

ANNUAL REPORTS

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

***YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2005***

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

[term expires in “()”]

Town Moderator – 1 year

Joseph Tofel	2459 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr	Joseph.Tofel@valley.net	649-1434
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School Moderator – 1 year

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

Thetford.Selectboard@valley.net

John Bacon ('08)	551 Lower Bailey Rd Thetford Ctr		785-4831
Mike Brown ('06)	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Mark McMahon ('07)	2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687
Mary Spata ('06)	272 Route 244, Post Mills	spataburk@valley.net	333-9383
Doug Stone ('07)	954 Poor Farm Rd. South Thetford Ctr		785-2140

Town Clerk – 1 year

Tracy Borst	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Thetford.Clerk@valley.net	785-2922
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Town Treasurer, Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 1 year

Jill Graff	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Thetford.Treasurer@valley.net	785-2922
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Grand Juror – 1 year

Vacant

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year

Vacant

Agent to convey Real Property – 1 year

Vacant

Listers – 3 year

Denise Adams ('06)	1100 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	Thetford.Listers@valley.net	785-4331
Donna Durkee ('08)	PO Box 122, E Thetford	Thetford.Listers@valley.net	785-4590
Janet Stowell ('07)	462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	Thetford.Listers@valley.net	785-4387

School Directors – 2 & 3 year

Robin Brown ('07)	222 Schoolhouse Hill Rd	Kevin.P.Brown@valley.net	333-4727
Denise Froehlich, Chair ('06)	725 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	Denise.Froehlich@valley.net	785-2097
Marty Jacobs('07/Res'd 7/05)	360 Cadwell Rd, E Thetford	Martha.Jacobs@alum.dartmouth.org	785-2606
Andrew Boyce ('07/Appt '05)	PO Box 57, Post Mills		333-9962
Darrin Clement ('06)	468 Garey Rd, E Thetford	dclement@maponics.com	785-2668
Bryant Patten ('08/Res'd 9/05)	730 Pero Hill Rd	tes@whitenitro.com	785-3160
Jennifer Reining ('08/Appt'05)	319 Cadwell Rd, E. Thetford		785-3083

Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 year

Frederick Howard ('06)	PO Box 57, N Thetford	333-9291
Ruel G. Barrett ('07)	PO Box 89, Thetford	785-2867
Elmer Brown ('08)	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr	785-2167

Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year

Andrew Martin ('06)	619 Quail John Rd, E Thetford	785-2024
John Wilmot ('08)	PO Box 6, E. Thetford	785-4090

Budget Committee – 3 year

Lynne Miller ('08)	759 Stevens Rd, E Thetford	785-4410
Ken McDaniels ('07)	PO Box 313, Thetford	785-4908
Mike Pomeroy (Appt. '06)	PO Box 128, Thetford	785-2534
Tod Moses (Appt. '06)	PO Box 164, Thetford Ctr	785-3060
Monohar Grewal (Appt. '06)	PO Box 128, Thetford	785-2534

Trustees of Latham Library – 4 year

Kathryn Bonyai ('06)	93 Cream St, Thetford Ctr	785-4403
Ron Chabot ('09)	1092 Poor Farm Rd South, Thetford Ctr.	785-2772
Janice S. Cook ('06)	313 Cream St, Thetford Ctr	785-2587
Betsy Edmunds ('08)	482 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-2132
Gwendolen Gensler ('07)	PO Box 141, E. Thetford	785-4038
Lisa Ladd ('09)	688 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-4917
Darla LaRoche('07)	4396 Route 132, Thetford Ctr	785-2734
Maureen Morse ('08)	678 Picknell Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-4747

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

Suzanne Houston ('07)

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

Gladys Boyd (Res'd 11/05)	805 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	785-2029
Mike Brown	437 Burnham Road, E. Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net 785-4536
Wendy Cole	146 Jackson Brook Rd, Thetford Ctr	Wendy.S.Cole@valley.net 785-2698
Laurie Ingalls	346 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-3190
Brenda Magoon	PO Box 25, N Thetford	785-4054
Diane Osgood	Po Box 18, N. Thetford	333-9397
Paul Raymond	PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr	785-4953
Cy Severance	PO Box 21, E Thetford	333-4436
Ann Swanson (Res'd 6/05)	414 Cream St, Thetford Ctr	Ann.Swanson@valley.net 785-9855
Jean Wolstenholme	PO Box 6, Thetford	785-4567
Suzanne Masland (Appt 7/05)	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-4146

Representative for Orange-Windsor

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

Mark MacDonald	404 MacDonald Rd, Williamstown	433-5867
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

Police Chief

Joseph Anthony (Res'd 11/05)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-2200
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Special Officers – Police

Jim Lancot	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	JLancot@dps.state.vt.us 785-2200
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Road Foreman

Doug Stone	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Emergency Pager 290-5527 785-4679
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Zoning Administrator – 3 year

Richard Blacklow (Appt. 11/05)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Thetford.Zoning@valley.net 785-4927
Bill Thrane (Res'd 10/05)		

Assistant Town Clerk

Joan Crosson	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-2922
Cyndi Briggs	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	

Assistant Treasurer

Rebecca Buchanan	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-2922
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Town Service Officer

Roberta Howard	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	333-4607
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Health Officer

Alford Stone ('06)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	785-4503
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Animal Control Officer

Sharon Harkay	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Pager 290-5521 785-4924
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Two Rivers-Ottawquechee RPC

Vacant

Pound Keeper

Ruth Dwyer Kent	2604 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-2817
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Fire Wardens (Burning Permits)

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

Planning Commission

Sean Mullen, Chair	1562 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-4373
Stuart Blood (Appt. 5/05)	851 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-4950
Dennis Donahue	416 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	785-3177
Richard Haugen	515 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	785-4494
Dennis Marquise	339 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	785-2175
Robert Pulaski (Res'd 5/05)	1006 Barker Rd, Thetford Ctr	333-4627
Ken Robinson (Res'd 11/05)	329 Turnpike Rd, Post Mills	333-9310
Wayne Parks	PO Box 148, E Thetford	333-9761
Tim Taylor	811 West Fairlee Rd, Fairlee	333-4455

Historic Preservation Committee

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

Greater UV Solid Waste District Representative

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

Jennifer Davey	PO Box 166, Post Mills		333-9607
Heather Carlos	478 Colby Rd. North, Thetford Ctr		785-4853
Ted Levin	PO Box 117, Thetford	Ted.Levin@valley.net	333-4443
Lilian Shen (Appt. 7/05)	851 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4950
Robert Pulaski	1006 Barker Rd, Thetford Ctr		333-4627
William Shepard	2360 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-2855
Scott Stokoe	518 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr	Scott.Stokoe@valley.net	785-2083
Fred Thomas	1221 Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-2596
Patricia Weyrick	1891 Five Corners Rd, Fairlee		333-9430

Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society

Jessica Londa, President	PO Box 123, Thetford	Jessica.B.Londa@Dartmouth.edu	785-2434
Mike Pomeroy, VP	PO Box 128, Thetford		785-2534
Annemarie Linnehan, Treas.	PO Box 11, Thetford		785-2447
Michelle Longo	PO Box 12, Thetford		785-9807
Leslie Carleton	PO Box 125, Thetford		785-4526
Carl Estabrook	PO Box 96, Thetford		785-4644
Coleen Fox, Secretary	PO Box 38, Thetford		785-2667

Energy Committee

Bob Walker, Chair	432 Ulman Rd, Thetford Ctr	bobwalker@valley.net	785-4126
Bill Halsey	PO Box 181, Thetford	whalsey@alum.dartmouth.org	785-4020
Chris Hebb	PO Box 103, Thetford	chris.hebb@valley.net	333-4159
Paul Gerke	1414 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	Paulgerke@aol.com	649-2587
Jessica Londa	PO Box 123 Thetford	Jessica.B.Londa@Dartmouth.edu	785-2434
Dave Fisk	PO Box 166 Post Mills	David.J.Fisk@erdc.usace.army.mil	333-9607
Ellen Blumberg	189 Jackson Brook Rd	mjblumberg@valley.net	785-9883

Recreation Committee

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

David Goodrich	1015 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4635
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Upper Valley Ambulance

Vacant

Agency on Aging – White River Council

Ruel Barrett	PO Box 184, Thetford		785-2867
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Tree Warden

Elmer Brown	PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr		785-2167
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Surveyor of Wood & Lumber

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

Fence Viewers

Mike Brown	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Mark McMahon	2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	785-4687

Weigher of Coal

Mike Brown	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
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Historian

Vacant

Notaries Public

Ruel G. Barrett	PO Box 89, Thetford		785-2867
Karin Bonnett	761 Route 113, E Thetford	kgbonnett@valley.net	785-2543
Tracy Borst	PO Box 126 Thetford Ctr	Thetford.Clerk@valley.net	785-2922
Mike Brown	437 Burnham Rd, E Thetford	Michael.J.Brown@valley.net	785-4536
Bud Bushway	East Thetford		785-4843
Charlie Buttrey	347 Cranberry Hill Rd, E Thetford	C.T.Buttrey@valley.net	785-4005
Kate Cone	3836 Route 5, Thetford Ctr		785-2964
Sherry Crossley	PO Box 257, Thetford Ctr		333-9579
Joan Crosson	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	Thetford.Clerk@valley.net	785-2922
Lynn J. Daley	358 Picknell Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4336
Emily S. Davis	185 Norford Lake Rd, Thetford Ctr		649-2729
Herbert C. Gray	PO Box 87, E Thetford		785-4348
Loretta Gray	PO Box 35, E Thetford	lgray4189@aol.com	785-4189
Rebecca Gray	PO Box 87, E Thetford		785-4348
Dana C. Grossman	PO Box 106, E Thetford	Dana.C.Grossman@hitchcock.org	785-4074
Daniel F. Grossman	PO Box 106, E Thetford		785-4074
Mary M. Hathorn	541 Ely Rd, Fairlee	Scooter.Hathorn@valley.net	333-9176
-Martha Howard	PO Box 34, N Thetford	mhoward@sover.net	333-9171
Roberta Howard	PO Box 36, N Thetford		333-4607
Laurie Ingalls	346 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-2922
Lynn Irwin	665 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford	Lynn.Irwin@valley.net	785-4581
Brenda Magoon	PO Box 25, N Thetford		785-4054
Donna McMahon	2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford		785-4687
Kathy McQueen	Gove Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr		785-4493
Rick Maynard	PO Box 8, Post Mills		333-9130
Gloria Thurston Taylor	Thetford Academy		785-4805
Paul Raymond	PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr		785-4953

TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

The annual Town and School Meeting will be held on
Saturday, March 4, 2006 at 9:00 am
Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy
A snack bar will be open for the morning session.

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

Proceeds will benefit the Thetford Academy trips.

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

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

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

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

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

And, a couple of explanations:

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

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

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

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

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES	
Town Moderator, 1 year	Joseph Tofel
Town Clerk, 1 year	Tracy Borst
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Jill Graff
Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year	Jill Graff
Select Board, 3 year term	Mary Spata
Select Board, 2 year term	Mike Brown
Grand Juror, 1 year	Mike Brown
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year	
Lister, 3 year	Denise Adams
Budget Committee, 3 year	Michael Pomeroy
Budget Committee, 1 year (complete 3 yr term)	Manohar (Manny) Grewal
Budget Committee, 2 year	
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	Frederick P. Howard
Cemetery Commissioner	
Latham Library Trustee, 4 year	Stephen Hoffman
Latham Library Trustee, 4 year	Nan Crowell
School Moderator, 1 year	Deecie M Denison
School Director, 3 year	Darrin Clement
School Director, 2 year	Susan Weider
School Director, 1 year (complete 3 yr term)	Andrew Boyce
School Director, 2 year (complete 3 yr term)	Jennifer Kitchel Reining

VOTER INFORMATION

NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Applications to the voter checklist for Town Meeting and March Elections are accepted no later than noon on Monday, February 27, 2006. Apply at the Town Clerk's office. You must be on the checklist to vote March 4 and March 7.

Clerk's Office Hours

6-8 pm Monday

8:30 am to 3:30 pm Tuesday – Friday

Special hours due to election requirements:

March 6th- 10:00 to 5:00 pm

Early or Absentee Voting

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

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

March 6 by 5 pm

Town offices open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Absentee Ballots may be voted in three ways:

- 1) In person at the Town Clerk's Office.
- 2) Mailed to you and mailed or delivered back to the Town Clerk's office by 7 pm on Election Day (March 7, 2006).
- 3) Brought to you (in the case of illness or physical disability) by two Justices of the Peace on the day of or day before election. Must be requested at least 3 days in advance.

Pre-Town Meeting – February 27, 2006, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

Town Meeting – March 4, 2006, 9:00 am, Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy

Voting by Australian Ballot

For Town and School Officers, School District Budget

Tuesday, March 7, 2006

Thetford Town Hall

3910 VT Route 113

PO Box 126

Thetford Center, VT 05075-0126

Polls open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

WARNING 2006

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 4th, 2006 at 9:00 am, to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town
- ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Monday, October 16th, 2006 by 8:00pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town.
- ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for current expenses in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available.
- ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$647,769.86 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.
- ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$487,212.33 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department.
- ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$80,000.00 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new dump truck, to add to the existing fleet (to be known as truck #5) at a cost not to exceed \$106,000.00 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new tractor/mower/chipper/broom to replace the 1990 John Deere tractor at a cost not to exceed \$118,200.00 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.
- ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$18,000.00 to construct a hazardous material room at the town garage.
- ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town vote to elect a town clerk for the term of three years as provided in
17 V.S.A. §2646(2), beginning 2007.

- ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town vote to elect a town treasurer for the term of three years as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(3), beginning 2008.
- ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town vote to elect a collector of delinquent taxes for the term of three years as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(9), beginning 2008.
- ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$350.00 for Safeline.
- ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$4,800.00 to continue the Milfoil / Aquatic Nuisance Control program.
- ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1380.00 for the Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation.
- ARTICLE 17 Shall the voters of the Town of Thetford instruct the Governor and our State Representatives and Senators to oppose:
- any use of the State Education Fund for purposes that are outside the law's original intent to "make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education";
 - the shifting of existing State General Fund expense obligations to the Education Fund; and
 - the reduction of any existing State General Fund revenue support to the Education Fund?
- ARTICLE 18 To transact any other business.

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

ARTICLE 19 To elect Town and School Officers.

January 30, 2006	John Bacon
	Mike Brown
Tracy Borst	Mark McMahon, Chair
Town Clerk	Mary Spata
	Doug Stone
	Selectboard

~∞ Remembrance ∞~

<i>Harold H. Adams</i>	<i>Gloria A. Harriman</i>
<i>Marquerite A. Alger</i>	<i>Donald C. Havens Jr</i>
<i>Donald E. Bailey</i>	<i>Ruth Jones</i>
<i>Frank L. Barker Jr.</i>	<i>Patrick J. Kearney</i>
<i>Gladys Barr Boyd</i>	<i>Rose A. Kearney</i>
<i>Kenneth C. Bragg</i>	<i>Earl F. Maxfield</i>
<i>Thomas J. Breault II</i>	<i>Ragnwald Muller</i>
<i>Nancy R. Bubolz</i>	<i>Ann H. Ogden</i>
<i>Betty L. Chivers</i>	<i>Edwin L. Paige</i>
<i>Sheila Christie</i>	<i>Marjorie S. Parker</i>
<i>Jody L. Clifton-Utton</i>	<i>Irene L. Romine</i>
<i>Richard F. Cockburn</i>	<i>Frank Rump</i>
<i>Priscilla D. Emerson</i>	<i>Jennie Sally</i>
<i>David A. Fletcher</i>	<i>Denise Scott</i>
<i>Irene S. Fletcher</i>	<i>Henry F. Selle</i>
<i>Donna M. Foster</i>	<i>Leet Ware</i>
<i>Debra L. George</i>	<i>Barbara S. Wyman</i>



SELECTBOARD REPORT

Each year it seems that we are faced with new and often greater challenges. However, with the cooperative spirit of our neighbors, friends and family, each task is completed with a remarkable display of dedication and conviction. Many thanks to everyone that has contributed to the success of our community. No deed goes unnoticed, but too often, few thanks are given. We are grateful for everyone's support.

After many lengthy discussions, and at times heated debates, we decided not to adopt the Town Plan presented to us by the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Instead we have been updating the Town Plan of '99 and will begin again the process of adopting this plan. A revised copy of this plan will be available at Town Meeting. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment, as well as other residents who have devoted so much of their time and energies in preparing the 2005 plan. It was an extremely time consuming process and they deserve our deepest gratitude.

Our Highway Department has begun to realize the benefits of Highway Foreman, Doug Stone's commitment to the Town and his department. He has reorganized the Town Garage and adopted important maintenance schedules for all town equipment. We expect Doug and his staff will provide additional improvements and continued progress in the upkeep of our road network. Thank you gentlemen!

We are happy to introduce Jim Lanctot as our new Police Chief. Jim has been with us for 3 years and brings to his new position a sense of professionalism and exuberance, which will certainly provide a positive and energetic approach to our Police Department. Congratulations!

After 5 years as Town Zoning Administrator, Bill Thrane has stepped down. Bill worked many hours tackling zoning issues, updating files as well as performing his regular day to day duties. Thanks for everything. Along with that, we also welcome Richard Blacklow as the new town Zoning Administrator.

The Listers diligently completed a Town reassessment in 2005. Eight neighborhoods were created to allow for a more equitable assessment of everyone's property. Although, like any new system, some adjustments may be needed, they did a remarkable job and should be commended for their work. Thank you Janet, Denise and Donna.

Many improvements have been made to the town Recycling Center this year and we thank the staff who so meticulously contribute to the success of the center.

This year we have again worked at keeping our budgets within modest increases, in order to provide and maintain a high level of quality services to our residents. The Town General Fund budget reflects a 4.3% increase, while the Highway Department budget represents a 7.9% increase from 2005.

It has been a pleasure to serve you and we look forward to your continued support in 2006.

Town Clerk's Office

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

Town Clerk: Tracy Borst

Assistants: Joani Crosson and Cyndi Briggs

The Town Clerk is responsible for recording and preserving land records (deeds, mortgages, etc.) and vital records (births, deaths, marriages & civil unions) for the town and helps the public access the many public records available here. We also maintain the minutes of town meetings and committee meetings, maintain the voter checklist (local and statewide), provide for early and absentee voting, oversee local elections and answer many general questions for all departments of the town of Thetford.

Services Provided:

Animal Licenses	Notary Services
Civil Union/Marriage Licenses	Tobacco & Liquor Licenses
DMV Registration Renewals	Trash Ticket Sales
Fish & Game Licenses	Treasure Island Passes
Green Mountain Passports	Vital Records – Certified copies
Land Records	Voter Registration

Check us out on the web!

www.ThetfordVermont.us

NEW DATES FOR 2006 DECLARATION OF VT HOMESTEAD

VT residents who own & occupy a VT dwelling as a principal residence on April 1, 2006 must file a Declaration of VT Homestead, Form HS-131. Due date is April 18, 2006 (Even if you file for an extension of taxes, this form must be filed!)

Free electronic filing of this form is available at www.state.vt.us/tax ; paper copies are available in the VT tax booklet. You can also request the form by phone at 802-828-2515.

Late filed declarations can be filed up to July 15, 2006, but there is a late filing penalty. Separate tax forms are required to participate in property tax assistance programs. Only properties that filed a 2006 Declaration of VT Homestead are eligible.

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 1, 2005

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange in the State of Vermont were warned to meet in Anderson Hall at Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at 9:00am to transact town business.

Town Moderator, Joseph Tofel, called the 237th Town Meeting of Thetford Vermont to order at 9:05am,. The Parent -Teachers Organization provided a snack bar during the morning and the National Honor Society provided lunch; the proceeds of the lunch benefits the Thetford Academy student language classes traveling to Mexico and France. Members of the National Honor Society provided childcare in the basement of Anderson Hall. Members of the local Girl Scout troops led the convention in the flag ceremony. Thetford Academy students Alex Daum, Elise Huff, Jessica Findlay, Rebecca Sandall, Andrew Howland, and Ian McArthur-Mckay, with Peter Estes, sang the national anthem. The invocation, given by Reverend Gail Dimick, included a moment of silence in tribute to those town residents that died during the past year (the names of these residents are found on pages 13-17 in the Town report.)

The Town officials were introduced; these included: Tracy Borst, Town Clerk; Jill Graff, Town Treasurer/ Tax Collector; (Mark McMahon, Mary Spata, Mike Brown, Rick Barrows), Selectboard; and Doug Stone, Road Foreman. The new Thetford Police Chief, Joe Anthony was given a special introduction.

Due to length of Warning, the Moderator suggested the time each person could speak be reduced from 10 to 5 minutes, and not more than twice on each motion. This suggestion was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by a standing vote.

ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town. The article was moved and seconded. Article 1 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Friday, October 17th, 2005 by 5:00 pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town.

Amended from "Friday, October 17th" to "Monday, October, 17th". Moved and seconded. Amendment passed by voice vote. Article 2 as amended passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to borrow money for current expenses in anticipation of taxes. Moved and seconded. Article 3 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available.

Moved and seconded. No discussion. Article 4 passed by voice vote.

Motion to recess Town Meeting to allow Thetford School District Meeting to commence.

Moved and seconded. Town Meeting recessed until approximately 1PM.

Town Meeting called to order by Town Moderator at 1:10PM.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$634,924.22 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund.

Moved and seconded. Rick Barrows spoke to the article. He stated that there are no dramatic changes in the Town budget although there are incremental changes in all departments. He noted that funds were designated for Yellowwood Associates for doing a town infrastructure assessment. Mr. Barrows pointed out that the Listers would be doing reappraisal of properties due to decrease in common level of appraisal. The Listers will not do interior inspections but will make adjustments to land schedules, which used to be uniform. All taxpayers were encouraged to go to the Listers office and review their property card.

Laurie Ingalls questioned why there was \$100 still left in the budget for Auditors when the town voted at two years ago to eliminate the office of auditor and contract with a licensed public accountant to perform an annual financial audit of all funds under VSA1& 265.1-3. Mrs. Ingalls requested that Chief Anthony talk about recent article in the newspaper.

Amendment to increase the General Fund Budget by \$22,000 for the Police Department. Moved and seconded. Chief Anthony spoke to the amendment. The increased funds would be used for administrative help in the office alleviating officers of work that keeps them from patrolling the community. He also noted a need for weapons, uniforms, and training, some of which is mandated. Rick Barrows described the budget process the Selectboard utilizes. Mr. Barrows noted that Chief Anthony was not given all the funding he requested. Mr. Barrows also described what communities in this general area have for police departments. There was much discussion about this amendment.

The motion was called. The motion to close debate passed by show of voter cards.

Amendment to increase the general fund budget by \$22,000 for the Police Department. Vote by Division (93 – YES; 74 – NO) Amendment passes. Article 5 now reads \$656,924.22.

Question called. Motion to end debated was passed. Article 5, as amended, was passed.

ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$391,762.87 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department.

Moved and seconded. Amendment to change amount to \$381,762.87. Mark McMahon explained that state law does not allow utilization of highway surplus funds for anything except highway projects. Therefore, the \$10,000 that was to be used to establish fund for five test well sites at the town garage (see Article 9) does not need to be raised. Amendment passed by show of voter cards.

Article 6, as amended, passed.

Mark McMahon mentioned the 1997 law that requires town highway sand piles to be covered. Therefore, next year's Highway Budget will most likely show a substantial increase as other towns have spent between \$50,000 to \$200,000 on structures.

ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$80,000.00 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved and seconded. Article 7 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new dump truck to replace truck #2 at a cost not to exceed \$88,517.00 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved and seconded. Article 8 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 9 Shall the town establish a Highway Garage Brownfield Reserve Fund with \$10,000.00 of the 2004 Highway Department surplus funds.

Article withdrawn. Highway Budget surplus cannot be used for this purpose.

Mary Spata awarded the Civic Pride Award to the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department and the Thetford Fast Squad for their commitment to the town through their volunteer services.

State Representatives James Masland and Ann Siebert spoke to the town.

ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new fire truck / tanker to replace the old tanker in Post Mills at a cost not to exceed \$170,000.00 to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund.

Moved and seconded. Article 10 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new police cruiser at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 to be purchased through the Police Cruiser Replacement Fund.

Moved and seconded. Rick Barrows explained that \$5000 per year has been allocated, plus there is \$5000 from selling previous cruiser. Therefore the fund contains \$28,000. The present cruiser -- a Ford Explorer -- has had an increase in repairs and the new video camera causes problems with electrical system. Chief Anthony desires two new cruisers (Fund is short of \$4000 if purchasing two vehicles.) Article 12 addresses the second cruiser request. The new cruiser would be a front wheel drive Chevrolet Impala with a police package costing approximately \$18,000. Chief Anthony would like the Police department to retain Explorer as a safety vehicle. Discussion concerned whether there was a need for two cruisers with only two officers; would there be a need for three vehicles; and whether non four-wheel drive cruisers would be able to travel roads during winter.

Article 11 passed by show of voter cards

ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$4000 to be added to the existing funds in the Police Cruiser Replacement Fund for the purchase of a second police cruiser for a sum not to exceed \$20,000.

Moved and seconded. There was discussion about the need for second cruiser; the need for a four-wheel drive police vehicle; the cost of insurance on the third vehicle (\$450 per year); the staggering the purchase of new vehicles; and the cost of fixing the Explorer.

The question was called. Motion to end debate passed by show of voter cards.

Article 12 failed by show of standing vote.

ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town of Thetford support the development of the Thetford Center Common as outlined in the Thetford Common Steering Committee Report.

Moved and seconded to pass over this article. The Thetford Center Common Committee asked to pass over this item since a final report is not yet available. Motion to table indefinitely (pass over) passed.

ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town raise the sum of 5,000.00 to establish a fund devoted to long term planning and improvements to the Thetford Community.

Moved and seconded. Mike Brown explained that Article 14 would establish a reserve fund to match funds that may or have been received for a number of projects in town (i.e. town common funds from grants. Article 14 passed by show of voter card.

ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town vote to elect a town clerk for the term of three years as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(2), beginning 2006.

Moved and seconded. Mike Brown noted that Vermont towns have the option of electing the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Delinquent Tax Collector for either one year or three-year terms. The results of voting by Voting Card and standing were unclear therefore a count of votes was required.

Article 15 failed by counted vote. (75 YES 79 NO)

ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town vote to elect a town treasurer for the term of three years as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(3), beginning 2007.

Moved & seconded. No discussion. Article 16 failed by counted vote.(74 YES 88 Opposed)

ARTICLE 17 Shall the Town vote to elect a collector of delinquent taxes for the term of three years as provided in 17 V.S.A. §2646(9), beginning 2007.

Moved & seconded. No discussion. Article 17 failed by standing vote.

Mark McMahon spoke of Paul Raymond's resignation. Mark M. noted that Paul was known to speak his mind, was committed to serving the community, and getting things done. Paul served in multiple capacities. Mr. McMahon thanked Mr. Raymond for all he has done for Thetford and wishes him well in the future.

ARTICLE 18 Shall the Town elect to adopt or amend the town municipal plan by Australian ballot.

Moved and seconded. Rick Barrows explained the Vermont Legislature changed the law to allow the Selectboard to adopt new town plans, and adopt the corresponding zoning regulations (which is the enforcement of the town plan). If this article passes, the vote will take place at a future special town meeting.

Discussion ensued. Roberta Howard moved to postpone this article indefinitely; motion was seconded. Motion to postpone indefinitely failed by standing counted vote (71 YES; 82 NO)

Peggy Sadler introduced amendment to change Article 18 to read "shall the town elect to adopt or amend the 2005 Town Municipal Plan by or at a town meeting." The motion to amend was seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion to amend passed. Article 18, as amended, passed by show of voter card.

ARTICLE 19 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$10,468.00 for the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc.

Moved and seconded. No discussion. Article 19 passed by show of voter card.

ARTICLE 20 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$9,500.00 for the Thetford FAST Squad.

Moved & seconded. Mariah Capurso explained this request was an increase in funding from the level funding of the past 5 years. There is a need for more equipment and supplies. Also the number of EMT's is growing and the cost of outfitting each one is \$2200. Article 20 passed by show of voter card.

ARTICLE 21 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$100.00 for the Aiken RC & D Council.

Moved and seconded. Article 21 passed by show of voter card.

ARTICLE 22 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$4,600.00 to continue the Milfoil/Aquatic Nuisance Control program.

Moved and seconded. Article 22 passes by voter voice.

ARTICLE 23 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$400.00 for the Maple Leaf Treatment Center.

Moved and seconded. After some discussion, Article 23 passed by show of voter card.

ARTICLE 24 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$200.00 for the Kids Place of Randolph.

Moved and seconded. No discussion. Article 24 passed by show of voter card.

ARTICLE 25

Whereas, the Town and its citizens strongly support the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces in Iraq and recognize the sacrifices that each of them is making. The Town and its citizens stand ready to help these Vermonters in any way they can.

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

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

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

- ✎ decided that diplomatic or peaceful means alone would not protect the national security of the United States or lead to enforcement of Security Council resolutions on Iraq,
- ✎ why he decided that going to war was a necessary action against Iraq on the theory -- never proven -- that Iraq authorized, committed, or aided in the 9/11 attacks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY:

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

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

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

- ✍ investigate and discuss whether members of the Vermont National Guard have been called to active service and assigned to duties relating to the war in Iraq in conformity with the U.S. Constitution and federal laws, including the 2002 Congressional Resolution on Iraq; and
- ✍ create a commission or other body to collect statutory, historical, and statistical information about the role of the National Guard in serving the State of Vermont and to study the impact of the federalization and deployment of its members on the ability of the Guard to perform its mission in Vermont;

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

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

Moved and Seconded. A number of townspeople spoke to the Article. Laurie Ingalls moved to amend Article 25, retaining the first paragraph, eliminating the next 9 paragraphs (starting with “Whereas”) up to “Now therefore it is hereby...”. Seconded. Secondary amendment offered that would remove 2nd to last paragraph “Resolved, that the President and the Congress....”. The question was called by Frances Rich. The call to end debate was passed. Secondary amendment fails by vote.

Bruce Nelson calls to end debate on primary amendment. Vote to end debate passed. Amended Article 25 (retaining the first paragraph, eliminate the next 9 paragraphs (starting with “Whereas”) up to “Now therefore it is hereby...”). Amendment passed by standing count vote. (55 YES – 46 NO)

There was more discussion on Article 25. Frances Rich called question. Debate was ended by show of voter card. Article 25, as amended, passed by standing vote.

ARTICLE 26 To transact any other business.

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

ARTICLE 27 To elect Town and School Officers.

At 5:15 pm the 2005 Annual Thetford Town Meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 8:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted: Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

Town of Thetford
Australian Ballot Results
March 1, 2005

Moderator, 1 year	
Joseph Tofel	384
Write In	10
Blank	33
Spoiled	1
Total	428

Lister, 3 year	
Donna Durkee	366
Write In	1
Blank	59
Spoiled	2
Total	428

Town Clerk, 1 year	
Tracy Borst	399
Write In	2
Blank	21
Spoiled	6
Total	428

Grand Juror, 1 year	
Write In	14
Blank	413
Spoiled	1
Total	428

Town Treasurer, 1 year	
Jill D. Graff	393
Write In	5
Blank	26
Spoiled	4
Total	428

Agt Prosecute Dfnd Suits, 1 year	
Write In	17
Blank	410
Spoiled	1
Total	428

Delinquent Tax Collector, 1 year	
Jill D. Graff	389
Write In	4
Blank	32
Spoiled	3
Total	428

Agnt to Convey Real Prty, 1 year	
Write In	15
Blank	412
Spoiled	1
Total	428

Selectboard, 3 year	
John Bacon	290
Paul Raymond	64
Write In	3
Blank	66
Spoiled	5
Total	428

Budget Committee 2 year	
Ken McDaniels	348
Write In	2
Blank	77
Spoiled	1
Total	428

Selectboard, 2 year	
Doug Stone	281
David Turner	76
Write In	3
Blank	65
Spoiled	3
Total	428

Budget Committee 3 year	
Lynne Miller	359
Write In	
Blank	67
Spoiled	2
Total	428

Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	
Write In - Elmer Brown	41
Write In	17
Blank	369
Spoiled	1
Total	428

Budget Committee, 1 yr (to complete term)	
Write In	24
Blank	403
Spoiled	1
Total	428

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yr	
John Wilmot	386
Write in	2
Blank	39
Spoiled	1
Total	428

Latham Library Trustee, 3year	
Elizabeth Edmunds	364
Write In	
Blank	62
Spoiled	2
Total	428

Latham Library Trustee, 4 year	
Vote for 2	
Ron Chabot	302
Lisa Ladd	281
Blank	271
Spoiled	2
Total	856

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

It has been an honor and a pleasure to represent you in Montpelier during the past year. As you might expect, some of the issues we are currently working on pertain to unfinished business from last session. Foremost among them are health care reform and finding a simpler and more equitable way to fund education.

My efforts are largely directed towards the work in the Natural Resources and Energy Committee where I am Vice-Chair. Last year we passed an innovative renewable energy bill that is setting the tone throughout New England. As that work continues, I serve with the Rural Economic Development working group. We are pursuing broadband development, increased support for locally grown and locally consumed agricultural products, and building the Creative Economy. The Creative Economy includes the arts and also work from home based businesses with innovative services and intellectual property.

Another topic that is seeing increased effort is emergency preparedness – whether the emergency services required are the result of a natural disaster, disrupted energy supplies, or a terrorist attack. Post 9/11 and post Katrina, we are all realizing that paying closer attention to how we Vermonters take care of ourselves. It may be several months before we see the results of these efforts.

Closer to home, I am supporting several bills to help volunteer fire departments. As you may know, volunteer firefighters spend as much time fundraising to support their departments as they do putting their lives on the line attending to fires.

Please remember that the Vermont State House and all committee rooms are accessible to all of you, regardless of weather, or via the web. You can keep in touch with legislative issues by calling me at home or in Montpelier or via the web at one of the contacts listed below.

I look forward to hearing from you about any issue, large or small.

Representative Jim Masland

Home phone – 785-4146

House (Sergeant at Arms Office) – 800-322-5616

Fax – 802-828-2424

Email – jmasland@leg.state.vt.us

www.leg.state.vt.us

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

Thetford's Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment are authorized for seven members. All members serve on both committees. At the end of 2005, both boards were short one member and would like one or more alternates. The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month and the Zoning Board on the fourth Tuesday.

The Planning Commission passed on to the Selectboard the work it had done earlier this year and last year for revisions to the Town Plan. The Selectboard has been working on revisions to the Town Plan which should be in place in early 2006.

The Zoning Board devotes most of its time to the review of zoning decisions and hearings on zoning and subdivision applications. Once the Town Plan is adopted the Zoning Board will work on amendments to the town regulations. As indicated in last year's report, a new state law mandates changes in the zoning process including regulations. Some have already gone into effect while others are to be phased in over the next few years.

The major difference for 2005 was the decrease in the number of subdivisions and the resultant lots created. The following table gives summaries of the permit activity over the past four years.

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

Zoning office hours are Tuesdays, 8:00 am to noon, and Thursdays, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Your calls or personal inquiries are invited. (Please refer to the following pages for required permits).

Richard Blacklow
 Zoning Administrator
 E-mail: Thetford.Zoning@valley.net

REQUIRED PERMITS

ACCESS FROM HIGHWAYS

A written permit is required from the Select Board for any access from property to all town roads. Anyone building or wishing to drive to this property from these roads must obtain a Driveway Permit.

Section 43: "It shall be unlawful to develop, construct or re-grade 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 to 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 changed use within the Town without a Zoning Permit duly issued by the Zoning Administrator as provided for in the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Thetford. 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. 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 or Zoning Board of Adjustment will be glad to try to informally answer questions. A sub-divider 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 Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall.

FLOOD HAZARD AREA ZONING BY-LAW

A comprehensive Flood Hazard Zoning By-Law was adopted by the Select Board on July 31, 1978. This By-Law regulates all new construction and development used prescribed by the Thetford Zoning Ordinance, which fall within the federally-designed flood hazard areas, within 100 feet of these boundaries, or within 100 feet 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 REPAIR OF SYSTEM)

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 engineering drawings. A \$75.00 application fee is charged for new systems; \$25.00 for repairs.

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

A 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.



BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

The year 2005 has been one of change and growth. We completed a town-wide reappraisal which defined neighborhoods and updated building costs. Our goal to bring properties up to fair market value to minimize the impact of the state's equalization study was accomplished. Our new Certified Equalized Education Property Value effective 1/1/2006 is \$273,521,000, the Coefficient of Dispersion is 12.39%, and the Common Level of Appraisal is 108.11%. (see the next page for the State of Vermont - Division of Property Valuation and Review Certified Final Computation Sheet). The Listers would like to thank Thetford property owners for their cooperation during this reappraisal process.

Exposure to Act 68 legislation to finance school education is in its second year. If you need further clarification on homesteads, non-residential property or house site, please stop by the office or call for assistance. Homestead Declarations (HS-131) must be filed annually with the State of Vermont, this year, on or before April 18, 2006.

The Board of Listers must abide by state laws and fixed and constrained timetables. Each year the Listers establish a Grand List which specifies the value of taxable property in the town as of April 1st. The pre-Grand List must be completed by June 4th. Grievance hearings must begin no later than June 18th. The final Grand List must be lodged with the Town Clerk on July 25th annually.

Any time the value of your property changes from the previous Grand List the Listers will notify you in writing. Values can increase or decrease due to various reasons. It is the property owner's responsibility to confirm the accuracy of the assessed value. Each property owner should be familiar with the information recorded about their property. If you agree with the value, do nothing. If you disagree with the value, you must file in writing a grievance letter within fourteen days of the mailing. It is not necessary by law to list your reasons why, but it would help the Listers to better understand your concerns.

The regulations governing the appeal process can be confusing. We are willing to help alleviate any concerns you might have, but are limited in what we can do legally. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Listers at 802-785-2922 ext. 4. We are here to assist you with your property assessment questions. Our office is open on Tuesday and Wednesday between the hours of 8:30 AM - 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Stowell
Denise Adams
Donna Durkee

**TAXABLE LISTED VALUES
TOWN OF THETFORD
GRAND LIST AS OF APRIL 1, 2005**

CTGY	COUNT	LISTED VALUE	CUSE VALUE	LISTED VALUE EXCL CUSE	APPLIED RATIO	EQUALIZED VALUE	COD	AVG LV INCL ST EXMPTN
R1	611	133,248,390	450	133,247,940	111.14	119,892,424	10.52	218,172
R2	376	115,182,486	739,661	114,442,825	105.96	108,745,347	13.83	324,393
MHU	18	348,310	0	348,310	109.57	317,888	0	19,351
MHL	47	5,597,618	0	5,597,618	109.57	5,108,714	1.84	119,098
V1	27	5,717,570	0	5,717,570	111.2	5,141,700	5.08	211,762
V2	21	3,503,088	146,752	3,356,336	109.57	3,209,941	11.79	203,161
COMM	39	17,585,476	21,661	17,563,815	106.98	16,439,510	0.12	456,497
CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
IND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
UE	3	2,751,785	0	2,751,785	99.95	2,753,162	0	917,262
UO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FRM	12	1,736,731	144,300	1,592,431	98.76	1,756,725	0	352,735
OTH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
WOOD	114	6,746,615	358,262	6,388,353	98.91	6,817,015	7.33	81,254
MISC	65	3,297,148	29,303	3,267,845	98.76	3,338,178	36.64	57,279
GRAND TOTAL	1,333	295,715,217	1,440,389	294,274,828		273,520,604	12.39	

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT - 2005

New Systems	10
Repair Systems	4
TOTAL Septic Permits Issued	14
Complaint of Garbage	1

Respectfully Submitted, Alford W. Stone, Health Officer

2005 PET LICENSING REPORT

	FEMALE	MALE	SPAYED/NEUTERED	TOTALS
Dogs	59	56	528	643
Ferrets			4	4

* Please note newly adopted ordinance on following pages

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 25, 2006

10:00 to 12:00 Noon

Town Garage

Thetford Center

Rabies and other vaccinations available for cats and dogs
by Dr. David Webster of the Oxbow Veterinary Clinic

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

DEADLINE FOR TOWN LICENSING IS **APRIL 1, 2006** – After that date, the penalties will be applied, please note the recently adopted ordinance. ALL DOGS, FERRETS AND WOLF-HYBIRDS OVER 6 MONTHS MUST BE LICENSED.

ANIMAL LICENSING FEES

Current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter required

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



PENALTIES AND FINES

Adopted: January 9, 2006

The Thetford Animal Control Ordinance was recently amended by the addition of the following sections that clarify the penalties and fees associated with various animal control situations.

Section 14

Licensing of Dogs

- I. If a Thetford resident misses the April 1 deadline, but renews his/her dog's license without an official warning, a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed in addition to the late licensing fee. A civil penalty may be imposed under Title 20§, 3550(a) not to exceed \$500.00 using the schedule below in part III in this section.
- II. If an owner moves to town after the annual deadline, she/he has 90 days to pay the regular fee of \$7.00 or \$11.00. After that, the same penalty schedule will apply to the individual negligent in licensing their dog according to part III in this section.
- III. If an owner who has resided in the town before the annual deadline does not comply within 21 days of a written warning by the animal control officer, a citation for a fine of \$50.00 shall be given to the owner by the animal control officer or other designated Town official. The owner then must pay the fine plus the appropriate licensing fee.
 - a. If the owner does not comply within an additional 21 days of a second warning, a citation for a fine of \$100.00 shall be given to the owner by the animal control officer or police department.
 - b. If the owner does not comply within an additional 21 days of a third warning, a fine of \$300.00 shall be given to the owner by the animal control officer or other designated Town official and the dog shall be impounded. The owner then must pay the fine, and any other related fees incurred by the Town.

Section 15

Running at Large

First offense	Written warning
Second offense	\$25.00 citation
Third offense	\$50.00 citation
Subsequent offenses	\$100.00 citation and impoundment of animal until a written plan to resolve the situation is in place and filed with the animal control officer and/or police department.

All related fees will be paid by the owner.

Section 16**Disturbance by Noise**

Same a running at large.

Section 17**Domesticated Animal Neglect or Cruelty**

First offense	Written warning
Second offense	\$50.00 citation
Third offense	\$100.00 citation and impoundment of animal until a written plan to resolve the situation is in place and filed with the animal control officer and/or police department
Fourth offense	\$300.00 citation and impoundment of animal

All related fees will be paid by the owner

Section 18**Animal Bites**

Animal shall be impounded for a period of 14 days while an investigation is conducted. The owner shall pay all pound fees, fines, medical expenses and/or veterinary fees associated with the incident. If the animal is safe from rabies or other infectious diseases, it may be released back to the owner after all above fees and fines have been paid. If the impounded animal is proven to have rabies, however, it shall be euthanized at the owner's expense. The owner will be responsible for all fees and fines.

First offense	\$25.00
Second offense	\$100.00
Third offense	\$300.00 and removal/euthanized of the animal

Section 19**Assistance with Locating Missing Pet or Other Domesticated Animal**

First offense	No fee
Second offense	\$25.00 citation
Third offense	\$50.00 citation
Fourth offense	\$100.00 citation and impoundment of animal until a written plan to resolve the situation is in place and filed with the animal control officer and/or police department.

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

Hours—Saturday Only

*Summer 8 am – 12 noon (until Labor Day)
Winter 9 am – 12 noon (until Memorial Day)*

Changes and improvements have begun at the Thetford Recycling Center located on Route 113 in Thetford Center. October 1, 2005 marked the beginning of co-mingling and a new partnership with Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA). In 2006 the Recycling Center will undergo some physical changes. Adding gravel, grading and drainage and the construction of ramps is expected to be completed this spring. The traffic flow and parking situation will be addressed and everyone will enjoy a safer and more efficient recycling center.

The Town of Thetford requires that all residents using the Recycling Center must obtain and display a valid window sticker (permit) in their vehicle. Stickers (permits) are free to Thetford residents and may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours or Saturday mornings during trash ticket sale hours. The Recycling Center is a great place to hold bake sales, sell raffle tickets or gather petition signatures. Any group or organization may call and reserve a Saturday, as we do not want to have two or three groups on the same day. Please call Frank at 785-2543 to schedule.

Items Accepted for Recycling (4 Categories)

1 Metal

Scrap metal*

2 Glass

Any colored glass, porcelain, Pyrex, ceramics, mirrors, drinking glasses, window panes (no frames)

3 "Anything that Rips"

Brown paper bags, boxboard, paper egg cartons, fax paper, newsprint, glossy, most paper, envelopes, corrugated cardboard, magazines

4 Plastic & Tin

#1 & #2 plastic bottles, steel, tin, or aluminum food/beverage containers, NO plastic tubs (like yogurt or margarine)

Please note: We also collect Styrofoam peanuts.

*Scrap Metal is any item that contains 90% metal. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept refrigerators anymore.

Items that are still functional and in good shape (small electrical appliances, tools, toys, books) can be left for others to pick up and use. NO CLOTHING, FURNITURE, or BROKEN ITEMS will be accepted, as the Town of Thetford must pay to dispose of anything that does not find a home.

Trash Ticket Sales

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

❖ **\$3.50 per ticket Saturday mornings at the Town Offices**
Make checks payable to:
Town of Thetford (Please note this change.)
Summer hours: 7:45 am – 11:45 am
Winter hours: 8:45 am – 11:45 am

OR ❖ **\$3.50 per ticket by mail from Northeast Waste Services**
Send check payable to:
 Northeast Waste Services 19
 PO Box 1045
 White River Junction, VT 05001

RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Recycling Committee continued to meet throughout the year with the goal of improving the functions and cost effectiveness of Thetford Recycling Center operations.

The Committee is grateful to have the continued conscientious and gracious services of Frank Bonnett and Sandra Miller, who run the center, as well as their dedicated assistants.

Following with the purchase of the property and installation of trees to improve the visual screening of the center, the committee continued to meet to recommend other changes for improvements. The committee worked with Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District (GUVSWMD) representative John Fay to analyze alternative recycling options to consolidate recyclables and reduce the cost of operations. We are happy to report that with the efforts of John and Frank Bonnett, we have reduced recyclables into fewer than half the previous sorts, thus reducing hauling costs as well. In addition, having switched haulers, we are realizing greater financial returns for the sale of recyclable materials. Given current indications, costs of processing recyclables will cost less than half of previous expenditures in prior years.

The committee hired a civil engineer to complete a redesign of the facility to include more parking and provide earth walkway ramps to containers to allow for the removal of existing stairs. Bids were sought from five Thetford excavators and a contract was signed with Northwoods Excavating to complete the work in the spring.

Finally, the committee is working with GUVSWMD to evaluate alternative options for disposal of solid waste materials. As the cost continues to increase utilizing a private hauler for the removal of residents' trash, we are looking at what other options exist, including the town's purchase of our own trash compactor, trash truck, or pull off container. Each option is being weighed as to its appropriateness to the needs of Thetford, its impact on neighbors and the costs and permitting requirements.

Funds for any expenses to date, including purchase of the property and future improvements, will be paid from an existing Recycling Special Fund.

The committee will continue to meet to address these last phases of improvement and is grateful to the many community members and individuals who continue to contribute to the improvement of Thetford recycling and solid waste removal.

Frank Bonnett
Mike Brown
Jean Larivier (resigned June '05)
Sandra Miller
Mary Spata
Nancy Stanely
Bob Walker

THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Thetford Conservation Commission continues its work inventorying and conserving Thetford's natural history. The Management Plan for the town-owned Post Mills Natural Area (PMNA) is complete and available at Town Hall. A sign (paid for by a generous grant from Mascoma Bank) is now erected on route 113 indicating where to access the property. We plan to keep the 50 acres of open fields on the PMNA open while removing invasive species and mowing once every three years in the fall to protect nesting birds, promote a variety of plant species and create better habitat for wildlife. We will fund the restoration of the open fields habitat on this parcel with grant money from the federal Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP).

An active group of volunteers has written a draft Management Plan for the town-owned 300 acre Charles Hughes Natural Area. We will continue to refine this and welcome input from anyone interested in the use of this parcel. This parcel is largely a managed forest and we've had generous input from local foresters on how to continue that management. We will continue inventorying the property to better select appropriate areas for recreation.

We led walks on both of these parcels last year and will do the same in 2006. The formal boundary for each parcel needs to be well marked so we will continue that process and volunteers are welcome to help. It's a great way to learn more about these publicly owned lands.

Thetford has applied for a grant with Hartford and Norwich to start mapping vernal pools in the town. We are hopeful that the proposal will be successful so next year we will get preliminary maps and have public events to share information about this valuable resource.

We have been making an effort to communicate with our neighbors our interests in Thetford's natural history by submitting relevant news articles to the listserve and the Town newsletter. Li Shen has taken the lead on this and we have had much positive feedback to encourage her to continue.

The Elizabeth Mine clean-up continues and our hope is that the health of the Ompompanoosuc will improve with time. Below is a list of our Commission's focus and we encourage any Thetford resident who would like to work on these types of projects to contact us or attend our monthly meetings (second Wednesday of the month, 7:15PM at the Town Hall).

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

Jennifer Davey, Chair of Thetford Conservation Commission



TREASURE ISLAND

Season: June 18 – Labor Day (September 5)
Hours: 10 AM – 8 PM Daily during season

Season Passes Sold:	Resident:	112
	Non-Resident :	50
	Tennis:	12
	Total:	174

Treasure Island is the Town of Thetford's recreational facility located on Lake Fairlee just off Route 244, offering beachfront swimming, picnicking, tennis and other outdoor activities. In 2005, starting in May, Treasure Island hosted a Community Work Day, Swim Lesson Sign-Up (for Thetford children), and Operation Day's Work (a joint work project with multiple Thetford Academy students). In early June, elementary school groups from Thetford and surrounding towns enjoyed their end-of-the-school-year picnics at Treasure Island. Opening Day of the season this year was Saturday, June 18th, and on this day children and parents from neighboring towns came to register for swimming lessons. The American Red Cross Swim Lesson program began the following Monday, June 20th, and continued throughout the summer in four two-week sessions. Lessons ran daily in the morning for half-hour periods between 10 AM and 12 Noon. A total of 185 children received lessons, including 4-year olds for the first time this year! The American Red Cross swim lesson curriculum serves the very beginner all the way to the advanced swimmer.

A new course offering this summer, Level 6, offered modules of junior lifesaving, water safety and/or personal water fitness. Above all, there was a lot to offer this year, and it was great to see the progress of so many young swimmers.

At Treasure Island this summer a variety of drop-in children's activities continued to be offered. Peabody Library Childrens' Librarian, Simon Brooks, led outdoor Story Hour every Wednesday morning and many local children and parents enjoyed these stimulating sessions. In addition, a "Surf Your Local Library" wicker basket of childrens' story books was maintained at the beach for children to pick from and enjoy reading while spending time at the beach. Each Tuesday, an Arts and Crafts activity took place, based out of our newly renovated Craft Shop, overlooking the water's edge, just adjacent to the main parking area. A variety of local parent volunteers led each Arts and Crafts period – thank you again to those parents for their commitment, energy and enthusiasm. "Friday Field Sports" were offered this summer in various locations throughout Treasure Island. Scott O'Hearn led games of croquet, bocce ball, and badminton on Friday afternoons. Once again, these activities were offered to park patrons at no additional charge. For use of the clay tennis courts, a discounted rate of \$5/ per 90 minutes was extended to children and families.

With the summer's good weather, Treasure Island was highly utilized by individuals and families. In addition, many pre-school and day-care groups, neighboring camper groups and community organizations enjoyed the park on a regular basis throughout the summer. Lifeguards were on duty from 12-5 PM daily. The paddleboat, canoe and fishing boat rentals continued to be popular with many visitors. Individuals and organizations used Treasure Island for children's birthday parties, family reunions, and special group ceremonies and picnics.

Many out-of-town visitors came to the park again this year, some returning for annual visits and some newly discovering the park through their vacation travels and word-of-mouth. In celebration of the conclusion of the swim lesson season, the third annual Treasure Island Beach Party took place on Friday, August 12th. Activities included a potluck picnic on the island, children's games and a D.J.-led dance party. As in the past, participants enjoyed the celebration very much – thank you to all who contributed and participated.

We are grateful for the support and assistance received this summer from the Town of Thetford administrative staff at Town Hall, the Thetford Highway Department, and the Thetford SelectBoard. We would also like to extend thanks and commendations to our staff of lifeguards and gate attendants who served so ably over this past season. Lastly, thank you to all community parents, children, and individuals who enjoyed the park. We look forward to seeing you in 2006.

Submitted by:

Scott and Ann O'Hearn, Managers of Treasure Island

THETFORD HILL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society had its most successful fair to date in 2005, with a net income of \$5600. The proposed fair date for 2006 is Saturday July 29th. THVIS continues to be involved in the planning of pedestrian pathways around the village. A stone dust path, which will run from Thetford Academy to the library, has been designed and approved. THVIS received a Transportation Enhancement Grant from the State of Vermont to study and design traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures along Route 113 from the Academy Road intersection to the Post Office. Dubois & King was hired to do the initial design work. There will be opportunities for public input into the design. This year THVIS purchased three white cedar benches for the Green. The benches were made in Vermont from sustainably harvested wood from the Northeast Kingdom.

Submitted by: Coleen Fox

THETFORD COMMON STEERING COMMITTEE

In 2004, the work of the Thetford Town Common Planning Committee was to collect input from townspeople about the kind of common that they wanted. In early 2005, we had an agreed upon plan and started to make it a reality.

The primary concern of the committee was leveling off part of the common to make it less hilly. The leveling is needed to solve the drainage problem resulting from three culverts emptying onto the common and to make the land more easily accessible.

The committee will next start looking into fund raising so that we can add amenities such as a swing set, paths, and a gazebo to the common in the future.

Submitted by the Town Common Planning Committee

Ben Bradley, Kevin Brown, Sue Gault, Mike Pomeroy, Brian Smith and Mary Spata

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

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

- **Efficient Light Bulb Sale** – At last year's town meeting, the TEC and Sustainable Energy Resource Group (SERG) sold 139 compact fluorescent bulbs. Over their lifetimes, these bulbs will cumulatively: use 69,240 fewer kilo-Watt hours of electricity, save their owners \$8,655 in electric use, and release 100 fewer tons of CO² to the atmosphere. Proceeds from the sale benefited SERG. We hope to repeat the sale this year. Please visit our display at the back of the hall.
- **Town Streetlight Project** – The TEC is working with the Selectboard and SERG on improving the town's street lighting. This year we have been looking at the issues of town ownership of streetlights and the use of induction lights and timers to shut certain lights off in the middle of the night as options for saving the town money and reducing the amount of energy used on street lighting. As part of this process, Thetford filed a petition with SERG and the Village of Woodstock before the Vermont Public Service Board to ask Central Vermont Public Service Co., our electric utility, to consider our requests in this area. The town is now discussing with CVPS the idea of conducting a pilot test of induction street lights and shutoff timers in Thetford – both would be the first of their kind applications in Vermont.
- **Energy Club** – The TEC has been working with the SERG to create and promote the Upper Valley Energy Group (UVEG). Sixty-eight Thetford families bought their fuel oil and propane for this winter through UVEG at reduced rates, completed a residential energy survey and are consulting with SERG on how to reduce their energy consumption. If you are interested in joining UVEG next year, contact the TEC.
- **Thetford Home Energy Assistance Team (HEATs)** – This year saw a marked jump in home heating fuel prices. In response, the TEC is working with other concerned residents to train homeowners in weatherization techniques and provide weatherization assistance to those in need. Anyone needing help with home weatherization should contact the TEC.
- **Carpooling** – The TEC is working with the Selectboard to promote carpooling, public transportation and other alternative means of transit in town. The TEC conducted a survey to gather ideas for improving the current park & ride area near I-91 and see what areas in town might be appropriate for developing additional carpool sites. At the 2006 town meeting we will gather more feedback on this issue and circulate information on current StageCoach bus services. Please take your time to fill out the survey at town meeting or contact the TEC for a copy of the survey.
- **Tire Inflation Project** – Drivers can cut fuel use up to 5% by properly inflating their tires. The TEC worked with local businesses that distribute free air to promote proper tire inflation for town residents. We will launch this program in 2006.

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

(Member listing at front of book)

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Total Incident Report, by Nature of Incident

<u>NATURE OF INCIDENT</u>	<u>TOTAL INCIDENTS</u>
(Not Defined)	2
911 Hang up Call	8
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Traffic Accident w/damage	22
Traffic Accident w/injuries	2
Agency Assistance	47
Alarm	4
Alcohol Offense	2
Animal Problem	9
Assault	5
Attempt to Locate	1
ATV Accident/Incident	1
Background Investigation	1
Non-sufficient Funds Check	3
Burglary	5
Burglary Alarm	4
Citizen Assist	24
Citizen Dispute	13
Dead Body	1
Driving-License Suspended	2
Controlled Substance Problem	1
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	6
Family Fight/Domestic	4
Fingerprints	1
Found Property	2
Fraud	1
Information Report	1
Juvenile Problem	6
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	6
Lost Property	1
Missing Person	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	45
Noise Disturbance	1
Parking Problem	1
Phone Problem/Harassment	4
Property/Home Watch	3
Public Speaking	4
Service Abuse Prevention Order	2
Attempted Suicide	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	32
Theft	23
Theft-Truck/Bus	1
Threatening	2
Traffic Hazard	9
Traffic Violation	3
Trespassing	5
Unlawful Mischief	16
VIN Number Inspection	53
Wanted Person	2
Welfare/Suicide Check	4
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THIS REPORT	400

Report includes: All dates between 00:01:00 01/01/05 and 11:59:00 12/31/05

VERMONT STATE POLICE

FY 2004 Statistics
(7/04-7/05)

The Vermont State Police in Bradford have had a busy year in 2004.

We have maintained our commitment to strong DUI and traffic enforcement in an effort to keep roadways safe. We have remained vigilant in the area of criminal investigations, working to solve area crimes, and deter criminal activity. We have participated in a variety of community functions in an effort to meet the people we serve. Some towns in our geographic area have contracted extra patrols for speed enforcement in their towns. This contract enforcement is usually covered by a Trooper using one of their days off. (Please visit our web site at www.dps.state.vt.us)

We continue to face challenges as a department and as a community in meeting the threat of terrorism. There also continues to be an influx of illegal drugs and the criminal activity associated with the drugs in our towns. These issues affect our quality of life and that of our families. Only by continuing to work together can we expect to meet and conquer them. Once again, we ask that you continue to be alert and help your neighbors as we work together to keep our communities safe.

I would ask for your assistance and support in the coming year, when the opportunity presents itself.

Below are the overall FY 2004 statistics for Bradford. I have not listed the miscellaneous calls that do not require an investigation.

Have a safe and healthy New Year.

Respectfully,

LT. Terry Lewis
Station Commander
Troop B-Bradford

2004 STATISTICS (TOTAL OF TEN TOWNS COVERED BY V.S.P.)

2941	Incidents
423	Arrests
2356	Traffic Tickets
540	Traffic Accidents
1931	Traffic Warnings
69	DWI's

**VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS
TOWN OF THETFORD
(7/04-7/05)**

Consent Search	6	Leaving the scene of an accident	3
Sex Offense	3	Canine use (Police dog)	4
Assault	8	Abandoned Vehicle	3
Burglary	9	Animal problem	1
Larceny(All)	3	Agency assist	46
Theft (auto or motorcycle)	1	ATV Incident	1
Fraud	4	Citizen Dispute	5
Vandalism	9	Citizen Assist	19
Contained Substance	2	E911 Hangup	9
Domestic Abuse Order Violation	1	False Alarm	5
DUI of liquor	5	Juvenile Problem	4
Quarrels/Family disturbance	8	Lost or Found Property	1
Disorderly Conduct	6	Motorist Assist	48
Condition of release violation	1	Missing Person	2
Annoying, harassing, susp phone calls	1	Noise Disturbance	5
Probation-Parole violation	2	Suspicious person/circumstance	24
Trespassing violation	2	Snowmobile incident	1
Fireworks	1	Traffic Hazard	10
Accidents	41	Threatening	2
Motor vehicle, disturbances	60	Vehicle serial # inspection	4
Careless Negligent Motor Vehicle	3	Welfare Check	6
Attempting to Elude	1	OOC Operate w/out owner consent	2
Driving license suspended/criminal	3		

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 385



THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

After 35 years of re-using our old pumpers as tankers, in 2005 we bought our first new tanker. (see photo on previous page) This investment will break up the replacement cycle and allow us to keep our equipment current. This is safer, more efficient, and helps maintain our ISO rating. The new tanker was built by E-One on an International chassis. It has a 1500 gallon poly tank, a 1250 gpm mid-ship pump, space for 1000 feet of large diameter hose, generous compartments, and a bench style seat that holds three firefighters. This equipment can shuttle water in a tanker relay, and with the high volume pump can also be a relay pumper, or a water supply pumper. If one of the two main pumpers was out of service, the new tanker could be pressed into service as an attack pumper.

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

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

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

The recent Gulf region hurricanes showed the power of nature, and flooding in Southern New Hampshire reminds us that potential for natural disasters is universal. It can happen here. The subsequent response to these emergencies underscores the value of local plans utilizing local resources. The National Homeland Security Unit and the remains of FEMA both make it clear that local responders are on their own for the initial response. Emergency management begins at the local level and expands to include additional resources as required by the size and complexity of the incident. We are active in the regional Mutual Aid System, and are working on an updated Town Emergency Plan.

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT DETAILS

Incidents 2005

Chimney Fire	4
CO Alarm	2
Fire Alarm	15
Hazmat	3
Investigation	11
Mutual Aid	14
MVA Crash	40
Power Lines	9
Public Assist	5
Rescue	9
Structure Fire	3
Vehicle Fire	8
Wildland Fire	14
Grand Total	137

Roster

Larry Ackerman	FF/EMT
Rachel Borst	JR
Hugh Brannen	FF/EMT
Captain Mariah Capurso	FF/EMT
Guy Cook	FF
Nathaniel Cook	FF
Rick Dresser	FF
Andrew Field	JR
Chief Don Fifield	FF/EMT
John Fraser	FF
Luke Hodgdon	FF
Dan Huff	JR
Casey Huling	FF/EMT
Bart Koop *	FF/EMT
Spunk Kuehlwein	FF/EMT
Craig McKinney	FF
Niko Nanopolous	JR
Captain Tim Ouellette	FF/EMT
Ellis Paige	FF
Brian Ricker	FF
Deputy Jeff Sirjane	FF/EMT
Janet Stowell	FF/EMT
George Stowell	FF/EMT
Ben Tilden	FF
Bill Wallace	FF/EMT
Cindy Watson	FF
Jason Watson	FF
Dan Whitcomb	FF
Captain Chad Whitcomb	FF

* currently serving in Iraq

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

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

Donald Sayre Fifield
Fire Chief

Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept.	2005 Budget	2005 Actual	2006 Budget
REVENUES			
Town Appropriation	73,798.00	73,798.00	77,048.00
Interest Earned	2.00	1.22	2.00
Grant Money Received			
TOTAL REVENUES	73,800.00	73,799.22	77,050.00
EXPENDITURES			
ADMINISTRATION			
Chief's Stipend	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
Dispatch Service	3,600.00	3,403.13	4,000.00
Fees	50.00	35.00	50.00
Insurance			
Workers Comp	2,650.00	2,648.00	2,650.00
Non Workers Comp	18,000.00	19,448.00	19,500.00
Office Supplies & Postage	500.00	481.97	500.00
Public Relations & Fire Safety	350.00	330.65	350.00
Subscriptions and Dues	500.00	308.00	500.00
Tax Prep / Audit	500.00	525.00	750.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,023.03	1,000.00
Total Administration	28,600.00	29,452.78	30,550.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS			
Electricity	2,200.00	2,254.45	2,000.00
Fuel Oil / Heat	4,000.00	5,212.53	5,200.00
Furniture & Fixtures	500.00	188.80	500.00
Maintenance & Repairs	7,500.00	6,802.91	7,500.00
Total Buildings & Grounds	14,200.00	14,458.69	15,200.00
FIREFIGHTER HEALTH & SAFETY			
Gear Maintenance	800.00	137.89	500.00
Gear & Personal Protective Equip.			
Protective Clothing	6,000.00	8,015.95	6,000.00
Pass Devices	1,000.00	0.00	600.00
Health & Safety	250.00	60.70	250.00
Re-Hydration & Food	500.00	483.10	500.00
Total Firefighter Health & Safety	8,550.00	8,697.64	7,850.00
TRAINING			
Training Corporation Membership	250.00	250.00	250.00
Training Courses & Expenses	4,500.00	3,367.05	4,500.00

Total Training	4,750.00	3,617.05	4,750.00
VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT			
Equipment Maintenance	2,500.00	2,197.01	2,000.00
Equipment Replacement			
SCBA	2,500.00	745.49	2,500.00
Radios	2,500.00	6,227.79	2,500.00
Hand Tools	2,500.00	2,847.37	2,500.00
Power Tools	2,000.00	1,240.87	2,000.00
Preventative Pump Maintenance	-	-	1,000.00
Vehicle Fuel	1,700.00	2,845.47	2,200.00
Vehicle Maintenance	4,000.00	5,301.63	4,000.00
Total Vehicles & Equipment	17,700.00	21,405.63	18,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	73,800.00	77,631.79	77,050.00

Payables as of 12/31/05

Buildings & Grounds	\$72.05
Firefighter Health & Safety	\$11.00
Training	\$20.00
Vehicles-Equipment	\$438.12
Total	\$541.17

Prepared By Gail Paige
TVFD Treasurer



THETFORD FAST SQUAD

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

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

Our call volume remained stable throughout the year 2005, yet our patient acuity continued to increase in severity, which demands a greater response than only 2 fast squad members per incident. The typical call demands at least 4 fast squad members and if the call is an advanced life support call, several more will be needed. Additionally, we have had several instances this year of multiple calls, requiring a response from the majority of the squad members. Including motor vehicle crashes, we responded to 149 emergencies in the year 2005. It is critical that we continue to respond to all calls in Thetford and in order to do so, we require a strong roster. While our roster has remained stable over the last year, we are actively recruiting new members.

Training for the squad members is a high priority. This year we participated in continuing education classes that included topics such as: search and rescue, hazardous materials, pediatric trauma, basic trauma assessment, public education, injury prevention, and water rescue. We continue our monthly squad drills on a variety of pertinent topics with an open invitation for other area squads to join us. In the past year, we have been fortunate to have several outside speakers from Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the Hanover Fire Department, local community members, as well as individual squad members speaking on their particular area of expertise.

Another priority of the FAST squad is community service and education. We continue to offer safety information to the community on a variety of topics such as car seat and seat belt safety. We provided medical coverage for three large cross-country races at Thetford Academy this fall. Approximately 10 volunteers worked at each race to provide enough personnel to staff a fully stocked first aid room, an ATV for rapid response and a finish line response team. This group responded to approximately 190 incidents during the three races combined, and provided care for numerous young athletes and spectators. In addition, we were fortunate to have additional volunteer EMTs from our area mutual aid squads work with us at these races.

Additionally, this year, the Fast Squad applied for and received a State of Vermont Homeland Security Grant. The purpose of this grant was to purchase additional training materials relating to hazardous materials incidents, new mobile radios to increase our communications capabilities with responding units and dispatch, and a new lightweight rescue litter. This new equipment has already been used on several calls and has become invaluable in our emergency work.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mariah Capurso, President

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who called the town garage office this past year with information, comments, and complaints. Communication with the town's people is a big help with this job and gives me other perspectives to base my decisions on. I try to be available for anyone who wants to talk to me, and with that said, I took the job with a few ideas of my own, so please don't feel offended if I don't do things your way.

The Highway crew worked hard this past summer installing culverts, ditching, grading, and preparing Godfrey, Latham, and Gove hill for paving. The road side mowing didn't go as planned because of break downs with the mower itself. I see work that needs to be done everywhere I go in town, so I tried to do a project in every neighborhood. I hope you saw the crew working in yours. This winter has been good for both men and equipment as of this date. We will continue to work hard to get your roads drivable as quickly as possible, and this is where you can help by not parking in, or plowing snow in or across roads. Also please do not follow trucks too closely as we might stop and back up at any time, please give us room to work; flashing yellow lights mean caution. I look forward to summer with new projects and continued maintenance, when working in roads we will set up signs. When you see these signs for your safety and ours, please slow down and obey the flagger. Thank you for your support and I wish you all a safe 2006.

Douglas Stone
Road Foreman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVENTORY

January 2006

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT:

2006 Freightliner dump truck with plow, wing and Tenco sander body
2005 Landa gas powered pressure washer/culvert thawer
2004 420D Cat backhoe
2002 550 Ford dump truck with plow and tailgate sander
2000 International dump truck with plow, wing, and Tenco sander body
1999 International dump truck with plow, wing and Tenco sander body
1997 870 Galion grader
1990 2555 John Deere tractor with Alamo over rail mower
Wisconsin equipment trailer
Chloride tank trailer
Eager Beaver brush chipper
York road rake
PTO post hole auger

SHOP EQUIPMENT:

Lincoln 255 mig welder	Napa pressure washer
Miller Stick welder	Napa Battery Charger
Acetalene Torch	Lincoln 20-ton Air jack
Makita 14" chop saw	Transmission Jack
Makita 7" grinder	Yamaha Generator
Makita 4" grinder	Licolln 20-ton Hydraulic Jack
Makita 3/8" drill	Assorted Hand Tools
Craftsman Drill Press	Emglo Air Compressor
Milwaukee 1/2" drill	1/2" drive air wrenches (3)
Assorted Drill Bits	1" drive air wrench (1)
Stihl HT75 Pole Saw	Air powered grease gun
Stihl FS 250 String Trimmer	Bench Grinder
Jonsered Chainsaws (3)	Rolling Tool Box (2)
Husquarvana Chainsaw	4 Ladders (32' 20' 16' and 8')
Logger Chaps (2)	Shovels, Rakes, Brooms, etc.
Logger Helmets (5)	Hand Crank Seeder
Chainsaw Tool Box (1)	Temporary Highway Sign Stands (14)
Stationary Chloride Tanks (2)	Assorted Temp. Highway Signs
Surveyor Transit Tripod & Rod	Propane Steam Jenny for Thawing Culverts
Assorted Fuel Cans	Creepers (2)
Gas Boy Diesel Pump	2000 Gallon Diesel Tank



LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

HOURS

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

In 2005 the library closed for six weeks during the summer to replace its thirty year old carpet. Funds from the Freeman Foundation and the Thetford Library Federation prompted the trustees to use this opportunity to screw down the subfloor, repaint the library and the Reading Room, rearrange the bookcases and to improve and repaint the Computer Room to produce a warm and inviting environment for the citizens of Thetford. After the Grand Re-Opening the public access computers have grown in popularity as word spread that the library has one of the fastest internet links in Thetford. An increasing number of patrons brought in their laptops for fast internet access via a wireless hub.

Simon Brooks continued as Children's Librarian offering story-telling and activities on Thursday after school.

Programs included a winter book discussion series exploring “From Page to Screen”, made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council. The library hosted a Brown Bag Lunch series with third-graders from the Elementary School where reading aloud at lunchtime brought increasing confidence and competence to eager readers. A spooky time was had in the basement of the library along with a book giveaway on Halloween.

From two visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,187 books and these state books were taken out 928 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 1,465 videos were borrowed from almost 30 video series offered by the library from the LUV Video Co-op. 73 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 46 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 8,977 with 8,658 people coming to use the library. 280 visitors came to view the exhibits in the Bicentennial Gallery. 612 audio-books circulated this year.

During the past year the library bought 167 books. 312 donated titles were also added to the library’s shelves. 70 donated magazine subscriptions produced a total of 97 magazines with four newspapers.

The library provided space for 41 meetings of The Thetford Hill Improvement Society; the Thetford Hill Preservation Committee; the Thetford Recreation Committee; the Upper Valley Local Rivers Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commission; the Thetford Conservation Commission; the Parish Players; and the Thetford Hill Water Coop. The library depends on voluntary efforts from many members of the community. Alice Gnaedinger and Inge Trebitz worked behind the scenes to process and barcode materials. Connie Snyder requested and mailed Inter-Library Loan requests. New front desk volunteers include Helen MacLam and Nan Crowell. This year ended with the death of Gladys Boyd who served this library for three decades as a front desk volunteer, a trustee, and as Vice-President of the Thetford Library Federation. Her weekly efforts to maintain and improve this library enriched the lives of generations of library users. Your support through the annual appeal assures the success of your library.

Come visit in 2006. If we don’t have what you need, we can get it for you. You may even browse the library catalog from the Thetnet website.

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

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

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

Kathryn Bonyai T’06
Gwendolen Gensler T’07
Ron Chabot T’08
Janice S. Cook T’06
Elizabeth Edmonds T’09

Darla LaRoche T’07
Maureen Morse T’08
Marguerite Hiser C’08
Lisa Ladd T’09
Heidi Lansburgh C’06



PEABODY LIBRARY

HOURS

Tuesday: 5:00 – 8:00 pm Wednesday: 2:00 – 8:30 pm

In its 139th year, the library hosted a series of evening pajama storytimes during the winter and hosted a Celtic Concert in March.

A 25th Anniversary Series exploring "Women's Literature" was offered every other Tuesday night during the summer. This book discussion series was made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council. Simon Brooks brought story-telling to Treasure Island in June and July. Volunteers opened the library every Saturday morning during the summer months. In August the Tenth Penny Carnival brought large crowds to the library for pleasure and good company. In August, "400 Miles on the Connecticut River" was a lively program. September saw a familiar library presence in the Post Mills Labor Day parade. A new library sign replaced the old one which had fallen due to weather and age. The Diversity Book Group enjoyed meeting at the Peabody during the renovations at Latham Library. In November the library hosted a program examining the nature and literature of Florida as paradise. The Seventeenth Annual Holiday Readings were read for the young by Simon Brooks and for older folks by the librarian.

The Library had 1,168 visitors borrowing 608 books from the library's own collection with more than 228 state books lent from the Regional Library. 234 audiobooks also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. 123 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 1,217 titles circulated from the library in 2005 for an average of 23 titles a week. More people visited and more books were circulated this year than in 2004. More films and audiobooks are being processed for your pleasure at your library.

The trustees wish to thank Murray Burk and El Wilson for years of dedicated and enthusiastic service to the library. Come visit Thetford's oldest library in 2006 to savor a space of revitalized grace and dignity. Your faithful support insures that the Peabody Library continues to serve the people of the town during its 140th Anniversary year.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

2006 Trustees: Andrew Boyce, Olivia Chapman, Brad Gellerstedt, Stacey Glazer, Suzanne Houston, Nancy Hughes, Phebe McCosker, Margo Nutt

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Our Federation has two main purposes. The first is to maintain the Bicentennial Building as a free home for Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and for the library and archives of the Thetford Historical Society. During this year, we have done quite a bit to keep our thirty-year-old building in shape. We have installed a new burner in our furnace, and replaced the water cooler. We made an addition to the Freeman Foundation grant which made possible the painting and re-carpeting of the Latham Library reading room, and we have repainted worn places in the entrance hall. We contribute to ThetNet, which now makes it possible, through wiring in Latham Library, for a laptop with wireless capability to connect to the internet from anywhere in the vicinity of the building.

The building continues to provide meeting space for local organizations, and our gallery has been the home of several shows by local artists. As this is written, a show just opened of the work done by first-grade students, with the help of student mentors from Thetford Academy.

Our stated purpose is to work through our member libraries to improve library service to the town. Last summer, in addition to a complete redecoration and rearrangement, Latham Library did a thorough weeding of their collection and used a Freeman Foundation grant to build up its collection of DVDs, videotapes, and books on tape. The book collection continues to grow; in addition to books bought from their regular budget, about 1,000 books are borrowed from the regional library, over 100 are rented from McNaughton, and donations add another 25 books a year.

Thetford Historical Society rearranged its reading room to accommodate a new computer, printer, and scanner. A website is being developed, internet research is now possible, as is making prints from 100-year-old glass-plate negatives. Much progress has been made in processing several large manuscript collections and hundreds of artifacts. There has been outreach to both local schools.

Thetford Academy has found more shelf space for books, and added an on-line database for non-fiction. Both the Academy and the Elementary school continue to look for ways to encourage students to read and coordinate library holdings with the needs of classroom teachers.

Our Federation has three main sources of income to support its work. A grant voted yearly by the town goes mainly to provide a large portion of the operating budgets of our two public libraries, Latham and Peabody. For our other activities, including operating the Bicentennial Building, we depend mainly on the income from our modest endowment, and on funds raised in an annual giving campaign. In last year's campaign, 91 donors gave a total of \$ 6,980.00.

Charles Latham
Clerk

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION 2005 FINANCIAL REPORT

	2005 BUDGET	2005 ACTUAL	2006 BUDGET
INCOME:			
Appropriation from Town	\$52,540	\$52,540	\$52,540
Investment Interest	7,000	7,568	7,200
Donations	6,000	6,530	6,000
Bank Interest	150	262	200
Other (from endowment)	0	3,500	0
TOTAL:	\$65,690	\$70,400	\$65,940
EXPENSE:			
Member Library Support	\$48,600	\$48,600	\$48,600
Building	2,000	3,485	0
Equipment and Furnishings	0	600	0
Computing Services	2,000	1,624	2,000
Electricity	3,600	3,527	3,600
Heat	4,000	5,885	6,000
Water	450	450	450
Insurance	1,804	1,696	1,700
Alarm System	350	298	350
Repairs & Maintenance	1,200	1,365	1,200
Custodial	2,000	2,000	2,000
Rubbish	780	824	840
Grounds Maintenance	1,500	865	1,500
Supplies & Postage	250	293	250
Miscellaneous	50	0	50
TOTAL:	\$68,584	\$71,512	\$68,540
GAIN OR LOSS FOR YEAR	-2,894	-1,112	-2,600

Dianne Sharkey, Treasurer

THETFORD FOOD SHELF THETFORD TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

Through your generosity, the Thetford Food Shelf continues to expand and and improve. We were the recipients of numerous food-drives and fund raisers, as well as the time and generosity of many volunteers.

Thank you to Thetford teachers Joanna Waldman and Cyrie Lange who involved both their classes, by celebrating the '100th school day' with a large food collection, and donating soups and other items at Christmas, respectively. Many Thetford students also participated in the Hike for Hunger, collecting and delivering a substantial amount of items for the food shelf. We were also grateful to The Vocational Classes at Oxbow High school who once again included Thetford in their annual competitive food collection, delivering over 600 pounds of food at Thanksgiving time.

Thanks to the PTO and Youth Sports Board for making the Food Shelf the recipient of the funds raised during a basketball game between Thetford Elementary School staff and 6th grade students. It was a fun-filled evening and a generous donation for the Food Shelf and fuel assistance programs.

We also appreciated our many other donations last year; including numerous boxes of Girl Scout cookies - an unexpected delight for those who were not able to order their own! Also fresh vegetables provided from the gardens of several local residents, much to the appreciation of the recipients. We continue to benefit from the ongoing collection of items by area churches, as well as the generous donations of individuals. With the help of Andy Martin and his family, we added much needed shelving, and are now able to display all food and non-food items including our inventory more accessibly.

At the present time, we are serving an average of 17 families per month from the Food Shelf, and distributing USDA commodities to 33 families each month. Through a joint effort with the Girl Scouts, we delivered 100 Christmas bags for our annual holiday project. We were also able to include fresh baked goods this year, thanks to members of the Thetford Baptist Church. In participation with several local churches and others, many local families were provided with gifts of food, clothing, toys and more over Christmas.

Your donations also enable me to purchase a wide variety of frozen, canned, and dried food products and household items from the Vermont Food Bank. A portion of our funds is also used for urgent non-food situations, and allows us to provide assistance on many occasions. I am very fortunate to have the support and cooperation of the Trustees of Trust Funds so I can respond to these emergencies. We are currently working toward a weatherization and fuel assistance program with Bob Walker and the Energy Committee to further help those in need.

As always, thank you to the many volunteers who help make the Food Shelf a success, and to all for your donations and support of this rewarding program.

Roberta C Howard
Food Shelf Coordinator
Town Service Officer

TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

Acquired	Description	Acreage	Amount Paid
Unknown	Sawnee Bean Cemetery	1/2 Acre	
Unknown	Judd Cemetery	1/2 Acre	
Unknown	Land by Trussell's	1/4 Acre	
Unknown	East Thetford Cemetery		
Unknown	Post Mills Cemetery	3/4 Acre	
Unknown	Thetford Center Green	1/8 Acre	
1818	Thetford Hill Common	1/3 Acre	Gift
1831	Town Hall Site	1/2 Acre	\$20
1833	Rice's Mills Cemetery	.4 Acre	\$10
1836	Kinney Cemetery	.2 Acre	Gift
1919	Follett Cemetery		Gift
1935, 1953	Town Garage Site	1 Acre	\$300
1941	Town Forest	195 Acres	\$165
1950	Off Stowell Rd	8 Acres	Gift
1957	Old Dump Site	1 Acre	
1961	Elementary School Site	8.3 Acres	TA Gift
1972	Treasure Island	9.18 Acres	\$155,000
1974	School Leach Field	13 Acres	\$12,400
1997	T & J Taylor Property	36.8 Acres	Gift
1998	Hughes Property	3.6 Acres	Gift
	(Thetford Center Common)		
2001	V. Uihlein Property	15 Acres	Gift
2004	Recycling Center	2.74 Acres	\$50,000
2004	Post Mills Conservation Area	±104 Acres	Per Landfill Agreement
2005	Cranberry Hill Road-Decola	21.9 Acres	Donation
2005	Poor Farm Road	±286 Acres	Donation
	(Nature Conservancy)		

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Budget Committee participated in reviewing the budgetary requests presented by the Town of Thetford departments to the Selectboard. The Highway Fund and the General Fund requests were reviewed.

The presentations made by the various town departments were very detailed and thorough. The review consisted of going over line items for all the requests made, comparing them against last year's and, in some cases, previous year's items. Some cases raised questions that brought forth more lengthy discussion for clarification.

The proposed 2006 Town of Thetford Budget for both the Highway and the General Fund meets the 2006 budget guidelines of not exceeding the last year's budget, adjusted for inflation and the rising costs of such items as fuel and insurance, which are out of the control of these departments.

We are recommending adopting the budget proposed by the Town of Thetford for the Fiscal Year 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Manohar S. Grewal
Ken McDaniels
Lynne A. Miller
Tod Moses
Michael Pomeroy

FINANCIAL REPORTS

***YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2005***

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2005

Significant Accounting Policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity:

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

B. Fund Accounting:

The accounting policies of the Town conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Accordingly, the accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered as separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise it assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for on individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into three broad categories, as follows:

I. Governmental Funds (General Fund and Highway Fund):

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

II. Special Revenue Funds:

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

III. Fiduciary Funds: Trust and Agency Funds:

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

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

I. Measurement Focus:

All government funds and Expendable Trust funds are accounted for on a spending, or “financial flow” measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included in their balance.

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

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

II. Basis of Accounting:

Basis of Accounting refers to revenues or expenses that are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of Accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

a. Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting:

The Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting is followed in the governmental fund types and agency funds. Under the Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available is intended to mean collectible within the current period, or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. Intergovernmental revenues received as reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized if the relevant expenditures have been recorded. Intergovernmental entitlements for unrestricted purposes are recorded as revenues at the time of receipt, or earlier if measurable and available.

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

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

Outlays for fixed assets are considered expenditures when paid. No provision is made for depreciation of these fixed assets. Outlays for retirement of general long-term debt are recorded when the debt is due.

b. Accrual Basis of Accounting:

The Accrual Basis of Accounting is followed by the Non expendable Trust Funds. Under the Accrual Basis of Accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

D. Total Column on Combined Statements - Overview:**I. Total Column on Combined Statements - Overviews:**

Captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting practices. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Inter fund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

II. Long-Term Debt:

As of December 31, 2005, the Town's long-term debt consisted of one note payable and one bond payable:

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2.0%, annual principal payments of \$17,413.00 plus \$1,045.00 interest, due December 31, 2006, total \$34,825.00.
- To Vermont Bond Bank, interest ranging from 1.55% to 5.00%, annual principal payments of \$30,000.00 plus interest, due December, 2022, total \$ 510,000.00.

The total amount of long-term debt is \$ 544,825.00.

III. Receivables:

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

IV. Reserve for Delinquent Accounts:

Reserves have been established to cover estimated receivables which won't be collected in 2004. State of Vermont statutes require that these reserves be subtracted from the current year surplus or deficit calculation.

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

TRUSTEES OF TOWN FARM TRUST FUNDS		
DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Fund--original investment 677,000 shares	\$4001.07
12/04/57 to 12/09/05	Puritan Fund—shares added by reinvestment 24,863.820 shares	
12/09/05	Puritan Fund—total shares held 25,540.820 shares	
12/09/05	Puritan Fund—value of investment @ \$18.72/share	\$478,124.15
CASH ON HAND INCOME FOR 2005:		
01/01/05	Cash on Hand	\$36,214.78
12/31/05	Interest	402.20
TOTAL		\$36,616.98
DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES FOR 2005:		
03/03/05	Check #135, Thetford Emergency Fund 531.90	
03/08/05	Check # 136, Thetford Emergency Fund 1,000.00	
06/08/05	Check # 137, Thetford Emergency Fund 1,131.90	
12/12/05	Check # 138, Thetford Emergency Fund 733.77	
12/12/05	Check # 139, Thetford Emergency Fund 2,652.53	
TOTAL		6,050.10
12/31/05	CASH BALANCE ON HAND	\$30,566.88

Trustees of Trust Funds

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

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS		
DATE	TRANSACTION	AMOUNT
12/04/57	Puritan Funds—original investment 220.000 shares	\$1,300.20
09/06/60 to 12/09/05	Puritan Funds—shares added by reinvestment 712.021 shares	
12/09/05	Puritan Fund—total shares held 932.021 shares	
12/09/05	Puritan Fund—value of investment @ \$18.72/share	\$17,447.43
CASH ON HAND & INCOME - 2005		
01/01/05	Cash on Hand (Wells River Savings Bank)	\$134.39
04/27/05	Fidelity	90.36
07/15/05	Fidelity	108.43
11/18/05	Fidelity	120.45
11/29/05	Interest (Wells River Savings Bank)	.82
11/29/05	Cash Deposit	.55
	TOTAL	\$455.00
DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES - 2005		
11/29/05	Hillside Cemetery 35.00	
	Post Mills Cemetery 70.00	
	East Thetford Cemetery 105.00	
	Evergreen Rest Cemetery 245.00	455.00
12/31/05	CASH BALANCE ON HAND	\$.00

Trustees of Trust Funds

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Frederick P. Howard

DELINQUENT TAX LIST				
As of December 31, 2005				
	2005	2004	2003	TOTAL
Baade, K	16.73	128.07	0	144.80
Bartlett, D	271.93	0	0	271.93
Beneficial Mortgage	**2310.65	0	0	2310.65
Cadwell, L	1864.53	1606.54	148.88	3619.95
Clifford, G	6676.49	0	0	6676.49
Clifford, G	3654.42	0	0	3654.42
Cook, W	236.16	0	0	236.16
Cummings, L	1006.53	0	0	1006.53
Guver, P	965.16	*161.76	0	1126.92
Howard, A	1574.40	0	0	1574.40
Howe, M	1166.07	0	0	1166.07
Johnson Trust	4904.14	0	0	4904.14
Kostintina's Inc	3453.98	4344.63	0	7798.61
Labutti, B	1821.09	0	0	1821.09
Labutti, B	**196.68	0	0	196.68
Manning, Jr, A	3437.39	1509.68	0	4947.07
Martin, J	3413.52	0	0	3413.52
Nanopoulos, S	3288.56	0	0	3288.56
Oakes, B	184.40	0	0	184.40
Pellerin, T	5570.00	0	0	5570.00
Pero, G	715.34	0	0	715.34
Pompy Press Inc	3015.16	0	0	3015.16
Provost, D	479.29	0	0	479.29
Stunkel, E	425.71	0	0	425.71
White, B	3716.89	0	0	3716.89
Williams, B	2799.27	0	0	2799.27
Wood, M	5290.20	1148.38	0	6438.58
TOTALS	62431.74	8899.06	148.88	71502.63
*Indicates 2004 Taxes paid in full in January 2006				
**Indicates 2005 Taxes paid in full in January 2006				

Estimated Tax Rates for 2006			
(Town, Highway, Warned Articles)			
Using 2005 Grand List			
	Amount to be Raised	Grand List	Estimated Tax Rate
Town	647,769.86	2,957,152.17	.2190
Highway	487,212.33	2,957,152.17	.1648
Warned Articles	104,530.00	2,957,152.17	.0354
TOTAL	1,239,512.19	2,957,152.17	.4192
<i>(Amount to be raised/Grand List = Tax Rate)</i>			

STATEMENT OF CHANGES TO DELINQUENT TAXES Year Ending December 31, 2005		
Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2004		77,439.41
Original Taxes Billed - Tax Year (TY) 2005	5,088,481.77	
Tax Bill Adjustments	(3,361.35)	
Net Taxes Billed-Tax Year 2005.		5,085,120.42
Total Taxes to Collect		5,162,559.83
Tax Year 2005 Taxes Collected	5,022,665.73	
Prior Tax Year Taxes Collected	68,391.47	
Total Taxes Collected in 2005		5,091,057.20
Delinquent Taxes as of December 31, 2005		71,502.63

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT Year Ending December 31, 2005						
Item		Balance	New	Loan	Balance	2005
Financed	Financing Source	12/31/2004	Loans	Payments	12/31/2005	Interest
	Vermont					Paid
Town Hall	Municipal Bond					
Renovations	Bank	\$540,000	0	\$30,000	\$510,000	\$21,660
	State of Vermont					
	Municipal					
2004	Equipment Loan					
Caterpillar	Fund	52,238	0	17,413	34,825	1,045
Totals		\$592,238	0	\$47,413	\$544,825	\$22,705

TREASURER REPORT

The duties of the Town Treasurer and Collector of Delinquent Taxes include: keeping the town's financial accounts, keeping a record of taxes voted and tax monies received, paying invoices authorized by the Selectboard and Thetford School District, and being a member of the Thetford Board of Abatement. It is the role of the Town Treasurer to interact with other town officials to insure that the town finances run smoothly. Department managers are given financial statements on a regular basis so that they may easily keep track of their budgets.

An audit of the financial records of the Town was conducted on January 16, 2006 by the accounting firm of Sullivan and Powers. They will be returning to finish the remaining GASB (Governmental Account Standards Board) portion of the report that includes the fixed assets of the Town (buildings, bridges, etc.) and the Town's trust accounts. These reports should be available at Town Office by late spring.

Please take the time to review the information in the Financial Section. You may notice a change in the way some of the reports look. There is more information included and we hope they will be easier to read.

Delinquent Taxes continue to be a priority. The Delinquent Tax List is a bit lower this year with 27 parcels totaling \$71,502.63. We continue to work with taxpayers to commit to their payment plans.

We would like to remind all resident taxpayers to be sure to file your HS-131 forms declaring residency by April 15th. This form needs to be filed every year by every resident and must be filed by the April 15th due date, even if you file for an extension for filing the rest of your taxes.

Property tax bills for 2006 should be mailed to you around the third week in August. The due date this year is Monday, October 16th by 8:00 P.M. If you mail your payment, please be sure to allow ample time for your payment to arrive at Town Hall. Post marks are not accepted. There is no guarantee that the U.S. mail will deliver your payment on time. In the past, it has taken as long as two weeks for some payments to arrive in our office. Payments not received by the due date are subject to an 8% penalty.

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

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

ANNUAL REPORTS

2005

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

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our Society has had another busy year. We have kept our historical library open three days a week. We have served patrons from Arizona, Hawaii, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, as well as most of the New England states. We also helped the Academy's 7th grade work on a Valley Quest about Thetford Hill. We have gotten quite a bit done on processing bog collections. Martha Wiencke has finished the Library Federation records and is working on Charles Farnsworth's papers; Lilla Willey and Wanda Vaughan have nearly completed the records of the Thetford Hill church; and Martha Howard has made good progress with the Academy's records. And we have processed and catalogued over 90 collections of artifacts.

Last spring we bought a new computer, color printer, and scanner, as well as software that will improve cataloguing of both artifacts and manuscripts. We now have an e-mail address, and are developing a website to make our holdings more widely known. In addition to handling photographs and documents, our scanner also has the capability of making prints from our hundreds of 100-year-old glass plate negatives. Internet access has also proven valuable in creating exhibits and displays. We were able to include Haupt Truss patent information in our Thetford Center covered bridge display, enhance our winter work exhibit at the Barn Museum with interesting facts and artwork relating to ice cutting, and supplement our Civil War exhibit with a list of Thetford soldiers serving in that conflict. To make room for the new computer set-up, we re-arranged the shelving in our reading room, improving traffic patterns and making more room for periodicals and for other storage.

We had an exhibit at Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge in June: a history of the church building on Thetford Hill as it has changed through the years, and a history of the planning and maintenance of the Thetford Center covered bridge. At the Thetford Hill Fair in July, we showed those two exhibits and added photographs of several decades of the Fair, and also some costumes. By having five Sunday openings of the Hughes Barn Museum, we had attendance of about 120 to see new exhibits on winter work and play, costumes, wooden receptacles, and candles and candle-making.

We had three meetings during the inclement months of the year. In April, Chuck Eaton talked about the auction business, and identified several artifacts. At our annual meeting in September, we featured oral history in several forms: audiotapes, videotapes, and readings from transcripts. Our historical article in this Town Report is a selection of excerpts from a taped talk by auctioneer Bill Godfrey. In November, Euclid and Priscilla Farnham talked about Vermont in the Civil War, and we had related items from our collection on display, including Civil War uniform pieces and equipment belonging to J. Newton Hosford, and Deacon John T. Quimby. All three meetings attracted sizeable audiences.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Latham, President

HISTORICAL ARTICLE

THE WIT AND WISDOM OF BILL GODFREY

The following are excerpts from a recording of a meeting of the Thetford Historical Society in 1981, with local auctioneer Bill Godfrey as the speaker. Bill was born in 1900, and lived his life on a small farm on Blood Brook Road in West Fairlee. A small building opposite his house served as a mortuary: in addition to being an auctioneer, Bill was also an undertaker. He was also known for his basket-making skills, crafting numerous pieces out of his favorite material - brown ash. Going to a Godfrey auction was always a treat. Bill had a wonderful sense of humor, and was as much a spinner of yarns as a seller of objects. You might leave his auction with a treasure, you might not, but either way, one thing was certain: attendance was a guaranteed good time. The meeting was recorded by Don Fifield. Bill explains here how he got started in the auction business.

"I just started off on the sales when somebody said they wanted to trade horses with Poke Smith on the sales table and we was talkin' around then. He says, 'do you want to be an auctioneer?' And, I said, 'maybe.' He said, 'how about comin' and do an auction – start kind of small?' So, I took out a license. Those days you had to have a license – a bond and everything. In New Hampshire it cost you about \$200 to take a license every year. It's \$150 for the license and \$50 for the \$5,000 bond. And your license runs out over there on the thirtieth day of May. If you get it on the first day of May, it runs out on the thirtieth day. Whereas in Vermont, they run two years from the day you get 'em. And they're \$25 in Vermont, for a \$1,000 bond."

"When I first started there we used to have a holiday auction and whoever had the auction would always feed the whole crowd. They didn't have Ladies' Societies and things around then. But the fella that had the auction he had to have crackers and cheese and Mary Ann cookies. And they always had a wash barrel on the stove in the morning and the coffee brewing and every man had a tin cup on his suspenders or belt and at noon they'd march around and get those crackers – St Johnsbury crackers, the cheese, and Mary Ann cookies and then go 'round and get their coffee. They always took the auctioneer and the clerk and the cashier and some of their best customers, they gave them a warm dinner in the house. So long about in the afternoon those fellows that was gettin' those crackers and cheese free – didn't cost 'em anything anyway – they go 'round two or three times in the lines, some of them, and put 'em into their breast pocket. About half past three or four we go out to the barn to sell cattle you'd see some of the fellas – older ones that didn't have too good a teeth – they'd be pulling these crackers out of their pocket then.....the crackers in their pocket was all crumbs.....so they could finally bite 'em!"

"I've had all kinds of experiences in the auction business. I had sold cattle and horses for several years now. I sold antiques, settled estates and that stuff. And, we used to have to tell 'em stories once in a while when the bidding got kind of dull. You'd have to perk 'em up a little. You'd get quite a rise on the bids after that!"

"Had one up in Post Mills over there near where Guy Aldrich lives. There was an estate they wanted to settle and sell out before Christmas. It was twenty-three below zero and we had to set outdoors about an hour before we get into the house. But, they didn't think much about it. Everybody was there. I've had rainy days and snowy days and that's the day when it rains hard or snows hard everybody says, 'I wanna go to the auction today. I'll get some bargains today. They'll be nobody there.' That's the day everybody goes! I had one in Chelsea one time in November. Had to go out in the rain and the snow. We sold out at seven o'clock at night. Folks come with blankets and all kinds of things to keep dry."

There was a lady came on from Kansas to an auction a few years ago. She came up to me when we stopped for lunch. She says, 'I'm from Kansas and I want to take you back with me. I'm goin' to charge admission', she says. 'None of those auctioneers out there you can't understand a damned word they say. But,' she says, 'you're an awful little fella for an auctioneer,' she says, 'didn't you get a good start?' I said, 'no, I was the last one of the boys my family had and I guess they run short of seed. The next one t'was a girl.' And three or four years ago, she came on again. She says, 'you don't remember me, do ya?' I says, 'well, I might.' She says 'well, I 'm the lady who wanted to take you back to Kansas. Can you go with me?' I says, 'I'm sorry. I've got five auctions all next week and I heard they had awful dust storms out there in Kansas. I don't want to spoil my eyesight.' 'Oh,' she says, 'but we're getting a lot of rain out there now.' Well, anyway, I never went Kansas, but she did take a lot of antique stuff back with her."

"You can tell a fool a story you know, and you can always get quite a bit more out of it [during an auction]. For instance, there was a boy, an' he said

'...they was living swell at his house since the sister Maude got home from college. she told his mother all the meals should be planned for scientific knowledge. She took to lookin' at Ma's hands 'cause she thought that Ma needed showin' 'bout Chemistry and Hygiene and all of the new things goin'. The other day she made some stuff kept us all a-guessin'. On top she put some stuff she said was mayonnaise dressin'. We set the whole darn mess up and our dog who stood around half famished, he just gave one sniff and dropped his head and vanished.'

The other day, Ma said the minister was comin' up to supper. So,

'Maude said she'd make some angel food just as she learned at college. And, as she worked she 'splained about the benefits of knowledge: "Now, you don't want that cake come out hard, not fit for any preacher." But, Ma just took the stuff and made a good ol' puddin' out of it. Maude's gone to Perkinsville today to attend a women's meeting. She's billed to read a piece up there on the Philosophy of Eating. She'll read her piece and great she'll be – of course, it'll be a winner. Well, I don't give a rap for that. Ma's gonna get the dinner. What do you think we're gonna have, she's makin' it this minute. A good big dandy chicken pie without no 'Hygiene' in it.'

'We had a dressin' table, Tiger maple right here in this town, near the lake. And, they got out their rulers and they was measurin'you know, so long this way, so long that way, and this fellow looked at it, but he never got up; he sat there half asleep and they thought sure they was gonna get it. They got up there around thousand bucks, and one thumb went up – I knew what that meant, one hundred to five hundred whichever way it was. And, it finally sold for \$1,200 bucks – an old dressin' table! Was tiger maple, a little banged up. We had a lot of those stories. Now, the "Up for Sale" table where we used to sell in Wells River, every horse was guaranteed, signs all around the livery stable there: "Every Horse Guaranteed". Then, every other sign read, "All Guarantees Expire at 4 pm on The Date of Sale." You wouldn't have time to get off the bloody horse if you wanted to!'

THETFORD HILL PARISH PLAYERS

The Player's first production in 2005 saw Rich Blair directing David Mamet's *American Buffalo*. Belinda Ray restaged *Eleemosynary* by Lee Blessing, which had been performed by the same cast for the New Woolhouse Players in Woodstock. Kevin Fitzpatrick and Linda Neubelt co-directed a varied evening of one act plays written by Edward Albee, Christopher Durang, and Don Nigro entitled *Alb'-Rang'-Gro*. In December Alex Charington and Kay Morton co-directed a staged reading of Victor Cahn's *Roses in December*.

Other local theater groups also took advantage of the Grange. Faith Catlin's Signal and Noise Productions returned with three fine shows. The Puppetree from Thetford performed and filmed in the theater during November, while Thetford Academy continued a great community tradition by producing a show in the Grange last Spring.

Improvements at the Grange included landscaping, a cooling system for hot humid summer nights, and the installation of two new insulated doors into the theater to keep the heat in during the winter and the cool air in during the summer.

The Players 40th Anniversary begins in 2006 and we will continue to bring quality community theater to Thetford for many years to come. In February, *Paper Tigers* by Barbara Hammond will be directed by Bill Hammond. In March, Bill Coons will direct *Passion Play* by Peter Nichols.

Peter Blodgett for the Parish Players

SNOW COASTERS, INC.

Our annual chicken BBQ was a huge success this year. Many of the invited landowners attended. This is an opportunity to show our appreciation to landowners. Without the generosity and support of landowners we could not enjoy our sport that we love. Riders are able to travel 29 miles of trails in Thetford, many that are connected to other trails in surrounding towns. Thank you again to landowners!

We are again planning many club events this year. There are several scheduled club rides. The club family picnic and children's day is usually held during the summer. This fun filled day includes wonderful food, games and prizes for the children, and a good time for all.

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

Officers:

President-Phillip O'Donnell

Vice President-Gary Osgood

Secretary-Loretta Gray

Treasurer-Becky Gray

Membership Chairperson-Roxy Maxfield

Trailmaster-Phillip O'Donnell Club Reporter-Betty O'Donnell

TMA's sold by:

Roxy Maxfield

Phillip O'Donnell

Loretta Gray

Eric Maxfield

THETFORD GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts...Where Girls Grow Strong! This statement has never been more true as we provide nearly 100 girls the opportunities that scouting has to offer. Here in Thetford we have girls at every level except Daisy's and although there are several Kindergarten aged girls who would love to participate, there sadly is no adult leadership. If anyone would like to step up and provide these girls with their first experience in Girl Scouts I would LOVE to hear from you!

Interest remains high at the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade levels, and we continue to support two Brownie Groups. Group #2395, with seven girls, is in the capable hands of returning leader Lisa Swett and her new co-leader Cheryl Ulz. This group of energetic scouts started their year with a trip to the Fairlee Corn Maize, and then to CHaD where they brought donations of toys, books and videos to the patients there. They have also earned their "Make It, Eat It" and "Stitch It Together Try-its". They are looking forward to many other fun activities in the coming year. Group #2554, with thirteen girls, is now being lead by Martha Howard and Ginni Balch with help from veteran leader Mindy Martin. This group of enthusiastic, curious and bright young ladies made and sent cards to local soldiers stationed overseas who would not be home for the holidays. They have also earned two Try-its... "Eat Right, Stay Healthy" and "Science In Action". They look forward to many more fun activities this year.

Membership also remains high at the Junior Girl Scout level. Tracy Borst, with Bernice Clark and Cindy Grigel, return this year with Junior Group #2630 and fourteen 4th, 5th & 6th grade girls. These adventure seekers spent a weekend last spring at Camp Seawood in Portsmouth, NH then at Camp Farnsworth with the Older Girls Scout Group attending a council Camporee this fall. Later this fall they headed to Bedford, NH to attend a lock-in at Hampshire Hill's Health Club. They are planning several more trips and service activities. Troi Ulman has moved up to the Junior level this year to take over leadership of Group #2064. Doreen Kasten and Lisa Cudhea are joining her as co-leaders with eight young ladies in grades 4 and 5. These girls have enjoyed baking Christmas cookies and working with Senior Citizens at Valley Terrace. They will begin working on their "Frosty Fun" badge in the next couple months.

The Older Girls Scout Group consists of nine girls in two levels of scouts, the Cadette's of #2468 and Senior's of #1025. These girls, grades 8 through 11, meet twice monthly as a group and then meet once a month in groups of their respective levels. Most all the Cadette's are currently pursuing their Silver Award, the highest award given at this level. The Seniors are all working toward their Gold Award, the equivalent of the Boy Scout's Eagle Rank. Over the past year the girls have attended an overnight to the Boston Museum of Science and a weekend camporee, participated in a low ropes course, gone bowling, planned and carried out several service projects that included making quilts to send to Louisiana this past fall and their annual delivery of holiday bags to the elders in our community. We all are looking forward to 2006.

This fall several of our girls have received special awards. These awards are given for leadership and service to the community. They represent time, commitment and true passion to a project of the scouts choosing. Ella Flett, Holly Buttrey and Gabriella Pacht all received their requirements for the Silver Award, the highest award for a girl at the Cadette level. We congratulate all these girls for their outstanding efforts.

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

Respectfully submitted by Helen S. Huff
Service Unit Manager 785-4640

THETFORD YOUTH SPORTS

2005 represented yet another successful year for Thetford Youth Sports (TYS), with record-setting participation levels. And once again, it was the dedication of the directors, coaches and other volunteers that made this possible.

TYS exists to create opportunities for Thetford youth in grades K-6 to participate in organized athletic activity. We believe the principal benefits of such participation are:

- Sportsmanship
- Physical fitness
- Developing self-confidence
- Learning to work as part of a team
- Skill development

Everyone participating in TYS activities, including coaches, parents and athletes, should understand that our focus is on player development and not winning games.

Early in the year, the TYS board recognized that many of the more important issues we face are a result of expectations not being clearly communicated; expectations that apply to coaches, parents, athletes and the TYS directors/board. To this end, we have clarified and expounded upon our bylaws, paying particular attention to the specific responsibilities of coaches and parents. Of particular note, we have spent a good deal of time refining our position on athlete playing time...year-in and year-out our most contentious issue.

More important than any documentation, however, is the *communication* of these guidelines. At the beginning of every sport season, coaches are given copies of TYS's "Parent/Coach Guidelines" which they both review with their director and which they then distribute to the athletes at the team's first practice. If you have a child participating in a TYS-sponsored sport, you should have a copy. If you haven't yet seen these guidelines and are interested, please request a copy from me (email address given below) or another TYS board member.

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

I would like to single out the following sports directors for their dedication to their respective sports, most of whom have been at the helm for many years:

Soccer – Cara Jackson
Basketball – Andy Martin

Baseball – Ted Levin
Softball – Kristie Gray

Sincerely,
Mike McCabe, TYS Board Director
(mike.mccabe@teleatlas.com)

AMERICAN LEGION POST #79 OF THETFORD

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

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

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

The last few years the American Legion has donated a decorated Christmas tree to a needy family. Each year we select the family from a different surrounding town. This has become a tradition; where the giving is enjoyed as much as the family who receives the tree.

The American Legion would like to thank the community for its continued support of our annual yard sale fund raiser. Your donations help provide necessary monies for building maintenance and community projects.

We would like to give special thanks to community member Laurie Ingalls and Thetford Cares for providing our National Guard troops with packages from home. We appreciate all who supported this project with their time and contributions.

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

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

ELIZABETH MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT

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

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

- Several areas on Tailing Pile 1 (TP-1) where grass had failed to take hold on the newly contoured face of the pile and where slight erosion was taking place were stabilized and reseeded. The reseeded was successful and the entire face of TP-1 is now stabilized and growing to grass. It is very fortunate that the TP-1 pile slopes were stabilized just in time for the record-breaking rainfall for 2005. (This year was the rainiest on record in Concord, NH, with records going back to 1868. and broke the old record from 1888, for the State of New Hampshire, by more than 2 inches.)
- Studies continued in preparation for the Non-Time Critical Removal Action (NTCRA) which is the cleanup of the mine site that will begin in 2006.
- During recent studies at the Site, EPA found two areas where lead in the soil was well beyond acceptable levels. These areas have been marked off to keep people away.
- The Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study is nearing completion. The Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study was a comprehensive study of all areas potentially impacted by the Elizabeth Mine. The Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study will determine what areas of environmental degradation will remain following the NTCRA efforts and what cleanup actions will be required for them. Areas outside of the NTCRA include the airshaft vent pipe that is dumping mine groundwater into the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc, the waste rock piles that are causing impacts to Lord Brook, , the lead contaminated soil at the former Copperas Factories, the waste beneath and surrounding the World War II buildings, several small outlying waste rock dump piles at Furnace Flats and along Sargent Brook, and the beds of Copperas Brook and the first 1700 feet of the WBOR below Copperas Brook.

In the late summer of 2005, EPA project manager, Ed Hathaway was able to secure \$3,000,000 in funding to begin the NTCRA cleanup. Ed began gathering a team to carry out this first phase of the mine cleanup which is scheduled to begin in 2006. EPA's current proposal for first phase cleanup actions includes:

- Installing surface water diversion ditches around TP-1 and TP-2 to keep clean water off the contaminating piles.
- Cutting back, stabilizing and seeding the steep west-facing slope of TP-1.
- Dredging precipitated metals out of Copperas Brook.

If all goes well, this first phase of the cleanup would begin in the summer of 2006 and be completed in 2007. Phase 2 of the cleanup would include completion of surface and groundwater diversion around all tailing piles, capping of the TP's-1&2, dealing with TP-3 (cleanup options are still being explored), and installing water treatment facilities downstream of the cleanup areas if it is determined any are needed.

The design of the Phase 2 activities will begin in 2006. The design is expected to be completed in 2008. A decision regarding the funding for these activities will not occur until the design is complete. Phase 2 cleanup is dependant on securing of more funds from EPA.

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

Thetford Select Board, Neal Meglathery, 785-2016

Thetford Conservation Commission, Scott Stokoe, 785-2083

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UPPER VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB

PURPOSE:

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

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

MEMBERSHIP: Currently 208 members, 19 are junior members. Open to any person interested in helping with our stated purpose. Junior membership is available to persons aged 15 and under.

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

ACTIVITIES: Ice fishing derby on Lake Fairlee in February – 137 participants in 2005. Kid's fishing derby in June - 32 children participated in 2005. Sponsored a Firearms Hunter Safety class and a Bow Hunter Safety class in the fall - certificates were presented to 22 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 18 Bow Hunter Safety Students in 2005. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer - 2 were sponsored in 2005.

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

Rhett W. Scruggs, Secretary



UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Upper Valley River Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan*, taking a close look at river access, riverfront recreational development, swimming, fishing, boating, and area trails. A new water quality assessment conducted for us by the State of New Hampshire indicates that the water in the Thetford area is once again safe for swimming and other recreation. We have now begun work on revising and updating the water resources chapter of our plan.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river. We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for floodplain and shoreland protection.

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

Cy Severance and Linda Matteson, Thetford representatives

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as all-terrain vehicles and recreational use of the river to the Connecticut River Birding Trail and floodplain development. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region.

With the support of the four US Senators from the two states, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including publication of a new guide to locally grown foods and water quality monitoring of Blood Brook in Norwich.

CRJC support efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. We brought Governors Jim Douglas of Vermont and John Lynch of New Hampshire together for a tour of the river region, and through our efforts, the 500 miles of state-designated roadway have been named a National Scenic Byway. The Commissions provide coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertourism.net.

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

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

During 2005, the Regional Commission provided technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. TRORC functions as staff for many of our towns and most of our work was initiated at the request of Selectboards, Planning Commissions, and other town officials. Major accomplishments for the past year included:

Regional and Local Transportation Planning - The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) worked with member municipalities on numerous local transportation projects. Two Rivers' staff wrote many Transportation Enhancement Grants and assisted our towns in procuring design engineers, processing requisitions for payment, and organizing public meetings for local input - Two Rivers helped projects get built. TRORC also assisted communities as they worked their way through the environmental permitting process on transportation projects and conducted many traffic counts, speed limit studies and intersection analyses.

Local Technical Assistance - Over the past year, we provided advice and support to all town officials on a wide range of activities. This included grant writing and administration, assistance on town plan revisions, ordinance development, GIS mapping, transportation planning, and Act 250 development review. The TRORC Region once again received the largest share of municipal planning grants statewide. This allowed our towns to conduct the planning necessary to respond to changes in state and federal requirements.

Emergency Planning Activities - The Regional Commission's emergency management planning program continued to be funded by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Projects focused on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff helped write and coordinate many of the First Responder Grants for safety equipment received by our towns. A number of Emergency Response exercises were conducted in 2005.

Economic Development Planning - In 2005, the Regional Commission continued working on a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to assess the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Once the level of contamination is known, the Regional Commission helps towns locate funding sources for clean-up. An additional \$200,000 was received by TRORC this year further strengthening this initiative. In addition, TRORC spent considerable time maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal economic development administration money.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

**GEORGE D. AIKEN
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT (RC&D)
COUNCIL REPORT**

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council helps to bring together the technical, financial and administrative resources for towns with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments, watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the six southern Vermont counties. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. In 2005, working with our partner towns and organizations, we secured and administered over \$517,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

Some current projects include developing watchable wildlife tourism, streambank restoration and watershed improvements, helping to develop an agricultural museum and helping to connect residents with locally grown food. In Thetford, we provided \$1,427.50 to the fire department for the purchase of wildland fire gear.

Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years, the George D. Aiken RC&D council has helped many communities and organizations on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step, is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation, call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: Kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2005 Annual Report of Activities

Thetford is a charter member of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District which was created in 1990 for the express purpose of managing waste generated within its member municipalities. The District provided direct service to Thetford in 2005 while also planning for the member towns' long-term waste management needs, including continued planning and development of the North Hartland landfill.

In our last report, we noted the GUV proposed landfill had received all necessary permits to begin construction. However, the district has a policy that as long as Lebanon City Landfill continues to provide adequate service to the district at reasonable prices it is not necessary to construct our landfill. Several times this past year the Lebanon City Council took up the issues of landfill usage and pricing and stated that they are likely to implement changes but have yet to make any decisions that will adversely affect GUV residents. Recent per ton tip fee increases have been \$1–\$2/year but a consultant for the City has recommended a \$5–\$7 increase as a reasonable market price for their service. We will be monitoring the situation closely and District staff will work with Lebanon officials to plan for future landfiling needs of the region.

District staff has also been working the Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding interstate airspace usage for the North Hartland landfill access road bridge. VAOT reversed their determination that the district is an exempt public agency. This action may require that compensation be paid to the AOT for the right to lease airspace over Interstate I-91. An appraisal of that airspace will determine fair market value and annual lease payments will be derived from that value. The district believes it qualifies for an exemption but will proceed with the appraisal to expedite this phase of the project. Borings for the bridge footings are complete and final bridge design will follow.

Direct services to Thetford and its residents in 2005—

- A bulky trash and tire collection in Thetford in April.
- A clothing recycling collection in May.
- 207 Thetford residents participated in District sponsored events including: household hazardous waste events, used motor oil collections, compost bin sales, computer recycling, and bulky trash, tire, and scrap metal collections.

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

We are always on the outlook for new opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle so please share with us your suggestions on ways to improve our services. District events for the upcoming collection season will be available at Town Meeting, at all Town Clerks' offices, and the District office at 296-3688 or on the web at www.guvswd.org.

Fred Moody
Executive Director, GUVSWMD

GREEN UP VERMONT
Green Up Day, May 6, 2006

Thirty-five years strong, “Green Up Day” is a special day when Vermonters clean and spruce up their communities. We were the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state. Working together, we can keep our unique Green Up spirit growing for Vermont.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501© (3) organization that works to enhance our state’s natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and educating about the benefits of a litter free environment.

Well over 15,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2005, using over 35,000 Green Up bags, collecting hundreds of tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont continued providing widespread promotional support in excess of \$25,000. We also held a special appreciation celebration at Shelburne Farms in honor of all who have helped for many years.

The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont

With your town’s help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of, taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up’s costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 10 percent of our budget. The rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses. These funds pay for supplies including the thousands of Green Up trash bags, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

www.greenupvermont.org
greenup@greenupvermont.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 6, 2006 is the next scheduled “Green-Up Day”! Get your boots, grab your gloves, invite a few friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more green!

MILFOIL PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMARY

The Lake Fairlee Community completed another season of aggressive milfoil control. Numerous volunteers and paid staff worked very hard, mostly motivated by a common desire to preserve the lake's recreational use and water quality. The effort continued to control the nuisance weed that persists in spreading further in the lake.

The lake community continues to be optimistic as we improve on the methods of control. Seemingly endless fund raising activities are needed to fund the project. Only a very small percentage of the budget comes from the three towns surrounding the lake. The bulk of our funding is from private donors and state grants. We can always use more volunteers. Feel free to contact Deecie Dennison, Tofer Sharp, Ridge Satterthwaite, or any other LFA Board members if you have questions, suggestions, or would like to volunteer.

We continued to expand the use of mechanical techniques including bottom barriers and suction harvesting. About 2.5 acres of barrier membrane was removed and reinstalled in new locations. This is proving to be our most efficient method of control. We also made heavy use of the suction harvester that was completed and permitted the prior year. The suction harvester is more efficient than hand pulling, but has not proven to be as effective as we had hoped. The harvester was used in areas where some native weeds still exist and were not appropriate for bottom barrier installations. Although it removes large quantities of milfoil relatively quickly, re-growth in the areas controlled with the harvester happened much quicker than expected and much faster than with areas controlled with barriers. We did see an overall improvement in the lake, but some areas have spread and/or gotten worse.

We benefited from the experience of several returning staff who continue to try to improve the efficiency of the operation. Our dive captain and crew manager Randy Miller was replaced this year by Ira Nelson-Bokum who has been with the crew for several years. We will miss Randy who contributed a lot over the last several years to the program. Tofer Sharp worked closely with Ira and continued to oversee the operations and report to the rest of the Lake Fairlee Association Board of Directors and the Town. Deecie Dennison volunteered her leadership to the Lake Fairlee Association Board along with several other board members including Suzie Kerr, Ridge Satterthwaite, Patty Spencer, and others. We owe the relatively good condition of the lake to everyone mentioned in this paragraph, and several other volunteers not mentioned.

Community outreach activities continued but at a lower level than prior years. This was partly due to a stronger focus on implementing the new control methods. Hand pulling was not promoted as much as in the past and the crew that did most of the shallow water work, known as the "Rubber Duckies", did considerably less work than in prior years. Most of our resources were expended on the dive crew so they could install the bottom barriers, operate the suction harvester and do a small amount of hand pulling.

The Lake Fairlee Association is a tax-exempt 501(C)(3) organization whose purpose is to preserve and improve the lake and watershed environment. We invite your donations and membership is open to all who share our purpose.

Submitted by Tofer Sharp

GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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

Each year communities call on us for help with serious needs. One example is when major employers move or shut down, or are bought by strangers. Sometimes, as a result, buildings become idle and towns lose aesthetic as well as economic vitality. This puts the security of everyone in doubt.

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

Governor Douglas, Secretary of Commerce Kevin Dorn and Commissioner Mike Quinn have made regular visits in our area promoting economic development and job growth opportunities. We are pleased to have received their attention and assistance in our efforts. The State of Vermont has provided significant assistance in all that we have accomplished. Our in-house relationship with the SBDC has been helpful along with our professional office location in Hartford.

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

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

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

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

KIDS PLACE

Kids Place is a non-profit organization in Randolph that offers supervised visitation, exchanges, and parenting support for families in Orange County. Kids Place has established additional sites for their services in Bradford at the Grace Methodist Church, in Chelsea at the Chelsea Playschool, as well as our current location at Ayres Brook Center in Randolph.

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

Kids Place hired a new Director, Connie Button, in October 2005. As Director, she acts as a liaison in the Orange County Family Court on a weekly basis, and also meets with community organizations and citizens to spread awareness about supervised visitation options and services in Orange County.

Kids Place has provided trainings for their monitors on such subjects as the court system, domestic violence, and divorce issues. Kids Place can attribute much of its success to the dedication and understanding of our monitors, who give many hours of their time to provide their services to help families in need.

If you would like additional information about services we provide, or volunteer opportunities in your area, please call us at 802-728-9506 x123.

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE**PO Box 37, 5445 Lake Morey Road, Fairlee, VT 05045****1-802-333-4043 1-800-683-9196****email: uvambulance@valley.net**

We are pleased to present our 15th annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our nine communities since July 1, 1990. In the past fifteen years, Upper Valley has responded to over 20,500 ambulance calls. This year (2005) we will have responded to over 900 requests for emergency medical assistance from the nine communities we serve.

2005 has proven to be a challenging year from a business perspective. We have had a difficult time finding qualified employees in a tight labor market. We continue to absorb double digit increases in health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance. Reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payers continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Despite this, we strive to continue providing a high level of service.

2006 will bring many more challenges. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which placed ambulances on a fixed fee schedule will be fully implemented in 2006. Medicare reimbursement will actually decrease over the next few years. Insurance rates continue to climb, and the job market remains tight. However, conservative fiscal management will allow us to keep our funding request at \$15.00/per capita.

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

In September, Upper Valley, along with twelve other Vermont services, was honored to send an ambulance crew to Texas for 35 days to support rescue efforts during Hurricane Rita. John Vose, our Paramedic Administrator, was asked by the Vermont State EMS officials to lead the Vermont contingent. He did an outstanding job.

Our Domicile Risk Assessment Program, "Home Sweet Home...Home Safe Home" continues to grow. Members of Upper Valley Ambulance trained in identifying hazards in and around your home will meet with you to offer recommendations for a safer home environment. This no cost program was developed to reduce risks around your home and help you identify hazards in the hopes of preventing an injury from occurring. We strongly urge everyone to take advantage of this free program. If you would like to schedule an assessment, or would like to volunteer to assist us with this worthwhile program, please give our office a call.

Many of you are familiar with our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$40 entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee.

We encourage you to join your friends and neighbors who stop by to visit, or have their blood pressure checked at our Lake Morey Road facility. Please feel free to contact John Vose, Administrator or your Town Representative, if you have any questions concerning our service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and Employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Larry A. Lancaster, Chair
Board of Directors

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors. VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government.

Vermonters use local government services on a daily basis, including highways, police, fire, recreation, libraries, sewer, and water.

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

- Training, municipal assistance, and publications. In the past year, VLCT responded to more than 2928 telephone and e-mail inquiries. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 29 workshops and small group training sessions attended by 1300 municipal officials. VLCT distributed more than 400 copies of local government publications and distributed more than 2500 hard copy or electronic mail versions of VLCT's Weekly Legislative Report to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, in land use discussions, and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayer dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates.

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 146 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.77 per capita plus a \$500 service fee per year.

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

RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

During 2005 RMCA has continued to make headway on our building renovations and capital campaign. We began a capital campaign in the spring and to date have received donations totaling \$7,811 from individuals. Six thousand six hundred (\$6,600) of these funds is specifically to be used towards painting the exterior of the building and to purchase storm windows for the four large 12/12 west-facing windows

In June of this year we were awarded a grant of \$2,500 from Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation (thanks to member Cynthia Taylor) to replace rotten clapboards and to be used toward painting the building.

Completed projects include:

A standing seam roof (professionally installed) replacement of clapboards, new sill and front door and eaves trough to prevent future water damage,(thank you Bob Walker, Bill Bridge, Pat Freund, Neal Meglathery) window reglazing (Thanks to Miranda Clemens's professional assistance in teaching Gina Sonne, Nancy Limbaugh, Debra Kraemer, Cynthia Taylor, and Ann Wickham).

We are so thrilled with an anonymous donation that was made for the painting of the building this spring. In addition, we hope to order storm windows and hire professionals to reglaze the 4 large windows.

Our calendar of events for 2005 planned by Mary Bryant included:

- * Reading and Book signing of local author/member, Dean Whitlock's new book, Sky Carver.
- * Plant swap
- * Book, clothing and toy swap
- * Africa slide show—"Our Year in Rwanda"; by the Bach-Lombardo family (RMCA members)
- * Tool sharpening by Garret Hack (RMCA member)
- * Bicycle tune-up with Dave Fisk
- * Rug Hooking with Jennifer Davey
- * Origami Stars and Decorations with Gina Sonne (RMCA member)
- * Open Mike Night
- * Summer Art Camp-Printmaking (2 weeks taught by Debra Kraemer, RMCA Member)

Our potlucks can begin in March now that we have a propane heater. This has greatly added to our ability to expand not only the programming but also to be able to rent the space to local individuals and organizations. We hope that the folks in the Thetford Community will make use of this friendly and historic community center. Look for signs of RMCA events on our New Sandwich boards located at intersections of Thetford Center\ Tucker Hill Rd, Union Village and Gove Hill.

Plans are in the works for some Swing Dance and Waltz workshops. We are also hoping to have Nan Crowel teach a gentle form of Tai Chi in the Spring. We welcome new ideas for bringing our wonderful community together.

As always donations of time and money are appreciated. RMCA membership dues of \$10.00 are payable to Treasurer, Polly Cole, 790 Poor Farm Road, Thetford Center, Vt 05075

Submitted by Gina Sonne, RMCA member

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

Emergency Preparedness: The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to public health threats or emergencies. Local Health Offices may be involved with; monitoring and early identification of disease; investigating disease sources; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; assuring availability of personnel training; as well as planning and testing regional drills with hospitals and Local Emergency Preparedness Committees (LEPC) and; planning of and participation in joint exercises. In an actual event, if needed, Local Health Offices could operate vaccination clinics or clinics to distribute medications to prevent infections. To achieve this, efforts are being made both centrally and locally to identify volunteers who could assist with these special clinics. To assist with these local preparedness activities, Vermont's Emergency Preparedness Unit is gathering the names of individuals who are willing to assist in the event of an emergency. Interested Thetford residents may contact the Vermont Emergency Response Volunteers through the following internet link VERV@vdh.state.vt.us.

The Emergency Preparedness Unit has participated in exercises in several Vermont communities during the past year. Members of the unit have worked closely with Vermont Emergency Management, Homeland Security, Local Emergency Planning Committees and District Offices throughout the state. Exercises conducted in 2005 were held in Hinesburg, Essex, the University of Vermont, Burlington International Airport and a statewide Pandemic Influenza tabletop exercise held in Burlington. Other communities hosting were: Grand Isle, Norton, Derby, St. Johnsbury, Norwich, Orwell, Randolph, Tunbridge and Bennington.

Food & Lodging Inspections: National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the 14 establishments in Thetford, 20 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2004. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, please go to www.healthyvermonters.info and select "Program List" then scroll down to "Division of Health Protection" and select "Restaurant Inspection Scores."

Reportable Disease Case Investigations: Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, to recommend control measures (including current treatment standards) and to prevent further spread of the disease. In 2004, the department investigated 61 cases of disease in Orange County.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Education Program for Women, Infants and Children ('WIC'):

One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2004, 57 women, infants and children living in Thetford received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$40.00 per person per month.

Town Health Officer Program: Every town in Vermont has a town health officer who is nominated by the select board and appointed by the commissioner of health. Town health officers work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints, and septic systems. The Health Department supports health officers with training, information and technical assistance. From July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005, the Health Department assisted your town health officer and Thetford residents 3 times.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Vaccine-preventable disease rates are at their lowest level ever. In 2004, there were Vermont reports of one case of mumps, 180 cases of pertussis, and no reports of measles, rubella, polio or tetanus. Disease levels, while they are one of the chief outcomes of interest, are a late indicator of the soundness of the immunization system. Immunization levels are a better indicator than vaccine-preventable disease rates to determine if there is a problem with immunization delivery. Immunization levels for Vermont children, while high, still fall short of the 90% coverage goal. During 2004, the Health Department distributed childhood vaccines to healthcare providers in White River Junction District valued at \$245,700.

West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance: WNV is a virus that is spread by mosquitoes. West Nile virus has a widespread distribution in Africa, West Asia, and the Middle East. In late summer 1999, the first domestically acquired human cases of WNV were documented in the United States in the New York City metropolitan area. The virus has since spread to the west coast of the United States. Each year, from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity, the Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont Agency of Agriculture track WNV in dead birds, mosquitoes, and horses in order to monitor the epidemic. As of September 8, 2005, 20,892 mosquitoes had been collected, of which 18,842 were tested. So far, no mosquito pools have tested positive for WNV. As of that date, one horse from Orange County had been reported to the Vermont Department of Health as having tested positive for WNV. In Orange County from June-September 8, 2005, 29 dead birds were reported, 8 were tested, and none were found to be infected with WNV. There have been no probable human cases of WNV reported during this same time period.

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

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC)

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services are designed to help families work toward better lives and to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. This year, CVCAC worked with 11,351 individuals in 5,209 households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support Services, Welfare to Work programming, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 18 Thetford & Post Mills households and 58 individuals with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

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

- * 4 households were provided with emergency services and referrals to address critical needs.
- * 8 households with 28 family members used our Crisis Fuel program and were able to continue heating their homes.
- * 2 households participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 7 additional family members.
- * 4 homes were weatherized for free and 16 people were more comfortable while saving money on home heating.
- * 1 entrepreneur received counseling and technical assistance to start or enhance a business.
- * 1 person learned financial literacy and began accruing assets toward a home purchase, education, or business.
- * 1 household and 3 family members received a safe and reliable vehicle from Community Action Motors allowing them to travel to work and access many needed services.

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

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services

The VNA & Hospice is like the local police and fire departments—a strategic part of the community's safety net—with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The town's support continues to be crucial for patients. Surrounded by memories, familiar furnishings, and family photographs, people almost always wish to confront the issues of illness, accident or aging, and dying in the comfort of their homes.

Town funding ensures that the following medically necessary and supportive services are provided to all citizens, including the uninsured and under-insured:

- Skilled clinical care and support during times of injury, short-term or chronic illness, or recovery from surgery or accidents. The most common conditions under our care are congestive heart failure, emphysema, diabetes, vascular disease, muscle disorders, and joint replacement.
- Nursing and physician care for pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Also addresses the psychosocial, emotional, spiritual, and financial concerns for patients, their families and their caregivers.
- Assistance to young families at risk. We help fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents and care for newborns and children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.
- Community wellness clinics including blood pressure, foot care, and flu vaccines

VNA & Hospice provided the following services in the Town of Thetford this past year:

(7/1/04 – 6/30/05)

Hospice Program

Patient families served	8
Volunteer visits	9
Volunteer hours	18
Support group hours	2

Home Care Program

Patients served	55
Home visits*	1,190

Family Support Services

Families served	6
Individuals served	25
Home visits	5
Direct service hours	43
Fatherhood dads served	3

Maternal Child Health Program

Children served	29
Home visits	159

*Includes Nursing Care, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy, Medical Social Workers, Home Health Aides, Personal Care or Homemaker Services

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

Respectfully submitted,



Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA
President and CEO, VNA & Hospice of VT and NH



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To the Citizens of Thetford:

As always Headrest truly appreciates your continued support. Substance abuse is the top health issue in the Upper Valley especially amongst our adolescents. Often times, VT & NH rank among the highest in surveys that were conducted across the United States for the number of people having a substance addiction.

The funds that the citizens of Thetford contributed to Headrest will be used to fund several programs that serve the residents of Thetford along with many other residents of the State of Vermont. Our Crisis Hotline, Crisis Teenline, and the National Hopeline – 1-800-Suicide are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Headrest is 1 of 70 national call-in sites for 1-800-Suicide and we are accredited by the American Association of Suicideology whose headquarters are in Washington, D.C.

Last year we received a total of 11,500+ calls on our crisis hotlines and this service is funded solely by local Towns & Cities (like Thetford), the United Way of the Upper Valley, the United Way of Sullivan County and private donations. Our crisis hotline has been in operation for 34 years.

Our records indicate that 35 calls were received from individuals identifying themselves as Thetford residents. Headrest has been serving the Upper Valley for 35 Years and with Thetford's continued support, we will continue to be there in your time of need.

Again, we thank you for your ongoing support and your generous contribution.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Cryans
Executive Director

MAPLE LEAF FARM ASSOCIATES, INC.
10 Maple Leaf Road, Underhill, VT 05489

Maple Leaf Farm operates a 33-bed residential treatment center for adults age 17 and older who suffer from chemical dependency. The “Farm” is located in Underhill, Vermont on sixty-six secluded acres in the foothills of Mount Mansfield and provides privacy and serenity that helps in the healing process. Our mission: *to help individuals recover from alcohol and drug addiction*. We understand the power of alcohol and drug addiction to destroy the lives of individuals and their families. We are committed to providing medical detoxification and residential treatment and support services of the highest quality to help our patients find recovery. We will do whatever it takes to help our patients reach this goal, and we will never give up.

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

We have made important changes in the medically-monitored detoxification portion of our program, changes that have already contributed to the success of our patients in their efforts to achieve sobriety. We have instituted an industry-standard withdrawal assessment procedure for all patients experiencing withdrawal symptoms and introduced Buprenorphine detoxification and induction process for opiate-addicted persons. The introduction of Buprenorphine has already resulted in a decrease in the number of opiate-addicted patients who in the past, without medication-assisted therapies, have had multiple relapses. They are much more likely to be successful over time in their recovery efforts.

On behalf of all of us at Maple Leaf Farm, I wish to extend a thank you for the support your town has provided to the patients we serve. As one patient wrote, “Without Maple Leaf Farm I’d be dead today. But without my family and understanding friends in town, I never would have made it either. God bless all of you.”

Your continued support helps us to make a difference in the lives of Vermonters struggling with addiction, regardless of their circumstances. Many thanks.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Young
Executive Director

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

For the past 80 years, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) has pursued a mission to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. All of our services are provided without charge to the client, to ensure that no one is excluded due to financial concerns. During the 2005 fiscal year, we served 1,346 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont, including two adults and two children from the Town of Thetford.

From reading, writing and cooking to hobbies, recreation and travel, VABVI helps visually impaired adults maintain their independence and dignity. Services for adults include: Orientation and mobility training, including white cane instruction; Home adaptation and recommendations; Training and procurement of aids and appliances; Suggestions to help our clients continue performing daily tasks and activities that may have become difficult; and Peer Assisted Learning and Support (PALS) groups that meet monthly in 11 locations around the state for peer education and support.

Our children's services include Braille instruction; Orientation and mobility training; A Transition Program to help teens successfully move from high school to college or the workplace; and an Intensive Residential Life Experiences (IRLE) education program, which provides opportunities for our youngest clients to learn independence, self-esteem and meet others coping with vision loss.

Volunteers are an important part of our organization. Last year 273 volunteers drove 220,140 miles and donated 14,579 hours of service either by driving, reading, walking, shopping, brailleing, providing companionship, working in our offices or other capacities. To become a volunteer or to learn more about our services, contact us at (800) 639-5861, general@vabvi.org or visit our website at www.vabvi.org.

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) teaches people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. We also conduct public education, outreach, individual and systems change activities that promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. VCIL, a private not-for-profit corporation, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability center for independent living and the first organization in the state to be directed and staffed by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

Preliminary data shows that VCIL responded to over 2,000 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals and program services for individuals living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to **373** individuals that helps increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided **384** households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided **265** individuals with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; and served **776** home-delivered meals to disabled Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Chittendon Counties. Our locally based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont

During FY 05, VCIL provided service to **2** residents of **Thetford** utilizing the following services:

- Information and Referral
- Peer Advocate Counseling

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

UPPER VALLEY SERVICES, INC.

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

The services that we provide are as follows:

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

ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCCDP) is a cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for first offenders referred by the State's Attorney. It offers both juveniles and adults an opportunity to make amends for their offenses in a way that teaches responsible behavior and deters future delinquent or criminal activities. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion, resulting in a clean record.

The OCCDP is a local non-profit organization run by a Board of Trustees and staffed by a three-quarter time director, a one-fifth time caseworker and the 28 community volunteers from Orange County who serve as Review Board members. A volunteer citizen Review Board interviews each offender and decides who will be accepted into the program. The main criteria for acceptance into the program is an admission of wrongdoing, and no prior history of criminal activity. Each client accepted into diversion is required to discuss all issues and questions concerning their offense with the Review Board. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs of both the victim and the community, and held responsible for the offense. The Review Board designs an individualized contract that specifies the conditions of the person's participation. Contracts may involve an apology to the victim, mediation between offender and victim, restitution, mental health or substance abuse counseling, a jail tour, community service, a donation to a worthy cause, completion of a GED, a job search, writing an essay, or other appropriate activities related to the offense. Diversion clients have performed volunteer work for local libraries, hospitals, cemeteries, road crews, recycling centers, schools, senior centers, volunteer fire departments and the like. Approx. 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete the program. Less than 5% of the clients who successfully complete the program end up becoming repeat offenders.

The citizen Review Board replaces the judge and jury in deciding how an offender must make amends for his/her wrongdoing. This approach is a powerful way to help the offender realize the impact and seriousness of the crime to his community and its citizens. For the offender, it takes the act out of the abstract and puts it in a real context where responsibility is both unavoidable and an expected outcome of the program.

In addition to processing criminal cases from court, the Orange County Court Diversion program administers Orange County's Teen Alcohol Safety Program for first time, civil cases of underage drinking. All clients who are referred on a civil offense of underage drinking meet with our Review Board and are required, in addition to other contract conditions, to complete an alcohol assessment and any recommended follow-up counseling or treatment services.

A total of 194 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2005. Of this amount, 89 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 105 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. With the exception of a few cases that were transferred from other counties throughout the state, nearly all of the client caseload represented crimes and offenses that occurred in Orange County. In cases involving criminal offenses, clients who successfully completed their Diversion contract during FY05 paid a total of \$19,633.00 in restitution to victims and victim related causes, and performed 510 hours of community service.

Orange County Court Diversion budgeted \$80,018.00 for its FY05 operating budget. Approx. 80% of the operating budget was funded by a State grant and client fees. The remaining 20% of the program's funds came from miscellaneous and local funding sources. These local sources were Green Mountain United Way, town appropriations, and individual donations. For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County.

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

THE FAMILY PLACE

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

The Family Place Parent Child Center serves 22 towns in Vermont as well as numerous NH towns in the Upper Valley. We are committed to promoting the healthy growth and development of families with children aged birth to five, although some of our programs serve clients through the age of 17. We serve all families, because parenting is the most important role in the community. At the same time, we strive to ensure that our services are available to those families who face significant challenges.

We provide parent education, playgroups, parenting skills, and family support services through home-based and center-based programs. We know that the earlier we reach children and their families, the better the chances are for them to lead successful, healthy lives and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

FAMILY PLACE HIGHLIGHTS IN FY2005 INCLUDE:

- Our Child Care Subsidy Program helped finance child care for 665 children, between the ages of 6 and 11, from area towns.
- Our Home Visiting Programs served 926 individuals over the course of the year.
- We offered 4 Playgroups in area towns. A total of 697 individuals participated in and benefited from these playgroups.
- Our Family Fun Events attracted 967 parents and children. Our Annual Gingerbread Festival, held at Tracy Hall, attracted more than 840 people last year and helped us raise money to sustain our programs. Attendees enjoyed an amazing display of over 65 decorated Gingerbread Houses, a silent auction, Gingerbread Store, Gingerbread Café and many children's activities. This year we expect an even bigger turn out.
- Our Parent Education Program served 281 individuals with parenting information and informational workshops.
- Through the efforts of Toys for Tots and the generous donations from local organizations and individuals we were able to offer Holiday Assistance to 655 individuals in need.
- Our on-site Child Advocacy Center has served a total of 79 children in the Upper Valley this year. We have an on-site therapist to work with this program.
- There were 389 documented telephone calls for information and referral service as well as numerous walk-ins looking for assistance. We also provide a comprehensive web site to assist individuals seeking information.
- Our lending library, consisting of more than 364 books and videos is popular with adults and children alike.
- We've just launched a new program, Families Learning Together. We're very excited about this initiative which will enhance the ability of young mothers to parent their children well by increasing parenting skills, knowledge of child development and increasing job readiness and life skills.

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

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide respite services to victims of domestic and sexual abuse within Orange County and northern tier towns in Windsor County, Vermont. The overriding goal of the organization is to contribute significantly to the prevention and mitigation of such types of abuse.

OUR VISION STATEMENT-To end domestic violence in our lifetime.

SAFELINE STATISTICS

July 1, 2004- June 30, 2005

Staff and volunteers fielded over 1,000 hotline calls:

Of the people served this year:

- At least three were over the age of 60
- More than 21 were members of our community that were being stalked by their abusers
- More than 72 were our neighbors who experienced rape, attempted rape or other type of sexual abuse by their abusers
- More than 242 were residents of Orange County and upper tier Windsor County towns who were supported through a crisis related to domestic or sexual violence
- Women were the most prevalent by far. They came from various backgrounds of income, ethnicity and ability

Education and Outreach:

- Support and information on domestic and sexual violence were presented to 533 members of our community
- Staff participated in more than 70 community meetings on behalf of the victims/survivors of domestic/sexual violence in Orange and Windsor Counties

Safeline Provides:

Legal Advocacy: A trained advocate can provide legal information and accompany victims/survivors to court and to the police station

Crisis Support: Services can be accessed 24-hours a day seven days a week through the Safeline hotline

Medical Advocacy: A trained advocate can meet victims/survivors at the hospital if the sexual or physical abuse requires medical attention

Safety Planning: Safeline staff and volunteers can work with victims/survivors to create a safety plan that best fits their needs

Information and Referral: Advocates have information on a variety of services in the community that they can relay to callers who are concerned about their safety or that of a family member or friend

Safehomes: Safeline can assist victims who are fleeing domestic or sexual violence to access emergency shelter.

Prevention Education: The Program Educator is available to provide prevention based educational programs to schools, businesses and organizations. Topics include healthy relationships, sexual harassment, teen dating violence and personal safety.

Community Outreach and Education: Safeline staff are active members of many collaborative groups throughout the service area, including the Orange County Domestic/Sexual Violence Task Force, Child Protection Teams and Community Partnership of Orange and Windsor Counties (CPOW).

This Year at Safeline:

Safeline began an active period of organizational transition. The steps taken during this period have positioned Safeline to be very successful in the future:

- Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence assumed temporary stewardship for Safeline
- A consultant/interim director was hired to see Safeline through this process
- Input from the community was sought to provide insight on the value of Safeline to Orange County and northern Windsor County towns
- An assessment of services was undertaken and will be compiled to develop a strategic plan for the coming years
- Staff and volunteers continued to provide the same high quality of services that victims and survivors count on
- Staff developed a new database for use in outreach and educational mailings

Also this year at Safeline:

- Volunteers contributed 3,377 hours staffing the hotline, assisting women through the Relief From Abuse Order process and working in the office

Funding:

Safeline receives funding from a combination of public and private sources and is a member of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Safeline receives support from various community groups, individuals and town appropriations.



July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

Community Capital, formerly known as Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund (CVRLF), provides flexible and creative financing that seeds business start-ups and fuels expansion, enabling business owners to build the sales, credit, and experience needed to secure full bank financing in the future. A community-based nonprofit lender, Community Capital serves qualified micro and small businesses, particularly those that are owned by or offer employment opportunities to low-to-moderate income individuals. To be eligible to apply, businesses must be located in Washington County or select towns in Orange County which include Washington, Orange, Williamstown, Chelsea, Fairlee, Newbury, Randolph, Thetford, Topsham, and Vershire.

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

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

During the fiscal year, 101 individuals inquired with Community Capital about financing opportunities. Twenty-nine (29) applications were submitted for financing of which fifteen (15) were approved totaling \$202,285. During the reporting period, thirteen (13) of those loans were disbursed to twelve (12) businesses for a total value of \$188,545. These funds in turn leveraged \$469,500 in other private and government funds. Four (4) of the businesses served were startups. Businesses supported this year were located in East Montpelier (1), Barre City (1), Barre Town (1), Calais (1), Montpelier (5), Marshfield (1), Warren (1), and Waterbury (1).

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

Community Capital is operated in partnership with the Central Vermont Community Action Council. Community Capital is managed by Emily Kaminsky, Fund Manager. Interested parties are encouraged to call Loan Officer Chris Rottler at 479-1053, ext 254 to request a loan application and additional information.

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN THETFORD

~~Local Partnerships in Learning~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## **BUGBEE SENIOR CENTER WHITE RIVER COUNCIL ON AGING**

The Bugbee Senior Center is a multipurpose senior center which delivers a broad spectrum of services to residents over 60 and their families.

Services provided during FY 2005 were: Center and Home-Delivered Meals, transportation, advocacy, paralegal services, housing assistance, information and referral, nutrition screening and education, health clinics, volunteer opportunities, informative monthly newsletter, support groups, educational and recreational opportunities. We are the gateway into the aging network for those requiring assistance in remaining vital, independent adults.

During FY 05, we had the privilege of providing services to 139 Thetford individuals over the age of 60 in a combination of the above listed services. During 2005, Thetford residents joined us for lunch 1,003 times! The Bugbee Senior Center provided 1,970 home-delivered meals to home-bound or convalescing residents of Thetford over 60. Advocacy and paralegal services were provided by appointment at the Center or individuals homes by Melanie Cash and Eleanor Zue. 1,668 copies of our newsletter (the "Bugbee Bulletin") were sent to 139 individuals in Thetford.

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

Kathleen W. Avery  
Executive Director



## MEALS ON WHEELS

The Thetford Meals on Wheels Program continues to operate on a daily basis through the combined effort of several thoughtful and caring individuals throughout the community who enjoy getting out and lending a helping hand by being a friendly visitor to some of their fellow neighbors and delivering wholesome meals which are provided by the Bugbee Senior Center in White River Junction, VT.

For close to twenty years, people such as Lorraine Carbino and Dot Tofel have given their time to help ensure that Thetford residents aged 60 and older who are in need of assistance with meals and are mainly housebound and/or living alone, have been able to receive a meal once a day delivered right to their home. Our program could not exist without the extraordinary dedication and devotion to volunteering by our regular drivers who include: Martha Howard, Alice Gnaedinger, John Hall, Dot and Joe Tofel, and Paul Rump.

During the past year the program underwent a few changes and we'd like to extend our thanks to Rev. Gail Dimick, who not only serves as the minister of two churches in town, but was loyally serving as a Meals on Wheels volunteer! She regretfully had to say goodbye to the friends she made on her meal delivering travels in order to have enough time for her family and her life's work as a minister. We are also very grateful to Paul Rump for his return to volunteering after a brief time away after the loss of his father. Thank you to Russ Vaughan for filling in during times when we were short a driver!

We would like to especially thank Lorraine Carbino for always keeping her door open to the drivers who pick up the meal coolers on her porch each weekday! And for all of her previous years as a driver and coordinator too. She has been an important source of stability to keep the program up and running!

I have just started serving as the Thetford coordinator only to help while Lorraine had surgery last fall. Alice Gnaedinger and Dot Tofel were instrumental in encouraging me and in getting Martha Howard on board, which led to reaching out to more seniors who could use a hot meal at lunchtime.

Many thanks to our newest "spares": Alice Gollnick, Sue Farrell, and Ruth Sylvester who have been wonderful substitutes in taking time out of their busy schedules to relieve the regular drivers as needed.

In closing, all of us who volunteer wish to express how very appreciative we are of all of the people we've come to know who are recipients of the meals we deliver; who brighten our days with their rich history of living in Thetford and who have so many valuable stories to tell!

We are always in need of extra substitutes if anyone is looking to volunteer. If you know of someone who is in need of assistance through the meals program, you can inquire about home delivered meals in Thetford by calling me at 785-2576 or by contacting the Bugbee Senior Center at 295-9068.

Submitted by Nancy Vaughan





## CLARA MARTIN CENTER

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(802) 728-4466

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

1483 Lower Plain Rd., Bradford, VT 05033  
(802) 222-4477

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

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

CVSAS  
100 Hospitality Drive, Berlin, VT 05601  
(802) 223-4156

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

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

Quitting Time  
61 Depot Road, Wilder, VT 05088  
(802) 295-1311

Clara Martin Center programs serve children, families, and individuals coping with behavioral challenges, emotional stress, mental illness, alcohol and other drug problems. Services are confidential and include (but are not limited to):

- Outpatient Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School and Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Walk-in Clinic
- Vocational Services
- Alcohol and other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

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

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

It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these agency successes and in turn continue to meet our mission and strategic plans to provide local community mental health services to all our community members in need.

**FY05 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC**

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Children & Family Services | 626         |
| Adult Services             | 647         |
| CSP Services*              | 199         |
| Substance Abuse Services   | 494         |
| CVSAS                      | 784         |
| Walk-in Clinic Services    | 82          |
| Emergency Services         | 1101        |
| <b>Agency Total:</b>       | <b>3933</b> |

**TOTAL SERVED FROM THETFORD**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Children & Family Services | 21        |
| Adult Services             | 13        |
| CSP Services*              | 5         |
| Substance Abuse Services   | 11        |
| <b>Total Served:</b>       | <b>50</b> |

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

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## **ACORN-A COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005**

- ❖ ACORN provided professional case management, advocacy, and related services to 57 individuals living with HIV/AIDS and an additional 106 affected family members. Case managers provided additional services to 6 individuals with Hepatitis C.
- ❖ ACORN distributed approximately \$38,000 in emergency financial assistance directly to clients living with HIV/AIDS or HCV in our four county catchment area to support their living environment and their nutritional, emotional, and physical needs. In addition, our case managers distributed \$50,000 in State and Federal financial aid to help clients with insurance premiums, co-insurance payments, and prescription costs.
- ❖ ACORN staff reached approximately 3,500 individuals in our local communities with education and prevention programs who were identified as -at risk- for acquiring either HIV or HCV infections.
- ❖ ACORN remains the only free HIV testing and counseling service in the Upper Valley Region that provides access to the -OraSure- test which allows an individual to be tested for HIV without going through the process of a blood test in the medical setting. This ability to test anywhere in the community with a minimally intrusive procedure helps to reduce many barriers for those who may be at risk and need to know their HIV status.
- ❖ ACORN this past year became the only known non-profit in the area that provides Hepatitis C counseling and testing for free, to individuals who self identify as having past risk factors associated with possible infection.
- ❖ ACORN provided bi-monthly support group services to 14 individuals living with HIV/AIDS. In June of this fiscal year, in collaboration with medical staff from both the Veterans Hospital in White River Junction, Vt. and the staff from Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital, ACORN began providing a monthly support group for persons living with Hepatitis C.
- ❖ ACORN-s Executive Director, Thomas Mock was chosen by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to receive a National award as one of the ten outstanding National Community Health Leaders in the Country.

ACORN gratefully acknowledges the Town of Thetford for their continued support.



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