

# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

**Town of Thetford, Vermont**

**Year ending December 31, 2012**

# THETFORD TOWN OFFICES

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

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## THETFORD POLICE

Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2200

## COUNTY AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Vermont State Police, Bradford – 222-4680

Fish and Wildlife Warden – 222-4680

Orange County Sheriff – 685-4875

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

PO Box 330

Thetford Center, VT 05075

Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2412

Don Fifield, Chief – 785-2604

Fire Wardens (Burning Permits):

Jeff Sirjane – 785-4405 or 291-0441

Chad Whitcomb 333-4123

Don Fifield 785-2604

## PUBLIC WORKS

Town Garage – 785-4679

## SELECTBOARD

Mondays at 7:00 PM

Town Hall

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Stuart Rogers

785-4392

## HEALTH OFFICER

Al Stone - By Appointment

785-4503

## LISTERS

785-2922 ext 4

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

785-2922 ext 3

## TOWN CLERK

785-2922 ext 5

## TOWN TREASURER

785-2922 ext 2

## RECREATION COORDINATOR

785-2922 ext 6

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## ***TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT***

***YEAR ENDING  
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## THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS

[term expires in “( )”]

### Agent to Convey Real Property – 1 year – vacant

### Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year – vacant

### Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year

John Wilmot ('14)	PO Box 6, E. Thetford		785-4090
Betty Waterman ('13)	PO Box 73, E. Thetford		785-3064
Mark McMahon ('13)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E. Thetford		603-667-0335

### Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 3 year

Jill Graff ('14)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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### Grand Juror – 1 year

Vacant

### Justices of the Peace – 2 year (next election Nov '14)

Richard Balagur	2021 Godfrey Rd, E. Thetford	Richard@Balagur.com	785-4514
Wendy Cole	146 Jackson Brk Rd, Thetford Ctr	wendy.s.cole@valley.net	785-2698
Denise Froehlich	725 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	denise.froehlich@valley.net	785-2097
Laurie Ingalls	346 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr	karolasting@aol.com	785-3190
Bill Keegan	PO Box 33, Post Mills	bill.b.keegan@gmail.com	333-9372
Rob Leitschuh	PO Box 289, Thetford Ctr	paintmegmp@gmail.com	785-2557
Roxy Maxfield	470 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4215
Michael Pomeroy	PO Box 128, Thetford	mcpomeroy@hotmail.com	785-2539
Cyrus Severance	PO Box 21, E. Thetford	severance@valley.net	333-4436
Judy Yocom	PO Box 82, Thetford	jyocoms@gmail.com	785-4478

### Listers – 3 year

Denise Adams ('15)	1100 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
Diane Osgood ('14)	PO Box 320, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
Janet Stowell ('13)	462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922

### Representative for Orange-Windsor (next election Nov '14)

James Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us	785-4146
Margaret Cheney	PO Box 521, Norwich, VT 05055	margaret.cheney@gmail.com	649-3039

### School Directors – 2 & 3 year

Charlie Buttrey ('15)	347 Cranberry Hill Rd, E. Thetford	charliebuttrey@yahoo.com	785-4005
Shannon Darrach, Chr ('13)	1240 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	shabbott88@gmail.com	649-1505
Howard Sussman ('14)	PO Box 523, Norwich	sussman@translegal.com	785-4909
Lisa Swett ('13)	1530 Latham Rd, E. Thetford	lmswett@yahoo.com	333-9792
Elise Tillinghast ('14)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	etillinghast@mac.com	785-4302

### School Moderator – 1 year

Mark McMahon ('13)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E. Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	603-667-0335
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<b>Selectboard – 2 &amp; 3 year</b>		selectboard@thetfordvermont.us	
John Bacon ('14)	551 Lower Bailey Rd, Thetford Ctr	govehillbacon@gmail.com	785-4831
Donn Downey, Chair ('15)	PO Box 228, Thetford Ctr	donndowney@mac.com	785-4968
Casey Huling ('13)	PO Box 19, Thetford	caseyhuling@gmail.com	333-3608
Mike Pomeroy ('13)	PO Box 128, Thetford	mcpomeroy@hotmail.com	785-2539
Tig Tillinghast, ('14)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	tig@freshmaplesyrup.com	785-4302
Scott Hesser, Selectboard Assistant - Appointed		selectboardassistant@thetfordvermont.us	
<b>Senator-Orange County (next election Nov '14)</b>			
Mark MacDonald	404 MacDonald Rd, Williamstown		433-5867
<b>Sheriff of Orange County</b>			
Bill Bohnyak	11 VT Route 113, Chelsea		685-4875
<b>Town Clerk – 3 year</b>			
Tracy Borst ('13)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	townclerk@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
<b>Town Moderator – 1 year</b>			
Mark McMahon ('13)	64 Sugar House Lane, E. Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	603-667-0335
<b>Town Treasurer– 3 year</b>			
Jill Graff ('14)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
<b>Trustees of Latham Library</b>			
Ralph Albertini ('13)	PO Box 25, Thetford		785-2778
Adele Bassett ('15)	585 Route 132, Thetford Ctr		785-2990
Pauline Cole ('15)	790 Poor Farm Rd So, Thetford Ctr		785-2016
Arden Fendrich ('16)	PO Box 355, Thetford Ctr		785-9821
Diane Hagewood ('13)	PO Box 51, N. Thetford		299-7841
Joanne Kirsten ('14)	341 Woods Lane, Thetford Ctr		785-4613
Janet Shepler ('14)	852 Quail John Rd, E. Thetford		785-2431
Vacancy			
<b>Trustee of Peabody Library – 3 year (one elected trustee required)</b>			
Jill Koppers ('14)	249 Robinson Hill Rd, Fairlee	peabody@jillanddirk.com	333-3268
<b>Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 year</b>			
Elmer Brown ('14)	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr		785-2167
J. Rick Hoffman ('13)	68 Cobble Hill Rd, E Thetford		785-2438
Joe Tofel ('15)	2549 Academy Road, Thetford Ctr		649-1434

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

### Agency on Aging – White River Council

Ruel Barrett ('13) PO Box 184, Thetford 785-2867

### Animal Control Officer

Stuart Rogers ('13) PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-4392

### 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

Cathee Clement ('15)	468 Garey Rd, E Thetford	Turtlepond@netzero.net	785-2668
Lelia Mellen ('15)	2360 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr	lelia_mellen@nps.gov	785-2855
Warren Shumway ('15)	PO Box 74, Thetford	Yarn411@yahoo.com	785-2526
Jim Zien ('15)	PO Box 166, Thetford	Jim_Zien@alohafoundation.org	785-2646
1 Vacant			

### Conservation Commission

Jason Berard ('15)	PO Box 44, N Thetford	jason.berard@uvlt.org	333-4302
Libby Chapin ('15)	PO Box 202, Post Mills	lib.chapin@gmail.com	333-9308
Ann Lavanway, Sec ('15)	376 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	ann.m.lavanway@dartmouth.edu	785-9814
Robert Pulaski, Trsr ('14)	1006 Barker Rd, Thetford Ctr	bobpulaski@myfairpoint.net	333-4627
Eric Pyle, V Chair ('13)	360 Cadwell Rd, E. Thetford	eric_pyle@yahoo.com	785-2606
Li Shen, Chair ('14)	851 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	lilian.shen@dartmouth.edu	785-4950
Connie Snyder ('15)	338 Cranberry Hill Rd, E. Thetford	c.crovosnyder@valley.net	785-2729
Skip Sturman ('15)	PO Box 24, Thetford	skip.sturman@dartmouth.edu	785-2423
Vacant			

### Development Review Board

Bill Bridge ('14)	3836 Route 5, Thetford Ctr	unharried@gmail.com	785-2964
Sherry Crossley ('14)	616 Turnpike Rd North, Fairlee	scrossley@wavecomm.com	333-9579
Don Longwell ('15)	1550 Stevens Rd, E. Thetford	vlongwell@aol.com	785-4971
Sean Mullen, Chair ('15)	1562 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	mullharvey@valley.net	785-4373
Tim Taylor ('15)	811 West Fairlee Rd, Fairlee	tim@crossroadfarm.com	333-4455

### Director of Public Works

Scott Knowlton PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr publicworks@thetfordvermont.us 785-4679

### Energy Committee

Rick Biddle ('14)	PO Box 222, Norwich	ribidd@gmail.com	785-4508
Ellen Blumberg ('15)	189 Jackson Brook Rd	mjblumberg@valley.net	785-9883
Henri Fennel ('15)	PO Box 65, N Thetford	hfennell09@gmail.com	333-4096
Chris Hebb ('13)	767 Barker Rd, Thetford Ctr	chris.hebb@valley.net	333-9689
Michael Kiess ('13)	68 Cobble Hill Rd, E. Thetford	michaelkiessvt@gmail.com	785-2438
Manny Grewal ('13)	PO Box 99, Post Mills	manohar.grewal@gmail.com	333-3292
Joel Legunn ('15)	PO Box 130, Post Mills	joel.legunn@gmail.com	785-3041
Alice Stewart ('14)	38 Old Strong Rd, Thetford Ctr	afs@finowen.net	785-3087
Bob Walker, Chair ('14)	432 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr	bwalker@serg-info.org	785-4126

**Fire Warden**

Jeff Sirjane (06/2013) 1854 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thet. Ctr jsirjane@worldcupsupply.com 785-4405

**Greater UV Solid Waste District Representative**

Ben Bradley ('14) 168 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4245

Jim Masland, Alt ('14) 714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr jmasland@leg.state.vt.us 785-4146

**Health Officer**

Alford Stone ('13) PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-4503

**Historian**

Marshall Van Norden ('13) 117 Van Norden Rd, E. Thetford 333-4574

**Historic Preservation Committee**

Stephen Branchflower ('14) PO Box 38, Thetford stephen@smithandvansant.com 785-2667

Clark Graff ('14) PO Box 345, Thetford Ctr clarkgraffarchitect@gmail.com 333-9441

John Hall, Chair ('15) PO Box 148, Post Mills jwhallvt@gmail.com 333-4077

Roney Hoffman ('14) 68 Cobble Hill Rd, E. Thetford roney.hoffman@gmail.com 785-2438

William Thrane, Sec ('15) PO Box 633, Thetford swthrane@myfairpoint.net 785-2520

**Planning Commission**

Liora Alschuler ('13) PO Box 177, E. Thetford liora@alschulerassociates.com 785-2623

Liz Ryan Cole ('14) PO Box 231, Thetford lizryancole@me.com 785-4124

Patrick Kearney ('14) 2166 Route 113, E. Thetford surlymonk@gmail.com 785-2071

Patricia Norton ('15) 1978 Academy Road, Thetford Ctr juneberrymusic@gmail.com 785-4740

Kevin O'Hara, Chair ('15) 1646 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Ctr kevin@oharagercke.com 333-4846

Michael Schunk ('13) PO Box 181, Thetford thetfordhilldesign@gmail.com 785-2574

Dean Whitlock ('15) 545 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr boatman@deanwhitlock.com 785-2012

**Police Department**

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

Bridget Tweedie, Sergeant btweedie@dps.state.vt.us

Stuart Rogers, Patrol Officer

**Pound Keeper**

Ruth Dwyer Kent ('13) 2604 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-2817

**Recreation Advisory Council**

Andrew Davis, Chair ('14) 98 Alton Drive, E Thetford andrew.davis@snocountry.org 333-9557

Deb Dixon, ('14) Sec. 243 Phelps Rd, Post Mills 785-4363

Marla Ianello ('14) 1408 Route 113, E Thetford marla.ianello@gmail.com 785-2912

Douglas Kennedy ('14) 2330 Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr douglas.j.kennedy@valley.net 785-3175

Dirk Koppers, Sec ('13) 249 Robinson Hill Rd, Fairlee dirk@jillanddirk.com 333-3268

Elise Lindahl ('15) Student representative

Lelia Mellen ('15) 2360 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr lelia\_mellen@nps.gov 785-2855

Jeff Vaughan ('14) 199 Rock Pine Drive, E. Thetford jeffrey.s.vaughan@aol.com 785-9839

Mike Wells, V Chair ('13) 632 Miller Pond Rd, Thetford Ctr 785-4731

Scott & Ann O'Hearn Ex-officio sard.2@juno.com 333-3507

Kathi Meyerson Ex-officio recreation@thetfordvermont.us 785-2922

**Recreation Director**

Kathi Meyerson ('13) PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

**Road Commissioners**

John Bacon ('13)	551 Lower Bailey Rd, Thet. Ctr	govehillbacon@gmail.com	785-4831
Mike Pomeroy ('13)	PO Box 128, Thetford	mcpomeroy@hotmail.com	785-2539

**Senior & Affordable Housing Committee**

Betty Campbell ('13)	PO Box 282, E. Thetford		785-2407
David Fisk ('13)	PO Box 166, Post Mills		333-9607
Dale Gephart, ('14)	PO Box 29, Post Mills	dale.s.gephart@dartmouth.edu	333-9748
Helen Maclam ('15)	PO Box 304, E Thetford		785-4677
Manny Grewal ('15)	PO Box 99, Post Mills	manohar.grewal@gmail.com	333-3292
Mark McMahon, Chair ('14)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E. Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	603-667-0335
Heinz Trebitz ('14)	460 Colby Road North, Thetford Ctr	lht63@wavecomm.com	785-2129

**Thetford Elder Network**

Judy Adams ('14)	PO Box 136, Post Mills	ladybugbee918@yahoo.com	333-3242
Joe Biddle ('13)	1849 Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	jodyatsea@yahoo.com	785-4508
Betty Campbell ('13)	PO Box 282, E. Thetford		785-2407
Roger Daum ('13)	PO Box 64, Post Mills	roger.daum@valley.net	333-4082
Martha Daum ('13)	PO Box 64, Post Mills		333-4082
Sue Gault ('15)	752 Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	susan.b.gault@valley.net	785-2805
Dale Gephart, Chair ('15)	PO Box 29, Post Mills	dale.s.gephart@dartmouth.edu	333-9748
Roberta Howard ('14)	PO Box 63, N. Thetford	rhoward@sover.net	333-3725
Susan Rump ('15)	PO Box 174, Thetford Ctr	susan.l.rump@valley.net	785-4029
Gina Sonne ('14)	565 Poor Farm Rd S, Thetford Ctr	waltzlover@gmail.com	785-4220
Inge Trebitz ('14)	480 Colby Road, Thetford Ctr	lht63@wavecomm.com	785-2129

**Town Service Officer**

Roberta Howard ('13)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	rhoward@sover.net	333-3725
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**Two Rivers-Ottauquechee RPC**

Jim Masland, Alternate ('13)	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us	785-4146
Tara Bamford ('13)	502 Sanborn Rd, E. Thetford		

**Tree Warden**

Jay Whitecloud ('13)	PO Box 233, Thetford		785-4732
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**Upper Valley Ambulance**

Norm Snow ('13)	PO Box 83, Post Mills		333-9649
Tod Protzman, Alternate ('13)	PO Box 185, Post Mills		

**Zoning Administrator – 3 year**

Mary Ellen Parkman ('15)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	zoning@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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**Notaries Public**

Karin Bonnett	761 Route 113, E. Thetford	kgbonnett@gmail.com	785-2543
Mike Brown	437 Burnham Rd, E. Thetford	mjbrown@gmail.com	785-4536
Wendy Cole	146 Jackson Brk Rd, Thetford Ctr	wendy.s.cole@valley.net	785-2698
Kate Cone	3836 Route 5, Thetford Ctr	kccone@valley.net	785-2964
Lynn J. Daley	358 Picknell Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4336
Emily S. Davis	185 Norford Lake Rd, Thetford Ctr		649-2729
Dana C. Grossman	PO Box 106, E. Thetford	dana.c.grossman@hitchcock.org	785-4074
Daniel F. Grossman	PO Box 106, E. Thetford		785-4074
Mary M. Hathorn	541 Ely Rd, Fairlee	scooter.hathorn@gmail.com	333-9176
Lynn Irwin	665 Godfrey Rd, E. Thetford	lynn.irwin@valley.net	785-4581
Rick Maynard	PO Box 8, Post Mills		333-9130
Kathy McQueen	Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4493
Diane C. Osgood	PO Box 320, Thetford Ctr		522-9376
Gloria Thurston	Thetford Academy		785-4805

## TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

The annual Town and School Meeting will be held on

**Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 9:00 AM**

Gymnasium, Thetford Academy

A snack bar, benefiting the PTO, will be open for the morning session.

Childcare will be available free of charge from 9 am to 3 pm.

Luncheon will be provided.

Proceeds will benefit the Thetford Academy Language Department Trip

### 2013 CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES

Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year	
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year	Mark McMahon
Grand Juror, 1 year	
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	Elizabeth W. Fernandez
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	
Lister, 3 year	Janet E. Stowell
Selectboard, 3 year	Theresa Pero Davidonis
Selectboard, 3 year	Stuart P. Rogers
Selectboard, 2 year	Mike Pomeroy
Town Clerk, 3 year	Tracy Borst
Town Moderator, 1 year	Mark McMahon
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	J. Rick Hoffman
School Director, 3 year	Shannon H. Darrah
School Director, 2 year	Lisa M. Swett
School Director, 1 year to complete 3 year	Jennifer Wallace
School Moderator	Mark McMahon

## MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

Robert's Rule of Order, which we observe, contains 643 pages of text, plus tables and index. Fortunately about 80% of those seldom make it into the proceedings of town meeting. Below you will find a motion reference guide with the motions most commonly used at our meeting. I hope this will help everyone better understand the procedural side of Town Meeting.

Enjoy the day!

Mark McMahon, Town Moderator

<b><u>PRIVILEGED MOTIONS IN RANK ORDER</u></b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> REQD</b>	<b>DEBATE</b>	<b>AMEND ABLE</b>	<b>VOTE</b>	<b>INTER RUPT</b>	<b>RECON SIDER</b>
FIX TIME TO ADJOURN W/PEND QUEST	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	AMEND	MAJ	NO	REC
FIX TIME TO ADJOURN NO PEND QUEST-MAIN	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	AMEND	MAJ	NO	REC
ADJOURN	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	NO	MAJ	NO	NO
RECESS—W/PEND QUEST	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	AMEND	MAJ	NO	NO
RECESS—NO PEND QUEST—MAIN	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	AMEND	MAJ	NO	NO
<b><u>QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE</u></b>						
MAIN MOTION IN ORDER—MAIN	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	AMEND	MAJ	NO	REC
MAIN MOTION NOT IN ORDER	NO	NO	NO	MOD	INT	NO
ORDERS OF DAY, CALL FOR	NO	MODERATOR		NO	INT	NO
<b><u>INCIDENTAL MOTIONS—NO RANK AMONGST THEMSELVES</u></b>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	NO	MAJ	INT	REC
APPEAL MODERATOR'S DECISION						
DIVISION OF ASSEMBLY	NO	MODERATOR		NO	INT	NO
DIVISION OF QUESTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	AMEND	MAJ	INT	NO
OBJECTION (PASSEVER AFTER MOTION IS SECONDED BUT BEFORE DISCUSSION IS STARTED)	NO	NO	NO	2/3	INT	REC
PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY	NO	MODERATOR		NO	INT	N/A
POINT OF INFORMATION	NO	MODERATOR		NO	INT	NO
POINT OF ORDER	NO	MODERATOR		NO	INT	NO
READ PAPERS	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	NO	MAJ	NO	REC
RECONSIDERATION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	NO	MAJ	NO	NO
SUSPEND THE RULES (PASSEVER BEFORE THE MAIN MOTION IS MOVED)	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	NO	2/3	NO	NO
WITHDRAW A MOTION (PASSEVER AFTER THE MOTION IS MADE BUT NOT RESTATED BY THE CHAIR)	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	NO	MAJ	NO	REC
<b><u>SUBSIDIARY MOTIONS IN RANK ORDER</u></b>						
LAY ON THE TABLE—EMERGENCY ONLY	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	NO	MAJ	NO	NO
PREVIOUS QUESTION / CALL THE QUESTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	NO	2/3	NO	REC
LIMIT/EXTEND DEBATE ON PENDING QUESTIONS	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	AMEND	2/3	NO	REC
DURATION OF MEETING	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	AMEND	2/3	NO	REC
POSTPONE TO A DEF. TIME—NO MERITS	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	AMEND	MAJ	NO	REC
AMEND THE AMENDMENT	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	NO	MAJ	NO	REC
AMENDMENT (SUBSTITUTE—DEBATE BOTH)	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	AMEND	MAJ	NO	REC
POSTPONE INDEFINITELY—DEBATE MERITS (PASSEVER AFTER THE MOTION HAS BEEN SECONDED AND IS ON THE FLOOR)	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	NO	MAJ	NO	REC
<b><u>MAIN OR PRINCIPAL MOTION</u></b>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	DEB	AMEND	MAJ	NO	REC
TAKE FROM THE TABLE	2 <sup>ND</sup>	NO	NO	MAJ	NO	NO

## 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 27. Apply at the Town Clerk's office. You must be on the checklist to vote March 2 (Town Meeting) and March 5 (Australian Ballot).

<p><b>Clerk's Office Hours</b>          6-8 pm Monday          8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday          Friday 8:00 am–Noon  <b>Special hours due to election requirements:</b>          February 27 open until 5:00 pm          March 4 open 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm</p>
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### **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).

### **Deadline to request absentee Australian ballots for yourself or on behalf of another voter:**

March 4 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 5, 2013).
- 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 25, 2013, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

**School & Town Meeting** – March 2, 2013, 9:00 am, Thetford Academy

### **Voting by Australian Ballot** - Tuesday, March 5, 2013

For Town and School Officers & School District Budget

Thetford Town Hall

3910 VT Route 113

Thetford Center, VT 05075-0126

Polls open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

**2013 THETFORD TOWN WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in the gym of Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., 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 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 by 8:00 p.m. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town?
  
- ARTICLE 3            Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts?
  
- ARTICLE 4            Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1,041,618 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?
  
- ARTICLE 5            Shall the Town raise the sum of \$597,564 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department?
  
- ARTICLE 6            Shall the Town raise the sum of \$113,360 to be added to the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund and \$64,890 to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Fund and \$12,750 to be added to the Police Capital Equipment Fund?
  
- ARTICLE 7            Shall the Town raise the sum of \$25,788 to reimburse the Reappraisal Fund for overages in the town wide reappraisal?
  
- ARTICLE 8            Shall the Town raise the sum of \$14,100 to fund the Tri-town Committee for the purposes of Lake Fairlee dam replacement engineering and design?
  
- ARTICLE 9            Shall the Town use the Police Capital Equipment Fund to purchase a new cruiser to cost no more than \$25,000?
  
- ARTICLE 10           Shall the Town use the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund to purchase a new F550, to cost no more than \$73,000?
  
- ARTICLE 11           Shall the Town use the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund to purchase an excavator, to cost no more than \$95,000 after accounting for sale of the 2008 John Deere backhoe?
  
- ARTICLE 12           Shall the Town urge their federal and state legislatures to: ban assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, require a criminal background check for every gun sold in America, and make gun trafficking a federal crime, with real penalties for those who arm criminals?

ARTICLE 13            Shall the Town vote to petition the passage of the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont.

*Ch.1, Article 22 (Rights of Nature). That the natural environment of Vermont, including its forests, natural areas, surface and ground waters, and fish and wildlife populations, has certain natural, inherent and unalienable rights to clean water and air, to health uncompromised by anthropogenic substances damaging to the systems of life and to flourishing, connected habitats which support the well-being of the flora and fauna of Vermont. Every person in this state shall have recourse to the laws for all violations of this article, with damages recurring in full to the injured environmental system to ensure its prompt restoration.*

ARTICLE 14            To transact any other business.

*The following article shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 5th, 2013. The Australian Balloting will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Thetford Town Hall, 3910 Vt. Rt 113, Thetford Ctr., Vt., located across from the Town garage.*

ARTICLE 1    To elect Town and School Officers.

**Dated: January 28, 2013**

**Town Clerk**

Tracy Borst

**Selectboard**

John Bacon  
Donn Downey, Chair  
Casey Huling  
Mike Pomeroy  
Tig Tillinghast

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

This year, the Selectboard made several decisions that will have an immediate and long-term impact on the services provided by the Town government, and also on the financial health of the town. While the Selectboard strongly believes the people of Thetford will benefit from these decisions, the immediate reality is that these changes come with a significant increase to the Town's yearly budget. More details are available in the Budget Report, but the notable figure is that the Town is facing a 15% increase in funds to be raised. Since 2008, taxes remained relatively flat, but a number of factors converged in 2012 and a large increase is necessary for 2013.

A small part of this increase is from normal inflation, and the rest reflects increases in staffing, structure, and financial policies. The following summarizes some of the financially significant decisions that the Selectboard carefully weighed over the past year.

One structural change in 2012 was the transition from a Highway Department to a Public Works Department. This change was made to formalize the oversight of maintenance of all Town facilities and assets under one department. Related to this change, the Selectboard implemented a Road Surface Management System with the support of Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission. Stemming from the adoption of this program, the Selectboard and Public Works Department are recommending a 10 year resurfacing schedule for all unpaved roads and also to establish a permanent paving fund with a 2013 contribution of \$100,000. Thetford is one of many Vermont towns making similar changes to its road infrastructure capital planning, as investment has not kept pace with the increased costs of pavement.

Another significant budget item is the addition of a part-time administrative position in the Police Department. This decision was made after a series of public forums discussing the public's vision of police services in Thetford, consultation with the Vermont State Police, and other neighboring law enforcement agencies. The purpose of this part-time position is to reduce the burden of clerical work that has been steadily increasing for our local officers. Chief Lanctot and the Selectboard believe this position will allow the towns officers to spend more time with active police work per the desires of local residents.

In addition to these substantial changes, the Selectboard adopted a series of low-cost improvements aimed at efficiency and productivity. The Town has initiated a program to bring public record maps into a Geographic Information System (GIS) that will make work easier for various Town departments including the Public Works Department, Zoning, Town Clerk's Office, and Lister's Office. Efforts are underway to digitize public land records, surveys, and property assessment cards and make them available online.

In addition, the Selectboard worked on several other projects:

- Adopted a new Tree Policy that provides a clear and open process for managing vegetation in the town right-of-way.
- The 132 bridge was replaced, and traffic was limited for less than 3 months.

- The town expanded recreation offerings, notably summer camps and programming at Treasure Island. These programs are paying for themselves and allowing greater use of this town asset.
- The Trails Master Plan was adopted and engineering for the first phase will begin in early 2013.
- Thetford Hill sidewalk plan was finalized.
- Thetford joined a committee with Fairlee and West Fairlee to find solutions to restore the aging Lake Fairlee Dam.
- An employee review process was established and cost-of-living raises were administered.
- Implemented a number of other systems in the Department of Public Works to track costs, improve communication with the public and find efficiencies.

As you can see, it is not often quiet in Town Hall. It takes many departments and dozens of committed employees and elected officials to move Thetford forward, and we thank every one of them for their dedicated service. We reserve 7:00-7:15 pm for public comment at our weekly Monday meetings. Please join us and share your thoughts and concerns, and stick around for agenda items. We try to publish draft agendas on the Thursday prior, and these can be accessed via the town website.

Respectfully,

John Bacon  
Donn Downey, Chair  
Casey Huling  
Mike Pomeroy  
Tig Tillinghast



**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

Tracy Borst, Town Clerk  
Lori Magoon, Assistant Town Clerk

2012 was a year for huge steps towards digitized records. We still have paper copies of land and vital records, but have started making digital copies as well. Our recorded survey maps have been scanned and are available digitally in our office. Also this year the town’s tax mapping GIS system, previously in the Lister’s office only, will be expanded to be available on more town department’s computers.

The other digitization project has been a new land records management system. We contracted with COTT System and began a new land records system that includes scanning and electronic indexing. As we continue to go forward with daily documents on the COTT System, in 2013 we will scan older records as well. This will allow for safe access and a back-up system shall we ever need to re-create record books. There were a lot of new processes in this office in 2012; we look forward to future streamlines as well.

Town Clerk’s office services provided:

Amusement park tickets, Animal Licenses, DMV renewals, Excess Weight permits, Fish and Game Licenses, Voter checklist, Recycling permits – Thetford and Hartford, Land Records, Vital Records, Notarizations, Tobacco and Liquor Licenses, Vital Records, Treasure Island Passes

You’ll find information on these services and more on our webpage:  
<http://www.thetfordvermont.us/departments/clerk-office/>

**RABIES CLINIC**

**Saturday, March 23, 2013**

10:00 to 12:00 Noon

Town Garage, Thetford Center

Rabies vaccinations (ONLY) available for cats and dogs for a fee  
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, 2013**  
After that date, the penalty of \$25 will be applied and the licensing fee increases.

**LICENSING FEES:**

Current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter required.  
Male/Female \$12.00  
Spayed/Neutered \$8.00

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
March 3, 2012

Mark McMahon, Town Moderator, called the meeting to order at 9:13am. The warning was read: The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in the gym of Thetford Elementary School, in the Town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at 9:00 am to transact the following business. The Moderator suspended the rules of the meeting for the presentation the Civic Pride Award.

Tig Tillinghast, Selectboard, presented the Civic Pride Award to Roberta Howard. He commented on her decades of consistent civic service as Town Clerk and Treasurer, Town Service Officer and several local non-profit groups. Roberta's work as the Food Shelf Manager has multiplied the diversity of who is served and she offers them help with a welcoming smile.

Meeting called back to order at 9:17 am.

**ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town. Article was moved and seconded.** Donn Downey, Selectboard, outlined a couple errors in the report indicating these corrections do not affect the total taxes to be raised. Elisheva Landman offered thanks to volunteers listed in the town report. 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 October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 by 8:00 pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town?** The article was moved and seconded. Article 2 passed by 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?** Article was moved and seconded. Article 3 passed by show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town vote to exempt for a period of 5 years the properties located in Post Mills and Thetford Hill that are owned by the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department and are used exclusively for the purposes of such organization?** Article was moved and seconded. Tig spoke to the article; the state statute allows us to exempt the Fire Department from school and town taxes in five year increments. No further discussion. Article 4 passed by show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$922,839 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?** The article was moved and seconded. Donn Downey spoke to the article. He relayed that the Irene Storm damage expenses impact the highway budget and will be discussed with that article. On the town budget, he spoke about the department managers and their very conscientious work to stay within their budgets. The Selectboard continues to look at efficiencies and plan to increase technology with tax maps, documentation, and public interface. Tax rates and total spending has been fairly stable, grant opportunities have helped cover expenses and keep tax rates down; he suggested we don't expect that trend to continue. No further discussion. Article 5 passed by show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$456,487 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department?** The article was moved and seconded. John Bacon, Selectboard, spoke to

the article, particularly the Irene Storm damages last fall. He commended the Highway department, Gary Ulman (private contractor), Police department and the Fast Squad on a phenomenal job and the crowd gave a round of appreciative applause. He also noted fuel costs are over budget and there is great concern for this years anticipated cost of fuel and diesel. Article 6 passed by show of voters cards.

**ARTICLE 7**           **Shall the Town raise the sum of \$109,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund and \$63,000 to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Replacement Fund and \$12,500 to be added to the Police Cruiser Fund?** Article was moved and seconded. Mike Pomeroy spoke to the article, pointed to page 69 of the Annual Town Report which, the Capital Equipment Funds, which added police cruisers to this fund for the first time. Article 7 passed by show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 8**           **Shall the Town use the Police Cruiser Fund to purchase a new cruiser to cost no more than \$25,000?** Moved and seconded. Casey Huling, Selectboard, spoke to the article, explained that this article follows the plan to replace a cruiser as per the schedule. With no discussion, Article 8 passed by show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 9**           **Shall the Town, for the purposes of providing required matching funds for grants won, raise and place into an existing permanent fund the sum of \$50,000 for the replacement of the Route 132 bridge over the Ompompanoosuc River?** Article was moved and seconded. Tig Tillinghast, Selectboard chair, spoke to the article. This bridge project has been put off several times, but last year \$40,000 was spent in matching funds and we are at the contracting stage now. A bridge closure is expected this summer, six to eight weeks. Our expense could be higher than \$50,000 as it's a percentage number; if the project expenses go over budget, we'll be responsible to meet the percentage. Article 9 passed.

**ARTICLE 10**          **Shall the Town raise \$750 to contribute to SERG?** Article was moved and seconded. Bob Walker spoke to the article; he is the Director of SERG. The Thetford Energy committee was formed ten years ago; SERG helped them with many projects including raising \$98,000 in grants to the town over the past 4 years, Thetford Center Community Center building weatherization, street lights removed and upgrade to LED, door to door home weatherization information and helped establish Thetford's PACE district. Article 10 passed by show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 11**          **Shall the Town raise \$1,800 to contribute to Stagecoach?** Article 11 was moved and seconded. There was not a representative from Stagecoach to speak to the article, and several voters commented on their disappointment with Stagecoach for not attending to disseminate information to the town. Several spoke to the services they use (the Stagecoach commuter bus) and commented that this is our only form of public transportation in Thetford. An amendment was offered to consider this next year; the moderator ruled the amendment out of order as it binds the future Selectboard to action.

Casey Huling offered an amendment to the article to "Shall we raise \$1 to contribute to Stagecoach" and Mike Pomeroy seconded. Mark McMahan, Moderator, ruled the amendment out of order as \$1 reduces the article to a negative article. The Moderator was charged as out of order. Vote to rule him out of order. The BCA counted by standing and the decision of the moderator was sustained: 95/yes 30/no

An amendment to Article 11 changing the amount to \$900 was moved and seconded. Many residents spoke to the article, expressing their support or disapproval of Article 11. Call the question was moved and seconded and the debate ceased. Vote to end discussion passed. Vote on the amendment:

amendment fails. We returned to the original article briefly; a motion to call the question passed. Article 11 passed.

**ARTICLE 12**      **Shall the Town raise \$1,300 to contribute to Safeline?** Article was moved and seconded. Charlie Buttery, Thetford resident and previous Safeline board member, spoke to the article. Safeline assists victims of sexual violence with peer support, counseling, etc. 149 services provided to Thetford residents. Article 12 passed by show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 13**      **Shall the Town, in light of the United States Supreme Court *Citizens United* decision that equates money with speech and gives corporations rights constitutionally intended for natural persons, vote to urge the Vermont Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Congress to propose a U.S. Constitutional amendment for the States' consideration that provides that money is not speech, and that corporations are not persons under the U.S. Constitution; that the General Assembly of the State of Vermont pass a similar resolution; and that the Town send its resolution to the Vermont State and Federal representatives within thirty days of passage of this measure?**

Moved and seconded: Tim Briglin, Thetford resident, spoke to the article expressing that this article stems from a Supreme Court decision with negative connotations and is being considered in fifty other Vermont towns at their town meetings. 160 Thetford residents signed the petition to include this article on the Warning. A Supreme Court decision in 2010 overruled a century of federal campaign finance laws, the Tillman Act. This decision was intended to expand first amendment protection to corporations, unions and non-profit businesses but the effect was opposite as now these donations drown out average citizens choice. Corporate campaign spending increased five times after this decision. Corporate power has a huge influence on elections now.

Several residents spoke in favor of the article, Terry Longo spoke against it. Article 13 passed by show of voter cards.

**ARTICLE 14**      **To transact any other business.**

Article was moved and seconded. Remember to voting on Tuesday at town hall. A discussion followed regarding town meeting future plans, town meeting will alternate between Thetford Academy and Thetford Elementary School. A few voters spoke to organization tables being in the same room as town meeting while others preferred it be in a different room.

Suspend the rules and hear from state legislatures: Jim Masland and Margaret Cheney, Representatives, and Mark McDonald, Senator spoke.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

A true record, Attest:

Mark McMahan  
Town Moderator

Tig Tillinghast  
Selectboard Chair

Respectfully submitted: Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

## AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS MARCH 6, 2012

<b>Agent to Convey Real Property</b>	
Write In	13
Blank	559
Spoiled	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

<b>Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits</b>	
Write In	12
Blank	561
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

<b>Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year</b>	
Write In	23
Blank	549
Spoiled	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

<b>Grand Juror, 1 year</b>	
Joan VanNorden	57
Write In	10
Blank	504
Spoiled	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

<b>Latham Library Trustee, 4 year</b>	
Arden Fendrich	461
Write In	8
Blank	679
Spoiled	2
<b>Total (vote 2)</b>	<b>1150</b>

<b>Lister, 3 year</b>	
Denise Adams	494
Write In	2
Blank	79
Spoiled	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

<b>Selectboard, 3 year</b>	
Donn Downey	480
Write In	2
Blank	93
Spoiled	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

<b>Selectboard, 2 year</b>	
David "Tig" Tillinghast	472
Write In	21
Blank	80
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

<b>Town Moderator, 1 year</b>	
Mark McMahon	524
Write In	3
Blank	48
Spoiled	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

<b>Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year</b>	
Elmer C. Brown	491
Write In	0
Blank	84
Spoiled	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>575</b>

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Report from the Legislature - Representatives Margaret Cheney and Jim Masland

For the fifth year in a row, Vermont faces a budget shortfall that we will have to solve before we adjourn in May. At present, the gap stands at \$50-\$60 million. Even though our economy continues to recover, the insufficient revenue will affect much of what we do, from education to transportation, from health care to the environment.

Of course, there is much to celebrate. Vermont continues to be one of the healthiest and safest states to call home, even as we continue our long recovery from Tropical Storm Irene. On healthcare, we continue incremental progress towards implementing our Health Care Exchange, an on-line marketplace where Vermonters will be able to shop for the most cost-effective plan to fit their family budget. On education, Governor Shumlin devoted his inaugural address to improving outcomes and making higher education in Vermont more affordable. It's important not to lose sight of the fact that quality education is an economic-development tool that we must not squander. In the energy field, we are concentrating this year on designing programs that will help Vermonters improve the efficiency of their homes and buildings. Stanching the flow of dollars that we spend on heating fuel will not only save the average Vermonter significant personal dollars in fuel costs every year, it will create local jobs and allow more discretionary spending on local services and goods and put a significant dent in our greenhouse gas emissions.

You may have heard that there are numerous proposals for new and higher taxes, from a sugar tax to miles-driven tax. Rest assured that each proposal will be carefully vetted and balanced against Vermonters' ability to pay before it is allowed to go forward.

It's worth repeating that it is an honor to serve you in Montpelier. Please do not hesitate to contact us for information or help on issues large and small.

Representative Margaret Cheney  
649-3039  
margaret.cheney@gmail.com

Representative Jim Masland  
785-4146  
jmasland@leg.state.vt.us

## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Development Review Board (DRB) is a five member quasi-judicial board appointed by the Select board. The DRB conducts hearings and issues decisions on all subdivision applications, certain zoning applications and appeals from actions of the zoning administrator. Regularly scheduled meeting dates are set for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month unless there are no matters requiring hearings. Agendas are posted on the bulletin board outside the zoning office, at local post offices and on the town listserv.

The zoning office encourages applicants to plan ahead for projects. The reasons for this are that the zoning office is part-time, a hearing may be necessary and, due to public notice requirements, the application deadline in these cases can be well in advance of hearing dates. The applicant is responsible for understanding and following the zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations both of which may be purchased at both the zoning and clerk's office; they may also be found on-line at [www.thetfordvermont.us](http://www.thetfordvermont.us)

<b>Summary of Permits:</b>	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Subdivision Plats Approved	9	7	1	5	3
Number of Lots Created	8	13	2	13	5
Annexations	0	1	1	1	1
Boundary Adjustments	1	1	0	0	1
Residences	10	8	9	5	2
Additions	12	13	11	9	7
Decks & Porches	12	4	20	10	8
Accessory Buildings	33	21	31	16	27
Businesses/Conditional Use	4	4	3	2	4
Mobile Homes	1	1	1	1	5
Telecommunication Facility	2	0	1	1	1
Home Occupation	0	2	2	2	1
Driveways	5	6	6	4	4

Zoning office hours are Tuesdays, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, and Thursdays, 8:15 am to 11:15 am. During these hours you will find Mary Ellen Parkman, the Zoning Administrator, or her Assistant, Diane Osgood, available to assist you. Your calls and email inquiries are invited.

Sean Mullen, Chair  
 Development Review Board  
 Telephone: (802)785-2922, Ext.3  
 E-mail: [Zoning@ThetfordVermont.us](mailto:Zoning@ThetfordVermont.us)

## PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission continued its work on revising the 2007 Town Plan, which was its focus throughout the year. The state requires that towns revise and readopt their Town Plans every five years. Knowing it would take many months to create a well-considered draft ready for public hearings, the commissioners arranged with the regional planning commission and the Selectboard to readopt the 2007 Town Plan in the spring, with no changes other than the date.

The information collection phase of the revision continued with two open houses early in the year, one to discuss the future of the Rural Residential District, and the other to discuss the Energy Chapter. In addition, the Commission encouraged village residents to hold local meetings, and several commissioners attended the local meetings in East Thetford, North Thetford, and Post Mills. Work on revising the text of the Town Plan has begun in earnest, and each meeting's agenda includes a discussion of the latest revisions to at least two of the chapters. The new town plan will require many more meetings, along with additional reviews by townspeople and approvals by the Select Board and Regional Planning Commission before it is finished. We look forward to everyone's participation in that process.

Meanwhile, the working group assigned to update the Subdivision Regulations made slow but steady progress through the year. In November, they had reached a point where they could not resolve a few final issues without involving the Planning Commission as a whole. After a discussion of the unresolved issues, a new, smaller working group was formed to take the revision through the final stages to be ready for public hearings.

Two members left the commission in 2012 and two new members joined. Our current count is seven. Planning requires a lot of time, but is a fascinating facet of town governance and very important in guiding the future development of Thetford. Guests are always welcome at our meetings; we appreciate every comment and opinion. As always, the Commission would also welcome more members, as well as volunteers to serve on workgroups. Please contact Kevin O'Hara if you're interested: [kevin@oharagercke.com](mailto:kevin@oharagercke.com).



## **BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT**

The year 2012 has been one of change and accomplishment! The town-wide reappraisal has been completed and we are pleased to report that we passed the criterion set by the State. We thank Thetford property owners for their cooperation and understanding during this reappraisal process. It is very much appreciated!

Please read all documents received from the State and the Town. This information may affect the property taxes you will owe. **Very Important:** The filing requirements for Homestead Declaration have changed. ***The new form HS-122 must be filed annually and is due April 15, 2013.*** Please refer to your 2012 VT Income Tax Booklet for more information.

As a Board, we must abide by 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 - 4:00 pm. Telephone: 785-2922, Ext. 4; Email: [listers@thetfordvermont.us](mailto:listers@thetfordvermont.us) or visit our website at [www.thetfordvermont.us/listers](http://www.thetfordvermont.us/listers)

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, Chair  
Denise C. Adams  
Diane C. Osgood  
Sherry S. Crossley, Clerk

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

This is the first annual report of the new Department of Public Works. First and foremost, the Department of Public Works would like to thank the former Road Foreman, Doug Stone, for his many years of service to the town.

As you may know, last year the Town created the Department of Public Works to oversee the Town's roads as well as Town owned buildings and facilities. We have made, and will continue to make changes as we transition from Highway Department to Department of Public Works. Changes to personnel scheduling, equipment, and plow routes, are just a few to name. Change is hard for everybody, but with the collaborative effort from the Selectboard and all the other Departments, the transition will go effectively and smoothly.

In the past six months we have added two great systems to improve efficiency. First, the Town now has a Road Surface Management System (RSMS) in place. This system enables us to systematically apply best road management practices with a focus on long term payoffs. The system will help us track, schedule, estimate materials, and project cost for all our paved and gravel roads. It's a great tool and asset to have.

The Town will also be implementing a Sign Inventory Management System (SIMS). This keeps track of all the Town signs. We will know when and where they were put in, their reflectivity, and their replacement time. Please be aware that the current street signs are being replaced to meet the new Federal standards. These will have to be in place by 2018. We are replacing them a little at a time as to absorb the cost more effectively. I have been asked - what if we don't replace the signs. The answer is simple - we won't be eligible for Federal grants and funding.

We at the Department of Public Works would like to thank the townspeople during this transition period for their patience and understanding. In the upcoming year, you will see more changes to come that will benefit the town monetarily.

I would like to thank all of the town employees for all of the hard work in making this transition as easy as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Knowlton  
Director of Public Works

## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT**

Having spent a little over half of 2012 as Thetford's Animal Control Officer, I have enjoyed and appreciated the opportunities in meeting and talking with many people in town. Most concerns and calls still involve dogs, usually lost, with either the owner calling looking for one, or someone calling with one that is lost, or calls of concerns about care of animals. Close behind that in calls has also been concerning loose and roaming livestock, frequently during thunderstorms and power outages.

A reminder to all dog owners, please register your dog as that greatly helps and speeds up getting any lost pet back home, as it lets me know where to look and where they belong.

As always, we are also here to try to help with any pet or animal care issues too, if you need help caring for or help finding a new home for, please call me and I will try to help in any way I can, as we work closely with the Lyme Vet Clinic and local humane societies.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart P. Rogers  
Animal Control Officer

## **HEALTH OFFICER REPORT**

These were the cases reported to me in 2012.

- 4 Contaminated Wells
- 1 Animals kept too close to well
- 1 Failed septic
- 1 On-going dirty pool
- 1 Case of garbage on property
- 1 Welfare check

Respectfully submitted,

Alford W. Stone  
Town Health Officer

## THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

As we welcome 2013 we are facing a few present and future challenges. With the imminent relocation of the Bradford State Police Barracks to Barnet in the next few years, we are left with the question of how do we continue to provide service to our community?

Our immediate concern is for the administrative portion of our daily operations. We anticipate adding a part time administrator to our department in 2013 to help with this concern. As for future concerns, we will depend on input from the community if any other changes or adjustments should be made over the next few years involving police coverage and response.

We will continue to strive to be a proactive police department, and we always encourage you to be involved. We welcome your comments and concerns and we look forward to serving you in 2013.

Respectfully,

James B. Lanctot, Chief of Police

Nature of Incident	# of Incidents
911 Hang up	12
Alcohol Offense	2
Accident w/damage	27
Accident w/injury	4
Agency Assist	70
Alarm	18
Animal Problem	10
Arson	1
Assault	2
ATV Incident	1
Background Investigation	2
Burglary	8
Court Time	4
Citizen Assist	62
Citizen Dispute	11
Conditions/Release Violation	3
Dead Body	3
Directed Patrol	26
Driving License Suspended	6
Drugs	5
DUI	4
Family Fight/Domestic	3
Fingerprints	9
Fireworks	4
Found Property	6
Fraud	2

Nature of Incident	# of Incidents
Information	2
Juvenile Problem	1
Littering	5
Lockout	6
Lost Property	2
Medical	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	48
Noise Disturbance	4
Parking Problem	5
Phone Problem	3
Property Watch	2
Public Speaking	11
Restraining Order Service	2
Search Warrant	2
Sex Offender Registry	1
Suicide Attempt	1
Suspicious Person/ Circumstance	47
Theft	13
Threatening	2
Tobacco Violation	2
Traffic Hazard	14
Trespassing	3
Vandalism	4
VIN Inspection	69
Wanted Person/Fugitive	4
Welfare Check	12
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>572</b>

## VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS TOWN OF THETFORD

The Vermont State Police continue to provide dedicated police coverage for your town. Troopers responded to 138 calls for service in 2012 with a staff of eight Troopers and three Sergeants. Troopers responded to a broad range of calls and still remained active in the area schools and participated in a variety of community functions.

The Vermont State Police ask all community members to stay vigilant and work together to keep our communities safe.

Enclosed is a list of incidents that the Vermont State Police responded to in your town from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Stay safe and watch out for one another.

Respectfully,

LT Russell Robinson  
Station Commander



911 Hang up Call	4
Traffic Accident w/Damage	16
Traffic Accident w/Injury	1
Agency Assistance	34
Alarm	9
Animal Problem	1
Assault	2
Burglary	1
Citizen Assist	8
Citizen Dispute	2
Directed Patrol	1
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	1
Family Fight/Domestic	3
Motor Vehicle Complaint	25
Public Speaking	2
Runaway Juvenile	1
Service Abuse Protection Order	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	12
Theft	1
Traffic Hazard	8
Traffic Violation	3
Welfare/Suicide Check	2

**TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 138**

## THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thetford Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) was founded in 1960 to provide the community with basic fire protection and interacted with the public one emergency after another. Emergency Medical Service and Emergency Management became integral parts of the department and as it grew and matured the organization became a solid community resource. TVFD is an anchor for the community during regional disasters and provides important support to individuals during their personal tragedies. Combining hours of training, maintenance and repairs with over 200 emergencies each year our pager toting volunteers donate over \$100,000 of labor annually.

Look for further details and information about our Junior Firefighter program and our Support Staff on our Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Thetford-Volunteer-Fire-Department/109428423875> , our website [www.thetfordfire.com](http://www.thetfordfire.com) or in our next newsletter. Feel free to schedule a visit and consider joining.

Sincerely,

Donald Sayre Fifield  
Fire Chief  
Emergency Management Director

## RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

**Hours – Saturday Only**  
*Year-round 8:30 am – 12:00 pm*

2012 was a busy year for recycling; we were #2 in the area in terms of volume! Now that the State of Vermont has put “Mandatory Recycling” into effect that volume should just keep growing! Carolyn Lorie left us this fall and we have yet to replace her on the team. Matt Borst joined us last spring and has been doing a bang-up job of helping out. We’ve had guest appearances by many of our past workers and we’ve managed to get through the year, but would love to add some new names to our roster! We also completed our re-permitting process with the State of Vermont. We are now set for the next ten years of refuse and redeemables!

### Things to Know:

1. We take all recyclables #1- #7.
2. Caps & lids are recyclable, they just need to be removed.
3. We don’t take the plastic shopping bags, but grocery stores do!
4. We **cannot** take lightweight plastics, plastic wrap, or plastic packaging. (If it looks like it could fly out of the bin with the wind - it can’t go in.)
5. We currently make money on paper, metal and aluminum beverage cans.
6. Wrapping paper and foiled paper cannot be recycled and, in fact, “ruin” the load.
7. Most appliances can be recycled, ask for specific details.
8. REDEEMABLES- one of our best money makers- if you can’t sort-we will!
9. Clothing, stuffed items, electronics- any items that can’t take the weather- CAN’T be left at the “store”. ASK FIRST.
10. We take all Styrofoam - peanuts go in shed, big pieces in the co-mingle bin.
11. Our solid waste hauler, “More Waste Solutions,” is owned and staffed by the Searles, a local family of four. They instill our Saturdays with perpetual cheer. They take cash or their own punch cards and they will take BIG items.
12. CHARITIES- collected in a big bowl outside the shed:
  - a. Box Tops- you find them on all sorts of items and the money goes to TES.
  - b. Aluminum Can Tabs- they raise money for Dialysis patients.
13. PERMITS- we will have them available year-round at the Town Hall. They are \$18 and are good for the whole calendar year.
14. FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING- Due to new state laws, you may drop off Electronics at the Hartford Recycling Center for free any time they are open!

*Thank you for all the cheer and goodwill I experience every Saturday. It truly makes the morning something to look forward to, as I am able to socialize with neighbors, help the environment and even take care of some committee work! Keep up the great recycling, wonderful baked good sales, exciting raffles and important petition work. Several area towns this year visited us as a model for small town recycling- I tell them all that it works just like a general store would - we just gather around the scrap-metal bin instead of the pot-bellied stove! See you in 2013.*

Diana Kimball-Anderson

## SENIOR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

### Vision Statement

*'Thetford Senior and Affordable Housing enable members of our community, of all ages, to remain in Thetford in the face of changing conditions or circumstances. We wish to allow people to stay in their homes as long as possible. Then, when they otherwise would have to leave home due to limitations of age, medical requirements, disability, lack of family support, or reduced income, dwelling units will be available to meet their needs and will be within their means.'*

*Thetford senior and affordable housing should be integrated into the life of the community, fabric of the town and balances values such as self-reliance, privacy, thrift, and access to needed services including healthcare.*

*Some units of affordable housing are planned to provide for the physical, mental and social needs of seniors including the contingency of future decline, loss of independence or transfer to an assisted living facility.*

*Housing supported by the Thetford community promotes a diversity of backgrounds, interests, aspirations and income levels that represents a cross section of Thetford.'*

During 2012, the Committee continued its negotiations to have the Malmquist Mill site in Post Mills acquired by a non-profit organization with the goal to finalize the environmental clean-up (to be financed by grants and private funds), and start planning the re-development of the site. We are working with Encore Re-Development, a management group that will engage regional affordable housing developers familiar with the State of Vermont "Brownfield" development program. The ultimate goal is to build a number of senior and affordable housing units, provide space for community functions, commercial/retail space, conservation/recreation areas and a park and ride area for carpooling/bus pick-up. The potential for solar and hydroelectric power is being researched and planned. The site is envisioned to play an important role in the future of the Post Mills community.

To provide senior and affordable housing in the short term, the Committee is continuing its search for a suitable site in East Thetford, which is seen as the best location, considering available services such as transportation, banks, stores and post office as well as a restaurant. Lyme, with a satellite facility of Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, is in easy reach. An informational meeting was held with a group of East Thetford residents (June 2012) to discuss the committee's plans and progress. The committee received positive support and gathered additional suggestions to help move the project forward.

In its efforts the Committee has been working with businesses such as Encore Redevelopment, Pathways Consultants, Twin Pines Housing Trust, Housing Vermont, the Vermont Community Development Program, as well as the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. We will continue to work closely with the Selectboard and solicit recommendations and advice from our fellow Thetford committees.

An important milestone was reached by the Ompompanoosuc Community Trust Inc. (OCT Inc.) in obtaining tax exempt status from federal income tax under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. OCT is expected to provide temporary funding for site search costs, such as for engineering assessments or down payment money needed for purchase negotiations.

OCT Inc. funding relies on voluntary contributions which are deductible under section 170 of the tax code. Our committee meets monthly and welcomes all to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Heinz Trebitz



## **TEN: THETFORD ELDER NETWORK**

An appointed committee of the town, The Thetford Elder Network offers services for seniors living in the community and advocates for the needs of our elders. Our monthly Senior Luncheon serves a full meal accompanied by social interaction, informational programs, and entertainment. In November, we served our 50th dinner.

We provide free automobile rides to seniors without rides of their own. Home visits have helped with chores, cleaning, organizing, paperwork, gardening and technology understanding. Just as often the visits bring conversation and friendship.

For elder residents needing help with wood heating, we look for extra downed timber good enough for firewood, which we buck up and deliver.

For those wishing to exercise with others outdoors, we walk as a group almost every Friday, as announced via Thetford Listserv and by word-of-mouth. Walking is an important way to lengthen quality of life, and walking with friends is even more effective.

Collaborating with Thetford's Planning commission, the Senior and Affordable Housing Committee, the Selectboard, and The Ompompanoosuc Community Trust, we are involved with planning for elders' needs in Thetford to support the finding that "Aging at Home" is most seniors' chosen end-stage goal. With these groups, we are now considering the needs of our most vulnerable frail elderly population and the possibility that a Community Nurse might help keep them in their own community. We frequently invite regional resource experts to our meetings to assess other local needs of elders. We have begun to coordinate our services with other providers in the Upper Valley, including: Vermont Blueprint for Health's Upper Valley service area in Bradford, the VT-NH VNA, Upper Valley Hospice, and the Aging Resource Center at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Through these connections we have been able to organize occasional public educational programs on issues of aging. In November, we hosted a presentation on how the community can reach out and help families dealing with the issues of Alzheimer's disease.

Mainly we are spreading the word that we are all aging together. Please visit our website at <http://www.thetfordvermont.us/thetford-elder-network/>

## FOOD SHELF

Thanks to all for the many, many anonymous bags and boxes left at the Town Office containing a wide variety of foods including case lots of staples such as pasta, peanut butter, jellies, tuna fish, vegetables, etc. For the Hike For Hunger project, the Elementary School selected different categories for each class. The collection was awesome! We are also most grateful to all our neighboring Churches for their ongoing collections of food items and non-food essentials.

We were pleased to be invited, once again, to partake in the distribution of the surplus foods donated for the Prouty.

Our thanks are also extended to our local Camps for donating their remaining inventory to us at the end of their season.

We continue to receive a weekly delivery of fresh produce and breads from Willing Hands, and a case of bananas every Tuesday morning, courtesy of El Wilson. The Community Garden provides the Food Shelf with freshly harvested vegetables, washed and bagged; preparing suggestions often offered. Monetary donations are very generous. They not only enable us to purchase from the Vermont Food Bank but have provided funds for emergency assistance such as fuel, medications, and more. We were most appreciative of the fundraising project of Mrs. Gernhard's class at Thetford Academy of handmade bowls with delicious soups sold for the benefit of the Food Shelf.

Thanks to Christine Rogers and all those who volunteer their time, and my personal thanks to the Town and community for the continuing support.

Roberta C. Howard

## THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The Thetford Conservation Commission is pleased to share the following highlights from 2012:

With the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT), we helped orchestrate the recent building, dedication and celebration of the Linny Levin Memorial Trail at UVLT's Zebedee Wetlands on Houghton Hill Road. This Trail was made possible using memorial contributions allocated for this purpose and maintained for many years in the Town of Thetford Conservation Trust Fund.

We initiated, in collaboration with the West Fairlee Conservation Commission, a series of well-attended educational events to celebrate "The Year Of The Tree" in Thetford. These included:

- A Talk by Author and Ecologist Tom Wessels in April on "Reading The Forested Landscape"
- A Bird Walk with Ornithologist George Clark on the Taylor Parcel (May)
- An Arbor Day Peach Tree Planting event at Thetford Elementary School (May)
- A Tree Identification Workshop led by Forester Ehrhard Frost (June)
- An Outdoor Experiential Activity for young families and Showing of "The Lorax" (October)

In addition, we continued a series of "Crown Jewel" walks during which TCC members tour special properties in Thetford with the landowners and inventory key conservation attributes. We also provided the Selectboard with some guiding principles for conservation that were subsequently incorporated into the Town's Trails Master Plan.

In accordance with the Town Management Plan for town-owned properties, TCC members cut trees to maintain shrub bird habitat in the Hughes Forest and mowed the path at the Post Mills Nature Area.

In support of the Lake Fairlee Association's efforts to protect the water quality of the lake and to restore wildlife habitat, TCC members participated in the Better Backroads Bank Restoration project on Robinson Hill Road by helping to plant a buffer of native vegetation.

## THETFORD HILL HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Thetford Hill Historic Preservation Committee is an advisory body ready to assist property owners with issues of historic preservation within the Thetford Hill Historic District. The committee consists of five members who serve without compensation and are appointed by the Thetford town Select Board who shall make every effort to appoint persons who have demonstrated an interest, competence or knowledge in historic preservation. It is intended that a majority of members be professionals from the disciplines of history, archeology, architectural history, architecture and historical architecture but members representing other historic preservation related disciplines, such as urban planning, American studies, cultural geography or anthropology, and building trades are also encouraged as are members from the lay community at large. If possible at least one member of the committee should be a resident from within the area designated as the Historic Overlay. All members serve a term of four years commencing on the first Tuesday in January. Any vacancy occurring in a position for any reason other than the expiration of the term is to be filled by appointment by the Select Board for the remainder of the term. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Development Review Board and works with the Zoning Administrator. Such is the definition of who we are and what we do.

During the past year the committee has provided guidance and recommendations to a number of property owners within the Thetford Hill Historic Preservation district who were considering alterations or additions to their properties. Time was also spent on developing a manual and guidelines for the Historic District which will be distributed to District property owners in 2013 and will be made available to others at the Town Hall. We are here and ready to assist.

Respectfully,

John W. Hall, Chair  
Thetford Hill Historic Preservation Committee

## **TREASURE ISLAND**

*Season: June-Labor Day, Hours: 10 AM-8 PM Daily*

Treasure Island is a town recreation park located on the shores of Lake Fairlee on Vermont Route 244. At Treasure Island, there are multiple recreation opportunities, including beachfront swimming, tennis courts, a playground, a bathhouse, picnicking, covered picnic areas, space for large group gatherings, and non-motorized boat launching. Lifeguards provide coverage on the wide beachfront every day in summer, and American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim lessons are available for all ages.

In 2012, this beautiful park was open and well-attended by local residents, as well as people from neighboring towns, and visitors to the area. Many local businesses refer travelers and tourists to Treasure Island as a location for recreation, and when visitors arrive and spend the day, they are astounded by the beauty, simplicity, and quality of this spot.

This year, the Thetford Recreation Department ran six weeks of day camp for local and area children at Treasure Island. The day-campers had a daily schedule that included group games, arts and crafts, wild-crafting, swimming, fishing, and tennis, all led by camp counselors. Peabody Library Children's Librarian Emily Zollo came to the beach weekly for Storytime. Our Water Safety Instructors taught swimming lessons every weekday including Saturdays for 8 weeks.

At Treasure Island, the Recreation Department also offered excellent kayaking lessons this summer, and local volunteer Diane Ferriter continued to lead tennis lessons in July. On the second Saturday in August, local organizers and volunteers staged LAKEFEST, a large celebration of Lake Fairlee that included incredible recreation opportunities (Stand-Up Paddleboard and Kayak demos, Pontoon Boat tours of the lake), collaborations with area camps, nature programs, games and contests and much more. This was very well attended and lots of fun.

We thank the Thetford Selectboard for their overarching support and guidance, the Thetford Recreation Department/Committee for programming and ideas/feedback, and the Thetford Public Works Department for larger maintenance and valuable project assistance. Thank you also to the Thetford Town Office Staff for being so helpful. Above all, thank you to Thetford Residents for utilizing and supporting Treasure Island.

See you at the beach!

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott and Ann O'Hearn, Treasure Island Managers

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We have had a very productive year in 2012. Our youth and adult programs had over 1000 registrants and brought in \$40,500 in revenue. 50 new families joined us on our web site and took advantage of our many programs.

Youth sports are still some of our most successful programs due to the many dedicated parent volunteers who share their talents and skills with our community. Basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, and tennis are very popular here in Thetford. We are able to also offer swimming, swim lessons, and kayaking for youth and adults at our Treasure Island facility on Lake Fairlee.

Our ski program had 126 participants and 33 parent volunteers for snowboarding and alpine skiing and 24 youth and 5 volunteers for cross country. There is also skating available at Thetford ES. The annual Thetford Ski Sale brought in over \$2,000 which is put toward offsetting program costs and making scholarships available.

New for the department this year we were able to offer a 6 week summer camp opportunity and had 20 plus campers per week. This fall, we added Outdoor Adventure and Nature Crafts. This popular program, held at Open Fields School, is held once a week for the school year. It is such a great program we are planning on using it as our basis for next summer's camp experience.

Adult programs include our ongoing Building Bones, drop in basketball, kayaking and wild crafting walks.

Thetford is a great community. I thank you for being a part of the Recreation Department by participating and volunteering for our activities.

Respectfully submitted

Kathi Meyerson  
Recreation Director

## **THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE**

This year, the TEC organized two energy-related forums held at the Montshire Museum – one was on “Dirty Energy” (hydrolic fracturing and tar-sands extraction) and the other was on “Smart Meters.” TEC also initiated a bicycle Park and Ride program for Thetford residents who want to leave their cars at a convenient location and bike to work. The Wells River Savings Bank and the Baptist Church in East Thetford agreed to participate in the program and provided parking sites.

The TEC agreed to participate in a pilot program started by Efficiency Vermont (EVT) and the VT Dept. of Public Service to inform local contractors, banks, and residents about the new Vermont Residential Building Energy Standard (RBES) and is organizing public workshops on the RBES. To encourage Thetford residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, TEC proposed setting up an Energy Audit Revolving Loan Fund through the Sustainable Energy Resource Group (SERG) to help homeowners cover the expense of the first vital step in any energy improvement process - the energy audit. This program is on hold until the State provides PACE funding. The TEC is also partnering in the Go VT Program Promotion to educate commuters about the Go VT web site that lists opportunities for carpooling for daily commutes to and from work.

As part of Vermont’s climate change goal to increase energy efficiency in 80,000 VT homes by 2020, towns are being asked to get 3% of their homes weatherized in 2013, as part of the Vermont Home Energy Challenge. The TEC was one of the first energy committees to sign on to the Challenge and has begun planning for its implementation, building off our successful 2011 Thetford HEAT initiative.

As has been done for a number of years, TEC is offering a new Warmth in Winter series, in which energy-related videos/films will be show at the First Congregational Church of Thetford on several Sundays in January and February of 2013.

## LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND PEABODY LIBRARY

### Latham Library

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 10,218 with 12,324 people coming to use the library. More people came and more materials circulated from the library than last year.

From three visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,100 books and these state books were taken out 1,228 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 3,089 movies were borrowed from the library. 948 audio books circulated this year. 46 E-books and 188 audio books were downloaded through the library in 2012. 129 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 12 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The library depends on voluntary efforts from many members of the community. More new titles in a variety of formats (audio, movies, and books) were made available each week due to the concentrated efforts of your volunteers.

Your continued support through the annual appeal improved your library.

Come visit in 2013. 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. where you are always welcome. Libraries change lives.

### Peabody Library

In its 146th year, the library hosted 60 programs including one book discussion series made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council. Volunteers opened the library every Saturday morning during the summer months.

A summer Film series was offered in July and August. The Seventeenth Annual Penny Carnival brought a happy crowd of 90 folks to enjoy a sunny afternoon.

Emily Zollo celebrated her second year as Children's Librarian in September. Programs concluded in December with the Solstice Stories led by Emily Zollo while the Librarian read for older folks at the Twenty-fifth Annual Holiday Readings.

The Library had 1,292 visitors borrowing 536 books from the library collection. 67 audio books also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, painting, and gardening. 186 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 817 titles circulated from the library in 2012. More people came and more materials circulated from the library than last year. Come 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."

Let your libraries change your life.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

**Library Hours listed inside the back cover of this report.**



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## **THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION**

Our member libraries have continued to encourage reading at all levels, by book discussion groups, visiting speakers and authors, story-telling, and by working cooperatively with classroom teachers at both schools. New books have been obtained by purchase, by regular borrowing from the state regional libraries, and by interlibrary loan. We continue to use LibraryWorld for circulating and cataloging materials into the town-wide database, and continue to expand online reference and recreational titles.

Our other major purpose is to maintain the Bicentennial Building as a free home for Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and the Historical Society's library and archives. In 2012, the basement gallery was transformed into a Teen Center providing a safe supervised space for teens waiting for sports practices or needing access to the internet for homework.

Our main source of income is a yearly grant voted by the Town, which provides a major portion of the operating budgets for our two public libraries, Peabody and Latham, and supports ThetNet, the fiber-optic link among the libraries on Thetford Hill. For our other expenses, including operation of our building, we depend on income from the endowment and from our annual fund appeal which, thanks to your continued support, was sufficient to meet our expenses in 2012.

Peter Blodgett, Acting Clerk

## TOWN OF THETFORD BUDGET REPORT

### On the FY2013 Town Budget

The Selectboard and Budget Committee are presenting a budget for general fund and highway spending that will exceed 2012 budgets by 15.2%. Following five years of relatively little change, this sudden increase is due to three primary reasons:

- Spending in the general fund is increasing by 5.3%, and spending in the public works department is increasing by 10.5%, due to items detailed below.
- Recognizing deferred maintenance on our paved roads, and in accordance with the capital plan resulting from the adoption of a new Road Surface Management System (RSMS), we are changing how we budget for paving and gravel road resurfacing. In prior years, we would only spend for re-paving when grant opportunities were available from the state. While this allowed paving projects to be completed on the cheap, no paving would happen when grants were not available. Given the 13+ miles of pavement in town and the anticipated lifespan of pavement, it became clear that we were underfunding this asset. This change in funding is represented by a reduction of \$95,000 in other grant receipts in the public works fund, or a 40.7% decrease in non-tax revenues. Additionally, we are asking that the Town vote to allocate our paving budget into a permanent fund, so that in future years when paving is not completed, the money will allow more paving to happen when grant opportunities can be exploited. This will result, on average, a steadier rate of actual spending on paving, and grant receipts will further extend this resource.
- A spending increase of 5% from 2011 to 2012 was offset by applying surplus monies from the general fund to 2012 spending, so tax bills didn't increase in proportion with actual spending.

In an effort to illustrate the combined net spending for proposed general and highway expenses *and* additional warned articles, the following table shows the sum of all taxes to raise, which will yield a total increase of 15.8% from 2012 to 2013.

#### Proposed Taxes to Raise on Town Warning

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
General funds to raise	895,552	952,925	959,009	922,839	1,045,618
Public works funds to raise	551,876	468,000	442,572	456,487	597,564
Other warned articles	221,393	180,500	209,600	238,350	230,888
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,668,821</b>	<b>1,601,425</b>	<b>1,611,181</b>	<b>1,617,676</b>	<b>1,874,069</b>

**General Fund**

The general fund ended 2012 with a balance of \$150,438, or 12% of 2012 expenses. The Selectboard is considering a policy to maintain the fund between 8% and 12% of expenses, therefore, the fund is in a healthy position.

**Public Works Fund**

The public works fund ended 2012 with a balance of \$105,108, which is 15.4% of 2012 expenses. The Selectboard is considering policy to maintain the fund between 8% and 12% of expenses. As such, \$23,105 from the public works fund will be applied toward 2013 expenses. This will reduce the fund balance to 12%.

You will find the following changes of note in the 2013 Budget:

**Selectboard**

1. 100-3000-15.02 Medical & Dental Benefits: While rates on our conventional insurance plans continue to rise, health care reform will go into effect January 1, 2014. This will change how the town administers health insurance, but details about the health care exchange are only beginning to emerge.
2. 100-3000-48.00 PACIF Insurance: 2012 was the first year that these figures were split between the general fund and public works fund. From 2011 actual to 2012 actual, you will note that the amount dropped by half, as the other half now appears in Public Works 200-5100-48.00. The change for 2013 is based on a quoted increase.
3. 100-3000-50.00 Tax Mapping: This is one of the many technology contracts that are now accounted for in 100-3210.27.00 Computer Licensing Agreements. As such, it was removed from the SB budget.

**Police & Animal Control**

- New Item: Our Police Department has been budgeted to add a half time administrator. The department had previously been budgeted for 3.25 full time equivalent positions, or 3 full time officers and 1 part time officer. This administrative position will essentially occupy 0.5 positions, allowing our 3 full time officers more hours in the field and less in the office.

**Clerk/BCA/Elections/Operations/Physical Plant**

- 100-3210-27.00 Computer Licensing Agreements: This item now includes several contracts and licenses that previously appeared in other departments, including GIS, Tax Mapping, Property Valuation, Accounting, and other software. Additionally, \$4,500 of this item is new this year and pays for programs that will allow for digitization of land records in town hall and online access of tax mapping, property tax cards, and related documents.

### **Single Year Appropriations**

- The appropriation to the American Red Cross was increased from \$250 to \$1,000. Safeline, Stagecoach, and SERG were new items in 2012 or increased from 2012.

### **Listers**

- The Listers department is increasing hours for clerical assistance as well as outside professional services. Both changes reflect the increasingly complex demands on this department.

### **Recreation & Treasure Island**

- 100-7000-10.01 Recreation Staff: Responding to the increased demand for recreation offerings, and the desire for a professional Summer Camp Director, staff will increase significantly in 2013. This expense is offset entirely by increased recreation revenues (100-2750-00.00).

### **Upper Valley Ambulance**

- 100-6110-40.00 Upper Valley Ambulance: The UVA increased fees by 30% this year, and additional increases are expected for 2014.

### **Department of Public Works**

- While the town will continue to actively pursue grant opportunities for paving and structures projects, we will no longer plan projects contingent upon receiving grant awards. As such, we are not budgeting grant receipts as anticipated non-tax revenue, and funds will be applied to capital funds (see below).
- 200-5000-10.00 Highway Wages: The highway department experienced above average turnover in 2012. In a series of restructuring moves, the town hired a Public Works Director and a skilled heavy equipment operator to achieve a higher level of efficiency in this department.
- 200-5100-74.00 Mileage Reimbursement: A new policy was implemented in the second half of 2012 that has already saved the town several thousand dollars in fuel costs. Public Works employees are now authorized to use their personal vehicles to complete tasks for the town that otherwise would have used a municipal truck (road checks, part runs, etc.). As the larger trucks cost approximately \$1.30/mile in fuel alone, the \$0.55/mile reimbursement represents a significant savings.
- 200-5100-15.00 Highway Medical/Life/Dental: Health insurance rates increased, as did employee participation in the plan.
- 200-5120-22.00 Contribution to New Paving Fund: As stated earlier, the town will begin annual contributions to a capital paving fund. Based on the data provided in the RSMS and lessons of our neighbors, the Selectboard realized that we need to allocate more resources to preserving our

paved road infrastructure. The town may engage in construction only when matching funds are available, but we need to continue saving for these projects every year.

- 200-5130-56.00 Gravel Resurfacing: Gravel roads lose material every year and need to be resurfaced regularly. Our previous allowance for resurfacing was inadequate to maintain our 50 miles of gravel roads.
- 200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies: Our Director is adopting ways to reduce waste and improve road safety. It is likely that we will see a reduction in winter maintenance supplies.
- 200-5330-20.00 Transportation Fuel: Related to the mileage reimbursement and a greater emphasis on efficient use of vehicles, it is likely that our fuel costs will decrease.

✱ NOTES ✱

***FINANCIAL REPORTS***

***YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2012***

## TOWN OF THETFORD 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET

Summary	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Proposed	% Change 2012-2013
Police & Animal Control	206,176	206,638	223,863	226,005	9.4%
Selectboard	180,786	195,347	160,060	187,382	-4.1%
Miscellaneous	135,983	139,085	134,816	157,461	13.2%
Fire & Emergency Management	114,899	124,836	124,836	129,830	4.0%
Recreation & Treasure Island	93,548	99,027	105,725	107,799	8.9%
Clerk/BCA/Elections/Operations	81,300	89,131	87,834	99,955	12.1%
Libraries	88,859	88,859	88,859	88,859	0.0%
Treasurer & Tax Collection	68,150	70,525	69,861	72,981	3.5%
Town Hall – Physical Plant	68,054	67,543	67,901	66,437	-1.6%
Recycling & Solid Waste	53,016	61,798	56,889	59,277	-4.1%
Listers	35,072	41,565	41,731	47,070	13.2%
Zoning Department & Planning Commission	27,617	30,439	24,618	32,848	7.9%
Single Year Appropriations	34,561	33,165	36,815	37,565	13.3%
Conservation	5,626	5,425	5,356	5,725	5.5%
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>1,193,648</b>	<b>1,253,385</b>	<b>1,229,165</b>	<b>1,319,194</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied		(87,000)			
Less Non-tax Revenues	(255,521)	(243,546)	(282,956)	(273,576)	12.3%
<b>General Funds to Raise</b>	<b>938,127</b>	<b>922,839</b>	<b>914,286</b>	<b>1,045,618</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
Public Works Expense	727,995	683,359	659,568	755,178	10.5%
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied				(23,105)	
Less Non-Tax Revenues	(183,294)	(226,872)	(265,942)	(134,509)	-40.7%
<b>Public Works Funds to Raise</b>	<b>544,701</b>	<b>456,487</b>	<b>456,487</b>	<b>597,564</b>	<b>15.2%</b>
<b>Town &amp; Public Works to Raise</b>	<b>1,482,828</b>	<b>1,379,325</b>	<b>1,370,773</b>	<b>1,643,181</b>	<b>19.1%</b>
<b>Additional Warned Articles</b>	<b>209,600</b>	<b>238,350</b>	<b>238,350</b>	<b>230,888</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>1,692,428</b>	<b>1,617,675</b>	<b>1,609,123</b>	<b>1,874,069</b>	<b>15.8%</b>



Revenues	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Proposed	% Change 2012-2013
100-2000-00.00 Current Tax Levy	995,417	926,687	914,286	1,045,618	12.4%
<b>Non-Tax Revenues</b>					
100-2000-01.00 Hold Harmless Revenue	70,026	70,000	72,001	72,000	3%
100-2030-00.00 Interest Delinquent Taxes	22,347	17,000	18,153	14,000	-18%
100-2040-00.00 School Tax Billing Fee	9,579	9,600	10,531	9,600	0%
100-2101-00.00 Liquor Taxes	200	200	200	200	0%
100-2110-00.00 Dog penalties (late fee)	419	500	1,927	500	0%
100-2115-00.00 Dog Fines (tickets)	-	25	-	500	1900%
100-2120-00.00 Dog Licenses	3,287	3,350	3,251	3,350	0%
100-2121-01.00 Zoning Permits	11,524	12,000	14,661	15,750	31%
100-2121-02.00 SubDivision Permits	1,160	1,200	230	1,500	25%
100-2211-00.00 Penalty on Taxes	17,943	16,000	13,300	13,500	-16%
100-2310-00.00 Town Clerk Fees	27,071	26,000	35,725	30,000	15%
100-2351-00.00 Use of Town Records	335	350	313	350	0%
100-2353-00.00 Zoning Material Receipts	15	25	37	30	20%
100-2400-00.00 Traffic Fines	7,742	6,000	5,934	6,000	0%
100-2400-10.00 Police Receipts	254	500	105	500	0%
100-2440-05.00 Tax Sale- Other	-	-	4	-	-
100-2400-20.00 Tax Sale Redem. Int. to Town	-	-	1,602	-	-
100-2630-00.00 Recycling Sticker Revenue	10,118	10,000	11,898	12,000	20%
100-2634-02.00 Recycling Receipts	13,604	10,000	6,566	8,000	-20%
100-2682-00.01 Cemetery Receipts	120	-	120	-	-
100-2690-00.00 Sale Town Owned Property	175	-	-	-	-
100-2700-00.00 Treasure Island Receipts	22,246	22,000	30,744	30,000	36%
100-2750-00.00 Recreation Receipts	22,414	22,000	36,734	40,000	82%
100-2800-00.00 Insurance refunds	-	-	2,597	-	-
100-2930-00.00 Bank Interest	1,840	1,600	578	600	-63%
100-2985-00.00 Flood Cont-Water Resource	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	0%
100-2987-00.00 Forest & Parks Tax	21	21	21	21	0%
100-2988-00.00 Railroad Tax	-	3,000	18	3,000	0%
100-2989-00.00 PILOT Revenues	8,407	8,500	8,306	8,500	0%
100-2990-00.00 Miscellaneous Receipts	1,000	-	4	-	-
100-2995-00.00 Transfer In (LED grant surplus)	-	-	3,723	-	-
	<b>255,521</b>	<b>243,546</b>	<b>282,956</b>	<b>273,576</b>	<b>12.3%</b>

Selectboard	2011	2012	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed	2012-2013
100-3000-10.01 Selectboard Stipend	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	0%
100-3000-11.00 Selectboard Assistant	3,913	10,000	9,712	9,856	-1%
100-3000-14.00 Selectboard S.S.	263	268	268	268	0%
100-3000-15.00 Selectboard Contingency	5,532	6,000	2,865	5,000	-17%
100-3000-15.01 Selectboard Assistant S.S.	304	172	838	172	0%
100-3000-15.02 Medical/Life/Dental Benefits	57,877	71,399	64,927	77,725	9%
100-3000-20.00 Supplies & Publications		250	25	250	0%
100-3000-30.00 Advertising	1,379	1,500	1,806	1,750	17%
100-3000-40.00 VT League of Cities and Towns	3,428	3,476	3,476	3,415	-2%
100-3000-40.01 Dues and Meetings	110	500	141	250	-50%
100-3000-42.00 Unemployment	6,145	6,111	3,934	5,000	-18%
100-3000-48.00 PACIF Liability & WC Insurance	52,473	46,111	26,490	35,196	-24%
100-3000-49.00 PACIF Deductibles	-	500	-	500	0%
100-3000-50.00 Tax Mapping	1,950	1,950	1,950	-	-100%
100-3000-60.00 Legal Services	7,191	5,000	1,637	5,000	0%
100-3000-74.00 Travel	-	200	75	200	0%
100-3000-80.00 Professional Audit	15,210	14,625	15,593	15,750	8%
100-3000-85.00 Planning & Consulting	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0%
100-3000-90.00 Mowing	2,170	3,000	2,385	3,000	0%
100-3000-92.00 Retirement	8,267	8,500	10,235	10,000	18%
100-3000-93.00 USDA Contract	390	690	1,333	-	-100%
100-9990-04.00 Real Estate Abatements	2	800	-	-	-100%
100-9990-06.00 Bank Fees	591	1,500	630	550	-63%
100-3000-91.00 Town Lands Maintenance	5,090	5,000	3,241	5,000	0%
	<b>180,786</b>	<b>196,052</b>	<b>160,060</b>	<b>187,382</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>

Treasurer	2011	2012	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed	2012-2013
100-3400-10.00 Treasurer	30,806	31,781	31,024	33,356	5%
100-3400-11.00 Asst. Treasurer	19,392	20,509	21,503	21,341	4%
100-3400-14.00 Social Security-Treasurer	2,187	2,431	2,201	2,552	5%
100-3400-14.01 Social Sec.-Asst. Treas.	1,474	1,569	1,648	1,633	4%
100-3400-15.00 Treasurer's Benefits	1,729	1,800	1,846	1,800	0%
100-3400-20.00 Treasurer supplies	1,869	1,500	1,042	1,200	-20%
100-3400-35.00 Treasurer postage	1,798	1,850	1,791	1,850	0%
100-3400-40.00 Treasurer Dues & Mtgs.	708	800	568	800	0%
100-3440-04.00 Tax Collection	7,644	7,650	7,695	7,803	2%
100-3440-14.00 Tax Collection Soc. Security	543	585	544	597	2%
100-3440-74.00 Travel	-	50	-	50	0%
	<b>68,150</b>	<b>70,525</b>	<b>69,861</b>	<b>72,981</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

Town Clerk, BCA, Elections, Town Hall	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Proposed	% Change 2012-2013
<b>Clerk &amp; Records</b>					
100-3500-10.00 Town Clerk's Salary	33,033	33,364	35,683	34,033	2%
100-3500-10.01 Asst Town Clerk Wages	15,631	16,744	16,491	17,195	3%
100-3500-14.00 Social Security-Clerk	2,318	2,552	2,508	2,604	2%
100-3500-14.01 Social Security-Asst Clerk	1,190	1,281	1,263	1,315	3%
100-3500-15.00 Town Clerk Benefits	709	840	697	840	0%
100-3500-25.00 Town Hall Technology Initiative		3,800	3,481	4,000	5%
100-3500-40.00 CLK. Dues/Meetings/Travel	2,116	2,100	1,153	2,100	0%
100-3080-62.00 Town Report	3,578	4,000	4,245	4,300	8%
100-3080-65.00 Restoration of Records	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0%
	<b>60,574</b>	<b>66,681</b>	<b>67,521</b>	<b>68,386</b>	<b>2.6%</b>
<b>BCA &amp; Elections</b>					
100-3300-10.02 BCA Expenses	169	250	462	175	-30%
100-3300-40.00 BCA Ed. Workshops & Meet	68	100	-	100	0%
100-3310-10.00 Election Officials	59	500	195	500	0%
100-3310-21.00 Election Supplies	88	75	252	75	0%
	<b>383</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>
<b>Town Offices - Operations</b>					
100-3210-20.00 Town Office Supplies	1,937	2,000	3,761	3,000	50%
100-3210-23.00 Copier Contract Support	583	600	700	600	0%
100-3210-24.00 Copier Maintenance/Supply	298	400	-	400	0%
100-3210-26.00 Computer & IT Support	8,134	7,500	7,367	6,000	-20%
100-3210-27.00 Computer Licensing Agreements	-	500	20	10,093	1919%
100-3210-28.00 Computer Supplies	441	300	-	400	33%
100-3210-34.00 Telecommunications	6,564	5,900	5,020	5,900	0%
100-3210-35.00 Town Office Postage	1,976	2,500	2,132	2,500	0%
100-3210-68.00 Equipment Maint/Repairs	185	200	-	200	0%
100-3210-83.00 Tools & Equipment	224	1,625	404	1,625	0%
	<b>20,342</b>	<b>21,525</b>	<b>19,404</b>	<b>30,718</b>	<b>42.7%</b>
<b>Town Hall- Physical Plant</b>					
100-3710-10.00 Custodian	1,667	1,650	1,695	1,726	5%
100-3710-14.00 Social Security - Custodian	128	126	130	132	5%
100-3710-20.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Supplies	330	450	207	450	0%
100-3710-56.00 Rubbish Removal/Recycling	1,088	1,000	1,030	1,000	0%
100-3710-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	1,478	1,500	2,916	1,500	0%
100-3710-70.00 Grounds Maintenance	107	25	-	25	0%
100-3710-76.00 Town Hall Utilities	7,190	7,200	8,076	7,200	0%
100-3710-80.00 Town Hall Alarm Service	329	200	157	200	0%
100-3710-83.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Equip	1,188	2,000	299	2,000	0%
100-3710-84.00 Town Hall Fund Contribution	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	0%
100-3710-90.00 Town Hall Bond Payment	46,050	44,892	44,892	43,704	-3%
	<b>68,054</b>	<b>67,543</b>	<b>67,901</b>	<b>66,437</b>	<b>-2%</b>

<b>Conservation Commission</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Actual</b>	<b>2013 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2012-2013</b>
100-3800-20.00 Conservation Supplies	74	125	246		-100%
100-3800-40.00 Dues, Meetings	240	200	-		-100%
100-3800-80.00 Conservation Fund Appropriation	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0%
100-3800-90.00 Project Support	311	100	110	725	625%
	<b>5,626</b>	<b>5,425</b>	<b>5,356</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

<b>Fire &amp; Emergency Management</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Actual</b>	<b>2013 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2012-2013</b>
100-3900-30.00 Emergency Management	1,878	7,280	17,476	8,830	21%
100-4500-00.00 Fire Department	112,535	117,036	117,035	121,000	3%
100-4500-10.01 Fire Warden	486	520	-		-100%
	<b>114,899</b>	<b>124,836</b>	<b>134,511</b>	<b>129,830</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

<b>Listers</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Actual</b>	<b>2013 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2012-2013</b>
100-3430-10.00 Listers Salaries	23,128	33,097	29,620	33,740	2%
100-3430-11.00 Lister Clerk Salary	5,280	2,700	5,295	4,264	58%
100-3430-14.00 Listers Social Security	1,766	1,616	2,260	2,581	60%
100-3430-14.01 Lister Clerk Soc. Security	402	153	407	326	114%
100-3430-20.00 Listers Supplies	799	500	609	500	0%
100-3430-23.00 Lister Service Contracts	2,228	2,300	2,107	2,363	3%
100-3430-34.00 Listers - Advertising	-	-	-	75	-
100-3430-35.00 Lister Postage	386	150	304	150	0%
100-3430-40.00 Lister Dues & Meetings	438	350	-	370	6%
100-3430-68.00 Lister Professional Service	439	500	935	2,200	340%
100-3430-74.00 Listers Travel	206	200	184	200	0%
100-3430-83.00 Lister Equipment	-	-	11	300	-
	<b>35,072</b>	<b>41,565</b>	<b>41,731</b>	<b>47,070</b>	<b>13.2%</b>

<b>Recycling &amp; Solid Waste</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Actual</b>	<b>2013 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2012-2013</b>
100-6320-00.00 GUVSWMD Dues	33,105	33,720	32,738	32,738	-3%
100-6340-10.00 Recycling Salaries	8,032	8,500	7,999	9,000	6%
100-6340-14.00 Social Security-Recycling	612	650	613	689	6%
100-6340-20.00 Recycling supplies	403	500	977	650	30%
100-6340-40.00 Bin lease/Comingled NRRA	3,364	7,500	8,932	7,500	0%
100-6340-42.05 Glass pick up	2,458	4,000	342	2,000	-50%
100-6340-42.07 Scrap metal pick up	-	250	-	250	0%
100-6340-50.00 Community Education	-	250	100	250	0%
100-6340-74.00 Travel	42	50	187	200	300%
100-6340-75.00 Facility Const & Maint	-	1,000	-	1,000	0%
100-6340-90.00 Capital Reserve	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0%
	<b>53,016</b>	<b>61,420</b>	<b>56,889</b>	<b>59,277</b>	<b>-3.5%</b>

<b>Zoning &amp; Planning</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Actual</b>	<b>2013 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2012-2013</b>
<b>ZONING</b>					
100-3620-10.00 Zoning Administrator	13,849	13,284	11,781	13,919	5%
100-3620-10.01 Zoning Admin. Asst.	5,180	5,200	5,383	7,036	35%
100-3620-14.00 Social Security - Zoning	1,065	1,016	897	1,065	5%
100-3620-14.01 Admin. Asst. Soc. Sec.	389	398	413	538	35%
100-3620-20.00 Zoning Supplies	640	350	276	350	0%
100-3620-30.00 Zoning Advertising	526	650	474	650	0%
100-3620-35.00 Zoning postage	1,529	1,850	737	1,850	0%
100-3620-40.00 Zoning Dues & Meetings	90	150	-	150	0%
100-3620-74.00 Zoning Travel	192	150	20	150	0%
100-3620-83.00 Zoning Equipment	-	400	250	150	-63%
	<b>23,459</b>	<b>23,448</b>	<b>20,230</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>					
100-3650-10.01 Clerical Support	1,050	1,700	1,071	1,700	0%
100-3650-14.01 Clk. Support Soc. Sec.	80	130	82	130	0%
100-3650-20.00 Plan. Com. Supplies	18	75	-	75	0%
100-3650-21.00 Plan. Com. Printing	-	1,000	-	1,000	0%
100-3650-30.00 Plan. Com. Advertising	118	500	-	500	0%
100-3650-40.00 Plan. Com. Dues & Meetings	-	100	-	100	0%
100-3650-42.00 Plan. Com. Training	-	100	-	100	0%
100-3650-58.00 Plan. Com. RPC Dues	2,892	3,235	3,235	3,235	0%
100-3650-74.00 Plan. Com. Travel	-	150	-	150	0%
	<b>4,158</b>	<b>6,990</b>	<b>4,388</b>	<b>6,990</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Police &amp; Animal Control</b>					
	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Actual</b>	<b>2013 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2012-2013</b>
<b>POLICE</b>					
100-4100-10.00 Police Chief	53,683	55,891	57,924	58,675	5%
100-4100-10.01 Police Officers F.T.	73,637	80,538	82,322	82,033	2%
New Item- Interim PT Officer, long term PT Admin				17,399	
100-4100-10.02 Police overtime	5,276	6,000	7,435	6,000	0%
100-4100-10.03 Police Officers P.T.	4,041	9,048	12,159	2,500	-72%
100-4100-10.05 Call Out/OT	3,564	3,000	2,131	3,000	0%
100-4100-14.00 Social Security-Police Chief	3,908	4,276	4,177	4,489	5%
100-4100-14.01 Police Officer Soc. Security	6,442	6,161	6,575	4,750	-23%
100-4100-14.02 Soc.Sec. P.T.	102	692	946	191	-72%
100-4100-14.05 CallOut/OT Soc. Security	263	230	153		-100%
100-4100-15.00 Police Benefits	2,239	2,415	2,571	2,415	0%
100-4100-20.00 Police supplies	854	850	2,177	850	0%
100-4100-25.00 Uniforms	1,577	2,000	2,143	3,000	50%
100-4100-34.00 Police Telecommunications	4,673	4,000	5,207	4,000	0%
100-4100-35.00 Police Postage	42	100	36	100	0%
100-4100-36.00 Radio/Dispatch	10,394	10,400	9,691	10,400	0%
100-4100-40.00 Police Dues & Meetings	79	150	310	150	0%
100-4100-42.00 Police Training	268	500	428	500	0%
100-4100-60.00 Contracted Services	423	375	533	300	-20%
100-4100-68.00 Vehicle Repair	6,855	5,000	7,747	6,000	20%
100-4100-74.00 Police Fuel	12,171	9,300	12,770	11,160	20%
100-4100-83.00 Equipment/ Repair/Radio	2,446	3,000	3,154	3,000	0%
100-4100-90.00 Vehicle Replacement	10,000	-	-	-	
100-4100-91.00 Police Small Equipment Fund	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	0%
	<b>204,437</b>	<b>205,426</b>	<b>222,087</b>	<b>222,412</b>	<b>8.3%</b>

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

100-6150-10.00 Animal Control Wages	284	1,200	1,075	2,000	67%
100-6150-14.00 Social Security-AC	22	92	82	153	66%
100-6150-15.00 Pound Fees	417	600	-	300	-50%
100-6150-22.00 Humane Supplies	572	200	28	250	25%
100-6150-37.00 Licensing Supplies	339	225	324	300	33%
100-6150-40.00 Dues,Mtgs,Innoculations	106	75	-	90	20%
100-6150-74.00 Animal Cont.Travel	-	275	267	500	82%
	<b>1,739</b>	<b>2,667</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>34.7%</b>

**Libraries and Miscellaneous**

	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Actual</b>	<b>2013 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2012-2013</b>
<b>LIBRARIES</b>					
100-8000-00.00 Thetford Libraries	88,859	88,859	88,859	88,859	0%
<b>COMMITTEES</b>					
100-4000-50.00 Energy Committee	190	750	651	750	0%
100-6950-20.00 TEN Committee	-	400	50	-	-100%
New Line- Senior and Affordable Housing Comm.				1,000	
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>					
100-6140-10.00 Health Officer Wages	122	300	-	300	0%
100-6140-14.00 Social Security	9	23	-	23	0%
100-6140-40.00 Dues & Meetings	-	75	-	75	0%
100-6140-74.00 Travel	44	50	-	50	0%
<b>DANGEROUS BUILDINGS</b>					
100-6120-50.00 Dangerous Bldg. Inspector	-	500	-	500	0%
<b>AMBULANCE</b>					
100-6110-40.00 Upper Valley Ambulance	55,580	55,580	51,760	69,876	26%
<b>CEMETERIES</b>					
100-6820-01.00 Cemeteries-Mowing	4,460	3,800	4,960	3,800	0%
100-6820-02.00 Hillside Cem. Assoc.	-	-	-	-	-
100-6820-20.00 Cemeteries - Supplies	-	200	-	200	0%
100-6820-68.00 Repairs	1,000	1,200	-	1,200	0%
100-9900-01.00 Veterans' Flags	400	400	400	400	0%
<b>SCHOLARSHIPS</b>					
100-9900-02.00 Scholarships	500	500	500	500	0%
<b>FLOOD EXPENSE</b>					
100-9900-07.00 Flood Expense	107				
<b>COUNTY TAX</b>					
100-9300-00.00 County & Extension Svc.	72,602	72,602	75,154	76,987	6%
<b>INTEREST PAID</b>					
100-9150-00.00 Interest on Loans	968	2,000	1,341	1,800	-10%
	<b>135,983</b>	<b>138,380</b>	<b>134,816</b>	<b>157,461</b>	<b>13.8%</b>

Recreation & Treasure Island	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Proposed	% Change 2012-2013
<b>RECREATION</b>					
100-7000-10.00 Recreation Coordinator	16,968	13,663	14,481	14,075	3%
100-7000-14.00 Rec. Coordinator Soc.Sec.	1,294	1,045	1,111	1,077	3%
100-7000-10.01 Recreation Staff		2,195	9,484	11,000	401%
100-7000-14.01 Recreation Staff Soc. Sec.		168	726	842	401%
100-7000-20.00 Recreation Admin Supplies	2,398	3,000	3,838	3,000	0%
100-7000-20.01 Youth Sports Equipment	3,972	4,200	4,481	4,200	0%
100-7000-34.00 Telephone, Utilities	510	600	620	600	0%
100-7000-40.00 Dues and Meetings	304	450	427	400	-11%
100-7000-40.01 Skiing Program	8,574	9,000	7,999	9,000	0%
100-7000-40.02 Cross-Country Skiing Program	203	250	-	250	0%
100-7000-40.03 Adult Programs	-	100	-	100	0%
100-7000-40.10 Special Events	559	1,200	600	1,200	0%
100-7000-50.00 Officials Fees	-	100	20	100	0%
100-7000-50.01 Tournaments & Fees	1,186	1,200	1,285	1,500	25%
100-7000-50.03 Instructor & Registration	1,650	2,000	3,536	2,500	25%
100-7000-50.04 Summer Camp Expenses	537	1,700	945	1,500	-12%
100-7000-50.90 Capital Improvements Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0%
100-7000-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	4,611	6,000	6,140	5,000	-17%
	<b>45,766</b>	<b>49,871</b>	<b>58,691</b>	<b>59,343</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>TREASURE ISLAND</b>					
100-7005-10.00 Treasure Island Staff	11,950	12,500	12,126	12,500	0%
100-7005-14.00 Social Security-TI	914	1,081	928	956	-12%
100-7005-17.00 Property Taxes	21,944	22,500	21,875	22,000	-2%
100-7005-22.00 T.I. Supplies	1,112	1,125	1,042	1,200	7%
100-7005-30.00 T.I. Advertising	126	250	126	200	-20%
100-7005-34.00 Treasure Island Telephone	159	200	138	200	0%
100-7005-68.00 Facility Maint./Repairs-TC	7,330	7,000	6,724	7,000	0%
100-7005-70.00 Residence Maint./Repairs	3,327	2,900	3,163	2,900	0%
100-7005-76.00 Utilities-Treasure Island	407	500	319	500	0%
100-7005-79.00 Misc. train & certification	515	1,100	593	1,000	-9%
	<b>47,782</b>	<b>49,156</b>	<b>47,034</b>	<b>48,456</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Single Year Appropriations</b>					
	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Actual</b>	<b>2013 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change 2012-2013</b>
100-6900-01.00 Clara Martin Center	4,266	4,266	4,266	4,266	-
100-6900-10.00 VNA/VNH	11,536	11,536	11,536	11,536	-
100-6900-40.00 WR Council on Aging	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950	-
100-6900-51.00 Vt. Ctr. for Indep. Living	150	150	150	150	-
100-6900-52.00 Central VT Adult Basic Ed	800	800	800	800	-
100-6900-53.00 The Family Place	300	300	300	300	-
100-6900-55.00 Headrest	1,564	1,564	1,564	1,564	-
100-6900-58.00 Orange County Diversion	175	175	175	175	-
100-6900-62.00 Safeline	1,000	-	1,300	1,300	-
100-6900-65.00 Vermont Green Up, Inc.	150	150	150	150	-
100-6900-75.00 GMEDC	1,390	1,294	1,294	1,294	-
100-6900-76.00 VT Assn for the Blind	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
100-6900-78.00 Kids Place of Randolph	200	200	-	-	-
100-6900-79.00 VT. Trails and Greenways	30	30	30	30	-
100-6900-80.00 Little Rivers Health Care	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
100-6900-81.00 Orange Cnty Parent Child	500	500	500	500	-
100-6900-82.00 Sustainable Energy Resources	300	-	750	750	-
100-6900-83.00 Stagecoach			1,800	1,800	-
100-6900-90.00 Lake Fairlee Association	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
100-6900-02.00 American Red Cross	250	250	250	1,000	300%
	<b>34,561</b>	<b>33,165</b>	<b>36,815</b>	<b>37,565</b>	<b>13.3%</b>

Department of Public Works	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Proposed	% Change 2012-2013
<b>Non-Tax Revenue</b>					
200-2232-00.00 State Highway Aid	128,781	131,872	131,312	134,509	2%
200-2240-00.00 Other Grant Receipts	13,500	95,000	851		
200-2250-00.00 FEMA/FHA Flood Repair	22,799		132,240		
200-2509-00.00 Highway Receipts	3,900		261		
200-2542-00.00 Sale of Town Equipment *	150		848		
200-2600-00.00 Insurance Claims Receipts	13,640		-		
200-2700-10.00 Overweight Permit Fees	520		430		
	<b>183,294</b>	<b>226,872</b>	<b>265,942</b>	<b>134,509</b>	<b>-40.7%</b>
Previous Year Surplus Applied				23,105	
200-2000-00.00 Current Tax Levy-Highway	442,572	456,487	456,487	597,564	30.9%
<b>Total Public Works Revenue</b>	<b>625,866</b>	<b>683,359</b>	<b>722,429</b>	<b>755,178</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
200-5000-10.00 Highway Wages	148,259	177,299	177,431	195,059	9%
200-5000-10.05 DPW On Call			1,112		
200-5000-11.00 Highway Overtime	26,229	20,000	26,243	20,000	0%
200-5000-05.01 Retirement	6,798	7,537	7,631	7,631	1%
200-5100-15.00 Hwy Medical/Life/Dental Benefits	59,037	53,948	47,296	74,755	28%
200-5100-15.01 Social Security	14,016	15,093	17,523	14,922	-1%
200-5100-17.03 Clothing Expense	2,955	3,000	2,821	1,750	-71%
200-5100-20.00 Office Supplies	-	-	30	150	100%
200-5100-34.00 Telephone	871	1,000	2,409	1,650	39%
200-5100-36.00 Radio Maintenance	744	1,500	1,906	1,500	0%
200-5100-40.00 Dues & Meeting	269	1,300	2,846	1,500	13%
200-5100-48.00 PACIF Liab/Unemp/WC		23,381	23,381	26,365	11%
200-5100-74.00 Mileage Reimbursement	-	-	-	5,000	100%
200-5110-22.00 Road Maintenance Supplies	47,900	50,000	60,682	50,000	0%
200-5120-22.00 Contribution to New Paving Fund	-	95,000	2,807	100,000	5%
200-5120-50.00 Hwy Structures (Bridges, culverts)	18,928	15,000	-	15,000	0%
200-5130-56.00 Gravel Resurfacing	26,916	25,000	69,744	63,646	61%
200-5150-22.00 Flood Repairs	123,612				
200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies	94,504	67,000	67,220	50,000	-34%
200-5240-56.00 Other Bridge Expenses	14,140		-		
200-5280-00.00 Streetlights	5,146	4,200	4,141	3,500	-20%
200-5310-22.00 Garage Supplies	3,638	3,000	4,048	3,000	0%
200-5310-56.00 Rubbish Removal - Garage	705	700	681	750	7%
200-5310-68.00 Garage Repairs/Equip./Maint.	3,950	5,900	1,955	4,000	-48%
200-5310-76.00 Garage Utilities	5,809	5,000	5,459	4,500	-11%
200-5310-80.00 Alarm Service	632	1,000	221	1,000	0%
200-5310-83.00 Garage Equipment			737		
200-5330-20.00 Transportation Fuel	74,081	50,000	67,259	55,000	9%
200-5330-21.00 Vehicle Oil		5,000	2,765	2,000	-150%
200-5330-22.00 Vehicle supplies	-	-	21		
200-5330-56.00 Equipment	490	3,500	2,430	3,500	0%
200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	48,366	42,000	51,584	45,000	7%
200-5330-83.00 Vehicle Repair Tools			500		
200-5610-22.00 Highway Signs	-	4,000	5,516	4,000	0%
200-5100-38.00 GIS Road Data Survey	-	3,000	1,170		
<b>Total Public Works Expenses</b>	<b>727,995</b>	<b>683,359</b>	<b>659,568</b>	<b>755,178</b>	<b>10.5%</b>



## TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2012

### Significant Accounting Policies:

#### A. Financial Reporting Entity:

The Town of Thetford, Vermont, for financial reporting purposes, includes all funds 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 each of which is considered as separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its 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. 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. Capital Project Funds:

Capital Project Funds are to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities or equipment.

### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

#### I. Measurement Focus:

All governmental 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.

**II. Basis of Accounting:**

Basis of Accounting refers to when revenues or expenses 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 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 60 day 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 but recorded when paid

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 paid.

**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, 2012, the Town's long-term debt consisted of three notes payable, two capital leases payable and one bond payable:

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$19,100 plus interest, due 2014, total balance due \$38,200.
- To Vermont Bond Bank, interest ranging from 1.55% to 5.00%, annual principal payments of \$30,000 plus interest, due December 2022, total balance due \$300,000.
- To John Deere Credit, interest at 4.5%, annual principal and interest payments of \$41,109 due October 29, 2013, total balance due \$39,305.

- To FSF, annual principal and interest payments of \$60,725, due December 2013, total balance due \$58,217 (This piece of debt is in the name of the Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept., but paid for by the Town of Thetford).
- To Merchants Bank, interest at 3.18%, annual principal payments of \$6,645.50 plus interest, total balance \$26,580, due August 14, 2016.
- To John Deere Credit, interest @ 3.8%, annual principal and interest payments of \$54,220 due October 2016, total balance due \$197,436.

The total amount of long-term debt is \$659,738

**III. Receivables:**

Taxes receivable and other receivables are recorded net of allowance for collectibles based upon judgment of management. In addition, a reserve for delinquent receivables is recorded to account for receivables which are collected within 60 days of year end as these are not deemed available to spend.

### TOWN HALL RENOVATION BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Annual P &amp; I</i>	<i>Bond Bank Refinance Adj.</i>	<i>Adj. Debt Service</i>	<i>Balance (Principal)</i>
2002			7,630.06	7,630.06		7,630.06	600,000.00
2003	1.55 %	30,000.00	22,701.00	52,701.00		52,701.00	570,000.00
2004	1.92 %	30,000.00	22,236.00	52,236.00		52,236.00	540,000.00
2005	2.38 %	30,000.00	21,660.00	51,660.00		51,660.00	510,000.00
2006	2.71 %	30,000.00	20,946.00	50,946.00		50,946.00	480,000.00
2007	3.01 %	30,000.00	20,133.00	50,133.00		50,133.00	450,000.00
2008	3.32 %	30,000.00	19,230.00	49,230.00		49,230.00	420,000.00
2009	3.53 %	30,000.00	18,234.00	48,234.00		48,234.00	390,000.00
2010	3.75 %	30,000.00	17,175.00	47,175.00		47,175.00	360,000.00
2011	3.86 %	30,000.00	16,050.00	46,050.00		46,050.00	330,000.00
2012	3.96 %	30,000.00	14,892.00	44,892.00		44,892.00	300,000.00
2013	4.07 %	30,000.00	13,704.00	43,704.00		43,704.00	270,000.00
2014	4.20 %	30,000.00	12,483.00	42,483.00		42,483.00	240,000.00
2015	4.33 %	30,000.00	11,223.00	41,223.00	1,015.36	40,207.64	210,000.00
2016	4.43 %	30,000.00	9,924.00	39,924.00	1,128.17	38,795.83	180,000.00
2017	4.53 %	30,000.00	8,595.00	38,595.00	1,805.08	36,789.00	150,000.00
2018	4.63 %	30,000.00	7,236.00	37,236.00	1,240.99	35,995.01	120,000.00
2019	4.73 %	30,000.00	5,847.00	35,847.00	1,240.99	34,606.01	90,000.00
2020	4.83 %	30,000.00	4,428.00	34,428.00	1,128.17	33,299.83	60,000.00
2021	4.93 %	30,000.00	2,979.00	32,979.00	6904.67	26,074.33	30,000.00
2022	5.00 %	30,000.00	1,500.00	31,500.00		31,500.00	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>		600,000.00	278,806.06	878,806.06	14,553.43	864,252.63	

**NOTE:** In July 2011, the Renovation Bond was rewritten which has resulted in a savings of \$14,553.43 in interest beginning in 2015.

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

### FARM TRUST

Established initially by Anna Poore, the Farm Trust provides emergency funds to those in our Town who are in need.

Original investment – 12/4/57 -	\$4,001.07
12/31/11 – 33,705.399 shares (Fidelity Puritan)	\$596,248.51
12/17/12 – Transferred 515.198 shares to Cemetery Trust	
12/31/12 – Total shares in Fund - 34,438.175	\$668,444.98
12/31/11 – Cash on hand	\$4,066.86
1/9/12 – Check to Central Vermont	(\$100.00)
1/31/12 – Check to Town of Thetford	(\$520.00)
12/17/12 – Check to Willing Hands	(\$2,000.00)
Bank interest	\$1.76
Cash balance as of 12/31/12	\$1,448.62

### CEMETERY TRUST

Established by funds left by Anna Poore

Original investment – 12/4/57 -	\$1,300.20
12/31/11 – 555.399 shares Puritan Fund	\$9825.01
12/12/12 – Sold 51.046 shares	(\$1,000.00)
12/17/12 – Received transfer of 515.198 shares from Farm Fund	\$10,000.00
12/31/12 – Total - 1,039.538 shares	\$20,177.43
Cash on hand as of 12/31/11	\$629.47
Bank Interest	\$.81
Cash on hand as of 12/31/12	\$1,630.28

### LATHAM LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Started anonymously on 3/10/89, the fund, as of 12/31/12, has a **value of \$208,838.13.**

The Latham Memorial Scholarship Trust provides scholarships to Thetford Academy graduates who, among other things, have:

- lived in Thetford for, at least, one year
- demonstrated high scholastic ability
- demonstrated financial need to meet the costs of a college education

During 2012, the fund awarded scholarships of \$2,000.00 each to five students. Usually, these are for four years or \$8,000 to each student. Since the Fund began issuing scholarships, it has awarded a total of \$85,000.00.

Trustees of Trusts: Elmer C. Brown  
 Joseph S. Tofel  
 J. Rick Hoffman



### 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.

Original Bequest-1972	\$1,000.00	
Balance on Hand 1/1/12	\$1,065.60	Grave upkeep and floral pieces - Donated
Interest Accrued	<u>1.07</u>	

Balance on hand 12/31/12 \$1,066.67 Jill Graff, Town Treasurer

Town of Thetford, Vermont							
Governmental Capital Assets							
December 31, 2012							
Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost	Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost
2010 Freightliner	Highway	11/19/2009	116,368	Pedestrian Path	General	N/A	25,116
2007 International	Highway	3/9/2007	119,649	Academy Road	Highway	9/30/2009	204,718
2007 Freightliner Body	Highway	9/13/2006	103,875	Latham Road	Highway	8/3/2005	46,553
2006 Freightliner Body	Highway	10/11/2005	91,689	Godfrey Road	Highway	9/7/2005	50,178
2011 John Deere Grader	Highway	7/6/2011	272,500	Tucker Hill Road	Highway	10/5/2005	27,703
Thaw er Pressure Washer	Highway	9/18/2005	5,096	Robinson Hill and Barker	Highway	11/1/2004	131,197
Diesel Tank-2000 Gallon	Highway	11/10/2005	4,915	Quail John Road	Highway	9/8/2010	16,301
Yamaha Generator	Highway	6/30/2003	15,000	Stowell Road Bridge	Highway	6/30/2004	41,345
Wisconsin Equipment Trailer	Highway	6/30/1988	10,000	Tucker Hill Bridge	Highway	11/30/2004	50,500
York Road Rake	Highway	6/30/1999	5,500	Treasure Island Residence Roof	Recreation	12/31/2005	9,000
2008 John Deere Backhoe	Highway	9/16/2008	98,500	Land - Treasure Island	Recreation	9/30/1972	127,100
2009 John Deere Loader	Highway	9/16/2008	118,500	Land - Turnpike Road South	Conservation		
2006 John Deere Tractor	Highway	4/14/2006	60,750	Land - Town Garage	N/A	6/30/1935	300
Diamond mower	Highway	7/19/2006	35,409	Land - Town Hall	N/A		0
Sw eepster broom	Highway	7/19/2006	6,500	Land - Recycling Ctr.	N/A	6/30/2004	34,031
Valby Farmy Chipper	Highway	7/19/2006	14,070	Land - Town Forest	N/A	4/24/1905	165
Schraeder Air Compressor	Highway	2/24/2010	2,456	Land - Stowell Road	N/A	6/30/1950	600
Radar Sign	Police	12/1/2012	2,370	Land - Fire Training Center	N/A	6/30/1957	62
Radar Unit	Police	2/23/2012	1,870	Land - Elementary School Site	N/A	6/30/1961	2,000
2009 Chevy Impala	Police	7/27/2009	19,238	Land - School Leach Field	N/A	6/30/1974	12,400
2005 Chevy Impala	Police	5/12/2005	18,332	Land - T & J Taylor Property	N/A	6/30/1997	68,080
2012 Ford Interceptor	Police	8/14/2012	26,582	Land - Poor Farm Road So.	N/A	6/30/1994	40,000
Army Cots	Emerg.Mgmt.	8/19/2010	1,207	Land - Hughes (Center Common)	N/A	6/30/1998	30,300
Computers	General	10/21/2010	11,443	Land - Uihlein Property (Turnpike Road)	N/A		11,800
Computer	Zoning	1/26/2012	1,920	Land - Post Mills Conservation Area	Conservation		60,000
Roller Shelves	General	10/9/2010	4,800	Land - Decola Property (Cranberry Hill)	N/A	6/30/2005	13,140
Copier	General	2/13/2009	3,695	Land - Poor Farm Rd. Nature Cons.)	N/A	6/30/2004	158,690
Copier	General	6/30/2003	3,500	Land - Saw nee Bean Cemetery	N/A		0
Police Radios	Police	5/11/2005	10,492	Land - Judd Cemetery	N/A		0
Mobil Data Computers (2)	Police	6/5/2009	8,691	Land - Trussell Road	N/A		0
Laptop computer	Police	3/18/2012	1,363	Land - Thetford Center Cemetery	N/A		0
Tow n Hall	General	6/30/2003	681,770	Land - East Thetford Cemetery	N/A		0
Generator E.Mgt.	General	12/31/2009	52,123	Land - Thetford Hill Common	N/A		0
Generator Tow n Hall	General	8/28/2008	10,273	Land - Rice's Mills Cemetery	N/A		0
Highw ay Garage Salt Shed	Highw ay	6/30/1974	44,060	Land - Kinney Cemetery	N/A		0
Treasure Island-Original Bldgs	Recreation	9/30/1972	36,900	Land - Follett Cemetery	N/A		0
Treasure Island Facilities	Recreation		0	Land - Post Mills Green	N/A		0
Treasure Island Shop/Crafts	Recreation		0	Land - Potato Hill Road South			220
Recycling Container	Recycling	10/15/2010	4,600	<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>3,239,418</b>
Recycling Center Shed	Solid Waste	6/30/1993	5,414				





TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT									
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES									
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS									
December 31, 2012									
	General	Highway	Hwy. Equip.	Fire Equip.	Cruiser	Plan.&Consult.	Com.Dev.	Other	Total
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Governmental	Governmental
								Funds	Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>									
Property Taxes	928,330	456,487	109,000	63,000	12,500			50,000	1,619,317
Penalties and Interest	31,453								31,453
Intergovernmental Revenues	83,982	264,403						138,474	486,859
Charges for Services	114,034							4,453	118,487
Investment Income	578		32	51	10	9		1,424	2,103
Fines and Forfeits									26,836
Licenses and Permits	26,836								16,867
Other Revenue	15,328	1,539							
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,200,541</b>	<b>722,429</b>	<b>109,032</b>	<b>63,051</b>	<b>12,510</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>194,350</b>	<b>2,301,922</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>									
Current:									
General Government	560,115							167,325	727,440
Highway and Streets		659,568						3,491	663,059
Public Safety	406,858								406,858
Recreation	191,584								191,584
Community Development							10		10
Solid Waste and Recycling									0
Cemetery	4,960								4,960
Capital Outlay:									
General Government								24,000	24,000
Solid Waste and Recycling									
Highway and Streets								10,924	10,924
Public Safety						29,247			29,247
Culture and Recreation								23,291	23,291
Debt Service:									
Principal	30,000		122,052	55,810	5,083				218,389
Interest	14,892			4,915	361				20,168
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,208,409</b>	<b>659,568</b>	<b>122,052</b>	<b>60,725</b>	<b>34,691</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>229,031</b>	<b>2,314,486</b>
<b>Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues</b>									
<b>Over Expenditures</b>	<b>(7,868)</b>	<b>62,861</b>	<b>(13,020)</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>(22,181)</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>(34,681)</b>	<b>(12,564)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources/(Uses):</b>									
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment					1,518				1,518
Proceeds of Long Term Debt					26,582				26,582
Transfers In	3,723					5,000		25,550	34,273
Transfers Out	(30,000)							(4,273)	(34,273)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)</b>	<b>(26,277)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,100</b>	<b>5,000</b>		<b>21,277</b>	<b>28,100</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>(34,145)</b>	<b>62,861</b>	<b>(13,020)</b>	<b>2,326</b>	<b>5,919</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>(13,404)</b>	<b>15,536</b>
<b>Fund Balances - December 31, 2011</b>	<b>184,583</b>	<b>42,247</b>	<b>47,054</b>	<b>62,658</b>	<b>12,137</b>	<b>10,665</b>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>190,315</b>	<b>553,724</b>
<b>Fund Balances - December 31, 2012</b>	<b>150,438</b>	<b>105,108</b>	<b>34,034</b>	<b>64,984</b>	<b>18,056</b>	<b>15,674</b>	<b>4,055</b>	<b>176,911</b>	<b>569,260</b>

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
SPECIAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	Restoration	Energy	Conservation	Reappraisal	Planning Consulting	Lister Education	Rec. Park	Police Sm. Equip.	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>									
Intergovernmental Investment			\$ 321	\$ 13,452	\$ 397				\$ 14,170
Trust Contribution	6		\$ 8	\$ -	9		\$ 1		\$ 24
Fund Revenue									
Donations		\$ 53							\$ 53
Charges for Services	\$ 3,830								\$ 3,830
Property Taxes									
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,836</b>	<b>\$ 53</b>	<b>\$ 329</b>	<b>\$ 13,452</b>	<b>\$ 9</b>	<b>\$ 397</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 18,077</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>									
Current									
General Government	\$ 8,306		\$ 7,430	\$ 66,208					\$ 81,944
Highway									
Public Safety							\$ 3,491		\$ 3,491
Solid Waste									
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 8,306</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,430</b>	<b>\$ 66,208</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,491</b>	<b>\$ 85,435</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>									
Transfer in	\$ 2,000		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000			\$ 1,500		\$ 13,500
Transfer out								\$ (550)	\$ (550)
<b>Total Other Financing</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (550)</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>	<b>\$ 12,950</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (2,470)	\$ 53	\$ (2,101)	\$ (52,756)	\$ 5,009	\$ 397	\$ (550)	\$ (1,990)	\$ (54,408)
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/11</b>	<b>\$ 9,701</b>	<b>\$ 281</b>	<b>\$ 26,621</b>	<b>\$ 26,968</b>	<b>\$ 10,665</b>	<b>\$ 719</b>	<b>\$ 550</b>	<b>\$ 3,681</b>	<b>\$ 79,186</b>
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/12</b>	<b>\$ 7,231</b>	<b>\$ 334</b>	<b>\$ 24,520</b>	<b>\$ (25,788)</b>	<b>\$ 15,674</b>	<b>\$ 1,116</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,691</b>	<b>\$ 24,778</b>

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES														
GRANTS														
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012														
	Town Plan	Trails	Community Development	Whip	Weatherization Incentives	Wetland Mapping	LED	Phelps Riad	Milfoil	T.E.N.	Geomorphic	Garden Grant	Sidewalk Grant	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>														
Intergovernmental														
Investment														
Grant Revenue	6,570	23,291			21,500	-	26,933	15,750	11,130	3,100	12,700	-	-	120,974
Property Taxes														
Trust Contribution														
Fund Revenue														
Donations										1,764				1,764
Charges for Services				-		-		1,750						1,750
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>6,570</b>	<b>23,291</b>			<b>21,500</b>		<b>26,933</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>11,130</b>	<b>4,864</b>	<b>12,700</b>			<b>124,488</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>														
Current														
General Government	(6,570)	(23,291)	(10)		(20,993)		(26,510)	(17,500)	(11,130)	(2,287)	(12,700)	-	-	(120,991)
Highway													(9,034)	(9,034)
Public Safety				-		-								
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>(6,570)</b>	<b>(23,291)</b>	<b>(10)</b>		<b>(20,993)</b>		<b>(26,510)</b>	<b>(17,500)</b>	<b>(11,130)</b>	<b>(2,287)</b>	<b>(12,700)</b>		<b>(9,034)</b>	<b>(130,025)</b>
<b>Net</b>							423	-	-	2,577	-	-	(9,034)	(5,537)
Other Financing Sources														
Transfer in														
Transfer out									(3,723)					(3,723)
<b>Total Other Financing</b>									<b>(3,723)</b>					<b>(3,723)</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance			(10)		507		(3,300)			2,577			(9,034)	(9,260)
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/11</b>			4,065	65	231	58	3,300	-	-	6,098	-	50	21,000	34,867
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/12</b>			4,055	65	738	58	-	-	-	8,675	-	50	11,966	25,607

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	Town Hall Fund	Bridge Fund	Recycling Fund	Recreation Fund
Revenues:				
Investment Income	3	15	28	10
Sale of Assets	0	0	250	0
Property Taxes	0	50,000	0	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>50,015</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>10</b>
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay	3,080	1,891	0	0
General Government	5,378	0	0	0
Public Safety	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,458</b>	<b>1,891</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Financing Sources:				
Transfers in	8,500	0	5,000	3,550
<b>Total Other Financing</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,550</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>48,124</b>	<b>5,178</b>	<b>3,560</b>
Fund Balance December 31, 2011	6,528	18,579	38,568	12,537
<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2012</b>	<b>6,573</b>	<b>66,703</b>	<b>43,846</b>	<b>16,097</b>

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUNDS																			
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Highway Vehicle Fund</b>																			
Added to fund	109,000	113,360	117,894	122,610	127,515	132,615	137,920	143,437	149,174	155,141	161,347	167,800	174,513	181,493	188,753	196,303	204,155	212,321	220,814
Spent from fund	122,019	129,925	107,933	124,034	157,191	137,454	141,936	122,436	125,643	128,505	114,998	120,786	120,786	134,667	147,730	279,886	254,886	254,886	297,057
Highway balance as of Dec 31	34,034	17,809	27,949	26,805	-2,604	-7,469	-11,560	9,324	32,949	59,914	106,862	154,945	210,221	259,149	302,764	222,209	173,700	132,873	57,959
<b>Fire Vehicle Fund</b>																			
Added to fund	63,000	64,890	66,837	68,842	70,907	73,034	75,225	77,482	79,807	82,201	84,667	87,207	89,823	92,518	95,293	98,152	101,097	104,129	107,253
Spent from fund	60,566	60,726	60,217	60,217	60,217	60,217	130,662	70,445	70,445	70,445	70,445	85,708	85,708	85,708	85,708	185,973	100,266	100,266	100,266
Fire balance as of Dec 31	64,984	69,148	75,768	84,392	95,082	107,900	52,463	59,499	68,860	80,616	94,837	96,336	100,451	107,261	116,847	29,025	29,856	33,720	40,707
<b>Police Vehicle Fund</b>																			
Added to fund	12,500	12,750	13,005	13,265	13,530	13,801	14,077	14,359	14,646	14,939	15,237	15,542	15,853	16,170	16,493	16,823	17,160	17,503	17,853
Spent from fund	11,674	6,232	12,972	12,972	6,740	14,322	7,582	15,782	15,782	8,200	17,425	9,224	19,202	19,202	9,977	21,200	11,223	23,362	23,362
Police balance as of Dec 31	12,963	19,482	19,515	19,808	26,598	26,077	32,572	31,149	30,012	36,750	34,563	40,880	37,532	34,500	41,017	36,640	42,577	36,718	31,210
<b>Highway</b>																			
Tractor - 12 yrs 06																			
Truck 1 F550 - 10 yrs 02, 12, 22		14,730	14,730	14,730	14,730	14,730	14,730	19,212	19,212	19,212	19,212	20,977	20,977	20,977	20,977	20,977			30,760
Truck 2 6WL - 10 yrs 05, 15, 25				35,583	35,583	35,583	35,583	35,583											
Truck 3 10WL - 10 yrs 07, 17, 27		6,475				34,484	34,484	34,484	34,484	34,484									
Truck 4 6WL - 10 yrs 09, 19, 29		20,246	19,864	19,482					38,790	38,790	38,790	38,790	38,790						64,083
Truck 5 6WL - 10 yrs 06, 16, 26					33,157	33,157	33,157	33,157	33,157						49,081	49,081	49,081	49,081	49,081
Grader - 15 yrs 10, 25, 40		54,220	54,221	54,221	54,221	19,500	19,500								102,089	102,089	102,089	102,089	102,089
Backhoe (Excavator?) - 12 yrs 09, 21		20,555	20,555	19,500	19,500							25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000			
Loader - 12 yrs 09, 21		20,555	20,555							36,019	36,019	36,019	36,019	36,019					
<b>Fire</b>																			
2 Pump/Tankers - 18 yrs (05) and (91)				60,217	60,217	60,217	60,217	60,217											
2 Pump/Tankers - 18 yrs (09) and (99)		60,726	60,726					70,445	70,445	70,445	70,445	70,445	70,445	85,708	85,708	85,708	100,266	100,266	100,266
<b>Police</b>																			
EQ2	5,442		6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,200	9,977	9,977	9,977	9,977			12,139
EQ1	6,232	6,232	6,232	6,232	6,232	7,582	7,582	7,582	7,582	7,582	9,224	9,224	9,224	9,224	11,223	11,223	11,223	11,223	11,223



**DELINQUENT TAX LIST**

As of December 31, 2012

	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>
Bailey, Agnes	1,940.08
Bailey, Warren & Florence	4,015.90
Banios, Philip Jr.	7,627.38
Berecz, Thomas	8,506.04
Berecz, Thomas	13,037.37
Bowen, Brian	2,016.34
Braley, George & Linda	26,028.06
Briggs, Wayne	395.79
Cummings Estate	1,279.85
Dalpe, Mark	* 3,792.14
Davidonis, Theresa	5,196.86
Dunnet, Seth & Heather	5,288.41
Giguere	* 499.77
Gioia, Robert	2,243.17
Guyer, Paula	1,131.64
Howard, Adam & Theresa	2,488.88
Howe, Kimberly & Matthew	2,559.18
Howe, Wanda & Matthew	1,182.02
Jordan, William & Delinda	* 21,263.08
Luikart, Paul	* 2,574.94
Luikart, Walter	* 4,705.50
Magoon, Helen	2,097.16
Manning, Arvin & Dyke, Patty	10,930.76
Mitchell, Joseph	688.08
Niffka, Walter	8881.00
Pagani, Dalia	2,293.54
Silverstein, Elissa	7,516.57
Slack, Jennifer	4,614.35
Smith, Brian	2,096.72
Southworth, Chad	3,200.12
Swasey, Wayne & Monica	1,961.49
Telephone Operating	16.68
Tucker, Melanie	5,496.91
Turkington, M	* 1888.08
Tyler, Hillary	3,609.04
Zagaeski, Theodore	762.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$170,625.61</b>
*Paid in full by 1/31/13	
Note: To comply with recent state legislation, only total amounts due (tax, penalty and interest) are reported.	

**SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS and ANNUAL MATURITIES**

	Balance 12/31/2011	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12/31/2012	Interest Paid 2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018-20	Total
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 through 2022												
Principal	330,000		30,000	300,000	14,892	13,704	12,483	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000	300,000
Interest									8,796	6,789	21,474	73,452
Note Payable-Merchants Bank Ford Cruiser												
Interest @3.18% P&I paid annually on 8/14												
through 2016		26,580		26,580	0	845	634	6,645	6,645	211		26,580
Principal												
Interest												2,113
Note Payable-John Deere Credit Backhoe and Loader												
Interest at 4.5%, \$41,109 P&I payments due annually												
at 4.5%, \$41,109P & I Payments on 10/29 through 2013												
Principal	76,883		37,577	39,305	3,532	1,806						39,305
Interest												1,806
Note Payable State of VT Muni Equip. Loan Fund												
International Int. at 2%, \$6348 Principal due annually												
plus int. on June 30 through 2009												
Truck 3	6,348		6,348	0								0
Principal												
Interest					127							0
Note Payable VT Muni Equipment Loan Fund												
2010 Freightliner. Interest at 2%, \$21,010												
due annually on 12/31 through 2014												
Truck 4	57,300		19,100	38,200		19,100	19,100					38,200
Principal												
Interest					1,146	764	382					1,146
Note Payable Ford Motor Credit-Lease 09Chevy												
Impala Prin.&Int. Pmts. Due annually through 7/30/12												
Principal	5,082		5,083	0								0
Interest					361							0
Note Payable FSF 08 Pumper Interest 4.31%.												
Prin.&Int. due annually Dec.2009 through 2013												
Principal	114,028		55,810	58,217		58,217						58,217
Interest					4,915	2,509						2,509
Note Payable John Deere Credit Grader												
Interest @3.8% \$54,221 due annually through 2016												
Principal	240,000		42,564	197,436		46,586	48,388	50,259	52,203			197,436
Interest					11,656	7,635	5,833	3,962	2,018			19,448
<b>TOTAL</b>												
Annual Maturities TOTAL PRINCIPAL	829,641	26,580	196,482	659,738		199,853	104,133	86,904	88,848	30,000	150,000	659,738
Annual Maturities TOTAL INTEREST					36,629	27,263	19,332	14,592	11,024	6,789	21,474	140,245
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	0	700,000	700,000	0	1,005.70							

NOTE: If the voters approve Article 10, the Town will therefore purchase the 2010 Ford truck and will be required to pay \$16,311 per year for 5 years beginning March 2013.



**TAX BILLING RECONCILIATION**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2012**

	<b>Amount</b>
Adjusted Billings per Tax Book	7,214,702
Amount of Taxes for School - Paid/Accrued	(4,567,327)
Education Tax Payments Pd to School by State	(1,016,649)
Education Billing Fee Retained by the Town	(10,530)
Highway Fund Taxes	(456,487)
Highway Equipment Fund Taxes	(109,000)
Fire Equipment Fund Taxes	(63,000)
Bridge Fund Taxes	(50,000)
Police Cruiser Fund Taxes	(12,500)
Town Taxes	(929,209)
Difference	0.00

**Estimated Tax Rates for 2013**  
**Using 2012 Grand List**

<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>2012 Grand List</b>	<b>2013 Tax Rate Est.</b>	<b>2012 Tax Rate</b>	<b>2011 Tax Rate</b>	<b>2010 Tax Rate</b>
<b>General Fund</b>					
\$1,045,618	\$3,391,673	0.3083	0.2947	0.3063	0.3056
<b>Highway Fund</b>					
\$587,564	\$3,391,673	0.1762	0.1458	0.1413	0.1501
<b>Articles</b>					
\$230,888	\$3,391,673	0.0681	0.0761	0.0669	0.0579
<b>Total Municipal</b>					
\$1,874,070	\$3,391,673	0.5526	0.5166	0.5145	0.5136
<b>% Change from previous year</b>		6.96%	0.41%	0.18%	-2.38%

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Treasurer's Office is responsible for all accounting functions of the town. This involves investing town money, keeping a record of taxes voted and paid, and paying bills when orders to do so are properly submitted. The primary function of the treasurer is to keep the accounts of the town from the moment the money is collected to the moment it is paid out. Payroll, benefits and all property taxes are also administered through this office. We work closely with the Selectboard and department heads who review their budgets on a regular basis and have worked hard to stay within these budgets.

We are currently managing 27 funds which include 14 grants and 13 special funds in addition to the General and Department of Public Works Funds. The General Fund ended the year with a deficit of \$34,145 which resulted in a fund balance of \$150,438. The Department of Public Works ended the year with a surplus of \$62,861 bringing that fund balance to \$105,108. This surplus is due to the Town's receiving \$132,240 in grants from FEMA and Federal Highway Association to help with the damage done by Hurricane Irene. We were the first town in the state to close out our FEMA and Federal Highway Assistance grants with the state. Receiving this money helped recover the loss in the DPW fund balance caused by the expenses of Hurricane Irene in 2011. It is important for the town to keep healthy fund balances, not only to help with the cash flow, but also to be prepared for the unexpected and to keep a healthy balance sheet which is necessary for obtaining financing such as tax anticipation notes and equipment loans.

In addition to the town's finances, we also handle the cash flow for the Thetford School District. We make their deposits and sign all checks processed for the school.

Between the town and the school, over \$10,000,000 passed through our office. This includes state payments, grants, and all other revenues in addition to property taxes.

The accounting firm of Sullivan and Powers conducted their annual audit of the town's finances in May. This report is available for review in the Treasurer's office.

Becky and I welcome your thoughts and questions. We are in the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30–4:00.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Graff, Treasurer

Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Treasurer

## COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT

The collector of delinquent taxes ensures that town property taxes are paid by all of the taxpayers of Thetford. This involves notifying taxpayers when their taxes are overdue, making arrangements for late payments, taking formal collection actions, including conducting tax sales of the property, when necessary, and providing an accounting of these records.

The following is a breakout of the delinquent tax activity for 2012:

Delinquent Taxes as of 1/01/12	\$131,024.56
2012 Taxes Delinquent as of 10/16/12	+ <u>\$169,550.07</u>
Total Delinquencies	\$300,574.63
Delinquent Taxes collected	- <u>\$156,168.75</u>
Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/12	\$144,405.88
Delinquent Tax Collected	\$156,168.75
Interest Collected	\$ 14,634.17
Penalties Collected	<u>\$ 12,148.07</u>
Total Amount Collected	\$182,950.99

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Graff  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

**\* NOTES \***

***ANNUAL REPORTS***

***2012***

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

## THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2012 was another busy year for the Thetford Historical Society, and the public we serve. We are constantly striving to bring Thetford's history to a greater number of people, both nearby and distant.

### Newsletters

We revised our newsletter format and distribution, taking advantage of a new mail rate from the postal service. Newsletters are now mailed to all Thetford residents as well as non-resident members. Our plan is to publish twice: in the spring and fall.

### Vermont History Expo

2012 was a History Expo year, and we once again prepared an exhibit for the Expo, held in June in Tunbridge. Our exhibit, entitled, *Thetford In The Civil War*, featured a wide range of persons with Thetford connections who played distinctive roles during the conflict. Comments were positive, and the exhibit was also displayed at Old Home Day in late June, and at Latham Library during the summer and fall. The Society is fortunate to have a number of Civil War artifacts that complimented the exhibit, which were also displayed.

### Hughes Barn Museum

There were a number of areas that were re-arranged and spruced up at the Barn Museum, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers. We were open for five Sundays, and our programs featured Nate Pero and the Vermont Abenaki, a Lyme Town Band concert, and Wood Turning and Blacksmithing with Mike Hebb and Alan Waterman. Thetford's Charter was displayed on our first Sunday (which fell on Thetford's 251<sup>st</sup> birthday), and the season concluded with the 3rd annual Pie Contest. Thanks to all that contributed to the 2012 Barn Museum season - we are already planning for next year.

### Student Visits

The Society's library is a wonderful resource for primary source materials for students. This year, we have had students from Open Fields and Thetford Academy utilize our archives for a variety of projects. Stacey Barton's 7<sup>th</sup> grade at TA chose an item of historical interest near their home and completed a research project about it. Steve Niederhauser's *Barns, Mills and Villages* class researched a variety of topics, including former mill sites in Thetford, telegraphy in Vermont, and a creating a digital model of the original Academy building.

### Landscape Change

We focused on Landscape Change in the fall, both at our Annual Meeting program and with an online photo exhibit featuring historic local images. We were fortunate to have Dr. Paul Bierman of University of Vermont speak about the impacts of Interstate 91 and how that changed the look of Thetford and other Vermont valley towns. Dr. Bierman is the Director of the Landscape Change Program ([www.uvm.edu/landscape](http://www.uvm.edu/landscape)), an online repository of thousands of Vermont photographs. Our own landscape change project, within the confines of Thetford, is now online at [www.flickr.com/thetfordvt](http://www.flickr.com/thetfordvt). This is a participatory display - we hope that viewers will be inspired to take photos of their own, documenting how locations in the historic images have changed.

Becoming Involved

In late winter, look for a questionnaire from the THS Strategic Planning Committee, where you will have the opportunity to provide input on your interaction with the Society, and give us feedback on what you'd like to see us provide for you. If you have some free time, we have a number of ways that you can become involved: helping out at the Barn Museum during the summer, answering genealogical queries, cataloguing artifacts, or assisting with school group visits are just a few of the opportunities at THS. Please get in touch if you are interested in learning more.

Martha Howard, Director THS

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST #79 OF THETFORD**

Post #79 is a service organization. We help our fellow veterans, 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.

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. Our Post welcomes all veterans who served honorably during all wars and conflicts.

This year we had one of our members pass away. Ervine Eastman served his country and our American Legion with honor and dedication. He will be greatly missed.

Commander: Raymond "Fred" Adams 649-3468  
Adjutant: Rob Ward 333-9381



## UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

To the Citizens of the Nine Communities We Serve,

We are pleased to present our 22<sup>nd</sup> annual report. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has provided emergency ambulance service to its member towns since July 1, 1990. This past year, UVA responded to 961 emergency calls. Of these, 307 calls (32 %), resulted in no patient being transported, therefore, no bill was generated to help offset the costs of responding. This is in line with national statistics.

Over the last year, the Upper Valley Ambulance Board of Directors has been discussing the many challenges of operating a rural emergency ambulance service. There are several factors which contribute to these challenges. The most pressing being increased operating expenses and declining revenues. Costs beyond our control that are increasing include; dispatch fees, insurance, fuel, medications and supplies.

Requests for our service continue to increase, particularly an increase in multiple calls close together. In May of this year, we placed a second 911 ambulance in service, 7A-7P, seven days a week to help handle the increase in multiple calls.

Despite the increase in calls, reimbursement for, and revenue from our services is declining. Seventy-five percent of our patients have either Medicare, Medicaid or are uninsured. Medicare and Medicaid are a fixed scheduled reimbursement, regardless of the actual charges. This reimbursement is 11% to 34% *below* our costs of providing the service. Current legislation at the State and Federal level would further reduce these reimbursement levels. More and more of our patients have no insurance, or have a high deductible plan that essentially leaves them uncovered for ambulance service. UVA can no longer afford to absorb this substantial amount of lost revenue.

For more than 20 years Upper Valley Ambulance had been able to keep costs down by providing other services such as, non-emergency services for Norris Cotton Cancer Center, DHART, other DHMC departments and Upper Valley businesses. These contracts are no longer available, and there is increased competition for all non-emergency services. This has significantly reduced income from these sources.

Given all of the challenges with increasing costs, fixed and decreasing reimbursements, and limited opportunities for growth, the Board of Upper Valley Ambulance has set the 2013 funding request at \$27.00/per capita. 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, and we want that to change. The yearly membership fee of \$50 per household, entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications with more information are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee. We will be sending information on this program to every household this spring.

We are seeking help from any community members who may have the time and expertise to assist us with grant writing, fundraising, etc. If you are interested please contact our office (333-4043).

We are proud of our accomplishments over the last twenty-two years, 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

## **ELIZABETH MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT**

The cleanup at the Elizabeth Mine reached a major milestone in 2012 with the completion of the low permeability cover system for Tailing Pile 1 (TP-1) and Tailing Pile 2 (TP-2). The cover system, along with the perimeter surface water and groundwater diversion structures, will prevent the infiltration of water into the tailing and waste rock. The cover system extends over 45 acres and was constructed with a gradual south facing grade that could accommodate a solar panel development in the future.

Prior to the installation of the cover system, the majority of the acid generating waste rock from other areas of the Elizabeth Mine, including Tailing Pile 3 (TP-3), Tailing Pile 4 (TP-4), the former WWII mill area, the South Mine, and a portion of the South Open Cut, were relocated to TP-1 and TP-2. This waste is now isolated from water and oxygen and will no longer contribute metal laden acidic run-off to the surface water of Copperas Brook and the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc River (WBOR). The building foundations in the former World War II mill area remain and represent a significant opportunity for historic interpretation in the future.

The remaining activities for the Elizabeth Mine include: design and implementation of a cleanup for the Lord Brook watershed, maintenance of the cover system, operation of the treatment system to remove iron from the TP-1 leachate, and monitoring of the surface water, groundwater, sediments, and biota.

The monitoring data collected to date show very promising trends. The data reveals a 90% reduction in the copper concentrations in Copperas Brook and the WBOR, neutral pH for most locations in Copperas Brook, and the reduction in TP-1 leachate from 55 gallons per minute to less than 30 gallons per minute. Biological monitoring has also shown evidence of recovery in the WBOR.

EPA also wants to recognize the outstanding commitment and contributions by those members of the community, particularly the Elizabeth Mine Community Advisory Group, who attended the meetings and provided a focal point for community input.

Ed Hathaway, Elizabeth Mine Project Manager, EPA

## **ECFIBER**

Thetford is a member of East Central Vermont Community Fiber-Optic Network, a municipal joint venture of 22 towns plus the City of Montpelier. Its goal is to provide universal, high speed, fiber optic broadband to every resident, business and civic institution in the member towns. ECFiber made major progress this past year and 2013 promises accelerating growth.

Construction of Phases I and II have been completed, covering 42 miles in the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Royalton and the edge of Pomfret. As of the end of 2012, more than 300 customers were connected and are enjoying reliable symmetrical high-speed Internet service at 5, 10 or 20 Mbps, at their choice. ECFiber also offers customers Internet Protocol-based telephone service with unlimited long-distance throughout the US and Canada, and a comprehensive package of features. Additional customers in Phase I and II service area continue to subscribe. All work was done on budget and ECFiber is meeting its critical financial targets.

In 2012, ECFiber concluded an agreement with the Vermont Telecom Authority, under which ECFiber will be able to connect customers and feeder routes along the VTA's Orange County Fiber Connector (OCFC) which consists of 39 miles of fiber through Chelsea, Vershire, Thetford, Strafford and Sharon. ECFiber expects it will be able to access that fiber at no cost. Additional miles of OCFC may be added in Thetford after the first 39 have been completed.

Also, during 2012, ECFiber held three rounds of investment financing through the sale of promissory notes to local investors. As a result, it has now raised over \$3 million in total, all of which is going into the construction of additional route miles and connection of customers along those routes. Additional investment closings are scheduled for 2013, with the next closing expected on April 1.

As a result of this recent activity, in 2013 the ECFiber network will reach additional customers in Chelsea, Norwich, Pomfret, Sharon, Strafford, Thetford, Tunbridge, Vershire, and Woodstock over an additional 50+ miles of fiber.

ECFiber Governing Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at Vermont Law School, Royalton. These meetings are open to the public.

For further information, visit <http://ecfiber.net/> or contact your local representatives:

Jim Masland ([jamesq56@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesq56@yahoo.com)); Fred Thomas ([frederic.thomas@valley.net](mailto:frederic.thomas@valley.net)); Marty Blumberg ([mjblumberg@gmail.com](mailto:mjblumberg@gmail.com))

## RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

RMCA continued its monthly third Sunday potlucks this year from March through November. Programs included a member slide show, charades, poetry slam and Origami Video, Between the Folds and a knife sharpening workshop, led by a member was well attended. We are an old-fashioned community group and welcome all to enjoy this wonderful town facility.

The social waltzing group has been meeting for 6 years once a week with an average attendance of 8-16 dancers! We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Halloween Dance party in addition to occasional dance classes in West Coast Swing, Lindy and Night Club 2-Step.

Our building is available for rent to individuals and groups for a modest fee. While it is a great space, it does have limitations with only a small heater and no running water.

After researching the possibility of bringing water to the building, we determined that it was too expensive and complicated. We used grant money from Mascoma Foundation to refinish the floor, add a storm door, repair a rotting threshold, put in a ventilation/heat/water collection system, purchase new chairs and put in a motion detector light. Pending is a railing to front steps and possible ramp on side for handicapped access. We also planted 125 narcissus bulbs for spring beautification and removed some invasive honeysuckle. Projects for next year include working on the front garden and dealing with Japanese knotweed removal.

We are grateful to all the loyal members who contribute time to the upkeep (extra kudos to those who cleaned the indoor outhouse!) of this wonderful resource. Thank you also to the town for plowing the driveway and parking area.

RMCA Membership Dues are: \$10 for an individual and \$15 for families. Make checks payable to RMCA and mail to Polly Cole, 790 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Center 05075. For rentals contact: [Gina.Sonne@yahoo.com](mailto:Gina.Sonne@yahoo.com)

Gina Sonne, President

## **TRI-TOWN COMMITTEE ON LAKE FAIRLEE**

The Tri-Town Committee on Lake Fairlee was created by the Selectboards of the Towns of Fairlee, Thetford, and West Fairlee to address concerns of mutual interest related to the preservation of Lake Fairlee as a natural, recreational and economic resource for our communities.

Of primary concern to the Committee is the 200 year-old, privately-owned dam that maintains the level of the lake and which is in very poor condition. A preliminary engineering study has indicated that major repair or replacement is necessary. While the dam owner is willing to permit such a project to be executed under appropriate legal arrangements, he is unable to afford its probable cost.

Each town recognizes the economic importance of Lake Fairlee, extensive use of which generates significant income for community businesses, while lakeshore properties contribute substantially to each town's real estate tax base. If the dam were to fail catastrophically, or even begin to release more water than in-flows replace, lakefront shorelines would recede, leading to significant reductions in grand list valuations and resulting in tax rate increases affecting every property in each town.

The Tri-Town Committee is proceeding slowly and deliberately to gather the technical, regulatory, legal and cost-estimating information necessary to make recommendations to the towns regarding repair or replacement of the dam and sound approaches to financing. Next steps will include the conduct of more detailed engineering studies, in consultation with the Dam Safety Section of Vermont's Department of Environmental Conservation; and the development of administrative, legal and financing options for undertaking a dam reconstruction project on a site currently in private ownership.

To finance these next steps the Committee proposes to establish a \$50,000 reserve fund in 2013, with contributions from the three towns totaling \$30,000, apportioned according to the taxable value of their lakefront properties (Fairlee: \$10,800; West Fairlee: \$5,100; Thetford: \$14,100); and contributions of \$5,000 each from the Lake Fairlee Association, The Aloha Foundation, Camp Billings and Camp Lochearn.

The Tri-Town Committee on Lake Fairlee serves in an advisory capacity to the three towns. It has no power of its own. It cannot make laws or regulations, nor can it levy taxes. It is a forum for the three towns to discuss issues related to the lake that they share. We are grateful for your engagement and support, and invite your input.

The members of the committee are: Nancy Anderson, Fairlee; Jay Barrett, Fairlee Selectboard, Skip Brown, Lake Fairlee Association; Fred Cook, West Fairlee Selectboard; Donn Downey, Thetford Selectboard; Mike Fanizzi, West Fairlee; Casey Huling, Camp Billings; Renee Snow, Thetford; and Jim Zien, Aloha Foundation.

Skip Brown, Chairman

Additional information about the Tri-Town Committee and the initial engineering survey can be found on the web at <http://lakefairleedam.info>.



## UPPER VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB

PO Box 279, Thetford Center VT 05075



### 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.:	Joe Coutermarsh – Bradford, VT	802-222-4246
Treasurer:	Bruce Avery – North Thetford	802-333-9671
Secretary:	Rhett Scruggs – East Thetford	802-333-4067

**MEMBERSHIP:** Currently there are 245 members and 27 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Held at the Thetford Elementary School, 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 – 168 participated in 2012. Kid's fishing derby in June - 30 children participated in 2012, ages 1 ½ to 15. Sponsored a Firearms Hunter Safety class and a Bow Hunter Safety class in the fall - certificates were presented to 13 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 18 Bow Hunter Safety Students in 2012. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer – two were sponsored in 2012. Vermont State Police and several local police departments have used the range for firearms qualification.

**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

## **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY RESOURCE GROUP**

SERG is a Thetford-based non-profit organization formed in 2002 to help homeowners and towns reduce the amount of energy they consume, save money on energy spending and create a more sustainable region.

SERG helped create the Thetford Energy Committee (TEC) in 2002 and provides information, referral and networking services to it throughout the year. In 2012, we organized two free annual regional information and networking gatherings for Upper Valley energy committees, which the TEC attended. SERG also helped organize the day-long annual Vermont Energy and Climate Action Conference for energy committees from throughout Vermont, attended by six TEC members in December 2012 at Lake Morey Inn.

SERG began consulting with Thetford on removing and upgrading streetlights in 2004 and the project was completed in 2012. Through the project, half of the town's original 44 lights were removed and the remaining lights were upgraded to high efficiency LEDs. As a result, Thetford's electric use for streetlights has been cut by about 86%, saving more than 15,000 kwh/yr!

In 2012, SERG worked with the TEC to set up an energy audit revolving loan fund to help homeowners cover up front costs of a home energy assessment. This program will be implemented once PACE home energy financing is available. SERG also began consulting with the TEC on its participation in the Vermont Home Energy Challenge to get 3% of the town's homes weatherized in 2013.

SERG provides regular free energy-saving information and notices to 241 Thetford residents on SERG's list and to the Thetford listserv. This service is open to any Thetford resident who sends us their contact information, including email. SERG's website provides additional free energy-saving information, including a calculator allowing homeowners to figure how efficient their home operates. SERG also provides fee-for-service energy audits to residents throughout the Upper Valley, including Thetford.

*For more information on SERG and our programs, contact  
802-785-4126, [SERG@valley.net](mailto:SERG@valley.net) or [www.SERG-info.org](http://www.SERG-info.org).*

## TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

TRORC is an association of thirty municipalities in east-central Vermont and is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. Our primary goals are to advocate for the needs of our member towns, and to articulate a vision for building a thriving regional economy while enhancing the region's quality of life. The Commission's staff provides technical services to local, state and federal levels of government and to the Region's non-profits and businesses. This year, TRORC provided the following services:

### **Technical Assistance**

TRORC's staff helped revise numerous town plans, wrote zoning ordinances, and provided maps of public infrastructure to local and state officials. Additionally, TRORC's staff met with 1/3 of our communities for an enhanced consultation in which we reviewed their municipal plans for consistency with state and regional planning goals and policies. These meetings have resulted in the resolution of conflicts between local plans and state policy in a number of communities.

### **Emergency Management and Preparedness**

After Tropical Storm Irene, TRORC's staff provided extensive support to our member towns in the form of map making for local and state officials. They also assisted towns through the FEMA Public Assistance application process and began coordinating the hazard mitigation home buyout program for the entire state. Throughout, TRORC has continued to convene regular meetings and emergency preparedness workshops for the Local Emergency Planning Committee #12 which is comprised of emergency responders and town officials, and has worked with towns on updating their Basic Emergency Operations Plan (BEOP).

### **Energy Efficiency and Conservation**

In an effort to help save our towns money, TRORC collected energy use and cost data for all municipal buildings, streetlights, and vehicles. This data was combined with research on local alternative energy and efficiency opportunities, and presented with recommendations on how each town can save money and energy. Additionally, we developed a model energy chapter that our member towns can use in their Town Plans, and we supported existing Energy Committees, as well as the creation of new ones.

### **Working Landscape and Economic Development**

TRORC wrote a Regional Forest Stewardship Plan and developed several GIS maps that illustrate forest characteristics across this region. Additionally, we fully updated our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy which enables our member towns to seek grant funding from the Economic Development Administration for public infrastructure projects.

### **Transportation**

Our Transportation Advisory Committee has discussed VTrans programs (project prioritization, park and ride municipal grants, transportation enhancement grants, high risk rural roads) and public transit. Our Orange/Windsor County Road Foreman meetings continue to discuss regulations, sign and culvert inventories, new town road and bridge standards, and Class 4 road legal issues.

*We look forward to serving you in the future, and urge you to contact us if you have any questions.*

Respectfully submitted,

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



## **GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

### **Submitted by John Hurd, Acting Executive Director:**

Chartered by 10 Upper Valley towns in 1992 under authorization from the Vermont Legislature, the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District (GUV) was created to replace unlined town dumps with a regional sanitary landfill and implement waste recycling and diversion programs. In our 20 year history, thousands of tons of recyclables and hazardous waste have been removed from the waste stream through education and local diversion programs.

Additionally, the district has sited, designed and permitted a publicly owned landfill site in North Hartland. We are currently looking at alternative waste reduction and recycling uses for this site to assist local towns in complying with new State waste reduction legislation.

The programs and services of the District include special collection events for household hazardous waste, electronics, tires, bulbs, and other hard to dispose of items, outreach and education for students and residents, and technical assistance to member towns. During 2012, the GUVSWD provided direct services to Thetford and its residents including:

- Assisted in the recycling and disposal of hard-to-manage materials collected at the recycling center including: fluorescent light bulbs, electronics, and tires.
- 36 Thetford residents participated in district sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events held in Hartford in June and Norwich in September.
- Thetford residents also purchased compost and recycling bins, recycled fluorescent bulbs and electronics at our office in North Hartland, and many utilized our bulky trash, tire, electronics collections in Thetford and other District towns.

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

### **Submitted by Ben Bradley, Town of Thetford Representative:**

The GUVSWMD (the District) is a ten town solid waste planning entity. Thetford's representative to the Board of Directors is Ben Bradley. State Representative Jim Masland is the alternate. The District and its staff has three primary jobs; educating the public about solid waste issues, organizing special collections, and siting and permitting a new landfill.

The District, and therefore you, as District citizens, has bought 173 acres of land in Hartland, built a bridge to access the land, and obtained the permits for a 50,000 ton/per year landfill. The District had incurred a 2.2 million dollar debt as a result of these efforts. All of this was done in anticipation of our only local landfill, in Lebanon, closing. Due to changes in landfill management and technology and Lebanon's desire to continue its landfill operations, the need for a new Upper Valley landfill is

doubtful. This may be true for years or decades to come. As a result, the Board of Directors has been grappling with the question of what to do with the land and debt. Our desire is to keep a landfill option open for the future and to develop a revenue stream by developing a portion of the land. At the present time the Board of Directors is going through a planning process to see if this is possible. The most promising activities that have been identified are organics composting and construction and demolition materials processing.

Although the District finds itself in an unenviable position, the disposal of solid waste in Vermont is changing rapidly which may open up opportunities for us. Among the most significant changes in the last year are:

- 1) The passage of Act 148 which over the next 7 years will prohibit the landfilling of certain materials including compostable items such as home and commercial food waste and yard waste.
- 2) The probable closing of the Moretown Landfill which would leave only one operating landfill in Vermont, which is near the Canadian border.

If you have questions, please call the District at 802-296-3688 or Ben Bradley at 785-4245.



## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

CRJC's mission is to preserve and protect the visual and ecological integrity and sustainable working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley, and to guide its growth and development through grassroots leadership. Fiscal Year 2012 was full of activity and outreach to Connecticut River communities. CRJC meetings featured presentations by experts in environmental services and natural resources and on the impacts of Hurricane Irene on the river and its watershed.

### Strategic Plan

The CRJC adopted a three-year Strategic Plan to develop engaged and active membership for Local River Subcommittees and the Joint Commissions to guide its programs, promote implementation of the Connecticut River Management Plan, reach out to communities on river issues and best practices for riverfront land management, and to articulate issues that affect the Connecticut River and its watershed.

### Website and Publications

CRJC's new website makes CRJC publications and events easier to locate. The new bi-weekly email update keeps CRJC members, subcommittees, and those with a general interest in CRJC activities informed. It has over 180 subscribers to date. We invite you to visit our website to view a complete annual report and to join our mailing list at <http://www.crjc.org>

*Rebecca Brown, President (NH); Chris Company, Vice President (VT)*  
*Tom Kennedy, Secretary (VT); Mary Sloat, Treasurer (NH)*





## **UPPER VALLEY LOCAL RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE of the CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSION**

This has been a year to increase connections, especially for our parent group, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions. Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) is now sending an electronic update each month to a growing list of partners – to sign up, visit <http://www.crjc.org>. One of our partners, Connecticut River Watershed Council, now has two stewards: David Deen and Ron Rhodes. Ron came to Upper Valley River Subcommittee to talk about his work with local communities on culverts, bank stabilization and tree planting.

New Hampshire changed its law covering the Connecticut River and all other protected rivers. Upper Valley River Subcommittee wrote a letter to realtors to tell them about recent changes in the law regarding protected rivers. Another educational opportunity was invasive species training held by New Hampshire Rivers Council. Upper Valley River Subcommittee is working on our own outreach plan and Recreation Management Plan. Don't be surprised to see Connecticut River information in a library near you.

The reconstruction of River Road in Lyme and the relicensing of Wilder Dam were two important projects that the Subcommittee reviewed this year. During each meeting, we discuss 1-3 project permit applications and give suggestions for making the plans more river-friendly.

We welcome new regular and alternate members to serve on the subcommittee. If you like rivers, please contact CRJC at (603) 727-9484 or [contact@crjc.org](mailto:contact@crjc.org).

### *Your Local Representatives –*

Piermont – Karyn Brown and Helga Mueller  
 Orford – Carl Schmidt and Marc White  
 Lyme – David Kotz, Sue MacKenzie and John Mudge (alternate)  
 Hanover – Caryl Collier and Jim Kennedy  
 Lebanon – David Jorgensen and Joan Monroe  
 Bradford – Nancy Jones and Karen Moore  
 Fairlee – Larry Gatto and Steve Stocking  
 Thetford – Linda Matteson and Bill Bridge  
 Norwich – vacant  
 Hartford – Lynn Bohi

## APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

The Town of Thetford Selectboard has established the following criteria for granting single year appropriations:

1. Organizations that received funding for the prior year are eligible for an appropriation by submitting a written request by December 15.
2. A new organization or a previously-funded organization seeking a higher level of funding must petition the town (5% of registered voters) before Town Meeting.
3. All organizations seeking funding must directly serve residents of the Town.

The following organizations have submitted requests for appropriations for FY 2013:

**Clara Martin Center** provides community mental health services. Requesting **\$4,266**.

**Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont** provides home healthcare and hospice support services. Requesting **\$11,536**.

**White River Council on Aging** provides information, transportation, case management, advocacy and respite for seniors. Requesting **\$4,950**.

**VT Center for Independent Living** assists deaf and disabled individuals. Requesting **\$150**.

**Central Vermont Adult Basic Education** assists teens and adults with basic reading, writing, Math, and English as another language programs. Requesting **\$800**.

**The Family Place** assists families with early childhood needs, such as parent education, child advocacy and therapy and other programs. Requesting **\$300**.

**Headrest** serves the community with crisis hotlines, and substance abuse programs. Requesting **\$1,564**.

**Orange County Diversion** is a community-based alternative to the criminal court system, assisting participants referred by the State's Attorney. Requesting **\$175**.

**Safeline** provides a domestic violence hotline at 1-800-NEW-SAFE, and many other services related to domestic and sexual violence. Requesting **\$1,300**.

**Green Up Vermont** organizes and helps supply landscaping and cleanup efforts on the first Saturday of May. Requesting **\$150**.

**Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation** assists communities with business development planning and financing. Requesting **\$1,294**.

**Vermont Association for the Blind** assists individuals with rehabilitation, adaptation, transportation, social networking and assistive technologies. Requesting **\$1,000**.

**Vermont Trails and Greenways** assists communities with planning and education related to trails. Requesting **\$30**.

**Little Rivers Health Care** provides comprehensive primary healthcare for all residents regardless of ability to pay. Requesting **\$1,000**.

**Orange County Parent/Child Center** serves families with early childhood education programs, parenting assistance services and case management. Requesting **\$500**.

**Sustainable Energy Resource Group** assists communities with weatherization and energy conservation planning. Requesting **\$750**.

**The Lake Fairlee Association** principally acts as steward of the lake. Requesting **\$5,000**.

**The American Red Cross** provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood, and other disasters, and assisted establishing an Emergency Response Center. Appropriating **\$1,000**.

## 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 comprised of municipal officials from across the state elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 141 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions 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 more than 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 15 workshops that attracted more than 1,300 people. Additionally, we conducted 12 "on-site" workshops held at municipal offices on a wide range of topics. Handbooks produced by MAC may be purchased or accessed free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model polices, and newsletter articles that are currently accessible to the general public. 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 national 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, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2013 legislature, as limited financial resources at the national and state level force more demand for services to the local level.
- 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 substantial municipal damages resulting from Irene last year made the value of VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members painfully clear, with members benefitting from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance and prompt service and claims payments. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2010 for \$43 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

To learn more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including its audited financial statements, visit the VLCT website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

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**Wednesday: 10:00-5:00 PM**  
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333-9352  
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Thetford Center, VT 05075**

**U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PRE-SORT STANDARD**

**PERMIT #6**

**THETFORD CTR, VT  
05075**

**PRE-TOWN MEETING**

Monday, February 25, 2013  
7:30pm

Thetford Town Offices



**TOWN MEETING**

Saturday, March 2, 2013  
9:00am

Gymnasium

**Thetford Elementary**

Anticipated schedule:

School Meeting first, Town Meeting  
to follow adjournment of school  
meeting.



**ELECTION OF TOWN AND  
SCHOOL OFFICERS AND  
SCHOOL BUDGET**

Australian Balloting  
Tuesday, March 5, 2013  
8:00am to 7:00pm

Thetford Town Hall