

THETFORD TOWN OFFICES

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THETFORD POLICE

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Sharon Harkay – Pager 240-1288
785-4924

COUNTY AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

HEALTH OFFICER

By Appointment
785-4503

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 – 785-2604

Jeff Sirjane – 785-4405

LISTERS

785-2922 ext 4

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

785-2922 ext 3

TOWN CLERK

785-2922 ext 5

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Town Garage – 785-4679

Pager 290-5527

TOWN TREASURER

785-2922 ext 2

SELECTBOARD

Mondays at 7:00 PM

Town Hall

RECREATION COORDINATOR

785-2922 ext 6

ANNUAL REPORTS

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

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THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS

[term expires in "()"]

Town Moderator – 1 year

Mark McMahon ('09)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E. Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
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School Moderator – 1 year

Mary M. Denison ('09)	982 Quinibeck Rd, Post Mills		333-9527
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Agent to Convey Real Property – 1 year – vacant**Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year – vacant****Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year**

John Wilmot ('11)	PO Box 6, E. Thetford		785-4090
Bruce Avery ('10)	PO Box 72 N. Thetford		333-9671
Andy Martin ('09)	PO Box 232, E Thetford		785-2024

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 1 year

Jill Graff ('11)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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Grand Juror – 1 year

Mike Brown ('09)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	785-4536
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Justices of the Peace – 2 year (next election Nov '10)

Mike Brown	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	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, Thetfd Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
Diane Osgood ('09)	PO Box 320, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
Janet Stowell ('10)	462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922

Representative for Orange-Windsor (next election Nov '10)

James Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	JMasland@leg.state.vt.us	785-4146
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School Directors – 2 & 3 year

Andrew Boyce ('09)	PO Box 57, Post Mills	andy_boyce@yahoo.com	333-9962
Robin Brown ('10)	222 Schoolhouse Hill Rd, E. Thet	Kevin.P.Brown@valley.net	333-4727
Karen Kaliski ('09)	176 Burnham Road, E Thetford		785-3113
Jennifer Reining ('10)	319 Cadwell Rd, E Thetford	Jennifer.Reining@valley.net	785-3083
Elise Tillinghast ('11)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4302

Selectboard – 2 & 3 year

John Bacon ('11)	551 Lower Bailey Rd, Thetford Ctr	Selectboard@thetfordvermont.us	785-4831
Mike Brown ('10)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Johnebacon@wildblue.net	785-4536
Cathee Clement ('09)	468 Garey Rd, E. Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	785-2668
Tig Tillinghast, VC ('09)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	turtlepond@netzero.net	785-4302
Andrew Toler ('10)	675 New Boston Rd, Thetford Ctr	tig@watershed-publishing.com	785-9845
		andrew.w.j.toler@dartmouth.edu	

Senator-Orange County (next election Nov '10)

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

Bill Bohnyak	11 VT Route 113, Chelsea		685-4875
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Town Clerk – 3 year

Tracy Borst ('10)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	townclerk@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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Town Treasurer – 1 year

Jill Graff ('11)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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Trustees of Latham Library – 4 year

Ralph Albertini ('09)	PO Box 25, Thetford		785-2778
Richard Balagur ('11)	2021 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford		785-4514
Ron Chabot ('09)	1092 Poor Farm Rd South, Thetford Ctr.		785-2772
Diane Hagewood ('09)	PO Box 51, N. Thetford		
Stephen Hoffman ('10)	61 New Boston Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4039
Lynn O'Hara ('12)	1656 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Ctr		333-4846
Diana K. Anderson ('12)	PO Box 211, E Thetford		785-4404
Elise Tillinghast ('11)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4302
VACANCY			

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

Stacey Glazer ('10)	633 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr.		785-2415
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Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 year

Frederick Howard ('09)	PO Box 57, N Thetford		333-9291
Ruel G. Barrett ('10)	PO Box 89, Thetford		785-2867
Elmer Brown ('11)	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr		785-2167

APPOINTED OFFICERS**Agency on Aging – White River Council**

Ruel Barrett ('09) PO Box 184, Thetford 785-2867

Ancient Roads Committee

Andy Boyce PO Box 57, Post Mills andy_boyce@yahoo.com 333-9962
 Tracy Borst 101 Alton Drive, E. Thetford townclerk@thetfordvermont.us 333-4625
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 Janet Stowell 462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr listers@thetfordvermont.us 785-4387
 Tig Tillinghast 1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr tig@watershed-publishing.com 785-4302

Animal Control Officer

Sharon Harkay ('09) PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr Pager 240-1288 785-4924

Assistant Town Clerk

Lori Magoon PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

Assistant Treasurer

Rebecca Buchanan PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

Budget Committee – 3 year

Mike Pomeroy ('09) PO Box 128, Thetford MCPomeroy@hotmail.com 785-2539
 Tig Tillinghast ('10) 1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr tig@watershed-publishing.com 785-4302
 Terry Longo ('11) PO Box 12, Thetford Tj10516@yahoo.com 785-9807
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Conservation Commission

Heather Carlos ('10) 478 Colby Rd N, Thetford Ctr Heather.A.Carlos@dartmouth.edu 785-4853
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Development Review Board

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 Tim Taylor ('09) 811 West Fairlee Rd, Fairlee Tim.Taylor@valley.net 333-4455
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Emergency Management

Don Fifield ('09) PO Box 161, Thetford Ctr 785-2604

Town of Thetford**Energy Committee**

Ellen Blumberg ('09) 189 Jackson Brook Rd mjblumberg@valley.net 785-9883
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Fence Viewers

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Fire Wardens (Burning Permits)

Ellis Paige ('09) 41 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4477
 Jeff Sirjane (06/2013) 1854 Sawnee Bean Rd Thet. Ctr Jsirjane@worldcupsupply.com 785-4405
 Don Fifield ('09) PO Box 161, Thetford Ctr 785-2604

Greater UV Solid Waste District Representative

Ben Bradley ('09) 168 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4245
 Jim Masland, Alt ('09) 714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr jmasland@leg.state.vt.us 785-4146

Health Officer

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

Historian

Vacant

Historic Preservation Committee

Stephen Branchflower ('09) PO Box 38, Thetford Ctr 785-2667
 Clark Graff PO Box 345, Thetford Ctr cgraff@valley.net 333-9441
 John Hall ('10) PO Box 148, Post Mills John.Hall@valley.net 333-4077
 Roney Hoffman ('09) 68 Cobble Hill Rd, E Thetford 785-2438
 William Thrane ('10) PO Box 633, Thetford 785-2520

Planning Commission

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 Dennis Donahue ('10) 416 Pero Hill, Thetford Ctr dennis.a.donahue@dartmouth.edu 785-3177
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 Wayne Parks ('09), Chair 895 Turnpike Rd N, Fairlee WayneParksVT@yahoo.com 333-9761

Police Department

Jim Lanctot, Chief	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	jlanctot@dps.state.vt.us	785-2200
Bridget Tweedie, Sargent	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		785-2200
Wayne Briggs, Patrol Officer	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		785-2200

Pound Keeper

Ruth Dwyer Kent ('09)	2604 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-2817
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Recreation Coordinator

Hilary Linehan ('09)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		785-2922
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Recreation Committee

Kevin Brown, Co-Chair ('11)	222 Schoolhouse Hill Rd, E Thetford		333-4727
Jay Clark ('09)	5071 Route 113, Thetford Ctr		785-2154
Marilyn Cook ('11)	PO Box 26, Post Mills		333-4103
Kristie Gray ('11)	PO Box 251, E Thetford		785-2716
Cara Jackson ('09)	4960 Route 113, Thetford Ctr		785-4489
Andy Martin ('10)	PO Box 232, E Thetford		785-2024
Scott O'Hearn ('10)	1218 Route 244, Fairlee		333-3507
Mary Dan Pomeroy, Co-Chr ('11)	PO Box 128, Thetford		785-2539
Mike Pomeroy ('09)	PO Box 128, Thetford		785-2539
Pete Sonnhalter ('09)	1132 Route 132, E Thetford		785-4396
Mark Woodward ('09)	PO Box 62, N Thetford		333-3585

Thetford Youth Sports – Subcommittee of Recreation Committee

Mike Gaffney, Secretary	91 Patsy Lane, Thetford Ctr		785-4395
Kristie Gray, Treasurer	PO Box 251, E Thetford		785-2716
Casey Huling, Vice President	PO Box 19, Thetford		
Andy Martin, President	PO Box 232, E Thetford		785-2024

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
Nancy Stanley	15 Cranberry Hill Rd, E Thetford		785-2791
Bob Walker	432 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr	bobwalker@valley.net	785-4126

Road Foreman

Doug Stone ('09)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Pager #290-5527	785-4679
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Road Foreman

John Bacon ('09)	551 Lower Bailey Rd, Thet. Ctr.	johnebacon@wildblue.net	785-4831
Mike Brown, Chair ('09)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	785-4679

Senior & Affordable Housing Committee

Sean Dalton			
David Fisk ('10)	PO Box 166, Post Mills		333-9607
Dale Gephart ('11)	PO Box 29, Post Mills		333-9748
Mark McMahon ('11)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
Tom Monego	PO Box 171, E Thetford		785-4402
Gina Sonne ('10)	565 Poor Farm Rd S, Thetford Ctr		785-4220
Joe Tofel ('11)	2459 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr	joseph.tofel@valley.net	649-1434

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

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Tig Tillinghast ('09)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thet Ctr	tig@watershed-publishing.com	785-4302
Gary Ulman ('09)	359 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4037

Thetford Elder Network

Betty Campbell	PO Box 282, E Thetford		785-2407
Roger Daum	PO Box 64, Post Mills		333-4082
Martha Daum	PO Box 64, Post Mills		333-4082
Dale Gephart ('09)	PO Box 29, Post Mills		333-3748
Susan Rump ('09)	PO Box 174, Thetford Ctr		785-4029
Roberta Howard ('11)	PO Box 63, N Thetford		333-3725
Inge Trebitz ('11)	480 Colby Road, Thetford Ctr		785-2129
Gina Sonne ('11)	565 Poor Farm Rd S, Thetford Ctr		785-4220

Town Service Officer

Roberta Howard ('09)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr		333-3725
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Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee RPC

Jim Masland ('09)	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	JMasland@leg.state.vt.us	785-4146
Mike Brown, Alternate ('09)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	785-4536

Tree Warden

Elmer Brown ('09)	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr		785-2167
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Upper Valley Ambulance

Mark McMahon ('09)	2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
Tod Protzman, Alternate ('09)	PO Box 185, Post Mills		
Craig McKinney, member at large ('09)			

Weigher of Coal

Mike Brown ('09)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	785-4536
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Zoning Administrator – 3 year

Richard Blacklow ('11)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Zoning@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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Notaries Public

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Lynn Irwin	665 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	Lynn.Irwin@valley.net	785-4581
Brenda Magoon	PO Box 25, N Thetford		785-4054
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, February 28, 2009 at 9:00 am

Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy
 A snack bar will be open for the morning session.

Childcare, 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 7th grade trip to Washington DC.

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

Our form of government is that of a Republic. We elect people - Legislators, Senators, Presidents - to represent us. They are the ones who ultimately decide the things we do, and what moneys we spend, both as a State and as a Nation. Town Meeting, however, is the essence of democracy. We meet, we talk. We vote - by ourselves, and for ourselves. ON THIS DAY, WE REPRESENT OURSELVES.

Some thoughts:

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

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

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

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 few 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.

To Call the Question (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. (My own special request - since we're here to discuss the warned items, please don't use this procedure too quickly. Let those who wish to talk, do so.)

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year	
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yr	
Cemetery Commissioner, 1 yr to complete 3 yr	
Grand Juror, 1 year	Michael J. Brown
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year (2 seats)	
Library Trustee, Latham 1 year to complete 4 yr	
Lister, 3 year	Denise Adams
Lister, 2 yr to complete a 3 yr term	Diane C. Osgood
Select Board, 3 year term	David "Tig" Tillinghast
Select Board, 2 year term	Cathee Daum Clement
Town Moderator, 1 year	Mark McMahan
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	
School Director, 2 year	
School Director, 3 year	Andrew Boyce
School Moderator, 1 year	Michael J. Brown

NEW DATES FOR 2009 DECLARATION OF VT HOMESTEAD

All VT residents who own and occupied a VT homestead on April 1, 2009 must file a **Declaration of VT Homestead**, Form HS-122. Due date is April 15, 2009. Even if you file for an extension of taxes, this form must be filed by April 15.

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.

VOTER INFORMATION NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Applications to the voter checklist for Town Meeting and March Elections are accepted no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, February 25. Apply at the Town Clerk's office. You must be on the checklist to vote February 28 (Town Meeting) and March 3 (Australian ballot).

Clerk's Office Hours
6-8 pm Monday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday; Friday 8:00 - Noon
Special hours due to election requirements:
February 25 open until 5:00 pm
March 2 open 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Polls are open 8 am-7 pm at Town Hall

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 2 by 5 pm
Town offices open from 3:00 pm 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 3, 2009).
- 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 23, 2009, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

Town Meeting – February 28, 2009, 9:00 am, Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy

Voting by Australian Ballot - Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Town and School Officers, School Budget
Thetford Town Hall
3910 VT Route 113
Thetford Center, VT 05075-0126
Polls open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

WARNING 2008

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, February 28, 2009 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 Thursday, October 15, 2009 by 5:00 pm? After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town.
- ARTICLE 3** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available?
- ARTICLE 4** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$895,552.23 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?
- ARTICLE 5** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$35,093 to allocate to organizations requesting appropriations from the Town of Thetford?
- ARTICLE 6** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1000.00 for Safeline?
- ARTICLE 7** Shall the Town of Thetford vote to raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$300 for the support of Sustainable Energy Resource Group to provide services to residents of the Town?
- ARTICLE 8** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$551,875.62 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department?
- ARTICLE 9** Shall the Town approve the purchase of a new dump truck, to replace truck #4 at a cost not to exceed \$140,000.00 to be financed through the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund?
- ARTICLE 10** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$165,000 to be added to the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund?
- ARTICLE 11** Shall the Town reallocate the \$5000, reserved at the 2008 Town Meeting for a footbridge attached to the Sayre Bridge, to the Bridge fund?
- ARTICLE 12** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$20,000.00 to provide any required matching funds if the Town receives a federal grant to purchase and install a generator for an emergency shelter located at Thetford Elementary School?
- ARTICLE 13** To transact any other business.

The following article shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 3rd, 2009. 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 26, 2009

TOWN CLERK

Tracy Borst

SELECTBOARD

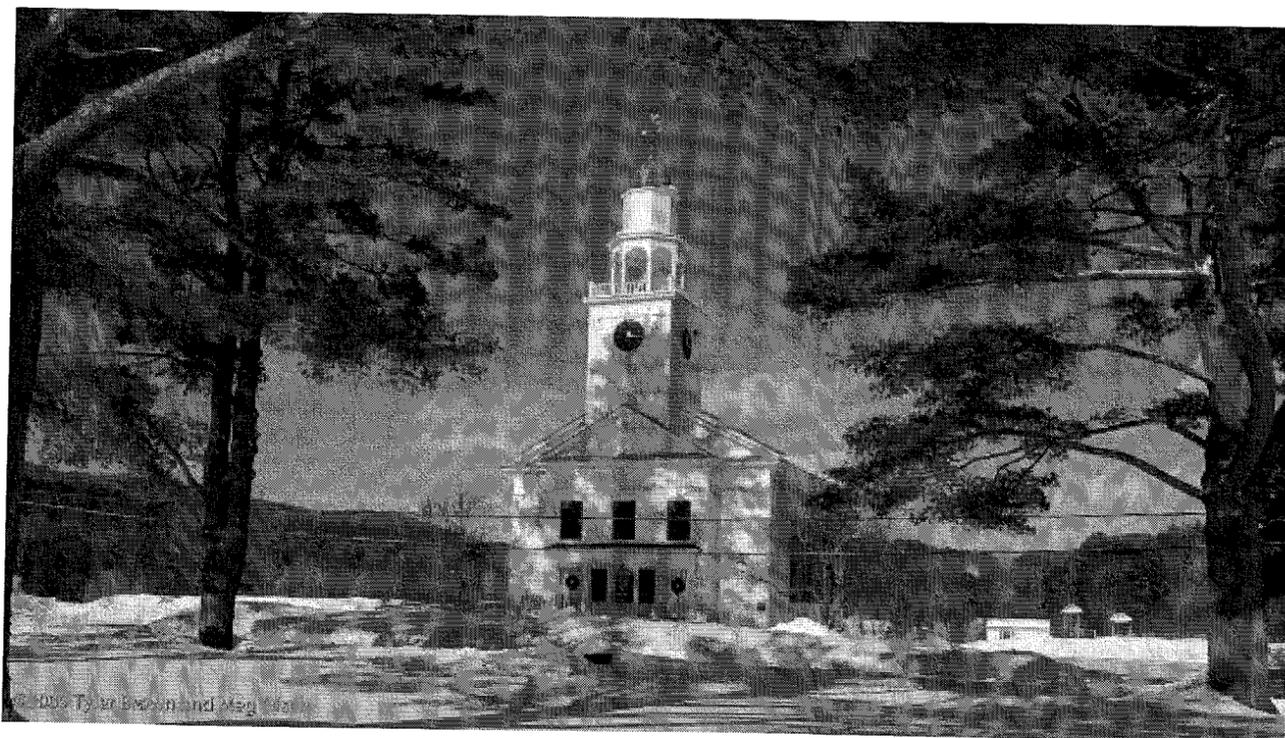
Mike Brown, Chair

John Bacon

Cathee Daum Clement

David (Tig) Tillinghast

Andrew Toler



Submitted by Tyler Brown

SELECTBOARD REPORT

Every year this report starts with a salute to the many Thetford volunteers. It cannot be said often enough that without the willingness of individuals to step forward and give of their time and effort Thetford would not be the unique and fabulous place it is. We need to acknowledge the work of these individuals throughout the year but especially at Town Meeting time we should show our gratitude for their contributions.

The year 2008 was again a time of change for the Selectboard. After serving over one and a half years, Suzanne Masland found that her work and serving on the Selectboard were not compatible. She had to resign her seat on the board in October. She was a valued member of the board contributing in many ways to the activities of the Selectboard.

As has happened in the past, when a vacancy occurs on the Selectboard there are always citizens who step forth willing to serve. We were fortunate to have four individuals from which to select a replacement, and it was a difficult choice. Cathee Daum Clement was picked to serve until the 2009 Town Meeting Day.

After finishing the Town Plan in 2007 the Planning Commission began work on updating the Zoning Bylaws. As part of that process the Commission revised two stand-alone regulations – the Flood Hazard Area Zoning Bylaw and the Wireless Telecommunication Facility Zoning Bylaw. After several hearings the Selectboard approved these bylaws were in July.

The members of the Planning Commission contributed many hours of work to accomplish the revision and we thank them for their efforts.

An emergency generator was installed at the Town Hall using the funds appropriated at the 2008 Town Meeting. It provided emergency power during the early winter power outages allowing activities at the Town Hall to continue. We wish to thank John Bacon for his direction of this project.

The Selectboard recognized the need to keep expenses in the 2009 budget as low as possible due to the economic situation in the nation and state. In conjunction with the Budget Committee, an essentially level funded budget was devised. This was accomplished even though the cost of the health insurance program provided for full time employees rose significantly as well as a large increase in the town's contribution to the Upper Valley Ambulance service.

In 2008, the Recycling Center generated enough revenue to offset almost all the expense of operating it. However, the present economic situation has caused the price received for recycled materials to decline significantly. Therefore, there will be a noticeable increase in the cost to the town for disposal.

The Selectboard thanks all of our town employees for their commitment to the town. Without them, the work of the town could not be accomplished.

Submitted by:

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Office Hours: Monday 6 – 8 pm
 Tuesday –Thursday 8 - 4, Friday 8 – 12
 Closed Fridays in Summer Months
 Tracy Borst, Town Clerk Lori Magoon, Assistant Town Clerk

2008 was certainly a busy year with elections. Election administration is a major function of the Town Clerk's office, and Lori and I had plenty to do! There were many changes in laws and deadlines including use of the statewide checklist where we had a deadline for entering voter participation. I'm happy to report we easily met the new requirements and deadlines. Below are some figures from our 2008 election events.

<u>Election</u>	<u>Total on Checklist</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Absentee Votes</u>
Town Meeting March 2008	2083	319	
Town Balloting March 2008	2089	1182	122
Primary September 2008	2091	138	4
General Election November 2008	2180	1656	391

In addition to our election responsibilities, some of the other services provided at the Town Clerk's office were:

Animal Licenses	625	Land Records Processed	2680
DMV Registration Renewals	122	Notarizations	106
Excess Weight Permits	66	Tobacco and Liquor Licenses	4
Fish and Game Licenses	45	Vital Records Processed	18
Voter Checklist: additions	252	Treasure Island Passes	90
deletions	161		

In July of 2008, I was one of twenty one town and city clerks to graduate from the three year New England Municipal Clerks Institute. NEMCI, a one week a summer program, is a top-notch educational experience; I've met inspirational faculty members and enjoyed networking with clerks from all over New England. In the future, I will return as an academy student where the classes are more specific (i.e. specific computer programs or personnel management).

Animal License Renewal is due by April 1. April 1, 2009, there is an increase of \$1 to the state fee, and late fees are applied on April 2. Please renew early! You will receive a renewal notice by mail in February and while we're always happy to see you at town hall, you may renew by mail.

Lori and I look forward to serving you in 2009.

Missingmoney.Vermont.gov
 413 listings under town of Thetford! Check for your name at the above website.

~☞ REMEMBRANCES ☞~

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

Dorothy M. Banker

David J. Bradley

William C. Chirbas

Shirley L. Collins

Laurence B. Cummings

Anthony F. De La Pena

Nellie C. Glaser

Evelyn M. Lamontagne

Herbert Lehr

Joan Luikart

Scott D. McDonald

David I. Plaut

Mildred E. Robinson

Lena F. Uline

Freda S. Wing



TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 1, 2008

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 1st, 2008 at 9:00 am, to transact town business.

Flag procession led by the Girl Scouts of Thetford included Daisy, Brownie, Junior, and Senior level scouts. Pledge of allegiance and the national anthem were led by Elmer Brown. Mention was made of those who passed away in 2007, as listed in the town report, and a moment of silence was observed.

The invocation, by moderator Joseph Tofel, was read and the 240th annual town meeting of the Town of Thetford was called to order at 9:12 am.

ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town. The article was moved and seconded. Peter Blodgett was invited to the microphone to explain the use of \$35000 allocated to the Thetford Library Association in 2007. Peter explained that the funds were received in November 2007 and will be used to develop a larger internet café with six computers for public use (three laptops), a wireless hub, and support for Thetnet (amount undetermined at this time). The remainder will be used for enhancing library programs. There are no plans to increase library open hours. Article 1 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Wednesday, October 15th, 2008 by 5:00 pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town? Article was moved and seconded. Article 2 passed by show of voter cards.

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? The article was moved and seconded. Article 3 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$853,656.50 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund? The article was moved and seconded. Mike Brown offered an amendment to Article 4 that added \$4000 to the total town budget - to \$857,656.50; motion was seconded. The Selectboard had reduced the Conservation Commission line item by \$4000 and recently realized the money was earmarked for a gift/trail program (matching funds for grant). Amendment passed by show of voter cards.

Mike Brown offered explanations of the major points of change in revenues and expenses. A 2.8 percent increase in all salaries, a wage adjustment to five positions, and the recreation budget is more developed as the revenue and expense were moved into the town budget. Lynne Miller proposed motion to freeze single year appropriations (2007 numbers) until selectboard establishes a policy that sets guidelines for such appropriations. The moderator ruled this item cannot be discussed under this article. Tod Moses proposed an amendment (moved and seconded) to reduce the proposed salary increases by 50 percent. Call to question by Elmer Brown, seconded and passed unanimous. Motion that all proposed salary adjustments be reduced by fifty percent including town clerk, town treasurer, assistant

clerk and treasurer and police chief. Motion defeated. Article 4 as amended passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$541,469.26 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department? The article was moved and seconded. In the absence of our Road Foreman, Doug Stone, (due to weather creating the necessity of plowing) Mike Brown spoke to the article and explained that an attempt to level fund this budget was impossible with extremely high petroleum product price increases. Salt and sand budget is expected to be over this year due to the heavier than usual snowfall and he reports that an excellent job is being done by Doug Stone, Road Foreman, and the road crew. Article 5 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$165,000.00 to be added to the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund? Article was moved and seconded. Mike Brown explained the deficit shown in the fund (page 88) was created when the State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund denied a \$90,000 loan; the town was given about \$31,000. This amount, \$165,000, replenishes the fund's deficit and maintains the \$125,000 contribution. Article 6 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$28,000.00 to fund the addition of a third Police Officer position to the Thetford Police Department? Article was moved and seconded. Mike Brown spoke to the article saying the town has an excellent two person police force but needs the third person. Jim Lanctot, Police Chief, has been working extremely long hours and needs more officer help. Jim Lanctot spoke to the article stating that he's proud to work with fire dept. and road crew and for a small town we are fortunate to have these professional services in place. Daily troubles are piling up, behind on cases, less patrolling going on - lots of office paperwork - not so much the crime ridden town. Our assistance from the State Police includes the availability of their detective division which investigates major crimes. We need another officer to keep up with day to day traffic, call out procedures, providing 110 hours per week of patrol. Currently the police department is able to provide 80 hours per week of coverage, the third officer would increase that to 110 hours and add the ability for on-call officer that would respond from home. Mark McMahon inquired if the idea of regional policing or contracting out to others had moved forward and believes the \$28000 doesn't cover all expenses (i.e. workers comp, maintenance, space, vehicle) so the town should realize the whole impact of an additional officer. Terry Longo, Budget Committee member, felt law enforcement and security needs to be at the top of our priority. Article 7 passed by show of voter cards.

The moderator, without objection, then suspended the rules and continued to Articles 14, 15, and 16 as presenters were available to speak to those articles.

ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1,000.00 to support the Little Rivers Health Care Clinic? Article was moved and seconded. A representative from Little Rivers spoke to the article stating that Little Rivers Health Care Clinic offers family practice birth through end-of-life primary care as well as social workers. They served 35 Thetford families in 2007, both insured and uninsured. They are asking for less than \$1 per household. Lynne Miller spoke about the town establishing a written policy on how to handle and process these requests. Article passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$11,200.00 to support the Visiting Nurse Association of Vermont and New Hampshire (VNA/VNH)? Motion was moved and seconded. This article supports the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice, a non-profit organization for over 100 years that has seen an increase in services in the Thetford area by 57 percent. Article 15 passed by show of voting cards.

ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$500.00 to support the Orange County Parent Child Center? Article was moved and seconded. Hayden Dodge, the assistant director of the Orange County Parent Child Center, spoke about the organization that serves twenty five towns, five hundred families, and twenty-four Thetford families. Their goal is to make the families more aware on how to thrive in their town on their own. Cheryl Twerdowsky, a Thetford resident, works for them and spoke in support of the article as she has experience with the amazing work of this organization. Suzanne Masland spoke in favor of this article as she was a family support worker for them and witnessed the impact this organization has on families with acute need; without any red tape. Early assistance or prevention system for children in need will save money on services in the future. Mike Pomeroy pointed out the three warned articles present a duplication of services (The Family Place, The Kids Place); he reiterated the need for policy for town allocations. Article 16 passed by show of voter cards.

Meeting suspended for lunch and to hear report from State Senator Mark Macdonald, Representative Jim Masland and Representative Margaret Cheney.

The 2008 Civic Pride Award was presented by Elmer Brown to Joseph Tofel.

Meeting recessed until 1pm. Reconvened Town Meeting at 5:05 pm.

ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new Class A pumper at a cost not to exceed \$270,000.00 to be financed through the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund through a five (5) year lease agreement with the first payment of \$60,922.00 due one (1) year from the delivery date? Article was moved and seconded. Tim Ouellette spoke to the policy of converting pumper trucks to tanker trucks as a good strategy; a proactive approach to replace saleable trucks, as opposed to using them until no value. Terry Longo and Mike Pomeroy, Budget Committee members, suggested waiting at least 2 years to purchase a new pumper. Vote on article 8 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town of Thetford enter into an Interlocal Contract with other municipalities, under Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 4901, for the purpose of establishing a universal, open-access, financially self-sustaining broadband communications system to provide communications services, including high-speed Internet, telephone, and cable television, to the residents, businesses, and institutions of these towns? Article was moved and seconded. Jim Masland spoke to the article; noting it was regrettable that so few people remained at town meeting. He noted many residents are frustrated with the lack of high speed broadband service and many towns were considering this article in their 2008 Town Meetings. This article allows the Selectboard to enter into the contract so that the members may move ahead and seek financing. Article 9 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$5,000.00 annually to be added to the Recycling Fund for the purpose of future infrastructure improvements at the Recycling Center for the next 5 years? Article was moved and seconded. John Bacon explained the purpose of the article is to start the funding for an enclosure to be built over the recycling bins. This enclosure will be required under Federal Storm Water Regulations. An amendment to add "for next 5 years" to the article passed by show of voter cards. Article 10, as amended, passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase materials to build a footbridge attached to the Sayre Bridge? Article was moved and seconded. Jim Masland spoke to article. During the recent historic preservation of the bridge, the town was not allowed to address pedestrian traffic as federal funds, which paid for the renovation, must be used for historically or structurally appropriate repairs. Jim feels we are allowed to do something now that that work is done. Jim presented that a

design, similar to structure of a deck, could be built by volunteer labor with skilled supervisors. He has received verbal permission from the state for this project and is seeking written permission from Agency of Transportation. He is proposing a covered walkway with pressure treated materials with wire mesh to keep openings safe. Erhard Frost suggested that native lumber be used, not pressure treated. Other concerns voiced included: tough project building over the river, safety ramifications, handicap accessibility, and liability during building and beyond, and an insurance company review of the proposed project. Article 11 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase and install an emergency generator for the Town Hall? Article was moved and seconded. John Bacon spoke to the article. A generator will make town hall "Command Center" ready and stop the town hall and town garage from sharing one unit. An electrician will put in the switching system that will operate the whole town hall facility. Article 12 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town of Thetford adopt town plans by Australian ballot? Article was moved and seconded. Mike Pomeroy spoke to article that he proposed via petition to the Selectboard. Currently the town plan is created by the Planning Commission then passed onto the Selectboard who must hold public hearings before voting to adopt the document. This article would move that adoption to Australian ballot though the public hearings would still be held. He favors this system to give a consensus of the people via balloting. Opponents felt voting plans by ballot would take away the Selectboard flexibility to move through issues that come up through the year versus putting it off until a vote could be held. Opposition felt voting could create a situation where "just vote against it" rather than public meetings, which gather the point of consensus. Discussion of Article 20, also proposed by Mike Pomeroy, which would give the town the option to adopt zoning bylaws, amendments and repeals by Australian ballot. Once this decision is made, it can only be rescinded by another Australian ballot vote.

Call to Question, moved and seconded, passed. Article 13 failed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 17 Shall the Town of Thetford vote to adopt a voluntary no-idling policy to read as follows: Whereas, vehicle idling generates emissions that pollute the air we breathe, which can cause respiratory problems, including asthma and lung disease; Whereas, vehicle idling wears engine parts, results in incomplete fuel combustion, and reduces the life of the exhaust system; Whereas, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable resources, existing reserves are declining, and, therefore, they should be used wisely and not wasted; Whereas, vehicle idling burns fuel, emitting CO₂ – a major contributor to detrimental climate change; Whereas, vehicle idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and back on. In summary, reducing unnecessary idling will save money and fuel, reduce carbon emissions and air pollutants, and improve the performance of our cars and trucks; Therefore, we as citizens and stewards of both the present and future environment will eliminate unnecessary vehicle idling by turning off our engines when picking up and dropping off children at school, stopping at the post office and stores, parking to drop off recycling and trash, visiting drive-through windows and ATMs, pulling over to talk on cell phones, stopping for road construction activities, and all other situations that will involve idling for more than 10 seconds. Article was moved and seconded. Alice Walker of the Energy Committee spoke to article and felt it allows every driver in town to take responsibility to save on gas and reduce wear and tear on their vehicles. It is a non-enforceable article intended to get people thinking about their personal habits and help reduce emissions. The energy committee intends to help initiate a policy for town vehicles next, do additional education at school, and work with the environmental club at TA. Some

residents pointed out that diesel engines need to be warmed up for longer than 10 seconds to run efficiently. Article 17 failed (36 opposed, 18 in favor).

ARTICLE 18 To transact any other business. Article was moved and seconded. Julia Eaton spoke to a need for the town of Thetford to "move out of crisis mode and into prevention mode" in lieu of the recent years teen tragedies in Thetford. She is kicking off a Teen Talk program in which older kids mentor younger and invited the public to attend a meeting in the North Thetford Library on March 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday March 4th, 2008 made and seconded. Motion passed at 7:00 pm.

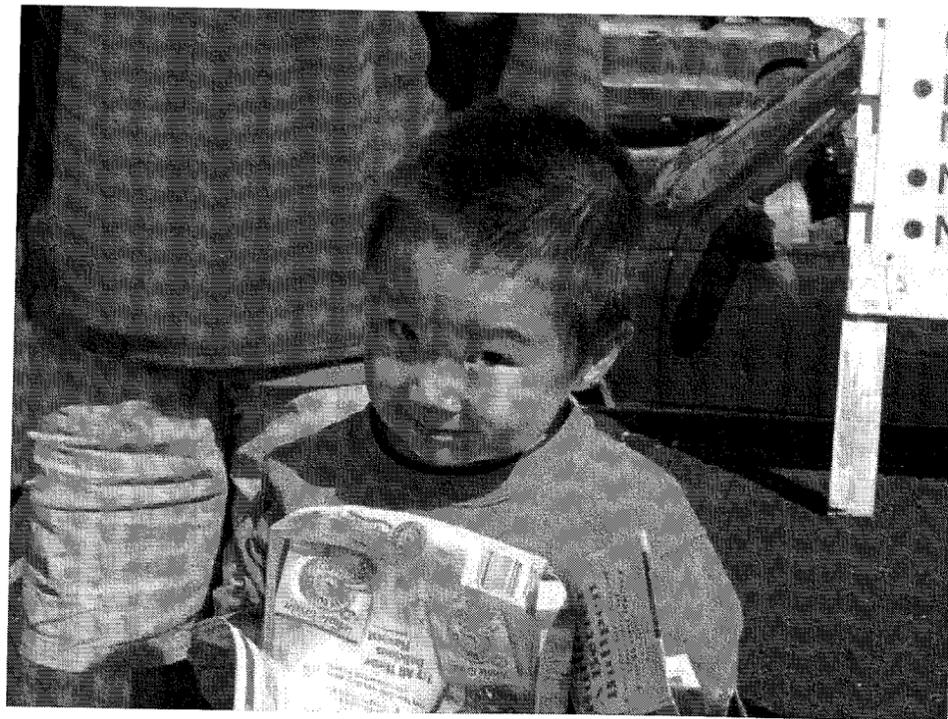
Respectfully Submitted:

Tracy Borst
Town Clerk

A True Record, attest:

Joseph Tofel
Town Moderator

Michael Brown
Selectboard Chair



Submitted by Gina Sonne

Town of Thetford
Australian Ballot Results
March 4, 2008

Agent to Convey Real Property	
Write In	20
Blank	1146
Spoiled	16
Total	1182

Cemetery Commissioner, 2 year	
Write In	29
Blank	1136
Spoiled	17
Total	1182

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits	
Write In	18
Blank	1149
Spoiled	15
Total	1182

Collector/Delinquent Taxes, 3 yr	
Jill Graff	972
Write In	3
Blank	192
Spoiled	15
Total	1182

Budget Committee, 3 year	
Terry Longo	834
Write In	6
Blank	328
Spoiled	14
Total	1182

Grand Juror, 1 year	
Michael Brown	954
Write In	5
Blank	209
Spoiled	14
Total	1182

Budget Committee, 2 year	
Write In	34
Blank	1134
Spoiled	14
Total	1182

Latham Library Trustee, 1 year	
Ralph Albertini	910
Write In	6
Blank	250
Spoiled	16
Total	1182

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year	
John Wilmot	959
Write In	1
Blank	208
Spoiled	14
Total	1182

Latham Library Trustee, 4 year	
Lynn O'Hara	914
Write In	11
D. Kimball Anderson	73
Blank	1337
Spoiled	29
Total	2364

Lister, 3 year	
Donna Phelps Durkee	928
Write In	2
Blank	238
Spoiled	14
Total	1182

Selectboard, 3 year	
John E. Bacon	916
Write In	5
Blank	246
Spoiled	15
Total	1182

Selectboard, 2 year	
Michael J. Brown	936
Write In	2
Blank	229
Spoiled	15
Total	1182

Selectboard, 2 year	
Andrew Toler	886
Write In	4
Blank	278
Spoiled	14
Total	1182

Selectboard, 1 year	
Tig Tillinghast	898
Write In	8
Blank	261
Spoiled	15
Total	1182

Town Moderator, 1 year	
Mark McMahon	992
Write In	3
Blank	172
Spoiled	15
Total	1182

Town Treasurer, 3 year	
Jill Graff	982
Write In	3
Blank	183
Spoiled	14
Total	1182

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	
Elmer C. Brown	998
Write In	0
Blank	170
Spoiled	14
Total	1182

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Margaret Cheney & Jim Masland

It would be an understatement to say that this is a challenging year. As the Legislature convenes, Vermont faces a current-year budget shortfall of some \$80 million and a shortfall next year of perhaps \$150 million. While we are all working to find a solution that protects services for the most vulnerable among us, there will be severe budget cuts in nearly all areas.

We are eagerly waiting to learn the size and scope of the new Federal stimulus package coming from Congress and President Obama. Much of the money will be directed at a desperately needed highway and bridge reconstruction program. The other big part of the stimulus will go to cover dramatic shortfalls in Medicare and Medicaid. Smaller amounts will be available for smaller initiatives. While the Federal money will be welcome, we know it won't be nearly enough to solve our budget problems. Further, the date of its arrival is unknown. Hence, we are proceeding to develop State budget cuts in the hope that they might not have to be as drastic as they look at present.

You may be aware that the Agency of Transportation has withheld town highway aid payments due to revenue downgrades. If these cuts are not restored, the burden will be shifted to local property taxpayers. It is possible that part of the Federal stimulus will cover these shortfalls.

On the education front, Governor Douglas has suggested scrapping Act 60/68, our education funding law. However, he has not proposed an alternative system. He has called upon the Legislature to freeze per-pupil spending at last year's level, with any increased spending borne entirely by local taxpayers. Several parts of this proposal are unconstitutional. What Douglas has done is appeal to voters who don't like property taxes and has left real problem solving to the Legislature.

At the committee level, Jim Masland has moved from the Transportation Committee to Ways and Means, while Margaret Cheney has remained on the Natural Resources and Energy Committee. On the town and individual level, we remain committed to helping you whenever we can. Please do not hesitate to contact us via phone, email, or letter. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

Representative Margaret Cheney
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mcheney@leg.state.vt.us

Representative Jim Masland
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jmasland@leg.state.vt.us

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Development Review Board (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. Ideally the DRB will have two (2) alternates to serve in the absence of one of the five (5) members. Currently, the DRB does not have any alternates. If any citizens are interested in serving on this board, please contact either the Selectboard or the Zoning Office for further information.

The DRB reviews zoning permit and subdivision applications and appeals from actions of the Zoning Administrator. It conducts hearings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, unless there are no hearings scheduled. The agenda is posted on the bulletin board outside the Zoning Office and on the list serve a week before the hearing.

The type of matters which the DRB reviewed in 2008 mirrored those reviewed in 2007 in that the DRB continued to review more complex subdivision and conditional use requests including construction in special flood hazard areas, multi-housing on a single lot, subdivision involving sensitive wildlife area and special flood hazard area, and high speed internet service. The town adopted new bylaws for wireless telecommunications facilities and for development in special flood hazard areas. The number of hearings conducted may have been about the same as last year, and total permits decreased, but changes in rules and complexity of issues continued to increase the demands of more time and expertise in the review process for the DRB and the Zoning Administrator.

Although repetitive of last year's report, we note that changes in the law for potable water and septic systems are important for anyone developing property. Effective July 1, 2007, State law superseded the Town's authority to issue such permits. Local permits are no longer issued in the town of Thetford; state permits are required. Further information may be obtained by calling the state permit specialist at 802-476-0192 or the state engineer at 802-241-3027.

The DRB and the Zoning Office encourage applicants to initiate the development process early, communicate with the board through the Zoning Administrator, study the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations and anticipate that a substantial time commitment may be necessary to meet the needs of all the interested parties. The most common problem the DRB encounters is that applicants have not studied the rules and regulations. The ordinances and regulations may be purchased at both the Zoning Office and at the Clerk's Office; they may also be found on-line at www.thetfordvermont.us.

As noted in last year's report, the town adopted a new Town Plan in 2007. The Planning Commission has been hard at work on revisions to the zoning ordinance and the subdivision regulations. The Zoning Office looks forward to having a new set of regulations to work with in late 2009. As indicated in the 2004 town report, a new state law passed in that year mandated certain changes in local regulations. Some have already gone into effect; others do not take effect for several more years. These changes need to be reflected in local ordinance and regulations.

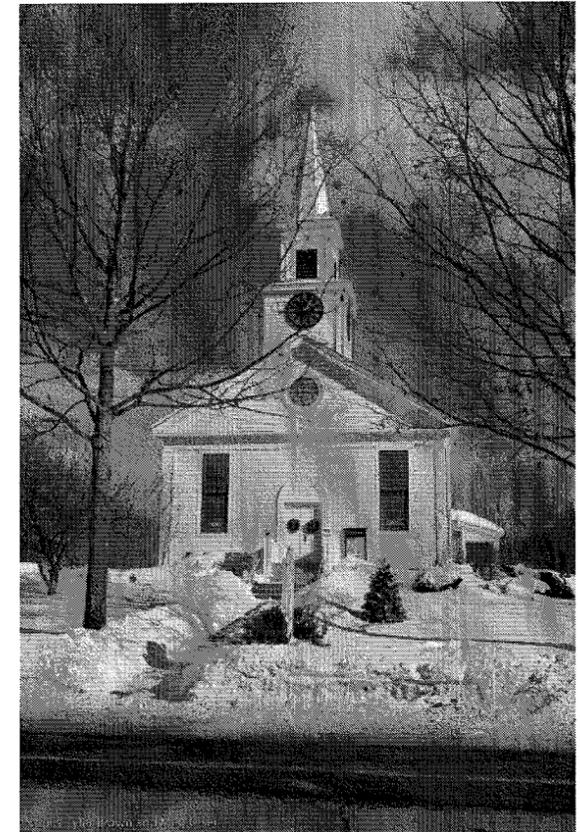
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006*	2007**	2008
Subdivision Plats Approved	6	11	19	9	6	6	9
Number of Lots Created	14	31	45	27	19	14	8
Annexations	1	3	3	3	1	1	0
Boundary Adjustments	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Residences	13	13	14	15	11	8	10
Additions	10	16	29	13	14	22	12
Decks & Porches	12	9	6	8	14	15	12
Accessory Buildings	29	28	24	37	36	39	33
Businesses	2	4	1	0	1	6	4
Mobile Homes	4	2	1	3	4	1	1
Telecommunication Facility	--	--	--	1	1	1	2
Home Occupation	1	1	1	0	4	0	0
Driveways	-	-	20	18	16	10	5

* Figures are through the month of November 2006

** Figures are from December 2006 through December 2007

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, or his Assistant, Diane Osgood, available to assist you. Your calls and inquiries are invited.

Sean Mullen, Chair
 Development Review Board
 Telephone: (802)785-2922, Ext. 3
 E-mail: zoning@thetfordvermont.us



Submitted by Tyler Brown

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

2008 has been a very busy year for the Planning Commission. After holding our hearings on the Flood Hazard Regulations and the Telecommunications Regulations, we submitted our draft bylaws to the Selectboard for their review. The Selectboard adopted the bylaws in June and they became effective in July 2008.

Currently, the Planning Commission is working on the Zoning Bylaws. The process is taking longer than originally anticipated. However, we are trying to be thorough in the preliminary stages. On several occasions, we have met with the Development Review Board and the Zoning Administrator to hear their views and suggestions on major issues, areas of concern and procedural matters. We have also consulted with the Fire Chief, Road Foreman and others.

The Planning Commission will hold its hearings and present its final draft of the Zoning Bylaws to the Selectboard.

The Planning Commission had a couple of vacancies this past year. However, we were fortunate to have two members of the community volunteer and fill the vacancies to bring us back to the full complement of nine members.

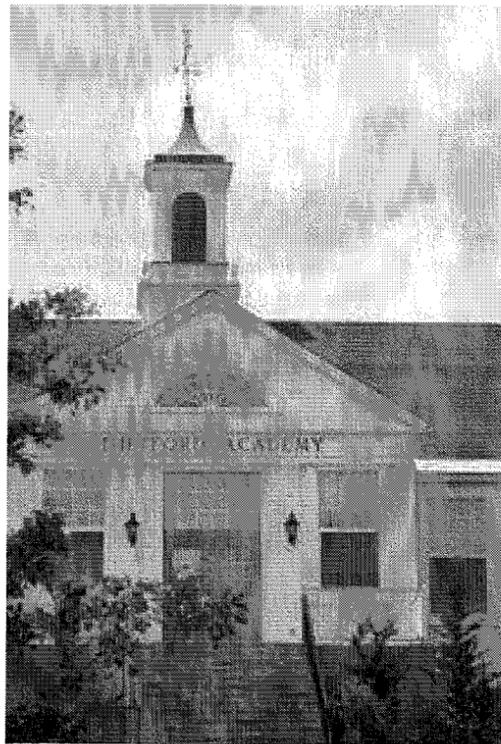
The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:15 pm at the Town Hall. We ask for community participation and public comment is encouraged.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne R. Parks, Chair

Thetford Planning Commission:

Liora Alschuler, Clerk
 Stuart Blood, Vice Chair
 Laurie Burnham
 Dennis Donahue
 Mike Fernandez
 Lori Howard
 Rick Howard
 Kevin O'Hara
 Wayne Parks, Chair



Submitted by Sarah Clarke

BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

Each year, the Listers establish 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 18. The final Grand List must be lodged with the Town Clerk on July 25th annually.

We had two staff changes this year: Donna Durkee resigned in the fall of 2008 and Diane Osgood was appointed her position as Lister; and Sherry Crossley replaced Diane Osgood as our Clerical Assistant.

The current downturn in the housing market has not affected the town of Thetford. Our latest research shows that even though marketing time has lengthened; sale prices have held and even slightly increased in 2008.

Currently our Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) is at 91.84%. Since the market in Thetford is currently stable, our Board does not anticipate doing a town-wide reappraisal in the immediate future.

Please read all documents from the State and the Town. The information may affect the taxes you will owe. **VERY IMPORTANT:** The Declaration of Vermont Homestead (Form HS-122) **MUST** be completed by ALL VT residents who own and occupy a VT homestead on April 1st. The deadline for filing Form HS-122 is April 15th regardless of extensions for income tax filings. This will determine which tax rate, or rates, apply to your property and creates a lot of extra work for everyone if not done properly and timely. Please note that business and rental use of dwelling and/or outbuildings must be noted on the form.

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, no action is needed. If you disagree with the value, you must file a written 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 as a Board must abide by ever changing state statutes and fixed and constrained timetables. We are here to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have. Our office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:30 am-4 pm. Telephone: 785-2922, ext. 4 or email listers@thetfordvermont.us.

As individuals and as a group we take great pride in our ongoing commitment to fulfill our duties and responsibilities and to serve our community to the utmost of our capabilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thetford Board of Listers
 Janet E. Stowell, Head Lister
 Denise C. Adams, Lister
 Diane C. Osgood, Lister
 Sherry S. Crossley, Clerical Assistant

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

New Permits	2
Occupancy Permits	2
Mold	1
Unfit Living Conditions	1
Trash Dumping	1
Building Code Violations	1

Big thanks to Sherry Crossley for straightening out the health files.

Respectfully,

Alford Stone
Health Officer



RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 14, 2009
10:00 to 12:00 Noon

Town Garage, Thetford Center

Rabies and other vaccinations available for cats and dogs
by Oxbow Veterinary Clinic

**TOWN LICENSING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL
10:00 TO NOON**

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

DEADLINE FOR TOWN LICENSING IS APRIL 1, 2009.

After that date, the penalty of \$25 will be applied and the licensing fee increases.

April 1, 2009 – State Fee increases \$1.00

LICENSING FEES:

Current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter required.

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

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

Hours—Saturday Only
Year-round 8:30 am – 12 noon

Many thanks to all the citizens within the Town of Thetford that continue to support our recycling center. The recent economic downturn has not been kind to the recycling business. Please keep recycling! We will eventually receive money for our recyclables once again. All of the construction plans for a roof over our ramp system has been put on hold until our recycle revenue has been returned to a profitable endeavor.

For those who have not visited the recycling facility recently, please follow the ONE WAY signs. A one way circle has been created around the ramps and building. Careful driving is still required. 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 to 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.

While Sandra and Frank enjoy working on Saturday mornings, we sometimes need a break. If you are interested in becoming a paid employee and substitute, please talk with us at the recycling center or call Frank at (785-2543).

Items Accepted for Recycling (4 Categories)

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

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:

- ❖ **\$4.85 per ticket during regular business hours at the Thetford Village Store**
Thetford Center VT
802-785-4655
- OR*
- ❖ **\$4.85 per ticket by mail from Northeast Waste Services**
Send check payable to:
Northeast Waste Services 19
PO Box 1045
White River Junction, VT 05001



Submitted by Gina Sonne

SENIOR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

It has been another busy year of meeting with people and organizations collecting information that we feel is a critical component in creating sustainable and affordable housing in Thetford.

During the summer, at the recycling center, we surveyed Thetford residents on the senior/affordable housing needs of Thetford and what role the town should play. It was the overwhelming opinion of those surveyed that there was a definite need, and as a town, we should actively pursue creating an affordable, sustainable pool of housing.

We are currently awaiting a response to our application to the Vermont Housing Board requesting funds to perform an engineering and design feasibility study of the historic railroad station and adjacent apartment building in East Thetford. Here, we hope to create 5 to 8 units for seniors. These units would offer close proximity to essential services as well as easy transportation to and from any additional needs.

In addition, we are exploring a great opportunity at the Malmquist Mills property in Post Mills. With the assistance of the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Planning Commission, the Historic Preservation of Vermont, Brownsfield, VT, Twin Pines Housing Trust, VT Community Development Program, and private investors, we hope to establish affordable housing units on this site. With the cooperation of Walter Malmquist, we have created a business plan to maintain the historic integrity of this site for future development, while meeting the needs of a new generation of Thetford's residents.

Walter Malmquist has also made available to the town the connecting property that is the original site of Post Mills. Here lies the old dam which we will work with the Energy and Conservation committees to potentially produce low cost electricity for the affordable housing units at Malmquist Mills.

We understand that these goals are lofty. We also understand that these goals can only be accomplished by our community's commitment to sustainable/affordable housing.

We welcome all to participate in this endeavor. We meet the second Thursday of each month and thank you for your support.

Gina Sonne
Sean Dalton
David Fisk
Dale Gephart
Mark McMahon
Tom Monego
Joe Tofel

TEN: THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

The TEN Mission:

In order to strengthen the greater Thetford community, we the citizens have formed the Thetford Elder Network. Our mission is to encourage an intergenerational network that listens to seniors' needs and promotes access to healthcare, education, transportation, and local resources. We believe that aging can be a positive experience.

TEN Activities of 2008 and Beyond:

In October 2008, the Thetford Selectboard designated TEN as a separate Committee and appointed its initial membership. Meetings are held the third Monday morning of every month, usually in the Town Hall. Some TEN members also attend meetings of the Senior/Affordable Housing Committee in order to maintain our affiliation with that important group.

Elder Luncheons were held at the Thetford Center Community Center in October, November, and December. Delicious meals were prepared and served by local people for 20+ to 40 diners. Presentations included a briefing on home energy-saving practices for winter by Bob Walker, work by the Thetford Service Officer Roberta Howard, emergency telephones by Sargent Bridget Tweedie of the Thetford Police Department, reflections on life in Post Mills by Barbara Condict, and types and uses of ice grippers by Lynne Miller. Alice Pierson provided piano accompaniments, and Lois Paige created seasonal decorations. We look forward to holding future luncheons and hope that anyone in Thetford, particularly those of retirement age, will come to eat and enjoy visiting with neighbors and making new friends. Watch for announcements by poster, listserv, phone call, or postcard, or give a TEN member a call. If you'd like to volunteer food or your energies to serve or help with cleanup, please call a TEN member listed below.

Services Lists have been compiled so that any Thetford neighborhood senior who needs help with a task or small home project can call for assistance from a volunteer or a reliable professional to complete the job. Help can be arranged for gardening, cooking, carpentry, painting, light housework, plumbing, etc. Listening visitors or callers and rides may be arranged as well. Call 785-2129 if you or one you know has need of such help.

Seminar: In November, semi-retired geriatrician Dale Gephart gave a talk: "An Operator's Manual for the Senior Body: What to Do When the Warranty Runs Out." Dr. Gephart used auto upkeep analogies to frame his informative and specific talk on ways to take care of ourselves and to maximize our use of the medical care system as we grow older. Watch for news of the next TEN Seminar in early spring.

TEN meetings have included consultations with experienced community leaders such as Roberta Howard, Lois Paige, Judy Hunter, Jen Gelfan, Gail Dimick, Beth Barrett and others who have shared with us their insights into existing community structures, best practices, and the needs of older adults.

TEN Vision and Future Plans:

Those of TEN who meet regularly would like to develop a neighborhood-based town-wide telephone tree, one or more welcoming committees, an expanded services list, and further educational and social events. TEN is actually all of us who believe in the power of community and would like to stay in

Thetford for a long time, and likely for good. If you have a desire to strengthen Thetford community life and would like to volunteer your ideas and capability towards the realization of any existing or still-possible TEN project, please contact any of the people listed below.

TEN Planning Committee Members:

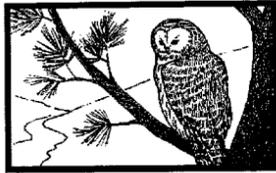
Betty Campbell	785-2407
Gina Sonne	785-4220
Roger and Martha Daum	333-4082
Dale Gephart	333-9748
Lois Paige	785-2687
Inge and Heinz Trebitz	785-2129
Susan and Paul Rump	785-9816

Other regular participants have included: Deecie Denison, Ann Swanson, Jody Biddle, and Henry Payson



THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

THETFORD



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The year 2008 was a busy one for the Thetford Conservation Commission. Much progress was made, none of which would have happened without the hard work and commitment of Bob Pulaski, Heather Carlos, Amy McElroy, Ann Lavanway, Didi Pershouse, Skip Sturman, Stephanie Carter, Kristen Williams, Andrew Siller and Ehrhard Frost, who deserve a hearty thanks. The commission would also like to extend a very special thank you to Jennifer Davey who stepped down this year after many years of service and leadership as chair.

We were pleased to release our 'Walking Guide to Thetford Vermont' at the 2008 town meeting. This was a product of the Saturday Strolls project, spearheaded by Heather Carlos, a program highlighting the wealth of trails available in Thetford. The Walking Guide contains maps, descriptions of points of interest and a little background on the trails and the land they pass through. Needless to say, all 100 copies were snapped up immediately. We have since obtained a grant to print a second edition that we hope will also include some 'history trails' in collaboration with the Thetford Historical Society. Heather continued the Saturday Strolls through November, with various themes such as wild flowers, butterflies, birds, forest management and a historic stroll through Post Mills Village. We are grateful to the stroll leaders from Thetford and beyond who shared their knowledge during the strolls.

With the support of a grant from the Department of Forests and Parks, we were able to fulfill our obligation to create forest management plans for the Post Mills Nature Area and the Hughes Forest. Management plans were also drawn up for the Taylor Parcel and the Town Forest. The plans integrate public feedback, obtained at two meetings, and scientific data collected by a team of consultants. These data cover the forest types, timber stocking levels, and the botanical and wildlife habitat features of the four parcels. In addition a bird habitat expert from VT Audubon visited the parcels and made recommendations for improving habitat for species at risk. The product of all this information is a large document (111 pages, excluding appendix) that will be sent to the Selectboard for comments and approval. In order to allow for recreational use of the town parcels with minimal impacts to sensitive natural features, the Commission drafted an application procedure for all uses that would involve physical changes to the land.

The Thetford Conservation Commission is also engaged in a multi-town project funded by the VT River Management Program to conduct what is known as a Phase I Geomorphic Assessment of the East Branch, tributaries and main stem of the Ompompanoosuc River. This covers Vershire, West Fairlee, Thetford and Norwich. Geomorphic assessments help to identify the physical processes and features of a river and how they have been altered by human activity. They also help us to recognize where high erosion and flood hazards are likely to develop, so that steps can be taken for protection and stabilization. This project is ongoing and will lead to public meetings to discuss river management in 2009.

Finally, we were pleased to participate in the September dedication of the PegJack Forest on Turnpike and Houghton Hill Roads, which was generously donated to the Upper Valley Land Trust by Tom Aldrich. The forest's beautiful woodland trails and high viewpoint across the Connecticut valley will be permanently preserved for public enjoyment.

Submitted by Li Shen, Chair

TREASURE ISLAND

Treasure Island is a town recreational facility located on the shores of Lake Fairlee on Vermont Route 244. This park offers many recreational activities, including beachfront swimming (with lifeguards on duty), picnicking, a location for group picnics or parties, a clay tennis court, playground, beach volleyball, and other outdoor activities. Boat rentals (paddleboat, canoe, fishing boat) are available for a small fee.

Treasure Island offers the American Red Cross (ARC) Learn-to-Swim program with daily lessons throughout the summer. Classes are taught by ARC-certified Water Safety Instructors. This past year, Casey Levin and Kelley MacDonald completed their fifth season teaching Thetford's youth. A total of 158 children enrolled in the classes. Diane Ferriter volunteered again to lead free tennis lessons for a week in July and this was wonderful for those who participated. Hilary Linehan, Thetford's Recreation Director, brought summer day camp to Treasure Island this year and it was terrific. The day camp was staffed by the Vermont Institute of Natural Science (VINS). Local children participated in two one-week sessions in July, and of particular note, VINS staff reported that they especially enjoyed the beauty and resources that Treasure Island has to offer.

Community Work Day in May brought with it many volunteers who were very helpful to Treasure Island. The Thetford Highway Department and several Thetford Academy students (through the Operation Days Work program) also assisted with early-season maintenance projects. School groups from Thetford, in addition to surrounding school districts, held annual year-end class picnics in early June at the park. In July, a new event, an Island Community Cookout and Campfire program, took place at Treasure Island. This program was held in collaboration with the Peabody Library, and it was fun. Also in July, the Lake Fairlee Association (LFA) and Treasure Island hosted the annual Milfoil Education/Pick Party. Skip Brown, the director of the LFA Milfoil Project, spoke to a group of mixed ages, and then volunteers got a chance to get in the water and remove some Eurasian Watermilfoil (an invasive water plant), followed by a slice of pizza and a soda for lunch.

Weekly library story hour, hosted by Peter Blodgett, took place on Thursdays this summer, and the children really enjoyed it. On Tuesdays, weekly Arts and Crafts, coordinated by Treasure Island and parent volunteers, was a welcome supplement to the children's playtime and swimming fun.

Treasure Island is open everyday during the summer season from 10 am-8 pm, with lifeguards on duty daily. Come enjoy this lovely town resource – be it swimming, tennis, boating, fishing, or picnicking. Treasure Island is also a great spot for birthday parties or larger group picnics. Island reservation is available for larger group events.

Thank you to Doug Stone and the Thetford Highway Department for assistance received this summer. Thank you also to the Thetford Town Office staff for invaluable support, and to the Town of Thetford Selectboard for overarching guidance and assistance. Thank you to all community volunteers and people who offered support to Treasure Island this year. Thank you also to the Thetford Recreation Committee and to Hilary Linehan, Recreation Director, for bringing new recreation programs and ideas to Treasure Island. Hope to see you at the beach in 2009.

Submitted by:
Scott and Ann O'Hearn, Managers of Treasure Island

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

After the first full year having a recreation department, things are starting to smooth out, allowing for more time to focus on new programs.

The transition of program registration and game scheduling from Thetford Youth Sports to the recreation department was completed during 2008. The transition was smooth, and registration and scheduling for all Youth Sports programs is now handled by the recreation department. Scheduling for outdoor recreational fields, including Thetford Elementary School Field, Howard's Field and the baseball field in Post Mills, are now handled entirely by the recreation department. We have also developed detailed coach, parent and player guidelines for all those involved, and will be distributing them as youth sign up for sports programs in 2009.

The non-competitive Karate program was very successful and will continue in the spring and fall. The summer VINS camp was fantastic but will not be held in 2009 due to a change in their fee structure. However, the recreation department hopes to run a one week day camp in its place. The babysitting course was full, and will be offered again. Look for CPR to be added as well, for youth and adults.

Adult sports pick-up programs were offered in the summer, and look for those to continue. We also had classes on cooking, finances and digital photography. More adult, non-competitive classes and seminars will be offered in 2009.

As of this writing, the first Winter Carnival is being planned, winter family game nights at the Library will continue, and I am also working on two family outdoor programs, a summit challenge and a family camping/exploring program, so look for details in the spring.

I am always looking for suggestions on programs to offer, as well as for volunteers and/or instructors to teach classes. Please contact me via e-mail at recreation@thetfordvermont.us, call me at 785-2922, ext. 6 or visit me in the town office building, Tuesdays from 9 am-Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hilary Linehan, Recreation Coordinator

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Thetford Energy Committee (TEC) worked on the following projects in 2008 to help town, its residents and businesses reduce energy use, save money and protect the environment:

Energy Efficient Light Bulbs – The TEC and Sustainable Energy Resource Group (SERG) sold 201 energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) at the 2008 town meeting, which over their lifetimes should save almost 96,000 KWH, \$11,500 in electric use and 72 tons reduced CO₂ to atmosphere. Proceeds from the sale were donated to SERG for organizing the sale and for their assistance with other town energy activities. TEC also donated 43 CFLs to the town food shelf for free distribution to those in need.

Local Food Initiative – The TEC organized a series of four workshops in collaboration with the Rice's Mills Community Association and Cedar Circle Farm to educate about and promote local food production and consumption: "Raising and Caring for Fruit" with Elmer Brown and Chris Wilson, "Soil Fertility and Soil Blocks" with Scott Stokoe, "Raising Chickens" with Scot Zens and Niko Horester, and Root Cellar Tour and workshop with Marc McKee. Each of the workshops was attended by 20 or more people.

"Button Up" Home Energy-Saving Workshop – The TEC organized a workshop led by SERG that taught 30 homeowners how to identify and seal many common areas of heat loss and the importance of ventilation, health and safety related to tight buildings.

Educational Films & Tips – The TEC organized a three-evening series of films, each attended by 50-90 participants who learned how energy relates to climate change, sprawl and food production. We also submitted Energy Tips of the Month to the Thetford Newsletter.

Idling Reduction – The TEC placed an article calling for a voluntary no-idling policy on 2008 town meeting warning, which was rejected. We are continuing our efforts to inform and educate the community about why idling is bad for vehicles, the environment and consumers' pocketbooks.

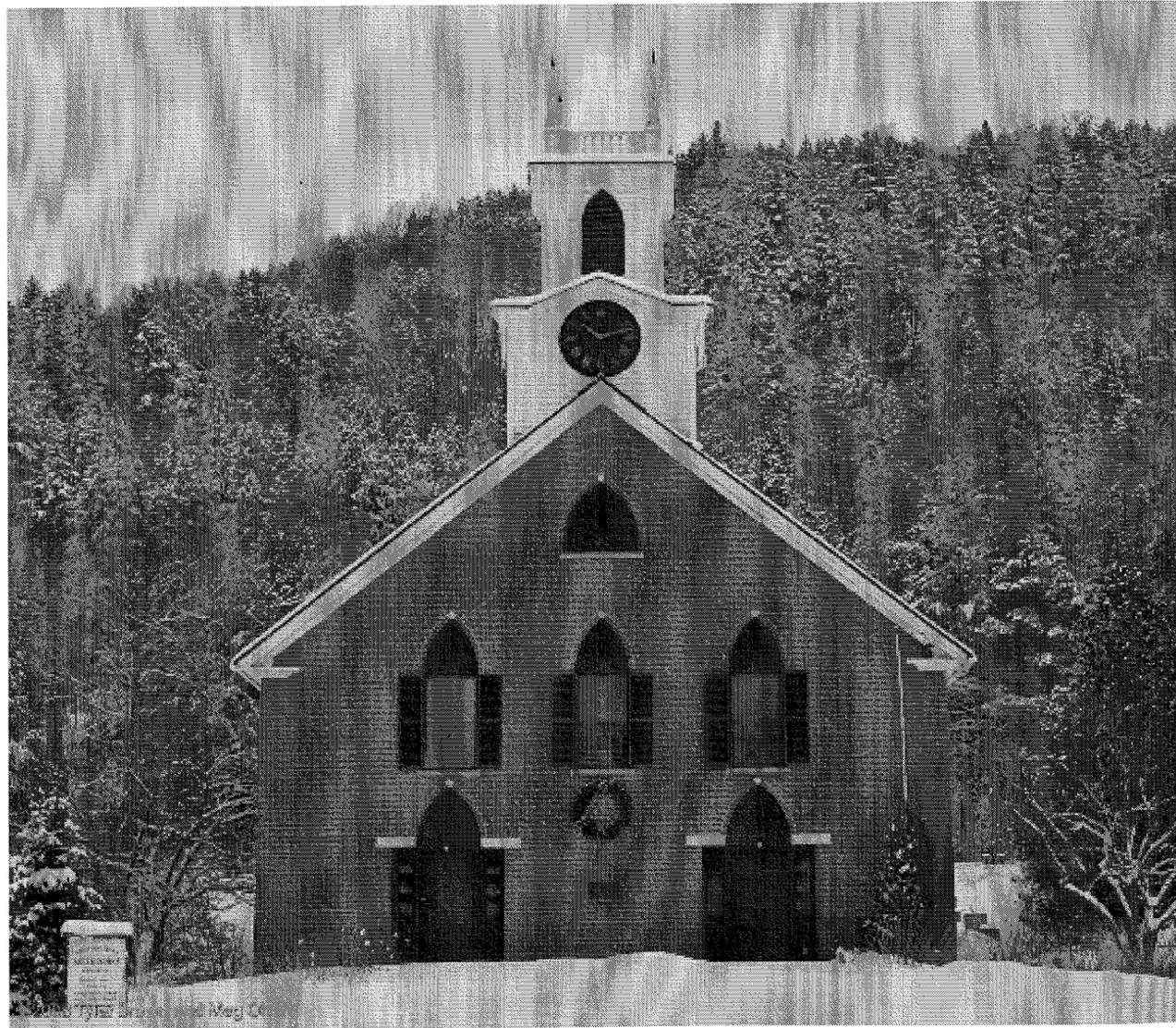
Community Building Energy Upgrades – The TEC provided materials and organized a training led by SERG to teach Home Energy Assistance Team (HEAT) volunteers to complete weatherization retrofits at the Rice's Mills and Thetford Center Community Centers. HEAT will continue this work at Thetford Center and at homes of those in need in 2009.

Renewable Energy Alternatives to Vermont Yankee – The TEC and Norwich Energy Committee cosponsored a public discussion with representatives of the Vermont Public Interest Research Group on efficiency and renewable alternatives to extending the life of Vermont Yankee, the country's oldest nuclear power station, which produces a third of the state's electricity. VY's license is due to expire in 2012. A subsequent meeting was held with Thetford Representatives Masland and Cheney to discuss VY relicensing.

TEC Website – The TEC established its own page listing TEC activities and lots of energy-related information, and links on the town website, at: www.thetfordvermont.us/energy.htm. 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 website or information table at town meeting or contact us below.

Respectfully submitted by the Thetford Energy Committee:

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 Paul Gerke - 649-2587, paulgerke@thetfordenergy.org
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 Scot Zens - 802-785-4012, Michael.S.Zens@Dartmouth.EDU
 Bob Walker, Chair - 785-4126, Robert.J.Walker@valley.net



Submitted by Tyler Brown

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

I am happy to report Thetford Police Department personnel remained the same throughout 2008. We begin 2009 with our part-time position unoccupied although I anticipate filling that position by early spring.

The most notable change for the police department is that our entrance door has moved fifteen feet down the hall. This change was necessary following a security audit by the state in order to comply with state policy and regulations regarding our records. This move allowed us to create a room for which the general public can enter to file a complaint or to just say hi. It also allowed us to deem our work area a "restricted area" that does not expose sensitive paperwork or materials that we sometimes deal with.

Another notable change that took place as of January 1 is that we now have a general voicemail box that answers calls to 785-2200 when an officer is not in the office. This change was necessary due to Vermont State Police Dispatch being flooded with non-emergency calls for service. It is important that these emergency dispatchers are not flooded with calls that do not require immediate response. The dispatch center that we use is responsible for dispatch services to eight municipal police departments, three sheriff departments, four constable departments, sixteen fire departments, and seven ambulance departments, plus their own Troopers. This change will have no effect on emergency response when you dial 911.

Business-wise, we had a slight decrease with incidents in 2008. This decrease was predicted and expected when we added an officer in 2007. As noted in 2007, we believed there would be a spike in statistics that would slightly fall then level off, and 2008 indicates this very prediction. We make every effort to be a proactive police department and the first step in crime prevention is consistent patrols. While patrols may not make you happy when you're running late for work, it reduces car crashes, burglary, DUI's, vandalism, and helps with the overall quality of life. We want you to be comfortable in this community and that is our first priority.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to serving you in 2009.

Respectfully,

James B. Lanctot
 Chief of Police

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Nature of Incident	# of Incidents
911 Hang Up Call	15
Traffic Accident w/damage	41
Traffic Accident w/injuries	5
Agency Assist	104
Alarm	17
Alcohol offense	2
Animal problem	18
Assault	3
ATV incident	1
Background investigation	4
Bad Check	18
Burglary	4
Citizen assist	49
Citizen dispute	17
Custodial Interference	2
Dead body	2
Death message/notice	1
Directed Patrol/School Zone	39
Drugs	7
DUI	6
Family Fight/Domestic	8
Fingerprints	8
Found Property	8
Fraud	7

Nature of Incident	# of Incidents
Juvenile Problem	6
Littering	2
Medical	6
Motor Vehicle Complaint	75
Noise Disturbance	4
Parking Problem	9
Phone Problem/Harassment	6
Property/Home Watch	4
Public Speaking	5
Runaway Juvenile	1
Service of Restraining Order	2
Sex Offense	2
Stalking	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	57
Theft	12
Threatening	6
Traffic Hazard	34
Traffic Offense/Violation	3
Trespassing	2
Vandalism	5
VIN Number Inspection	90
Wanted Person	1
Welfare Check	4
Total Incidents	725

**VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS
TOWN OF THETFORD**

The Vermont State Police is facing unprecedented challenges as a Department in meeting the demand of calls for service. Valuable time and resources are being consumed responding to non-criminal incidents and could be better utilized in pro-active enforcement or investigating drug activity. As a result the Department will be reviewing and assessing response to certain non emergency calls.

The Vermont State Police is committed to remaining vigilant in the area of criminal investigations, working to solve area crime sprees, and deterring criminal activity. The Department also remains committed to involvement in area schools and participation in a variety of community functions.

The increase in illegal drugs and the criminal activity associated with drugs in Vermont towns continues to be a growing concern. These issues affect the quality of life for all of us. Stay alert and help your neighbors as we work together to keep our communities safe.

Below are the 2008 statistics for your town (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008).

No Code Entered	62	Fireworks	1
Agency Assistance	37	Injury Accident - DMV Report	2
Alarm	2	Message Delivered	2
Attempt to Locate	1	Missing Person	1
Burglary Alarm	1	Noise Disturbance	2
Burglary (No Force Residence)	1	Not Classified	9
Citizen Assist	19	Other Liquor Law Violations	1
Citizen Dispute	1	Parking Problem	1
Communications Offense	4	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	22
Damage Accident-DMV Report	43	Traffic Hazard	19
DLS Criminal	1	Traffic Offense	2
Driving Under the Influence	7	Vandalism, Misc.	3
E911 Hang up	8	Welfare Check	2

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 254

Have a Safe and Healthy New Year.

Respectfully,

LT. Terry Lewis
Station Commander
Troop B-Bradford

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.

TVFD is an entirely volunteer department and is staffed by 20 to 25 dedicated members who carry pagers 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Upon an emergency tone our members will literally stop whatever they are doing and respond to their station. We respond to all calls with fully staffed apparatus and work hard to provide the Town with a professional level of service.

In 2008 we responded to 110 fire and 140 medical emergencies. A typical run lasts at least 30 minutes and can often be over 6 hours. Members often leave their paid jobs to volunteer time at daytime runs. Last year members gave well over 2000 man-hours on emergency calls, and another 3000 on training, maintenance, and meetings. This represents a donation to Thetford of over 5000 hours of labor.

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.

As noted above, many of our members are certified Emergency Medical Technicians. When you call 911 for help during a medical crisis or after an accident TVFD and Upper Valley Ambulance are dispatched together. We can usually reach the emergency scene several minutes before the ambulance. This allows us time to initiate patient contact, begin an assessment and perform critical life-saving techniques when necessary. When the ambulance arrives, patient care is transferred to their crew and the patient is transported to the hospital. Frequently some of our members continue patient care by riding in the ambulance.

Training for and responding to emergencies does not appeal to everyone. Some of our members provide support by providing food and beverages to the firefighters on emergency scenes. The Support Staff have pagers and monitor our emergency calls. When needed, the staff prepares and delivers food and drink to the emergency responders. The support staff may go to the emergency scene to provide assistance, or have a meal ready at the station. In addition, they hold fundraisers to maintain an inventory of food, supplies, and equipment.

If you would like to help TVFD protect and serve the Thetford community, please consider joining as an EMT, Firefighter, or Support Staff.

Donald Sayre Fifield
Fire Chief

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

	2008 Actual	2008	2009
Administration			
Chief's Stipend	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Dispatch Service	4,875.00	5,000.00	5,500.00
Fees	40.00	85.00	85.00
Insurance	22,163.00	24,500.00	26,500.00 ¹
Office Supplies & Postage	291.95	500.00	500.00
Printing	244.00	200.00	200.00
Public Relations & Fire Safety	350.00	350.00	350.00
Subscriptions & Dues	50.00	450.00	250.00
Tax Prep / Audit	575.00	600.00	1,000.00
Telephone	1,292.56	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Administration	31,131.51	34,435.00	37,135.00
Building & Grounds			
Electricity	2,364.60	2,000.00	2,500.00
Fuel Oil / LP Gas	4,075.39	5,500.00	6,000.00 ²
Furniture & Fixtures	0.00	250.00	250.00
Maintenance & Repairs	5,461.12	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Building & Grounds	11,901.11	12,750.00	13,750.00
Firefighter Health & Safety			
Gear & PPE	15,336.18	7,300.00	8,500.00 ³
Gear Maintenance	645.90	500.00	500.00
Health & Safety	116.99	150.00	150.00
Re-Hydration & Food	1,145.32	500.00	500.00
Total Firefighter Health & Safety	17,244.39	8,450.00	9,650.00
Training			
EMS Courses & Expenses	2,421.99	4,000.00	3,000.00 ⁴
Fire Courses & Expenses	4,296.84	5,000.00	4,000.00 ⁴
Training Corp Membership	250.00	250.00	250.00
Total Training	6,968.83	9,250.00	7,250.00
Vehicles & Equipment			
EMS Equipment Replacement	4,631.76	6,000.00	6,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	2,092.47	2,500.00	2,500.00
Fire Equipment Replacement	9,408.98	11,000.00	11,000.00 ⁵
Preventive Pump	1,829.86	1,500.00	1,500.00
Vehicle Fuel	3,774.26	3,000.00	3,000.00
Vehicle Maintenance	4,692.35	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Vehicles & Equipment	26,429.68	29,000.00	29,000.00
Total	93,675.52	93,885.00	96,785.00

1 Increased vehicle values, malpractice for new EMT's, worker compensation

2 Heating fuel prices have increased

3 Unexpected price increase for 2 sets of gear and 1 new air pack (SCBA).

4 Decreased EMS and fire training because many classes are now free.

5 Waiting for invoice for order placed in December 2008.

ANCIENT ROADS COMMITTEE

Act 178, better known as the "Ancient Roads Bill" is Legislature's attempt to bring resolution to disputes between municipalities and landowners. It is our committee's assignment to try to determine whether or not some of these roads ever existed, and if so where.

This act has established a new category of road called "unidentified corridor" which was traditionally called an ancient road. The unidentified corridor will only be in existence from July 1, 2009 until July of 2015. To become an unidentified corridor by July 1, 2009, a town highway must meet all four of the following criteria:

1. It must be legally established.
2. It does not appear on the town's highway map as of July 1, 2009.
3. It is not a legal trail.
4. Is not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail.
19 V.S.A § 302 (6)

To avoid having a town highway become an unidentified corridor, a municipality has until 2009 to add any highway meeting the above criteria to its town highway map/sworn certificate. In doing this the highway remains a part of the town's overall highway network at its current classification. The Ancient Roads Committee has been established to research and discover these unidentified corridors so they can be legally established and placed in the town's highway map/sworn certificate.

In an effort to do the above the committee has been researching and compiling several road surveys and maps. We have also received information from the Historical Society, local citizens and have been advised by a local surveyor. It is the committee's plan to sort through the paperwork before it starts doing ground research, aka walking the trails. We are also interested in interviewing any persons that might have information about an "ancient road" of any local history which might lead to the discovery of an ancient road.

If you are interested in your town's history and enjoy working with historic records, there is a place for you on this committee. Current active members are Doug Stone, Tig Tillinghast, Andy Boyce, Tracy Borst, Sherry Crossley, and Janet Stowell.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Stowell

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The road crew has had a busy year. On top of the usual grading, ditching and brush cutting, we completed three projects, mostly covered by State grants. One was to fix the Gove Hill Bridge across Lord Brook, the second to replace a culvert and stabilize a slope on Route 132 and the third was a GPS culvert inventory, which made us eligible for \$4,000 in grants to purchase culverts in 2009.

We did not pave any roads in 2008 because of budget shortfalls due to fuel and salt prices. We opted to leave that money in the budget so as not to go over the bottom line. We hope to be back on schedule in 2009.

In October, the town leased a new John Deere bucket loader and a new John Deere backhoe. The CAT backhoe we had for 4 years and 10 months had 5,050 hours on it and needed \$7,000 worth of bushing repair to tighten up the loader bucket arms; we traded it toward the lease. Trading in October makes the payment due after tax time so as to prevent borrowing to make the payments.

This year, I am asking to replace Truck #4, a 2000 International with 106,000 miles and 7900 hours on it. In 2008, we put over \$12,000 in it for repairs not counting the repairs we did ourselves. The grader is a 1996 and in the summer, the transmission failed and the repair costs were just under \$13,000. I hope to look at lease options for a grader.

I would like to address an issue about work zones. The highway crew legally has to set signs up if working for more than one hour in any one spot and we have to be trained as Traffic Control Flaggers. A work zone starts at the first sign you pass and ends at the last sign you pass. Slowing down all the way through a work zone is very important for your safety and ours. Obeying the flaggers could be the difference between damage to your vehicle and a smooth pass through. Please slow down and obey the flagger.

I would like to thank all the townspeople for the holiday goodies and the support through the year. I would also like to thank the crew for the work they accomplished in 2008.

Submitted by,

Douglas Stone
Highway Foreman

Highway Employees:

Lynn King of Corinth
Rocky Clark of Fairlee
Jack Ward of Bradford
James Pero of Thetford.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVENTORY

January 2009

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT:

2008 John Deere 524K bucket loader
 2008 John Deere 310 SJ Backhoe
 2008 International 10 wheel dump truck with Tenco plow, wing, and sander body
 2007 Freightliner dump truck with plow, wing, and sander body
 2006 Freightliner dump truck with plow, wing and sander body
 2006 John-Deere tractor with Diamond mower, Valby wood chipper, Sweepster broom
 2005 Lana gas powered pressure washer/culvert thawer
 2002 550 Ford dump truck with Everest plow and tailgate sander
 2000 International dump truck with Tenco plow, wing, and sander body
 1999 York road rake
 1997 Galion 870 road grader
 Wisconsin equipment trailer
 Chloride tank trailer
 Post hole auger

SHOP EQUIPMENT:

Lincoln 255 mig welder	Napa pressure washer
Miller stick welder	Napa battery charger
Acetylene torch	Lincoln 20-ton air jack (2)
Makita 14" chop saw	Transmission jack
Makita 7" grinder	Yamaha generator
Makita 4" grinder	Emglo air compressor
Makita 3/8" drill	Assorted hand tools
Craftsman drill press	1/2" drive air wrenches (3)
Milwaukee 1/2" drill	1" drive air wrench
Assorted drill bits	Air powered grease gun
Stihl ht75 pole saw	Battery-powered grease gun (2)
Stihl fs250 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 Temporary Signs
Surveyor Transit, Tripod, Rod	Creepers (3)
Assorted Fuel Cans	2000 Gallon Diesel Tank
Gas Boy Diesel Pump (2)	500 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 2008, the library trustees wished to thank the citizens of Thetford for their increased support of the libraries of the town. More computers and expanded wireless access to the internet were installed this year.

More programs were offered with Community Corner events twice a month. Several authors shared their work and signed copies of their latest books at the library this year. Even David Macauley was sighted at the library!

Popular workshops on Photography and Storytelling were hosted by Simon Brooks, Children's librarian. Simon 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.

Stories were shared at Treasure Island during swimming lessons through June and July. Stories were read by the fire on Halloween while books were given out as treats.

From two visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 919 books and these state books were taken out 1,414 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 3,264 videos were borrowed from the library. 861 audio-books circulated this year. 114 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 60 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 12,174 with 11,453 people coming to use the library. 234 visitors came to view the exhibits in the Bicentennial Gallery.

During the past year, the library bought 132 books, 145 movies, and 131 audiobooks. 374 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 42 meetings of the Blood Root literary magazine, 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 worked behind the scenes to process, barcode and catalog materials. Livia Seace from Thetford Academy put in many hours of community service to improve your library. 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 researched, located and returned Inter-Library Loan requests. Nina Straus completed an inventory of all the library's books. Front desk volunteers include Dianne Sharkey, Valerie Mullen, May Koehler, Scooter Hathorn, Sheva Landman, Anne Scotford, Susan Fetter, Dianne Hagewood, Polly Cole, Molly and Abby Donovan, Arden Fendrich, and Helen MacLam.

A recent alumnus from Thetford Academy made a generous donation that purchased the 100 best films of the American Film Institute. Your continued support through the annual appeal and at Town meeting maintains your library.

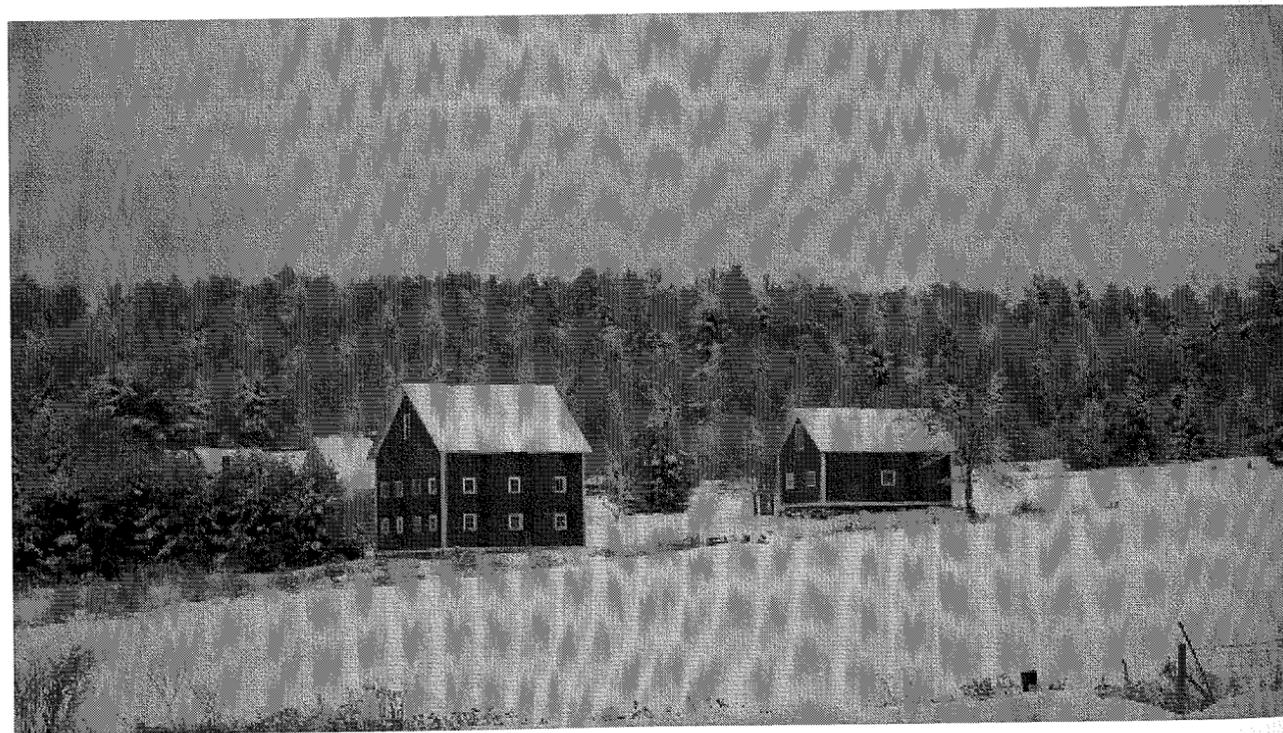
Come visit in 2009. If we don't have what you need, we can get it for you. Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and you are always welcome. Libraries change lives.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

Ralph Albertini T'09
Richard Balagur T'11
Nan Crowell T'10

Dianne Hagewood T'09
Steve Hoffman T'10
Diana Kimball-Anderson T'12

Lynne O'Hara T'12
Elise Tillinghast T'11
Jim Zien C'10



Submitted by Tyler Brown

PEABODY LIBRARY

HOURS

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

In its 142nd year, the library hosted a Poetry Reading and a Robert Burns celebration in January; a Chocolate Indulgence in February; a Celtic Concert and an author Reading in March; Two Gardening Evenings in April; an Appalachian Trail program in May.

A book discussion series exploring "The Ties that Bind" was offered every other week during the summer. This book series was made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council. Stories were read at Treasure Island in June and July. Volunteers opened the library every Saturday morning during the summer months. A summer Film series was offered in July and August.

The Thirteenth Annual Penny Carnival brought a happy crowd of 140 folks to enjoy a sunny afternoon. Simon told stories at the one week !Camp program for the children of migrant workers in Vermont hosted at the Aloha camps. The After School Program resumed in late August on Tuesday afternoons.

September saw a familiar library presence in the Post Mills Labor Day parade and local authors shared readings from the Blood Root Literary Magazine. Halloween movies were popular in October. A Holiday Wreath Demonstration initiated December's programs which concluded with the Solstice Celebration where young story tellers led by Simon Brooks and Cathee Clement shared their stories while the Librarian read for older folks at the Twentieth Annual Holiday Readings.

The Library had 847 visitors borrowing 325 books from the library collection with more than 127 state books lent from the Regional Library. 112 audiobooks also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. 80 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 648 titles circulated from the library in 2008 for an average of 12 titles a week.

Come visit Thetford's oldest library in 2009 and discover one of the most elegant public rooms in town.

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 and its environs."

This year two Trustees moved from Post Mills and the efforts of Suzanne Houston and Margo Nutt are gratefully appreciated. Jill Koppers and Patricia Buck have joined the library board.

Libraries change lives.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

2008 Trustees:

Andrew Boyce, Pat Bertozzi-Buck, Olivia Chapman, Stacey Glazer, Nancy Hughes, Laurie Kinne, Jill Koppers, Cheryl Twerdowsky

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Our Federation continues to work through its member libraries to improve library service in the Town. During the past year, our two public libraries have improved wireless internet access at Latham and provided access at Peabody; have spurred interest in reading by book discussion groups and well-known speakers; have provided weekly story hours and a story-telling workshop; and have expanded their collections both by purchase and by borrowing a total of 900 books from state regional libraries.

The libraries at the Academy and the Elementary School have encouraged reading by book clubs and talks; have worked with academic departments in closing books and materials. The historical library has had exhibits at the Vermont History Expo and the Civil War Expo; had a hands-on loan of material to the kindergarten and a Revolutionary War re-enactment for the fifth grade at the Elementary School; and organized research materials for a geography project and for a seventh-grade project.

Our other main purpose is to operate the Bicentennial Building as a free home for Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and for the library and archives of the Thetford Historical Society. Our building is in generally good shape. We are in the process of installing more efficient ballasts and bulbs in all our ceiling fixtures. To bring our aging fire alarm system up-to-date, we are buying new batteries for the system, and are likely to be required to replace the panel box. Fuel oil costs rose dramatically this winter.

To fund our activities we have three sources of income. A yearly grant voted by the Town goes mainly to provide two-thirds of the operating budget of Latham and Peabody Libraries, and to maintain ThetNet, the fiber-optic link between the four libraries on Thetford Hill. For our other activities, including building maintenance, we depend on our (at present shrinking) endowment, and on what we can raise by an annual fund campaign, which so far this year has raised \$5,110 from 62 donors.

Charles Latham
Clerk

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

	2008 BUDGET	2008 ACTUAL	2009 BUDGET
INCOME:			
Appropriation from Town	\$66,940	\$66,940	\$70,287
Investment Interest	8,000	8,600	7,800
Donations	6,500	6,835	6,500
Bank Interest	300	1,006	500
Other (Town extra)	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$81,740	\$83,381	\$85,087
EXPENSE:			
Member Library Support	\$57,940	\$57,940	\$58,940
Building	500	0	2,200
Equipment and Furnishings	0	0	0
Computing Services	1,300	1,358	1,400
ThetNet	6,000	1,988	2,000
Electricity	3,800	3,356	3,500
Heat	6,200	9,398	7,000
Water	550	575	600
Insurance	1,750	1,759	1,770
Alarm System	350	287	6,200
Repairs & Maintenance	1,500	569	1,500
Custodial	2,000	2,000	2,000
Rubbish	1,000	1,071	1,100
Grounds Maintenance	2,000	2,700	2,800
Supplies & Postage	350	500	350
Miscellaneous	50	0	50
TOTAL	\$85,290	\$83,501	\$91,410
GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR	-3,550	-120	-6,323
Special town grant (to be dispersed over 3 years)	\$12,000	\$8,645	\$12,000

Dianne Sharkey
Treasurer

THETFORD FOOD SHELF THETFORD TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

During 2008 we were fortunate to add several new services to our food shelf program. In an effort to provide a healthy balance to our canned items and frozen food products, we began participating in the Vermont Food Bank produce program and provided our patrons with a variety of fresh vegetables from August thru December. We have further expanded that effort by receiving weekly deliveries from Willing Hands that include fresh fruits, vegetables, and whole grain breads. Throughout the year many of our friends and neighbors continue to keep us well supplied with squash, potatoes, onions, berries, and apples.

We were pleased again this year with the offer of the remaining food supplies from Camp Billings, courtesy of Casey Huling, and Camp Farnsworth, courtesy of Rosemary Whitman. It is a treat for our food shelf to receive a selection of items that are otherwise not available to us - dairy foods, frozen meals, cereals, and produce just to mention a few. Your donations, large and small, of food and grocery items along with the tremendous food drives of local schools and churches have contributed to the success of this program.

We also expanded our "gift shelf" for holiday shopping which was a huge success. Thanks to your great response for donations. This provided not only gifts such as toys, cosmetics, jewelry and books but also household items and warm winter clothing. Our food shelf patrons could not express enough appreciation for this service over the holidays.

We are also grateful for the many financial donations we receive and your fundraising efforts on behalf of the food shelf. Not only does this allow us to purchase directly from the Vermont Food Bank, but we are also able to provide emergency assistance for fuel, utilities, and other needs.

Thetford is currently one of the best stocked food shelves in the area and this is due to the dependable and generous support of our townspeople. Thank you so much for your continuing support of this program, and to those who volunteer to help out at busy times. I am pleased to be a part of it.

Roberta C. Howard
Thetford Food Shelf Coordinator
Town Service Officer

TOWN OF THETFORD BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT On the FY2009 Town Budget

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Summary

- *Excluding* warned articles for additional appropriations:
 - Expenditures in the Selectboard's proposed budget will increase \$37,768.94, or 2.1%, over 2008.
 - Funds to be raised through taxes, however, decrease by \$8,892.06, or 0.61%, when accounting for a town surplus, highway surplus, and highway and town non-tax revenues.
- The Budget Committee for the most part approves this budget but would still like to see the following changes:
 - Hold salaries and wages flat. It is too easy to find news of local governments, school districts and businesses laying people off, cutting salaries and benefits, delaying capital projects, etc. The Town is not *obligated* to provide, without question, annual raises to employees based on some Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) formula, the Consumer Price Index, or any other economic indicator.
 - Hold level or reduce total budgeted hours for hourly employees. There are numerous opportunities for increased efficiency in the way the town staff operate, particularly within the Town Hall offices. The Budget Committee strongly encourages the Selectboard to pursue some of those efficiency ideas that have been discussed at numerous Selectboard meetings.

Recommendations on Warned Articles

ARTICLE 9 for a replacement truck (Truck #4) Budget Committee Recommends No (emphatically)
The current truck #4 is a 2003 model and is already being considered for replacement. It is imperative that the Selectboard and Highway Department establish policy and practices to support a vehicle maintenance program that results in an average of 10 years of service for vehicles. Certain neighboring towns succeed in getting 10, 12, and even up to 15 years out of their vehicles because of specific

practices such as washing vehicles after each use, painting the vehicles (including sandblasting if necessary) on a rotating basis, and rigorously adhering to recommended regular maintenance activities.

Salaries and Wages vs. Total Compensation

When considering the benefits of being a Town employee, it is not simply wages and salaries but total compensation that must be considered:

- The town covers 100% of the insurance premium for eligible employees and their spouses and provides a competitive medical coverage plan.
- An increase in expenses to the Town to cover health care costs is an increase to the employee in the value of his or her overall compensation package.
- Employees receive 8 paid holidays, up to 19.5 "earned leave" days that can be used for vacation, sick time away, etc.

Our current system places very little emphasis on the fact that benefits offered to the employees are part of their compensation. Employees need to be presented with a total compensation package, not just salary alone. If the pay remained flat this year we still would have seen a 4.2% increase in compensation for employees getting benefits. Other surrounding towns have begun actions to curb these benefit increases by putting some of the burden back on the employees themselves.

Capital Equipment Schedule

The Highway Department budget represents 38.3% of the overall Town budget (excluding schools). As mentioned above, it is crucial that the Highway Department establish a rigorous equipment maintenance program that includes programs already implemented by neighboring towns:

- Washing vehicles after each use to remove corrosives before they can react
- Sandblasting when needed and painting vehicles on a rotating schedule
- Performing regular daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual, and mileage- or hour-based maintenance, to a more thorough extent than currently done.

There is no reason why we cannot be getting, on average, 10 years of good service out of each vehicle (as proven by surrounding towns). This program must be accompanied by a solid governance effort in which the Highway Department and Selectboard agree in advance on the maintenance to be performed as well as regular reports reflecting actual execution, suggestions for improvements, etc.

There is more to this recommendation than is stated here – please refer to the section below titled "Road Maintenance". Effectiveness in capital equipment maintenance will be absolutely necessary in order to soften the imminent impact of road maintenance costs.

Amortization schedules of capital equipment, such as highway trucks and fire trucks, should be seen as advisory periods of time, and not an automatic purchasing time frame. There will be cases when the schedule for replacing a piece of equipment could be extended out, depending on use and luck, as we all know sometimes use and luck forces us to replace equipment earlier as well.

Road Maintenance – Items of Future Concern

As an expectation-setting statement, the Selectboard and Highway Department have been taking a full lifecycle view of road maintenance:

- As currently understood, the average annual cost for a single mile of paved road is over \$30,000. This includes initial paving as well as minor and major repairs throughout the life of the road (some estimates consider this quite low even).
- Thetford currently maintains 30 miles of paved road. This means that when taking the lifecycle view, if we were to remain steady at 30 paved miles, Thetford's expenses for maintaining paved roads will be on average \$900,000 annually. The proposed 2009 budget contains \$150,000 for Repave/Ditch/Culvert and \$25,000 for Resurfacing Supplies – or, \$175,000 for both paved and dirt road maintenance. If the models on which the \$30,000-per-mile estimate are based upon are correct, the Town will be facing an increase of in the neighborhood of \$800,000 annually, or a (need to change this) 44% increase in the overall Town budget, simply for paved road maintenance.

Though no specific recommendation is being made about paved road maintenance, this information is being included to emphasize the importance of tightening and streamlining our budget and our operations as much as possible as this paving requirement increases in prominence in our budget.

Outsourcing Road Maintenance Services

The Selectboard and Highway Department should consider outsourcing services normally carried out by specialty equipment. In particular, there is a possibility of saving significant money and effort by outsourcing road grading. Simply the purchase of a grader means more than \$20,000 a year – or, 1.1% of our current budget every year. This does not take into account the manpower, upkeep or supplies required to operate it. The labor saved internally by outsourcing could be used to perform other functions such as mowing town owned parcels, an expense which currently is over \$15,000 not including the school property.

Upper Valley Ambulance

This year Upper Valley Ambulance (UVA) has requested a 23.9% increase. This is beyond a significant and acceptable request for a single year increase. We strongly suggest that prior to the town budget process the town of Thetford be presented by UVA with a line item budget for review. A more collaborative effort coupled with budgetary transparency is essential for future agreements. We suggest that the Select board outline its expectations of increased information and communication from UVA board members and subsequently its own town representative.

Health Care Coverage

The Town has the opportunity to save an estimated 1-2% of its overall budget by managing deductibles differently, *with essentially no changes to the benefits provided*. The Town pays a flat fee for a plan that has a relatively low deductible. By switching to a plan with high deductibles (for example, up to \$8000 per participant), then, even if the Town pays the deductible, there is an opportunity for an estimated savings of up to \$40,000 annually. Even in the worst case scenario in which all deductibles are consumed, the Town would save a few hundred dollars under such an arrangement. Fortunately, the Selectboard is actively investigating this option and for the sake of the taxpayers, the Budget Committee implores them to implement this change.

Recycling Costs and Fees

The bottom for the market in recyclable materials has dropped out. The town is now paying for the containers with recyclables to be taken away, whereas we made money on them last year. The Budget Committee strongly recommends that the sticker system be revitalized and revised such that

- Eligible residents will purchase annual recycling permits, thereby instilling a sense of responsibility for optimizing the use of recycling services on an individual basis,
- *Non-residents and other ineligible visitors are prohibited from using our recycling center.*

It is estimated that a modest annual fee of \$30 to \$35 will be adequate to address recycling costs.

LAST YEAR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

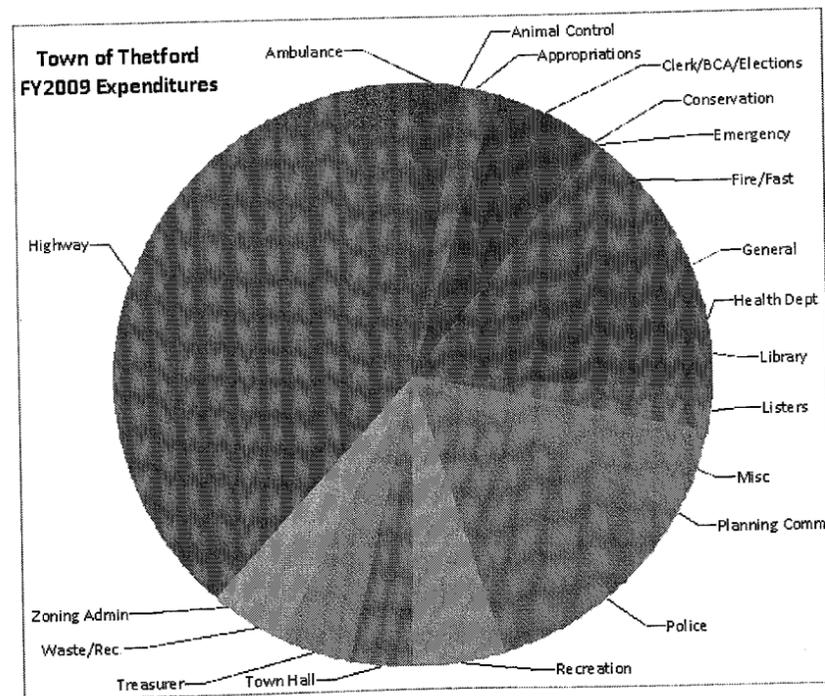
Treasure Island and West Fairlee Taxes

Noting that Thetford currently pays the town of West Fairlee close to \$20,000 in real estate taxes, we recommend the Selectboard charge the newly-created recreation committee [committee dissolved by Selectboard] to study options to mitigate those costs while improving the town summer recreational facilities. We still believe these taxes need to be investigated and we recommend researching ways to have our taxes waived through changes in the state legislature. We feel a comprehensive overview of Treasure Island is appropriate, and it should include housings, fees, and strategic plan for the future. Currently no rental fees are collected for the house. This cost will continue to rise yearly. A creative solution, such as transferring the land to a non profit group like "The Friends of Thetford Recreation" to run as a resource, would eliminate this tax.

Zoning Fees

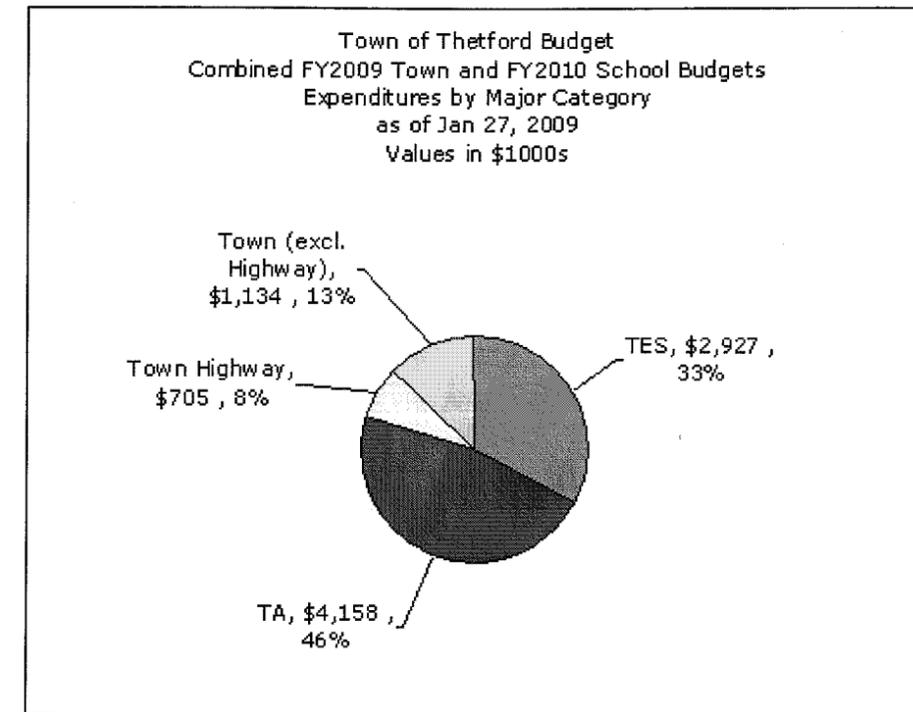
The Budget Committee recommends increasing the fees charged by the Zoning Department for permits. These fee levels should be established by passing the fees on to the applicants themselves, thereby making the zoning department more self-funded. We feel this still needs to be done. The fees will need to be adjusted based on permit issued in previous years.

Proposed Budget Expenditure Summary



TA Budget Portion of Combined Budget

We of course continue to experience the disadvantage of having little influence over the TA budget. Given the TA budget's 6.60% increase excluding construction and the fact that it represents 41% of the combined Town, Highway, and School budgets, it would be interesting to see what would occur if the Town voters could vote on each school budget individually.



Conclusion

The Selectboard and Budget Committee made great strides this year in

- combining a top-down approach ("what should the year-over-year total budget change be?") and a bottom-up approach ("what are the line-item needs of each department?"),
- initiating the budgeting activities earlier than in the past, allowing for multiple iterations, double-checks, and new ideas for optimizing our spending.

The Budget Committee strongly recommends the continued refinement and formalization of these advances, as they offer solid opportunities to balance the town's needs with external economic pressures felt by our residents and taxpayers.

We extend our thanks to the members of the Selectboard, town staff, residents, and service providers for your efforts in supplying data, engaging in discussion, and making suggestions to improve the ways in which the Town carries out its objectives.

Respectfully submitted,
 Terry Longo
 Sarah Martel
 Mike Pomeroy
 Penny Sirjane

* NOTES *

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

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.

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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, 2008, 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 \$6,348.00 plus \$634.00 interest due December 31, 2012, total balance due \$25,392.00.
- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$25,966.00 plus \$1,038.00 interest due June 30, 2009 total balance due \$25,968.00.
- To Merchants Bank interest at 4.5% annual principal payments of \$19,137.00 plus \$2,541.56 due April 15, 2011, total balance due \$47,878.
- 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 \$420,000.00.

- To John Deere Credit interest at 4.5% annual principal payments of \$40,406 plus \$700 interest due October 29, 2013 total balance due \$180,000.

The total amount of long-term debt is \$ 699,238.

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 2008. State of Vermont statutes require that these reserves be subtracted from the current year surplus or deficit calculation.

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	

DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Fund--original investment 677.000 shares	\$4001.07
12/04/57 to 11/06/08	Puritan Fund--shares added by reinvestment 30,537.330 shares	
11/06/08	Puritan Fund--total shares held 31,214.330 shares	
11/06/08	Puritan Fund--value of investment @ \$13.14/share	\$410,156.30
CASH ON HAND INCOME FOR 2008		
01/01/08	Balance - Cash on Hand	\$16,153.11
10/15/08	Deposit Fidelity	\$4,209.65
12/30/08	Deposit Fidelity	\$3,667.51
11/30/08	Interest to date	\$215.10
	TOTAL	\$24,245.37
DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES FOR 2008		
12/31/08	Check #148, Thetford Emergency Fund	\$5,962.07
12/31/08	CASH BALANCE ON HAND	\$18,283.30

DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Funds--original investment 220.000 shares	\$1,300.20
9/06/60 to 12/19/08	Puritan Funds--shares added by reinvestment 835.625 shares	
12/19/08	Puritan Fund--total shares held 1,055.675 shares	
12/19/08	Puritan Fund--value of investment @ \$12.84/share	\$13,554.86
CASH ON HAND & INCOME FOR 2008		
01/01/08	Cash on Hand	\$134.67
01/16/08	Fidelity	\$153.43
04/28/08	Fidelity	\$126.55
07/21/08	Fidelity	\$131.83
10/15/08	Fidelity	\$128.66
12/30/08	Fidelity	\$116.08
09/30/08	Interest	\$1.99
	TOTAL	\$793.21
DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES FOR 2008		
12/11/08	Town of Thetford Hillside Cemetery \$40.00 Post Mills Cemetery \$80.00 East Thetford Cemetery (Town) \$120.00 Evergreen Rest Cemetery \$280.00	\$520.00
12/31/08	CASH BALANCE ON HAND	\$273.21

Trustees of Trust Funds

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

**Town of Thetford, Vermont
Governmental Capital Assets
December 31, 2008**

Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost
2007 International	Highway	3/9/2007	119,649
2007 Freightliner Body	Highway	9/13/2006	57,000
Ford 550	Highway	11/5/2001	54,499
2006 Freightliner Body	Highway	10/11/2005	48,314
Wing, Plow, Sander Body for 06	Highway	10/11/2005	43,375
2000 International	Highway	4/13/2000	60,110
1997 Gallion Grader 870	Highway	4/9/1997	121,700
Thawer Pressure Washer	Highway	9/18/2005	5,096
Diesel Tank-2000 Gallon	Highway	11/10/2005	4,915
Yamaha Generator	Highway	6/30/2003	15,000
Wisconsin Equipment Trailer	Highway	6/30/1988	10,000
York Road Rake	Highway	6/30/1999	5,500
2008 John Deere Backhoe	Highway	9/16/2008	98,500
2008 John Deere Loader	Highway	9/16/2008	118,500
2000 Ford Crown Vic	Police	6/15/2006	9,995
2005 Chevy Impala	Police	5/12/2005	18,332
Copier	General	6/30/2003	3,500
Police Radios	Police	5/11/2005	10,492
Town Hall	General	6/30/2003	681,770
Generator	General	8/28/2008	10,273
Highway Garage Salt Shed	Highway	6/30/1974	44,060
Treasure Island-Original Buildings	Recreation	9/30/1972	36,900
Treasure Island Facilities	Recreation		0
Treasure Island Shop/Crafts	Recreation		0
Recycling Center Shed	Solid Waste	6/30/1993	5,414
Latham Road	Highway	8/3/2005	46,553
Godfrey Road	Highway	9/7/2005	50,178
Tucker Hill Road	Highway	10/5/2005	27,703
Robinson Hill and Barker	Highway	11/1/2004	131,197
Stowell Road Bridge	Highway	6/30/2004	41,345
Tucker Hill Bridge	Highway	11/30/2004	50,500
Pedestrian Path	General	N/A	25,116
Treasure Island Residence Roof	Recreation	12/31/2005	9,000
Land - Treasure Island	Recreation	9/30/1972	127,100
Land - Town Garage	N/A	6/30/1935	300
Land - Town Hall	N/A		0
Land - Recycling Ctr. & PM Cons Area	N/A	6/30/2004	34,031
Land - Town Forest	N/A	4/24/1905	165
Land - Stowell Road	N/A	6/30/1950	600
Land - Old Dump Site	N/A	6/30/1957	62
Land - Elementary School Site	N/A	6/30/1961	2,000
Land - School Leach Field	N/A	6/30/1974	12,400
Land - T & J Taylor Property	N/A	6/30/1997	68,080
Land - Hughes (Center Common)	N/A	6/30/1998	30,300
Land - Uihlein Property (Turnpike Road)	N/A		11,800
Land - Decola Property (Cranberry Hill)	N/A	6/30/2005	13,140
Land - Poor Farm Rd. Nature Cons.)	N/A	6/30/2004	158,690
Land - Sawnee Bean Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Judd Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - by Trussell's	N/A		0
Land - East Thetford Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Thetford Hill Common	N/A		0
Land - Rice's Mills Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Kinney Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Follett Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Post Mills Green	N/A		0
Land - Thetford Center Cemetery	N/A		0
Land - Poor Farm Road So.	N/A	6/30/1994	40,000
			2,463,154

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
ASSETS					
Investment in Cash Management Pool	\$350,656	\$100,458	\$38,644	\$132,008	\$621,766
Receivables	\$122,089	\$12,000	0	\$510,165	\$644,254
Inventory	0	\$12,685	0	0	\$12,685
Total Assets	\$472,745	\$125,143	\$38,644	\$642,173	\$1,278,705
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities	\$396,031	\$4,793	0	\$473,318	\$874,142
FUND BALANCES					
Unreserved-Designated	\$76,714	\$120,350	\$38,644	\$168,855	\$404,563
Fund Balance Current Year	\$76,714	\$120,350	\$38,644	\$168,855	\$404,563
Total Liabilities And Fund Balance	\$472,745	\$125,143	\$38,644	\$642,173	\$1,278,705



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 pieces 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 1/1/08 \$1,053.36 Grave upkeep and floral pieces - Donated
Interest Accrued 3.89

Balance on hand 12/31/08 \$1,057.25 Jill Graff, Town Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Equipment Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
Property Taxes	\$ 891,357	\$ 541,469	\$ 165,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,602,826
Penalties and Interest	24,447	0	0	0	24,447
Intergovernmental Revenues	71,103	145,229		146,260	362,592
Charges for Services	53,676	0	0	2,770	56,446
Investment Income	7,842	0	0	274	8,116
Fines and Forfeits	13,434	0	0	0	13,434
Licenses and Permits	14,379	0	0	0	14,379
Other Revenue	14,829	990	0	7,356	23,175
Total Revenues	1,091,067	687,688	165,000	161,660	2,105,415
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
General Government	449,599	0	0	67,577	517,176
Highway and Streets		567,338	0	0	567,338
Public Safety	333,049	0	0	41,522	374,571
Recreation	148,030	0	0	0	148,030
Solid Waste and Recycling	31,078	0	0	0	31,078
Cemetery	4,759	0	0	0	4,759
Capital Outlay:					
General Government	20,147	0	0	4,083	24,230
Highway and Streets	0	0	180,000	47,018	227,018
Debt Service:					
Principal	30,000	0	81,451	0	111,451
Interest	28,533	0	4,829	0	33,362
Total Expenditures	1,045,195	567,338	266,280	160,200	2,039,013
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	45,872	120,350	(101,280)	1,460	66,402
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	0	0	180,000	0	180,000
Transfers In	0	0	0	35,420	35,420
Transfers Out	(28,000)	0	0	(7,420)	(35,420)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(28,000)	0	180,000	28,000	180,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	17,872	120,350	78,720	29,460	246,402
Fund Balances (Deficit) January 1, 2008	58,842	0	(40,075)	139,395	158,162
Fund Balances - December 31, 2008	\$ 76,714	\$ 120,350	\$ 38,645	\$ 168,855	\$ 404,564

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	Recreation Park Fund		Restoration Of Records Fund		Conservation Fund		Reappraisal Fund		Planning Gov.Hwy Consulting Fund		Elections Fund		Mascoma Police Fund		Bridge Walkway Fund		Elder Network Fund	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund
Revenues:																		
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Income	0	0	0	0	1,984	13,176	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trust Contribution	0	0	0	0	274	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	0	0	500	144
Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges for Services	0	0	2,770	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues	0	0	2,770	0	2,258	13,176	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,000	0	0	644	0
Expenditures:																		
Current																		
General Government	0	0	0	0	3,630	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,373	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,420	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,948	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	0	3,630	0	0	3,420	1,948	63,373	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net	0	0	2,770	0	(1,372)	1,376	(3,420)	(1,948)	(6,373)	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	644	0
Other Financing Sources:																		
Transfer in	0	0	2,000	0	5,000	0	7,500	1,948	1,371	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total other financing	0	0	2,000	0	5,000	0	7,500	0	0	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	0	0	4,770	0	3,628	13,176	(3,420)	19,848	5,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	5,000	644	0
Fund Balance - 01/01/08	550	550	5,790	31,473	22,077	31,473	0	(1,948)	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - 12/31/08	550	550	10,560	44,649	25,705	44,649	4,080	0	(5,000)	4,005	4,005	5,000	4,005	4,005	5,000	5,000	644	0

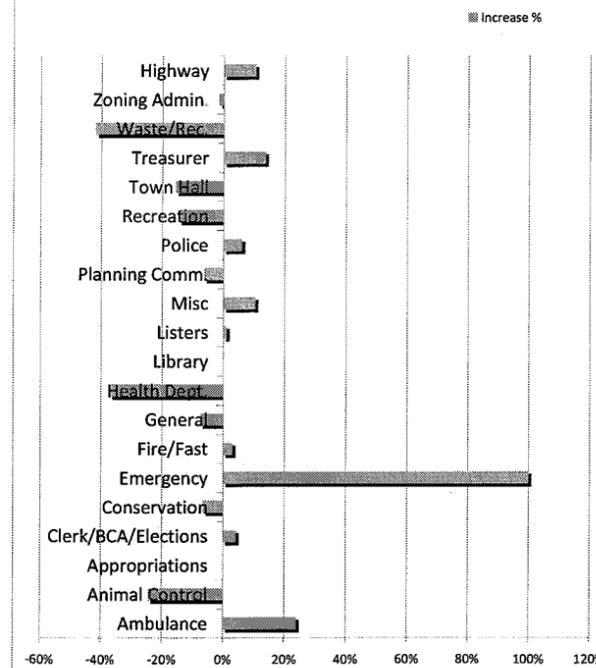
**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	Town Hall Construction Fund	Bridge Fund	Cruiser Fund	Recycling Fund
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay	4,083	0	0	0
General Government		0	0	0
Public Safety		0	0	0
Total Expenditures	4,083	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers in	0	0	5,000	5,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	(4083)	0	5,000	5,000
Fund Balance - January 1, 2008	4,083	39,327	12,827	25,108
Fund Balance - December 31, 2008	0	39,327	17,827	30,108

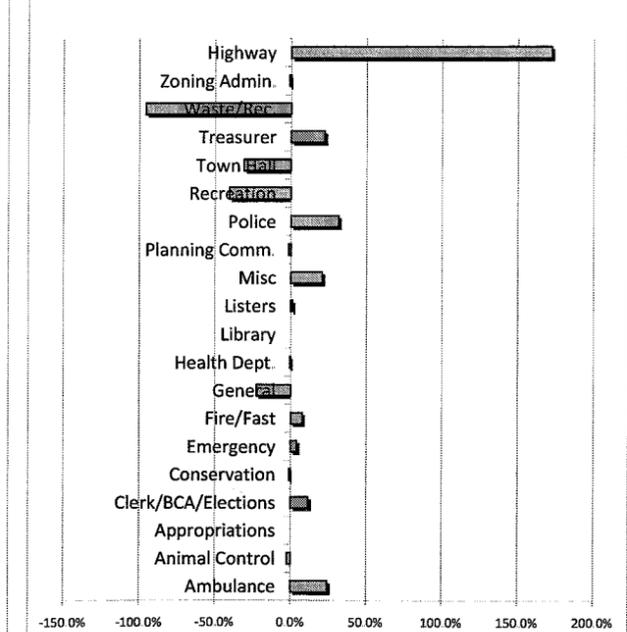
All Town Departments 2009 Budget

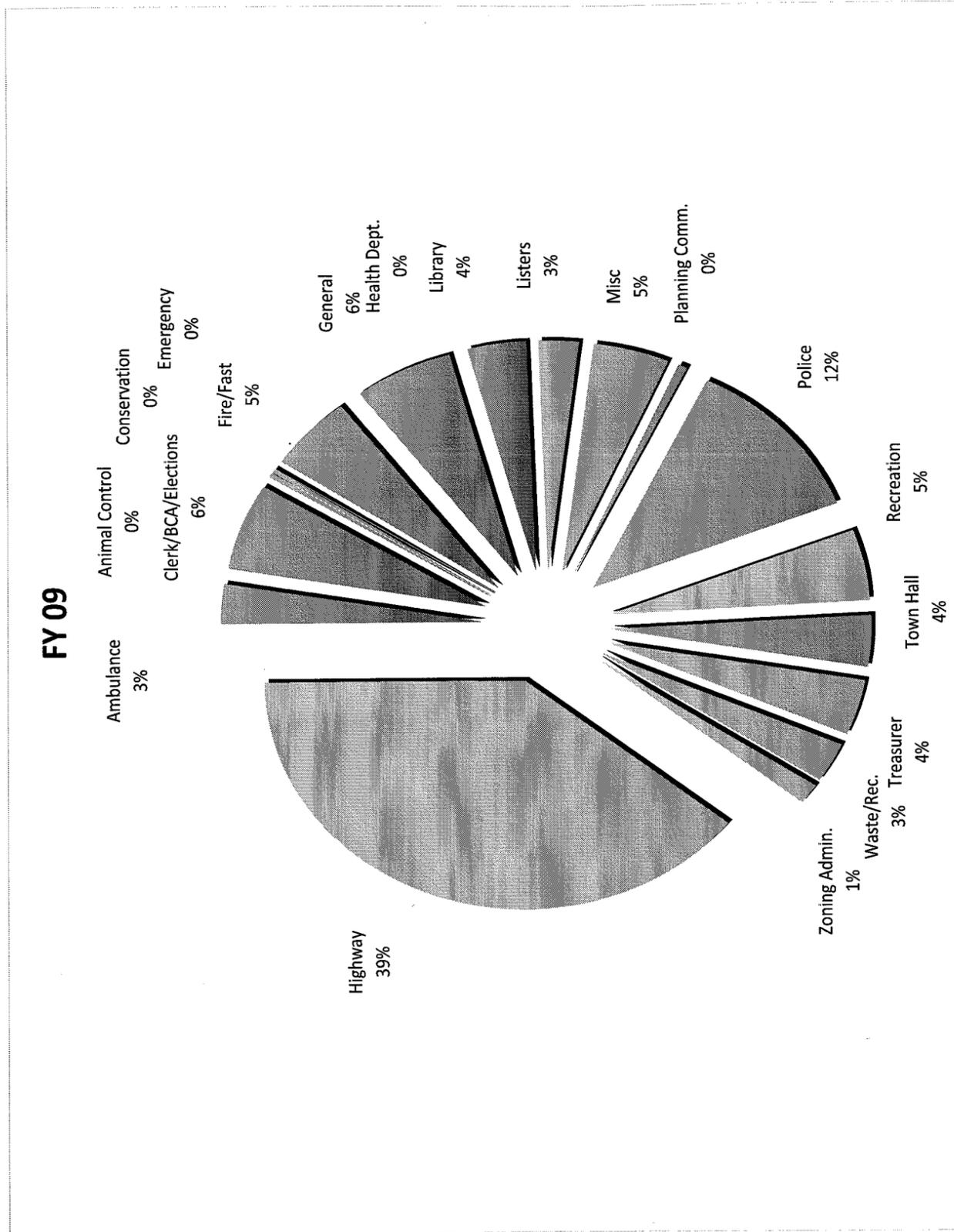
Department	FY 09	Increase %	% of Increase	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	FY 08 Actuals
Ambulance	\$48,632.50	23.9%	24.4%	\$9,378	\$39,255.00	\$39,255.00
Animal Control	\$2,666.80	-24.2%	-2.2%	(\$852)	\$3,518.61	\$2,453.84
Appropriations	Warned Item				\$35,931.00	\$35,931.00
Clerk/BCA/Elections	\$109,107.66	4.3%	11.6%	\$4,462	\$104,645.90	\$98,328.39
Conservation	\$5,425.00	-6.5%	-1.0%	(\$375)	\$5,800.00	\$6,131.81
Emergency	\$3,000.00	100.0%	3.9%	\$1,500	\$1,500.00	\$479.94
Fire/Fast	\$97,285.00	3.1%	7.5%	\$2,900	\$94,385.00	\$94,083.64
General	\$108,387.18	-7.4%	-22.7%	(\$8,724)	\$117,111.43	\$114,199.48
Health Dept.	\$447.95	-37.0%	-0.7%	(\$263)	\$711.14	\$1,089.95
Library	\$66,920.00	0.0%	0.0%	\$0	\$66,920.00	\$66,920.00
Listers	\$45,263.12	1.0%	1.1%	\$439	\$44,823.68	\$34,062.52
Misc	\$84,375.00	10.4%	20.7%	\$7,950	\$76,425.00	\$83,770.95
Planning Comm.	\$8,255.99	-6.2%	-1.4%	(\$546)	\$8,801.75	\$4,972.25
Police	\$215,617.26	6.0%	31.8%	\$12,218	\$203,399.00	\$206,210.48
Recreation	\$91,165.87	-14.6%	-40.5%	(\$15,582)	\$106,748.18	\$83,089.79
Town Hall	\$64,526.47	-15.6%	-31.0%	(\$11,917)	\$76,443.28	\$79,968.47
Treasurer	\$71,478.39	13.6%	22.3%	\$8,581	\$62,897.01	\$62,332.24
Waste/Rec.	\$51,396.50	-41.7%	-95.7%	(\$36,792)	\$88,188.23	\$36,077.98
Zoning Admin.	\$24,322.25	-1.4%	-0.9%	(\$337)	\$24,658.80	\$24,441.67
Highway	\$704,875.62	10.4%	172.7%	\$66,406	\$638,469.26	\$567,338.43
				\$38,447.28	\$1,800,632.27	\$1,641,137.83
General Fund Expenses	\$1,098,272.93	-5.50%	(-2.48% w/ Appropriations)		\$1,162,163.01	
Town Surplus Applied	\$30,000.00				0	
Non-Tax Revenues	\$209,332.00	-15.82%			\$248,671.00	
Town Funds to Raise	\$858,940.93	-5.97%			\$913,492.01	
Highway Expenses	\$704,875.62	10.40%			\$638,469.26	
Highway Surplus Applied	\$35,000.00				-\$25,000.00	
Non-Tax Revenues	\$118,000.00	-3.28%			\$122,000.00	
Highway Funds to Raise	\$551,875.62	1.92%			\$541,469.26	
Total	\$1,410,816.55	-3.03%	(-0.62% w/ Appropriations)		\$1,454,961.27	

Increase % (How Much This Dept. Changed)



% of Increase (How Much of Total Budget Change Was This Dept. Responsible For?)

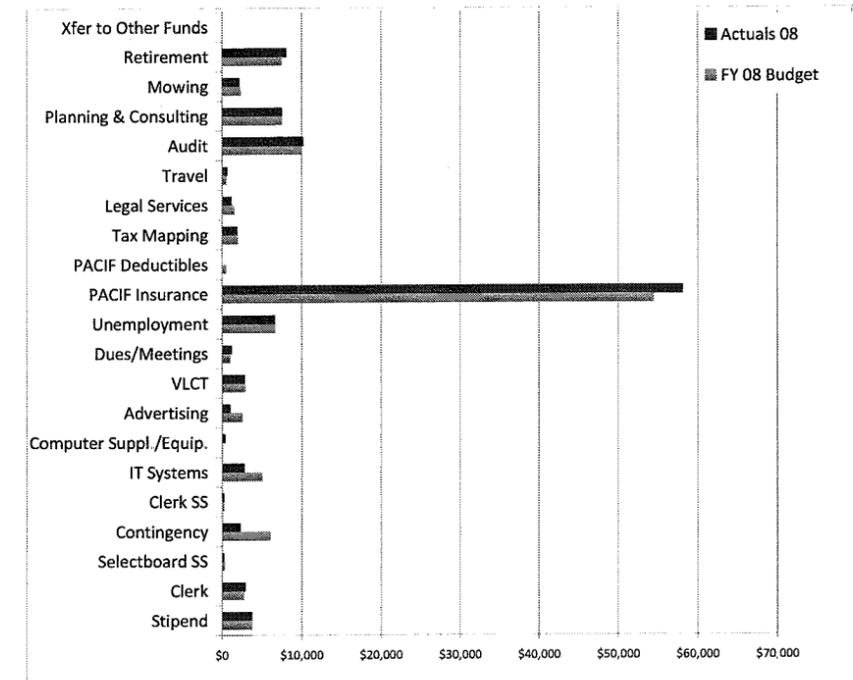




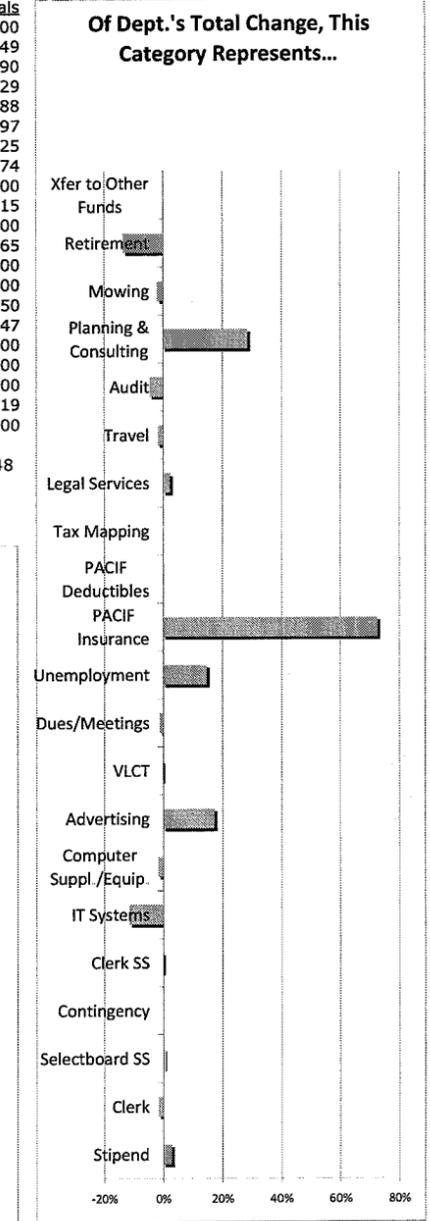
General and Selectboard Budgets

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals
Stipend	\$3,500.00	-6.7%	(\$250)	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
Clerk	\$2,841.29	5.2%	\$141	\$2,700.00	\$2,900.49
Selectboard SS	\$267.75	-6.7%	(\$19)	\$286.88	\$286.90
Contingency	\$6,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$6,000.00	\$2,278.29
Clerk SS	\$217.36	5.2%	\$11	\$206.55	\$221.88
IT Systems	\$6,000.00	20.0%	\$1,000	\$5,000.00	\$2,795.97
Computer Suppl./Equip.	\$150.00		\$150	\$0.00	\$398.25
Advertising	\$1,000.00	-60.0%	(\$1,500)	\$2,500.00	\$981.74
VLCT	\$2,850.00	0.7%	\$19	\$2,831.00	\$2,831.00
Dues/Meetings	\$1,100.00	10.0%	\$100	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.15
Unemployment	\$5,340.00	-19.4%	(\$1,282)	\$6,622.00	\$6,622.00
PACIF Insurance	\$48,184.00	-11.6%	(\$6,304)	\$54,488.00	\$58,128.65
PACIF Deductibles	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$0.00
Tax Mapping	\$1,950.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
Legal Services	\$1,300.00	-13.3%	(\$200)	\$1,500.00	\$1,189.50
Travel	\$660.00	32.0%	\$160	\$500.00	\$653.47
Audit	\$10,400.00	4.0%	\$400	\$10,000.00	\$10,240.00
Planning & Consulting	\$5,000.00	-33.3%	(\$2,500)	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Mowing	\$2,500.00	7.5%	\$175	\$2,325.00	\$2,160.00
Retirement	\$8,626.78	15.8%	\$1,175	\$7,452.00	\$8,111.19
Xfer to Other Funds	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$108,387.18	-7.4%	(\$8,724.25)	\$117,111.43	\$114,199.48

2008 Budget Versus Actuals...



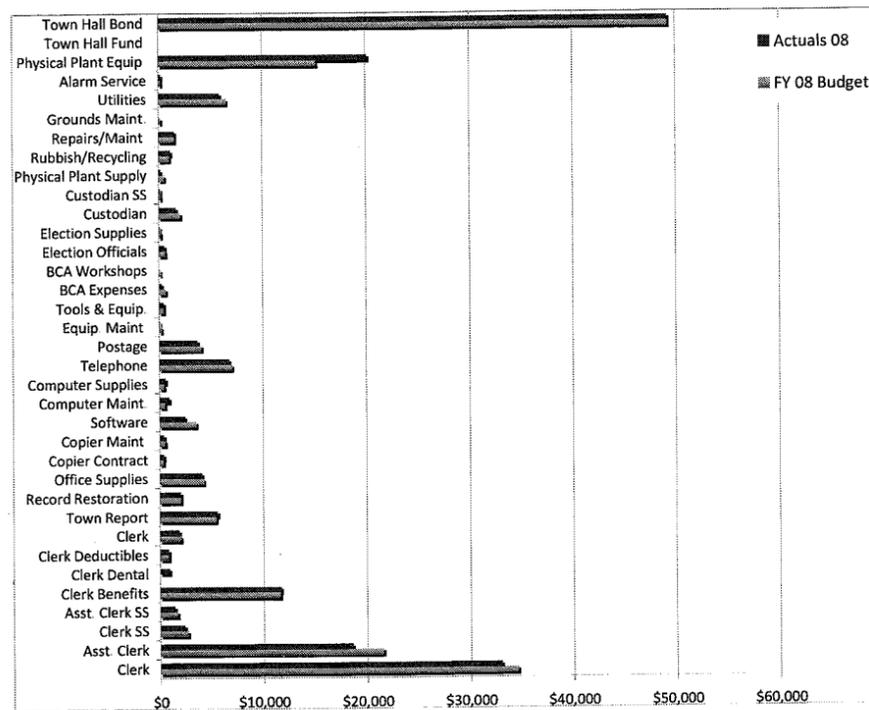
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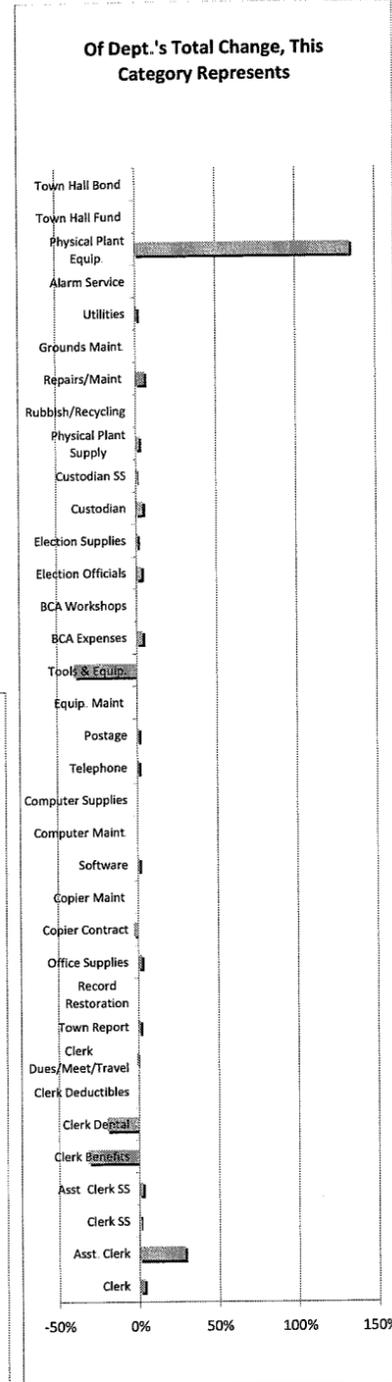
Clerk and Town Hall Budgets

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Clerk	\$34,266.12	-0.8%	(\$266)	\$34,532.58	\$32,986.19	\$1,546.39
Asst. Clerk	\$18,872.44	-12.4%	(\$2,666)	\$21,538.49	\$18,542.21	\$2,996.28
Clerk SS	\$2,621.36	-0.8%	(\$20)	\$2,641.74	\$2,319.91	\$321.83
Asst. Clerk SS	\$1,443.74	-12.4%	(\$204)	\$1,647.69	\$1,400.40	\$247.29
Clerk Benefits	\$14,579.00	25.8%	\$2,994	\$11,585.40	\$11,668.91	(\$83.51)
Clerk Dental	\$1,900.00		\$1,900	\$0.00	\$877.56	(\$877.56)
Clerk Deductibles	\$800.00	0.0%	\$0	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Clerk Dues/Meet/Travel	\$2,100.00	5.0%	\$100	\$2,000.00	\$1,837.99	\$162.01
Town Report	\$5,300.00	-1.9%	(\$100)	\$5,400.00	\$5,567.49	(\$167.49)
Record Restoration	\$2,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$4,000.00	-4.8%	(\$200)	\$4,200.00	\$4,033.39	\$166.61
Copier Contract	\$600.00	71.4%	\$250	\$350.00	\$375.00	(\$25.00)
Copier Maint.	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$397.00	\$103.00
Software	\$3,400.00	-2.9%	(\$100)	\$3,500.00	\$2,431.20	\$1,068.80
Computer Maint.	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$906.50	(\$406.50)
Computer Supplies	\$400.00	0.0%	\$0	\$400.00	\$574.99	(\$174.99)
Telephone	\$6,900.00	-1.4%	(\$100)	\$7,000.00	\$6,709.24	\$290.76
Postage	\$3,900.00	-2.5%	(\$100)	\$4,000.00	\$3,651.06	\$348.94
Equip. Maint.	\$200.00	0.0%	\$0	\$200.00	\$38.29	\$161.71
Tools & Equip.	\$4,100.00	925.0%	\$3,700	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
BCA Expenses	\$250.00	-58.3%	(\$350)	\$600.00	\$227.50	\$372.50
BCA Workshops	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Election Officials	\$300.00	-50.0%	(\$300)	\$600.00	\$507.00	\$93.00
Election Supplies	\$75.00	-50.0%	(\$75)	\$150.00	\$76.56	\$73.44
Custodian	\$1,668.81	-18.8%	(\$387)	\$2,056.00	\$1,631.70	\$424.30
Custodian SS	\$127.66	-18.8%	(\$30)	\$157.28	\$124.78	\$32.50
Physical Plant Supply	\$300.00	-40.0%	(\$200)	\$500.00	\$167.61	\$332.39
Rubbish/Recycling	\$1,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,000.00	\$1,089.21	(\$89.21)
Repairs/Maint.	\$1,000.00	-33.3%	(\$500)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Grounds Maint.	\$150.00	0.0%	\$0	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Utilities	\$6,400.00	-1.5%	(\$100)	\$6,500.00	\$5,865.55	\$634.45
Alarm Service	\$150.00	0.0%	\$0	\$150.00	\$212.00	(\$62.00)
Physical Plant Equip.	\$2,500.00	-83.6%	(\$12,700)	\$15,200.00	\$20,147.62	(\$4,947.62)
Town Hall Fund	\$2,000.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Hall Bond	\$49,230.00	0.0%	\$0	\$49,230.00	\$49,230.00	\$0.00
Total	\$173,634.13	-4.1%	(\$9,455.05)	\$181,089.18	\$178,296.86	\$2,792.32

Budget Versus Actuals



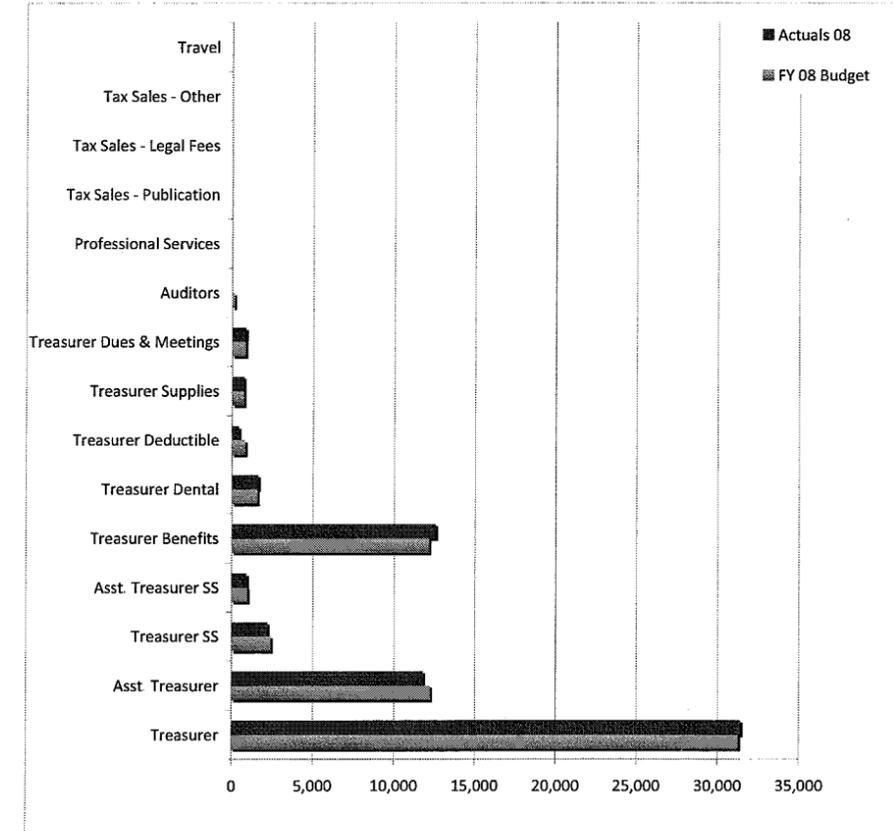
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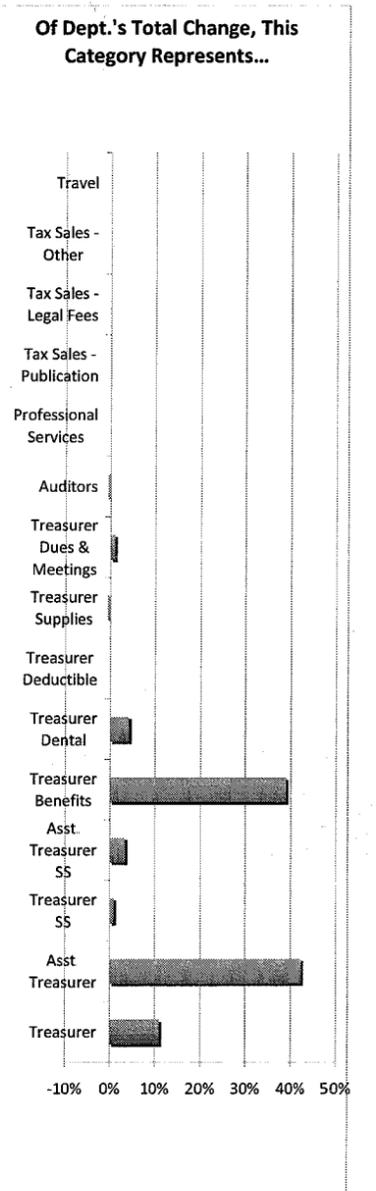
Treasurer Budget

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Treasurer	\$32,189.38	3.0%	\$938	\$31,251.20	\$31,389.24	(\$138.04)
Asst. Treasurer	\$15,854.64	22.9%	\$3,632	\$12,222.92	\$11,780.76	\$442.16
Treasurer SS	\$2,462.49	2.9%	\$72	\$2,390.72	\$2,188.02	\$202.70
Asst. Treasurer SS	\$1,212.88	22.9%	\$278	\$935.05	\$883.55	\$51.50
Treasurer Benefits	\$15,479.00	21.5%	\$3,332	\$12,147.12	\$12,559.40	(\$407.28)
Treasurer Dental	\$1,900.00	18.4%	\$350	\$1,550.00	\$1,610.04	(\$60.04)
Treasurer Deductible	\$800.00	0.0%	\$0	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Treasurer Supplies	\$650.00	-7.7%	(\$50)	\$700.00	\$704.18	(\$4.18)
Treasurer Dues & Meetings	\$880.00	9.1%	\$80	\$800.00	\$817.05	(\$17.05)
Auditors	\$50.00		(\$50)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Professional Services	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Sales - Publication	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Sales - Legal Fees	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Sales - Other	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$71,478.39	12.0%	\$8,581.38	\$62,897.01	\$62,332.24	\$569.77

Budget Versus Actuals



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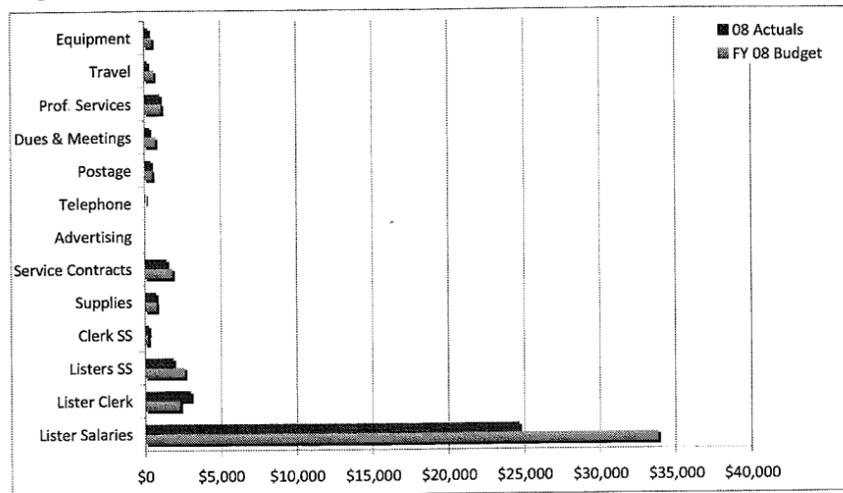


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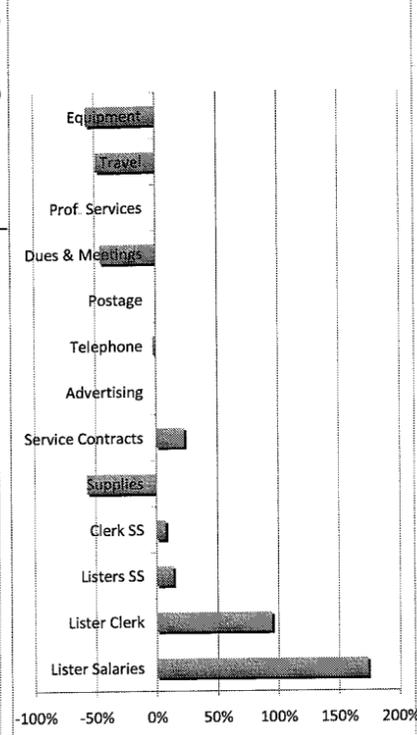
Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Lister Salaries	\$34,571.84	2.3%	\$762	\$33,809.85	\$24,635.75	\$9,174.10
Lister Clerk	\$2,707.85	18.0%	\$414	\$2,293.82	\$2,994.75	(\$700.93)
Listers SS	\$2,644.75	2.3%	\$58	\$2,586.45	\$1,848.31	\$738.14
Clerk SS	\$207.15	18.0%	\$32	\$175.48	\$229.10	(\$53.62)
Supplies	\$500.00	-33.3%	(\$250)	\$750.00	\$713.96	\$36.04
Service Contracts	\$1,896.53	5.5%	\$98	\$1,798.08	\$1,415.86	\$382.22
Advertising	\$0.00	-100.0%	(\$10)	\$10.00	\$41.09	(\$31.09)
Telephone	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$415.78	\$84.22
Postage	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$310.00	\$390.00
Dues & Meetings	\$500.00	-28.6%	(\$200)	\$700.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
Prof. Services	\$1,100.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
Travel	\$385.00	-35.8%	(\$215)	\$600.00	\$196.94	\$403.06
Equipment	\$250.00	-50.0%	(\$250)	\$500.00	\$260.98	\$239.02

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Budget Versus Actuals



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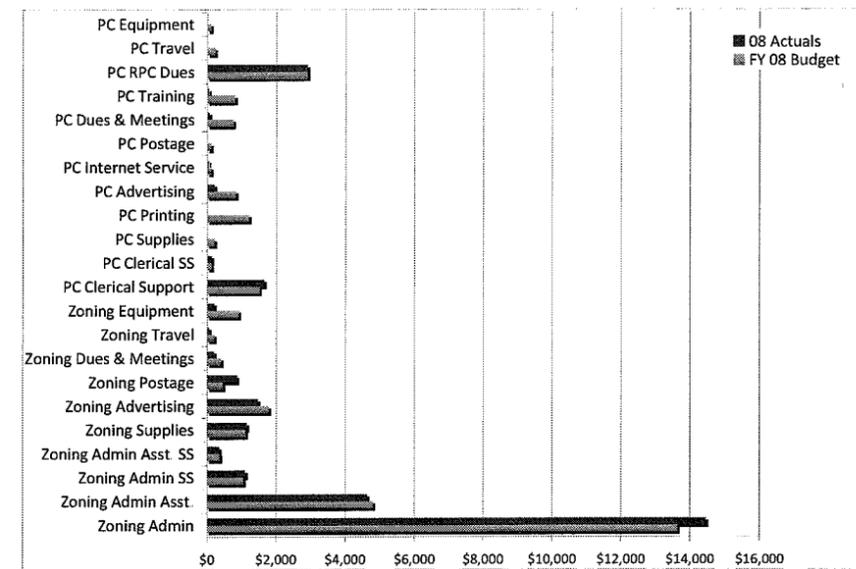


Zoning and Planning Commission Budgets

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Zoning Admin	\$13,937.41	2.2%	\$306	\$13,631.28	\$14,455.25	(\$823.97)
Zoning Admin Asst.	\$4,810.62	0.5%	\$22	\$4,788.42	\$4,621.27	\$167.15
Zoning Admin SS	\$1,066.21	2.2%	\$23	\$1,042.79	\$1,097.54	(\$54.75)
Zoning Admin Asst. SS	\$368.01	0.5%	\$2	\$366.31	\$349.20	\$17.11
Zoning Supplies	\$800.00	-27.6%	(\$305)	\$1,105.00	\$1,143.37	(\$38.37)
Zoning Advertising	\$1,575.00	-11.3%	(\$200)	\$1,775.00	\$1,463.02	\$311.98
Zoning Postage	\$900.00	100.0%	\$450	\$450.00	\$860.31	(\$410.31)
Zoning Dues & Meetings	\$300.00	-25.0%	(\$100)	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Zoning Travel	\$165.00	-17.5%	(\$35)	\$200.00	\$46.71	\$153.29
Zoning Equipment	\$400.00	-55.6%	(\$500)	\$900.00	\$205.00	\$695.00
PC Clerical Support	\$2,130.97	42.1%	\$631	\$1,500.00	\$1,637.07	(\$137.07)
PC Clerical SS	\$163.02	42.1%	\$48	\$114.75	\$123.18	(\$8.43)
PC Supplies	\$125.00	-37.5%	(\$75)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
PC Printing	\$1,200.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
PC Advertising	\$475.00	-42.1%	(\$345)	\$820.00	\$205.00	\$615.00
PC Internet Service	\$75.00	-25.0%	(\$25)	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$75.00
PC Postage	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
PC Dues & Meetings	\$350.00	-53.3%	(\$400)	\$750.00	\$55.00	\$695.00
PC Training	\$450.00	-43.8%	(\$350)	\$800.00	\$35.00	\$765.00
PC RPC Dues	\$2,892.00	0.0%	\$0	\$2,892.00	\$2,892.00	\$0.00
PC Travel	\$195.00	-13.3%	(\$30)	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
PC Equipment	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00

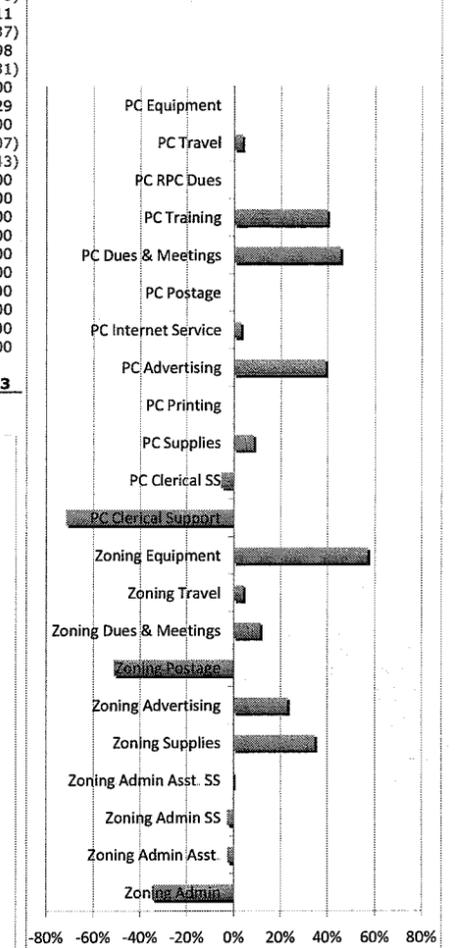
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Budget Versus Actuals



08 to 09 Comparisons

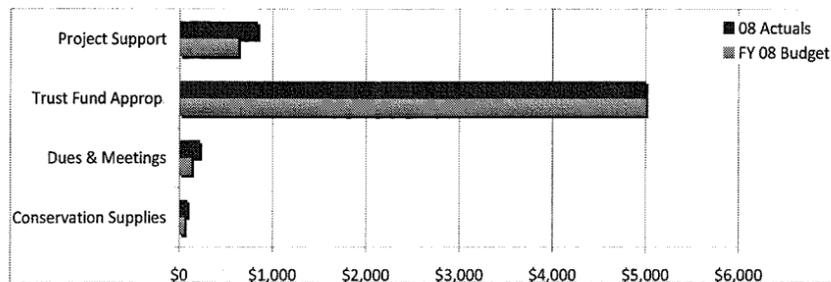
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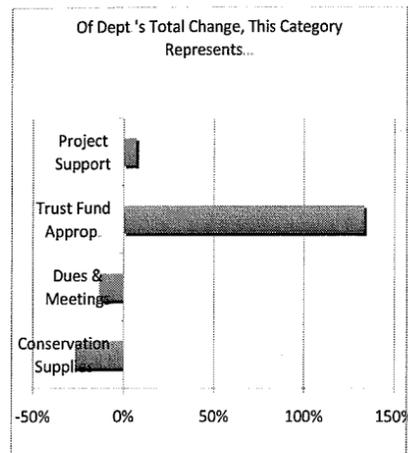
Conservation Commission Budget

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Conservation Supplies	\$150.00	200.0%	\$100	\$50.00	\$83.13	(\$33.13)
Dues & Meetings	\$175.00	40.0%	\$50	\$125.00	\$215.06	(\$90.06)
Trust Fund Approp.	\$4,500.00	-10.0%	(\$500)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Project Support	\$600.00	-4.0%	(\$25)	\$625.00	\$833.62	(\$208.62)
Total	\$5,425.00	-6.5%	(\$375.00)	\$5,800.00	\$6,131.81	(\$331.81)

Budget Versus Actuals



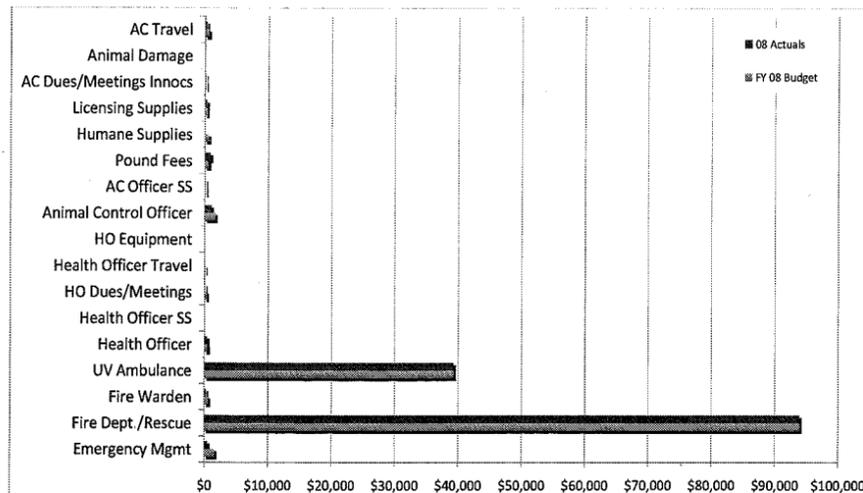
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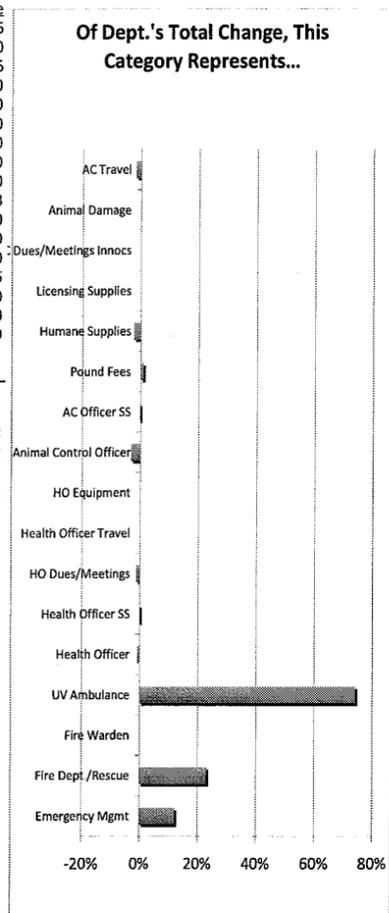
Public Safety Budgets

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Emergency Mgmt	\$3,000.00	100.0%	\$1,500	\$1,500.00	\$479.94	\$1,020.06
Fire Dept./Rescue	\$96,785.00	3.1%	\$2,900	\$93,885.00	\$93,885.00	\$0.00
Fire Warden	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$198.64	\$301.36
UV Ambulance	\$48,632.50	23.9%	\$9,378	\$39,255.00	\$39,255.00	\$0.00
Health Officer	\$300.00	-25.0%	(\$100)	\$400.00	\$372.60	\$27.40
Health Officer SS	\$22.95	-25.0%	(\$8)	\$30.60	\$28.50	\$2.10
HO Dues/Meetings	\$75.00	-67.5%	(\$156)	\$230.54	\$55.00	\$0.00
Health Officer Travel	\$50.00	0.0%	\$0	\$50.00	\$10.10	\$39.90
HO Equipment	\$0.00	-	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Animal Control Officer	\$1,200.00	-24.8%	(\$396)	\$1,596.48	\$996.35	\$600.13
AC Officer SS	\$91.80	-24.8%	(\$30)	\$122.13	\$76.23	\$45.90
Pound Fees	\$600.00	20.0%	\$100	\$500.00	\$850.00	-\$350.00
Humane Supplies	\$200.00	-60.0%	(\$300)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Licensing Supplies	\$200.00	0.0%	\$0	\$200.00	\$279.55	-\$79.55
AC Dues/Meetings Innocs	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0	\$100.00	\$44.40	\$55.60
Animal Damage	\$0.00	-	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AC Travel	\$275.00	-45.0%	(\$225)	\$500.00	\$207.31	\$292.69
Total	\$152,032.25	9.1%	\$12,662.50	\$139,369.75	\$136,738.62	\$2,455.59

Budget Versus Actuals



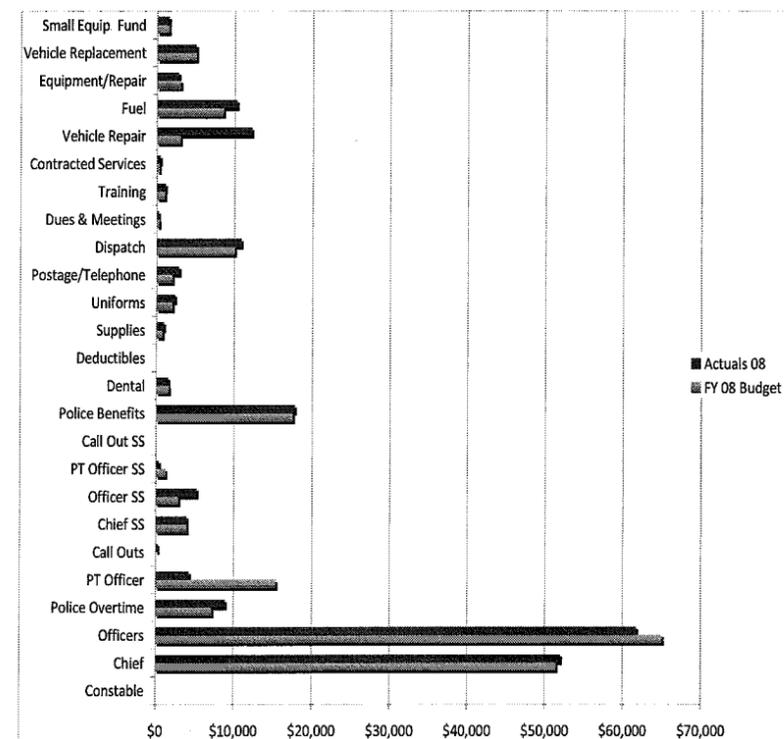
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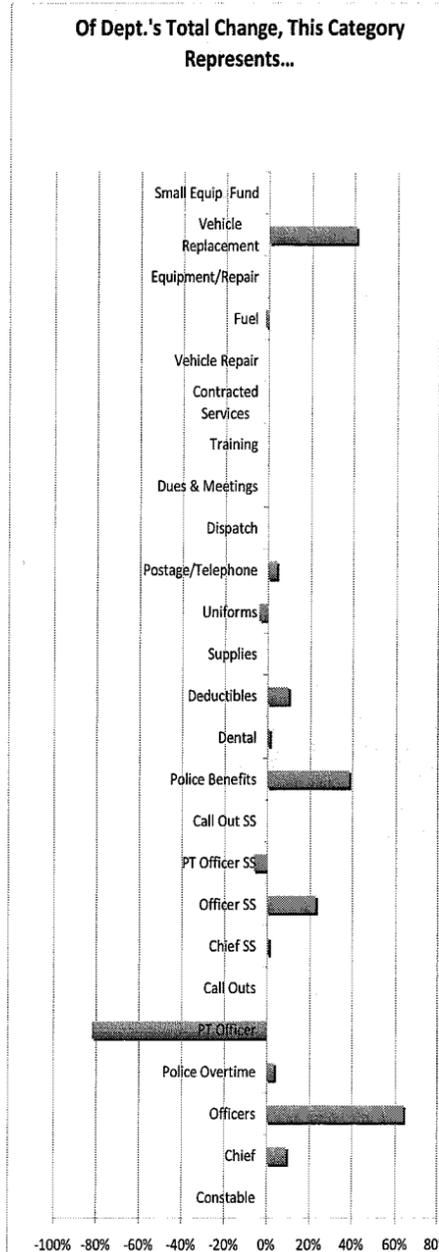
Police Budget

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Constable	\$1.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
Chief	\$52,551.06	2.2%	\$1,151	\$51,400.00	\$51,992.96	(\$592.96)
Officers	\$72,818.63	12.0%	\$7,784	\$65,034.30	\$61,718.86	\$3,315.44
Police Overtime	\$7,595.65	5.8%	\$416	\$7,179.25	\$8,911.34	(\$1,732.09)
PT Officer	\$5,438.12	-64.7%	(\$9,982)	\$15,420.00	\$4,269.06	\$11,150.94
Call Outs	\$0.00	-	\$0	\$0.00	\$213.60	(\$213.60)
Chief SS	\$4,020.16	2.2%	\$88	\$3,932.10	\$3,932.23	(\$0.13)
Officer SS	\$5,570.63	96.6%	\$2,738	\$2,833.12	\$5,216.72	(\$2,383.60)
PT Officer SS	\$5,416.02	-64.7%	(\$764)	\$1,179.63	\$326.56	\$853.07
Call Out SS	\$0.00	-	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Police Benefits	\$22,181.00	26.7%	\$4,675	\$17,506.44	\$17,779.01	(\$272.57)
Dental	\$1,675.00	7.2%	\$112	\$1,563.16	\$1,504.39	\$58.77
Deductibles	\$1,200.00	0.0%	\$1,200	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$750.00	0.0%	\$0	\$750.00	\$929.83	(\$179.83)
Uniforms	\$1,500.00	-25.0%	(\$500)	\$2,000.00	\$2,317.21	(\$317.21)
Postage/Telephone	\$2,500.00	25.0%	\$500	\$2,000.00	\$2,865.65	(\$865.65)
Dispatch	\$10,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$10,000.00	\$10,855.91	(\$855.91)
Dues & Meetings	\$300.00	0.0%	\$0	\$300.00	\$210.00	\$90.00
Training	\$1,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,000.00	\$1,104.43	(\$104.43)
Contracted Services	\$300.00	0.0%	\$0	\$300.00	\$414.00	(\$114.00)
Vehicle Repair	\$3,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$3,000.00	\$12,190.65	(\$9,190.65)
Fuel	\$8,300.00	-2.4%	(\$200)	\$8,500.00	\$10,242.58	(\$1,742.58)
Equipment/Repair	\$3,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$3,000.00	\$2,715.49	\$284.51
Vehicle Replacement	\$10,000.00	100.0%	\$5,000	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Small Equip. Fund	\$1,500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total	\$215,617.26	6.0%	\$12,218.26	\$203,399.00	\$206,210.48	(\$2,811.48)

Budget Versus Actuals



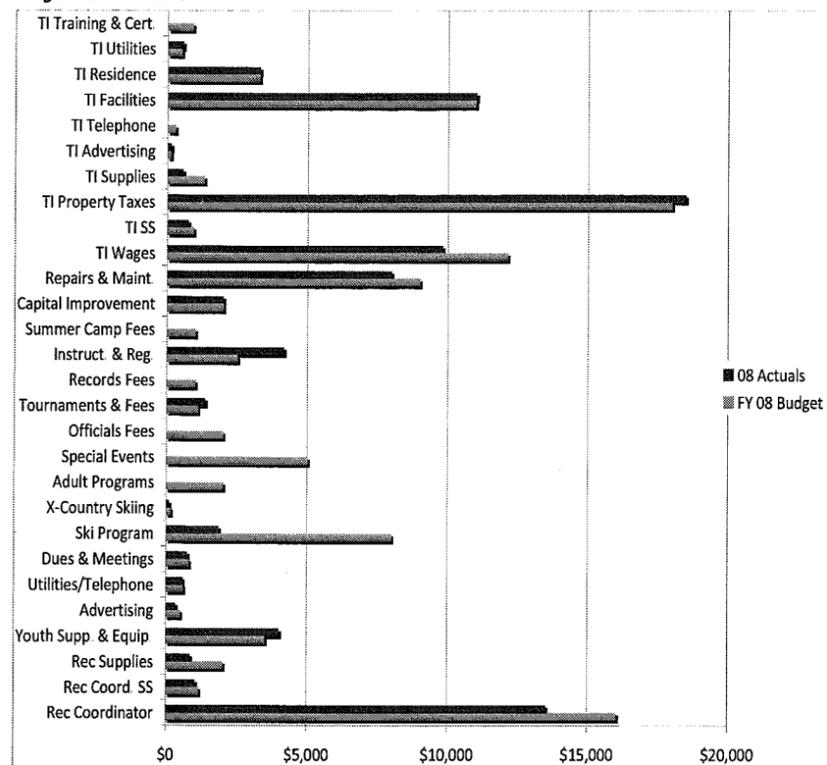
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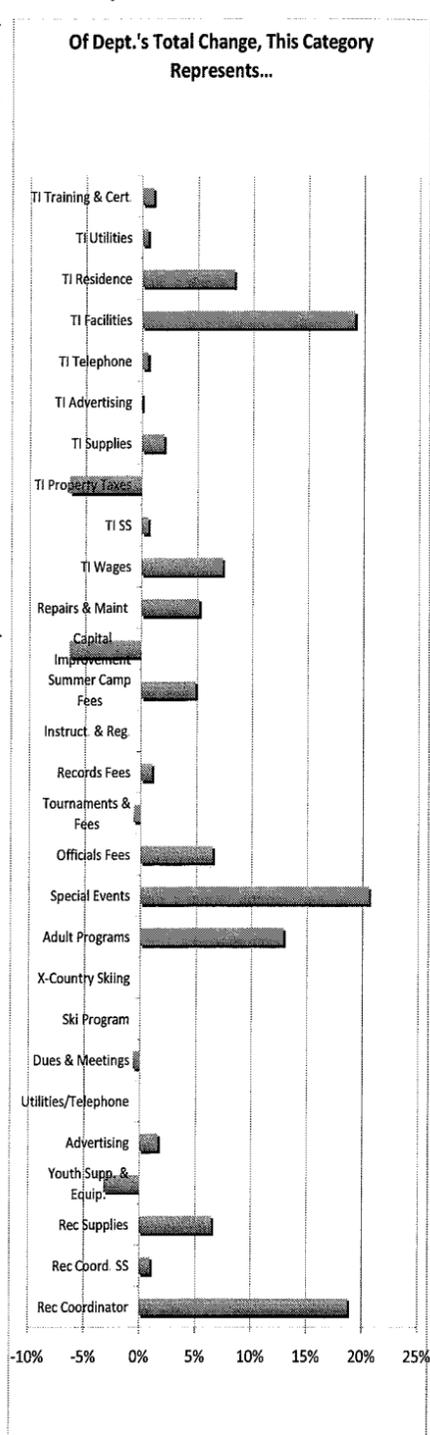
Recreation Budgets

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Rec Coordinator	\$13,120.64	-18.2%	(\$2,916)	\$16,036.80	\$13,527.54	\$2,509.26
Rec Coord. SS	\$1,003.73	-12.6%	(\$144)	\$1,148.00	\$1,021.91	\$126.09
Rec Supplies	\$1,000.00	-50.0%	(\$1,000)	\$2,000.00	\$850.98	\$1,149.02
Youth Supp. & Equip.	\$4,000.00	14.3%	\$500	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.39	(\$500.39)
Advertising	\$250.00	-50.0%	(\$250)	\$500.00	\$330.25	\$169.75
Utilities/Telephone	\$600.00	0.0%	\$0	\$600.00	\$591.59	\$8.41
Dues & Meetings	\$900.00	12.5%	\$100	\$800.00	\$744.00	\$56.00
Ski Program	\$8,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$8,000.00	\$1,859.44	\$6,140.56
X-Country Skiing	\$150.00	0.0%	\$0	\$150.00	\$94.99	\$55.01
Adult Programs	\$0.00	-100.0%	(\$2,000)	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Special Events	\$1,800.00	-64.0%	(\$3,200)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Officials Fees	\$1,000.00	-50.0%	(\$1,000)	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Tournaments & Fees	\$1,200.00	9.1%	\$100	\$1,100.00	\$1,345.00	(\$245.00)
Records Fees	\$850.00	-15.0%	(\$150)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Instruct. & Reg.	\$2,500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$2,500.00	\$4,165.00	(\$1,665.00)
Summer Camp Fees	\$250.00	-75.0%	(\$750)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Capital Improvement	\$3,000.00	50.0%	\$1,000	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Repairs & Maint.	\$8,200.00	-8.9%	(\$800)	\$9,000.00	\$7,985.54	\$1,014.46
TI Wages	\$11,000.00	-9.3%	(\$1,130)	\$12,130.40	\$9,800.81	\$2,329.59
TI SS	\$841.50	-9.3%	(\$86)	\$927.98	\$743.64	\$184.34
TI Property Taxes	\$19,000.00	5.6%	\$1,000	\$18,000.00	\$18,499.36	(\$499.36)
TI Supplies	\$1,000.00	-23.1%	(\$300)	\$1,300.00	\$564.28	\$735.72
TI Advertising	\$125.00	4.2%	\$5	\$120.00	\$123.00	(\$3.00)
TI Telephone	\$200.00	-27.3%	(\$75)	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$275.00
TI Facilities	\$8,000.00	-27.1%	(\$2,980)	\$10,980.00	\$11,004.99	(\$24.99)
TI Residence	\$2,000.00	-39.0%	(\$1,280)	\$3,280.00	\$3,289.68	(\$9.68)
TI Utilities	\$425.00	-15.0%	(\$75)	\$500.00	\$547.40	(\$47.40)
TI Training & Cert.	\$750.00	-16.7%	(\$150)	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Total	\$91,165.87	-14.6%	(\$15,582.31)	\$106,748.18	\$83,089.79	\$23,658.39

Budget Versus Actuals



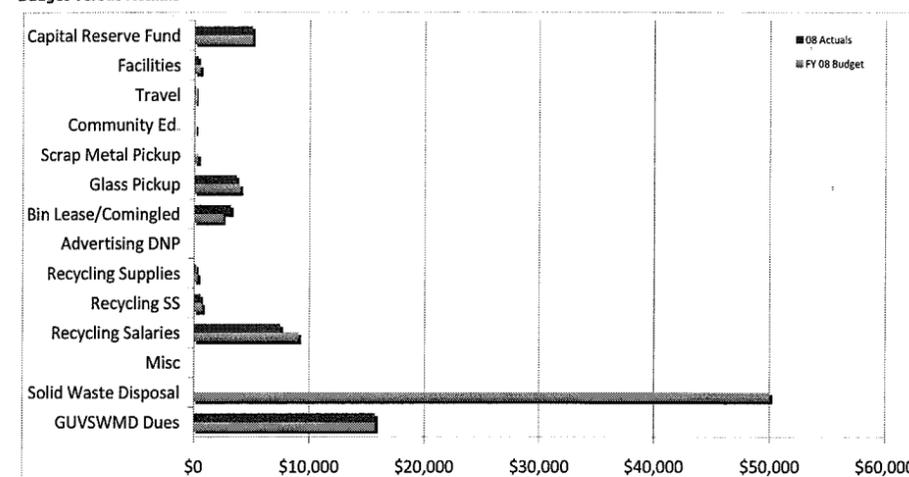
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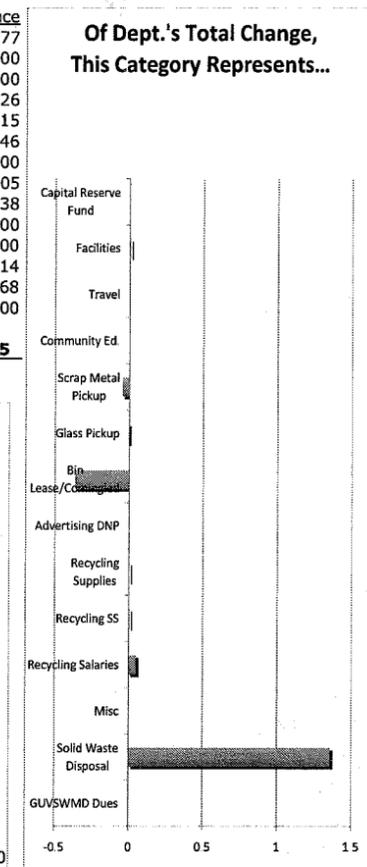
Solid Waste and Recycling Budgets

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
GUVSWMD Dues	\$15,702.00	0.0%	\$0	\$15,702.00	\$15,708.77	-\$6.77
Solid Waste Disposal	\$1.00	-100.0%	(\$49,999)	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Misc	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recycling Salaries	\$7,286.11	-19.4%	(\$1,758)	\$9,044.34	\$7,480.08	\$1,564.26
Recycling SS	\$557.39	-19.4%	(\$135)	\$691.89	\$570.74	\$121.15
Recycling Supplies	\$250.00	-16.7%	(\$50)	\$300.00	\$126.54	\$173.46
Advertising DNP	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bin Lease/Comingled	\$16,000.00	540.0%	\$13,500	\$2,500.00	\$3,173.05	-\$673.05
Glass Pickup	\$4,100.00	2.5%	\$100	\$4,000.00	\$3,641.62	\$358.38
Scrap Metal Pickup	\$2,000.00	566.7%	\$1,700	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Community Ed.	\$50.00	0.0%	\$0	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Travel	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0	\$100.00	\$86.86	\$13.14
Facilities	\$350.00	-30.0%	(\$150)	\$500.00	\$290.32	\$209.68
Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Total	\$51,396.50	-41.7%	(\$36,791.73)	\$88,188.23	\$36,077.98	\$52,110.25

Budget Versus Actuals



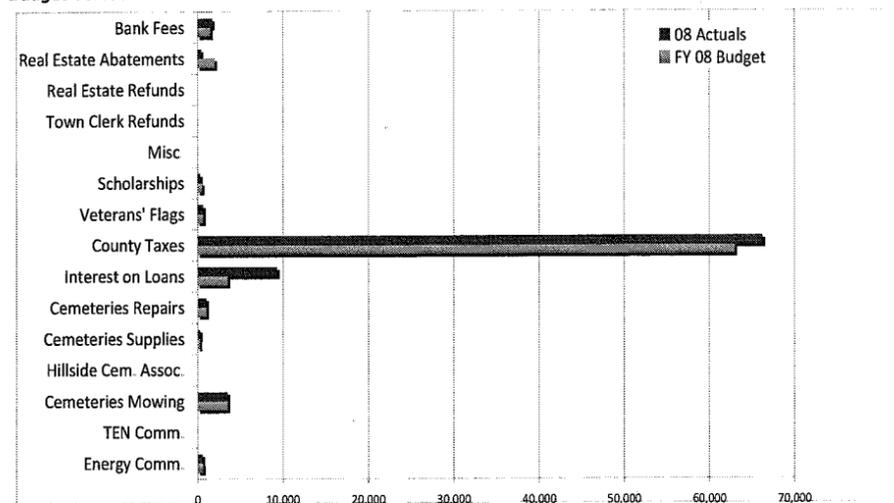
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Miscellaneous Budgets

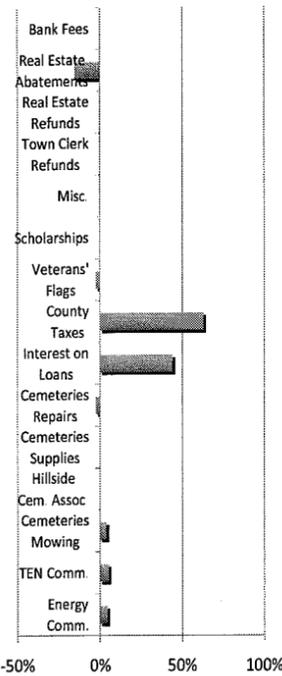
Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Energy Comm.	\$950.00	58.3%	\$350	\$600.00	\$530.39	\$69.61
TEN Comm.	\$400.00		\$400	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cemeteries Mowing	\$3,800.00	8.6%	\$300	\$3,500.00	\$3,515.00	-\$15.00
Hillside Cem. Assoc	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cemeteries Supplies	\$225.00	0.0%	\$0	\$225.00	\$243.85	-\$18.85
Cemeteries Repairs	\$800.00	-20.0%	(\$200)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Interest on Loans	\$7,000.00	100.0%	\$3,500	\$3,500.00	\$9,303.29	-\$5,803.29
County Taxes	\$68,000.00	7.9%	\$5,000	\$63,000.00	\$66,247.98	-\$3,247.98
Veterans' Flags	\$400.00	-33.3%	(\$200)	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Scholarships	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Misc.	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Clerk Refunds	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Real Estate Refunds	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Real Estate Abatements	\$800.00	-60.0%	(\$1,200)	\$2,000.00	\$375.62	\$1,624.38
Bank Fees	\$1,500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,500.00	\$1,704.82	-\$204.82
Total	\$84,375.00	10.4%	\$7,950.00	\$76,425.00	\$83,770.95	(\$7,345.95)

Budget Versus Actuals



08 to 09 Comparisons

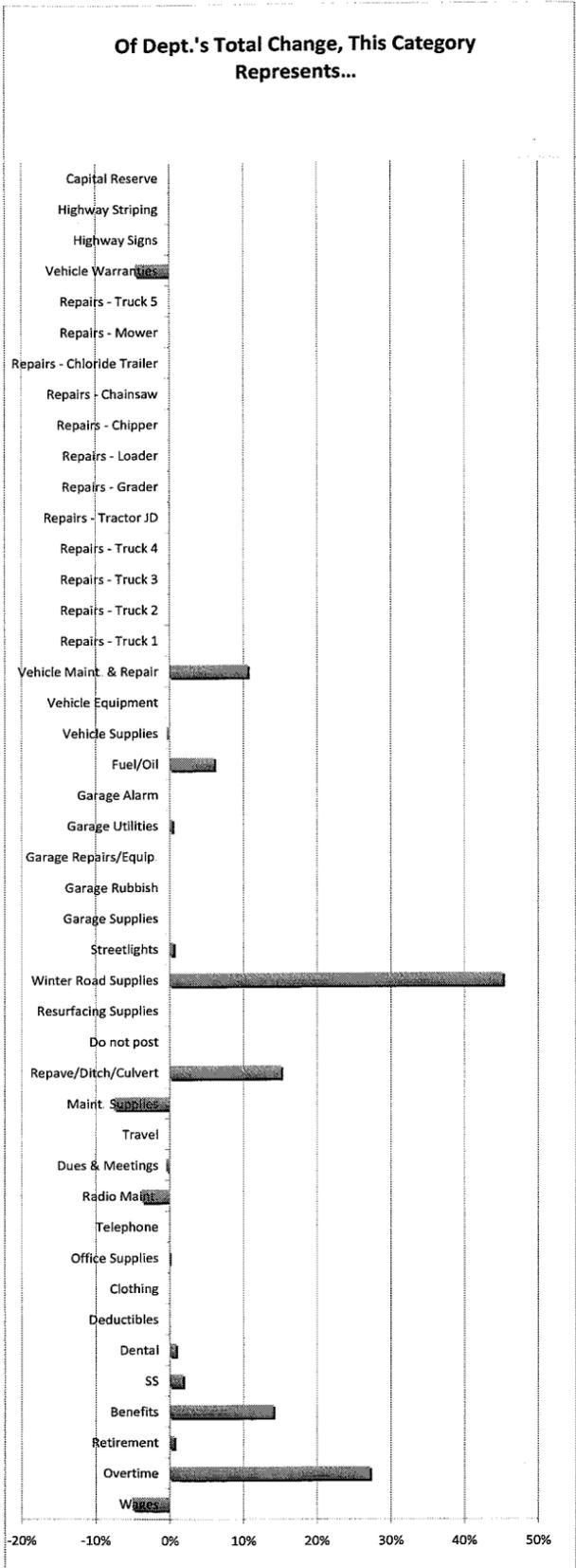
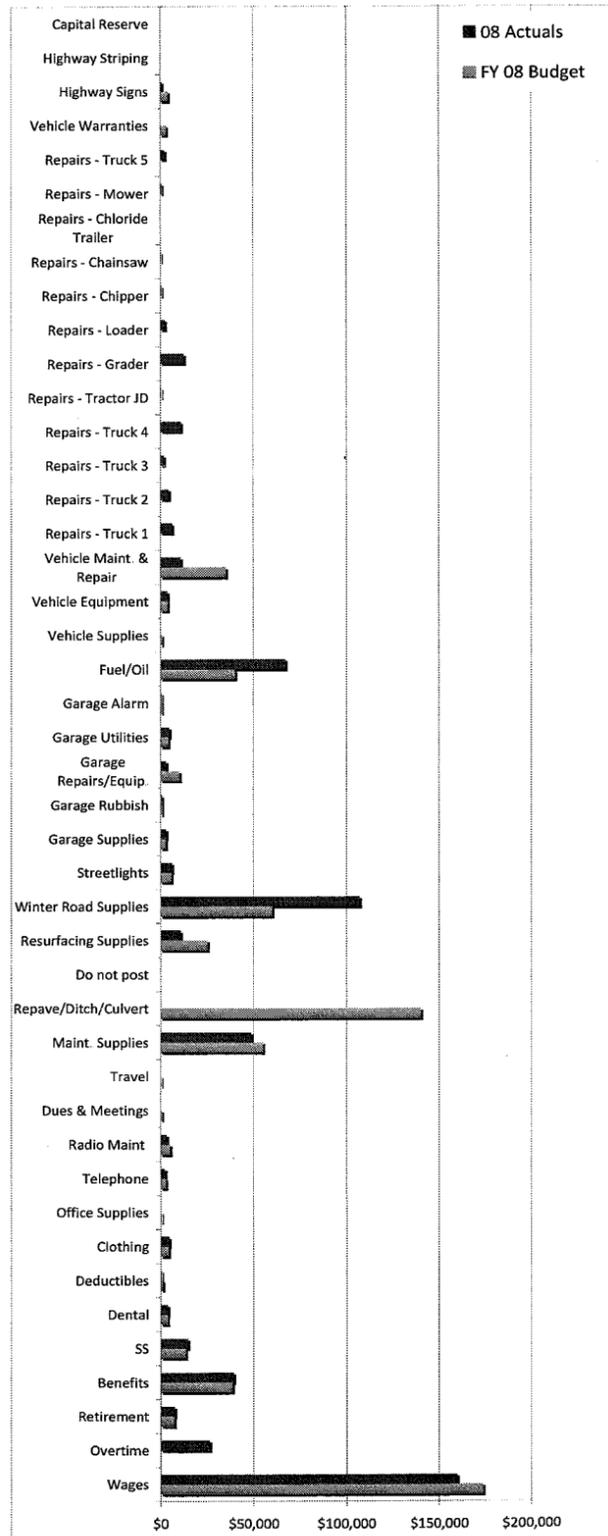
Of Dept.'s Total Change, This Category Represents...



Highway Budget

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Wages	\$170,413.45	-1.9%	(\$3,319)	\$173,732.00	\$159,830.11	\$13,901.89
Overtime	\$18,000.00		\$18,000	\$0.00	\$26,222.84	(\$26,222.84)
Retirement	\$7,536.54	5.0%	\$359	\$7,177.25	\$7,357.50	(\$180.25)
Benefits	\$47,662.00	24.3%	\$9,305	\$38,357.40	\$39,109.61	(\$752.21)
SS	\$14,413.63	8.5%	\$1,123	\$13,290.50	\$14,451.24	(\$1,160.74)
Dental	\$4,000.00	13.9%	\$488	\$3,512.11	\$3,573.71	(\$61.60)
Deductibles	\$1,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,000.00	\$400.00	\$600.00
Clothing	\$4,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$4,000.00	\$4,470.20	(\$470.20)
Office Supplies	\$150.00	-25.0%	(\$50)	\$200.00	\$60.93	\$139.07
Telephone	\$2,500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$2,500.00	\$2,159.96	\$340.04
Radio Maint.	\$2,500.00	-50.0%	(\$2,500)	\$5,000.00	\$3,048.49	\$1,951.51
Dues & Meetings	\$300.00	-50.0%	(\$300)	\$600.00	\$85.00	\$515.00
Travel	\$200.00	0.0%	\$0	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Maint. Supplies	\$50,000.00	-9.1%	(\$5,000)	\$55,000.00	\$48,682.63	\$6,317.37
Repave/Ditch/Culvert	\$150,000.00	7.1%	\$10,000	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$140,000.00
Resurfacing Supplies	\$25,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$25,000.00	\$10,559.50	\$14,440.50
Winter Road Supplies	\$90,000.00	50.0%	\$30,000	\$60,000.00	\$106,989.82	(\$46,989.82)
Streetlights	\$5,800.00	5.5%	\$300	\$5,500.00	\$5,964.70	(\$464.70)
Garage Supplies	\$2,500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$2,500.00	\$2,786.29	(\$286.29)
Garage Rubbish	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$523.83	(\$23.83)
Garage Repairs/Equip	\$10,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$10,000.00	\$2,820.04	\$7,179.96
Garage Utilities	\$4,200.00	5.0%	\$200	\$4,000.00	\$4,375.98	(\$375.98)
Garage Alarm	\$400.00	0.0%	\$0	\$400.00	\$349.19	\$50.81
Fuel/Oil	\$44,000.00	10.0%	\$4,000	\$40,000.00	\$67,206.26	(\$27,206.26)
Vehicle Supplies	\$300.00	-40.0%	(\$200)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Vehicle Equipment	\$3,500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$3,500.00	\$3,529.22	(\$29.22)
Vehicle Maint. & Repa	\$42,000.00	20.0%	\$7,000	\$35,000.00	\$10,733.35	\$24,266.65
Repairs - Truck 1	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$6,112.33	(\$6,112.33)
Repairs - Truck 2	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$4,324.75	(\$4,324.75)
Repairs - Truck 3	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$1,770.84	(\$1,770.84)
Repairs - Truck 4	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$10,938.20	(\$10,938.20)
Repairs - Tractor JD	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$213.71	(\$213.71)
Repairs - Grader	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$12,449.30	(\$12,449.30)
Repairs - Loader	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$2,187.09	(\$2,187.09)
Repairs - Chipper	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$492.81	(\$492.81)
Repairs - Chainsaw	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$185.00	(\$185.00)
Repairs - Chloride Tr	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$59.99	(\$59.99)
Repairs - Mower	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$481.30	(\$481.30)
Repairs - Truck 5	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$2,057.71	(\$2,057.71)
Vehicle Warranties	\$0.00	-100.0%	(\$3,000)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Highway Signs	\$4,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$4,000.00	\$775.00	\$3,225.00
Highway Striping	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Reserve	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$704,875.62	10.4%	\$66,406.36	\$638,469.26	\$567,338.43	\$71,130.83

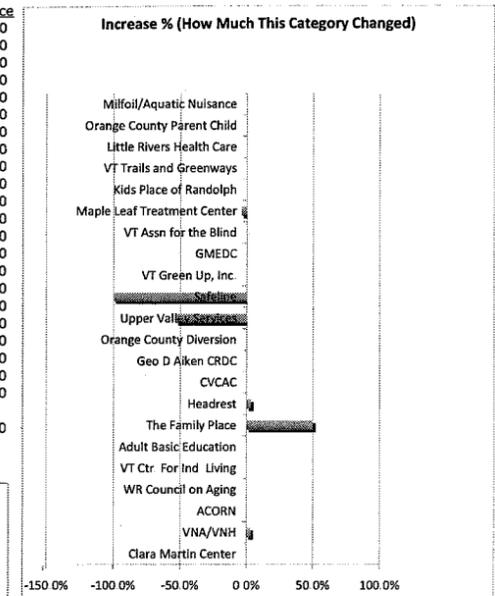
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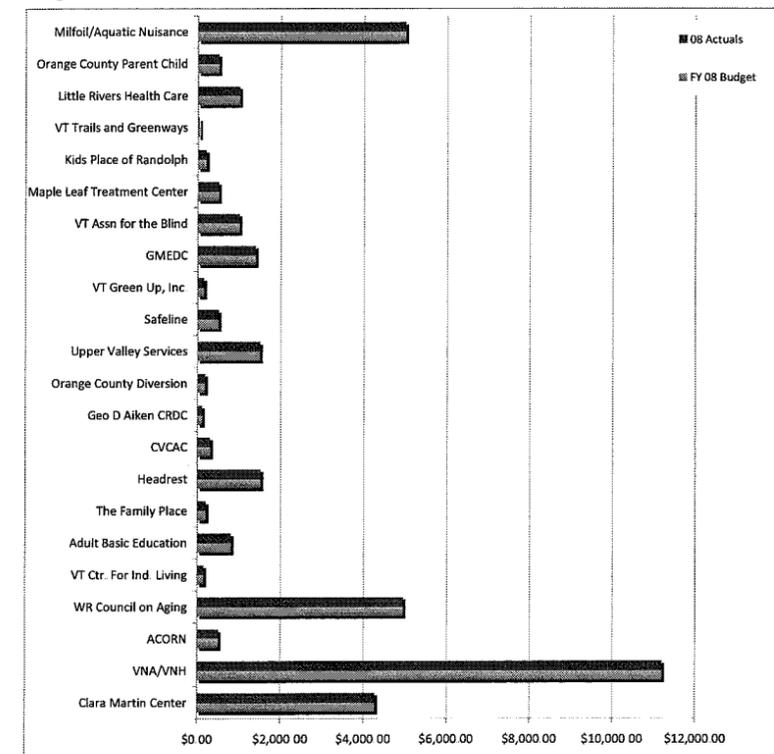
Appropriations (Separate as Warned Item)

Account	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
Clara Martin Center	\$4,266.00	0.0%	\$0	\$4,266.00	\$4,266.00	\$0.00
VNA/VNH	\$11,536.00	3.0%	\$336	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00	\$0.00
ACORN	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
WR Council on Aging	\$4,950.00	0.0%	\$0	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00	\$0.00
VT Ctr. For Ind. Living	\$150.00	0.0%	\$0	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Adult Basic Education	\$800.00	0.0%	\$0	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
The Family Place	\$300.00	50.0%	\$100	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
Headrest	\$1,564.00	3.0%	\$46	\$1,518.00	\$1,518.00	\$0.00
CVCAC	\$300.00	0.0%	\$0	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Geo D Aiken CRDC	\$100.00	0.0%	\$0	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Orange County Diversion	\$175.00	0.0%	\$0	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
Upper Valley Services	\$700.00	-53.3%	(\$500)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Safeline	\$0.00	-100.0%	(\$500)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
VT Green Up, Inc.	\$150.00	0.0%	\$0	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
GMEDC	\$1,392.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,392.00	\$1,392.00	\$0.00
VT Assn for the Blind	\$1,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Maple Leaf Treatment Center	\$480.00	-4.0%	(\$20)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Kids Place of Randolph	\$200.00	0.0%	\$0	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
VT Trails and Greenways	\$30.00	0.0%	\$0	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Little Rivers Health Care	\$1,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Orange County Parent Child	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Milfoil/Aquatic Nuisance	\$5,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
Total	\$35,093.00	-2.3%	(\$838.00)	\$35,931.00	\$35,931.00	\$0.00

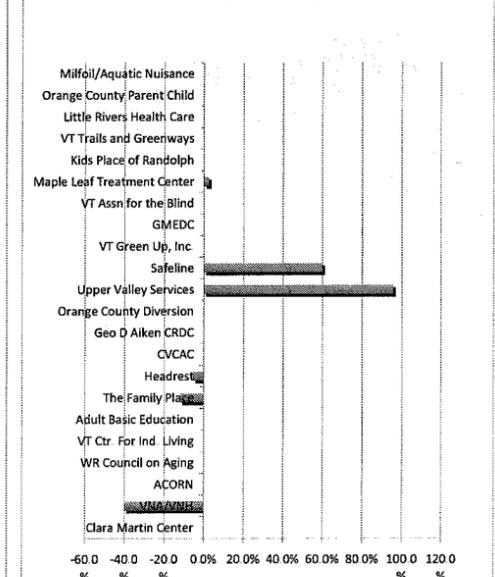
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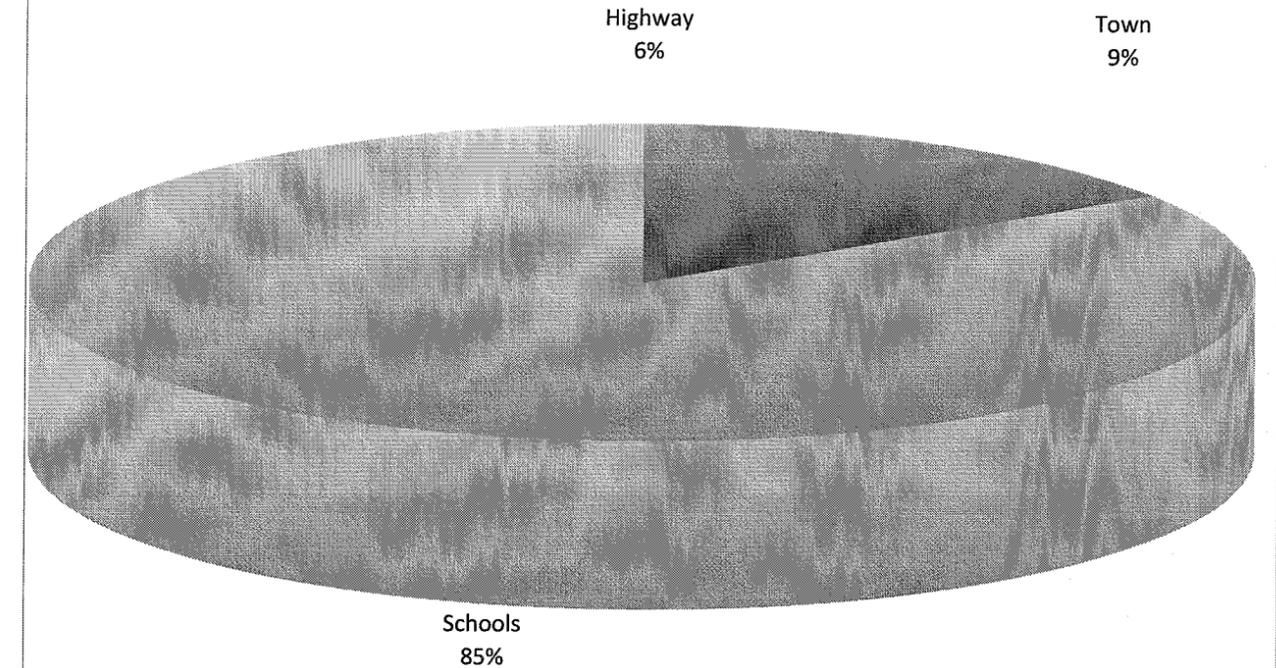


Non-Tax Revenues

Account/Description	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
100-2000-01.00 Hold Harmless Revenue	\$60,000.00	20.0%	\$10,000	\$50,000.00	\$61,582.00	\$11,582.00
100-2000-02.00 Add'l Taxes Billed	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2010-00.00 Budgeted Deficit-Surplus	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2020-00.00 Unrestricted (Fund Bal)	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2030-00.00 Interest Delinquent Taxes	\$9,000.00	12.5%	\$1,000	\$8,000.00	\$9,737.89	\$1,737.89
100-2101-00.00 Liquor Taxes	\$200.00	0.0%	\$0	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
100-2110-00.00 Dog penalties(bad owners)	\$500.00	66.7%	\$200	\$300.00	\$705.00	\$405.00
100-2115-00.00 Dog Fines (bad dogs)	\$25.00	-75.0%	(\$75)	\$100.00	\$25.00	(\$75.00)
100-2120-00.00 Dog Licenses	\$2,800.00	0.0%	\$0	\$2,800.00	\$2,918.00	\$118.00
100-2121-01.00 Zoning Permits	\$15,000.00	50.0%	\$5,000	\$10,000.00	\$10,710.24	\$710.24
100-2121-02.00 SubDivision Permits	\$2,500.00	92.3%	\$1,200	\$1,300.00	\$751.00	(\$549.00)
100-2121-03.00 PC/ZBA FINES	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2122-00.00 Septic System Permits	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2211-00.00 Penalty on Taxes	\$12,000.00	0.0%	\$0	\$12,000.00	\$14,710.73	\$2,710.73
100-2310-00.00 Town Clerk Fees	\$22,000.00	-12.0%	(\$3,000)	\$25,000.00	\$22,676.51	(\$2,323.49)
100-2310-00.01 Clerk's Over/shorts	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	-\$3.74	(\$3.74)
100-2351-00.00 Use of Town Records	\$250.00	-50.0%	(\$250)	\$500.00	\$276.00	(\$224.00)
100-2352-00.00 Office Supply Receipts	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2353-00.00 Zoning Material Receipts	\$35.00	-86.0%	(\$215)	\$250.00	\$37.50	(\$212.50)
100-2354-00.00 Communication Receipts	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2400-00.00 Traffic Fines	\$11,000.00	10.0%	\$1,000	\$10,000.00	\$12,703.50	\$2,703.50
100-2400-10.00 Police Receipts	\$1,000.00	300.0%	\$750	\$250.00	\$1,230.50	\$980.50
100-2440-01.00 Tax Sales - Publications	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2440-02.00 Tax Sales - Legal Fees	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2440-03.00 Tax Sale - Levy & Warrant	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2440-04.00 Tax Sale - Notice	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2440-05.00 Tax Sale - Other	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2630-00.00 Trash Sticker Revenues	\$1.00	-100.0%	(\$49,999)	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$1.00
100-2634-00.02 Trash Ticket Revenue	\$9,000.00		\$9,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2634-02.00 Recycling Receipts	\$2,000.00	-60.0%	(\$3,000)	\$5,000.00	\$8,132.03	\$3,132.03
100-2682-00.00 Cemetery Lot Sales	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2682-00.01 Cemetery Receipts	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$435.00	\$435.00
100-2690-00.00 Sale Town Owned Property	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2700-00.00 Treasure Island Receipts	\$17,000.00	-5.6%	(\$1,000)	\$18,000.00	\$17,087.00	(\$913.00)
100-2750-00.00 Recreation Receipts	\$23,000.00	-14.0%	(\$3,750)	\$26,750.00	\$13,636.00	(\$13,114.00)
100-2800-00.00 Insurance refunds	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$1,699.00	\$1,699.00
100-2810-00.00 Insurance Claim Receipts	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2850-00.00 Municipal Fine Receipts	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$27.50	\$27.50
100-2930-00.00 Bank Interest	\$8,000.00	-60.0%	(\$12,000)	\$20,000.00	\$7,841.63	(\$12,158.37)
100-2972-01.00 Listers' Changes Re-Bills	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2972-02.00 Tax Appeal Re-Bills	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2983-00.00 Federal Land Entitlement	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2985-00.00 Flood Cont-Water Resource	\$3,500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	(\$3,500.00)
100-2986-00.00 Current Use Withdrawals	\$0.00		\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
100-2987-00.00 Forest & Parks Tax	\$21.00	0.0%	\$0	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$0.00
100-2988-00.00 Railroad Tax	\$500.00	0.0%	\$0	\$500.00	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
100-2989-00.00 PILOT Revenues	\$9,000.00	125.0%	\$5,000	\$4,000.00	\$9,500.88	\$5,500.88
100-2990-00.00 Miscellaneous Receipts	\$1,000.00	400.0%	\$800	\$200.00	\$2,428.45	\$2,228.45
TOTALS	\$209,332.00		-\$39,339.00	\$248,671.00	\$199,068.62	\$398.62
Actual Net Effect on 08 to 09 Budgeted Revenues:			-\$89,339.00			

Highway Revenues	FY 09	Increase %	Increase Amt	FY 08 Budget	08 Actuals	Balance
State Aid	\$108,000.00	-10.0%	(\$12,000)	\$120,000.00	\$129,228.93	\$9,228.93
Other Revenue	\$10,000.00		\$10,000	0	0	0
TOTALS	\$118,000.00		(\$2,000)	\$120,000	\$129,229	\$9,229

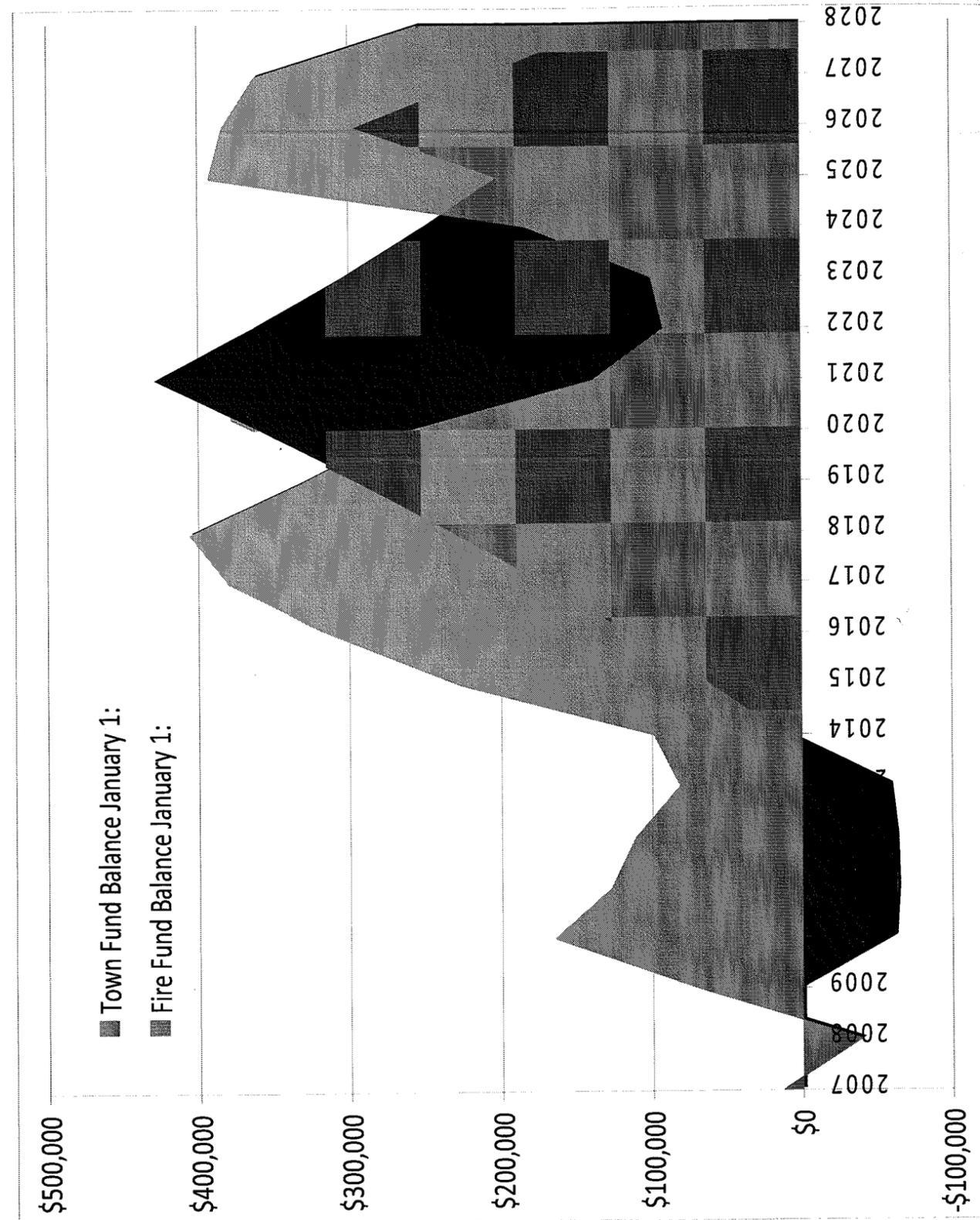
Thetford Share of Expenditures



**TOWN OF THETFORD
Capital Equipment Replacement Schedule**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Tractor - 12 yrs 06, 18		\$21,691.00	\$21,692.00	\$21,692.00	\$7,216.00	\$29,788.90	\$29,788.90	\$29,788.90	\$29,788.90	\$52,796.22	\$52,796.22	\$110,670.81
Truck 1 - 10 yrs 02, 12	14,557.42	\$6,983.00	\$6,855.84	\$6,602.00	\$6,475.00	\$29,788.90	\$29,788.90	\$29,788.90	\$29,788.90	\$52,796.22	\$52,796.22	\$52,796.22
Truck 2 - 10 yrs 05, 15	\$87,909.00	\$6,983.00	\$33,348.45	\$33,348.45	\$33,348.45					\$52,796.22	\$53,152.36	\$53,152.36
Truck 3 - 10 yrs 07, 17		\$27,005.34	\$26,485.99	\$26,485.99						\$55,963.99	\$55,963.99	\$55,963.99
Truck 4 - 10 yrs 09, 19	\$27,524.67											
Truck 5 - 10 yrs 06, 16		\$17,760.91	\$20,554.88	\$20,554.88	\$20,554.88	\$20,554.88	\$20,554.88	\$20,554.88	\$20,554.88	\$20,554.88	\$20,554.88	\$20,554.88
Grader - 15 yrs 10, 25		\$31,200.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19
Backhoe - 12 yrs 08, 20	\$17,760.91											
Loader - 12 yrs 08, 20		\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19	\$60,922.19
Fire Tanker - 18 yrs 04, 22	\$31,200.00											
Fire Pumper - 18 yrs 09, 27	\$79,200.00											
Refinance Tractor												
Projected Town Costs:	\$226,952.00	\$55,679.34	\$129,492.04	\$148,243.86	\$170,689.76	\$130,866.32	\$29,788.90	\$82,585.12	\$108,760.21	\$161,912.57	\$272,583.37	\$0.00
Projected Fire Costs:	\$31,200.00	\$30,000.00	\$60,922.19	\$0.00								
Town Fund Balance January 1:	\$13,443.28	-\$40,253.72	\$69,066.94	\$164,574.90	\$111,111.17	\$80,871.41	\$98,882.09	\$226,902.81	\$311,595.89	\$380,150.57	\$406,191.79	\$332,839.42
Projected Town Contribution:	\$125,000.00	\$165,000.00	\$165,000.00	-\$66,844.38	-\$66,166.57	-\$61,792.76	-\$53,501.19	\$80,787.59	\$111,351.35	\$167,351.35	\$226,711.35	\$289,632.95
Fire Fund Balance January 1:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$126,855.04	\$133,394	\$141,397	\$158,874	\$178,511	\$189,222	\$200,575	\$212,609	\$201,222
Projected Fire Contribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$66,844.38	-\$66,166.57	-\$61,792.76	-\$53,501.19	\$80,787.59	\$111,351.35	\$167,351.35	\$226,711.35	\$289,632.95
Application of Surplus, Other Revenue			\$60,000.00									
Other Financing	\$110,940.00											
Sale of Equipment	\$255.00											
Capital Outlay	-\$119,649.00											
Debt Service-Principle	-\$163,024.00											
Debt Service-Interest	-\$7,219.00											
Town Fund Balance December 31:	-\$40,253.72	\$69,066.94	\$164,574.90	\$126,855.04	\$111,111.17	\$80,871.41	\$98,882.09	\$226,902.81	\$311,595.89	\$380,150.57	\$406,191.79	\$332,839.42
Fire Fund Balance December 31:	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$60,922.19	-\$66,844.38	-\$66,166.57	-\$61,792.76	-\$53,501.19	\$80,787.59	\$111,351.35	\$167,351.35	\$226,711.35	\$289,632.95
Vehicle Inflation Rate:	6.00%											
Shown as 2006 Index	106.00%	112.36%	119.10%	126.25%	133.82%	141.85%	150.36%	159.38%	168.95%	179.08%	189.83%	201.22%
Price of 6-wheeler	\$112,000	\$125,843	\$133,394	\$141,397	\$149,881	\$158,874	\$168,407	\$178,511	\$189,222	\$200,575	\$212,609	\$225,366
Price of 10-wheeler	\$125,000	\$140,450	\$148,877	\$157,810	\$167,278	\$177,315	\$187,954	\$199,231	\$211,185	\$223,856	\$237,287	\$251,525
Price of Grader	\$190,000	\$213,484	\$226,293	\$239,871	\$254,263	\$269,519	\$285,690	\$302,831	\$321,001	\$340,261	\$360,677	\$382,317
Price of Fire Pumper	\$220,000	\$247,192	\$262,024	\$277,745	\$294,410	\$312,074	\$330,799	\$350,647	\$371,685	\$393,986	\$417,626	\$442,683
Price of Fire Tanker	\$220,000	\$247,192	\$262,024	\$277,745	\$294,410	\$312,074	\$330,799	\$350,647	\$371,685	\$393,986	\$417,626	\$442,683
Price of Tractor	\$60,000	\$247,192	\$262,024	\$277,745	\$294,410	\$312,074	\$330,799	\$350,647	\$371,685	\$393,986	\$417,626	\$442,683
Price of Loader	\$100,000	\$112,360	\$119,102	\$126,248	\$133,823	\$141,852	\$150,363	\$159,385	\$168,948	\$179,085	\$189,830	\$201,220
Price of Backhoe	\$100,000	\$112,360	\$119,102	\$126,248	\$133,823	\$141,852	\$150,363	\$159,385	\$168,948	\$179,085	\$189,830	\$201,220

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Tractor - 12 yrs 06, 18	\$110,670.81	\$124,349.72	\$110,671.81	\$71,129.85	\$71,129.85	\$71,129.85	\$71,129.85	\$94,549.98	\$94,549.98	\$106,236.36
Truck 1 - 10 yrs 02, 12		\$53,152.36	\$59,721.99	\$59,721.99	\$59,721.99	\$59,721.99	\$59,721.99	\$100,222.98	\$100,222.98	\$100,222.98
Truck 2 - 10 yrs 05, 15		\$55,963.99	\$55,963.99	\$55,963.99	\$55,963.99	\$55,963.99	\$55,963.99	\$143,715.98	\$143,715.98	\$143,715.98
Truck 3 - 10 yrs 07, 17										
Truck 4 - 10 yrs 09, 19										
Truck 5 - 10 yrs 06, 16										
Grader - 15 yrs 10, 25										
Backhoe - 12 yrs 08, 20										
Loader - 12 yrs 08, 20										
Fire Tanker - 18 yrs 04, 22										
Fire Pumper - 18 yrs 09, 27										
Refinance Tractor										
Projected Town Costs:	\$279,509.15	\$350,269.27	\$283,439.00	\$243,897.04	\$184,175.04	\$71,129.85	\$309,395.81	\$338,488.94	\$444,725.31	\$444,725.31
Projected Fire Costs:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$139,719.34	\$139,719.34	\$139,719.34	\$139,719.34	\$0.00	\$186,976.00	\$186,976.00
Town Fund Balance January 1:	\$332,839.42	\$264,515.14	\$138,101.84	\$91,950.16	\$99,577.69	\$182,018.67	\$393,501.82	\$383,675.79	\$362,730.80	\$254,602.10
Projected Town Contribution:	\$211,184.87	\$223,855.96	\$237,287.32	\$251,524.56	\$266,616.03	\$282,612.99	\$299,569.77	\$317,543.96	\$336,596.60	\$356,792.39
Fire Fund Balance January 1:	\$293,206.00	\$360,117.28	\$431,043.24	\$366,505.41	\$306,478.47	\$251,233.07	\$201,056.11	\$295,971.04	\$209,604.87	\$129,275.28
Projected Fire Contribution	\$63,123.85	\$66,911.28	\$70,925.96	\$75,181.51	\$79,692.40	\$84,473.95	\$89,542.38	\$94,914.93	\$100,609.82	\$106,646.41
Application of Surplus, Other Revenue										
Other Financing										
Sale of Equipment										
Capital Outlay										
Debt Service-Principle										
Debt Service-Interest										
Town Fund Balance December 31:	\$264,515.14	\$138,101.84	\$91,950.16	\$99,577.69	\$182,018.67	\$393,501.82	\$383,675.79	\$362,730.80	\$254,602.10	\$166,669.18
Fire Fund Balance December 31:	\$356,329.85	\$427,028.56	\$501,969.19	\$301,967.58	\$246,451.53	\$195,987.68	\$150,879.16	\$390,885.97	\$123,238.69	\$48,945.70
Vehicle Inflation Rate:										
Shown as 2006 Index	213.29%	226.09%	239.66%	254.04%	269.28%	285.43%	302.56%	320.71%	339.96%	360.35%
Price of 6-wheeler	\$238,888	\$253,221	\$268,415	\$284,519	\$301,591	\$319,686	\$338,867	\$359,199	\$380,751	\$403,596
Price of 10-wheeler	\$266,616	\$282,613	\$299,570	\$317,544	\$336,597	\$356,792	\$378,200	\$400,892	\$424,945	\$450,442
Price of Grader	\$405,256	\$429,572	\$455,346	\$482,667	\$511,627	\$542,324	\$574,864	\$609,356	\$645,917	\$684,672
Price of Fire Pumper	\$469,244	\$497,399	\$527,243	\$558,877	\$592,410	\$627,955	\$665,632	\$705,570	\$747,904	\$792,778
Price of Fire Tanker	\$469,244	\$497,399	\$527,243	\$558,877	\$592,410	\$627,955	\$665,632	\$705,570	\$747,904	\$792,778
Price of Tractor	\$469,244	\$497,399	\$527,243	\$558,877	\$592,410	\$627,955	\$665,632	\$705,570	\$747,904	\$792,778
Price of Loader	\$213,293	\$226,090	\$239,656	\$254,035	\$269,277	\$285,434	\$302,560	\$320,714	\$339,956	\$360,354
Price of Backhoe	\$213,293	\$226,090	\$239,656	\$254,035	\$269,277	\$285,434	\$302,560	\$320,714	\$339,956	\$360,354



DELINQUENT TAX LIST
As of December 31, 2008

	2008	2007	2006	TOTAL
Banios, Philip, Jr.	\$ 3,137.15	\$ 2,481.37		\$ 5,618.52
Blanchfield, L	3,791.97	2,205.50		5,997.47
Cadwell, Floyd and Louis*	1,790.54			1,790.54
Davidonis, Theresa	1,635.20	2,033.63		3,668.83
Farnham, Robert	1,563.25	1,381.26	792.95	3,737.46
Giguere, Eugene	1,203.96	703.16		1,907.12
Guyer, Paula & William	1,187.34			1,187.34
Howard, Adam & Theresa	1,566.15			1,566.15
Howe, Matthew & Kimberly	977.70			977.70
Howe, Wanda & Matthew*	1,547.68			1,547.68
Hurt, James	1,080.08			1,080.08
Johnson Trust	6,541.85	6,051.93		12,593.78
Jordan, William & Delinda	5,052.17	543.06		5,595.23
Manning, Arvin Jr. & Dyke, Patti	2,218.94	2,045.70	2,252.04	6,516.68
Martin, John C.	3,710.57	2,297.48	0.65	6,008.70
Martin, Robert & Patricia	1,703.31			1,703.31
Mitchell, Joseph & Kendra*	973.62			973.62
Mortimer, Kathryn	1,647.02			1,647.02
Niffka, Walter	238.01			238.01
Parker, Martin & Tammy	1,424.10			1,424.10
Perkins, Kippy and Roger	548.51			548.51
Pompy Press	3,052.65	2,824.04	2,123.90	8,000.59
Provost, David & Alicia	2,946.77			2,946.77
Ranciato, Craig	811.35			811.35
Santor, Allen	2,687.46	1,524.83		4,212.29
Small, Henry & Angel	3,153.22			3,153.22
Smith, Richard	5,682.01			5,682.01
Stevens, Shawn	700.00			700.00
Stowell, Melba	2,200.95			2,200.95
Swasey, Wayne & Monica	1,553.44			1,553.44
Tyler, Hillary	2,227.85	2,109.85	253.70	253.70
White, Brenda & Amadon, Terry	3,295.64			3,295.64
Wood, Michael & Nancy	1,569.52			1,569.52
Young, Lucy	2,647.20			2,647.20
TOTALS	\$76,067.18	\$26,201.81	\$5,423.24	\$107,945.93

* Indicates taxes paid in full by January 31, 2009

Town of Thetford
Schedule of Indebtedness
12/31/2008

	Balance 1/1/2008	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2008	Interest Paid In 2008
Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Town Hall Improvements, Interest Ranging from 1.55% to 5.0%, Interest Due Each June 1 and December 1, Principal Due Each December 1 through 2022	450,000	0	30,000	420,000	9,230
Note Payable - John Deere Credit, Backhoe and loader, Interest at 4.5%, \$41,109 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Annually on October 29 through 2013	0	180,000	0	180,000	0
Note Payable - State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, Pumper/Tanker, Interest at 2%, \$30,000 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Annually on December 31 Through 2008	30,000	0	30,000	0	600
Note Payable - State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, Freightliner, Interest at 2%, \$77,900 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Annually on June 30 Through 2009	51,934	0	25,966	25,968	1,038
Note Payable - State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, International, Interest at 2%, \$6,348 Principal due annually plus interest on June 30 Through 2009	31,740	0	6,348	25,392	635
Note Payable - Merchants Bank, Tractor, Mower, Chipper, Broom, Interest at 4.5% \$1,808 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Monthly Through 4/15/11.	67,015	0	19,137	47,878	2,541
Total	630,689	180,000	111,451	699,238	14,044
Tax Anticipation Notes	0	1,350,000	1,350,000	0	9,303

Annual Maturities

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013-2017	2018-2022	Total
30,000 18,234	30,000 17,175	30,000 16,050	30,000 14,892	150,000 55,929	150,000 21,990	420,000 144,270
40,406 702	40,534 575	40,668 441	40,809 300	40,956 154	0 0	203,373 2,172
0 0	0 0	0 0		0 0	0 0	0 0
25,967 519	0 0	0 0		0 0	0 0	25,967 519
6,348 508	6,348 381	6,348 254	6,348 127	0	0	25,392 1,270
19,942 1,750 122,663 21,713	20,858 834 97,740 18,965	7,149 67 84,165 16,812	0 0 77,157 15,319	0 0 190,956 56,083	0 0 150,000 21,990	47,949 2,651 722,681 150,882
144,376	116,705	100,977	92,476	247,039	171,990	873,563

PROPERTY TAX RECONCILIATION
Year Ending December 31, 2008

Final Tax Billings	6,256,162
Less State Education Taxes	(4,625,073)
Net Tax Billings	<u>1,631,089</u>
Tax Billings accounted for as follows:	
General Fund	919,620
Highway Fund	541,469
Equipment Fund	165,000
Bridge Walkway Fund	<u>5,000</u>
Total Billings	<u>1,631,089</u>

ESTIMATED TAX RATES FOR 2009
(TOWN, HIGHWAY, WARNED ARTICLES)
USING 2008 GRAND LIST

	Amount to be Raised	Grand List	2009 Estimated Tax Rate	For Comparison 2008 Actual
Town	\$895,552.23	\$3,062,789.03	.2924	.2800
Highway	\$551,875.62	\$3,062,789.03	.1802	.1768
Warned Articles	\$221,393.00	\$3,062,789.03	.0723	.0753
TOTAL	\$1,668,820.85	\$3,062,789.03	.5449	.5321

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

TREASURER REPORT

The town treasurer is keeper of the town's financial accounts. The treasurer invests town money, keeps a record of taxes voted, and pays bills when orders to do so are properly submitted. The treasurer interacts with other town officials to ensure that the town finances run smoothly and is responsible for all funds collected, allocated to and disbursed by the various departments and entities that exist within the municipality. Payroll and employee benefits are also administered through this office.

We hope you will take the time to read through the information in the Financial Section of this Town Report. You will see that the General Fund showed a surplus of \$17,872 and the Highway Fund showed a surplus of \$120,350, due mainly to paving projects being put on hold because of rising fuel and salt costs.

The Town used the accounting firm of Sullivan and Powers to audit the Town financial records. These reports will be available at Town Hall.

In 2008, state credits were applied directly to the tax bills. This process ran smoothly for the 506 residents who received payments totaling \$807,531 by filing their HS-122 Declaration of Residency before the April 15th deadline. There were an additional 65 residents who received \$81,378 in state payments and a revised tax bill because this form was not filed by the April 15th deadline and 34 residents who filed too late to receive a state credit. If you are a resident, please be sure to fill out the HS-122 form every year before the April 15th deadline. This deadline applies even if you file for an extension on your taxes. These forms can be found in the Vermont Income Tax Booklet or on line at www.vermont.gov. As for Property tax delinquencies, the December 31, 2008 total was \$107,945.93 (1.96% of taxes billed).

It is a pleasure to work closely with all department heads that review their financial reports on a regular basis and have worked hard to stay within their budgets.

Our office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:00 to 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Graff, Treasurer
 Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Treasurer

* NOTES *

ANNUAL REPORTS

2008

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

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society enjoyed a busy and productive year, with a number of programs and activities for young and old alike.

We had several notable acquisitions in 2008, including an 1820 catalogue from Thetford Academy. The catalogue is actually a broadside, rather than a book, and is interesting because it lists the names of students, where they were from, and where they boarded. Just one year after the Academy was founded, there were 133 students in attendance - most local, but others from as far away as North Carolina and Canada. Trustees and teachers are also listed. Bill Estabrook and Joan Tomasi gave us a wonderful box containing a variety of old garments. We also received an early painting of Lake Fairlee, transcribed copies of Civil War letters written by Alden Hildreth, and materials from the former Camp Quinibeck. Collection write ups completed include the papers of the Timothy Frost Church and the Post Mills Church.

In March, We co-sponsored a program featuring Dartmouth professor Colin Calloway from his book entitled, *"The Scratch of a Pen - 1763 and the Transformation of North America"*, which provided historical perspective for the settlement of the Connecticut River Valley, and the interactions between settlers and native peoples. We continued to assist Thetford Elementary School's 5th grade in their study of the American Revolutionary period, and sponsored a full-day Revolutionary War Re-enactment on the Thetford Hill Common in May. Students heard from retired Dartmouth professor Jere Daniell, who spoke about life in early Thetford. Selectman Mike Brown read a Vermont Constitutional Convention document to the group who were gathered in the Congregational Church, as residents would have done in the 18th century. Members of the 25th Massachusetts Continental Regiment, and THS personnel had stations set up around the Common and in our library, where students participated in a number of activities.

In the fall, we gathered up items from our collection for the Kindergarten classes at the Elementary School to study in their comparison of past to present. Included were baby and children's clothing, a wooden sled, a B&M Railroad lantern, and a CD of historic Thetford photos, featuring students and district schoolhouses, passenger trains, steam engines and the stagecoach at local railroad stations, snow rolling, and log drives on the Connecticut River.

Thetford Academy students also visited during the year. Steve Neiderhauser's Human Geography class utilized Historical Society resources while researching the original Academy buildings, and provided us with recordings of oral histories obtained during the project. Mr. Neiderhauser's students also traveled to our Library to view and learn more about our two James Wilson Globes. Joe Deffner's then 7th graders visited in the spring, in conjunction with putting together a Thetford Center Quest. In the fall, the current 7th grade was here for two days, mining for information for a Civil War Cemetery Quest, also focusing on Thetford Center.

An interest in learning about local history doesn't stop with high school. Two local college students chose to focus on two Thetford women, Mary B. Slade and Beatrice Vaughan, as part of their Vermont History curriculum. Their research will be featured on the Vermont Women's History Project when it is complete. One of our favorite tasks is working with bright, curious, and interested students of all ages, and we're pleased to be able to assist in their studies.

The Vermont History Expo is held each June in Tunbridge, and our 2008 exhibit featured Thomas Chubb's Fish Rod Factory of Post Mills, and included examples of three rods crafted right here in

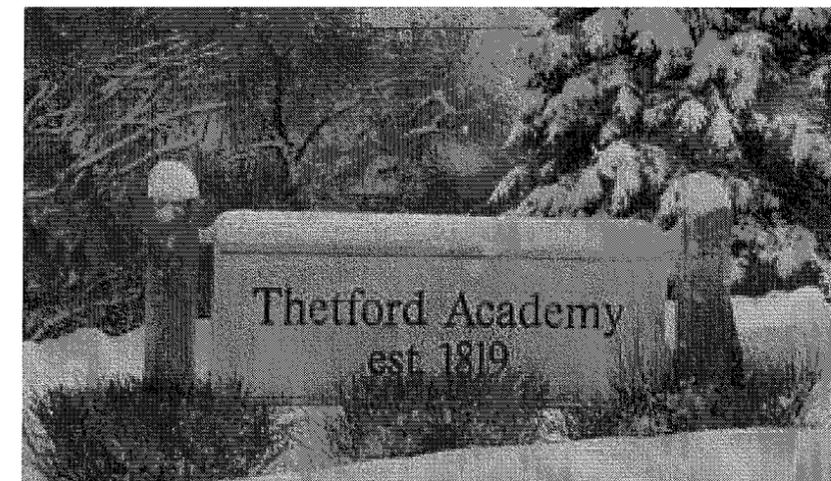
town. The display traced the history of the factory from Thomas Chubb's arrival in Post Mills following the Civil War, 25 years of operation, and a reorganization following sale to the Montague Rod Company in 1892. The exhibit also hung in the downstairs gallery of the Bicentennial Building in late summer.

The Hughes Barn Museum was open again on Sunday afternoons during the month of August. We continued our themed openings, and featured sheep shearing and spinning demonstrations, dairy farming, tools and inventions, and Thetford's charter. Exhibits at the Barn included examples of photo restoration by Meg Olsen and Tyler Brown, and a collection of early books for boys and girls. We also completed a number of repairs at the Barn Museum, including a crushed rock surface under our wagons and carriages, and a new sill and improved drainage at the rear of the great hall.

Our annual meeting was held in October. We met at the Thetford Center Community Building for a potluck supper and a brief business meeting. Two new trustees were elected: Aimee Toth of Post Mills, and Marshall Van Norden of North Thetford, Rick Hoffman was re-elected. We thank Richard Krzal for his years of service to the board, and note with sadness the passing of trustee Al Gollnick, whose enthusiasm and dedication to the Barn Museum will be greatly missed. Following the meeting, our speaker, Robert Bacon, spoke about his experiences researching and compiling the *Register of Persons Buried in the Cemeteries of the Town of Thetford, Vermont: 1768-1976*, a work of which he is justifiably proud. Mr. Bacon had many stories to tell, and also included reminiscences about his days teaching math, science and drivers' education at Thetford Academy.

In November, trustee Jennifer Boeri-Boyce led a history walking tour of Post Mills, as part of the "Saturday Strolls" series sponsored by the Conservation Commission. Our plans are to incorporate our Post Mills Walking Tour text with historic and contemporary photographs on our website, for a rainy day "then and now" walking tour. Look for it in early 2009.

Martha Howard
Assistant Director



Submitted by Sarah Clarke

HISTORICAL ARTICLE

A TOWN IN MOTION

Like many New England towns, Thetford has had at least its share of moving buildings. Partly this may have come from Yankee ingenuity, partly from the Vermont feeling that if something is usable, you should keep it and use it, partly from the fact that many early houses in town are of post-and-beam construction and therefore easier to move. Over the years, there have been many reasons for moving buildings: politics, economic development, home improvement, "eminent domain" to make room for government projects like roads and dams. To begin with, moving was done with wooden braces and rollers and manpower and oxen power; in more recent times, steel beams or wheels and oil-powered machines have revolutionized the process.

Of Thetford's villages, Thetford Hill has had the most building moves. The first move was perhaps the biggest. As the town and state governments separated themselves from the Congregational church in the early 1800s, the meetinghouse on the Common, which had served both church and state, was bought by the church, and rolled to a new location off the Common in 1830. In our Barn Museum, you can see two of the rollers, logs about a foot in diameter. Each has four holes spaced around the circumference, into which a man could put a stout pole and, working with several other men pushing on other poles, move the building the distance to the next hole.

Thetford Academy moved at least three buildings in the mid-nineteenth century. Its first dormitory, called Burton Hall, was built just north of the school building in 1846. Eleven years later, it was sold for \$200 to John Huntington, whose house across the street had just burned. He moved it across the street, where it still stands as Goddard Hall. In 1871, the Academy put together a new larger dormitory. A second dormitory, Bartholomew Hall, had been built in 1847 just south of the schoolhouse. This was now moved twenty-five feet back from the road; a new, larger dormitory was built in front; and the home built by the first principal, John Fitch, was moved to be added to the rear.

In addition to these institutional movings, there have been many others on the hill:

- 1) Shortly after Carl Anderson came to town to head the Academy, he bought the small Rouse house just south of the Grange Hall, moved it back from the road, turned it ninety degrees, and added a south wing. Ruel and Virginia Barrett live there now.
- 2) Across the street between the Coles' house and Slafter Hall, the small house long lived in by Madelyn Terry and now owned by Warren Shumway was moved back from the road some years ago.
- 3) In the late 1940s, the Harold Birds built a frame house at the end of the village proper. About thirty years ago it was moved down to the end of Old Strong Road, and replaced by the very modern house now owned by Jay Dunlap.
- 4) Judge Simeon Short, who lived just south of the double house, had a small, square legal office separate from his house. In the late nineteenth century, this office was bought by Asa Poor, who moved it to his house on Route 113 (later owned by Hazel Sayre, now by Michael and Mary Beth Zack) to use as his cobbler's workshop.
- 5) Up at the northeast corner of the Common, Christine Vaughan's store and post office used to sit on the corner, and the Vaughan home next door had a barn. In the summer of 1938, Charles Vaughan was (single-handedly) rolling the barn downhill to become a house for his

brother Raymond, when the hurricane came along and turned it ninety degrees. That's where Louise Vaughan lived until recently. About the same time, Christine Vaughan's store was moved straight downhill to become the kitchen of the larger house built by "Willum" Traut and later owned by Eleanor Hyzer.

- 6) When Interstate 91 was built about 1970, it displaced several houses close to its intersection with Route 113. A house on the south side, owned by the Nyes, was moved by Peter Pickett up to the east side of Houghton Hill Road, where the McCoskers now live. Connie Lightner's house at the intersection was moved partway up the hill, where Mary Lou Bradley now lives. The Prevosts' house at the end of Latham Road also had to be moved a short distance.
- 7) Just a few years ago, the cottage at the south end of the Common, built by Emma Thurston, then a home for Latham Library till 1975, had its roof removed and then was trucked to a new site on Route 5 by Robert and Marilyn Stone. Their house across Route 5 had been moved back from the road and turned it ninety degrees by its previous owners, Don and Martha Davies.

East Thetford has had only one move, but it was a big one - a church building forty by fifty-two feet, with a roof peaking at thirty feet and a tall steeple above that. In the early 1980s, a recently formed Baptist congregation bought an unused church built in 1836 in Cambridgeport, near Bellows Falls. Using mainly volunteer labor, they took the church apart, and rebuilt it on a new site east of Route 5.

The village of North Thetford began on the hills above the present village, along what is now called Clay Road, from the John Kinsman (now Kevin Brown) place to the Timothy Bartholomew (now Arthur Palmer) house on Route 5. When the railroad came through in the late 1840s, the flat land alongside the railroad became a more desirable location. Probably the oldest house in the village is the one just south of the library, long owned by Ethel Waterman. Elizabeth Cummings tells us that it was built about 1810 up on the hill, and was rolled down across the fields to the new main street. Erwin Stunkel is the present owner.

Another early house made a shorter move. It was built on the inside corner of the highway bend. After the church as built in 1860, the lot was wanted for a parsonage, and the small house was moved across the street, and is now occupied by Martha Howard. Elizabeth Cummings also writes that the Howe store building just north of the post office was moved from a store near the river owned by Barnes.

Considering the size of Post Mills, the village has had comparatively few houses moved. The upper main street from the Chubb factory to the intersection with Route 244 has several handsome brick houses which would be very hard to move. Most of the movement has been along the shore of Lake Fairlee, involving smaller frame buildings. The final closing of the Ely Mine at Copperfields produced two of the moves, both in 1906. Solon Kemon's white house near the Lochearn property at the south end of the lake was moved from the mine area and then across the ice on the lake (which cracked but did not give way) to its present position. Sandra Dion's cottage on Lakeshore Road was also moved from Copperfields, having been sold at auction for \$50.

Two other cottages on the lake were moved to make way for larger homes. In the 1920s, a small cottage at the corner of Lakeshore Road and Route 244 was moved east to make room for the present cottage on the corner. And when James Hughes bought land on the west shore of Passumpsic Point, he sold the cottage there (reputedly for a dollar), and it was moved to the other side of the point to make way for a new house.

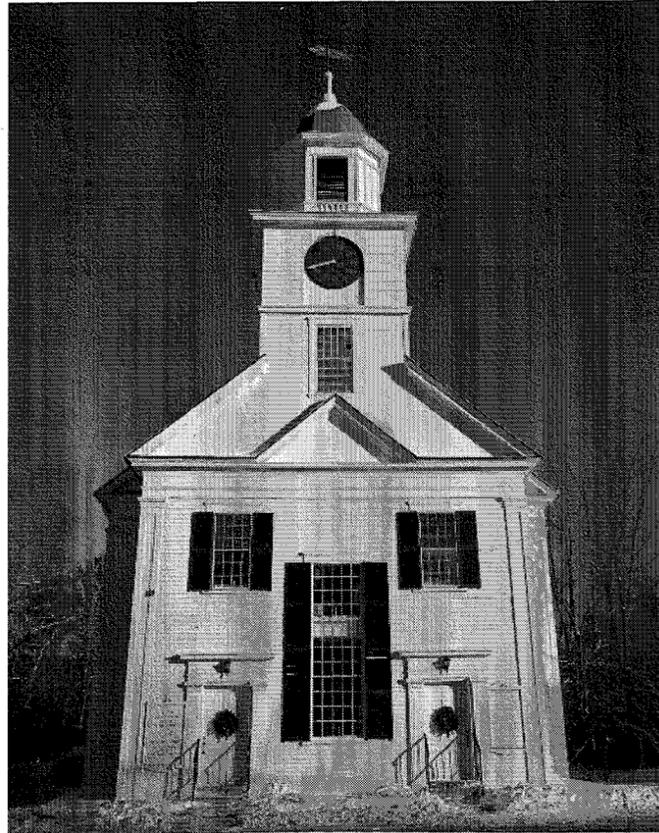
Before the Union Village Dam was built in 1947-1950, the federal government bought all the land that would be flooded if the dam were used. Most of the buildings in the area were simply demolished, but Kermit Cook, in an oral history interview, says that "the Britton Clark place [on the east branch of the Ompompanoosuc] was bought back... and I believe he moved it down to Ascutney... and Walter Clark [west branch] moved his house... down to Union Village."

According to the description for the Thetford Center Historic District, the village store began as a corn barn at the C.F. Porter house (just before the old cemetery on Tucker Hill Road before the covered bridge) and was moved by George Fifield, who also changed the roof line. About twenty-five years ago, when this store was enlarged, three double stalls of the church horse sheds were taken down and moved to the Hughes Barn Museum.

We can close with two single moves at opposite ends of the town. About sixty years ago, Don Eaton bought the no-longer-used schoolhouse at Ely, moved it from the town line down to the south end of the Ely road, and made it into a house, which now belongs to Howard and Diane Taylor. More recently, David and Gail Smith, in Rice's Mills, moved their family house uphill from the road and did a careful restoration job.

This is what we have been able to find out in a couple of months of reading and searching peoples' memories. If you know of a building we have missed, please let us know at the Historical Society.

Charles Latham
President



Submitted by Tyler Brown

THETFORD HILL PARISH PLAYERS

This year (our 42nd) the Parish Players presented thirty-two afternoons and evenings of entertainment:

- January: 'A View from the Bridge' by Arthur Miller (extended run) directed by Belinda Ray.
- February: Six Ten Minute Plays - 5 local playwrights.
- May: Thetford Academy students' 'Short plays' directed by Ray Chapin.
- June: Two One-Act Plays, 'Perigean' by Daisy Freund, directed by Nora Jacobsen and 'Mothers and Daughters' by Mark Ruffalo directed by Alan Gelfant.
- July: 'Circus! A Picturesque History' featuring Rob Mermin, founder of Circus Smirkus.
- August: 'The Dreamer Examines His Pillow' by John Patrick Shanley, a reading directed by Phil Celia.
- October: 'Tiger at the Gates' by Giradoux, a reading directed by Deborah Solomon.
- November: 'Stop the World, I want to Get Off' by Bricusse and Newley, a musical co-produced with NCCT - directed by Linda Neubelt.
- December: 'Love Letters Made Easy' - by Jeanne Beckwith, a reading directed by Sheila Kaplow

More than 100 Upper Valley residents worked together as cast and crew members for the above productions. At least another thousand enjoyed their work as audience members.

We continue to appreciate the tolerance of our neighbors and the willingness of TA and Latham Library to share their parking lots.

By the time this report comes off the press, we'll have celebrated our 3rd Annual Ten Minute Play Festival. Our Program Committee is presently sifting through over 200 entries. Somehow our 'request for scripts' went national over the net, thus the inundation.

Our audition notices are posted on the web as well by 'transaction ads' in the Valley News. Of course we always welcome help with backstage and production tasks as well as contributions of time and energy on our all volunteer board.

Producers and directors receive special treatment.

To keep up with our activities and find out more about us please visit our website at parishplayers.org. or call and leave a message for us at 785-4344, or send us a letter at PO Box 136, Thetford, VT 05074. We'd love to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted for the board,

Neal Meglathery

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 need to borrow or would like to donate hospital equipment, please contact a Legion member listed below.

The American Legion would like to extend our sympathy to the families of our departed members. They will be missed.

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.

Our American Legion building had a new standing seam roof put on during this past year. Orange County Contractors gave the building a much needed improvement.

This year it was necessary to have two fundraisers to offset building maintenance costs and American Legion community support funds. The yard sale and raffle raised over \$2,000. Thanks to those who donated to make these projects successful.

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

Clean up and planning continued in 2008 at 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.

Installation of Interim Water Treatment System - EPA installed a water treatment system to reduce the iron loads discharged from Tailing Pile 1 (TP-1) seeps into the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc River until the cleanup is completed. The system operated from July through early November and was very successful, reducing iron loading to the river by 99%, resulting in significantly less river discoloration this summer.

Installation of Horizontal Drains - Four new horizontal drains were installed at the toe of TP-1 in order to help drain water from the pile and to gather information that will help determine whether additional horizontal drains should be included in the final clean up design.

Monitoring Programs - EPA continued to monitor the surface water of Copperas Brook and the river along with the discharge from the toe drains and horizontal drains, and monitored groundwater. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources continued the biological sampling in the West Branch, which indicated that there has been no significant change in the health of the benthic communities this past year.

Independent review of the Cleanup - Three independent experts with over 80 years of combined experience with mine closures hired by EPA to review proposed cleanup plans confirmed that the engineering design developed for the Elizabeth Mine is fundamentally sound. In the words of the independent reviewers, "It is the Panel's opinion that the work to date has been appropriately focused on meeting a set of project objectives that will result in improvements of water quality downstream of the Site. The engineering solutions proposed in the NTCRA Closure Design are generally sound and consistent with current practice of closure at mine sites with acid drainage issues in humid climates." The review team found that it would be "almost impossible" to close TP-3 in place because of the steep slopes that are very close to the material's angle of repose. They recommended additional studies and planning in order to avoid increasing the amount of salts and acidity flowing from the site into the West Branch when relocating the materials from TP-3, a very steep part of the site that contains the highest concentrations of contaminants, on top of TPs-1&2.

Expert Hired to Assess Site's Iron Reuse Potential - The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources hired mining reuse expert Bob Hedin to assess the potential for passive treatments systems at the site and the potential for reusing the iron flowing from the site. Mr. Hedin estimates that approximately 20 tons of iron might be reused from the site annually as a pigment, if a cost effective system can be developed.

Cleanup Cost - EPA has spent (or committed to spend) \$16 million thus far for the buttress diversion channels and the copperas factory cleanup and \$7 million on sampling. Future work on the NTCRA cleanup will cost approximately \$25 million. The cost of operating the interim water treatment plant is approximately \$400 to 500 per month of operation.

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

Representative to the Thetford Selectboard, Neal Meglathery, 785-2016, neal.e.meglathery@valley.net

Representative to the Thetford Conservation Commission, Scott Stokoe, 785-2083,

scott.p.stokoe@dartmouth.edu

Elizabeth Mine Study Group Coordinator, Bob Walker, 785-4126, bobwalker@valley.net

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: John Adams – Orford, NH 603-353-9201
 Vice Pres: Doug Stone – Thetford Center 802-785-2140
 Treasurer: Bruce Avery – North Thetford 802-333-9671
 Secretary: Rhett Scruggs – East Thetford 802-333-4067

MEMBERSHIP: Currently, there are 247 members and 25 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 – 85 participants in 2008. Kid's fishing derby in June - 35 children participated in 2008. Sponsored a Firearms Hunter Safety class and a Bow Hunter Safety class in the fall - certificates were presented to 24 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 13 Bow Hunter Safety Students in 2008. A new activity this year was a Youth Fun Shoot was held in September. 14 young shooters shot metal stationary targets, metal moving targets and paper bulls eye targets. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer - one was sponsored in 2008. Vermont State Police and several local police departments have used the range for firearms qualification. Also, the Thetford Recreation Committee scheduled a paint ball shoot at the range.

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 completed a new and expanded *Connecticut River Water Resources Management Plan*. We will sponsor public presentations on the new plan during the winter and spring. The Plan emphasizes the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and encouraging natural vegetation along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the recently discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River. Landowners considering projects near water should check first with the town office to see if a state or local permit is needed.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

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) published major new Management Plans for Water Resources and for Recreation on the Connecticut River. In 2008, CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as riverbank erosion in Colebrook and New Hampshire's updated Shoreland Protection Act. We completed a new Five Year Plan that focuses upon public outreach, use of river science, and protection of the valley's natural, historic, and cultural assets.

Through the Connecticut River Byway, CRJC works with communities, businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for heritage tourism. In 2008, we concluded a three-year project to identify the Byway with way-finding signs. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site, www.crjc.org, for a calendar of events, useful information, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

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~ Giving Voice to New England's Great River ~

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

During 2008, 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. The current budget difficulties at the state and federal levels require even more consultation and partnership between TRORC and member municipalities. Major accomplishments for the past year included:

Regional and Local Transportation Planning – Two Rivers staff assisted communities with traffic counts, speed limit studies and intersection analyses, project management including procuring design engineers, processing requisitions for payment, and organizing public meetings for local input. In addition, TRORC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) worked with member municipalities on numerous local transportation projects and helped prioritize projects for the Vermont Legislature.

Local Technical Assistance - 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, funded by Vermont Emergency Management, FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security, focused on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff provided administrative support to Local Emergency Planning Committee #12 and represented the Region's interest on state and national committees.

Economic Development Planning and Downtown Revitalization – Under the EPA Brownfields Program, the Regional Commission continued working on assessing the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Most sites are vacant properties located in our downtowns. Clean-up funding is then sought to be properties back into productive use. In addition, TRORC maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal Economic Development funding by developing a regional economic development plan.

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 towns, groups and organizations by bringing together the technical, financial and administrative resources to deal with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. 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. In 2008, working with our partners, we secured and administered over \$125,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects. Examples of some of our projects include helping to develop parks and playgrounds, providing electronic benefits Transaction (EBT) card and debit card readers at farmers markets and traditional conservation projects like streambank stabilization. Starting in 2009, we will be offering whole farm energy audits for farmers interested in reducing their energy costs.

In Thetford, we provided \$1,600 for a Dry Hydrant grant to improve the water supply for firefighting. 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

Thetford is a charter member of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District which was created in 1990 for the express purpose of managing waste generated within its member municipalities. The district provided direct service to Thetford in FY 2008 while also planning for the member towns' long-term waste management needs, including continued development of the North Hartland landfill.

The District's contractor is nearing completion of the interstate bridge project approved in 2006 to construct an access road and bridge over I-91 to reach GUV's fully permitted future landfill site in North Hartland.

This bridge and eventual bond vote to construct the 40-acre landfill, which has been designed to last at least 50 years, represent the culmination of more than fifteen years of work toward the goal of controlling municipal solid waste costs and providing a regional solution to trash disposal. Both bond issues will be repaid by 'user fees' (future landfill tipping fees), not property taxes. District staff are working with their Vermont neighbors' to line up sufficient waste deliveries to enable the project to move forward in the next year. In the meantime, our partner, Twin State Sand & Gravel Co., Inc. will be utilizing the new access road and bridge to provide essential building materials throughout the entire Upper Valley.

As the population of the Upper Valley grows and the likelihood increases that the City of Lebanon, whose landfill currently provides disposal capacity for many communities on both sides of the Connecticut River, will raise prices or limit tonnage in order to extend the life of its landfill to benefit its own residents, other options will be needed. GUV's proposed landfill would be a local solution able to limit future cost increases to all participating towns. Currently, all other disposal options are only available at a considerable distance and at increasing cost.

Direct services to Thetford and its residents in 2008 included:

- Recycled and disposed of hard-to-manage materials collected at special events and the Thetford Recycling Center including: fluorescent light bulbs, car batteries, computers or electrical components, used motor oil, tires, packing peanuts, and obsolete propane tanks.
- 116 Thetford residents participated in district sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events, including one held at Thetford Academy. 74 Thetford residents used the electronics and computer recycling events held at the Montshire Museum and the GUVSWD office in North Hartland. Thetford residents also used GUVSWD services such as compost and recycling bin sales, fluorescent bulb disposal, and bulky trash, tire, book, and scrap metal collections.

A district events calendar and Green Guide will be available in the spring at Town Meeting, at all Town Clerks' offices, and at the district office. Contact the GUVSWD at 296-3688, by email at guvswd@valley.net, or visit us on the web at www.guvswd.org.

Ben Bradley returns as Thetford's representative to the District Board of Supervisors, with **James Masland** as the Alternate.

Fred Moody
Executive Director, GUVSWMD

GREEN UP VERMONT

This past year, families and communities worked together to ensure that **the first Saturday in May, Green Up Day**, would continue as a special Vermont tradition 38 years and counting! 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 raising awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment.

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. Children are our future, and Green Up Vermont focuses on education for grades K-12 with activities such as a curriculum for K-4, activity booklets, a story and drawing booklet, and the annual poster and writing contests. Please visit www.greenupvermont.org to learn more.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 12 percent of our budget. Last year, appropriations from cities and towns covered 14 percent of our budget, so we rely on your help to keep Green Up Day going. These funds pay for supplies including over 45,000 Green Up trash bags, promotion, education, 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 2, 2009, the first Saturday in May, is
"Green-Up Day"! Put on your boots, grab your gloves,
get together with your family, invite a few friends and
come join us in your community to make Vermont
even more GREEN!*

GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The GMEDC exists to foster and develop economic vitality and prosperity consistent with the goals of the communities we serve. Each year, communities call on us for help with serious needs such as when major employers move, shut down or are acquired by new owners. Sometimes, besides the obvious loss of jobs, buildings become idle and towns lose aesthetic as well as economic vitality. This puts the economic security of everyone in doubt.

Utilizing all 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 ameliorate some of the economic loss felt by hard-hit areas. Training and mentoring programs through the Vermont Small Business Development Center (VtSBDC), Vermont Manufacturer's Extension Center (VMEC), and Workforce Investment Board (WIB) help to bridge the gap between businesses, the trained workforce, and knowledge they need to succeed. Further, GMEDC is constantly seeking to improve the welfare of our communities through efforts to attract 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. The State of Vermont has provided significant assistance in all that we have accomplished. Our in-house relationship with the VtSBDC 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 improve awareness of all that GMEDC and the State of Vermont have to offer to improve economic development. In addition, the East Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (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 Economic Development Authority (EDA). More opportunities are emerging every day as we encourage businesses and municipalities to seek out our services.

Hartford, Randolph, Bethel, 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 municipalities to seek out our services.

Our "fingerprints" are currently on \$50 to \$60 million worth of projects in our development area. In addition, grants totaling over \$1,000,000 have been awarded in the last year. Many more are currently under consideration. Throughout Vermont, this has:

- Created or retained 3,016 jobs for the State of Vermont
- Added and retained \$101,588,826 in payroll totals to Vermonters
- Contributed \$17,473,645 in revenues to Vermont's General Fund

Shouldn't your community be more involved?

LAKE FAIRLEE ASSOCIATION MILFOIL PROJECT

Lake Fairlee is a valuable asset to Thetford and the surrounding community. Its continued enjoyment by residents and others is threatened by the proliferation of the existing milfoil growth, and potentially by the introduction of other invasive plants and animals. If the milfoil is allowed to spread unchecked it will hurt summer recreation, including boating and fishing. For fifteen years we have used hand picking, suction harvesting, and bottom barriers, to control the spread of milfoil. Our efforts have been called "a model program in Vermont" by the State regulators.

In spite of all we do, milfoil is still a problem in Lake Fairlee, frequently spreading in unpredictable ways. Without our continued work this nuisance plant will overrun more of the shallow parts of the lake. Lake Morey has had some success with the application of the herbicide Triclopyr, and we are studying their process to learn from their experience. Be assured that we are reluctant to put any chemicals in the lake, and will carefully scrutinize all available information before proceeding along that path.

We do not expect the milfoil problem ever to go away – even if it is completely eradicated it will likely return. We see milfoil as a maintenance issue, and accept that there will be continuing expense associated with it.

2008 Dive Program Facts:

- Our total program budget was over \$120,000.00.
- The State of Vermont contributed \$43,830.00. (\$1,000 less than in 2007)
- The towns of Fairlee and Thetford contributed \$5000.00 each, and West Fairlee \$2000.00
- Donations from individuals totaled about \$46,000.
- We were able to hold our expenses for administration and fundraising to about one percent of our total!
- The divers worked a total of 3304 man-hours over 18 weeks.
- They filled 2823 "catch bags" with hand pulled milfoil, which is more than 104 cubic yards. They removed another 83 cubic yards of milfoil with the suction harvester.
- They removed and relocated 132 sheets of bottom barrier, each 6' x 100'.
- Volunteers donated 683 hours of labor, valued at \$13,315.00.
- Their work included education, administration, and hand pulling with and without scuba.
- They donated the use of boats, trailers, and property valued at \$5259.00.

The Lake Fairlee Association is grateful for the financial support of the towns surrounding Lake Fairlee. We are appreciative of the care and concern of their citizens. With your help we can continue to preserve the natural beauty and economic vitality of our lake. More complete information is available on our website. Thank you for your support.

The Lake Fairlee Association Board of Trustees

Submitted by Skip Brown, 333-4541



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 sites for their services in Bradford at the Grace Methodist Church, in Chelsea at the Orange County Parent Child Center, as well as our current location at Ayers Brook Center in Randolph. Thanks to your generous 2008 appropriation of \$200, we were able to serve a family from your community over the past year. We provided supervised visits for these children so they could maintain ties with their non-residential parent. We are asking for an appropriation of \$200 in 2009 in order that we may continue to offer this valuable service to other Thetford families.

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 buttoncm@comcast.net or write to us at Kids Place, 35 Ayers Brook Center, Randolph, VT 05060.

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

PO Box 37, 5445 Lake Morey Road, Fairlee, VT 05045

802-333-4043 * 800-683-9196 * Fax 802-333-4234

Website: www.uppervalleyambulance.com

Email: info@uppervalleyambulance.com

To the Citizens of the Communities we proudly serve:

We are pleased to present our 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 responding to over 24,900 calls for service.

From a business perspective, 2008 has been an extremely challenging year. Soaring diesel prices depleted our fuel budget by June. Suppliers tacked on fuel surcharges, and the cost of most products we use increased throughout the year. Staffing became an issue when many of our staff who drove great distances to work here, could no longer afford the cost of travel. The loss of staff affected our transfer volume, which in turn reduced our anticipated revenue. Fixed fee schedule reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payors continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service, and prevents us from increasing our rates to offset rising costs.

We expect 2009 to be just as challenging. With a deep recession being forecast, UVA continues to practice conservative fiscal management. In the past when faced with a projected deficit, the Board of Directors chose not to increase the Per Capita charge to fully cover the expenses which exceeded anticipated revenues. Instead, we chose to fund the deficit with reserve monies. Unfortunately because of the rapidly escalating cost of providing service and the limited control we have over the majority of our costs, we are unable to subsidize the budget. The UVA Board of Directors approved a 2009 budget reflecting an increase of \$5 to \$20.00/ per capita. This is the first rate increase we have requested in nine years. To put things in perspective, in 1990 we provided a basic level service at a cost of \$14.00 per capita. Eighteen years later, we are providing an advanced level service at a cost of \$20.00 per capita. We appreciate the challenges of this economy and the impact of our request on town budgets. After meeting with several Selectboards, we have offered an amended request of \$2.50 per capita increase in 2009 and a \$2.50 per capita increase in 2010. Additionally, we will no longer use the 2000 US Census as a guide for our per capita figures, but instead use the US Census Population Finder, which estimates population and trends. These figures are updated every few years rather than the ten years in between the regular US Census. The Per Capita rate that we have been charging the last eight years has been based on census figures from 2000. The reduction in Per Capita fees will have some impact on our service, but will not affect our level of commitment or excellent service to the communities we serve. We will continue to search for grants, donations, and any other funding sources to help us maintain our goal of excellent public service.

Many of you may not be familiar with our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$45 per household, entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications are available at your local Town Offices, at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee, or online at <http://www.uppervalleyambulance.com/site/services/subscriptions/>.

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.

Larry Lancaster, Chair

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. Our members include all 246 Vermont cities and towns, along with 145 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 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 12 workshops and 38 on-site training sessions that attracted over 1,400 people. MAC distributed almost 150 hard copy handbooks to municipal officials, but also made all its handbooks available free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains over 500 other electronic documents currently accessible to all. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- 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. Municipalities will be facing significant challenges in the 2009 legislature assuring that state fiscal woes are not shifted to local governments and property taxpayers.
- 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 2007 for \$46 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services. Last summer, VLCT was instrumental in assuring that towns would be able to obtain road salt for winter highway maintenance at an affordable price and adequate quantities.

RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Rice's Mills Community Center got a lot more use by the community this year after recent renovations made it more comfortable and attractive. Some of the community uses included:

- weekly winter drawing group,
- a series of three local food workshops organized in conjunction with the Thetford Energy Committee: "Raising and Caring for Fruit" with Elmer Brown and Chris Wilson, "Soil Fertility and Soil Blocks" with Scott Stokoe, and "Raising Chickens" with Scot Zens and Niko Horester,
- monthly "Mostly Waltz" dances led by Gina Sonne,
- Lindy Hop swing dance classes in the fall led by Marisa Hebb,
- an afternoon of Belly Dancing led by Irit Librot,
- community Yoga Classes led by Carole Petrillo, and
- Spring and Fall Open Mic nights.

We continued our monthly community potlucks with slides by the late Al Golnick of his adventure up Mt. McKinley; Jim McCracken and Peter Tannini from their trip to Nepal and Northern India; Kate Cone and Bill Bridge of their trip to Utah and Bill Bridge's madcap adventures with friends in the White Mountains. Other potlucks were followed by an open jam music and sing along and our annual horseshoe and badminton tournaments.

The Rice's Mills Community Center is a valuable gathering and meeting place that may be used by the community at large. Anyone who would like to use the building for your event or classes, may contact bobwalker@valley.net or 785-4126.

Tax-deductible contributions to our capital campaign to support ongoing restoration activities can be written payable to the "George D. Aiken RCDC" and noted "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



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 assist families working toward creating better lives and to improve the overall quality of community life. This year, CVCAC served 14,923 individuals in 7,801 central Vermont households through Head Start/Early Head Start, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support Services, including emergency food and Crisis Fuel, and home Weatherization assistance.

Program and services accessed by 12 Thetford & Post Mills families with 35 residents this past year include:

- 6 households with 19 individuals were provided with emergency services, including food from our food shelves, as well as referrals to other community resources to address critical needs.
- 2 households with 8 family members used our Crisis Fuel program and were able to continue heating their homes.
- 1 child participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 3 additional family members.
- 2 homes were weatherized benefitting 2 families and 3 individuals. 2 households had faulty heating systems repaired and 1 household had a system replaced altogether at no charge.
- 1 individual learned financial literacy and began accruing assets toward a home purchase, education, or business.

CVCAC thanks the residents of Thetford for their generous support this year!

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in the Town of Thetford

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Thetford residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

VNA & Hospice clients are of all ages and at all stages in life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008, the VNA & Hospice made 1,488 homecare visits to 47 Thetford residents (unduplicated) and provided approximately \$33,312 in uncompensated care.

Home HealthCare: 1,159 home visits to 40 residents with short-term medical or physical needs

Long-term Care: 182 home visits to 5 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

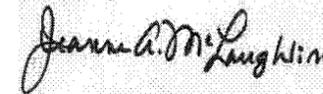
Hospice Services: 114 home visits to 2 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 33 home visits to 5 residents for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Thetford's annual appropriation helps the VNA & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President (1-888-300-8853)



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To the Citizens of Thetford:

We thank you for your continued financial support in the continued fight against substance abuse. The monies that you contribute are used to fund several programs that serves the residents of Thetford along with many other residents of the State of Vermont. Our Crisis Hotline, Crisis Teenline, and the National Hopeline – 1-800-273-TALK are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Headrest is 1 of 70 national call-in sites for 1-800-273-TALK and we are charged with being the primary call-in center for the entire State of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Last year we had received a total of 10,500+ calls on our crisis hotlines and this service is funded solely by the local Towns & Cities (like Thetford), the United Way of the Upper Valley, the United Way of Sullivan County and private donations. Our crisis hotline has been in operation for 38 years, that's more than 13,870 consecutive 24 hour days of continual service to the Upper Valley.

The number of Thetford residents who have called any of our "24-Hour Crisis Hotlines" is increasing each year. We have answered 132 calls from individuals who identified themselves as Thetford residents. It's clear to us that the Thetford residents have found our services to be beneficial and at times they were identified as the catalysis that brought change for a healthier lifestyle. Once again, all of our crisis hotlines stay operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and have proven themselves to be a valuable community resource.

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

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

Michael Cryans
Executive Director

Serving Vermont and New Hampshire 24/7 for 38 years

MAPLE LEAF FARM ASSOCIATES, INC.

10 Maple Leaf Road, Underhill, VT 05489

From Addiction to Recovery

Life was a lot less complicated in 1956 when Maple Leaf Farm first opened its doors as a residential treatment center for folks with substance abuse issues. The farm was staffed by volunteers, mostly alumnae of Alcoholics Anonymous. The idea was to get away from town, local watering holes and drinking buddies to "dry out". Alcohol was the substance of choice.

Over fifty years later, much has changed from the addiction to the recovery. Alcohol is still the most popular substance abused, but it is rarely used alone. Crack, cocaine, opiates, Benzo's, heroin and marijuana abuse often accompany an addict's alcohol dependence. Admission to Maple Leaf Farm no longer means just getting away from temptation or enduring the "DT's". Our Primary Care unit provides medically supervised and managed detoxification services with physicians, a physician's assistant and RN's on-site and available at all times. Patients spend one to seven days in Primary Care before transferring to Residential Care with their involved medical staff still available for consultation, on-going medication management, and to assist in cases of medical or psychiatric emergency.

Again this year, the number of patients served increased. From July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, 792 patients were admitted and spent 12,159 days at Maple Leaf Farm in search of recovery from their addictions. Data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration indicates that there are an estimated 11,000 Vermonters age 17 and older who needed treatment for drug use but did not receive it in 2005, and 29,000 who needed treatment for alcohol abuse and did not receive it. Approximately 8,000 of these men and women require residential services of the type provided by Maple Leaf Farm. It is our goal to provide services of the highest quality to as many patients as possible so that they may return to their families and communities to lead rich and productive lives.

Many improvements and upgrades have been accomplished in the past several years to the facilities at the Farm, the staff, and the programs offered to the nearly 800 men and women we serve each year. All are done with singular purpose; to provide our patients with the best possible opportunity to find recovery. We appreciate your support of our work.

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

In Vermont today, over 10,500 residents are blind or visually impaired. Vision problems can complicate an individual's ability to perform daily tasks, stay mobile inside and outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. Additionally, Vermont's rural nature makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who face similar challenges, and thus, create feelings of isolation and a sense that they are not understood.

During fiscal year 2008, VABVI served 1,147 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including 2 children from the Town of Thetford.

Since 1926, VABVI, a nonprofit organization, has diligently pursued our mission of enabling Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We are the *only* private agency in Vermont to offer a complete range of services to visually impaired residents – and at no cost to the client.

Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI has four offices statewide, located in Burlington, Brattleboro, Montpelier and Rutland. 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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Please contact Brendan Robinson, Development Coordinator, at brobinson@vabvi.org or (802) 863-1358 ext. 17 if you would prefer to receive this information by email. Thank you.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Since 1979, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been working with people who have disabilities and the Deaf to help them gain more control over their lives and access tools and services so they may live more independently. VCIL employees conduct public education, outreach and individual and systems advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY '08, VCIL responded to **2,000** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided peer counseling to **367** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and assisted **264** households with financial and/or technical assistance to make their bathrooms and entrances accessible. We provided **229** individuals with assistive technology and we delivered meals to **583** individuals through our Meals On Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier with three regional offices in Bennington, Windham and Chittenden County. Our Peer Advocate Counselors are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont.

During FY '08, 1 resident of Thetford received services from the following program:

- Information and Referral (I&R)

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 a community based, cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for eligible offenders referred by the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion.

A citizen Review Board, comprised of volunteers throughout Orange County, interviews each offender. The main criteria for acceptance into the program are an admission of wrongdoing, and a willingness to take responsibility for the offense. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs of both the victim and the community, and held responsible for amending the wrongdoing. 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 offenses of underage drinking.

A total of 253 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. Of this amount, 82 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 171 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. During FY08, OCCDP processed three cases in which the offender resided in Thetford. A total of fourteen cases were processed in which the offense occurred in Thetford. In cases involving criminal offenses, clients who successfully completed their Diversion contract during FY08 paid a total of \$26,715.00 in restitution to victims and victim related causes, and performed 802 hours of community service.

For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County. Thetford appropriated \$175.00 for FY08 to support OCCDP. Our program is requesting the same appropriation request for FY09.

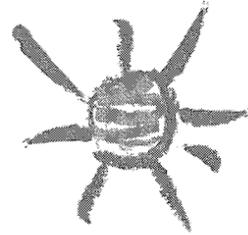
Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, PO Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)



Submitted by Sandra Miller

Orange County Parent Child Center

361 VT Route 110
Chelsea, VT 05038
802-685-2264



The mission of the Orange County Parent Child Center is to connect families with young children to their communities and wellness opportunities through education, support, and advocacy so that families thrive and build a sense of place within their communities.

We provide home visiting programs like Welcome Baby, Healthy Babies, Kids & Families, Children's Upstream Prevention Services (CUPS), and Family/Child Home Visits. In addition, we provide Reach Up case management for TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) recipients to help them get the education and training they need to find sustainable employment. OCPCC also facilitates a Families Learning Together program, nine community playgroups, parent/provider education opportunities, community outreach, referral services, and onsite early education programs at the former Chelsea Playschool. We are committed to helping families grow stronger on their own. As a parent child center, we serve over 500 families each year throughout Orange County.

In 2008, we have served 12 Thetford families through Reach Up, Welcome Baby, Families Learning Together, community playgroups, and our early education programs. Ten of these individuals were children age 0-3 years, ten were children ages 3-6 years, four were 6-12 year-olds, along with 18 adults. We believe that making high quality resources available to families equips them with parenting and life skills to make informed decisions about their family's health, welfare, education, childcare and overall success. We believe children and families come first in fostering strong communities. We'd like to make a request for an allocation from Thetford voters in 2009 in the amount of \$500.

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 are proud to be one of Vermont's 16 legislatively designated Parent Child Centers. We now serve 27 towns in Vermont, as well as 9 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 services, 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.

We are dedicated to ensuring that all young children in the Upper Valley region are raised to become healthy adults, and all parents have the skills they need to raise their children. While we provide services to any family with young children, our particular expertise is in serving those families most in need. With a primary mission of getting families off to the right start, we have a strong track record of success and are well known for our expertise in parenting.

The Family Place served a large number of families last year with our many programs, events, lending library, website and referral services. For more information on programs and activities, please view our website at www.the-family-place.org or call 649-3268 for assistance.

Elaine Guenet
Executive Director
(649-3268)



SAFELINE, INC.

Mission Statement: Safeline strives to end physical, emotional and sexual violence against women and girls through direct service, education, advocacy and social change.

Safeline has been dedicated to providing services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children for more than 30 years. Our 24-hour hotline is staffed by trained volunteers and staff who offer crisis advocacy, safety planning, information, referrals, emotional support, social service advocacy and safe housing for victims and their children. We assist victims of domestic and sexual violence in accessing Relief From Abuse Orders. We also provide support and advocacy during hospital visits necessitated by injuries inflicted by perpetrators.

For the year ending June 30, 2008, we provided at least 46 different types of service to more than 11 Thetford residents through our hotline, advocacy programs and in-person meetings. While safety concerns prohibit some callers from divulging any identifying information, we do know that more than 30% of women in the United States will be victims of abuse at some time during their lives.

It is critical for individuals and communities to send a consistent message that perpetrators will be held accountable for their violence and victims will be supported. We work with many community organizations to further develop our coordinated community response against domestic and sexual violence. To this end, Safeline staff members are active members of the Orange County Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force, the Community Partnership of Orange and Windsor Counties (CPOW), the Child Protection Teams of Bradford, Chelsea, Randolph and Royalton among other community groups that work toward the health and safety of all community members in the Safeline service area.

Our services are free and confidential. We believe that all people should be safe in their homes and in their communities. We are committed to providing quality services that offer a positive support system to all victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Contact Information:

24-hour Hotline
1-800-NEW-SAFE
(1-800-639-7233)

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 Chelsea, VT 05038
 Office Phone: 728-7900
 Fax: 728-7902
 E-mail: safelineinfo@safelinevt.org
 Web: www.safelinevt.org

LITTLE RIVERS HEALTH CARE

To have a firm persuasion in our work---to feel that what we do is right for ourselves and good for the world at the exact same time---is one of the great triumphs of human existence." -William Blake

Year 2008 is winding to a close and now is a good time to look back on our achievements. By August of this year we had added 564 new patients to the care of Little Rivers Providers and Staff. We have met our federal mandate to offer mental health counseling from our own sites by the addition of two part-time licensed clinical social workers. We have established a Low cost pharmacy program (340B) through the Wells River Pharmacy. We have been successful in building outreach bridges to our communities through our own programs and collaborative efforts with other health care and human service organizations. As we continue to increase our patient numbers and our services, insurers continue to increase premium payments as they decrease amounts of coverage for procedures. Our communities need to know we are caught in these inequities together. Together we will continue to work on ways to make health care accessible and affordable.

I once heard that we should try to give our children two things to help them to become happy, well adjusted adults: roots and wings. This could also be said of an organization. Our wings are just beginning to spread, and if ever there is a time when firm persuasion is needed, it is when one first takes flight. We will fly because we believe in what we do!

Gail Auclair, Chief Executive Officer

Affordable health care that is available to all individuals does not exist in very many places in our country. We are fortunate that in our communities we have access to Little Rivers. While care at Little Rivers is not free, the sliding scale for fees based on income and the accessibility of preventive care are important community assets. In addition, our new 340B low-cost prescription drug program with Wells River Pharmacy is helping Little Rivers patients access affordable medications.

Providing the community with these services and care continues to be a struggle. Because insurance companies pay less than the true cost of providing care, organizations like Little Rivers experience a loss of revenues. Our Federal Grant represents only about 14% of the Little Rivers budget. We need to work very hard to make up the rest of our income through fees for the medical care we provide and the income from our fundraising activities. The Little Rivers Board is grateful to our CEO and CFO for their hard work and to our dedicated providers who continue to work at high levels of productivity so that the community receives needed health care.

The Little Rivers Board of Directors spends much of its time addressing the financial needs of the organization. While it is an important focus for our work, we are also very interested in the quality of care the community receives. The Board fully supports the health care plan that was developed as part of our re-application for federal funds. The focus on addressing specific diseases such as diabetes and improving care for these individuals will help our communities become healthier as a result.

Carole C. Freeman, Ph.D. Board President

In the past year, Little Rivers has cared for over 500 local residents who have diabetes. This number represents about 7% of our total patient population. This makes diabetes one of the most common diseases in our community.

Family history, obesity, inactivity and high sugar diets all increase the chance that we become diabetic. This means that eating less sugar, getting more exercise and keeping our weight down all help us avoid or delay becoming diabetic. We can't yet change our genes but we can change our habits for the better.

We can check to see if someone has diabetes with laboratory tests to measure blood sugar. We also use blood sugar readings to help treat diabetes. Our goal is to have fasting blood sugars below 100 and blood sugars after meals below 140. Medications by mouth can help control the sugar readings. Often, injections of insulin do a better job at lowering our blood sugars. Sometimes a once daily dose of a long-acting insulin can greatly improve blood sugar control.

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THETFORD RESIDENTS SERVED BY LRHC = 81

Avg. Annual Visits Per Patient	= 4.6
Avg. Annual Cost Per Patient	=\$477
Total Cost to LITTLE RIVERS	81 X \$477 = \$38,637
Total Reimbursement @74%	=\$28,591
Un-reimbursed cost	=(\$10,046)

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LITTLE RIVERS must depend on its ability to maintain a sound financial base in order to fulfill its mission. Our fiscal stability assures that we will be able to provide expanded services to all of our patients, regardless of their ability to pay.

Consolidated Financial Statement

	Year Ended December 31, 2007
Operating Revenue	3,099,995
Operating Expenses	3,205,507
Operating Income	(105,552)
Other Revenue	65,220
Excess of Revenue	
Over Expenses	(40,332)

AUDITED RESULTS

**CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION
IN THETFORD**

~Local Partnerships in Learning~

Thetford adults and teens who want help with learning basic reading, writing, math and English as another language may receive that help through a free program of instruction provided by Central Vermont. Students enrolled in the program also have the opportunity to study for their high school equivalency exam (GED) or explore other options for achieving a high school credential.

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

Five Thetford residents were enrolled in CVABE's free programs last year and volunteers from the community help to make this education service locally accessible to everyone.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, a community-based nonprofit organization, has served the people of Orange, Washington, and Lamoille County for over forty years. For more information about Central Vermont Adult Basic Education services, please contact:

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

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

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

COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT

The Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (COASEV, Inc.) fosters and supports successful aging of seniors in the Thetford community and throughout Windham and Windsor Counties.

To assist seniors in Thetford we offer a number of services, including:

Information and Assistance - Our Senior HelpLine at 1-800-642-5119 is a toll free number which offers help applying for benefits, assistance with health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance, and many other services. **4** residents requested assistance this last year.

As part of the new Medicare Part D, prescription program we have trained staff available by phone, office or home. **6** residents received help this past year.

Transportation - Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.

Case Management & Advocacy - One on one case management enables seniors to access services which help them remain safe at home. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. Some clients who require nursing home level of care are able to remain at home with family caregivers and trained personal care givers. COASEV served **15** Thetford residents which is estimated as an annual cost of \$14,250.

Care Giver Respite - Through grants we provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia or other chronic diseases

Successful Aging Initiatives - We provide small grants to grassroots groups who attempt to promote healthy aging.

We do not charge for any of our services.

Submitted by,

Joyce A. Lemire
Executive Director

MEALS ON WHEELS

In coordination with Bugbee Senior Center, the Meals on Wheels program in Thetford operates Monday through Friday year-round with the exception of closings for holidays and snow day cancellations. A volunteer driver delivers meals on the lunch hour to a few of our neighbors in need.

This year we wish to thank the following people for their support, time and efforts during 2008:

Lorraine Carbino
Joe and Dot Tofel
Paul Rump
Alice Gollnick
Jeanne Boyd
John Hall
Alice Gnaedinger
Art and Dianne Sharkey
Ruth Sylvester

Thanks to these people, we have a solid roster to call upon to drive the Thetford route and deliver fresh home cooked meals to senior Thetford residents in need.

An extra special thanks to Joe Tofel who has taken on the task of implementing a mileage reimbursement system which will allow drivers to seek reimbursement for the cost of driving to WRJ and back to Thetford. Drivers need only to call the Thetford Coordinator to request a reimbursement for the cost of fuel.

Thank you to the anonymous donors who gave to the new mileage reimbursement fund.

It is ever so kind and very much appreciated! We hope it will compliment our dedicated volunteers and encourage new people to become volunteers in the future.

Please continue to reach out to your fellow neighbors and suggest this program to people you know who might benefit from daily meal assistance as well as a friendly face to bring cheer from day to day.

For referrals or questions, please call:

The Bugbee Senior Center, WRJ, VT, (802) 295-9068

OR

To volunteer in Thetford, please contact:

Nancy Vaughan
Thetford Meals on Wheels Coordinator
785-2576

 **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: Randolph, Bradford, Wilder and Chelsea. Services are provided through five major programs that 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.

It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to support the efforts of local community needs and subsidize care that individuals and families don't have resources to obtain. Below is our report of 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.

FY08 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC		TOTAL SERVED FROM THETFORD	
Children & Family Services	589	Children & Family Services	24
School Services	140	School Services	4
Adult Services	679	Adult Services	20
CSP Services*	214	CSP Services*	3
Safe Haven	13	Safe Haven	0
Substance Abuse Services	665	Substance Abuse Services	26
Corrections Services	190	Corrections Services	8
Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	462	Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic	15
Central VT Substance Abuse Services	766		
Total Served by Program	3735 (duplicated)+	Total seen within programs:	100
Total Consumers Served	2813 (unduplicated)	Total unduplicated clients served:	70

*CSP is our community support program that serves the chronically mentally ill population.
+ Duplicated count means person was seen in more than one service program.

ACORN - A COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK

ACORN is a comprehensive and professional AIDS service organization that has supported hundreds of HIV positive people and their affected family members. We offer case management, support groups, assistance with transportation to medical appointments, and emergency financial help for housing, food, clothing and medical needs. We also offer comprehensive HIV/HEP C prevention education and testing. ACORN services are free of charge and available to anyone living in Grafton, Sullivan, Coos Counties in New Hampshire and Windsor and Orange Counties in Vermont.

Overall agency services/outcomes:

In program year 2007-2008, ACoRN provided comprehensive case management services to 65 individuals living with HIV and their families. These services included emergency food, medical payments, linkage with the state drug assistance program for HIV medications, transportation to medical care, rent and fuel assistance, dental care, referral and support for chemical dependency and mental health concerns and other basic needs help to ensure that our clients are able successfully manage their HIV disease. The ability to keep our clients as healthy as possible provides a positive economic impact for our local community reducing the number of emergency room visits, lost days of employment and increased dependency on long term public/private support services.

That same year, ACoRN provided close to 150 prevention education programs to over 3,000 using scientifically-based curriculum and education materials. Major events at larger facilities like Dartmouth, local health fairs, etc. reach another 2,500 people annually. HIV/HEP C tests, inclusive of pre/post counseling, were provided to 78 individuals.

ACoRN also supports the local community and service providers by hosting "train the trainer" and direct training opportunities (at no cost) on HIV and Hepatitis featuring local and national leaders in the field.

Services specific to Thetford allocation of \$500.00 received October 30, 2008:

The allocation provided by the town of Thetford enabled ACoRN to provide HIV and Hepatitis testing and prevention education to Vermont residents in your community. This included purchasing testing supplies, educational materials development and distribution and some transportation assistance to persons who because of transportation barriers would not otherwise be able to get tested. All of the services provided by ACoRN are free of charge.

We have provided services to Thetford residents during the past program year, for reasons of confidentiality we would prefer not to identify that exact number.

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333-9724

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

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