

ANNUAL REPORTS

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT

***YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2007***

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THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS:

[term expires in “()”]

Town Moderator – 1 year

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| Joseph Tofel ('08) | 2459 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr | Joseph.Tofel@valley.net | 649-1434 |
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School Moderator – 1 year

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| Mary M. Denison ('08) | 982 Quinibeck Rd, Post Mills | | 333-9527 |
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Agent to Convey Real Property – 1 year – vacant

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year – vacant

Budget Committee – 3 year

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Lynne Miller ('08) | 759 Stevens Rd, E Thetford | | 785-4410 |
| Ken McDaniels ('08) | PO Box 313, Thetford | | 785-4908 |
| Mike Pomeroy ('09) | PO Box 128, Thetford | MCPomeroy@hotmail.com | 785-2539 |
| Tig Tillinghast ('10) | 1708 Tucker Hill Rd, T.C. | tig@watershed-publishing.com | 785-4302 |
| Terry Longo ('08) | PO Box 12, Thetford | | 785-9807 |

Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year

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|-------------------|------------------------|--|----------|
| John Wilmot ('08) | PO Box 6, E. Thetford | | 785-4090 |
| Bruce Avery ('10) | PO Box 72 N. Thetford | | 333-9671 |
| Andy Martin ('08) | PO Box 232, E Thetford | | 785-2024 |

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 1 year

| | | | |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Jill Graff ('08) | PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr | Treasurer@thetfordvermont.us | 785-2922 |
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Grand Juror – 1 year

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

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

Listers – 3 year

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|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Denise Adams ('09) | 1100 Stowell Rd, Thetfd Ctr | listers@thetfordvermont.us | 785-4331 |
| Donna Durkee ('08) | PO Box 122, E Thetford | listers@thetfordvermont.us | 785-4590 |
| Janet Stowell ('10) | 462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr | listers@thetfordvermont.us | 785-4387 |

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

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

School Directors – 2 & 3 year

| | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| Andrew Boyce ('09) | PO Box 57, Post Mills | andy_boyce@yahoo.com | 333-9962 |
| Robin Brown ('10) | 222 Schoolhouse Hill Rd, E. Thet | Kevin.P.Brown@valley.net | 333-4727 |
| Karen Kaliski ('08) | 176 Burnham Road, E Thetford | | 785-3113 |
| Jennifer Reining ('08) | 319 Cadwell Rd, E Thetford | Jennifer.Reining@valley.net | 785-3083 |
| Susan Weider ('08) | 51 Lower Cream, Thetfd Ctr | usie@northernedgeassociates.com | 785-4529 |

Selectboard – 2 & 3 year

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| | | Selectboard@thetfordvermont.us | |
| John Bacon ('08) | 551 Lower Bailey Rd Thetford Ctr | Johnebacon@wildblue.net | 785-4831 |
| Mike Brown ('08) | 437 Burnham Rd, E Thetfd | Michael.J.Brown@valley.net | 785-4536 |
| Mark McMahon, Resigned 11/07 | | | 785-4687 |
| Suzanne Masland ('09) | 714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr | suzannemasland@yahoo.com | 785-4146 |
| Mary Spata, Resigned 10/07 | | | |
| Tig Tillinghast ('08) Appt'd | 1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetfd Ctr | tig@watershed-publishing.com | 785-4302 |
| Andrew Toler ('08) Appt'd | 675 New Boston Rd, Thetfd Ctr | Andrew.W.J.Toler@Dartmouth.edu | 785-9845 |

Senator-Orange County (next election Nov '08)

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

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

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

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|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Jill Graff ('08) | PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr | Treasurer@thetfordvermont.us | 785-2922 |
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Trustees of Latham Library – 4 year

| | | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|----------|
| Ralph Albertini ('08) | PO Box 25, Thetford | | 785-2778 |
| Richard Balagur ('11) | 2021 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford | | 785-4514 |
| Ron Chabot ('09) | 1092 Poor Farm Rd South, Thetford Ctr. | | 785-2772 |
| Nan Crowell ('10) | 208 Lower Bailey Rd, Thetford Ctr | | 785-3014 |
| Betsy Edmunds ('08) | 482 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr | | 785-2132 |
| Stephen Hoffman ('10) | 61 New Boston Rd, Thetford Ctr | | 785-4039 |
| Maureen Morse ('08) | 678 Picknell Rd, Thetford Ctr | | 785-4747 |
| Elise Tillinghast ('11) | 1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr | | 785-4302 |

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

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

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|------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------|
| Frederick Howard ('09) | PO Box 57, N Thetford | | 333-9291 |
| Ruel G. Barrett ('10) | PO Box 89, Thetford | | 785-2867 |
| Elmer Brown ('08) | PO Box 237, Thetford Ctr | | 785-2167 |

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Agency on Aging – White River Council

Ruel Barrett ('08) PO Box 184, Thetford 785-2867

Ancient Roads Committee

| | | | |
|-----------------|--|------------------------------|----------|
| John Bacon | 551 Lower Bailey Rd Thetford Ctr | Johnebacon@wildblue.net | 785-4831 |
| Jim Masland | 714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr | JMasland@leg.state.vt.us | 785-4146 |
| Doug Stone | 954 Poor Farm Road South, Thetford Ctr | | 785-2140 |
| Janet Stowell | 462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr | listers@thetfordvermont.us | 785-4387 |
| Tig Tillinghast | 1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr | tig@watershed-publishing.com | 785-4302 |

Animal Control Officer

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Assistant Town Clerk

Lori Magoon PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

Assistant Treasurer

Rebecca Buchanan PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

Conservation Commission

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Heather Carlos ('10) | 478 Colby Rd N Thetford Ctr | Heather.A.Carlos@dartmouth.edu | 785-4853 |
| Jennifer Davey, Chair | PO Box 166, Post Mills | Jennifer.Davey@dartmouth.edu | 333-9607 |
| Ann Lavanway, Sec. ('10) | 376 Poor Farm Rd, Thetfd. Ctr | Ann.m.lavanway@dartmouth.edu | 785-9814 |
| Amy McElroy, ('08) | 3534 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetfd Ctr | | 785-2291 |
| Didi Pershouse, ('09) | 2382 Sawnee Bean Rd. Thetford Ctr | | 785-4476 |
| Robert Pulaski, Treasurer | 1006 Barker Rd, Thetford Ctr | Bob.Pulaski@valley.net | 333-4627 |
| Li Shen, Vice Chair | 851 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr | Lilian.Shen@dartmouth.edu | 785-4950 |
| William Shepard ('10) | 2360 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr | | 785-2855 |

Development Review Board

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Bill Bridge ('08) | 3836 Route 5 Thetford Ctr | unharried@yahoo.com | 785-2964 |
| Sherry Crossley ('08) | PO Box 257 Thetford Ctr | scrossley@hughes.net | 333-9579 |
| Dennis Marquise, Res. 12/07 | 339 Burnham Rd, E Thetford | dmarquise@aol.com | 785-2175 |
| Sean Mullen, Chair ('09) | 1562 Poor Farm Rd, Thetford Ctr | mullharvey@valley.net | 785-4373 |
| Tim Taylor ('09) | 811 West Fairlee Rd, Fairlee | Tim.Taylor@valley.net | 333-4455 |
| Norm Marshall, ('09) | PO Box 150, E Thetford | | 785-4017 |

Emergency Management

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Energy Committee

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Ellen Blumberg ('09) | 189 Jackson Brook Rd | mjblumberg@valley.net | 785-9883 |
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| Paul Gerke ('08) | 1414 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr | Paulgerke@aol.com | 649-2587 |
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| Scott Zens ('10) | 1321 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr | Michael.s.zens@dartmouth.edu | 785-4012 |

Fence Viewers

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
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| Mark McMahon ('08) | 2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford | MoMMc5@aol.com | 785-4687 |

Fire Wardens (Burning Permits)

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| Jeff Sirjane ('08) | 1854 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thet. Ctr | Jsirjane@worldcupsupply.com | 785-4405 |
| Don Fifield ('08) | PO Box 161, Thetford Ctr | | 785-2604 |

Greater UV Solid Waste District Representative

| | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------|
| Ben Bradley ('08) | 168 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr | | 785-4245 |
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Health Officer

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

Vacant

Historic Preservation Committee

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Stephen Branchflower ('09) | PO Box 38, Thetford Ctr | | 785-2667 |
| Anthony Gerzina ('08) | 80 Asa Burton Rd, E Thetford | | 785-2927 |
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| Roney Hoffman ('09) | 68 Cobble Hill Rd, E Thetford | | 785-2438 |
| Tod Moses ('08) | PO Box 164, Thetford Ctr | | 785-3060 |
| William Thrane ('10) | PO Box 633, Thetford | | 785-2520 |

Planning Commission

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| Dennis Donahue ('10) | 416 Pero Hill, Thetford Ctr | Dennis.a.donahue@dartmouth.edu | 785-3177 |
| Lori Howard ('10) | PO Box 82, E Thetford | Lori.howard@wgmllegal.com | 333-9291 |
| Rick Howard ('08) | PO Box 82, E Thetford | | 333-9291 |
| Kevin O'Hara | 1646 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Ctr | kevin@oharagerke.com | 333-4846 |
| Wayne Parks ('09), Chair | 895 Turnpike Rd N, Fairlee | WayneParksVT@yahoo.com | 333-9761 |

Police Department

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

Pound Keeper

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------|
| Ruth Dwyer Kent ('08) | 2604 Sawnee Bean Rd, Thetford Ctr | | 785-2817 |
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Recreation Coordinator

Hilary Linehan PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr 785-2922

Recreation Committee

Kevin Brown, Co-Chair 222 Schoolhouse Hill Rd, E Thetford 333-4727
 Dave Carpenter PO Box 175, Thetford Ctr 785-4572
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 Nancy Stanley 15 Cranberry Hill Rd, E Thetford 785-2791
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Road Foreman

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 Gina Sonne 565 Poor Farm Rd S, Thetford Ctr 785-4220
 Mark McMahon 2166 Godfrey Rd, E Thetford MoMMc5@aol.com 785-4687
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Surveyor of Wood & Lumber

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 Mary Spata ('08) 272 Route 244, Post Mills spataturk@valley.net 333-9383
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Town Service Officer

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 Paul Raymond PO Box 223, Thetford Ctr 785-4953

TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

The annual Town and School Meeting will be held on

Saturday, March 1, 2008 at 9:00 am

Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy

A snack bar will be open for the morning session.

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

A luncheon will be served in the Family and Consumer Science Room.

Proceeds will benefit the Thetford Academy trip to Spain.

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

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

Some thoughts:

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

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

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

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

And, a few explanations:

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

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

To Call the Question (to cease debate), is a motion (requiring 2/3 approval) that stops discussion on the item being considered, and brings it to an immediate vote. (My own special request - since we're here to discuss the warned items, please don't use this procedure too quickly. Let those who wish to talk, do so.)

| CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year | |
| Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year | |
| Budget Committee, 3 year | Terry Longo |
| Budget Committee, 2 year | |
| Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year | John M. Wilmot |
| Cemetery Commissioner, 2 year to complete 3 year | |
| Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 3 year | Jill Graff |
| Grand Juror, 1 year | Michael J. Brown |
| Library Trustee, Latham 4 year | Lynn O'Hara |
| Library Trustee, Latham 4 year | |
| Library Trustee, Latham 1 year to complete 4 year | Ralph S. Albertini |
| Lister, 3 year | Donna Phelps Durkee |
| Select Board, 3 year term | John E. Bacon |
| Select Board, 2 year term to complete 3 year | Andrew W.J. Toler |
| Select Board, 1 year term to complete 3 year | Tig Tillinghast |
| Select Board, 2 year term | Michael J. Brown |
| Town Moderator, 1 year | Mark McMahon |
| Town Treasurer, 3 year | Jill Graff |
| Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year | Elmer C. Brown |
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| School Director, 1 year to complete 3 year | Karen Kaliski |
| School Director, 2 year | Jennifer Kitchel Reining |
| School Director, 3 year | Elise Tillinghast |
| School Moderator, 1 year | Mary "Deecie" Denison |

NEW DATES FOR 2008 DECLARATION OF VT HOMESTEAD

All VT residents who own and occupied a VT homestead on April 1, 2008 must file a Declaration of VT Homestead, Form HS-122. Due date is April 15, 2008 (Even if you file for an extension of taxes, this form must be filed!)

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

VOTER INFORMATION

NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Applications to the voter checklist for Town Meeting and March Elections are accepted no later than 5 pm on WEDNESDAY BEFORE AN ELECTION. Apply at the Town Clerk's office. You must be on the checklist to vote March 1 (Town Meeting) and March 4 (Australian Ballot).

Clerk's Office Hours

6-8 pm Monday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday; Friday 8:00 - Noon
Special hours due to election requirements:
February 27 open until 5:00 pm

Early or Absentee Voting

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day may request an absentee ballot – no explanation necessary. Absentee Ballots may be requested by phone, in writing, or in person by the voter's family member (a voter's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents and spouse's grandparents). Requests by others (on behalf of a voter) must be in person or in writing.

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

March 3 by 8 pm
Town offices open from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Absentee Ballots may be voted in three ways:

- 1) In person at the Town Clerk's Office.
- 2) Mailed to you and mailed or delivered back to the Town Clerk's office by 7 pm on Election Day (March 4, 2008).
- 3) Brought to you (in the case of illness or physical disability) by two Justices of the Peace on the day of or day before election. Must be requested at least 3 days in advance.

Pre-Town Meeting – February 25, 2008, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

Town Meeting – March 1, 2008, 9:00 am, Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy

Voting by Australian Ballot

For Town and School Officers, School District Budget
Tuesday, March 4, 2008
Thetford Town Hall
3910 VT Route 113
Thetford Center, VT 05075-0126
Polls open 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

**WARNING
2008**

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in Anderson Hall, Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 1st, 2008 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 Wednesday, October 15th, 2008 by 5:00 pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town?
- ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts?
- ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$853,656.50 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?
- ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$541,469.26 for the budgeted expenditure of the Highway Department?
- ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$165,000.00 to be added to the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund?
- ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$28,000.00 to fund the addition of a third Police Officer position to the Thetford Police Department?
- ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new Class A pumper at a cost not to exceed \$270,000.00 to be financed through the Capital Equipment Replacement Fund through a five (5) year lease agreement with the first payment of \$60,922.00 due one (1) year from the delivery date?
- ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town of Thetford enter into an Interlocal Contract with other municipalities, under Title 24 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated Section 4901, for the purpose of establishing a universal, open-access, financially self-sustaining broadband communications system to provide communications services, including high-speed Internet, telephone, and cable television, to the residents, businesses, and institutions of these towns?
- ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$5,000.00 annually to be added to the Recycling Fund for the purpose of future infrastructure improvements at the Recycling Center?
- ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase materials to build a footbridge attached to the Sayre Bridge?
- ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase and install an emergency generator for the Town Hall?

- ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town of Thetford adopt town plans by Australian ballot?
- ARTICLE 14 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1,000.00 to support the Little Rivers Health Care Clinic?
- ARTICLE 15 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$11,200.00 to support the Visiting Nurse Association of Vermont and New Hampshire (VNA/VNH)?
- ARTICLE 16 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$500.00 to support the Orange County Parent Child Center?
- ARTICLE 17 Shall the Town of Thetford vote to adopt a voluntary no-idling policy to read as follows:
Whereas, vehicle idling generates emissions that pollute the air we breathe, which can cause respiratory problems, including asthma and lung disease;
Whereas, vehicle idling wears engine parts, results in incomplete fuel combustion, and reduces the life of the exhaust system;
Whereas, petroleum-based gasoline and diesel fuel are nonrenewable resources, existing reserves are declining, and, therefore, they should be used wisely and not wasted;
Whereas, vehicle idling burns fuel, emitting CO₂ – a major contributor to detrimental climate change;
Whereas, vehicle idling for more than 10 seconds uses more fuel and emits more pollutants than turning a warm engine off and back on;
In summary, reducing unnecessary idling will save money and fuel, reduce carbon emissions and air pollutants, and improve the performance of our cars and trucks;
Therefore, we as citizens and stewards of both the present and future environment will eliminate unnecessary vehicle idling by turning off our engines when picking up and dropping off children at school, stopping at the post office and stores, parking to drop off recycling and trash, visiting drive-through windows and ATMs, pulling over to talk on cell phones, stopping for road construction activities, and all other situations that will involve idling for more than 10 seconds.
- ARTICLE 18 To transact any other business.

The following articles shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday March 4th, 2008. The Australian Balloting will take place from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, at the Thetford Town Hall, 3910 Vt. Rte 113, Thetford Ctr., Vt., located across from the Town Highway Garage.

- ARTICLE 19 To elect Town and School Officers.
- ARTICLE 20 Shall the Town of Thetford be considered a rural town for the purposes of adopting zoning bylaws, amendments, or repeals by Australian ballot?

Dated: January 28, 2008

Town Clerk
Tracy Borst

Selectboard
John Bacon
Mike Brown, Chair
Suzanne Masland
Tig Tillinghast
Andrew Toler



SELECTBOARD REPORT

Without the willingness of individuals to step forward and give of their time and effort Thetford would not be the wonderful place it is. We need to give recognition to these individuals throughout the year but should extend special thanks at Town Meeting time for their contributions.

The year 2007 was a time of change for the Selectboard. After many years serving as Chairman, Mark McMahon stepped down and Mike Brown was elected. In October, after serving almost eight years on the Selectboard, Mary Spata resigned. Then in November, after serving ten years, Mark McMahon also resigned. Thetford was well served by these individuals and we extend our thanks for the years of service they gave to the Town.

Thetford is extremely fortunate to have citizens who are willing to serve on boards and committees. After posting the vacancies on the Selectboard, several individuals stepped forward and offered to serve. As a result, Tig Tillinghast and Andrew Toler were appointed to serve on the Selectboard until Town Meeting Day.

After almost two years without an approved Town Plan, the Selectboard voted on March 19 to accept the Town Plan as revised by the Planning Commission. The members of the Planning Commission contributed many hours of work to accomplish the revision and we thank them for their efforts.

The repairs to the Sayre Bridge were finally completed during the summer and early fall. Even though the closure of the bridge was inconvenient, we now have a bridge that not only looks great but also one that should last for many more years.

However, there are still concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians who use the bridge. Our Representative to the State Legislature, Jim Masland, has proposed the building of a walkway on the side of the bridge and has requested funds to purchase materials for this walkway. If the funds are approved, we will need volunteers to help build the walkway during the summer.

The path from Thetford Academy to the Latham Library was also completed in the fall and is now being used by students and others walking along Academy Road. We want to thank Thetford Academy for agreeing to use its equipment to clear snow from the path.

At this time the Thetford Police Department consists of two full-time officers and two part-time officers. We all need to recognize the dedication and commitment of Chief Jim Lanctot and Sergeant Bridget Tweedie. Chief Lanctot presented a budget that included provision for a third full-time officer. The Selectboard feels that this issue should be discussed and decided by our townspeople. Therefore, we have included a budget for a two officer department in the regular budget and have a warned article for the funding of a third full-time officer.

Hilary Linehan of Strafford was hired in September as Recreation Coordinator and has done an outstanding job bringing together all the many sports and recreation activities in the Town.

The General Fund budget shows a 4.8% rise in budgeted expenditures due mostly to the increases in the Police and Recreation budgets.

The Highway Department budget in 2007 showed a deficit of \$62,000 due mostly to increased costs of fuel and several unanticipated and costly vehicle repairs. The 2008 budget is increased 3.6% in budgeted expenditures due in large part to the increased cost of fuel and paving materials plus a decrease in the estimated amount of state aid that will be available.

In 2007 the Selectboard began a review of the wages of all the town's employees, both hired and elected, with the goal of developing a wage scale. The first step in this process was to get job descriptions for all town employees and this has been accomplished. We will continue to work on this project during 2008.

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

Submitted by:

Mike Brown, Chair
John Bacon
Suzanne Masland
Tig Tillinghast
Andrew Toler



TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

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

Services provided in 2007:

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|------|
| Animal Licenses | 660 | Land Records Processed | 3014 |
| DMV Registration Renewals | 102 | Notarizations | 111 |
| Excess Weight Permits | 75 | Tobacco and Liquor Licenses | 4 |
| Fish and Game Licenses | 73 | Vital Records Processed | 19 |
| Voter Checklist additions/deletions | 63/77 | Treasure Island Passes | 100 |

The services listed above are just some of the services Lori and I provide in the town clerk’s office. Residents also come into the Town Clerk’s office for copies and filing of vital records, minutes or information on the many boards and committees in town, and of course, on voting days.

As approved at the 2007 town meeting, the vaults in town hall were given an additional layer of insulation this year by O’Hara & Gerke. It was necessary to close the office for a few days as the records needed to be kept safe and clean during construction. The vaults are now slightly warmer and there have been no further incidents of mold. Construction in 2008 will be outside work. The town of Thetford was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the HAVA (Help American Vote Act) state funds, which will be used to improve outside lighting at town hall. In the spring two or three new downward lighting lamp posts will be installed at the front of town hall by Tilden Electric of Post Mills.

Serving on an advisory group of Voter Registration and Voter participation was a new experience for me this year. Secretary of State Deb Markowitz was requested to assemble a group of municipal clerks to gather input on Election Day Registration (legislation pending) and input to enhance voter participation. We reviewed statistics showing who votes and who does not and I’ve learned that many Americans take for granted their right to vote. Please, exercise your right to vote and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

There will be plenty of opportunity to exercise the right to vote in 2008! The clerk’s office and Board of Civil Authority will be busy this year with a March presidential primary & town elections, the September state primary and the November general election. There will be a food drive, to help keep our food shelf in good supply, on March 4 at town hall. I hope you will find it convenient to share with hungry neighbors on this day.

I look forward to seeing you in town hall in 2008.

Tracy Borst
Vermont Certified Municipal Clerk

~∞ REMEMBRANCES ∞~

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

Loren T. Bacon

Jeffrey J. Brown

Mary Burnham

T. Chubb Condict

Rose Katherine Cummings

Katherine Eaton

Eric Timothy Frost

Gordon George

Mary Esposito Gioia

Beth Ann Kelly

Janet E. Balch Lacoss

Nancy L. Macey

Grace Paley

Rodney Sweet

Maude Van Norden

Charles E. Vance

Louise Vaughan



TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 6, 2007

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

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

Members of local scout troops presented the flag. The pledge and anthem were led by a group of Thetford Academy students. Reverend Tom Kinder presented an invocation.

Moderator Joseph Tofel offered gratitude to those unseen volunteers who helped organize town meeting, acknowledged Head of School Martha Rich and Selectboard member Mary Spata with gratitude for their efforts in organizing town meeting, Rick Barrows for microphone work, and Thetford Academy's custodial staff.

In respect and remembrance for those Thetford residents who have passed in the last year a moment of silence was observed.

Town Moderator Joseph Tofel called the 239th Town Meeting of Thetford, Vermont to order at 9:17 am.

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

ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before Monday, October 15th, 2006 by 8:00 pm. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town. The article was moved and seconded. Article 2 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts. The article was moved and seconded. Article 3 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 4 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$798,193.50 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund. The article was moved and seconded. Mark McMahon explained that line 41, page 74 should read \$798,193.50 because line item 160 (the budget for the Planning Commission) had not been included due to a calculation error. Increases in this years budget include the lack of surplus, as in the previous few years, a 30% increase in library funds requested, a new recreation coordinator position 3.5 % increase in wages, 7.5% increase in health benefits (a new plan with reduced coverage), and an increase to Repairs and Maintenance, line 166, for repairs at Town Hall to correct an issue with mold in

a vault. Laurie Ingalls asked a Budget Committee member to comment, they chose not to. Mark McMahon stated the town is fortunate this year to have a very active Budget Committee and in the next year the Selectboard hopes to meet with them on a regular basis to develop a ten to twenty year Capital Budget Plan to take a closer look at replacement cost and life of different assets we have (bridges, roads, computers, copiers, etc.) and develop a long term plan to offset increases in the future. He also thanked the Budget Committee for the work they have done this year. Article 4 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$441,116.43 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department. The article was moved and seconded. Mark McMahon presented an amendment to change the amount to \$440,116.53 as a typo occurred with the numbers. Amendment passed by show of voter cards. Article 5 as amended passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 6 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$125,000.00 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund. The article was moved and seconded. Mark McMahon described this fund as being created to offset major purchases. After little discussion, Article 6 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 7 Shall the Town authorize the purchase of a new truck, to replace truck #3 at a cost not to exceed \$120,000.00, to be financed through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund. The article was moved and seconded. Doug Stone explained that this purchase would replace truck #3, a 1999 International, with a new International 10 wheel truck with a 14 foot body with plow and wing. It will be longer and will carry up to 14 yards of gravel per trip. International offered more than Freightliner for the trade. Purchasing this year will avoid purchasing next year, which will be the first year of newer emissions standards. Francis Haugen offered her thanks to the Highway Department for the great job they do. Donn Downey offered thanks to Doug and his crew, and inquired if the cost of the new truck vs. contracting the hauling was worth the purchase the new truck, and what is our perfect fleet number. Doug stated our current number of 5 is perfect, as it allows for someone to be off a weekend even if it storms and the bigger truck will help with summer hauling – less trips. Gary Ulman spoke in support of the article, and detailed how a 10 wheeler truck saves his business time and number of trips. Other discussion followed. Article 7 passed by show of voter cards

ARTICLE 8 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$35,000 for the Thetford Library Federation. The article was moved and seconded. Peter Blodgett, Librarian for Peabody and Latham libraries, spoke to the article. After little discussion, Article 8 passed by show of voter cards.

Town Meeting was recessed until approximately 11:30 am.

Town Meeting called back to order at 11:40. Selectman Doug Stone presented the Civic Pride award to Gary and Jean Ulman who have served the Town of Thetford through the Thetford Fire Department, the Rice's Mills Community Center, and many town committees; they helped the town through many emergencies, donating heavy equipment and operators during the Tucker Hill Road wash out, and again just recently by donating time and equipment to grade and plant trees for the newly created Thetford Center Common.

Senator Mark McDonald spoke to the town, and State Representatives Jim Masland and Margaret Cheney.

Town Meeting was recessed until 3:35 pm.

ARTICLE 9 Shall the Town vote to increase the Veterans' Exemption for disabled veterans, his or her surviving spouse or dependent, from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Such voted exemptions shall reduce the assessment of the property thereby reducing the property taxes due from the qualified property owner. The article was moved and seconded. Permission was given to Nate Pero, a non-resident, to speak to the article. Lynne Miller questioned how many people in Thetford qualify for such an exemption; Mark McMahon answered 7 people and confirmed that it is a property value reduction, not a tax credit. Article 9 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 10 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$25,000 for improvements to the multi-use fields at Thetford Elementary School, Post Mills and Thetford Center. The article was moved and seconded. Kevin Brown proposed an amendment to change the amount of this article to \$32,000. The amendment was moved and seconded. Kevin Brown and Pete Sonnhalter presented information about facilitating the maintenance of all the fields and stated that 75-80% of the elementary students use these fields. Mark McMahon stated that the town highway crew will be able to provide some of the manpower to do the proposed work. Amendment failed 36/38. Article 10 passed, 36/24.

ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town vote to exempt for a period of 5 years the properties located in Post Mills and Thetford Hill that are owned by the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department and are used exclusively for the purposes of such organization. The article was moved and seconded. Mike Brown explained this article was a renewal of the exemption; it is an exemption that is allowed by the state, therefore a complete exemption. Article 11 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 12 Shall the Town vote to allow the use of a vote-tabulating machine. The article was moved and seconded. John Bacon spoke to the article then Tracy Borst, Town Clerk, presented data about the tabulating machine offered by the state. Federal Election funds would cover the cost of the machine, \$6350 and maintenance for two years, the town would be responsible for the programming cost of approximately \$1000 each General Election and maintenance after 2 years. Support for the current system of hand counting was mentioned by Laurie Ingalls and others. Article 12 failed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 13 To transact any other business. The article was moved and seconded. Mike Brown offered thanks to Doug Stone for his two years of service as Selectboard member. Mark McMahon requested town members submit any digital photographs to the Town Hall for next year's town report, and Dan Grossman's photos from today may be used for the 2006 town report as well.

Motion to adjourn to Tuesday, March 6 at 8 am was made and seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

A True Record, Attest:

Joseph Tofel
Town Moderator

Mark McMahon
Selectboard Chair

Respectfully Submitted:

Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

Town of Thetford
Australian Ballot Results
March 6, 2007

| Moderator, 1 year | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Joseph Tofel | 673 |
| Write In | 3 |
| Blank | 96 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Lister, 3 year | |
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| Janet E. Stowell | 640 |
| Write In | 5 |
| Blank | 127 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Town Clerk, 3 year | |
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| Tracy Borst | 691 |
| Write In | 4 |
| Blank | 77 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Grand Juror, 1 year | |
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| Mike Brown | 652 |
| Write In | 0 |
| Blank | 120 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Town Treasurer, 1 year | |
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| Jill Graff | 682 |
| Write In | 1 |
| Blank | 89 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Agent to Prosecute Defend Suits, 1 year | |
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| Write In | 9 |
| Blank | 757 |
| Spoiled | 5 |
| Total | 774 |

| Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 1 year | |
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| Jill Graff | 653 |
| Write In | 1 |
| Blank | 118 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year | |
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| Write In | 12 |
| Blank | 757 |
| Spoiled | 5 |
| Total | 774 |

| Selectboard, 3 year | |
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| Mark McMahon | 684 |
| Write In | 3 |
| Blank | 85 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Budget Committee, 3 year | |
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| Tig Tillinghast | 555 |
| Write In | 3 |
| Blank | 214 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Selectboard, 2 year | |
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| Suzanne Masland | 620 |
| Write In | 8 |
| Blank | 144 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Budget Committee, 2 year | |
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| Write In | 27 |
| Blank | 744 |
| Spoiled | 3 |
| Total | 774 |

| Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Ruel G. Barrett | 659 |
| Write In | 0 |
| Blank | 113 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |

| Cemetery Commissioner, 2 year to complete 3 year | |
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| Write In | 27 |
| Blank | 744 |
| Spoiled | 3 |
| Total | 774 |

| Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year | |
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| Bruce Avery | 615 |
| Write In | 2 |
| Blank | 154 |
| Spoiled | 3 |
| Total | 774 |

| Latham Library Trustee, 4 year | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Richard Balagur | 557 |
| Elise Tillinghast | 584 |
| Write In | 5 |
| Blank | 398 |
| Spoiled | 4 |
| Total | 1548 |

| Peabody Library Trustee, 3 year | |
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| Stacy Glazer | 671 |
| Write In | 0 |
| Blank | 101 |
| Spoiled | 2 |
| Total | 774 |



**2007 Civic Pride Award
Gary and Jean Ulman**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Margaret Cheney & Jim Masland

We are honored and privileged to represent you in Montpelier, and we welcome your input on all matters large and small. Please contact us or come to the State House to participate as we work to pass legislation or simply to tour our historic building. You are always welcome. Our contact information is below.

Our priorities continue to be to:

- Continue to improve health care for the under-insured and to make it more affordable for everyone,
- Continue the fight to curtail global warming and to improve Vermont's energy future,
- Repair or replace our deteriorating roads and bridges,
- Protect our environment and natural resources,
- Provide affordable housing, better public transit, and social services for those in need,
- Strengthen our vibrant and diverse economy and to recognize that Vermont *is* a good place to start or expand a business,
- Continue to improve education quality for our youth and emerging workforce,
- Reduce the burden of property taxes on all of us.

Unfortunately, this year will present a number of challenges. While the State's economy is expected to grow at a modest 2.4%, that is down one third less than last year. While the general fund will show a slight increase, there are so many pressing needs that dividing resources among them will be very difficult. This means there will be sacrifices all around.

Among the factors that pressure on the budget are, a Corrections budget that continues to grow at 10% annually, falling Transportation revenues, and the Federal government's unwillingness to grant a Medicaid waiver for Catamount Health (costing Vermont \$11 million by the end of this next budget year).

Your individual concerns are also of interest to us. They are no less important than the broader issues that affect everyone. Please do not hesitate to call, write or email. You can find us at:

Margaret Cheney
649-3039
mcheney@leg.state.vt.us

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

or toll free at the State House - 1-800-322-5616



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

The Development Review Board (DRB) is a five member board whose mandate is to enforce the zoning and subdivision regulations. The DRB is a quasi-judicial board appointed by the Select board to staggered three year terms. Ideally the DRB will have two (2) alternates to serve in the absence of one of the five (5) members. Currently the DRB does not have any alternates. If any citizens are interested in serving on this board, please contact either the Select board or the zoning office for further information.

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

In the past year the DRB has continued to review more complex sub-division and conditional use request applications. 2007 continued to see proposals in more fragile habitats, lengthening the hearing process. Several matters for which hearings were held involved construction of residences in special flood hazard areas, multi housing on a single lot, subdivision of a sensitive wildlife area and a tower for high speed internet service. Although the number of hearings did not grow significantly, the movement into areas less compatible to housing demands more time and expertise in the review process. This has extended the permitting process resulting in continued hearings and much greater time commitments by applicants, the DRB and the Zoning Administrator.

Effective July 1, 2007, there was a very significant change in the status of permits for wells and septic systems. State law became effective which superseded the town's authority to issue such permits. Local septic permits are no longer issued in the town of Thetford; state permits are required. Further information may be obtained by calling the state permit specialist at 802-476-0192 or the state engineer at 802-241-3027.

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

On March 19, 2007, the town adopted a new Town Plan; there had been no town plan in effect for almost two years. Without a town plan the zoning and subdivision regulations cannot be changed. The Planning Commission immediately commenced work on these regulations. The zoning office looks forward to having a new set of regulations to work with sometime during 2008. As indicated in the 2004 town report a new state law passed in that year mandated certain changes in local regulations. Some have already gone into effect; others do not take effect for several more years. These changes need to be reflected in local ordinances and regulations.

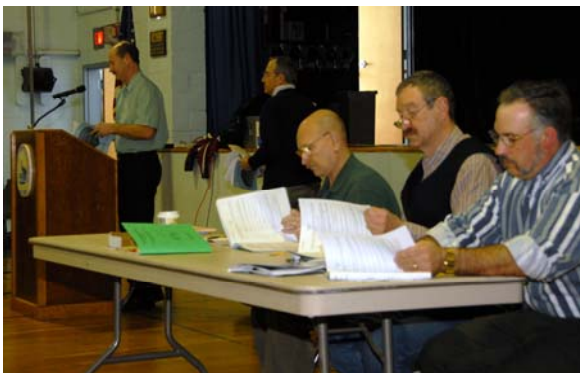
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Subdivision Plats Approved | 6 | 11 | 19 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| Number of Lots Created | 14 | 31 | 45 | 27 | 19 | 14 |
| Annexations | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Boundary Adjustments | 1 |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

* Figures are through the month of November 2006

** Figures are from December 2006 through December 2007

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

Sean Mullen, Chair
 Developmental Review Board
 Telephone: (802)785-2922, Ext.3
 E-mail: Thetford.Zoning@valley.net



PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

In March 2007, the Selectboard adopted a revised Town Plan. It then became the Planning Commission’s task to rewrite the Zoning and Subdivision Bylaws so they would conform to State Statutes and the newly adopted Town Plan.

Thetford’s Zoning Bylaws were originally written in 1972 and the last update was in 1999. The Subdivision Bylaws were written in 1974 with the last modification taking place in 1995.

We agreed to start our process with the Zoning Bylaws. While working on Zoning, we decided to make the Flood Hazard Regulations and the Telecommunications Regulations as “stand alone” Bylaws. Our goal is to hold a Public Hearing on these two bylaws and submit drafts of each to the Selectboard in early 2008.

We will continue to work on the remainder of the Zoning Bylaws and when finished with that, will switch to the Subdivision Bylaws. We hope that we will have the continued participation of the community through out this lengthy process, and we thank all of you for that.

The Planning Commission meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:15 pm at Town Hall. All are welcome and public comment is encouraged.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne R. Parks, Chair

Thetford Planning Commission:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Liora Alschuler | Lori Howard |
| Stuart Blood, Vice Chair | Rick Howard |
| Hayden Brownel | Kevin O’Hara |
| Heather Carlos | Wayne Parks, Chair |
| Dennis Donahue | |



BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

Each year the Listers establish a Grand List which specifies the value of taxable property in the town as of April 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.

The Thetford Listers Office is staffed by 4 part-time positions; 3 Listers and 1 Clerical Assistant. This year we processed over 150 sales/transfers and 20 surveys; which include annexations and splits.

This year all of our tax parcel maps have been computerized via our Geological Information System (GIS) which links to our CAMA system. GIS is a much needed and valuable tool which enhances our efficiency and productivity; and we look forward to the many opportunities this system has to offer our department and all the town offices.

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

Any time the value of your property changes from the previous Grand List, the Listers will notify you in writing. Values can increase or decrease due to various reasons. Property owners' responsibility after receiving a change of appraisal notice is as follows:

If you agree with the value, no action is needed.

If you disagree with the value, you must file a written grievance letter within fourteen days of the mailing. (V.S.A. 4111 and 3756). The letter can be brief but be prepared to support your position at a hearing.

The regulations governing the appeal process can be confusing. We as a Board must abide by ever changing state statutes and fixed and constrained timetables. We are here to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have. Our office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:30 am-4 pm; summers Tuesday thru Thursday. Phone: 785-2922, Ext. 4 or email listers@thetfordvermont.us. As individuals and as a group we take great pride in our on-going commitment to fulfill our duties and responsibilities and to serve our community to the utmost of our capabilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thetford Board of Listers
Janet E. Stowell, Head Lister
Denise C. Adams, Lister
Donna P. Durkee, Lister
Diane C. Osgood, Clerical Assistant

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

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| New Systems | 1 |
| Repaired Systems | 11 |
| TOTAL Septic Permits Issued | 12 |
| Tenant-Landlord Complaint | 1 |
| Complaint of Mold | 1 |

Alford W. Stone, Health Officer



RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 29, 2008
 10:00 to 12:00 Noon
 Town Garage, Thetford Center
 Rabies and other vaccinations available for cats and dogs
 by Oxbow Veterinary Clinic

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

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

DEADLINE FOR TOWN LICENSING IS **APRIL 1, 2008.**
 After that date, the penalty of \$25 will be applied and the licensing fee increases.

LICENSING FEES:

Current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter required.

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

VSNIIP (Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program)

The Vermont Spay Neuter Incentive Program (VSNIIP) is temporarily suspended due to the overwhelming demand and the lack of funds to support this important program. In the first 19 months of service to the public, 5,210 vouchers were issued to Vermonters on a state or federal assistance program with which to have their animals neutered and vaccinated for only \$10.00.

VSNIIP is funded solely by a \$2.00 fee added to every dog license. We encourage you to call your town office and thank them for collecting any delinquent dog registrations. Licenses guarantee that a dog has received a rabies vaccination and it is important not only for the safety of the animal, but also public health.

We suggest that you use one of the other assistance programs to neuter your animal if you are unable to afford the cost of a full service veterinary office. **Please call today and prevent unwanted litters.** There simply are not enough homes to accommodate the thousands of cats and dogs euthanized in Vermont every year because of over population.

**For more information on low cost spay & neuter, call:
SpayED at 802-276-9999 (clinics scheduled around the state)
or The Cat Spay-Neuter Clinic in Colchester at 802-878-2230
or The Frontier Humane Society in Newport at 334-7888
or Riverside Rescue in Gilman at 802-892-5300
or Whiskers to Tails in Wilmington at 802-464-0522.**

Limited VSNIIP funds will be available in July 2008. Contributions to support VSNIIP can be made through Vermont Volunteer Services for Animals, a 501(c) (3) organization. Incorporated in 1986, our humane society is the Administrator of this program. Please specify that your tax exempt donation is to support VSNIIP.

Sue Skaskiw
VSNIIP Administrator
802-672-5302



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

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

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| Owners calling about missing dogs | 11 |
| Owners calling about missing cats | 5 |
| Calls reporting non-aggressive dogs running at large | 27 |
| Calls reporting encounters with aggressive dogs | 10 |
| Stray dogs reported and held for pick-up or identification | 19 |
| Stray cat reports | 3 |
| Other roaming animals (e.g. horses, roosters, pigs) | 4 |
| Abandoned dogs | 3 |
| Barking/howling dog complaints | 5 |
| Nuisance noise by other domesticated animals | 1 |
| Calls regarding cases of possible neglect (# owners) | 4 |
| ACO reuniting of animals with their owners | 18 |
| Animals adopted taken to the UVHS | 1 |
| Number dogs euthanized | 0 |

A number of dogs were reported missing or running at large due to fear of the thunderstorms that we had this year. Some were repeat “offenders” due to the storms. The animals running at large that were not reunited with their owners by the ACO either returned to their owners themselves, were returned by the townspeople who found them, or disappeared before anyone could catch them.

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

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

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

Sharon Harkay
Animal Control Officer

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

Hours—Saturday Only

Summer 8 am – 12 noon (until Labor Day)

Winter 9 am – 12 noon (until Memorial Day)

Many thanks to all the citizens within the Town of Thetford that support our recycling center. A few minor changes are planned for 2008. Designs and estimates are being completed now and construction of a new roof over the ramps and collection bins is expected in 2009. An application to the State of Vermont may allow us to operate trash compactors at our current site. (2009) For those who have not visited the recycling facility recently, please follow the ONE WAY signs. A one way circle has been created around the ramps and building. Careful driving is still required. Saturday mornings are a social occasion at the recycling center. Meet old friends, pick out a book, find a new coffee mug and don't forget to bring your recycling. We only have one earth, let's take care of it. The Recycling Center is a great place to hold bake sales, sell raffle tickets or gather petition signatures. Any group or organization may call and reserve a Saturday, as we do not want to have two or three groups on the same day. Please call Frank at 785-2543 to schedule.

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

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

Items Accepted for Recycling (4 Categories)

1 Metal

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.

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

Trash Ticket Sales

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

❖ **\$3.85 per ticket during regular business hours at the Thetford Village Store**
 Thetford Center VT
 802-785-4655

OR ❖ **\$3.85 per ticket by mail from Northeast Waste Services**
Send check payable to:
 Northeast Waste Services 19
 PO Box 1045
 White River Junction, VT 05001

From Northeast Resource Recovery Association:

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOWN OF THETFORD FOR BEING SUCH ACTIVE RECYCLERS!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling cooperative, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

| Recyclable Material | Amount Recycled in 2007 | Environmental Impact! |
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| | | Here is only one benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products. |
| Paper | 201 tons | Saved 3,425 trees! |
| Scrap Metal | 34 tons | Conserved 33,589 pounds of coal! |



SENIOR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Our committee has met regularly to gather information from agencies such as the Department of Disability, Aging and Independent Living, Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, the Vermont Council on Aging, Twin Pines Housing Trust, Town of Strafford, Moseley Property Management Co., and Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Planning Commission to develop a needs assessment for our community.

In early September 2007, based on the above information, we developed a phase strategy in an effort to begin creating Senior and Affordable Housing in Thetford.

1. A needs assessment: What people want? How many needs now vs. later
2. The Town of Thetford: What the Town wants? What the Town can afford?
3. A long term plan, projected over 10 years.
4. Design of the 1st unit/development
5. Construction
6. Property Management

We have applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to do a market analysis and feasibility study. This will help ensure the most cost effective and productive use of all available resources.

Currently, the Town of Thetford has no publicly assisted affordable housing of any kind. In 2000, more than 10% of our population was comprised of people over the age of 65. This segment of our population grew nearly 25% between 1990 and 2000, and is expected to continue. Probably the most alarming is roughly 7% of this age group is considered living in poverty.

It is our goal to provide a range of affordable housing for a variety of people, including, but not limited to the elderly. We can begin by creating a perpetual pool of affordable housing units in Thetford as defined by HUD are units which can be afforded by those currently earning the Orange County median family income or less.

We hope the Town can accomplish this by considering zoning where higher density and affordable housing will be encouraged. Encourage developers to allocate a % of their projects when 5 or more units are created. Also, encourage a wide variety of affordable housing options (both owned and rented) like:

- Owner occupied and rental, stand alone buildings
- Small scale apartments and buildings
- Cooperative housing
- Addition of apartments to existing buildings

It is the intent of this committee to initially raise money to support this project through grants from Federal, State and private organizations.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:15 in Town Hall. We welcome all and applaud the Thetford Selectboard's commitment in promoting Senior and Affordable Housing in our community.

Gina Sonne
Dale Gephart
Bill Bridges
Mary Raynes
Jim Masland
Joe Tofel
Mark McMahon

Thetford Elder Network

A subcommittee of the Selectboard Senior/Affordable Housing Committee has been established to develop ways to meet the current and future needs of our town's elders/seniors. We're calling it Thetford Elder Network or TEN.

Through our discussions on how to help seniors remain in their Thetford homes as long as they wish, we continue to explore many kinds of support. Members of the committee will be phoning our elders to learn their needs and concerns. In addition, we are working to set up a local hotline.

Future plans include creating a transportation committee and sharing information about ideas for possible programs we might adopt for our later years in town, especially housing models and resources. We invite everyone to join us in this effort.

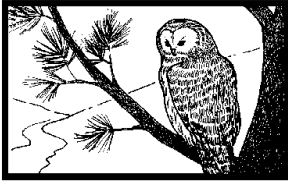
Current members include: Bonnie Ray, Nancy King, Inge Trebitz, Betty Campbell, Deb Jones, Susan and Paul Rump, Gina Sonne, Roger and Martha Daum, Gail Dimick, Jim Masland, Jen Gelfan, Ridge Satterthwaite, Dale Gephart, Mary Raynes, Deecie Denison, and Roberta Howard.

Please contact any of us, or come to our meeting at Town Hall the third Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.



THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

THETFORD



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2007 was a busy year for the TCC. “Second Saturday Strolls” have been very popular and will continue next year. The Strolls are designed to showcase the diversity of land cover and habitats that are in our Town. While some Strolls focused on designated trails such as the popular Mimi’s Trail, others were bushwhacks or walks on logging roads and unblazed trails. Last year, the Strolls focused on public properties and private conserved lands with public access. In 2008, we will revisit some of these properties and explore new ones. Some Strolls will focus on getting outside for a good walk, while others will have themes such as animal tracking, butterflies, or vernal pools. We put together Walking Guides to accompany the Strolls which are available at Town Meeting, at Town Hall and on the Commissions website.

A state Forest and Recreation Grant is funding the inventory of four large town-owned properties (Hughes Forest, Post Mills Natural Area, the Town Forest and the Taylor parcel). We are presenting the results of the natural resource inventories and soliciting public input on management of these parcels through a series of open meetings. Please participate in this process. These are “our” properties and we need to steward them for everyone.

Thetford is participating in a regional effort to identify important animal corridors. This is a local effort started by an organization called the Linking Lands Alliance (LLA). Monitoring animal movement is a part of this effort. Please contact us if this topic interests you and you want to participate. We sponsored one meeting introducing this effort and more are coming.

The Post Mills Natural Area is being maintained with a Wildlife and Habitat Improvement Plan (WHIP) grant. The fields are brush hogged on a rotating basis. Invasive plants are being removed and woodcock habitat is enhanced. Volunteers cut alders to encourage regeneration. Woodcock need the cover from multi-stemmed young alders. The grant paid the volunteers for their work and the volunteers in turn donated their pay to purchase a set of books on nature. These books were written by the esteemed New Hampshire author David Carroll and donated to Latham Library.

Thetford continued its participation in a program to sample *E.coli* levels in the Ompompanoosuc River from West Fairlee through to the Connecticut River. Results from sampling are available on the Conservation Commission website and levels are high in many locations. Testing will continue next year. We have also applied for funding to perform DNA analysis to help identify the source of the bacteria. Water quality in the Ompompanoosuc River is an important issue, both for recreation and for a healthy fishery and we’ll continue to monitor it.

A grant from the Agency of Natural Resources river management program will fund a geomorphic study of the Ompompanoosuc east branch and main stem. (Strafford has completed a study of the west branch.) Our study will characterize the physical state of the river channel. In particular, it will identify areas that are prone to erosion and therefore constitute a hazard in times of flood. The overall goal is to provide a sound base of knowledge for river corridor land use and natural resource management.

The TCC will continue to perform its statutory role as an advisory board to the Selectboard, Planning Commission and Development and Review Board regarding natural resource issues.

After many years of service, Bill Shepard decided to step down from the Conservation Commission this year. Bill was a founding member of this Commission. Among his many activities are diligently planting trees on the Thetford Hill green and at the elementary school as well as leading bird walks that were very popular in the community. He also chaired this Commission for several years. Please thank him for his service. We'll miss him.

To get a schedule of upcoming Second Saturday Strolls, walking guides and other documents, visit www.thetfordvermont.us/conscomm.

TREASURE ISLAND

Season: June 16 – Labor Day (September 1)
Hours: 10 AM – 8 PM Daily during season

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| Season Passes Sold: | Resident: | 128 |
| | Non-Resident: | 36 |
| | Tennis: | 5 |
| | Total: | 169 |

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

In spring/early summer, Treasure Island hosted an annual community work day, several swim lesson registrations, and school end-of-year picnics (the first two weeks of June). Thank you to residents who participated in the clean-up day. Several Thetford Academy students also participated with work projects at the park in May through Thetford Academy’s Operation Day’s Work. The Thetford Highway Department also assisted at Treasure Island for a day in spring to complete larger annual projects.

In Summer 2007, the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program served 160 Thetford children! Returning Water Safety Instructors Casey Levin and Kelley MacDonald did an excellent job teaching lessons. Children age 4-16 received lessons, ranging from the very beginner to pre-lifeguard training. The beach was a lively place this summer, with the lessons taking place every morning from 10 am-12:45 pm in four two-week lesson sessions. The cost of lessons for townspeople is \$10 for the two-week session. (Out-of- town children are also able to sign-up after the Thetford resident registration, as space permits, and with the purchase of a season pass). At the end of the swim lesson program, the Treasure Island Beach Party takes place, as it did this year on August 10. We hosted a live DJ on the beach, a community cookout on the island, a large “recycled materials” arts and crafts set-up, and the fun, traditional roll-out of lifeguard-led games and contests. It was a lot of fun for everyone, children and adults.

Tennis lessons! In mid-July, volunteer tennis pro Diane Ferriter, assisted by Scott O'Hearn, conducted a week of tennis instruction on the clay courts. Diane has led this clinic for many years at Treasure Island, and the athletic experience for the participants and caliber of instruction was excellent. Children's lessons took place daily from 9-10 am, and adult lessons from 10-11 am. Registration takes place at swim lesson registration, and the cost of the clinic is free.

This summer, the talented Peabody Library children's librarian Simon Brooks returned to Treasure Island to lead a weekly story hour on the beach Thursdays at 10 am. Also, a summer reading book basket was maintained at the beach. In addition, Arts and Crafts also took place every Tuesday at the beach from 10-11:30 pm with the support of parent volunteers – thank you!

We held an annual Eurasion Milfoil Pick Day on the second Saturday in July, with the collaboration of the Lake Fairlee Association and the Lake Fairlee Divers. This two-hour session is intended to help people meet the divers working on the lake, help clear milfoil fragments that collect in the coves, and learn more about milfoil and its current impact on Lake Fairlee.

Lifeguards were on duty seven days a week 12-5pm (weather permitting) at Treasure Island this summer. These up-to-date, certified American Red Cross-certified lifeguards were local residents Matt Jenks, Ethan Weyrick, Casey Levin and Rebecca Norton. This year, the town purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). During our annual lifeguard inservice training, Kevin Cole, from Upper Valley Ambulance, returned to update all CPR certifications, and we were able to integrate the AED into our facility Emergency Action Plan.

Attendance at Treasure Island was great this year, as in past years. Hot, sunny days bring out a busy, lively beach crowd – especially on weekend days. Treasure Island continued to be a popular destination for individuals, families and groups - including regular use by various community organizations for staff outings or children's camps. There were many birthday parties held at the facility, and some larger group and/or company picnics. Boat rentals continued to be popular. Residents from surrounding towns also frequented the park via paid daily admission or purchase of a non-resident season pass.

We are grateful for the support and assistance received this year from the Town of Thetford administrative staff at Town Hall. We appreciate the assistance received from the Thetford Highway Department, and the continued support and overarching guidance of the Thetford Selectboard. We appreciate the stewardship of the Thetford residents who visit the facility and keep it safe, fun and clean. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you in 2008.

Submitted by:

Scott and Ann O'Hearn
Managers of Treasure Island

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee was established in October 2006 by the Selectboard. During this past year, the committee has worked to create the Recreation Department, oversee youth sports, reconstruct playing fields, and develop recreational activities for youth and adults.

The recreation department was realized when Hilary Linehan accepted the part-time position of recreation coordinator. Hilary has worked to incorporate programs offered by Thetford Youth Sports and the Ski Program into the recreation department. She has set up a page on the town's website where up-to-date offerings can be found. She has read the responses to last year's town survey and will be working to offer more activities that have been suggested. If you have ideas or an interest in offering a program, please contact Hilary at the town hall (785-2922 ext. 6).

A number of playing fields have received much needed attention this year. We thank the voters for their generous approval of the funds to make these improvements. A maintenance plan should keep these fields working well for the town. You may have noticed the youth once again playing in Thetford Center on the Howard's field. As more students become involved in athletics and additional sports or other community events are offered to residents, the committee will need to evaluate the need for additional playing fields.

Meetings are held at Town Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. The meetings are open to all.

From the Recreation Coordinator, Hilary Linehan

The Recreation Department, and my position, the Recreation Coordinator, were new to the Town of Thetford for 2007. I am excited to be working with such a great community!

My first major task was to make sense of the Recreation Committee Surveys that were sent out and filled out at town meeting last year. Thanks to the initial work of the Recreation Committee, the surveys had been tabulated. One of the overall conclusions of the surveys was that there is a need for general, non-competitive recreation for residents of all ages, as well as for adult only recreation. These areas will be a focus for my work in the coming year. The complete survey results can be found on the Recreation Department Website www.thetfordvermont.us/recreation.htm.

In addition to starting new programs, I have begun to transition the registration, paperwork and processes of Thetford Youth Sports into the Recreation Department. This process will continue through each of the youth sports seasons until I learn the process. Basketball and Ski Program Registrations went through the Recreation Department, and look for baseball, softball and soccer programs to transition over in 2008.

Along with youth sports programs, I am working on spring soccer clinics, VINS summer camps at Treasure Island, adult sports leagues, trips to out of town events, family game nights, dance lessons, cooking classes, to name a few! Look for some of these programs to begin this year.

I am always looking for suggestions on programs to offer, as well as for volunteers and/or instructors to teach classes. Please contact me via e-mail at recreation@thetfordvermont.us, call me at 785-2922, x 6 or visit me in the town office building Tuesdays from 9 am-Noon except 2nd Tuesdays of each month Noon-3 pm.

THETFORD YOUTH SPORTS

The success in 2007 of Thetford Youth Sports (TYS) was once again made possible by the hard work and dedication of the volunteer coaches, parents, sports directors and youth of our town. This year has brought with it many new and needed changes as well as some additional support to our sports programs.

We would like to start by welcoming our new part time recreation director Hilary Linehan who comes to us from the neighboring town of Strafford. Hilary will be helping us tremendously by attending local meetings and setting up the game/practice schedule's for all of our youth sports programs. This in the past has been quite a burden to the volunteer directors, who either had to take time off from work or use other means in order to attend the various meetings required for scheduling games. She will also be in charge of all sign-ups for the sports programs, and collection of fees. So the next time you stop in to sign-up your child for youth sports, please stop and say hello.

TYS would like to thank every volunteer who helped in the many projects around town this past year from the playing field's at the elementary school, Howard's field in Thetford Center, and Post Mills field next to the fire department. There were so many people and businesses in town and out of town that donated time, material, equipment, and fuel that none of it would have been possible if not for the generosity of everyone. The youth in this town are very lucky to have so many people who care.

With the recreation director taking over some of the time consuming duties for TYS, we can now focus on the individual sports themselves and how they can be improved upon for all involved. This could happen in various ways from skill's clinics to pick up games during the summer as well as using the Upper Valley Recreation Association (UVRA). The UVRA is a tremendous resource that provides clinics on coaching and officiating throughout the various sports seasons and should be used whenever the opportunity arises. If you have a particular interest or talent in which you wish to share your knowledge of, please don't hesitate to contact us through the recreation department.

Over this past year, TYS has seen the departure of two board members, Tracy Bach and Brian Lombardo. Tracy and Brian helped start the K-2 soccer program that so many of our kids have gone through and enjoyed, not to mention the countless hours spent in TYS meetings going over policy, budgets and general questions. We thank Tracy and Brian for always looking out for what is best for the youth of our town.

Thanks again to the many volunteers who helped set-up or pick-up after an event, the parents and their understanding, the coaches, and the staff at Thetford Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Martin, TYS Board President

THETFORD HILL VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The Thetford Hill Village Improvement Society (THVIS), which dates from the adoption of its first constitution in 1905, works “to improve and beautify the village of Thetford Hill and, in general, to promote the welfare of this community.” There are no paid positions in the Society, and most services are rendered for free by the citizens of the community. Any resident with an interest in the community of Thetford Hill is welcome to participate in the Society and attend all activities.

The Society is primarily concerned with two events -- the Thetford Hill Fair and the Annual Meeting. The Fair is a major community event that will take place on Saturday, August second on the Green. For newcomers and newly interested residents, this is the place and time to become acquainted with the work of the Society and its neighbors. There is always a need for more helpers before, during, and after the Fair. The Fair Committee meets for a planning session in June. Please feel free to contact any of us to find out how you can participate.

The Annual Meeting will be held on August 27 at 7:00 pm in Latham Library. All are welcome to attend. Announcements of THVIS events are posted in the Latham Library and on the bulletin board outside of the Thetford Hill Post Office as well as on the Thetford email list-serve.

In previous years, THVIS partnered with the Selectboard, members of the community and the Academy to lay the groundwork for a pedestrian pathway connecting Latham Library and Thetford Academy. In early November, the path was completed, and immediately began getting lots of use, as well as many expressions of appreciation by community members! Thetford Academy staff maintains the path in the winter. This trail enhances the Village aesthetic, encourages non-vehicular transportation and allows students and others to walk safely, year round, along Academy Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Carleton, Secretary
Mike Pomeroy, President



THETFORD COMMON COMMITTEE

The Thetford Town Common is really taking shape now. In the early spring, our newly planted trees had blooms for the first time in their new location. In May, our gazebo arrived and was discovered and used by many. We also have a horseshoe pit for use by everyone. You can pick up the shoes at the Village Store.

We want to extend special thanks to all of you who helped water the trees during our dry summer. It made a big difference. Thanks also to Dell Betts and the Moses family for providing us with a much needed water supply.

This summer, we hope to create a simple entrance to the common to hold a plaque acknowledging Charles Hughes' generous donation of land.

Regards,

Town Common Committee

Ben Bradley
Kevin Brown
Sue Gault
Mike Pomeroy

THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

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

Efficient Light Bulb Sale – At last year's town meeting, the TEC and Sustainable Energy Resource Group (SERG) sold 221 compact fluorescent bulbs. Over their lifetimes, these bulbs will cumulatively save 105,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, save their owners \$12,600 in electric use, and release 78 fewer tons of CO² to the atmosphere. Proceeds from the sale were donated to SERG for organizing the sale and for their assistance with the town street lighting project.

Community Letter – The TEC distributed a letter listing energy-saving resources and tips to all residents.

Library Resource Kit – The TEC worked with library staff to establish an energy section in the Latham Library with books, DVDs and a wattmeter, donated by SERG, that teach about the impacts of climate change and how to save energy.

Weatherization Workshop – The TEC worked with SERG and Efficiency Vermont to organize a weatherization workshop that taught 50 homeowners how to identify and seal many common areas of heat loss and the importance of ventilation, health and safety related to tight buildings.

Step-It-Up – As part of a national effort to draw attention to concerns about climate change, the TEC organized a breakfast and series of hikes culminated in a gathering at the Thetford Congregational Church. The event featured educational speeches, a local vendor, and kid’s activities. Thetford’s activities drew more than 150 participants and received front page coverage in the *Valley News*.

Educational Series – The TEC organized a four-evening series of films and games, each attended by 40-60 participants who learned about the “peak oil”, climate change and transportation concerns.

No-Idling – The TEC distributed “no-idling” info to elementary and high schools and is working to place a “no-idling” article on 2008 town meeting warning.

Community Building Energy Upgrades – The TEC assisted with volunteer weatherization retrofits and materials at the Rice’s Mills Community Center. We also helped assess energy upgrades at the Latham Library.

Thetford Academy Wood Boiler – The TEC helped Thetford Academy assess the potential of installing a wood boiler.

Tire Inflation Project – The TEC developed signs encouraging drivers to properly inflate their tires in order to increase gas mileage. The signs were posted at local businesses that provide free air to customers, including Huggett’s, Thetford Center Auto and Chuck’s Auto.

Town Streetlight Project – For more than two years, the TEC worked with the Selectboard and SERG in its case before the Vermont Public Service Board to secure ownership of streetlights from Central Vermont Public Service, which resisted this request. Ownership should have saved the town money and broadened their choice of efficient lights, fixtures and controls. While CVPS decided this year to allow for town ownership, the terms and conditions established by CVPS for ownership are not favorable to Thetford. Therefore, we have opted not to purchase street lighting equipment for the town at this point. We hope to upgrade to more efficient streetlights, fixtures and controls next year.

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

Respectfully submitted by the Thetford Energy Committee:

- Ellen Blumberg - 785-9883, mjblumberg@valley.net
- Jane DaSilva - 785-2287, jane.dasilva@dartmouth.edu
- Paul Gerke - 649-2587, paulgerke@att.net
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- Alice Stewart - 785-2182, afs@finowen.net
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- Bob Walker, Chair - 785-4126, robert.j.walker@valley.net



THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

It seems like it was only a couple of months ago that I was writing for the 2006 town report, and now 2007 has come and gone. For 2007, some things remained the same with some changes thrown in just to keep things interesting. We began 2007 with Larry Lamphere and Wayne Briggs as part-time patrol officers and our other full-time position with Bridget Tweedie.

Just as all the pieces seemed to fall together, Larry went back to Norwich Police Department to fill a full-time opening for them. I was able to fill his vacant position late in 2007 with Mike McGee, a seventeen year veteran police officer. I was very pleased to have him in our department serving the Thetford community.

Again as everything seemed to be clicking well, 2007 ends with both part-time positions vacant, as Officer Briggs accepted a full-time position for Randolph Police Department and Officer McGee taking another full-time job elsewhere. I wish both Wayne and Mike the best with their future endeavors and am proud to have worked with both of them. I began 2008 by proceeding with the hiring process to fill both part-time positions.

As 2007 ended, I again found the Thetford Police Department struggled to keep up with the increase in public safety demands and the expectations on our department. Thetford officers handled 864 calls for service in 2007 from the mundane, the sometimes dangerous, to the downright silly, as well as the most disturbing domestic assault I have ever witnessed. Each incident shows a difference in individual human nature and that communities change and new challenges surface for us to meet and overcome.

By the end of 2007, it has become apparent that the community has outgrown the police department, and like all emergency service departments such as fire, rescue, and highway departments, we can't ignore the need for additional personnel and resources. As our community grows and faces new challenges, we must take the time to review emergency services and have room for responsible growth that fits our community.

For 2008, I am proposing a budget that addresses the growth this community has seen over the past ten years, and am seeking an additional full-time police officer. Barring a sudden increase in population, this addition will allow Thetford Police to handle the community's needs for at least the next ten years with no specific major changes or additions. I have based this budget proposal on what exists within this community already and by what we as police officers see on a daily basis. The expectation for us is already established and it is now up to us to meet that expectation for this community.

We constantly strive to serve our community the best we can. We will continue to work on and improve that service in order to provide the Thetford community with professional, courteous, highly trained, and qualified police officers committed to public safety through community policing.

Professionally,
James B. Lanctot
Chief of Police

THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

| Nature of Incident | # of Incidents | | Nature of Incident | # of Incidents |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Abandoned Vehicle | 4 | | Littering | 3 |
| Traffic Accident w/damage | 51 | | Lost Property | 2 |
| Traffic Accident w/injuries | 8 | | Medical | 9 |
| Agency Assist | 109 | | Missing Person | 5 |
| Alarm | 11 | | Motor Vehicle Complaint | 94 |
| Alcohol offense | 12 | | Noise Disturbance | 3 |
| Animal problem | 22 | | Parking Problem | 4 |
| Assault | 2 | | Phone Harassment | 4 |
| Attempt to Locate | 2 | | Probation Violation | 2 |
| ATV incident | 3 | | Property Damage | 1 |
| Background investigation | 3 | | Property/Home Watch | 12 |
| Bad Check | 37 | | Public Speaking | 8 |
| Burglary | 7 | | Recovered Property | 2 |
| Child Abuse | 1 | | Restraining Order Violation | 2 |
| Citizen assist | 65 | | Robbery | 1 |
| Citizen dispute | 25 | | Runaway Juvenile | 2 |
| Dead body | 1 | | Service of Restraining Order | 2 |
| Death message/notice | 3 | | Sex Offense | 1 |
| Directed Patrol/School | 21 | | Stalking | 2 |
| Drugs | 4 | | Suspicious Circumstance | 85 |
| Disorderly | 3 | | Theft | 23 |
| DUI | 8 | | Theft of Automobile | 2 |
| Embezzlement | 1 | | Threatening | 5 |
| False report | 2 | | Traffic Hazard | 38 |
| Family Fight/Domestic | 11 | | Traffic Offense/Violation | 5 |
| Fingerprints | 6 | | Trespassing | 1 |
| Fireworks | 1 | | Vandalism | 13 |
| Found Property | 3 | | VIN Number Inspection | 79 |
| Intoxicated Person | 3 | | Welfare Check | 6 |
| Juvenile Problem | 8 | | Total Incidents | 864 |

VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS TOWN OF THETFORD

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

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

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

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|---------------------------|----|---------------------------------|----|
| ATV Accident/Incident | 1 | Motor Vehicle Complaint | 55 |
| Traffic Accident w/Damage | 43 | Missing Person | 3 |
| Agency Assistance | 37 | Noise Disturbance | 3 |
| Alarm | 4 | Phone Problem/Harassment | 3 |
| Alcohol Offense | 1 | Public Speaking | 1 |
| Animal Problem | 2 | Robbery | 1 |
| Burglary | 1 | Runaway Juvenile | 1 |
| Citizen Assist | 16 | Sex Offender Registry | 2 |
| Citizen Dispute | 1 | Suspicious Person/Circumstances | 26 |
| Custodial Interference | 2 | Theft | 3 |
| Driving License Suspended | 2 | Threatening | 2 |
| DUI Alcohol or Drugs | 8 | Traffic Hazard | 19 |
| E911 Hang up | 6 | Traffic Violation | 2 |
| Family Fight/Domestic | 2 | VIN Number Inspection | 1 |
| Fireworks | 1 | Unlawful Mischief | 4 |
| Juvenile Problem | 1 | Welfare/Suicide Check | 4 |

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 258

Respectfully,

LT. Terry Lewis
Station Commander
Troop B-Bradford

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department is a non-profit corporation that was chartered in 1960 to provide emergency services to the Town of Thetford. A nine member Board of Trustees manages the financial side of the business, and appoints a Fire Chief who organizes and runs the department. A tax appropriation supports most of our operating budget as shown in this report. Fund-raised and donated money is kept in a separate account and pays for improvements to our buildings, some vehicle replacement, and anything else not covered by the tax based budget. 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. In order to streamline operations, the FAST Squad finances are now combined with TVFD. Our operating budget shows a large increase, but the FAST Squad is not requesting an appropriation.

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.

Fire Pumper Replacement Program

The first new pumper truck was purchased by the town through a warned article in 1971. In 1981, a second new pumper was added, and the framework of a schedule took shape. The department had two pumpers; each would last 20 years, with a new one purchased every 10 years. The out-going pumper was converted into a tanker and would last another 20 years. By 1999, the problems with this system were obvious.

Increased call volume led to increased use, and an increased repair incidence. This was particularly true for the tankers that were now over 30 years old. The Board of Trustees and the Fire Chief began a different approach and changed from 10/20 year rotations to 8/16 year rotations. A pumper was ordered in 1999 with tanker features (quick dump and fill fittings) to minimize later conversion cost. In 2005, a new tanker was ordered to move from reliance on 20 year old trucks becoming new tankers, thus increasing the safety and efficiency of all trucks in use. Now, in 2008, it is time for a scheduled replacement of the 1991 pumper, and the retirement of the 1981 tanker.

It is critically important to follow the replacement schedule. The highway department has no major purchases planned; the outgoing 1981 equipment still has resale value. Additionally, the price of new apparatus increases every year by a significant percentage. Raw materials, transportation, labor, and financial services cost more every week. A delay would reduce the value of the current tanker, might lead to unexpected repairs, or conflict with a major highway investment in the future. Good emergency management is based on solid pre-plans and then following those plans.

The Selectboard determines the best finance options, ranging from outright purchase, to a multi-year amortization. Either way, the effect on property taxes cannot be ignored. I would prefer to make investments in essential resources following a scheduled plan. The gap between the cost of a new truck and the sale price of the used truck will increase very year. It is unfair to low or fixed income homeowners to postpone this replacement to an unknown date for an unknown price. This purchase is important to the continued commitment of the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department to safe and efficient response to emergencies, and the continued professional service to the community of Thetford.

Thank you for your support of the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department.

Sincerely,

Donald S. Fifield, Jr.
Fire Chief



THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

| Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept. | 2007 Budget | 2007 Actual | 2008 Budget |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUES | | | |
| Town Appropriation | 79,875.00 | 70,334.95 | 93,885.00 |
| Interest Earned | 60.00 | 75.35 | 75.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 79,935.00 | 70,410.30 | 93,960.00 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| Chief's Stipend | 1,250.00 | 1,250.00 | 1,250.00 |
| Dispatch Service | 4,500.00 | 4,419.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Fees | 85.00 | 85.00 | 85.00 |
| Insurance | 22,650.00 | 25,538.00 | 24,500.00 |
| Office Supplies & Postage | 500.00 | 362.50 | 500.00 |
| Public Relations & Fire Safety | 350.00 | 324.94 | 350.00 |
| Subscriptions and Dues | 400.00 | 757.40 | 450.00 |
| Tax Prep / Audit | 550.00 | 550.00 | 600.00 |
| Telephone | 1,000.00 | 1,011.50 | 1,500.00 |
| Printing | | | 200.00 |
| Total Administration | 31,285.00 | 34,298.34 | 34,435.00 |
| BUILDING & GROUNDS | | | |
| Electricity | 2,500.00 | 2,244.35 | 2,000.00 |
| Fuel Oil / LP Gas | 6,000.00 | 5,098.28 | 5,500.00 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 250.00 | - | 250.00 |
| Maintenance & Repairs | 5,000.00 | 4,435.00 | 5,000.00 |
| Total Buildings & Grounds | 13,750.00 | 11,777.63 | 12,750.00 |
| FIREFIGHTER HEALTH & SAFETY | | | |
| Gear Maintenance | 500.00 | 58.00 | 500.00 |
| Gear & Personal Protective Equip. | 7,000.00 | 3,344.39 | 7,300.00 |
| Health & Safety | 150.00 | - | 150.00 |
| Re-Hydration & Food | 500.00 | 161.80 | 500.00 |
| Total Firefighter Health & Safety | 8,150.00 | 3,564.19 | 8,450.00 |

TRAINING

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Training Corporation Membership | 250.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Fire Courses & Expenses | 4,500.00 | 4,581.47 | 5,000.00 |
| EMS Courses & Expenses | | | 4,000.00 |
| Total Training | 4,750.00 | 4,831.47 | 9,250.00 |

VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Equipment Maintenance | 2,000.00 | 1,295.71 | 2,500.00 |
| Fire Equipment Replacement | 11,000.00 | 7,932.51 | 11,000.00 |
| EMS Equipment Replacement | | | 6,000.00 |
| Preventative Pump Maintenance | 1,000.00 | 1,173.19 | 1,500.00 |
| Vehicle Fuel | 3,000.00 | 2,429.27 | 3,000.00 |
| Vehicle Maintenance | 5,000.00 | 3,032.64 | 5,000.00 |
| Total Vehicles & Equipment | 22,000.00 | 15,863.32 | 29,000.00 |

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| TOTAL EXPENSES | 79,935.00 | 70,334.95 | 93,885.00 |
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THETFORD FAST SQUAD

The members of the Thetford FAST Squad wish to thank the community of Thetford for all of their support over the last year. Our sole purpose continues to be to provide emergency medical service to the community of Thetford and our mutual aid area. Squad members, who are all volunteers, are able to respond to most emergencies within minutes. We continue to work closely with the Police, Fire and Highway Departments, as well as our area ambulance services, in managing these emergencies.

Our call volume remained stable during 2007. Including motor vehicle crashes, we responded to 135 emergencies in the year 2007. It is important to remember that these numbers also include emergencies that our squad is requested to respond to in our neighboring towns through mutual aid agreements. 85% of the emergencies that we responded to in 2007 were in the town of Thetford. It is critical that we continue to respond to all calls in our community of Thetford and in order to do so, we require a strong roster. While our roster has remained stable over the last year, we are actively recruiting new EMTs.

Our volunteers are a dedicated group of community members who give numerous hours throughout the year. The typical emergency call from the time the pager tones to returning the rescue truck to the station will last 75 minutes. In addition, members are required to put all supplies in service at the end of each call, complete paperwork and add each emergency to a log book. This process takes anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour depending on the supply needs. We also coordinate 15-18 training sessions per year. Each training session averages 2 hours. As such, the average member volunteers a total of 86 hours per year on calls alone. This is working from the assumption that the average member will attend approximately 40% of all calls. When administrative time is added in, the average member volunteers another 30 hours to complete training and participate in the business operations of the squad.

As such, the FAST Squad will be transferring the management of all administrative tasks to the Thetford Fire Department Board of Trustees as of January 1, 2008. Community members will notice that there is no appropriation request for the FAST squad for 2008. This is due to the Fast Squad budget being rolled into the Fire Department budget. Tasking the Fire Department Board of Trustees with the management of the budget, interviewing of new members and other administrative tasks will allow the volunteer EMTs to not have to choose between valuable training and administrative tasks in the future. In addition, with the constant increase in emergency calls, we believe relieving our volunteer members of these administrative tasks is critical to their continued participation with the Squad.

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

Another priority of the FAST squad is community service and education. We continue to offer safety information to the community on a variety of topics such as car seat and seat belt safety and injury prevention. We again provided medical coverage for two large cross-country races at Thetford Academy this fall. Approximately 8 volunteers worked at each race to provide enough personnel to staff a fully stocked first aid room, an ATV for rapid response and a finish line response team. This group responded to over 125 incidents at the two races and provided care for numerous young athletes and spectators. In

addition, we were fortunate to have additional volunteer EMTs from our mutual aid departments work with us at these races.

Our current roster has been included with this report for your reference.

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| Mariah Capurso | Bill Wallace | Larry Ackerman | Dan Huff | Casey Huling |
| Bob Mousley | Sara Eastman | Don Fifield | Spunk Kuehlwein | Tim Ouellette |
| Craig McKinney | Sarah Blanchard | Greg Auch | Wendy Cole | |

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mariah Capurso
Deputy Chief – EMS
Thetford Fire Department



ANCIENT ROADS COMMITTEE

Act 178, better known as the “Ancient Roads Bill” is the Legislature’s attempt to bring resolution to disputes between municipalities and landowners. It is our committee’s assignment to try to determine whether or not some of these roads ever existed, if so where, and whether or not those roads have been “thrown up” by the town.

This act has established a new category of road called “unidentified corridor” which was traditionally called an ancient road. The unidentified corridor will only be in existence from July 1, 2009 until July of 2015. After that time, towns will lose their ability to lay claim to those roads. To become an unidentified corridor by July 1, 2009, a town highway must meet all four of the following criteria under V.S.A § 302 (6).

1. It must be legally established.
2. It does not appear on the town’s highway map as of July 1, 2009.
3. It is not a legal trail.
4. It is not otherwise clearly observable by physical evidence of their use as a highway or trail.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Stowell



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Thetford Highway Department has been busy this past year with the usual ditching, culvert replacement, and brush cutting. Then we had the wind storm that took 3 days to clean up. The wind storm and power outage made us realize that we must do something different with our radio communication, so working with the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department we have come up with a plan to move our radio repeater from the Elementary school to the Thetford Hill fire station where they have an emergency generator.

I would like to say that the town employees are working well together. I work almost every day with the Town Clerk and Treasurer and keep in contact with the Selectboard. When there is an emergency, the Highway Department works closely with the Fire Department and the police to make the response as fast and safe as possible. This makes the Highway Department an emergency response team and the town trucks emergency vehicles. After listening to scanners for three and half years, I know we have some of the fastest dedicated responders in the Upper Valley and I thank them for the job they do.

The Highway Department had paving projects on Godfrey and Union Village where we hired Pike Industries; they did good work and were easy to work with. Our proposed paving projects for 2008 are spots on 132 which will need a lot of attention in the near future, the short dirt sections on Gove Hill and Robinson Hill because of salt bleeding off the pavement keeping the dirt soft and muddy making them hard to keep smooth, and Lakeshore Road and Cross Street because it will save time and be easier to maintain. The paving budget reflects an increase to make it more realistic with the price of paving.

I will not be asking for any equipment this year although I think the town needs a new or a good used bucket loader to load trucks out of our stock piles and take some of the stress off the backhoe. Truck #4 is eight years old and the grader is 12 years old. They should be replaced in the next couple of years. As far as the garage goes, we closed in the rest of the pole shed out back to give us more secure storage. We could really use a storage shed that could house the grader, tractor, chipper, mower, and York rake. Stuff to think about in the future. Last, I would like to thank the road crew for the work they accomplished this past year and the Town for your support and remind you if you have concerns to contact me at 785-4679. Please go slow in work zones and have a safe 2008.

Submitted by: Douglas Stone, Road Foreman

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INVENTORY

January 2008

VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT:

2008 International 10 wheel dump truck with Tenco plow, wing, and sander body
 2007 Freightliner dump truck with plow, wing, and Tenco sander body
 2006 Freightliner dump truck with plow, wing and Tenco sander body
 2006 John-Deere tractor with Diamond mower, Valby wood chipper, Sweepster broom
 2005 Lana gas powered pressure washer/culvert thawer
 2004 Caterpillar 420D backhoe with ditch bucket
 2002 550 Ford dump truck with Everest plow and tailgate sander
 2000 International dump truck with Tenco plow, wing, and sander body
 1999 International dump truck with Tenco plow, wing, and sander body
 1999 York road rake
 1997 Galion 870 road grader
 Wisconsin equipment trailer
 Chloride tank trailer
 PTO post hole auger

SHOP EQUIPMENT:

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| Lincoln 255 mig welder | Napa pressure washer |
| Miller stick welder | Napa battery charger |
| Acetylene torch | Lincoln 20-ton air jack (2) |
| Makita 14" chop saw | Transmission jack |
| Makita 7" grinder | Yamaha generator |
| Makita 4" grinder | Emglo air compressor |
| Makita 3/8" drill | Assorted hand tools |
| Craftsman drill press | 1/2" drive air wrenches (3) |
| Milwaukee 1/2" drill | 1" drive air wrench |
| Assorted drill bits | Air powered grease gun |
| Stihl ht75 pole saw | Battery-powered grease gun (2) |
| Stihl fs250 string trimmer | Bench grinder |
| Jonsered chainsaws (3) | Rolling tool box (2) |
| Husquarvana chainsaw | 4 Ladders (32', 20', 16', and 8') |
| Logger chaps (2) | Shovels, Rakes, Brooms, etc. |
| Logger Helmets (5) | Hand Crank Seeder |
| Chainsaw Tool Box | Temporary Highway Sign Stands (14) |
| Stationary Chloride Tanks (2) | Assorted Temporary Highway Signs |
| Surveyor Transit, Tripod, Rod | Creepers (3) |
| Assorted Fuel Cans | 2000 Gallon Diesel Tank |
| Gas Boy Diesel Pump (2) | 500 Gallon Diesel Tank |

LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

HOURS

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

In 2007, the library trustees wished to thank the citizens of Thetford for their increased support of the libraries of the town. More computers and faster access to the internet are planned for this coming year.

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

Popular workshops on Photography and Storytelling were continued by Simon Brooks, Children's librarian. Simon offered story-telling and activities on Thursday afternoons after school. Movies were shown on Friday afternoons.

The library hosted a Brown Bag Lunch series with third-graders from the Elementary School where reading aloud at lunchtime brought increasing confidence and competence to eager readers. A visit by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock brought most of the sixth grade and staff to view the "Quilt" mosaic on display at Latham based on her book, **As Long as There are Mountains**. A Fright Night brought ghosts and chills to the basement of the library in October along with trick or treaters on Halloween.

From two visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,056 books and these state books were taken out 1,163 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 2,167 videos were borrowed from almost 30 video series offered by the library from the LUV Video Co-op. 864 audio-books circulated this year. 124 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 62 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 10,042 with 10,072 people coming to use the library. 243 visitors came to view the exhibits in the Bicentennial Gallery.

During the past year the library bought 217 books, 114 movies, and 45 audiobooks. 415 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 49 meetings of the Blood Root literary magazine, Thetford Hill Improvement Society; the Thetford Hill Preservation Committee; the Thetford Recreation Committee; the Upper Valley Local Rivers Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commission; the Thetford Conservation Commission; the Parish Players; the Senior Housing project and the Thetford Hill Water Coop.

The library depends on voluntary efforts from many members of the community. Joanne Kirsten, Meredith Tracy and Inge Trebitz worked behind the scenes to process, barcode and catalog materials. Ruby Sadoques, Livia Seace and Adam Shay from Thetford Academy put in many hours of community service to improve your library. More new titles in a variety of formats (audio, movies, and books) were made available each week due to the concentrated efforts of these volunteers. Connie Snyder researched, found and mailed Inter-Library Loan requests. Nina Straus completed an inventory of all the library's books. Front desk volunteers include Dianne Sharkey, Valerie Mullen, May Koehler, Scooter Hathorn, Sheva Landman, Anne Scotford, Susan Fetter, Dianne Hagedwood, Arden Fendrich, Helen MacLam and Nan Crowell.

Your support through the annual appeal and at Town meeting assures the accomplishments of your library.

Come visit in 2008. If we don't have what you need, we can get it for you. Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm and you are always welcome. Libraries change lives.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

Ralph Albertini T'09
Richard Balagur T'11
Ron Chabot T'08
Lynne O'Hara T'08

Elizabeth Edmonds T'09
Marguerite Hiser C'08
Steve Hoffman T'10

Elise Tillinghast T'11
Jim Zien C'10
Nan Crowell T'10



PEABODY LIBRARY

HOURS

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

In its 141st year, the library hosted a Story Circle in January; Love Letters and Chocolate in February; a Celtic Concert and a Gardener's Evening in March; favorite poems in April; and Ben Powers in June.

A book discussion Series exploring "Film, Feasts, and Fiction" 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. The Twelfth Annual Penny Carnival brought a happy crowd of 140 folks to enjoy a sunny afternoon. Simon told stories at the one week !Camp program for the children of migrant workers in Vermont hosted at the Aloha camps. The After School Program resumed in late August on Tuesday afternoons and participation rose for three weeks of Legos. September saw a familiar library presence in the Post Mills Labor Day parade. Local poets shared a reading in October. November was very busy with Jim Schley giving an update on his family's warbonnet; Didi Pershouse reading from her book, and the Upper Valley Land Trust sharing their accomplishments in the past twelve months. The Nineteenth Annual Holiday Readings were shared by young story tellers led by Simon Brooks and Cathee Clement while the Librarian read for older folks.

The Library had 1,260 visitors borrowing 409 books from the library's own collection with more than 102 state books lent from the Regional Library. 187 audiobooks also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. 82 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 815 titles circulated from the library in 2007 for an average of 15 titles a week. More people visited this year than in 2006.

Come visit Thetford's oldest library in 2008 and discover one of Thetford's most elegant public rooms.

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

Libraries change lives.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

2007 Trustees:

Andrew Boyce, Olivia Chapman, Stacey Glazer, Suzanne Houston, Nancy Hughes, Laurie Kinne, Margo Nutt, Cheryl Twerdowsky

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Our Federation has had another good year, aiming toward its two stated goals: to work through member libraries to maintain and improve library service in the town; and to operate the Bicentennial Building as a free home for Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and for the library/archives of the Thetford Historical Society.

In the area of library service, there have been increases in open hours; provision of new and needed books through purchase, borrowing of state books on a regular basis, and interlibrary loans. We have tried to attract patrons by hosting book discussion groups, talks on literary and other topics of interest, and talks by local authors for the younger generation. There have been regular story hours at Latham, Peabody and Treasure Island; children's librarian Simon Brooks has had a story-telling workshop. And the Historical Society continues to provide help to classes at both the Elementary School and the Academy. School and public libraries have programs to encourage reading.

In the four libraries on Thetford Hill, the internet, in the shape of local ThetNet, provides useful service both in library operation and in research, and we are still learning how to organize and pay for this increasing area of operation.

Our Bicentennial Building is in good shape with a comparatively new roof and with new burners in the furnace. We are moving toward more efficient lighting fixtures and considering alternative sources of electric power. During the year we have repaired a leak in the heating pipe in the historical workroom and also a ceiling fixture and a malfunctioning Gallery spotlight. Ultraviolet protective film has been installed in the east and north windows of the historical reading room. An anonymous donation made it possible for us to clean up overgrown and snow-dumped foundation planting in front of the building. We owe many thanks to Ruel Barrett, who has retired from giving us many years of free mowing service on the library grounds.

Our Federation has three main sources of income. A yearly grant voted by the Town goes mainly to provide about two-thirds of the operating budgets of both Latham and Peabody Libraries. We have a modest endowment which provides regular income, and each fall, we run an annual fund campaign; as this is written, this year's campaign had produced \$5,165 from 55 donors.

Charles Latham
Clerk



THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

| | 2007 BUDGET | 2007 ACTUAL | 2008 BUDGET |
|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| INCOME: | | | |
| Appropriation from Town | \$52,540 | \$66,940 | \$66,940 |
| Investment Interest | 8,000 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Donations | 6,000 | 8,000 | 6,500 |
| Bank Interest | 300 | 500 | 300 |
| Other (Town extra) | 0 | 35,000 | 0 |
| TOTAL | \$66,840 | \$118,440 | \$81,740 |
| EXPENSE: | | | |
| Member Library Support | \$48,600 | \$50,935 | \$57,940 |
| Building | 500 | 1,868 | 500 |
| Equipment and Furnishings | 500 | 380 | 12,000 |
| Computing Services | 3,500 | 1,286 | 1,300 |
| ThetNet | | 2,013 | 6,000 |
| Electricity | 4,000 | 3,600 | 3,800 |
| Heat | 6,400 | 4,855 | 6,200 |
| Water | 450 | 500 | 550 |
| Insurance | 1,750 | 1,737 | 1,750 |
| Alarm System | 300 | 324 | 350 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 1,200 | 1,400 | 1,500 |
| Custodial | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Rubbish | 900 | 950 | 1,000 |
| Grounds Maintenance | 1,000 | 1,700 | 2,000 |
| Supplies & Postage | 350 | 411 | 350 |
| Miscellaneous | 50 | 0 | 50 |
| TOTAL | \$71,500 | \$73,959 | \$97,290 |

Dianne Sharkey
Treasurer

THETFORD FOOD SHELF THETFORD TOWN SERVICE OFFICER

This report is an opportunity for me to acknowledge and thank the supporters of the Thetford Food Shelf. Your cash donations make it possible for us to purchase a wide variety of items from the Vermont Food Bank and maintain a well-stocked and well-balanced food pantry. Our purchases are further supplemented by many, many donations of canned goods and boxed items that are left at the food shelf.

The food shelf also benefits from many local events such as the annual basketball game sponsored by the PTO and Youth Sports, Hike for Hunger, Crop Walk, admission to an Academy dance, and as a 'gift' substitute at a birthday celebration.

We received a large amount of frozen foods, dairy products, fruits and vegetables at the close of the camping season at Camp Farnsworth thanks to the thoughtfulness of Rosemary Whitman and the staff. Again this year, Andy Rowles kept us supplied with potatoes, onions, and carrots from his garden. Cy Severance provided his annual variety of winter squashes.

As Town Service Officers, I frequently receive requests from social agencies or individuals for other emergency assistance. While a portion of our funds are also available for this purpose, I am fortunate to have the support and cooperation of the Trustees of Trust Fund so I can respond to these situations.

The success of the Thetford Food Shelf is due to your continuing support and contributions and to the volunteers who assist with maintaining this program. I am pleased to be a part of it. Many thanks to all.

Roberta C. Howard
Thetford Food Shelf Coordinator
Town Service Officer

NOTE: A food drive will be held on voting day, Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at the Town offices. Please bring an item of your choice to add to our shelves.



BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

The Thetford Town budget has once again seen an increase. This year it was a 4.4 percent increase. This increase does not account for any of the other warned articles that are currently on the ballot (or last years). If we account for those articles (this year and last) we have an increase of 6.43 percent. We once again note the recommendations made by the committee last year, and feel that the town needs to regard them with seriousness if we are to help contain costs in the future. Last year's recommendations follow with elaboration:

1. As one of the largest town expenses is increasingly employee benefits, the Committee formally suggested to the Selectboard that it investigate a "cafeteria-style" benefits plan to help control cost growth while allowing workers to realize greater benefits. By implementing this type of plan initially the costs to the town will increase, but the costs will be capped so that in future years the expenditure for health care can be budgeted.
2. Noting that Thetford currently pays the town of West Fairlee close to \$20,000 in real estate taxes, we recommend the Selectboard charge the newly-created recreation committee to study options to mitigate those costs while improving the town summer recreational facilities. We believe this still needs to be investigated but we recommend researching ways to have our taxes waived through changes in the state legislature. We feel a comprehensive overview of Treasure Island is appropriate, and it should include housings, fees, and strategic plan for the future. Currently no rental fees are collected for the house.
3. Now that the Town's "single-year appropriations" (often referred to as "the charities") are continually growing, we recommend the annual budgeting of a specific amount, which would be allocated to applying groups by a town committee, and the amount of which would be raised only by way of warned items. This may help the town achieve a reasonable balance between satisfying residents to whom these charities are important and residents who feel it is not the Town's responsibility, but rather the residents directly, to contribute to those charities.
4. Finally, as the Town has been investing smartly in new technology across its operations, it should also look to see where returns on these investments have made departmental reform and savings possible. In addition, as the town invests in new equipment such as larger capacity trucks, we should see a reduction in labor as the road time will be decreased. If we invest based on the return of labor, we as taxpayers should see this return in lower budgets or increased services.

In addition to the above, we also recommend these new items to be addressed:

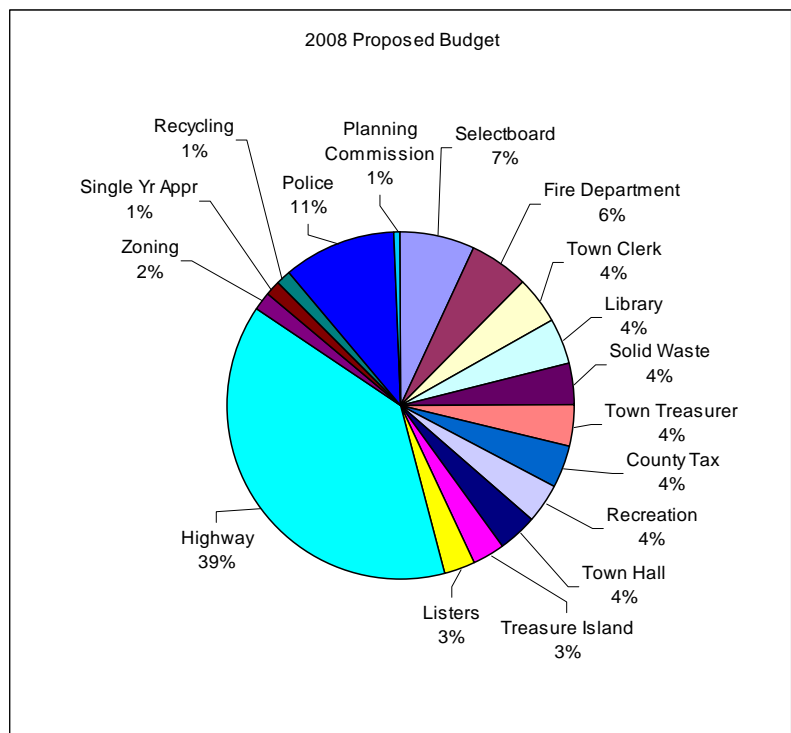
1. Mowing of town owned properties now exceeds \$15,000 annually. We should consider changing the Highway Department into a public works department and have the town's own crew perform the mowing.
2. Look at consolidating the new recreation department and Treasure Island to conserve on duplication of resources.
3. Increase fees charged by zoning department for permits. These fee levels should be established by passing the fees on to the applicants themselves, thereby making the zoning department more self-funded.

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

Finally, in a departure from the above comments and recommendations, the Budget Committee expresses its wholehearted support of the proposed increases to the Police Departments current salaries and appreciates the department’s dedication and its willingness to take the risks that most of us hope we never have to face.

We would like to have seen a level budget presented, as the economy has made many citizens have to tighten their own personal spending trends. If we continue to outspend the cost of living, we may force some citizens into having to move from our Town. The increases in the budget, though relatively small, when coupled with the rising cost of heating oil, increased school budget and declining property values, all add to creating hardships for many. A Town’s spending desires will always exceed its capabilities, but without (a) a guiding principle (not a rule, just a principle) such as limiting budget increases to cost of living increases, and (b) a practice of setting the overall budget first and then prioritizing our line items to come within that overall budget, we run the risk of continually increasing the gap between taxes levied and the Town residents’ ability to pay.

Respectfully submitted
Terry Longo
Ken McDaniels
Lynne Miller
Mike Pomeroy
Tig Tillinghast (recused)



✱ NOTES ✱

FINANCIAL REPORTS

***YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2007***

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2007

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, 2007, the Town's long-term debt consisted of four notes payable and one bond payable:

- To State of Vermont interest at 2.0% annual principal payments of 30,000.00 plus \$1,200 interest due December 31, 2008, total balance due \$30,000.
- To State of Vermont interest at 2.0% annual principal payments of \$6,348 plus \$635 interest due December 31, 2012, total balance due \$31,740.
- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$25,967 plus \$1,558 interest due June 30, 2009 total balance due \$51,933.
- To Merchants Bank interest at 4.5% annual principal payments of \$12,185 plus \$2,276 interest due November 1, 2011, total balance due \$67,015.00.

- To Vermont Bond Bank, interest ranging from 1.55% to 5.00%, annual principal payments of \$30,000 plus interest, due December, 2022, total balance due \$450,000.

The total amount of long-term debt is \$ 630,688.00.

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 2007. State of Vermont statutes require that these reserves be subtracted from the current year surplus or deficit calculation.

| Town Hall Renovation Bond Repayment Schedule | | | | | |
|---|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <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 12/09/07 | Puritan Fund—shares added by reinvestment 29,594.323 shares | |
| 12/09/07 | Puritan Fund—total shares held 30,271.323 shares | |
| 12/09/07 | Puritan Fund—value of investment @ \$20.07/share | \$592,712.50 |
| CASH ON HAND INCOME FOR 2007: | | |
| 01/01/07 | Cash on Hand | \$22,562.33 |
| 12/09/07 | Interest | 300.81 |
| TOTAL | | \$22,863.14 |
| DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES FOR 2007: | | |
| 03/15/07 | Check #144, Thetford Emergency Fund \$2,755.03 | |
| 06/08/07 | Check #145, Thetford Emergency Fund 2,880.00 | |
| 11/10/07 | Check #146, Thetford Emergency Fund 675.00 | |
| 11/27/07 | Check #147, Thetford Emergency Fund 400.00 | |
| TOTAL | | \$6,710.03 |
| 12/31/07 | CASH BALANCE ON HAND | \$16,153.11 |

| CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS | | |
|--|---|-----------------|
| DATE | TRANSACTION | AMOUNT |
| 12/04/57 | Puritan Funds—original investment 220.000 shares | \$1,300.20 |
| 9/06/60 to 12/10/07 | Puritan Funds—shares added by reinvestment 802.898 shares | |
| 12/10/07 | Puritan Fund—total shares held 1022.898 shares | |
| 12/10/07 | Puritan Fund—value of investment @ \$20.07/share | \$20,529.56 |
| CASH ON HAND & INCOME - 2007 | | |
| 01/01/07 | Cash on Hand (Wells River Savings Bank) | \$234.25 |
| 05/01/07 | Fidelity | 136.29 |
| 07/30/07 | Fidelity | 136.29 |
| 11/09/07 | Fidelity | 146.02 |
| 12/05/07 | Interest (Wells River Savings Bank) | 1.82 |
| TOTAL | | \$654.67 |
| DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES - 2007 | | |
| 12/05/07 | Hillside Cemetery 40.00 | |
| | Post Mills Cemetery 80.00 | |
| | East Thetford Cemetery 120.00 | |
| | Evergreen Rest Cemetery 280.00 | 520.00 |
| 12/05/07 | CASH BALANCE ON HAND | \$134.67 |

Trustees of Trust Funds

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

Town of Thetford, Vermont
Governmental Capital Assets
December 31, 2007

| Item | Dept. | Date Acquired | Cost |
|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| 2007 International | Highway | 3/9/2007 | 119,649 |
| 2007 Freightliner Body | Highway | 9/13/2006 | 57,000 |
| Ford 550 | Highway | 11/5/2001 | 54,499 |
| 2006 Freightliner Body | Highway | 10/11/2005 | 48,314 |
| Wing, Plow, Sander Body for 06 | Highway | 10/11/2005 | 45,375 |
| 2000 International | Highway | 4/13/2000 | 60,110 |
| 2004 Caterpillar 420D Backhoe | Highway | 3/2/2004 | 89,650 |
| 1997 Gallion Grader 870 | Highway | 4/9/1997 | 121,700 |
| Thawer | Highway | 9/18/2005 | 5,096 |
| Diesel Tank - 2000 Gallon | Highway | 11/10/2005 | 4,915 |
| Yamaha Generator | Highway | 6/30/2003 | 15,000 |
| Wisconsin Equipment Trailer | Highway | 6/30/1988 | 10,000 |
| York Road Rake | Highway | 6/30/1999 | 5,500 |
| 2000 Ford Crown Vic | Police | 6/15/2006 | 9,995 |
| 2005 Chevy Impala | Police | 5/12/2005 | 18,332 |
| Copier | Gen | 6/30/2003 | 3,500 |
| Police Radios | Police | 5/11/2005 | 10,492 |
| Town Hall | Gen | 6/30/2003 | 681,770 |
| Highway Garage/Salt Shed | Highway | 6/30/1974 | 44,060 |
| Treasure Island - Original Buildings | Rec | 9/30/1972 | 36,900 |
| Treasure Island Facilities | Rec | | 0 |
| Treasure Island Shop/Crafts | Rec | | 0 |
| Recycling Center Shed | Sol. Was. | 6/30/1993 | 5,414 |
| Latham Road | Highway | 8/3/2005 | 46,553 |
| Godfrey Road | Highway | 9/7/2005 | 50,178 |
| Tucker Road | Highway | 10/5/2005 | 27,703 |
| Robinson Hill & Barker | Highway | 11/1/2004 | 131,197 |
| Stowell Road Bridge | Highway | 6/30/2004 | 41,345 |
| Tucker Hill Bridge | Highway | 11/30/2004 | 50,500 |
| Pedestrian Path | Gen | N/A | 25,116 |
| Treasure Island Residence Roof | Rec | 12/31/2005 | 9,000 |
| Land - Treasure Island | Rec | 9/30/1972 | 127,100 |
| Land - Town Garage | N/A | 6/30/1935 | 300 |
| Land - Town Hall | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Recycling Ctr & P.M. Cons. Area | N/A | 6/30/2004 | 34,031 |
| Land - Town Forest | N/A | 1941 | 165 |
| Land - Stowell Road | N/A | 6/30/1950 | 600 |
| Land - Old Dump Site | N/A | 6/30/1957 | 62 |
| Land - Elementary School Site | N/A | 6/30/1961 | 2,000 |
| Land - School Leach Field | N/A | 6/30/1974 | 12,400 |
| Land - T&J Taylor Property | N/A | 6/30/1997 | 68,080 |
| Land - Hughes (Center Common) | N/A | 6/30/1998 | 30,300 |
| Land - Uihlein Property (Turnpike Road) | N/A | | 11,800 |
| Land - Decola Property (Cranberry Hill) | N/A | 6/30/2005 | 13,140 |
| Land - Poor Farm Rd (Nature Cons.) | N/A | 6/30/2004 | 158,690 |
| Land - Sawnee Bean Cemetery | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Judd Cemetery | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - by Trussell's | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - East Thetford Cemetery | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Thetford Center Green | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Thetford Hill Common | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Rice's Mills Cemetery | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Kinney Cemetery | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Follett Cemetery | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Post Mills Green | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Thetford Center Cemetery | N/A | | 0 |
| Land - Poor Farm Road So | N/A | 6/30/1994 | 40,000 |
| | | | 2,327,531 |

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2007**

| | General Fund | Highway Fund | Equipment Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Investment in Cash Management Pool | \$ 517,926 | \$ 0 | \$ (40,076) | \$ 201,563 | \$ 679,413 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 517,926</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ (40,076)</u> | <u>\$ 201,563</u> | <u>\$ 679,413</u> |
| <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u> | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | \$ 505,110 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 505,110 |
| <u>FUND BALANCES</u> | | | | | |
| Unreserved - Designated | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Total Fund Balances | <u>12,816</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>(40,076)</u> | <u>201,563</u> | <u>174,303</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | <u>\$ 517,926</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ (40,076)</u> | <u>\$ 201,563</u> | <u>\$ 679,413</u> |



MARSTON/SMITH GRAVESITE FUND REPORT

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

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Balance on hand 1/1/07 | \$1,049.12 | Grave upkeep and floral pieces –Donated |
| Interest accrued: | <u>4.24</u> | |
| Balance on hand 12/31/07 | <u>\$1,053.36</u> | Jill Graff, Town Treasurer |

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007**

| | General Fund | Highway Fund | Equipment Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES: | | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 845,648 | \$ 440,116 | \$ 125,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 1,435,764 |
| Penalties and Interest | 23,579 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23,579 |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | 64,490 | 129,493 | 0 | 506,628 | 700,611 |
| Charges for Services | 58,421 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58,421 |
| Investment Income | 23,932 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23,932 |
| Fines and Forfeits | 14,499 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,499 |
| Licenses and Permits | 15,399 | 630 | 0 | 0 | 16,029 |
| Other Revenue | 8,076 | 209 | 255 | 512 | 9,052 |
| | <u>1,054,044</u> | <u>570,448</u> | <u>125,255</u> | <u>532,140</u> | <u>2,281,887</u> |
| Total Revenues | | | | | |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | |
| General Government | 586,377 | 0 | 0 | 552,577 | 1,138,954 |
| Highway and Streets | 0 | 677,993 | 0 | 0 | 677,993 |
| Public Safety | 257,044 | 0 | 0 | 3,100 | 260,144 |
| Recreation | 56,585 | 0 | 0 | 23,478 | 80,063 |
| Solid Waste and Recycling | 14,394 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,394 |
| Cemetery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | | |
| General Government | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Highway and Streets | 0 | 0 | 119,649 | 0 | 119,649 |
| Public Safety | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Recreation | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Solid Waste and Recycling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Debt Service: | | | | | |
| Principal | 30,000 | 0 | 163,024 | 0 | 193,024 |
| Interest | 20,234 | 0 | 7,219 | 0 | 27,453 |
| | <u>964,634</u> | <u>677,993</u> | <u>289,892</u> | <u>579,155</u> | <u>2,511,674</u> |
| Total Expenditures | | | | | |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | <u>89,410</u> | <u>(107,545)</u> | <u>(164,637)</u> | <u>(47,015)</u> | <u>(229,787)</u> |
| Other Financing Sources/(Uses): | | | | | |
| Proceeds from Sale of Equipment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Proceeds of Long-Term Debt | 0 | 0 | 110,940 | 0 | 110,940 |
| Transfers In | 0 | 45,745 | 0 | 76,279 | 122,024 |
| Transfers Out | (76,594) | 0 | 0 | 0 | (76,594) |
| | <u>(76,594)</u> | <u>45,745</u> | <u>110,940</u> | <u>76,279</u> | <u>156,370</u> |
| Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses) | | | | | |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 12,816 | (61,800) | (53,697) | 29,264 | (73,417) |
| Fund Balances/(Deficit) - January 1, 2007 | <u>44,966</u> | <u>61,800</u> | <u>13,622</u> | <u>109,594</u> | <u>229,982</u> |
| Fund Balances - December 31, 2007 | <u>\$ 57,782</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ (40,075)</u> | <u>\$ 138,858</u> | <u>\$ 156,565</u> |

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

| | Act 200 Fund | Recreation Park Fund | Restoration Of Records Fund | Conservation Fund | Reappraisal Fund | Planning Consulting Fund | Town Common Fund | Village Pedestrian Fund | Gov.Hwy Safety Fund | Elections Fund | Mascoma Police Fund |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 11,790 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 2,500 | \$ 100 | \$ 0 |
| Investment Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 318 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trust Contribution | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Revenue | 0 | 0 | 3,041 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Charges for Services | 0 | 0 | 3,041 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Revenues | 0 | 0 | 3,041 | 378 | 11,790 | 0 | 0 | 1,000 | 2,500 | 100 | 0 |
| Current | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Government | 10,481 | 0 | 1,755 | 491 | 0 | 7,195 | 932 | 19,885 | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| Highway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Public Safety | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,100 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Expenditures | 10,481 | 0 | 1,755 | 491 | 0 | 7,195 | 932 | 19,885 | 3,100 | 100 | 0 |
| Excess(deficiency) Over Expenditures | (10,481) | 0 | 1,286 | (113) | 11,790 | (7,195) | (932) | (18,885) | (600) | 0 | 0 |
| Transfers in | 3,569 | 0 | 2,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,394 | 25,117 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Other Financing Sources | 3,569 | 0 | 2,000 | 5,000 | 0 | 5,000 | 5,394 | 25,117 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (6,912) | 0 | 3,286 | 4,887 | 11,790 | (2,195) | 4,462 | 6,232 | (600) | 0 | 0 |
| †Balances 01/01/07 | 6,912 | 550 | 2,504 | 17,190 | 18,296 | 2,195 | (4,462) | (6,232) | (1,348) | 0 | 5 |
| †Balances(Deficit) 12/31/07 | \$ 0 | \$ 550 | \$ 5,790 | \$ 22,077 | \$ 30,086 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ (1,948) | \$ 0 | \$ 5 |

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

| | Homeland Security | Milfoil Grant | Whip Grant | Community Development | Listers Education | Meg Grant | Energy Committee Fund | Recreation Files Fund | Forest Park Fund |
|---|----------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | | |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | \$ 1,410 | \$ 62,705 | \$ 582 | \$ 438,580 | \$ 1,783 | \$ 564 | \$ | \$ 0 | \$ 2,000 |
| Investment Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Trust Contribution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund Revenue | | | | 0 | | | | | |
| Donations | | | | | | | 512 | | |
| Charges for Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Revenues | 1,410 | 62,705 | 582 | 438,580 | 1,783 | 564 | 512 | 0 | 2,000 |
| Expenditures: | | | | | | | | | |
| Current | | | | | | | | | |
| General Government | 0 | 62,705 | 150 | 438,592 | 440 | 564 | 0 | 23,478 | 6,500 |
| Highway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Public Safety | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Expenditures | 0 | 62,705 | 150 | 438,592 | 440 | 564 | 0 | 23,478 | 6,500 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | 1,410 | 0 | 432 | (12) | 1,343 | 0 | 512 | (23,478) | (4,500) |
| Other Financing Sources: | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25,000 | 0 |
| Total Other Financing Sources | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25,000 | 0 |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 1,410 | 0 | 432 | 188 | 1,343 | 0 | 512 | 1,522 | (4,500) |
| Fund FBalances 01/01/07 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fund FBalances(Deficit) 12/31/07 | 1,410 | 0 | 432 | 188 | 1,343 | 0 | 512 | 1,522 | (4,500) |

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

| | Town Hall Construction Fund | Bridge Fund | Cruiser Fund | Recycling Fund | Total |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Revenues: | <u>0</u> | <u>5,194</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>5,194</u> |
| Expenditures: | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Government | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,787 | 2,787 |
| Public Safety | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>2,787</u> | <u>2,787</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Other Financing Sources: | | | | | |
| Transfers in | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>5,000</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>5,000</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | 0 | 5,194 | 5,000 | -2,787 | 7,407 |
| Fund Balance January 1 2007 | <u>4,083</u> | <u>34,179</u> | <u>7,827</u> | <u>27,895</u> | <u>73,984</u> |
| Fund Balance December 31 2007 | <u>4,083</u> | <u>39,373</u> | <u>12,827</u> | <u>25,108</u> | <u>81,391</u> |

| | Item | 2006 Budget | YTD 12/31/2006 | 2007 Budget | YTD 12/31/2007 | 2008 Budget Proposed |
|----|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| | GENERAL FUND REVENUES | | | | | |
| 1 | Town Clerk Fees | 30,000.00 | 24,161.42 | 28,000.00 | 23,619.78 | 25,000.00 |
| 2 | Delinquent Tax Penalty | 12,000.00 | 12,952.61 | 12,000.00 | 14,164.72 | 12,000.00 |
| 3 | Interest Delinquent Taxes | 8,000.00 | 8,272.98 | 8,000.00 | 9,414.08 | 8,000.00 |
| 4 | Interest | 15,000.00 | 35,223.99 | 20,000.00 | 23,932.12 | 20,000.00 |
| 5 | Use of Town Records | 500.00 | 580.50 | 500.00 | 584.00 | 500.00 |
| 6 | Liquor Licenses | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 7 | Dog Fines | 50.00 | 245.00 | 100.00 | 50.00 | 100.00 |
| 8 | Dog Penalties | 500.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 460.00 | 300.00 |
| 9 | Dog Licenses | 2,500.00 | 3,160.00 | 2,500.00 | 3,107.00 | 2,800.00 |
| 10 | Zoning Fees | 10,000.00 | 12,258.51 | 10,000.00 | 9,989.19 | 10,000.00 |
| 11 | Subdivision Fees | 1,500.00 | 1,242.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,807.00 | 1,300.00 |
| 12 | Recreation Fees '08 | | | 3,500.00 | 8,235.00 | 26,750.00 |
| 13 | Septic Fees | 1,000.00 | 758.00 | 1,000.00 | 295.00 | 0.00 |
| 14 | Copying Fees | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 15 | Office Supplies | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 16 | Zoning Materials | 300.00 | 132.50 | 300.00 | 172.00 | 250.00 |
| 17 | Computer, Communications | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 18 | Municipal Court Fines | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 650.00 | 0.00 |
| 19 | Traffic Fines | 7,500.00 | 10,895.98 | 7,500.00 | 13,339.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 20 | Police Receipts | 500.00 | 35.000 | 250.00 | 515.00 | 250.00 |
| 21 | Recycling Receipts | 5,000.00 | 6,833.68 | 4,000.00 | 6,574.50 | 5,000.00 |
| 22 | Trash Sticker Revenues | 50,000.00 | 0.00 | 50,000.00 | 0.00 | 50,000.00 |
| 23 | Treasure Island | 18,000.00 | 18,891.45 | 18,000.00 | 18,069.00 | 18,000.00 |
| 24 | Insurance Refunds | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,247.00 | 0.00 |
| 25 | Insurance Claim Receipts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 26 | Federal Land Entitlement | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 27 | Flood Cont./Water Resources | 3,000.00 | 3,675.00 | 3,500.00 | 7,350.00 | 3,500.00 |
| 28 | Forest & Parks Tax | 21.00 | 21.00 | 21.00 | 21.00 | 21.00 |
| 29 | Railroad Tax | 1,500.00 | 48.68 | 500.00 | 1,517.45 | 500.00 |
| 30 | PILOT Revenues | 4,000.00 | 5,290.26 | 5,000.00 | 4,063.89 | 4,000.00 |

| Item | 2006 Budget | YTD 12/31/2006 | 2007 Budget | YTD 12/31/2007 | 2008 Budget Proposed |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 31 Cemetery Lot Sales | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 32 Sale of Town Owned Property | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 33 Miscellaneous | 200.00 | 29.84 | 200.00 | 42.13 | 200.00 |
| 34 Town Tax Levy | 647,769.86 | 673,507.25 | 806,396.85 | 845,648.06 | 853,656.50 |
| 35 Hold Harmless Revenue | 45,000.00 | 50,967.00 | 45,000.00 | 51,538.00 | 50,000.00 |
| 36 Addl. Current Yr Taxes Raised | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 37 Subtotal General Revenue Fund | - | - | - | - | 0.00 |
| 38 Gen. Fund Surplus - Prior Year | 58,453.89 | 58,453.89 | -3,703.17 | | |
| 39 GENERAL FUND REVENUES | \$923,694.75 | \$928,136.54 | \$1,024,564.68 | \$1,046,604.92 | \$1,102,327.50 |
| 40 | | | | | |
| 41 GEN.FUND EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| 42 Selectboard Stipend | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,500.00 | 3,750.00 |
| 43 Selectboard Clerk | 2,500.00 | 1,741.39 | 2,587.50 | 1,412.10 | 2,700.00 |
| 44 Selectboard Soc. Security | | | 0.00 | 267.75 | 286.88 |
| 45 Selectboard Contingency | 4,000.00 | 2,001.25 | 4,000.00 | 3,616.24 | 6,000.00 |
| 46 Social Security - Selectboard Clerk | 191.25 | 151.49 | 197.94 | 108.04 | 206.55 |
| 47 Advertising | 2,500.00 | 2,259.16 | 2,500.00 | 1,166.28 | 2,500.00 |
| 48 V.L.C.T. | 2,898.00 | 2,626.00 | 2,727.00 | 2,727.00 | 2,831.00 |
| 49 Due & Meetings | 500.00 | 684.77 | 600.00 | 978.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 50 Unemployment | 5,308.00 | 5,308.00 | 5,785.00 | 5,786.00 | 6,622.00 |
| 51 Insurance | 45,741.00 | 46,924.74 | 47,102.00 | 46,013.90 | 54,488.00 |
| 52 PACIF Deduct | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| 53 Retirement Plan | 5,055.00 | 5,478.19 | 6,500.00 | 6,272.58 | 7,452.00 |
| 54 Info/Technological Systems | 3,000.00 | 4,860.65 | 7,000.00 | 1,674.38 | 5,000.00 |
| 55 Tax Mapping | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 1,350.00 | 2,100.00 | 1,950.00 |
| 56 Legal Services | 1,000.00 | 2,614.50 | 1,000.00 | 1,804.55 | 1,500.00 |
| 57 Travel | 300.00 | 210.01 | 300.00 | 448.62 | 500.00 |
| 58 Professional Audit | 11,000.00 | 12,963.00 | 12,000.00 | 9,634.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 59 Planning & Consulting | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 7,500.00 |
| 60 Mowing Services | | | | | 2,325.00 |

| | Item | 2006 Budget | YTD 12/31/2006 | 2007 Budget | YTD 12/31/2007 | 2008 Budget Proposed |
|----|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 61 | Fund "Other" Fund Balance | | | | 76,594.51 | 0.00 |
| 62 | Total Selectboard | \$94,343.25 | \$97,673.15 | \$102,649.44 | \$169,103.95 | \$117,111.43 |
| 63 | | | | | | |
| 64 | Town Report | 5,000.00 | 4,650.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,820.00 | 5,400.00 |
| 65 | Restoration of Records | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 66 | Total Records | \$7,000.00 | \$6,650.00 | \$7,000.00 | \$7,820.00 | \$7,400.00 |
| 67 | | | | | | |
| 68 | Town Office Supplies | 4,200.00 | 4,312.31 | 4,200.00 | 4,298.95 | 4,200.00 |
| 69 | Copier Contract Support | 320.00 | 347.48 | 350.00 | 360.00 | 350.00 |
| 70 | Copier Maint/Supplies | 500.00 | 482.00 | 500.00 | 372.00 | 500.00 |
| 71 | Computer Software/Support | 4,000.00 | 1,783.67 | 4,000.00 | 1,962.42 | 3,500.00 |
| 72 | Computer Maintenance | 525.00 | | 525.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 73 | Computer Supplies/Equipment | 500.00 | 149.16 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| 74 | Telephone | 6,000.00 | 5,811.56 | 6,000.00 | 7,421.98 | 7,000.00 |
| 75 | Postage | 4,400.00 | 3,406.02 | 4,400.00 | 3,708.73 | 4,000.00 |
| 76 | Dues and Meetings | 2,275.00 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 77 | Equipment Maintenance | 200.00 | 48.75 | 200.00 | 175.00 | 200.00 |
| 78 | Tools & Equipment | 500.00 | 149.69 | 500.00 | 199.99 | 400.00 |
| 79 | Total Town Office | \$23,420.00 | \$16,490.64 | \$21,175.00 | \$18,999.07 | \$21,050.00 |
| 80 | | | | | | |
| 81 | BCA Expenses | 750.00 | 182.00 | 500.00 | 406.70 | 600.00 |
| 82 | BCA Ed Workshops | 250.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 50.00 | 100.00 |
| 83 | BCA Totals | \$1,000.00 | \$182.00 | \$700.00 | \$456.70 | \$700.00 |
| 84 | | | | | | |
| 85 | Election Officials | 400.00 | 494.00 | 500.00 | 162.50 | 600.00 |
| 86 | Election Supplies | 100.00 | 52.43 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| 87 | Travel | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 88 | Election Totals | \$500.00 | \$546.43 | \$600.00 | \$162.50 | \$750.00 |

| Item | 2006 Budget | YTD 12/31/2006 | 2007 Budget | YTD 12/31/2007 | 2008 Budget Proposed |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 89 | | | | | |
| 90 Auditors | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| 91 Professional Services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 92 Total Bookkeeping/Auditors | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 93 | | | | | |
| 94 Listers Salaries | 22,660.00 | 27,385.83 | 26,751.36 | 28,113.38 | 33,809.85 |
| 95 Social Security | 1,735.00 | 2,095.05 | 2,047.00 | 2,150.72 | 2,586.45 |
| 96 Listers Clerk | 0.00 | 801.86 | 2,070.00 | 1,850.95 | 2,293.82 |
| 97 Social Security | | 61.32 | 158.00 | 141.61 | 175.48 |
| 98 Supplies & Miscellaneous | 500.00 | 782.68 | 750.00 | 724.46 | 750.00 |
| 99 Service Contract | 225.00 | 250.00 | 1,783.00 | 1,759.21 | 1,798.08 |
| 100 Telephone & Advertising | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 5.69 | 10.00 |
| 101 Postage | 250.00 | 648.27 | 700.00 | 435.06 | 500.00 |
| 102 Dues & Meetings | 1,500.00 | 1,479.30 | 700.00 | 574.47 | 700.00 |
| 103 Professional Services | 1,500.00 | 2,072.00 | 1,100.00 | 1,045.00 | 1,100.00 |
| 104 Travel | 600.00 | 647.97 | 250.00 | 654.76 | 600.00 |
| 105 Equipment | 1,152.00 | 1,459.35 | 1,500.00 | 1,473.43 | 500.00 |
| 106 Total Listers | \$30,222.00 | \$37,683.63 | \$37,909.36 | \$38,928.74 | \$44,823.68 |
| 107 | | | | | |
| 108 Town Clerk's Salary | 28,407.00 | 28,718.73 | 29,699.00 | 28,492.77 | 34,532.58 |
| 109 Social Security | 2,174.00 | 2,196.96 | 2,270.00 | 2,179.73 | 2,641.74 |
| 110 Asst Clerk | 17,798.00 | 17,956.98 | 19,806.00 | 16,505.31 | 21,538.49 |
| 111 Social Security | 1,362.00 | 1,353.40 | 1,515.00 | 1,262.59 | 1,647.69 |
| 112 Dues and meetings | 1,375.00 | 1,955.94 | 2,000.00 | 1,988.24 | 2,000.00 |
| 113 Town Clerk Benefits | 10,000.00 | 8,847.01 | 10,341.76 | 10,339.70 | 11,585.40 |
| 114 Town Clerk Dental | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 115 Deductibles -Clerk | 800.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 116 Total Town Clerk | \$63,416.00 | \$61,829.02 | \$66,431.76 | \$61,568.34 | \$74,745.91 |

| Item | 2006 Budget | YTD 12/31/2006 | 2007 Budget | YTD 12/31/2007 | 2008 Budget Proposed |
|------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 117 | | | | | |
| 118 | Town Treasurer's Salary | 26,971.00 | 26,977.00 | 27,134.02 | 31,251.20 |
| 119 | Treasurer Soc. Sec | 1,987.00 | 1,974.82 | 2,075.78 | 2,390.72 |
| 120 | Asst Treasurer | 7,397.00 | 7,777.29 | 8,334.39 | 12,222.92 |
| 121 | Asst Soc. Sec | 567.00 | 595.00 | 641.00 | 935.05 |
| 122 | Town Treasurer's Benefits | 10,500.00 | 9,268.95 | 10,911.76 | 12,147.12 |
| 123 | Town Treasurer's Dental | 1,500.00 | 1,371.84 | 1,500.00 | 1,550.00 |
| 124 | Deductibles - Treasurer | 800.00 | 800.00 | 400.00 | 800.00 |
| 125 | Supplies | 650.00 | 635.98 | 650.00 | 700.00 |
| 126 | Dues and meetings | 600.00 | 736.10 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 127 | Total Town Treasurer | \$50,972.00 | \$48,974.86 | \$52,138.59 | \$62,797.01 |
| 128 | | | | | |
| 129 | Zoning Administrator | 14,040.00 | 9,585.95 | 14,904.00 | 13,631.28 |
| 130 | Social Security | 1,075.00 | 733.37 | 1,140.00 | 1,042.79 |
| 131 | Zoning Admin Asst | 3,311.00 | 4,675.43 | 4,658.00 | 4,788.42 |
| 132 | Social Security | 254.00 | 357.66 | 356.00 | 366.31 |
| 133 | Supplies | 800.00 | 794.99 | 600.00 | 1,105.00 |
| 134 | Advertising | 1,000.00 | 1,526.07 | 1,350.00 | 1,775.00 |
| 135 | Postage | 600.00 | 336.11 | 650.00 | 450.00 |
| 136 | Dues & Meetings | 600.00 | 75.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 |
| 137 | RPC Dues | 2,892.00 | 2,892.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 138 | Travel | 200.00 | 107.37 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 139 | Equipment | 1,200.00 | 1,211.89 | 1,400.00 | 900.00 |
| 140 | Total Zoning | \$25,972.00 | \$22,295.84 | \$25,458.00 | \$24,658.81 |
| 141 | | | | | |
| 142 | Clerical Support | | 22.75 | 936.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 143 | Social Security | | 1.74 | 71.60 | 114.75 |
| 144 | Supplies | | 0.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 145 | Advertising | | 0.00 | 720.00 | 820.00 |
| 146 | Postage | | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 147 | Dues & Meetings | | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 750.00 |

| | Item | 2006 Budget | YTD 12/31/2006 | 2007 Budget | YTD 12/31/2007 | 2008 Budget Proposed |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 148 | RPC Dues | | 0.00 | 2,892.00 | 2,892.00 | 2,892.00 |
| 149 | Travel | | 0.00 | 213.75 | 43.55 | 225.00 |
| 150 | Equipment | | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| 151 | Printing | | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 |
| 152 | Internet Services | | 0.00 | 170.00 | 25.00 | 100.00 |
| 153 | Training | | 0.00 | 800.00 | 345.00 | 800.00 |
| 154 | Total Planning Commission | | \$24.49 | \$8,203.35 | \$5,232.55 | \$8,801.75 |
| 155 | | | | | | |
| 156 | Custodian | 2,000.00 | 1,589.99 | 2,000.00 | 1,585.69 | 2,056.00 |
| 157 | Social Security | 153.00 | 121.63 | 153.00 | 121.27 | 157.28 |
| 158 | Supplies | 500.00 | 480.13 | 500.00 | 360.22 | 500.00 |
| 159 | Rubbish Removal/Recycling | 500.00 | 766.00 | 500.00 | 1,014.17 | 1,000.00 |
| 160 | Repairs & Maintenance | 1,000.00 | 1,089.40 | 7,667.00 | 5,354.89 | 1,500.00 |
| 161 | Grounds Maintenance | 350.00 | 15.98 | 200.00 | 55.00 | 150.00 |
| 162 | Utilities | 4,500.00 | 4,621.76 | 4,800.00 | 6,351.92 | 6,500.00 |
| 163 | Equipment | 300.00 | 151.30 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| 164 | Alarm Service | 200.00 | 1,371.80 | 200.00 | 66.00 | 150.00 |
| 165 | Town Hall Bond Payment | 50,946.00 | 50,946.00 | 50,133.00 | 50,133.00 | 49,230.00 |
| 166 | Total Town Hall | \$60,449.00 | \$61,153.99 | \$66,453.00 | \$65,042.16 | \$61,443.28 |
| 167 | | | | | | |
| 168 | Conservation Supplies | 75.00 | 0.00 | 75.00 | 37.03 | 50.00 |
| 169 | Dues & Meetings | 225.00 | 190.00 | 225.00 | 110.29 | 125.00 |
| 170 | Conservation Trust Fund | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 171 | Project Support | 500.00 | 47.00 | 500.00 | 526.75 | 625.00 |
| 172 | Total Conservation | \$5,800.00 | \$5,237.00 | \$5,800.00 | \$5,674.07 | \$1,800.00 |
| 173 | | | | | | |
| 174 | Energy Committee | 500.00 | 455.48 | 900.00 | 869.16 | 600.00 |
| 175 | Total Energy Committee | \$500.00 | \$455.48 | \$900.00 | \$869.16 | \$600.00 |
| 176 | | | | | | |

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 177 Constable | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 |
| 178 Police Chief | 38,500.00 | 45,680.79 | 41,918.00 | 41,918.00 | 51,400.00 |
| 179 Social Security | 2,945.00 | 3,494.61 | 3,207.00 | 3,315.43 | 3,932.10 |
| 180 Police Officer | 32,500.00 | 31,747.31 | 36,025.00 | 36,369.38 | 37,034.30 |
| 181 Social Security | 2,486.00 | 2,442.83 | 2,756.00 | 3,019.28 | 2,833.12 |
| 182 Police Officer | | | | | 0.00 |
| 183 Social Security | | | | | 0.00 |
| 184 Special Officer (p.t.) | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 15,000.00 | 13,564.39 | 15,420.00 |
| 185 Social Security | 383.00 | 0.00 | 1,147.50 | 1,147.75 | 1,179.63 |
| 186 Call Out | | 1,790.10 | 1,614.75 | 1,614.75 | 0.00 |
| 187 Call Out - Social Security | | | 123.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 188 Overtime | | | | 4,343.02 | 7,179.25 |
| 189 Police Benefits | 18,400.00 | 11,966.53 | 15,805.32 | 15,792.80 | 17,506.44 |
| 190 Police Dental | 2,600.00 | 1,329.44 | 1,600.00 | 1,468.40 | 1,563.16 |
| 191 Supplies | 750.00 | 786.44 | 750.00 | 1,464.43 | 750.00 |
| 192 Computer | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 193 Special Officer Start-up/Uniforms | 1,000.00 | 1,897.48 | 1,200.00 | 1,573.31 | 2,000.00 |
| 194 Telephone/postage | 2,000.00 | 1,893.27 | 2,000.00 | 2,738.50 | 2,000.00 |
| 195 Radio/Dispatch | 10,000.00 | 10,349.67 | 10,000.00 | 11,665.00 | 10,000.00 |
| 196 Dues & Meetings | 500.00 | 165.43 | 300.00 | 545.13 | 300.00 |
| 197 Police Training | 1,000.00 | 1,001.81 | 1,000.00 | 503.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 198 Admin. Ass't | 0.00 | 90.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 199 Admin Ass't Social Security | 0.00 | 6.89 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 200 Contracted Services | 500.00 | 54.00 | 300.00 | 424.37 | 300.00 |
| 201 Vehicle Repairs | 1,500.00 | 2,912.78 | 1,500.00 | 5,243.13 | 3,000.00 |
| 202 Fuel | 5,000.00 | 6,504.83 | 6,500.00 | 8,487.25 | 8,500.00 |
| 203 Equipment, Repair, Radio | 2,000.00 | 2,050.76 | 3,000.00 | 6,622.14 | 3,000.00 |
| 204 Vehicle Replacement | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 205 Equipment Fund | | | | | 1,500.00 |
| 206 Total Police | \$132,065.00 | \$131,164.97 | \$150,748.10 | \$166,819.46 | \$175,399.00 |
| 207 | | | | | |

| Item | 2006 Budget | YTD 12/31/2006 | 2007 Budget | YTD 12/31/2007 | 2008 Budget Proposed |
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| 208 Fire Department Operations | 77,050.00 | 77,050.00 | 79,935.00 | 79,935.00 | 93,885.00 |
| 209 Fire Warden | 1,500.00 | 838.06 | 640.00 | 140.00 | 500.00 |
| 210 Fast Squad | 10,080.00 | 10,080.00 | 10,150.00 | 10,150.00 | 0.00 |
| 211 Total Fire Department | \$88,630.00 | \$87,968.06 | \$90,725.00 | \$90,225.00 | \$94,385.00 |
| 212 | | | | | |
| 213 Emergency Management | 1,500.00 | 1,228.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 214 Total Emergency Mgmt | \$1,500.00 | \$1,228.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| 215 | | | | | |
| 216 Upper Valley Ambulance | 39,255.00 | 39,255.00 | 39,255.00 | 39,255.00 | 39,255.00 |
| 217 Total Ambulance | \$39,255.00 | \$39,255.00 | \$39,255.00 | \$39,255.00 | \$39,255.00 |
| 218 | | | | | |
| 219 Health Officer Wages | 500.00 | 341.35 | 500.00 | 126.84 | 400.00 |
| 220 Social Security | 50.00 | 26.11 | 50.00 | 9.70 | 30.60 |
| 221 Dues & Meetings | 75.00 | 0.00 | 75.00 | 0.00 | 75.00 |
| 222 Travel | 50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| 223 Equipment | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 224 Total Health Officer | \$675.00 | \$367.46 | \$675.00 | \$136.54 | \$555.60 |
| 225 | | | | | |
| 226 Animal Control Wages | 750.00 | 1,596.38 | 1,553.00 | 1,218.91 | 1,596.48 |
| 227 Social Security | 56.00 | 122.10 | 119.00 | 93.24 | 122.13 |
| 228 Pound Fees | 500.00 | 760.00 | 1,000.00 | 290.00 | 500.00 |
| 229 Humane Supplies | 150.00 | 114.32 | 500.00 | 151.15 | 500.00 |
| 230 Licensing Supplies | 200.00 | 194.51 | 100.00 | 194.43 | 200.00 |
| 231 Dues & Meetings | 100.00 | 40.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| 232 Travel | 175.00 | 358.29 | 500.00 | 390.66 | 500.00 |
| 233 Total Animal Control | \$1,931.00 | \$3,185.60 | \$3,872.00 | \$2,338.39 | \$3,518.62 |
| 234 | | | | | |
| 235 GUVSWMD | 14,393.50 | 14,393.50 | 14,393.50 | 14,393.50 | 15,702.00 |
| 236 Solid Waste Disposal | 50,000.00 | 0.00 | 50,000.00 | 0.00 | 50,000.00 |
| 237 Total Solid Waste | \$64,393.50 | \$14,393.50 | \$64,393.50 | \$14,393.50 | \$65,702.00 |
| 238 | | | | | |

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| 239 Recycling Salaries | 7,500.00 | 9,784.34 | 8,798.00 | 7,350.44 | 9,044.34 |
| 240 Social Security | 574.00 | 745.23 | 673.00 | 562.31 | 691.89 |
| 241 Supplies | 250.00 | 297.58 | 500.00 | 151.23 | 300.00 |
| 242 Bin Lease/Glass Recycling | 5,000.00 | 5,813.45 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 243 Bin Pickup/Comingled Recycling | 5,275.00 | 0.00 | 7,000.00 | 1,540.11 | 2,500.00 |
| 244 Glass Pickup | 0.00 | 4,974.55 | 4,000.00 | 3,019.04 | 4,000.00 |
| 245 Metal Pickup | 0.00 | 135.00 | 1,000.00 | 80.00 | 300.00 |
| 246 Solid Waste Removal | 5,400.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 247 Fuel Surcharge | 600.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 248 Community Education | 100.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| 249 Travel | 200.00 | 63.05 | 200.00 | 67.90 | 100.00 |
| 250 Facility Const & Maint | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 610.71 | 500.00 |
| 251 Capital Reserve | | | | | 5,000.00 |
| 252 Total Recycling | \$25,899.00 | \$21,813.20 | \$22,771.00 | \$13,381.74 | \$22,486.24 |
| 253 | | | | | |
| 254 Cemeteries - Mowing | 2,700.00 | 3,150.00 | 3,150.00 | 3,043.75 | 3,500.00 |
| 255 Hillside Cemetery Assn | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 256 Supplies | 225.00 | 143.10 | 225.00 | 0.00 | 225.00 |
| 257 Repairs | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,172.61 | 1,000.00 |
| 258 Total Cemeteries | \$4,025.00 | \$4,393.10 | \$4,375.00 | \$4,216.36 | \$4,725.00 |
| 259 | | | | | |
| 260 Recreation Development/Supplies | 1,000.00 | 2,085.00 | 1,500.00 | 2,290.96 | 2,000.00 |
| 261 Recreation Coordinator | | | 12,000.00 | 3,757.50 | 16,036.80 |
| 262 Social Security | | | 918.00 | 287.49 | 1,148.00 |
| 263 Advertising | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| 264 Dues, Meetings, & Mileage | | | | | 800.00 |
| 265 Telephone, Utilities | 600.00 | 520.43 | 600.00 | 423.53 | 600.00 |
| 266 Repairs & Maintenance | 2,500.00 | 2,826.95 | 4,000.00 | 1,469.20 | 9,000.00 |
| 267 Youth Sports Supplies & Equip. | | | | | 3,500.00 |
| 268 Skiing Program | | | | | 8,000.00 |
| 269 Cross-Country Skiing Program | | | | | 150.00 |

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| 270 | Officials Fees | | | | | 2,000.00 |
| 271 | Tournaments & Fees | | | | | 1,100.00 |
| 272 | Adult Programs | | | | | 2,000.00 |
| 273 | Special Events | | | | | 5,000.00 |
| 274 | Records Fees | | | | | 1,000.00 |
| 275 | Instructor & Registration Fees | | | | | 2,500.00 |
| 276 | Summer Camp Fees | | | | | 1,000.00 |
| 277 | Capital Improvements Fund | | | | | 2,000.00 |
| 278 | Total Recreation | \$4,600.00 | \$5,432.38 | \$19,518.00 | \$8,228.68 | \$58,334.80 |
| 279 | | | | | | |
| 280 | Treasure Island Wages | 10,500.00 | 10,179.98 | 11,800.00 | 10,061.97 | 12,130.40 |
| 281 | Social Security | 775.00 | 762.09 | 903.00 | 754.85 | 927.98 |
| 282 | Property Taxes | 18,500.00 | 17,319.47 | 19,000.00 | 17,516.64 | 18,000.00 |
| 283 | Supplies | 1,075.00 | 1,212.03 | 1,230.00 | 1,018.30 | 1,300.00 |
| 284 | Advertising | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 | 120.00 |
| 285 | Telephone | 250.00 | 214.17 | 250.00 | 258.99 | 275.00 |
| 286 | Utilities | 500.00 | 374.21 | 500.00 | 421.62 | 500.00 |
| 287 | Facility repairs/maintenance | 7,265.00 | 9,968.77 | 11,366.00 | 10,233.80 | 10,980.00 |
| 288 | Residence repairs/maintenance | 12,000.00 | 14,809.36 | 7,955.00 | 7,590.38 | 3,280.00 |
| 289 | Misc/Staff training/certification | 900.00 | 255.00 | 900.00 | 380.00 | 900.00 |
| 290 | Total Treasure Island | \$51,885.00 | \$55,215.08 | \$54,024.00 | \$48,356.55 | \$48,413.38 |
| 291 | | | | | | |
| 292 | Thetford Library Federation | | | 101,940.00 | 101,940.00 | 66,940.00 |
| 293 | Thetford Library Federation | | | \$101,940.00 | \$101,940.00 | \$66,940.00 |
| 294 | | | | | | |
| 295 | Interest Expense | 4,000.00 | 3,146.23 | 4,000.00 | 1,004.44 | 3,500.00 |
| 296 | Total Interest | \$4,000.00 | \$3,146.23 | \$4,000.00 | \$1,004.44 | \$3,500.00 |
| 297 | | | | | | |
| 298 | County Tax | 60,000.00 | 53,806.00 | 60,000.00 | 61,636.00 | 63,000.00 |
| 299 | Total County Tax | \$60,000.00 | \$53,806.00 | \$60,000.00 | \$61,636.00 | \$63,000.00 |
| 300 | | | | | | |

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| 301 | Tax Appropriations | | | | | |
| 302 | Veterans' Flags | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 600.00 |
| 303 | Scholarships | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 304 | Total Tax Appropriations | \$900.00 | \$900.00 | \$900.00 | \$900.00 | \$1,100.00 |
| 305 | | | | | | |
| 306 | Miscellaneous | | | | | |
| 307 | Miscellaneous | 0.00 | 1,957.24 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 308 | Town Clerk Refunds | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 309 | Real Estate Refunds | 0.00 | 1,892.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 310 | Real Estate Abatements | 2,000.00 | 610.10 | 2,000.00 | 4,516.52 | 2,000.00 |
| 311 | Bank Fees | 1,000.00 | 1,711.50 | 1,000.00 | 1,762.10 | 1,500.00 |
| 312 | EEGL Funds Reserve Transfer | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 313 | Total Miscellaneous | \$3,000.00 | \$6,171.20 | \$3,000.00 | \$6,278.62 | \$3,500.00 |
| 314 | | | | | | |
| 315 | Single Year Appropriations | | | | | |
| 316 | Clara Martin Center | 4,266.00 | 4,266.00 | 4,266.00 | 4,266.00 | 4,266.00 |
| 317 | VNA/VNH | 10,468.00 | 10,468.00 | 10,468.00 | 10,468.00 | Warned Article |
| 318 | Library Federation | 52,540.00 | 52,540.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 319 | WR Council on Aging | 4,950.00 | 4,950.00 | 4,950.00 | 4,950.00 | 4,950.00 |
| 320 | FAST Squad | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 321 | VT Ctr Independent Living | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| 322 | Adult Basic Education | 800.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| 323 | The Family Place | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 324 | Headrest | 1,518.00 | 1,518.00 | 1,518.00 | 1,518.00 | 1,518.00 |
| 325 | CVCAC | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 326 | George Aiken RC&D | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 327 | Orange County Diversion | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 | 175.00 |
| 328 | Upper Valley Services | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 329 | Safeline | 0.00 | 350.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 330 | Vt Green Up | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |

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| 331 GMEDC | 0.00 | 1,380.00 | 1,380.00 | 1,380.00 | 1,392.00 |
| 332 VT Assn for the Blind | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 333 ACORN | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 334 Milfoil/Aquatic Nuisance Control | 0.00 | 4,800.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 335 Maple Leaf Treatment Center | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 500.00 |
| 336 Kids Place of Randolph | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| 337 Vermont Trails and Greenways Council | | | | | 30.00 |
| 338 Little Rivers Health Care | | | | | Warned Article |
| 339 Orange County Parent Child Center | | | | | Warned Article |
| 340 Total Appropriations | \$79,217.00 | \$85,747.00 | \$33,557.00 | \$33,557.00 | \$23,231.00 |
| 341 | | | | | |
| 342 TOTAL GEN. FUND EXPENDITURES | \$925,669.75 | \$873,383.31 | \$1,051,361.27 | \$1,041,228.74 | \$1,102,327.50 |
| 343 | | | | | |
| 344 HIGHWAY FUND REVENUE | | | | | |
| 345 State Highway Aid | 125,000.00 | 129,784.36 | 125,000.00 | 129,493.45 | 120,000.00 |
| 346 Highway Receipts | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 208.56 | 0.00 |
| 347 Sale of Fuel | 1,000.00 | 2,176.05 | 2,000.00 | 0.00 | 1,500.00 |
| 348 Overweight Vehicle Permit Fees | 500.00 | 640.00 | 500.00 | 630.00 | 500.00 |
| 349 Highway Tax Levy | 487,212.23 | 487,212.23 | 440,116.53 | 440,116.53 | 516,469.26 |
| 350 Addl. Current Yr Highway Taxes Raised | | | | | 25,000.00 |
| 351 Misc. | 0.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 352 Transfer from General Fund | | | | 45,745.22 | |
| 353 Total Highway Revenue | \$613,712.23 | \$620,012.64 | \$567,616.53 | \$616,193.76 | \$663,469.26 |
| 354 Surplus/(Deficit) Highway Fund Prior Yr | -4,586.23 | -4,586.23 | 48,385.51 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 355 Total Available Highway | \$609,126.00 | \$615,426.41 | \$616,002.04 | \$616,193.76 | \$663,469.26 |
| 356 | | | | | |
| 357 HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES | | | | | |
| 358 Total Highway Wages | 162,000.00 | 144,170.15 | 169,000.00 | 189,059.82 | 173,732.00 |
| 359 Social Security | 12,383.00 | 11,029.00 | 12,929.00 | 14,463.02 | 13,290.50 |
| 360 Employee Benefits | 36,843.00 | 23,892.63 | 44,073.04 | 35,677.36 | 38,357.40 |
| 361 Employee Dental | 3,800.00 | 3,141.95 | 6,000.00 | 3,346.30 | 3,512.11 |

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| 362 Clothing Allowance | 4,000.00 | 3,910.96 | 4,000.00 | 4,239.50 | 4,000.00 |
| 363 Deductibles | 1,000.00 | 800.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,000.00 |
| 364 Office Supplies | 1,000.00 | 42.97 | 500.00 | 165.78 | 200.00 |
| 365 Telephone | 2,500.00 | 2,208.51 | 2,500.00 | 2,128.61 | 2,500.00 |
| 366 Radio Maintenance | 1,200.00 | 3,372.45 | 5,000.00 | 4,881.70 | 5,000.00 |
| 367 Dues & Meetings | 1,000.00 | 194.95 | 800.00 | 230.00 | 600.00 |
| 368 Travel | 300.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 46.56 | 200.00 |
| 369 Retirement Administration | 5,800.00 | 5,505.93 | 6,500.00 | 7,562.37 | 7,177.25 |
| 370 Total Administrative | \$231,826.00 | \$198,269.50 | \$252,502.04 | \$263,001.02 | \$249,569.26 |
| Maintenance Supplies-Culverts, guard rails, crushed rock, gravel, asphalt, calcium chloride, outside grading, lumber, concrete blocks, mulch, grass seed, equipment rental | 50,000.00 | 47,222.73 | 50,000.00 | 64,481.35 | 55,000.00 |
| 371 Annual Repaving Project-repaving, ditching, culvert replacement & shoulder work | 130,000.00 | 112,198.62 | 130,000.00 | 140,750.00 | 140,000.00 |
| 372 Resurfacing Supplies-Gravel and the crushing of gravel | 20,000.00 | 16,056.72 | 20,000.00 | 20,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| 373 Winter Road Supplies-Salt and sand, includes hauling of sand when necessary | 65,000.00 | 59,589.34 | 62,000.00 | 62,804.07 | 60,000.00 |
| 374 Bridges | | | 0.00 | 500.00 | |
| 375 Total Road Expenses | \$265,000.00 | \$235,067.41 | \$262,000.00 | \$288,535.42 | \$280,000.00 |
| 377 | | | | | |
| 378 Streetlights | 5,500.00 | 5,678.58 | 5,500.00 | 5,898.46 | 5,500.00 |
| 379 Streetlights Expenses | \$5,500.00 | \$5,678.58 | \$5,500.00 | \$5,898.46 | \$5,500.00 |
| 380 | | | | | |
| Garage Equipment & Repairs-Includes materials needed for repairs and maintenance to the town garage and surrounding area. | 10,000.00 | 13,887.47 | 10,000.00 | 9,381.78 | 10,000.00 |
| 381 | | | | | |
| Garage Supplies-Includes paper products, cleaning materials, safety equipment, light bulbs, etc. | 2,500.00 | 1,283.85 | 2,500.00 | 2,501.19 | 2,500.00 |
| 382 | | | | | |

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| 383 Hazmat room construction | 18,000.00 | 16,868.85 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 384 Garage Utilities | 4,000.00 | 3,770.86 | 4,000.00 | 4,880.69 | 4,000.00 |
| 385 Rubbish Removal | 400.00 | 474.62 | 600.00 | 457.52 | 500.00 |
| 386 Fire Alarm Service | 400.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 | 554.00 | 400.00 |
| 387 Vehicle Fuel & Oil | 30,000.00 | 40,083.14 | 31,000.00 | 50,981.40 | 40,000.00 |
| 388 Vehicle Supplies | 500.00 | 447.18 | 500.00 | 51.55 | 500.00 |
| 389 Highway Equipment Fund | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| 390 Equipment & Payments | 3,500.00 | 4,453.65 | 3,500.00 | 1,406.53 | 3,500.00 |
| 391 Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs | 47,000.00 | 43,882.92 | 35,000.00 | 41,698.70 | 35,000.00 |
| 392 Vehicle Warranties | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 3,998.00 | 3,000.00 |
| 393 Total Town Garage | \$121,300.00 | \$130,352.54 | \$92,500.00 | \$115,911.36 | \$99,400.00 |
| 394 | | | | | |
| 395 Highway Signs | 3,500.00 | 2,259.10 | 3,500.00 | 4,647.01 | 4,000.00 |
| 396 Total Highway Signs | \$3,500.00 | \$2,259.10 | \$3,500.00 | \$4,647.01 | \$4,000.00 |
| 397 | | | | | |
| 398 TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES | \$627,126.00 | \$571,627.13 | \$616,002.04 | \$677,993.27 | \$638,469.26 |

TOWN OF THETFORD
Capital Equipment Replacement Schedule
Years 2007-2016

| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Tractor w/attachments 06, 18 | 14,557.42 | \$21,691.00 | \$21,692.00 | \$21,692.00 | \$7,216.00 | | | | | |
| Truck 1 - 9 yrs 02,11 | | | | | \$16,000.00 | \$16,000.00 | \$16,000.00 | \$16,000.00 | | |
| Truck 2 - 8 yrs 05,13 | | | | | | | \$26,000.00 | \$26,000.00 | \$26,000.00 | \$26,000.00 |
| Truck 3 - 7yrs 07,15 | \$87,909.00 | \$6,983.00 | \$6,729.00 | \$6,602.00 | \$6,602.00 | \$6,475.00 | | | \$28,000.00 | \$28,000.00 |
| Truck 4 - 7yrs 03,10 | | | \$26,200.00 | \$26,200.00 | \$26,200.00 | \$26,200.00 | | | | |
| Truck 5 - 9 yrs 06, 15 | \$27,524.67 | \$27,005.34 | \$26,485.99 | | | | | | \$27,000.00 | \$27,000.00 |
| Grader - 11 yrs 10 | | | | \$45,000.00 | \$45,000.00 | \$45,000.00 | \$45,000.00 | | | |
| Backhoe - 12 yrs 04,16 | \$17,760.91 | | | | | | | | | \$20,000.00 |
| Used bucket loader | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 INTL Fire Tanker | \$31,200.00 | \$30,000.00 | | | | | | | | |
| Refinance Tractor | \$79,200.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Projected Expenditures: | \$258,152.00 | \$85,679.34 | \$81,106.99 | \$99,494.00 | \$101,018.00 | \$93,675.00 | \$87,000.00 | \$42,000.00 | \$81,000.00 | \$101,000.00 |
| Fund Balance January 1 | \$13,622.00 | -\$40,075.00 | \$39,245.66 | \$83,138.67 | \$108,644.67 | \$107,626.67 | \$113,951.67 | \$101,951.67 | \$134,951.67 | \$103,951.67 |
| Projected Town Contribution | \$125,000.00 | \$165,000.00 | \$125,000.00 | \$125,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$75,000.00 | \$50,000.00 | \$75,000.00 |
| Sale of Equipment | \$255.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from Loans | \$31,740.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from Tractor Refinance | \$79,200.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Debt Services | -\$170,243.00 | -\$85,679.34 | -\$81,106.99 | -\$99,494.00 | -\$101,018.00 | -\$93,675.00 | -\$87,000.00 | -\$42,000.00 | -\$81,000.00 | -\$101,000.00 |
| Capital Outlay | -\$119,649.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fund Balance December 31: | -\$40,075.00 | \$39,245.66 | \$83,138.67 | \$108,644.67 | \$107,626.67 | \$113,951.67 | \$101,951.67 | \$134,951.67 | \$103,951.67 | \$77,951.67 |

| DELINQUENT TAX LIST | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| As of December 31, 2007 | | | | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | TOTAL |
| Bailey, Livio | 1,313.13 | | | 1,313.13 |
| Banios, Philip Jr | 2,902.21 | | | 2,902.21 |
| Blanchfield, Lorraine | 2,205.50 | | | 2,205.50 |
| Davidonis, Theresa | 2,033.63 | | | 2,033.63 |
| Farnham, Robert | 1,381.26 | 962.99 | | 2,344.25 |
| Giguere, Eugene | 1,113.80 | | | 1,113.80 |
| Goodrich, Morgan E & Crystal | 2,375.88 | | | 2,375.88 |
| Guyer, Paula M & William F | 1,098.42 | 619.45 | | 1,717.87 |
| Hall, Christopher J & Elizabeth M | 129.46 | | | 129.46 |
| Howard, Adam E & Theresa A | 1,397.55 | | | 1,397.55 |
| Howe, Matthew & Kimberly | 612.23 | | | 612.23 |
| Hurt, James | 59.33 | | | 59.33 |
| Johnson Trust | 6,051.93 | 2,399.42 | | 8,451.35 |
| Jordan, William & Delinda | 543.06 | | | 543.06 |
| Lee, Leslie | 2,358.55 | | | 2,358.55 |
| Manning, Jr Arvin | 2,045.70 | 3,613.17 | | 5,658.87 |
| Marcy, Henry & Deborah | 2,252.35 | | | 2,252.35 |
| Martin, John C | 2,297.48 | 0.65 | | 2,298.13 |
| Martin, Robert & Patricia | 1,525.25 | | | 1,525.25 |
| Outridge, Donald | 230.19 | | | 230.19 |
| Pagani, Dalia | 868.77 | | | 868.77 |
| Paley, Nora | 170.89 | | | 170.89 |
| Parker, Martin B & Tammy | 1,424.10 | | | 1,424.10 |
| Parker, Martin B & Tammy L | 142.97 | | | 142.97 |
| Pompy Press Inc | 2,824.04 | 3,274.58 | 2,183.10 | 8,281.72 |
| Provost, David & Alicia | 1,948.59 | | | 1,948.59 |
| Ranciato, Craig | 598.17 | | | 598.17 |
| Rutz, Lorenz | 1,955.95 | | | 1,955.95 |
| Santor, Allen | 2,374.60 | | | 2,374.60 |
| Stearns, Wayne & Darcy | *1238.71 | | | 1,238.71 |
| Stevens, Shawn P | 500.00 | | | 500.00 |
| Stunkel, Erwin H | 260.54 | | | 260.54 |
| Trezise, Thomas | *274.35 | | | 274.35 |
| Tucker, Gerald | *1.83 | | | 1.83 |
| Tyler, Hillary | 2,109.85 | 2,297.05 | | 4,406.90 |
| White, Brenda L | 3,740.58 | | | 3,740.58 |
| Williams, Bonnie L | 2,484.47 | | | 2,484.47 |
| TOTALS - *Indicates 2007 Taxes paid in full in January 2007 | \$55,330.43 | \$13,167.31 | \$2,183.10 | \$72,195.73 |

Town of Thetford
Schedule of Indebtedness
12/31/2007

| | Balance 1/1/2007 | Additions | Deletions | Balance 12/31/2007 | Interest Paid In 2007 |
|---|---------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Town Hall Improvements, Interest Ranging from 1.55% to 5.0%, Interest Due Each June 1 and December 1, Principal Due Each December 1 through 2022 | 480,000 | 0 | 30,000 | 450,000 | 20,133 |
| Note Payable - State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, Backhoe, Interest at 2%, \$20,000 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Annually on December 31 through 2007 | 17,412 | 0 | 17,412 | 0 | 348 |
| Note Payable – State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, Pumper/Tanker, Interest at 2%, \$30,000 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Annually on December 31 Through 2008 | 60,000 | 0 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 1,200 |
| Note Payable – State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, Freightliner, Interest at 2%, \$77,900 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Annually on June 30 Through 2009 | 77,900 | 0 | 25,967 | 51,933 | 1,558 |
| Note Payable – State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, International, Interest at 2%, \$31,740 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Annually on June 30 Through 2009 | 0 | 31,740 | 0 | 31,740 | 0 |
| Note Payable - Merchants Bank, Tractor, Mower, Chipper, Broom, Interest at 4.5% \$1,808 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Monthly Through 4/15/11. | 0 | 79,200 | 12,185 | 67,015 | 2,276 |
| Capital Lease – John Deere Credit, Various Highway Equipment, 5.25% Interest, Principal Payments of \$28,645 Annually Due on November 1 through 2009 | 77,460 | 0 | 77,460 | 0 | 1,837 |
| | <u>712,772</u> | <u>110,940</u> | <u>193,024</u> | <u>630,688</u> | <u>27,352</u> |

| Annual Maturities | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013-2017 | 2018-2022 | Total |
| 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 450,000 |
| 19,230 | 18,234 | 17,175 | 16,050 | 14,892 | 55,929 | 21,990 | 163,500 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 30,000 |
| 600 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 600 |
| 25,967 | 25,967 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 51,933 |
| 1,039 | 519 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 1,558 |
| 6,348 | 6,348 | 6,348 | 6,348 | 6,348 | 0 | 0 | 31,740 |
| 635 | 508 | 381 | 254 | 127 | | | 1,905 |
| 19,066 | 19,942 | 20,858 | 7,149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67,015 |
| 2,626 | 1,750 | 834 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,277 |
| | | | | | | | 0 |
| 111,381 | 82,257 | 57,206 | 43,497 | 36,348 | 150,000 | 150,000 | 630,688 |
| 24,130 | 21,011 | 18,390 | 16,371 | 15,019 | 55,929 | 21,990 | 172,840 |
| 135,510 | 103,268 | 75,596 | 59,868 | 51,367 | 205,929 | 171,990 | 803,528 |

PROPERTY TAX RECONCILIATION
Year Ending December 31, 2007

| | | |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|
| Original Tax Billings | | 5,673,323.58 |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Billing Adjustments | 2,606.85 | |
| Other Adjustments | <u>(1,822.84)</u> | |
| Net Adjustments to Original Billings | | <u>784.01</u> |
| Final Tax Billings | | 5,674,107.59 |
| Less State Education Taxes | | (4,243,262.00) |
| Less State Education Adjustment to FY 2006 Taxes | | <u>(4,919.00)</u> |
| Net Tax Billings | | <u>1,435,764.59</u> |
| Tax Billings Accounted for As Follows: | | |
| General Fund | | 845,648.06 |
| Highway Fund | | 440,116.53 |
| Equipment Fund | | 125,000.00 |
| School Fields Fund | | <u>25,000.00</u> |
| | | <u>1,435,764.59</u> |

| ESTIMATED TAX RATES FOR 2008 | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (TOWN, HIGHWAY, WARNED ARTICLES) | | | | |
| USING 2007 GRAND LIST | | | | |
| | Amount to be Raised | Grand List | 2008 Estimated Tax Rate | For Comparison 2007 Actual |
| Town | \$853,656.50 | \$3,015,739.14 | .2832 | .2647 |
| Highway | \$541,469.26 | \$3,015,739.14 | .1796 | .1460 |
| Warned Articles | \$230,700.00 | \$3,015,739.14 | .0765 | .0613 |
| TOTAL | \$1,625,825.76 | \$3,015,739.14 | .5393 | .4720 |
| <i>(Amount to be raised/Grand List = Tax Rate)</i> | | | | |

TREASURER REPORT

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

We hope you will find the time to review the financial reports of the town. A surplus of \$134,000 in the general fund was used to fund deficits in the Highway, Town Common, Pedestrian and the Act 200 Funds, leaving the General Fund with a balance of \$57,782.

Once again the town used the accounting firm of Sullivan and Powers to audit the town financial records. This report is available at Town Hall.

2007 was a challenging year for tax collection with state credits being applied directly to the tax bills. This process ran smoothly for the 552 residents who received payments totaling \$853,758 by filing their HS-122 Declaration of Residency before the April 15th deadline. There were an additional 91 residents who received revised tax bills because this form was not filed by the deadline. This resulted in some taxpayers forfeiting their state credits. If you are a resident, please be sure to fill out the HS-122 form every year before the April 15th deadline. This deadline applies even if you file for an extension on your taxes. As for Property tax delinquencies, the December 31 total was \$72,195 (1.27% of taxes billed).

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

Our office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 to 3:30. Please stop by if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Graff, Treasurer
Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Treasurer



*** NOTES ***

ANNUAL REPORTS

2007

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

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Thetford Historical Society's year has been a busy one. Continuing as in the past, we did not schedule any programs for the winter months, anticipating inclement weather. Our first program of the spring was held on April 5, and it snowed! Those that did attend enjoyed a presentation by Vermont author and historian Howard Coffin, who spoke about his current project of identifying all of Vermont's Civil War places. The program was jointly sponsored by the Thetford and Norwich Historical Societies, and was held, appropriately, in Union Village. We in Thetford are looking forward to researching our own Civil War sites; participating in Coffin's statewide effort.

In May, a program entitled "Log Drives on the Connecticut" was held at the North Thetford parish hall, and featured author and forester William Gove, who entertained us with stories and photos of logging camps and drives down river, which would have been a common sight in Thetford 100 years ago.

June was spent preparing for the Vermont History Expo, held annually at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. Our theme for 2007 was "Flood Control on the Ompompanoosuc - Before and After the Union Village Dam". This was a fun exhibit to put together, as we were able to combine historic photographs from our archives and from the files of the Army Corps of Engineers, oral history excerpts from residents who were relocated as a result of the project, and contemporary interviews from residents who remembered the project as it happened. Following Expo, we hung the exhibit in the downstairs Gallery, and then displayed at the Barn Museum later in the summer. We're hoping to develop this exhibit into a landscape change study unit for local schools.

The Hughes Barn Museum was open as usual on Sundays in August, and on the Sunday preceding Labor Day in September. In addition to our very knowledgeable Jean Munn weaving in the Textiles Room, we were pleased to be able to bring living historian Susan Cain to the Museum on August 19 for a demonstration on turning flax into linen. We also mounted an exhibit of linen items from our own collection. Our planned improvements to the ground surfaces in the barn annex and the carriage shed did not happen; hopefully, that work will take place in 2008.

In early September after school reconvened, we hosted visits to the Museum by both Fifth Grade classes at Thetford Elementary, to supplement their study of early American history. Classes had an interesting afternoon sketching artifacts, guessing the uses of 'mystery' items, and learning a bit about Thetford's history in the process. Students from several Thetford Academy classes have also taken advantage of the Historical Society's resources for academic research. We encourage youth and adults alike to "check here first", when looking for historical information. It's gratifying to be able to provide a photo, artifact, or piece of data that helps to tell a story.

We held our annual meeting in October in Post Mills; a potluck supper followed by a presentation by Hartford Middle School Social Studies teacher and THS trustee Jennifer Boeri-Boyce, who spoke about and shared images of her trip to Montana with the Flow of History teacher's group in July. Jen was fortunate to be able to visit a Crow reservation and trace the journey of a Loren Olds of Norwich, who went west to seek his fortune in the 1850s, ending up in Helena, Montana.

In November, we offered another collaborative program with Thetford Youth Sports, entitled "AHA! James Naismith, Creator of Basketball". This VT Humanities Council program featured Robert Cheney portraying Dr. Naismith, and highlighted Naismith's many contributions to sports, education, and the well-being of youths. We planned to co-sponsor a program with the Latham Library in

December, featuring Dr. Calloway, Chair of the Native American Studies program at Dartmouth. The topic: life in the Connecticut River Valley, and early interactions between native peoples and white settlers. Unfortunately, our programming year ended as it began, with a snowstorm, and the program was cancelled, but will be rescheduled for the spring of 2008.

We close with a reminder of the historical library's open hours: Mondays and Thursdays, 2:00 to 4:00 PM, and Tuesdays from 10:00 am to Noon. We continue to add information to our website, www.thetfordhistoricalsociety.org, and note that an increasing number of requests for information come to us via that link. In 2007, we responded to requests and welcomed visitors from each of the New England states, Alaska, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, New York, South Carolina, and Washington. We encourage anyone with an interest in history to become involved with the Society.

Martha Howard
Assistant Director



HISTORICAL ARTICLE

ORAL HISTORY EXCERPTS FROM A TALK WITH BILL SMITH

The Historical Society is fortunate to have a number of oral history recordings which document aspects of life in Thetford, years ago. This interview is with former Rice's Mills resident William Smith, who was a student at Thetford Academy in the late 1920s. The Historical Society and TA Alumni Association are currently developing a joint project to record the reminiscences of older TA graduates, so that their school days memories, like those of Mr. Smith's, will be recorded and available for future generations to enjoy.

In the following excerpts from an interview with Don Fifield in 1980, Bill Smith shared some memories of days at Thetford Academy. Don asked Bill if he was a dormitory student, or if he traveled back and forth from home every day. Bill replied, "No, went back and forth on a road cart. A two-wheeled gig. We put the horse in the barn down in back of the Academy; the students used it. Gracie Wise drove a horse, I drove a horse, and there was two or three come from West Fairlee way with horses. I can't remember the students' names now. The reason I remember Gracie Wise quite plainly was... Johnny Preston. I came along, [one morning, on the way to the Academy] with horse and he hailed me down, [in Thetford Center] wanted a ride. We got up into Thetford Hill there, just about as you're getting to the Hanoum Camp Barn, there's a bridge that goes out to the right. Johnny told me that he had some traps set out there and he would like to go out and check 'em.

"So, this foolish horse that I had belonged to Rosa Tyson, from Strafford. The horse was alright as a ridin' horse, but as a driving horse she left somethin' to be desired. She was one of the most foolish things I ever saw in my life. When you got to a barn somewhere and pulled up on the reins getting ready to stop her, that's when she'd take off. She'd slam her foolish head right into the side of the barn, or any building. How come she never broke her neck is more than I'll ever know. She didn't, but she never learned anything neither. Well, we went over that bridge...into the wood lot, to check the traps that Johnny had set; or some traps I forgotten which, one or more. We run into one, I know that much. There was a skunk in it. And, there was a big tree right beside the road, and there was a stone on the upper side. The cart hit that wheel and picked the thing up and out we both went, rollin' right down by this tree, having the skunk in the trap. Well, as we went rollin' by, he let fly.

"Well, we didn't smell too odorous...or too good. So, I thought it would be good idea to go home and forget the day. "Oh," Johnny said, "no, we weren't that bad," so we went on up to the Academy. And, I remember I was just puttin' my horse up, and Gracie Wise come in with hers. Well, the horses were sprayed, I got it, Johnny got it. I'm tellin' you we was a strong bunch. So, she wanted to know where in the world was the skunk. We was the skunks, I guess. So, anyway, I'll never forget that, and I bet she didn't either. Them horses smelled like that for much of a month, seemed like. Every time we would go in that barn when we were goin' to get 'em, you could smell that skunk odor.

Well, we got the horse put up, in the barn, and we went up to Academy and went in and Mr. Anderson detected a pretty strong odor, and it was late enough in the fall so we had the furnace on. Course that heat intensified it. Well, he begun walkin' right up one aisle and down another ...to see where it was the strongest. He got to Johnny Preston, and he stopped. "Preston, you better go home." You knew better than to argue with him. He didn't ask why, and he didn't have to, I guess. Then, Anderson did tell him to go home and not come back until he got de-scented a little bit.

“Well, he went up the next aisle and down by me. Stopped, sniffed a little and he says, “Smith, I guess you better go home too. Don’t come back until you get de-scented.” He probably knew that John and I were friends. What one did, the other probably... We did used to get into a quite lot of trouble together. That Johnny could get me into more trouble, and do it so innocently. So, anyway, he...oh, we come home and my mother gave me a bath in tomato juice, if I remember right, and buried my clothes in the ground.

Now, another time at the old Academy, they had two stairways: the South stairway and the North stairway. And, the North stairway was supposed to have been for the boys. The South stairway was for the girls. Mr. Anderson, he got us to definitely to understand one mornin’, during Morning Exercises or right after announcements, when he first come in there to teach school, the boys was to come up the North stairway and the girls the South stairway. And, he asked us all if we understood. Well, I guess we did.

“So, we went along quite awhile, and I had noticed that he always stood just in back there, over near the Girls’ doorway, when he come in the main room, but, just to the back a little bit so anybody couldn’t see him. Never stopped to think he had a reason for it, ‘til one morning Johnny said to me – that’s Johnny Preston again - “let’s go up the girls’ side”. So I said, “Alright, lead on.” So, we went up the girls’ side. Well, Mary Emerson was right in front of Johnny and me, and well, of course he couldn’t risk the temptation of tickling her knee. Well, he got a squeal out of her, and I suppose that tipped Anderson off, and he knew there was trouble afoot, trouble in the stairways, something going on there.

“Well, we got up to the top and Preston went through the door. About that time I saw that right hand of Mr. Anderson’s going to the back of Johnny’s shirt collar. I was behind him, down a couple of steps I guess. I could see daylight under Johnny’s feet. I said to myself, “Uh-oh, he’s in trouble - guess I’ll go back down.” I’d just barely turned, and I felt my shirt collar tighten and my feet come up off the floor. He held us right out over the stairway and let go of both of us. We went clear to the bottom. He said he wanted to know if we were going to come up the way we we’re supposed to. And, we told him we could. He said, “All right, I’d like to see you come up,” so we did. I told Preston, “If you’ve got any more brilliant ideas, you just keep them to yourself.” That’s they way I always made out with Johnny Preston - trouble. And he was one of my best friends, too. I never knew why they had two sets of stairs - I s’pose to make the boys go up one side and the girls the other. I don’t know. I was always curious why that existed and I never asked anybody. But, I kinda wonder if I didn’t find out why.”

THETFORD HILL PARISH PLAYERS

This year the Parish Players presented:

- ◆ (their) First Annual Ten-Minute Play Festival
- ◆ Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare
- ◆ Happy Days by Samuel Beckett
- ◆ O'Murder by Dean Whitlock
- ◆ Oleanna by David Mamet
- ◆ Painting Churches by Tina Howe (originating at The Old Church Community Theater in Bradford)
- ◆ A View from the Bridge by Arthur Miller

While virtually all Parish Player productions draw from talents scattered throughout the Upper Valley, this year's list is distinguished by the number of productions raised from dust by Thetford residents:

- ◆ Ray Chapin's direction of Darri Colton and Kurt Feuer in Samuel Beckett's "Happy Days"
- ◆ Dean Whitlock's conception, scripting, production AND direction of "O'Murder" which bled all over the Lake Morey Inn on St Patrick's Day weekend before gracing the grange in May
- ◆ Belinda Ray's direction and powerful production of Arthur Miller's "A View from the Bridge"

All directors perform major leaps of faith considering the volunteer nature (read 'well-intentioned' but not always present) of the continually evolving support staff, aka "the Board".

Kudos to Bob Nutt of Ely, playwright, former board member, occasional director and demolition expert, whose recent screenplay 'Beaux Arts' won the first annual White River Indie Film Festival's contest and was awarded a great party and a staged reading in White River's newest, smallest play space at Revolution.

We look forward to presenting our 2nd Annual Ten-Minute Play Festival in February, followed by Ray Chapin directing Sam Shepard's 'Curse of the Starving Class' and Belinda Ray directing Eugene O'Neill's 'Long Days Journey into Night'. And rumor has it that the Lake Morey Inn is looking for another victim and lots of sleuths toward the end of February.

Comedy anyone? Kay Morton (785-2515) heads our Program Committee. Peter Blodgett, our treasurer, accepts donations anytime.

Any volunteers with technical or building maintenance ambitions?... call me (785-2016).

And thanks again to: our neighbors for tolerating our rowdy crowds; TA for allowing them to park; and the committee that planned and installed that great sidewalk, (now if we could just get the Energy Committee to turn the lights back on).

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Neal Meglathery, Building Committee

Info at: www.parishplayers.org, Reservations at 785-4344

AMERICAN LEGION POST #79 OF THETFORD

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

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

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

The American Legion would like to extend our sympathy to the families of our departed members Loren Bacon, Trimble C. Condict, and Rodney Webb. They will be missed.

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

Our American Legion building is sporting a new coat of white paint thanks to Mike Labadie and his crew. MJL did a great job of scraping, sanding, priming, and painting as well as replacing missing shingles on the roof.

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

Commander: Raymond "Fred" Adams 649-3468

Adjutant: Nathan Pero 333-4671

ELIZABETH MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT

Work continued in 2007 to clean up the abandoned Elizabeth Mine, a former iron, copperas and copper mine bordering the towns of Thetford and Strafford. The mine has been polluting Copperas Brook and the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc since its closure in 1958 and was included on EPA's National Priorities List of Superfund sites in 2001.

EPA completed part of its Non-Time-Critical Removal Action (NTCRA) activity in 2007 – the surface water and shallow groundwater diversion around Tailing Piles (TPs) 1&2. This activity will contribute to long-term water quality improvement. Work remaining in the NTCRA includes closure of TP3 (final means of dealing with this area still pending), recontouring and capping of TPs 1&2 and collection and treatment of TP1 discharge. Federal funds for these activities have not yet been allocated.

This year also brought increased discoloration and iron-loading in the West Branch of the Ompompanoosuc River. EPA believes this is partially a result of work done over the past two years to stabilize the front face of Tailing Pile 1.

Studies had determined that the very steep face of TP1 was being weakened by erosion and the old drainage system that was installed to remove water from the tailing pile when it was built, was eroding. Had the drainage system collapsed, water would have built up on the pile and the weakened tailing pile face could have failed, resulting in a catastrophic mudslide down the valley.

In order to stabilize TP1, a rock buttress was installed along the bottom 2/3 of the pile, which required the removal of some wetlands that had acted to filter iron-laden seeps coming from its base. In addition, the top third of the pile was cut back, resulting in a more shallow and stable slope that was then covered with soil and seeded to grass. However, this also brought less oxidized tailings, which had been buried, closer to the surface where rainwater can now interact with them to create acid drainage.

Because the EPA was only given funds to stabilize TP1 and not to clean the pile up, some additional iron loading has taken place. Additionally, very low water levels this summer resulted in higher concentrations of iron in the river. Autumn rains, along with dredging of a settling pond below the tailing pile greatly improved the quality of the water in the river in the fall.

The good news is that while there is slight degradation in water quality, the biological effects appear not much worse than before. In addition, Steve Fiske, an aquatic biologist with the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, believes that the high gradient West Branch will scour the iron coating from the stream bed and the river's aquatic community will recover once the source of pollutants is eliminated.

The important issue now is getting the money to complete the cleanup. EPA estimates that if the project was funded, they could complete the on-site work in three years. However, with the severe under-funding of the Superfund program, the project is apt to drag on for many years, resulting in inflated project costs and many years of a degraded river. We are working with our congressional delegation to seek the funding needed to complete the cleanup of the Elizabeth Mine as soon as possible.

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

Representative to the Thetford Selectboard, Neal Meglathery, 785-2016, neal.e.meglathery@valley.net
Representative to the Thetford Conservation Commission, Scott Stokoe, 785-2083,
scott.p.stokoe@dartmouth.edu
Elizabeth Mine Study Group Coordinator, Bob Walker, 785-4126, bobwalker@valley.net
EPA Project Manager, Ed Hathaway, 888-372-7341, ext. 81372; hathaway.ed@epa.gov
VT ANR Project Manager, John Schmeltzer, 802-241-2886, john.schmeltzer@state.vt.us

UPPER VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB

PURPOSE:

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

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

MEMBERSHIP: Currently 213 members, 21 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 – 125 participants in 2007. Kid’s fishing derby in June - 33 children participated in 2007. Sponsored a Firearms Hunter Safety class and a Bow Hunter Safety class in the fall - certificates were presented to 17 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 16 Bow Hunter Safety Students in 2007. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer – four were sponsored in 2007.

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

Rhett W. Scruggs, Secretary



UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Upper Valley Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River.

Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings on the third Monday evening of every other month at the Thetford Bicentennial Building. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

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

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) issued a new Riverwide Overview for water resources in the watershed, and presented a portion of this plan at a special floodplain issues workshop at the Thetford Town Hall. We hosted Governor Jim Douglas for Vermont's Clean and Clear Water Action Day, and cooperated with Vermont and New Hampshire agencies in responding to the discovery of Didymo in the river. We also helped guide the new conservation plan for the Conte Refuge, supporting the public's original vision.

In 2007, CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as the operation of hydro dams on the Connecticut River, silver maple floodplain forest health, mercury emissions, and Important Bird Areas.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and is working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2007, we worked with Wells River and other towns on a signage plan for the Byway. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

During 2007, the Regional Commission provided technical expertise and resources for our towns as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. Major accomplishments for the past year included:

Regional and Local Transportation Planning – Two Rivers staff assisted communities with traffic counts, speed limit studies and intersection analyses, with Transportation Enhancement Grants which includes procuring design engineers, processing requisitions for payment, and organizing public meetings for local input. In addition, TRORC assisted communities as they worked their way through the environmental permitting process on transportation projects and the Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) worked with member municipalities on numerous local transportation projects. Work continued on the Safe Routes to School program, a collaboration with the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

Local Technical Assistance – During the past year, we assisted many towns in reviewing and updating Flood Hazard Area Regulations. This help prevented FEMA from suspending our towns from the National Flood Insurance Program. TRORC continued to provide advice and support to town officials on a wide range of activities, including grant writing and administration, assistance on town plan revisions, ordinance development, GIS mapping, transportation planning, and Act 250 development review. The TRORC Region once again received the largest share of municipal planning grants statewide. This allowed our towns to conduct the planning necessary to respond to changes in state and federal requirements.

Emergency Planning Activities – The Regional Commission's emergency management planning program, funded by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security, focused on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff provided administrative support to Local Emergency Planning Committee #12 and represented the Region's interest on state and national committees.

Economic Development Planning and Downtown Revitalization – Under the EPA Brownfields Program, the Regional Commission continued working on assessing the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Most sites are vacant properties located in our downtowns. Once the level of contamination is known, the Regional Commission helps towns locate funding sources for clean-up. In addition, TRORC maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal Economic Development Administration money by developing and adopting a regional economic development plan.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) helps towns, groups and organizations by bringing together the technical, financial and administrative resources to deal with natural resource conservation and rural and community development issues. We are here to serve your community. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and some staff through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private and community sources make up most of our budget. In 2007 working with our partners, we secured and administered over \$325,000 for natural resource conservation, public safety, and community development projects.

In Thetford, we provided a \$4,000 better back roads grant to perform a town-wide culvert and bridge review. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years, the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organization on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation, call Kenneth Hafner, our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Thetford is a charter member of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District which was created in 1990 for the express purpose of managing waste generated within its member municipalities. The district provided direct service to Thetford in FY 2007 while also planning for the member towns’ long-term waste management needs, including continued development of the North Hartland landfill.

On November 7, 2006, residents of Thetford, along with the other 9 member towns, approved a bond vote to construct an access road and bridge over I-91 to reach GUV’s fully-permitted future landfill site in North Hartland.

A contract for the bridge construction was let on October 3, 2007 to Winterset Inc. of Lyndonville, Vermont. Upon completion of the bridge connection to US Route 5 all existing truck traffic to the Twin State Sand & Gravel Co. quarry and the future landfill will be rerouted out of downtown White River Junction.

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

A second bond issue for the eventual construction of the 40-acre landfill, which has been designed to last at least 50 years, will be put before the voters in the next few years. These bond issues, which are to be repaid by ‘user fees’ (future landfill tipping fees), not property taxes, represent the culmination of more than fifteen years of work toward the goal of controlling municipal solid waste costs and providing a regional solution to trash disposal.

Other Direct Services to Thetford and its residents in 2007 included:

- Recycled and disposed of hard-to-manage materials collected at the recycling center and at special events including: fluorescent light bulbs, scrap metal, car batteries, computers or electrical components, used motor oil, tires, packing peanuts, and obsolete propane tanks.
- Assisted the town in certifying the Recycling Center for the possible addition of a trash compactor.
- 114 Thetford residents participated in district sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events including one held at the Thetford Town Garage. 278 Thetford residents used the annual collections for scrap metal, tires, electronics, and the electronics recycling event held at the Montshire Museum. Thetford residents also used GUVSWD services such as compost and recycling bin sales, fluorescent bulb disposal, book recycling, and the ongoing electronics collection in North Hartland.

A district events calendar and Green Guide will be available in the spring at Town Meeting, at all Town Clerks’ offices, and the district office at 296-3688 or on the web at www.guvswd.org.

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

Fred Moody
Executive Director, GUVSWMD



GREEN UP VERMONT

Green Up Day, May 5, 2007

Thirty-seven 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 2007, using over 42,000 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 \$30,000.

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

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

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

www.greenupvermont.org
greenup@greenupvermont.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 3, 2008 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!

EAST CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY FIBER INTERNET PROJECT

East Central Vermont Community Fiber (ECFiber) is a grassroots community-based group made up of over 15 towns in East-Central Vermont. Over the past two years, we have been studying how best to make high-speed Internet available to every household and business in our towns. After considering all the technologies and options, we have concluded that a community-owned and operated fiber-optic network is the best solution, both technically and financially. Such a network will supply not only the fastest Internet available but will also provide low-cost, high quality phone service and television services. This fiber-optic network will be open to other providers who want to offer services. A similar system has already been built in Burlington, VT where it competes successfully with commercial providers (see their website, www.burlingtontelecom.net).

Our mission statement requires and our financial model anticipates that the service be made available to every home and business in town who wants it. The network would go past every household and business in town. No other Internet provider has stated this objective and even wireless providers don't make this promise.

The network will be owned by the participating towns. However, because the network will generate revenue to pay for itself, no cash outlay from the member towns will be required. When the network becomes profitable, profits can be returned to the participating towns.

Private financing is used to make this plan happen. In order to secure funding from a lender, we need our town to show support in the form of approval of a non-binding resolution. This resolution requests our Town Selectboard to enter into an agreement with our neighboring towns to create a joint municipal undertaking. This undertaking will own the network, and will initially contract with ValleyNet, an Upper Valley based non-profit, to design, build and operate the network. ValleyNet recently engaged Tim Nulty, the founder and former director of Burlington Telecom to work on this project on a consulting basis.

Further details (and the opportunity to pre-register for service) may be found at www.ECFiber.net. Please vote to approve the attached resolution.

Submitted by Jim Masland
for the ECFiber Steering Committee

2007 LAKE FAIRLEE ASSOCIATION PROJECT REPORT

This year the Lake Fairlee Association continued its well established milfoil control program, and added a few new twists. The dive crew returned virtually intact, and the occasional vacancies were filled with “milfoil experienced” personnel. They again employed three tactics to defeat the spread of milfoil: hand pulling, suction harvesting, and bottom barriers. Our experienced staff is at the core of our operation, which the State’s milfoil coordinator called, “a model program in the state.”

This year we piloted two initiatives designed to help prevent the spread of milfoil in Lake Fairlee and to other lakes. We began a “greeter” program at the State boat ramp, to educate and engage boaters about the milfoil problem. We put in place a new website “blog” detailing our efforts and providing a wealth of information about the milfoil problem and potential solutions.

Milfoil continues to spread in Lake Fairlee, frequently in unpredictable ways. Without our continued dive program much of the shallow lake areas could become completely overrun by this nuisance plant. Chemical treatments, such as being tried in Lake Morey, do not offer a permanent solution, as the milfoil can and will return. In the long run, we can hope for a biological solution that will result in a sustainable ecological balance. In the short run, we must continue our program of harvesting.

Facts:

- Our total program budget was almost \$120,000.00.
- The State of Vermont contributed \$44,864.00.
- Other milfoil related donations totaled about \$53,000.
- We were able to hold our expenses for administration and fundraising to about one percent of our total!
- The divers worked a total of 3500 man-hours over 19 weeks.
- They filled 2866 “catch bags” with hand pulled milfoil, which is more than 106 cubic yards. They removed another 78 cubic yards of milfoil with the suction harvester.
- They removed and relocated 163 sheets of bottom barrier, each 6’ x 100’.
- Volunteers donated 628 hours of labor, valued at \$11,556.00.
- Their work included education, administration, and hand pulling with and without scuba.
- They donated the use of boats, trailers, and property valued at \$4920.00.

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

The Lake Fairlee Association Board of Trustees

Suzy Kerr, Pres.
Ridge Satterthwaite

Skip Brown
AJ Kemon

Libby Chapin
Donna Walter

Sandy Dion

GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) is one of twelve regional development corporations (RDC's) that serve the State of Vermont. Over 300 community minded individuals serve on their 12 Board of Directors.

The economic impact of these 12 RDC's to Vermont's economy has been significant over the past 2 years.

- Over 25 companies recruited with over 400 jobs
- Over 50 expansions with over 1500 jobs
- Over 39 companies retained with over 750 jobs
- Over 114 companies and over 2100 jobs created
- Over \$6.4 million revolving loan funds marketed & managed
- Over \$40 million in capital leveraged by loans & other funds for local communities
- Over \$193 million personal income retained or newly generated
- Over \$21 million in revenues returned to Vermont's general fund in 2006; this number will only increase with 2007 results

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

Utilizing all 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 ameliorate some of the economic loss felt by hard hit areas. Training and mentoring programs through the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Vermont Manufacturer's Extension Center (VMEC) and Workforce Investment Board (WIB) help to bridge the gap between businesses, the trained workforce and knowledge they need to succeed. 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.



Kids Place is a non-profit organization in Randolph that offers supervised visitation, exchanges, and parenting support for families in Orange County. Kids Place has established sites for their services in Bradford at the Grace Methodist Church, in Chelsea at the Chelsea Playschool, as well as our current location at Ayers Brook Center in Randolph. Thanks to your 2007 appropriation of \$200, we were able to serve a mother, father and two children from your community over the past year. We provided supervised visits for these children so they could maintain ties with their non-residential parent. We are asking for an appropriation of \$200 in 2008 in order that we may continue to offer this valuable service to other Thetford families.

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

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

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

If you would like additional information about services we provide, or volunteer opportunities in your area, please call us at 802-728-9506 x123 or via email at buttoncm@comcast.net or write to us at Kids Place, 35 Ayers Brook Center, Randolph, VT 05060.

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE

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Email: info@uppervalleyambulance.com

To the Citizens of the Communities We Proudly Serve:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our nine communities since July 1, 1990. Since then, Upper Valley has responded to over 24,000 ambulance calls.

These last few years have proven to be very challenging from a business perspective. Soaring fuel costs as well as the “expected” double digit increases in health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance has made it more difficult for us to purchase new equipment to maintain our high level of patient care services.

Reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payers continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Many of our patients are covered by Vermont Medicaid which has not given the ambulance industry a rate increase since 1997. Despite this, we strive to continue providing a high level of service.

We expect 2008 to be no different. UVA continues to practice conservative fiscal management. Despite the escalating cost of providing service, after countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors has approved the 2008 budget reflecting no increase in our request of \$15.00/per capita. We have been able to remain at this funding level since 2000, however escalating costs and decreasing reimbursements may leave us little choice but to raise our funding request in the coming years. Meanwhile, we will search for grants, donations, and other funding sources to help us maintain our goal of excellent public service.

The cornerstone of Upper Valley Ambulance continues to be our personnel. We are proud to have paramedic level EMT’s staffing our ambulances. Further training will allow Critical Care Paramedics to transport critical patients with complex equipment between hospitals.

Many of you may not be familiar with our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$40 entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee. We plan to further emphasize the Subscription Service in a newsletter you will be receiving this coming year.

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

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

Sincerely,
Larry A. Lancaster, Chair, Board of Directors

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government

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

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 148 other municipal entities, including villages and fire districts.

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

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

- Legal, consulting and education services. In the past year, VLCT responded to over 3000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 13 workshops and 25 on-site training sessions that attracted over 1100 people. MAC distributed almost 200 hard copy handbooks to municipal officials but also made all its handbooks available free of charge on our Web site at our Resource Library. The Library also contains over 500 other electronic documents currently accessible to all.
- Advocacy representation before the state and federal governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate, in land use discussions, and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF) to all our members is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance, as well as reasonable insurance rates. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2007 for \$46 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

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

RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

RMCA had a busy 2007, with fun monthly potlucks and events, including slide shows of El Salvador, New Zealand, Vietnam, Ecuador, Peru and Utah as well as a talk on Thetford's covered bridges, badminton and horseshoe tournaments, a home weatherization workshop, attended by a capacity crowd, waltzing parties and a weekly art group in January 2008.

We continued efforts to upgrade the building, refinishing the hardwood flooring, blowing cellulose insulation into the walls and attic, spraying foam insulation onto the crawl space walls and air sealing efforts throughout the building.

We would like to thank the many RMCA members and friends, Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation and a very generous anonymous supporter who have volunteered many hours and contributed generously to make these improvements possible. Thanks also to Mike Johnson Interiors for his beautiful restoration of the floors and to Dayco and Foam-Tech insulation contractors for making our Community Center easier to heat and more comfortable.

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

Tax-deductible contributions to our capital campaign to support ongoing restoration activities can be written payable to the "George D. Aiken RCDC" and noted "RMCA Restoration Fund". Checks for membership dues of \$10.00/individual or \$15/family can be made payable to "RMCA". All contributions can be mailed to treasurer, Polly Cole, 790 Poor Farm Road, Thetford Center, VT 05075.

Thanks to all for your ongoing support and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Walker
RMCA President



CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC)

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services assist families working toward creating better lives and to improve the overall quality of community life. This year, CVCAC served 10,193 individuals in 4,940 central Vermont households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family & Community Support Services, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

Program and services accessed by 14 Thetford families with 44 residents this past year include:

- 8 households with 32 individuals were provided with emergency services and referrals to address critical needs.
- Our Food Shelves provided the equivalent of 27 meals to 1 family which couldn't afford groceries.
- 10 households with 37 family members used our Crisis Fuel program and were able to continue heating their homes.
- 1 child participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 3 additional family members.
- 2 homes were weatherized and 1 household had a faulty heating system replaced altogether at no charge.
- 2 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or expanding a business.
- 1 individual learned financial literacy and began accruing assets toward a home purchase, education, or business.

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



**VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VERMONT
AND NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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

The VNA & Hospice is a not-for-profit organization providing home healthcare, hospice, and maternal child health services for over 100 years. Recognizing the importance of caring for people in the comfort of their home, our services are provided to all in need, regardless of ability to pay. Last year, the VNA & Hospice provided over 1.9 million dollars in uncompensated care to individuals. The VNA & Hospice, like the local EMS, police and fire departments, is a vital part of the community’s safety net. Town funding is only intended to be a “contribution” towards the full cost of services provided to residents.

Supporting home healthcare is a way to control other town expenses. By keeping Thetford residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and by reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town’s emergency services and other medical costs. VNA & Hospice nurses provide health education, local clinics, and comprehensive compassionate care, from before birth through the end of life.

Services provided between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007:

Home Healthcare

Residents Served: 21
Home Visits: 653
Hours of Service: 569

Maternal and Child Health Services

Residents Served: 9
Home Visits: 31
Hours of Service: 25.08

Hospice Services

Residents Served: 3
Home Visits: 31
Hours of Service: 29.75

Long Term Care

Residents Served: 2
Home Visits: 134
Hours of Service: 132.53

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

Sincerely,



Mark Hamilton
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To the Citizens of Thetford:

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

Over the past year, Headrest, while maintaining all of the current programs, was able to continue operating several new programs that were started last year:

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

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

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

Thank you for helping to make this all possible.

Respectfully yours,

Michael Cryans
Executive Director

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MAPLE LEAF FARM ASSOCIATES, INC.

10 Maple Leaf Road, Underhill, VT 05489

From Addiction to Recovery

The year 2007 has seen major progress in our efforts to provide the men and women who come to us with the best program in a setting that is warm, welcoming and comfortable – all in service of our mission: To help men and women addicted to alcohol and other drugs find recovery.

In the past year, we provided 11,264 days of patient service (an all time high) to 743 men and women. We did so while installing a new building to house our Residential Care clinical staff, putting a new, standing seam roof on the barn, re-paving the driveway and parking lot and paving the walks for the first time, as well as a new basketball half court in the meadow.

While facility improvements continued, so did work on the program. Perhaps the most significant changes occurred with the addition of more physician time and nursing staff. With the direction of Antony Wilson, RN, as Primary Care Director, the medical detoxification program has become a truly outstanding component of treatment here.

None of this would have been possible without the contribution of all of our fine staff. Our medical personnel, clinical staff, cooks, maintenance, and administrative staff have all done their share and more. They can take justifiable satisfaction in what they have accomplished.

Of course we also believe in never being satisfied. Certainly we have much more work to do. We believe that such progress makes it more likely that our patients will find recovery.

We look forward to the coming year, with thanks to our supporters and staff, respect for the difficult work accomplished by the men and women we serve, and a continued commitment to our mission.



Bill Young
Executive Director

VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

In Vermont, approximately 8,000 residents are visually impaired and another 3,000 people are legally blind. Vision problems interfere with an individual's ability to manage daily tasks, travel to places outside the home, and enjoy leisure activities. In addition, the rural nature of the state makes it less likely for those with visual impairments to encounter others who are experiencing similar impairments, and thus feel isolated and alone.

Last year, the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) provided services to two children in the Town of Thetford.

VABVI, a non-profit organization founded in 1926, is the only private agency to offer free training, services and support to visually impaired Vermonters. Our mission is to enable individuals with vision problems to achieve and maintain independence. Services include Rehabilitation (adapting daily living tasks to allow those with low vision to live independently); Orientation and Mobility (providing white cane and guide dog instruction, allowing individuals to navigate through their home and community independently); Assistive Technology (adaptive aids allow clients to successfully perform most activities they desire); Social Networking (improving social skills and providing a support network); and Statewide Transportation (volunteer drivers provide rides to medical appointments, grocery stores and for personal visits).

VABVI offices are located in Burlington, Brattleboro, Montpelier and Rutland, with training rooms in our Montpelier Mini Center to showcase the latest technology in assistive aids for individuals with visual impairment.

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



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 advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

Preliminary data for FY '07 show that VCIL responded to over **2,500** requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referral and program services for individuals living with a disability. We provided one-on-one peer counseling to **277** individuals to help increase their independent living skills; we provided **373** households with financial and technical assistance to make their bathrooms and entrances accessible; VCIL provided **275** individuals with assistive technology; and provided **514** individuals with home-delivered meals through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for individuals under the age of 60 with disabilities.

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

During FY '07, **4** residents of **Thetford** received services from the following programs:

- Information and Referral (I&R)
- Peer Advocate Counseling (PAC)

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



UPPER VALLEY SERVICES, INC.

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

The services that we provide are as follows:

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

ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM

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

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

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

A total of 238 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007. Of this amount, 79 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 159 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 FY07 paid a total of \$8,799.00 in restitution to victims and victim related causes, and performed 365 hours of community service. 100% of every restitution dollar collected goes directly to the victim.

Orange County Court Diversion budgeted \$89,923.00 for its FY07 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

319 Route 5 South, Norwich, Vermont 05055

Tel: 802-649-3268 E-mail: Info@the-family-place.org

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

We serve 22 towns in Vermont as well as numerous NH towns in the Upper Valley. Our commitment is to promote 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, believing that 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 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.

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

In addition, our website offers much parenting information and assistance.



SAFELINE, INC.

Mission Statement: To provide respite and 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.

Safeline has been dedicated to providing services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children for more than 25 years. Our 24-hour hotline is staffed by trained volunteers and staff who offer crisis advocacy, safety planning, information, referrals, emotional support, social service advocacy and safe housing for victims and their children. We assist victims of domestic and sexual violence in accessing Relief From Abuse Orders. We also provide support and advocacy during hospital visits necessitated by injuries inflicted by perpetrators.

For the year ending June 30, 2007, we provided at least 26 units of service to more than 14 Thetford residents through our hotline, advocacy programs and in-person meetings. While safety concerns prohibit some callers from divulging any identifying information, we do know that more than 30% of women in the United States will be victims of abuse at some time during their lives.

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

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

Contact Information:

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

Safeline Office:
PO Box 368
Chelsea, VT 05038
Office Phone: 728-7900
Fax: 728-7902
E-mail: safelineinfo@safelinevt.org
Web: www.safelinevt.org



July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Community Capital of Vermont's mission is to be an effective, sustainable source of capital and business development services that supports the successful start-up and growth of Vermont-based micro and small businesses owned by individuals who lack sufficient access to conventional sources of financing.

Community Capital provides flexible and creative commercial financing to seed business start-up and fuel business expansion, enabling entrepreneurs to build the sales, credit, and experience needed to secure full bank financing in the future. Community Capital also offers borrowers business development services including free consultations with private consultants in their industry or in topics such as marketing, financial management, human resources plus a mini-grant to cover business education expenses.

Community Capital manages several pools of funds for small businesses. First, Community Capital operates a central Vermont revolving loan fund. These dollars are restricted to residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington counties. Community Capital also operates several business revolving loan funds restricted to specific towns. These include: Huntington, East Montpelier, Barre City, Barre Town, and The Partnership Fund (serving Milton, Essex, Colchester, and Winooski). In 2006-2007, Community Capital received new capital to expand its small business lending services to the entire State of Vermont. Now, any resident of Vermont can apply for Community Capital financing.

During the fiscal year, 111 individuals inquired with Community Capital about financing opportunities. Forty-two (42) applications were submitted for financing of which twenty-nine (29) were approved for a value of \$544,000. Twenty (20) of those twenty-nine businesses are startups.

Community Capital is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation located in Barre. Loans and operations are funded by loan repayments, application fees, donations from private individuals, corporations, banks, as well as state and federal grants. Public grant sources include the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP), the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the US Department of Health and Human Services, and the US Department of Agriculture.

Community Capital is operated in partnership with the Central Vermont Community Action Council. Community Capital is managed by Emily Kaminsky, Fund Director. Interested parties are encouraged to call Marian Boudreault at 479-0167 to request a loan application and additional information. More information can also be obtained online at www.cvcapital.org.

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 explore other options for achieving a high school credential.

Students and teachers meet in classes, one-to-one, and/or small group sessions to complete an individual learning program which suits the requirements of each adult student. This “school without walls” ties together basic literacy and math skills with practical interest areas. Helping children with homework, budgeting, filling out forms and applications, 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, a community-based nonprofit organization, 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**

During 2007, the White River Council on Aging celebrated the 31st Anniversary of Incorporation as a non-profit agency providing valuable services to community residents age 60 and over, and their families. The agency has been located at the T. D. Bugbee Building since 1980. As the community focal point for the aging network, we continue to provide traditional services such as nutrition programs, recreation, social and educational services, information and referral, paralegal assistance, fitness activities and transportation. Recently added have been Internet training, art lessons, intergenerational programs, a VT/NH authors literary series, SR. Fitness classes, Tai Chi, & line dancing.

During FY 2007, we had the privilege of providing services to 140 Thetford individuals over the age of 60. In the past year, Thetford residents joined us for congregate meals 886 times. The Bugbee Senior Center provided 2205 Home-Delivered meals to homebound or convalescing adults that were delivered by caring volunteers from Thetford in all types of weather! Advocacy and paralegal services were provided by appointment at the Center or at the individual's home by Melanie Cash and Eleanor Zue. We sent 1680 newsletters to 140 individuals in Thetford. Some form of participation in our enrichment programs were enjoyed by 135 Thetford individuals.

We welcome all Thetford residents to visit or learn more about our services. For more information, you may Contact Kathy Avery at 295-9068 or Ruel Barrett, our Thetford representative to the Board of Directors. We welcome your visits weekdays 8:30-4:30, or you may find us online at: ***bugbeecenter.org***. Your interest and participation would be most welcome.

Kathleen W. Avery  
Executive Director



## MEALS ON WHEELS

Hello! Please spread the word! If you or someone you know of in Thetford is a senior citizen and/or are housebound due to health reasons and in need of a fresh home cooked meal daily, then the Thetford Meals on Wheels program may be able to help!

Thetford residents join together to look out for the well-being of fellow Thetford neighbors by way of delivering meals on the lunch hour Monday through Friday. The food is prepared by the volunteer staff at the Bugbee Senior Center in WRJ, VT.

This past year the following people have served as volunteer drivers with their family members alongside as passengers/helpers: Alice Gnaedinger, Alice Gollnick, John Hall, Paul Rump, Diane Sharkey, Ruth Sylvester, Dot Tofel, and Nancy Vaughan.

Many thanks to Lorraine Carbino and her family for the daily storage of the coolers which get returned and filled back up again at Bugbee.

And as always!...DRIVERS WANTED! If you feel you could donate a couple of hours a week of your time to the Meals on Wheels program, please talk to one of us to get more information. We'd love to have you join us as we travel along the beautiful scenic roads of Thetford while caring for our fellow neighbors!

Please call the following phone numbers if you have questions or concerns regarding signing up for the program either as a volunteer or a recipient of meals.

Bugbee Center: (802)-295-9068

Nancy Vaughan, Thetford Meals On Wheels Coordinator: 785-2576





**CLARA MARTIN CENTER**

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

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

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

Chelsea Health Center  
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

Central VT Substance Abuse Services (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  
39 Fogg Farm Road, White River Jct., VT 05001  
(802) 295-1311

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

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

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

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

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

| <b>FY06 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC</b>      |                            | <b>TOTAL SERVED FROM THETFORD</b>        |            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------|
| Children & Family Services           | 597                        | Children & Family Services               | 25         |
| School Services                      | 179                        | School Services                          | 3          |
| Adult Services                       | 696                        | Adult Services                           | 24         |
| CSP Services*                        | 205                        | CSP Services*                            | 5          |
| Safe Haven                           | 15                         | Substance Abuse Services                 | 36         |
| Substance Abuse Services             | 643                        | Corrections Services                     | 6          |
| Correction Services                  | 207                        | Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic        | 16         |
| Emergency Contacts/Walk-in Clinic    | 498                        | <b>Total seen within programs</b>        | <b>115</b> |
| <b>Total Served by Program</b>       | <b>3914 (duplicated)+</b>  | <b>Total unduplicated clients served</b> | <b>81</b>  |
| <b>Total Consumers Served</b>        | <b>2976 (unduplicated)</b> |                                          |            |
| Central VT Substance Abuse Services: | 864                        |                                          |            |

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

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

## ACORN - A COMMUNITY RESOURCE NETWORK

A Community Resource Network (ACORN) is a registered 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization of longstanding in the community with a mission to assist people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C. ACORN oversees comprehensive case management services to qualifying individuals in Windsor and Orange counties in Vermont and Grafton and Sullivan counties in New Hampshire - an area that encompasses a total of 96 towns. Services provided include, but are not limited to: facilitating access to federal and state assistance programs; providing free confidential HIV and HCV testing and counseling; and sponsoring support groups for persons living with HIV/AIDS and/or HCV.

In the area of education and prevention, ACORN maintains a safe needle exchange program in Vermont and conducts a wide variety of outreach programs at nearby colleges, prisons, health care facilities, and local high schools. Each of these programs is tailored to meet the needs of a particular group. Recently, for example, an ACORN representative presented an extra-curricular seminar on the science of HIV/AIDS to a group of Advanced Placement science students at Kearsarge Regional High School in New London, NH and participated in a public health fair in Canaan, NH. Many more such programs are planned for 2008.

ACORN also is revitalizing its volunteer program to provide enhanced one-on-one personal care to its clients; support an in-house food bank; increase awareness of ACORN in the Upper Valley; and stimulate more consistent and reliable fund-raising from both private and public sources.

ACORN currently serves the needs of one resident who resides in Thetford, VT. As always, ACORN remains willing to provide services to any resident of your town who may require our assistance.

If you would like to receive additional information about ACORN's programs, please contact Whitney Struse at 603-448-8887, extension 107.





## 2007 Sayre Bridge Project

By Robert Brown

The Thetford Center covered bridge on Tucker Hill Road was originally built in 1842. In the century and a half since then, changes in traffic have posed some severe problems. Knots in the flooring were left exposed as the softer wood wore down. The town tried to smooth out the ride by paving it with asphalt, but that quickly wore off, leaving the ride bumpier than before. Then they laid a couple of oak strips which unfortunately did not match the wheel width of some cars. One unfortunate driver went through the side of the bridge into the East branch of the Ompompanoosuc in a vain attempt to get back onto the strips.



In 2007 from the middle of April through the middle of September, the bridge underwent extensive rebuilding thanks to Federal and State funding. That caused considerable inconvenience to about 1,000 cars a day which had to take a five-mile detour. One good consequence was that for nearly five months the sheathing was off so that the unique and very graceful arch was visible. The reconstruction replaced timbers in the upstream arch and timbers in the overhead truss that had been damaged by vehicles too large for the bridge. The bridge now has a solid oak floor and new sheathing.



Photos, from top to bottom, by Bob Brown, Bethany Thompson, Tyler Brown and Elaine McCabe.

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