session to encourage people to bring in photographs to be scanned; it is finding the internet invaluable as a research tool; and it is developing an extensive website on Thetford and on the historical library collection.

Latham Library provides three public access computers, and now also has wireless connection for computers in the building or in cars outside. Most of this electronic service is provided through ThetNet, a fiber-optic wire connection from the Academy down to the Elementary School and Bicentennial Building. So far, most of the cost of ThetNet has been covered by Thetford Academy, with some help from the Elementary School and a minimal contribution from the Federation. Traffic on the 'net has now expanded past the capacity of the Academy to operate or finance it without more help.

Financial: The Federation has three main sources of income. A yearly grant voted by the Town (in 2006, \$52,540) goes almost entirely to provide over half the operating budget of Latham Library and about two thirds the operating budget of Peabody. For the rest of our activities, including contributing to ThetNet and operating the building (about \$15,000) we depend on income from our endowment and on what we raise by an annual fund campaign (last year, 89 donors gave \$6,175).

Charles Latham
Clerk

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION 2006 FINANCIAL REPORT

	2006 BUDGET	2006 ACTUAL	2007 BUDGET
INCOME:			
Appropriation from Town	\$52,540	\$52,540	\$52,540
Investment Interest	7,200	7,800	8,000
Donations	6,000	6,690	6,000
Bank Interest	200	343	300
Other (refund from p.p. oil)	0	1,515	0
TOTAL	\$65,940	\$68,888	\$66,840
EXPENSE:			
Member Library Support	\$48,600	\$48,600	\$48,600
Building	0	0	500
Equipment and Furnishings	0	511	500
Computing Services	2,000	2,979	3,500
Electricity	3,600	3,850	4,000
Heat	6,000	6,247	6,400
Water	450	675	450
Insurance	1,700	1,717	1,750
Alarm System	350	160	300
Repairs & Maintenance	1,200	635	1,200
Custodial	2,000	2,000	2,000
Rubbish	840	885	900
Grounds Maintenance	1,500	800	1,000
Supplies & Postage	250	394	350
Miscellaneous	50	0	50
TOTAL	\$68,540	\$69,453	\$71,500
GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR	-2,600	-565	-4,660

Dianne Sharkey, Treasurer

THETFORD FOOD SHELF THETFORD TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

2006 was an exceptional year for the Thetford Food Shelf. We were very fortunate to receive many large donations of food and non-food items to keep our shelves well-stocked:

Ann Swanson donated the remaining stock to the food shelves in Thetford and Tunbridge when she closed her store. We were delighted with her generous offer and the clients at our food shelf certainly appreciated the variety of items.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Casey Huling, we received a large amount of products from Camp Billings at the close of its season including dairy products, fruit, and staples. Again, some of these items were out of the ordinary for our food shelf and much appreciated.

Andy Rowles provided the Food Shelf with potatoes, carrots, and onions from his garden and each week the baskets were replenished. It was such a treat to have fresh vegetables available.

Cy Severance also kept us supplied with various types of winter squashes.

Joanna Waldman and Cheryl Paine celebrated the 100th day of school with their first grade class by collecting many boxes of canned goods, delivering and stacking them on the food shelves.

Admission to the Freshman Dance at Thetford Academy was a donation of canned or dry foods, and once again our Food Shelf was the recipient of a great selection.

The annual Hike for Hunger was its usual success brought about by many enthusiastic and caring students.

The Sixth grade class at Thetford Elementary initiated their own food drive and collected more than 500 pounds of assorted items.

Many individuals frequently leave bags of coffee, soups, pastas, sauces, and other necessities such as shampoos, soaps, and dental products. Scout leaders also donated boxes of the ever popular Girl Scouts' cookies to be distributed.

Once again, the Thetford Youth Sports Board and the PTO arranged another fun-filled event for the annual basketball game - Elementary School staff versus sixth grade with the proceeds donated to the Food Shelf and fuel assistance program - a very generous contribution.

Throughout the year, we also receive many monetary contributions that enable me to supplement our supplies with frozen meats and meals, staples, and household items from the Vermont Food Bank. We are currently serving an average of 19 families each month from Thetford and neighboring towns; USDA commodities are distributed monthly to 36 households.

As I have mentioned before, a portion of our fund are available for situations when there is an urgent need for assistance. The Trustees of Trust Funds provide continuing support and cooperation in requests for additional funds to respond to all emergencies.

My sincere appreciation to all who have contributed in every way to the success of this program. Thank you so much.

Roberta C. Howard
Thetford Food Shelf Coordinator
Town Service Officer

BROADBAND COMMITTEE REPORT

In late summer, the Selectboard established a Broadband Committee to advance access to broadband Internet access within our town. Membership on the committee has remained open; anyone who has wished to participate has been welcome at meetings.

The committee reviewed the record and services of local wireless providers as well as the likelihood that Verizon would provide broadband access via their landline network. We also shared information on advanced technology that is currently not available here.

The committee joined forces with representatives of four other towns in our region to apply for a State broadband grant. We developed an FRP and received information from about 6 wireless Internet providers, some who would be new to our area. Several appeared to be very promising, both in terms of rates and available service.

While we succeeded in passing the first grant elimination round, our group has yet to be awarded a grant. In the interim, and in consultation with the Selectboard, it was decided that the committee would pursue any opportunities that were available.

The status at this point is that our local providers, Finowen and WaveComm continue to offer service. WaveComm was selected to bring broadband to Strafford and is also moving aggressively to expand coverage in Thetford.

You may have heard that Verizon wants to sell its northern New England service to Fairpoint Communications. Fairpoint claims it is interested in helping to spread broadband into rural areas. If that is so, we stand to benefit. However, the timeline may stretch to the horizon. In Vermont, the sale must be approved by the Public Service Board that will set the terms of the deal - including expanding broadband. It remains to be seen when the sale will be completed and how long it will take Fairpoint to make good on its promises.

Jim Masland
for the Broadband Committee

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Budget Committee – after many fruitful planning meetings with the Selectboard and the various committees and staffs – make the following observations and recommendations.

1. While the general cost of living rose about 3.8 percent, the overall Thetford Town Budget rose 10 percent. Budget increases such as this - that exceed living cost increases - are the key ingredient contributing to a lack of affordability for living in our town. The most important factor in determining the town's tax load is not its property values, but rather the sum it spends to be apportioned among its property owners.
2. Aside from the Town's contribution to the school budget, one of the largest town expenses is employee benefits. The Committee formally suggested to the Selectboard that it investigate a "cafeteria-style" benefits plan to help control cost growth while allowing workers to realize greater benefits.
3. Noting that, in addition to operational expenses, Thetford currently pays the town of West Fairlee close to \$20,000 in real estate taxes on a seasonal recreation facility, we recommend the Selectboard charge the newly-created recreation committee to study options to mitigate those costs while improving the town summer recreational facilities.
4. Now that the Town's "single-year appropriations" (often referred to as "the charities") are fast approaching six figures, we recommend that the town set a specific annual sum to be donated; and this sum to be divvied up to applying groups by a town committee, to be amended as desired in Town Meeting.
5. Finally, as the Town has been investing smartly in new technology across its operations, it should also evaluate its returns and see where these investments have made departmental reform and savings possible.

Respectfully,

The Budget Committee:
Manohar Grewal
Ken McDaniels
Lynne Miller
Michael Pomeroy
Tig Tillinghast

Town of Thetford, Vermont
Governmental Capital Assets
31-Dec-06

<u>Item</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date Acquired</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2007 Freightliner Body Highway	Highway	V&E	9/13/2006	57,000
Ford 550	Highway	V&E	11/5/2001	54,499
2006 Freightliner Body	Highway	V&E	10/11/2005	48,314
Wing, Plow, Sander Body for 06	Highway	V&E		45,375
2000 International	Highway	V&E	4/13/2000	60,110
1999 International	Highway	V&E	4/13/2000	60,000
2004 Caterpillar 420D Backhoe	Highway	V&E	3/2/2004	89,650
1997 Gallion Grader 870	Highway	V&E	4/9/1997	121,700
2005 Landa Gas Pressure Washer/Culvert Thawer	Highway	V&E	9/18/2005	5,096
Diesel Tank - 2000 Gallon	Highway	V&E	11/10/2005	4,915
Yamaha Generator	Highway	V&E	6/30/2003	15,000
Wisconsin Equipment Trailer	Highway	V&E	6/30/1988	10,000
York Road Rake	Highway	V&E	6/30/1999	5,500
2000 Ford Crown Vic	Police		6/15/2006	9,995
2005 Chevy Impala	Police	V&E	5/12/2005	18,332
Copier	Gen	V&E	6/30/2003	3,500
Police Radios	Police	V&E	5/11/2005	10,492
Town Hall	Gen	Bld	6/30/2003	681,770
Highway Garage/Salt Shed	Highway	Bld	6/30/1974	44,060
Treasure Island - Original Buildings	Rec	Bld	9/30/1972	36,900
Treasure Island Facilities	Rec	Bld		0
Treasure Island Shop/Crafts	Rec	Bld		0
Recycling Center Shed	Sol. Was.	Bld	6/30/1993	5,414
Latham Road	Highway	Infra	8/3/2005	46,553
Godfrey Road	Highway	Infra	9/7/2005	50,178
Tucker Road	Highway	Infra	10/5/2005	27,703
Robinson Hill & Barker	Highway	Infra	11/1/2004	131,197
Stowell Road Bridge	Highway	Infra	6/30/2004	41,345
Tucker Hill Bridge	Highway	CIP	11/30/2004	50,500
Pedestrian Path	Gen	CIP	N/A	6,487
Land - Treasure Island	Rec	Land	9/30/1972	127,100
Land - Town Garage	N/A	Land	6/30/1935	300
Land - Town Hall	N/A	Land		0
Land - Recycling Center & Post Mills Cons. Area	N/A	Land	6/30/2004	34,031
Land - Town Forest	N/A	Land	1941	165
Land - Stowell Road	N/A	Land	6/30/1950	600
Land - Old Dump Site	N/A	Land	6/30/1957	62
Land - School Leach Field	N/A	Land	6/30/1974	12,400
Land - T&J Taylor Property	N/A	Land	6/30/1997	68,080
Land - Hughes (Center Common)	N/A	Land	6/30/1998	30,300
Land - Uihlein Property (Turnpike Road)	N/A	Land		11,800
Land - Decola Property (Cranberry Hill)	N/A	Land	6/30/2005	13,140
Land - Poor Farm Road (Nature Conservancy)	N/A	Land	6/30/2004	158,690
Land - Sawnee Bean Cemetery	N/A	Land		0
Land - Judd Cemetery	N/A	Land		0
Land - by Trussell's	N/A	Land		0
Land - East Thetford Cemetery	N/A	Land		0
Land - Post Mills Cemetery	N/A	Land		0
Land - Thetford Center Green	N/A	Land		0
Land - Thetford Hill Common	N/A	Land		0
Land - Rice's Mills Cemetery	N/A	Land		0
Land - Kinney Cemetery	N/A	Land		0
Land - Follett Cemetery	N/A	Land		0
Land - Post Mills Green	N/A	Land		0
Land - Thetford Center Cemetery	N/A	Land		0
Land - Poor Farm Road So	N/A	Land	6/30/1994	40,000
				2,230,253

FINANCIAL REPORTS

YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2006

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

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, 2006, the Town's long-term debt consisted of four notes payable and one bond payable:

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2.0%, annual principal payments of \$17,413.00 plus \$1,045.00 interest, due December 31, 2007, total balance due \$17,412.
- To State of Vermont interest at 2.0% annual principal payments of 30,000.00 plus \$1,800.00 interest due December 31, 2008, total balance due \$60,000.
- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$26,000.00 plus \$1,524.67 interest due June 30, 2009 total balance due \$77,900.
- To John Deere Credit, interest at 5.25% annual principal payments of \$28,645.76 plus \$1,836.72 due November 1, 2009. total balance due \$77,459.06.

- 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 balance due \$480,000.00.

The total amount of long-term debt is \$ 712,771.96.

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 2007. 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	

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 12/08/06	Puritan Fund--shares added by reinvestment 26,869.828 shares	
12/08/06	Puritan Fund--total shares held 27,546.828 shares	
12/08/06	Puritan Fund--value of investment @ \$19.80/share	\$545,427.16
CASH ON HAND INCOME FOR 2006:		
01/01/06	Cash on Hand	\$30,566.88
12/31/06	Interest	414.30
TOTAL		\$30,981.18
DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES FOR 2006:		
12/30/05	Check #140, Thetford Emergency Fund \$2,580.96	
07/07/06	Check #141, Thetford Emergency Fund 1,597.11	
09/05/06	Check #142, Thetford Emergency Fund 1,653.33	
12/04/06	Check #143, Thetford Emergency Fund 2,587.45	
TOTAL		\$8,418.85
12/31/06	CASH BALANCE ON HAND	\$22,562.33

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
12/04/57 to 12/08/06	Puritan Funds—shares added by reinvestment 753.480 shares	
12/08/06	Puritan Fund—total shares held 973.480 shares	
12/08/06	Puritan Fund—value of investment @ \$19.80/share	\$19,274.90
CASH ON HAND & INCOME - 2006		
01/01/06	Cash on Hand (Wells River Savings Bank)	\$0.00
01/03/06	Fidelity	129.72
05/01/06	Fidelity	121.16
07/27/06	Fidelity	139.80
11/16/06	Fidelity	144.06
12/22/06	Fidelity	153.66
12/22/06	Interest (Wells River Savings Bank)	.85
	TOTAL	\$689.25
DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES - 2006		
12/22/06	Hillside Cemetery 35.00	
	Post Mills Cemetery 70.00	
	East Thetford Cemetery 105.00	
	Evergreen Rest Cemetery 245.00	455.00
12/22/06	CASH BALANCE ON HAND	\$234.25

Trustees of Trust Funds

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

MARSTON/SMITH GRAVESITE FUND REPORT

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

Balance on hand – 1/1/06: \$1,045.04
Interest accrued: 3.81
Balance on hand – 12/31/06 \$1,049.12

Grave Upkeep and Floral Pieces - Donated

Jill D. Graff, Town Treasurer

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Fund	Other Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Fund
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 1,343,298	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 17,190	\$ 1,360,488
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts)	76,863	0	0	0	76,863
Due from Other Funds	0	43,799	13,621	92,314	149,734
Other Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	\$ 1,420,161	\$ 43,799	\$ 13,621	\$ 109,504	\$ 1,587,085
LIABILITIES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	0	0	0	0	0
Due to School District	1,272,532	0	0	0	1,272,532
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue	67,478	0	0	0	67,478
Other Liabilities	4,184	0	0	0	4,184
Total Liabilities	1,344,194	0	0	0	1,344,194
FUND BALANCES					
Fund Balances (Deficit):					
Unreserved, Reported In					
General Fund	75,967	0	0	0	75,967
Special Revenue Funds	0	43,799	0	37,293	81,092
Capital Project Funds	0	0	13,621	72,211	85,831
Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)	75,967	43,799	13,621	109,504	242,891
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,420,161	\$ 43,799	\$ 13,621	\$ 109,504	\$ 1,587,085

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Fund	Other Governmental Fund	Total Governmental Fund
REVENUES:					
Property Taxes	\$ 673,507	\$ 487,212	\$ 80,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,240,719
Penalties and Interest	21,226	0	0	0	21,226
Intergovernmental Revenues	60,002	129,784	0	41,850	231,636
Charges for Services	50,665	2,376	0	0	53,041
Investment Income	35,224	0	0	0	35,486
Fine and Forfeits	11,441	0	0	0	11,441
Licenses and Permits	17,619	640	0	0	18,259
Other Revenue	0	0	14,810	7,407	22,217
Total Revenues	869,682	620,012	94,810	49,519	1,634,023
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
General Government	795,072	0	0	92,669	887,741
Highway and Streets	0	571,627	0	0	571,627
Public Safety	0	0	0	3,607	3,607
Recreation	5,432	0	0	0	5,432
Solid Waste	14,394	0	0	0	14,394
Cemetery	4,393	0	0	0	4,393
Capital Outlay:					
General Government	0	0	0	0	0
Highway and Streets	0	0	115,063	0	115,063
Public Safety	0	0	0	13,973	13,973
Debt Service:					
Principal	30,000	0	74,222	0	104,222
Interest	24,092	0	4,333	0	28,425
Total Expenditures	873,383	571,627	193,618	110,249	1,748,877
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(3,701)	48,385	(98,808)	(60,730)	(114,854)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers In	0	0	167,900	12,265	180,165
Transfer Out	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0	0	167,900	12,265	180,165
Net Change in Fund Balances	(3,701)	48,385	69,092	(48,465)	65,311
Fund Balances – January 1, 2006	79,668	(4,586)	(55,470)	157,969	177,581
Fund Balances – December 31, 2006	\$ 75,967	\$ 43,799	\$ 13,622	\$ 109,504	\$ 242,892

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006**

	Act 200 Fund	Recreation Park Fund	Restoration Of Records Fund	Conservation Fund	Reappraisal Fund	Planning Consulting Fund	Town Common Fund	Village Pedestrian Fund	Gov. Hwy Safety Fund	Elections Fund	Mascoma Police Fund	Total
Revenues:												
Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0	5,432	13,534	0	0	19,739	0	3,085	0	41,790
Investment Income	0	0	0	262	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	262
Trust Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	0	0	0	0	60
Charges for Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,257
Total Revenues	0	0	0	5,694	13,534	0	60	19,739	0	3,085	0	47,309
Expenditures:												
Current:												
General Government	0	0	3,813	3,867	0	2805	168	24,300	0	3,085	0	38,038
Highway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,347	0	2,260	3,607
Total Expenditures	0	0	3,813	3,867	0	2805	168	24,300	1,347	3,085	2,260	41,645
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	0	0	1,444	3,867	13,534	(2,805)	(108)	(4,561)	(1,347)	0	0	5,664
Other Financing Sources:												
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	2,265	7,265
Total Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	2,265	7,265
Net Change in Fund Balances	0	0	1,444	3,867	13,534	(2,195)	(108)	(4,561)	(1,347)	0	0	15,024
Fund B/Balances 01/01/06	6,912	550	1,080	15,363	4,762	0	(4,354)	(1,571)	0	0	0	22,622
Fund B/Balances(Deficit) 12/31/06	\$ 6,912	\$ 550	\$ 2,504	\$ 17,190	\$ 16,296	\$ 2,195	\$ (4,462)	\$ (6,232)	\$ (1,347)	\$ 0	\$ 5	\$ 28,659

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Town Hall Construction Fund	Bridges Fund	Cruiser Fund	Recycling Fund	Total
Revenues:	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,150	\$ 0	\$ 2,150
Expenditures:					
Capital Outlay	0	840	0	0	840
General Government	4,360	0	0	49,340	53,700
Public Safety	0	0	13,973	0	13,973
Total Expenditures	4,360	840	13,973	49,340	68,513
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(4,360)	(840)	(13,973)	(49,340)	(66,363)
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfers in	0	0	5,000	0	5,000
Total Other Financing Sources	0	0	5,000	0	5,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	(4,360)	(840)	(8,973)	(49,340)	(61,363)
Fund Balance January 1, 2006	8,443	35,019	14,649	77,235	135,346
Fund Balance December 31, 2006	\$ 4,083	\$ 34,179	\$ 7,829	\$ 27,895	\$ 73,896

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
GENERAL FUND REVENUES						
1 Town Clerk Fees	30,000.00	27,404.72	30,000.00	24,161.42	28,000.00	28,000.00
2 Delinquent Tax Penalty	10,000.00	15,849.66	12,000.00	12,952.61	12,000.00	12,000.00
3 Interest Delinquent Taxes	8,000.00	8,182.32	8,000.00	8,272.98	8,000.00	8,000.00
4 Interest	2,000.00	20,496.12	15,000.00	35,223.99	20,000.00	20,000.00
5 Use of Town Records	500.00	880.75	500.00	580.50	500.00	500.00
6 Liquor Licenses	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
7 Dog Fines	50.00	15.00	50.00	245.00	100.00	100.00
8 Dog Penalties	700.00	200.00	500.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
9 Dog Licenses	1,800.00	3,007.50	2,500.00	3,160.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
10 Zoning Fees	10,000.00	9,111.38	10,000.00	12,258.51	10,000.00	10,000.00
11 Subdivision Fees	1,000.00	2,428.00	1,500.00	1,242.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
12 Recreation Fees					3,500.00	3,500.00
13 Septic Fees	1,200.00	830.00	1,000.00	758.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
14 Copying Fees	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15 Office Supplies	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
16 Zoning Materials	250.00	255.00	300.00	132.50	300.00	300.00
17 Computer, Communications	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
18 Municipal Court Fines				0.00	0.00	0.00
19 Traffic Fines	7,500.00	8,262.92	7,500.00	10,895.98	7,500.00	7,500.00
20 Police Receipts	500.00	384.97	500.00	35.00	250.00	250.00
21 Police Dept - Outside Funding		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22 Sale of Equipment - Police		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
23 COPS Revenue -- Prior Year		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
24 Listers' Research	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25 Listers' Changes -- Re-bills		953.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26 Current Use Withdrawals		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
27 Recycling Receipts	3,500.00	9,400.93	5,000.00	6,833.68	4,000.00	4,000.00
28 Trash Sticker Revenues	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
29 Treasure Island	15,000.00	18,455.50	18,000.00	18,891.45	18,000.00	18,000.00
30 Insurance Refunds		198.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
31 Insurance Claim Receipts		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32 Federal Land Entitlement	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33 Flood Cont./Water Resources	1,000.00	3,675.00	3,000.00	3,675.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
34 Forest & Parks Tax	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
35 Railroad Tax	2,500.00	1,517.45	1,500.00	48.68	500.00	500.00
36 PILOT Revenues	2,000.00	5,005.60	4,000.00	5,290.26	5,000.00	5,000.00
37 Cemetery Lot Sales		105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
38 Sale of Town Owned Property		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
39 Miscellaneous	300.00	1,593.13	200.00	29.84	200.00	200.00
40 Special Appropriations Tax Levy		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
41 Town Tax Levy	634,924.22	691,476.33	647,769.86	673,507.25	789,990.15	789,990.15
42 Hold Harmless Revenue	40,000.00	52,738.00	45,000.00	50,967.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
43 Addl. Current Yr Taxes Raised			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
44 Subtotal General Revenue Fund	\$826,170.22	\$882,647.45	\$865,240.86	\$869,682.65	\$1,011,861.15	\$1,011,861.15

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
45 Gen. Fund Surplus -- Prior Year	34,956.31	34,956.31	58,453.89	58,453.89	-3,703.17	
46						
47 Total General Fund Revenues	\$861,126.53	\$917,603.76	\$923,694.75	\$928,136.54	\$1,008,157.98	
48						
49 GEN.FUND EXPENDITURES						
50 Selectboard Stipend	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
51 Selectboard Clerk	2,500.00	2,005.43	2,500.00	1,741.39	2,587.50	2,587.50
52 Social Security	191.25	153.41	191.25	151.49	198.00	198.00
53 Selectboard Contingency	3,500.00	2,533.32	4,000.00	2,001.25	4,000.00	4,000.00
54 Advertising	3,000.00	2,057.29	2,500.00	2,259.16	2,500.00	2,500.00
55 V.L.C.T.	2,898.00	2,503.00	2,898.00	2,626.00	2,727.00	2,727.00
56 Due & Meetings	500.00	662.50	500.00	684.77	600.00	600.00
57 Unemployment	5,135.00	5,169.00	5,308.00	5,308.00	5,785.00	5,785.00
58 Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
59 Insurance	44,000.00	44,002.00	45,741.00	46,924.74	47,102.00	47,102.00
60 PACIF Deduct	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
61 Retirement Plan	7,300.00	5,469.80	5,055.00	5,478.19	6,500.00	6,500.00
62 Info/Technological Systems	3,000.00	2,395.08	3,000.00	4,860.65	7,000.00	7,000.00
63 Tax Mapping	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
64 Legal Services	1,000.00	1,111.75	1,000.00	2,614.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
65 Travel	300.00	48.50	300.00	210.01	300.00	300.00
66 Professional Audit	3,000.00	5,595.00	11,000.00	12,963.00	12,000.00	12,000.00

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
67 Planning & Consulting	5,000.00	1,629.53	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
68 Total Selectboard	\$86,674.25	\$81,185.61	\$94,343.25	\$97,673.15	\$102,649.50	
69						
70 Town Report	4,000.00	4,912.00	5,000.00	4,650.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
71 Restoration of Records	2,000.00	1,913.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
72 Total Records	\$6,000.00	\$6,825.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,650.00	\$7,000.00	
73						
74 Town Office Supplies	4,000.00	4,170.09	4,200.00	4,312.31	4,200.00	4,200.00
75 Copier Contract Support	250.00	320.00	320.00	347.48	350.00	350.00
76 Copier Maint/Supplies	500.00	450.00	500.00	482.00	500.00	500.00
77 Computer Software/Support	3,500.00	2,876.25	4,000.00	1,783.67	4,000.00	4,000.00
78 Computer Maintenance	500.00	522.50	525.00		525.00	525.00
79 Computer Supplies/Equipment	300.00	0.00	500.00	149.16	500.00	500.00
80 Telephone	4,500.00	5,472.94	6,000.00	5,811.56	6,000.00	6,000.00
81 Postage	4,000.00	3,460.65	4,400.00	3,406.02	4,400.00	4,400.00
82 Dues and Meetings	1,000.00	1,465.33	2,275.00			
83 Equipment Maintenance	200.00	109.99	200.00	48.75	200.00	200.00
84 Tools & Equipment	500.00	546.85	500.00	149.69	500.00	500.00
85 Total Town Office	\$19,250.00	\$19,394.60	\$23,420.00	\$16,490.64	\$21,175.00	
86						

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
87 BCA Expenses	750.00	783.50	750.00	182.00	500.00	500.00
88 BCA Ed Workshops	250.00	100.00	250.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
89 BCA Totals	\$1,000.00	\$883.50	\$1,000.00	\$182.00	\$700.00	
90						
91 Election Officials	250.00	247.00	400.00	494.00	500.00	500.00
92 Election Supplies	100.00	37.40	100.00	52.43	100.00	100.00
93 Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
94 Election Totals	\$350.00	\$284.40	\$500.00	\$546.43	\$600.00	
95						
96 Auditors	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
97 Professional Services	2,000.00	5,780.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
98 Total Bookkeeping/Auditors	\$2,100.00	\$5,780.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
99						
100 Listers' Salaries	18,571.00	22,394.51	22,660.00	27,385.83	26,751.36	26,751.36
101 Social Security	1,421.00	1,713.21	1,735.00	2,095.05	2,047.00	2,047.00
102 Listers' Clerk			0.00	801.86	2,070.00	2,070.00
103 Social Security				61.32	158.00	158.00
104 Supplies & Miscellaneous	500.00	712.48	500.00	782.68	750.00	750.00
105 Service Contract	200.00	225.00	225.00	250.00	1,783.00	1,783.00
106 Telephone & Advertising	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00

	2005		2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	YTD 12/31	Budget	12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed	
107 Postage	1,250.00	1,407.84	250.00	648.27	700.00			
108 Dues & Meetings	600.00	636.75	1,500.00	1,479.30	700.00			
109 Professional Services	1,100.00	1,107.00	1,500.00	2,072.00	1,100.00			
110 Travel	250.00	162.05	600.00	647.97	250.00			
111 Equipment	600.00	826.96	1,152.00	1,459.35	1,500.00			
112 Total Listers	\$24,592.00	\$29,185.80	\$30,222.00	\$37,683.63	\$37,909.36			
113								
114 Town Clerk's Salary	26,223.00	25,783.85	28,407.00	28,718.73	29,699.00			
115 Social Security	2,006.00	1,972.49	2,174.00	2,196.96	2,270.00			
116 Asst Clerk	15,738.00	13,798.58	17,798.00	17,956.98	19,806.00			
117 Social Security	1,204.00	1,039.48	1,362.00	1,353.40	1,515.00			
118 Dues and meetings	0.00	0.00	1,375.00	1,955.94	2,000.00			
119 Town Clerk Benefits	8,681.00	10,148.31	10,000.00	8,847.01	10,341.76			
120 Town Clerk Dental	1,383.00	1,108.50	1,500.00	0.00	0.00			
121 Deductibles - Clerk	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00			
122 Total Town Clerk	\$56,035.00	\$54,651.21	\$63,416.00	\$61,829.02	\$66,431.76			
123								
124 Town Treasurer's Salary	25,215.00	25,720.59	26,971.00	25,814.88	26,977.00			
125 Treasurer Soc. Sec	1,929.00	1,967.63	1,987.00	1,974.82	2,064.00			
126 Asst Treasurer	7,182.00	7,324.15	7,397.00	7,777.29	8,384.00			
127 Asst Soc. Sec	550.00	560.32	567.00	595.00	641.00			

	2005		2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	YTD 12/31	Budget	12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed	
128 Town Treasurer's Benefits	8,681.00	10,530.43	10,500.00	9,268.95	10,911.76			
129 Town Treasurer's Dental	1,383.00	1,333.62	1,500.00	1,371.84	1,500.00			
130 Deductibles - Treasurer	800.00	190.94	800.00	800.00	800.00			
131 Supplies	650.00	621.21	650.00	635.98	650.00			
132 Dues and meetings			600.00	736.10	800.00			
133 Total Town Treasurer	\$46,390.00	\$48,248.89	\$50,972.00	\$48,974.86	\$52,727.76			
134								
135 Zoning Administrator	10,192.00	8,517.16	14,040.00	9,585.95	14,904.00			
136 Social Security	780.00	651.52	1,075.00	733.37	1,140.00			
137 Zoning Admin Asst	3,214.00	3,792.32	3,311.00	4,675.43	4,658.00			
138 Social Security	246.00	290.13	254.00	357.66	356.00			
139 Supplies	800.00	550.05	800.00	794.99	600.00			
140 Advertising	1,000.00	811.09	1,000.00	1,526.07	1,350.00			
141 Postage	400.00	392.34	600.00	336.11	650.00			
142 Dues & Meetings	400.00	655.61	600.00	75.00	200.00			
143 RPC Dues	2,892.00	2,892.00	2,892.00	2,892.00	0.00			
144 Travel	100.00	87.50	200.00	107.37	200.00			
145 Equipment	250.00	199.29	1,200.00	1,211.89	1,400.00			
146 Total Zoning	\$20,274.00	\$18,839.01	\$25,972.00	\$22,295.84	\$25,458.00			
147								
148 Clerical Support				22.75	936.00			
149 Social Security				1.74	71.60			

	2005 Budget	2005 YTD 12/31	2006 Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	2007 Proposed
150 Supplies				0.00	200.00
151 Advertising				0.00	720.00
152 Postage				0.00	100.00
153 Dues & Meetings				0.00	1,000.00
154 RPC Dues				0.00	2,892.00
155 Travel				0.00	213.75
156 Equipment				0.00	100.00
157 Printing				0.00	1,000.00
158 Internet Services				0.00	170.00
159 Training				0.00	800.00
160 <i>Total Planning Commission</i>				\$24.49	\$8,203.35
161					
162 Custodian	2,000.00	1,582.18	2,000.00	1,589.99	2,000.00
163 Social Security	153.00	121.01	153.00	121.63	153.00
164 Supplies	500.00	791.65	500.00	480.13	500.00
165 Rubbish Removal/Recycling	500.00	585.08	500.00	766.00	500.00
166 Repairs & Maintenance	1,000.00	348.64	1,000.00	1,089.40	7,667.00
167 Grounds Maintenance	350.00	192.20	350.00	15.98	200.00
168 Utilities	3,700.00	4,895.15	4,500.00	4,621.76	4,800.00

	2005 Budget	2005 YTD 12/31	2006 Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	2007 Proposed
169 Equipment	300.00	0.00	300.00	151.30	300.00
170 Alarm Service	200.00	355.00	200.00	1,371.80	200.00
171 <i>Total Town Hall</i>	\$8,703.00	\$8,870.91	\$9,503.00	\$10,207.99	\$16,320.00
172					
173 Conservation Supplies	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
174 Dues & Meetings	50.00	170.00	225.00	190.00	225.00
175 Conservation Trust Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
176 Project Support	500.00	477.50	500.00	47.00	500.00
177 <i>Total Conservation</i>	\$5,625.00	\$5,647.50	\$5,800.00	\$5,237.00	\$5,800.00
178					
179 Energy Committee	500.00	475.63	500.00	455.48	900.00
180 <i>Total Energy Committee</i>	\$500.00	\$475.63	\$500.00	\$455.48	\$900.00
181					
182 Constable	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00
183 Police Chief	42,000.00	40,442.26	38,500.00	45,680.79	41,918.00
184 Social Security	3,213.00	3,093.68	2,945.00	3,494.61	3,207.00
185 Special Officer	32,136.00	39,814.23	32,500.00	31,747.31	36,025.00
186 Social Security	2,459.00	3,045.75	2,486.00	2,442.83	2,756.00
187 Special Officer (p.t.)			5,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
188 Social Security			383.00	0.00	1,147.50
189 Call Out/OT				1,790.10	1,614.75
190 Social Security				0.00	123.53
191 Police Benefits	17,362.00	16,695.29	18,400.00	11,966.53	15,805.32

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
192	Police Dental	1,446.80	1,330.30	2,600.00	1,329.44	1,600.00
193	Grants/Outside Funding Payroll	0.00	1,050.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
194	Supplies	750.00	1,176.48	750.00	786.44	750.00
195	Computer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
196	Special Officer Start-up/Uniforms	1,000.00	1,309.87	1,000.00	1,897.48	1,200.00
197	Telephone/postage	3,000.00	1,769.23	2,000.00	1,893.27	2,000.00
198	Radio/Dispatch	10,000.00	11,732.33	10,000.00	10,349.67	10,000.00
199	Dues & Meetings	500.00	756.54	500.00	165.43	300.00
200	Police Training	1,000.00	82.25	1,000.00	1,001.81	1,000.00
201	Admin. Ass't		5,535.00	0.00	90.00	0.00
202	Admin Ass't Social Security		423.44	0.00	6.89	0.00
203	Contracted Services	0.00	2,379.07	500.00	54.00	300.00
204	Vehicle Repairs	1,500.00	6,340.75	1,500.00	2,912.78	1,500.00
205	Fuel	4,500.00	6,012.79	5,000.00	6,504.83	6,500.00
206	Equipment, Repair, Radio	2,000.00	2,114.43	2,000.00	2,050.76	3,000.00
207	Vehicle Replacement	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
208	Total Police	\$127,867.80	\$150,103.69	\$132,065.00	\$131,164.97	\$150,748.10
209						
210	Fire Department Operations	73,800.00	73,800.00	77,050.00	77,050.00	79,935.00
211	Fire Warden	1,500.00	713.75	1,500.00	838.06	640.00
212	Fast Squad	0.00	0.00	10,080.00	10,080.00	10,150.00
213	Total Fire Department	\$75,300.00	\$74,513.75	\$88,630.00	\$87,968.06	\$90,725.00
214						
215	Emergency Management	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,228.00	1,500.00
216	Total Emergency Mgmt	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,228.00	\$1,500.00

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
217						
218	Upper Valley Ambulance	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00	39,255.00
219	Total Ambulance	\$39,255.00	\$39,255.00	\$39,255.00	\$39,255.00	\$39,255.00
220						
221	Health Officer Wages	500.00	0.00	500.00	341.35	500.00
222	Social Security	50.00	0.00	50.00	26.11	50.00
223	Dues & Meetings	75.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
224	Travel	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
225	Equipment	0.00	99.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
226	Total Health Officer	\$675.00	\$99.00	\$675.00	\$367.46	\$675.00
227						
228	Animal Control Wages	500.00	905.22	750.00	1,596.38	1,553.00
229	Social Security	38.00	69.26	56.00	122.10	119.00
230	Pound Fees	500.00	370.00	500.00	760.00	1,000.00
231	Humane Supplies	100.00	34.00	150.00	114.32	500.00
232	Licensing Supplies	200.00	190.96	200.00	194.51	100.00
233	Dues & Meetings	100.00	69.30	100.00	40.00	100.00
234	Travel	150.00	193.87	175.00	358.29	500.00
235	Total Animal Control	\$1,588.00	\$1,832.61	\$1,931.00	\$3,185.60	\$3,872.00
236						
237	GUVSWMD	14,393.50	14,393.50	14,393.50	14,393.50	14,393.50
238	Solid Waste Disposal	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
239	Total Solid Waste	\$64,393.50	\$14,393.50	\$64,393.50	\$14,393.50	\$64,393.50
240						

	2005		2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	YTD 12/31	Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed	
241 Recycling Salaries	6,835.00	8,759.37	7,500.00	9,784.34	8,798.00			
242 Social Security	523.00	602.11	574.00	745.23	673.00			
243 Supplies	250.00	371.31	250.00	297.58	500.00			
244 Bin Lease/Glass Recycling	2,000.00	2,330.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00			
245 Bin Pickup/Comingled Recycling	4,500.00	8,330.00	5,275.00	5813.45	7,000.00			
246 Newspaper Pickup	600.00	136.40	0.00	0.00	0.00			
247 Magazine Pickup	450.00	152.40	0.00	0.00	0.00			
248 Mixed Paper Pickup	1,650.00	2,700.55	0.00	0.00	0.00			
249 Mixed Plastic Pickup	675.00	754.25	0.00	0.00	0.00			
250 Glass Pickup	3,000.00	3,970.80	0.00	4,974.55	4,000.00			
251 Cardboard Pickup	1,000.00	130.76	0.00	0.00	0.00			
252 Metal Pickup	1,400.00	2,253.42	0.00	135.00	1,000.00			
253 Solid Waste Removal	400.00	2,167.00	5,400.00	0.00	0.00			
254 Fuel Surcharge	600.00	1,137.42	600.00	0.00	0.00			
255 Community Education	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00			
256 Travel	200.00	86.52	200.00	63.05	200.00			
257 Facility Const & Maintenance	1,000.00	7.50	1,000.00	0.00	500.00			
258 Land Lease	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
259 Total Recycling	\$25,183.00	\$33,889.81	\$25,899.00	\$21,813.20	\$22,771.00			
260								
261 Cemeteries - Mowing	2,700.00	1,890.00	2,700.00	3,150.00	3,150.00			
262 Hillside Cemetery Assn	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00			
263 Supplies	225.00	125.31	225.00	143.10	225.00			
264 Repairs	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00			
265 Total Cemeteries	\$4,025.00	\$3,115.31	\$4,025.00	\$4,393.10	\$4,375.00			

	2005		2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	YTD 12/31	Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed	
266								
267 Recreation Development/Supplies	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,085.00	1,500.00			
268 Recreation Coordinator					12,000.00			
269 Social Security					918.00			
270 Advertising	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00			
271 Telephone, Utilities	600.00	572.30	600.00	520.43	600.00			
272 Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00	1,205.41	2,500.00	2,826.95	4,000.00			
273 Total Recreation	\$4,600.00	\$3,277.71	\$4,600.00	\$5,432.38	\$19,518.00			
274								
275 Treasure Island Wages	10,000.00	9,677.84	10,500.00	10,179.98	11,800.00			
276 Social Security	775.00	740.42	775.00	762.09	903.00			
277 Property Taxes	18,500.00	16,088.12	18,500.00	17,319.47	19,000.00			
278 Supplies	1,000.00	828.36	1,075.00	1,212.03	1,230.00			
279 Advertising	120.00	60.00	120.00	120.00	120.00			
280 Telephone	220.00	245.23	250.00	214.17	250.00			
281 Utilities	500.00	371.26	500.00	374.21	500.00			
282 Facility repairs/maintenance	8,000.00	7,456.09	7,265.00	9,968.77	11,366.00			
283 Residence repairs/maintenance	7,500.00	9,956.83	12,000.00	14,809.36	7,955.00			
284 Misc/Staff training/certification	800.00	480.00	900.00	255.00	900.00			
285 Total Treasure Island	\$47,415.00	\$45,904.15	\$51,885.00	\$55,215.08	\$54,024.00			
286								
287 Thetford Library Federation					66,940.00			
288 Thetford Library Federation					\$66,940.00			
289								

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
290 Town Hall Bond Payment	51,660.00	51,660.00	50,946.00	50,946.00	50,133.00	
291 Total Bond Payment	\$51,660.00	\$51,660.00	\$50,946.00	\$50,946.00	\$50,133.00	
292						
293 Interest Expense	7,000.00	1,816.95	4,000.00	3,146.23	4,000.00	
294 Total Interest	\$7,000.00	\$1,816.95	\$4,000.00	\$3,146.23	\$4,000.00	
295						
296 County Tax	60,000.00	52,717.00	60,000.00	53,806.00	60,000.00	
297 Total County Tax	\$60,000.00	\$52,717.00	\$60,000.00	\$53,806.00	\$60,000.00	
298						
299 Veterans' Flags	400.00	36.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
300 Scholarships	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
301 Miscellaneous	0.00	9,183.85	0.00	1,957.24	0.00	
302 Town Clerk Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
303 Real Estate Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,892.36	0.00	
304 Real Estate Abatements	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	610.10	2,000.00	
305 Bank Fees	500.00	1723.48	1,000.00	1,711.50	1,000.00	
306 EEGF Funds Reserve Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
307 Total Miscellaneous	\$3,400.00	\$11,443.33	\$3,900.00	\$7,071.20	\$3,900.00	
308						
309 Single Year Appropriations						
310 Clara Martin Center	4,266.00	4,266.00	4,266.00	4,266.00	4,266.00	
311 VNA/VNH	10,468.00	10,468.00	10,468.00	10,468.00	10,468.00	
312 Library Federation	52,540.00	52,540.00	52,540.00	52,540.00	0.00	
313 WR Council on Aging	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	
314 FAST Squad	9,500.00	9,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
315 VT Ctr Independent Living	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
316 Adult Basic Education	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	
317 The Family Place	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
318 Headrest	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	1,518.00	
319 CVCAC	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	
320 George Aiken RC&D	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
321 Orange County Diversion	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	
322 Upper Valley Services	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
323 Safeline	300.00	300.00	0.00	350.00	500.00	
324 Vt Green Up	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
325 GMEDC	1,239.00	1,239.00	0.00	1,380.00	1,380.00	
326 VT Assn for the Blind	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
327 ACORN	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
328 Milfoil/Aquatic Nuisance Control	4,600.00	4,600.00	0.00	4,800.00	5,000.00	
329 Maple Leaf Treatment Center	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
330 Kids Place of Randolph	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
331 Total Appropriations	\$94,856.00	\$94,856.00	\$79,217.00	\$85,747.00	\$33,557.00	
332						
333 TOTAL GEN. FUND EXPENDITURES	\$886,211.55	\$859,149.87	\$925,669.75	\$873,358.82	\$1,016,361.33	

	2005 Budget	2005 YTD 12/31	2006 Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	2007 Proposed
334					
335	HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE				
336	\$120,000.00	129,956.95	125,000.00	129,784.36	125,000.00
337	\$0.00	679.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
338	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
339	\$500.00	1,297.86	1,000.00	2,176.05	2,000.00
340	\$0.00	920.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
341	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
342	\$300.00	670.00	500.00	640.00	500.00
343	\$381,762.87	381,762.87	487,212.23	487,212.23	440,116.53
344		10.52	0.00	200.00	0.00
345	\$502,562.87	\$515,298.00	\$613,712.23	\$620,012.64	\$567,616.53
346	\$65,195.13	65,195.13	-4,586.23	-4,586.23	48,385.51
347	\$567,758.00	\$580,493.13	\$609,126.00	\$615,426.41	\$616,002.04
348					

	2005 Budget	2005 YTD 12/31	2006 Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	2007 Proposed
349	HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES				
350	155,000.00	151,582.11	162,000.00	144,170.15	169,000.00
351	11,858.00	11,591.26	12,383.00	11,029.00	12,929.00
352	33,000.00	35,155.71	36,843.00	23,892.63	44,073.04
353	3,500.00	3,289.37	3,800.00	3,141.95	6,000.00
354	3,500.00	3,189.18	4,000.00	3,910.96	4,000.00
355	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	800.00	1,000.00
356	1,000.00	1,178.45	1,000.00	42.97	500.00
357	2,000.00	2,200.26	2,500.00	2,208.51	2,500.00
358	1,200.00	1,915.30	1,200.00	3,372.45	5,000.00
359	300.00	1,412.15	1,000.00	194.95	800.00
360	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	200.00
361	0.00	5,814.11	5,800.00	5,505.93	6,500.00
362	\$212,658.00	\$217,327.90	\$231,826.00	\$198,269.50	\$252,502.04
363	50,000.00	49,885.15	50,000.00	47,222.73	50,000.00
364	130,000.00	124,893.85	130,000.00	112,198.62	130,000.00
365	18,000.00	18,000.00	20,000.00	16,056.72	20,000.00

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
366	65,000.00	50,023.35	65,000.00	59,589.34	62,000.00	
367	\$263,000.00	\$242,802.35	\$265,000.00	\$235,067.41	\$262,000.00	
368						
369	5,000.00	5,891.05	5,500.00	5,678.58	5,500.00	
370	\$5,000.00	\$5,891.05	\$5,500.00	\$5,678.58	\$5,500.00	
371						
372	10,000.00	9,764.48	10,000.00	13,887.47	10,000.00	
373	2,000.00	2,353.41	2,500.00	1,283.85	2,500.00	
374	4,000.00	1,883.75	4,000.00	3,770.86	4,000.00	
375	400.00	366.05	400.00	474.62	600.00	
376	200.00	1,092.15	400.00	200.00	400.00	
377	20,000.00	32,818.88	30,000.00	40,083.14	31,000.00	
378	500.00	251.56	500.00	447.18	500.00	
379	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
380	3,500.00	4,915.00	3,500.00	4,453.65	3,500.00	
381	35,000.00	59,123.64	47,000.00	43,882.92	35,000.00	
382	5,000.00	4,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
383	\$80,600.00	\$116,568.92	\$121,300.00	\$130,352.54	\$92,500.00	
384						

	2005		2006		2007	
	Budget	YTD 12/31	Budget	YTD 12/31/2006	Proposed	Proposed
385						
386	3,500.00	2,489.14	3,500.00	2,259.10	3,500.00	
387	\$3,500.00	\$2,489.14	\$3,500.00	\$2,259.10	\$3,500.00	
388						
389	\$564,758.00	\$585,079.36	\$627,126.00	\$571,627.13	\$616,002.04	

**THETFORD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
Capital Equipment Replacement Schedule
Years 2006-2016**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Tractor w/attachments 06, 18	\$28,645.76	\$28,645.76	\$28,645.76	\$28,645.76		\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00		\$26,000.00
Truck 1 - 9 yrs 02,11								\$26,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
Truck 2 - 8 yrs 05,13		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00						
Truck 3 - 7yrs 08,15			\$26,200.00	\$26,200.00	\$26,200.00	\$26,200.00					
Truck 4 - 7yrs 03,10			\$27,524.67	\$27,005.34	\$26,485.99					\$27,000.00	\$27,000.00
Truck 5 - 9 yrs 06, 15					\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00			\$20,000.00
Grader - 11 yrs 10											
Backhoe - 12 yrs 04,16	\$18,109.18	\$17,760.91									
Fire Trk Replacement	\$31,800.00	\$31,200.00	\$30,600.00								
Used Front-End Loader											
Total Projected Expenditures:	\$106,079.70	\$135,131.34	\$142,451.10	\$111,331.75	\$101,200.00	\$87,200.00	\$61,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$101,000.00
Fund Balance January 1:											
Projected Contribution:											
Projected Expenditures:											
Fund Balance December 31:											
Balance w/ Averaged Interest:											

DELINQUENT TAX LIST

As of December 31, 2006

	2006	2005	2004	TOTAL
Banios, Jr P	2769.52	0	0	2769.52
Bowen, B	2467.20	0	0	2467.20
Davidonis, T	2803.14	0	0	2803.14
Doucette, M	201.13	0	0	201.13
Farnham, R	1318.11	0	0	1318.11
Giguere, E	1062.88	0	0	1062.88
Guyer, P	1048.20	0	0	1048.20
Hall, C	183.52	0	0	183.52
Howard, A	1654.92	0	0	1654.92
Howe, M	1225.66	0	0	1225.66
Johnson Trust	6238.29	*523.33	0	6761.62
Kelly J	2907.62	0	0	2907.62
Manning, Jr, A	3613.17	1838.64	0	5451.81
Martin, J	3353.46	0	0	3353.46
Pagani, D	1590.19	0	0	1590.19
Pellerin, T	5782.27	0	0	5782.27
Pero, G	776.89	0	0	776.89
Pompy Press Inc	3274.58	2536.51	0	5811.09
Ranciato, C	716.27	0	0	716.27
Rutz, L	1870.34	0	0	1870.34
Santor, A	2266.04	0	0	2266.04
Swasey, W	178.11	0	0	178.11
Tyler, E	4058.98	0	0	4058.98
White, B	3906.97	0	0	3906.97
Wood, M	6253.59	4713.79	0	10967.38
TOTALS	61521.05	9612.27	0	71133.32

*Indicates 2005 Taxes paid in full in January 2006

**Indicates 2006 Taxes paid in full in January 2006

**ESTIMATED TAX RATES FOR 2007
(TOWN, HIGHWAY, WARNED ARTICLES)
USING 2006 GRAND LIST**

	Amount to be Raised	Grand List	2007 Tax Rate	For Comparison 2006 Actual
Town	798,193.50	2,985,408.19	.2674	.217
Highway	441,116.43	2,985,408.19	.1478	.163
Warned Articles	185,000.00	2,985,408.19	.0620	.035
TOTAL	1,424,309.93	2,985,408.19	.4772	.415

(Amount to be raised/Grand List = Tax Rate)

PROPERTY TAX RECONCILIATION
Year Ending December 31, 2006

Original Tax Billings		5,474,912.73
Adjustments:		
HS 131 Late Filings	7,274.60	
Error and Omissions	(3,043.00)	
Abatements	(336.70)	
Other Adjustments	<u>528.85</u>	
Net Adjustments to Original Billings		<u>4,423.75</u>
Final Tax Billings		5,479,336.48
Less State Education Taxes		(4,227,532.00)
Less State Education Adjustment to FY 2005 Taxes		<u>(11,085.00)</u>
Net Tax Billings		<u>1,240,719.48</u>
Recorded Taxes:		
General Fund		673,507.25
Highway Fund		487,212.23
Equipment Fund		<u>80,000.00</u>
		<u>1,240,719.48</u>

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
Year Ending December 31, 2006

Item Financed	Financing Source	Balance 12/31/05	New Loans	Loan Payments	Balance 12/31/06	2006 Interest Paid
Town Hall Renovations	Vermont Municipal Bond Bank	510,000	0	30,000	480,000	20,946
2004 Caterpillar	State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund	34,825	0	17,413	17,412	1,045
2005 Int'l Pumper	State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund	0	90,000	30,000	60,000	1,800
2006 Freightliner	State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund	0	77,900	0	77,900	0
John Deere Tractor	John Deere Credit	0	104,269	26,809.04	77,459.96	1,836.72
TOTALS		544,825	272,169	104,222	712,771.96	25,627.72

TREASURER REPORT

It has been another busy year in the Treasurer's Office. Keeping the Town's financial records, processing payroll, and tax collection keep us quite busy.

A GASB (Governmental Account Standards Board) audit of the Town was conducted in May 2006 by the accounting firm of Sullivan and Powers. The GASB portion of the audit includes the fixed assets of the Town (buildings, bridges, roads, etc). It required many hours of long, hard work by your Selectboard and this office to take inventory of all of the town's assets. Sullivan and Powers returned in January 2007 to audit the 2006 financial records. The entire audit report will be available for review at Town Hall in the spring.

Tax billing and collection continue to be challenging. Including the school tax and adjustments for late filed HS-131 Homestead declarations, \$5,479,336.48 in taxes were billed, with \$71,133.32 remaining to be collected. Working with those who have not paid their taxes in full continues to be a priority.

All residents are required to file a Declaration of Homestead with the State of Vermont. This form must be filed every year by April 15th. The state tracks down non-filers and revised tax bills are issued. Starting in 2007, Form HS-131 is being replaced by Form HS-122 which will also include the application for property tax adjustments (pre-bates/rebates). Common errors occur when tax payers file for an extension, use out of state tax preparers who are unaware of the filing requirement, do their taxes on line and forget to complete the form, or do not qualify for a pre-bate or rebate and do not realize that they still must file. ALL RESIDENTS MUST FILE A DECLARATION OF HOMESTEAD FORM BY APRIL 15 EVERY YEAR. If you are eligible for a pre-bate or rebate in 2007, you will no longer receive a check from the State. Instead, your tax adjustment will be sent to the town and appear as a credit on your tax bill.

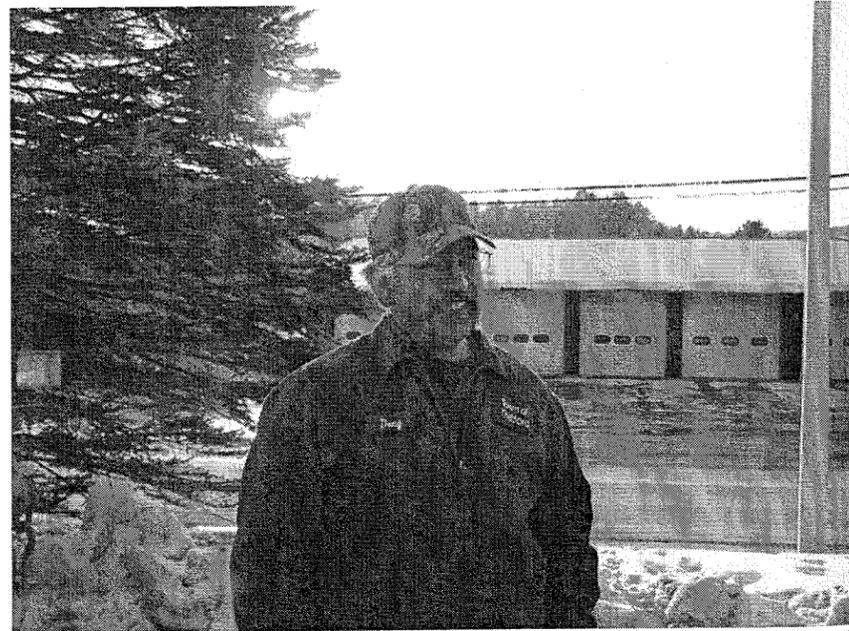
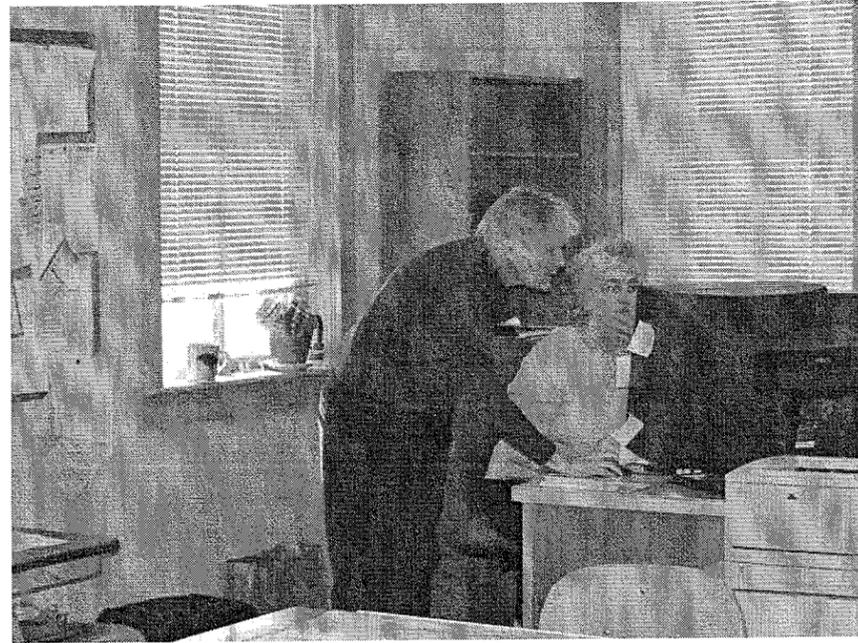
We hope you will find the time to review the financial reports. It is a pleasure to work closely with the Selectboard and all departments heads who review their financial reports on a regular basis and have worked hard to stay within their budgets.

Please stop by or call if you have any questions regarding property taxes or the finances of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Graff, Treasurer and Collector of Delinquent Taxes
Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Treasurer





ANNUAL REPORTS

2006

***COMMUNITY, AREA
and
STATE ORGANIZATIONS***

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Continuing as in years past, 2006 was busy at the Historical Society. We were active in processing collections, answering research queries, creating exhibits and displays, working with the schools, and sponsoring a wide range of programs on Thetford's history. The following is an outline of the year's accomplishments.

Archives: We completed cataloguing a number of large collections, including Thetford Academy, the First Congregational Church, Charles Farnsworth, and the Latham Family, as well as a number of smaller collections. The Historical Society functions as the repository for a number of local organizations, and this year obtained the records of Hillside Cemetery. We are working steadily on a THS website to put a number of print and photographic archives into digital format for those interested in online research. Web visitors will also be able to access a database of surnames for which we have genealogical information. Please visit us at www.thetfordhistoricalsociety.org, and explore.

Exhibits: One of our main venues for exhibits is the Vermont History Expo, held each June in Tunbridge. This year, the Expo featured a collaborative effort between interested Historical Societies on the topic of "Vermont Women in History". We participated with a dual display featuring Bathsheba Wallace, colonial-era midwife who lived in Rice's Mills, and Clara Sipprell, noted photographer from the early 1900s who had a studio on Thetford Hill. The materials displayed at Expo were documented by the Vermont Commission on Women, and will become part of an online educational initiative. Sara Ferguson deserves special thanks for her wonderful pen-and-ink sketches, which breathed life into Bathsheba's life story. In addition to Wallace and Sipprell, our annual exhibit during the Thetford Hill Fair featured a selection of Godey's prints, and a display on the art of the silhouette. Our 2007 History Expo exhibit we will feature the Union Village Dam, and how construction of the dam impacted the surrounding area. We hope to involve interested Academy students in creating some of the visual aspects of this project.

Hughes Barn Museum: The Barn Museum opened as usual in August for five Sundays, and our exhibit hall featured photos of by-gone bridges of Thetford, "100 Years Ago at Thetford Academy", and our Clara Sipprell display. Bathsheba Wallace's display was prominent in the Textiles Room, as was her coverlet, woven ca. 1820. We were able to show the coverlet in a recently acquired glass and wood case from the American Precision Museum. Also acquired were exhibit lecterns and several large white panels, which will be used in our textiles room to further explain local textile production, with illustrations by Thetford artist, Alison Fava. For the first time, the Historical Society had a "give-away day" in September, where we invited other local societies to come to the Barn and choose from items culled from our collection: these were duplicate artifacts, or items missing parts, that had been acquired by Charles Hughes at area auctions, and had no documentable ties to Thetford. It was a fun event, and we're pleased to have been able to add to the collections in Fairlee, Bradford, Vershire, East Corinth, and Lyme. Planned for 2007 is the addition of crushed stone in the ground floor of the main barn and carriage shed, and a re-arrangement within the main barn to better display our larger items, such as buggies and sleighs.

Education and Outreach: In January, we hosted Ms. Logan's third grade class from Thetford Elementary, for a session on Colonial America. Using borrowed items and artifacts from our collection, students traveled through three stations, where they learned about surveying and Thetford's Charter, early construction and woodworking techniques, and domestic life. In May, Mrs. Lange's third grade visited, and supplemented their mapmaking skills by viewing historic and modern maps, including a

1790 map of Thetford made by surveyor Timothy Bartholomew, and the original survey of Thetford's boundaries, which accompanies the Charter. Our thanks to Garrett Hack and Andy Boyce for lending their time and talents to these visits. Also in May, Joe Deffner's seventh graders were in to research properties in Thetford Center, and spent several hours poring over old maps and photos, gaining a new perspective on what it might have been like to live and work in that village a century or more ago.

Programs: In April, we held a Photo Scanning Day, where community members brought in their photos to be scanned and added to our collection. We obtained a number of great photos, including two schoolhouses that are no longer standing, and one of the fire station which used to be located near the present I-91 interchange. We plan to do this again in the coming months. In May, Charles Latham presented a program on James Wilson, globe-maker who lived for a time in Bradford. Wilson was a self-taught geographer and engraver, and made some of the earliest globes in America. The Society is fortunate to have two examples of Wilson's work: an 1822 terrestrial and an 1829 celestial globe. At least one of these globes was in use at Thetford Academy during the school's first decade. In September, our Annual Meeting featured "Readings from the Archives", interesting snippets from early town and church documents that had been recently catalogued. And in October, VPR personality Peter Fox Smith spoke on his years working with Clara Sipprell, when she had her studio in Manchester, Vermont. This talk was held in conjunction with a popular exhibit of Sipprell's photos in the downstairs gallery. Coming in April, 2007: Vermont author Howard Coffin will speak on Vermont's Civil War related sites. This is a joint program with the Norwich Historical Society, and will be held, appropriately, in Union Village.

Martha Howard, Assistant Director
Thetford Historical Society

HISTORICAL ARTICLE

THETFORD'S BUDDHIST PHILANTHROPIST -- DWIGHT GODDARD



If you had visited Thetford Hill in the 1920s, you might have been told that this was the only village in Vermont with a Turkish minaret at one end, a Buddhist shrine at the other, and a Congregational church in between. The minaret, up Houghton Hill Road, had been built by Hanoum, a girls' camp founded by Charles Farnsworth, who had been brought up in Turkey and gave the buildings in the camp Turkish names. The Congregational Church bore the imprint of Rev. Asa Burton, who got it built in 1787, and was the minister for the next forty-nine years. The Buddhist shrine was created by Dwight Goddard, the subject of this article.

Dwight Goddard (1861 - 1939) was born in Worcester, MA, the son of Dorrance and Mary (Williams) Goddard. He was educated in Worcester public schools, and then attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he graduated in 1881 with a brilliant record. For the next decade, he worked at several firms dealing with metal work, including the Massachusetts Screw Company in Holyoke and the Grove Mill in Worcester.

He became increasingly interested in religion and philosophy. In 1889, he married Harriet Weber. She died less than a year later, and probably as a result he entered the Hartford Theological Seminary, where he received a degree in 1894. In the following year, he went to China as a Baptist missionary and became much influenced by Buddhist teaching. After five years in China, he was called back to this country, and served in Baptist churches in Lancaster, MA, and Chicago.

In 1902, he returned to his work as a professional engineer, at Wayne Gordon in Worcester. The development of automobiles was creating a need for harder, tougher metal, and his experience in that field led to his organizing the Park Drop Forge Company in Cleveland, connected with the White Motor Car Company. He retired from this in 1913, with an arrangement, probably an annuity, which, along with his own successes as an investor, gave him a continuing life income. In his retirement, he traveled extensively in China and Japan. There he studied Buddhism and joined several brotherhoods and monasteries.

Beginning also in 1913, Goddard spent time in Thetford. Piece by piece, he acquired several hundred acres just south of the present Thetford Academy, on land sloping both to the east and to the west. His aim was solitude, in which he could live a simple life of prayer, meditation, study, and writing. He built several simple cottages, each having a room equipped as a shrine, with a bronze bust of Buddha, ceremonial gongs, and antique tapestries. The simple house just south of the Academy is the only surviving one of these cottages.

Goddard's version of the simple life included doing his own housekeeping and cooking, going to bed at 5:00 PM, eating mainly fruits and vegetables. He disapproved of fishing and of killing animals for food. He traveled as simply as possible; he twice crossed the continent by bus, sitting up all night (imagine the comfort of a 1930s Greyhound). He would walk 2 PI miles home from East Thetford if he arrived by train.

Not surprisingly, this frugal lifestyle did not encourage successful marriage. Goddard divorced his second wife and was separated from the third. Yet he enjoyed the company of women, though, in the words of a friend, he "shrank from the painted, puffing kind he encountered in his travels."

Writing became an important part of the regime that Goddard set up for himself in Thetford. Earlier, he had written "Eminent Engineers" (1905) and "The Good News of a Spiritual Realm" (1915), which showed the relationship between Buddhism and mystical Christianity. After he came to Thetford, his writing increased. From 1918 through 1922 he published a small monthly magazine called "The Good News of a Spiritual Life" which carried short articles on mystical Christianity and was advised by a number of Protestant clergymen, mostly Episcopalian. He pursued the relationship between Buddhism and Christianity in "A Vision of Christian and Buddhist Fellowship (1924), "Was Jesus Influenced by Buddhism?" (1924) and "Zen, a Magazine of Self-Realization" (1930-1932). By 1924, he had lost the support of Protestant leaders like Rufus Jones and S. Parkes Cadman.

During the last ten years of his life, his writing concentrated on Buddhism. He tried to start a colony of American Buddhists in Santa Barbara, California, and made a handbook for "Followers of Buddha" (1934). He set forth his understanding of Buddha's teaching in a series of books culminating in "A Buddhist Bible", first printed in 1932, revised and enlarged in 1938, and re-printed as recently as 1993. The Historical Society has copies of all these books in its library, and still gets inquiries about them from as far away as Hawaii.

Though he could sometimes be a shrewd bargainer for such things as printing contracts, Goddard was generous around his adopted village. He was known to have complained to the Town Treasurer because his taxes were not high enough. He quietly gave help to people who needed it. He gave \$4,000 to build a new reservoir for the village water company. The local Grange had never had a building, and he bought a barn which became the Grange Hall and now a home for the Parish Players. Thetford Academy's first dormitory, built by Hiram Orcutt in 1845, had been sold for \$ 100 in 1860 and moved across the street; Goddard bought it for the Academy which now calls it Goddard Hall. The most important of his philanthropies was to deed to the State his major land holdings, which became the Thetford Hill State Park.

A skilled engineer, Dwight Goddard sought for spiritual and philosophical truth by deep study, travel and experience, and contemplation, but also found time to do kind things for friends and neighbors.

Charles Latham

THETFORD HILL PARISH PLAYERS

Forty years ago, members of the Eclipse Grange agreed to allow another group of community members under the direction of Linda Strohmer, a new teacher at the academy, to rehearse and perform Giradoux's "The Madwoman of Chaillot", in the grange. Three of the original cast members are still gracing our community: Lilla Willey right down Academy Road, Gillian Tyler of Lyme and Alice Pierson of Thetford Center. Gill, Linda and their husbands Ed and David founded the Parish Players in their spare time, performing all over the place - the elementary school cafeteria, the church, living rooms, a hunting lodge, a backyard and yes, even one of the lift bays at Huggett's Mobil - enlisting unsuspecting characters from all walks of life to perform as characters from other walks of life, just because....

Continuing the tradition of integrating seasoned actors with newcomers and novices, the Players staged four major productions this year with two experienced, but 'new to the players' directors in the driver's seat:

'Paper Tigers' by Barbara Hammond directed by her brother Bill Hammond, math teacher and drama coach at Hanover High School.

'Passion Play' by Peter Nichols directed by Bill Coons formerly of Green Mountain College and the Dorset playhouse.

'Venecia' by Jorge Accame, also directed by Bill Coons and 'Agnes of God' by John Pielmeier directed by M Carl Kaufman kept the Grange busy through September.

Bill has offered a variety of acting classes at several intervals throughout the year and continues to offer them right now.

Students from Emerson College managed to sneak in an excellent production of 'Art' by Yasmina Reza under the direction of Hanover filmmaker Julian Higgins. More students from Thetford Academy under the direction of Ray Chapin and Darri Colton staged a smorgasbord of mostly original theatrical sketches for a weekend in May. In June the Grange hosted yet more students, the Hanover High Footlighter's production of Neil Simon's 'The Good Doctor' on its way to the Fringe festival in Edinburgh.

Finally, in October we offered a staged reading of Through a Cloud by Jack Shepard under the direction of Carol Dudley.

The board would like to thank all of you who attended or helped produce our shows making this our 40th year an artistically productive, successful and satisfying one.

Keep your eyes on the notices or our website at parishplayers.org for news about the promising '07 season opening with an evening of ten-minute plays near Valentine's Day followed by a production of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night ...with a twist... in March.

For the board,

Neal Meglathery

SNOW COASTERS, INC.

Our annual chicken BBQ was a great success this year. We changed the location of our chicken BBQ this year and held it on Thetford Hill in conjunction with the Thetford Hill Fair. Thanks to all who support our club activities.

We have, in the past, invited landowners to the annual chicken BBQ to enjoy wonderful food and a chance to mingle with the Snow Coasters, Inc. club members. In order to spend more time with the landowners and show our appreciation, we decided this year to hold our landowner dinner at the Thetford Center Community Center. The Snow Coasters, Inc. club members prepared a home cooked meal and joined landowners for good food and conversation.

Without the support of landowners, we could not enjoy the sport that we love. Riders are able to travel 29 miles of trails in Thetford. Many Thetford trails are connected to other trails in surrounding towns. Thank you again to landowners!

Monthly Snow Coasters, Inc meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from October through April. Meetings include a potluck dinner followed by club topics. All are welcome to join us. For location and times, please contact Phillip O'Donnell at 785-4701 or any club member.

Officers:

President-Phillip O'Donnell
 Vice President-Gary Osgood
 Secretary-Loretta Gray
 Treasurer-Becky Gray
 Membership Chairperson-Roxy Maxfield
 Trailmaster-Phillip O'Donnell
 Club Reporter-Betty O'Donnell

TMA's sold by:

Roxy Maxfield
 Phillip O'Donnell
 Loretta Gray
 Eric Maxfield

Phillip O'Donnell, President
 Snow Coasters, Inc.

VALLEY QUEST

To Get There: From I-91, take Exit 14. Follow Route 113 west over Thetford Hill and down into Thetford Center. The Quest begins at the Methodist Church across the street from the Community Center.

1. The Four Chaplains' plaque is where we embark,
Dedicated to them because they made a mark.

100 years after this brick church was through,
One chaplain became reverend: Do you know who?

Now walk past this church with trim of Greek,
Head right to some more bricks, and have a sneak peak.

2. This building serves as Thetford's Town Hall.
It's where people go to pay their taxes each fall.

On the right of the Town Hall
There is a plaque that tells all

A bit further, also brick, stands the Richard
Wallace vault,
Thetford's Revolutionary hero who brought the
British to a halt.

To warn of the Red Coats' advance, he swam the
lake in 1777,
But this Revolutionary War hero has now died and
gone to heaven.

3. Now look both ways, don't be a fool,
And cross 113 to the old white school.

With a slide for fun and swings for glee,
Inside this building is where people drink tea.

Before 1900 when it was a school,
This building burned down because of a fool.

It was later rebuilt with love and great care,
Now you can look out and see a wandering bear.

You can see through the white strips of wood,
The old stone steps, they still work good.

This serves as Thetford's community center now,
You can even play on the swings and cry "wow."

Run across the Town Common--an open field--
Turn to the west, you shouldn't have to yield.
Walk past the pen where the horses are kept
To the house where C.E. Porter once slept.

4. This house with 12 windows bears,
A brand new porch with a couple of stairs.
Today's residents returned the porch to its rightful
place,
Now they sit and relax and enjoy their new space.

Head further west and stop by an ancient metal
gate,
Where you'll find these residents in a permanent
state.

5. Go through the rickety gate, and head south
To the large, wide gravestone, near the cemetery's
mouth.

This grave is the home to Richard Wallace, an
amazing man
Who helped the Americans have their own land.

As mentioned above, Richard Wallace swam
Champlain Lake,
To warn that the British were fast in his wake.

Depart from the metal gate, now head west,
To get to the house with three chimneys and rest.

6. This is the house where F.E. Stevens knew best,
Porter's brick yard worked hard on me like some
of the rest.

One of the first to get power from Charles
Vaughn's dam,
Look up in the gable where the wires did stand.

60 paces westward down the hill,
take the path that leads you south--in the direction
of Brazil!

7. Listen for the falls and look for the old stone
walls.

Sit astride the bench, and let your thirst be
quenched.

The mills first appeared here in October of 1773,
Now nothing but cement and the water runs free.

Grass atop, water below,
Bend down, touch your toes, look up and see a red
roof glow.

8. I'm an old bridge built around 1843,
Since then a lot of cars have crashed into me!

I used to be only three planks of wood,
Obviously that bridge design was no good!

The years have passed by and as you can see,
The town of Thetford has rebuilt me.

Walk over the bridge that was made so sturdy,
Then take a left to the wooden stairs oh so dirty.

Along the dirt path which veers to the right,
Find the fork, take a left to the old mill site.

9. An old sawmill site and a wheel pit you'll see,
Destroyed by fire way back in 1873.

13 feet deep, 9 feet wide,
17 feet long with a looped pin in the side.

Now back up the stairs and away from the mill;
On the left you'll find the "Milk House," up at the
top of the hill.

10. Z.E. Messer had a nice home!
With a big red barn and orchard of his own.

In 1840, the construction was finished.
The house is still here, but the orchard diminished.

Roll down the hill as if it's a trick.
On the left you'll see a house made partly out of
brick.

11. Built in 1819 by mill owner Moore,
This ancient house includes 40 windows and 4
doors.

A room looks at a sight in the back you must see
Described by Noel Perrin as "a farmer's TV."

Civil War vet Brown lived here,
and for the north side he bled.

When he was around the barn was white,
but now it's colored red.

Turn left out of the driveway, northeast along the
wall.
Find the next house on left, one story tall.

12. It's built in a hill, as you will see;
A house with a lovely dogwood tree.

The brick foundation is a wonderful thing.
You can't see it now, but the barn once had a wing.

Under the porch, there is lattice work.
Here, Joseph Matson used to lurk.

Mr. Matson owned half of the mill.
Doing his work must have been quite a thrill.

We're done with this cape, so here's your next
clue,
Go through the red bridge to a house that is blue.

13. O.J. Bosworth once dwelled here.
Sold it to James Allen for \$4,000 one year.

Then James Allen, short of dough,
Mortgaged to Tewksbury so he didn't have to go.

You're at the blue house, so here's what you do,
Skip the red, go to the white, then learn something
new.

14. You'll spy a white house with a trim of blue,
And a tin roof that may be the best clue.

In 1820 it was built and owned
By a kindly gentleman known as H.B. Sloane.

Then a parsonage this house became;
And never once has seen smoke or flame!

With your back to the bridge, tread to the next
home in line,
Don't forget to look around, observe and have a
swell time.

15. A great ancient barn foundation in the back,
Made from rocks stacked and stacked.

First owner, Mr. Goodwin, in 1868,
Once popularly read about before his sudden fate.

Stroll past a blue-gray house, one old looking barn
'til you reach bricks of red;
As you walk make sure to pass by the cemetery of
the dead.

16. This majestic house was built in 1822,
It was a Porter house through and through.

The pride of the village, it was built by Hezekiah
Porter,
Who made bricks for the town and awaited the
order.

This house has a beautiful Federal plan;
Look over the door and note its fantastic fan.

Cross Route 132 and skip south past a house of
brick
you will arrive at the house that has often been
fixed.

17. Built in 1850 and added to in '75
this house has touched many a lives.

Once a stage stop; later a producer of carriages,
the house has even survived a few marriages!

Local lore says this house was once called a ghost,
But now in fact it has a very nice host.

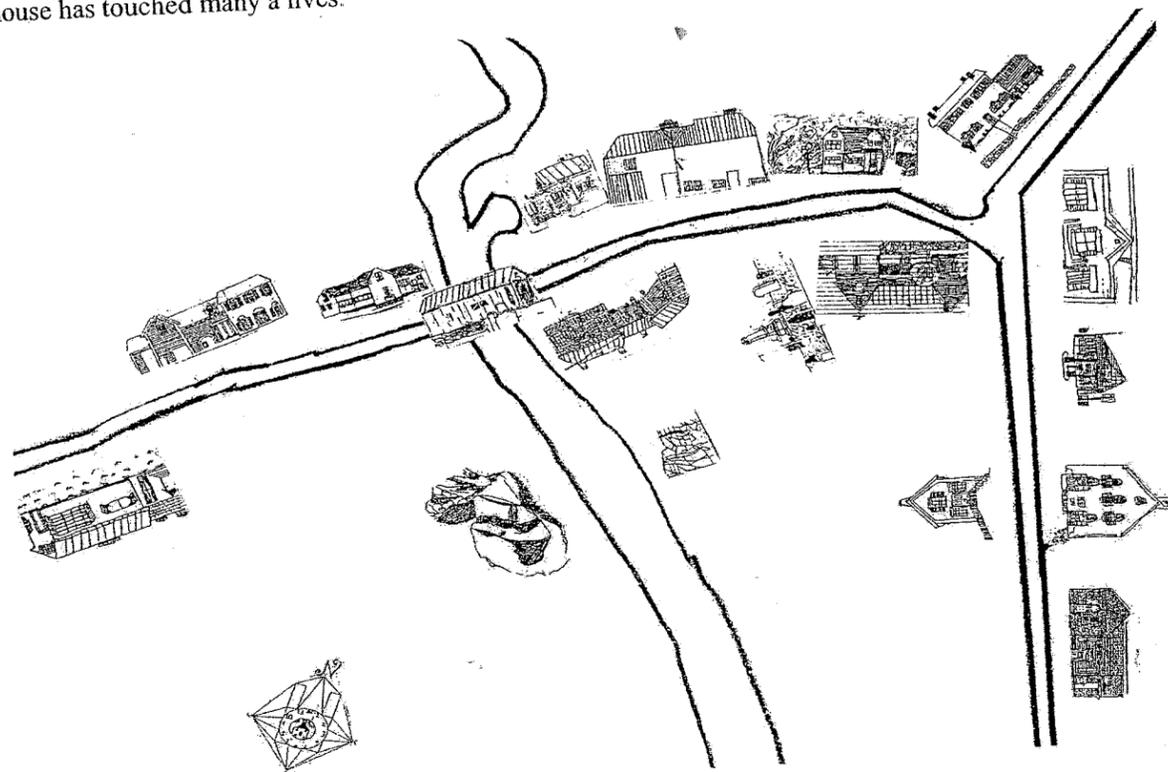
Come out of the house that used to be a ghost,
Head into the store to pick up a Washington Post.

18. This store is partly formed of an old farmer's
crib for corn,
Sadly it fled to this sight in 1895, though no one
did mourn.

In the 1940's this store was added to,
making one of its sections brand spanking new.

Now pretend that the store is 12 o'clock,
Turn to 6 and begin to walk.
Cross the road and into the field,
Leaving behind the traffic that doesn't yield.
Keep your eyes peeled and look for a box,
on it you might find a painted fox.

Your quest is through you've found the grail.
Sign the book before turning your tail.



THETFORD GIRL SCOUTS

Courage, Confidence, and Character... this is a Girl Scout. These qualities can be seen in every girl from the early stages of Daisy's right up through to the Senior level. The adult Leaders of the Pompanoosuc Service Unit, which includes Thetford, provide scouting, and all it has to offer, to approximately 75 girls. We are always looking for new faces, so if you would like to help offer girls this wonderful experience, please contact either Helen Huff or Tracy Borst.

This last fall several of our older girls completed special awards. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award a girl at the Cadette level can earn. It represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others. The first four requirements help girls explore careers, gain leadership skills and make a commitment to self-improvement. The fifth requirement is to develop, plan and carry out a service project for ones community which involves a minimum of 40 hours. Girls completing this award are Emily Huff, Rachel Borst and Ella Flett. A ceremony to recognize these girls will be planned for early spring.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a girl at the Senior Level can earn. A National Award, with national standards and often compared to the Boy Scouts Eagle Award, represents a girls time, leadership, creativity and effort contributed to making their community a better place. Swift Water Council presented Desiree Whitman with this award at a special Presidents tea in November. We congratulate all these girls for their outstanding efforts.

This year Girl Scouting will celebrate 95 years of offering programs to girls. All registered girls, their families and many volunteers throughout NH and VT will be joining together in body and spirit to celebrate this occasion. The ceremony is precisely timed so that all will be reciting the Girl Scout Promise at the same time as well as participating in a short candle ceremony. We would like to extend an invitation for all past Girl Scouts and leaders to attend Thetford's event on Monday, March 12 from 5:30 to 6:30pm in the Thetford Elementary School's project room. In keeping with the theme, "Make the World a Better Place", each participant is asked to bring a canned good for local food shelves as well as a candle for the ceremony. Party hats are optional. Please RSVP to Rosemary Whitman (785-4946).

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to...all those who have supported a Girl Scout during our annual cookie sale, to the many organizations who allow us to hold meetings in their facilities and to all our family and friends for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen S. Huff
Service Unit Manager
785-4640

THETFORD YOUTH SPORTS

2006 was another successful year for Thetford Youth Sports (TYS), with a few new challenges added along the way. As in the past, it was made successful by the undying dedication of its directors, coaches, parents, and many volunteers that make it happen each and every year for the kids of Thetford.

TYS is unique amongst the many towns participating in the Upper Valley Recreation Association in that we have no paid staff. While this isn't necessarily a bad thing, it does require extra participation (and sometimes understanding) from all involved. Fortunately, Thetford is just the type of community that can come together to facilitate successful youth sports programs nonetheless.

TYS board was created over fifteen years ago to manage organized athletics for the children of Thetford in grades K-6. The board's main focus is to review current issues, collect/allocate revenue and set policies which we believe to be in the best interest of the children participating in our sports programs. The programs which we currently sponsor are soccer, basketball, baseball, and softball. Total participation in all sports was over 400 youth athletes which is an outstanding number of kids for the size of our town. This only proves further that we as a community must be doing something right to have such success.

Part of the duties of the board and its directors is to assess the needs of each individual sport, to insure the coaches and the kids have what they need to do the best job possible, whether it be in equipment or field upgrades. This year with help from the town and revenue collected thru sports fees we were able to purchase (4) new team benches and (2) new sets of bleachers for the Elementary School to replace the pressure treated bleachers which were removed due to state regulations.

Much of the spring and summer was spent by volunteers repairing and improving the baseball field in Post Mills. Repairs to the backstop, outfield fence, base paths and a fresh coat of paint helped spruce the field up. One long awaited upgrade was the addition of home and visitor dugouts as well as a new scoreboard. The Post Mills field which TYS major league and minor league teams call home is a special field because it once again shows how a community comes together. The field is collaboration between the Fire Department, The Cook family, TYS and the town of Thetford which without any one of them would not be possible, thank you to everyone.

This year has brought to the forefront other issues; some of which have been known for a while as well as some surprises. The biggest issue to be uncovered was that TYS (being its own organization) found out that we were not covered under any insurance policy by the town or school as formerly believed by many in the town. This was a large concern to us and for the short term we have agreed to purchase our own policy, but in doing so needed to increase the sports fees to help offset the cost. The other realization was the need for the development of more playing fields in the town. With the number of kids playing sports increasing every year in town the one field at the elementary school just is not enough anymore. TYS is only one of many independent organizations in town that bring together volunteers and the youth that seek their help in the journey of becoming athletes.

The recent formation of the recreation committee should be noted by everyone in town. Over the next year it will be looking at every aspect of competitive and noncompetitive sports as well as recreational and trying to determine the needs of the town as a whole.

Over the past year, TYS board has seen the departure of board member and TYS Board President Mike McCabe. We thank Mike for his clear leadership over the last three years and many hours spent on behalf of the youth of Thetford. I would also like to thank everyone who has volunteered as a coach, helped setup or pickup after an event, the parents and their understanding and the staff at Thetford Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted by Andy Martin, TYS Board President

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, across from the elementary school. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm, except during January and February.

Post #79 is a service organization. We help our fellow veterans and their families and the community at large. We speak at schools on flag etiquette, participate in parades carrying our National Colors and provide gravesite services for fallen comrades. Flags for all known veteran's graves are put out before Memorial Day. Please notify the Legion of any veterans buried in the town so that a flag can be placed at their gravesite.

Available on loan to anyone are the following items of hospital and invalid equipment: Hospital beds, wheelchairs, bedpans, walkers, commodes, and various canes. Some of these items are in short supply. The borrower is asked no fee for the use of the equipment but donations are gratefully accepted. We do ask that borrowed items be kept in good condition and returned in a timely fashion. If you would like to borrow/donate hospital equipment, please contact a Legion member listed below.

For the last six years the American Legion has donated a decorated Christmas tree to a needy family. Each year we select the family from a different surrounding town. This has become a tradition; where the giving is enjoyed as much as the family who receives the tree. The Braley Farm in Post Mills has once again generously donated our Christmas tree.

The American Legion would like to thank the community for its continued support of our annual yard sale fund raiser. Special thanks to Nichols and Fogg's Hardware for their contributions. This year the monies will provide a much needed paint job for the Hall. A special Thank You to those who donated items and money for our troops serving in combat zones. Special appreciation goes to Thetford Academy students, Girl Scouts, and Thetford Cares who assisted in the collecting and shipping of the donated items.

The Post will be doing a different type of fundraiser for next year. We will be taking the Orange County Mobile Maple Sugarhouse to the regional A.L. Baseball Tournament held in Burlington from August 16 thru 20. This is at Centennial Field; home of our Vermont Lake Monsters and UVM Catamounts.

This Post welcomes all veterans who served honorably during all 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

ELIZABETH MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT

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

EPA activity at the mine this year consisted primarily of the following:

- The remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) was completed. The RI/FS presents EPA's proposed cleanup approach for the portions of the Site not included in the ongoing cleanup.
- A Record of Decision (ROD), stating EPA's selected cleanup approach to this phase of the work, called the Remedial Action, was signed in September 2006. The State of Vermont is responsible for 10% of the implementation costs and 100% of the operation and maintenance costs (including monitoring) of the Remedial Action. The ROD determined that:
 - The lead-contaminated soil in the Copperas Factories should be covered two feet of soil. The foundations of the Copperas Factories will be preserved to the extent possible.
 - The waste area known as TP-4 will be removed and placed in the dry portion of the South Open Cut. The material will be covered with soil. The South Open Cut will have a dam to regulate flow to minimize the impact on Lord Brook while preserving the open cut. A limited amount of waste material will be removed from the area of the South Mine to reduce the acid rock drainage impacts on Lord Brook.
 - The groundwater beneath the three major waste areas, known as TP-1, TP-2, and TP-3, along with the water within the underground workings will be subject to a land use restriction to prevent future use of that water. The surface area of the South Mine, South Open Cut, TP-1, TP-2, TP-3, Copperas Factories, and the former World War II Era Buildings will also be subject to land use restrictions.
 - Long-term monitoring of the surface water, sediments, and groundwater will be performed to assess the success of the cleanup actions.
- EPA will perform a review of the cleanup every five year to ensure that the cleanup is protective of human health and the environment.
- EPA will begin the design for the additional cleanup actions in 2007 and hopefully begin implementation of these cleanup actions in 2008.

EPA began the work to implement the Non-Time-Critical Removal Action (NTCRA) in the late summer of 2006. Work completed in 2006 included:

- Installation of a surface water diversion along the west side of TP-1
- Grading and establishing vegetation on steep slope of the west side of the TP-1 Tailing Dam.
- Installation of a 1000 foot segment of the surface water diversion ditches along the east side of TP-1.

If additional funding is available, EPA will complete surface water and groundwater diversion work in 2007. During 2007, EPA will also target the completion of the Memorandum of Agreement between EPA and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to address the mitigation of the adverse impacts on historic resources.

EPA hopes to continue implementation of the NTCRA in 2008 and possibly begin the Remedial Action. The additional NTCRA work would include capping of the TP's-1&2, dealing with TP-3 (cleanup options are still being explored), and installing water treatment facilities downstream of the cleanup areas if it is determined any are needed. The design for these NTCRA activities is scheduled to be complete in 2007 or 2008. The remaining NTCRA work along with the Remedial Action will not occur until the design is complete. Funds are not currently allocated to this work. The State of Vermont will be responsible for all operation and maintenance activities for the NTCRA.

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

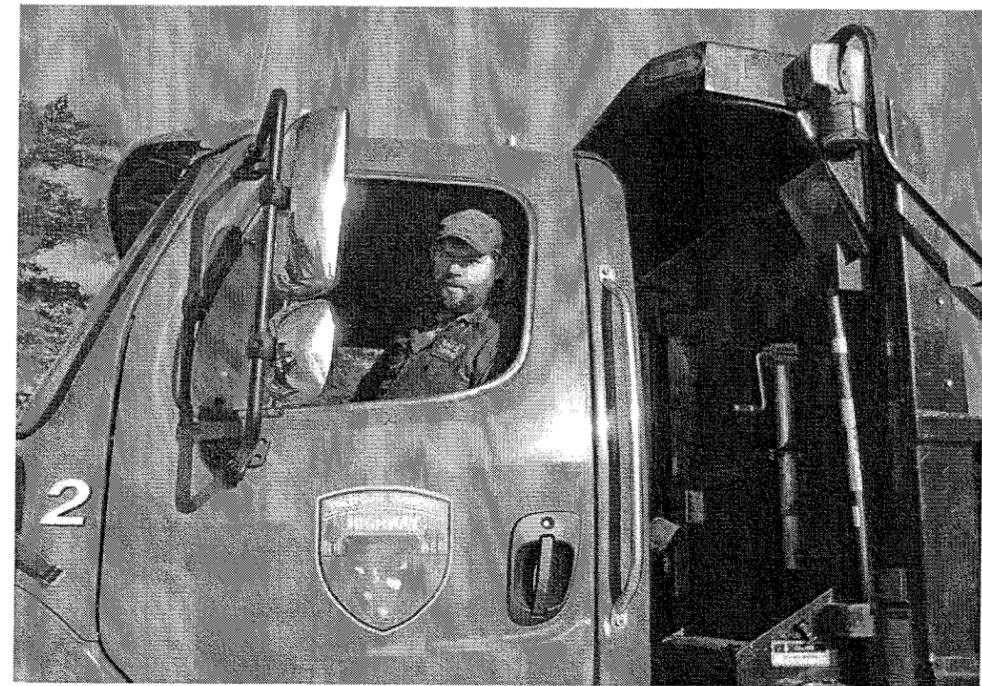
Representative to the Thetford Select Board, Neal Meglathery, 785-2016

Representative to the 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; Hathaway.ed@epa.gov

VT ANR Project Manager, John Schmeltzer, 802-241-2886; john.schmeltzer@state.vt.us



UPPER VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB

PURPOSE:

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

OFFICERS: President: Al Stone-Thetford Center 785-4503
 Vice Pres: Ben Hayes-Thetford Center 333-3242
 Treasurer: Bruce Avery-North Thetford 333-9671
 Secretary: Rhett Scruggs-East Thetford 333-4067

MEMBERSHIP: Currently 192 members, 15 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 – 103 participants in 2006. Kid's fishing derby in June - 34 children participated in 2006. Sponsored a Firearms Hunter Safety class and a Bow Hunter Safety class in the fall - certificates were presented to 15 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 7 Bow Hunter Safety Students in 2006. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer – none were sponsored in 2006.

FACILITIES: The club maintains a building, pond, and shooting ranges on approximately 200 acres on 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



UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Upper Valley River Subcommittee updated the water resources chapter of the Connecticut River Management Plan, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains open, shorelands protected from development, and vegetated riparian buffers growing along riverbanks to keep them stable and to filter pollutants from water running off the land into the river.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our Plan and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

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

Cy Severance and Linda Matteson, Thetford representatives to the Upper Valley River Subcommittee

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) have considered issues as wide-ranging as the Alstead flood to climate change and the effects of ice jams. In 2006 CRJC provided \$82,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including the Bradford Conservation Commission's project to engage high school students and their families in activities connected to the Waits River Watershed.

We hosted the Environmental Protection Agency in announcing results of the Connecticut River Fish Contaminant Study, the first whole-river study of its kind, which was requested by CRJC. Results for the Upper Valley region indicate that mercury is a threat to subsistence fishers and to birds and mammals that eat Connecticut River fish, but not to recreational fishers. PCBs, dioxins, and DDT breakdown products are also present in fish tissue. Our web site, www.crjc.org, carries links to this study and to state fish consumption advisories.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2006 we created a manual to help local groups prepare engaging heritage tourism-related publications to showcase their communities. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

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. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, River Valley News and River Byway News.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

During 2006, the Regional Commission provided technical expertise and resources for our towns as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. Major accomplishments for the past year included:

Regional and Local Transportation Planning - TRORC began work on the Safe Routes to School program, a collaboration with the Vermont Agency of Transportation. The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) worked with member municipalities on numerous local transportation projects. TRORC 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. 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.

Local Technical Assistance - During the past year, we began to assist towns in reviewing and updating Flood Hazard Area Regulations. TRORC continued to provide advice and support to town officials on a wide range of activities, including 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 provided administrative support to Local Emergency Planning Committee #12 and assisted in a number of Emergency Response exercises conducted in 2006 by Vermont Emergency Management.

Economic Development Planning - In 2006, 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 further strengthening this initiative. 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 (RC&D) COUNCIL REPORT

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps to bring together technical, financial and administrative resources to assist towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. 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 some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private and community sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. In 2006, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered over \$400,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Some current projects include securing wildland fire gear for fire departments, streambank restoration and watershed improvements, helping to develop a park and playground and helping to connect residents with locally grown food. In Thetford we provided \$571.53 for the purchase of wildland fire gear and \$800 for the Rural Fire Protection Day event. 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

2006 Annual Report of Activities

Thetford is a charter member of the District, which was created in 1990 to plan for member towns' long-term waste management needs and to provide supplemental waste management services to members.

Long-term planning: On November 7, 2006, residents of Thetford, along with the rest of the member towns, took the next-to-last step toward gaining long-term control over their solid waste disposal costs by passing a bond issue to construct an access road and bridge over I-91 to reach GUV's fully permitted future landfill site in North Hartland. The \$1.5 million bond issue, which is to be paid for by user fees (future landfill tipping fees), not property taxes, will finance the bridge. The 40-acre landfill, if it also receives a successful bond vote in the not-too-distant future, will provide a 50-year regional solution to trash disposal.

Waste management services: Direct services to Thetford and its residents in 2006 included -

- A "Summer Light Event" in Thetford where electronics, books, clothing, and fluorescent lights were collected for recycling, and recycling & compost bins were sold.
- 355 Thetford residents participated in district-sponsored events including: Special collections of household hazardous waste, used motor oil, electronics, bulky trash, tires, books, clothing, and scrap metal, and compost and recycling bin sales.
- 143 Thetford residents purchased windshield permits to use the Hartford waste and recycling facility under the District's agreement with Hartford.

An events calendar and Green Guide will be available in the spring at Town Meeting, the Town Clerk's office, and on the web at www.guvswd.org.

Ben Bradley continues to be Thetford's representative to the District Board of Supervisors, with **Jim Masland** as the Alternate.

Fred Moody
Executive Director, GUVSWMD

GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Day, May 6, 2006

Thirty-six 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 501© (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 educating about the benefits of a litter free environment.

Well over 15,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2006, using some 40,000 Green Up bags, collecting hundreds of tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont continued providing 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 including thousands of Green Up trash bags, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

www.greenupvermont.org
greenup@greenupvermont.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 5, 2007 is the next scheduled "Green-Up Day"! Get your boots, grab your gloves, invite a few friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more green!

2006 LAKE FAIRLEE ASSOCIATION PROJECT REPORT

Milfoil continues to persist in Lake Fairlee, but not without a valiant fight by local volunteers and professional divers. In the face of knowing the Lake may never be free of milfoil again, area residents continue to donate time and money with the intent of keeping it from spreading, as well as reducing its volume. The divers and the volunteers are what really help to keep this weed at bay.

Fundraising becomes more difficult every year because milfoil removal seems to be an endless process. Donations from Thetford, Fairlee, and West Fairlee continue to be a small percentage of the budget. However, we are making every effort to communicate better with each of the towns in order to demonstrate the value of the Milfoil Project to water quality, recreation, property values, etc. We provide Thetford with significant leverage on its dollar by our management of the Lake's milfoil problem.

Divers are the mainstay of the program. They dive in murky water with little visibility and it is exhausting, tedious work. Thetford benefits from the Lake Association's efforts to hire and keep such an experienced and dedicated crew. Skip Brown has agreed to take over the milfoil management from Tofer Sharp who has worked for almost 15 years to set up this successful program.

A significant success this year was that we ended in the black, primarily because we were minus one diver for part of the summer. Without that employee, we were able to keep our expenses down to meet a shortfall in fundraising. The downside is that there were fewer divers working therefore less milfoil harvested.

A few of the Project highlights include the following:

- With enough trained divers (and adequate support) we were able to rotate the divers in the water to reduce dead time with the equipment and still keep the divers fresh.
- We are learning where suction harvesting is most effective, and deploying it in those situations. It seems to work best on newer infestations where the roots are not as deep and we can avoid interspersed colonies of native weeds
- Bottom Barriers continued to be an important element in our control strategy. This year we used greater overlap between strips of barrier. With a smaller overlap we had more milfoil winding its way between the sheets, therefore keeping the roots alive. We will focus on preventing gaps between the strips that come from billowing and installation. We changed our schedule to leave the barriers in place for 11 months. Rebar was placed more effectively and zip-tied in place with some anchored with J-hooks. This helped reduce billowing. We expect better results next year because we better understand the critical importance of time frame and gaps.
- Hand Pulling remains the only appropriate strategy in several situations and is the only method available to owners and other volunteers.
- We continue to pay increased attention to lake currents, both wind and water, when planning and scheduling locations.
- Some persistent areas keep getting re-growth but our permit doesn't allow more than 40k sq ft of bottom barrier in one place. As in Dr.'s Cove, this limitation will undoubtedly create problems as the rest of the cove contaminates the fertile bottom with no natives to compete after moving the barriers. For this reason we may give higher priority to the adjacent area.

The LFA thanks Thetford for its past support and hopes that the support will continue and increase as the Town becomes better informed about the menace of Milfoil.

The Lake Fairlee Association Board

Deecie Denison, Pres.	Skip Brown	Libby Chapin	Suzy Kerr
Ridge Satterthwaite, Tres.	Tofer Sharp	Sandy Dion	Suzanne Masland

GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

GMEDC has completed another very busy year. Our thanks go out to all of those who have served and made a contribution over the months and years. Each year communities call on us for help with serious needs. One example is when major employers move or shut down, or are bought by strangers. Sometimes, as a result, buildings become idle and towns lose aesthetic as well as economic vitality. This puts the security of everyone in doubt.

Utilizing all of the resources that the State of Vermont has to offer, GMEDC seeks to address these and other problems. Financing programs through organizations such as USDA, HUD, VEDA and the SBA help to cut back some of the economic loss felt by hard hit areas. Training and mentoring programs through associations like the SBDC, VMEC and WIB help to bridge the gap between businesses and the knowledge they need to succeed. Furthermore, we at GMEDC are constantly seeking to improve the welfare of our communities through efforts to bring new businesses to our area while assisting local start-ups and existing businesses in any way we can.

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. Our in-house relationship with the SBDC has been helpful along with our professional office location in Hartford.

A deliberate effort to meet with leaders of each of our communities has helped us improve awareness of all that GMEDC and the State of Vermont has to offer to improve economic development. In addition, being a regular participant in the East Central Vermont CEDS project has allowed us to target and prioritize specific improvements needed within the towns of our region. By including these projects in the CEDS study we are able to put them in the running for grants by the EDA.

Hartford, Randolph, Bradford, Hartland, Chelsea, Woodstock, Stockbridge, Pittsfield, West Fairlee and Thetford are all finding opportunities to utilize the resources we have to offer. More opportunities are emerging every day as we encourage businesses and other municipalities to seek out our services.



Kids Place is a non-profit organization in Randolph that offers supervised visitation, exchanges, and parenting support for families in Orange County. Kids Place has established additional sites for their services in Bradford at the Grace Methodist Church, in Chelsea at the Chelsea Playschool, as well as our current location at Ayres Brook Center in Randolph. We have been fortunate, and were able to serve a family from the Thetford community over the past year. We provided supervised visits for this child so that he could maintain ties with his non-residential parent.

The Kids Place program provides the avenue for children to see a parent who otherwise might be absent from their lives if supervised visitation wasn't available. Kids Place wants to help families preserve the bonds between parents and children that could be lost during the break-up within a family. Kids Place works closely with our Court System, Judges, DCF, Attorneys, Safeline, and Local Law Enforcement, to ensure healthy and safe relationships continue between parents and children. This is all done with the benefit and welfare of the children placed first and foremost by Kids Place staff.

Kids Place Director, Connie Button, a life-long Orange County resident, acts as a liaison in the Orange County Family Court on a weekly basis, and also meets with community organizations and citizen groups to spread awareness about supervised visitation options and services in Orange County. She is committed to helping children and families.

Kids Place has provided trainings for their Monitors on such subjects as the court system, domestic violence, and divorce issues. 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 services we provide, or volunteer opportunities in your area, please call us at 802-728-9506 x123 or via email at buttonc@adelphia.net

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

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To the Citizens of the Communities we Proudly Serve:

We are pleased to present annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our nine communities since July 1, 1990. Since then, Upper Valley has responded to over 22,000 ambulance calls.

This year has proven to be challenging from a business perspective. We have had a difficult time finding qualified employees in a tight labor market. Fuel costs have soared as well as the "expected" double digit increases in health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance. Reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payers continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Despite this, we continue to provide a high level of service.

We expect 2007 to 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 has approved the 2007 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 EMT's staffing our ambulances. The clinical equipment is updated and hands-on training is ongoing. Further training will allow Critical Care Paramedics to transport critical patients with complex equipment between hospitals.

Many of you may not be 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 plan to further emphasize the Subscription Service in the coming year.

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

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 147 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

Vermonters use local government services, including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water, on a daily basis. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, so that they may provide their citizens with quality services at affordable costs:

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 15 workshops that attracted over 1200 people, as well as 15 on-site trainings. MAC distributed more than 200 handbooks to municipal officials and debuted a new, electronic Resource Library.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need 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. Examples include 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 the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2006 for \$60 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

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

RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

RMCA continued our tradition of fun monthly potlucks and events in 2006, including slide shows of Africa, New Zealand and Utah, our annual open mic night and a vegetable art contest. We also made great progress on our building renovations campaign. Projects completed this year include: leveling, raking and seeding of a play field area behind the schoolhouse; a complete renovation of the greenhouse, including new twin wall polycarbonate glazing and standing seam roof; repair and replacement of broken and missing clapboards; painting of the exterior of the building; reglazing and painting of all the windows; and new storm windows.

We would like to thank the many RMCA members and friends who have volunteered many hours and contributed generously to make all of these improvements possible. Thanks also to the following businesses and donors for their fine work and contributions and in helping to restore the building: Shepard Butler Landscaping Co., Northwoods Excavation, Ellis Paige, Jill and Jeff Thomas of Village Painting, Iron Horse Roofing, Portland Glass, Preservation Trust of Vermont, The Freeman Foundation, Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation, and Sweetwater Hill Trust/Dave Taplin

Next year we plan to install cellulose insulation and refinish the hardwood flooring in the Rice's Mills schoolhouse. Estimated costs for these renovations are \$6,000. Through all of these building improvements we have restored the building beyond its former glory and created a valuable gathering and meeting place that may be used by the community at large. Anyone who would like to use the Rice's Mills schoolhouse for your event or classes, can contact Bob Walker at bobwalker@valley.net or 785-4126.

Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to our capital campaign to support ongoing restoration activities, should write checks payable to the George D. Aiken RCDC and note the checks "RMCA Restoration Fund". Checks for membership dues of \$10.00/individual or \$15/family can be made payable to RMCA. All contributions can be mailed to treasurer, Polly Cole, 790 Poor Farm Road, Thetford Center, VT 05075.

Thanks to all for your ongoing support and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
RMCA President

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect, improve and promote the health of Vermonters. The following are some of the Department's services that are available to residents of Thetford, Vermont

Emergency Preparedness: The Vermont Department of Health (VDH) is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to public health threats or emergencies. Your Local Health Office in White River Junction is involved with identifying disease entities early; investigating disease sources; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; assuring availability of personnel training; planning regional responses with hospitals and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC #12); and planning of and participation in joint exercises. When needed in an actual event, Local Health Offices can operate vaccination or other clinics to distribute medications to prevent infections. In preparation for this potential need, efforts are being made both centrally and locally to identify volunteers to assist with these special clinics. Go to <http://healthvermont.gov/>, then "V" in Index for more information about becoming a "Vermont Emergency Response Volunteer"; or "E" in Index for information about "Emergency Preparedness" for you and your family.

Food & Lodging Inspections: National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. VDH public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling, as well as to identify situations indicating a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the 13 establishments in Thetford, 14 inspections were completed by a VDH sanitarian during 2005. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, please go to <http://healthvermont.gov/> and select "Restaurant Scores", under Quick Links.

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25 percent of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of reportable infectious disease, such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough) and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, recommend control measures (including current treatment standards) and prevent further spread of the disease. In 2005, the department investigated 71 cases of disease in Orange County.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. The average value of foods provided is about \$40.00 per person per month. During 2005, 57 women, infants and children living in Thetford received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program.

Town Health Officer Program: Every town in Vermont has a town health officer who is nominated by the select board and appointed by the commissioner of health. Town health officers work on a variety of environmental and health issues and respond to calls on diverse public health concerns, including animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints and septic systems. The Health Department supports health officers with training, information and technical assistance. From July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, the Health Department assisted your town health officer and Thetford residents one time.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Vaccine-preventable disease rates are at their lowest level ever. In 2005, Vermont recorded reports of 693 cases of varicella disease (chicken pox); 90 cases of pertussis disease (whooping cough); and no reports of measles, mumps, rubella, polio or tetanus. Disease levels, while a chief outcome of interest, are a late indicator of the soundness of the immunization system. Immunization levels are a better indicator than vaccine-preventable disease rates for determining whether a problem exists with immunization delivery. Immunization levels for Vermont children, while high, still fall short of the 90 percent coverage goal. During 2005, the Health Department distributed childhood vaccines to healthcare providers in the White River Junction district valued at \$229,909.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance: WNV is a virus that is spread by mosquitoes. Since 1999, when the first case was reported in New York, the virus has spread to the west coast of the United States. Each year, from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity, the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture track WNV in dead birds, mosquitoes and horses in order to monitor the epidemic. The VDH records all reports of dead birds and tests certain species of birds – robins, crows, ravens, blue jays, gray jays and all raptors. In 2006 West Nile virus surveillance activities ended on October 20, 2006. As of October 13, 2006, 13,701 mosquitoes were tested and none were positive for WNV. As of November 14, 2006, no horses had been reported to the VDH as having tested positive for WNV. From June 12 through October 20, 2006, 39 dead birds were reported in Orange County, 11 were tested and none were found to be infected with WNV. No probable human cases of WNV were reported during this same time period.

If you would like more information about these and other Health Department activities or if you have a public health concern, please call the White River Junction District Office at 802-295-8820. For information about public health, Department initiatives, publications, and news releases go to the Department's website at <http://healthvermont.gov/>.

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 10,178 individuals in 5,237 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 22 Thetford & Post Mills households and 29 individuals 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 details of the types of CVCAC programs and services accessed by Thetford and Post Mills residents this past year:

- 3 households with 7 individuals were provided with emergency services and referrals to address critical needs.
- 5 households with 19 family members used our Crisis Fuel program and were able to continue heating their homes.
- 2 children participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 2 additional family members.
- 5 homes were weatherized at no charge and 2 households had heating systems replaced.
- 1 child care provider received nutrition education and was reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 8 children in her care.

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

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services

❖ *The VNA & Hospice serves all who qualify without regard to ability to pay*

❖ *Patients remain in their homes and communities*

People feel more secure in a familiar environment, surrounded by those they love and with memories they cherish. Illness, accident, aging and dying are best confronted in the comfort and safety of home.

❖ *Reductions in emergent care and hospitalization cut town expenses*

The VNA & Hospice's ability to provide care at home helps keep patients out of emergency rooms and hospitals. Thus the need for town emergency services is reduced.

❖ *Patients and caregivers benefit from home healthcare*

The VNA & Hospice is committed to providing high quality care and promoting optimal patient comfort and independence. Family members and other caregivers receive direction and guidance, making their care more effective and less stressful. This results in significant health, social and emotional benefits for both the patient and the caregiver.

❖ *Homecare is cost effective*

Healthcare spending is expected to continue to outpace economic growth through the next decade. Supporting home healthcare is one proven way to control these escalating costs.

Thanks to advances in medical technology, treatments including wound imaging, pain management, chemotherapy, antibiotic and nutrition infusion may now be administered by a home health nurse. Data from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Studies illustrates the cost advantages of homecare:

▪ 60 days homecare:	\$2,213
▪ 1 hospital day:	\$3,608
▪ 60 nursing home days:	\$28,500

Supporting home healthcare is an investment in a community safety net that benefits the entire community.



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To the Citizens of Thetford:

On behalf of the Board and Staff at Headrest I wish to thank the citizens of Thetford for their continued support.

Over the past year Headrest while maintaining all of the current programs was able to start several new programs:

Community Outreach Program which places several substance abuse counselors on in the local communities to address the unmet needs of individuals with limitations (financial, physical and/or mental) and are otherwise unable to utilize the other existing substance abuse services. The goal of this program is to help the client live a more vibrant and productive lifestyle enabling them to assume their day-to-day responsibilities and reduce the likelihood of homelessness.

Adolescent Peer Program which consist of several youth groups who meet on a regular basis with a substance abuse counselor to discuss an array of issues from substance usage issues, problems associated with peer pressure, family relationships, responsibilities, school/education, etc. The attendance for this program is growing at a fast clip and the need for this service is becoming more apparent with each passing day.

Some other programs that were started involved placing a counselor at the Grafton County Jail, the Claremont Homeless Shelter and in some local Senior Centers. All these programs are funded by local communities like the Town of Thetford and private donations.

Thank you for helping to make this all possible;

Respectfully yours,

Michael Cryans
Executive Director

Serving Vermont and New Hampshire 24/7 for 35 years

MAPLE LEAF FARM ASSOCIATES, INC.

10 Maple Leaf Road, Underhill, VT 05489

From Addiction to Recovery

In 1956, Jack Allen, a Burlington businessman, purchased a remote hillside farm in the quiet foothills of Mount Mansfield. Allen, a recovering alcoholic and adamant supporter of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), envisioned the farm, built in 1867, as a quiet place where people suffering from alcoholism could come to achieve sobriety and regain control of their lives. The center was run mostly by volunteers.

Fifty years later, Maple Leaf Farm is one of the oldest, continuously operating treatment facilities in the country and has helped thousands of men and women find recovery from substance abuse. Much has changed over the years from the addiction to the recovery. The mission, however, remains the same: *to help individuals recover from alcohol and drug addiction*. Understanding the power of substance abuse to destroy the lives of individuals and their families, Maple Leaf Farm is committed to providing medical detoxification, residential treatment, and support services of the highest quality to ensure every patient's success in finding the road to recovery.

The 33-bed residential treatment center is licensed by the State of Vermont and is nationally accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Last year, 727 patients spent an average of 17 days at Maple Leaf Farm. In the last five years, over 3,800 men and women from every walk of life throughout Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts have addressed their substance abuse in the non-judgmental and supportive environment offered at the Farm.

Bill Young, Executive Director of Maple Leaf sites several challenges facing the non-profit organization, including the continued use of the farmhouse, built two years after the Civil War, as the women's dorm. He also noted that the task of responding to chemical addiction is far more complicated than it once was as many patients present with co-occurring disorders. "Even so", Young claimed, "here at Maple Leaf Farm, the recovery of a chemical-free life is not merely a lofty aspiration, but an achievable goal, one that we help people attain every day."

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

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For more information about VABVI's services, or to volunteer, please contact us at 1-800-639-5861, email general@vabvi.org or visit us on the web at www.vabvi.org.

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•Peer Advocate Counseling

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at www.vcil.org.

UPPER VALLEY SERVICES, INC.

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

The services that we provide are as follows:

- **Residential Supports** – These supports range from minimal supports to individuals, 24 hour supports in a Group Home setting, and 24 hour supports through contracts with private providers, Developmental Home Providers, who take the individual into their home.
- **Community and Social Supports** – These supports include volunteer sites, community integration, social interaction, etc.
- **Vocational Supports** – These supports include 1:1 training for competitive employment as well as job development services for those who do not need the continual 1:1 job support. In the Town of Bradford, we operate the Connecticut River Redemption Center as a job site for those individuals who wish to work there.
- **Service Coordination** – These supports are available to support natural families, guardians, consumers and providers with coordination of services needed by the consumer. Our service coordinators provide 24 hour/7 days a week emergency response.
- **Assessments and Evaluations** – These services determine the eligibility of any individual who requests services from Upper Valley Services. State regulations require that individuals requesting services meet specific eligibility and System of Care priority requirements.
- **Crisis Services** – This service is a statewide service available to any agency/family where the consumer meets entrance criteria. The Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services determines if the consumer meets the criteria for entrance into this program. This is a short-term program, usually not more than two weeks, with 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.

ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCCDP) is an alternative to the criminal court system for selected, first time offenders, both juvenile and adult, who commit a crime in Orange County. Cases are referred to the program by the State's Attorney. OCCDP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the principles of restorative justice. The program strives to provide an opportunity for juvenile and adult offenders to fully understand the impact that their offenses have had on victims and the community, and to develop empathy for ones who have been affected by their actions. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion.

The OCCDP is run by a Board of Trustees and staffed by a three-quarter time director, a one-fifth time caseworker and 30 community volunteers from Orange County who serve as Review Board members. Members of the Review Board interview each offender and decide who will be accepted into the program. The main criteria for acceptance into the program are an admission of wrongdoing and a willingness to take responsibility for the offense. 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. The Review Board designs an individualized contract that specifies the conditions of the person's participation. Contracts include, but are not limited to conditions that: 1. hold the offender accountable for his/her behavior, 2. place responsibility on the offender to repair/restore the harm/loss caused by their actions, and 3. help the offender to develop skills to avoid future delinquent and criminal behavior. Approx. 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete the program. Those who fail have their cases returned to court for prosecution.

The Orange County Court Diversion program also administers Orange County's Teen Alcohol Safety Program for 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 194 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2006. Of this amount, 82 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 112 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 FY06 paid a total of \$6,108.00 in restitution to victims and victim related causes, and performed 526 hours of community service. 100% of every restitution dollar collected goes directly to the victim.

Orange County Court Diversion budgeted \$80,895.00 for its FY06 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)

THE FAMILY PLACE

319 Route 5 South, Norwich, Vermont 05055
Tel: 802-649-3268 E-mail: Info@the-family-place.org

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

We serve 22 towns in Vermont as well as numerous NH towns in the Upper Valley.

Some of our programs include child care payment assistance, Home Visiting programs, Playgroups, Family Fun Events, Parent Education, Holiday Assistance for individuals in need, Child Advocacy and therapy, information and referral, a lending library, and a wonderful on-site program to assist young mothers with parenting skills, knowledge of child development, job readiness and life skills.

For more information, please visit our website at www.the-family-place.org.

SAFELINE, INC.

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SERVING WOMEN, THEIR CHILDREN AND THE COMMUNITY FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS. ALL SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND FREE OF CHARGE.

Safeline Provides...

1. **Crisis Counseling:** Staff and volunteers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through our *free* telephone hotline.
2. **Safety Planning:** We work with survivors to create a safety plan that best fits their needs - whether living in an abusive relationship or planning to leave.
3. **Information and Referrals:** We meet with victims and survivors in person or via telephone to discuss available resources—housing, economic, food, medical, legal, etc. We will help them access these resources, providing assistance with necessary paperwork and guidance with applications.
4. **Legal Services and Advocacy:** We provide legal information, assistance with the “Relief from Abuse Order” process, pro se legal clinics, limited legal consultations or representation by a Safeline attorney.
5. **Medical Advocacy:** A trained advocate meets victims and survivors at the hospital if they have been physically or sexually abused and require medical attention.

This Year at Safeline...

1. We hired a new Executive Director in January.
2. We moved our office back to Chelsea in August.
3. We increased our staff...including the hiring of an experienced attorney in September and a Client Services Coordinator in November.
4. We expanded our services, so we now can...
 - Provide transportation and assist our service users in navigating the social service system
 - Develop long-term relationships and work one on one with survivors to help them achieve self-sufficiency
 - Offer legal counsel to those who would otherwise have no legal representation

Funding...

Safeline receives funding from a variety of sources and is a member of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Additionally, Safeline appreciates the support we receive each year from various community groups, local businesses and organizations, through town appropriations, and from individuals.

The following is a summary of the Statement of Activities from the independent review of Safeline financial statements. A copy of the full financial statements is available for review.

Statement of Activities:

For the year ending June 30, 2006:

Revenues, Gains and Other Support:		Expenses and Losses:	
Federal Grants	\$ 59,106	Program Services	\$ 94,873
State Grants	\$ 40,212	General and Admin	\$ 57,132
Community Support	\$ 47,932	Fundraising	\$ 589
Miscellaneous	\$ 11,356	Total	\$152,594
Total	\$159,106		
		Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 17,890
Change in Net Assets	\$ 6,512	Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 24,402

SAFELINE STATISTICS

July 1, 2005- June 30, 2006

Again, we fielded over 1000 hotline calls...

1. Over 350 residents of Orange County or the Upper tier towns of Windsor County were supported through some crisis—in person. More than 42 were our sisters, mothers, or neighbors who experienced rape, attempted rape or other types of sexual abuse by their abusers.
2. Over 100 were assisted with the “Relief from Abuse” process.
3. At least 5 were over age 60.
4. More than 17 were members of our community that were being stalked by their abusers.
5. 90% of those helped by our organization were women—from a variety of backgrounds of income, ethnicity and ability.
6. And...we provided prevention education and outreach to over 723 members of the community, including: students, teachers, health care providers, and to the staff members of many local community agencies who all serve the residents of Orange and Windsor Counties.

Mission Statement

Safeline strives to end physical, emotional and sexual violence to women and their children through direct service, education, advocacy and social change.

Staff

Judy Szeg, Domestic and Sexual Violence Specialist
 Nika Graci, Client Services Coordinator
 Zibilla Wolfe Sylvia, Esq., Legal Services Director
 Robin Nicodemus, Administrative Assistant
 Nancy T. Lynch, Executive Director



July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006

Community Capital of Vermont, formerly known as Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund (CVRLF), provides flexible and creative financing that seeds business start-ups and fuels expansion, enabling business owners to build the sales, credit, and experience needed to secure full bank financing in the future. A community-based nonprofit lender, Community Capital serves qualified micro and small businesses, particularly those that are owned by or offer employment opportunities to low-to-moderate income individuals.

In 2005-2006, Community Capital expanded its small business lending services statewide. Now, any resident of Vermont can apply for Community Capital financing.

Small Business Financing: Community Capital offers three flexible commercial financing options to match the short-term, seasonal, and long-term borrowing needs of businesses: Steps to Success Microcredit Loan up to \$5,000, a Revolving Line of Credit up to \$25,000, and a Traditional Amortizing Business Loan up to \$50,000.

Business Management Assistance: In addition to offering financing, Community Capital also offers its borrowers Business Management Assistance which includes access to local consultants for hands-on business management and industry assistance. We also offer a Business Education Grant program which helps borrowers cover the cost of attending business workshops and trade shows to advance business success.

During the fiscal year, 110 individuals inquired with Community Capital about financing opportunities. Twenty-seven (27) applications were submitted for financing of which twenty-two (22) applications were approved. These loans went to twenty-one (21) entrepreneurs with a total loan value of \$497,800. Eleven (11) of those twenty-one businesses are startups. Businesses supported this year were located in Barre City (6), Montpelier (4), Waitsfield (4), Duxbury (1), Berlin (1), Waterbury (1), Calais (1), Bethel (1), East Randolph (1), and Rochester (1).

Community Capital's loans and operations are funded by loan repayments, application fees, donations from private individuals, corporations, banks, as well as state and federal grants. Public grant sources include the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP), the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the US Department of Health and Human Services, and the US Department of Agriculture. In addition to operating its own loan funds, Community Capital manages loan funds for small business on behalf of East Montpelier, Barre Town, Barre City, and the Town of Huntington.

Community Capital is operated in partnership with the Central Vermont Community Action Council. Community Capital is managed by Emily Kaminsky, Fund Manager. Interested parties are encouraged to call Marian Boudreault at 479-1053, ext 219 to request a loan application and additional information. More information can also be obtained online at www.cvcapital.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Through Thetford's partnership with the Bugbee Senior Center in WRJ, VT, volunteers provide meals for Thetford residents in need of this service. This is a unique opportunity to serve some of our most valued elder community members who are the heart of our town and who have called Thetford home for so many years. This makes volunteering truly a joy and privilege and mutually rewarding experience for everyone.

Recipients of the meals are always grateful and appreciative of the friendly visits they receive from other Thetford residents who bring a fresh, home cooked meal straight to their door once a day.

Most notably, the Thetford Meals on Wheels volunteers are delighted to wish a very "Happy Birthday!" to Mrs. Mildred Robinson who celebrated her 101st birthday in December of 2006. From our entire community, Mildred, you are an inspiration to us all!

The following people have volunteered during the 2006 year as drivers, relief drivers or contributed in other significant ways to ensure participants received a meal at lunch time delivered to their homes daily five times/week: Lorraine Carbino, Susan Farrell, Alice Gollnick, Alice and Oskar Gnaedinger, John Hall, Martha Howard, Paul Rump and family, Dianne and Art Sharkey, Ruth Sylvester, Dot and Joe Tofel, Nancy Vaughan and family.

Fellow Thetford neighbors: please call if you are interested in joining us by adding your name to the list of substitute drivers. We are very flexible and it only requires 1-2 hours of your time, once a week or once a month. Children and other family members are always welcome to accompany you! And it's a great way to see your town and become acquainted with new faces you might not otherwise have the chance to meet.

Referrals for home delivered meals can be made by contacting The Bugbee Senior Center in White River Junction, VT at 295-9068 or Thetford Meals on Wheels Coordinator, Nancy Vaughan at 785-2576.

Submitted by,

Nancy Vaughan
East Thetford, VT



CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Child and Family Services
11 Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

Chelsea Health Center
356 VT Rte 110, Chelsea, VT 05038
(802) 685-4859

Safe Haven
4 Highland Ave., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-5233

Community Support Services
24 South Main St., Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-6000

East Valley Academy
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, VT 05041
(802) 728-3896

Regional Alternative Program
Norwich Avenue, Wilder, VT 05088
(802) 295-8628

Adult and Children Outpatient Services
1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

Central VT Substance Abuse Services (CVSAS)
100 Hospitality Drive, Berlin, VT 05601
(802) 223-4156

Quitting Time
39 Fogg Farm Road, White River Jct., VT 05001
(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 and Home-based services
- > Education for families
- > Community resource assistance
- > Walk-in Clinic
- > Vocational Services
- > Alcohol and other drug treatment
- > Respite Care
- > 24-hour emergency system

Clara Martin Center continues to provide community mental health services to the greater Orange County area out of our many locations cited above. Services are provided through five major programs which are CARF accredited. The major programs are Adult Outpatient Services, Child and Family Services, School Services, Emergency and Walk-In services, Community Support Program, and Alcohol and Other Drug Services. We also offer Psychiatric services, which span all program areas.

Clara Martin Center has continued to expand our contracts with local area schools. Through this effort, we have been able to expand our access to services for children, adolescents and their families at the following locations: Randolph, Washington, Brookfield, Braintree, Orange, Williamstown, Tunbridge, Sharon, Rochester, Strafford, Chelsea, Thetford, Bethel, and Bradford. We have also developed our Criminal Justice Program and now provide mental health and substance abuse services at both the Windsor and Springfield Correctional facilities. We are also preparing to assist returning veterans and their families with access to services they require.

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 mission and strategic plans to provide local community mental health services to all our community members in need.

FY06 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED FROM THETFORD	
Children & Family Services	628	Children & Family Services	11
School Services	140	School Services	2
Adult Services	743	Adult Services	20
CSP Services*	201	CSP Services*	6
Safe Haven	15	Substance Abuse Services	21
Substance Abuse Services	600	Corrections Services	2
Correction Services	180	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	15
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	459	Total seen within programs:	77
Total Served by Program	2966 (duplicated)+	Total unduplicated clients served:	54
Total Consumers Served	2103 (unduplicated)		

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

+ Duplicated count means person was seen in more than one service program.

ACORN - A COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK

ACORN (A Community Resource Network) is pleased to welcome Paul E. Brogan, as our new Interim Executive Director. Mr. Brogan has brought an exciting new energy and a very strong commitment to take ACORN forward into the future, to the ultimate benefit of our clients and the communities we serve!

ACORN's mission is: *"to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C to live fully and with dignity and to stop the spread of these diseases through education, information and understanding."*

ACORN currently provides, with the help of contributing towns such as Thetford:

1. Case management services to our clients infected with HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C (HCV). The case management services provides a crucial link to assistance programs that allow our clients access to funds in support of their medical needs as well as aid in day to day expenses such as food, heat, medications, transportation, electricity, and housing.
2. Support groups for those living with HIV/AIDS and HCV.
3. A home-delivery food assistance program operated in conjunction with local faith communities.
4. HIV/AIDS and HCV education and prevention programs presented in the communities at local High Schools, Methadone Clinics and other social service agencies and primary care facilities frequented by individuals at high risk for acquiring HIV or HCV.
5. A Speaker Bureau, providing first-hand experiences in dealing with HIV/AIDS and/or HCV as a means of educating, informing and enlightening.
6. A prison outreach program providing HIV/HCV Education classes as well as HIV and HCV counseling and testing in four prison systems throughout the state of Vermont.
7. Free HIV and HCV Counseling and testing services to any individual in the community with past risk factors.
8. Needle Exchange Program in the state of Vermont in conjunction with the Good Neighbor Clinic.
9. Education Programs ("Healthy Relationships" and "Safety Counts"), sponsored by the CDC and specially targeted to current or recent Injection Drug Users and/or to reduce the risk of further transmissions or secondary infections among persons already living with HIV.
10. ACORN has worked to promote and advocate for public policy change through education and encouraging the Department of Health in both NH and Vermont to include HCV as a "reportable and traceable chronic disease".

Our services remain confidential. Each individual consumes approximately \$3000 per year in financial assistance. CORN exists to provide a physical support for individuals affected and infected by HIV and HEP C. Any individual that is questioning, curious, and possibly fearing they have contracted either one of these virus's has a place to go to, to answer questions and get confidential assistance to guide them. In addition, ACORN is the only agency in the entire Upper Valley area that helps the community remain aware that both HIV and HCV are real health concerns that all of us must pay attention to and help eradicate.

The Clients, Staff, and Board of ACORN would like to sincerely thank the Town of Thetford for their continued support. ACORN welcomes any question(s) or requests for information at 603-448-8887 or email: acorn@acornvtnh.org.

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