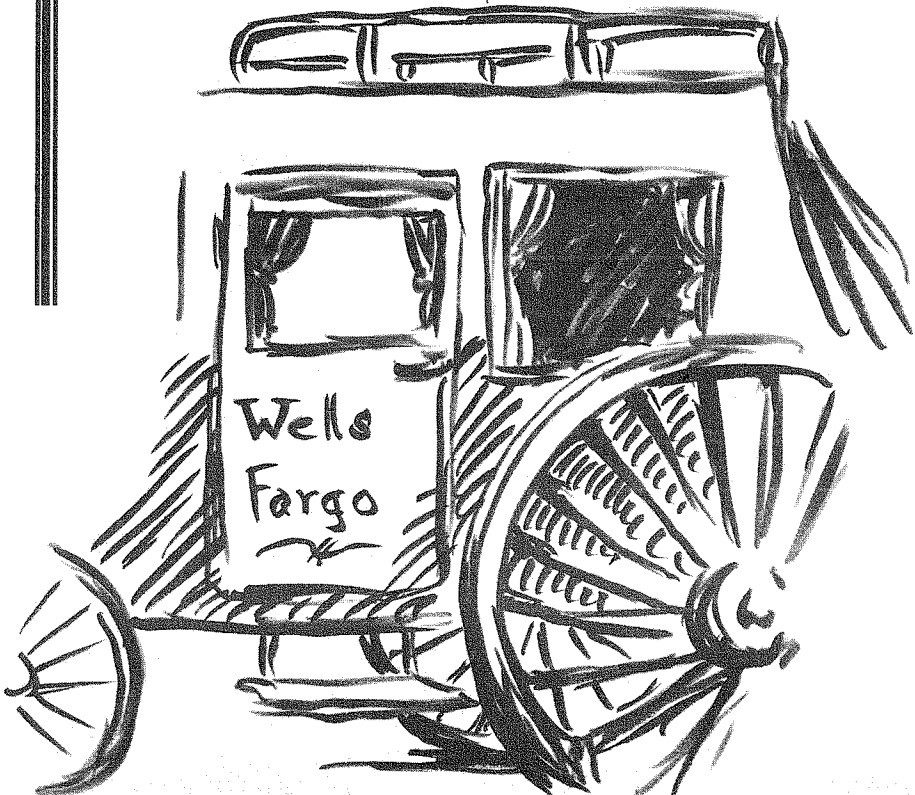


TOWN of THETFORD

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THETFORD TOWN OFFICES
(802) 785-2922 / (802) 785-4927
(802) 785-2031 [FAX]
TOWN GARAGE
(802) 785-4679
TREASURE ISLAND
(802) 333-9615

Town Clerk & Treasurer	Monday: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Listers	Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 11:30 AM
	Thursday: 2:45 - 5:30 PM
Health Officer	Monday: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Selectmen	Mondays: 7:30 PM, Town Offices
PC/ZBA	1st & 4th Tuesdays, 7:15 PM, Town Offices
Conservation	1st Wednesday, 7:30 PM, Town Offices
School Directors	3rd Monday, 7:00 PM, Elementary School

POLICE, FIRE, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
Fairlee (333) and Thetford (785) exchanges - **333-4347**

CONSTABLE
Charles Stephens
Emergency/Messages 333-4347

STATE POLICE
Emergency 333-9414

FISH & WILDLIFE WARDEN
Via VSP-Bethel (802) 234-9933
Home 333-4815

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
(802) 685-4875

FIRE WARDEN (Burning Permits)
Ellis Paige (work) 785-4679 (home) 785-4477
Alford Stone (home) 785-4503

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER
Gene Thorburn - 333-4347

POUND KEEPER
Dr. John Dwyer - 785-4353

CLARA MARTIN CENTER
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SAFELINE
24 hours (800) 639-7233

HEADREST
24 hours (603) 448-4400

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FOR

TOWN OF THETFORD

YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1995

THETFORD TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator - Town		
Matthew I. Wiencke	RR1 Box 32, Thetford Ctr	785-2654
Moderator - School		
Daniel Grossman	PO Box 106, East Thetford	785-4074
Town Clerk, Treasurer, Del. Tax Collector		
Roberta C. Howard	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-2922
Constable		
Charles Stephens	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-4927
Grand Juror		
Agt. To Prosecute/Defend Suits	}	Vacant
Agt. to Convey Real Property		
Selectmen		
James Masland ('96)	RR1 Box 104A, Thetford Ctr	785-4146
Deecie McNelly ('96)	RR1 Box 208, Fairlee	333-9527
Patricia Blake ('97)	PO Box 43, East Thetford	785-4505
Wendy Cole ('97)	RR2 Box 8, East Thetford	785-2698
Alford Stone ('98)	RR1 Box 14, Thetford Ctr	785-4503
Listers (Three Year Term)		
Charlotte Hill ('96)	HCR 73 Box 5, East Thetford	785-4611
Arthur Bacon ('97)	RR2 Box 19A, East Thetford	785-4208
Janet Stowell ('98)	RR1 Box 149, Thetford Ctr	785-4387
Auditors (Three Year Term)		
Rick Barrows ('96)	PO Box 245, Thetford Ctr	785-4607
Michael Shoob ('97)	PO Box 91, Thetford	785-4083
George Klausner ('98)	PO Box 96, Thetford	785-2779
School Directors		
Adam Keller ('96)	RR1 Box 221, Fairlee	333-9447
Janet Taylor ('96)	RR1 Box 270, Fairlee	333-4455
Brian Odell ('97)	PO Box 81, East Thetford	785-2400
Charlie Buttrey ('97)	RR1 Box 102, East Thetford	785-4005
Pauline Cole ('98)	RR 1 Box 23, Thetford Ctr	785-2016
Trustees of Trust Funds (Three Year Term)		
Ruel G. Barrett ('96)	PO Box 89, Thetford	785-2867
Arthur N. Shopp ('96)	PO Box 94, Post Mills	333-4647
Frederick Howard ('97)	PO Box 57, North Thetford	333-9291
Trustees of Library (Five Year Term)		
Susan Tallman ('95)	RR1 Box 103, Thetford Ctr	785-4579
Ann Scotford ('96)	PO Box 126, East Thetford	785-4576
Dana Grossman ('96)	PO Box 106, East Thetford	785-4074
Edmund Houston ('96)	PO Box 98, Post Mills	333-9651
Nancy King ('97)	PO Box 137, Thetford	785-4178
Susan Brown ('97)	PO Box 239, Thetford Ctr	785-4492
Susan Fetter ('98)	RR1 Box 36, Thetford Ctr	785-2680
Marilyn Sturman ('98)	PO Box 24, Thetford	785-2423

Cemetery Commissioners (Three Year Term)

John Wilmot ('96)	PO Box 6, East Thetford	785-4090
Andrew Martin ('97)	PO Box 162, East Thetford	785-2024
Robert Fournier ('98)	RR 1 Box 23, East Thetford	785-2418

Budget Committee

Thomas Gray ('96)	PO Box 27, North Thetford	333-4139
Jean Wolstenholme ('96)	PO Box 6, Thetford	785-4567
Chester Palmer ('97)	PO Box 37, East Thetford	785-2454
William Keegan ('97)	PO Box 33, Post Mills	333-9372
Liz Ryan Cole ('98)	PO Box 129, Thetford	785-4124

Justices of the Peace

Arthur Bacon	RR2 Box 19A, East Thetford	785-4208
Gladys Boyd	RR2 Box 158, East Thetford	785-2029
Elmer Brown	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr	785-2167
Wendy Cole	RR2 Box 8, East Thetford	785-2698
Julia Eaton	PO Box 107, North Thetford	333-9232
Roxy Maxfield	PO Box 157, Post Mills	785-4215
Marilyn Stone	RR1 Box 2, East Thetford	785-4104
Roger Thrall	RR2 Box 132A, East Thetford	785-2826
Robert Vaughan	PO Box 54, East Thetford	785-2968
Jean Wolstenholme	PO Box 6, Thetford	785-4567

Representative for Orange District 4

Ruth Dwyer	RR1 Box 102, Thetford Ctr	785-4353
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Senator - Orange County

Stephen W. Webster	Randolph, VT	728-3361
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

Road Commissioner

Ellis Paige	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-4679
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Zoning Administrator

George Stowell	RR1 Box 149, Thetford Ctr	785-4387
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Health Officer

Kevin Fahey	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-2922
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Asst. Town Clerk/Treasurer

Martha Howard	PO Box 34, North Thetford	333-9171
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Special Officer - Police

Andrew Havens	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	333-4347
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Town Service Officer

Roberta Howard	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-2922
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Animal Control Officer

Eugene Thorburn	PO Box 223, East Thetford	333-4347
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Pound Keeper

Dr. John Dwyer	RR1 Box 102, Thetford Ctr	785-4353
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Fire Warden

Ellis Paige	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-4679
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Key Man

Alford Stone	RR1 Box 14, Thetford Ctr	785-4503
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Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee RPC

Jim Masland RR1 Box 104A, Thetford Ctr 785-4146
George Stowell PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

Planning Commission

Sherry Crossley ('95) PO Box 257, Thetford Ctr 333-9579
Vacant ('95)
Arthur Bacon ('96) RR1 Box 19A, East Thetford 785-4208
Norm Marshall ('96) PO Box 173, East Thetford 785-4017
Vacant ('96)
Floy Wooten ('97) PO Box 129, Thetford 785-4253
Ken Robinson ('97) RR1 Box 215, Fairlee 333-9310

Historic Preservation Committee

Jennifer Barker Allen PO Box 4, North Thetford 333-4408
Marian Fifield PO Box 255, Thetford Ctr 785-2430
James Fowle PO Box 46, Thetford 785-2630
Clark Graff RR1 Box 210, Fairlee 333-9441
Roney Hoffman HCR 73, Box 8, East Thetford 785-2438
Caren Showerman RR1 Box 7, Thetford Ctr 785-4559
Dan Russell North Thetford 333-4402

Conservation Commission

Bill Bridge RR1 Box 193C, Thetford Ctr 785-2964
Richard Haugen RR1 Box 143, East Thetford 785-4494
Robert Pulaski RR1 Box 11A, Post Mills 333-4627
William Shepard RR1 Box 136A, Thetford Ctr 785-2855
Scott Stokoe RR1 Box 54C, Thetford Ctr 785-2083
Paul Silva RR2 Box 18, East Thetford 785-4314
Joe Tofel RR1 Box 138C, Thetford Ctr 649-1434
Fred Thomas RR1 Box 39A, Thetford Ctr 785-2596
Leslie Vivian RR1 Box 152B, Thetford Ctr 785-2196

Greater UV Solid Waste District

James Masland (Rep.) RR1 Box 104A, Thetford Ctr 785-4146
Stuart Blood (Alt.) RR1 Box 29, Thetford Ctr 785-4112

Solid Waste Committee

Steve Balch RR2 Box 156, East Thetford 785-4315
Stuart Blood RR1 Box 29, Thetford Ctr 785-4112
David Greenfield RR1 Box 228A, Fairlee 333-4757
Mark Richardson RR1 Box 103, Thetford Ctr 785-4001
Rick Rorick RR1 Box 122C, Thetford Ctr 785-2538
Maggi Shadroui Route 5, East Thetford 785-4228

Recreation Committee

Susan Arnold RR1 Box 142B, East Thetford 785-4248
Lynn Daly RR1 Box 379, Thetford Ctr 785-4336
Gene Kadish RR 2 Box 149A, East Thetford 785-2929
Scooter Hathorn PO Box 8, Ely 333-9176
Amos Kornfeld HCR 73 Box 12A, Thetford Ctr 333-4502
Tomas Ozahowski PO Box 44, Thetford 785-4102

Emergency Management

Ken McDaniels RR1 Box 127, Thetford Ctr 785-4908

Upper Valley Ambulance

Brian Campion RR1 Box 9B, East Thetford 785-2234

Orange County Mental Health Trustee

Vacant

Agency on Aging - Southeast Council

Bertha Brown PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr 785-2167

Agency on Aging - White River Council

Joe & Dot Tofel RR1 Box 138C, Thetford Ctr 649-1434

Tree Warden

Elmer Brown PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr 785-2167

Surveyors of Wood & Lumber

Kenneth Bragg RR1 Box 177, Thetford Ctr 333-4688
Gary Ulman RR1 Box 55, Thetford Ctr 785-4037
Lee Palmer PO Box 106, North Thetford 333-9026

Fence Viewers

Robert Evans HCR 73 Box 7, East Thetford 785-2673
Robert Vaughan PO Box 54, East Thetford 785-2968
Royce Bond PO Box 58, North Thetford 333-4640

Historian

Marian Fifield PO Box 255, Thetford Ctr 785-2430

Notaries Public

Ruel G. Barrett PO Box 89, Thetford 785-2867
Karin Bonnett HCR 73, Box 2, East Thetford 785-2543
Judith Bowden RR1 Box 16A, Post Mills 785-2712
Charlie Buttrey RR1 Box 102, East Thetford 785-4005
Kate Cone RR1 Box 193C, Thetford Ctr 785-2964
Sherry S. Crossley PO Box 257, Thetford Ctr 333-9579
Lynn J. Daly RR1 Box 379, Norwich 785-4336
Emily S. Davis RR1 Box 358, Norwich 649-2729
Betty A. Ferriot PO Box 85, East Thetford 785-2247
Herbert C. Gray PO Box 87, East Thetford 785-4348
Loretta Gray PO Box 35, East Thetford 785-4189
Rebecca B. Gray PO Box 87, East Thetford 785-4348
Dana C. Grossman PO Box 106, East Thetford 785-4074
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Mary M. Hathorn PO Box 8, Ely 333-9176
Martha Howard PO Box 34, North Thetford 333-9171
Roberta C. Howard PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922
Lynn Irwin RR1 Box 161A, East Thetford 785-4581
Doris Lingelbach PO Box 149, Thetford 785-2653
Jeanne Phipps PO Box 76, North Thetford 333-9130
Paul Raymond PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr 785-4953
Rebecca Raymond PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr 785-4953
Arthur N. Shopp PO Box 94, Post Mills 333-4647
Charles Stephens PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922
Roger Thrall RR1 Box 132A, East Thetford 785-4102
Lydia Walker RR 1 Box 10, East Thetford 785-4633

**WARNING
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the Town of Thetford, on Monday, March 4, 1996, at 7:30 PM to transact the following business:

ARTICLE I. To hear and act on the reports of the Town.

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 15, 1996, by 5:00 PM. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1 1/2% per month or fraction thereof, and 8% penalty will be due the Town.

ARTICLE III. Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money needed for current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE IV. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 268,364.75 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.

ARTICLE V. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 238,346.63 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department.

ARTICLE VI. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 45,000.00 to be added to the Highway Department Capital Fund.

ARTICLE VII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 10,000.00 to go towards study, repair, and/or replacement of the Union Village Covered Bridge.

ARTICLE VIII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 2,500.00 for the establishment of a new Town Department entitled Emergency Management.

ARTICLE IX. Shall the Town authorize the Select board to purchase a new 1 ton truck and a new 5 ton truck for the Highway Department. Said trucks would be financed over four years, with monies to be paid from the Highway Equipment Capital Fund.

ARTICLE X. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 1,377.00 for Headrest.

ARTICLE XI. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 8,238.00 for the combined Hospice/VNAVNH.

ARTICLE XII. Shall the Town approve the following statement:

We, the citizens of Vermont, direct our state legislators to enact campaign finance reform. We believe that private campaign donations are unfairly buying influence in the legislative process. Too often, elected

officials, beholden to their wealthy donors, pass legislation which benefits the donors and hurts the public. We want to reduce the costs of elections and government through PUBLICLY FINANCED CAMPAIGNS that would:

- CUT overall spending on state campaigns and limit the length of the campaign season.
- REDUCE the influence of special interests and big money on our elected officials.
- ALLOW candidates to spend less time raising money and more time listening to voters
- GIVE new candidates a fighting chance against incumbents
- RETURN the power of governing to the people.

ARTICLE XIII. To transact any other business which may legally come before the Meeting.

The following Articles shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 5, 1996, between 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the Thetford Town Offices.

ARTICLE XIV. To elect Town and School Officers.

Thetford Select Board

Patricia Blake
Wendy Cole
James Masland, Chair
Deecie McNelly
Alford Stone

**TOWN MEETING SUPPER,
March 4, 1996**

Once again, there will be a Supper served prior to Town Meeting in the Home Ec. Room at Thetford Academy, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Spaghetti with vegetarian or meat sauce, homemade breads, tossed salad, cakes, and choice of beverage will be served.

The Supper is sponsored by the Thetford Academy Booster Club.

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN and SCHOOL OFFICES

1996

TOWN MODERATOR, 1 year.....	Daniel F. Grossman Joseph Tofel
SCHOOL MODERATOR, 1 year.....	Daniel F. Grossman
TOWN CLERK, 1 year.....	Roberta C. Howard
TREASURER, 1 year.....	Roberta C. Howard
DEL. TAX COLLECTOR, 1 year.....	Roberta C. Howard
FIRST CONSTABLE, 1 year.....	Charles R. Stephens
GRAND JUROR, 1 year.....	<i>No Candidate</i>
AGT. TO CONVEY REAL PROPERTY, 1 year.....	<i>No Candidate</i>
AGT. TO PROSECUTE/DEFEND SUITS, 1 year.....	<i>No Candidate</i>
SELECTMAN, 2 years.....	Andrew L. Havens
SELECTMAN, 3 years.....	Timothy I. Moore
LISTER, 3 years.....	Charlotte Hill
AUDITOR, 3 years.....	Mary L. Bronson
SCHOOL DIRECTOR, 2 years.....	Janet Taylor
SCHOOL DIRECTOR, 3 years.....	Adam Keller
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS, 2 years.....	Ruel G. Barrett
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS, 3 years.....	Arthur Shopp
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 4 years.....	Kathryn Bonyai
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 4 years.....	Ron Chabot
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 3 years.....	Chris Demarest
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 3 years.....	Margaret Sadler
LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 4 years (Peabody).....	Patricia Charyk
BUDGET COMMITTEE, 2 years.....	<i>No Candidate</i>
BUDGET COMMITTEE, 3 years.....	<i>No Candidate</i>
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER, 3 years.....	John Wilmot

Sketches by Chris Demarest, East Thetford

VOTER INFORMATION

Residents of the Town of Thetford may make application to have their names placed upon the checklist during Town Clerk Office hours: Mondays, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM; Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM; or Saturday February 24, 1996, 10:00 AM to Noon at the Town Hall.

All applications must be received no later than Saturday February 24, 1996, at 12:00 Noon, in order to vote on March 4 and March 5, 1996. Voters may request absentee ballots until 5:00 PM or the closing of the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, March 4, 1996. An authorized person, on behalf of an absent voter, may apply for an absent voter ballot not later than 12:00 Noon on Monday March 4, 1996.

Election of Town and School Officers by Australian Ballot will be Tuesday, March 5, 1996, from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

CHECKLIST POSTED: (No later than 30 days before election) February 3, 1996.

Make sure your name is on the Voter checklist If your name is not on it -

REGISTER TO VOTE (Second Saturday before election)
When: No later than 12:00 Noon on February 24, 1996.
Where: Town Clerk's Office.

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

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Reasons: It is no longer necessary to provide a reason for requesting an absentee ballot.

When: Apply not later than 5:00 PM on March 4, 1996.

Where: Town Clerk's Office.

How: Either in person, in writing or by telephone.

Who: Voter, or authorized person may request absentee ballot on behalf of an absent voter by 12 Noon on March 6, 1996.

Ways of voting absentee:

- Vote in Town Clerk's Office before the deadline.
- Have a ballot mailed to you, and mail or take it back to the Clerk's Office before 7:00 PM on Election Day.
- Have two Justices of the Peace bring a ballot to you at your home on the day before or the day of the election.

SAMPLE BALLOTS POSTED: (10 days before election) February 25, 1996.

REMEMBRANCE

Bessie Dexter: Wife of Floyd Dexter and mother of six children, 19 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild; worked at Country Fare Restaurant and the Thetford Center Village Store.

Gladys Hodge: Formerly of Whippoorwill Road, loved her home and her flowers, especially roses.

Earl Kniffin: Master Stonemason. Many evidences of his craftsmanship are evident around Thetford.

Rodney M. "Bud" Palmer: Operator of Thetford Center Garage for many years.

Earl LaMountain: A local dairy farmer who also worked at Cone Automatic Machine Co. in Windsor, and Bryant's in Springfield, VT

Marie Jamieson: Homemaker and housekeeper at the former Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital.

Eleanor Springfels: Pianist and music teacher.

Lucy McAllister: Taught in local schools, and with her husband, operated a dairy farm for many years.

Natalie Carroll: Formerly of Route 5, artist.

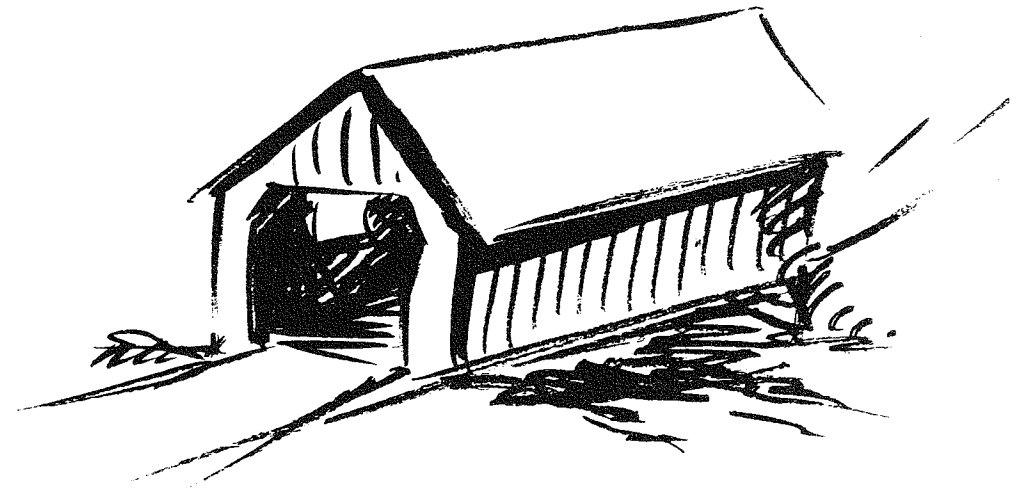
Bernard Ilsley: Brother of Maynard Ilsley of Rices Mills

Alex Barter: Member of American Legion, Veteran of WW II, formerly of Stevens Road.

Jeanne Parker: Mother of Pamela Phelps, Caregiver to the elderly and infirmed.

1995 HIGHLIGHTS

- Robert Johnston, former Thetford Elementary School Principal, resumes this role in an interim capacity, following Sheila Moran's resignation.
- Fifteen Thetford Volunteer Firefighters receive Level I certification from the Vermont Fire Service Training Council, following more than 180 hours of training.
- Betty Olsen retires after 19 years as postmaster of Thetford Post Office, and will be much missed.
- The 18th century farm of David and Gail Smith is featured by the Vermont Folklore Center as part of a year-long traveling exhibit.
- Thetford Academy embarks on an ambitious renovation project, that will include handicapped access to Anderson Hall, New roofs on the Daniels Agriculture/Science Building, and extensive modernization of the White Building.
- A portion of the Ompompanoosuc River, from the Thetford Center Covered Bridge to the Union Village Dam, is nominated as an "Outstanding Resource Water".



SELECTBOARD REPORT

The Town of Thetford once again has enjoyed a relatively peaceful and calm year. Most daily operations have proceeded smoothly and as planned, and the December snow provided us with a winter to remember. We are very happy to mention that Anderson Hall, our Town meeting facility, has been renovated and is now accessible for all folks. Thanks to all the townspeople and Academy staff who contributed to the successful completion of this project.

The 1996 Town and Highway budgets have been prepared through the close cooperation of the Select Board, Budget Committee, and department heads. We have made a major effort to level fund wherever possible. Nevertheless, there are several distinct areas in the Town and Highway Budgets which show increases. Some of these increases are beyond our immediate control; some are only common sense. Others, such as wage increases for most personnel, are well deserved, given the productivity and years of experience of our employees.

One lesson we have learned is that costs and decision making in Thetford are, more often than not, affected by trends in the Upper Valley area and the powers that be in Montpelier. Under these circumstances, we have done our best to present budgets which meet the needs of Thetford citizens.

The most significant items affecting the budgets are as follows:

1. The Union Village covered bridge
2. Anticipated legal services regarding the ongoing battle over the Post Mills landfill
3. Upper Valley Ambulance
4. Wages
5. Increased costs at the recycling center
6. Establishment of an account for the replacement of the police vehicle
7. Establishment of an account for emergency management

Each of these items and more will be explained in detail at Pre-Town Meeting and at Town Meeting. We urge you to attend.

Our recycling center continues to be well operated and actually returned significant revenues to the Town during the past year. However, the recycling market is not stable and can fluctuate greatly; and our site lease has increased considerably.

The covered bridge at Union Village poses a vexing problem for us all. On the one hand, the bridge has historically carried loads approaching 20 tons. On the other hand, the Vermont Agency of Transportation informed us

several months ago that the bridge should be posted for only 4 tons! Please note the warned article which proposes to raise \$10,000.00 for a study of and/or alternative solutions to this problem. Public input on this important decision is vital to all of us.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of our very hard working emergency management committee, Thetford has made great strides in accessing the E-911 system. A warned article proposes raising \$2,500.00 to establish an Emergency Management Department. Some of these monies are earmarked for details remaining to bring Thetford in compliance with E-911 requirements. Others are designated to sustain the newly adopted Hazardous Materials Plan for Thetford. We urge all Thetford voters to support this request.

This year most Thetford employees will receive a 3% raise. Additionally, there are several departments which are budgeted for an increase in hours. Furthermore, the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, and Road Commissioner will be receiving wage increases above 3%. We must acknowledge that in each of these areas the requirements in time and sophistication are increasing rapidly. In the Select Board's office, for example, we are striving to manage the affairs of the town well without taking the expensive step of hiring a town manager. To do so we have had to budget more time for clerical work.

We are slowly and steadily working to update, repair, and renovate our Town Hall. New lighting has been installed and some of the floors refinished. Projects still to be completed include new bathroom facilities, refinishing the remaining floors, revamping the front entrance, and repairing the roof. In an attempt to help differentiate between the physical workings and daily operations in the building, we have added a new category in the Town Budget entitled Town Offices (Operations). This department refers to the office functions, supplies, and expenses necessary to run the Town. The original department of Town Hall has been renamed Town Hall (Physical Plant) and refers to the structure and maintenance of the building. While it may seem difficult at first to compare numbers from the proposed 1996 budget to those of the past, we hope that in the long run this accounting of expenses will prove to be both more accurate and understandable. Computers continue to add to both our expedience and expense. In 1995 our Police Department and Highway Department both were computerized; in 1996 we hope to add computer facilities for Zoning Administration.

We take this opportunity acknowledge Matt Wiencke, our much respected Town Moderator, who has chosen not to seek reelection after directing our Town Meetings for 26 years. We're a much better place for having had the benefit of Matt's wisdom and humor while he guided our meetings. Our thanks to you, Matt.

And as we do every year, we extend our sincere thanks to the many other volunteers who serve the Town throughout the year. Our town would and could not function so well as it does without these substantial unpaid efforts. Thanks also to all our valued employees; we appreciate the efforts of all.

The Select Board meets regularly each Monday at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall. Our meetings are open to the public, and your participation is encouraged. Should you wish to bring your concerns to our attention, it is advisable to call any Board member to secure a spot on the agenda. Please attend Pre-Town Meeting on February 29, 1996, at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall and Town Meeting on March 4, 1996, at 7:30 PM at Anderson Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Blake

Wendy Cole

James Masland, Chair

Deecie McNelly

Alford Stone

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

This year, a printer's deadline and the continuing tasks and routine of a Town Clerk's office dictate the brevity of our annual report. However, we cannot overlook the opportunity to take time to acknowledge the continuing support of our Select board, and the assistance and cooperation of all our co-workers - Listers, Zoning and Health Officers, Police Department, Animal Control Officer, and the Highway Crew. It is not unusual to find someone from any of these departments helping with storm windows, screens, re-arranging furniture, or just 'giving a hand' to help out.

We want to call your attention to dog licensing and payment of property taxes. This past year, once again, showed a marked increase in our dog population. Thanks to the volunteer effort of Chris Senger calling dog owners to remind them of the final date to obtain an animal license (April 1st) our dog penalties have showed a marked decrease. Please note the date of the rabies clinic - Saturday, March 16th. All dogs, ferrets, wolf-hybrids, and cats must have current rabies shots, and all but cats MUST be licensed with the Town.

Unless amended at Town Meeting, the final due date for payment of property taxes will be Tuesday, October 15, 1996, 5:00 PM. We cannot over stress the importance of early mailing of tax payments. If you live locally, consider delivering your payments directly to the office. Our postal service is to be commended for the prompt and efficient handling of the volume of mail in our area, however there is occasionally mis-routing or delay, and unfortunately it has happened with tax payments. The Town cannot be held accountable, and it is the taxpayer who must bear the burden of a late penalty charge.

Our raffle of Treasure Island passes raised over \$400.00 and allowed us to apply a few 'cosmetic' touches to the Town Hall. We were able to have the large pine table refinished, painting the window trim, add colorful valances, blinds, and plants to help brighten a dreary work and meeting place. This year the Selectmen have budgeted to have the floors in the adjoining offices refinished or carpeted. While all of these efforts provide a more cheerful and friendly Town Hall, they do not address the fact that all departments have simply outgrown the limited space available. We are critically overcrowded, and the lack of office space cannot be mitigated in the present Town Hall without compromising the public meeting area. The "Hall" portion of the Town Hall is utilized by the Select board, Planning and Conservation Commissions, and Board of Civil Authority, for meetings of the State Environmental Board on local issues, Visiting Nurses meetings, and occasional coffee hours for Timothy Frost parishioners. The Thetford FAST squad has held training sessions and conducted a two-day CPR course at the Town Offices, and we provide space one day a week for Eleanor Zue of the Senior Center to assist local senior citizens. We have even had several marriages performed here. The Town Hall is a distribution center for local surplus commodities, and is the site of the Thetford Food Shelf. We encourage all Town organizations to make use of their 'Town House'.

1996 is also an election year; the first being held on March 5th for Presidential Primary and Town and School Officers. This will be followed by voting on the annual School budget in May; General Election Primary in September; and General Election in November. Watch for posters and newspaper notices for Voter Information and deadlines.

The Thetford Food Shelf is extremely fortunate to have the continuing support of local churches, organizations, and local school children; our new donors, and our long-time contributors. All recipients of the Food Shelf are truly appreciative and grateful for your generosity.

Roberta C Howard

Martha J Howard

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Most of you know that Vermont is in serious financial trouble because of a large budget deficit. My Committee writes the state budget, so I spent a lot of time in Montpelier this Summer and Fall. Now that we are in session, there is enormous pressure to balance the budget, but no agreement on how to do it. Some want to cut spending, some want to raise taxes, and some want to do both. It is too soon to see what will happen.

It is important for everyone, especially Town Officials, to understand the probable consequences of the State's problems. Funding for education and tax relief programs have been dwindling for years, but State spending has increased. Now there is even less money for towns. There are proposed transportation cuts, and these could affect local highway budgets. There is no money for school construction. Montpelier's budget crisis could cause local tax increases, and Orange County will be hit hard because of the property tax burden.

The failure to pass a Property Tax/Education bill was a huge disappointment last session. I was on a Summer committee (without Pay!) To study this issue, and its report focused on cost containment. This won't be enough to solve the problem. We need major finance changes to reduce our reliance on property taxes. Counties like ours need help now. I have been very involved in trying to get a bipartisan plan put together, but it is an uphill battle because of election politics and the budget.

My Sex Offender Registry and Notification bill is in the House Judiciary Committee. It may fit as an amendment to the Victim's Bill of Rights that has already passed the Senate. Thanks to everyone who contacted me about this issue. The problem deserves immediate attention and there is a lot of support statewide. Anyone who can help by contacting key Legislators should let me know.

My home phone number is 785-2817, and during the week is 828-2228 at the State House. Hopefully, we will work our way out of the current fiscal crisis, and it may actually drive the Legislature to take long overdue action to help towns.

Ruth Dwyer, Representative

ABSTRACT OF THE GRAND LIST - TOWN OF THETFORD - 1995

REAL ESTATE	PARCELS	CORPORATIONS	TOWN RESIDENTS	STATE RESIDENTS	NON-STATE	TOTALS
Residential I	553	134,600	53,915,800	2,230,400	4,078,500	60,359,300
Residential II	297	0	43,875,100	2,666,800	5,398,500	51,940,400
Mobile Homes-U	32	0	491,200	0	3,100	494,300
Mobile Homes-L	52	0	2,557,100	249,400	128,500	2,935,000
Vacation I	71	0	1,764,600	1,160,200	4,273,900	7,198,700
Vacation II	41	0	542,300	774,700	5,676,900	6,993,900
Commercial	49	807,400	5,157,300	2,320,700	1,368,200	9,653,600
Comm. Apts.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ind. Plants	0	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E	3	2,149,800	0	0	0	2,149,800
Utilities-O	2	41,300	0	0	0	41,300
Farm	11	422,300	2,812,700	0	0	3,235,000
Woodland	94	0	1,514,200	1,542,400	2,742,500	5,799,100
Government	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	224	161,800	4,644,800	1,618,900	2,650,900	9,076,400
TOTALS	1,429	3,717,200	117,275,100	12,563,500	26,321,000	9,076,400
Total Listed Value of Real Estate for Taxation						159,876,800
Total Grand List (One percent of total listed value of real and personal estate)						1,598,768.00

THETFORD BOARD OF LISTERS

First and foremost, the Board of Listers would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all property owners for your full support and cooperation. Without your needed assistance, our job would not be complete! Keep in mind that we are public trustees and servants to all taxpayers. As it so stipulates in Article IV of the Vermont constitution, "All power being originally inherent in and consequently derived from the people, therefore, all officers of government, whether legislative or executive, are their trustees and servants; and at all times, in a legal way, accountable to them". So remember, whenever a question arises concerning your property assessment, we are here to help you. The only dumb question is the one never asked!

As of the latest state studies, the town of Thetford's assessment ratio was 100.93% of market value, and our coefficient of dispersion was 13.91%.

The Board of Listers must abide by certain laws in the Vermont Statutes. To revalue property, there must be:

1. A physical change in the property before April 1st (i.e., remodeling, addition, etc.) or
2. A Town-wide reassessment, or
3. Request by an owner in writing.

We must also follow a certain timetable. The 1996 Pre-Grand List must be completed by May 24th, grievance hearings must be held between June 20-21, and the final Grand List must be lodged with the Town Clerk and the State by July 15th. After July 15th, the only adjustments that can be made to the Grand List are the ones caused by errors in the grievance process (i.e., listing two garages instead of one, listing one bathroom when there are actually two, etc.). These changes must be approved by the Select board and are not retroactive.

If you are concerned about your assessment, the Board of Listers asks that you put your concerns in writing. List all the reasons for your concern and include any documentation that would be helpful to your case. By putting your request for reconsideration in writing, it makes the process legal and protects your rights. The Listers will then act upon your request sometime during the year, and if there are any changes in your assessment, you will be notified of that change around the last week in May.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY after you receive a Change of Appraisal Notice is as follows: if you agree with the value, do nothing. If you disagree with the value, or if you have some questions, you must contact the Board of Listers and make an appointment to meet with us. This should be done before the grievance hearings which start on June 10th. Please remember to put your grievance in writing. It is not necessary by law to list your reasons why.

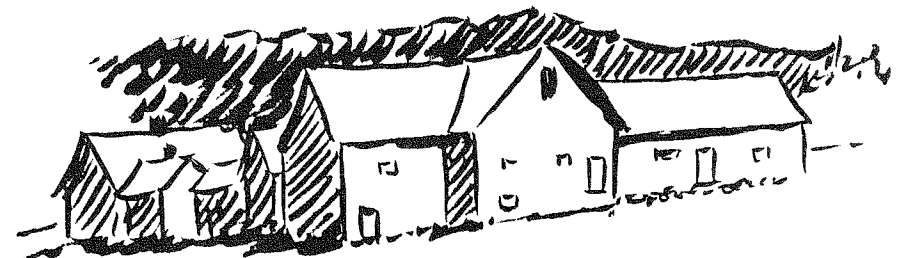
The regulations governing the appeal process can be confusing. The Board of Listers are always willing to work with you to help alleviate any concerns, but we are limited in what we are able to do. Our office is open to the public Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Stop by, or call us at 785-2922 or 785-4927.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR VERMONT RESIDENTS/HOMEOWNERS (Disclosure of Property Taxes)

In order to better understand the burden of property taxes on Vermont residents, the General Assembly passed a law in 1995 which requires homeowners to report the amount of real property tax assessed on their Vermont dwelling and up to two acres of land surrounding it. (Please see page 4 of your Vermont Income Tax Return). This applies to Vermont residents only. The Board of Listers advise all Vermont Homeowners/Residents to request their "Listers' Certification of Homestead Valuation" early, to avoid a last minute crunch.

Thetford Board of Listers

Arthur Bacon, Chair
Charlotte Hill
Janet Stowell



PLANNING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A new Zoning Administrator was appointed in 1995. George Stowell replaced Cliff Lyons, who resigned in the Spring.

In 1995 the town voted to amend Section 410 (Division of Lots) of the Zoning Ordinance to align the Ordinance with State Court findings. The Planning Commission will be considering additional changes to the Zoning Ordinance as well as zoning changes for Post Mills and East Thetford in the coming year. The Planning Commission has been working with only five of a possible seven members for about two years. In December of this year Sean Mullen was appointed to fill one of the vacancies. Any citizens who are interested in serving on the Planning Commission should contact the Town Offices.

Residents and property owners are reminded that a Zoning Permit is required for signs, home occupations, businesses, and satellite dishes, to name a few, as well as the for construction. Residents of the Thetford Hill Historic Preservation Overlay should note that they are subject to more restrictive zoning guidelines. Generally, changes to the exterior of their property and buildings, including demolition, require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Planning Commission. Projects that might not normally require a permit, such as painting, roof repairs, window and door changes, etc., require a permit in the Historic District.

If you are not sure whether you need a permit, or what type of permit is required, consult the list in the back of the Town Report or call the Town Office. The list in the Town Report is for Town Permits only. It is your responsibility to acquire any necessary State or Federal permits.

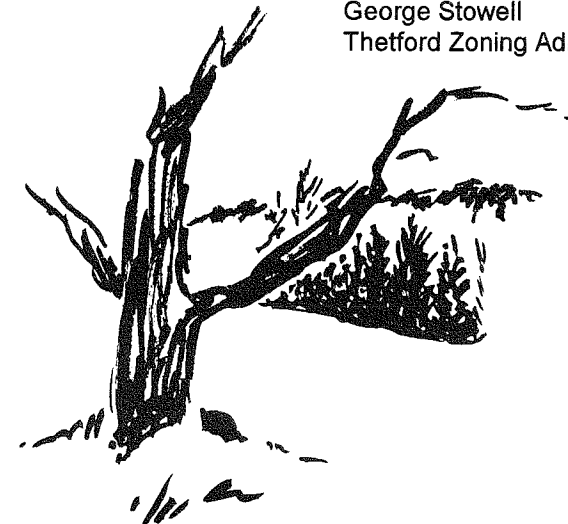
This was a busy year for the Zoning Office. The following tables give a summary of the permit activity for the past three years.

APPROVED SUBDIVISIONS			
	1993	1994	1995
Number of Plats approved	13	3	13
Number of lots created	10	2	17
Annexations	4	1	2

ZONING PERMITS ISSUED			
TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT	1993	1994	1995
Residences	10	10	23
Additions	22	15	19
Decks & Porches	6	11	16
Accessory Buildings	15	24	18
Businesses	6	7	5
Mobile Homes	4	4	3
Home Occupations	1	2	2
Certs. of Appropriateness	0	1	4

There also was a large increase in the number of subdivisions over 1994, most creating only one additional lot. The number of plats includes annexations. As shown in the second Table, there has been a sharp increase in the number of residences permitted in 1995 over the previous two years. Note that some residential permits include decks and/or garages.

George Stowell
Thetford Zoning Administrator



THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

1995 was my fifth year as First Constable in Thetford. I also work for the Orange County Sheriff's Department, and have since 1975. I have worked for Vermont Fish & Wildlife since 1977 and as a Special Police Officer for the Town of Norwich since 1993. In the past year I have taken about 134 hours of Law Enforcement training, courtesy of Orange County, Vermont Fish & Wildlife, and the Norwich Police Department.

Officer Drew Havens has been with the Thetford Police Department since 1993. Drew is an Orange County Deputy Sheriff, as well as a Special Police Officer for the Town of Norwich. Drew has taken about 81 hours of law enforcement training in 1995, courtesy of Orange County and Norwich Police.

Our complaints and incidents have steadily increased over the past several years, as indicated by the table that follows this report. In 1995 alone, we logged 789 incidents, compared with 583 in 1994. You will notice from the call breakdown that even small-town Police Departments have to deal with a wide variety of situations, and that the training required to respond to such diversity is substantial.

For emergencies and messages for either Drew or myself, please call Hanover Dispatch at 333-4347, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If Drew and I are not available to respond to your call, Hanover Dispatch will call the Vermont State Police for you. If you have any questions about our Department or want to talk to us, please stop in our office in the Town Office. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported us during this past and again many thanks to the Town Clerk's Office staff for helping us in the office. We will continue to do our best to provide professional law enforcement to the citizens of Thetford. It has been a privilege to serve the people of this town and we are looking forward to the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Stephens, First Constable
Drew Havens, Special Officer

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT STATISTICS - 1995

Abandoned Vehicles	7	Littering & Dumping	3
Animal Control	30	Lockout Assists	4
Assaults	5	Marijuana	3
Assist Ambulance	20	Mental Subjects	3
Assist Fire Department	10	Neighborhood Disputes	2
Assist Police - In State	12	Night Callouts	73
Assist Police - Out of State	3	Noise Disturbance	1
Assist Public Works	12	Paid Details	11
Bad Checks	12	Paper Service	10
Burglar Alarms	31	Parking Violation	4
Burglary	9	Prowler	4
Citizen request for Assistance	7	Reckless Driving	12
Civil Problems	6	Stranded Motorist	19
Damaged Property	26	Suspicious Person	36
Disorderly Conduct	7	Telephone Harassment	9
DWI	2	Thefts	26
Domestic Complaints	13	Traffic Accidents	40
Emergency Messages	2	Traffic Violations	128
Extra Patrol-Welfare Checks	5	Training	59
Fish & Wildlife	2	Trespass	4
Found Property	5	Untimely Deaths	6
General Information	14	Vandalism	1
Hit & Run Accident	1	Vehicle Thefts	2
Intoxication	1	VIN Verifications	86
Total Incidents for 1995:			788

**THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1995**

OPERATING FUNDS		
CHECKING ACCOUNT		15,355.51
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS		4,237.32
ALLOCATED FUNDS		
HYDRANT ALLOCATION		914.70
VEHICLE REPLACEMENT		5,000.00
BUILDING FUND		14,306.70
TOTAL ASSETS 12/31/95:		\$39,814.23

REVENUES	1994 Actual	1995 Budget	1995 Actual
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$43500 00	\$46,000 00	\$46,000 00
DONATIONS	5,457 50	5,000 00	5,375 00
FUND RAISING	9,521.85	9,500 00	10,304 76
INTEREST EARNED	451 48	300 00	555 50
SERVICES REVENUE	1,397 50	500 00	1,371 50
SALE OF EQUIPMENT	101 00	0 00	36 00
TRAINING	645 00	300 00	280 00
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>2,523.78</u>	<u>700 00</u>	<u>906 00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$63,598 11	\$62,300 00	\$64,828 76

EXPENDITURES			
ADMIN. EXPENSE	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00
INSURANCE	13,889 00	14,000 00	12,762 00
DISPATCH SERVICES	2,446 00	2,500 00	2,438 00
TELEPHONE	1,112 29	1,200 00	978 75
SUPPLIES	195 25	900 00	929 00
PRINTING, POSTAGE, ETC	746 05	250 00	665 81
SUBS., MEMBERSHIPS	361 00	350 00	625 00
PUBLIC RELATIONS	36 00	100 00	104 72
FUND RAISING	2,867 74	2,000 00	3,375 99
MISCELLANEOUS	2,014 67	400 00	514 64
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	2,013 42	4,000 00	4,306 74
ELECTRIC	1,192 55	1,400 00	1,379 77
FUEL OIL - HEATING	1,144 09	1,500 00	894 52
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	0 00	500 00	0 00
TRAINING ROOM FUND	5,078 50	6,000 00	2,685 50
TRAINING	1,469 49	1,500 00	790 94
HEALTH SAFETY	0 00	500 00	0 00
PUBLIC FIRE SAFETY	207 50	100 00	0 00
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	2,442 62	2,000 00	2,951 19
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	12,246 35	10,500 00	14,905 53
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	3,500 00	3,000 00	2,480 53
VEHICLE FUEL	1,078 90	1,200 00	1,407 31
VEHICLE REP FUND	<u>7,549.24</u>	<u>5,000 00</u>	<u>5,000 00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$62,590 66	\$59,900 00	\$60,195 94

Martha Howard
Treasurer, TVFD

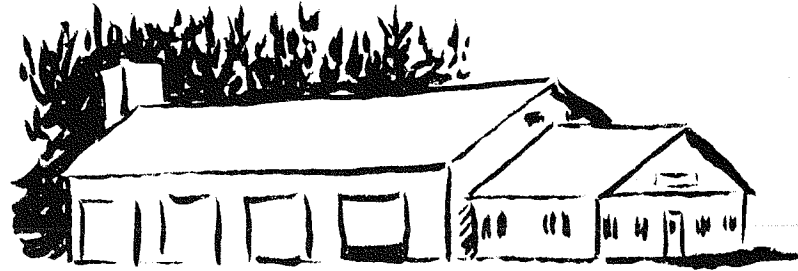
THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department is a non-profit corporation whose sole purpose is to provide emergency services to the town of Thetford. This service is provided free of charge by a dedicated group of volunteers who carry pagers and will respond to emergency calls at any time of day or night. Your support through taxes and donations is both essential and appreciated, as is your participation at our major fundraisers.

SUMMARY OF EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES - 1995		
ACTIVITY	NUMBER	MANHOURS
AUTO FIRES	6	38
CHIMNEY FIRES	6	79
STRUCTURAL FIRES	4	120
MUTUAL AID	12	232
GRASS AND WOODLAND FIRES	6	50
AUTO ACCIDENTS/RESCUE	25	200
PUBLIC HAZARDS	13	71
AUTOMATIC ALARM RESETS	11	39
TOTAL EMERGENCIES	83	829

These are actual emergency hours, and do not include time spent putting equipment back in service after the response. Additionally, work details are held at least once a month to clean and service equipment, cut firewood, and maintain our buildings and grounds. Several hundred manhours are donated to regular maintenance, new projects and fundraising. We are committed to a serious training program and spent over 500 manhours at regular monthly drills. In addition, many of our members have completed requirements of Level I Certification, involving 189 individual hours of fire school.

The Thetford Fire Department tries to provide an essential community service in a responsible and professional manner. If you are interested in learning new skills and meeting some real challenges, ask about our 6 month probationary period for new members. We also have a real need for non-firefighting help with maintenance, fundraising and support at fires. We have started a Support Team of non-firefighters to provide assistance during and after fires, and at fundraisers. If you have some time and interest, please call one of us.



The Thetford Hill station was built over 25 years ago, and while the department grew, the building did not. We formed a building committee and designed an expansion which will meet our needs for many years to come. The financing of this project uses a loan which will be paid for entirely with the proceeds of our fundraisers. Beginning in April of 1995, we spent over 3000 hours working on this new building. Volunteers from the department and the community did the site work, concrete, framing, siding and trim. We hired some of the carpentry and the roof framing, as well as the sheetrocking and some electrical work. I am pleased and grateful for the tremendous support towards this project. We have more work to finish inside, and plan an open house in the early summer.

Submitted by Don Fifield Jr., Fire Chief

TVFD CURRENT ROSTER

DON FIFIELD, JR., CHIEF	ROB GIOIA, JR.	ROLF SCHEMMELE
TIM MOORE, DEPUTY	ANGIE HAVENS	JEFF SIRJANE
ELLIS PAIGE, ASSISTANT	DREW HAVENS	BRUCE SLACK
TODD WAGNER, CAPTAIN	BERNIE HAZLETT	GEORGE STOWELL
PETER BOYD, CAPTAIN	PETER LAPIERRE	JANET STOWELL
JIM CLOUD, CAPTAIN	KEN MCDANIELS	BEN TILDEN
RUSS BRAGG	BRENDA MOORE	BILL WALLACE
GUY COOK	BUTCH MOORE	CHAD WHITCOMB
RICK DRESSER		DAN WHITCOMB

THETFORD FAST SQUAD

The FAST Squad responded to 142 calls in 1995, up 2 from 1994. As many of you are aware, our Squad not only covers the Town of Thetford, we also provide coverage for the portion of West Fairlee along Route 244, and up Middle Brook and Blood Brook Roads. We are the primary pre-ambulance EMS providers for an estimated population of more than 2,700 persons, over a geographic area of approximately 55 square miles.

The Squad meets twice a month, for business and for training. In 1995, we covered the required training topics to maintain EMS certification, and discussed such topics as Pediatric Trauma, Common Medications, and Communication at EMS Scenes. Special thanks to Charlie Stephens, Drew Havens, and Evan Eastman for presenting a super program on personal safety and dealing with difficult patients. Once again, we provided medical coverage at numerous Thetford Academy sporting events, provided first aid training for two Hunter's Safety Classes, and offered Community CPR. At Christmas time, FAST Squad members (who also love to bake!) provided homemade treats for Holiday baskets that were distributed around the area.

If you know anyone in emergency services, you can attest that we are all very attached to our pagers, which are the primary source of alert for calls. Although two separate organizations, Thetford's Fire Department and FAST Squad share a "tone", which means that in addition to their own calls, Firefighters' pagers are activated when the FAST Squad is toned, and vice versa. While this can be an irritating wakeup during the night when it's "the other one's call", we can attest to many instances where the Fire Department has helped us without being asked - simply because they were alerted to our calls. Like our tones, this unsolicited assistance also works both ways, and it is not unusual for the FAST Squad to respond to fire calls, beyond our normal response, if we think we can help.

Although they are all firefighters, the Thetford Highway Crew deserves special recognition for their help. They assist with directions to calls, and in making sure that residences are accessible in poor weather. More than once, and without asking them to do so, we have arrived at a call to find that the Road Crew had the driveway plowed and sanded, permitting the ambulance to get as close as possible to the house. And more than once, the Ambulance crew has commented that they never worry when they come to Thetford, because they know that they will be able to get to a call.

It is difficult to break down our calls into categories, such as Fire and Police do. Unlike the impersonal "Alarm Activations" or "VIN Verifications," all of our calls deal with people, and when we are called, it means that someone is sick or hurt and needs our help. All of the "difficulty breathings" and "motor vehicle accidents with injuries" have names and faces, and in many cases turn out to be neighbors and friends. In short, our calls in 1995 ranged from routine medical to serious trauma, from age 1 to 91, day and night, in good weather and in bad. To plug every call into a medical category seems to dehumanize our efforts, which is the last thing we want to do.

Our roster now stands at 14, as we added two new members, Tracy Durkee and Jason Fahey. It is important to note that most of us work out of town, which means that we do not always have the personnel in town, available for response. For this reason we are always interested in recruiting new members.

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC.

Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. responded to 623 requests for medical assistance in 1995. Of those requests, 106 were from the Town of Thetford. Our efforts to keep costs down for the townspeople by diversifying operations have been successful, however there have been some events beyond our control which requires the per capita charge to the eight towns to increase to \$ 14.38. We are continuing with the policy of not requiring member towns to guarantee payment of unpaid ambulance bills.

Current national legislation calls for a seven year freeze in Medicare reimbursement rates, and subjects us to a rollback provision which could reduce rates even further. This and several other changes in both Medicare and Medicaid will impact our service greatly. In addition, the contract UVA had with DHMC to transport radiation therapy patients ended with the opening of the new Cancer Center. We are currently in the process of re-negotiating our ICN/PICU contract. Last year, the Board of Directors chose to fund our deficit with reserve monies. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to again subsidize the budget. To put things in perspective, in 1990, we provided a Basic level service at a cost of \$ 14.00 per capita. Five years later, we are providing an Advanced level service at a cost of \$ 14.38 per capita. In those five years, by lowering the per capita rate where possible versus staying at \$ 14.00, we saved the Town of Thetford approximately \$ 11.00 per capita, or \$26,800.

Now, to summarize the activities of Upper Valley Ambulance. The primary focus for the ambulance service is to provide emergency transport services. We project a volume of 575 emergency patient transports from the eight town area for the upcoming year. UVA continues to provide DHMC with transport services for their ICN and PICU. We are undertaking a more vigorous campaign to increase the volume of our non-emergency transfers, which help offset the expense of providing emergency services. If UVA were to continue to provide only emergency services, our per capita rate would approach \$ 22.00. Of course, even though we offer these non-emergency services, there is no compromise of our primary mission of providing emergency services in the eight town coverage area. We continue to use a mix of full-time and part-time paid ambulance personnel. The day to day operations of the ambulance service are being expertly managed by John Vose, Administrator/Paramedic (who was recognized as the 1995 State Officer of the Year) and Kevin Cole, Field Supervisor, both of whom report directly to the committee of Town Directors, who are appointed by the Selectmen of the towns.

We have set some ambitious goals for 1996. It has been our goal since we started to provide the highest level of emergency care possible. We have again upgraded our service, from EMT-Defibrillation to the Paramedic

level, which allows the administration of IV fluids, cardiac medications, advanced airway maneuvers and defibrillation for heart attack victims. The defibrillator machines were purchased with funds donated by generous area residents and the highly successful second annual golf tournament at the Lake Morey Country Club.

An opportunity you as a resident of Thetford can take advantage of is our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee entitles you to medically necessary emergency transportation at no additional costs. Subscription applications are available at your Town Office, or through Upper Valley Ambulance.

Larry Lancaster, Chair

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

It is that time of year again when I ask that all pet owners get their dogs vaccinated and registered with the Town. You will have to remember to get your cats vaccinated as well. Cat vaccination is required by State law. I am also asking that you all be on the watch for strange acting wildlife and be sure to report them as soon as possible to your local dispatcher. We have had one Red Fox in Thetford that tested positive for Rabies. I expect to see an increase in the number of animals that show up with the virus.

One way to avoid your pet coming in contact with a sick animal is to be sure that your pet is kept at home and is supervised while it is outdoors. If anyone is in need of some information on the Rabies virus you can contact me at the Town Hall and I will get information to you.

This year, the Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 16, 1996, from 10:00 AM to Noon, at the Town Garage in Thetford Center. Wolf-Hybrids and Ferrets must also be licensed with the Town, under the same requirements and deadlines that apply to dogs. Wolf-Hybrids and Ferrets must have current Rabies shot to be licensed, but please, do not bring them to Thetford's Rabies Clinic - this Clinic is for dogs and cats ONLY. Deadline for licensing your dog, Wolf-Hybrid, or Ferret is April 1, 1996 - after April 1, late fees and penalties go into effect. If you no longer have your pet, please let the Town Clerk's Office know so that they may update their records.

Summary of 1195 Activity

Abandoned Animals	2	Misc. Complaints	11
Cruelty Complaints	1	Nuisance Complaints	2
Dog Bites	3	Stray Dogs	10

Eugene E. Thorburn, Animal Control Officer

DOG & PET ORDINANCE

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 20, Section 3549 of Vermont Statutes annotated as amended, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thetford, that the following dog ordinance be adopted:

Section 1. DEFINITIONS; As used in this ordinance the following terms shall have the respective meanings:

(a) Dogs: Shall include male and female of the canine species and wolf or wolf hybrids.

(b) Pet: Shall mean any cat, ferret, wolf hybrid or any other animal which is kept for the owner's enjoyment.

(c) Owner: Shall include any person or persons, firms, association, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring a dog, ferret, wolf hybrid or other pet. Unless otherwise identified on the dog or pet license, the head of the household shall be presumed to be the owner of the dog or pet.

(d) Pound Keeper: Shall mean any person designated by the Selectmen or elected by the Town to serve as authorized dog agent.

(e) Officer: Shall mean any police officer, game warden, sheriff, constable, the Town Animal Control Officer, the Town pound keeper, or any member of the Selectboard if none of the aforementioned officers are immediately available.

(f) Vicious Animal: Shall mean any dog, or wolf hybrid which bites, or snaps at any person or tears at the clothes of any person or attempts to bite any person unless such dog or wolf hybrid is actively protecting owners property which has been entered unlawfully.

Section 2. RUNNING AT LARGE; All dogs and wolf hybrids within the Town of Thetford shall be restrained from running at large. A dog or wolf hybrid shall be deemed to be restrained from running at large when it is kept within an enclosure on the property of its owner or keeper or is kept on a leash, or is under the immediate control of a competent and responsible attendant. Hunting dogs in training and/or pursuing legal game and under reasonable control of its owner or keeper shall not come under the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 3. DISTURBANCE BY NOISE; It shall be unlawful for any person owning or possessing a dog or wolf hybrid to permit it to disturb the quiet of any person by habitually crying, barking or howling for a period of more than 30 minutes, day or night. This section may be acted upon notification in writing by one complainant and one witness by any of the Officers listed in Section 1, (e). Complainant shall make a reasonable attempt to contact dog, or wolf hybrid owner before contacting the Town.

Section 4. LICENSE REQUIRED; It shall be the duty of every owner of any dog, ferret, or wolf hybrid over 6 months of age, within the Town to procure a license therefor in accordance with Title 20, Sections 3581 - 3592 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, as amended.

Section 5. IMPOUNDING; Any dog, ferret or wolf hybrid found running at large within the Town may be taken up by an officer and impounded. Notice of such impoundment shall be promptly given to the owner if such can be determined. If the owner of such animal is unknown, a notice of such impoundment shall be posted in the Town Hall.

Section 6. REDEMPTION; An owner may reclaim his impounded dog, ferret, or wolf hybrid upon payment to the poundkeeper of the following fees: Impoundment fee of **\$15.00 for a registered animal, not wearing dog tag, first offense; \$50.00 - second offense; \$100.00 - third and subsequent offenses.** Impoundment fee of **\$25.00 for unregistered animal, first offense; \$50.00 - second offense; \$100.00 third and subsequent offenses,** all within a six month period. An additional fee of \$5.00 per day will be charged in all cases for the maintenance and care of the impounded animal.

Section 7. ANIMAL BITE; The Town shall have the right to impound, for a period of 10 days, any dog, ferret, wolf hybrid, cat or other domestic animal which is suspected of carrying rabies if the owner of such animal is not immediately known or if an officer determined that such owner cannot adequately provide restraint.

Section 8. DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED DOGS & PETS; It shall be the duty of the poundkeeper to keep all animals so impounded for a period of ten (10) days. Any animals not reclaimed within the ten days may be destroyed.

Section 9. CRUELTY; Any person who shall torture, torment, or cruelly neglect to provide with necessary sustenance or shelter, or shall cruelly beat or needlessly mutilate or kill or cause or procure to be tortured, tormented, or deprived or necessary sustenance or to be cruelly beaten or needlessly mutilated or killed as aforesaid any dog or pet, shall be guilty of violating this ordinance. A fine of \$25.00 and confiscation of such dog or pet will be imposed.

Section 10. PENALTIES; The failure of the owner or keeper of a dog or pet to comply with any section of this ordinance may subject the owner or keeper to a fine or up to \$100.00 and/or disposal of such dog or pet. **Any person with an unlicensed dog, wolf hybrid or ferret within the Town after final license date of April 1st, shall be charged fine of \$25.00 per animal and 1 & 1/2 half times the license fee per animal.** Any dog, wolf hybrid or ferret that bites a person in the Town shall be confiscated and impounded for a period of 14 days. Any pound fees, medical expenses, or veterinary fees shall be paid by owner of the animal. After 14 days, if such animal is safe from rabies or infectious disease, it may be released back to owner upon satisfaction of damages made to all parties involved, plus pound fees and a fine imposed by the Town not to exceed \$200.00. If an animal so impounded is proven to have rabies, it shall be destroyed at the owner's expense. The owner of a dog, wolf hybrid, or ferret that attacks another dog or pet, shall be

fined up to \$100.00 for each incident and must pay any repairs or veterinary bills for injured parties involved. All reports must be filed within 24 hours of any such incident to the Town. Selectmen will meet to review incident to deem whatever action shall be taken.

Section 11. CIVIL ORDINANCE; This Ordinance shall be a civil ordinance and shall be prosecuted in civil court as provided under 24 VSA sections 1974 & 1977 and following. Each violation shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500, and the waiver fee shall be set at \$50.00 for the first offence, 100.00 for the second offence, and \$200.00 for the third offence. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

Section 12. ORDINANCE REPEALED; All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 13. SEPARABILITY; If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Board of Selectmen, Town of Thetford, Vermont, County of Orange

Amended: March 30, 1981; April 2, 1984; February 11, 1985, April 3, 1995

RABIES CLINIC

There will be a RABIES CLINIC for cats and dogs **only** on Saturday, March 16, 1996, from 10:00 AM to Noon at the Thetford Town Garage. Rabies and other shots will be available for a fee. Rabies shots will be \$ 5.00 and distemper shots will be \$ 10.00.

Thetford dog owners may obtain licenses for their dogs at this time. Please remember - all dogs must be licensed by April 1, 1996 to avoid penalties and late fees.

Please note: Beginning in 1995 - State law requires that in addition to dogs, **ferrets** and **wolf-hybrids** must also be licensed, with the same requirements applying to these species as to dogs. Contact the Town Clerk's Office if you need further information to complete licensing of your pet.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Thetford Recreation Committee has continued to develop and improve facilities, programs, and activities for the people of Thetford. The Committee has taken on the task of developing policy, procedures and guidelines for both Treasure Island and the Thetford Elementary School recreation areas.

Program offerings have centered around the successful summer camp program, which has expanded from two weeks to four weeks. Upcoming registration is on the same day as swimming lesson registration. Contact Susan Arnold for details. The Alpine and Cross Country Ski Programs continue to grow, with well over 200 children enrolled. The Town basketball courts have seen plenty of pick-up game action, including a Summer adult night, plus a few children's instructional clinics.

The Town ice skating rink has been relocated off the basketball courts. However, there still remains a problem with excessive drainage. Any suggestions would be appreciated. Many thanks to the Thetford Fire Department, especially Peter Boyd, for their help in flooding the rink.

In response to a survey which was sent out to Thetford residents on ways to improve Treasure Island, the Rec Committee will be constructing a basketball court on the property. Funds for the court have already been allocated from a previous grant.

The friends of Thetford Trails have been busy designing a footpath to connect the Elementary and Thetford Academy. We would like to thank all the volunteers for all their efforts. As usual, the Rec Committee could always use more help. If you are interested, please contact one of us.

Tom Ozahowski
Gene Kadish
Scooter Hathorn

Susan Arnold
Amos Kornfeld
Lynn Daly

TREASURE ISLAND REPORT

<u>1995 SEASON PASSES</u>	<u>FAMILY</u>	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>
RESIDENT	140	5
NON-RESIDENT	52	1
SENIOR CITIZENS	8	5
TENNIS	13	13
GIFT PASSES	10	0
TOTALS:	223	24

TREASURE ISLAND REVENUES

GENERAL ADMISSION PASSES	\$7,950.00
TENNIS ADMISSION PASSES	1,075.00
GENERAL ADMISSIONS (GATE)	10,933.00
TENNIS ADMISSIONS (GATE)	375.00
SWIMMING LESSONS	150.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$20,483.00

SCHEDULE FOR SWIMMING LESSONS

Sign up for Thetford children - May 11, 1996, 10:00 AM to Noon - Town Hall
 Sign up for all children - June 15, 1996, 1:00 AM to Noon - Treasure Island

1st Session	June 17 - June 28
2nd Session	July 1 - July 12
3rd Session	July 15 - July 26
4th Session	July 29 - August 9

Courses	Time
Swimmer/Advanced Swimmer	10:00 - 10:30 AM
Intermediate	10:00 - 10:30 AM
Advanced Beginner	10:30 - 11:00 AM
Beginner (5 yrs & up)	11:00 - 11:30 AM, 11:30 - Noon

Inquire about Basic and Emergency Water Safety Courses, TBA.

REVISED SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCE

CROSSINGS ALLOWED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS PROVIDED THAT THE CROSSING HAS SIGNS TO WARN MOTORISTS:

- State Aid No. 1. Route 132, four (4) locations**
By Union Village Dam, Cement Bridge, Old School House in Rices Mills, and by the former Vaun Cook house.
- State Aid No. 3 - Academy Road, two (2) locations**
By C. Willey's and R. Durkee's house
- State Aid No. 4 - Skunk Hollow Road, one (1) location**
Intersection with Wells Fargo Road.
- State Aid No. 5 - Latham Road, one (1) location**
By Willereth Ackerson's house.
- Town Road No. 7 - Burnham Road, one (1) location**
By W. Burnham's house.
- Town Road No. 8 - Gove Hill, one (1) location**
Intersection of Town Road No. 51.
- Town Road No. 29 - Tucker Hill, two (2) locations**
By H. Paige's house and intersection of Poor Farm Road
- Town Road No. 30 - Mud Pond Road, two (2) locations**
By T. LaMontagne's house and C. Bragg's house.

TRAVEL PERMITTED ON ALL CLASS 4 SECTIONS OF ROADWAY AND THE FOLLOWING CLASS 3 ROADS:

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| Town Rd #10-Cross St | Town Rd #36-Apple Tree Lane |
| Town Rd #11-Robinson Hill Rd | Town Rd #39-Spur Rd |
| Town Rd #14-Turnpike Rd | Town Rd #40-Godfrey Rd |
| Town Rd #16-Clay Rd | Town Rd #51-Picknell Rd |
| Town Rd #17-Potato Hill Rd | Town Rd #52-Cream St |
| Town Rd #20-Sawnee Bean Rd | Town Rd #55-Norford Lake Rd |
| Town Rd #21-Barker Rd | Town Rd #58-Quail John Rd |
| Town Rd #22-Colby Rd | Town Rd #59-Stevens Rd |
| Town Rd #26-Jackson Brook Rd | Town Rd #61-Five Corners Rd |
| Town Rd #27-Poor Farm Rd | Town Rd #75-Garey Rd |
| Town Rd #28-Whippoorwill Rd | Town Rd #81-Cranberry Hill Rd |

PROVIDED THAT:

- Speed shall be ten (10) miles per hour.
- All machines shall travel on the extreme right hand side of the road.
- All machines shall travel single file
- All roads used for snowmobile travel shall be posted to warn motorists.

CROSSINGS OVER WHICH THE SELECTBOARD HAVE NO JURISDICTION:

- Rt 244 @ Cross Street
- Rt 113 in E Thetford, Thetford Hill, Thetford Ctr, Post Mills

Thetford Snowcoasters, Inc.
 Revised January, 1980
 January 30, 1984
 October 29, 1990

Thetford Board Selectmen
 James Masland
 Russell Vaughan
 Wendy Cole

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Nineteen ninety-five was a busy and productive year for Thetford's Solid Waste program. Our primary project was the operation of the Recycling Center, but we also sponsored a successful program for removal of junk cars, and cooperated with the Solid Waste District in a household hazardous waste collection and a used tire collection.

The biggest news from the Recycling Center operation is that because of prudent expansion of our facilities in the past two years, we were able to take advantage of the booming market in recyclable materials during most of 1995. In fact, the Recycling Center actually came close to making a profit for the year! Here are the numbers: Our budget anticipated expenditures of \$15,730, and revenues of \$3000 from sale of recyclables, for a net cost to the Town of \$12,730. By year's end, however, the actual cost to the Town (expenditures minus revenues) was only \$1427. We finished the year with a surplus of \$11,303 that went to the Town's general fund.

The budget surplus was due in part because expenses were slightly lower than anticipated, primarily in payroll, but mostly because prices paid for recyclable materials soared early in the year and stayed high for several months. By the fall, however, prices had plummeted. For example, corrugated cardboard which was selling for over \$200 per ton in the spring, was going for only \$20 in December. We shipped a load of paper in the second week of October and received \$450 for it. A comparable load on the fourth week of October brought in only \$21. We made out well in 1995, but it's unlikely we'll see a repeat of the high revenues in the coming year.

The operation of the Recycling Center saw some changes in 1995. Based on the frequency with which our containers were hauled, we can say that volumes of materials increased from the fairly constant levels of the past few years. We added an extra hour (from 8:00 - 9:00) to our Saturday morning operation during the summer months. Most importantly, we hired a part-time assistant to Coordinator Ben Bradley. Leum Fahey started as a summer worker. He became such a valuable asset that we asked him to stay on year-round. The committee has asked the Selectboard to make the part-time assistant position permanent.

The "Junk Car Lottery" resulted in the removal of 56 unregistered cars from yards and fields around town. Each owner received one chance to win a cash prize for each car that was hauled away, free of charge. The hauler paid \$10 per car to the Town's prize fund. We collected \$560 from the hauler, and paid out \$750 in prizes, the balance being paid from our education account. The top prize of \$500 was won by Zach Rowles.

In October the Solid Waste Committee assisted the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District in a household hazardous waste collection at Thetford Academy that was tremendously successful. One hundred sixty-five households participated, including 111 from Thetford. That figure represents 12% of Thetford residences, far above the 4-5% participation rate which is the national average. The next weekend, the Solid Waste Committee operated the Thetford site for the District's tire collection.

The coming year will offer new challenges. We are outgrowing our present Recycling Center and it's likely we will need to relocate within the next two years. We are in the process of looking for a new site.

We are looking for one or two new members for the Committee. If you think you're interested, please speak to Ben Bradley some Saturday, or contact one of the following committee members:

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| Steve Balch | Mark Richardson |
| Stuart Blood | Rick Rorick |
| Jeannie Kornfeld | Maggi Shadroui |

Respectfully submitted,
Stuart Blood



TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

UNKNOWN	SAWNEE BEAN CEMETERY	1/2 Ac	
"	JUDD CEMETERY	1/2 Ac	
"	LAND BY TRUSSELL'S	1/4 Ac	
"	EAST THETFORD CEMETERY		
"	POST MILLS CEMETERY	3/4 Ac	
1818	THETFORD HILL COMMON	1/13 Ac	GIFT
1831	TOWN HALL SITE	1/2 Ac	20.00
1833	RICE'S MILLS CEMETERY	4 Ac	10.00
1836	KINNEY CEMETERY	2 Ac	GIFT
1919	FOLLETT CEMETERY		GIFT
1935, 1953	TOWN GARAGE SITE	1.0 Ac	300.00
1941	TOWN FOREST	195 Ac.	165.00
1957	OLD DUMP SITE	1.0 Ac.	
1961	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE	8.3 Ac.	TA GIFT
1972	TREASURE ISLAND	9.18 Ac.	155,000.00
1974	SCHOOL LEACH FIELD	13.0 Ac.	12,400.00

TOWN OF THETFORD CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1995:	\$ 1,972.69
TOWN OF THETFORD APPROPRIATION:	<u>250.00</u>
BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1995:	\$ 2,222.69

RUEL G. BARRETT, TREASURER

1995 CEMETERY TRUST FUND

BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 1995.		\$ 1,178.93
INTEREST ACCRUED - 1995.		20.23
		1,199.16
DISBURSEMENTS:		
GRAVE UPKEEP, POST MILLS CEMETERY ASSN.	20.00	
FLORAL PIECES	donated	
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1995.		\$1,179.16

(ORIGINAL BEQUEST OF \$ 1,000.00 FROM MARY B. HOISINGTON IN 1972, WITH INTEREST TO BE USED FOR CARE OF FOUR GRAVES, TO INCLUDE CLEANING OF STONES, AND FOR FLORAL PIECES EACH MEMORIAL DAY, FOR WILLIAM & CAROLINE MARTSON AND EUGENE & ISADORE SMITH LOTS, POST MILLS CEMETERY.)

TRUSTEES OF TOWN FARM TRUST FUNDS REPORT

DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	PURITAN FUND - ORIGINAL INVESTMENT - 677.000 SHARES	\$4,001.07
'57-'95	PURITAN FUND SHARES ADDED BY REINVESTMENT - 13,750.588	
12/31/95	PURITAN FUND - TOTAL SHARES HELD 14,427.588	
12/31/95	PURITAN FUND - VALUE OF INVESTMENT @ \$ 17.01/SHARE	\$245,413.27
CASH ON HAND AND CASH INCOME FOR 1995:		
01/01/95	CASH ON HAND (MERCHANT'S BANK)	6,559.62
02/09/95	TOWN OF THETFORD	3,178.00
1995	INCOME DIVIDENDS (PURITAN FUND)	6,906.55
12/31/95	INTEREST (NOW ACCOUNT)	110.08
	TOTAL:	\$16,754.25
DISBURSEMENTS AND EXPENSES FOR 1995:		
02/07/95	TREASURER, TOWN OF THETFORD (CK #101)	5,917.00
02/10/95	DELUXE CHECKS (200)	12.53
06/23/95	CENTRAL VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE CORP. (CK #102)	101.00
	TOTAL:	\$6,030.53

CASH BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/95: \$10,723.72

TRUSTEES OF THETFORD CEMETERY FUNDS

DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	PURITAN FUND - ORIGINAL INVESTMENT 220.000 SHARES	\$1,300.20
'60 - '95	PURITAN FUND SHARES ADDED BY REINVESTMENT 382.513 SHARES	
12/31/95	PURITAN FUND TOTAL SHARES HELD 602.513 SHARES	
12/31/95	VALUE OF REINVESTMENT @ \$ 17.01/SHARE	10,248.75
CASH ON HAND AND INCOME FOR 1995:		
01/01/95	CASH ON HAND	136.69
03/29/95	INCOME DIVIDEND	70.45
06/28/95	INCOME DIVIDEND	58.70
09/19/95	INCOME DIVIDEND	58.70
12/20/95	INCOME DIVIDEND	100.57
12/31/95	1995 INTEREST	5.77
DISBURSEMENTS AND EXPENSES FOR 1995:		
10/10/95	TREASURER, TOWN OF THETFORD, DISBURSED AS FOLLOWS:	325.00
	HILLSIDE CEMETERY	\$ 25.00
	POST MILLS CEMETERY	50.00
	EAST THETFORD CEMETERY	75.00
	EVERGREEN REST CEMETERY	175.00
12/31/95	CASH BALANCE ON HAND:	\$105.89

FREDERICK P. HOWARD, FOR TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS



LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Under the direction of Interim Librarian Betsy Eaton, innovation abounded at the Latham Memorial Library in 1995. A fireside book discussion series, *Breaking the Silence*, warmed hearts and minds during the Winter months. Other programs included three reading programs with elementary students, a Summer Reading program exploring nature, storytelling session twice a week at Treasure Island, and an Adopt-a-Book program to replenish classic children's books. Ellie Cadbury continued her successful pre-school Music and Story Hour on Friday mornings, with Nancy Schindler filling in for her during the seasons of colds and flu. Ellie completed her 19th year of dedicated service to the children of Thetford.

From three visits to the Regional Library, Latham Library borrowed 1,453 books and these state books were taken out 1,991 times. Large type materials were also borrowed from the state. Almost 36 video series were borrowed by the Library from the LUV Video Co-op. 656 of these videos were borrowed from the Library on 1995. 380 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 101 of our books were sent around the State on loan this past year. The total number of Library materials borrowed from this Library was 18,626, with 11,307 people coming to use the Library. The gallery's guest register bears witness to the appreciation of access to the work of many talented artists. 524 visitors came to view the Bicentennial Gallery. Popularity of books-on-tape, abridged and unabridged, is clearly evident as over 800 books-on-tape circulated this year.

During the past year the Library bought 143 books and 14 books-on-cassettes for children and adults. More than 700 titles were added to the Library's shelves. 42 donated magazines along with three newspapers were available at the Library. The Library provided space for the meetings of the Saturday Night Step Meeting of the AA, ACOA Saturday meetings, and meetings of the Thetford Hill Improvement Society, The Girl Scouts, the Recycling Committee, the Thetford Garden Club, the Thetford Recreation Committee, Adult Basic Education, and the Thetford Hill Water Co-op. The Library continues to fill the needs of the community groups for a comfortable and inviting meeting space. Tutors have found space to assist students requiring additional help under the Library's roof.

I am very grateful to those who have given so much to the Library through the antique show in August and the Fund Drive. A heartfelt thank you is due to the volunteers who keep the Library open six days a week throughout the year. Their commitment and dedication is shared by our trustees whose effort and support make the Library a true community asset. Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, in the reading room of the Library.

If you haven't been to the Library recently, please come visit. We want to be the place you come whenever you need information for work, pleasure, or to satisfy your curiosity!

Hours

Monday: 2:00 - 8:30 PM, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM, Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Saturday: 10:00 - 1:00 PM.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Working through our member libraries, we have continued to try to improve Library service in the Town. We provide about half the operating budgets of Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and Peabody Library. We make annual grants for special library programs at the Elementary School and Thetford Academy. We have been working toward a computerized central catalog linking all member libraries.

Our Federation also maintains the Bicentennial Building, which provides a home for Latham Library and for the archives of the Thetford Historical Society. The building also regularly hosts meetings of local organizations, and the ground floor galleries are used for monthly exhibits of local artists and photographers. Now twenty years old, this building is beginning to show its age. We had some drainage problems last summer, and the furnace has been less than reliable this winter.

The Federation gets income for its activities from three sources. Each year since our founding, the Town has voted us a grant for operations. We get some income from a modest endowment. Each year we run an annual giving campaign; in the campaign which began last August, 89 donors have given a total of \$ 4,300.00

Charles Latham

THETFORD TOWN - LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES

<u>TOWN ELECTED</u>		<u>CHURCH APPOINTED</u>
Susan Brown	Nancy King	Mark Allen
Susan Fetter	Anne Scotford	Fran Haugen
Dana Grossman	Marilyn Sturman	Heidi Lansburgh
Susan Gwilliam	Susan Tallman	

LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Financial Statement for 1/1/95 through 12/31/95

INCOME	1995 BUDGET	1995 ACTUAL	1996 BUDGET
A BOND TRUST	\$1,100 00	\$1,046 95	\$1,100 00
ANTIQUE SHOW	5,000 00	10,260 93	5,000 00
BOOK ADOPTION	50 00	107 00	50 00
CHECKING INTEREST	65 00	66 37	65 00
INVESTMENT, INC.	1,885 00	0 00	1,885 00
CONSCIENCE BOX	240 00	242 28	240 00
INCOME - COPIER	400 00	459 90	400 00
LOST B & T	130 00	136 55	130 00
REIMBURSEMENTS	25 00	66 38	400 00
SALE OF USED BOOKS	700 00	757 98	700 00
TELEPHONE RECEIPTS	0 00	13 05	0 00
LIBRARY FEDERATION	16,000 00	15,000 00	16,000 00
MISC. INCOME	500 00	500 00	500 00
GIFT RECEIVED			2,300 00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$26,095.00	\$28,657.39	\$28,770.00
EXPENSES			
ANTIQUE EXPENSES	0 00	4,666 14	0 00
ADULT BOOKS	2,500 00	2,376 90	2,500 00
JUVENILE BOOKS	1,000 00	869 31	1,000 00
REFERENCE BOOKS	500 00	460 44	500 00
EDUCATION	0 00	0 00	0 00
EQUIPMENT PURCHASE			350 00
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	450 00	545 66	100 00
FILM, VCR RENTAL	150 00	243 00	150 00
FUND DRIVE	300 00	326 96	300 00
LIBRARIAN - MED. INS.	1,200 00	0 00	1,200 00
DUES, MEETINGS	250 00	40 00	250 00
SALARY	17,208 00	11,590 84	17,208 00
LIBRARIAN - OTHER	0 00	1,423 12	0 00
FEDERAL INCOME TAXES	0 00	2,815 36	0 00
STATE INCOME TAXES	0 00	576 80	0 00
FICA	1,285 43	1,103 41	1,285 43
LOST STATE BOOKS	150 00	28 80	150 00
MILEAGE	100 00	53 20	100 00
POSTAGE	1,050 00	1,022 33	1,050 00
ADMIN. - MISC.	400 00	400 53	400 00
ADULT PROGRAMS	250 00	305 71	250 00
JUVENILE PROGRAMS	150 00	64 69	150 00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	800 00	839 25	800 00
COMPUTER SUPPLIES	250 00	17 55	250 00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	700 00	446 11	700 00
PHOTOCOPIER	200 00	215 26	200 00
MISC. SUPPLIES	100 00	121 82	100 00
AD BOOKS ON TAPE	600 00	14 99	600 00
JUV BOOKS ON TAPE	50 00	185 16	50 00
TAPE REPAIRS	50 00	35 95	50 00
JUV KITS	300 00	76 29	300 00
OTHER TAPES	0 00	0 00	0 00
TELEPHONE	800 00	789 09	800 00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$30,793.43	\$31,654.67	\$30,793.43

Susan E. C. Brown, Treasurer

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION, INC.
Financial Report 1/1/95 to 12/31/95

	1995 BUDGET	1995 ACTUAL	1996 BUDGET
FUND SOURCES			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	24,380.00	24,380 00	24,380 00
DONATIONS	5,000.00	4,607 00	5,000 00
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	5,200.00	6,677 00	5,200 00
PROCEEDS FROM STOCK SALE	0.00	0 00	0 00
REDUCTION OF CASH RESERVES	1,000.00	-711 00	760 00
TOTAL	\$35,580.00	\$34,953.00	\$35,340.00
EXPENDITURES			
SUPPORT TO MEMBER LIBRARIES	25,000.00	24,500 00	25,000 00
BUILDING	0.00	0 00	0 00
EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS	0.00	0 00	0 00
PROGRAMS	0.00	0 00	0 00
ELECTRIC	3,000.00	3,308 00	3,300 00
HEATING OIL	2,200.00	2,228 00	2,000 00
WATER	300.00	150 00	300 00
INSURANCE	1,200.00	1,111 00	1,150 00
ALARM SYSTEM	450.00	559 00	450 00
PROPERTY TAX	200.00	186 00	200 00
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	521 00	600 00
CUSTODIAL	1,560.00	1,500 00	1,560 00
RUBBISH	150.00	130 00	150 00
SNOW REMOVAL	220.00	379 00	250 00
SUPPLIES, PRINTING, BANK FEES	300.00	338 00	330 00
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	43 00	50 00
TOTAL	\$35,580.00	\$34,953.00	\$35,340.00

STATEMENT OF CONDITION AT 12/31/95

A. General Purpose Funds (Cash reserves)	
Money Market and checking accounts	\$ 18,200 00
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 12,000 00
Total	\$ 30,200 00
B. Endowment Funds (restricted to Current Income)	
Mutual Funds (\$ 125,500.00 purchase value)	\$ 142,714.00

Nancy Reid Bubolz, Treasurer

PEABODY LIBRARY

During this year programs for adults and children flourished at the Peabody Library. In 1995 participants at the Library enjoyed a wide variety of events; an evening of Irish verse and song for St. Patrick's Day, the Fine Book and Bake Sale in June, Literature of Russian Life book series, A Mark Twain Celebration and Frog Jump in July, a standing room only reading by local author Grace Paley in August, and a float celebrating stories at the Post Mills Labor Day Parade. Throughout the year a dedicated group of children would meet every Wednesday to read together.

Music was almost omnipresent at the Library this past year. Sam Moffat often shared her voice on Wednesday afternoons after Story Time. Patty Charyk brought musicians playing harps, singers, and even a trumpeter to play the processional before the frog jump!

The Summer season began with the Fine Book and Bake Sale. Many people came to the library in search of the perfect gift and delicious pastries. Ned Houston maintained with devotion the paperback booksale on the porch everyday all summer. Summer reading for only a quarter was provided to the many folks of the Lake Fairlee region. Jean Gerber organized the summer book discussion series exploring Russian writers. Storybook characters including Tom Sawyer, Little House on the Prairie folk, Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone, and princesses marched with a drummer or rode a horse-drawn wagon through Post Mills on Labor Day. George Peabody would have smiled and laughed to see such sport and support for the library in his name.

The Library was a busy and popular place with 1,537 visitors borrowing 1,341 books from the library's own collection with more than 400 state books lent from the regional library. Books on tape also circulated well, with 174 leaving the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. A grand total of 1,969 titles circulated from the library in 1995, for an average of almost 38 books a week.

Betsy Eaton worked hard and well as the Interim Librarian to continue the 129 year tradition of a welcoming library in Post Mills. The vigorous energy of the library trustees and volunteers insured another fine year for the active and cherished Peabody Library. Come visit the Library in 1996!

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

TOWN OF THETFORD EMPLOYEE SALARIES - 1996

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER/DEL. TAX COLLECTOR	\$12.00	hour
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/BOOKKEEPER	\$10.00	hour
TOWN OFFICE ASSISTANT	\$7.50	hour
POLICE CHIEF	\$12.05	hour
SPECIAL OFFICER	\$10.60	hour
HEALTH OFFICER*	\$9.78	hour
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR*	\$10.30	hour
AUDITORS	\$225.00	each
BALLOT CLERKS	\$5.00	hour
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, BALLOT COUNTERS	\$5.00	mtg
JANITOR	\$20.66	week
HUMANE OFFICER	\$7.57	hour
RECYCLING COORDINATOR	\$9.06	hour
ASST. RECYCLING COORDINATOR	\$6.70	Hour
ROAD COMMISSIONER	\$12.75	hour
ROAD CREW	\$10.48	hour
ROAD CREW	\$9.83	hour
ROAD CREW	\$9.68	hour
ROAD CREW (PART TIME EXTRA WORKER)	\$9.10	hour
SELECTBOARD MEMBERS	\$540.00	year
SELECTBOARD CLERK*	\$5.65	hour
LISTERS	\$8.25	hour
LIFEGUARDS (FULL TIME)	\$300.00	week
LIFEGUARD (HALF TIME)	\$150.00	week

Please note that only the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Road Commissioner, and three Road Crew positions are considered 40 hours/week, 52 weeks/year employees. All others are considered part time employees.

* These salaries will be in effect after satisfactory performance reviews for new employees

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

As in 1994, the amount budgetted for retreatment permitted us to continue on schedule with our paving program, completing a total of approximately 2 1/2 miles. Roads paved include the remainder of Academy Road, Pavillion Road, Vaughan Farms Road, Garey Road, Sawnee Bean Road, and the first section of Tucker Hill Road off Route 113. The paving contractor chosen for 1995 used cold mix, and the resulting surface averaged 1 1/2" thick. Prior to paving, we did many hours of ditching, grading of shoulders, and culvert maintenance. In 1995, we received an additional \$ 10,000.00 from the State for paving. Route 132, from the Norwich line to Tucker Hill Road, is scheduled to be paved in 1996.

Resurfacing includes gravelling of dirt roads. In 1995, we resurfaced portions of Gove Hill Road, New Boston Road, Houghton Hill Road, Barker Road, and Stevens Road. The projects on Gove Hill and New Boston Roads also involved extensive ditching and tree removal to widen the roads, prior to resurfacing. We eliminated a plank bridge by installing a large steel culvert on Turnpike Road South.

We purchased a used chipper in early Summer. When trimming roadside trees, it has saved us time being able to chip as we cut, rather than handle brush twice. We also purchased a new roadside mower, and mowed all roads once.

The Highway Department received an additional state highway aid payment of approximately \$ 16,000.00. Out of these funds, we were able to accomplish three projects over and above budgetted items. 1500+ feet of guardrails were installed on Route 132, a fire alarm system was installed in the Town Garage, and a computer system was purchased for the Highway Department, which will be used for maintaining records of roadwork and equipment maintenance.

A reminder that those of you who operate heavy trucks through Town must obtain overweight permits from the Board of Selectmen. Permits are available at the Town Clerk's Office, and must be reissued every year.

I would like to thank the crew for their great efforts in maintaining the roads. Their dedication, day or night, is a pleasure to work with.

Ellis Paige, Road Commissioner

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE - \$ 45,000/yr APPROPRIATION						
EQUIPMENT - life span [Replacement cost]	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
CHIPPER - 15 yr [\$ 6,500.00]						
MOWER - 10 yr [\$ 15,000.00]						
TRUCK1 - 6 years [\$ 35,000.00]	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00		
TRUCK2 - 7 years [\$ 40,000.00]	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00		
TRUCK3 - 7 years [\$ 50,000.00]		12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	
TRUCK 4 - 7 years [\$ 60,000.00]					15,000.00	15,000.00
GRADER - 10 years [\$ 110,000.00]		28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	
LOADER - 10 years [\$ 75,000.00]			19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
Fund Balance at January 1	76,522.16	102,522.16	88,022.16	54,522.16	21,022.16	-8,477.84
Projected Fund Contribution	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
Projected Expenditure	19,000.00	59,500.00	78,500.00	78,500.00	74,500.00	34,000.00
Fund Balance at December 31	102,522.16	88,022.16	54,522.16	21,022.16	-8,477.84	2,522.16

Notes: Truck 1:1988 Ford 1 ton, (may be replaced by 1.5 ton).
 Truck 2:1988 Ford 5 ton.
 Truck 3:1990 International 5 ton.
 Truck 4:1993 International 5 ton.

Assumptions: Unless otherwise noted, all purchases are over 4 years, 1/4 down, 1/4 each year.
 Trade-in allowance included in projected purchase prices.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

This marks the second year that the Budget Committee has sat in with the Select board during the development of the Town and Highway Budgets. This allowed us to be an active and ongoing voice for Thetford's taxpayers. The Select board was appreciative of having this input as the budgets developed.

There are two strategies in creating a budget. One is to keep it the same as last year - no change, no worries. Another is to look down the road and see what the future holds for the Town. Saving for and paying for future expenses now means we can pay for them at today's prices instead of the increased prices of the future. The Select board has been painfully aware of these strategies and has done a good job in balancing the use of each. The Highway Equipment Replacement Plan and the Constable's Vehicle Replacement Plan are excellent examples of this. We are satisfied with this year's budgets and encourage Thetford voters to pass them. We also support the warned article to purchase two trucks, as called for in the Highway Equipment Replacement Plan.

Here are a few items to keep in mind as you talk over the budget:

- ▶ The largest single dollar increase in the Town Budget is for legal fees to be spent on the Post Mills landfill issue. Last year the budget was \$ 3,000.00 and this year it is \$ 10,000.00. The Select board believes that these could be ongoing expenses. These fees are exorbitant and unfortunate.
- ▶ Another large increase is \$ 6,000.00 for Upper Valley Ambulance.
- ▶ Put your attention on the amount of money that needs to be raised, not on the Budget's bottom expense line. The former is what determines the tax rate. The latter doesn't give a complete picture of the Town's and Highway Department's financial state. It only shows expenses and not offsetting income from Treasure Island, Recycling, Delinquent tax payments and such.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chet Palmer
Tom Gray
Jean Wolstenholme
Bill Keegan
Liz Ryan Cole

FINANCIAL REPORTS**YEAR ENDING****DECEMBER 31, 1995**

Auditors' Report

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Thetford, Vermont:

We have examined the financial statements of the Town of Thetford, Vermont, as of the year ended December 31, 1995, as listed in the index under the heading of Auditors' Report and Financial Statements. Our examination was made in accordance with Vermont Statutes, and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary.

The financial statements referred to above do not include financial statements for the general fixed asset group of accounts. An unaudited list of Town property and equipment has been provided by the Town and is included in this report.

The Thetford School District is not included in this report but will be audited and have its own report issued before its annual meeting. The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department and the Libraries in the Town are separate legal entities and do not fall under the audit jurisdiction of the Town. Thus they were not audited by us.

In our opinion, the aforementioned Town Financial Statements present fairly the financial position of the Town of Thetford, Vermont as of December 31, 1995, and the results of operations and changes in financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with Vermont State Statutes, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Revenues for the year were up by thirteen percent from budgeted amounts, with significant additional income from interest, interest on delinquent taxes, zoning fees, tax sales, and recycling receipts. Revenue from tax sales was up significantly while expenses for these sales decreased compared with the previous year. The Selectmen's Promotional resulted in a surplus of \$330 for the year. There was also \$2,900 in insurance refunds.

The Auditors included as an adjustment to revenue an amount of more than \$3,000. This represents uncleared checks from previous years, and the adjustment did not get entered into the accounting system.

Actual expenses for the town were down six percent from budgeted amounts. Expenses for both Planning and Recycling were significantly below budget; as were expenses for Interest Paid.

Highway receipts were up nearly nine percent from budgeted amounts, due to additional State Highway Aid and other Highway Receipts. Highway expenses were also up by six percent from budgeted amounts. Line items for Garage Repair, Fuel, and Vehicle Repair were significantly over budget. The Highway Department Equipment Fund now stands at \$75,000, with two years of appropriations set aside for future purchases. A third annual installment will be voted on as a special article this year.

Our examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Financial Statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules and related information are not necessary for a fair presentation of the combined financial statements, but are presented for purposes of additional analysis. In our opinion this information is stated fairly in all material respects in relation to the combined financial statements taken as a whole.

Thetford, Vermont
February 4, 1996

Richard Barrows
George Klausner
Michael Shooob

Financial statements and schedules appearing in this Town Report were prepared on

**TOWN OF THETFORD
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1995**

1. Summary of significant accounting policies:

A. Financial reporting entity:

The Town of Thetford, Vermont, for financial reporting purposes, includes all funds and account groups relevant to the operations of the Town. The financial statements, presented herein, do not include agencies which are not controlled by the Town of Thetford. An example of such an agency is the Thetford School District. A separate report will be issued for the Thetford School District prior to its annual meeting.

B. Fund Accounting:

The accounting policies of the Town conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Accordingly, the accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a 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. Governmental Funds

General Fund & Highway Fund - These funds are general operating funds of the Town, and are used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

II. Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

III. Fiduciary Funds

Trust and Agency Funds - Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. These include expendable Trust Funds, Nonexpendable Trust Funds, and Agency Trust Funds.

C. Measurement focus and basis of accounting:

I. Measurement Focus

All Government funds and Expendable Trust Funds are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included

in their balance sheets. Their reported fund balance (net current assets) is considered a measure of "available spendable resources." Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other funding sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for governmental fund types is limited to exclude amounts represented by non current liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as governmental fund type expenditures or fund liabilities.

All non-expendable Trust Funds are accounted for on a "capital maintenance" focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activity are included in their balance sheets.

II. Basis of Accounting

Basis of Accounting refers to 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 fund types and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measureable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. Intergovernmental revenues received as reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized if the relevant expenditures have been recorded. Intergovernmental entitlements for unrestricted purposes are recorded as revenues at the time of receipt, or earlier if measureable and available.

Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measureable until actually received.

Expenditures are recorded when the liability is incurred, except for: (a) interest on long-term debt, which is recorded when paid; and (b) accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay, and other employee benefits which are not accrued.

Outlays for fixed assets are considered expenditures when paid. No provision is made for depreciation of these fixed assets.

Outlays for retirement of general long-term debt are recorded when the debt is due.

b. Accrual basis of accounting - The accrual basis of accounting is followed by the Nonexpendable Trust Funds. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

D. Total Columns on combined statements - overview:

Total columns on the combined statements - overview are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only 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 principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

II. Long-Term debt:

The Town of Thetford does not have any long-term debt.

III. Receivables:

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

IV. Reserve for Delinquent Accounts:

Reserves have been established to cover estimated receivables which won't be collected in 1996. State of Vermont statutes require that these reserves be subtracted from the current year surplus or deficit calculation.

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET: GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE DECEMBER 31, 1995			
	GENERAL FUND	HIGHWAY FUND	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Investments	\$95,320.41	\$76,522.16	\$171,842.57
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	134,274.33	0.00	134,274.33
Other Accounts Receivable	115.73	10,000.00	10,115.73
Due from Other Funds	(464.87)	464.87	0.00
Total Assets	\$229,245.60	\$86,987.03	\$316,232.63
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY:			
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	0.00	0.00
Notes Payable	84,502.03	0.00	84,502.03
Due to Other Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Payables	(4.92)	0.00	(4.92)
Special Revenue Liabilities	33.00	0.00	33.00
Total Liabilities	\$84,530.11	\$0.00	\$84,530.11
FUND EQUITY:			
Reserved for Delinquent Accounts			
Property Taxes	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unreserved:			
Designated for Special Projects	13,346.71	0.00	13,346.71
Designated for Future Expenditures	0.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
Undesignated Surplus (Deficit)	81,368.78	11,987.03	93,355.81
Total Fund Equity	\$144,715.49	\$86,987.03	\$231,702.52
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$229,245.60	\$86,987.03	\$316,232.63
The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.			

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995			
	GENERAL FUND	HIGHWAY FUND	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
REVENUES:			
Taxes	\$2,905,591.71	\$328,704.37	\$3,234,296.08
Tax Levy Anticipation of Appeals	0.00		0.00
Licenses and Permits	13,195.24		13,195.24
Charges for Services	45,876.49		45,876.49
Intergovernmental Revenues	4,962.88	124,230.79	129,193.67
Interest and Penalty Income	61,151.00		61,151.00
Treasure Island Receipts	21,176.22		21,176.22
Refunds	4,083.24		4,083.24
Miscellaneous revenue	3,040.03	25,359.19	28,399.22
Total Revenues	\$3,059,076.81	\$478,294.35	\$3,537,371.16
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	\$149,884.95		\$149,884.95
Police, Fire, and Ambulance	102,631.78		102,631.78
Highways and Streets		467,833.95	467,833.95
Health and Welfare	2,672.34		2,672.34
Solid Waste and Recycling	20,823.45		20,823.45
Education Appropriation	2,586,914.00		2,586,914.00
Other Appropriations	77,222.14		77,222.14
Interest Expense	4,460.68		4,460.68
County Tax	23,830.00		23,830.00
Recreation	21,998.07		21,998.07
Miscellaneous Expenditures	6,858.40		0.00
Total Expenditures	\$2,997,295.81	\$467,833.95	\$3,465,129.76
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER			
EXPENDITURES	\$61,781.00	\$10,460.40	\$72,241.40
The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.			

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT									
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL TYPES									
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995									
	GENERAL FUND				HIGHWAY FUND		TOTALS		(Memorandum only)
	Undesignated	Designated for Future Expenditures	Reserved for Delinquent Property Tax	Reserved for Delinquent Other Accounts	Undesignated	Designated for Future Expenditures	Estimated	Actual	
FUND BALANCE, December 31, 1994	\$16,476.29	\$38,356.71	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,526.63	\$30,000.00	\$136,359.63		
Auditor's Adjustment for Prior Year	\$3,111.49	(\$10.00)					\$3,101.49		
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	61,781.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,460.40	0.00	\$72,241.40		
Special Revenue - Designated Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	\$45,000.00		
Trans to Reserve for Delinq. Accounts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00		
Change in Designated fund for Future Expenditures	0.00	(\$25,000.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(\$25,000.00)		
FUND BALANCE, December 31, 1995	\$81,368.78	\$13,346.71	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,987.03	\$75,000.00	\$231,702.52		

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
GENERAL FUND REVENUES								
Town Clerk Fees	13,000.00	16,982.90	13,500.00	14,475.20	14,500.00	13,075.60	14,000.00	14,000.00
Delinquent Tax Penalty	18,000.00	13,902.61	15,000.00	18,593.41	15,000.00	16,126.72	15,000.00	15,000.00
Interest - Delinquent Taxes	18,500.00	22,327.96	18,500.00	24,906.94	15,000.00	23,391.06	15,000.00	15,000.00
Interest	13,500.00	5,411.94	6,000.00	4,676.95	10,000.00	20,643.22	10,000.00	10,000.00
Use of Town Records	0.00	899.60	0.00	586.45	0.00	575.50	0.00	0.00
Liquor Licenses	350.00	350.00	350.00	250.00	250.00	210.00	200.00	200.00
Dog Fines	1,000.00	1,380.00	1,050.00	690.00	550.00	490.00	600.00	600.00
Dog Licenses	1,600.00	1,742.00	1,650.00	1,746.00	1,650.00	1,800.50	1,700.00	1,700.00
Zoning Fees	3,000.00	3,719.30	350.00	3,309.80	3,500.00	8,024.74	3,500.00	3,500.00
Sub. Division Fees	1,000.00	835.00	1,000.00	265.00	500.00	820.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
PC/ZBA Fines					0.00	990.00	0.00	0.00
Septic Fees	1,200.00	1,520.00	1,350.00	1,045.00	1,000.00	1,850.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Selectment's Promotional					0.00	1,675.00	0.00	0.00
Copying Fees	2,000.00	2,524.27	2,000.00	2,469.10	2,750.00	2,026.45	2,500.00	2,500.00
Office supplies	200.00	450.01	200.00	589.87	200.00	174.04	200.00	200.00
Zoning Materials	100.00	109.00	100.00	105.00	100.00	50.00	100.00	100.00
Communications	50.00	29.77	50.00	225.77	50.00	8.34	25.00	25.00
Computer Receipts	100.00	288.41	150.00	712.25	200.00	254.23	200.00	200.00
Accounting Services	3,200.00	3,610.00	4,000.00	3,860.00	3,500.00	3,890.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Traffic Fines	1,000.00	1,331.00	1,200.00	1,474.00	1,500.00	1,974.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Constable Receipts	500.00	1,725.35	1,000.00	1,986.80	2,000.00	2,018.52	2,000.00	2,000.00
Sale of Equipment					0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
Lister's Research	0.00	75.80	0.00	40.08	50.00	77.00	50.00	50.00
Tax Sales - Publications	0.00	1,017.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Sales - Legal Fees	0.00	3,484.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,838.46	0.00	0.00
Tax Sales - Levy & Warrant	0.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Sales - Notice	0.00	47.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Sales - Other	0.00	(45.32)	0.00	3,543.00	0.00	12,688.44	0.00	0.00
Ambulance Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Act 200 Grant	17,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waste Collection Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Landfill Coupons	0.00	440.00	0.00	491.30	0.00	932.50	0.00	0.00
Recycling Receipts	1,750.00	2,846.44	2,500.00	3,000.50	3,000.00	5,293.41	3,000.00	3,000.00
Recycling Grant					0.00	115.38	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste Grant					0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
BCA Postage	200.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.86	0.00	0.00
State Board Legal Services	500.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Court Legal Services	500.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Board of Civil Authority	\$4,100.00	\$1,339.96	\$2,150.00	\$2,531.88	\$1,950.00	\$750.06	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Bookkeeping	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	50.00	326.80	100.00	145.39	100.00	437.80	0.00	0.00
Auditors	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00
Dues & Meetings - Auditor	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	21.00	25.00	25.00
Travel	25.00	6.03	25.00	26.75	50.00	37.50	50.00	50.00
Total Bookkeeping Expenditures	\$775.00	\$1,007.83	\$825.00	\$847.14	\$850.00	\$1,171.30	\$750.00	\$750.00
Listers Salaries	19,525.00	23,260.10	20,111.00	23,293.79	20,111.00	22,385.37	23,925.00	23,925.00
Supplies and Miscellaneous	200.00	900.24	300.00	305.12	400.00	499.52	300.00	300.00
Service Contract	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Telephone & advertising	100.00	102.10	50.00	80.51	100.00	17.40	50.00	50.00
Postage	200.00	188.46	200.00	213.08	250.00	154.89	250.00	250.00
Dues and Meetings	200.00	291.00	300.00	219.00	300.00	236.00	300.00	300.00
Legal Fees	0.00	1,162.00	0.00	158.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contracted Update	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reappraisal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reappraisal - Printing and Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reappraisal - BCA Appeals	0.00	925.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.78	150.00	150.00
Travel	150.00	220.40	200.00	208.04	200.00	220.35	250.00	250.00
Equipment	50.00	(10.00)	1,650.00	1,787.18	200.00	110.39	200.00	200.00
Cap Tap	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baily Support - 1 year	300.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Listers Expenditures	\$20,725.00	\$27,389.30	\$23,011.00	\$26,265.67	\$21,761.00	\$23,954.20	\$25,625.00	\$25,625.00

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Tax Sales - Publication	0.00	913.15	0.00	1,265.62	0.00	634.81	0.00	0.00
Tax Sales - Legal Fees	0.00	2,825.15	0.00	5,645.88	0.00	3,555.16	0.00	0.00
Tax Sales - Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Sales - Other	0.00	56.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	(235.89)	0.00	0.00
Total Tax Sale Expenditures	\$0.00	\$3,795.05	\$0.00	\$6,937.22	\$0.00	\$3,954.08	\$0.00	\$0.00
Town Clerk's Salary	22,714.00	22,802.22	26,304.00	23,736.21	25,645.00	25,603.50	25,860.00	25,860.00
Assistant Town Clerk/Bookkeeper	20,952.00	21,915.38	21,581.00	24,198.75	25,504.00	21,436.98	21,400.00	21,400.00
Tow Office Assistant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Town Clerk Benefits	1,625.00	1,331.81	1,390.00	1,388.76	1,389.00	1,273.03	1,604.64	1,604.64
Asst. Town Clerk/Bookkeeper Benefits	1,625.00	1,331.81	1,390.00	1,388.76	1,389.00	1,724.49	1,604.64	1,604.64
Deductibles - Town Clerk	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Deductibles - Asst. Town Clerk	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total Town Clerk Expenditures	\$46,916.00	\$47,381.22	\$50,665.00	\$50,712.48	\$53,927.00	\$50,037.00	\$53,969.28	\$53,969.28
Zoning Administrator	10,400.00	8,937.50	10,712.00	7,651.40	10,712.00	5,621.20	10,300.00	10,300.00
Supplies	400.00	415.71	400.00	197.17	300.00	136.28	0.00	0.00
Advertising	600.00	373.38	600.00	263.87	500.00	369.18	400.00	400.00
Telephone	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	800.00	764.67	800.00	314.66	700.00	399.88	500.00	500.00
Dues and Meetings	1,902.00	2,063.00	2,350.00	1,982.00	2,350.00	86.00	448.00	448.00
RPC Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,902.00	1,902.00	1,902.00
Special Town Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prof. Planning Services - Act 200	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Services	75.00	84.62	500.00	789.40	500.00	767.88	500.00	500.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	75.00	36.13	75.00	68.88	100.00	100.00
Equipment	50.00	20.00	50.00	75.96	350.00	220.09	200.00	200.00
Total Planning Expenditures	\$15,377.00	\$12,808.88	\$15,487.00	\$11,310.59	\$15,487.00	\$9,571.39	\$14,350.00	\$14,350.00
Janitor	1,044.00	1,035.42	1,076.00	1,068.32	1,076.00	1,033.00	1,076.00	1,076.00
Supplies	150.00	202.42	150.00	88.46	150.00	159.35	175.00	175.00
Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.89	55.00	55.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	593.00	593.26	530.00	473.83	499.00	499.00	0.00	0.00

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
Rubbish Removal	200.00	182.00	200.00	171.00	200.00	188.65	200.00	200.00
Repairs and Maintenance	750.00	1,173.59	3,000.00	249.94	3,000.00	2,505.05	4,350.00	4,350.00
Grounds and Maintenance	100.00	131.88	100.00	351.68	100.00	225.83	100.00	100.00
Utilities	2,000.00	2,820.30	2,500.00	2,504.61	2,500.00	1,772.42	2,500.00	2,500.00
Equipment	100.00	36.00	2,810.00	2,893.06	100.00	80.00	0.00	0.00
Total Town Hall Expenditures	\$4,937.00	\$6,174.87	\$10,366.00	\$7,855.79	\$7,680.00	\$6,518.30	\$8,401.00	\$8,401.00
Conservation Supplies	150.00	20.95	150.00	212.25	75.00	70.34	75.00	75.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	58.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	32.00	0.00	0.00
Dues, Meetings	75.00	150.00	75.00	80.00	250.00	80.00	150.00	150.00
Professional/Legal Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Newsletter	550.00	116.80	550.00	104.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Appropriation to cons trust fund	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Mapping Supplies, Etc.	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Appropriation - Barn	650.00	1,479.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
Project Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	326.59	0.00	0.00
Capital Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Conservation Expenditures	\$1,825.00	\$1,825.00	\$1,175.00	\$673.25	\$1,125.00	\$758.93	\$1,175.00	\$1,175.00
Constable #1	11,200.00	12,794.31	15,184.00	11,897.97	14,184.00	14,372.24	18,725.00	18,725.00
Special Officer #2	3,000.00	1,290.90	2,400.00	2,518.35	3,400.00	2,307.20	3,400.00	3,400.00
Supplies	200.00	354.20	300.00	421.96	300.00	292.53	400.00	400.00
Computer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Special Officer #2 - Start-up	1,000.00	1,201.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Radio/ Dispatch	2,400.00	2,906.25	3,400.00	3,388.82	3,400.00	3,388.82	3,740.00	3,740.00
Dues and Meetings	150.00	25.00	100.00	66.00	100.00	26.00	100.00	100.00
Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	590.96	1,604.00	399.00	0.00	0.00

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
Insurance	2,167.00	2,166.99	1,950.00	1,356.21	399.00	1,604.00	0.00	0.00
Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Vehicle Repair	1,000.00	1,019.74	1,000.00	994.97	500.00	501.46	500.00	500.00
Travel	1,000.00	1,102.55	1,000.00	819.19	1,000.00	1,074.39	1,200.00	1,200.00
Equipment & Repair	1,500.00	1,578.28	1,000.00	944.11	500.00	2,410.14	500.00	500.00
Vehicle Replacement	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	23,641.20	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Constable #1 Expenditures	\$28,617.00	\$29,439.45	\$31,334.00	\$46,579.74	\$26,387.00	\$27,375.78	\$33,565.00	\$33,565.00
Fire Truck Payment	44,956.00	44,955.64	44,956.00	44,955.64	0.00	0.00	47,175.00	47,175.00
Fire Department Operations	43,500.00	43,500.00	43,500.00	43,500.00	46,000.00	46,000.00	0.00	0.00
Dry Hydrant Appropriation	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Fire Dept. Expenditures	\$90,456.00	\$90,455.64	\$90,456.00	\$88,455.64	\$46,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$48,175.00	\$48,175.00
Upper Valley Ambulance	26,818.00	25,599.00	24,380.00	24,380.00	29,256.00	29,256.00	35,297.00	35,297.00
Ambulance Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Ambulance Expenditures	\$26,818.00	\$25,599.00	\$24,380.00	\$24,380.00	\$29,256.00	\$29,256.00	\$35,297.00	\$35,297.00
Health Officer Wages	1,100.00	1,353.29	2,060.00	2,665.00	2,700.00	1,039.15	1,780.00	1,780.00
Health Officer Supplies/Copies	50.00	10.13	50.00	7.10	125.00	0.00	125.00	125.00
Telephone	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dues & Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	25.00	30.00	0.00	0.00
Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,479.05	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Travel	25.00	158.75	100.00	25.00	125.00	1.50	125.00	125.00
Total Health Officer Exp.	\$1,250.00	\$1,597.17	\$2,235.00	\$4,286.15	\$3,500.00	\$1,070.65	\$2,530.00	\$2,530.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES:

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
Humane Wages	780.00	560.94	803.00	861.83	627.00	676.21	946.00	946.00
Pound Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	270.00	200.00	200.00
Humane Supplies	175.00	483.64	200.00	212.40	250.00	306.29	400.00	400.00
Humane Postage	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dues & Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	125.00	125.00
Dog Damage	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Legal Fees	0.00	1,763.57	1,000.00	28.17	400.00	201.69	250.00	250.00
Travel	100.00	93.08	100.00	392.50	425.00	147.50	250.00	250.00
Total Humane Dept. Exp.	\$1,175.00	\$2,901.23	\$2,203.00	\$1,519.90	\$2,027.00	\$1,601.69	\$2,421.00	\$2,421.00
GLU/MMD								
Waste Collecting	12,190.00	12,190.00	12,190.00	12,190.00	12,190.00	12,190.00	12,190.00	12,190.00
Landfill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Waste Collection Removal	16,000.00	1,448.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	605.76	0.00	417.42	0.00	1,298.01	0.00	0.00
Hazardous Waste Day	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Waste Collecting Exp.	\$28,190.00	\$14,244.21	\$12,190.00	\$12,607.42	\$12,190.00	\$13,488.01	\$12,190.00	\$12,190.00
Recycling	1,200.00	623.40	0.00	6.75	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00
Facilities Coordinator Salary	4,641.00	4,102.25	5,300.00	3,032.34	6,230.00	2,871.31	5,779.00	5,779.00
Supplies	300.00	583.21	300.00	44.10	300.00	48.66	300.00	300.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bin Lease	2,130.00	2,130.00	710.00	621.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bin Pickup	2,400.00	1,984.75	2,800.00	2,484.18	4,500.00	1,131.69	6,000.00	6,000.00
Community Education	800.00	335.45	800.00	125.00	800.00	1,336.28	800.00	800.00
Recycling Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	1,200.00	2,007.04	2,100.00	1,380.30	1,750.00	360.00	500.00	500.00
Facility Const. & Maintenance	0.00	882.13	1,100.00	553.99	1,250.00	564.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
Contingency	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES:

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
Land Lease Start Up Cost	300.00	720.00	780.00	780.00	900.00	883.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Container Purchase	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	4,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Recycling Expenditures	\$13,771.00	\$13,368.23	\$17,390.00	\$13,827.91	\$15,750.00	\$7,335.44	\$19,479.00	\$19,479.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00	968.75	4,500.00	2,894.11	2,000.00	1,015.00	1,940.00	1,940.00
Hillside Cemetery Association	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	125.00	100.00	100.00
Post Mills Cemetery Association	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Evergreen Rest Cemetery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00
Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Repairs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	810.14	760.00	760.00
Total Cemetery Expenditure	\$1,600.00	\$1,068.75	\$4,600.00	\$2,994.11	\$3,100.00	\$2,175.14	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00
Orange County Mental Health	4,191.00	4,191.00	4,191.00	4,191.00	4,266.50	4,266.50	4,266.50	4,266.50
Community Health Services	6,455.00	6,455.00	7,134.00	7,134.00	7,533.00	7,533.00	0.00	0.00
Library Federation	11,975.00	11,975.00	24,380.00	24,380.00	24,380.00	24,380.00	24,380.00	24,380.00
School District	2,412,599.32	2,412,599.32	2,412,599.32	2,416,321.00	2,586,914.00	2,586,914.00	0.00	0.00
Anderson Hall ADA Fund 1994/95	4,500.00	4,500.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
WR Council on Aging	2,435.00	2,435.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00
F.A.S.T. Squad	110.00	110.00	2,435.00	2,435.00	2,435.00	2,435.00	2,435.00	2,435.00
Vt. Center for Indep. Living	600.00	600.00	110.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Adult Basic Education	150.00	150.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
WRV Parent Aid (Family Place)	600.00	600.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Hospice of the Upper Valley	1,000.00	1,000.00	600.00	600.00	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Headrest	400.00	400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	0.00	0.00
CVCAC	50.00	50.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
George Aiken Program	100.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Orange County Diversion Program	0.00	0.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00
Elementary Playground	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Upper Valley Services	100.00	100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Safeline	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Upper Valley Joint River Com.	1,218.00	1,218.00	1,219.00	1,219.00	150.00	150.00	100.00	100.00
VT Green Up	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,217.50	1,217.50	100.00	100.00
GMEDC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,217.50	1,217.50

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Total Additional Expenditures	\$2,447,484.32	\$2,447,484.32	\$2,485,743.32	\$2,489,365.00	\$2,661,961.00	\$2,661,961.00	\$40,474.00	
Recreation Wages	6,000.00	6,474.97	6,180.00	6,203.59	7,800.00	7,010.00	9,000.00	
Property Taxes	9,000.00	8,958.93	9,000.00	8,949.00	9,000.00	8,420.13	9,000.00	
Recreation Supplies	150.00	0.00	250.00	122.87	500.00	130.00	700.00	
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.28	100.00	0.00	150.00	
Telephone	200.00	207.68	225.00	215.24	225.00	188.51	350.00	
Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	1.13	0.00	
Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Insurance	784.00	784.18	0.00	289.32	216.00	216.00	0.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	400.00	812.78	710.00	436.35	492.00	492.00	0.00	
Utilities	1,700.00	1,723.03	400.00	1,256.85	1,600.00	2,549.19	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	500.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,189.64	2,250.00	1,538.45	450.00	
Playground Upgrade	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.75	500.00	0.00	200.00	
			0.00	0.00	0.00	1,452.66	0.00	
Total Recreation Expenditures	\$18,734.00	\$18,961.57	\$19,765.00	\$20,178.89	\$22,733.00	\$21,998.07	\$24,850.00	
Total Interest Paid	\$15,000.00	\$8,628.65	\$10,000.00	\$3,390.41	\$10,000.00	\$4,460.68	\$10,000.00	
Total County & Extension Service	\$22,000.00	\$27,203.77	\$27,500.00	\$24,300.22	\$27,500.00	\$23,830.00	\$28,500.00	
Tax Appropriations	490.00	610.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Veterans' Flags	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
Scholarships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Fire Pond Rebates	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous	0.00	986.42	0.00	2,428.03	0.00	2,893.20	0.00	
Town Clerk Refunds	0.00	38.00	0.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Real Estate Refunds	0.00	(211.51)	0.00	1,067.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Real Estate Abatements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PFA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,120.11	0.00	
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Miscellaneous Exp.	\$490.00	\$1,434.91	\$750.00	\$4,268.22	\$1,650.00	\$6,858.40	\$900.00	
Total Town Expenditures	\$2,840,256.32	\$2,835,880.09	\$2,885,365.32	\$2,895,527.41	\$3,022,968.00	\$2,997,295.81	\$450,208.53	

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Less School District Budget	(2,412,599.32)	(2,412,599.32)	(2,412,599.32)	(2,416,321.00)	(2,586,914.00)	(2,586,914.00)	\$450,208.53	
Town Less School	\$427,657.00	\$423,280.77	\$472,766.00	\$479,206.41	\$436,054.00	\$410,381.81	\$0.00	
Town Revenue less Expenditures	\$0.00	\$11,896.53	\$0.00	\$16,476.29	\$0.00	\$81,368.78	\$0.00	
Transfers of General Fund Undesignated Funds to Designated & Reserved Abatement of Prior Year prop. tax	(899.60)							
Gen. Fund Surplus<deficit>	\$0.00	\$10,996.93	\$0.00	\$16,476.29	\$0.00	\$81,368.78	\$0.00	
HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE								
State Highway Aid	102,000.00	107,271.15	102,000.00	109,343.34	105,000.00	124,230.79	105,000.00	
Highway Receipts	1,000.00	694.00	1,000.00	13,672.77	1,000.00	18,102.23	10,000.00	
Sale of Fuel	5,000.00	7,772.07	5,000.00	6,783.56	6,000.00	6,795.18	6,500.00	
Highway Materials Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	389.56	0.00	461.78	0.00	
Highway Equip. Fund	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	
Special Approp. Tax Levy - Bridge/Truck	0.00	30,480.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Highway Tax Levy	215,706.27	215,706.27	283,067.05	283,067.09	283,704.37	283,704.37	238,346.63	
Total Highway Revenue	\$323,706.27	\$361,923.49	\$421,067.05	\$443,236.32	\$440,704.37	\$478,294.35	\$359,846.63	
Surplus Highway Fund - prior year	12,801.73	12,801.73	3,577.95	3,577.95	1,526.63	1,526.63	11,987.03	
Total Available Highway	\$386,508.00	\$374,725.22	\$424,645.00	\$446,814.27	\$442,231.00	\$479,820.98	\$371,833.66	
HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES								
Total Highway Wages	\$108,160.00	\$103,856.53	\$111,405.00	\$109,552.57	\$113,148.00	\$107,282.54	\$114,339.90	
Clerical	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Employee Benefits	17,150.00	12,887.77	12,000.00	11,855.28	10,467.00	8,900.04	10,421.76	
Social Security				0.00	0.00	0.00	8,747.00	
Deductibles				0.00	0.00	0.00	1,276.00	
Office Supplies	35.00	25.11	35.00	80.35	50.00	10.60	50.00	
Advertising	25.00	0.00	25.00	39.20	25.00	25.00	25.00	

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
Telephone	500.00	630.63	500.00	811.71	750.00	586.28	750.00	750.00
Radio Maintenance	1,500.00	1,577.00	6,000.00	5,884.00	500.00	159.00	500.00	500.00
Dues and Meetings	20.00	125.00	150.00	275.00	150.00	25.00	100.00	100.00
Travel	0.00	115.40	50.00	233.35	100.00	195.05	100.00	100.00
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	22.82	500.00	500.00
Retirement Administration					0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Maintenance Supplies	25,000.00	23,016.60	20,000.00	13,006.17	22,500.00	35,324.76	22,500.00	22,500.00
Other Maintenance Expense	2,000.00	6,664.88	500.00	3,258.33	2,500.00	2,082.27	2,500.00	2,500.00
Retreatment Supplies	65,000.00	65,000.00	100,000.00	108,277.61	100,000.00	92,631.26	100,000.00	100,000.00
Other Retirement Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Resurfacing Supplies	14,700.00	8,498.70	10,500.00	8,055.60	10,500.00	9,746.10	11,000.00	11,000.00
Other Resurfacing Expense	0.00	2,187.50	10,500.00	10,644.90	10,500.00	9,981.60	10,500.00	10,500.00
Construction Supplies	1,000.00	940.80	500.00	117.60	500.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Other Construction Expense	1,000.00	3,810.00	500.00	581.24	500.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Winter Road Supplies	26,000.00	27,442.52	28,000.00	27,155.70	28,000.00	25,791.84	28,000.00	28,000.00
Other Winter Road Expense	500.00	0.00	5,500.00	5,428.97	5,000.00	5,131.93	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Road Expenses	\$155,430.00	\$152,921.91	\$194,760.00	\$195,705.01	\$192,542.00	\$191,939.55	\$212,993.76	
Flood Funds - Materials	0.00	88.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flood Funds - Contractors	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Flood Funds	\$0.00	\$88.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bridge Supplies	1,000.00	945.58	1,000.00	354.62	500.00	610.35	200.00	200.00
Bridge Insurance	40.00	0.00	694.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Bridge Expenses	0.00	240.00	600.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Streetlights	5,000.00	4,993.69	5,000.00	5,013.17	5,000.00	5,115.01	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Bridge & Streetlight Exp.	\$6,040.00	\$6,179.27	\$7,294.00	\$5,367.79	\$5,750.00	\$5,725.36	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
Bridge #1/Culvert - Materials		\$5,241.55	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

	1993		1994		1995		1996	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
Bridge #1 - Contractors	\$0.00	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Bridge #1	\$0.00	\$6,141.55	\$0.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Garage Equipment	0.00	301.88	5,660.00	5,372.31	1,000.00	2,452.25	500.00	500.00
Garage Supplies	400.00	435.36	400.00	169.79	400.00	517.11	500.00	500.00
Workers Comp	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,337.55	7,651.00	7,651.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	10,803.22	10,803.22	9,156.00	3,492.05	3,761.00	3,761.00	0.00	0.00
Garage Repairs	2,000.00	2,737.59	500.00	656.24	1,300.00	4,447.74	1,300.00	1,300.00
Garage Utilities	1,500.00	1,956.29	1,500.00	2,068.90	2,200.00	2,534.23	2,000.00	2,000.00
Fuel - Town and School	10,000.00	15,855.31	10,000.00	15,064.36	10,000.00	15,976.30	11,000.00	11,000.00
Oil	2,000.00	1,991.91	2,000.00	1,194.68	2,000.00	1,094.02	2,000.00	2,000.00
Vehicle Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.50	200.00	47.67	200.00	200.00
Insurance	4,925.00	4,924.02	4,400.00	4,879.26	4,879.00	4,962.00	500.00	500.00
Insurance Deductible				0.00	0.00	334.46	0.00	0.00
Highway Equipment Fund	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment and Payments	12,000.00	43,305.26	22,070.00	21,513.70	31,100.00	31,051.20	0.00	0.00
Vehicle Repair Parts	18,000.00	14,448.48	22,500.00	38,583.52	20,000.00	4,206.43	20,000.00	20,000.00
Vehicle and Equipment Repair			500.00	1,014.60	0.00	36,845.29	0.00	0.00
Vehicle Repair Tools	500.00	2,033.58	0.00	1,320.00	700.00	1,422.54	700.00	700.00
Vehicle Warranties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Town Garage Exp.	\$62,128.00	\$98,792.90	\$108,686.00	\$131,697.46	\$130,191.00	\$162,303.24	\$38,700.00	\$38,700.00
Total Highway Signs Exp.	\$2,250.00	\$3,166.91	\$2,500.00	\$2,824.81	\$600.00	\$593.26	\$600.00	\$600.00
Total Highway Striping	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Highway Dept. Exp.	\$336,508.00	\$371,147.27	\$424,645.00	\$445,287.64	\$442,231.00	\$467,833.95	\$371,833.66	\$371,833.66
Highway Revenues less Expenditures	\$0.00	\$3,577.95	\$0.00	\$1,526.63	\$0.00	\$11,987.03	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfers of Highway Fund Undesignated Funds to Designated & Reserved Highway Fund Surplus-deficit	\$0.00	\$3,577.95	\$0.00	\$1,526.63	\$0.00	\$11,987.03	\$0.00	\$0.00

Supplemental schedule					
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT					
Comparative Fund Balance Sheet					
For the years ending December 31					
	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash in Bank	\$1,558.91	\$8,200.34	5,059.03	30,971.29	32,143.19
Petty Cash	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
Savings/Money Market	160,290.14	448,675.64	435,135.85	226,195.93	63,127.22
Delinquent Taxes Rec.- Prior	18,585.35	39,272.50	6,107.68	9,719.96	6,736.97
Delinquent Taxes Rec.-1994	0.00	0.00	43,795.33	32,930.13	19,601.17
Delinquent Taxes Rec.- Current	160,494.83	146,229.56	147,151.56	107,910.69	107,936.19
PF Account Receivable	2,457.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Accounts Receivable	0.00	5,176.57	0.00	2,280.00	115.73
Highway Accounts Receivable	170.00	59,975.06	3,167.54	196.87	10,000.00
Highway Equipment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	76,522.16
TOTAL ASSETS	343,606.72	707,579.67	640,416.99	410,254.87	316,232.63
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Notes Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Due to School From Town	277,000.00	627,776.32	559,511.32	273,929.32	84,502.03
Accrued Cemetary Book Sales	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
Accrued Del. Tax Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accrued Marriage Licenses	0.00	39.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accrued Insurance	152.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Town Accounts Payable	3,241.47	4,028.37	2,941.08	4.92	(4.92)
Highway Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uniform Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fish & Game	(154.00)	(190.00)	0.00	(62.00)	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	280,273.15	631,686.69	562,485.40	273,905.24	84,530.11
RESERVE FUNDS					
Reserve for Delinquent Taxes	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Reserve for Delinquent Other	2,457.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restoration Fund	2,186.72	3,068.97	3,968.57	3,958.57	3,958.57
Act 200 Grant Fund	4,072.55	4,072.55	4,072.55	4,072.55	4,072.55
Recycling Fund	5,315.59	5,315.59	5,315.59	5,315.59	5,315.59
Equipment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	75,000.00
Anderson Hall/ADA Fund				25,000.00	0.00
Unrestricted Funds:					
General Fund Balance	(11,166.86)	634.14	10,996.93	16,476.29	81,368.78
Highway Fund Balance	10,468.08	12,801.73	3,577.95	1,526.63	11,987.03
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	63,333.57	75,892.98	77,931.59	136,349.63	231,702.52
TOTAL LIAB. & FUND BALANCE	\$343,606.72	\$707,579.67	\$640,416.99	\$410,254.87	\$316,232.63

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT									
YEAR	TOTAL TAX	HIGHWAY	TAX	TOWN	TAX	SCHOOL	TAX	ARTICLES	TAX
1987	1.807	161,761.00	0.1803	151,586.77	0.1747	1,295,394.15	1.4410	25,237.50	0.0260
1988	2.147	184,107.27	0.1970	146,346.00	0.1570	1,636,594.53	1.7490	40,605.00	0.0440
1989	2.425	200,192.53	0.2080	172,049.83	0.1790	1,923,978.75	2.0000	36,667.25	0.0380
1990	2.7084	203,072.22	0.2092	196,795.75	0.2028	2,179,429.00	2.2455	49,441.00	0.0509
1991	2.9373	244,594.41	0.2486	196,913.46	0.2000	2,327,776.32	2.3645	122,220.00	0.1242
1992	1.7944	217,526.92	0.1348	344,518.43	0.2135	2,327,776.32	0.1443	5,709.00	0.0036
1993	1.8637	215,706.27	0.1346	300,773.86	0.1877	2,412,429.43	1.5096	34,949.00	0.0318
1994	1.9346	283,067.09	0.1772	303,576.07	0.1902	2,416,321.00	1.5129	86,789.00	0.0543
1995	2.0158	283,704.37	0.1768	272,388.21	0.1698	2,566,914.00	1.6123	91,289.50	0.0569
PROPOSED 1996 WITHOUT SCHOOL									
		238,346.63		268,364.75					

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE:

DIVISION OF TAXES FOR 1995:

- Highway
- Town
- Warmed Articles
- School

- 0.1768
- 0.1698
- 0.0569
- 1.6123
- 2.0158

SUMMATION OF TAX RATE AND MONIES RAISED:

**DELINQUENT TAX REPORT
EXCLUDING PENALTY and INTEREST
as of December 31, 1995**

Property Owner	1995	1994	1993/ Prior	TOTAL
Agnoli, Rodney & Debra	1,768.86			1,768.86
Allen, Mark & Jennifer	1,820.27			1,820.27
Bailey, Archie	3,426.86			3,426.86
Bailey, Warren & Florence	1,465.49	292.34		1,757.83
Barker Equipment Service	4,039.66	1,117.22		5,156.88
Berecz, Frederick & Diane	892.86			892.86
Bouchard, Peter & Arlene	66.08	95.12		161.20
Bragg, Todd & Brenda	264.79			264.79
Brow, Eugenie	1,440.22			1,440.22
Brown, Jacqueline	830.51			830.51
Burge, George & Ann	2,898.72	*1,595.57		4,494.29
Cadwell, Louis & Madeline		457.38		457.38
Charpiot, Rene	1,642.88			1,642.88
Clark, Roland & Mary	539.79			539.79
Clemson, Barry	1,008.11			1,008.11
Clifford, Gary	3,178.91			3,178.91
Commercial Financial	1,328.41			1,328.41
Derome, James & Susan	1,326.40			1,326.40
Doody, Timothy & Caroline	2,054.10	1,971.36	893.82	4,919.28
Dube, Leo & Bonnie	193.52			193.52
Emerson, Priscilla	1,298.53			1,298.53
Fraser, Barry & Mabel	1,503.79			1,503.79
Gillette, Donald & Martin	*829.30			829.30
Goodrich, David	*1,378.81			1,378.81
Goodrich, Roy	1,067.81			1,067.81
Higgins, Roger	74.58	71.58	68.96	215.12
Hill, Tracy Bailey	1,000.00			1,000.00
Hodge, George Jr.	2,509.67			2,509.67
Hodge, Richard R.	3,878.40	1,172.93		5,051.33
Howard, Adam & Theresa	1,433.23			1,433.23
Howe, Wanda	1,028.06			1,028.06
Huppert, Louis & Evelyn	2,829.56			2,829.56
Jenks, Richard & Lori	396.18			396.18

Property Owner	1995	1994	1993/ Prior	TOTAL
Jillson, Susanne	814.38			814.38
Johnson, Glendon	282.21	270.84	557.00	1,110.05
Krugman, Murray	1,916.85			1,916.85
Lee, Leslie & Sharon	600.00			600.00
Lyons, Clifford	3,076.11			3,076.11
Magoon, Robert & Brenda	1,657.50			1,657.50
Manning, Eileen Joyce	2,519.75			2,519.75
Manning, Gerald	387.71			387.71
Manning, Lois	122.96			122.96
Marcy, Henry & Deborah	1,558.21	8.93		1,567.14
Masland, James	3,858.24			3,858.24
Matyka, Donna	3,451.05			3,451.05
McCarty, William	1,219.56			1,219.56
McFall, Terry & Albert Fry	2,267.78			2,267.78
Melendy, Gloria	1,852.52	526.45		2,378.97
Nikao Concepts	1,019.99	978.91	2,250.47	4,249.37
Pemberton, Elizabeth	6,910.16	6,631.81		13,541.97
Perkins, Roger	445.49	125.87		571.36
Pero, Gary et als	204.26			204.26
Phillips, Joseph & Jeanne	7,035.14			7,035.14
Powers, Richard	3,001.53	2,715.90		5,717.43
Reece, Donald & Regina	4,154.56			4,154.56
Schellens, Richard	2,525.80			2,525.80
Slack, Robert & Geraldine	1,636.83			1,636.83
Spanos, Vaughan &	2,130.70			2,130.70
Stearns, Wayne & Darcy	224.44			224.44
U V Reg. Landfill	1,634.81	1,568.96	2,966.72	6,170.49
Watson, Robert & Nancy	1,759.79			1,759.79
Wright, Ralph	959.52			959.52
TOTALS	110,637.21	21,595.17	8,729.97	140,962.35

(* Indicates amount paid in full as of January 31, 1995.)

NOTES

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

**TOWN and AREA
ORGANIZATIONS****YEAR ENDING****DECEMBER 31, 1995**

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

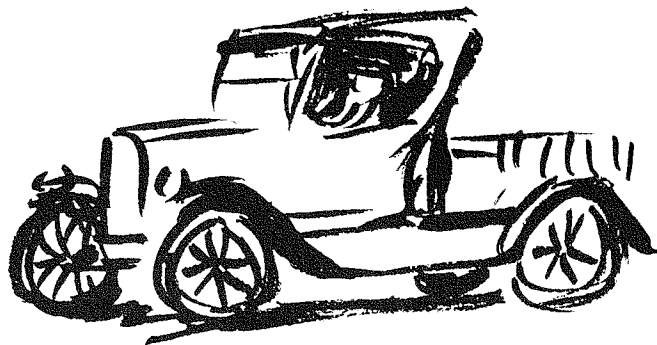
During the year we have performed our usual functions and also have been to look in new directions.

We have kept our library open through the year, and have expanded the total number of open hours. Our volunteers, Marian Fifield, Martha Wiencke, Barbara Condict, Joyce Bonnett, Louise Vaughan, and Barbara Wyman, have answered queries, served visitors, and processed a lot of material. The Barn Museum was open four Sunday afternoons in August, with special exhibits by Charles Hughes. We had about a hundred visitors. We has an exhibit of paintings and prints by four Thetford Artists, William Malherbe, Philip Martin, William Bartholomew, and H.B. Closson. The speaker for our annual meeting was Noel Perrin, who compared early Thetford to ancient Athens as examples of working democracy. There was a good crowd for this meeting, but it would have been good for everyone in town to hear it.

We have been looking into ways to automate our cataloguing, getting advice from other libraries that are already involved. One of the main problems is to decide among differing opinions and advice.

We have also been planning a fourth building at the museum. Arnold Hawk and Rick Hoffman have worked out plans for a simple building which would give us more space for both exhibits and storage. We raised \$ 5,000.00 last summer for this purpose, and hope to break ground this spring.

Charles Latham,
President



THETFORD YOUTH SPORTS BOARD

The Thetford Youth Sports Board is responsible for the sports programs at the elementary school level including soccer, basketball, t-ball, and softball. We also manage the local Little League and Babe Ruth programs. Funding is provided on a fee-for-participation basis, with no use of tax dollars.

1995 was a year that required adjustments to changes, as we attempted to provide continuing improvement in our programs. The loss of Malmquist's field in Post Mills for Little League required increased use of the fields at the Post Mills Fire Station field and the Thetford Elementary School. We would like to thank Skip and Cindy Malmquist for the use of their field during three decades.

We would also like to thank the many local businesses that contributed last Spring to our fund raiser for field improvements. Their contributions allowed us replace old benches and construct new safety fences & bleachers. We now have two handsome sets of portable bleachers, with one at the Post Mills Fire Station field and the other at Thetford Elementary School. A special thank you is in order to Britton Lumber Company, who contributed the pressure treated 2x10s, and to the students in the vocational classes at Thetford Academy that fabricated and painted the steel frames. Out fans and guests will appreciate them for years to come.

Other capital improvements in the past year include new soccer goals and basketball rims at Thetford Elementary. Lightning Soccer provided a substantial contribution towards the soccer goals, in consideration of the participation of Thetford youth in its camp program.

Thetford can be proud of the fine group of individuals who have volunteered for coaching and officiating in the past year. They are the heart and soul of our programs. Their efforts have kept the sportsmanship, enjoyment, and performance of our young people at a very high level.

Finally, thanks to all the parents who support their children in our programs. You help provide an opportunity outside the classroom, where students can learn about their value to each other as team members, while engaging in the mental and physical challenges of competitive sports.

Stephen Page, President

Steven Fifield, Vice President
Beverly Carpenter, Treasurer
David Carpenter, Secretary
Jim Cloud
Ken Fabrikant

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Art LaPierre
Mark Snider
"Chip" Thurston
Chet Ward

AMERICAN LEGION POST 79

Greetings from the American Legion. It has been a pleasure to visit students at Thetford Academy, Thetford Elementary, and West Fairlee Elementary. We talked with the children about our flag and gave each class at West Fairlee a flag for their room. Many thanks to the Veterans of World War II and to those who answered questions from the children. We look forward to being with the children on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day for a visit.

This year we will be working close with the citizens of Vershire and their Select board to assist with their plans for a memorial stone, flagpole, and flower garden. Many events are in the planning stage. Our goal is to raise money through fundraising events. Come join us!

As in my past reports, I have stated that the American Legion has hospital items for loan to anyone. If you need to borrow any home health care items, or if you are interested in using the American Legion Hall, please contact any member.

Sincerely,

Nathan Pero, Commander
Legion Post 79



THETFORD BROWNIE TROOP 66

We are in our second year and having a great time! The Troop helped work at the Recycling Center once last year and hopes to work there once again this year as a community service project.

The girls are learning how to sew and are improving their cooking skills, thanks to the use of the kitchen at the Elementary School.

This Troop consists of girls in the 2nd and 3rd grades at the Thetford Elementary School. There has been an interest in starting a Troop of 1st graders, but like most service organizations, volunteers are needed to make it possible. If you are interested in becoming a Troop leader, please contact Nancy Schindler at 785-4651, for more information. Join the caring and sharing of Girl Scouts today!

Nancy Schindler, Troop Leader
Lillian Race, Asst. Troop Leader

THETFORD CUB SCOUTS

We're back! After a long absence from the Thetford community scene, the Cub Scouts are back in town. There are currently three Dens, the Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. Each Den has a small group of enthusiastic boys, eager to progress along the scouting trail. There is room for more boys in each of the three dens as well as a need to get a first grade Tiger Cub Den started. Parents and children are all encouraged to call for more information if you are interested in joining, volunteering, or otherwise supporting the local Pack.

The Scouts sold popcorn this Fall as a fund raiser for the Pack. Caramel and chocolate covered popcorn in decorative tins were sold, as well as microwave popcorn and tubs of ready to pop kernels. The response from the folks in town could not have been better. Scouts were eagerly greeted by friends and neighbors, many of whom have fond memories of scouting themselves. If you would like to be included next Fall, be sure and contact a Cub Scout Leader with your name and number.

Although the pack has only been going for a few months, the scouts have been busy with a number of projects. The first meeting of the Wolf Den took advantage of the abundant wildlife this Fall by spending a few minutes watching the deer in a local field. Other Fall activities included a hike to the top of Dartmouth Skiway along a portion of the Appalachian Trail and carving pumpkins for Halloween. The Thetford population of birds will be better cared for this year as both feeders and houses have been built for them by the Cub Scouts and Webelos. More fun has been planned for this Winter.

There are a number of people responsible for the return of Scouts to Thetford. I would like to thank the Thetford Center Community Association for chartering the Pack. In addition to sponsoring the Pack, the Community Association also provides us with a place to meet. Individual efforts from Tim Shay, our Cub Master, Tim Sevigny, Wolf Den Leader, Kim Bartlett and Greg Meyers, Bear Den Leader and Assistant, and Alford Stone, Webelos Den Leader, have been tremendous. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill T. Huff, Wolf Den, Asst. Leader

THETFORD GARDEN CLUB

The Thetford Garden Club has just completed its second year. In looking back on this past year, we have many things to be grateful for. Thetford Academy's Agricultural Class grew many beautiful plants which we put on the I-91/Route 113 median strip gardens. Caren Showerman and Sue Farrell did a wonderful job planting the memorial garden in front of the Veterans' Monument at the Town Hall in Thetford Center.

Our program committee members, Marvel Hauger and Judy Vaughan, will be arranging speakers and workshops for the coming year's meetings. Last year, we had Susan Root, a noted herbalist in the Upper Valley, give a wonderful talk about the different uses of herbs in healing salves, creams and tinctures.

The Thetford Garden Club will be working with the 8th Grade at Thetford Academy to plan which plants they will start in their greenhouse for the community gardens in Thetford this year. We will also address soil conditions and drainage problems with the class. This will be an opportunity for the students to participate in community service as well as help to beautify Thetford.

The Thetford Garden Club meets every third Tuesday at 7:30 PM at the Latham Memorial Library, on the green at Thetford Hill. We gladly welcome new members! If you need transportation to the meeting, please call Nancy Schindler at 785-4651, or Donna Foster at 785-4811.

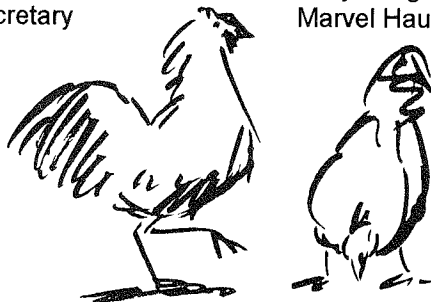
Sincerely,

Nancy Schindler, Co-Chair

GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS

Nancy Schindler, Co-Chair
Donna Foster, Co-Chair
Sue Farrell, Secretary

Betsy Edmonds, Treasurer
Judy Vaughan, Program Comm.
Marvel Hauger, Program Comm.



THETFORD CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Thetford Center Community Association aims to "improve and beautify the village of Thetford Center and to promote the welfare of the community". Membership is open to all those with an interest in Thetford Center.

The Association owns and maintains the old Schoolhouse in the village of Thetford Center as a Community Building for the use of members of the Association, community members, and community groups. This past fall, the floor of the building was beautifully refinished. During the past year, the building has seen much use for a variety of events: family parties, open houses, fundraising and meetings for non-profit organizations, and regular use by the Timothy Frost Methodist Church for coffee hours, meetings, suppers and the like. Several scout troops and dance groups regularly used the building, as did the Thetford Center Fellowship of Women. Luncheons were held for the Thetford Friends Together and the Orange County Retired Teachers Association, as well as other civic groups.

The Association celebrated its annual Old Home Day in July, together with the Timothy Frost Methodist Church. We usually put on a community Christmas Party with potluck supper and Santa Claus, this year unfortunately cancelled by snow. We also contributed to the town-wide family Christmas box program. We have awarded scholarships this year to local students graduating from Thetford Academy, to help them further their education in college.

The Community Building is available for rental by non-profit groups and by individuals wishing to hold family parties. Interested persons may contact the Chair of Building Use. The Association welcomes everyone who is interested in the community.

Sincerely,

Martha H. Wiencke, Secretary

President: Theresa Davidonis - 785-4777
Chair of Building Use: Lois Paige - 785-2687

UPPER VALLEY FISH AND GAME CLUB, INC.

- PURPOSE:**
- To work for improvement and to 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:	Doug Stone	North Thetford	333-9656
Vice President:	Bill Rose	North Thetford	333-9325
Treasurer:	Alford Stone	ThetfordCenter	785-4503
Secretary:	Rhett Scruggs	East Thetford	333-4067

MEMBERSHIP: Currently 183 members, 13 are junior members. Membership is open to any person interested in helping with our stated purpose. Junior membership available to persons aged 15 and under. Membership chairman is Bill Rose, 333-9325.

MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of each month, held at the Thetford American Legion September - May, 7:30 PM and at the Club grounds June through August, 6:30 PM. Annual meeting is held in February.

ACTIVITIES: Ice fishing derby on Lake Fairlee in February - 118 participants in 1995. Children's fishing derby in June, 42 children participated in 1995. The Club sponsors a hunters' safety class in the fall - certificates were presented to 61 students in 1995. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer - there were no applicants in 1995.

FACILITIES: The club maintains a building, pond, and shooting ranges on approximately 200 acres on the Five Corners Road in Thetford Center. The shooting ranges are used for rifle, pistol, action pistol matches, sporting clays, and trapshooting. Archery competition would be a welcome addition. Club members are welcome to use the facilities and surrounding property.

Rhett Scruggs, Secretary



THETFORD CENTER FELLOWSHIP OF WOMEN

The Thetford Center Fellowship of Women is an active group that welcomes all women in the community. In June, we served the Retired Teachers and in December, the Thetford Friends Together. Two trips were taken this year, In the Spring, we went to Historic Deerfield and in the Fall we visited the Precision Museum in Windsor, Vermont.

Our programs are interesting and meeting in various homes are well attended. The Officers are as follows:

Martha Wiencke, President
 Bertha Brown, Vice President and Programs
 Jean Sheldon, Recording Secretary
 Marian Fifield, Corresponding Secretary
 Susan Fetter, Treasurer

At Christmas time, boxes are packed for shut-ins and cards are sent to former members and friends.

Sincerely,

Jean Sheldon, Recording Secretary



RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Rice's Mills Community Association is a place where residents gather together to share good times and strengthen community spirit. In the old red one-room schoolhouse on Route 132, RMCA hosted a number of events that were open to all. Among those were a weekly playgroup for young children, monthly potluck suppers, slide shows and other presentations, and the annual greenhouse activity.

The building was cleaned and painted with volunteer labor, and is available for birthday parties, anniversary parties and other gatherings. For more information, contact Mary Bryant at 785-4512.

Submitted by Mary Bryant

THETFORD'S WILD WEST CONNECTION

When Thetford was founded in the early 1760's, it was on a frontier-- a northern frontier just opened for settlement as the French and their Indian allies were driven out of the Upper Valley after Quebec fell to the English in 1759. A frontier is a moving thing; as soon as settlers come, the frontier moves beyond to a place not yet settled--"the hither edge of free land." And so the early history of Thetford is of people coming to town settling for a while, and then moving on to other places to seek free land or greater opportunities. It may be a surprise, however, to learn that Thetford had connection with the far western frontier--with California's Gold Rush and with the Pony Express.

The chief connection comes from Henry Wells (1805-1878), who was born in Thetford but very soon moved away. His father was Shipley Wells, a Presbyterian clergyman who farmed and made bricks when he was not preaching. Shipley Wells came to Thetford in the late eighteenth century, married a lady named Dolly Randall, and bought land on the Millers Pond Road just above Campbell Corners. Arthur Bacon has found the cellar hole. There they had four children: Ashbel, born 1798, Julia, born 1801, Ally Ashman, born 1804, and Henry, born 12 December 1805.

Shipley Wells did not have a church in Thetford. In December 1803 he registered his brand in the town records: a "half crop on the underside of the left ear." Even before his son Henry was born, however, he began to sell of his property in Thetford, about 230 acres in all, to Aaron Goodman, Joseph Hubbard, B.C. & Eleazar Wells, Samuel Fifield, and Charles Hopkins. The last sale was made in 1808. At the same time he was buying land in Roxbury, just west of Brookfield, Vermont.

In the summer of 1812 Shipley Wells moved from Thetford with his family. After settling briefly at Crown Point, they went on to Seneca Falls, New York, and remained there and at Port Byron. That means that Henry Wells lived in Thetford only from 1805 to 1812. Still, he was a Thetford native, so let us follow his career.

Henry worked as a farmer, went to school in Fayette, and was apprenticed to a shoemaker. He spoke with a stammer, was helped by a therapist, and over the next few years established several therapy schools himself. Then, just as the railroads began to be built, he got into the express business. In 1841 he became the agent for a New York-to-Albany express. Two years later he helped establish an express (partly by train and partly by stage) between Albany and Buffalo. And, just as the Post Office began using stamps and envelopes, he made a foray into the mail business, offering service at six cents a letter to Boston to Bangor. The Post Office sued to oppose his efforts, but he continued until 1851. In 1844, he took on William G. Fargo as messenger and started a line from Buffalo to Detroit. Presumably many of these express lines consisted of an office at each end

and a messenger, sometimes Wells himself, bringing along a trunk or a satchel of papers and packages and traveling by whatever transportation was available.



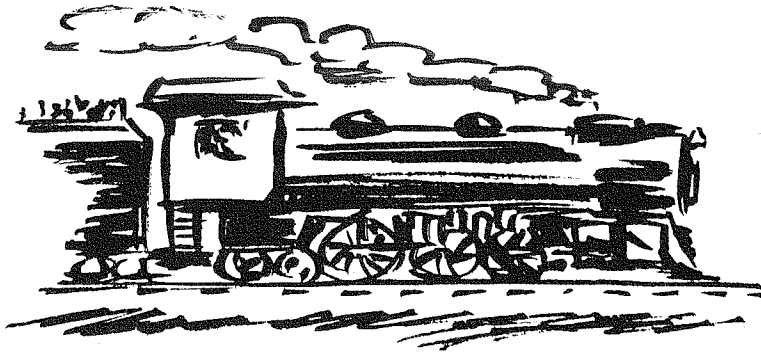
In 1850 Wells combined his company with two others to form the American Express Company. Two years after that, keeping up with America's rush to the West after the Mexican War and the California Gold Rush, he founded Wells, Fargo and Company to serve as the western ally of American Express. Wells, Fargo bought up several small independent lines, and slowly displaced its rival, American Express. In 1857, Wells, Fargo got the contract for overland mail west of the Mississippi. It took over the Pony Express for a few months until it was replaced by telegraph in October, 1861. Wells, Fargo extended its operations to western Canada, Mexico, the West Indies, Central America, and Hawaii--and for a short time even to China and Japan. It offered ocean service, via Panama, from New York to San Francisco.

While his business was expanding to the West, Henry Wells himself stayed mainly in the East at his home in Aurora, New York. He remained the head of American Express until 1873, and died five years later. He was very philanthropic in the Buffalo area, and was responsible for founding Wells College in Aurora.

The Western operations of Wells, Fargo and Company were largely left to others, and here there are more Thetford connections. The main player here did not come from Thetford, but the connection will be made. He was Danford N. Barney, (1808-1874), and he apparently came from upstate New York. In 1845-1847, numerous records in Cleveland show that he was running the Reindeer Line on the Great Lakes. This line, serving Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo and Chicago, owned three steamships, the Chesapeake, Empire, and General Scott, and "Sixteen of the largest and best class of Welland Canal Vessles." In 1849, Barney also bought the steanship Patchin, which promptly ran aground and sank. This lake traffic clearly brought Barney into contact with Wells as he conducted his express business. At this same time, Barney found in Cleveland a wife from a Thetford family. She was Azubah Latham, who had come to Cleveland to visit her older sister Lucy, who was married to a Cleveland judge.

After American Express was formed, Barney was briefly on its board. In 1854 he helped the company outwit Daniel Drew, who had just gotten control of the Erie Railroad. Drew refused to let American Express operate on the Erie, but Barney saved the situation. In 1854, with capital provided by American Express, he set up a "rival" company, United States Express, which got the Erie contract. The two express companies agreed to "pool" operations in the Midwest, splitting revenues 60-40, but giving the appearance of competition.

At this time, Wells split off his Western operations at Wells, Fargo and concentrated on the eastern business of American Express, Barney became president of Wells, Fargo. During his presidency from 1853-1866, the company not only took over the Pony Express during its last year of operation, but established a second Pony Express between Virginia City, Nevada and San Francisco. During this same period, the company was operating stages and mail coach lines (many of the coaches built in Concord, NH), and was well known for giving better mail service in the West than the Post Office did.



Barney's wife had two brothers who were also involved with Wells, Fargo. The first was Charles French Latham (1824-1970). He attended Thetford Academy, in Hiram Orcutt's first year as Principal. Fifty years later, another Academy alumnus remembered that he was one of a group of students who planted the avenue of trees along Academy Road. After graduating, he taught music at the Academy in 1844, and then went on to Dartmouth College. It is not clear when he started working at Wells, Fargo but he was treasurer of the company from 1858 to 1866.

Charles French Latham married but had no children. Though he had an estate at Irvington-on-Hudson above New York City, he was devoted to his hometown. Thetford Academy's 75th Anniversary book (1894) refers to him as the Academy's "largest benefactor." For better or worse, he is said to have financed the 1857 remodeling of the Thetford Hill Church, which involved installing an organ, removing square pews, and building the arch under the balcony.

A second brother, James Kent Shepherd Latham (1834-1880, named for a teacher at the Academy) also worked at Wells, Fargo. He was in the banking department of the company, part of the time in the office at Virginia City. Later (1877-1879) he was a partner in a brokerage firm, Latham and King, in San Francisco.

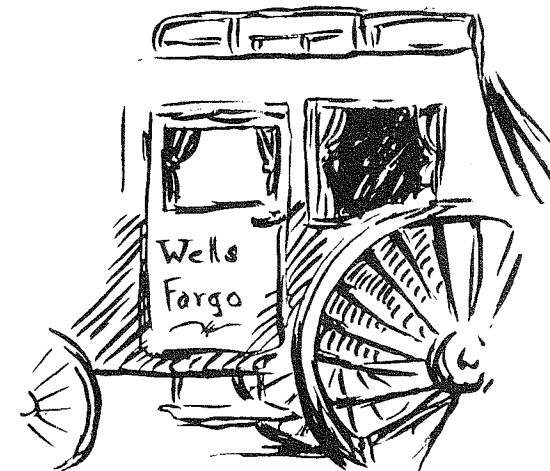
These four careers are just a sample of the way people from Thetford spread out across the country in the nineteenth century, building and changing institutions as they went.

Charles Latham,

Thetford Historical Society

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CHRISTINE VAUGHAN 1880-1952

For many years, Christine Vaughan presided over a store and post office which then stood at the four corners at Thetford Hill - at the Southeast corner. It was a small, unpretentious structure with a porch extending across the front.

Christine sold milk and bread and a variety of small goods. She also sold kerosene. The first summer that I brought my wife Fannie to Thetford, we lived in a shack on the shore of Mud Pond (or Lake Abenaki, if you prefer to be elegant) and what cooking we did was on a kerosene stove - a bit smelly but efficient. We bought five gallons from Christine. Her father, Lesley Vaughan, hitched the family horse to a buggy and delivered the can. We paid only for the kerosene. The delivery was a friendly service.

On weekdays, the Post Office was the focal point of the village. People came to mail letters or to see what the mailman had brought them. Camp Hanoum (the hill camp) was then only a short distance up Houghton Hill Road, and one of the counselors would come up in a little horse-drawn cart to get the camp mail. Mail time, with the possibility of letters from home, was an exciting event.

Christine was musical. At that time, a usual way of learning how to read music was by attending a singing school. These classes met once a week in a schoolhouse or other available building. The students were taught the rudiments of music and utilized this knowledge as well as they could be singing together. Christine's diary reads "Mar 9, 1896 - went to the first singing school in the evening." "May 18 - Went to the singing school with Lizzie and Sophie. It was the last one." Evidently, Christine was attending Thetford Academy, and the original Academy building and what she calls the "Boarding House" were then on the east side of Academy Road, only a short distance from the four corners. On February 18, 1896, Christine "went up to the Academy and practiced a piece for the entertainment the last night of school." They practiced again on Wednesday and (for the last time) on Thursday. On Friday, February 21, Christine "went to the entertainment in the evening and sang. After the entertainment there was a promenade. Graduates got about \$ 35.00 for the entertainment and oyster supper, and cleared about \$ 20.00. I probably should add that a promenade was a dance. At Thetford Hill there was a feeling against dancing and "promenade" was considered a more respectable name. In one of my first summers in Thetford I attended a dance for which the music was supplied by Charles Vaughan (Christine's brother) who played the violin, John Huntington, double bass, and Christine herself, who played the piano. My memory is that she played without music, knowing the tunes by memory, and supplying suitable harmonies. This was called "chording".



There used to be an old upright piano in the Vaughan house, and I think it must have been there in 1896, for an entry from February 14th reads "Delia Harding came down. We sang and played." I was a frequent visitor at the Vaughan house for many years, yet I never heard her play again, and that seems sad. It was not because she had lost interest in music. On January 20, 1931, she writes "went to Hanover with Mrs. Anderson to hear Florence Austral sing." This was a concert in a series sponsored by Dartmouth College.

At Camp Hanoum the campers assembled on Sunday evenings and there was music. Mrs. Ludington, the camp pianist, played and the campers sang. Christine frequently attended these gatherings and enjoyed the music. Christine knew and enjoyed the wildflowers which must have been doubly welcome after a Vermont winter. "April 19, 1931: Went up to the farm and picked Arbutus." There used to be a pretty custom of hanging May Baskets on the first day of that month. Until I studied Christine's diaries, my only evidence for the existence of this custom concerned another member of the Vaughan family, Christine's brother, Raymond. When he was a boy, he hung a May Basket for Katherine Howard, but was overcome by bashfulness and ran away before his chosen girl had time to come to the door and find his gift. But Christine notes that she received a May Basket from another girl.

How did they spend their time on long dark winter evenings? "Dan and Charlie came down in the evening and we played two games of whist. Dan and I beat both games." Television was still in the future, but the Vaughans had a radio long before I did, and Christine notes the first commercial broadcast from France - it dealt with fashions. There were movies if you were young and adventurous. Kenneth Cook used to live on the family farm which is now part of the Union Village flood control area. They would walk to Thetford Hill, then to East Thetford where they took the train to Lewiston. They walked across the Ledyard Bridge and up the steep hill to Hanover and the movie house. When the movie was over, they returned as they came, walking home from East Thetford. Christine went to the movies too, but probably by automobile. "April 20, 1931: Went to (White River) Junction to see city lights and Charlie Chaplin."

Charles Hughes



THETFORD LIONS CLUB

The Thetford Lions Club is an organization of men and women who volunteer their time to humanitarian causes in Thetford and neighboring communities. By conducting service projects and raising funds, the Thetford Lions Club strives to help those in need, wherever need exists. Lions are members of an international organization that is the largest service organization in the world. Lions Clubs International has over 1.4 million members in 180 countries and geographical locations. The local club has served the Town of Thetford and neighboring communities for nearly a quarter of a century.

During the past year, the Thetford Lions Club continued its program of awarding three memorial scholarships to worthy high school graduating seniors from Thetford Academy and Oxbow High School. The club also continued its support of the Thetford Emergency Food Shelf. The annual foliage tour for senior citizens continued to be a popular and memorable occasion as several Lions escorted nearly fifty seniors around the beautiful Vermont countryside.

One of the primary missions of the International Association of Lions Clubs is to assist all persons who experience hearing or sight impairment, or suffer from the disease diabetes. The Club also helps to support the Austine/Green Mountain Lions Club for deaf and hearing impaired children. The Thetford Lions Club urges any citizen of the Town of Thetford, who has a serious need for assistance or would like to send a hearing impaired child to summer camp, to contact any of the members listed below.

In order to support the variety of service projects, the Thetford Lions Club holds its traditional chicken barbeque at the Thetford Hill Fair and also assists the Norwich Lions Club at its summer fair. During Labor Day Weekend, the club holds its very successful and popular Flea Market and Yard Sale.

The worthy motto of the International Association of Lions Clubs is "We Serve". The following Lions are proud to serve the Town of Thetford and neighboring communities, and encourage any citizens in our service area who are interested in helping to contact any of the following members for additional information. The Lions Club meets the first (7:30 PM) and third (7:30 PM) Tuesday of the month at the North Thetford Federated Church.

Peter Dayton, Treasurer	Bernie Godfrey	Dave Hauger
Drew Havens	Leith Henderson	Robert Jaccaud, Sec'y.
Howard Jacobs	Charles Jeffery	Ron Magoon
Harjit Rakhra, President	Devinder Sodhi	Carroll Wiggin
Chauncey Willey	Margaret Balch (Hon.)	Josephine Clay (Hon.)

SAFELINE

Safeline, Inc. is a non-profit community organization working to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It was formed in 1987 to serve residents of Orange County and the northwestern fringe of Windsor County.

Clients are of all ages and come from all socio-economic backgrounds. Safeline's services include a 24-hour hotline, crisis counseling, court advocacy, the provision of safe homes, information/agency referral, and public education.

1995 has challenged Safeline. Despite being without an executive director for six months, the organization continued to respond to victims' needs and met both program and administrative requirements. In October, Nancy Metz became Safeline's new Executive Director; and after 5 years as a volunteer, Joanne Rice joined the Safeline staff in the position of Coordinator of Direct Services.

At its November meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed new members Donna Soltura, Manager of Social services at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph, and Michael Clafin, Vice president, Wells River Savings Bank, Bradford and Wells River. Safeline's ability to endure is a testament to the organization's dedication to the prevention of domestic violence and Safeline's volunteers who are the backbone of its direct services.

This year, Safeline's hotline responded to over 1,000 calls for emergency assistance, resulting in 85 nights of safe-homing, more than 200 filings of emergency relief orders and over 500 information/agency referrals. During the last quarter of 1995, Safeline designed educational programs for presentation to students at Oxbow High School, in Bradford, and VTC in Randolph. These programs can travel to any schools or interested groups throughout the service area.

In a strong finish to 1995, Safeline, together with Orange County Sheriff's Department, Gifford Medical Center, and the Orange County Family Court have created a task force network to enable a more efficient and encompassing response to Orange County's victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault. We are ready for the challenges of 1996.

Nancy Metz, Executive Director

HEADREST

In 1995, Headrest realized twenty-five years of service to the Upper Valley. A comprehensive alcohol and drug treatment facility serving low income people, we offer drug and alcohol counseling and education to adults and teens, and consultation and referral to families affected by substance abuse. Our alcohol crisis intervention program allows for overnight lodging, non-medical detox, assessment, and treatment referral.

Headrest's Shelter Program offers temporary emergency lodging to homeless people referred by local police, hospitals, churches, and mental health centers, as we serve as a transitional shelter for those folks returning to the mainstream form residential treatment programs.

Trained hotline workers with hundreds of resources at hand have been unceasingly available since 1971 to inform, educate and empower individuals and families to improve the quality of their lives. Understanding, non-judgmental staff and volunteers listen carefully, lending emotional support, information and referral to callers 24 hours a day (448-4400). These special folks have expertise in handling crises involving the use of alcohol and drugs. Headrest is certified by the American Association of Suicidology.

In addition to Headrest's local (448-HELP) and toll-free Hotline (800/639-6095), education/prevention programs such as *Teens Taking Charge For a World Without AIDS*, *Peer Outreach*, and *H.O.P.E.S.*, an alcohol education group, are available to youth, parents, and educators.

Last year, Thetford residents received more than forty hours of alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling and Education, while seventeen calls from Thetford residents were answered by our hotline.

As Headrest celebrates its twenty-fifth anniversary, 1996 brings with it the specter of cutbacks in funding for social services at state and federal levels, while greater individual economic concerns create increasing demand for Headrest services. We wish to thank residents of Thetford for their ongoing support.

THE FAMILY PLACE

The Family Place is a non-profit comprehensive family resource center based in White River Junction with outreach services in 21 towns throughout the Upper Valley in Vermont. We are committed to promoting the healthy growth and development of families. Our goal is the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

We accomplish this by providing education, support, and therapeutic services in a non-judgemental environment. We know that the earlier we reach children and their families, the better their chances for successful, healthy lives and meaningful contributions to their communities.

CURRENT FAMILY PLACE PROGRAMS

- Family counseling and play therapy for families with young children.
- Parenting education classes and workshops.
- Home visiting by Family Educators on staff and volunteer Parenting Partners.
- Family, Infant and Toddler Project for families with children with special needs, birth through age 3.
- Reach Up case management of pre-vocational training and parent education for young parents receiving welfare.
- Hartford Afterschool Program.
- Playgroups for parents and children birth - age 5.
- Parent support groups.
- Family fun events.
- Drop in center, resource library, information and referral to helping resources.
- Training and consultation.

The Family Place is dependent on funding from the state, grants, United Way, private contributors and town allocations. In order for us to provide the outreach programming to towns with our family-focused services for all families, while, of course, helping the greatest in need, the support we receive from town residents in the Upper Valley is essential.

We appreciate your belief in the importance of our goals and your confidence in The Family Place.

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

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

Students and teachers meet in one-to-one and/or small group sessions, and design an individual learning program to suit the requirements of each adult student. This "school without walls" ties together basic literacy and math skills with such practical interest areas as child care, budgeting, filling out forms and applications, studying for a driver's permit or a Commercial Driving License (CDL), writing reports and memos, and reading work-related texts.

Ten (10) Thetford Adults were enrolled in the program last year, and volunteers from the community helped to make the service accessible to all Thetford residents.

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

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (Main Office)
18 North Main Street
Barre, Vermont 05641
(802) 476-4588



CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION (CVCAC)

For 31 years, Central Vermont Community Action has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington counties with programs and services designed to help families work toward better lives. This year, CVCAC worked with more than 16,000 individuals through Head Start, Farmworkers, Community Economic Development, the Child Care Food Program, Weatherization, Community Services, Family Economic Development, and Emergency Services.

We are proud of the work we have done in the last 30 years. But this year, we began a major shift in our resources and focus because we want to offer long-term support to families who want to get out of poverty permanently, not just help them get through another day or week or month. We believe that the way to do this is through what we call "family economic development"--forming home-based partnerships with families to work together toward finding real solutions to the problems of becoming economically self-sufficient. We believe that this approach represents everyone's best chance to strengthen our local communities.

Consequently, in the past year we have transferred our emergency food shelves to community groups and churches and our distribution of USDA commodities to the Vermont Food Bank (which began as a project of Central Community Action) in order to have more staff time and resources to work directly with families. **CVCAC will continue to help families who need emergency services** through its offices in Barre, Morrisville, and Randolph, **and will continue to work collaboratively with community groups** as we face the immediate challenges of the next few years.

This past year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 14 individuals in 3 Thetford families with program services and another 125 residents with emergency assistance. Twelve of the families we served had annual incomes below the federal poverty level; one of those families was receiving assistance from ANFC, and eight were employed.

Eighty people were helped through USDA commodities; seven through emergency food shelf help; nine benefitted from subsidized meals provided to day care homes. Three received weatherization assistance; another two participated in Head Start.

This year, Community Action developed a formula for our funding requests to all towns based on population, number of residents served, and dollars spent in each community. Based on that formula, we are requesting \$400 from the citizens of Thetford to support Community Action. Your support is critical to our work, and the Board and staff of Community Action are most grateful for your help.

CLARA MARTIN CENTER

The Clara Martin Center is a nonprofit community mental health center serving Orange County and the Upper Valley within a 45 mile radius of its sites in Randolph, Bradford and Wilder.

The Clara Martin Center's programs serve children and their families, the chronically mentally ill and individuals with alcohol and other drug problems. Services include, but are not limited to, individual and group counseling; psychiatric services for adults and adolescents; respite care; housing; benefits, vocational and other case management; outreach and home-based contacts, and a 24 hour emergency system. The Clara Martin Center also developed, in collaboration with the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union, an intensive alternative education program for youth who would benefit from behavioral support.

Following the Legislature's elimination of subsidy money for outpatient services about 16 months ago, the Clara Martin Center developed a walk-in clinic to provide free and immediate consultation for problem solving and referrals. The Clinic is available in Randolph Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays 10:00 AM to Noon, and 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, with evening hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Bradford walk-in clinic hours are Thursdays 10:00 AM to Noon, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, and 5:00 - 7:00 PM, and Fridays 10:00 AM to Noon, and 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

The walk-in clinic offers confidential and short term consultation for couples, adults, adolescents, children and families. Common issues that might bring someone to the walk-in clinic include depression, anxiety, relationship issues, life transitions, work stress, questions about alcohol and other drugs or concerns about family members or friends. The walk-in clinic was not designed to bring in revenue. It is in part funded by appropriations voted at Town meetings. The support of the towns is greatly appreciated since the clinic supports the area's most disadvantaged families.

To get immediate access to services call the office nearest you - Randolph, 728-4466, Bradford, 222-4477, Quitting Time (Wilder), 295-1311, and someone will assist you in accessing the services best suited to meet your needs. If it's an emergency, please call our 24-hour emergency number, 1 (800) 639-6360.

VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Vermont Center for Independent Living, founded in 1979, is a private, non-profit organization of Vermonters with disabilities working together for dignity, independence, and civil rights. Our goals are to increase opportunities for people with disabilities to participate fully in the life of our communities and to dismantle the physical, communication, attitudinal barriers that prevent us from realizing our full human potential. We work together with other citizens with disabilities to achieve full human and civil rights and equal access to community services and opportunities; to increase the availability of community resources and options for independent living; and to gain the power to control and direct our own lives.

VCIL is Vermont's first and only statewide cross-disability independent living center and was the first organization in Vermont to be directed and staffed by people with disabilities.

VCIL served over 3,500 Vermonters this past year. We offer information and referral services, one-to-one peer advocacy counseling and assistance with obtaining equipment and services that enable people with severe disabilities to live more independently. We also offer assistance in modifying home entrances and bathrooms of low-income Vermonters with disabilities, community advocacy, information about the Americans with Disabilities Act and other civil rights laws, help in obtaining accessible and affordable housing, and meals-on-wheels for persons with disabilities. We have offices in Montpelier, Brattleboro and Bennington, as well as a network of locally based peer Advocate Counselors serving the entire state.

In FY 1995, staff members of the Information and Referral and Assistive Technology programs responded to 2,144 requests for information and/or assistance statewide. The Home Access Project received 118 requests for assistance with home accessibility modifications during the year, and 42 projects totaling \$ 72,821 were completed. Counselors in the Peer Advocacy Counseling program provided assistance to 371 people with disabilities. VCIL awarded \$ 73,000 to 176 individuals in the Independent Living Services program and also served 95 people through the Meals on wheels program. Staff of the Community Advocacy program made over 564 advocacy contact during the year.

For more information, contact VCIL at 11 East State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602; telephone (802) 229-0501, or 1(800) 639-1522, voice and TDD.

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VT & NH, INC.

We are grateful for the continued support of the town in helping us to meet the home care and hospice needs of uninsured persons in Thetford. All services are provided in collaboration with hospital discharge planners and/or with the attending physician and are available to persons of all ages and all economic means. Our VNA staff working out of the Lebanon and Bradford branch offices provide skilled services for people who may have had recent surgery, may be recovering from an acute illness or disability, or may have long term care needs or who may need supportive care and symptom control services during a terminal illness.

While the majority of services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance, the town funds are critical in helping to support home care and hospice for people without insurance, inadequate insurance or the ability to pay for services. This past year, the VNA incurred a financial loss due to exceeding the subsidy available for the growing numbers of uninsured persons. Each year we hope this trend will reverse and that health insurance will be more available to everyone. However, we are now terribly concerned about the pending changes in Medicare and Medicaid and the impact on home care and hospice services. At a time when there are pressures to reduce hospital stays and freeze nursing home beds, it would seem logical that resources would be shifted to home care and hospice programs. We hope that will be the case.

The following services were provided in the Town of Thetford:

HOME CARE AND HOSPICE VISITS - JULY 1, 1994 - JUNE 30, 1995	
<i>Nursing</i>	1,128
<i>Physical Therapy</i>	228
<i>Speech Therapy</i>	1
<i>Occupational Therapy</i>	185
<i>Social Services</i>	27
<i>Home Health Aide</i>	1,532
<i>Homemaker</i>	249
Totals:	3,350
<i>Hospice of the Upper Valley</i>	
<i>Family Support Services:</i>	22 Families served
<i>MCH Home Visits:</i>	26 visits

Elizabeth J. Davis, RN, MPH

HOSPICE VNH

Hospice VNH is a voluntary, community-based human service organization which addresses issues of life-threatening illness, death and bereavement. Our emphasis is on caring; we encourage ourselves and others to attend to the wholeness of each person and to affirm as well as support one another - clients and care givers alike - in the spirit of love. Services include: direct patient/family care; volunteer, professional and community education; patient/family advocacy; case management; and influence on the development of public policy. The work of volunteers in the delivery of patient/family care is the mainstay of our Hospice services.

Our major sources of income are from memorial gifts, individual donations, and town support. We gratefully acknowledge the support we have received from Thetford in the past, and hope you will continue to support our services.

From January 1 through December 31, 1995, Hospice served 443 patient/families in our various areas of service, of which 13 have been from Thetford. On January 1, 1995, Hospice of the Upper Valley, Inc. Merged with the Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire to provide a higher quality of care to the residents of the Upper Valley.

In 1994, a total of 152 patient/family units received nursing assessment and consultation, volunteer assistance with routine tasks or respite care in home, hospital, or nursing home. 274 families received support and guidance in their grief through our support groups for bereaved children and ongoing adult support groups.

Hospice VNH services are available free of charge in Upper Valley Towns including Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Warren and Wentworth in New Hampshire, and Barnard, Bradford, Bridgewater, Corinth, Fairlee, Hartford, Hartland, Newbury, Norwich, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, Thetford, Topsham, Vershire, West Fairlee, West Windsor, Windsor, and Woodstock in Vermont.

Marie Kirn,

Executive Director

GEORGE D. AIKEN R C & D, INC.

Thank you very much for your support of the George D. Aiken RC&D Area Council. In 1995, we helped complete 11 measures in southern Vermont at an estimated investment of \$ 250,000. We want to alert you to a few projects that we think will be of interest to you.

The Vergennes School, with our help, has begun the development of a natural area for educational and recreational use. A pond, trails, and drainage improvements were completed in 1995.

We have coordinated an educational slide show on community planning which is available. The 20-minute presentation is entitled "Creative Planning Techniques: Guiding Change in Your Community." We are now producing a video and workbook available next Spring.

In October, we helped organize a Rural Fire Protection Field Day and Dry Hydrant Demonstration in West Haven. We are available to your Fire Department to help plan and install a dry hydrant system to improve firefighting capabilities and reduce insurance rates.

The RC&D Council has worked with the State of New York to organize the Battenkill Watershed Council. This council has formed a Board of Directors and Bylaws. It is a grass roots, citizen organization that is working to enhance and develop the economy and environment within the watershed.

These are a few examples of programs that we can help your town with. Please contact Dennis Borchardt, our Executive Director, if we can be of service to you or if you have any questions. We are happy to help you.

Edward McNamara, Chair

VERMONT GREEN UP, INC.

This year, Vermonters joined in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Green Up Day which began in 1970, specifically to assist residents of your community with the cleanup of your roads. Through public service announcements and by bulk orders of posters, bags and stickers for the more than 200 towns that participate, we are able to minimize the costs of this major effort.

The success of Green Up depends on two essential ingredients: one, the combined efforts of over 20,000 individuals and civic groups who donate their time and talents to make it all possible, and two, the financial support we receive from the public and private sector throughout Vermont.

Green Up is a charitable, non-profit, (501 (c) (3)) organization that exists solely to help volunteers in your community and in the rest of Vermont. Gifts and grants are used to purchase the supplies mentioned earlier and to pay for the services of one part-time administrator who helps your Town Chair to organize and execute the program in your community.

We know your budget for the coming year will be tight, but we respectfully ask that we be included in it. With your town's help, we can help to continue that great tradition of keeping Vermont the cleanest state in the country, and residents will be able to point with pride to their efforts which make it all worthwhile.

F. Sheldon Prentice, President

GREEN MT. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is the regional development corporation that serves the thirty towns in east-central Vermont. Its primary mission is to preserve and strengthen the region's economic base by creating new jobs and new business opportunities. By working with new and existing businesses and with local governments, GMEDC provides assistance with financial packaging, site location, training and expansion.

In 1995, GMEDC embarked upon an aggressive recruitment effort designed to attract new business into Vermont. That effort has yielded a significant number of leads and prospects that have expressed a desire in relocating to Vermont.

While the GMEDC region enjoyed a 1995 unemployment rate averaging 2%, this regional development corporation participated in projects that kept existing business in Vermont; created and retained 181 jobs; generated 54,300 square feet of new industrial/business space resulting in an investment of private/public monies totaling \$ 3,713,578. In addition to this strong commitment to sustaining a strong economic base, GMEDC can provide member towns with assistance in writing and administering community development grants that enhance economic development opportunities on a community. During 1995, GMEDC provided services to the Town of Thetford's Economic Development Committee.

As the primary source for business and economic development, GMEDC's Board of Directors is committed to working for a strong, diverse and sustainable economy during 1996. That commitment includes assisting any Thetford resident or business needing to utilize GMEDC's services. For more information, call Peter J. Marcou, Executive Director at 295-3710.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns, (VLCT) was organized in 1967 by cities and towns for cities and towns on Vermont. VLCT is governed by a 13 member board of directors comprised of select persons, mayors, managers and clerks and is dedicated to serving the best interests and needs of Vermont Municipalities. VLCT is supported entirely by revenues from local governments, 245 of 246 cities and town in Vermont are members of the association.

Local officials are responsible for a vast number of laws and regulations to assure their residents' health and welfare, ranging from protection against rabies threats to keeping the roads clear, to providing for solid waste management and fire protection. The Vermont League of Cities and Towns puts considerable effort into providing education for local officials. We offer workshops throughout the year to health officers, planning commissions, zoning administrators, select persons, auditors, tax collectors and others. In addition, VLCT provides manuals on specific subjects to guide local officials in the discharge of their responsibilities. A new book this year, the Handbook for Delinquent Tax Collectors, guides collectors of delinquent taxes through the maze of Vermont's taxation laws. VLCT staff are only a phone call away from local officials with specific questions about any local government matter. More than 500 questions were answered in the past year from virtually every member municipality. Municipal attorneys are also available to give advice and legal opinions through the VLCT Law Center. VLCT is committed to helping municipal leaders develop expertise in their city and town jobs and to appropriately handle the very complex problems that face them daily.

VLCT offers insurance "Trust" programs to municipalities that save taxpayers thousands of dollars every year because member municipalities pool their resources before purchasing insurance. In 1995, the VLCT Health Trust returned more than \$ 1,735,046 to its member municipalities and the Property, Casualty and Insurance Fund (PACIF) returned \$ 600,000 to its members. Since 1983, total distributions from the Health, PACIF, and Unemployment Trusts have equaled \$ 6,624,000!

The VLCT News and VLCT Weekly Legislative Report provide municipal officials with up-to-date information on legislative issues and articles of special interest on topics such as workplace safety, funds available through the federal crime bill, and municipal planning. As of 1993, members may access that information through a computer bulletin board service (joining the information superhighway) as well. Each member city or town has a vote at the annual meeting.

VLCT represents the interests of local government in the legislature, using as a basis for positions that are taken on different subjects the VLCT Municipal Policy, a policy platform that is adopted by the membership at its

annual meeting in October. This covers a wide range of topics affecting local government including elections law, financial management, property taxes, transportation, and environmental issues.

Dues paid by member municipalities are vital to the continued existence of VLCT. Municipal officials around the state thank you for your support.

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE R P C

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is a voluntary association of 31 towns, four Vermont and 27 New Hampshire communities. The Commission is concerned with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic, environmental and social growth in the Region. It functions as a research, resource, and informational agency, and when appropriate, acts to obtain Federal, State and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the Region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional publications, such as our **Regional Profile**, regional studies, such as our Regional Transportation Plan, and regional projects, such as the Lake Sunapee Watershed Management Plan, are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series, and library which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were available to all of our member communities. In 1995, our work specifically for the Town of Thetford included:

- Recommended that Thetford be given an opportunity to apply for community planning initiative.
- Supported Ompompanoosuc River Outstanding Water Resource designation.
- Added adopted changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations and printed a master copy of each for the town.
- Provided information about municipal planning funds.
- Assisted in data collection for subdivision application.
- Assisted in procedural determination in subdivision review.
- Developed a one-page economic data summary sheet for the Town.
- Reviewed and commented on proposed zoning amendment.
- Compiled population data for appraiser's use.

Our Commission looks forward to continuing to serve Thetford in the coming year.

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUV), created by its member towns and the Vermont legislature to manage solid waste generated within its municipalities, is dedicated to providing economically-sound and environmentally-safe waste processing and disposal to all our residents. Towns served include: Bridgewater, Hartland, Norwich, Pomfret, Sharon, Strafford, Thetford, Vershire, West Fairlee and Woodstock.

Municipal solid waste management has seen near revolutionary change in just the past few years. The passage of Vermont's first solid waste law - Act 78, the successful and then sudden demise of the Upper Valley's Bi-State Program, the U.S. Supreme Court's prohibition of flow control, are just a few examples of how complex and dynamic local solid waste management has become.

Recycling, composting, household hazardous waste management, and lined landfills all are part of the regional program residents desire in properly managing our trash. These public policy decisions, in an era of reduced government services and expanded private sector roles, have made it difficult for local Select Boards to chart the right course for their communities. Ignoring this problem will not make it go away. An informed and active waste management district is the best insurance policy for our communities. As rapid change continues to occur in the solid waste industry nationwide, we need to keep our heads up and eyes open to best serve our communities and not be caught in situations that are economically disadvantageous to our towns.

Through active management, the GUV District has been cost effective in your community; the cost per household for hazardous waste disposal, for example, has been reduced by nearly 50%; the District stood firm in opposing the Lebanon Landfill's per-capita assessment on the property tax; and lengthy negotiations have maintained the proposed Hartland landfill site as an asset to the region which should keep disposal costs to an absolute minimum well into the next century.

1995 BOND At Town Meeting, voters overwhelmingly (71% in favor) approved \$175,000 for land acquisition which will enable the District to site or establish a new access road to the proposed Hartland landfill site and examine potential impacts on an adjacent community well.

HARTFORD Also at Town Meeting 1995, Hartford residents voted to withdraw from GUV. After months of negotiation, the Town agreed to: (a) pay their share (36%) of the 1994 bond; (b) pay past assessments and fees, including interest; and (c) collect and pay the District waste management fees, in return for uninterrupted access to the Hartford Community Center for Recycling by District residents.

1996 BUDGET Under the FY '96 Budget, the per-capita assessment remains at \$5, unchanged since 1993. In addition, a waste management fee of \$15/ton of trash disposed was instituted last January. This new charge was necessitated by revenues lost by the demise of the bi-state program, and goes directly to fund hazardous waste collections, special recycling/collection programs and education.

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Last November, Fred Moody, formerly manager of the Chittenden Solid Waste District, the state's largest, replaced Jim Gruber, who had directed GUV for the previous three years. Moody, among other accomplishments, has the distinction of having managed the only solid waste district in Vermont to have successfully sited, bonded and constructed a publicly-owned, regional, lined landfill.

HARTLAND LANDFILL UPDATE Upon completion of the final engineering design by Dufresne-Henry we began the permitting process. At present, the landfill is undergoing the Act 78 permit review which is largely technical and related exclusively to the adequacy of the design and the geological suitability of the site. Upon receipt of Act 78 Certification, and resolution of the access issue, the Act 250 permit application will be submitted and will address such issues as traffic, aesthetics and conformance with local municipal and regional plans. The District continues to work to resolve access-related issues to the Hartland site. The '95 bond provided for an access corridor, increased buffer area and, as a benefit to all Vermonters, a commitment to sustain agriculture in No. Hartland for another half-century or more.

DISTRICT PROGRAMS In the past 18 months GUV has provided household hazardous waste collections, tire collections, illegal dump site clean-ups, educational handouts, expansion of recycling options and educational programs for schools, civic groups and businesses. Composting efforts included assisting the Hanover Co-op Food Store with their in-house composting project on their Norwich land, and working with the Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business on a study of composting potential in the GUV towns. A summary of events included Earth Day activities which premiered the new traveling exhibit "What & Where in the World" about the source of common recyclables, the Riverfest Forum on Pesticides Use, several presentations on reducing hazardous wastes, the fourth annual bumpersticker contest, and a business workshop on best management practices for the vehicle service repair industry. Some key highlights include:

Illegal Trash Removed. Events throughout the year focused on cleaning up projects: Green-Up Day was extremely successful again this year, with some 9 tons of trash, 27 tons of scrap metal and 1,480 tires were collected by over 600 volunteers. Under a special state grant, six towns cleaned up illegal dump sites, and some went on to try and eliminate the problem by erecting barriers at the sites.

Boxboard and Textbooks Recycled. A series of one-day collection events for boxboard provided the impetus for on-going collection of the material at most recycling centers. A Spring and Fall school and library textbook recycling project collected over 4 tons of hard- and soft-cover books for recycling. The non-soda bottle containers called custom PETE, marked with a #1 on the bottom, were also brought on-line at recycling centers.

H.H.W. Collections Sited in Local Towns. Five collections were held, three at the Hartford Hazwaste Facility and in a new program of neighborhood collections in the GUV towns of Thetford and Woodstock. Participation was over 11% for the District as a whole, with 706 households bringing in hazardous wastes. The two host towns of Thetford and Woodstock reached over 15% participation.

Tires Collected and Recycled. At seven sites in the GUV District towns of Bridgewater, Hartland, Norwich, Sharon, Strafford, Thetford and West Fairlee, over 2,400 tires were collected from 263 individuals. Most of the tires were taken to be recycled into cow bedding, asphalt and other products at a northern Vermont rubber recycling facility.

U.V.C.O.N. GUV took over the management role of an unique organization, the Upper Valley Compliance Officers Network (UVCON), which focuses on health, safety and environmental issues for NH and VT businesses.

Please remember that this is your local solid waste management district. Waste reduction is an important component of our management strategy. Please help do your part and save money by not generating unnecessary waste and recycling as much as possible. We will continue to offer special and ongoing programs to assist your community in providing the best service possible.

Stephen Willbanks, Chair
Board of Supervisors

UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions has met monthly to work on its river corridor management plan and to advise the state of NH and VT, the federal government, and the Joint Commissions on local matters affecting the river.

Education and enforcement are emerging as the primary needs for the river in this region. Our inquiry into water quality has led us to draw state and federal attention to concerns about combines sewer overflows in Lebanon, leachate from the Ompompanoosuc copper mines, and bank erosion. Our concern for the potential impacts of boat wakes and water level manipulation upon riverbanks has led us to look carefully at boat access and to work closely with New England Power Company. We think that citizens want and need to know more about how they can help, such as keeping their boat wakes low to avoid causing bank erosion and checking their boats to be sure they are not carrying milfoil or Zebra Mussels. We regret to report that Eurasian Milfoil has been discovered on the river, at Hoyt's Landing in Springfield, VT.

We have met with fisheries and wildlife biologists and other experts to learn more about the needs of these resources in our area. The Connecticut River Macrosite, an area of especially rich and diverse habitat, is located along the river in our region. We agree that existing laws and wetland rules should be followed, and that good science should support all decision making.

Our primary review of existing town plans and regulations of our region shows that strong language exists in most master plans, but that little has been incorporated into regulations.

The Subcommittee has been asked to comment on a number of permit applications. On a permit to close Lebanon's unlined landfill and create a riprapped swale to direct storm water into the river, we asked for alternatives for the runoff. For work on an historic bridge in Lyme, we noted the exceptional fishing in the area and questioned whether dredged sediments should be deposited on the steep banks next to the bridge, as proposed. We also urged DOT to routinely consult with the natural heritage inventory program early in its project planning. On an indirect discharge permit for the Bradford High School, we commended the Vermont Agency for ensuring regular evaluation of the system's performance. Finally, we recommended approval of a vegetative bank stabilization project in Orford, where stream side plantings could complement good wildlife habitat in a nearby setback, and of two small seasonal docks in Lyme.

The Upper Valley River Subcommittee, formed in January, 1993 under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Act, includes the riverfront towns from Piermont to Lebanon, NH and Bradford to Hartford, VT, and by law, our members represent local government, local business, agriculture, recreation, conservation, and riverfront landowners. The Subcommittee is advisory only, and has no regulatory powers. All meetings are open to the public and take place on the third Monday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Lyme Town Office. Citizens are encouraged to attend and contribute their ideas. If you wish to serve on the Subcommittee, please contact a member of your Select Board.

ORANGE COUNTY DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Orange County Diversion Program (OCDP) is a cost-effective alternative to the court system for first time juvenile and adult offenders. Diversion is a confidential, community-based program which holds offenders accountable for their unlawful action in a manner that teaches responsible behavior and deters future delinquent or criminal activity. It makes an impact on the lives of the people served.

A volunteer citizen "review board" meets with every Diversion client and decides what the client must do to make amends for their offense. Clients who successfully complete the program have the charge dismissed in court. If the client does not satisfactorily complete Diversion, the matter is returned to court for prosecution.

The OCDP continues to serve the communities of Orange County. Last year, Diversion clients performed 805 hours of community service and paid \$ 5,725.00 in restitution. Forty victims of crime received compensation.

Diversion frees up the court's time to handle more serious matters: 31% of the delinquency petitions filed in this county last year were referred to Diversion, and 11% of adult criminal charges were referred. We are also pleased to have been awarded a grant from the Upper Valley Community Foundation to expand our Victim/Offender Mediation Services.

Diversion receives funding from a State grant, United Way, client fees, and from local fundraising. This year, Orange County Diversion must raise 33% of its budget through local fundraising. Last year, Diversion was proud to be supported by every town in this county. Thank you.

Shari Young, Executive Director

BUGBEE SENIOR CENTER

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

We offer the following services to Thetford residents: Congregate Meals, Home Delivered Meals, Social Worker, limited transportation, newsletter, health clinics, and the opportunity to participate in our hundreds of activities each year.

Shown below are units of service provided to Thetford residents over 60 in 1995:

Service	Persons	Units of Service
Center Meals	31	508 Meals at Center
Home Delivered Meals	16	1493 Home Delivered Meals
Social Services	60	537 Client Services
Education/Recreation	35	Persons involved
Volunteers	12	678 Hours donated
Newsletter	162	1944 Copies mailed
Total Thetford Residents Served: 186		

The Bugbee Senior Center welcomes all Thetford residents to learn more about our services. For information, call 295-9068, or contact Eleanor Zue at the Thetford Town Clerk's Office on Wednesdays. We welcome your interest and participation.

Kathleen Avery, Director

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
THETFORD, VERMONT
MARCH 6, 1995**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Moderator Matthew Wiencke. The Meeting participated in the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer was offered by Richardson Fowle. Jim Masland spoke on recognition of Community Service Award recipients. Individually, the Town honored Del Betts, former Academy teacher, who worked at Camp Billings and is still active with the Academy. As a group, the Town honored the Solid Waste Committee, a successful example of local recycling/solid waste initiatives. David Greenfield accepted the award for the Committee. Wendy Cole offered a number of announcements.

ARTICLE I. To hear and act on the reports of the Town.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Wendy Cole. Article I passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE II. Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 16, 1995, by 5:00 P.M. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1 1/2% per month or fraction thereof, and 8% penalty will be due the Town.

Moved by Bill Halsey, seconded by George Klausner, Article II passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE III. Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money needed for current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Moved by Chet Palmer, seconded by Wendy Cole. Article III passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE IV. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 272,388.21 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.

Moved by Chet Palmer, seconded by Bill Halsey. Discussion: None. Article IV passed by a show of voter cards - unanimous.

ARTICLE V. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 283,704.37 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department.

Moved by Cynthia Taylor, seconded by Chet Palmer. Discussion: Bill Halsey asked where the amount to be raised figure was located. Jim Masland responded that the figure is included in the total highway budget less anticipated state aid, which is estimated to be approx \$ 100,000.00 for 1995. Article V passed by a show of voter cards - unanimous.

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

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Wendy Cole. Discussion:

Where is truck 4 in the table? Amended chart presented by Al Stone showing through year 2010 with all current equipment replaced. Joe Bivins had several questions, specifically, life expectancy of each piece of equipment, pros and cons of paying interest rather than purchasing outright. Jim Masland explained about low interest State loan. Tim Moore asked about consideration for other Town Vehicles, specifically Police and Fire Equipment. Police cruiser replacement has been considered, Selectboard has discussed plan with Fire Chief. Article VI passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE VII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 25,000.00 to go towards renovations of Anderson Hall in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Such monies shall be placed in the escrow account which has been established specifically for this purpose.

Moved by Chet Palmer, seconded by Brian Cole. Brian Cole spoke, asking for support for Article, describing the Academy's Capital Fundraising Campaign. Elizabeth Severance asked about when project would start, total cost. Brian responded that the project would be beginning this summer, and would be completed by start of 1995-1996 school year. Estimate is \$ 130,000.00, which is a budget figure. Bruce MacPhail asked if a ramp had been considered. Minimum slope required would make ramp too long. Are other Towns that send students here asked to contribute? Not yet. Balance of funding necessary will come from Capital Campaign receipts. Rick Barrows - is this the last time for \$ 25,000.00? Hopefully, due to an anticipated successful campaign. George Klausner asked if State or Federal funds were available. Not that Academy is aware of. Alford Stone spoke in favor, no other options for a Town meeting place. Article VII passed by a show of voter cards.

Representative Ruth Dwyer spoke on proposed property tax reform, noting that she voted against the recent reform measure, stating that there were no cost control allowances, nor did she feel that the numbers were realistic.

ARTICLE VIII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 750.00 to lease existing hydrants in approved fire ponds at \$ 75.00 per hydrant per annum.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Wendy Cole. Lister Janet Stowell spoke to the Article, explaining that the Statutes do not permit the Board of Listers to exempt Fire Ponds from taxation. Joe Bivins asked about value of a Fire Pond, how does amount to be raised compare to taxes to be raised. Lowest amount saved was \$ 90.00/year. Susan Brown asked if owners felt that they should be paid, or is this the Town's idea? Janet responded that she did not get the feeling that pond owners felt they needed to be reimbursed. Beth Young asked about number of Ponds - there are currently 8, may be more. Difference is allowance for possibility of added ponds. Chet Palmer explained that Fire Ponds were required by the Town through the Zoning Ordinance. Article VIII passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE IX. Shall the Town exempt the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department properties from taxation for a period of four years, 1995-1998 inclusive.

Moved by Wendy Cole, seconded by Cynthia Taylor. Bill Halsey asked if the Fire Department is currently exempt - they are. Rik Fowle asked about limit of exemption - Statutes allow for five years maximum, odd year figure is Town's attempt to try to coordinate expirations of other exempt/stabilized properties. Article IX passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE X. Shall the Town stabilize the taxes of Camp Billings at \$ 11,200.00 per year for a period of four years, 1995-1998 inclusive.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Bill Halsey. Joe Deffner spoke to the Article, noting that a significant number of local children were involved in the Camp, and emphasized its non-profit status. Rick Barrows asked what the taxes would be if not stabilized - based on 1994 Grand List figures, approximately \$ 12,000.00. What is the number of Thetford campers? Del Betts estimated that 75% of the campers were from Vermont and New Hampshire. Article X passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XI. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 4,950.00 for the White River Council on Aging.

Moved by Joe Tofel, seconded by Chet Palmer. Joe Tofel spoke to the Article, the reason for the increase is due to level funding over the past ten years, as well as lower state and federal funding. 13% of the recipients of services are Thetford residents, amounting to \$ 35,000.00, on a percentage basis. Programs included are hot lunches, Meals on Wheels, Town Senior outreach person, crafts, etc. Bertha Brown asked for support of the Article, noting that Meals on Wheels is a successful program in Thetford, serving 10 people four times a week. Article XI passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 1,500.00 for Upper Valley Services.

Moved by Doris Lingelbach, seconded by Jim Masland. Doris Lingelbach spoke in favor of the Article. Article XII passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XIII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 1,250.00 for Headrest.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Wendy Cole. John Van Sant spoke in favor of the Article. Article XIII passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XIV. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 650.00 for Hospice of the Upper Valley.

Moved by Chet Palmer, seconded by Bertha Brown. Michael Shoob spoke in favor of the Article. Article XIV passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XV. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$7,533.00 for Community Health Services (VNA/VNH).

Moved by Michael Shoob, seconded by Chet Palmer. Michael Shoob spoke in favor of this Article. Article XV passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XVI. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 4,266.50 for the Clara Martin Center (formerly Orange County Mental Health).

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Bill Halsey. No discussion, Article XVI passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XVII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 150.00 for the Vermont Center for Independent Living.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Bill Halsey. No discussion, Article XVII passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XVIII. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 150.00 for Vermont Green Up, Inc.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Joe Tofel. Jim Masland spoke in favor of this Article. Article XVIII passed by a show of voter cards.

ARTICLE XIX. Shall the Town raise the sum of \$ 90.00 for the Upper Valley Joint River Commissions.

Moved by Jim Masland, seconded by Doris Lingelbach. Wendy Cole spoke to the Article. Lyn Noel spoke in favor of the Article, as did Dan Grossman. Bob Nichols stated that he felt that Agriculture, specifically Dairy Farmers, were not well represented. Roberta Howard offered a number of examples of Town delegates up and down the River with an Agricultural background.

ARTICLE XX. To transact any other business which may legally come before the Meeting.

Non-business information - Wendy Cole spoke about the fact that 10 Fire Department members have passed level 1 certification, out of only 200 firefighters in the State. Wendy also mentioned that Thetford's Recreation Committee has received a State grant for adding to the Trails system at Thetford Academy.

Alford Stone spoke about the proposed GUVSWMD bond issue, stating that there were many unanswered questions about the scope of the project. Stuart Blood spoke to the Landfill vote, saying that he was in favor, in protecting investment to date. George Klausner asked about alternatives, should this be turned down. What is cost to Thetford, if 6.6 million figure is correct? Unknown, but the balance would be paid by users, at an estimated \$ 46/ton. Susan Brown asked about "state of the art technology" where no garbage is allowed to decompose. Alternatives - incinerate, use less. George Demers asked where the proposed bridge would lead to when landfill is full. Jim Masland responded that the life expectancy of the new landfill is 40-50 years. Chet Palmer asked if there had been an allocation for bureaucracy. Bruce MacPhail - 16,000 tons/year actual vs. 50,000 tons/year

estimated? Where does the difference come from? Adding New Hampshire towns brings total up to 35,000 tons/year, and there are plans to import garbage from around the state to make up the difference. The alternative is higher tipping fee as well as numerous hours for Recycling. Stuart Blood explained that a large chunk of the budget is for hazardous waste collection, education, and recycling, which is mandated by the State.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

A True Record, Attest:

Roberta C. Howard,
Town Clerk

Approved:

Matthew I. Wiencke, Moderator
Deecie McNelly, Selectman

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS - TOWN OFFICERS - MARCH 7, 1995

TOWN MODERATOR		CONSTABLE, 1 YEAR	
Matthew I. Wiencke	520	Charles Stephens	518
Charlie Buttrey	2	Write Ins	2
Other Write Ins	5	Spoiled	1
Spoiled	2	Blank	41
Blank	33	TOTAL	562
TOTAL	562	LISTER, 3 YEAR	
SELECTMAN, 3 YEAR		Janet Stowell	501
Alford Stone	477	Wes Kelley	2
Richard Towle	7	Other Write Ins	2
Wes Kelley	3	Blank	57
Joe Bivins	2	TOTAL	562
Richardson Fowle	2	AUDITOR, 3 YEAR	
Other Write Ins	6	George Klausner	488
Spoiled	5	Wes Kelley	3
Blank	60	Other Write Ins	2
TOTAL	562	Spoiled	1
SELECTMAN, 2 YEAR		Blank	68
Patricia Blake	379	TOTAL	562
David Turner	113	GRAND JUROR, 1 YEAR	
Write Ins	2	Charlie Buttrey	11
Spoiled	7	Robert Jaccaud	7
Blank	61	Melissa Malloy	5
TOTAL	562	Charles Stephens	4
TOWN CLERK, 1 YEAR		Elmer Brown	3
Roberta Howard	531	Dan Grossman	3
Diane Stone	2	Arthur Bacon	2
Other Write Ins	2	Sam Eaton	2
Spoiled	0	Wes Kelley	2
Blank	27	Other Write Ins	35
TOTAL	562	Spoiled	1
TOWN TREAS., 1 YEAR		Blank	487
Roberta Howard	529	TOTAL	562
Diane Stone	2	AGT/CONVEY PROP., 1 YEAR	
Other Write Ins	3	Charlie Buttrey	20
Spoiled	0	Elmer Brown	3
Blank	28	Dan Grossman	3
TOTAL	562	Melissa Malloy	3
DEL. TAX COLLECTOR, 1 YEAR		Arthur Bacon	2
Roberta Howard	530	Elmer Brown	2
Diane Stone	3	Sam Eaton	2
Other Write Ins	4	Wes Kelley	2
Spoiled	0	Ann Swanson	2
Blank	25	Other Write Ins	21
TOTAL	562	Spoiled	3
		Blank	499
		TOTAL	562

AGT PROS/DEF. SUITS, 1 YEAR

Charlie Buttrey	32
Dan Grossman	5
Melissa Malloy	3
Richard Munis	2
Charles Stephens	2
Other Write Ins	21
Spoiled	2
Blank	495
TOTAL	562

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 5 YEAR

Peter Van Tyle	410
Susan Tallman	10
Ruel Barrett	2
Other Write Ins	4
Spoiled	1
Blank	135
TOTAL	562

LIBRARY TRUSTEE, 5 YEAR

Susan Tallman	92
Richardson Fowle	3
Dianne Sharkey	3
Edmund Houston	2
Peter Van Tyle	2
Jean Wolstenholme	2
Other Write Ins	37
Spoiled	3
Blank	418
TOTAL	562

BUDGET COMMITTEE, 2 YEAR

Jean Wolstenholme	452
Wes Kelley	5
Other Write Ins	7
Spoiled	2
Blank	96
TOTAL	562

BUDGET COMMITTEE, 2 YEAR

William Keegan	448
Wes Kelley	3
Ray Charpiot	2
Other Write Ins	5
Spoiled	1
Blank	103
TOTAL	562

BUDGET COMMITTEE, 3 YEAR

Liz Ryan Cole	422
Richard Munis	2
Wes Kelley	4
Julia Eaton	2
Other Write Ins	15
Spoiled	7
Blank	110
TOTAL	562

CEMETERY COMM., 2 YEAR

Andrew B. Martin	453
Elmer Brown	3
Other Write Ins	4
Spoiled	0
Blank	102
TOTAL	562

CEMETERY COMM., 3 YEAR

Robert Fournier	49
Sam Eaton	25
John Wilmot	11
Wesley Clay	9
Robert Bacon	3
Alford Stone	3
Brian Boland	2
James Cowden	2
Wes Kelley	2
Jim LaMontagne	2
Jim Masland	2
Other Write Ins	22
Spoiled	9
Blank	421
TOTAL	562

TOTAL CHECKLIST: 1,678

TOTAL VOTERS: 562

% VOTING: 33.5%

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS SCHOOL OFFICERS MARCH 7, 1995

SCHOOL MODERATOR, 1 YEAR

Dan Grossman	480
Wes Kelley	17
Matthew Wiencke	3
Arthur Bacon	2
Ruel Barrett	2
Other Write Ins	10
Spoiled	4
Blank	43
TOTAL	561

SCHOOL DIRECTOR, 2 YEAR

Pauline Cole	472
Julia Eaton	7
Ruth Dwyer	4
Wes Kelley	4
Denise Phelps	4
Ray Charpiot	2
Dennis Phelps	2
Other Write Ins	7
Spoiled	2
Blank	57
TOTAL	561

SCHOOL DIRECTOR, 3 YEAR

Charlie Buttrey	476
Julia Eaton	6
Ruth Dwyer	3
Jim Harlow	3
Wes Kelley	3
Lauren Harhen	2
Richard Munis	2
Denise Phelps	2
Other Write Ins	10
Spoiled	2
Blank	52
TOTAL	561

CHURCHES

Thetford Baptist Church - East Thetford Rev. Gregory Meyers	785-2050
North Thetford Federated Church - North Thetford Rev. Martin Fors	333-4429
Post Mills Congregational Church - Post Mills Rev. J. Yorke Peeler	333-9352
First Congregational Church - Thetford Hill	785-2915
Timothy Frost Methodist Church - Thetford Center Rev. Bertha Cook Brown	785-2167
Union Village Methodist Church - Union Village Rev. Louis Maxfield	295-3266

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Latham Memorial Library - Thetford Hill Peter Blodgett, Librarian Mon. 2:00 - 8:30 PM, Tues., Wed., Thurs. 2:00 - 5:00 PM Fri. 9:00 - 5:00 PM, Sat. 10:00 - 1:00 PM	785-4361
North Thetford Library - North Thetford Jeanne Phipps Saturday 1:00 - 4:00 PM	333-9130
Peabody Library - Post Mills Peter Blodgett, Librarian Wed. 9:30 - Noon, 2:00 - 5:00, 7:00 - 8:00 (Winter) Wed. 9:30 - Noon, 2:00 - 5:00, 7:00 - 8:00, Sat. 10:00 - Noon (Summer)	333-9724
Thetford Historical Library - Thetford Hill Marian Fifield Charles Latham Mon 10:00 - Noon, Tues. 10:00 - Noon (Summer), other hours by appt.	785-2430 333-4613

POST OFFICES

East Thetford - Mike Bedard	785-2874
North Thetford - Holly Towle	333-9555
Post Mills - Robert Totz	333-9571
Thetford - Dennis Fennell	785-2146
Thetford Center - Henry McKee	785-4566

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PERMITS NEEDED

Access from Highways

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

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

Zoning Permits

No building construction or land development may commence or no land or structure may be devoted to a new or changed use within the Town without a Zoning Permit duly issued by the Zoning Administrator as provided for in section 4443 of the Act (Thetford Zoning Ordinance, Article 8, Section 820). Any business use carried on within the home requires a Home Occupation Permit or Conditional Use approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Subdivision Permits

No subdivision of land may legally occur without a hearing before the Thetford Planning Commission. The placing of a second dwelling on a lot constitutes a subdivision (Thetford Subdivision Regulations, Section 2.42). Application forms and copies of the Thetford Subdivision Regulations are available in the Town Clerk's Office. Sometimes there can be confusion over the meaning of the Regulations. The Zoning Administrator and/or members of the Thetford Planning Commission will be glad to try to informally answer questions. A subdivider is also welcome to come before the Planning Commission during one of its regularly scheduled meetings to ask questions. Meetings are held the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 7:30 PM, at the Town Hall.

Flood Hazard Area Zoning By-Law

A comprehensive Flood Hazard Area Zoning By-Law was adopted by the Board of Selectmen on July 31, 1978. This By-law regulates all new construction and development uses prescribed by the Thetford Zoning Ordinance, which fall within the federally-designated flood hazard areas, within 100 feet of these boundaries, or within 100' from the centerline of any stream designated as a flood hazard area. Copies of this By-law may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Sewage Disposal Systems - Construction Permit (for new system or repairs)

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

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

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

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

Occupancy Permit

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

Additions

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