

# ***ANNUAL REPORTS***

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

***YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2011***

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## THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS

[term expires in “( )”]

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

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

### Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year

John Wilmot (‘14)	PO Box 6, E. Thetford		785-4090
Bruce Avery (‘13)	PO Box 72, N. Thetford		333-9671
Vacant (‘12)			

### Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 3 year

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

Vacant

### Justices of the Peace – 2 year (next election Nov ‘12)

Richard Balagur	2021 Godfrey Rd, E. Thetford	richard@balagur.com	785-4514
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Brenda Magoon	PO Box 25, N. Thetford	I91x14@myfairpoint.net	785-4054
Michael Pomeroy	PO Box 128, Thetford	mcpomeroy@hotmail.com	785-2539
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Janet Stowell (‘13)	462 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922

### Representative for Orange-Windsor (next election Nov ‘12)

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

### School Directors – 2 & 3 year

Charlie Buttrey (‘12)	347 Cranberry Hill Rd, E. Thetford	charliebuttrey@yahoo.com	785-4005
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Howard Sussman (‘12)	PO Box 523, Norwich	sussman@translegal.com	785-4909
Lisa Swett (‘13)	1530 Latham Rd, E. Thetford	lmswett@yahoo.com	333-9792
Elise Tillinghast, Chr (‘14)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	etillinghast@mac.com	785-4302

### School Moderator – 1 year

Mark McMahan (‘12)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E. Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	603-667-0335
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**Selectboard – 2 & 3 year**

		selectboard@thetfordvermont.us	
John Bacon ('14)	551 Lower Bailey Rd, Thetford Ctr	govehillbacon@gmail.com	785-4831
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Casey Huling ('13)	PO Box 19, Thetford	caseyhuling@gmail.com	333-3608
Mike Pomeroy ('13)	PO Box 128, Thetford	mcpomeroy@hotmail.com	785-2539
Tig Tillinghast, Chair ('12)	1708 Tucker Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	tig@freshmaplesyrup.com	785-4302
Scott Hesser, Selectboard Assistant - Appointed			

**Senator-Orange County (next election Nov '12)**

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

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

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**Town Moderator – 1 year**

Mark McMahon ('12)	64 Sugar House Lane, E. Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	603-667-0335
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**Town Treasurer– 3 year**

Jill Graff ('14)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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**Trustees of Latham Library – 4 year**

Ralph Albertini ('13)	PO Box 25, Thetford		785-2778
Diana K. Anderson ('12)	PO Box 211, E. Thetford		785-4404
Adele Bassett ('15)	585 Route 132, Thetford Ctr		785-2990
Pauline Cole ('15)	790 Poor Farm Rd So, Thetford Ctr		785-2016
Diane Hagewood ('13)	PO Box 51, N. Thetford		299-7841
Joanne Kirsten ('14)	341 Woods Lane, Thetford Ctr		785-4613
Lynn O'Hara ('12)	1656 Five Corners Rd, Thetford Ctr		333-4846
Janet Shepler ('14)	852 Quail John Rd, E. Thetford		785-2431

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

Jill Koppers ('14)	249 Robinson Hill Rd, Fairlee	peabody@jillanddirk.com	333-3268
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**Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 year**

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## APPOINTED OFFICERS

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### Budget Committee

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<b>2012 CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES</b>	
Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year	
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year	
Grand Juror, 1 year	
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	Arden Fendrich
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	
Lister, 3 year	Denise Adams
Selectboard, 3 year	Donn Downey
Selectboard, 2 year	David "Tig" Tillinghast
Town Moderator, 1 year	Mark McMahon
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	Joseph S. Tofel
School Director, 3 year	Charlie Buttrey
School Director, 2 year	Howard Sussman
School Moderator	Mark McMahon

## **TOWN MEETING INFORMATION**

The annual Town and School Meeting will be held on

**Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 9:00 AM**

Gymnasium, Thetford Elementary School

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

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

Luncheon will be provided.

Proceeds will benefit the Thetford Academy Language Department Trip

## **MODERATOR'S MUSINGS**

We will again observe Robert's Rules of Order (revised) for our meeting.

There is a well-known story about a governor who visited one of Vermont's town meetings and asked permission to address the assembly. The town was unhappy about a piece of legislation the governor had supported and as a result, the vote to permit her to speak to the meeting initially failed. After some debate, a motion to reconsider was passed and the governor was allowed to address the meeting. True? Yes! Only legal voters may participate in Town Meeting. However, the assembly may allow anyone to speak by a 2/3 majority vote.

For over 200 years, Town Meeting Day has been an important political event as Vermonters elect officers and/or vote on budgets. It is a time for neighbors to discuss issues of their community, state and nation.

Come and enjoy the day.

Mark McMahan, Town Moderator



**VOTER INFORMATION  
NOTICE TO VOTERS BEFORE ELECTION DAY**

Applications to the voter checklist for Town Meeting and March Elections are accepted no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, February 29. Apply at the Town Clerk's office. You must be on the checklist to vote March 3 (Town Meeting) and March 6 (Australian Ballot).

<p><b>Clerk's Office Hours</b> 6-8 pm Monday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday Friday 8:00 – Noon <b>Special hours due to election requirements:</b> February 29 open until 5:00 pm March 5 open 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm</p>
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**Early or Absentee Voting**

Any registered voter that cannot make it to the polling place on voting day may request an absentee ballot – no explanation necessary. Absentee Ballots may be requested by phone, in writing, or in person by the voter's family member (a voter's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents, grandparents and spouse's grandparents). 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 5 by 5 pm  
Town offices open from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Absentee Ballots may be voted in three ways:**

- 1) In person at the Town Clerk's Office.
- 2) Mailed to you and mailed or delivered back to the Town Clerk's office by 7 pm on Election Day (March 6, 2012).
- 3) Brought to you (in the case of illness or physical disability) by two Justices of the Peace on the day of or day before election. Must be requested at least 3 days in advance.

**Pre-Town Meeting** – February 27, 2012, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

**School & Town Meeting** – March 3, 2012, 9:00 am, Thetford Elementary School

**Voting by Australian Ballot** - Tuesday, March 6, 2012

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

## 2012 WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in the gym of Thetford Elementary School, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 at 9:00 a.m., to transact the following business:

- ARTICLE 1** To hear and act on the reports of the Town.
- ARTICLE 2** Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 by 8:00 p.m. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town?
- ARTICLE 3** Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts?
- ARTICLE 4** Shall the Town vote to exempt for a period of 5 years the properties located in Post Mills and Thetford Hill that are owned by the Thetford Volunteer Fire Department and are used exclusively for the purposes of such organization?
- ARTICLE 5** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$922,839 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?
- ARTICLE 6** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$456,487 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department?
- ARTICLE 7** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$109,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund and \$63,000 to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Replacement Fund and \$12,500 to be added to the Police Cruiser Fund?
- ARTICLE 8** Shall the Town use the Police Cruiser Fund to purchase a new cruiser to cost no more than \$25,000?
- ARTICLE 9** Shall the Town, for the purposes of providing required matching funds for grants won, raise and place into an existing permanent fund the sum of \$50,000 for the replacement of the Route 132 bridge over the Ompompanoosuc River?
- ARTICLE 10** Shall the Town raise \$750 to contribute to SERG?
- ARTICLE 11** Shall the Town raise \$1,800 to contribute to Stagecoach?
- ARTICLE 12** Shall the Town raise \$1,300 to contribute to Safeline?

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

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

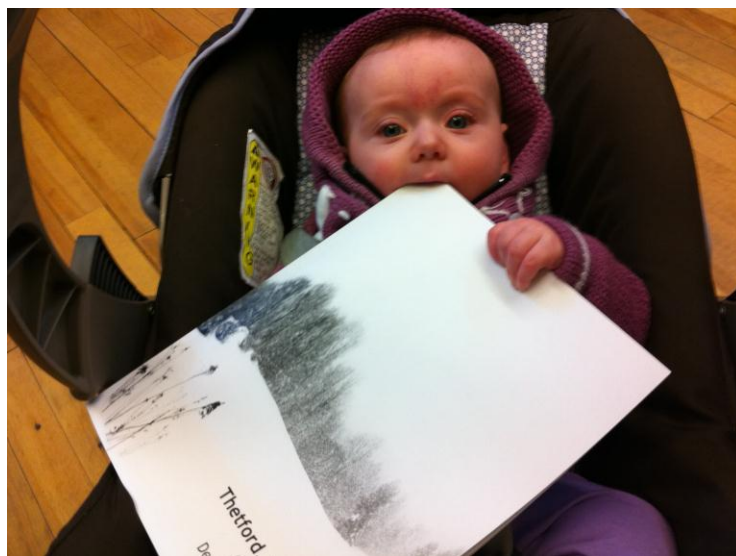
*The following article shall be voted on by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Australian Balloting will take place from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, at the Thetford Town Hall, 3910 Vt. Rt. 113, Thetford Ctr., Vt., located across from the Town Highway Garage.*

**ARTICLE 1** To elect Town and School Officers.

**Dated: January 30, 2012**

**Town Clerk**  
Tracy Borst

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



## SELECTBOARD REPORT

The more the Selectboard holds meetings among the people of Thetford, the more fortunate we consider ourselves. In 2011, the Town celebrated its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a chartered town. As the townspeople celebrated that first quarter of a millennium, though, the most notable aspect was not Thetford's longevity, but rather the friendly and caring spirit that pervaded the events. The Selectboard would like to thank the Thetford Historical Society and all of the people and groups that helped us all look back at our community and appreciate what it is we have.

The town's estimated municipal tax rate in 2012 will – for the fourth year running – be below the 2008 amount, with town and highway funds amount to be raised decreasing a further two percent. We are very fortunate to be able to deliver the same services to the townspeople for roughly the same amount of money, and to offset a good deal of that amount with grants and other funds actively acquired from other sources.

As we have warned in the past, this trend is increasingly difficult to maintain, and future years will likely show a bounce back as the steady increase of structural costs overwhelms our ability to make cuts and continue finding new revenue sources.

The Town Survey fielded last year showed that the townspeople are generally satisfied with town government (94 percent indicated things were run openly and fairly out of 161 people surveyed), although specific feedback showed various places where there is room for improvement. Interestingly, Thetfordites did not think things were going well or somewhat well in the nation (only 42 percent said yes); 77 percent said so about Vermont; and 86 percent said so about Thetford in particular. This rosy picture of the town may well be anecdotal in time, and could well reflect more critical feedback when the poll is re-run in 2012.

### **Tropical Storm Irene:**

Before speaking to specific things that were accomplished in 2011, it is worth highlighting the events surrounding Tropical Storm Irene. The storm did not affect Thetford as much as it did other towns, and this was in part due to luck, and in part to the excellent performance of our emergency services groups.

After a building process that has lasted a few years, the emergency services group this last summer organized two emergency exercises to practice the deployment of our emergency operations center and our emergency shelter. Coincidentally, this took place a few weeks prior to Irene, where both processes were used in reality. The performance of Thetford's emergency services departments was excellent; so much so that after handling our own evacuation efforts, some of our resources were exported to neighboring communities to help those more affected by the storm.

Three things stand out about Thetford's Irene reaction:

1. Had we gotten the second half of the rain, rather than have the storm dissipate over us, the Union Village Dam may not have had the capacity to hold floodwaters back from the homes beneath it. The first half of the storm increased the waters from 8 feet to about 90 feet, and the dam has a 140 foot capacity. The emergency services people were ready to expand their evacuations had this happened.

2. In every instance where we needed help – such as staffing the emergency shelter or replacing a missing sign – multiple residents jumped forward to pitch in. We are very proud to live in this sort of a town. These sorts of emergencies– at least initially – are local in nature and make us reliant on the good graces of our neighbors and volunteers.
3. Aside from road fixes, the majority of Thetford’s flood aid went to people out of town. A significant and sustained effort of sending volunteer effort and supplies extended weeks beyond the storm. This has built a good will among the neighborhood of Strafford, Norwich, Sharon, West Fairlee and South Royalton that can only lead to further cooperative efforts.

**Other Events:**

- The selectboard does not take credit for it, but the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration was a big success, bringing hundreds and hundreds of people out to various events in different villages.
- The town website was redone to include a content management system that allows department and committee heads to better update information and include documents and pictures. A mesmerizing photo roll was also added.
- The town established a new pay grade system for employees, making more rational and predictable salary administration.
- After the town voted to do so, the selectboard hired a selectboard assistant and began to integrate that roll into the town’s operation.
- Recognizing that we may be able to better use our recreational resources, the town embarked in a series of brainstorms about Treasure Island and other resources, resulting in several specific and actionable ideas that should come to fruition in 2012.
- Fairlee, West Fairlee and Thetford held a joint selectboard meeting to discuss issues around Lake Fairlee, as well as to set the precedent of active consultation and cooperation.
- Engineering and pre-construction phases were started on the Route 132 bridge near Tucker Hill Road, which will likely be the largest road construction project in town for some time. The bridge itself is expected to be completed this summer.
- Using a federal stimulus grant, Thetford initiated an energy savings incentives program, matching Efficiency Vermont incentives.
- The streetlights in town were contracted to be replaced by energy efficient LED fixtures, which should be in place by Town Meeting. Prior to doing this, the town took a case to the Vermont Public Service Board to establish the right to own its own lights and to ensure that the rates charged for such lights by utilities are reasonable.
- The Master Trails Plan draft was completed by RSG and Morton Trails, enabling much discussion about the long-term planning for inter-village, multi-modal transportation.

**Coming Up:**

We look forward to another busy year next in 2012, with several important policy questions to be answered, and many programs to be further executed. Among them are execution of the PACE program (energy improvements financed by energy savings) and efforts to ensure that Thetford does not remain a dark spot on the internet map of the state.

The Selectboard meets on Mondays at 7 pm, a time almost always reserved for public comment. We welcome everyone to visit, meet the board and give us your opinion on agenda items or any other concern. Draft agendas for the board can be seen on our Google Calendar page at:

[https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=selectboard@thetfordvermont.us&ctz=America/New\\_York%22&gsessionid=OK](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=selectboard@thetfordvermont.us&ctz=America/New_York%22&gsessionid=OK)

Finally, the board would like to thank everyone in town who came up at one time or another – perhaps at a meeting or perhaps just to one of us at recycling – and commented on things. Regardless of whether it's positive or negative feedback, we appreciate that many people care to share their thoughts and ideas. We are quite reliant on your feedback to determine what the town wishes. We look forward to many such exchanges in 2012.

Respectfully,

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



Sorting Ballots in 2011 Election

**TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

Lori Magoon, Assistant Town Clerk

Lori and I strive to offer you the best possible services. The below lists the services we offer, and when possible the number of those processed in 2011.

Amusement Park Tickets	32	Recycle Permits	407
Animal Licenses	662	Land Records processed	2508
DMV Registration renewals	707	Notarizations	108
Excess Weight Permits	65	Tobacco and Liquor Licenses	4
Fish and Game Licenses	52	Vital Records	27
Voter Checklist: additions	52	Treasure Island Passes	56
removals	143		

2012 is a busy election year! If you’d like to be involved in the elections, please see me about serving as an election official.

**RABIES CLINIC**

Saturday, March 24, 2012

10:00 to 12:00 Noon

Town Garage, Thetford Center

Rabies vaccinations (ONLY) available for cats and dogs for a fee  
by Oxbow Veterinary Clinic

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

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

DEADLINE FOR TOWN LICENSING IS **APRIL 1, 2012**

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

**LICENSING FEES:**

Current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter required.

Male/Female \$12.00

Spayed/Neutered \$8.00

**TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**February 26, 2011**

Thetford's town meeting began with a presentation of an American flag to the town of Thetford on behalf of by Major Jonathan Elias and Captain John Oros in recognition of the Townspeople's generosity to service members. Lieutenant James Harhan of Thetford, a Purple Heart recipient and veteran, presented the flag. Tig Tillinghast led us in the pledge of allegiance and the national anthem was sung. The Civic Pride award was awarded to Laurie Ingalls in recognition of her various roles in town.

Mark McMahon, Town Moderator, called the meeting to order at 9:23 am. The meeting began with a reading of the Warning: *The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in the gym of Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, February 26th, 2011 at 9:00 am, to transact the following business.*

The Moderator asked to suspend the rules, allow Jim Masland and Margaret Cheney, State Representatives, to speak, and to then recess the annual town meeting and hold the annual school meeting. Motion was moved and seconded, passed unanimous. Recess to school meeting at 9:29 am. Town Meeting was again called to order at 12:00, Senator Mark McDonald addressed the crowd. Mark McMahon, Moderator, continued the meeting.

**ARTICLE 1 To hear and act on the reports of the Town.** Article was moved and seconded. No discussion. **Article 1 passed.**

**ARTICLE 2 Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 17th, 2011 by 8:00 p.m. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town?** The article was moved and seconded. No discussion. **Article 2 passed.**

**ARTICLE 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts?** Article was moved and seconded. No discussion. **Article 3 passed.**

**ARTICLE 4 Shall the voters designate the Town of Thetford as a Clean Energy Assessment District, also known as a Property Assessed Clean Energy District, as authorized by 24 VSA, Ch. 87, sec. 3261 or any superseding statute, allowing the Town to secure financing to operate a program enabling participating property owners to incur indebtedness for eligible energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, with the costs repaid as special district assessments placed only on the specific participating properties?** The article was moved and seconded. Tig Tillinghast, Selectboard Chairman, spoke first to the article. PACE is a product of a federal Stimulus program which is a funding mechanism to borrow money to do energy improvements to homes. Projects must have energy savings greater than the cost of the project. After several questions, Margaret Cheney, State Representative, spoke to the article. **Article 4 passed.**

**ARTICLE 5 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$959,009 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?** The article was moved and seconded. Donn Downey, Selectboard, spoke to the article. The budget increase of .6 percent represents a flat increase for the third year in a row. He



thanked department managers and the budget committee for their efforts and reviewed some major changes in the budget. After a few questions, **Article 5 passed.**

**ARTICLE 6** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$442,572 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department? The article was moved and seconded. Donn Downey spoke to the article and offered kudos for Doug Stone, Road Foreman, for running the highway department - coming in under budget, finding better ways to do things, managing personnel. No questions. **Article 6 passed.**

**ARTICLE 7** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$85,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund and \$61,000 to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Replacement Fund? Article was moved and seconded. Mike Pomeroy spoke to the article and pointed out the chart in the town report. There were no questions. **Article 7 passed.**

**ARTICLE 8** Shall the Town finance through the Highway Capital Equipment Replacement Fund up to a total of \$256,000 for a new grader? The article was moved and seconded. John Bacon, Selectboard, spoke to the article. The 1996 grader has had lots of mechanical problems, needs an engine, has had a transmission replaced. Mike Pomeroy, Selectboard, voiced that he doesn't think we need a grader now, feels we should wait until we need to spend the money and rebuild the engine when needed. Others felt that there is a cost to down time and that is money out of your pocket. After more discussion, **Article 8 passed.**

**ARTICLE 9** Shall the Town raise the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of hiring a part-time Selectboard assistant? The article was moved and seconded. Tig Tillinghast spoke to the article and pointed out that there was disagreement on the board about this position and whether or not to include it [it was unanimous to put it in the warning]. In support of the article Tig said the position will offer a return on investment as we could go on to generate new revenues and grants. This support wouldn't involve defining policies or evaluate employees, but to help do the work and be aggressive with grants. Cathee Clement, Selectboard, spoke against the article. She feels this person would become the "6<sup>th</sup> selectboard member" and if help with grant work is needed then we should hire a grant administrator; she favors waiting on this position, and developing a job description first; fears that hiring a Selectboard Assistant is a slippery slope in terms of creating more government at that level and towards a town manager. John Bacon, Selectboard, spoke to the amount of work a Selectboard member has to do outside of meetings – this position would help the board get more done. Motion (moved and seconded) to postpone Article 9 *Shall the Town raise the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of hiring a part-time Selectboard assistant until town meeting of 2012.* More discussion ensued. Point of Order was requested, and after little discussion Call to Question was moved and seconded. The motion passed and debate ceased. The motion to postpone the article failed. Call to Question was moved and seconded. The motion carried and debate ceased. A vote by show of voter cards was undeterminable and BCA was asked to count. **Article 9 passed; 60 YES, 36 NO.**

**ARTICLE 10** Shall the Town, for the purposes of providing required matching funds for grants won, raise and place into an existing permanent fund the sum of \$8,600 for two federal stimulus grants; \$4,000 for the replacement of the Route 132 bridge over the Ompompanoosuc; and \$21,000 for the provision of traffic calming and a sidewalk on Thetford Hill? The article was moved and seconded. Tig Tillinghast, Selectboard, spoke to the article. After some discussion the moderator was asked to divide the questions.

Article 10A: Shall the Town, for the purposes of providing required matching funds for grants won, raise and place into an existing permanent fund the sum of \$8,600 for two federal stimulus grants;  
 Article 10B: Shall the Town, for the purposes of providing required matching funds for grants won, raise and place into an existing permanent fund the sum of \$4,000 for the replacement of the Route 132 bridge over the Ompompanoosuc; Article 10C: Shall the Town, for the purposes of providing required matching funds for grants won, raise and place into an existing permanent fund the sum of and \$21,000 for the provision of traffic calming and a sidewalk on Thetford Hill?

The motion to divide the question passed. Article 10A as amended was moved and seconded. **Article 10A passed.** Article 10B was moved and seconded. There was no discussion and **Article 10B passed.** Article 10C was moved and seconded. After discussion including concern about overages, and future costs of maintaining sidewalks, **Article 10C passed.**

**ARTICLE 11 Shall the Town raise the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the General Fund to provide liquidity for general town operations?** The article was moved and seconded. Mike Pomeroy, Selectboard, explained this was a suggestion of the town auditor and this is the second year the town is paying into the reserve. With no further discussion Article 11 passed.

**ARTICLE 12 To transact any other business.** The article was moved and seconded. Tig offered thanks to Cathee Clement for her work on the Selectboard. Motion to adjourn was moved and seconded. Town Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

A True record, Attest:

Mark McMahon  
Town Moderator

Tig Tillinghast  
Selectboard Chair

Respectfully submitted: Tracy Borst, Town Clerk



250<sup>th</sup> Celebration Historical Exhibit

## MARCH 1, 2011 AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS

<b>Agent to Convey Real Property</b>	
Write In	9
Blank	432
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits</b>	
Write In	10
Blank	431
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year</b>	
John Wilmot	389
Write In	9
Blank	51
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Cemetery Commissioner, 1 year</b>	
Write In	15
Blank	425
Spoiled	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Collector/Delinquent Taxes, 3 year</b>	
Jill Graff	395
Write In	0
Blank	46
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Grand Juror, 1 year</b>	
Write In	11
Blank	430
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Lister, 3 year</b>	
Diane C. Osgood	378
Write In	0
Blank	59
Spoiled	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Town Treasurer, 3 year</b>	
Jill Graff	401
Write In	0
Blank	40
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Selectboard, 3 year</b>	
John E. Bacon	363
Write In	3
Blank	74
Spoiled	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Selectboard, 2 year</b>	
Wayne Briggs	110
Casey Huling	305
Write In	1
Blank	20
Spoiled	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Town Moderator, 1 year</b>	
Mark McMahon	412
Write In	1
Blank	28
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year</b>	
Elmer C. Brown	412
Write In	2
Blank	27
Spoiled	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>443</b>

<b>Latham Library Trustee, 4 year</b>	
Adele Bassett	345
Pauline Cole	371
Write In	1
Blank	162
Spoiled	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>886</b>
<b>Vote 2</b>	

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

The damage from Tropical Storm Irene has combined with the lingering effects of the Great Recession to put additional pressure on the state's finances. Vermonters pulled together remarkably well after Irene, yet the costs to the state and to municipal budgets will be with us for years to come. For example, some town centers in mid-southern Vermont were nearly destroyed and the roughly 1,500 state workers from the state office complex in Waterbury are working at scattered locations and may not return to new permanent office space for two years. Nonetheless, Vermont's economy has fared better than that of many other states, with slowly increasing state revenues and an unemployment rate dropping to just over 5%. Thus, our budget gap this year is significantly smaller than we have seen for several years.

While these are the issues that concern the Legislature as a whole, below we have listed some of the specific issues that our respective committees are working on.

Rep. Margaret Cheney serves as the vice-chair of the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy. Here are highlights on issues before her committee:

- In the energy sector, Vermont has been a leader in everything from electric efficiency to some of the country's most innovative and effective renewable energy policy -- as a result of which we have seen business and job growth as well as more locally distributed, cleaner energy sources. This year we are considering setting more ambitious goals, possibly through a Renewable Energy Portfolio and expanded feed-in tariffs, to keep us headed in this direction.
- The committee is also examining how to improve our solid waste policy, an issue rife with challenges and opportunity. With the right practices to govern waste management and land use, we hope to capture the dollar value in the commodities we still routinely throw into landfills. We will be looking at universal capture not only of traditional recyclables such as metal, plastic, and paper but also of compost and yard waste.

Rep. Jim Masland serves on the Committee on Ways & Means, the committee responsible for all taxes and fees that affect the revenues of the state. Below are highlights of issues before his committee:

- Ways & Means is considering changing the way the state income tax is calculated. In simplified terms, Vermont's income tax is calculated as a proportion of federal taxable income. The committee is considering changing that to a proportion of federal adjusted gross income (AGI). There are a lot of moving parts to this proposal. Should the Legislature take it up, much more information will be available.
- Note that the intention is not to raise taxes, but to make your tax return simpler to understand. Most taxpayers will pay approximately the same amount. The purpose of these changes is to increase clarity and predictability, and to enable taxpayers from different income groups (high to low) to play by the same rules. While rates will fall, most taxpayers will owe essentially the same tax as before.
- Another proposal is to have the state become responsible for the billing and collection of the statewide education tax. Towns will still be responsible for the local share of the education budget and the municipal budget, which includes the town highway department and town general government.

- In addition, Ways & Means reviews all fees, ranging from driver's licenses to water discharge at Vermont Yankee.

As this report is being written in early January, we are just beginning to sort out our responses to these issues. We welcome your input, pro or con.

The good news is that the past six months have compelled Vermonters to take a good look at ourselves, recognizing how much we depend on each other in our home communities and throughout the state. We are fortunate that the tragedy of Tropical Storm Irene has provided new impetus for us to work harder on issues that are dear to us. These include strengthening the safety net for those most in need, encouraging more clean energy generation and efficient consumption, and managing how the built environment and the natural environment affect each other. Out of necessity, we expect to find new opportunities -- for efficiency and cost savings in where we locate related state agencies, for example, or in the ways in which we deliver acute mental health services after the flooding of the State Hospital. In addition, we continue to follow progress on health care reform, farm to plate, job creation, and other important initiatives.

As always, it is a privilege and an honor to serve you in Montpelier. We look forward to hearing from you by phone, letter, or email on any matter, large or small. Our contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Margaret and Jim

Margaret Cheney, Norwich  
649-3039  
margaret.cheney@gmail.com

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



Route 132 Repairs, Day 4

## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

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

Effective October 17, 2011, new zoning bylaws took effect. The zoning office encourages applicants to plan ahead for projects. The reasons for this are that the zoning office is part-time, a hearing may be necessary and the new zoning rules may require more detail and more preparation than the prior zoning ordinance. The applicant is responsible for understanding and following the zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations, both of which may be purchased at both the zoning and clerk's office; they may also be found on-line at [www.thetfordvermont.us](http://www.thetfordvermont.us)

<b>Summary of Permits:</b>	2006*	2007**	2008	2009	2010	2011
Subdivision Plats Approved	6	6	9	7	1	5
Number of Lots Created	19	14	8	13	2	13
Annexations	1	1	0	1	1	1
Boundary Adjustments	1	1	1	1	0	0
Residences	11	8	10	8	9	5
Additions	14	22	12	13	11	9
Decks & Porches	14	15	12	4	20	10
Accessory Buildings	36	39	33	21	31	16
Businesses	1	6	4	4	3	2
Mobile Homes	4	1	1	1	1	1
Telecommunication Facility	1	1	2	0	1	1
Home Occupation	4	0	0	2	2	2
Driveways	16	10	5	6	6	4

\* Figures are through the month of November 2006

\*\* Figures are from December 2006 through December 2007

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

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

## **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

The Planning Commission began 2011 with a major accomplishment: completion of the Draft Zoning Bylaw, which they approved in January and submitted to the Selectboard for adoption. The Commission immediately began to consider its next two projects: revising the subdivision regulations and the Thetford Town Plan.

After a delay in replacing several departing members, the Commission formed a subdivision working group, including two Commission members, one former member, and two members of the Development Review Board. They are each reviewing several sections of the regulations, to finish the updates by this coming Spring.

Working with our regional planning commission, the Commissioners decided that sufficient review of the current plan, with input from as many residents as possible, was not feasible by the April, 2012 deadline (five years since adopting the current plan). To allow a thorough planning process, the Commission decided to readopt the current plan as is, changing only the date.

To start the planning process, the Commission held two open houses – one a general look at the town’s future and the other focused on Thetford’s villages – collecting comments from 50 townspeople, plus emails and letters. An open house on Thetford’s rural areas is planned, as well as public meetings with other town committees. The Commission is soliciting invitations from individuals, neighborhoods, and any other groups to hold informal discussions on the future of any/all aspects of the Town. Everyone, please think about what Thetford should look like ten or more years from now and plan to initiate and attend these discussions.

Planning requires a lot of time, but is a fascinating facet of town governance and very important in guiding the future development of Thetford. The Commission could always use more members or volunteers to serve on workgroups. Please contact Kevin O’Hara if you’re interested: [kevin@oharagercke.com](mailto:kevin@oharagercke.com).



Selectboard Tests New Transport Technology

## BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

The year 2011 has been one of change and growth. We are completing the town-wide reappraisal, and we thank Thetford property owners for their cooperation and understanding during this reappraisal process! The Change of Appraisal Notice Booklet will be mailed in late Spring. **Please read the information pertaining to the grievance process (located inside the front cover) carefully.**

Homestead declarations are no longer required to be filed annually. Homeowners will file declarations only if they sell/buy or change the use of their property. However, the property tax adjustment credit still needs to be filed on an annual basis.

As a Board, we must abide by changing state statutes and fixed and constrained timetables. We are here to assist you with any questions or concerns that you may have. Our office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Telephone #785-2922, Ext. 4; Email: [listers@thetfordvermont.us](mailto:listers@thetfordvermont.us) or visit our website at [www.thetfordvermont.us/listers](http://www.thetfordvermont.us/listers)

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Thetford Board of Listers

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

The Original Town Charter



## **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT**

In my first full year as animal control officer I have seen that most calls involve dogs: running off, running-at-large, barking, or being aggressive. I am not blaming the dogs; they only need training. Please take the time to care for all your animals, register your dogs, and think about your neighbors.

By registering your dogs and putting the tags on the collar, you make it very easy for me to find you to return your dog. This could save you pound fees of fifteen dollars a day. Another good idea is to use an implanted microchip and register your dog with the chip.

As always, if you are having trouble caring for your animals, let me know, and I will help you anyway I can.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Stone  
Animal Control Officer

## **HEALTH OFFICER REPORT**

These were the cases reported to me in 2011.

- 3 cases of Mold
- 1 Case of a Dirty Pool
- 1 Case of a failed Septic System

Respectfully submitted,

Alford W. Stone  
Town Health Officer



250<sup>th</sup> Celebrations from The Tea Garden

## RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

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

2011 was a SUPER year for recycling. Annie left us this summer after adding a ton of enthusiasm and a true love of Redeemables. Carolyn Lorie replaced Annie and has been doing a bang-up job keeping track of ‘what’s in the bin.’

### Things to Know:

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

Diana and Carolyn

## **SENIOR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

When people must leave their homes due to limitations of age, medical requirements, disability, lack of family support or reduced income, dwelling units within their means should be made available to meet their needs. Creation of senior and affordable housing will enable members of our community to remain in Thetford in the face of changing conditions or circumstances.

Thetford senior and affordable housing will be integrated into the life of the community, supporting shared values such as self-reliance, privacy and thrift, and will give access to needed services, including health care.

Some units are being planned particularly to provide for the physical, mental and social needs of seniors, and incorporate the contingency of future decline and loss of independence.

Housing proposed by the Senior and Affordable Housing Committee will allow residents with a diversity of backgrounds, interests, aspirations and income levels that represents a cross-section of Thetford.

In 2011, the Committee dealt with a building environment under serious financial constraint. We have continued to receive considerable support from the Selectboard, Thetford Elder Network and other community groups. Through the combined efforts of committee members and local consultants, we have successfully established the Ompompanoosuc Community Trust, Inc., whose purpose is to elicit involvement of local communities, state agencies and regional housing developers in our work.

The corporation is a 501c(3) non-profit charitable trust dedicated to promoting independent living for seniors and low-income people, in their existing homes or in affordable housing. We enter the New Year better prepared to select appropriate housing sites and to incorporate necessary complementary services.



250<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Auction

## TEN: THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

We are a group of community volunteers who meet monthly to plan and organize programs and assistance for seniors.

We offer a monthly luncheon for older folks led by our superb chef Pam Mainville. These luncheons are an opportunity to socialize and learn about community events as well as enjoy good food. Through 2011 we held twelve meals attended typically by 40 to 60 people. We served nutritious fare, much of it locally produced, and followed the meals with programs both informative and entertaining. Over 50? Join us at the church in North Thetford. Want to help? Call 333-4082.

We maintain a list of volunteers who offer rides and assistance with chores for local seniors. This year, the Volunteer Group received requests mostly for rides to health-related appointments and occasionally for help with shopping or specific tasks of home maintenance; we were able to satisfy most requests. We welcome more community volunteers to help seniors at home or to drive them elsewhere for necessary tasks.

We walk every Friday morning for fitness and fun. Time and place are coordinated with abilities and the weather and posted on the Thetford Listserv. Up to a dozen strolled or hiked nearly every Friday through 2011, from a half-mile to four miles along a variety of terrains, depending on individuals' wishes.

We can provide wood for elders who would lack adequate winter heat without this help.

We also have a list of recommended services for seniors and can help find information from other organizations.

All our programs encourage participation in the social life of the community. A goal for the next year will be to reach out to isolated elders and those unable to get out on their own.

This year we have begun sending two representatives to the Upper Valley Health Service Area Advisory Board, which is part of Vermont's new Blueprint for Health. Thetford seniors will soon be receiving expanded health and social services.

Two members of TEN have become directors on the board of the new Ompompanoosuc Community Trust Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization charged with the mission of supporting affordable senior housing for Thetford and the immediate area.

Please contact any of our TEN Steering Committee members if you would like to be involved in this effort on behalf of our older residents.

## THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The year 2011 saw the culmination of our project to map the town's wetlands, a study funded by the Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund and performed by Arrowwood Environmental. The findings were released at an information-packed talk by a wildlife expert and a wetlands biologist, to a standing room only audience at Latham Library. We also offered a hands-on workshop in the Thetford State Park at which a Dartmouth biologist introduced participants to the wonders of vernal pools.

We have also been interacting with landowners. The Commission introduced a new Conservation Project Assistance document to spell out the various ways, financial and otherwise, that the Conservation Commission can help landowners who wish to conserve their land. (See: <http://www.thetfordvermont.us/departments/conservation-commission/>) With landowners we have walked some of Thetford's special parcels, documenting botany, birds and other features.

As overseers of town-owned lands we collaborated with the selectboard in initiating a program to control invasive plants on Town lands in preparation for future timber extraction. The timber will generate revenue to pay for long-term forestry management as laid out in our Management Plan, both to increase the quality and value of the town's timber stocks and to improve and diversify wildlife habitat. As part of habitat management we brush hogged and cut trees on the Hughes North property to maintain early succession bird habitat, as recommended by the Audubon Society. We also cut and painted blazes and put up flagging in an ongoing project to clearly demarcate the boundaries of Town-owned lands. In all we put in over 100 hours of volunteer time across various projects.

Submitted by Li Shen, Chair



Attendees Before the Pageant

## TREASURE ISLAND

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

Treasure Island is a lovely town park located on the shore of Lake Fairlee offering beachfront swimming with lifeguards, tennis courts, picnicking, a bathhouse, playground and covered picnic areas. There is space available for large group gatherings. Non-motorized boat rentals are available, and public launching of canoes, kayaks, and sailboats is encouraged. This year, American Red Cross swimming lessons ran all summer long serving local and area children. Lessons were available weekdays or Saturday mornings. A Junior Lifeguarding Course (ages 11-14) also was among the course offerings. Treasure Island also offered expanded summer swim lesson programs this summer to a neighboring school district to serve more children and also expand program revenues. In addition, Treasure Island offered the new option of Kayaking lessons for adults or children, led by a certified kayak instructor. The kayak program also offered a day camp for teenagers the first week of August. The Thetford Recreation Department ran summer day camp in July for local children and this was well-attended and lots of fun. Local youth acted as Counselors-In-Training. Local tennis pro Diane Ferriter returned and conducted children and adult tennis lessons on the clay tennis courts in July. The recreation department also held a Community Forum in July to elicit feedback on Treasure Island programs and offerings. Peabody Library Story Hour took place every week all summer, along with Arts and Crafts led by the Treasure Island Caretakers. On Saturday, August 13, the second annual LAKEFEST was celebrated at Treasure Island - to celebrate, educate and recreate on Lake Fairlee. Many civic groups, area businesses, volunteers, and local people came together for an incredible day on the lake. In fall, the Thetford Recreation Department hosted a live band on the beach, the Wall-Stiles, for fall fun and enjoyment.

Patrons and groups enjoyed the beach and park all summer this year – with great weather and crowded weekends. Thetford schools and parents organized pre-season and late summer school get-togethers. Numerous non-profits, preschools and area camps return to Treasure Island every year to hold their summer programs and/or bring groups. The park was also a great destination for children's birthday parties.

Thank you to the 2011 summer season Treasure Island Staff, the Thetford Town Office Staff, the Thetford Highway Department, the Thetford Recreation Department and the Thetford Selectboard. Thank you to Thetford Residents for utilizing and supporting Treasure Island.

Hope to see you at the beach in 2012!

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott and Ann O'Hearn, Treasure Island Managers

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2011 has been a year of change for the Recreation Department. Kathi Meyerson took over as Recreation Director in March. Some programs have been dropped, others expanded upon, and new programs and events added.

Our youth sports program continues to be a success serving 150 young soccer players, 166 basketball registrants, 60 softball and baseball players, 150 alpine skiers, and 20 cross country skiers. These programs can only be successful due to the many hours of volunteer time contributed by our residents. There was also kayaking, mountain biking, babysitter training, a Home Alone class and karate. Our summer day camp was offered for 2 weeks this year at Treasure Island. Adult programming included Building Bones, summer drop-in programs and Sunday night basketball. The discounted amusement park ticket program offered through the VRPA had a 30% increase in sales.

Special events and activities included two new programs that went very well: two wild crafting walks and concerts at Treasure Island. Both of these will be expanded upon with the hope of adding TI movie nights for next year.

Almost 250 families have become members of our recreation web site, 84 new families this past year. Program registrations have brought in \$24,000, with our annual ski sale adding an additional \$1700.

We thank our community family for supporting our department and programs by registering and volunteering for activities and events.

Respectfully submitted

Kathi Meyerson, Recreation Director



One of Several Trails Public Input Meetings

## THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

The TEC received a federal stimulus grant to upgrade streetlights to LEDs and worked with CVPS to provide a more favorable rate for town ownership. Seven more lights were removed, cutting streetlights to 22. When the LED upgrade is complete, we will have cut streetlight electricity use by about 86%, saving more than 15,000 kwh/yr.

TEC received a grant and developed the Thetford Home Weatherization Incentives Program that will help at least 16 Thetford residents pay part of the costs of weatherizing their homes.

TEC promoted passage of an article at the 2011 Town Meeting allowing for the formation of a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) district. We will be implementing PACE in 2012, providing Thetford homeowners access to financing to install home energy improvements.

TEC recruited 50 Thetford Home Energy Action Team (HEAT) volunteers who were trained by Sustainable Energy Resource Group (SERG) to promote home weatherization. HEAT volunteers conducted a town-wide "Door2Door" campaign, visiting 650 homes to distribute free CFLs, information on energy efficiency initiatives, discount coupons on energy audits and case studies of two Thetford weatherized homes developed by SERG. Volunteers also calculated the energy efficiency of homes visited.

TEC recruited volunteers for and promoted the Thetford Home Energy Expo at the Thetford Academy, which gave residents an opportunity to talk with a variety of energy experts and see demonstrations regarding energy upgrades and installation of renewables. We also promoted a Weatherization Skillsshop and an Open Homes Tour, so people could learn how to weatherize their homes, see some of the work that occurred and learn more about the process and results.

TEC sponsored Public Education Programs:

- Warmth in Winter—an annual movie and lecture series
- 350 Challenge at the Thetford Elementary School
- Provided books, DVDs, watt-meters and other resources to the town library
- Monthly energy-saving tips published in the town newsletter
- Home energy workshops

Respectfully submitted by the Thetford Energy Committee



## THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thetford Police Department made some minor adjustments to personnel in 2011, and we welcome Officer Stuart Rogers to the department. We trimmed back the part time roster by one position and will maintain two part time officers. Sergeant Bridget Tweedie was on maternity leave for a period in 2011 with the birth of her son Cameron, who came a little early but I'm happy to report that both are in good health.

I am proud to report that Thetford has seen a drastic decrease in motor vehicle crashes and speeding tickets over the past few years. We have also seen a drop in property crimes such as thefts and a significant drop in DUI's from 32 in 2003 to 8 in 2011. The most notable decreases show up since we added the third officer in 2008. I am also proud to say that the police department has maintained a level funded budget since 2008. Fuel prices and technology related costs continue to be difficult to budget each year but we level fund it the best we can.

Thetford Police provides approximately 6500 hours of police coverage per year with three full time and two part time officers. We have improved on our call out procedure for after hour calls increasing a higher likelihood of a rapid response by a local officer.

All Thetford Police Officers exceed the yearly training requirements to ensure our community highly trained and experienced officers. Our door is always open, please stop by with any concern or even just to say hello. We look forward to serving you in 2012 and thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

James B. Lanctot  
Chief of Police



Thetford-Donated Irene Resources in South Royalton, Day 4

## THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Nature of Incident	# of Incidents
911 Hang up	5
Accident w/ damage	29
Accident w/ injury	3
Agency Assist	76
Alarm	14
Animal Problem	14
Assault	7
Burglary	11
Citizen Assist	53
Citizen Dispute	10
Court Time	4
Custodial Dispute/Interference	5
Dead Body	3
Death Notification	1
Directed Patrol	43
DUI	8
DLS	5
Family Fight/Domestic	7
Fingerprints	4
Fireworks	2
Found Property	5
Fraud	3
Information	4
Juvenile Problem	6
Juvenile Alcohol Offense	2
Littering	8
Lockout	13

Nature of Incident	# of Incidents
Lost Property	1
Medical	19
Missing Person	2
Motor Vehicle Compliant	40
Noise Disturbance	4
Parking Problem	3
Phone Problem	7
Property Watch	4
Public Speaking	9
Recovered Property	1
Restraining Order Service	7
Search Warrant	3
Sex Offender Registry	3
Sex Offense	3
Stalking	1
Suicide Attempt	2
Suspicious Person/ Circumstance	35
Theft	12
Threatening	2
Traffic Hazard	23
Traffic Offense	10
Training	5
Trespassing	2
Vandalism	11
VIN Inspection	100
Wanted Person/Fugitive	3
Welfare Check	11
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>668</b>

## VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS TOWN OF THETFORD

The Vermont State Police continue to provide dedicated police coverage for your town. Troopers responded to 185 calls for service in 2011 with a staff of six Troopers and three Sergeants. Troopers responded to a broad range of calls and still remained active in the area schools and participated in a variety of community functions.

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

Enclosed is a list of incidents that the Vermont State Police responded to in your town from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

Stay safe and watch out for one another.

Respectfully,

LT Russell Robinson  
Station Commander



911 Hang up Call	2
Traffic Accident w/Damage	26
Traffic Accident w/Injury	3
Agency Assistance	35
Alarm	9
Animal Problem	2
Assault	3
Burglary	1
Burglary Alarm	1
Citizen Assist	13
Citizen Dispute	4
Custodial Interference	1
Dead Body	1
Family Fight/Domestic	6
Fireworks	1
Intoxicated Person	1
Motor Vehicle Complaint	30
Noise Disturbance	1
Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	1
Attempted Suicide	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	14
Traffic Hazard	10
Traffic Violation	14
Unlawful Mischief	4
Welfare/Suicide Check	1

**TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 185**

## THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Thetford Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) was founded in 1960 to provide the community with basic fire protection. Over the years, emergency medical service and emergency management have become integral parts of the department, and the organization has matured into a solid community resource. Today, TVFD's highly trained personnel are an anchor for the community during regional disasters, and they provide professional response to emergencies of all types in Thetford and surrounding towns through participation in the mutual aid system. Combining hours of training and maintenance of equipment and facilities along with response to over 200 emergencies each year, our pager-carrying volunteers donate over \$100,000 of labor annually.

We welcome youth ages 14 and over into our Junior Firefighter program, and our volunteer Support Staff are an important part of our organization as well. Look for our annual newsletter in the mail, find us on Facebook, or check out our website, [www.thetfordfire.com](http://www.thetfordfire.com). Feel free to schedule a visit of the firehouse and consider joining us!

Sincerely,

Donald Sayre Fifield  
Fire Chief  
Emergency Management Director

## THETFORD EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Emergency Management Director (EMD) is responsible for coordinating the various components of the emergency management system: fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, public works, volunteer groups, and State resources. By incorporating the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery, the EMD can plan a response to situations that might occur.

In today's emergency management world, there are an unlimited number of situations in which emergency management professionals may need to respond. These include floods, fires, winter storms, hazardous materials accidents, search and rescue operations, and transportation accidents. Members of the Fire and Police Departments, Select Board and Town Highway meet regularly to develop and review emergency plans.

Give us a call if you are interested in learning how you could help. We particularly need a resource pool of trained staff that could help manage the plans during an actual emergency. Members of the emergency services might not be available to staff an EOC or a shelter.

Donald Sayre Fifield  
Emergency Management Director

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Well, what can I say? This was a very interesting summer; it looked like we would be doing our regular duties until Irene Hit. The storm damage took up most of our time for 3 months but we were able to finish our culvert replacement on 132 by the Norwich line. I would like to thank Gary Ulman, K.W. Smith, and Chris Pellerin for the help rebuilding our damaged roads. The speedy response and the willingness to work with the highway crew was a huge help. I would also like to thank all who offered help.

The new Grader worked very well this summer with the operator logging 500 hours grading your roads. The other equipment also worked well this year. We did spend some money on trucks this fall: new bed chains and bearings in a spreader body, new turbo on the #3 ten wheeler, we had body work done on the 550 Ford new fenders, bumper, and paint. We also had to replace the oil pan and rear springs on the 550. We invested a little more in repair so that we could get a couple more years out of this truck before trade. The 550 was due for trade this year but with the work we did to it we thought it was feasible to keep it a while longer.

I would like to thank the Highway crew for working the long hours of Irene clean up and staying on top of their regular duties.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Stone  
Highway Foreman

Highway Crew-Lynn King, Corinth; Rocky Clark, Fairlee; Logan Paige, Thetford; Floyd Cadwell, Thetford



A Few of the Thetford Volunteers with New Cattle Fence, Day 7

## LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND PEABODY LIBRARY

### Latham Library

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 10,125 with 11,609 people coming to use the library.

From two visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,200 books and these state books were taken out 935 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 3,120 videos were borrowed from the library. 881 audio-books circulated this year. 66 E-books were downloaded through the library in 2011. 107 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 11 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

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

Your continued support through the annual appeal improved your library. If you need common tax forms come to your library.

Come visit in 2012. If we don't have what you need, we can get it for you. Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. and you are always welcome.

### Peabody Library

In its 145th year the library hosted 47 programs including one book discussion series made possible by the Vermont Humanities Council. Volunteers opened the library every Saturday morning during the summer months.

A summer Film series was offered in July and August. The Sixteenth Annual Penny Carnival brought a happy crowd of 75 folks to enjoy a sunny afternoon.

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

The Library had 938 visitors borrowing 434 books from the library collection. 117 audiobooks also circulated from the library to enrich hours spent driving, ironing, and gardening. 252 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 814 titles circulated from the library in 2011. More materials circulated from the library than last year.

Come discover one of the most elegant public rooms in town. Your faithful support maintains the wish of George Peabody "that the library shall be enjoyed by those who may be in the village of Post Mills and its environs."

Let your libraries change your life.

Peter Blodgett, Librarian

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

## **THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION**

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

Our other major purpose is to maintain the Bicentennial Building as a free home for Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and the Historical Society's library and archives. In 2011, the interior hallways of the building were repainted.

Our main source of income is a yearly grant voted by the Town, which provides a major portion of the operating budgets for our two public libraries, Peabody and Latham, and supports ThetNet, the fiber-optic link among the libraries on Thetford Hill. For our other expenses, including operation of our building, we depend on income from the endowment and from our annual fund appeal, which, thanks to your continued support, was sufficient to meet our expenses in 2011.

Peter Blodgett, Acting Clerk



“The Gods of the Valleys are not the Gods of the Hills.”

- Ethan Allen

## TOWN OF THETFORD BUDGET REPORT

### On the FY2012 Town Budget

#### Summary

The Selectboard and Budget Committee are pleased to present a budget for general fund and highway spending that will result in a decrease of 1.6% from the 2011 budget. This is the fourth consecutive year that there will be a reduction in spending with no reduction in services. This percentage does not include the possible effect of warned articles, and is independent of the school budget.

In an effort to illustrate the combined spending for proposed general and highway expenses *and* additional warned articles, the following table shows the sum of *all* spending, which will yield a total increase in spending of 0.4% from 2011 to 2012.

#### Proposed Spending on Town Warning

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
General expenses	853,657	895,552	952,925	959,009	922,839
Highway expenses	541,469	551,876	468,000	442,572	456,487
Other warned articles	230,700	221,393	180,500	209,600	238,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,625,826</b>	<b>1,668,821</b>	<b>1,601,425</b>	<b>1,611,181</b>	<b>1,617,676</b>

#### General Fund update

Due to actual department costs coming in under budget during 2011 and an unexpectedly flush general fund, the Selectboard opted to apply \$87,000 from the general fund balance to 2012 expenditures. This will still maintain the general fund at roughly 10% of expenses, in accordance with generally accepted recommendations, but allow for a much smaller increase in taxes.

#### Notes

A Personnel Policy and Salary Administration Policy was implemented in 2011, and wages were increased for the first time in four years. Most town employees received an adjustment to reflect the increase in cost of living (inflation), and salaries/wages were evaluated and scored to provide for consistency across departments. Further, a mechanism was put in place to provide for step increases in wages. This policy will make compensation more equitable, easier to manage over time, and easier to budget for across-the-board cost of living or experiential changes.

Additionally, the manner in which positions are budgeted has been changed to reflect the actual wage of the position and the annual hours for each position. As such, several salary and wage numbers changed, but the reasoning may simply be this new methodology and *not* a decision to change the status or wage level of a position unless otherwise noted.



You will find the following changes of note in the 2012 Budget:

Selectboard

1. 100-3000-11.00 Selectboard Assistant: In 2011, the Selectboard hired an Assistant. This position was partially filled during the remainder of that year and is budgeted at 16 hours per week in 2012.
2. 100-3000-15.02 Medical & Dental Benefits: While the cost of our programs did not decrease, the town has fewer participants this year.
3. 100-3000-48.00 PACIF Insurance: In accordance with our auditor's recommendations, the costs of liability insurance, unemployment insurance, and worker's compensation insurance are now broken down between the general fund and highway fund. The rates and premiums did increase significantly for all three products.
4. 100-3000-60.00 Legal Services: The allowance for legal advice is increasing to reflect our increasingly litigious and complicated world.

Police & Animal Control

- 100-4100-10.02 Police Officers P.T.: With our Police Department returning to 100% staffing (3.25 full time employees), this line item now reflects the wages of 0.25 officer. The position had not been fully accounted for in previous budgets.
- 100-4100-90.00 Vehicle Replacement: This line item will no longer be presented in the Police annual budget. It will be warned and voted separately to be consistent with the Highway Department and Fire Equipment capital fund allocations.

Recreation & Treasure Island

- 100-7000-10.00 Recreation Coordinator: This line item had previously also paid for other recreation staff, such as summer camp counselors. Moving forward, this line will be exclusive to the Coordinator to allow for easier management.
- New Line Item- Recreation Staff: This line item will account for summer camp counselors and other recreation staff. Further, this number represents an increase of 50% from what had previously been spent on additional staff to reflect an effort to increase programming.
- 100-7000-40.01- Skiing Program: The manner in which the ski program is accounted for has been changed.

Clerk/BCA/Elections/Operations/Physical Plant

- New line item- Town hall technology initiative: In response to growing demand for online accessibility of town hall documents (deeds, surveys, etc), we will begin an effort to digitize

and make available online the contents of town hall. This will be a multi-year effort, the first steps of which will begin in 2012.

#### Treasurer & Tax Collection

- 100-3400-11.00 Asst. Treasurer: This position had been budgeted for 20 hours per week. This was increased to 21 hours to reflect increasing demands on the Treasurer's office.

#### Single Year Appropriations

- Safeline and SERG are requesting amounts greater than what had previously been granted. As such, the town policy is that increases must be warned separately at Town Meeting, and both appear as warned articles.

#### Listers

- 100-3430-10.00 Listers Salaries: The town-wide reappraisal project will be completed in 2012 and "regular" activities of the Lister's office will resume. The reappraisal project is funded through a dedicated fund outside of the general fund, therefore 2011 expenses of the Lister's office duties were artificially low.

#### Highways & Public Works

- 200-2250-00.00 FEMA/FHA Flood Repair: This line represents reimbursements for Irene-related road repairs. The town received a portion of these reimbursements (\$22,799 out of the \$123,612 spent- see below), but it is not clear when the balance will be received.
- 200-5000-10.00 Highway Wages: The highway department has been partially staffed for much of 2010 and 2011 due to injuries and turnover. This number reflects a fully staffed department of five full time employees.
- 200-5100-15.00 Highway Benefits: While the health and dental insurance plans increased in cost, the department has fewer employees participating in the benefit.
- New Line Item- PACIF Liability, Unemployment, and WC: This amount was previously accounted for in 100-3000-48.00 (Selectboard) but has been separated to more accurately account for departmental costs. The rates are increasing significantly.
- 200-5120-22,50 Repaving and Structures: These line items will be established as capital funds, rather than annual expenses. The contributions reflect long-term average spending, and will allow the town to adjust the paving schedule to exploit grant opportunities and still provide adequate resources to maintain our road infrastructure.
- 200-5150-22.00 Flood Repairs: This new line item reflects the actual out of pocket spending that the town incurred for Irene-related road damage, primarily Route 132. By deferring paving on Latham Road, the town was able to pay out-of-pocket for these repairs without any

borrowing. This money will be reimbursed by the Federal and State governments, but the town does not have any indication of when this might happen.

- 200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies: Thinking that this might actually be a tame winter, we are lowering the winter sand and salt line item to a level which reflects the 10-year average for these costs.
- 200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs: The town opted to refinish the 2001 F550 truck and keep it for a few more years rather than replace it as originally planned. This was an unplanned \$6,000 expense. Beyond that, there were an unfortunately large number of major repairs.

#### Revenues

- 100-2030-00.00 Interest Delinquent Taxes: The town is predicting fewer late payments.
- 100-2634-02.00 Recycling Receipts: The volatility in commodities markets has made this number difficult to predict, but we are anticipating less revenue.

✱ NOTES ✱

***FINANCIAL REPORTS***

***YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2011***

<b>All Town Departments</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>					
Police & Animal Control	\$180,741	\$206,176	\$209,813	\$206,638	-1.5%
Selectboard	\$186,728	\$180,786	\$199,536	\$196,052	-1.7%
Miscellaneous	\$145,063	\$135,983	\$138,200	\$138,380	0.1%
Fire Dept. & Emergency Management	\$111,060	\$114,899	\$120,035	\$124,836	4.0%
Recreation & Treasure Island	\$86,865	\$93,548	\$104,794	\$99,027	-5.5%
Libraries	\$66,920	\$88,859	\$88,859	\$88,859	0.0%
Clerk/BCA/Elections/Operations	\$87,219	\$81,300	\$84,800	\$89,131	5.1%
Treasurer & Tax Collection	\$62,370	\$68,151	\$63,383	\$70,525	11.3%
Town Hall – Physical Plant	\$60,669	\$68,054	\$67,905	\$67,543	-0.5%
Recycling & Solid Waste	\$45,284	\$53,016	\$62,515	\$61,798	-1.1%
Listers	\$38,934	\$35,072	\$29,025	\$41,565	43.2%
Single Year Appropriations	\$35,213	\$34,561	\$34,561	\$33,165	-4.0%
Zoning Department & Planning Comm.	\$28,799	\$27,617	\$31,459	\$30,439	-3.2%
Conservation	\$5,296	\$5,626	\$5,425	\$5,425	0.0%
	\$1,141,161	\$1,193,648	\$1,240,310	\$1,253,385	1.1%
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied			-\$35,000	-\$87,000	
Less Non-tax Revenues	-\$254,898	-\$255,521	-\$246,301	-\$243,546	-1.1%
<b>General Funds to Raise</b>	<b>\$952,925</b>	<b>\$938,127</b>	<b>\$959,009</b>	<b>\$922,839</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>
<b>Highway Expenses</b>					
Highway Department	\$649,473	\$727,995	\$690,572	\$683,359	-1.0%
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied					
Less Non-Tax Revenues	-\$202,610	-\$183,294	-\$248,000	-\$226,872	-8.5%
<b>Highway Funds to Raise</b>	<b>\$468,000</b>	<b>\$544,701</b>	<b>\$442,572</b>	<b>\$456,487</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
General & Highway Funds to Raise	\$1,420,925	\$1,482,828	\$1,401,581	\$1,379,326	-1.6%
<b>Additional Warned Articles</b>	<b>\$180,500</b>	<b>\$209,600</b>	<b>\$209,600</b>	<b>\$238,350</b>	<b>13.7%</b>
<b>Total Spending</b>	<b>\$1,601,425</b>	<b>\$1,692,428</b>	<b>\$1,611,181</b>	<b>\$1,617,676</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

<b>Selectboard</b>		<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>% Change</b>
100-3000-10.01	Selectboard Stipend	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.0%
100-3000-11.00	Selectboard Assistant	\$2,463	\$3,913	\$2,850	\$10,000	250.9%
100-3000-14.00	Selectboard S.S.	\$273	\$263	\$230	\$268	16.4%
100-3000-15.00	Selectboard Contingency	\$3,417	\$5,532	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.0%
100-3000-15.01	Selectboard Clerk S.S.	\$187	\$304	\$172	\$172	0.0%
100-3000-15.02	Medical/Life/Dental Benefits	\$52,362	\$57,877	\$76,825	\$71,399	-7.1%
100-3000-27.00	IT Systems	\$15,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	
100-3000-30.00	Advertising	\$2,169	\$1,379	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%
100-3000-40.00	V.L.C.T.	\$3,341	\$3,428	\$3,428	\$3,476	1.4%
100-3000-40.01	Dues and Meetings	\$370	\$110	\$750	\$500	-33.3%
New Line Item- Supplies & Publications *					\$250	
100-3000-42.00	Unemployment	\$5,618	\$6,145	\$6,111	\$6,111	0.0%
100-3000-48.00	PACIF Liability, Unemp. & WC	\$53,533	\$52,473	\$52,851	\$45,406	-14.1%
100-3000-49.00	PACIF Deductibles	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	0.0%
100-3000-50.00	Tax Mapping	\$1,900	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$1,950	0.0%
100-3000-60.00	Legal Services	\$5,622	\$7,191	\$3,500	\$5,000	42.9%
100-3000-74.00	Travel	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$200	-60.0%
100-3000-80.00	Professional Audit	\$14,379	\$15,210	\$14,379	\$14,625	1.7%
100-3000-85.00	Planning & Consulting	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
100-3000-90.00	Mowing	\$1,559	\$2,170	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%
100-3000-92.00	Retirement	\$8,331	\$8,267	\$8,500	\$8,500	0.0%
100-3000-93.00	USDA Contract		\$390	\$690	\$690	0.0%
100-9990-04.00	Real Estate Abatements	\$584	\$2	\$800	\$800	0.0%
100-9990-06.00	Bank Fees	\$1,321	\$591	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%
100-3000-91.00	Town Lands Maintenance		\$5,090	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
<b>Total Selectboard</b>		<b>\$186,728</b>	<b>\$180,786</b>	<b>\$199,536</b>	<b>\$195,347</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>

<b>Conservation Commission</b>		<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>% Change</b>
100-3800-20.00	Conservation Supplies	\$155	\$74	\$125	\$125	0.0%
100-3800-40.00	Dues, Meetings	\$37	\$240	\$200	\$200	0.0%
100-3800-80.00	Conservation Fund Approp.	\$3,810	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
100-3800-90.00	Project Support	\$794	\$311	\$100	\$100	0.0%
<b>Total Conservation</b>		<b>\$5,296</b>	<b>\$5,626</b>	<b>\$5,425</b>	<b>\$5,425</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

\* New Line Item for 2012

<b>Clerk/ BCA/ Elections/ Operations</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Clerk</b>					
100-3500-10.00 Town Clerk's Salary	\$37,065	\$33,033	\$31,380	\$33,364	6.3%
100-3500-10.01 Asst Town Clerk Wages	\$18,409	\$15,631	\$17,282	\$16,744	-3.1%
100-3500-14.00 Social Security-Clerk	\$2,705	\$2,318	\$2,401	\$2,552	6.3%
100-3500-14.01 Social Security-Asst Clerk	\$1,427	\$1,190	\$1,322	\$1,281	-3.1%
100-3500-15.00 Town Clerk Benefits	\$728	\$709	\$840	\$840	0.0%
New line item- Town Hall Technology Initiative *				\$3,800	
100-3500-40.00 CLK. Dues/Meetings/travel	\$1,630	\$2,116	\$2,100	\$2,100	0.0%
<b>Records</b>					
100-3080-62.00 Town Report	\$3,622	\$3,578	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.0%
100-3080-65.00 Restoration of Records	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
Subtotal Clerk/Records	\$67,585	\$60,574	\$61,325	\$66,681	8.7%
<b>BCA</b>					
100-3300-10.02 BCA Expenses	\$208	\$169	\$250	\$250	0.0%
100-3300-40.00 BCA Ed. Workshops & Meet	\$0	\$68	\$100	\$100	0.0%
<b>Elections</b>					
100-3310-10.00 Election Officials	\$520	\$59	\$300	\$500	66.7%
100-3310-21.00 Election Supplies	\$37	\$88	\$75	\$75	0.0%
Subtotal BCA/Elections	\$765	\$383	\$725	\$925	27.6%
<b>Town Office Operations</b>					
100-3210-20.00 Town Office Supplies	\$3,960	\$1,937	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
100-3210-23.00 Copier Contract Support	\$527	\$583	\$600	\$600	0.0%
100-3210-24.00 Copier Maintenance/Supply	\$336	\$298	\$400	\$400	0.0%
100-3210-26.00 Computer Software/Support	\$3,070	\$8,134	\$6,000	\$7,500	25.0%
100-3210-27.00 Computer Maintenance	\$637	\$0	\$500	\$500	0.0%
100-3210-28.00 Computer Supplies/Equip.	\$221	\$441	\$300	\$300	0.0%
100-3210-34.00 Telecommunications *	\$5,495	\$6,564	\$5,500	\$5,900	7.3%
100-3210-35.00 Town Office Postage	\$4,356	\$1,976	\$4,000	\$2,500	-37.5%
100-3210-68.00 Equipment Maint./Repairs	\$0	\$185	\$200	\$200	0.0%
100-3210-83.00 Tools & Equipment	\$269	\$224	\$3,250	\$1,625	-50.0%
Subtotal Town Office Operations	\$18,870	\$20,342	\$22,750	\$21,525	-5.4%
<b>Total Clerk/ BCA/ Elections/ Operations</b>	<b>\$87,219</b>	<b>\$81,300</b>	<b>\$84,800</b>	<b>\$89,131</b>	<b>5.1%</b>



<b>Treasurer</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>%</b>
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>
100-3400-10.00	Treasurer	\$34,210	\$30,806	\$29,176	\$31,781	8.9%
100-3400-11.00	Asst. Treasurer	\$18,017	\$19,392	\$18,000	\$20,509	13.9%
100-3400-14.00	Social Security-Treasurer	\$2,719	\$2,187	\$2,232	\$2,431	8.9%
100-3400-14.01	Social Sec.-Asst Treas.	\$1,398	\$1,474	\$1,377	\$1,569	13.9%
100-3400-15.00	Treasurer's Benefits	\$1,641	\$1,729	\$1,675	\$1,800	7.5%
100-3400-20.00	Treasurer supplies	\$642	\$1,869	\$1,400	\$1,500	7.1%
100-3400-35.00	Treasurer postage		\$1,798		\$1,850	
100-3400-40.00	Treasurer Dues & Mtgs.	\$742	\$708	\$800	\$800	0.0%
100-3440-01.00	Tax Sale - Publication	\$0	\$0	\$600	\$0	-100.0%
100-3440-02.00	Tax Sales - Legal Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
100-3440-04.00	Tax Collection	\$3,000	\$7,644	\$7,500	\$7,650	2.0%
100-3440-14.00	Tax Collection Soc. Security	\$0	\$543	\$574	\$585	2.0%
100-3440-74.00	Travel		\$0	\$50	\$50	0.0%

<b>Total Treasurer</b>		<b>\$62,370</b>	<b>\$68,151</b>	<b>\$63,383</b>	<b>\$70,525</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
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<b>Fire &amp; Emergency Management</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>%</b>
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>
100-3900-30.00	Emergency Management	\$4,475	\$1,878	\$7,000	\$7,280	4.0%
100-4500-00.00	Fire Department	\$106,585	\$112,535	\$112,535	\$117,036	4.0%
100-4500-10.01	Fire Warden	\$0	\$486	\$500	\$520	4.0%

<b>Total Fire &amp; Emergency Management</b>		<b>\$111,060</b>	<b>\$114,899</b>	<b>\$120,035</b>	<b>\$124,836</b>	<b>4.0%</b>
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<b>Listers</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>%</b>
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>
100-3430-10.00	Listers Salaries	\$28,039	\$23,128	\$18,510	\$33,097	78.8%
100-3430-11.00	Lister Clerk Salary	\$4,127	\$5,280	\$4,893	\$2,700	-44.8%
100-3430-14.00	Listers Social Security	\$2,177	\$1,766	\$1,392	\$1,616	16.1%
100-3430-14.01	Lister Clerk Soc. Securit	\$321	\$402	\$368	\$153	-58.5%
100-3430-20.00	Listers Supplies	\$534	\$799	\$400	\$500	25.0%
100-3430-23.00	Lister Service Contracts	\$2,123	\$2,228	\$2,312	\$2,300	-0.5%
100-3430-35.00	Lister Postage	\$150	\$386	\$300	\$150	-50.0%
100-3430-40.00	Lister Dues & Meetings	\$370	\$438	\$350	\$350	0.0%
100-3430-68.00	Lister Professional Services	\$630	\$439	\$0	\$500	
100-3430-74.00	Listers Travel	\$207	\$206	\$200	\$200	0.0%
100-3430-83.00	Lister Equipment	\$256	\$0	\$300	\$0	-100.0%

<b>Total Listers</b>		<b>\$38,934</b>	<b>\$35,072</b>	<b>\$29,025</b>	<b>\$41,565</b>	<b>43.2%</b>
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**Recycling & Solid Waste**

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Request	% Change
<b>Solid Waste</b>					
100-6320-00.00 GUVSWMD Dues	\$21,590	\$33,105	\$33,105	\$34,098	3.0%
<b>Recycling</b>					
100-6340-10.00 Recycling Salaries	\$7,363	\$8,032	\$8,500	\$8,500	0.0%
100-6340-14.00 Social Security-Recycling	\$563	\$612	\$560	\$650	16.1%
100-6340-20.00 Recycling supplies	\$824	\$403	\$500	\$500	0.0%
100-6340-40.00 Bin lease/Comingled NRRRA	\$5,448	\$3,364	\$8,000	\$7,500	-6.3%
100-6340-42.05 Glass pick up	\$4,471	\$2,458	\$5,200	\$4,000	-23.1%
100-6340-42.07 Scrap metal pick up	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$250	-50.0%
100-6340-50.00 Community Education	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$250	400.0%
100-6340-74.00 Travel	\$24	\$42	\$100	\$50	-50.0%
100-6340-75.00 Facility Const & Maint	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
100-6340-90.00 Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
<b>Total Recycling &amp; Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$45,284</b>	<b>\$53,016</b>	<b>\$62,515</b>	<b>\$61,798</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>

**Zoning Department & Planning Commission**

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Request	% Change
<b>Zoning Department</b>					
100-3620-10.00 Zoning Administrator	\$12,257	\$13,849	\$13,024	\$13,284	2.0%
100-3620-10.01 Zoning Admin.Asst.	\$5,923	\$5,180	\$5,925	\$5,200	-12.2%
100-3620-14.00 Social Security-Zoning	\$949	\$1,065	\$996	\$1,016	2.0%
100-3620-14.01 Admin.Asst. Soc. Sec.	\$453	\$389	\$453	\$398	-12.2%
100-3620-20.00 Zoning Supplies	\$371	\$640	\$600	\$350	-41.7%
100-3620-30.00 Zoning Advertising	\$1,061	\$526	\$1,100	\$650	-40.9%
100-3620-35.00 Zoning postage	\$1,634	\$1,529	\$1,600	\$1,850	15.6%
100-3620-40.00 Zoning Dues & Meetings	\$45	\$90	\$150	\$150	0.0%
100-3620-74.00 Zoning Travel	\$61	\$192	\$150	\$150	0.0%
100-3620-83.00 Zoning Equipment	\$390	\$0	\$400	\$400	0.0%
Subtotal Zoning	\$23,143	\$23,459	\$24,399	\$23,449	-3.9%
<b>Planning Commission</b>					
100-3650-10.01 Clerical Support	\$1,909	\$1,050	\$1,700	\$1,700	0.0%
100-3650-14.01 Clk. Support Soc. Sec.	\$153	\$80	\$143	\$130	-9.1%
100-3650-20.00 Plan. Com. Supplies	\$0	\$18	\$75	\$75	0.0%
100-3650-21.00 Plan. Com. Printing	\$400	\$0	\$1,300	\$1,000	-23.1%
100-3650-30.00 Plan. Com. Advertising	\$84	\$118	\$500	\$500	0.0%
100-3650-40.00 Plan. Com. Dues & Meetings	\$180	\$0	\$100	\$100	0.0%
100-3650-42.00 Plan. Com. Training	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	0.0%
100-3650-58.00 Plan. Com. RPC Dues	\$2,892	\$2,892	\$2,892	\$3,235	11.9%
100-3650-74.00 Plan. Com. Travel	\$38	\$0	\$250	\$150	-40.0%
Subtotal Planning	\$5,656	\$4,158	\$7,060	\$6,990	-1.0%
<b>Total Zoning &amp; Planning</b>	<b>\$28,799</b>	<b>\$27,617</b>	<b>\$31,459</b>	<b>\$30,439</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>

<b>Police &amp; Animal Control</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>%</b>
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Police</b>						
100-4100-10.00	Police Chief	\$60,690	\$53,683	\$53,471	\$54,540	2.0%
100-4100-10.01	Police Officers F.T.	\$47,271	\$73,637	\$78,951	\$80,538	2.0%
100-4100-10.02	Police overtime	\$6,991	\$5,276	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.0%
100-4100-10.03	Police Officers P.T.	\$6,593	\$4,041	\$6,500	\$9,048	39.2%
100-4100-10.05	Call Out/OT	\$344	\$3,564	\$4,000	\$3,000	-25.0%
100-4100-10.06	Contracted Detail	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	
100-4100-14.00	Social Security-Police Ch	\$4,626	\$3,908	\$4,020	\$4,172	3.8%
100-4100-14.01	Police Officer Soc. Sec.	\$4,331	\$6,442	\$5,936	\$6,161	3.8%
100-4100-14.02	Spec. Off Soc. Sec. P.T.	\$426	\$102	\$497	\$692	39.2%
100-4100-14.05	Call Out/OT Soc. Security	\$34	\$263	\$306	\$230	-25.0%
100-4100-15.00	Police Benefits	\$2,378	\$2,239	\$2,415	\$2,415	0.0%
100-4100-20.00	Police supplies	\$901	\$854	\$1,200	\$850	-29.2%
100-4100-25.00	Uniforms	\$3,718	\$1,577	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
100-4100-34.00	Police Telecommun.	\$5,007	\$4,673	\$4,000	\$4,000	0.0%
100-4100-35.00	Police Postage	\$0	\$42	\$0	\$100	
100-4100-36.00	Radio/Dispatch	\$10,241	\$10,394	\$10,000	\$10,400	4.0%
100-4100-40.00	Police Dues & Meetings	\$170	\$79	\$150	\$150	0.0%
100-4100-42.00	Police Training	\$262	\$268	\$900	\$500	-44.4%
100-4100-60.00	Contracted Services	\$325	\$423	\$300	\$375	25.0%
100-4100-68.00	Vehicle Repair	\$3,578	\$6,855	\$3,500	\$5,000	42.9%
100-4100-74.00	Police Fuel	\$7,375	\$12,171	\$8,500	\$9,300	9.4%
100-4100-83.00	Equipment/ Repair/Radio	\$2,336	\$2,446	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%
100-4100-90.00	Vehicle Replacement fund*	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	-100.0%
100-4100-91.00	Police small equip. fund	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%
Police Subtotal		\$179,546	\$204,437	\$207,146	\$203,971	-1.5%
<b>Animal Control</b>						
100-6150-10.00	Animal Control Wages	\$473	\$284	\$1,200	\$1,200	0.0%
100-6150-14.00	Social Security-AC	\$36	\$22	\$92	\$92	0.0%
100-6150-15.00	Pound Fees	\$85	\$417	\$600	\$600	0.0%
100-6150-22.00	Humane Supplies	\$29	\$572	\$200	\$200	0.0%
100-6150-37.00	Licensing Supplies	\$539	\$339	\$225	\$225	0.0%
100-6150-40.00	Dues, Mtgs, Inoculations	\$0	\$106	\$75	\$75	0.0%
100-6150-50.00	Animal Damage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%
100-6150-74.00	Animal Cont. Travel	\$33	\$0	\$275	\$275	0.0%
Animal Control Subtotal		\$1,195	\$1,739	\$2,667	\$2,667	0.0%
<b>Total Police &amp; Animal Control</b>		<b>\$180,741</b>	<b>\$206,176</b>	<b>\$209,813</b>	<b>\$206,638</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>

\* Vehicle Replacement fund allocation has been moved from the departmental budget and will be voted separately, similar to Highway and Fire Capital Equipment fund allocations.

<b>Recreation &amp; Treasure Island</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>%</b>
		<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Recreation</b>						
100-7000-10.00	Recreation Coordinator	\$14,204	\$16,968	\$15,624	\$13,663	-12.6%
100-7000-14.00	Rec. Coordinator Soc. Sec.	\$1,100	\$1,294	\$1,004	\$1,045	4.1%
New Line Item- Recreation Staff *					\$2,195	
New Line Item- Recreation Staff Soc. Sec.*					\$168	
100-7000-20.00	Recreation Admin Supplies	\$3,506	\$2,398	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%
100-7000-20.01	Youth Sports Equipment	\$4,304	\$3,972	\$4,200	\$4,200	0.0%
100-7000-34.00	Telephone, Utilities	\$416	\$510	\$900	\$600	-33.3%
100-7000-40.00	Dues and Meetings	\$497	\$304	\$900	\$450	-50.0%
100-7000-40.01	Skiing Program	\$8,922	\$8,574	\$13,000	\$9,000	-30.8%
100-7000-40.02	Cross-Country Skiing Prog.	\$224	\$203	\$150	\$250	66.7%
100-7000-40.03	Adult Programs	\$93	\$0	\$100	\$100	0.0%
100-7000-40.10	Special Events	\$0	\$559	\$600	\$1,200	100.0%
100-7000-50.00	Officials Fees	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	0.0%
100-7000-50.01	Tournaments & Fees	\$1,195	\$1,186	\$1,350	\$1,200	-11.1%
100-7000-50.03	Instructor & Registration	\$1,528	\$1,650	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
100-7000-50.04	Summer Camp Fees	\$868	\$537	\$250	\$1,700	580.0%
100-7000-50.90	Capital Improvements Fund	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%
100-7000-68.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,244	\$4,611	\$8,200	\$6,000	-26.8%
Subtotal Recreation		\$45,102	\$45,766	\$54,378	\$49,871	-8.3%
<b>Treasure Island</b>						
100-7005-10.00	Treasure Island Staff	\$9,950	\$11,950	\$14,130	\$12,500	-11.5%
100-7005-14.00	Social Security-TI	\$761	\$914	\$1,081	\$1,081	0.0%
100-7005-17.00	Property Taxes	\$20,739	\$21,944	\$22,500	\$22,500	0.0%
100-7005-22.00	T.I. Supplies	\$967	\$1,112	\$1,125	\$1,125	0.0%
100-7005-30.00	T.I. Advertising	\$95	\$126	\$100	\$250	150.0%
100-7005-34.00	Treasure Island Telephone	\$0	\$159	\$205	\$200	-2.4%
100-7005-68.00	Facility Maint./Repairs-T	\$6,288	\$7,330	\$7,000	\$7,000	0.0%
100-7005-70.00	Residence Maint./Repairs-	\$2,282	\$3,327	\$2,675	\$2,900	8.4%
100-7005-76.00	Utilities-Treasure Island	\$483	\$407	\$500	\$500	0.0%
100-7005-79.00	Misc. train & certificati	\$200	\$515	\$1,100	\$1,100	0.0%
Subtotal Treasure Island		\$41,764	\$47,782	\$50,416	\$49,156	-2.5%
<b>Total Recreation &amp; Treasure Island</b>		<b>\$86,865</b>	<b>\$93,548</b>	<b>\$104,794</b>	<b>\$99,027</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>

\* New Line Item for 2012

<b>Libraries</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>% Change</b>
100-8000-00.00 Thetford Libraries	\$66,920	\$88,859	\$88,859	\$88,859	0.0%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>					
	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Committees</b>					
100-4000-50.00 Energy Committee	\$663	\$190	\$750	\$750	0.0%
100-6950-20.00 TEN Committee Expense	\$0	\$0	\$400	\$400	0.0%
<b>Health Officer</b>					
100-6140-10.00 Health Officer Wages	\$140	\$122	\$300	\$300	0.0%
100-6140-14.00 Social Security	\$11	\$9	\$23	\$23	0.0%
100-6140-40.00 Dues & Meetings	\$55	\$0	\$75	\$75	0.0%
100-6140-74.00 Travel	\$32	\$44	\$50	\$50	0.0%
<b>Dangerous Buildings</b>					
100-6120-50.00 Dangerous Bldg. Inspector	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500	0.0%
<b>Ambulance</b>					
100-6110-40.00 Upper Valley Ambulance	\$55,580	\$55,580	\$55,580	\$55,580	0.0%
<b>Cemeteries</b>					
100-6820-01.00 Cemeteries-Mowing	\$3,105	\$4,460	\$3,800	\$3,800	0.0%
100-6820-20.00 Cemeteries - Supplies	\$183	\$0	\$200	\$200	0.0%
100-6820-68.00 Repairs	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,200	0.0%
100-9900-01.00 Veterans' Flags	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	0.0%
<b>Scholarships</b>					
100-9900-02.00 Scholarships	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	0.0%
<b>Flood Expense</b>					
100-9900-07.00 Misc. Flood Expense		\$107			
<b>County Tax</b>					
100-9300-00.00 County & Extension Svc.	\$81,896	\$72,602	\$72,422	\$72,602	0.2%
<b>Interest Paid</b>					
100-9150-00.00 Interest on Loans	\$1,499	\$968	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$145,063</b>	<b>\$135,983</b>	<b>\$138,200</b>	<b>\$138,380</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Town Hall - Physical Plant</b>					
	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>% Change</b>
100-3710-10.00 Custodian	\$1,652	\$1,667	\$1,700	\$1,650	-2.9%
100-3710-14.00 Social Security - Custodian	\$126	\$128	\$130	\$126	-2.9%
100-3710-20.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Supp	\$0	\$330	\$900	\$450	-50.0%
100-3710-56.00 Rubbish Removal/Recycling	\$932	\$1,088	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
100-3710-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,912	\$1,478	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%
100-3710-70.00 Grounds Maintenance	\$25	\$107	\$25	\$25	0.0%
100-3710-76.00 Town Hall Utilities	\$6,064	\$7,190	\$5,400	\$7,200	33.3%
100-3710-80.00 Town Hall Alarm Service	\$0	\$329	\$200	\$200	0.0%
100-3710-83.00 Town Hall Phys. Plant Equip.	\$783	\$1,188	\$2,500	\$2,000	-20.0%
100-3710-84.00 Town Hall Fund Contribution	\$2,000	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	0.0%
100-3710-90.00 Town Hall Bond Payment	\$47,175	\$46,050	\$46,050	\$44,892	-2.5%
<b>Town Hall - Physical</b>	<b>\$60,669</b>	<b>\$68,054</b>	<b>\$67,905</b>	<b>\$67,543</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>

<b>Single Year Appropriations</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Actual</b>	<b>2011 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>% Change</b>
100-6900-01.00 Clara Martin Center	\$4,266	\$4,266	\$4,266	\$4,266	0.0%
100-6900-10.00 VNA/VNH	\$11,536	\$11,536	\$11,536	\$11,536	0.0%
100-6900-35.00 ACORN	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	
100-6900-40.00 WR Council on Aging	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	0.0%
100-6900-51.00 Vt. Ctr. for Independent Living	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	0.0%
100-6900-52.00 Central VT Adult Basic Ed	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	0.0%
100-6900-53.00 The Family Place	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	0.0%
100-6900-55.00 Headrest	\$1,564	\$1,564	\$1,564	\$1,564	0.0%
100-6900-56.00 CVCAC	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	
100-6900-57.00 Geo D Aiken CRDC	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	
100-6900-58.00 Orange County Diversion	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	0.0%
100-6900-62.00 Safeline *	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	-100.0%
100-6900-65.00 Vermont Green Up, Inc.	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	0.0%
100-6900-75.00 GMEDC	\$1,392	\$1,390	\$1,390	\$1,294	-6.9%
100-6900-76.00 VT Assn for the Blind	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
100-6900-78.00 Kids Place of Randolph	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	0.0%
100-6900-79.00 VT. Trails and Greenways	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	0.0%
100-6900-80.00 Little Rivers Health Care	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
100-6900-81.00 Orange County Parent Child	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	0.0%
100-6900-82.00 Sustainable Energy Resource Group *	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	-100.0%
100-6900-90.00 Lake Fairlee Association	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%
100-6900-02.00 American Red Cross		\$250	\$250	\$250	0.0%
<b>Total Single Year Appropriations</b>	<b>\$35,213</b>	<b>\$34,561</b>	<b>\$34,561</b>	<b>\$33,165</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>

\* These organizations are warned as separate articles and are not included in this summary

Revenues		2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Request	% Change
<b>100-2000-00.00</b>	<b>Current Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$958,111</b>	<b>\$995,417</b>	<b>\$959,009</b>	<b>\$922,839</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>
<b>Non-Tax Revenues</b>						
100-2000-01.00	Hold Harmless Revenue	\$70,946	\$70,026	\$65,000	\$70,000	7.7%
100-2030-00.00	Interest Delinquent Taxes	\$23,154	\$22,347	\$20,000	\$17,000	-15.0%
100-2040-00.00	School Tax Billing Fee	\$9,000	\$9,579	\$9,150	\$9,600	4.9%
100-2101-00.00	Liquor Taxes	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	0.0%
100-2110-00.00	Dog penalties(late fee)	\$488	\$419	\$1,000	\$500	-50.0%
100-2115-00.00	Dog Fines (tickets)	\$0	\$0	\$25	\$25	0.0%
100-2120-00.00	Dog Licenses	\$2,993	\$3,287	\$3,350	\$3,350	0.0%
100-2121-01.00	Zoning Permits	\$15,963	\$11,524	\$15,000	\$12,000	-20.0%
100-2121-02.00	Subdivision Permits	\$0	\$1,160	\$500	\$1,200	140.0%
100-2211-00.00	Penalty on Taxes	\$17,138	\$17,943	\$20,000	\$16,000	-20.0%
100-2310-00.00	Town Clerk Fees	\$30,530	\$27,071	\$28,000	\$26,000	-7.1%
100-2351-00.00	Use of Town Records	\$393	\$335	\$350	\$350	0.0%
100-2353-00.00	Zoning Material Receipts	\$23	\$15	\$30	\$25	-16.7%
100-2400-00.00	Traffic Fines	\$3,778	\$7,742	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.0%
100-2400-10.00	Police Receipts	\$760	\$254	\$1,000	\$500	-50.0%
100-2630-00.00	Recycling Sticker Revenue	\$12,190	\$10,118	\$9,000	\$10,000	11.1%
100-2634-02.00	Recycling Receipts	\$8,583	\$13,604	\$7,000	\$10,000	42.9%
100-2682-00.01	Cemetery Receipts	\$0	\$120	\$0	\$0	
100-2690-00.00	Sale Town Owned Property	\$225	\$175	\$0	\$0	
100-2700-00.00	Treasure Island Receipts	\$20,634	\$22,246	\$20,000	\$22,000	10.0%
100-2750-00.00	Recreation Receipts	\$22,521	\$22,414	\$25,000	\$22,000	-12.0%
100-2800-00.00	Insurance refunds	\$60	\$0	\$0	\$0	
100-2930-00.00	Bank Interest	\$2,911	\$1,840	\$2,000	\$1,600	-20.0%
100-2985-00.00	Flood Cont-Water Res.	\$3,675	\$3,675	\$3,675	\$3,675	0.0%
100-2987-00.00	Forest & Parks Tax	\$21	\$21	\$21	\$21	0.0%
100-2988-00.00	Railroad Tax	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$3,000	100.0%
100-2989-00.00	PILOT Revenues	\$8,625	\$8,407	\$8,500	\$8,500	0.0%
100-2990-00.00	Miscellaneous Receipts	\$87	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	
<b>Subtotal Non-Tax Revenue</b>		<b>\$254,898</b>	<b>\$255,521</b>	<b>\$246,301</b>	<b>\$243,546</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>

Highways	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Request	% Change
<b>Non-tax Revenue</b>					
200-2232-00.00 State Highway Aid	\$128,934	\$128,781	\$128,000	\$131,872	3.0%
200-2240-00.00 Other Grant Receipts	\$73,000	\$13,500	\$100,000	\$95,000	-5.0%
200-2250-00.00 FEMA/FHA Flood Repair		\$22,799			
200-2509-00.00 Highway Receipts		\$3,900			
200-2542-00.00 Sale of Town Equipment	\$141	\$150			
200-2600-00.00 Insurance Claims Receipts	\$0	\$13,640			
200-2700-10.00 Overweight Permit Fees	\$465	\$520			
200-2990-00.00 Misc. Receipts	\$69				
Previous Year Surplus Applied			\$20,000		
Subtotal Non-Tax Revenue	\$202,610	\$183,294	\$248,000	\$226,872	-8.5%
<b>Tax Revenue</b>					
200-2000-00.00 Current Tax Levy-Highway	\$468,000	\$442,572	\$442,572	\$456,487	3.1%
<b>Total Highway Revenue</b>	<b>\$670,610</b>	<b>\$625,866</b>	<b>\$690,572</b>	<b>\$683,359</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
200-5000 HIGHWAY WAGES					
200-5000-10.00 Highway Wages	\$172,265	\$148,259	\$171,396	\$177,299	3.4%
200-5000-11.00 Highway Dept Overtime	\$13,187	\$26,229	\$18,000	\$20,000	11.1%
200-5100-05.01 Retirement	\$7,459	\$6,798	\$7,537	\$7,537	0.0%
200-5100-15.00 Hwy Benefits	\$58,233	\$59,037	\$63,027	\$53,948	-14.4%
200-5100-15.01 Social Security	\$14,876	\$14,016	\$14,412	\$15,093	4.7%
200-5100-17.03 Clothing Exp. - Highway	\$2,812	\$2,955	\$3,500	\$3,000	-14.3%
200-5100-20.00 Office Supplies	\$126	\$0	\$0	\$0	
200-5100-34.00 Telephone	\$714	\$871	\$1,500	\$1,000	-33.3%
200-5100-36.00 Radio Maintenance	\$2,156	\$744	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%
200-5100-40.00 Dues and Meetings	\$681	\$269	\$1,300	\$1,300	0.0%
New Line Item- PACIF Liability, Unemployment, & WC				\$23,381	
200-5110-22.00 Maint. Supplies	\$50,105	\$47,900	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.0%
200-5120-22.00 Repave/ditch/culvert/shoulder	\$111,067	\$0	\$150,000	\$95,000	-36.7%
200-5120-50.00 Hwy Structures Expense ***	\$63,400	\$18,928	\$0	\$15,000	
200-5130-56.00 Resurfacing Supplies-grav	\$16,686	\$26,916	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.0%
200-5150-22.00 Flood Repairs		\$123,612			
200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies	\$36,109	\$94,504	\$80,000	\$67,000	-16.3%
200-5240-56.00 Other Bridge Expenses		\$14,140			
200-5280-00.00 Streetlights	\$5,857	\$5,146	\$4,400	\$4,200	-4.5%
200-5310-22.00 Garage Supplies	\$2,496	\$3,638	\$2,500	\$3,000	20.0%
200-5310-56.00 Rubbish Removal - Garage	\$477	\$705	\$500	\$700	40.0%
200-5310-68.00 Garage Repairs/Equip./Maint.	\$5,146	\$3,950	\$8,000	\$5,900	-26.3%
200-5310-76.00 Garage Utilities	\$4,200	\$5,809	\$4,000	\$5,000	25.0%
200-5310-80.00 Alarm Service	\$1,002	\$632	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%
200-5330-20.00 Transportation Fuel	\$36,936	\$74,081	\$38,000	\$50,000	31.6%
New Line Item - Vehicle Oil				\$5,000	
200-5330-22.00 Vehicle supplies	\$26	\$0	\$0	\$0	
200-5330-56.00 Equipment	\$7,432	\$490	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.0%
200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance & Rep	\$33,632	\$48,366	\$35,000	\$42,000	20.0%
200-5610-22.00 Highway Signs	\$2,393	\$0	\$3,500	\$4,000	14.3%
200-5100-38.00 GIS Road Data Survey		\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%
<b>Total Highway Expenditures</b>	<b>\$649,473</b>	<b>\$727,995</b>	<b>\$690,572</b>	<b>\$683,359</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>



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## TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2011

### Significant Accounting Policies:

#### A. Financial Reporting Entity:

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

#### B. Fund Accounting:

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

##### I. 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. Capital Project Funds:

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

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

#### I. Measurement Focus:

All 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.

#### 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 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.

**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, 2011, the Town's long-term debt consisted of six notes payable and one bond payable:

- To State of Vermont, interest at 2.0%, annual principal payments of \$6,348.00 plus \$381 interest due December 31, 2012, total balance due \$12,696.
- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$19,100 plus \$1,910 interest due 2014 total balance due \$76,400.
- 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 \$330,000.

- To John Deere Credit, interest at 4.5%, annual principal payments of \$35,927 plus \$5,182 interest due October 29, 2013, total balance due \$76,883.
- To FSF, annual principal payments of \$53,505 plus interest of \$7,220 due December 2013 total balance due \$167,533 (This piece of debt is in the name of the Thetford Volunteer Fire Dept., but paid for by the Town of Thetford).
- To Ford Motor Credit principal payments of \$4,746 plus interest \$698 through July 20012 balance due \$5,082.64 Total balance due \$5082
- To John Deere Credit, interest @ 3.8% annual principal payment of \$42,564 plus \$11,656 interest due October 2016. Total balance due \$240,000

The total amount of long-term debt is \$829,641

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

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

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

### FARM TRUST

Established initially by Anna Poore, the Farm Trust provides emergency funds where needed.

Original investment – 12/4/57 -	\$4,001.07
12/17/10 – 33,069.30 shares of Puritan Fund	\$586,980.08
12/31/11 – 33,705.399 shares of Puritan Fund	\$596,248.51
December 31, 2010 cash on hand	\$1,821.38
1/31/11 – Deposit from sale of 549.753 shares	\$10,000.00
1/27/11 – Cemetery Maintenance	(520.00)
11/18/11 – Thetford Emergency Fund	(7250.00)
Bank interest	\$15.48
Cash balance as of 12/31/11	\$4,066.86

### CEMETERY TRUST

Established by funds left by Anna Poore

Original investment – 12/4/57 -	\$1,300.20
12/17/10 – 1,094.67 shares Puritan Fund	19,430.39
1/24/11 – Sold 549.753 shares	(10,000.00)
12/31/11 – 555.399 shares Puritan Fund	\$9825.01
Cash on hand as of 12/31/10	\$626.89
Bank Interest	\$2.58
Cash on hand as of 12/31/11	\$629.47

## LATHAM LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Started anonymously on 3/10/89, the fund, as of 12/31/11, has a **value of \$ 210,026.75**.

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

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

During 2011, the fund distributed four (4) scholarships for a total of \$8,000.00. Awards are usually for \$2,000.00 per year for 4 years. Since its inception, the fund has awarded a total of **\$77,000.00** in scholarships.

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

GOVERNMENTAL CAPITAL ASSETS						
December 31, 2011						
Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost	Item	Department	Date Acquired
2010 Freightliner	Highway	11/19/2009	116,368	Pedestrian Path	General	N/A
2007 International	Highway	3/9/2007	119,649	Academy Road	Highway	9/30/2009
2007 Freightliner Body	Highway	9/13/2006	103,875	Latham Road	Highway	8/3/2005
2002 Ford 550	Highway	11/5/2001	54,499	Godfrey Road	Highway	9/7/2005
2006 Freightliner Body	Highway	10/11/2005	91,689	Tucker Hill Road	Highway	10/5/2005
2011 John Deere Grader	Highway	7/6/2011	272,500	Robinson Hill and Barker	Highway	11/1/2004
Thawer Pressure Washer	Highway	9/18/2005	5,096	Quail John Road	Highway	9/8/2010
Diesel Tank-2000 Gallon	Highway	11/10/2005	4,915	Stowell Road Bridge	Highway	6/30/2004
Yamaha Generator	Highway	6/30/2003	15,000	Tucker Hill Bridge	Highway	11/30/2004
Wisconsin Equipment Trailer	Highway	6/30/1988	10,000	Treasure Island Residence Roof	Recreation	12/31/2005
York Road Rake	Highway	6/30/1999	5,500	Land - Treasure Island	Recreation	9/30/1972
2008 John Deere Backhoe	Highway	9/16/2008	98,500	Land - Turnpike Road South	Conservation	
2009 John Deere Loader	Highway	9/16/2008	118,500	Land - Town Garage	N/A	6/30/1935
2006 John Deere Tractor	Highway	4/14/2006	60,750	Land - Town Hall	N/A	N/A
Diamond mower	Highway	7/19/2006	35,409	Land - Recycling Ctr.	N/A	6/30/2004
Sweepster broom	Highway	7/19/2006	6,500	Land - Town Forest	N/A	4/24/1905
Valby Farmy Chipper	Highway	7/19/2006	14,070	Land - Stowell Road	N/A	6/30/1950
Schraeder Air Compressor	Highway	2/24/2010	2,456	Land - Fire Training Center	N/A	6/30/1957
2009 Chevy Impala	Police	2/27/2009	19,275	Land - Elementary School Site	N/A	6/30/1961
2009 Chevy Impala	Police	7/27/2009	19,238	Land - School Leach Field	N/A	6/30/1974
2005 Chevy Impala	Police	5/12/2005	18,332	Land - T & J Taylor Property	N/A	6/30/1997
Army Cots	Emerg.Mgmt.	8/19/2010	1,207	Land - Hughes (Center Common)	N/A	6/30/1998
Computers	General	10/21/2010	11,443	Land - Uihlein Property (Turnpike Road)	N/A	
Roller Shelves	General	10/9/2010	4,800	Land - Decola Property (Cranberry Hill)	N/A	6/30/2005
Copier	General	2/13/2009	3,695	Land - Poor Farm Rd. Nature Cons.)	N/A	6/30/2004
Copier	General	6/30/2003	3,500	Land - Sawnee Bean Cemetery	N/A	
Police Radios	Police	5/11/2005	10,492	Land - Judd Cemetery	N/A	
Mobile Data Computers (2)	Police	6/5/2009	8,691	Land - Trussell Road	N/A	
Town Hall	General	6/30/2003	681,770	Land - East Thetford Cemetery	N/A	
Generator E.Mgt.	General	12/31/2009	52,123	Land - Thetford Hill Common	N/A	
Generator Town Hall	General	8/28/2008	10,273	Land - Rice's Mills Cemetery	N/A	
Highway Garage Salt Shed	Highway	6/30/1974	44,060	Land - Kinney Cemetery	N/A	
Treasure Island-Original Buildings	Recreation	9/30/1972	36,900	Land - Follett Cemetery	N/A	
Treasure Island Facilities	Recreation		0	Land - Post Mills Green	N/A	
Treasure Island Shop/Crafts	Recreation		0	Land - Thetford Cemeter Cemetery	N/A	
Recycling Container	Recycling	10/15/2010	4,600	Land - Poor Farm Road So.	N/A	6/30/1994
Recycling Center Shed	Solid Waste	6/30/1993	5,414	Land - Post Mills Conservation Area	Conservation	
				Land - Potato Hill Road South		
				<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>3,112,889</b>

**BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	GENERAL FUND	HIGHWAY FUND	HWY. EQUIP. FUND	FIRE EQUIP. FUND	OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	TOTAL
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>						
Investment in Cash Management Pool	714,605	46,034	47,053	62,658	217,459	1,087,809
Receivables	165,917	134,839	0	0	499,385	800,141
Prepaid Expenses	3,420	0	0	0	0	3,420
Inventory	0	22,414	0	0	0	22,414
Total Assets	883,942	203,287	47,053	62,658	716,844	1,913,784
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>						
Liabilities	707,412	161,041	0	0	514,563	1,383,016
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Unreserved-Designated	176,530	42,246	47,053	62,658	202,281	530,768
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	883,942	203,287	47,053	62,658	716,844	1,913,784



**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 1/1/11	\$1,063.711	Grave upkeep and floral pieces - Donated
Interest Accrued	<u>1.89</u>	

Balance on hand 12/31/11     \$1,065.60                             Jill Graff, Town Treasurer



**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	General Fund	Highway Fund	Hwy. Equip. Fund	Fire Equip. Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>						
Property Taxes	995,417	442,572	85,000	61,000	4,000	1,587,989
Penalties and Interest	40,709	0	0	0	0	40,709
Intergovernmental Revenues	82,129	165,080	0	0	13,725	260,934
Charges for Services	81,595	0	0	0	2,705	84,300
Investment Income	1,840	4	66	109	275	2,294
Fines and Forfeits	7,742	0	0	0	0	7,742
Licenses and Permits	26,289	520	0	0	0	26,809
Other Revenue	15,217	17,690	0	0	0	32,907
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,250,938</b>	<b>625,866</b>	<b>85,066</b>	<b>61,109</b>	<b>20,705</b>	<b>2,043,684</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>						
Current:						
General Government	580,500	0	0	0	66,841	647,341
Highway and Streets	0	728,366	0	0	7,823	736,189
Public Safety	375,092	0	0	0	0	375,092
Recreation	93,548	0	0	0	0	93,548
Solid Waste and Recycling	52,996	0	0	0	0	52,996
Cemetery	5,460	0	0	0	0	5,460
Capital Outlay:						
General Government	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solid Waste and Recycling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Highway and Streets	0	0	240,000	0	0	240,000
Debt Service:						
Principal	30,000	0	61,375	53,505	4,746	149,626
Interest	16,050	0	6,965	7,220	698	30,933
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,153,646</b>	<b>728,366</b>	<b>308,340</b>	<b>60,725</b>	<b>80,108</b>	<b>2,331,185</b>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues						
Over Expenditures	97,292	(102,500)	(223,273)	383	(59,403)	(287,501)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):						
Proceeds from Sale of Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Long Term Debt	0	0	240,000	0	0	240,000
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	(40,000)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>240,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>240,000</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances	57,292	(102,500)	16,727	383	(19,403)	(47,501)
Fund Balances – December 31, 2010	119,238	144,746	30,326	62,275	186,831	543,416
<b>Fund Balances – December 31, 2011</b>	<b>176,530</b>	<b>42,246</b>	<b>47,053</b>	<b>62,658</b>	<b>167,428</b>	<b>495,915</b>

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES														
SPECIAL FUNDS														
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011														
	Cruiser	Restoration	Recycling	Energy	Bridges	Conservation	Reappraisal	Town Hall	Planning Consulting	Lister Education	Rec. Capital Improvement	Rec. Park	Police Sm. Equip.	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>														
Intergovernmental							13,328			397				13,725
Investment	14	14	53		28	30	92	6	20		16		3	276
Trust Contribution														
Fund Revenue														
Donations				42										42
Charges for Services		2,706												2,706
Property Taxes					4,000									4,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>4,028</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>13,420</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20,749</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>														
Current														
General Government		3,919					57,477	3,812	1,559	75				66,842
Highway					7,823									7,823
Public Safety	5,444													5,444
Solid Waste														
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>5,444</b>	<b>3,919</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,823</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57,477</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80,109</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>														
Transfer in	10,000	2,000	5,000			5,000		8,500	5,000		3,000		1,500	40,000
Transfer out														
<b>Total Other Financing</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>40,000</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance	4,570	801	5,053	42	(3,795)	5,030	(44,057)	4,694	3,461	322	3,016	0	1,503	(19,360)
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/10</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>33,515</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>22,374</b>	<b>21,526</b>	<b>71,025</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>7,204</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>9,522</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>2,178</b>	<b>186,831</b>
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/11</b>	<b>12,137</b>	<b>9,701</b>	<b>38,568</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>18,579</b>	<b>26,556</b>	<b>26,968</b>	<b>6,528</b>	<b>10,665</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>12,538</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>3,681</b>	<b>167,471</b>

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES													
GRANTS													
For the Year Ending December 31, 2011													
	Town Plan	Trails	Homeland Security	T.E.N.	Community Development	Whip	Weatherization	Weatherization Incentives	Wetland Mapping	LED	Garden Grant	Sidewalk Grant	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>													
Intergovernmental Investment													
Grant Revenue	1,867	39,073	6,433	1,000			3,000	4,300	4,926	4,300		21,000	56,299
Property Taxes													29,600
Trust Contribution													
Fund Revenue													
Donations				2,373									
Charges for Services													
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>39,073</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>4,926</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>88,272</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>													
Current													
General Government	1,867	39,073		2,250	4,778		3,000	4,069	4,926	1,000			60,963
Highway													
Public Safety			6,433										6,433
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>39,073</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>4,778</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>4,069</b>	<b>4,926</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,396</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>(4,778)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,876</b>
Other Financing Sources													
Transfer in													
<b>Total Other Financing</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Net Change in Fund Balance				1,123	(4,778)		-	231	-	3,300		21,000	20,876
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,975</b>	<b>8,843</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,933</b>
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,098</b>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>34,809</b>

**COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	Town Hall Fund	Bridge Fund	Cruiser Fund	Recycling Fund	Recreation Fund
Expenditures:					
Capital Outlay	3,412	7,823	0	0	0
General Government	400	0	0	0	0
Public Safety	0	0	5,444	0	0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,812</b>	<b>7,823</b>	<b>5,444</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Other Financing Sources:					
Transfers in	8,500	0	10,000	5,000	3,000
Investment Income	6	28	14	53	16
Property Taxes	0	4,000	0	0	0
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>-3,795</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>5,053</b>	<b>3,016</b>
Fund Balance December 31, 2010	1,834	22,374	7,567	33,515	9,522
<b>Fund Balance December 31, 2011</b>	<b>6,528</b>	<b>18,579</b>	<b>12,137</b>	<b>38,568</b>	<b>12,568</b>

Capital Equipment Funds

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<b>Highway Vehicle Fund</b>																					
Added to fund	42,000	85,000	109,000	113,860	117,894	122,610	127,515	132,615	137,920	143,437	149,174	155,141	161,347	167,800	174,513	181,493	188,753	196,303	204,155	212,321	220,814
Spent from fund	90,540	68,340	122,051	115,195	87,875	103,975	137,133	117,396	136,608	122,436	125,643	164,523	151,017	131,805	131,805	145,686	122,730	254,886	254,886	254,886	297,057
Highway balance as of Dec 31	30,326	47,053	34,473	32,983	63,332	82,601	73,808	89,766	91,975	113,895	138,565	130,568	142,203	179,621	224,125	262,173	330,818	275,543	227,568	187,279	112,910
<b>Fire Vehicle Fund</b>																					
Added to fund	123,000	61,109	63,000	64,890	66,837	68,842	70,907	73,034	75,225	77,482	79,807	82,201	84,667	87,207	89,823	92,518	95,293	98,152	101,097	104,129	107,253
Spent from fund	60,725	60,725	60,726	60,726	60,217	60,217	60,217	60,217	60,217	60,445	70,445	70,445	70,445	85,708	85,708	85,708	85,708	185,973	100,266	100,266	100,266
Fire balance as of Dec 31	62,275	62,659	64,933	69,097	75,717	84,341	95,031	107,849	52,412	59,448	68,809	80,565	94,786	96,285	100,400	107,210	116,796	28,974	29,805	33,669	40,656
<b>Police Vehicle Fund</b>																					
Added to fund	10,000	10,000	12,500	12,750	13,005	13,265	13,530	13,801	14,077	14,359	14,646	14,939	15,237	15,542	15,853	16,170	16,493	16,823	17,160	17,503	17,853
Spent from fund	5,541	5,444	11,674	6,232	12,972	12,972	6,740	14,322	7,582	15,782	15,782	8,200	17,425	9,224	19,202	19,202	9,977	21,200	11,223	23,362	23,362
Police balance as of Dec 31	7,567	12,137	12,963	19,482	19,515	19,808	26,698	26,077	32,572	31,149	30,012	36,750	34,563	40,880	37,532	34,500	41,017	36,640	42,577	36,718	31,210
<b>Highway</b>																					
Tractor - 12 yrs 06, 18	21,692																				
Truck 1 F550 - 10 yrs 02, 12					14,172	14,172	14,172	14,172	14,172	14,172	14,172	19,212	19,212	20,977	20,977	20,977	20,977				30,760
Truck 2 10WL - 10 yrs 05, 15						35,583	35,583	35,583	35,583	35,583											
Truck 3 6WL - 10 yrs 07, 17	6,729	6,602	6,475					34,484	34,484	34,484	34,484	34,484									
Truck 4 6WL - 10 yrs 09, 19	21,010	20,628	20,246	19,864	19,482																
Truck 5 6WL - 10 yrs 06, 16							33,157	33,157	33,157	33,157											
Grader - 15 yrs 10, 25			54,220	54,221	54,221	54,221	54,221														
Backhoe - 12 yrs 09, 21	20,555	20,555	20,555	20,555								36,019	36,019	36,019	36,019	36,019					
Loader - 12 yrs 09, 21	20,555	20,555	20,555	20,555								36,019	36,019	36,019	36,019	36,019					
<b>Fire</b>																					
2 Pump/Tankers - 18 yrs 05, 91																					
2 Pump/Tankers - 18 yrs 09, 99	60,725	60,725	60,726	60,726																	
<b>Police</b>																					
EQ2	5,541	5,444	5,442	6,232	6,740	6,740	6,740	6,740	7,582	8,200	8,200	8,200	8,200	9,224	9,977	9,977	9,977	9,977	9,977	9,977	12,139
EQ1			6,232	6,232	6,232	6,232		7,582	7,582	7,582	7,582		9,224	9,224	9,224	9,224	11,223	11,223	11,223	11,223	11,223

**DELINQUENT TAX LIST**

As of December 31, 2011

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	TOTAL
Bailey, Agnes	855.88					855.88
Bailey, Archie			453.25			453.25
Bailey, Archie			1,464.24			1,464.24
Bailey, Archie		614.01				614.01
Bailey, Warren & Florence	938.62	1,691.08				2,629.70
Banios, Philip Jr.	3,309.32	1,070.75				4,380.07
Berecz, Thomas & Diane	3,161.10	3,110.37				6,271.47
Bowen, Brian	855.19					855.19
Braley, George & Linda	6,827.05	7,068.39				13,895.44
Cummings Estate	926.47					926.47
Davidonis, Theresa	1,816.68	1,673.20				3,489.88
Downing, Marjorie	1,449.35					1,449.35
Dunbar, Brandy/Little, Jeremiah	2,152.82					2,152.82
Dunnet Seth & Heather	4,081.64					4,081.64
Follensbee, Shane & Susan	2,719.12					2,719.12
Guyer, Paula & William	1,252.50	1,053.84				2,306.34
Howard, Adam & Theresa	1,558.66					1,558.66
Howe, Kimberly & Matthew	1,957.13					1,957.13
Howe, Wanda & Matthew	530.23					530.25
Hurt, James	1,139.35					1,139.35
Johnson Trust	826.94					* 826.94
Jordan, William	5,090.16		445.50	5,052.17		10,587.83
Labutti, B	1,510.84					1,510.84
Manning, Arvin & Dyke, Patty	4,250.14	4,152.11	759.33			9,161.58
Martin, Patricia	1,810.76					1,810.76
Mitchell, Joseph	976.38					976.38
Niffka, Walter	3,743.73	69.64				3,813.37
Parker, Martin & Tammy	1,849.32	1,819.64	1,768.25		541.45	5,978.66
Pompy Press	1,761.22	1,151.57				2,912.79
Race Robert & Lillian	2,166.94	2,072.07	2,716.41			6,955.42
Rice, Susanne	13.78					* 13.78
Santor, Allen	1,801.99	2,812.35	1,859.71			6,474.05
Slack, Jennifer	1,997.67					1,997.67
Small, Jr. Henry	3,173.14	3,144.83	2,838.15			* 9156.12
Smith, Brian	1,483.95					1,483.95
Southworth, Chad	3,200.12					3,200.12
Stearns, Wayne & Darcy	2,507.30					* 2,507.30

Swasey, Wayne & Monica	1,114.93					1,114.93
Telephone Operating			12.88			12.88
Tucker, Melanie	750.76					750.76
Tyler, Hillary	1,208.76	2,555.84	651.61			4,416.41
Whitman, Norbert	1,631.78					1,631.78
		34,059.6	12,969.5	5,052.1	541.4	131,024.5
<b>TOTALS</b>	78,401.72	9	3	7	5	6
*Paid in full by 1/31/12						





**TAX BILLING RECONCILIATION**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2011**

	<b>Amount</b>
Adjusted Billings per Tax Book	6,790,638
Amount of Taxes for School - Paid/Accrued	(4,137,665)
Education Tax Payments Pd to School by State	(1,028,470)
Education Billing Fee Retained by the Town	(9,579)
Highway Fund Taxes	(442,572)
Highway Equipment Fund Taxes	(85,000)
Fire Equipment Fund Taxes	(61,000)
Article 10 Taxes	(33,600)
General Fund Surplus Taxes	(15,000)
Town Taxes	(977,752)
Difference	0.00

**Estimated Tax Rates for 2012**  
**Using 2011 Grand List**

<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>2011 Grand List</b>	<b>2012 Tax Rate Est.</b>	<b>2011 Tax Rate</b>	<b>2010 Tax Rate</b>	<b>2009 Tax Rate</b>	<b>2008 Tax Rate</b>
General Fund						
\$922,839	\$3,131,290	0.2947	0.3063	0.3056	0.2768	0.2800
Highway Fund						
\$456,487	\$3,131,290	0.1458	0.1413	0.1501	0.1779	0.1768
Articles						
\$238,350	\$3,131,290	0.0761	0.0669	0.0579	0.0714	0.0753
<b>Total Municipal</b>						
\$1,617,676	\$3,131,290	0.5166	0.5145	0.5136	0.5261	0.5321

% Change from previous year                      0.41%      0.18%      -2.38%      -1.13%

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

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Treasurer's Office is responsible for all accounting functions of the town. This involves investing town money, keeping a record of taxes voted and paid, and paying bills when orders to do so are properly submitted. The primary function of the treasurer is to keep the accounts of the town from the moment the money is collected to the moment it is paid out. Payroll, benefits and all property taxes are also administered through this office.

We are currently managing 25 funds which include 8 grants and 15 special funds in addition to the General and Highway Funds. The General Fund ended the year with a surplus of \$57,292 which resulted in a fund balance of \$176,530. Due mostly because of the damage from Hurricane Irene, the Highway Department ended the year with a deficit of \$102,500 bringing that fund balance down to \$42,246. We expect to recover most of this loss through Federal Highway Aid. We have already received over \$25,000 from FEMA.

In addition to the town finances, we also handle the cash flow for the Thetford School District. We make their deposits and sign all checks processed for the school. All in all, over \$10,000,000 passed through our office. This includes state payments, grants, and all other revenues in addition to property taxes.

We hope you will find the time to review the financial reports. It is a pleasure to work closely with the Selectboard and department heads who review their budgets on a regular basis and have worked hard to stay within these budgets.

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

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

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Graff, Treasurer  
Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Treasurer

**COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT**

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

The following is a breakout of the delinquent tax activity for 2011:

Delinquent Taxes as of 1/01/11	\$147,515.22
2011 Taxes Delinquent 10/18/11	+ \$199,098.33
Total Delinquencies	\$346,613.55
Delinquent Taxes collected	- <u>\$215,588.99</u>
Delinquent Taxes 12/31/11	\$131,024.56
Delinquent Tax Collected	\$215,588.99
Interest Collected	\$ 18,834.86
Penalty Collected	<u>\$ 16,288.05</u>
Total Amount Collected	\$250,711.90

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Graff  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

**\* NOTES \***

***ANNUAL REPORTS***

***2011***

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and  
STATE ORGANIZATIONS***

## THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2011 marked the town's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Charter, and the Historical Society was honored to take the lead role in celebrating this milestone and promoting Thetford's colorful past. A rundown of the year's events is included in an accompanying article.

In addition to anniversary activities, the Society sponsored a number of programs and activities throughout the year. Our Barn Museum, located just up the hill from Garey Road on Route 113, was again open for five Sundays in August and September... sort of. Inclement weather forced the cancellation of our ever-popular Lyme Band concert (who can really fault the trombone section for their reluctance to play during a lightning storm?). The following week, Tropical Storm Irene washed out our program on Abenaki Life with Nate Pero. We will do our best to reschedule both these events in 2012. Our remaining programs at the barn featured Dartmouth professor Jere Daniell, speaking about what Thetford would have been like around the time of our charter. Our second annual Pie Contest was a resounding success, and was as much fun for pie bakers as it was for pie tasters. Our final program of the season, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, was a Vermont Humanities program featuring law professor Richard Hesse, who spoke on Civil Liberties and National Security, and how the events of 9/11 changed the way we live today.

The Society sponsored two additional public programs of local interest. The first featured author and Army Chaplain Kenneth Lawson on his biography of Brigadier General Gustavus Loomis, who had an extraordinary military career that spanned nearly 60 years. Loomis was a Thetford native and an early graduate of West Point, Class of 1811. His father, Beriah Loomis, was a founding member of the Thetford Congregational Church. Those in attendance at this talk (which was held in the Church sanctuary) were fascinated to learn about a remarkable individual who would have himself attended Asa Burton's worship services in the same location as a young man, more than 200 years before.

Our second public program was held in North Thetford and featured author Judith Edwards, who read from her book, *Invasion on the Mountain*, a fictionalized account of a young boy becoming acquainted with the inhabitants of a newly-established CCC Camp on Mount Ascutney. Edwards and the Historical Society had information and photographs on display that featured Thetford's own CCC Camp, which was located on Latham Road. Members of that camp worked on flood control projects, reforestation and invasives control, and built the Thetford Hill State Park.

The Society continues to support the study of history in local schools, and this fall provided an exhibit in the lobby of the Elementary School on Thetford's one-room schoolhouses, for Vermont Geography Week. The official Vermont celebration was held in Thetford, and we were happy to participate in a small way, giving students and adults a glimpse into local school life in years past.

We wish to acknowledge the departure of three members of our board of trustees: Joe Deffner, Arnold Hawk, and Martha Wiencke. We thank them for their dedicated service and hope that they continue to be involved, to the extent that time permits. We welcome three new board members: Steve Niederhauser, Keith Waterman, and Sally Duston.

Please visit our website, [www.thetfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.thetfordhistoricalsociety.org), to learn more about Thetford's history, check out fascinating photos, learn about our archives and collections, and explore ways to become involved. Open hours and upcoming events are also listed online.

Martha Howard, Director, Thetford Historical Society, 802-785-2068, [info@thetfordhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@thetfordhistoricalsociety.org)

## HISTORICAL ARTICLE

### 250th Celebration

This year has been a busy year for the Thetford Historical Society. 2011 was the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Charter for our town. In celebration of our town's birthday, we helped with several town wide functions.

We started off with a "Run for History." A group of hard working volunteers arranged a fun-filled 5K course for runners and walkers alike, which included 50 facts about the history of Thetford. At the end of the course a test was given which added or subtracted minutes from the participant's time. About 150 runners and walkers completed the course, and many more enjoyed the events on the Green.

Next we held an old fashioned "Old Home Day" in Thetford Center. There were contests, rides, history exhibits, cemetery quests, walking tours, an auction, and lots of great food. It was a resounding success!

On Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, the day the Charter was signed back in 1761, we rang the bells 250 times at each of our churches and at Thetford Academy, at 2:50 pm. Later, the town gathered on the front lawn of the Academy for a town photograph. That evening, guests watched the first of three performances of the "Thetford Pageant". This was an updated remake of the original pageant from 1911. After the show there was an awesome display of fireworks for all to enjoy.

We setup a timeline of the history of Thetford that tracked the growth and development of this area from the early Abenaki to modern day. The timeline was displayed at several of the events around town and enjoyed by many people.

TA 2011 graduate Erika McCormick designed our official 250<sup>th</sup> logo, which featured a covered bridge, water-powered mill, a village church, and a mix of open and forested hills. The logo was featured prominently on publicity materials and commemorative items, such as t-shirts, hats, and tote bags. The Historical Society also designed and sold a woven cotton coverlet that featured local landmarks past and present, and a town map showing Thetford's 15 school districts.

The THS put together and published a wonderful book, *Fifty for 250 - An Anthology of Thetford's History*. It contains stories by a number of Thetford authors and is a great addition to any library. The book was submitted to the Vermont Historical Society for consideration and was given a 2011 Award of Merit in the Publications/Oral History category. Copies are available through the Historical Society.

Thank you,

Marshall Van Norden  
President THS

## THETFORD HILL PARISH PLAYERS

Parish Players, Thetford's community theatre group since the mid-1960's, performs at the Grange, near the top of Thetford Hill.

It is proud to announce that it won its second award from the Owl Award for best show of the year for Alan Gelfant's production of William Inge's Last Pad.

In February, Parish Players hosted its popular Ten Minute Play Festival of original works, and in April, Ray Chapin directed Annie Baker's Body Awareness.

During the summer, for Thetford's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in co-sponsorship with Parish Players and the Thetford Historical Society, Parish Player's board member, Laura Shepard, adapted, directed and produced The Pageant of Thetford, an adaptation of the celebrated 1911 pageant, containing scenes of Thetford history played by over 40 Thetford residents. The pageant contained over 20 kids and teenagers whose performances were adapted over the summer in a workshop atmosphere using improvisational techniques. While the show was anchored and supported by several Parish Players regulars, Parish Players was pleased to have this opportunity to engage many new community members into the theatre.

Parish Players also assisted with the community production of weatherization skits for Thetford's first annual Home Expo show in November. As well, it continues to help local schools and volunteer groups with loans for costumes and props.

A reminder that the first Tuesday of every month is improv night at the Grange. All are welcome. Anyone interested in assisting with a production of Parish Players should contact [pancho@parishplayers.org](mailto:pancho@parishplayers.org). All auditions are open to the public and we welcome programming ideas. See you at the theatre!



## AMERICAN LEGION POST #79 OF THETFORD

Post #79 is a service organization. We help our fellow veterans, their families and the community at large. We speak at schools on flag etiquette, participate in parades carrying our National Colors and provide gravesite services for fallen comrades.

Our meeting house is located on Thetford Hill across from the elementary school. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm, except during January and February. Our Post welcomes all veterans who served honorably during all wars and conflicts.

This year we had three members pass away. Bernard Godfrey, Tom Webb and Robert Baker served their country and our American Legion with honor and dedication. They will be greatly missed.

Commander: Raymond "Fred" Adams 649-3468

Adjutant: Rob Ward 333-9381



Santa's Post Mills Outpost

## UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

To the Citizens of Thetford,

We are pleased to present our 21<sup>st</sup> annual report. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has provided emergency ambulance service to Thetford residents since July 1, 1990. This past year, UVA responded to 148 emergency calls in 2011. Of these, 49 calls (32%) resulted in no patient being transported. There is a significant cost associated with having an ambulance available to respond to medical requests. When a patient is not transported, no bill is generated to help offset those costs.

From a business perspective, 2011 has been an extremely challenging year for the EMS industry as a whole. Fixed fee schedule reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payers continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. The difficult economy has affected us in numerous ways. The number of residents with no health insurance coverage has grown dramatically, making it difficult for people to pay their ambulance bills. Staffing issues plague many rural services such as ours. Most employees are working more than one job, or travelling great distances as the number of qualified personnel available to work is well below the need.

We expect 2012 to bring new challenges. Effective January 1, without Congress intervening, Medicare rates are slated to decrease by 5%. With Vermont's projected budget deficit, and implementation of a Single Payer system, further cuts in our reimbursement rate can't be ruled out. New EMS rules which expand the training and recertification requirements may further erode our shrinking pool of EMS providers. All of these changes have forced us to postpone equipment upgrades and reduce our staffing levels.

Despite the uncertainty of the financial landscape, there will be no increase in our per capita charge, which will remain at \$20.00/per capita. We will continue to search for grants, donations, and any other funding sources to help us maintain our goal of excellent public service.

Many of you may not be familiar with our Subscription Service., and we want that to change. The yearly membership fee of \$45 per household, entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications with more information are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee. We will be sending information on this program to every household this spring.

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

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

Sincerely,

Larry Lancaster  
Chair

## **ELIZABETH MINE REMEDIATION PROJECT**

Substantial progress was made at the Elizabeth Mine in 2011. The final cover system was installed over 22 acres of TP-1 and TP-2. The remaining 24 acres of cover system will be installed in 2012. The buildings that had begun to collapse were demolished to allow for the removal of the waste rock from that area. The foundations for these buildings remain.

The water quality data continues to show dramatic reduction in the release of acidity and copper from the former TP-3 waste area. The pH measured at station CB-3 in Copperas Brook just below TP-3 prior to the waste rock removal averaged 3.0 standard units each year as measured from 2005-2009. In 2011, the average pH measured at the same location was 6.5 standard units, a pH of 7 is neutral, which represents a major decrease in the acidity of the water. In addition, the sample data continues to show a 90% reduction in the copper levels discharging from TP-3.

The water treatment system was in operation from April-November 2011 and continued to reduce the iron concentration in the water discharging from TP-1 from 760 mg/l to 1 mg/l. This is a greater than 99% reduction in iron in the water that is being discharged to Copperas Brook and the West Branch.

In 2012, the cover system will be completed and Site restoration activities will begin. The major truck activity at the Site will be over by the end of 2012. Surface water quality will continue to be monitored. EPA also expects to begin work removing more of the waste material in the Lord Brook watershed beginning in January 2012. This is a much smaller effort due to the limited volume of waste in the area.

A special note: The engineering and construction quality was tested during tropical storm Irene. Only minor damage to a few drainage channels was observed. The local Site contractor, Northwoods Excavating, provided outstanding efforts during the storm to maintain drainage channels and kept water flowing. The section of Mine Road constructed as part of the cleanup was one of the few roads open after the storm. The Site was also able to provide access to stone to help stabilize local roads following the storm.

Report provided by:

Ed Hathaway, EPA Elizabeth Mine Project Manager



## UPPER VALLEY FISH & GAME CLUB

PO Box 279, Thetford Center VT 05075



### PURPOSE:

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

### OFFICERS:

President:	Joe Coutermarsh – Bradford, VT	802-222-4246
Vice Pres:	John Adams – Orford, NH	603-353-9201
Treasurer:	Bruce Avery – North Thetford	802-333-9671
Secretary:	Rhett Scruggs – East Thetford	802-333-4067

**MEMBERSHIP:** Currently there are 237 members and 23 are junior members. Open to any person interested in helping with our stated purpose. Junior membership is available to persons aged 15 and under.

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

**ACTIVITIES:** Ice fishing derby on Lake Fairlee in February – 130 participants in 2011. Kid's fishing derby in June - 34 children participated in 2011. Sponsored a Firearms Hunter Safety class and a Bow Hunter Safety class in the fall - certificates were presented to 20 Firearms Hunter Safety students and to 13 Bow Hunter Safety Students in 2011. The Youth Fun Shoot was held in September. Shooters shot metal stationary targets and paper bulls eye targets. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer – two were sponsored in 2011. Vermont State Police and several local police departments have used the range for firearms qualification.

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

Rhett W. Scruggs  
Secretary

## GREEN UP

Green Up Day celebrated 41 years in 2011! Mother Nature gave us all the reprieve of a beautiful weekend for Greening Up in the midst of a record-setting wet spring. A strong sense of community spirit continues to inspire volunteers to come out and do their part in cleaning up every corner of our lovely state!

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization working to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising awareness about the importance of a litter free environment.

**Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 5, 2012, the first Saturday in May. Put on your boots, get together with your family, invite some friends and come join us in your community to make Vermont even more GREEN!**



250<sup>th</sup> Fireworks

## SUSTAINABLE ENERGY RESOURCE GROUP

SERG is a Thetford-based non-profit organization formed in 2002 to help homeowners and towns: reduce the amount of energy they consume, save money on energy spending, and create a more sustainable region. SERG helped create the Thetford Energy Committee (TEC) and has consulted with the town on numerous energy projects over the past 10 years.

SERG organizes two annual regional networking gatherings for Upper Valley energy committees attended by the TEC. SERG also helps organize the day-long annual Vermont Energy and Climate Action conference for energy committees from throughout Vermont. Six TEC members attended the December 2011 conference held at Lake Morey Inn.

This year SERG organized the Home Energy Action Team (HEAT) program, a major educational outreach effort to promote home weatherization to Thetford residents. SERG developed case studies on 2 families who successfully weatherized their homes, reducing their home energy use by over 40% in both cases. SERG trained 50 community volunteers who distributed free CFLs and information on weatherization to 650 Thetford homes and helped the homeowners calculate the efficiency of their homes. SERG organized the Home Energy Expo at Thetford Academy, the Weatherization Skillsshop, the Open Homes Energy Tour, and led a Button Up Home Energy Saving Workshop.

SERG started consulting with Thetford on removing and upgrading streetlights in 2004. That project will be completed by early 2012 with the replacement of the remaining lights with high efficiency LEDs. At the end of the project, by reducing our lights from 44 to 22 and upgrading to LEDs, Thetford's electric use for streetlights will be cut by about 86%, saving more than 15,000 kwh/yr!

SERG provides regular free energy-saving information and notices to 242 Thetford residents on SERG's list and to the Thetford list serve. This service is open to any Thetford resident who sends us their contact information, including email. SERG also provides fee-for-service energy audits to residents throughout the Upper Valley, including Thetford.

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

## **TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION**

We are pleased to report that we started and finished many projects this fiscal year, and we provided our thirty member towns with the technical planning assistance they needed. Highlights include:

### **Technical Assistance**

Staff provided planning, zoning, and mapping assistance to towns in the form of reviewing town plans, writing zoning ordinances, and creating maps of public infrastructure.

### **Emergency Management**

We convened the Local Emergency Planning Committee #12 which helps prepare first responders and town officials for disasters. We aided towns in updating their Basic Emergency Operations Plan (BEOP) which contains contact information, maps, and more, to be used in an emergency.

### **Energy**

TRORC collected baseline energy data for municipal facilities, funded energy audits, and conducted streetlight inventories in an effort to help towns save energy and money.

### **Economic Development**

TRORC joined the VT Council on Rural Development's 'Working Landscape Partnership,' convened a Forest Stewardship Committee to identify threats to our forests, and developed GIS maps illustrating forest stewardship potential. We updated our Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, allowing towns to seek funding from the Economic Development Administration for public infrastructure projects.

### **Transportation**

TRORC's Transportation Advisory Committee discussed VTrans programs (project prioritization, park and ride municipal grants, transportation enhancement grants, high risk rural roads) and public transit. We also facilitated Orange/Windsor County Road Foreman meetings.

*We look forward to serving you in the future. Please contact us with any questions at 802-457-3188.*

Respectfully submitted,

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

## GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Chartered by 10 Upper Valley towns in 1992, under authorization from the Vermont Legislature, Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District (GUV) was created to replace unlined town dumps with a regional sanitary landfill and implement waste recycling and diversion programs. In our 19 year history, thousands of tons of recyclables and hazardous waste have been removed from the waste stream through education and local diversion programs.

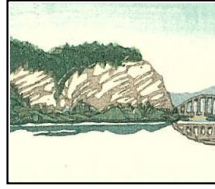
Additionally, the district has sited, designed and permitted the only publicly owned landfill in Vermont. The landfill is a long-term infrastructure asset to the GUV towns which when built will help stabilize disposal costs for decades to come.

The programs and services of the District include special collection events for household hazardous waste, electronics, tires, bulbs, and other hard-to-dispose-of items, outreach and education for students and residents, and technical assistance to member towns. During 2011, the GUVSWD provided direct services to Thetford and its residents including:

- Assisted in the recycling and disposal of hard-to-manage materials collected at special events and from the recycling center including: fluorescent light bulbs, used motor oil, electronics and tires.
- Assisted the Thetford Elementary School in setting up an on-site composting system.
- 29 Thetford residents participated in district sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events held in Hartford in June and September.
- Thetford residents also purchased compost and recycling bins, recycled fluorescent bulbs and electronics at our office in North Hartland, and utilized our bulky trash, tire, book, flood debris, and scrap metal collections.

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





## **UPPER VALLEY SUBCOMMITTEE of the CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT**

The Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions consists of twenty members, two members each appointed by the Selectboards of the towns of Lebanon, Hanover, Lyme, Orford, and Piermont in New Hampshire and Hartford, Norwich, Thetford, Fairlee, and Bradford in Vermont. The Committee serves as a means of providing local oversight and input on projects requiring permits being undertaken on the Connecticut River, its banks and its tributaries in member towns. It also supports programs and the production of reports and brochures relative to the maintenance, improvement and recreational usage of the river.

The Committee met 3 times in 2011 and expects to meet 6 times during 2012, usually on the third Monday of the month. During 2011, the committee reviewed, among other projects, the Dartmouth College Student Swimming Dock, Wilder Log Landing in West Lebanon, Hanover Water Reclamation Facility Improvement, Wilder Dam Repair, and River Road Reconstruction in Lyme.

For a schedule of river subcommittee meetings and more information about the resources of the Connecticut River, please visit the CRJC website at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org). We encourage any citizens who are interested in the management of the Connecticut River to come to our meetings.

*Your Local Representatives – Linda Matteson, Thetford and Cyrus Severance, Thetford*

## APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

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

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

The following organizations have submitted requests for appropriations for FY 2012:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Safeline** provides a domestic violence hotline at 1-800-NEW-SAFE, and many other services related to domestic and sexual violence. Safeline has submitted a petition for a larger appropriation than previous years.

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

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

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

**Kids Place of Randolph** supports supervised visitation, exchanges and parenting for families in Orange County. Requesting \$200.

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

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

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

**Sustainable Energy Resource Group** assists communities with weatherization and energy conservation planning. SERG has submitted a petition for a larger appropriation than previous years.

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

**The American Red Cross** provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood, and other disasters, and assisted establishing an Emergency Response Center. Requesting \$250.



Heat Energy Education Volunteers in North Thetford

## VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

*Serving and Strengthening Vermont Local Government*

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is owned by its member municipalities and directed by a 13-member Board of Directors comprised of municipal officials from across the state elected by the membership.

VLCT's mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 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 more than 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 23 workshops and 25 on-site training sessions that attracted more than 1,600 people. Handbooks produced by MAC may be purchased or accessed free of charge on our website at our Resource Library. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model policies and newsletter articles that are currently accessible to the general public. MAC has also retained the services of professionals in municipal finance, administration, and policing to provide consulting advice to towns.
- Advocacy representation before the state and 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, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2012 legislature, assuring that they have the financial resources and authority to recover from the effects of tropical storm Irene.
- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. Examples include municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The substantial municipal damages resulting from Tropical Storm Irene made the value of **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** to all our members painfully clear, as members benefitted from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. These two trusts, with the addition of the VLCT Unemployment Trust, were responsible in 2010 for \$43 million in municipal tax dollars spent for insurance and risk management services.

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

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