

ANNUAL REPORTS
TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
Year Ending December 31, 2013



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THETFORD POLICE

Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2200

COUNTY AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT

Vermont State Police, Bradford – 222-4680
Fish and Wildlife Warden – 234-4680
Orange County Sheriff – 685-4875

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2829 VT Route 113

Thetford Center, VT 05075

Business Line (non-emergency) 785-2412

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PUBLIC WORKS

Town Garage – 785-4679

SELECTBOARD

Mondays at 7:00 PM

Town Hall

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Stuart Rogers

785-4392

290-1012 Pager

HEALTH OFFICER

Al Stone - By Appointment

785-4503

LISTERS

785-2922 ext 4

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

785-2922 ext 3

TOWN CLERK

785-2922 ext 5

TOWN TREASURER

785-2922 ext 2

RECREATION COORDINATOR

785-2922 ext 6

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THETFORD ELECTED OFFICIALS

[term expires in “()”]

Agent to Convey Real Property – 1 year – vacant

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits - 1 year – vacant

Cemetery Commissioners – 3 year

John Wilmot ('14)	PO Box 6, E. Thetford		785-4090
Betty Waterman ('15)	PO Box 73, E. Thetford		785-3064
Mark McMahon ('16)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E. Thetford		603-667-0335

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 3 year

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

Vacant

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

Richard Balagur	2021 Godfrey Rd, E. Thetford	richard@balagur.com	785-4514
Wendy Cole	146 Jackson Brk Rd, Thetford Ctr	wendy.s.cole@valley.net	785-2698
Denise Froehlich	725 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	denise.froehlich@valley.net	785-2097
Laurie Ingalls	346 Whippoorwill Rd, Thetford Ctr	karolasting@aol.com	785-3190
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Listers – 3 year

Denise Adams ('15)	1100 Stowell Rd, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
Diane Osgood ('14)	PO Box 320, Thetford Ctr	listers@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
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Representative for Orange-Windsor (next election Nov '14)

James Masland	714 Pero Hill Rd, Thetford Ctr	jmasland@leg.state.vt.us	785-4146
Kathy Hoyt	246 Pattrell Rd, Norwich	khoyt@leg.state.vt.us	

School Directors – 2 & 3 year

Charlie Buttrey ('15)	347 Cranberry Hill Rd, E. Thetford	charliebuttrey@yahoo.com	785-4005
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Howard Sussman ('14)	PO Box 523, Norwich	sussman@translegal.com	785-4909
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Jennifer Wallace ('14)	166 Academy Rd, Thetford	jennifer.wallace86@gmail.com	513-614-9281

School Moderator – 1 year

Mark McMahon ('14)	64 Sugarhouse Lane, E. Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	603-667-0335
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Selectboard – 2 & 3 year		selectboard@thetfordvermont.us	
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Mark MacDonald	404 MacDonald Rd, Williamstown		433-5867
Sheriff of Orange County			
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Town Clerk – 3 year			
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Town Moderator – 1 year			
Mark McMahan ('14)	64 Sugar House Lane, E. Thetford	MoMMc5@aol.com	603-667-0335
Town Treasurer– 3 year			
Jill Graff ('14)	PO Box 126, Thetford Ctr	treasurer@thetfordvermont.us	785-2922
Trustees of Latham Library			
Adele Bassett ('15)	585 Route 132, Thetford Ctr		785-2990
Pauline Cole ('15)	790 Poor Farm Rd So, Thetford Ctr		785-2016
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Beth Fernandez ('16)	258 Academy Rd, Thetford Ctr		
Joanne Kirsten ('14)	341 Woods Lane, Thetford Ctr		785-4613
Janet Shepler ('14)	852 Quail John Rd, E. Thetford		785-2431
Vacancy 2			
Trustee of Peabody Library – 3 year (one elected trustee required)			
Jill Koppers ('14)	249 Robinson Hill Rd, Fairlee	peabody@jillanddirk.com	333-3268
Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 year			
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

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Budget Committee –vacant 1

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vacant

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TOWN MEETING INFORMATION

The annual Town and School Meeting will be held on

Saturday, March 1, 2014 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 available.

Proceeds will benefit the Thetford Academy Language Department Trip



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2014 CANDIDATES FOR TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICES	
Agent to Convey Real Property, 1 year	
Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits, 1 year	
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year	John M. Wilmot
Collector of Delinquent Taxes, 3 year	Jill Graff
Grand Juror, 1 year	
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	Joanne Kirsten
Library Trustee, Latham 4 year	Megan O'Dell
Library Trustee, Latham 3 year to complete 4 year	
Library Trustee, Latham 3 year to complete 4 year	
Library Trustee, Peabody 4 year	Jill Koppers
Lister, 3 year	Diane C. Osgood
Selectboard, 3 year	John E. Bacon
Selectboard, 3 year	Wayne Briggs
Selectboard, 2 year	Jessica Eaton
Town Moderator, 1 year	Mark McMahon
Town Treasurer, 3 year	Jill Graff
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 year	Elmer C. Brown
School Director, 3 year	Erin Flynn Sterner
School Director, 2 year	Robert (Bob) Christensen
School Director, 2 year	Lindy Jones
School Director, 1 year to complete 2 year	Julie Acker
School Moderator	Mark McMahon

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

"If we expect others to rely on our fairness and justice, we must show that we rely on their fairness and justice."

~ President Calvin Coolidge, 1925

Town meeting is arguably the greatest opportunity for our community to learn, understand and act upon crafted articles that impact the day to day business of our Town.

Please come and participate in a truly remarkable and great tradition.

Mark McMahon, 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 26. Apply at the Town Clerk's office. You must be on the checklist to vote March 1 (Town Meeting) and March 4 (Australian Ballot).

<p>Clerk's Office Hours 6-8 pm Monday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday Friday 8:00 am–Noon</p> <p>Special hours due to election requirements: February 26 open until 5:00 pm March 3 open 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm March 4 Polls are open 8:00 am to 7 pm at Town Hall</p>

Early or Absentee Voting

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

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

March 3 by 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 4, 2014).
- 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 by 5 pm on March 3.

Pre-Town Meeting – February 24, 2014, 7:30 pm, Thetford Town Hall

Town & School Meeting – March 1, 2014, 9:00 am, Gymnasium, Thetford Elementary

Voting by Australian Ballot - Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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

2014 THETFORD TOWN WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont are hereby warned to meet in the gym of Thetford Elementary School, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 1st, 2014 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 15th, 2014 by 5 PM. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town?

- Article 3 Shall the Town authorize the Selectboard to pay off any outstanding debts ahead of schedule if funds are available, and the authority to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants and gifts?

- Article 4 Shall the Town raise \$ 1,092,229 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?

- Article 5 Shall the Town raise \$ 616,218 for the budgeted expenditures of the Public Works Department Fund?

- Article 6 Shall the Town raise \$ 115,000 to be added to the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund for the purpose of executing the Capital Expenditure Plan as drafted in the Town Report?

- Article 7 Shall the Town raise \$ 74,850 to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Fund for the purpose of executing the Capital Expenditure Plan as drafted in the Town Report?

- Article 8 Shall the Town raise \$ 13,005 to be added to the Police Capital Equipment Fund for the purpose of executing the Capital Expenditure Plan as drafted in the Town Report?

- Article 9 Shall the Town establish an Emergency Infrastructure Capital fund for the purposes of replacing and maintaining the Town Emergency Shelter generator and Town Hall generator?

- Article 10 Shall the town raise \$1,500 to be added to the Emergency Infrastructure Capital fund?

- Article 11 Shall the Town transfer \$38,793 from the Highway Fund to the Route 132 Bridge Fund?

- Article 12 Shall the Town raise \$500 for Senior Solutions-Council for Aging?

- Article 13 To transact any other business.

Dated: January 31, 2014

Town Clerk
Tracy Borst

Selectboard
John Bacon
Donn Downey, Chair
Mike Pomeroy
Stuart Rogers
Tig Tillinghast

SELECTBOARD REPORT

This year presented a number of exciting opportunities for the Selectboard. In addition to the regular matters of keeping the trains running on time, several departments witnessed changes in terms of personnel and operations, and nearly every department implemented changes in systems and personnel. The Clerk, Listers, and Zoning have taken advantage of the public access online land record and tax map geographic information system, which allows for easier and more efficient access of town records for both town personnel and the public. The Department of Public Works has successfully implemented a road surface management system. The Recreation Department has built systems to better manage participants and programs. In sum, the Town of Thetford is operating more efficiently than ever, and we owe a debt of gratitude to the employees who have made this happen.

One exciting project has been increased collaboration with neighboring towns in the form of the Tri-Town Committee. This body was formed with Fairlee and West Fairlee to examine possibilities for maintaining the failing dam on Lake Fairlee. While the details are still being refined, the Committee is considering joint-ownership arrangements whereby the three towns will collaborate to replace the dam and maintain the structure in perpetuity. It is likely that there will be a Special Meeting in 2014 to formalize this arrangement and bond for costs associated with the dam replacement.

The Recreation department has increased staffing and programming- particularly in regards to the summer camp, which has established itself as a highly-programmed and very successful camp, drawing greater numbers of participants and has received glowing feedback. While this has added expenses to the general fund budget, many of the costs have been covered by increased program revenues, and the Selectboard feels that this marginal increase is justified in the programs that have been made available.

The DPW has taken large strides in 2013. The crew is receiving more training, particularly in equipment operations, allowing all crew members to operate all machines, allowing us to deploy employees to complete a wider variety of tasks which has resulted in a more efficient use of labor and less down-time. Recordkeeping has been improved, enabling a better level of planning, as we have more accurate data in terms of actual costs of completing tasks, and using a database to monitor road conditions in order to determine where resources should be allocated. Best of all, we have reduced the budget for the department, all while enhancing operations.

Water management and improving road surface durability have been primary goals of the DPW this year. The crew has been changing the ways we are dealing with long and steep ditches by using more stone to reduce erosion, and seeding and mulching ditches to reduce runoff. The new excavator has made ditching more efficient in terms of how many miles per week we can dig, and we are able to create rounded-bottom ditches which are more resilient to erosion than the v-shaped ditches that are usually done with a backhoe.

Major weather events kept the DPW very busy, particularly a situation on Colby Road South and Sawnee Bean Road where sections of road were destroyed. We took this opportunity to increase culvert sizes, change water flow patterns, and reduce the chances of this area being compromised in future events. The costs associated with this event were reimbursed by FEMA, as Orange County was eligible for flood relief.

A new system of gravel road surfacing was implemented whereby we have a five year rotation of applying several inches of new surface material, applied in a systematic method of pre-grading to establish crown, application of 3-6" of crushed gravel, compacting with a vibrating roller, and applying calcium chloride to improve bonding and reduce dust, thereby preserving the gravel "fines" that bind,

and preventing surface runoff. Rather than grading every mile of dirt roads 2-3 times per year, we are grading more strategically- trying to limit grading to 2 times per year, and not grading segments of road that are in good shape.

The DPW won two grants in 2013. One structure grant of \$100,000 was awarded to upgrade the water crossings on Latham Road in anticipation of the paving project (grant of \$117,000), which will replace/improve the pavement surface on Latham Road. The town also helped secure a Better Back Roads grant of \$10,000 for the second consecutive year to rebuild the bank on Robinson Road that borders Lake Fairlee to reduce runoff, stabilize the bank, and protect the road. The DPW also won a grant conduct a paving project on Latham Road, which should take place in 2014.

The Police Department has seen a significant change in structure. The Department is now a member of the New England Benevolent Police Association. While the new union has added some costs, it forced the town to examine operations, administration, and will hopefully result in no change to the police services that the town enjoys.

The Selectboard continues to conduct long-term planning and budgeting for capital equipment purchases. Over the past several years we have treated each of the capital funds together at Town Meeting, but we will now be separating this into three articles. There will be one article for each of the capital equipment funds, and by voting to raise money for the funds, the public is granting permission for the Selectboard to execute purchasing decisions according to, but not limited by, the capital spending plan that appears in the town report. This is not a change in town policy, but an effort to reflect the system that Vermont statutes have established, and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns endorses.

The town has historically warned articles for the actual purchases of equipment, but we will be ending that tradition. When a capital fund is established and monies are raised for these funds, the Selectboard is able to purchase equipment with no further approval from the public. By attempting to open the purchases to public discussion, the board loses flexibility in terms of timing and costs for these purchases. We witnessed this last year when we purchased a F550 in December 2012 rather than waiting until 2013 when it was warned. This year the board made a decision to purchase a larger excavator than was warned, ultimately spending \$110,000 rather than \$95,000. This flexibility is necessary in order to make operational decisions that aren't subject to a once-per-year discussion. As such, any discussion about possible capital purchases should happen during the article that will fund the purchase.

The entire board has been very engaged this year in routine administrative matters and communications with both town personnel and the public. The "strong chair" model that has been used in the past, whereby the chairperson takes the lead in most relationships and issues, is no longer sustainable due to the significant time commitment required. This year *every* member has taken lead roles in multiple situations. This workload-sharing model has been necessary, as the demands placed on the town have increased dramatically in the past decade, and the hours required to be an effective board adds up to 30-40 on any given week. The board has been considering other management models for town administration, and this discussion will continue in 2014.

Along these lines, we hope to see more residents become involved in town operations. There are many opportunities to volunteer on a board or committee, and we are always looking for folks eager to get on the Selectboard.

Respectfully,

John Bacon, Donn Downey, Mike Pomeroy, Stuart Rogers and Tig Tillinghast

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

Lori Magoon, Assistant Town Clerk

2013 was a year of continued to work on the technology advancements available in records management within town hall. We've further developed our indexes and images in the COTT land records software so that digital images are available from present day back to June 1992. In the next year we will scan another large batch of images as we continue to progress back through our land record books. The online portal will be expanded to include these digital images and released for public access. This portal requires an email address and online payment for the use of the records but we will not lose revenues as those copy fees will be forwarded to the Town of Thetford. We've had positive feedback from title searchers and lawyers visiting this office and I proudly share with you that we are considered in the forefront of digitized records in Vermont. The portal link can be found on the Town Clerk's page of the town's website: www.thetfordvermont.us

This year I'll continue to serve on the Executive Board of the Vermont Municipal Clerk and Treasurer's Association, as well as on the Education Committee. Working with this organization, and the New England City and Town Clerks Association, is a wonderful way to increase my depth of knowledge, keep my skills current, and provide additional service to town clerks and municipalities' state wide.

Thank you to the many volunteers I work with throughout the year – the Board of Civil Authority, the Selectboard and their assistant as well as the elected and appointed officers. The town hall staff is a group of caring and committed individuals who do their best to serve the residents of this town; I'm proud to continue to serve you as Thetford's Town Clerk.

Services Provided:

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

You'll find information on these services and more on our webpage:

<http://www.thetfordvermont.us/departments/clerk-office/>



RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 22, 2014

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, 2014

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

LICENSING FEES:

Current rabies vaccine and certificate of spay/neuter required.

Male/Female \$12.00

Spayed/Neutered \$8.00



TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2013

The legal voters of the Town of Thetford in the County of Orange and the State of Vermont were warned to meet in the gym of Thetford Academy, in the town of Thetford, on Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 at 9:00 a.m., to transact town business.

Members of the Thetford Academy Chorus program led the town in the national anthem and the pledge of allegiance. Moderator Mark McMahon read the warning and called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

A motion to suspend the Rules and enter into the annual school meeting was seconded and passed by show of voter cards. Town Meeting was recessed.

The Civic Pride Award was presented by the Selectboard Chairman, Donn Downey. Donn acknowledged the contributions to the community by the Thetford Elder Network. They provide rides to appointment for elders, split wood, take meals to house bound seniors, rake lawns, shovel snow and provide a monthly luncheon with informative programs for seniors. They've done a super job connecting older Thetford residents in their community.

At 10:45 am, Representative Jim Masland and Representative Margaret Cheney, spoke briefly to the crowd.

Town Meeting was called back to order at 10:55 am.

ARTICLE 1 **To hear and act on the reports of the Town.** Moved and seconded. Donn Downey, Selectboard Chairman, spoke briefly, highlighting two changes. On page 46, change % of increase on the *Public Works Funds to Raise* to 30.9% (rather than 15.2%) and on page 9, the *Summary of Appropriations* is missing Stagecoach information. The dollar amount appears in budget, the report text was mistakenly not listed here. Article 1 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 2 **Shall the Town have all taxes raised in the Treasurer's Office on or before October 15th, 2013 by 8:00 p.m. After this deadline, interest of 1% per month or fraction thereof for the first three months and thereafter 1.5% per month or fraction and 8% penalty will be due the Town?** The article was moved and seconded. Laurie Ingalls asked about time of 8pm, as taxes are usually due at 5pm. Donn Downey explained the article typically would read 5pm, it was an oversight not to change it to 5pm. The Treasurer has agreed to extend office hours on that day. Tax bills will show a due date and time of "October 15, 2013 by 8pm"; this is a temporary change. Article 2 passed by show of voter cards.

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

ARTICLE 4 **Shall the Town raise the sum of \$1,041,618 for the budgeted expenditures of the Town General Fund?** The article was moved and seconded. An amendment offered by Donn Downey to change the amount to \$1,045,618 as reflected in the Budget within the town report, page 47. The amendment was seconded and passed by show of voter cards. Donn covered the budget increases including a part time administrative position in the Police Budget, 30% increase in Upper Valley

Ambulance fees, increase in staffing expense in recreation (which is offset by revenues), and the 2% step increases due to some employees per the salary administration schedule. Tax increase is also due in part to the previous years' surplus being applied to the expenses which kept taxes down in 2012. After a brief discussion Article 4 passed by show of voter cards.

Town Meeting was recessed for a lunch break at 11:30 am and intended to return to session by 12:15 pm. State Senator Mark McDonald spoke briefly.

Mark McMahan, Town Moderator, called Town Meeting back into session at 12:30 pm.

ARTICLE 5 **Shall the Town raise the sum of \$597,564 for the budgeted expenditures of the Highway Department?** The article was moved and seconded. Selectboard Chair, Donn Downey spoke to the article. In 2012 the Selectboard structurally changed the (former) Highway Department to a Department of Public Works with increased functions related to the town's buildings and grounds. This resulted in a roughly ten percent increase in payroll expenses related to staffing changes, increased participation in benefits offered, the new Road Surface Management System, and increase in line item for gravel. Revenues also are budgeted lower, due to no longer budgeting receipt of grant monies as we don't always receive them. Many questions were brought regarding the new structural changes in the move to Public Works Department from Highway Department, and the liability the town assumed in the new practice of employee's using their own vehicles for work travel. A motion to call the question ceased debate; the motion to call the question passed. A paper ballot vote was requested and the support necessary for that request was present. Article 5 passed by paper ballot: 110 YES, 42 NO, 1 Blank.

ARTICLE 6 **Shall the Town raise the sum of \$113,360 to be added to the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund and \$64,890 to be added to the Fire Capital Equipment Fund and \$12,750 to be added to the Police Capital Equipment Fund?** The article was moved and seconded. Mike Pomeroy, Selectboard, spoke to the article and directed attention to page 67 of the Town Report, Capital Equipment Funds. The fund indicates two cruisers; we do have three cruisers but pay for two at a time from the fund. After some discussion, Article 6 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 7 **Shall the Town raise the sum of \$25,788 to reimburse the Reappraisal Fund for overages in the town wide reappraisal?** The article was moved and seconded. Donn Downey, Selectboard Chairman, explained the 2012 reappraisal was necessary earlier than planned. The Reappraisal fund is configured for a town wide reappraisal every ten years, 2012 was two years early thus the money hadn't completely built up to cover the entire cost. Article 7 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 8 **Shall the Town raise the sum of \$14,100 to fund the Tri-town Committee for the purposes of Lake Fairlee dam replacement engineering and design?** The article was moved and seconded. Donn Downey explained the Tri-town Committee was established to deal with the aging Lake Fairlee dam; the committee consists of representatives of the local summer camps, the Lake Fairlee Association, and the selectboards of Thetford, Fairlee and West Fairlee. The dam, located on private property, was last repaired in the 1940s. Failure of this dam would reduce the lake level by 7 feet thereby causing a direct economic hit to the town, loss of environmental resources, and a reduction in property values.

Amendment to article: Shall the town raise the sum of \$14,100 to fund the tri town committee for the purposes of a preliminary study of the Lake Fairlee Dam and to report these findings back to those three towns on or before Town Meeting 2014. The amendment was moved and seconded. The amendment passed.

A motion to call the question was moved and seconded. Motion to call the question passed. Article 8 passed, as amended, by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 9 **Shall the Town use the Police Capital Equipment Fund to purchase a new cruiser to cost no more than \$25,000?** The article was moved and seconded. Casey Huling, Selectboard, spoke to the article directing the audience to page 67 of the 2012 Town Report. When asked, Casey Huling clarified that the Selectboard is allowed to make this purchase without town vote, but they ask as a courtesy. Article 9 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 10 **Shall the Town use the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund to purchase a new F550, to cost no more than \$73,000?** The article was moved and seconded. John Bacon, Selectboard, spoke to the article. He said the Selectboard anticipated replacing the F550 in 2013 but had to do it sooner than expected. After much discussion, a motion to call the question was moved and seconded. The motion to call the question passed. Article 10 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 11 **Shall the Town use the Public Works Capital Equipment Fund to purchase an excavator, to cost no more than \$95,000 after accounting for sale of the 2008 John Deere backhoe?** The article was moved and seconded. Donn Downey spoke to the article. Though “ditching” has been done with the backhoe, its not very efficient and they found an excavator to be more efficient and faster. This made the backhoe less valuable to the Public Works Department. There were suggestions to lease or rent the excavator. After more discussion, the vote by show of voter cards was undecided. The moderator, Mark McMahon, asked the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) to count votes. Article 11 passed, by BCA count, 59 YES, 41 NO.

ARTICLE 12 **Shall the Town urge their federal and state legislatures to: ban assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, require a criminal background check for every gun sold in America, and make gun trafficking a federal crime, with real penalties for those who arm criminals?** The article was moved and seconded. Melissa Weinstein spoke to the article, she is a member of the group that helped draft the article. Melissa said this is a question about sending a unified message from the town to Montpelier and DC, not an attempt to take away second amendment rights, or take away guns or hunting or sport, but a conversation to talk about gun laws. A motion to postpone the article indefinitely was moved and seconded. After further discussion, a point of order was called.

A motion to call the question was seconded and passed by show of voter cards. The motion to postpone the article indefinitely failed by show of voter cards. Much discussion followed. An amendment: Shall the 2013 Thetford Town meeting urge our federal and state legislatures to continue to discuss gun violence in American and investigate methods to curb such violence. The amendment was ruled out of order by the moderator. A motion to call the question was moved and seconded. The motion to call the question passed. Article 12 passed by show of voter cards.

ARTICLE 13 Shall the Town vote to petition the passage of the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Vermont. *Ch.1, Article 22 (Rights of Nature). That the natural environment of Vermont, including its forests, natural areas, surface and ground waters, and fish and wildlife populations, has certain natural, inherent and unalienable rights to clean water and air, to health uncompromised by anthropogenic substances damaging to the systems of life and to flourishing, connected habitats which support the well-being of the flora and fauna of Vermont. Every person in this state shall have recourse to the laws for all violations of this article, with damages recurring in full to the injured environmental system to ensure its prompt restoration.* The article was moved and seconded. Didi Pershouse spoke to the article and explained that this article will be voted on in many of towns in the country and many have already passed this into law. It suggests the state look at this and that courts would help to weigh the rights of nature and humans and how they relate. A motion to postpone indefinitely was moved and seconded. Vote on postponement: article fails by show of voter cards. An amendment to strike the last sentence “Every person in this state shall have recourse to the laws for all violations of this article, with damages recurring in full to the injured environmental system to ensure its prompt restoration.” was moved and seconded. After more discussion, a motion to call the question was moved and seconded. The motion to call the question passed and debate stopped. The amendment, which removed the last sentence from the original article, passed 37 in favor, 23 against.

Mark McMahon, Moderator, read the article (as above without the last sentence). A motion to call the question was moved and seconded. The motion to call the question passed and debate ceased. The article tied, 35 YES and 35 NO. The moderator called for a second vote. The BCA counted and Article 13, as amended, failed 35 YES to 36 NO.

The Town Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

A true record, Attest:

Mark McMahon
Town Moderator

Donn Downey
Selectboard Chair

Tracy Borst, Town Clerk

AUSTRALIAN BALLOT RESULTS MARCH 5, 2013

Agent to Convey Real Property	
Wendy Cole	1
Write In	12
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>594</u>
Total	611

Agent to Prosecute/Defend Suits	
Write In	15
Spoiled	1
Blank	<u>595</u>
Total	611

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 year	
Mark McMahon	493
Write In	18
Spoiled	0
Blank	<u>100</u>
Total	611

Cemetery Commissioner, 2 year	
Write In	95
Spoiled	1
Blank	<u>515</u>
Total	611

Grand Juror	
Write In	16
Spoiled	1
Blank	<u>594</u>
Total	611

Latham Library Trustee (2)	
Elizabeth W. Fernandez	518
Write In	8
Spoiled	1
Blank	<u>695</u>
Total (vote 2)	1222

Lister	
Janet E. Stowell	524
Write In	6
Spoiled	0
Blank	<u>81</u>
Total	611

Selectboard, 3 year	
Theresa Pero Davidonis	88
Stuart P. Rogers	437
Write In	36
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>63</u>
Total	611

Selectboard, 2 year	
Mike Pomeroy	272
Doug Stone - Write In	271
Write In	5
Spoiled	0
Blank	<u>63</u>
Total	611

Town Clerk	
Tracy Borst	574
Write In	1
Spoiled	0
Blank	<u>36</u>
Total	611

Town Moderator	
Mark McMahon	551
Write In	2
Spoiled	0
Blank	<u>58</u>
Total	611

Trustee of Trust Funds	
J. Rick Hoffman	524
Write In	0
Spoiled	0
Blank	<u>87</u>
Total	611

STATE REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Report from the Legislature - Representatives Kathy Hoyt and Jim Masland

For the 7th year in a row, Vermont opened the legislative session with a multi-million dollar gap between estimated spending and projected revenues. This year, the gap is \$71 million. As you may know, Vermont does not engage in borrowing to allow deficit spending. We balance our budgets every year through matching spending with revenue. Governor Shumlin has proposed filling the budget gap with a combination of one time spending (money that is only available once), some new revenue and without cutting essential services to our most vulnerable populations. Note that the House will not adopt the Governor's tax proposals without a thorough review.

Beyond the budget, tops on our agenda are health care, property taxes, job creation and protecting our natural environment. Kathy Hoyt serves on the Health Care Committee which provides oversight to the variety of tasks that must be completed to define the single payer health system that all Vermonters can access beginning in 2017. The health committee will propose changes to the operation of the medical practice board for protection of consumers and providers of health care in the upcoming weeks as well. Jim Masland serves on Ways and Means, the committee responsible for raising taxes and fees, when appropriate. The committee is working to resolve vexing questions education property taxes and how we will pay for increasing health insurance coverage in years to come.

Concerning our remarkable natural environment, while former Representative Margaret Cheney has moved on to the Public Service Board, we both remain committed to continuing her work. The net metering bill is planned to be proposed during the week of January 21st and we know many of you are interested in the solution to that issue. Let us know if you support the Bill as it evolves from Natural Resources. Among other priorities under consideration are closing of Vermont Yankee, citing wind towers and solar arrays, and green house reduction.

It is a pleasure and an honor to serve you in Montpelier. We look forward to hearing from you about your concerns large and small. Please write, call, email or stop us on the street to bring up matters in which we can help you. Our contact information is below.

Kathy Hoyt
246 Pattrell Road, PO Box 775
Norwich, VT 05055
khoyt@leg.state.vt.us

Jim Masland
714 Pero Hill Road
Thetford Center, VT 05075
jmasland@leg.state.vt.us

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

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

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

Summary of Permits:	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Subdivision Plats Approved	7	1	5	3	3
Number of Lots Created	13	2	13	5	6
Annexations	1	1	1	1	4
Boundary Adjustments	1	0	0	1	0
Residences	8	9	5	2	5
Additions	13	11	9	7	10
Decks & Porches	4	20	10	8	18
Accessory Buildings	21	31	16	27	32
Businesses/Conditional Use	4	3	2	4	7
Mobile Homes	1	1	1	5	0
Telecommunication Facility	0	1	1	1	0
Home Occupation/Office	2	2	2	1	0
Driveways	6	6	4	4	3
Agricultural					2

Zoning office hours are Tuesdays, and Thursdays, currently 9 am to 1 pm. During these hours you will find Mary Ellen Parkman, the Zoning Administrator, or her Assistant, Diane Osgood, available to assist you. Your calls and email inquiries are invited.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

2013 has been a busy and productive year for The Planning Commission. We have continued to focus primarily on rewriting and updating our Town Plan. While this has proven to be a considerable and challenging task, we have made significant progress. The Commission has received some excellent and much desired input from some of our fellow townspeople, as well as from town committees and specific committee members whose areas of expertise are relevant to particular chapters or parts of chapters. We will continue to solicit and value your input.

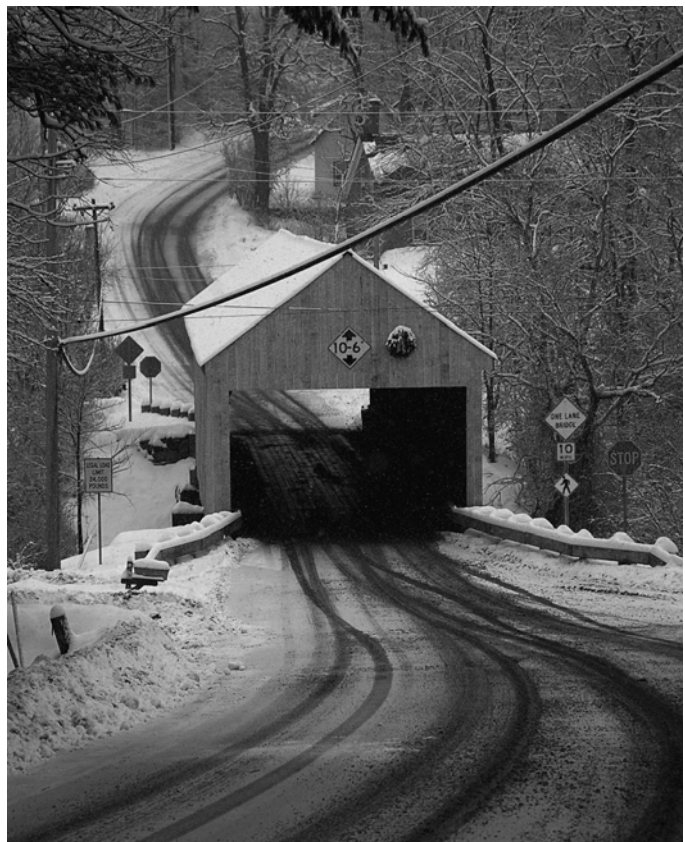
There are eleven chapters in the town plan and as of this writing, six of them have been rewritten and reviewed to the point where they are now posted drafts available for general review and comment through the town office or via the town website. We expect to have all chapters available in draft form by the end of February 2014.

The Subdivision Regulations are in need of updating. A small working group has suggested changes and updates and has sent their work back to The Planning Commission for The Commission's follow up. As the Town Plan works its way through the review process, we will be directing our efforts to The Subdivision Regulations as we bring them into compliance with the State law and try to ensure their uniformity with the Zoning Bylaw and the Town Plan.

We are presently six on a seven member board. We need another interested person who can volunteer some time and energy to assist as we try to represent the town in planning for its future. If interested, please contact us. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:15 pm. Our meetings are open to the public and your comments are always welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin O'Hara
Chair, Thetford Planning Commission



BOARD OF LISTERS REPORT

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

The year 2013 brought with it an exciting addition to the Thetford website. Our Geographical Information System (GIS) is now available online! Data such as property record cards, tax maps, land use designation, flood plains, wetlands, etc., can be accessed thru this GIS program via www.thetfordvermont.us

Please read all documents received from the State and the Town. The information may affect the property taxes you will owe. **Very Important:** The Declaration of Vermont Homestead (Form HS-122) MUST be completed by ALL VERMONT residents who own and occupy a Vermont homestead as of April 1st. This form must be filed *annually* by the due date for filing of Vermont income tax returns. This will determine which tax rate, or rates, apply to your property. Please note that business and rental use of dwelling and/or outbuildings must be noted on the form. Please refer to the Vermont Department of Taxes website at www.tax.vermont.gov or the 2013 Vermont Income Tax Booklet for more information.

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 or visit our website at 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



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

A year has passed and your DPW has had many accomplishments.

In the early spring we were at Treasure Island. We replaced the septic system, reshaped all the drainage, built a road, and worked on the new multi-purpose court.

As the year progressed, we reconstructed 5 miles of gravel roads in what is now quadrant # 1 of the Town's Road Surface Management System (RSMS). During this time we had a major storm event which left a couple of roads in Town with some serious damage. As a result, we up-sized 12 culverts on Colby South and Sawnee Bean Roads. We also added additional culverts to Houghton Hill Road and replaced 4 on Whippoorwill Road. We applied for and received Federal Aid in the amount of \$ 43,880. Another 15% is to come our way from the State after we have finished our projects.

We are extending the life of the fleet from ten years to twelve years for the heavy trucks. A routine of regular repainting and driving fewer miles per year will allow us to achieve that goal.

In the Town Garage, mold in the hazmat room and office was removed. Those two rooms have been insulated and we are seeing a savings in heating fuel. We are also working with the Energy Committee and the recommendations from our energy audit to make the building as energy efficient as possible.

As for grants, we applied for and have been awarded grants for paving, structures replacement, lake front bank stabilization, and new signs. The value of those grants is as follows: Paving \$117,000; Structures: \$167,000; Bank Stabilization: \$10,000; and Sign Packages: \$1,000.

And perhaps most importantly, we have reduced the DPW budget by 0.2% for 2014. Helping us make that cut were changes in the equipment and processes being used. Notably, our new excavator is helping out a great deal. While there were some skeptics, this machine has proven itself over and over again. We would like to thank the taxpayers for their vote of confidence in us.

With the 0.2% budget reduction and \$338,000 of grant money and Federal Aid secured by the DPW, the Town is in a position to not only maintain, but to improve its road infrastructure over the next year without an increase of costs to the taxpayers.

As always, I would like to thank the DPW crew; Logan Paige, Rocky Clark, and Jim Moses. While change and new techniques can be challenging, your DPW crew has prevailed and is now one of the best crews around and the Town should be as proud of this as I am.

And a special thanks goes out to Scott Hesser, the Selectboard Assistant, and to Rita Seto, Director of the Transportation Planning Program at the Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission. Their combined efforts and knowledge have made the RSMS and the tracking of such progress a success.

Respectfully Submitted

Scott Knowlton
Director of Public Works

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

2013 has proven to be a busy year involving lost or roaming dogs, cats and livestock, welfare concerns with livestock and abandoned animals. The year also saw a marked outbreak of rabies within the State and the resulting issues from.

In response to this ongoing concern, and being a State law, we are hoping and encouraging all dogs and cats in Town to be updated on all of their shots and that all dogs will be licensed for 2014. Licenses are due by April 1st this year and notification and extra effort will be made after that date to comply. Not only in providing for a public health concern, licenses help to get lost dogs home much sooner and safer.

An additional reminder for animal owners is to be aware of where your animals are during any storm and power outage, for the safety and welfare of them and all.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Stuart P. Rogers
Animal Control Officer



THETFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 2013, the Police Department saw a restructuring of operations with the addition of a union. With this restructure, we decided not to add an administrative assistant to the police department at this time. We anticipate filling an open part-time officer position in 2014 to help us maintain the consistent local police coverage the community has relied on for the past several years.

We will continue to strive to be a proactive police department, and we always encourage you to be involved. We welcome your comments and concerns and we look forward to serving you in 2014.

Respectfully,

Chief James B. Lanctot

Nature of Incident	# of Incidents
911 Hang up	13
Alcohol Offense	4
Accident w/damage	21
Accident w/injury	2
Agency Assist	61
Alarm	21
Animal Problem	5
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Assault	1
ATV Incident	1
Background Investigation	5
Burglary	5
Court Time	3
Citizen Assist	37
Citizen Dispute	8
Conditions/Release Violation	1
Dead Body	2
Directed Patrol	47
Driving License Suspended	4
Drugs	3
DUI	10
Family Fight/Domestic	4
Fingerprints	15
Forgery	1
Found Property	4
Fraud	4

Nature of Incident	# of Incidents
Information	4
Juvenile Problem	5
Littering	2
Lockout	11
Lost Property	3
Medical	2
Missing Person	2
Motor Vehicle Complaint	35
Noise Disturbance	3
Phone Problem	3
Property Watch	1
Public Speaking	5
Restraining Order Service	2
Search Warrant	1
Sex Offender Registry	2
Suicide Attempt	1
Suspicious Person/ Circumstance	53
Theft	10
Threatening	4
Tobacco Violation	0
Traffic Hazard	9
Unsecure Premises	1
Vandalism	8
VIN Inspection	54
Wanted Person/Fugitive	1
Welfare Check	7
TOTAL INCIDENTS	513

VERMONT STATE POLICE STATISTICS TOWN OF THETFORD

The Vermont State Police continue to provide dedicated police coverage for your town. Troopers responded to 246 calls for service in 2013 with a staff of seven 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, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

Stay safe and watch out for one another.

Respectfully,

LT Russell Robinson
Station Commander



911 Hang up Call	6
Agency Assistance	42
Alarm	9
Animal Problem	3
Arrest on Warrant - Police Check	2
Assault	4
Assault Intimidation	1
Attempting to Elude Police	1
Canine Use	4
Citizen Assist	5
Citizen Dispute	4
Communications Offense	1
Consent Search	5
DLS Criminal	2
Drug/Control Sub. Equip. Viol.	2
Drugs, Regulated - Possession of	4
DUI - Alcohol or Drugs	9
False Alarm	2
Family Disturbance	1
Illegal Possession by Minor	1
Impeding Police Officer	1

Juvenile Problem	2
Message Delivered	1
Missing Person	1
Motor Veh. - Careless/Negligent	3
Motor Vehicle Disturbances	23
Motorist Assistance	30
Noise Disturbance	2
Obstructing Justice	1
Public Speaking Engagement	2
Search Warrant	1
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	20
Threatening	1
Traffic Accident w/Damage	13
Traffic Accident w/Injury	7
Traffic Crash - Not reportable	6
Traffic Hazard	16
Traffic Offense	4
Trespassing Violation	1
Vandalism	1
Welfare Check	2

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR THETFORD 246

THETFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Thetford Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) was founded in 1960 to provide the community with fire protection services. Over the years, emergency medical services and emergency management have become integral parts of the department, and the organization has matured into a strong community resource. Today, our highly trained personnel serve as anchors for the community during regional disasters, and continue to provide a professional, efficient response to emergencies of all types in Thetford and surrounding towns through participation in the mutual aid system. Combining the many hours of training and maintenance of equipment and facilities along with response to over 220 emergencies each year, our volunteers donate hundreds of thousands of dollars of labor annually. Responding to emergencies often means leaving our families, our full-time work and various events to help our community. We provide this service willingly to keep our community safe.

In 2013, the Fire Department experienced a change in leadership. For over 30 years, Don Fifield has been an active member of the fire department serving in the role of Chief for most of those years including the last 15. In March of 2013, Don retired from the role of Chief, but has remained active within the department. Chad Whitcomb was appointed by the Fire Department Board of Trustees as the new Fire Chief as of March 2013. We wish to thank Don publicly for his valued service over the last 30 years and are appreciative that he has remained involved with the department.

Look for our annual newsletter in the mail, or find us on Facebook for more information and regular updates from the department. Feel free to schedule a visit of the firehouse by contacting any fire officer and consider joining us in serving our community!

Chad A. Whitcomb, Fire Chief

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

RECYCLING CENTER REPORT

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

We had a great year in 2013!! Tyler Searles joined Matt Borst and several veterans who've stayed on as subs. Having two young men to keep up with has helped keep me in shape and the Recycling Center going strong. We grew again this year by almost 1/3. Our volume is rising dramatically and we have had some growing pains trying to keep it all flowing smoothly. We are working on some new ideas to help with our outside trucking problems and hope 2014 will provide some great innovations!

Things to Know:

1. We take all recyclables #1-#7
2. We don't take the plastic shopping bags, but most grocery stores do!
3. We **cannot** take lightweight plastics or plastic wrap (if it looks like it could fly out of the bin with the wind- it can't go in)
4. We make money on paper, scrap metal and aluminum beverage cans
5. Wrapping and foiled paper cannot be recycled and in fact "ruin" the load.
6. Most Appliances can be recycled, ask for specific details
7. REDEEMABLES - \$\$!!
8. Clothing, stuffed items, electronics- any items that can't take the weather - CAN'T be left at the "store". ASK FIRST
9. **More Waste Solutions** - take cash or punch cards. They also take BIG Items.
10. CHARITIES - collected in the "Treasure Box" outside the shed:
 - a. Box Tops- you find them on all sorts of items & the money goes to TES
 - b. Aluminum Can Tabs - they raise money for Dialysis patients
11. PERMITS - available year-round at the Town Hall. \$18 calendar year.
12. FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING- At the Hartford Recycling Center!

Our recycling survey was a great success with 145 participants. Of those, 36 cannot make it to the Recycling Center due to schedules, 47 can make it, but would prefer more time. As that covers about half those polled - it will be the biggest challenge I work on for 2014. I have all your comments and ideas and will catalog them for anyone interested in seeing the lot. I thank you all for your kind words and the time and effort you put into your answers. There were a ton of good suggestions and you will see many of them implemented in the near future.

Thank you from Matt, Tyler, and myself for making our Saturday's fast-paced, festive & fun!!

Diana Kimball-Anderson

SENIOR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Vision Statement

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

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

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

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

During 2013 the committee, with a lot of input from the town, chose East Thetford as the most likely place for senior housing as it provides a variety of services such as transportation, banks, stores and post office as well as a restaurant. Also, a new practice in adult acute care and internal medicine is opening in walking distance at the intersection of Rtes. 5 and 113 (former Merchant's Bank building).

Several months were spent in fact finding and then applying for state and federal grants. Major help in these efforts came from the Ompompanoosuc Community Trust (OCT) which signed the option agreement to buy the Osgood property in East Thetford. OCT Inc. is also committed to help SAHC in raising the funds required for the eventual purchase.

Further assistance came from Twin Pine Housing Inc. which has agreed to provide project management services, and take over the housing operation when the project is completed.

In November two grants were awarded: \$ 30,000 from the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP), and \$ 7,000 from Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB).

Actual planning work on the Osgood site included a topographic and hydrological evaluation, as well as talks with engineering firms and architects regarding layout and housing design.

Members of the Thetford Senior and Affordable Housing Committee met on a monthly schedule and more frequently as needed. Committee members are: Betty Campbell, David Fisk, Dale Gephart (Chair), Manohar Grewal, Helen MacLam, Mark McMahon and Heinz Trebitz.

Respectfully submitted,

Heinz Trebitz

TEN: THETFORD ELDER NETWORK

Since 2008, Thetford Elder Network (“TEN”), a town-appointed committee of volunteers, advocates for Thetford’s older residents by offering activities, friendship, and useful details about healthcare, learning, mobility, and local resources.

The monthly luncheon--November’s was our 60th -- is created by our local chef, funded by a grant from Senior Solutions, and is tasty and nutritionally complete. The event gives time to visit with friends and neighbors and provides helpful information, entertainment, or both. Would you like to attend? Call Martha at 785-4274 to be added to the call list. Would you like to help with one task at the luncheon? Call Cathee at 785-2668.

A volunteer may be available to provide an occasional ride to an appointment or lend a hand if you need help with a household job. Call Inge at 785-2129 to find a helper for you.

There’s a Friday morning walking group, announced on the Thetford Listserv and by word of mouth. For moderate exercise in friendly company (a fine boost to health and life quality), please come. For details, call Susan at 785-4029.

Currently, TEN is spreading the word about the importance of Advance Directives. TEN representatives collaborate with the Senior and Affordable Housing Committee, the Ompompanoosuc Trust, and a group looking into the feasibility of a Community Nurse.

Several other projects are in the works; volunteers and coordinators are needed to make them happen.

Please join the Thetford Elder Network. Contact anyone mentioned above, or Jody at 785-4508, Pril at 333-4077, Sue at 785-2805, or Betty at 785-2407

We honor the memory of the Reverend Dr. Roger Daum, whose ideas, energy, and compassion continue to inspire us.



FOOD SHELF

Once again I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the support we receive for the Food Shelf. Churches, schools, banks, camps, and organizations as well as numerous friends and neighbors contribute very generously to this program.

Willing Hands continues to deliver fresh produce and breads to us weekly and Community Garden members keeps us well supplied with freshly picked vegetables in season. Many of our local farmers also remember us when they have an abundance of crops.

I would also like to acknowledge the participation of all our area Churches in the annual Christmas program. This past year, 19 families (45 children) were provided with gifts - each child receiving an abundance of gift-wrapped items. Several individuals also provide for a family each year as part of their own Christmas celebration.

The renovations in the Food Shelf area were made with little or no inconvenience to our operation thanks to Tracy, the Selectboard and Scott Chapman. Our slight loss of space was a gain of new walls and trim freshly painted.

I am very grateful for the continuing support of townspeople, and a special thanks to Christine, Sara, and Rachel for their help.

Roberta Howard



THETFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The Thetford Conservation Commission is pleased to share the following highlights from 2013. We offered a series of well-attended educational events to celebrate “The Year of Habitat” in Thetford and West Fairlee in collaboration with the West Fairlee Conservation Commission. These included “Why Bobcats Are Back” with State Wildlife Biologist Jens Hilke; “Animals of The North: What Global Climate Change Will Mean For Them” with nationally acclaimed wildlife tracker, interpreter and photographer Sue Morse; a bird walk with ornithologist George Clark on the Taylor Parcel; “Where The Wild Things Are!” - a nature walk for families with Chuck Eaton on Eaton’s Farm in West Fairlee; “Naturally Curious” with Vermont Naturalist Mary Holland; “Have To Have A Habitat” - a live animal presentation with Dave Erler from the Squam Lake Science Center.

We continued our series of “Crown Jewel” walks with a tour of Jock and Deecie Denison’s property. During “Crown Jewel” walks, Commission members accompany landowners around special properties in Thetford and inventory key conservation attributes.

In conjunction with the Upper Valley Land Trust, we finalized a conservation easement for the town-owned Taylor Floodplain Forest Preserve and drafted a Natural Resources Management Plan for the property.

Working with the Vermont Land Trust and with generous contributions from over 136 donors, the Commission successfully raised a \$60,000 funding match for the conservation of Crossroad Farm.

Commission members helped with a “Trees for Streams” buffer planting on the Ompompanoosuc River in West Fairlee and hosted a public meeting to report the findings of the Phase 2 geomorphic study of the river in Thetford.

Finally, Commission members flagged the boundaries of the town-owned Hughes Forest parcel and the Thetford Town Forest and also authorized tree thinning on part of the Hughes Forest. The proceeds from the timber will be used for managing town-owned woodlands.



TREASURE ISLAND

Season: June-Labor Day, Hours: 10 am-8 pm Daily

Treasure Island is a beautiful town-owned recreation area located on the shore of Lake Fairlee on Vermont Route 244. There is a wide beachfront and swim area monitored by lifeguards. Other activities at Treasure Island include sand volleyball, a clay tennis court, badminton, horseshoes, a children's playground with swings and play structure, fishing, multiple walking trails, and multiple picnic areas located throughout the 10-acre park. Treasure Island is open to the public every day during the summer season from 10 am until 8 pm. There is a small entrance fee and season passes are available at Treasure Island, Thetford Town Hall, and through the Thetford Recreation website. There is also ample room for company picnics, school and family reunions and receptions on the "Island" -- an area of the park completely surrounded by water and accessible by a causeway. The town also has boat rentals (paddleboats and canoes) available for a nominal fee.

The summer of 2013 was a busy one, including the "Outdoor Adventure Camp" administered by the Thetford Recreation Department. This children's day camp was fully booked and ran for 8 weeks. Campers worked in age-groups, learned about nature through workshops and presentations, swam, wove baskets, learned Tae Kwon Do and archery, fished and kayaked, to name just some of the summer-long offerings. The camp served many Thetford and local children and was well received by campers and parents.

The Treasure Island Water Safety Instructors and American Red Cross-certified lifeguards taught 8 weeks of swimming lessons, including GuardStart for older children. Many local non-profit groups and other area summer programs for children regularly visited Treasure Island for day trips. The Peabody/Latham Library Children's Librarian ran a delightful weekly StoryTime on the beach. In August, the annual Beach Party was held on a Friday afternoon with music, lifeguard-led games, a community cookout and fun for all.

New to Treasure Island this year, a beautiful Snack Shack, built by Thetford Academy Design Technology students, offered snacks and beverages to patrons with proceeds supporting local school groups. The Thetford Public Works Department also began work converting one of the two clay tennis courts to a multi-use paved hard court. This conversion project was spearheaded by a Thetford Eagle Scout, Wyatt Ulman.

Enormous thanks go to community members supporting Treasure Island, the Thetford Recreation Department, local volunteers, the Town Office staff, the Department of Public Works and the Thetford Selectboard for planning and support of Treasure Island.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann and Scott O'Hearn
Treasure Island Managers and Caretakers

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We have had a very productive year in 2013. Our youth and adult programs had almost 1300 registrants and brought in \$54,402 in revenue. One hundred and eight first time registrants joined us on our website and took advantage of our many programs. There are 922 local participants and 90 non-resident participants who have registered for our 87 recreation activities.

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

Our ski program had 115 participants and 30 parent volunteers for snowboarding and alpine skiing and 22 youth and 5 volunteers for cross country. There is also skating available at Thetford Elementary School. The annual Thetford Ski Sale brought in \$1600 which is put toward offsetting program costs and making scholarships available.

The department offered a new 6 week summer Outdoor Adventure Camp opportunity and had 45 campers per week. This fall we continued our Outdoor Adventure and Nature Crafts program averaging 10 students, held at Open Fields School once a week for the school year.

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

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

Respectfully submitted

Kathi Meyerson
Recreation Director



THETFORD ENERGY COMMITTEE

Thetford participated in the Vermont Home Energy Challenge in order to increase the number of weatherized homes in town. The TEC organized a Challenge forum, worked with Thetford Elementary School on a pledge card drive for TES families, trained volunteers to do Home Energy Visits, followed up with residents who had previously done energy audits, promoted the program at the Recycling Center with a drawing for prizes funded by a mini-grant from Efficiency Vermont, and offered open home tours of weatherized properties so that interested residents could learn more about the process and benefits.

The TEC extended its Thetford HEAT program, which trains and coordinates volunteers helping homeowners weatherize properties to increase comfort and reduce fuel bills. The committee applied for several grants to help pay for weatherization efforts and received funding from the Vermont Community Foundation and Ben and Jerry's. The Thetford HEAT program was honored with the award for best community energy project in the state at the Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network conference.

The TEC researched possible solar electric options for both the elementary school and the town and will continue to support efforts in this area in 2014, as well as programs to assist individual homeowners interested in solar.

The TEC continued its work to make biking a more viable transportation option. Bike racks were obtained and installed through a grant at the Latham Library, Peabody Library, Town Hall, and the Town green. The TEC and volunteers staffed a bike tune up event at Cedar Circle Farm's annual Strawberry festival. The TEC thanks Wells River Savings Bank and the Baptist Church in East Thetford for providing parking for bike commuters.

Other activities included working with town garage staff to review and begin implementing recommendations from the energy audit of the garage and continuing our Warmth in the Winter series of movies and speakers at the First Congregational Church of Thetford. The TEC also teamed with the Vermont Department of Public Safety, Efficiency Vermont, and the Norwich Energy Committee to present a well-attended training course for contractors, architects, realtors, bankers and other professionals on the Vermont Residential Building Standards.



LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY AND PEABODY LIBRARY

Latham Memorial Library

Hours: Monday: 2:00 - 8:00 pm; Tuesday: 2:00 - 5:00 pm; Wednesday: 10:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 2:00 - 8:00 pm; Friday: 10:00 - 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 - 1:00 pm

The total number of library materials borrowed from this library was 10,346 with 12,328 people coming to use the library. More people came and more materials circulated from the library than last year.

From three visits to the Regional Library, the Town Library borrowed 1,289 books and these state books were taken out 872 times. Books featuring Large Type were also borrowed from the state. 2,779 movies were borrowed from the library. 860 audio books circulated this year. 66 E-books and 207 audio books were downloaded through the library in 2013. 131 requests for books were made through Inter-Library Loan and 10 of our books were sent around the state on loan this past year.

The library depends on voluntary efforts from the community. Three volunteers (Susan Fetter, Anne Scotford, and Dianne Sharkey) have accumulated more than 100 years of service to your library. More new titles in a variety of formats (audio, movies, and books) were made available each week due to our volunteers.

Your continued support through the annual appeal improved your library.

Come visit in 2013. If we don't have what you need, we can get it for you. Trustee meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. where you are always welcome.

Peabody Library

Hours: Tuesday: 5:00 - 8:00 pm; Wednesday: 2:00 - 8:00 pm

In its 147th year the library hosted 59 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 Eighteenth Annual Penny Carnival brought a happy crowd of 93 folks to enjoy a sunny afternoon.

Emily Zollo celebrated her third 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-sixth Annual Holiday Readings.

The Library had 1,351 visitors borrowing 714 books from the library collection. 112 audio books also circulated from the library. 230 movies were enjoyed from Peabody. A total of 1,083 titles circulated from the library in 2013. More people came and more materials circulated from the library than last year. Come discover one of the most elegant public rooms in Thetford.

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

THETFORD LIBRARY FEDERATION

Through book discussion groups, visiting speakers and authors, story-telling, and by working cooperatively with classroom teachers at both schools, our member libraries have continued to encourage reading at all levels. 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 in a town-wide database, and continue to expand online reference and recreational titles.

Our other major purpose is to maintain the Bicentennial Building as a free home for Latham Memorial/Thetford Town Library and the Historical Society's library and archives. In 2013 the basement stairwell was reinforced, gallery walls were repainted, new shelving was installed in the Teen Space, and a dehumidifier was purchased. An energy audit encouraged installation of new thermostats and more efficient lighting.

The main source of income for the Federation 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 LibraryWorld, the public access catalog shared among the libraries of Thetford. 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 2013.

Peter Blodgett, Acting Clerk



TOWN OF THETFORD BUDGET REPORT

On the FY2014 Town Budget

The Selectboard is presenting a budget for general fund and public works spending that will increase 2013 total funds to raise by 2.1% (p. 44).

- Spending in the general fund is increasing by 7.6%
- Spending in the public works department is decreasing by 0.2%
- Spending on other warned articles is decreasing by 11.3%

In an effort to illustrate the combined net spending (including non-tax revenues) for proposed general and highway expenses *and* additional warned articles, the following table shows the sum of all Funds to raise.

Proposed Funds to Raise at Town Meeting

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
General funds to raise	952,925	959,009	922,839	1,045,618	1,092,229
Public works funds to raise	468,000	442,572	456,487	597,564	616,218
Other warned articles	180,500	209,600	238,350	230,888	204,855
Total	1,601,425	1,611,181	1,617,676	1,874,069	1,913,302

General Fund

The general fund ended 2013 with a balance of \$158,337, or 11.3% of 2013 expenses. The Selectboard has a policy to maintain the fund between 8% and 12% of expenses, therefore, the fund is in a healthy position.

Public Works Fund

The public works fund ended 2013 with a balance of \$101,930, which is 13.3 % of 2013 expenses. The Selectboard has a policy to maintain the fund between 8% and 12% of expenses. If Article 11 passes (Route 132 Bridge Fund transfer), the fund will be reduced to 8.2% of 2013 expenses, which is within the acceptable range.

You will find the following changes of note in the 2014 Budget. One trend that is consistent across all departments is that wages for individual employees increased by 2% (cost of living increase) and every two years employees receive a 2% increase for experience.

Non-Tax Revenues (p. 45)

- 100-2000-01.00 Hold Harmless Revenue: This revenue is designed to hold the municipality harmless from loss in municipal revenue for the assessment of property assessed at land use value. This increase reflects the increase in values from the 2013 reappraisal.
- 100-2035-00.00 Late Homestead Penalty: In 2013 the penalty for late-filings increased to 8% (from 1%), so revenues increased accordingly.
- 100-2750-00.00 Recreation Receipts: Programming in our Recreation Department has increased significantly, particularly in regards to summer camp.

Selectboard (p. 46)

- 100-3000-60.00 Legal Services: The Selectboard continues to see increased demands on our legal counsel. In 2013, the board addressed a potential solar project, a police union, a wrongful termination lawsuit (costs before the suit was filed - all post-suit costs are borne by the town insurance provider), an appeal of a DRB decision, and an overall increase in dialogue and guidance from our attorney. We do not anticipate this trend changing.

Police & Animal Control (p. 49)

- 100-4100-10.01 Police Officers FT: This line item was increased to accommodate the union wage increases.
- 100-4100-10.07 Int PT Off/PT Admin: This position was not filled in 2013, and due to the increased costs from the unionization, the item was reduced for 2014. Further, this line item now includes all PT officers, which previously existed in 100-4100-10.03.
- 100-4100-22.00 NEPBA Equip & Uniforms: This new line item exists to accommodate specific personal equipment requirements and also reimbursement for union benefits, such as health club memberships, performance bonuses, etc.
- 100-4100-74.00 Fuel: Officers will not be bringing cruisers home between shifts, as our call-out policy has changed.
- 100-4100-91.00 Small Equipment Fund: The department is now planning routine replacement for ballistic vests in this account, which are required to be retired after a certain number of years in service.

Town Hall Physical Plant (p. 47)

- 100-3710-84.00 Town Hall Fund: This one-time increase (\$7,000) is to accommodate an energy retrofit project and will ultimately reduce utility costs in the long-term.

Recreation & Treasure Island (p. 51)

- 100-7000-10.01 Recreation Staff: Responding to the increased demand for summer camp programming, staffing has increased from 2012 levels.
- 100-7005-17.00 Property Taxes: As a result of change in tax law, the property tax bill will be reduced significantly in 2014. However, a bill may be introduced during this legislative session that might overturn this law, so the line item is still partially funded.

Upper Valley Ambulance (p. 50)

- 100-6110-40.00 Upper Valley Ambulance - The UVA increased fees by 15% this year in accordance with their plan implemented in 2012.

Department of Public Works (p. 52)

- 200-5000-10.00 Highway Wages: The department is now employing 4.5 full-time employees rather than five. The goal is to have a smaller number of employees, but the remaining employees are higher-skilled and more versatile.
- 200-5130-56.00 Gravel Resurfacing: In 2013, a new gravel resurfacing program was implemented. One element of this program is to use a vibrating compactor to develop a harder road surface, reducing runoff and material loss, ultimately leading to a longer-lasting road. As costs for this program were less than anticipated, rather than renting the vibrating compactor, the Board chose to purchase a machine with the surplus.
- 200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies: Our public works crew is adopting ways to reduce waste and improve road safety, but we weren't able to meet the ambitious goal that was established in 2013.
- 200-5330-20.00 Transportation Fuel: Related to the mileage reimbursement and a greater emphasis on efficient use of vehicles, our fuel bill was reduced more than \$18,000 in 2013, but we are still conservative when predicting future fuel costs.
- 200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance & Repair: The department had a number of unfortunate vehicle failures in 2013 that resulted in several major repairs. We are anticipating that 2013 was an outlier and we will get through 2014 with no surprises.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

***YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2013***

TOWN OF THETFORD 2014 PROPOSED BUDGET

Summary	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
Police & Animal Control	223,863	226,005	230,359	238,998	5.7%
Selectboard	160,060	187,382	223,383	210,665	12.4%
Miscellaneous	134,816	156,461	160,048	174,026	11.2%
Fire & Emergency Management	124,836	129,830	127,425	135,170	4.1%
Recreation & Treasure Island	105,725	107,799	145,462	126,811	17.6%
Clerk/BCA/Elections/Operations	87,834	99,955	96,311	101,939	2.0%
Libraries	88,859	88,859	88,859	88,859	
Treasurer & Tax Collection	69,861	72,981	75,806	77,151	5.7%
Town Hall – Physical Plant	67,901	66,437	66,458	71,126	7.1%
Recycling & Solid Waste	56,889	59,277	60,579	64,753	9.2%
Listers	41,731	47,070	49,704	50,705	7.7%
Single Year Appropriations	36,815	37,565	37,568	37,568	
Zoning Department & Planning Commission	24,618	32,848	29,256	35,044	6.7%
Conservation	5,356	5,725	5,721	5,750	0.4%
General Fund Expenses	1,229,165	1,318,194	1,396,939	1,418,565	7.6%
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied					
Less Non-tax Revenues	(282,956)	(273,576)	(322,775)	(326,336)	19.3%
General Funds to Raise	914,286	1,045,618	1,074,164	1,092,229	4.5%
Public Works Expenses	659,568	755,178	764,072	753,818	-0.2%
Less Previous Year Surplus Applied		(23,105)			
Less Non-Tax Revenues	(265,942)	(134,509)	(179,066)	(137,600)	2.3%
Public Works Funds to Raise	456,487	597,564	585,006	616,218	3.1%
Additional Warned Articles	238,350	230,888	230,888	204,855	-11.3%
TOTAL Funds to Raise	1,609,123	1,874,070	1,890,058	1,913,302	2.1%

Revenues	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
100-2000-00.00 Current Tax Levy	914,286	1,045,618	1,059,056	1,092,229	4.5%
Non-Tax Revenues					
100-2000-01.00 Hold Harmless Revenue	72,001	72,000	96,475	96,475	34%
100-2030-00.00 Interest Delinquent Taxes	18,153	14,000	15,702	15,000	7%
100-2035-00.00 Late homestead Penalty			20,064	10,000	
100-2040-00.00 School Tax Billing Fee	10,531	9,600	10,432	9,600	
100-2101-00.00 Liquor Taxes	200	200	200	200	
100-2110-00.00 Dog penalties (late fee)	1,927	500	1,075	1,000	100%
100-2115-00.00 Dog Fines (tickets)	-	500			
100-2120-00.00 Dog Licenses	3,251	3,350	3,093	3,250	-3%
100-2121-01.00 Zoning Permits	14,661	15,750	9,271	10,000	-37%
100-2121-02.00 SubDivision Permits	230	1,500	645	750	-50%
100-2211-00.00 Penalty on Taxes	13,300	13,500	20,871	20,000	48%
100-2310-00.00 Town Clerk Fees	35,725	30,000	30,528	30,000	
100-2351-00.00 Use of Town Records	313	350	355	350	
100-2353-00.00 Zoning Material Receipts	37	30	15	15	-50%
100-2400-00.00 Traffic Fines	5,934	6,000	4,642	4,500	-25%
100-2400-10.00 Police Receipts	105	500	10	100	-80%
New Line Item- Police Contracts				2,000	
100-2440-05.00 Tax Sale- Other	4				
100-2400-20.00 Tax Sale Redem. Interest	1,602				
100-2630-00.00 Recycling Sticker Revenue	11,898	12,000	10,206	11,000	-8%
100-2634-02.00 Recycling Receipts	6,566	8,000	6,824	7,000	-13%
100-2682-00.01 Cemetery Receipts	120		120		
100-2700-00.00 Treasure Island Receipts	30,744	30,000	25,419	30,000	
100-2750-00.00 Recreation Receipts	36,734	40,000	54,402	62,700	57%
100-2800-00.00 Insurance refunds	2,597				
100-2930-00.00 Bank Interest	578	600	405	400	-33%
100-2985-00.00 Flood Cont-Water Resource	3,675	3,675	3,675	3,675	
100-2987-00.00 Forest & Parks Tax	21	21	21	21	
100-2988-00.00 Railroad Tax	18	3,000			
100-2989-00.00 PILOT Revenues	8,306	8,500	8,302	8,300	-2%
100-2990-00.00 Miscellaneous Receipts	4		25		
100-2995-00.00 Transfer In (LED surplus)	3,723				
	282,956	273,576	322,775	326,336	19.3%

Selectboard	2012	2013	2013	2014	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed	2013-2014
100-3000-10.01 Selectboard Stipend	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	
100-3000-11.00 Selectboard Assistant	9,712	9,856	10,288	10,359	5%
100-3000-14.00 Selectboard S.S.	268	268	268	268	
100-3000-15.00 Selectboard Contingency	2,865	5,000	4,039	4,000	-20%
100-3000-15.01 Selectboard Assistant S.S.	838	172	788	792	361%
100-3000-15.02 Med./Life/Dent. Insurance	64,927	77,725	73,031	78,000	
100-3000-20.00 Supplies & Publications	25	250	45	100	-60%
100-3000-30.00 Advertising	1,806	1,750	2,393	2,500	43%
100-3000-40.00 VT League Cities & Towns	3,476	3,415	3,415	3,642	7%
100-3000-40.01 Dues and Meetings	141	250	499	250	
100-3000-42.00 Unemployment	3,934	5,000	1,658	765	-85%
100-3000-48.00 PACIF Liability & WC Ins.	26,490	35,196	35,801	42,339	20%
100-3000-49.00 PACIF Deductibles		500		500	
100-3000-50.00 Tax Mapping	1,950				
100-3000-60.00 Legal Services	1,637	5,000	28,960	20,000	300%
100-3000-74.00 Travel	75	200	13	100	-50%
100-3000-80.00 Professional Audit	15,593	15,750	15,460	15,750	
100-3000-85.00 Planning & Consulting	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
100-3000-90.00 Mowing	2,385	3,000	5,341	4,300	43%
100-3000-91.00 Town Lands Maintenance	3,241	5,000	5,629	5,000	
100-3000-92.00 Retirement	10,235	10,000	12,609	13,000	30%
100-3000-93.00 USDA Contract	1,333				
100-3000-94.00 TriTown Committee			14,100		
100-9990-06.00 Bank Fees	630	550	546	500	-9%
	160,060	187,382	223,383	210,665	12.4%

Treasurer	2012	2013	2013	2014	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed	2013-2014
100-3400-10.00 Treasurer	31,024	33,356	34,906	36,222	9%
100-3400-11.00 Asst. Treasurer	21,503	21,341	22,308	21,988	3%
100-3400-14.00 Social Security-Treasurer	2,201	2,552	2,478	2,603	2%
100-3400-14.01 Social Sec.-Asst Treas.	1,648	1,633	1,713	1,665	2%
100-3400-15.00 Benefits	1,846	1,800	2,068	2,000	11%
100-3400-20.00 Supplies	1,042	1,200	1,410	1,300	8%
100-3400-35.00 Postage	1,791	1,850	1,802	1,850	
100-3400-40.00 Dues & Meetings	568	800	749	800	
100-3440-04.00 Tax Collection	7,695	7,803	7,817	8,115	4%
100-3440-14.00 Tax Collection Soc. Security	544	597	556	609	2%
100-3440-74.00 Travel		50			
	69,861	72,981	75,806	77,151	5.7%

Clerk, BCA, Elections and Town Hall	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
<i>CLERK</i>					
100-3500-10.00 Town Clerk Salary	35,683	34,033	35,859	35,053	3%
100-3500-10.01 Asst Town Clerk Wages	16,491	17,195	16,905	18,291	6%
100-3500-14.00 Social Security-Clerk	2,508	2,604	2,513	2,682	3%
100-3500-14.01 Social Security-Asst Clerk	1,263	1,315	1,298	1,399	6%
100-3500-15.00 Benefits	697	840	760	700	-17%
100-3500-25.00 Town Hall Tech. Initiative	3,481	4,000	4,000	4,000	
100-3500-40.00 CLK. Dues/Meetings/Travel	1,153	2,100	1,724	2,100	
<i>RECORDS</i>					
100-3080-62.00 Town Report	4,245	4,300	3,175	3,500	-19%
100-3080-65.00 Restoration of Records	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	
<i>BCA & ELECTIONS</i>					
100-3300-10.02 Expenses	462	175	150	200	14%
100-3300-40.00 Training		100		100	
100-3310-10.00 Election Officials	195	500	200	500	
100-3310-21.00 Election Supplies	252	75	100	250	233%
<i>TOWN OFFICES-OPERATIONS</i>					
100-3210-20.00 Town Office Supplies	3,761	3,000	3,110	3,000	
100-3210-23.00 Copier Contract Support	700	600	1,342	1,259	110%
100-3210-24.00 Copier Maintenance/Supply		400	175	400	
100-3210-26.00 Computer & IT Support	7,367	6,000	4,032	6,000	
100-3210-27.00 Computer Lic. Agreements	20	10,093	10,717	9,880	-2%
100-3210-28.00 Computer Supplies		400	91	400	
100-3210-34.00 Telecommunications	5,020	5,900	5,360	5,900	
100-3210-35.00 Town Office Postage	2,132	2,500	1,981	2,500	
100-3210-68.00 Equipment Maint/Repairs		200	162	200	
100-3210-83.00 Tools & Equipment	404	1,625	658	1,625	
	87,834	99,955	96,311	101,939	2.0%

Town Hall Physical Plant	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
100-3710-10.00 Custodian	1,695	1,726	1,771	1,777	3%
100-3710-14.00 Social Security - Custodi	130	132	135	136	3%
100-3710-20.00 Town Hall Phys.Plant Supp	207	450	371	300	-33%
100-3710-56.00 Rubbish Removal/Recycling	1,030	1,000	1,259	1,000	
100-3710-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	2,916	1,500	1,233	1,500	
100-3710-70.00 Grounds Maintenance		25			
100-3710-76.00 Town Hall Utilities	8,076	7,200	7,693	7,200	
100-3710-80.00 Town Hall Alarm Service	157	200	230	230	15%
100-3710-83.00 Town Hall Equipment	299	2,000	1,561	1,000	-50%
100-3710-84.00 Town Hall Fund	8,500	8,500	8,500	15,500	82%
100-3710-90.00 Town Hall Bond Payment	44,892	43,704	43,704	42,483	-3%
	67,901	66,437	66,458	71,126	7.1%

Conservation Commission	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
100-3800-20.00 Supplies & Project Support	246			500	3%
100-3800-40.00 Dues, Meetings				250	
100-3800-80.00 Fund Appropriation	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
100-3800-90.00 Project Support	110	725	721		
	5,356	5,725	5,721	5,750	0.4%

Fire & Emergency Management	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
100-3900-30.00 Emergency Management	17,476	8,830	6,390	8,830	
100-4500-00.00 Fire Department	117,035	121,000	121,035	125,840	4%
100-4500-10.01 Fire Warden				500	
	134,511	129,830	127,425	135,170	4.1%

Listers	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
100-3430-10.00 Listers Salaries	29,620	33,740	35,462	36,332	8%
100-3430-11.00 Clerk Salary	5,295	4,264	4,889	4,998	17%
100-3430-14.00 Listers Social Security	2,260	2,581	2,703	2,779	8%
100-3430-14.01 Lister Clerk Soc. Sec.	407	326	373	382	17%
100-3430-20.00 Supplies	609	500	508	500	
100-3430-23.00 Service Contracts	2,107	2,363	2,653	2,363	
100-3430-34.00 Advertising		75	46	50	-33%
100-3430-35.00 Postage	304	150	743	500	233%
100-3430-40.00 Dues & Meetings		370	180	200	-46%
100-3430-68.00 Professional Services	935	2,200	1,794	2,250	2%
100-3430-74.00 Travel	184	200	139	150	-25%
100-3430-83.00 Equipment	11	300	215	200	-33%
	41,731	47,070	49,704	50,705	7.7%

Recycling and Solid Waste	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
100-6320-00.00 GUVSWMD Dues	32,738	32,738	32,738	32,738	
100-6340-10.00 Recycling Salaries	7,999	9,000	9,270	10,000	11%
100-6340-14.00 Social Security-Recycling	613	689	711	765	11%
100-6340-20.00 Supplies	977	650	645	800	23%
100-6340-40.00 Bin lease/Comingled Haul	8,932	7,500	11,598	12,500	67%
100-6340-42.05 Glass pick up	342	2,000	593	1,000	-50%
100-6340-42.07 Scrap metal pick up		250		500	100%
100-6340-50.00 Community Education	100	250		250	
100-6340-74.00 Travel	187	200	24	200	
100-6340-75.00 Facility Const & Maint		1,000		1,000	
100-6340-90.00 Capital Reserve	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	56,889	59,277	60,579	64,753	9.2%

Zoning and Planning	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
<i>ZONING</i>					
100-3620-10.00 Zoning Administrator	11,781	13,919	13,243	14,768	6%
100-3620-10.01 Zoning Admin.Asst.	5,383	7,036	7,711	8,587	22%
100-3620-14.00 Social Security-Zoning	897	1,065	1,017	1,130	6%
100-3620-14.01 Admin.Asst. Soc. Sec.	413	538	610	657	22%
100-3620-20.00 Supplies	276	350	619	489	40%
100-3620-30.00 Advertising	474	650	315	500	-23%
100-3620-35.00 Postage	737	1,850	946	800	-57%
100-3620-40.00 Dues & Meetings		150	60	390	160%
100-3620-74.00 Travel	20	150	149	433	189%
100-3620-83.00 Equipment	250	150		300	100%
<i>PLANNING</i>					
100-3650-10.01 Clerical Support	1,071	1,700	1,255	1,700	
100-3650-14.01 Clk. Support Soc. Sec.	82	130	96	130	
100-3650-20.00 Supplies		75		75	
100-3650-21.00 Printing		1,000		1,000	
100-3650-30.00 Advertising		500		500	
100-3650-40.00 Dues & Meetings		100		100	
100-3650-42.00 Training		100		100	
100-3650-58.00 Regional Planning Comm.	3,235	3,235	3,235	3,235	
100-3650-74.00 Travel		150		150	
	24,618	32,848	29,256	35,044	6.7%
Police and Animal Control	2012	2013	2013	2014	% Change
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed	2013-2014
<i>POLICE</i>					
100-4100-10.00 Police Chief	57,924	58,675	57,158	60,445	3%
100-4100-10.01 Police Officers F.T.	82,322	82,033	90,054	95,024	16%
100-4100-10.07 Int.P.T.Off/PTAdministrat		17,399		9,500	-45%
100-4100-10.02 Police overtime	7,435	6,000	9,106	6,000	
100-4100-10.03 Police Officers P.T.	12,159	2,500	1,020		-100%
100-4100-10.05 Call Out/OT	2,131	3,000	3,865	3,000	
100-4100-14.00 Social Security-Police Ch	4,177	4,489	4,203	4,624	3%
100-4100-14.01 Police Officer Soc. Sec.	6,575	4,750	7,702	7,269	53%
100-4100-14.02 Soc.Sec. P.T.	946	191		727	280%
100-4100-14.05 CallOut/OT Soc. Security	153		285	230	
100-4100-15.00 Benefits	2,571	2,415	2,239	2,536	5%
100-4100-20.00 Supplies	2,177	850	1,537	850	
100-4100-25.00 Uniforms	2,143	3,000	2,910	1,500	-50%
100-4100-22.00 NEPBA Equip. & Uniforms			6,170	7,532	
100-4100-34.00 Telecommunications	5,207	4,000	7,051	5,500	38%
100-4100-35.00 Postage	36	100	141	100	
100-4100-36.00 Radio/Dispatch	9,691	10,400	12,198	10,400	
100-4100-40.00 Dues & Meetings	310	150	120	150	
100-4100-42.00 Training	428	500	1,319	1,000	100%
100-4100-60.00 Contracted Services	533	300	483	300	
100-4100-68.00 Vehicle Repair	7,747	6,000	3,342	3,000	-50%
100-4100-74.00 Fuel	12,770	11,160	10,644	8,159	-27%
100-4100-83.00 Equipment/ Repair/Radio	3,154	3,000	3,403	3,000	
100-4100-91.00 Small Equipment Fund	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,560	204%
<i>ANIMAL CONTROL</i>					
100-6150-10.00 Animal Control Wages	1,075	2,000	2,097	2,000	
100-6150-14.00 Social Security-AC	82	153	160	153	
100-6150-15.00 Pound Fees		300	45	250	-17%
100-6150-22.00 Humane Supplies	28	250	408	300	20%
100-6150-37.00 Licensing Supplies	324	300	469	300	
100-6150-40.00 Dues, Mtgs, Innoculations		90		90	
100-6150-74.00 Travel	267	500	730	500	
	223,863	226,005	230,359	238,998	5.7%

Libraries and Miscellaneous	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
<i>LIBRARIES</i>					
100-8000-00.00 Thetford Libraries	88,859	88,859	88,859	88,859	
<i>COMMITTEES</i>					
100-4000-50.00 Energy Committee	651	750	345	750	
100-6940-00.00 Senior & Affordable Housing			316		
100-6950-20.00 TEN Committee	50				
<i>HEALTH OFFICER</i>					
100-6140-10.00 Health Officer Wages		300		300	
100-6140-14.00 Social Security		23		23	
100-6140-40.00 Dues & Meetings		75		75	
100-6140-74.00 Travel		50		50	
<i>DANGEROUS BUILDINGS</i>					
100-6120-50.00 Dangerous Bldg. Inspector		500		500	
<i>AMBULANCE</i>					
100-6110-40.00 Upper Valley Ambulance	51,760	69,876	69,876	80,228	15%
<i>CEMETERIES</i>					
100-6820-01.00 Mowing	4,960	3,800	6,257	7,000	84%
100-6820-20.00 Supplies		200		200	
100-6820-68.00 Repairs		1,200	111	1,200	
100-9900-01.00 Veterans' Flags	400	400	400	400	
<i>SCHOLARSHIPS</i>					
100-9900-02.00 Scholarships	500	500	500	500	
<i>COUNTY TAX</i>					
100-9300-00.00 County & Extension Svc.	75,154	76,987	80,759	81,000	5%
<i>INTEREST PAID</i>					
100-9150-00.00 Interest on Loans	1,341	1,800	1,483	1,800	
	134,816	156,461	160,048	174,026	11.2%

Recreation and Treasure Island	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
<i>RECREATION</i>					
100-7000-10.00 Recreation Coordinator	14,481	14,075	16,000	14,502	3%
100-7000-10.01 Recreation Staff	9,484	11,000	33,356	33,000	200%
100-7000-14.00 Rec. Coordinator Soc.Sec.	1,111	1,077	1,225	1,109	3%
100-7000-14.01 Recreation Staff Soc. Sec.	726	842	2,552	2,525	200%
100-7000-20.00 Recreation Admin Supplies	3,838	3,000	2,981	3,000	
100-7000-20.01 Youth Sports Equipment	4,481	4,200	3,117	4,200	
100-7000-34.00 Telephone, Utilities	620	600	872	700	17%
100-7000-40.00 Dues and Meetings	427	400	1,001	1,000	150%
100-7000-40.01 Skiing Program	7,999	9,000	8,603	8,500	-6%
100-7000-40.02 Cross-Country Skiing Prog		250		150	-40%
100-7000-40.03 Adult Programs		100		100	
100-7000-40.10 Special Events	600	1,200		1,200	
100-7000-50.00 Officials Fees	20	100		100	
100-7000-50.01 Tournaments & Fees	1,285	1,500	1,271	1,500	
100-7000-50.03 Instructor & Registration	3,536	2,500	5,402	7,000	180%
100-7000-50.04 Summer Camp Expenses	945	1,500	3,217	3,000	100%
100-7000-50.90 Capital Improvements Fund	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
100-7000-68.00 Repairs & Maintenance	6,140	5,000	7,237	6,000	20%
<i>TREASURE ISLAND</i>					
100-7005-10.00 Treasure Island Staff	12,126	12,500	12,808	12,750	2%
100-7005-14.00 Social Security	928	956	980	975	2%
100-7005-17.00 Property Taxes	21,875	22,000	29,066	10,000	-55%
100-7005-22.00 Supplies	1,042	1,200	1,665	2,000	67%
100-7005-30.00 Advertising	126	200			-100%
100-7005-34.00 Telephone	138	200	341	400	100%
100-7005-68.00 Facility Maint./Repairs	6,724	7,000	6,872	6,500	-7%
100-7005-70.00 Residence Maint./Repairs	3,163	2,900	3,042	2,500	-14%
100-7005-76.00 Utilities	319	500	694	500	
100-7005-79.00 Misc. train & certificati	593	1,000	160	600	-40%
	105,725	107,799	145,462	126,811	17.6%

Appropriations	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
100-6900-01.00 Clara Martin Center	4,266	4,266	4,266	4,266	
100-6900-10.00 VNA/VNH	11,536	11,536	11,536	11,536	
100-6900-40.00 WR Council on Aging	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950	
100-6900-51.00 Vt. Ctr. for Indep. Livng	150	150	150	150	
100-6900-52.00 Central VT Adult Basic Ed	800	800	800	800	
100-6900-53.00 The Family Place	300	300	300	300	
100-6900-55.00 Headrest	1,564	1,564	1,564	1,564	
100-6900-58.00 Orange County Diversion	175	175	175	175	
100-6900-62.00 Safeline	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	
100-6900-65.00 Vermont Green Up, Inc.	150	150	150	150	
100-6900-75.00 GMEDC	1,294	1,294	1,297	1,297	
100-6900-76.00 VT Assn for the Blind	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
100-6900-79.00 VT. Trails and Greenways	30	30	30	30	
100-6900-80.00 Little Rivers Health Care	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
100-6900-81.00 Orange Cnty Parent Child	500	500	500	500	
100-6900-82.00 Sustainable Energy Resour	750	750	750	750	
100-6900-83.00 Stagecoach	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	
100-6900-90.00 Lake Fairlee Association	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
100-6900-02.00 American Red Cross	250	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	36,815	37,565	37,568	37,568	0.0%

Public Works	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Proposed	% Change 2013-2014
REVENUE					
<i>NON-TAX REVENUE</i>					
200-2232-00.00 State Highway Aid	131,312	134,509	133,783	137,200	2%
200-2240-00.00 Other Grant Receipts	851		1,000		
200-2250-00.00 FEMA/FHA Flood Repair	132,240		43,888		
200-2509-00.00 Receipts	261				
200-2542-00.00 Sale of Town Equipment	848				
200-2700-10.00 Overweight Permit Fees	430		395	400	
<i>Less previous year surplus applied</i>		(23,105)			
<i>TAX REVENUE</i>					
200-2000-00.00 Current Tax Levy-Highway	456,487	597,564	597,564	616,218	3%
	722,429	755,178	776,630	753,818	-0.2%
EXPENDITURES					
200-5000-10.00 DPW Wages	177,431	195,059	165,639	185,546	-5%
200-5000-10.05 DPW On Call	1,112				
200-5000-11.00 Overtime	26,243	20,000	23,630	25,000	25%
200-5000-05.01 Retirement	7,631	7,631	7,606	8,422	10%
200-5100-15.00 Highway Medical/Life/Dental B	47,296	74,755	63,596	75,000	
200-5100-15.01 Social Security	17,523	14,922	14,205	16,107	8%
200-5100-17.03 Clothing Expense	2,821	1,750	1,626	3,000	71%
200-5100-20.00 Office Supplies	30	150	172	1,000	567%
200-5100-34.00 Telephone	2,409	1,650	1,732	2,000	21%
200-5100-36.00 Radio Maintenance	1,906	1,500	395	500	-67%
200-5100-40.00 Dues & Meeting	2,846	1,500	61	4,000	167%
200-5100-48.00 PACIF Liab/Unemp/WC	23,381	26,365	26,364	28,943	10%
200-5100-74.00 Mileage Reimbursement		5,000	2,913	4,000	-20%
200-5110-22.00 Road Maintenance Supplies	60,682	50,000	46,842	45,000	-10%
200-5120-22.00 Contribution to New Paving Fur	2,807	100,000	100,000	100,000	
200-5120-50.00 Hwy Structures Grant Match		15,000		15,000	
200-5130-56.00 Gravel Resurfacing	69,744	63,646	25,465	35,000	-45%
200-5130-83.00 Resurfacing Equipment			39,000		
200-5150-22.00 Flood Repairs			14,299		
200-5180-22.00 Winter Road Supplies	67,220	50,000	69,634	65,000	30%
200-5280-00.00 Streetlights	4,141	3,500	3,469	3,200	-9%
200-5310-22.00 Garage Supplies	4,048	3,000	6,937	5,800	93%
200-5310-56.00 Rubbish Removal - Garage	681	750	606	500	-33%
200-5310-68.00 Garage Repairs/Equip./Mai	1,955	4,000	12,432	4,000	
200-5310-76.00 Garage Utilities	5,459	4,500	7,180	5,800	29%
200-5310-80.00 Alarm Service	221	1,000	188	500	-50%
200-5310-83.00 Garage Equipment	737				
200-5330-20.00 Transportation Fuel	67,259	55,000	49,147	55,000	
200-5330-21.00 Vehicle Oil	2,765	2,000	1,661	2,000	
200-5330-22.00 Vehicle supplies	21				
200-5330-56.00 Equipment	2,430	3,500	3,404	3,500	
200-5330-68.00 Vehicle Maintenance & Rep	51,584	45,000	72,239	55,000	22%
200-5330-83.00 Vehicle Repair Tools	500				
200-5610-22.00 Signs	5,516	4,000	3,631	4,000	
200-5100-38.00 GIS Road Data Survey	1,170			1,000	
	659,568	755,178	764,072	753,818	-0.2%

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT - NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2013

Significant Accounting Policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity:

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

B. Fund Accounting:

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

I. GENERAL FUND AND HIGHWAY FUND

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

II. Special Revenue Funds:

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

III. Capital Project Funds:

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

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

I. Measurement Focus:

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

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

II. Basis of Accounting:

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

a. Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting:

The Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting is followed in the governmental funds. Under the Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available is intended to mean collectible within the 60 day period, or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities.

Intergovernmental revenues received as reimbursements for specific purposes or projects are recognized if the relevant expenditures have been recorded. Intergovernmental entitlements for unrestricted purposes are recorded as revenues at the time of receipt, or earlier if measurable and available.

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

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

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

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

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

II. Long-Term Debt:

- 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 \$270,000.
- To State of Vermont, interest at 2%, annual principal payments of \$19,100 plus interest, due 2014, total balance due \$19,100.
- To Merchants Bank, interest at 3.18%, annual principal payments of \$6,645 plus interest, total balance \$19,935 due August 2016
- To Merchants Bank, interest at 3.2%, annual principal and interest payments of \$7,500 due October 2017, total balance \$30,000

- To John Deere Credit, interest at 3.8%, annual principal and interest payments of \$54,220 due October 2016, total balance due \$150,850
- To Ford Motor Credit Company, interest at 5.95% , annual principal and interest payments of \$16,311 due March 2017, total balance due \$56,583
- To Element Financial, interest at .9%, annual principal and interest payments of \$3,361, due Sept. 2017, total balance due \$145,040

The total amount of long-term debt is \$691,508

III. Receivables:

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

TOWN HALL RENOVATION BOND REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

YEAR	RATE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	ANNUAL P&I	BOND BANK	ADJ. DEBT	BALANCE (PRINCIPAL)
					REFINANCE ADJ	SERVICE	
2002			7,630.06	7,630.06		7,630.06	600,000
2003	1.55%	30,000	22,701.00	52,701.00		52,701.00	570,000
2004	1.92%	30,000	22,236.00	52,236.00		52,236.00	540,000
2005	2.38%	30,000	21,660.00	51,660.00		51,660.00	510,000
2006	2.71%	30,000	20,946.00	50,946.00		50,946.00	480,000
2007	3.01%	30,000	20,133.00	50,133.00		50,133.00	450,000
2008	3.32%	30,000	19,230.00	49,230.00		49,230.00	420,000
2009	3.53%	30,000	18,234.00	48,234.00		48,234.00	390,000
2010	3.75%	30,000	17,175.00	47,175.00		47,175.00	360,000
2011	3.86%	30,000	16,050.00	46,150.00		46,050.00	330,000
2012	3.96%	30,000	14,892.00	44,892.00		44,892.00	300,000
2013	4.07%	30,000	13,704.00	43,704.00		43,704.00	270,000
2014	4.20%	30,000	12,483.00	42,483.00		42,483.00	240,000
2015	4.33%	30,000	11,223.00	41,223.00	1,015.36	40,207.64	210,000
2016	4.43%	30,000	9,924.00	39,924.00	1,128.17	38,795.83	180,000
2017	4.53%	30,000	8,595.00	38,595.00	1,805.08	36,789.00	150,000
2018	4.63%	30,000	7,236.00	37,236.00	1,240.99	35,995.01	120,000
2019	4.73%	30,000	5,847.00	35,847.00	1,240.99	34,606.01	90,000
2020	4.83%	30,000	4,428.00	34,428.00	1,128.17	33,299.83	60,000
2021	4.93%	30,000	2,979.00	32,979.00	6,904.67	26,074.33	30,000
2022	5.00%	30,000	1,500.00	31,500.00		31,500.00	0
TOTALS		600,000	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 is essentially our Town's private funds for those needing a helping hand during emergencies. During 2013, the Fund also helped "seed" a Senior Housing project.

Original investment – 12/4/57 -	\$4,001.07
Total Fidelity Puritan shares in Fund as of 12/31/12- 34,438.175	\$668,444.98
Total Fidelity Puritan shares in Fund as of 12/31/13- 37,214.452	\$790,062.82
Cash balance - 12/31/12	\$1,448.62
2/7/13 - Check to Emergency Fund	(\$1,200.00)
2/33/13 – Check to Emergency Fund	(\$2,400.00)
10/18/13 – Check to Pathways Consulting	(\$4,585.25)
Bank interest	\$1.20
Cash balance as of 12/31/13	\$6,269.57

CEMETERY TRUST

Established by funds left by Anna Poore, the Fund helps maintain some of the Town's cemeteries.

Original investment – 12/4/57 -	\$1,300.20
Total Fidelity Puritan shares in Fund as of 12/31/12 –1,039.538	\$20,177.43
Total Fidelity Puritan shares in Fund as of 12/31/13 –1,143.697	\$24,280.69
Cash balance as of 12/31/12	\$1,630.28
1/23/13 - Check to Town of Thetford	(\$520.00)
1/25/13 - Deposit	\$840.00
Cash balance as of 12/31/13	\$1,950.28

LATHAM LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

Started anonymously on 3/10/89, the fund, as of 12/31/13, has a **value of \$188,694.16.**

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
- demonstrated interest in Latham Library

During 2013, the Fund awarded four scholarships of \$2,000.00 each to four students. Usually, these awards are for four years or \$8,000 to each student. Since the Fund began, it has awarded almost \$100,000.00. in scholarships.

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



MARSTON/SMITH GRAVESITE FUND REPORT

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

Original Bequest-1972	\$1,000.00	
Balance on Hand 1/1/13	\$1,066.67	Grave upkeep and floral pieces - Donated
Interest Accrued	<u>1.07</u>	
Balance on hand 12/31/13	\$1,067.74	

Jill Graff, Town Treasurer

Town of Thetford, Vermont							
Governmental Capital Assets							
December 31, 2013							
Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost	Item	Department	Date Acquired	Cost
2010 Freightliner	Highway	11/19/2009	116,368	Recycling Container	Recycling	10/15/2010	4,600
2007 International	Highway	3/9/2007	119,649	Recycling Center Shed	Solid Waste	6/30/1993	5,414
2007 Freightliner Body	Highway	9/13/2006	103,875	Pedestrian Path	General	N/A	25,116
2006 Freightliner Body	Highway	10/11/2005	91,689	Academy Road	Highway	9/30/2009	204,718
2011 John Deere Grader	Highway	7/6/2011	272,500	Latham Road	Highway	8/3/2005	46,553
Thaw er Pressure Washer	Highway	9/18/2005	5,096	Godfrey Road	Highway	9/7/2005	50,178
Diesel Tank-2000 Gallon	Highway	11/10/2005	4,915	Tucker Hill Road	Highway	10/5/2005	27,703
2010 Ford F550	Highway	12/21/2012	71,825	Robinson Hill and Barker	Highway	11/1/2004	131,197
2013 Doosan Excavator	Highway	7/29/2013	158,000	Quail John Road	Highway	9/8/2010	16,301
Hamm Roller	Highway	9/19/2013	39,000	Stowell Road Bridge	Highway	6/30/2004	41,345
Yamaha Generator	Highway	6/30/2003	15,000	Tucker Hill Bridge	Highway	11/30/2004	50,500
Wisconsin Equipment Trailer	Highway	6/30/1988	10,000	Treasure Island Residence Roof	Recreation	12/31/2005	9,000
York Road Rake	Highway	6/30/1999	5,500	Land - Treasure Island	Recreation	9/30/1972	127,100
2009 John Deere Loader	Highway	9/16/2008	118,500	Land - Town Garage	N/A	6/30/1935	300
2006 John Deere Tractor	Highway	4/14/2006	60,750	Land - Town Hall	N/A		0
Diamond mower	Highway	7/19/2006	35,409	Land - Recycling Ctr.	N/A	6/30/2004	34,031
SwEEPster broom	Highway	7/19/2006	6,500	Land - Town Forest	N/A	4/24/1905	165
Valby Farmy Chipper	Highway	7/19/2006	14,070	Land - Stowell Road	N/A	6/30/1950	600
Schraeder Air Compressor	Highway	2/24/2010	2,456	Land - Fire Training Center	N/A	6/30/1957	62
Radar Sign	Police	12/1/2012	2,370	Land - Elementary School Site	N/A	6/30/1961	2,000
Radar Unit	Police	2/23/2012	1,870	Land - School Leach Field	N/A	6/30/1974	12,400
2014 Ford Interceptor	Police	7/11/2013	30,015	Land - T & J Taylor Property	N/A	6/30/1997	68,080
2009 Chevy Impala	Police	7/27/2009	19,238	Land - Poor Farm Road So.	N/A	6/30/1994	40,000
2013 Ford Interceptor	Police	8/14/2012	26,582	Land - Hughes (Center Common)	N/A	6/30/1998	30,300
Army Cots	Emerg.Mgmt.	8/19/2010	1,207	Land - Uihlein Property (Turnpike Road)	N/A		11,800
Computers	General	10/21/2010	11,443	Land - Post Mills Conservation Area	Conservation		60,000
Computer	Zoning	1/26/2012	1,920	Land - Decola Property (Cranberry Hill)	N/A	6/30/2005	13,140
Roller Shelves	General	10/9/2010	4,800	Land - Poor Farm Rd. Nature Cons.)	N/A	6/30/2004	158,690
Copier	General	2/13/2009	3,695	Land - Sawnee Bean Cemetery	N/A		0
Copier	General	6/30/2003	3,500	Land - Judd Cemetery	N/A		0
Police Radios	Police	5/11/2005	10,492	Land - Trussell Road	N/A		0
Mobil Data Computers (2)	Police	6/5/2009	8,691	Land - Thetford Center Cemetery	N/A		0
Laptop computer	Police	3/18/2012	1,363	Land - East Thetford Cemetery	N/A		0
Town Hall	General	6/30/2003	681,770	Land - Thetford Hill Common	N/A		0
Generator E.Mgt.	General	12/31/2009	52,123	Land - Rice's Mills Cemetery	N/A		0
Generator Town Hall	General	8/28/2008	10,273	Land - Kinney Cemetery	N/A		0
Highway Garage Salt Shed	Highway	6/30/1974	44,060	Land - Follett Cemetery	N/A		0
Treasure Island-Original Buildings	Recreation	9/30/1972	36,900	Land - Post Mills Green	N/A		0
Treasure Island Facilities	Recreation		0	Land - Potato Hill Road South			220
Treasure Island Shop/Crafts	Recreation		0	Land - Turnpike Road South	Conservation		0
							3,366,927

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2013**

	GENERAL	DPW	DPW. EQUIP.	FIRE EQUIP.	CRUISER	COMMUNITY DEV.	OTHER	
	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	GOVERNMENTAL	TOTAL
	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUND	FUNDS	TOTAL
ASSETS								
Cash	1,450,840	0	0	0	0	20,835	0	1,471,675
Receivables	202,417	0	48,000	0	0	0	1,288	251,705
Due from other funds	0	150,096	2,800	69,210	19,765	0	272,537	514,408
Loan Receivable	0	0	0	0	0	450,327	0	450,327
Inventory	0	13,827	0	0	0	0	0	13,827
Total Assets	1,653,257	163,923	50,800	69,210	19,765	471,162	273,825	2,701,942
LIABILITIES								
Accounts Payable	8,276	56,862	0	0	0	7,150	0	72,288
Accrued Payroll and Related Payroll Liabilities	20,514	5,331	0	0	0	0	0	25,845
Due to Other Funds	474,327	0	0	0	0	0	40,081	514,408
Unearned Revenue	131,307	0	0	0	0	450,327	18,048	599,682
Due to School District	860,496	0	0	0	0	0	0	860,496
Due to Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,048	11,048
Total Liabilities	1,494,920	62,193	0	0	0	457,477	69,177	2,083,767
FUND BALANCES								
Nonspendable	0	13,827	0	0	0	0	0	13,827
Restricted	0	87,903	0	0	0	13,685	49,555	151,143
Assigned	0	0	50,800	69,210	19,765	0	155,093	294,868
Unassigned	158,337	0	0	0	0	0	0	158,337
Total Fund Balances	158,337	101,730	50,800	69,210	19,765	13,685	204,648	618,175
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,653,257	163,923	50,800	69,210	19,765	471,162	273,825	2,701,942

TOWN OF THETFORD, VERMONT								
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES								
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS								
December 31, 2013								
	General	DPW	DPW Equip.	Fire Equip.	Cruiser	Com.Dev.	Other	Total
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
REVENUES:								
Property Taxes	1,059,056	597,564	113,360	64,890	12,750	0	25,788	1,873,408
Delinquent Taxes	36,573	0	0	0	0	0	0	36,573
Intergovernmental Revenues	108,452	178,671	0	0	0	0	46,566	333,689
Charges for Services	97,077	0	0	0	0	0	2,775	99,852
Licenses,Permits and Fees	54,122	0	0	0	0	0	0	54,122
Fines	25,781	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,781
Investment Income	405	0	23	61	13	0	92	594
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	17,123	0	17,123
Other Revenue	365	395	0	0	0	0	131	891
Total Revenues	1,381,831	776,630	113,383	64,951	12,763	17,123	75,352	2,442,033
EXPENDITURES:								
Current:								
General Government	601,716	0	0	0	0	0	43,633	645,349
Highway and Streets	0	635,681	0	0	0	0	0	635,681
Public Safety	422,251	0	0	0	0	0	9,796	432,047
Culture and Recreation	231,320	0	0	0	0	0	0	231,320
Community Developmenet	0	0	0	0	0	7,150	0	7,150
Solid Waste and Recycling	55,579	0	0	0	0	0	0	55,579
Cemetery	6,369	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,369
Capital Outlay:								
Highway and Streets	0	39,000	158,000	0	0	0	63,163	260,163
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	36,298	0		36,298
Culture and Recreation	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Debt Service:								
Principal	30,000	0	133,192	58,216	6,645	0	0	228,053
Interest	13,701	0	11,425	2,509	846	0	0	28,481
Total Expenditures	1,360,936	674,681	302,617	60,725	43,789	7,150	116,592	2,566,490
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues	20,895	101,949	(189,234)	4,226	(31,026)	9,973	(41,240)	(124,457)
Over Expenditures								
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):								
Proceeds of Long Term Debt	0	0	158,000	0	30,000	0	0	188,000
Proceeds from Sale of Vehicle/ Equipment	0	0	48,000	0	2,735	0	0	50,735
Transfers In		0	0	0	0	0	134,007	134,007
Transfers Out	(34,000)	(100,000)	0	0	0	0	(7)	(134,007)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(34,000)	(100,000)	206,000	0	32,735	0	134,000	238,735
Net Change in Fund Balances	(15,108)	1,949	16,766	4,226	1,709	9,973	92,760	112,275
Fund Balances - December 31, 2012	173,445	99,781	34,034	64,984	18,056	3,712	111,888	505,900
Fund Balances - December 31, 2013	158,337	101,730	50,800	69,210	19,765	13,685	204,648	618,175

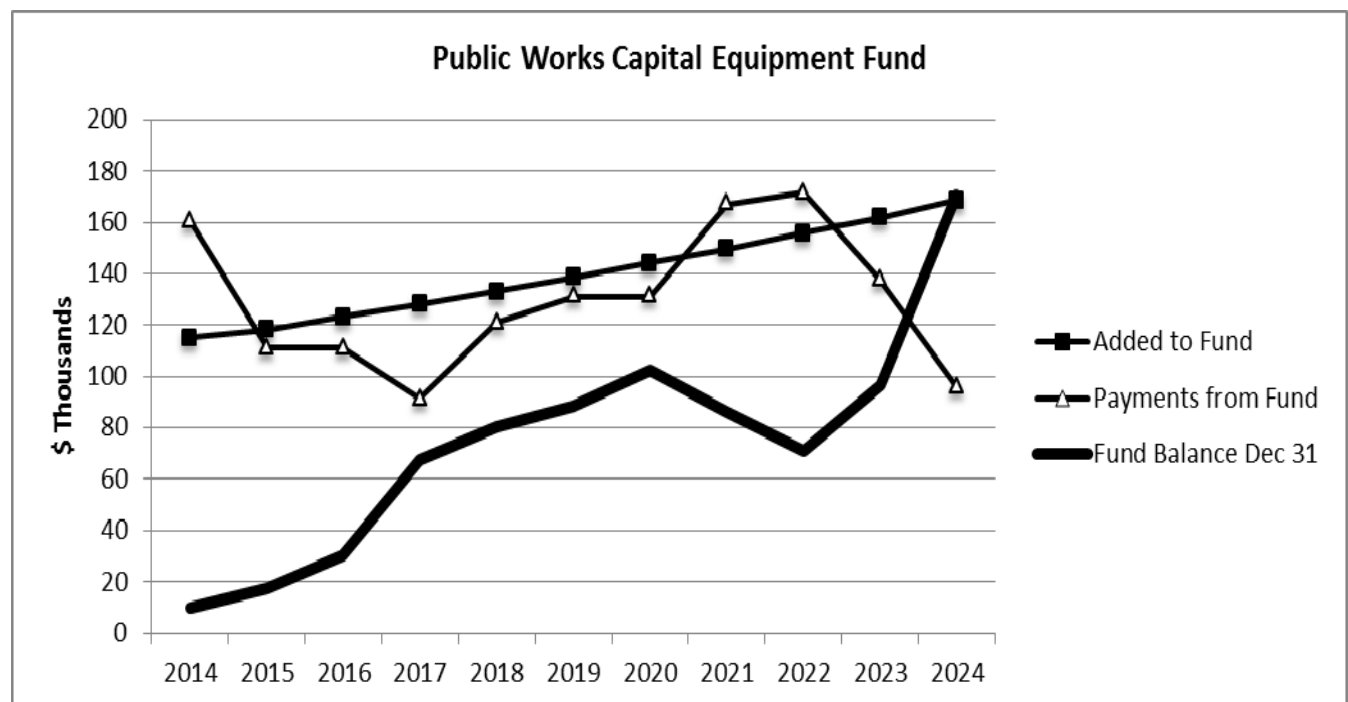
COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES										
SPECIAL FUNDS										
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013										
	Restoration	Energy	Conservation	Reappraisal	Planning Consulting	Lister Education	Police Sm. Equip.	Total		
Revenues:										
Intergovernmental	0	0	432	13,500	0	0	0	13,932		
Investment	6	0	0	0	13	0	0	19		
Donations	0	131	0	0	0	0	0	131		
Charges for Services	2,775	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,775		
Property Taxes	0	0	0	25,788	0	0	0	25,788		
Total Revenues	2,781	131	432	39,288	13	0	0	42,645		
Expenditures:										
General Government	87	10	7,932	0	0	250	0	8,279		
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,895	2,895		
Total Expenditures	87	10	7,932	0	0	250	2,895	11,174		
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	2,694	121	(7,500)	39,288	13	(250)	(2,895)	31,471		
Other Financing Sources:										
Transfer in	2,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	1,500	13,500		
Transfer out	0	0	0	0	(7)	0	0	(7)		
Total Other Financing	2,000	0	5,000	0	4,993	0	1,500	13,493		
Net Change in Fund Balance	4,694	121	(2,500)	39,288	5,006	(250)	(1,395)	44,964		
Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/12	7,231	334	24,455	(25,788)	15,674	1,116	1,691	24,713		
Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/13	11,925	455	21,955	13,500	20,680	866	296	69,677		

GRANTS												
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013												
	Pace	Trails	Whip	Weatherization Incentives	Wetland Mapping	Hwy. Safety	Phelps Road	Milfoil	Geomorphic	Garden Grant	Sidewalk Grant	Total
Revenues:												
Intergovernmental	0	421	0	175	0	588	0	8,000	18,400	0	5,050	32,634
Total Revenues	0	421	0	175	0	588	0	8,000	18,400	0	5,050	32,634
Expenditures:												
General Government	0	0	0	175	0	0	0	8,000	18,400	0		26,575
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	0	588	0	0	0	0	6,313	6,901
Total Expenditures	0	0	0	175	0	588	0	8,000	18,400	0	6,313	33,476
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	0	421	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,263)	(842)
Net	0	421	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,263)	(842)
Other Financing Sources;												
Transfer in	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Transfer out	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	428		0			0	0			(1,263)	(835)
Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/12	739	(428)	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	18,530	18,956
Fund Balances/(Deficit) 12/31/13	739	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	17,267	18,121

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES						
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND						
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013						
	Town Hall Fund	Bridge Fund	Paving Fund	Recycling Fund	Recreation Fund	Total
Revenues:						
Investment Income	8	22	0	31	12	73
Total Revenues	8	22	0	31	12	73
Expenditures:						
General Government	8,779	0	0	0	0	8,779
Highway and Streets		40,518	22,645	0	0	63,163
Total Expenditures	8,779	40,518	22,645	0	0	71,942
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditure	(8,771)	(40,496)	(22,645)	31	12	(71,869)
Other Financing Sources:						
Transfers in	12,500	0	100,000	5,000	3,000	120,500
Total Other Financing	12,500	0	100,000	5,000	3,000	120,500
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,729	(40,496)	77,355	5,031	3,012	48,631
Fund Balance December 31, 2012	6,573	1,703	0	43,846	16,097	68,219
Fund Balance December 31, 2013	10,302	(38,793)	77,355	48,877	19,109	116,850

Public Works Capital Equipment Fund- 10 Year Projection

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fund (\$ thousands)											
Fund Balance as of Jan 1	55.0	10.1	17.7	30.2	67.4	80.2	88.4	102.2	85.9	71.1	96.5
Added to fund	115.0	118.5	123.2	128.1	133.2	138.6	144.1	149.9	155.9	162.1	168.6
Increase in Contribution	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
Interest Earned on DPW Fund	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.7	1.0
Anticipated Public Works Equipment Purchases (\$ thousands)											
Truck 1 F550 - 10 yrs 2023	14.7	14.7	14.7	14.7						21.0	21.0
Truck 2 6WL - 12 yrs 2017				34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.5			
Truck 3 10WL - 12 yrs 2019						41.6	41.6	41.6	41.6	41.6	
Truck 4 6WL - 12 yrs 2010, 2022	19.5								38.8	38.8	38.8
Truck 5 6WL - 12 yrs 2018					35.9	35.9	35.9	35.9	35.9		
Grader - 17 yrs 2010	54.2	54.2	54.2								
Backhoe/Excavator - 12 yrs 2013	42.0	42.0	42.0	42.0	31.5						
Loader - 12 yrs 2021								36.0	36.0	36.0	36.0
(Possible Tractor 2018)					19.2	19.2	19.2	19.2	19.2		
(Possible Chipper 2014)	30.0										
Total Payments from Fund	160.4	111.0	111.0	91.2	121.1	131.2	131.2	167.2	171.5	137.4	95.8
Fund Balance as of Dec 31	10.1	17.7	30.2	67.4	80.2	88.4	102.2	85.9	71.1	96.5	170.3



Police Capital Equipment Fund- 10 Year Projection

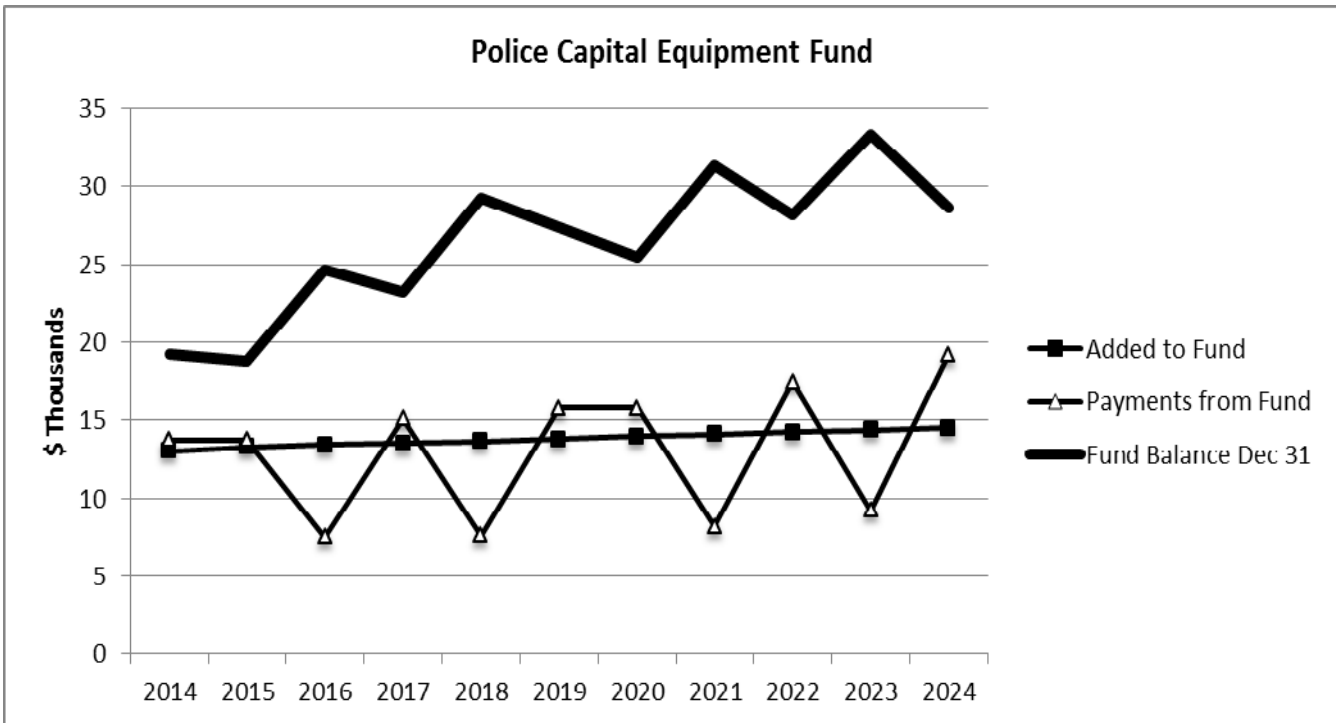
2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Fund (\$ thousands)

Fund Balance as of Jan 1	19.8	19.0	18.6	24.5	22.9	29.0	27.0	25.2	31.1	27.9	33.0
Added to fund	13.0	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.7	13.8	13.9	14.1	14.2	14.4	14.5
Increase in Contribution	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Interest Earned on Police Fund	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

Anticipated Police Equipment Purchases (\$ thousands)

EQ1 - 5 yrs 2016, 2021	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.0	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	10.0
EQ2 - 5 yrs 2014, 2019, 2024	6.2	6.2	0.0	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	0.0	9.2	9.2	9.2
Total Payments from Fund	13.7	13.7	7.5	15.1	7.6	15.8	15.8	8.2	17.4	9.2	19.2
Fund Balance as of Dec 31	19.2	18.8	24.7	23.2	29.2	27.3	25.5	31.3	28.2	33.3	28.6



Fire Capital Equipment Fund- 10 Year Projection

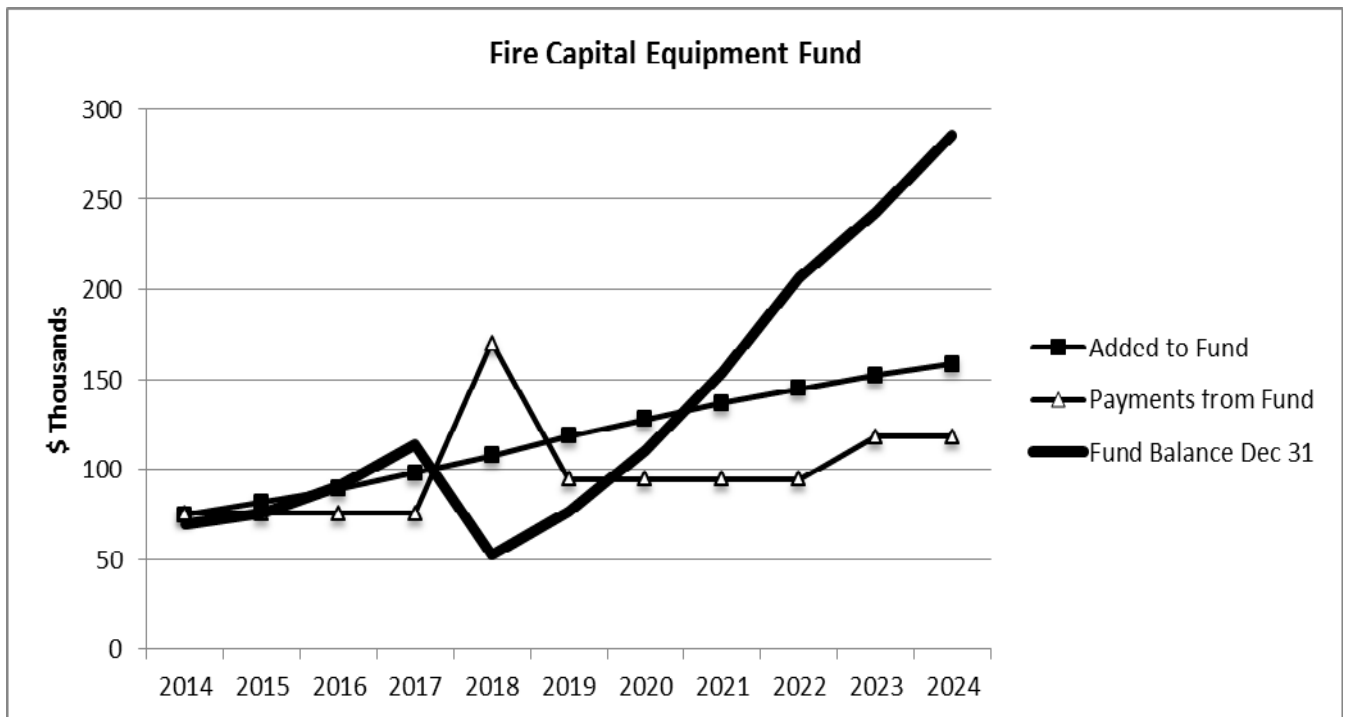
2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Fund (\$ thousands)

Fund Balance as of Jan 1	69.2	69.2	76.0	90.1	113.3	52.1	76.6	110.8	154.2	206.4	242.6
Added to fund	74.9	81.6	88.9	97.8	107.6	118.4	127.8	136.8	145.0	152.2	158.3
Increase in Contribution	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	10%	8%	7%	6%	5%
Interest Earned on Fire Fund	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.5	2.1	2.4

Anticipated Fire Equipment Purchases (\$ thousands)

Pump/Tanker - 18 yrs 2014	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5					118.0	118.0
Pump/Tanker - 18 yrs 2018						94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4	
Total Payments from Fund	75.5	75.5	75.5	75.5	169.9	94.4	94.4	94.4	94.4	118.0	118.0
Fund Balance as of Dec 31	69.2	76.0	90.1	113.3	52.1	76.6	110.8	154.2	206.4	242.6	285.4



DELINQUENT TAX LIST

As of December 31, 2013

	*TOTAL TAX DUE
Alsup, Andrew	1,560.37
Bailey, Agnes	2,562.28
Bailey, Warren & Florence	2,969.72
Bailey, William	667.87
Banios, Philip Jr.	8,380.34
Berecz, Thomas	10,426.52
Busby, Paul & Christine	2,560.57
Cummings Estate	2,144.80
Davidonis, Theresa	1,542.12
Doucette, Michael	676.44
Dunnet, Seth & Heather	1,946.63
Farnham, Robert	1,526.11
Geissler, Rene	2,739.37
Gioia, Robert	2,996.88
Howard, Adam & Theresa	2,327.28
Howe, Kimberly & Matthew	1,165.10
Howe, Wanda & Matthew	651.66
Hurt, James	1,475.91
Jordan, William & Delinda	6565.90
Kogel, Christine	1,278.35
Luikart, Lodge LLC	** 4315.12
Luikart, Paul	** 3625.83
Magoon, Helen	2,591.88
Manning, Arvin & Dyke, Patty	9,104.65
Mitchell, Joseph	716.52
Mortimer, Kathryn	996.83
O'Hurley Family Trust	31,843.20
Panella Revocable Trust	** 1615.05
Pero, Gary Etals.	388.85
Pompanoosuc Mills	28,688.68
Race, Robert & Lillian	3,102.76
Rice, Susanne	1,076.25
Santor, Allen	1,098.96
Shepard Charles & Laura O'Connor	4,081.65
Silverstein, Elissa	6,769.89

	*TOTAL TAX DUE
Slack, Jennifer	5,247.98
Smith, Brian	1,882.61
Stone, Sherry	4,224.80
Swasey, Wayne & Monica	1,126.01
Telephone Operating	695.00
Tucker, Melanie	3,787.75
Tyler, Hillary	1,555.47
Ware, Timothy	2,090.77
Witkowski, Stephen	1,983.25
Zagaeski, Theodore	** 679.48
TOTAL	\$179,466.34
*Tax amount due only. Does not include penalty and interest.	
**Paid in full by 1/31/14	

TAX BILLING RECONCILIATION
Year Ending December 31, 2013

	Amount
Adjusted Billings per Tax Book	7,589,416
Amount of Taxes for School - Paid/Accrued	(4,545,927)
Education Tax Payments Paid to School by State	(1,150,013)
Highway Fund Taxes	(597,564)
Highway Equipment Fund Taxes	(113,360)
Fire Equipment Fund Taxes	(64,890)
Reappraisal Fund Taxes	(25,788)
Police Cruiser Fund Taxes	(12,500)
Late Homestead Penalty	(20,064)
Town Taxes before Deferred Adjustment	1,059,060
Increase in Deferred Taxes	0
Net General Fund Taxes	1,059,056
Difference (more) taxes than billed	4
FY 13 Deferred Taxes	117,500
FY 12 Deferred Taxes	-117,500
Change in Deferred Taxes	0
<p>Based on the above tax reconciliation, the billing, accounting and allocation of property taxes are deemed reasonable and meet the expectation of the budget, less the change in deferred revenue.</p>	

Estimated Tax Rates for 2014 Using 2013 Grand List

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	2013 Grand List	2014 Est. Tax Rate	2013 Tax Rate	2012 Tax Rate	2011 Tax Rate
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General Fund					
\$1,092,229	\$3,473,527	0.3144	0.3055	0.2720	0.3063
Highway Fund					
\$616,218	\$3,473,527	0.1774	0.1746	0.1345	0.1413
Articles					
\$204,855	\$3,473,527	0.0590	0.0674	0.0702	0.0669
Veteran's Exemption					
\$10,548	\$3,473,527	0.0031	0.0031	0.0021	
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Total Municipal					
\$1,923,850	\$3,473,527	0.5539	0.5506	0.4788	0.5145
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% Change from previous year		0.60%	15.00%	-6.94%	0.18%

(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 property taxes are also administered through this office. We work closely with the selectboard and department heads who review their budgets on a regular basis.

We are currently managing 25 funds which include 11 grants and 14 special funds in addition to the General and Department of Public Works Funds. Revenues in the General Fund came in \$21,905 more than expected. However, overages in legal fees (\$23,960) Treasure Island and Recreation (\$37,661) and County Tax (\$3,772) contributed to an overall deficit of \$15,108, bringing the Fund Balance for the General Fund down to \$158,337. The Department of Public Works received a FEMA grant in the amount of \$43,888, which resulted in revenues exceeding the budget by \$44,557. Expenses also exceeded the budget due mainly to truck repairs (\$22,375), garage supplies, repairs and utilities (\$13,910), FEMA direct expenses (\$14,300), winter roads (\$27,214) and the purchase of the roller (\$39,000). This resulted in a net change to the DPW Fund Balance of \$1,949 bringing it to \$101,730. It is important for the town to keep healthy fund balances, not only to help with the cash flow, but also to be prepared for the unexpected and to keep a healthy balance sheet which is necessary for obtaining financing such as tax anticipation notes and equipment loans.

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

Between the town and the school, over \$10,000,000 passed through our office. This includes state payments, grants, and all other revenues in addition to property taxes. In all, over 3,800 checks were processed, not including ACH transfers.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Graff, Treasurer
Rebecca Buchanan, Assistant Treasurer

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT

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

The following is a breakout of the delinquent tax activity for 2013:

Delinquent Taxes as of 1/01/13	\$144,405.88
2013 Taxes Delinquent 10/16/13	+ <u>\$232,953.30</u>
Total Delinquencies	\$377,359.18
Delinquent Taxes collected	- <u>\$197,892.84</u>
Delinquent Taxes 12/31/13	\$179,466.34
Delinquent Tax Collected	\$197,892.84
Interest Collected	\$ 21,660.63
Penalty Collected	\$ <u>18,181.09</u>
Total Amount Collected	\$237,734.56

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Graff
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

ANNUAL REPORTS

2013

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

THETFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2013 was a great year for the society. We produced two very nice newsletters and many programs to help bring Thetford's history to our friends and neighbors

Newsletters

Our newsletters have been a popular source of information for everyone. Our Director has done a wonderful job with them, lots of research and information about our town. I hope everyone has enjoyed them. I would also like to recommend that everyone take a little time and go to www.flickr.com/thetfordvt and look at all the wonderful old photos from around Thetford.

Book signing

The T.H.S. sponsored a book signing for Carmen Tarleton. It was well received, with folks from all around the area coming to meet Carmen. Miss Tarleton is an amazing woman.

Barns

This year the Hughes Barn Museum was open, starting Aug 11, for 5 weeks with a lot of interesting programs, from Traditional arts and crafts to "Whatsiti". A program where everyone was welcome to bring a "what is it" item to have it identified by Allen Yale, a former history professor. And of course our annual pie contest. Don't miss this coming year, we plan to have something for everyone to enjoy.

GOB

In November we held our 2nd annual Geography Bee, it was a booming success with so much support from all the many sponsors. The night of the contest the room was packed, standing room only, with teams and observers. Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to this next year's GOB. Hope to see you there.

Annual Meeting

At our annual meeting, which is open to the public, we had Euclid Farnham talk to us about the history of "The Tunbridge Fair". It was very interesting. Mr. Farnham brought slides and spoke at length about the history of the fair.

Lieutenant Sanborn

On Dec 8th, the THS did a reenactment of the funeral of Lt. Alanson Sanborn, 150 years from the date of his original funeral of 1863. Lt Sanborn was shot on July 11th while leading his company of black soldiers down a street in Norfolk VA. He died of his wounds and his body sent back to Thetford, his home, for burial. The reenactment was performed by members of Sanborn's family, the THS and others. Re-enactors of the time and the American Legion participated in the service.

Membership

I would like to thank all the members for their support and ask everyone that has not joined us to consider becoming a member. The society is doing a great job bringing Thetford's history to light and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Marshall Van Norden, President, THS



AMERICAN LEGION POST #79 OF THETFORD

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

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

The American Legion will continue its tradition of the annual yard sale during the summer along with a penny raffle. Monies will be used to offset costs of building repairs.

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

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE

To the Citizens of the Nine Communities We Serve,

We are pleased to present our 23rd annual report. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has provided emergency ambulance service to its member towns since July 1, 1990. This past year, UVA responded to 988 emergency calls. Of these, 379 calls (38 %), resulted in no patient being transported, therefore no bill was generated to help offset the costs of responding. This is higher than the national average of 29-32%. UVA responded to 132 emergency calls in the town of Thetford and did not transport from 48 of them. (36%).

The Upper Valley Ambulance Board of Directors continues to discuss the many challenges of operating a rural emergency ambulance service. There are several factors which contribute to these challenges. The most pressing being increased operating expenses and declining revenues. Costs increasing beyond our control include; dispatch fees, fuel, medications and supplies. The Affordable Care Act has made it difficult for budget planning. Not only are we uncertain of reimbursement levels, we are unclear about our own healthcare costs for our employees.

Despite the increase in calls, reimbursement for, and revenue from our services is declining. Seventy-five percent of our patients have either Medicare, Medicaid or are uninsured. Medicare and Medicaid are a fixed scheduled reimbursement, regardless of the actual charges. This reimbursement is 11% to 34% **below** our costs of providing the service. Current legislation at the State and Federal level would further reduce these reimbursement levels. While the Affordable Care Act should reduce the number of our patients without insurance, most will still end up with a high deductible plan that essentially leaves them uncovered for ambulance service.

For more than 21 years Upper Valley Ambulance had been able to keep costs down by providing other services such as, non-emergency services for Norris Cotton Cancer Center, DHART, other DHMC departments and Upper Valley businesses. These contracts are no longer available, and there is increased competition for all non-emergency services. This has significantly reduced income from these sources.

Given all of the challenges with increasing costs, fixed and decreasing reimbursements, and limited opportunities for growth, the Board of Upper Valley Ambulance has set the 2014 funding request at \$31.00/per capita. We will continue to search for grants, donations, and any other funding sources to help us maintain our goal of excellent public service.

Many of you may not be familiar with our Subscription Service, and we want that to change. The yearly membership fee of \$50 per household, entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications with more information are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee. We will be sending information on this program to every household this spring.

Long time Field Supervisor Kevin Cole of Strafford retired after 22 years of service. For budgetary reasons, the Board chose not to fill his position, and instead are transitioning to a different leadership model that will allow the staff more autonomy.

We are proud of our accomplishments over the last twenty-three 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



COUNTY OF ORANGE, VERMONT ANNUAL REPORT

The county budget supports the county courthouse and the sheriff's department and jail. By statute the county must provide the sheriff's department with sufficient funds to run the department but does not pay for the salaries of the sheriff or deputies

Significant Expenditures for the Sheriff's Department:

Nearly \$30,000 was expended at the Sheriff's department to replace the boiler, the roof and renovate workspace for the dispatch center. This new boiler is quite a bit more efficient than the old one which required numerous repairs in the last couple of years. The dispatch office was upgraded to improve functionality. The Sheriff's Department is the only law enforcement facility in the county staffed 24/7 and available to the public. The county also provided the \$26,000 matching portion for a grant received by the Sheriff. (By statute, the county must provide the matching portion of any matching grants obtained by the Sheriff.)

Changes at the Courthouse

The biggest changes to the county began back in 2012 when the state approached us about bringing our handicapped entrance into full compliance with current ADA regulations. After months of work to find the best location for a new entrance and parking, the county purchased the former Wellspring school building and land that abuts the courthouse to the north to provide the room for this project. The courthouse now has two designated handicapped parking spaces connected by a short pathway to the new covered entrance. This entire project was paid for by previously allocated state funds.

Orange County maintains a reserve fund for capital projects. We have increased this amount for 2014 because we are looking to perform a major repair of the courthouse bell tower during construction season this year. The county is very pleased to have received an \$18,000 Historic Preservation matching grant to help with this project. We also anticipate a costly replacement of the courthouse boiler in 2015 and the capital reserve fund will give us something to draw on for that expenditure as well.

The county has tried to hold the line on spending every year. Both buildings are now on the way to being well repaired and maintained and when the bell tower and boiler projects are completed we anticipate no further major spending. As always, support for the Sheriff's Department is the major portion of the overall Orange County budget.

We encourage more interest and participation in the budgeting process. The preliminary budget hearing is in early December and the annual meeting in mid-January. As per statute, we send notices of these meetings, as well as the proposed budget, to town clerks and selectboards and publish notices in The Journal Opinion and The Herald of Randolph.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce E. McKeeman
Assistant Judge from Corinth

Victoria N. Weiss
Assistant Judge from Tunbridge

ECFIBER

In 2013, the ECFiber network grew by extending into 6 new towns, building 140 miles of new fiber, connecting over 200 additional customers. At year end, the network extended into Barnard, Bethel, Chelsea, Norwich, Pomfret, Royalton, Sharon, Strafford, Thetford and Tunbridge. In Thetford, routes include much of Route 132, Tucker Hill Road, and Route 113 from the West Fairlee town line to Academy Road. We are currently gearing up to build Gove Hill, Ulman Road, Jackson Brook Road, Poor Farm Road, and parts of Houghton Hill Road and Route 244.

By the time of Town Meeting, close to 600 customers will be enjoying reliable, symmetrical high-speed Internet service at 5, 10 or 20 Mbps, together with Internet Protocol-based telephone service with toll-free long-distance throughout the US and Canada, and a comprehensive package of features. ECFiber expects to introduce a 40 Mbps tier in 2014, in response to customer demand.

ECFiber is not funded from local taxes. In 2013, ECFiber held several rounds of investment financing through the sale of promissory notes to mainly local investors. Since 2011, over \$5 million has been raised, most of which goes into building additional route miles and connecting customers along those routes. As the network is built, individuals and businesses on roads adjacent to the built routes ask to have the network extended to their neighborhood. This engenders interest in future rounds of capital-raising, which ECFiber expects will continue in 2014.

During 2013, ECFiber also received significant assistance from the Vermont Telecom Authority (VTA). Construction of the VTA's 39-mile Orange County Fiber Connector (OCFC) made it possible for ECFiber to reach many more customers in Chelsea, Vershire, Thetford, Norwich, Strafford, and Sharon than ECFiber's locally-raised funds alone could have served. Further, a grant awarded in April facilitated reaching several homes mostly located near Union Village on the Thetford-Norwich border, and a more recent award will enable extension of the network into southeastern Randolph in the third quarter of 2014.

ECFiber expects to become "operating cash flow positive", i.e., able to pay for all operating expenses from customer revenues (but excluding debt service and further capital investments) in 2014. ECF Holding LLC, ECFiber's wholly-owned subsidiary which borrows investment funds and repays investors, had its first audit and received a "clean" audit opinion. Copies of the audit report have been provided to the Selectboards of the member towns.

Tim and Leslie Nulty retired from the project after 6 years of visionary leadership. Tim will continue to serve as Chairman of the Board of ValleyNet, ECFiber's operating company partner, and Leslie as a member of that Board. Stan Williams, formerly Chair of ValleyNet, is serving as ValleyNet CEO on an interim basis.

ECFiber Governing Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at Vermont Law School, Royalton. These meetings are open to the public. More information is available at www.ecfiber.net or contact your local delegates:

Jim Masland, Fred Thomas and Marty Blumberg

RICE'S MILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

RMCA continued its monthly second Sunday potlucks this year from March through November. Programs included a member slide show, charades, storytelling and a documentary video.

We are an old-fashioned community group and welcome all to enjoy this wonderful town facility.

The social waltzing group has been meeting for 7 years once a week with an average attendance of 8-20 dancers! We held our 3rd annual Halloween Dance party in addition to occasional dance classes in West Coast Swing, Lindy and NightClub 2-Step.

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

Building improvements include a new railing for the front steps.

We are grateful to all the loyal members who contribute time to the upkeep of this wonderful resource. Thank you also to the town for plowing the driveway and parking area.

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





LAKE FAIRLEE ASSOCIATION

Three years after our 2010 herbicide treatment of the lake the milfoil continued to reassert itself around the lake. In 2012 our planned treatment was stymied by the late discovery of a “rare” plant in the shallows near Middle Brook. This spring we were able to develop a plan with the State which allowed the herbicide treatment to proceed while providing adequate protection to the “Marsh Mermaidweed.” On May 31 our contractor, Lycott Environmental, Inc., applied triclopyr to 35 acres of the lake where milfoil was growing in moderate to dense patches.

The treatment was not as successful as we had hoped. Our earlier experience with triclopyr in the lake had been a resounding success. Then nearly all of the E. milfoil growing in the lake was soon decaying on the bottom. At the end of this season the only treated areas that remained milfoil free were along the northwestern shore. Most of the rest of the perimeter of the lake showed expanded areas of growth in the September survey. In particular, the bed at the mouth of Middle Brook that was a primary focus of our efforts was growing robustly.

As we gain more experience controlling milfoil we are increasingly convinced that the herbicide treatment is the most cost effective method. Hand pulling, suction harvesting, and bottom barriers just do not work as well. Our permit from the State requires that we combine non chemical methods with the herbicide use in the management of our milfoil infestation, and that we use triclopyr at a maximum concentration of 2.0 ppm, which is 20% below that recommended by the manufacturer. We will continue to work with the State scientists for approval of a program that will most effectively control our milfoil, and will push for relaxation of these permit conditions.

We continue to station “greeters” at the boat ramp, to educate users about invasive species and offer courtesy boat inspections. By now most users are familiar with the issues and welcome the interaction. While we are divided in our estimation of the usefulness of this effort, the State believes it to be an important component of invasive control in the region.

Financial support from the State continues to dwindle. As recently as five years ago we were receiving annual grants in excess of \$40,000. This year’s award was less than \$18,000. Support from the towns has remained steady, which is crucial, and for which we are grateful. The majority of the cost of our programs comes from lakeshore property owners and other LFA members.

We are grateful to the Town of Thetford for your consistent support over the years. For 2013 the Lake Fairlee Association again requests \$5000.

For more information please see our website www.lakefairlee.org.

Skip Brown
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TRI-TOWN COMMITTEE ON LAKE FAIRLEE

The committee was formed by the towns of Fairlee, Thetford, and West Fairlee in 2012 to address the issue of the failing dam that impounds Lake Fairlee. An inspection by an independent engineering firm confirmed the opinion of the State, that the dam needs reconstruction or repair in the next few years. There are over 1200 dams in Vermont, and all but 300 or so are privately owned. The State has insufficient funds to maintain the dams it owns, and none for us.

In early 2013, we raised \$50,000 to cover the costs of engineering studies and legal work needed to examine the extent of the problem and possible solutions. We are grateful to the Town of Thetford for its contribution of \$14,100 to this fund.

We received proposals and bids from qualified engineering companies, and hired Dubois & King to do the required engineering studies, explore alternative strategies, and help us understand the permitting and approval process.

D&K examined several solutions for the failing dam. They explained the design, permitting, and construction challenges of each option. Their recommendation was for the replacement of the entire dam structure. Following the completion of several preliminary engineering studies, they provided a detailed estimate of the total cost of design, permitting and construction at \$380,000. D&K expressed confidence in this estimate, but the committee sought an additional estimate of the construction costs from a firm that is expected to bid on the actual construction. This estimate should be available soon.

It will be our recommendation that the three towns work together to rebuild the dam. Lake Fairlee attracts thousands of recreational users and visitors, whose expenditures support businesses in the towns. Lakeshore properties comprise over \$60 million of the towns' collective tax base. If the dam should fail, lakefront properties would see a significant reduction in assessed value, each town's grand list would be reduced, and property tax bills would increase for every property owner.

The committee drafted an interlocal agreement by which the towns create a Tri-Town Commission that would assume ownership, manage the dam construction, and maintain the dam in perpetuity. Each town would raise the money needed to rebuild the dam by issuing bonds, their share proportionate to the relative value of their lakefront property tax base. This year, we will hold public informational meetings to explain the construction plans and the financing, hoping to reach agreement and financing in fall 2014, at which point the towns would individually vote to approve the initiative.

We appreciate your support and invite your interest and involvement. More information and photos can be found at <http://lakefairleedam.info>.

Skip Brown
Chair



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 maintain friendly relations with landowners.
- To promote good sportsmanship and educate the public with respect to conservation, hunting and fishing.

OFFICERS:

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

MEMBERSHIP:

Currently there are 217 members and 15 are junior members. Open to any person interested in helping with our stated purpose. Junior membership is available to persons aged 15 and under.

MEETINGS:

3rd Wednesday of each month. Held at the Thetford Elementary School, 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 – 139 participated in 2013. Kid’s fishing derby in June - 42 children participated in 2013, ages 1 ½ to 15. 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 18 Bow Hunter Safety Students in 2013. The club actively sponsors local youngsters to the State Conservation Camp each summer – two were sponsored in 2013. Vermont State Police and several local police departments have used the range for firearms qualification.

FACILITIES:

The club maintains a building, pond, and shooting ranges on approximately 200 acres on Five Corners Road in Thetford Center. The shooting ranges are used for rifle, pistol, action pistol, sporting clays, trap shooting and Archery competition.

Rhett W. Scruggs
Secretary

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION

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

Technical Assistance

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

Emergency Management and Preparedness

TRORC has continued to convene regular meetings and emergency preparedness workshops for the Local Emergency Planning Committee #12 which is comprised of emergency responders and town officials, and has worked with towns on updating their Basic Emergency Operations Plans. TRORC has assisted several communities in revising their Mitigation Plans and in applying for Hazard Mitigation grants. TRORC continues to serve as the statewide coordinator of federal assistance for buyouts of flood damaged properties, including 71 structures in the region.

Working Landscape and Economic Development

As part of the East Central Vermont sustainability planning effort, TRORC is undertaking a regional economic development planning effort in order to focus development priorities and mesh them with ongoing community development, transportation and telecommunications efforts. The Regional Commission's brownfields assessment program brought three properties to the redevelopment stage this year.

Transportation

Our Transportation Advisory Committee has discussed VTrans programs (project prioritization, park and ride municipal grants, transportation alternative grants, high risk rural roads, and culvert mapping) and public transit. Our Orange/Windsor County Road Foreman meetings continue to discuss regulations, sign and culvert inventories, new town road and bridge standards, and Class 4 road legal issues. TRORC also assisted towns in writing and implementing Better Back Road grants that improve water quality and mitigate road erosion problems.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director
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, the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District (GUV) was created to replace unlined town dumps with a regional sanitary landfill and implement waste recycling and diversion programs. In our 20 year history, thousands of tons of recyclables and hazardous waste have been removed from the waste stream through education and local diversion programs.

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

The programs and services of the District include special collection events for household hazardous waste, electronics, tires, bulbs, and other hard to dispose of items, outreach and education for students and residents, and technical assistance to member towns. During 2013, the GUVSWD provided direct services to Thetford and its residents including:

- Assisted in the recycling and disposal of hard-to-manage materials collected at regional events and the Thetford Recycling Center including: fluorescent light bulbs, used motor oil, packing peanuts, and tires.
- 19 Thetford residents participated in district sponsored Household Hazardous Waste events held in Hartford in June and Woodstock in 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, and scrap metal collections in Thetford and other local towns.
- The next household hazardous waste day will be on June 7 at the Hartford Transfer Station from 9:00 to Noon.

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, call us at 296-3688 or visit us on the web at www.guvswd.org.



“Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions”

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Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 33-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide;**
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our new Bi-weekly “Full of Scrap” email news, monthly Marketing meetings, website, and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits;**
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.**

The membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a “brokerage fee” or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal “Co-op” Fee” which is re-invested to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 81,337 tons in fiscal year 2012-2013!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at www.nrra.net

Congratulations, Town of Thetford, for being such active recyclers!

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

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

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled in 2013	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	4,760 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 484,378 hours!
Paper	172.04 tons	Saved 2,925 trees!
Scrap Metal	19 tons	Conserved 19,045 pounds of coal!



CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

CRJC's mission is to preserve and protect the visual and ecological integrity and sustainable working landscape of the Connecticut River Valley, and to guide its growth and development through grassroots leadership. Fiscal Year 2013 was full of activity and outreach to Connecticut River communities. CRJC meetings featured presentations by experts in environmental services and natural resources and on the impacts of extreme weather events on the river and its watershed. The Commission has also devoted significant effort to participating in the relicensing process for dams along the river operated by TransCanada and FirstLight, Inc.

Strategic Plan

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

Website and Publications

CRJC's website makes CRJC publications and events easier to locate. Our monthly email update keeps CRJC members, subcommittees, and those with a general interest in CRJC activities informed. It has over 200 subscribers. We invite you to visit our website to view a complete annual report and to join our mailing list at <http://www.crjc.org>

Brendan Whittaker, President (VT)
Rebecca Brown, Vice President (NH)
Mary Sloat, Treasurer (NH)





UPPER VALLEY LOCAL RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE of the CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSION

The Upper Valley Subcommittee reviewed its 2008 Connecticut River Recreation Management Plan and updated the plan to reflect the progress that has been made in the past five years. The new Recreation Plans are being prepared for print publication and will be also available online via CRJC's website (www.crjc.org).

The Subcommittee attended public meetings related to the federal relicensing of Wilder Dam to raise local concerns, particularly over riverbank erosion, recreation and fisheries. The Subcommittee sponsored a riverbank erosion field trip on member John Mudge's family property in Lyme to view erosion and erosion control projects up close. During each meeting, we discuss 1-3 project permit applications and give suggestions for making the plans more river-friendly.

Special thanks to Marc White of Orford, the Subcommittee's long-serving Chair, who retired this year. Welcome to new member Melissa Horwitz from Norwich, VT. We welcome new regular and alternate members to serve on the subcommittee, which meets bimonthly. If you like rivers, please contact CRJC at (603) 727-9484 or contact@crjc.org.

Your Local Representatives –

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

APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

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

1. Organizations that received funding for the prior year are eligible for an appropriation by submitting a written request by December 1.
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 received the amounts listed below as their appropriation for FY 2013:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stagecoach provides public transportation for elderly, people with disabilities, residents accessing the Upper Valley Services Program, and commuters. **\$1,800.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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 145 other municipal entities, including villages, solid waste districts, regional planning commissions and fire districts.

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

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

- **Legal, consulting and education services.** In the past year, VLCT answered nearly 3,000 inquiries for assistance from municipal officials. Our Municipal Assistance Center (MAC) conducted 23 workshops that attracted more than 1,500 attendees. Our new Municipal Dog Control Workshop, for example, drew an audience of more than 100. Additionally, MAC conducted 14 “on-site” workshops held at municipal offices on a wide range of topics. Handbooks produced by MAC—including our new best-seller, “The Big Book of Woof,” which explains municipal officials’ responsibilities to dog issues—may be purchased or accessed free of charge on the Resource Library page of our website. The Library also contains nearly 1,000 other electronic documents, including technical papers, model polices, and newsletter articles that are 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.** VLCT's Advocacy Department lobbies the state and national governments to ensure that municipalities have the resources and authority they need to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education property tax debate, enhancing local voter authority in governance decisions, land use discussions such as lakeshore zoning and renewable energy generator siting, and securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. Municipalities will face significant challenges in the 2014 legislature as limited financial resources at the national and state level force more demand for services to the local level.
- **Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost.** Examples include municipal unemployment, property, casualty, and workers’ compensation insurance coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust continues to assist towns with Vermont Health Connect and to help municipalities not in the exchange secure health insurance through the marketplace. The substantial municipal damage resulting from Tropical Storm Irene and the storms of the summer of 2013 makes the value of **VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund (PACIF)** to all our members painfully clear, as they benefitted from the broad coverage, excellent re-insurance, and prompt service and claims payments. In 2010, our three Trusts were responsible 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.

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Thetford Hill

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Peter Blodgett, Librarian

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Friday: 10:00-5:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00-1:00 PM

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