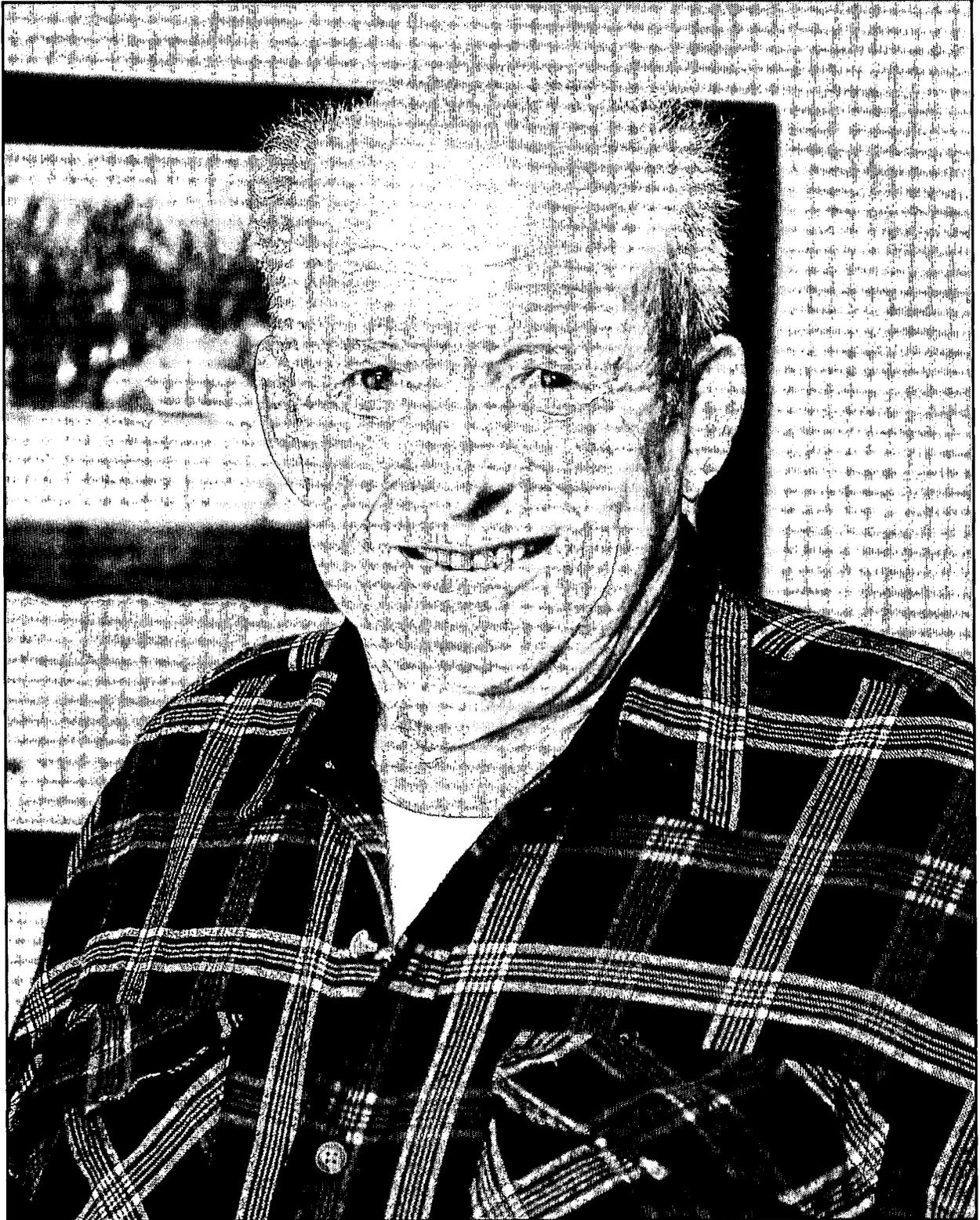


# CORINTH, VERMONT

## Annual Report

For the Year July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004



## Cover: Guy Miller Sr.

Guy Miller Sr. born Sept. 1, 1924 at home in the town of Corinth

Guy has always resided in the town of Corinth with the exception of a short time in Topsham and Orange.

Guy has held many offices in the town including Lister, School Director, Auditor, Selectman, Justice of the Peace, Fence Viewer for many years and at present, Board Member of Central VT Community Action Housing Program.

Guy has always been interested in the town affairs and has enjoyed each office that he has held. Guy was honored by the Secretary of State, a few years ago for holding office in the town of Corinth for 20+ years.

Guy has come by his interests in the community naturally as his mother Dama taught school in a one room school house in town and his Dad was Auditor and Moderator in town.

Guy came from a family of five brothers and sisters, Iselle, Stanley, Ted and Mary. Guy's Dad, Mother and Stanley died early in their lives. His Dad died when Guy was eight years old. His Mother died when he was 19 years old. Guy's brother Stanley died in a motorcycle accident when he was 30. Guy's sister, Mary also is deceased.

Guy attended school in Corinth and graduated from Bradford. Guy's occupations included farming and lumbering, which are nearest to his heart. He was also a school bus Operator in town for several years.

Guy has two sons, Guy Jr. and Stanley, who also both live in the town of Corinth and always have. Guy has been married for 50 years to Gloria Houle.

Guy has always been interested in his community and its activities. He has been a Grange Member for 64 years and held the office of Master several times among other Grange offices.

Guy also was a 4-H leader when we had a 4-H program in town. He is currently certified as a "Lets Go Fishing" Instructor, a Program Sponsored by the Grange and facilitated by the State of Vermont. This is a program directed toward the youth, teaching rules and regulations, fly tying and good sportsmanship.

The town of Corinth is home and always will be.

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# Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters of the town of Corinth are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, Cookeville, on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following, to wit:

Article 1. To elect the following by Australian Ballot. For the purpose of this article the polls will be open from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

Moderator for 1 year  
Selectman for 3 years  
Lister for 3 years  
School Director for 2 years  
School Director for 3 years  
Cemetery Commission for 3 years  
First Constable for 1 year  
Second Constable for 1 year  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year  
Grand Juror for 1 year  
Town Agent to Deed Real Estate for 1 year  
Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits for 1 year

Article 2. To see if the voters will accept the various officers' reports as presented in the town report.

Article 3. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money to support the Highway Fund.

Article 4. To see if the voters will vote \$15,000.00 for the Bridge Reserve Fund.

Article 5. To see if the voters will vote to have the town join the Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. Organization.

Article 6. To fix the compensation for the elected town officers for the coming year.

Article 7. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money for the General Fund.

Article 8. To see if the voters will vote to approve creating Tax Parcel Maps for the Town and to appropriate funds for the same.

Article 9. To see if the voters will vote to support the Bradford Regional Community Center with An appropriation of \$1.00 per capita (\$1,461.00) for the upcoming year only.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to have the taxes collected by the treasurer and to fix the dates for payment of the same.

Article 11. To recommend two members-at-large for the budget committee for 1 year.

Article 12. In case of unanticipated State Aid Funds (funds not included in the budget) for specific highway and bridge projects applied for and received during the fiscal year shall the Town appropriate such funds for those projects.

Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Corinth, Vermont this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2004.

SelectBoard of Town of Corinth  
Gregory D. Thurston  
Francis J. Roderick  
Kyle Thompson

Dated at Corinth in the County of Orange and State of Vermont this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2003.

Received for record this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2003, at 7:55 PM.

ATTEST: Linda D. Pastelnick, Town Clerk

# Town Clerk's Report

It has now been 10 months since I was elected to office. I had never worked in a local government office before being elected to the office of Town Clerk. I find the work to be interesting, and one is always busy at the town hall. I have met so many friendly residents of the Town of Corinth. I want to thank everyone for their patience while I am learning and remembering my new duties.

Since there were so many recordings, and I had so much other work to learn to do, it was suggested that I hire someone to do the recordings. I hired Lois Covey to be the recording clerk, and what a fantastic job she has done. I want to take this space to thank her for all the work she has done. Recordings are *so important*. One does not realize how much work and concentration is involved. Many times the correct amount of money is not received, or no money, so she is an accountant, as well as a recording clerk.

We will gladly assist anyone who wants to research the land records or who wants to do genealogy research. There is a \$2.00 an hour research fee, plus a fee of \$1.00 per page for copies of recorded documents.

Transfer station permits are sold at the town hall. New permits and stickers will be available sometime in June 2004.

Vehicle registration renewals can be done at the Town Clerk's office, including snowmobiles, trailers and boats. There is a \$3.00 fee per renewal payable to the *Town of Corinth*. The registration renewal fee is payable to the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and *must* be made with a *check or money order*. *Cash* is not acceptable.

Applications for marriage licenses are also available at the Town Clerk's office.

The town hall is available for rent by calling the Town Clerk's office. The cost is \$40.00 for residents of the town, plus a \$50.00 security deposit. It is also available for non-residents for \$80.00, plus a \$100.00 security deposit.

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office, and *all dogs should be* licensed by April 1, 2004. Additional fees are charged if licensed after that date unless one has recently moved to Corinth. A rabies clinic is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2004 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the East Corinth Fire Department.

Hopefully the Town Hall will have a fresh coat of paint for Town Meeting 2004.

I also want to thank Susan Fortunati, the Treasurer, and former Town Clerk, for teaching me my duties.

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting and throughout the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda D. Pastelnick  
Town Clerk

# Treasurer's Report

Arrangements were made in June '2003 with the bank for a line of credit to ensure the availability of sufficient funds to cover expenses on the interim of mailing tax bills and receiving tax payments. Tax receipts were received almost immediately, eliminating any need for the use of the line of credit.

The NEMRC (New England Municipal Resource Center) Payroll module was purchased in September 2003. The payroll for the General Fund is now completely computerized and been in use since September 29, 2003. The Cemetery payroll, however, is still all done manually since it is a totally separate fund and bank account.

Work continues to be done researching and documenting the acquisition of town property, equipment and other assets to bring our accounting practices current with GASB34 regulations.

Act 68 which are the changes to Act 60, the education funding law, mean more changes and work for Listers, Town Clerks and Treasurers. You *must* file Form HS-131 if you are a Vermont resident as of January 1, 2004 and own and occupy your homestead on April 1, 2004. This form will be used to determine your base school property tax rate. There are two separate base rates, one for "Homestead" properties, and the other for "Non-residential" properties. You may be subject to a penalty and interest charge(s) if you are required to file the homestead declaration form and either file late or don't file at all. **DO NOT CONFUSE FORM HS-131 (Declaration of Vermont Homestead)** which is mandatory with the Act 60 Refund form which is optional.

You are required to provide the SPAN number on the Declaration of Vermont Homestead Form HS-131. This is an eleven (11) digit number that can be found on your tax bill. It is located to the right of your address in the "Homestead Tax Information" box. The Vermont School District Code is "050".

Tax bills are mailed to the *last owner of real estate on the first day of April in any year* 32 VSA 3651(4). (Note/Example: If you sell property March 25<sup>th</sup> but it isn't received in the Town Clerk's Office for recording until April 2nd or you sell property April 2nd, the tax bill for that property will be mailed to you not the new owner.) You should, however, forward the tax bill to the new owner if property has been sold. If you use a mortgage company, bank or an escrow account to pay your taxes for you, *please* provide them with a copy of your tax bill. Reminder, tax payments must be received before the close of the Treasurer's Office on or before the due date to avoid interest and/or penalty charges. Post marks are not accepted.

A new \$25.00 unpaid, return check charge policy was put into effect November 10, 2003. This fee will be will be deducted first from any subsequent payment

Lastly, I am extremely pleased about the purchase and installation of the two new "Town" bulletin boards. One bulletin board is at Crossroads Trading Post, the other at East Corinth General Store. These designated bulletin boards will make it clearer and easier to identify town related business as well as important issues and dates. I hope you find them informative and useful.

Thank you to Deidra Thurston and Brenda Carter for their help, it is much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan L. Fortunati  
Town Treasurer

# Home Improvement "Loan" Fund

Three new loans were granted last year. One on July 1, 2002 the second on September 19, 2002 and the third one was granted October 17, 2002. This makes a total of four loans on the books currently.

Funds are loaned specifically for "home improvement" at the low interest rate of 1% annually.

Anyone making application must be within certain financial guidelines to qualify for a loan.

Cash on hand at June 30, 2003	\$ 6,574.97
Loan Receivables at June 20, 2003	<u>+19,734.83</u>
Total Assets at June 30, 2003	<u>\$26,309.80</u>
Deferred Revenues	19,734.83
Fund Balance	<u>+6,574.97</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance at June 30, 2003	<u>\$26,309.80</u>
Total of loans (principal only) out as of July 1, 2002	\$ 5,431.55
(3) New loans issued 2002-2003	<u>+20,000.00</u>
	\$25,431.55
Loan principal repayment received 2002-2003	<u>- 5,696.72</u>
Total of all loans (principal only) on books at June 20, 2003	\$19,734.83

## Requirements

1. Applicant(s) must be a Corinth resident and will be required to complete and file an application form, provided by the Loan Fund Committee. Applications are available at the Town Treasurer's Office.
  - a. The Committee may require a co-signer if deemed necessary.
2. Applicant(s) must be within the approved financial guidelines set and approved by the Loan Fund Committee to qualify for a low interest loan.
3. Funds must be used only for "home improvement" projects on property located in Corinth.
4. Maximum loan amount issued will be \$5,000.
5. No loan shall be issued for the payback period to exceed a maximum of 48 months.
6. Only one loan per applicant(s) may be maintained at any one time – (i.e. John Smith and Mary Jones have a current joint loan; neither John Smith nor Mary Jones may qualify for a second loan individually nor with another party as long as their name is associated in any way with a current outstanding loan).
7. Subordination agreements will not be granted.
8. Financial documentation such as the most current income tax return(s) and other sources of income may be required for review by the Committee members.
9. Current loan obligations, monthly expenses, and any other reasonable information may be required for review by the Committee members.

## Bylaws

1. The "Loan Fund Committee" shall be comprised of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, one Selectboard member as well as three community members appointed by the Selectboard to serve one – 1 year term; one – 2 year term and one – 3 year term.
2. The Town Clerk shall be the Committee Secretary and the Town Treasurer shall be the Committee Treasurer. The minutes and financial records shall be kept at the Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office. A Chairman shall be

- elected for a term of three years.
3. The Committee will meet at least twice a year and on an as need basis.
  4. A meeting may be called by any member of the Loan Committee to address and review loan applications, bylaw changes, etc.
  5. A meeting of the Committee members shall be called to review any and all loan applications. A majority of the Loan Committee members is required for a quorum.
  6. A quorum majority vote of the Loan Committee is required on any and all actions taken by the Committee - (i.e. – loan approvals/denials, bylaw changes, etc.)
  7. The Selectboard shall be asked to replace any Loan Committee member(s) (other than the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer or Selectboard representative) missing three or more consecutive meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Loan Committee

## Selectmen's Report

A rather quiet, business-as-usual year has passed in the affairs of the town of Corinth.

The South America Road Bridge was completed. A "new-to-us" larger truck was purchased to replace the one-ton Ford; a new salt shed was constructed during the summer, roads were tended and maintained. (See the road commissioner's report for all the details.)

Two (2) enclosed bulletin boards were purchased and installed to display official town notices, meeting warnings, voter checklists, etc. These two (2) boards, as well as the postings at the town hall, will serve as the main points to find out what is happening in the affairs of the town. One board is located at the East Corinth General Store and the other is at the Crossroads Trading Post.

A new flag was purchased for the town hall, and the interior of the hall should have a new coat of paint by this summer.

In May the select board decided to seek ambulance service from the Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. organization to obtain faster response time to emergency medical situations in town. This service is now being provided on an interim basis until this town meeting at which time the town will vote to officially join the organization, hence the Article in this years Warning.

The operation, use, and misuse of the transfer station continue to be a cause of mild heartburn for the Selectboard. Steps are being taken to continue this service to the town in a fair and equitable manner. See the transfer station report located in this town report.

As always there are numerous positions open in town offices, or if you may be interested in a position already filled, please let any Selectman or the Town Clerk/Treasurer know.

Gregory D. Thurston, Chairman  
Francis J. Roderick  
Kyle Thompson

# Planning Commission

## Year End Summary For Annual Report

The year 2003 was a productive one for the Town of Corinth Planning Commission. We met regularly to oversee the administration of the Subdivision Bylaws, the set of rules and regulations governing the division of property in Corinth. In addition we have continued work on a Telecommunication Tower Ordinance and received a grant to begin computerized Tax Parcel Mapping in Corinth (see below for explanation and discussion). Property owners who wish to subdivide their properties must apply for a town permit. There are two major categories of subdivisions; the first type, Exempt Subdivisions, accounted for the majority of permits issued this year and involve the division of one parcel into two parcels on a property that has not been previously subdivided. The second type, Regular (non-exempt) Subdivisions, involve dividing one parcel into three or more and requires an extensive application process and public hearing. The Subdivision Bylaws were originally approved by the voters of the Town of Corinth in March 1995 and revised on September 10th, 2002. Copies of the Subdivision Bylaws can be obtained at the Town Hall outside the Town Clerk's Office.

A Municipal Planning Grant from the State of Vermont was applied for and won by the Planning Commission. The awarded amount is \$11,200. The purpose of the grant is to contribute to the goal of creating Tax Parcel Maps in a Geographic Information System and the awarded amount can be used to pay for up to half of the project total (see Article 8 on page 1). The project total is expected to be \$30,000. Creating Tax Parcel Maps would provide many benefits to the Town. For the townspeople, informational requests to the town will be answered more quickly. Determination of abutters can be performed directly from the maps and their lot sizes determined without lengthy deed research. Other town information can be tied to the maps, such as roads, trails, and topography, increasing everyone's knowledge of town infrastructure. For the Listers, it would allow them focus more time on improving assessments because the Tax Parcel Maps would make daily time consuming tasks much easier. Mailings to subsets of landowners, currently a very time consuming task, could be performed almost instantly. The identification of book and page numbers for landowners and abutters would require much less time. Reassessments would be faster and less costly to the town. For the Planning Commission, Tax Parcel Maps would assist us in dealing with the new growth that is predicted to impact Corinth in the next several years as development pressures come north from the Hanover/Lebanon area. Tax Parcel Maps would also allow us to track landownership patterns, and identify and work with potential developers earlier in the process to help them structure future development that better conforms to Corinth's Town Plan.

Looking ahead to the coming year we would like to continue to serve the citizens of the Town of Corinth by insuring that growth and development of the Town follows the guidelines in our Town Plan, by continuing to oversee the subdivision process, and by holding public hearings that address planning, growth, development, and subdivision issues. Thank you.

John Hanzas, Chair  
Corinth Planning Commission  
December 15, 2003

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## Independent Auditor's Report

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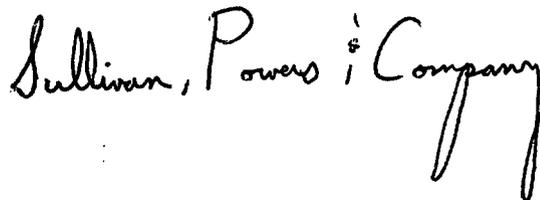
We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Corinth, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the Table of Contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Town has not maintained a record of the historical cost of its general fixed assets; and, accordingly, a Statement of General Fixed Assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in the report. The amount that should be included in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is unknown.

In our opinion, except for the omission of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Corinth, Vermont at June 30, 2003 and the results of its operations and its cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

September 16, 2003  
Montpelier, Vermont  
Vt Lic. #92-000180



TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
JUNE 30, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long Term Debt	
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash - Note 2	\$ 108,115	\$ 31,350	\$ 0	\$ 39,437	\$ 0	\$ 178,902
Investments - Note 3	0	88,664	0	0	0	88,664
Receivables - Note 4	80,138	118,593	0	0	0	198,731
Loans Receivable - Note 5	0	19,735	0	0	0	19,735
Inventory - Note 6	0	7,129	0	0	0	7,129
Due from Other Funds	0	63,475	36,895	0	0	100,370
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0	42,612	42,612
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 188,253</b>	<b>\$ 328,946</b>	<b>\$ 36,895</b>	<b>\$ 39,437</b>	<b>\$ 42,612</b>	<b>\$ 636,143</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,040	\$ 112,566	\$ 187	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 117,793
Accrued Payroll	2,046	673	0	0	0	2,719
Due to Other Funds	99,651	719	0	0	0	100,370
Due to Others	0	0	0	35,770	0	35,770
Deferred Revenue - Note 7	63,177	19,735	20,386	0	0	103,298
Compensated Absences - Note 8	0	0	0	0	2,612	2,612
Note Payable - Note 9	0	0	0	0	40,000	40,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>169,914</b>	<b>133,693</b>	<b>20,573</b>	<b>35,770</b>	<b>42,612</b>	<b>402,562</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>						
Restricted - Note 10	0	174,422	0	3,667	0	178,089
Unrestricted:						
Designated - Note 11	0	21,533	16,322	0	0	37,855
Undesignated	18,339	(702)	0	0	0	17,637
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>18,339</b>	<b>195,253</b>	<b>16,322</b>	<b>3,667</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>233,581</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 188,253</b>	<b>\$ 328,946</b>	<b>\$ 36,895</b>	<b>\$ 39,437</b>	<b>\$ 42,612</b>	<b>\$ 636,143</b>

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

**TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u>	
<b>Revenue:</b>					
Property Taxes	\$ 243,725	\$ 269,780	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 525,505
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	23,581	0	0	0	23,581
Intergovernmental	22,616	277,228	52,624	0	352,468
Investment Income	6,094	3,923	0	17	10,034
Licenses and Permits	4,143	0	0	0	4,143
Charges for Services	14,283	5,697	0	0	19,980
Other	2,739	6,922	0	0	9,661
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>317,181</u>	<u>563,550</u>	<u>64,624</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>945,372</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
General Government	165,327	22,930	0	2,540	190,797
Public Safety	35,187	0	0	0	35,187
Highways and Streets	0	373,362	0	0	373,362
Sanitation	72,963	0	0	0	72,963
Cemetery Expense	423	4,011	0	0	4,434
Capital Outlay	0	165,728	57,901	0	223,629
Debt Service:					
Principal	0	20,000	0	0	20,000
Interest	0	1,200	0	0	1,200
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>273,900</u>	<u>587,231</u>	<u>57,901</u>	<u>2,540</u>	<u>921,572</u>
<b>Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	43,281	(23,681)	6,723	(2,523)	23,800
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit) - July 1, 2002</b>	<u>(24,942)</u>	<u>218,934</u>	<u>9,599</u>	<u>3,394</u>	<u>206,985</u>
<b>Fund Balances - June 30, 2003</b>	<u>\$ 18,339</u>	<u>\$ 195,253</u>	<u>\$ 16,322</u>	<u>\$ 871</u>	<u>\$ 230,785</u>

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

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 227,161	\$ 243,725	\$ 16,564
Fees Due Town	12,000	12,546	546
State Hold Harmless Taxes	10,000	22,447	12,447
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	15,000	23,581	8,581
Liquor Licenses	0	100	100
Restoration of Records	1,400	1,192	(208)
Dog Licenses	1,200	1,256	56
Hall and Chair Rent	300	495	195
Solid Waste Collections	500	1,459	959
Sewage Fees	50	50	0
Interest Income	6,500	6,094	(406)
Miscellaneous	750	393	(357)
Land Use Change Tax	0	65	65
Transfer Station Grants	0	822	822
Transfer Station Permits	2,400	2,787	387
Tree Grant	0	169	169
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>277,261</b>	<b>317,181</b>	<b>39,920</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>Selectmen:</b>			
Salaries	2,250	2,071	179
Social Security	175	158	17
Miscellaneous	0	41	(41)
Meetings	100	90	10
Discretionary	250	0	250
<b>Total Selectmen</b>	<b>2,775</b>	<b>2,360</b>	<b>415</b>
<b>Auditors:</b>			
Postage	400	453	(53)
Printing	4,300	4,620	(320)
Town Auditors - Hired	6,000	5,500	500
<b>Total Auditors</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>10,573</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Elections:</b>			
Payroll	2,000	2,054	(54)
Social Security	100	28	72
Supplies	450	671	(221)
<b>Total Elections</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>2,753</b>	<b>(203)</b>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Listers:</b>			
Payroll	\$ 9,000	\$ 7,379	\$ 1,621
Social Security	700	565	135
Supplies	250	493	(243)
Postage	100	124	(24)
Telephone	600	950	(350)
Dues & Meetings	200	535	(335)
Travel	250	75	175
Appeals	100	0	100
Computer Equipment	500	61	439
Furniture & Equipment	700	704	(4)
<b>Total Listers</b>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>10,886</u>	<u>1,514</u>
<b>Town Office:</b>			
Town Clerk Salary	11,076	10,753	323
Asst. Clerk Salary	15,510	14,159	1,351
Town Treasurer Salary	11,076	11,076	0
Social Security	2,880	2,748	132
Health Insurance	5,261	2,888	2,373
Restoration of Records	3,000	3,592	(592)
Microfilming	600	0	600
Office Supplies	3,000	2,374	626
Postage	2,200	2,149	51
Miscellaneous	400	232	168
Computer Consultant	200	0	200
Internet	200	115	85
Telephone	500	641	(141)
Meetings & Dues	400	686	(286)
Contracts	1,500	1,496	4
Furniture & Equipment	4,000	3,427	573
<b>Total Town Office</b>	<u>61,803</u>	<u>56,336</u>	<u>5,467</u>
<b>Legal &amp; Insurance:</b>			
Legal Notices	600	483	117
Workman's Compensation	1,000	1,113	(113)
Bonds and Insurance	3,750	3,368	382
Legal Services	1,000	752	248
<b>Total Legal &amp; Insurance</b>	<u>6,350</u>	<u>5,716</u>	<u>634</u>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Public Services:</b>			
Abated Taxes	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,363	\$ (1,363)
Ambulance Services	19,580	19,587	(7)
Animal Control	1,000	312	688
Board of Civil Authority	215	58	157
Board of Civil Authority Social Security & Medicare	15	0	15
Central Vermont Humane Society	525	600	(75)
County Tax	16,000	15,410	590
Debt Service	500	0	500
Fire Services	12,000	12,000	0
E-911 Locatable Addressing	0	23	(23)
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	950	960	(10)
CTERT	3,600	3,600	0
Blake Memorial Library	1,461	1,461	0
<b>Total Public Services</b>	<u>56,846</u>	<u>56,374</u>	<u>472</u>
<b>Appropriations:</b>			
ACORN	300	0	300
Adult Education	800	800	0
Central Vermont Community Action Council	300	300	0
Council on Aging	100	100	0
Visiting Nurse Alliance	5,080	5,080	0
Clara Martin Center	2,177	2,177	0
George Aiken Council	50	50	0
Green Mountain Economic Development Center	731	731	0
Orange East Senior Center	2,000	2,000	0
Two Rivers Regional	1,614	1,614	0
Northeast Slopes	730	730	0
Orange County Diversion Program	150	150	0
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300	300	0
Safeline	200	200	0
Vermont Center for Independent Living	220	220	0
Upper Valley Services	700	700	0
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<u>15,452</u>	<u>15,152</u>	<u>300</u>
<b>Town Hall:</b>			
Janitor	720	676	44
Supplies	300	132	168
Rubbish Removal	60	56	4
Repair & Maintenance	2,000	581	1,419
Utilities	3,400	3,034	366
Equipment	2,500	6,179	(3,679)
Roof Repair	20,000	20,270	(270)
Vault Expansion	0	2,838	(2,838)
<b>Total Town Hall</b>	<u>28,980</u>	<u>33,766</u>	<u>(4,786)</u>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station:</b>			
Contract	\$ 37,400	\$ 37,448	\$ (48)
Tipping Fees	26,900	27,288	(388)
Implementation Plan Expense	0	1,796	(1,796)
Hazardous Waste	400	550	(150)
Metal Collections	2,000	1,430	570
Tire/Refridge Disposal	0	700	(700)
Transfer Station Materials	5,900	3,751	2,149
<b>Total Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station</b>	<u>72,600</u>	<u>72,963</u>	<u>(363)</u>
<b>Law Enforcement:</b>			
Law Enforcement	200	862	(662)
Hired Safety Services	4,000	3,516	484
Social Security & Medicare Constable	0	66	(66)
Supplies, Constable	0	140	(140)
Meetings, Constable	0	65	(65)
Constable Mileage	0	330	(330)
<b>Total Law Enforcement</b>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>4,979</u>	<u>(779)</u>
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector:</b>			
Social Security	765	1,065	(300)
Supplies	50	48	2
Meetings	75	0	75
Tax Sale Costs	1,000	0	1,000
<b>Total Delinquent Tax Collector</b>	<u>1,890</u>	<u>1,113</u>	<u>777</u>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Miscellaneous	100	0	100
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Tree Grant:</b>			
Tree Grant Expenses	0	169	(169)
<b>Total Tree Grant Expenses</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>(169)</u>
<b>Health and Sewage:</b>			
Payroll	200	230	(30)
Social Security	15	18	(3)
Officer Expenses	50	89	(39)
<b>Total Health and Sewage</b>	<u>265</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>(72)</u>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Cemetery:			
Supplies	\$ <u>350</u>	\$ <u>423</u>	\$ <u>(73)</u>
Total Cemetery	<u>350</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>(73)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>277,261</u>	<u>273,900</u>	<u>3,361</u>
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenue	\$ <u>0</u>	43,281	\$ <u>43,281</u>
Fund Balance/(Deficit) - July 1, 2002		<u>(24,942)</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003		\$ <u>18,339</u>	

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - HIGHWAY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 269,780	\$ 269,780	\$ 0
State of Vermont - Road Aid	136,000	269,905	133,905
Miscellaneous	0	315	315
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>405,780</b>	<b>540,000</b>	<b>134,220</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>Administration:</b>			
Payroll	2,500	1,927	573
Uniforms	2,925	2,585	340
Social Security & Medicare	7,700	6,422	1,278
Retirement	3,600	3,341	259
Health Insurance	18,500	18,027	473
Holidays & Vacations	5,175	3,435	1,740
Unemployment Insurance	600	833	(233)
Sick Time	1,725	758	967
Medical Examinations	0	20	(20)
Highway Meetings	1,000	788	212
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>43,725</b>	<b>38,136</b>	<b>5,589</b>
<b>Highway Labor</b>	<b>78,100</b>	<b>70,467</b>	<b>7,633</b>
<b>Paving</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>76,387</b>	<b>(1,387)</b>
<b>Materials:</b>			
Gravel	25,000	20,263	4,737
Chloride	7,000	3,062	3,938
Salt	20,000	26,875	(6,875)
Sand	25,000	21,053	3,947
Stone	3,000	1,967	1,033
<b>Total Materials</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>73,220</b>	<b>6,780</b>
<b>Other Materials and Services:</b>			
Hired Services	27,500	27,595	(95)
Posts and Guardrails	3,000	3,897	(897)
Culverts	5,000	0	5,000
Signs	500	302	198
Other Material	500	159	341
<b>Total Other Materials and Services</b>	<b>36,500</b>	<b>31,953</b>	<b>4,547</b>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - HIGHWAY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Garage:</b>			
Town Labor	\$ 1,000	\$ 620	\$ 380
Supplies	100	0	100
Office Supplies	50	69	(19)
Office Equipment	50	3	47
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	4,686	(3,686)
Rubbish Removal	130	175	(45)
Electric	2,275	2,603	(328)
Telephone	600	571	29
Heat	1,750	2,087	(337)
Salt Shed	0	10,935	(10,935)
<b>Total Garage</b>	<u>6,955</u>	<u>21,749</u>	<u>(14,794)</u>
<b>Operating Supplies:</b>			
Diesel	14,000	13,087	913
Small Tools & Equipment	1,500	1,441	59
Gas, Oil, Chains	2,500	1,625	875
<b>Total Operating Supplies</b>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>16,153</u>	<u>1,847</u>
<b>Repairs and Maintenance:</b>			
Hired Maintenance	20,000	25,694	(5,694)
Town Labor	12,000	5,876	6,124
Small Parts and Equipment	2,000	2,986	(986)
Mileage	500	912	(412)
<b>Total Repairs and Maintenance</b>	<u>34,500</u>	<u>35,468</u>	<u>(968)</u>
<b>Other:</b>			
Highway Insurance	5,000	8,569	(3,569)
Truck Payment/Purchase	25,000	21,200	3,800
Truck Purchase	0	9,925	(9,925)
Other Equipment Purchase	0	6,045	(6,045)
<b>Total Other</b>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>45,739</u>	<u>(15,739)</u>
Equipment Rental	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>1,740</u>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - HIGHWAY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>South America Bridge:</b>			
South America Bridge Construction	\$ 0	\$ 131,770	\$ (131,770)
South America Engineering Service	0	9,445	(9,445)
South America Bridge Relocate	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total South America Bridge	<u>0</u>	<u>146,215</u>	<u>(146,215)</u>
<b>South America Road:</b>			
Town Labor	<u>0</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>(153)</u>
Total South America Road	<u>0</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>(153)</u>
<b>Jordan Bridge:</b>			
Materials	<u>0</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>(110)</u>
Total Jordan Bridge	<u>0</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>(110)</u>
Total Expenditures - Note 12	<u>405,780</u>	<u>557,010</u>	<u>(151,230)</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 0</u>	(17,010)	<u>\$ (17,010)</u>
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002		<u>67,380</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003		<u>\$ 50,370</u>	

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**TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

	<u>Library Trust Fund</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>	
Interest	\$ <u>57</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>57</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Library Expenses	<u>57</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>57</u>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenses</b>	0
<b>Fund Balance - July 1, 2002</b>	<u>2,796</u>
<b>Fund Balance - June 30, 2003</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,796</u></u>

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**TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

	<u>Library Trust Fund</u>
<b>Increase in Cash:</b>	
<b>Cash Flow from Operating Activities:</b>	
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	\$ <u>0</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>0</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>0</u>
Net Cash Provided by Capital Financing Activities	<u>0</u>
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>0</u>
<b>Net Increase in Cash</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash - July 1, 2002</b>	<u><b>2,796</b></u>
<b>Cash - June 30, 2003</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 2,796</b></u></u>

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**TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2003**

The Town of Corinth, Vermont, (herein the "Town") operates under a selectmen form of government and provides the following services: public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, culture and recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The Town, for financial reporting purposes, includes all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operations of the Town of Corinth. The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the Town of Corinth.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the Town conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments, except as noted below. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

**A. REPORTING ENTITY**

The criteria of oversight responsibility, special financing relationships and scope of public service was used in determining the agencies or entities which comprise the Town for financial reporting purposes. Oversight responsibility is determined by the extent of financial interdependency, control over the selection of the governing authority and management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. Based on these criteria, there are no agencies or entities which should be combined with the financial statements of the Town.

**B. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Town resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into two (2) fund types and six (6) fund categories, as follows:

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2003

Note 1:  
(Cont'd)

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trust, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted or designated for expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and assets.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Trust and Agency Funds - Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity for individuals, other governments and/or other funds.

Expendable Trust Funds - These account for assets of which both principal and interest may be expended.

Nonexpendable Trust Funds - These account for assets of which the principal may not be expended.

Agency Funds - Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the Town as an agent for individuals, other governments and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All Governmental Funds and Expendable Trust Funds are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balances (net current assets) are considered a measure of "available spendable resources". Governmental Fund operating statements present increases (revenue and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
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JUNE 30, 2003

Note 1:  
(Cont'd)

Fixed assets used in Government Fund type operations (general fixed assets) should be accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group and expensed when purchased.

The Town does not maintain the historical cost information needed for establishment of a General Fixed Assets Account Group.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for Governmental Fund types is limited to exclude amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as Governmental Fund type expenditures or fund liabilities. They are reported as liabilities in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from Governmental Funds are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group, not in the Governmental Funds.

An Account Group is not a "fund". It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with results of operations.

#### D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

All Governmental Funds and Expendable Trust Funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available as net current assets. The term "available" as applied to delinquent property taxes and penalty and interest thereon is limited to collections within sixty (60) days of the fiscal year end. The amount of property taxes uncollected within that time period are accounted for as deferred revenue. Expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is to recognize principal and interest on general long-term debt when paid.

All Nonexpendable Trust Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2003

Note 1:  
(Cont'd)

**E. CASH**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by Government.

Cash balances of most Town funds are pooled and invested by the Town Treasurer. Excess cash of individual funds are shown as due from other funds and excess cash withdrawals are shown as due to other funds.

**F. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

The Town provides an allowance for uncollectible accounts for the estimated losses that will be incurred in the collection of all accounts receivable. The estimated losses are based on the judgement of management and a review of the current status of existing receivables.

**G. DUE TO'S/FROM'S**

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "Due From Other Funds" or "Due To Other Funds" on the balance sheet.

**H. FUND BALANCES**

Fund Balances are classified in three separate categories. The categories, and their general meanings, are as follows:

Restricted - Indicates amounts that are not appropriable or are legally restricted for a specific use.

Unrestricted - Designated - Indicates that portion of fund equity for which the Town has made tentative plans.

Unrestricted - Undesignated - Indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation and expenditure in future periods.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2003

Note 1:  
(Cont'd)

**I. OPERATING TRANSFERS**

Operating transfers are legally authorized transfers from a fund receiving revenue to the fund through which the resources are to be expended.

**J. ESTIMATES**

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**K. OPERATING BUDGET**

The operating budget for the General and Highway Funds are approved at Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen set the tax rate based on the grand list and approved budgets.

**L. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW**

Total Columns on the Combined Statements - Overview - are 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 cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation, as interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

**TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2003**

**Note 2: CASH**

The cash deposits at June 30, 2003 consisted of the following:

	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Insured - FDIC	\$178,801	\$198,896
Uninsured, Not Collateralized	0	17,978
Cash on Hand	<u>101</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$178,902</u></b>	<b><u>\$216,874</u></b>

The difference between the book balance and bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks. Due to higher cash flows at certain times of the year, the amount of uninsured, uncollateralized cash was much higher than at year end.

**Note 3: INVESTMENTS**

The Town's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held in the Town's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which securities are held by a counterparty's trust department or agent in the Town's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by a counterparty, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Town's name. The Town has only Category 1 investments. An analysis of the Town's investments by category at June 30, 2003 is as follows:

	<u>Category</u>			
	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Mutual Funds	\$83,614	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 83,614
Common Stock	5,050	0	0	<u>5,050</u>
<b>Total Investments</b>				<b><u>\$ 88,664</u></b>

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**Note 4: RECEIVABLES**

The following is a summary of the receivables at June 30, 2003:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$ 73,492	\$ 0	\$ 73,492
Interest Receivable on Delinquent Taxes	6,995	0	6,995
Grants Receivable	0	118,593	118,593
Other Receivables	151	0	151
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<u>(500)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(500)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 80,138</u></b>	<b><u>\$118,593</u></b>	<b><u>\$198,731</u></b>

**Note 5: LOANS RECEIVABLE**

Loans receivable totaling \$19,735 represent amounts due the Town under the Town Revolving Loan Fund. At June 30, 2003, four (4) loans were outstanding with interest at 1% and maturity dates from October, 2000 to November, 2007. The loans are secured by mortgages on the properties. The loan that was due in October, 2000 is in arrears with a balance of \$2,584.

**Note 6: INVENTORY**

Inventory totaling \$7,129 represents the cost of producing three (3) different history books that the Town had on hand for sale at June 30, 2003.

**Note 7: DEFERRED REVENUE**

Deferred Revenue in the General Fund consists of \$61,000 of delinquent property taxes and interest not collected within sixty (60) days of the balance sheet date as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities. It also includes \$1,375 of prepaid transfer station fees and \$802 of prepaid taxes for fiscal year 2004. Total deferred revenue in the General Fund is \$63,177.

Deferred Revenue in the Special Revenue Funds consists of \$19,735 of grant funds loaned out as described in Note 5. The revenue will be recognized as the loans are repaid to the Town.

Deferred Revenue in Capital Projects Funds consist of \$20,386 of grant money received for the Chicken Farm Bridge Fund that will be recognized in fiscal year 2004 as expenditures occur.

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Note 8: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

It is the policy of the Town of Corinth to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits. No liability is reported for unpaid accumulated sick leave because it is not a vested benefit. Amounts not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. No expenditure is reported for these amounts until paid. At June 30, 2003, the Town had the following vested benefits earned by their employees:

Vested Vacation Payable	<u>\$2,612</u>
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Note 9: NOTE PAYABLE

The following is a summary of changes in note payable for the year ended June 30, 2003:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2002</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2003</u>
<u>General Long-Term Debt Account Group:</u>				
Note Payable - State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, Dump Truck, Interest at 2%, \$20,000 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Annually on June 30 through 2005	\$ <u>60,000</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>20,000</u>	\$ <u>40,000</u>
<b>Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group</b>	<b>\$ <u>60,000</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>0</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>20,000</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>40,000</u></b>

The Town anticipates maturities to be the following for the General Long-Term Debt:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2004	\$20,000	\$ 800	\$20,800
2005	<u>20,000</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>20,400</u>
Total	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>	<u>\$41,200</u>

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**Note 10: RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES**

The fund balances in the following funds are restricted as follows:

**Special Revenue Funds**

Restricted for Highway Expenditures by State Statute	\$ 50,370
Restricted for Cemetery Fund Expenditures by Endowments and Donations	110,348
Restricted for Inventory - History Book Fund	7,129
Restricted for Home Improvement Loan Fund by Grant Agreement	<u>6,575</u>
Total Restricted Special Revenue Funds	<u>174,422</u>

**Trust Funds**

Restricted for Historical Fund by Donations	871
Restricted for Library Trust Fund by Donations and Trust Agreement	<u>2,796</u>
Total Restricted Trust Funds	<u>3,667</u>
Total Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$178,089</u>

**Note 11: DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES**

The Fund Balances in the following funds are designated as follows:

**Special Revenue Funds:**

Designated for Reappraisal Expenditures	\$ 19,973
Designated for Town Planning Expenditures	<u>1,560</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>21,533</u>

**Capital Projects Funds:**

Designated for Bridges	<u>16,322</u>
Total Capital Projects Funds	<u>16,322</u>
Total Designated Fund Balances	<u>\$ 37,855</u>

The undesignated deficit of \$702 in the History Book Fund will be funded as books are sold.

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Note 12: EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2003, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the Highway Fund by \$151,230. The overexpenditure in the Highway Fund was funded by unbudgeted grant revenue and available fund balance.

Note 13: PROPERTY TAXES

The Town property tax bills are due in three installments on August 10, October 10 and February 10. Amounts become delinquent on February 11. The Town bills and collects its own property taxes and also for school property taxes. The Town assesses an 8% penalty on all delinquent accounts. Interest is calculated at 1% for the first (3) months and 1.5% thereafter. The tax rate for 2003 is as follows:

Town	.293
Highway	.373
School	<u>1.652</u>
 Total	 <u>2.318</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2003, the Town billed \$1,753,457 in property taxes of which \$1,248,352 was allocated to school property taxes, \$269,780 to the Highway Fund, \$12,000 to the Bridge Fund and \$223,325 to the General Fund. The General Fund has reported \$243,725 in property taxes due to a decrease in deferred property tax revenue.

Note 14: RETIREMENT PLAN

All applicable employees of the Town of Corinth are covered under the State of Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement Plan. The plan requires a 2.5% contribution of gross salary by the employee and a 4% contribution by the Town of Corinth. The Town of Corinth pays all costs accrued each year for the plan. The premise of this plan is to provide a retirement plan covering municipal employees at a uniform State-wide contribution rate based upon an actuarial valuation of all State of Vermont municipal employees. Activity in this plan is done in the aggregate, not by municipality. Due to the nature of this pension plan, net assets available for benefits as well as the present value of vested and nonvested plan benefits by municipality are not determinable. The Town's total payroll was \$145,023 while its covered payroll for the retirement plan was \$83,162. Pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2003 was \$3,326.

Additional information regarding the State of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System is available upon request from the State of Vermont.

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Note 15: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town of Corinth is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town of Corinth maintains insurance coverage through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. (the Fund) covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town of Corinth. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Town must remain a member of the Fund for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days notice. Fund underwriting and ratesetting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund's liabilities.

In addition, the Town of Corinth is a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Health Trust. The Health Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide health insurance and wellness programs for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Health Trust to make additional assessments to its members.

The Town of Corinth self insures itself for unemployment coverage. The Town must pay the Vermont Department of Employment and Training for any paid claims. The Town paid \$-0- for unemployment claims for the year ended June 30, 2003.

Note 16: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Subsequent to year end, the Town secured a \$100,000 line of credit with the Chittenden Bank with interest at 1.65%. The line matured on September 5, 2003. The Town did not use the line of credit while it was open.

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## Report on Supplementary Information

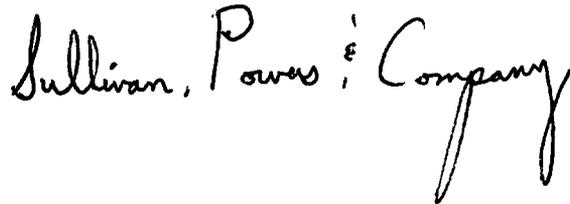
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We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Corinth, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003 and have issued our report thereon dated September 16, 2003. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Corinth, Vermont's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining financial statements listed in the Table of Contents as Schedules 1 through 5 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Corinth, Vermont. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

September 16, 2003  
Montpelier, Vermont  
Vt Lic. #92-000180



TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2003

	Highway Fund	Cemetery Fund	Reappraisal Fund	History Book Fund	Town Planning Fund	Home Improvement Loan Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 23,198	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,577	\$ 6,575	\$ 31,350
Investments	0	88,664	0	0	0	0	88,664
Loans Receivable	0	0	0	0	0	19,735	19,735
Grants Receivable	118,593	0	0	0	0	0	118,593
Inventory	0	0	0	7,129	0	0	7,129
Due from Other Funds	43,502	0	19,973	0	0	0	63,475
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 162,095</b>	<b>\$ 111,862</b>	<b>\$ 19,973</b>	<b>\$ 7,129</b>	<b>\$ 1,577</b>	<b>\$ 26,310</b>	<b>\$ 328,946</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>							
<b>Liabilities:</b>							
Accounts Payable	\$ 111,052	\$ 1,514	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 112,566
Accrued Payroll	673	0	0	0	0	0	673
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0	702	17	0	719
Deferred Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	19,735	19,735
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>111,725</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19,735</b>	<b>133,693</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>							
Restricted	50,370	110,348	0	7,129	0	6,575	174,422
Unrestricted -							
Designated	0	0	19,973	0	1,560	0	21,533
Undesignated	0	0	0	(702)	0	0	(702)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>50,370</b>	<b>110,348</b>	<b>19,973</b>	<b>6,427</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>6,575</b>	<b>195,253</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 162,095</b>	<b>\$ 111,862</b>	<b>\$ 19,973</b>	<b>\$ 7,129</b>	<b>\$ 1,577</b>	<b>\$ 26,310</b>	<b>\$ 328,946</b>

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

**TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT**  
**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**  
**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

	Highway Fund	Cemetery Fund	Reappraisal Fund	History Book Fund	Town Planning Fund	Home Improvement Loan Fund	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>							
Property Taxes	\$ 269,780	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 269,780
Intergovernmental	269,905	0	7,203	0	120	0	277,228
Loan Repayments	0	0	0	0	0	5,697	5,697
Investment Income	0	3,324	0	0	14	585	3,923
Miscellaneous	315	6,127	0	0	0	0	6,442
Book Sales	0	0	0	480	0	0	480
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>540,000</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>7,203</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>6,282</b>	<b>563,550</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>							
Highway Expenses	373,362	0	0	0	0	0	373,362
Book Expenses	0	0	0	395	0	0	395
Planning Expenses	0	0	0	0	2,490	0	2,490
Cemetery Expense	0	4,011	0	0	0	0	4,011
Loan Expense	0	0	0	0	0	20,045	20,045
Capital Expense	162,448	0	3,280	0	0	0	165,728
Debt Service:							
Principal	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	20,000
Interest	1,200	0	0	0	0	0	1,200
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>557,010</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>3,280</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>20,045</b>	<b>587,231</b>
<b>Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	<b>(17,010)</b>	<b>5,440</b>	<b>3,923</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>(2,356)</b>	<b>(13,763)</b>	<b>(23,681)</b>
<b>Fund Balances - July 1, 2002</b>	<b>67,380</b>	<b>104,908</b>	<b>16,050</b>	<b>6,342</b>	<b>3,916</b>	<b>20,338</b>	<b>218,934</b>
<b>Fund Balances - June 30, 2003</b>	<b>\$ 50,370</b>	<b>\$ 110,348</b>	<b>\$ 19,973</b>	<b>\$ 6,427</b>	<b>\$ 1,560</b>	<b>\$ 6,575</b>	<b>\$ 195,253</b>

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

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Bridge Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Chicken Farm Bridge Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
Due From Other Funds	\$ <u>16,509</u>	\$ <u>20,386</u>	\$ <u>36,895</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>16,509</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>20,386</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>36,895</u></b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 187	\$ 0	\$ 187
Deferred Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>20,386</u>	<u>20,386</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>187</u></b>	<b><u>20,386</u></b>	<b><u>20,573</u></b>
Fund Balances:			
Unrestricted:			
Designated	<u>16,322</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,322</u>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>16,322</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>16,322</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ <u>16,509</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>20,386</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>36,895</u></b>

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

**TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

	<u>Bridge Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Chicken Farm Bridge Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 12,000	\$ 0	\$ 12,000
Intergovernmental	<u>0</u>	<u>52,624</u>	<u>52,624</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>52,624</u>	<u>64,624</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Construction and Engineering	<u>5,277</u>	<u>52,624</u>	<u>57,901</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>5,277</u>	<u>52,624</u>	<u>57,901</u>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	6,723	0	6,723
<b>Fund Balance - July 1, 2002</b>	<u>9,599</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,599</u>
<b>Fund Balance - June 30, 2003</b>	<u>\$ 16,322</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 16,322</u>

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

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
ALL FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Expendable Trust Fund</u>	<u>Nonexpendable Trust Funds</u>	<u>Agency Funds</u>	
	<u>Historical Fund</u>	<u>Library Trust Fund</u>	<u>Delinquent Tax Collectors Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>				
Cash	\$ 871	\$ 2,796	\$ 35,770	\$ 39,437
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 871</b>	<b>\$ 2,796</b>	<b>\$ 35,770</b>	<b>\$ 39,437</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Due to Others	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 35,770	\$ 35,770
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35,770</b>	<b>35,770</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
Restricted	871	2,796	0	3,667
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>2,796</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,667</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 871</b>	<b>\$ 2,796</b>	<b>\$ 35,770</b>	<b>\$ 39,437</b>

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

# Budget Committee Report

The Town Budget Committee recommends the following budgets:

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>To Be Raised</b>
General Fund	\$307,047	\$241,497
Highway Fund	436,095	286,095
Bridge Reserve Fund	-0-	15,000

Respectfully submitted,  
 Brenda A. Carter, Member-at-Large  
 Susan Gossenhoven-Shea, Member-at-Large  
 Susan L. Fortunati, Treasurer  
 Linda Pastelnick, Town Clerk  
 Frank Roderick, Selectman  
 Kyle Thompson, Selectman  
 Greg Thurston, Selectman

## Budget Report

	<b>Actual</b> 7/1/2002 to 6/30/2003	<b>Budget</b> 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004	<b>Proposed</b> 7/1/04 to 6/30/05
<b>GENERAL FUND - INCOME</b>			
Current Tax Levy, Town	243,725.49	209,480.00	241,497.00
Sale of Land or Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees Due Town	12,646.17	14,000.00	16,150.00
Interest Late & Delinquent Taxes	23,581.10	16,000.00	10,000.00
Restoration of Records	1,192.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Land Use Change Tax	64.60	0.00	0.00
Hold Harmless Money	22,447.00	18,000.00	28,000.00
Dog Licenses	1,256.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Hall Rental	495.00	300.00	300.00
Solid Waste Collections	1,459.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Household Hazardous Waste Grant	821.62	500.00	0.00
Transfer Station Grant & Permits	2,786.50	5,000.00	4,500.00
Sewage Fees	50.00	50.00	50.00
Misc Gen Fund Income	392.83	100.00	250.00
Interest on Savings	6,093.61	6,500.00	2,000.00
Tree Grant	169.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>\$317,179.92</b>	<b>\$273,730.00</b>	<b>\$307,047.00</b>

	<b>Actual 7/1/2002 to 6/30/2003</b>	<b>Budget 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004</b>	<b>Proposed 7/1/04 to 6/30/05</b>
<b>HIGHWAY FUND - INCOME</b>			
Current Tax Levy, Highway	269,780.00	279,880.00	286,095.00
Proceeds of Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highway State Aid	151,312.68	145,000.00	150,000.00
Special Highway State Aid	118,593.00	0.00	0.00
Bridge State Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Highway Receipts	315.00	0.00	0.00
State Flood Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	
	<b>\$540,000.68</b>	<b>\$424,880.00</b>	<b>\$436,095.00</b>
<b>CHICKEN FARM BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>\$52,623.59</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>BRIDGE RESERVE FUND - INCOME</b>			
Current Tax Levy, Bridge Reserve	12,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Bridge Reserve Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transfer from Highway Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>\$12,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>ALL "OTHER" FUNDS - INCOME</b>			
PLANNING COMMISSION	\$134.29	\$0.00	\$0.00
SCHOOL	\$1,248,352.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HISTORY BOOKS	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$480.00
REAPPRAISAL			
Current Tax Levy, Reappraisal	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Grant	7,203.00	7,125.00	7,125.00
	<b>\$7,203.00</b>	<b>\$7,125.00</b>	<b>\$7,125.00</b>
HISTORICAL FUND	\$17.96	\$0.00	0.00
HOME IMPROVEMENT			
Loan Repayment	5,696.72	4,600.00	4,600.00
Interest Income	584.85	130.00	130.00
	<b>\$6,281.57</b>	<b>\$4,730.00</b>	<b>\$4,730.00</b>
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$57.41	\$0.00	0.00
RICHARD SAVILLE MEMORIAL FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL "OTHER" INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,262,526.23</b>	<b>\$11,855.00</b>	<b>\$12,335.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,184,330.42</b>	<b>\$725,465.00</b>	<b>\$770,477.00</b>

	<b>Actual 7/1/2002 to 6/30/2003</b>	<b>Budget 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004</b>	<b>Proposed 7/1/04 to 6/30/05</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND - EXPENSE</b>			
Selectmen	2,360.17	2,925.00	3,025.00
Town Report & Auditors	10,573.09	10,700.00	11,150.00
Elections	2,752.89	820.00	3,165.00
Listers			
Payroll	7,379.20	13,750.00	20,250.00
Office Expense	3,506.08	2,930.00	5,120.00
Town Office			
Town Clerk Salary	10,753.00	11,520.00	23,400.00
Asst Town Clerk Salary	14,158.79	16,000.00	2,500.00
Town Treasurer Salary	11,076.00	11,520.00	23,400.00
Asst Town Treasurer Salary			2,500.00
Office Expense	20,349.08	24,975.00	23,360.00
Legal & Insurance	5,716.76	6,300.00	7,150.00
Services			
Abates Taxes	2,362.63	1,000.00	1,000.00
Ambulance Service	19,587.40	20,000.00	22,000.00
Bad Debt-Uncollect Ambulance	0.00	100.00	0.00
Animal Control	311.87	500.00	1,000.00
BCA Expense	58.19	230.00	230.00
Central VT Humane Society	600.00	600.00	850.00
Blake Memorial Library	1,461.00	1,461.00	1,461.00
County Tax	15,410.00	15,750.00	19,000.00
CTERT	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Debt Service	0.00	500.00	500.00
Fire Services	12,000.00	12,000.00	15,000.00
E-911 Locatable Addressing	23.10	0.00	0.00
VT League of Cities & Towns	960.00	1,229.00	1,315.00
Appropriations			
ACORN	0.00	300.00	0.00
Adult Education, Central VT	800.00	800.00	800.00
Bradford Regional Community Center	0.00	1,461.00	0.00
Central VT Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00
Council on Aging	100.00	100.00	100.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance	5,080.00	5,460.00	5,460.00
Clara Martin Center	2,177.00	2,177.00	2,177.00
George Aiken Council	50.00	50.00	50.00
Green Mountain Economic Development	730.50	730.00	730.00
Green Up Vermont	0.00	100.00	100.00
Orange East Senior Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Two Rivers - Dues	1,614.00	1,614.00	1,614.00
Northeast Slopes	730.00	1,460.00	1,460.00
Orange County Diversion Program	150.00	150.00	150.00
Oxbow Senior Independene Prog	300.00	300.00	300.00
Safeline	200.00	200.00	200.00
VT Center Independent Living	220.00	170.00	0.00
Upper Valley Services	700.00	700.00	700.00
Town Hall			

	Actual 7/1/2002 to 6/30/2003	Budget 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004	Proposed 7/1/04 to 6/30/05
Town Hall Expenses	10,658.07	11,685.00	10,945.00
Vault Expansion	2,838.00	0.00	0.00
Roof Repair	20,270.20	0.00	0.00
Solid Waste Disposal	72,963.30	75,405.00	78,680.00
Law Enforcement	4,979.09	7,748.00	8,320.00
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	1,112.44	1,910.00	1,165.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tree Grant	169.00	0.00	0.00
Health and Sewage	336.24	350.00	370.00
Cemetery	422.85	150.00	450.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$273,899.94</b>	<b>\$273,730.00</b>	<b>\$307,047.00</b>

### HIGHWAY FUND - EXPENSE

Administration			
Payroll	1,927.15	2,500.00	2,500.00
Benefits	35,421.12	44,725.00	52,390.00 #
Other Expense	787.88	250.00	250.00
Highway Labor	70,466.68	81,755.00	84,580.00
Bridges	0.00	0.00	4,000.00 *
Gravel	20,263.32	25,000.00	25,000.00
Patch and Pave	76,386.81	75,000.00	75,000.00
Chloride	3,062.04	7,000.00	7,000.00
Salt	26,874.54	25,000.00	25,000.00
Sand	21,053.17	25,000.00	25,000.00
Stone	1,967.40	2,500.00	2,500.00
Posts & Guard Rails	3,897.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Other Materials	158.98	500.00	500.00
Culverts	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Signs	302.31	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hired Services	27,595.11	25,000.00	25,000.00
Garage	10,814.10	7,200.00	7,775.00
Salt Shed	10,935.31	20,000.00	0.00
Operating Supplies & Fuel	16,152.72	17,500.00	18,500.00
Repairs and Maintenance			
Hired Maintenance	0.00	30,000.00	25,000.00
Town Labor, Maintenance	5,875.72	12,000.00	12,000.00
Other Expense	29,592.20	2,650.00	2,700.00
Other			
Highway Insurance	8,569.35	9,500.00	10,000.00
Purchase 1991 International Truck	9,925.00	0.00	0.00
Purchase of '2002 Mack Truck	21,200.00	20,800.00	20,400.00
Other Equipment Purchases	6,044.73	0.00	0.00
Equipment Rental	1,260.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
South America Bridge	146,214.98	0.00	0.00
South America Road #34431	152.90	0.00	1,000.00
Jordan Bridge Materials	110.07	0.00	0.00
Hemlock Lane		0.00	
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$557,010.59</b>	<b>\$444,880.00</b>	<b>\$436,095.00</b>

\* Goose Green Bridge # Health Insurance

	Actual 7/1/2002 to 6/30/2003	Budget 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004	Proposed 7/1/04 to 6/30/05
<b>CHICKEN FARM BRIDGE STATE GRANT</b>			
Expenses	52,623.59	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CHICKEN FARM BRIDGE STATE GRANT</b>	<b>\$52,623.59</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
 <b>BRIDGE RESERVE FUND - EXPENSE</b>			
East Corinth Bridge	3,912.68	0.00	0.00
Hutton Hill Bridge	11.48	0.00	0.00
Jordan Bridge	1,352.19	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL BRIDGE RESERVE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,276.35</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
 <b>ALL "OTHER" FUNDS - EXPENSE</b>			
PLANNING COMMISSION	2,489.86	0.00	0.00
SCHOOL	1,248,352.00	0.00	0.00
HISTORY BOOKS	395.30	0.00	0.00
REAPPRAISAL	3,280.00	0.00	900.00
HISTORICAL FUND	2,540.45	0.00	0.00
HOME IMPROVEMENT	20,044.55	0.00	0.00
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	57.41	0.00	0.00
RICHARD SAVILLE MEMORIAL FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL ALL "OTHER" FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,277,159.57</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,165,970.04</b>	<b>\$718,610.00</b>	<b>\$744,042.00</b>

Excess Revenues over Expenditures \$26,435.00

History Books	480.00
Reappraisal	6,225.00
Home Improvement	4,730.00
Bridge Reserve	<u>15,000.00</u>

\$26,435.00

# Comparative Grand Lists and Rates

Grand List	1999-2000 \$645,692.68	2000-2001 \$740,445.40	2001-2002 \$740,333.69	2002-2003 \$757,255.25				
	Rate	% of Total	Rate	% of Total	Rate	% of Total	Rate	% of Total
General Fund	0.262	13%	0.237	14%	0.252	11%	0.293	13%
Local School	0.210	11%	0.197	11%	0.427	20%	0.546	24%
Statewide School	1.145	58%	0.988	56%	1.118	51%	1.106	48%
Highway	<u>0.365</u>	18%	<u>0.327</u>	19%	<u>0.394</u>	18%	<u>0.373</u>	16%
	1.982		1.749		2.191		2.318	

## Statement of Taxes Raised

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Grand List	\$75,725,525
	x 1%
	757,255.25
Tax Rate	x 2.318
Billings	1,755,318
Less Billing Adjustments	<u>1,860</u>
Total Billed	<u><u>\$1,753,458</u></u>
Less Collections:	
School Fund:	
State	(835,857)
Local	(412,495)
Highway Fund	(269,780)
Bridge Fund	(12,000)
* General Fund	<u>(223,326)</u>
Total accounted for	<u><u>(\$1,753,458)</u></u>

\* 71,765 of this amount was not collected by June 30, 2003  
 The total delinquent taxes at June 30, 2003 for *all years* was \$73,492  
 Refer to note 13 of the auditors report

# Delinquent Tax Report

## as of December 31, 2003

Total Delinquent Taxes at December 31, 2002	\$ 37,264.17
Plus 2002-2003 Delinquent Taxes effective February 11, 2003	+ <u>151,736.23</u>
Total Delinquent Taxes to collect in 2003\$ 189,000.40	
 Less total taxes collected	 <u>-\$146,392.17</u>
 Balance of uncollected Delinquent Taxes at December 31, 2003	 <u>\$42,608.23</u>

Number of Delinquent Accounts	Year(s) Billed	Amount
1	2001-2002	28.47
44	2002-2003	<u>42,579.76</u>
Total Delinquent Taxes at December 31, 2003		<u>\$42,608.23</u>

On the recommendation of the Town's professional auditing firm, the names of property owners having "delinquent taxes" owing at December 31<sup>st</sup> are being published in the Annual Town Report accordingly. Following is the list of Delinquent Taxes at December 31, 2003. This is the principal amount only and does not include interest or penalties that may be due.

	Tax Year	
	2001-2002	2002-2003
Agone, Gregory & Andrew P Alexander		1,372.26
Barrows, Thomas F		679.17
Bicknell, Etal, Rhonda R, Gary Bicknell & Geraldine Elliot		692.88
Bowen, FrankV		289.89
Caouette, Edmond T & Caroline M		1,325.88
Carrier, David		1,284.15
Danforth, Cindy T & Raymond West, Jr		2,271.63
Danforth, David & Cindy		500.67
Danforth, Robert W & Annette L		299.01
Drummond, John A & Joseph C Bergeron		952.68
Duprey, Ellen (2001-2002)	28.47	
Duprey, Ellen (2002-2003)		27.81
Ertle, Nancy J		1,578.54
Fuoco, Marc & David		303.37
Griffen Sr, Lawrence		310.59
Howell, Gail A & Steven		1,615.65
Jaros, Cass, Squire & Everett		254.97
Jaros, Cass, Squire & Everett		1,196.07
* Johnson Lumber, Inc		925.92
* Johnson, Steven & Jane		925.92
Kinsey, Andrew, Daniel & Allison Hobbs		556.32
* Knapp, Leo D & Gene Diane Danforth		99.66
Lindberg, Steven & Linda		143.40
Lydem, Wayne & Margaret		1,859.04
Martin's Olde Village Store, LLC		3,242.88
* Myer, William & Patricia		1,063.95



8. Taxpayers may request an abatement of taxes pursuant to 24 VSA S.1535 by written request to the

Corinth Board of Abatement  
c/o Corinth Town Office  
PO Box 461  
Corinth, VT 05039

9. Payment arrangement requests to avoid tax sale must be submitted in writing to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will furnish a written response either accepting or denying the request.

10. Once accounts have been submitted to the Attorney in preparation for tax sale, payment must be by cash, money order, bank, treasurers or certified check. Personal checks *will not* be accepted. Call *before* sending final payment to insure the correct amount. 32 VSA § 4874

11. Pursuant to 32 VSA 5254b, the owner of a property being sold for taxes may request in writing, not less than 24 hours prior to the tax sale, that a portion of the property be sold. Such request must clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and must be accompanied by a certification from the District Environmental Commission and the Town Zoning Administrative Office that the portion identified may be subdivided and meets the minimum lot size requirements.

Susan L. Fortunati  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
440 Rollie Day Road, Corinth, VT 05039  
802-439-6179 (phone & fax)

## Lister's Report

Calendar year 2003 has continues to see elevated prices paid for real estate. The sales study conducted by the Vermont Dept. of Property Valuation and Review indicates a continued increased in the Coefficient of Dispersion to 17.62 % (percent) in just 3 (three) years after our last town-wide reappraisal. This indicates that the level of equity between properties in Corinth is decreasing. We have reached an understanding with Property Valuation and Review whereby we will institute a "rolling reappraisal" to adjust those categories of properties that are rapidly creating this disparity.

The change of parcel numbers has been instituted and is working well. You probably have noticed the change on your tax bill. A number of taxpayers have been contacting the Lister's office through the use of e-mail. This system has been working very well. Contact us at: <Corinth.@tax.state.vt.us>.

The new Act 68 is being implemented requiring a great deal of effort from the Listers. Vermont property owners must now file a declaration of homestead. Along with this requirement, the old "homestead" which formerly included your house and 2 (two) acres with various non-commercial sheds and garages, now includes your house, all of your acreage, and all of the other buildings on the property. Now there is another entity called a "home site". "This "home site" includes what was formerly the "homestead". Confused??

Ed Eilertsen,  
Ken Paronto, and  
Jen Eilertsen

# Abstract of the Grand List

REAL ESTATE	No of Parcels	All Corporations	Town Residents	State Residents	Non-State	Municipal Totals	Education Totals
Residential I	204	0	14,512,400	1,113,900	779,800	16,406,100	16,406,100
Residential II	238	25,880	25,983,895	1,173,300	2,299,230	29,482,305	29,482,305
Mobile Homes-U	27	0	349,300	9,000	0	358,300	358,300
Mobile Homes-L	70	0	2,789,200	389,800	535,900	3,714,900	3,714,900
Vacation I	74	321,500	122,400	169,200	2,722,980	3,336,080	3,336,080
Vacation II	131	0	1,093,643	1,368,683	8,274,138	10,736,464	10,736,464
Commercial	16	364,500	813,814	50,700	101,700	1,330,714	1,330,714
Commercial Apts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	1	0	0	73,200	0	73,200	73,200
Utilities-E	2	0	0	1,610,300	0	1,610,300	1,610,300
Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	10	0	1,284,159	207,000	0	1,491,159	1,491,159
Woodland	38	126,123	374,498	329,039	425,159	1,254,819	1,254,819
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	208	107,083	1,367,586	1,643,333	3,430,145	6,548,147	6,548,147
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>945,086</b>	<b>48,690,895</b>	<b>8,137,455</b>	<b>18,569,052</b>		

Total Listed Value of Real Estate for Taxation 76,342,488      76,342,488

Total Non-Taxable Parcels: 24

Non-Tax Parcels are not included on the 411

PERSONAL PROPERTY	MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION
Cable	0	0
Machinery and Equipment	0	N/A
Inventory	0	N/A

TOTAL LISTED VALUE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY      0      0

NON-APPROVED CONTRACTS AND EXEMPTIONS	MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION
	N/A	155,759

TOTAL LISTED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY      76,342,488      76,498,247

TOTAL GRAND LIST

(One percent of total listed value of real and personal property)      763,424.88      764,982.47

# Town Property and Equipment

## Town Garage

- 1 2002 Mack Truck Model RD690P (New '2001)
- 1 1991 International Truck Model 4800 (Used '2003)
- 1 1999 Caterpillar Model 928G Wheel Loader
- 1 1996 International Diesel Dump Truck with plow & wing
- 1 1973 Farmall International Tractor Model 766 with rotary mower (Used '2001)
- 1 Grader 1993 CAT 120G with wing
  - 1 Chloride System (New '2003)
- 1 Used Snow Plow
- 1 York Rake (New '1992)
- 2 Slide in sanders
- 1 Culvert Thawer with Pressure Washer – 1999
- 1 Brush Cutter – 1992
- 1 Trailer
- 1 Chain Saw (New '2001)
- 1 Chain Saw 1995
- 1 Chain Saw 1992

## Snow Fence

- 1 Bandit Model 100 Chipper
- 1 Trimmer 245R (New '2003)

## Fire Warden

- Indian Pumps
- Fire Rakes

## Town Hall and Contents

### Town Clerk and Treasurer's Office

- 2 Desks
- 3 Office Chairs
- 1 Olympia Startype 3 Typewriter (New '2000)
- 2 Adding machines
- 1 Unit Shelving
- 2 Check Protectors
- 1 Wooden Storage Cabinet (Used '2000)
- 3 4-drawer Metal Files
- 1 2-drawer Metal File
- 1 1-drawer Metal File
- 1 Copy Machine (New '1999)
- 1 Compaq Deskpro EX MT Pentium (New '2001)
- 1 Monitor and Epson AP5500 Printer – 1996 (Out of service)
- 1 Compaq Deskpro EN (New '2001)
- 1 HP Deskjet 952 Printer (New '2001)
- 1 HP LaserJet 1200 Series Printer (New '2002)
- 1 HP PSC 2110 All-in-One Printer Scanner Copier (New '2003)
- 1 IBM Model 35 SX Computer, Monitor and Printer – 1992 (Out of service)
- 2 Computer Tables
- 1 Oak Writing Table
- 4 Side Chairs

### Various Software

- 1 Sharp UX-1300 FAX (New '1997)
- 1 Fellowes Powershred PS 55 Paper Shredder (New '2000)

## Listers

- 2 4-drawer Metal Files (New '2002)
- 1 Dell Dimension 8200
- 1 HP Deskjet 952C Printer
- 2 Metal Book Case (New '2002)
- 1 1-2 drawer Metal file
- 1 Goldstar Studio works Computer and Printer – 1998 (Out of service)
- 1 Printer Table
- 1 Computer Desk
- 1 Computer Chair (New '2002)
- 2 Metal Side Chairs

# Vermont State Police

## Bradford Report 2003

2003 was a year marked by tragedy for members of the Bradford State Police Barracks. On June 15, Sgt. Michael Johnson was killed in the line of duty. Sgt. Johnson was attempting to assist fellow troopers that were pursuing a subject that was suspected of having illegal drugs in his vehicle. Sgt. Johnson was struck and killed by the fleeing suspect's vehicle.

We wish to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers, and continued support following this tragedy.

Those who were fortunate to have known him will always remember Sgt. Michael Johnson. He was a family man, a leader in our barracks, and a vital member of the Bradford community. He is and always will be sorely missed.

I have chosen to use this space to remember Mike Johnson, a man who epitomized community service, and embodied what it means to be a Vermont State Trooper.

I invite you to review statistics regarding VT State Police enforcement in your town during 2003 on website: [vtsp.org/Bradford.html](http://vtsp.org/Bradford.html) (2003 VT Crime Report).

Respectfully,

LT Walter Goodell  
Station Commander

# Central Vermont Humane Society

## Town of Corinth Statistics

Year 2003	
Strays by Resident	4 cats
Strays by ACO/PD	2 dogs
Total Strays	6 animals
Strays Returned To Owner	0
Investigations	4
*Owner Giveups	3 dogs, 4 cats

0 animals of low-income residents vaccinated and neutered/spayed in your community in 2003

**CORINTH RANKS IN 25th PLACE (OF 36) FOR GIVEUPS AND  
IN 20th PLACE (OF 36) FOR STRAYS.**

# Road Commissioner's Report

This winter has been very cold so far with several heavy snowstorms early in the season, each followed by heavy rains. Last fall was also very wet, so these recent rains have brought groundwater to a very high level. Water seems to be running everywhere right now. I suspect this might foretell a severe Mud Season when spring arrives to thaw all the snow and frost, but my experience tells me that predicting Mud Season is a risky venture, so we'll just have to wait and see what Mother Nature delivers to us.

After eleven years of comprehensive effort to restore our paved roads, we have retreated all our Class II paved highways and about half of our single Class III paved highway, Taplin Hill Road. This year we will begin the cycle again by paving Brook Road starting from Route 25 and continuing as far as our budget allows. If we receive a State grant for paving, we will apply those funds to Brook Road and will use the offset funds to do more paving on Taplin Hill Road.

We replaced the bridge over the South Branch of the Waits River on South America Road last spring. Using an experimental abutment design and managing the project ourselves, Winterset Inc. was able to remove the old structure, install and remove a temporary bridge, pour two pad abutments and install a precast bridge deck with rails and paving in only 24 working days. There was a hiatus in the project while the deck was being cast, but the actual work went very quickly. We also had to relocate the power line at the site. That went very well with the greatly appreciated cooperation of Richard Devins and the Washington Electric Co-op.

This spring the East Corinth Bridge Project at Route 25 will begin with the installation of a temporary bridge just upstream of the present structure. Thanks to Sheila Chaloux for allowing us to route traffic across her parking lot to the temporary bridge. The old bridge deck will be removed, the abutments will be rehabilitated and a new, wider deck will be installed. The project will be complete by October. The Jordan Bridge and Chicken Farm Bridge projects are steadily, if slowly, proceeding through the design process. We have no firm construction dates for them at this time.

The military is reaching out and snatching one of our Road Crew for a 9-month deployment. Joe Blodgett is due to report for National Guard active duty in September 2004. We'll have to find a temporary replacement for Joe while he is gone. Anyone interested should contact Jim Fontaine at the Town Garage.

The weather story for the year is ever changing, but the Road Crew has to get up each morning and deal with whatever has developed. These guys work very hard and are flexible and responsive. They are a great team and accomplish an impressive amount for three local boys. If you see a road problem, give them a call so they can get it fixed. They try to be on top of things, but they can't be everywhere. Give them a wave and a smile when you see them out keeping our roads safe and comfortable to travel.

Frank Roderick  
Road Commissioner

## Proposed Road Plan 2004-2005

### PAVEMENT RETREATMENT

TH # 4 Brook Road From Rte 25 as far as funding allows  
TH #10 Shimming on Taplin Hill Road if funding is available

### STAYPAK RETREATMENT

Areas to be determined after Mud Season

## CHLORIDE APPLICATION – High Traffic Areas

TH #2	Cookeville Road from Maplewood Road to Washington Town Line
TH #6 & #13	Pike Hill / Richardson Hill Loop
TH # 10	Taplin Hill Road
TH # 28	Fairground Road
TH # 19	Page Hill Road to Thompson Lane
TH # 57	Abe Jacobs Road
TH # 60 & # 61	Turkey Hill / Dearborn Hill Loop

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Roadside mowing  
Steel Guardrail – Page Hill Road in East Corinth along the Waits River  
Convert Y-intersections to T-intersections as time and funds allow:

Bear Notch Road at Goose Green Road  
Abe Jacobs Road at Chelsea Road  
Maplewood Road at Cookeville Road  
Richardson Road at Brook Road

General ditching, culvert replacement and brush cutting where needed. Roadside clearing of trees, stumps, rocks and banks to facilitate snow plowing and winging - as time and funding allows.

# Central Vermont Council on Aging

The Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, non profit organization that supports elders to remain independent as long as possible in their own homes and communities. We use federal, state and local funds to provide a variety of programs and services for elders, either directly or under contract with local groups and organizations.

Services include case management, information and referral, community and home delivered meals, senior center services, transportation and a number of volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.

The Case Manager for the Town of Corinth is Marianne Barnett. Case Managers are trained to assess needs and create a care plan for individuals that includes public, private and volunteer resources.

The Council on Aging contracts with Orange East Senior Center for the provision of community and home delivered meals for seniors. Noontime meals are served 3 days a week in towns throughout the service area. Home delivered meals are also delivered to the homes of elders who cannot get out to the mealsite.

Transportation is provided under contract with the local transportation authority. Under this agreement, rides are provided to elders to get to and from mealsites, medical appointments and shopping.

Other services such as legal assistance, health insurance information and referrals to other agencies can be provided by calling the senior helpline at 1-800-642-5119.

We appreciate the support for programs and services for central Vermont elders from the Town of Corinth. Please call us for more information or assistance.

Sincerely,  
Charles W. Castle,  
Executive Director

# Corinth Historical Society Annual Report

Another busy year has passed for the Historical Society starting with the Town Meeting luncheon which was put together with a lot of volunteer help and served to a large group of folks.

In June, we participated in the Vermont Historical Society Expo (for our fourth year), at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds, as part of the Orange County Mining Coalition exhibit. The Coalition is a group comprised of local towns which have old copper mines and the exhibit was very well received.

Also in June, a group of volunteers met at the Corinth Academy Museum in Cookeville to clean the museum and prepare the exhibits for the summer season of Saturday morning "open museum and café" gatherings. These were enjoyed from July through August by regular and new visitors as well and many helpers participated to make this all possible. The museum schedule ended once again with the "open house" at the Agricultural and Trades Museum in East Corinth village on Labor Day Monday with music, refreshments, excellent attendance and enthusiasm.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Country Harvest Auction was held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (first Saturday after Columbus Day Weekend).

We had great donations from all over for both the auction and the refreshments, lots of excellent volunteer helpers with several new participants, a large enthusiastic crowd and a great fund raiser.

The annual meeting, which includes the election of the Board of Directors as well as other business, was held on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Corinth Town Hall where we also enjoyed a fine Potluck Supper and a very interesting and informative slide show presentation on "Vermonters in the Civil War" by Euclid and Priscilla Farnham of Tunbridge.

To close out the year the annual Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> with a great turn out of folks of all ages despite the ambitious snowstorm which preceded it. It truly was a "White Christmas" affair. As always, we thank all who participated in any way to help make the Society successful for another year.

For more information you may call 685-3812. All are welcome to join us.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Consiglia Longo, Secretary

# Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission

## 2003 year-end report

During 2003, the Regional Commission continued to provide technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. We function as staff for many of our towns and most of our work was initiated at the request of Selectboards, Planning Commissions, and other town officials. Major accomplishments for this past year included:

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

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

**Emergency Planning Activities** - The Regional Commission's emergency management planning program continued to be funded by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Projects focused on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff helped write and coordinate many of the \$800,000 First Responder Grants for safety equipment received by our towns.

**Economic Development Planning** - In 2003, the Regional Commission continued working on a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to assess the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Once the level of contamination is known, the Regional Commission will help towns locate funding sources for clean-up. Additional federal dollars are being sought to continue this program. In addition, TRORC spent considerable time obtaining and maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal economic development administration money. This resulted in over \$800,000 for the Town of Randolph.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

# Upper Valley Services, Inc.

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

The services that we provide are as follows:

**Residential Supports:** These supports range from minimal supports to individuals; 24-hour supports in a Group Home setting; 24-hour supports through contracts with private providers; and Developmental Home Providers who take the individual into their home.

**Community and Social Supports:** These supports include volunteer sites, community integration, and social interaction, etc.

**Vocational Supports:** These supports include 1:1 training for competitive employment, as well as job development services for those who do not need the continual 1:1 job support. In the Town of Bradford, we operate the Connecticut River Redemption Center as a job site for those individuals who wish to work there.

**Service Coordination:** These supports are available to support natural families, guardians, consumers and providers with coordination of services needed by the consumer. Our service coordinators provide 24-hour/7 days a week emergency response.

**Assessments and Evaluations:** These services determine the eligibility of any individual who requests services from Upper Valley Services. State regulations require that individuals requesting services meet specific eligibility and System of Care priority requirements.

**Crisis Services:** This service is a statewide service available to any agency/family where the consumer meets entrance criteria. The Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services determines if the consumer meets the criteria for entrance into this program. This is a short-term program, usually not more than 2 (two) weeks, with assistance to families/agencies with reintroduction into their own communities.

**Family Respite:** This service provides limited funding to assist families in keeping their family member with development disabilities within their natural home.

# George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Report

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) has been “making things happen” for towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects over the past year. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the six southern Vermont counties. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and staff help through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Highlights of our work in the six counties in 2003 include:

- 14 towns received funding to improve water quality and upgrade backroads through our better backroads grants
- Two towns received complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting in the town
- 16 towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires
- 6 towns received Jeffords fire safety grants to purchase personal protective gear for firefighters
- Numerous farmers received technical and marketing assistance with agritourism ventures
- 5 Farmers received grants to support agritourism on their farms
- 10 towns received assistance from a consultant to help them prepare for an ISO (Insurance Service Office) evaluation. Towns are given a rating from 1 to 10 by the ISO and many insurance companies use that rating to set their rates. If a town can lower their ISO rating, it may lead to lower insurance costs for businesses and residents in that town
- We continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership and Connecticut River Birding Trail
- Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Envirothon

Other current projects include helping a town with flooding problems, erosion control and streambank stabilization in several locations, helping to develop community centers and recreation fields. We currently have funding available for low interest loans (3.0 – 5.0%) to develop agritourism ventures on farms. In Corinth, we provided a \$3,236 better backroads grant. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to “make it happen”? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organization on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: [kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov](mailto:kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov).



# Central Vermont Adult Basic Education

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (CVABE) has provided thirty-eight (38) years of literacy services to adults in Orange, Washington and Lamoille counties. The program served over 700 students in FY'2003.

CVABE offers free, one-to-one instruction for adults over 16 years of age with less than 1 12th grade education. There are an estimated 20 percent of Vermont adults who cannot read, write or do math well enough to function independently in today's society. Economic and demographic profiles indicate that as many as 16,000 adults in central Vermont are eligible for the free, instructional services of CVABE.

## Central Vermont Adult Basic Education in Corinth

A CVABE professional teacher provides help with basic reading, writing, math, English as a Second Language and GED (High School Equivalency) preparation to adults in Corinth. Adult students who are interested also receive the help they need to achieve a High School diploma.

Much of the free, individualized instruction for each student takes place in his or her home as well as in worksites and other locations convenient for the student.

Last year, volunteers from throughout central Vermont worked closely with CVABE. These men and women were trained by the organization to teach adults to read and write and to provide a variety of services that contribute to a successful literacy program. CVABE has developed a far-reaching plan to maximize resources for literacy and is organizing community members into teams working for the goal of a fully literate state.

## Corinth Residents in Central Vermont Adult Basic Education

In FY'2003, three (3) Corinth adults were served by Central Vermont Adult Basic Education.

Among the learning goals expressed by the students in the program are those directly related to employment. Specifically, teacher and student work on skills needed for filling out application forms, reading directions, spelling and measuring.

In recent years, Central Vermont Adult Basic Education teachers have worked with truck drivers whose literacy skills have made it difficult for them to study for the Commercial Driving License (CDL) exam. The employment implications for this new licensure requirement are profound.

Parents often enroll in the program so that they can read to their young children; an activity found to be essential to that child's own academic success. CVABE has focused much of its organizational resources towards family literacy in order to end forever the cycle of intergenerational illiteracy.

Residents new to the United States seek help from Central Vermont Adult Basic Education understanding that learning to speak and read English is fundamental for productive participation in their new country.

Learning goals, tied so intrinsically to life, are as varied as the students served by the Central Vermont Adult Basic Education program. For each adult student, however, the underlying motivation for seeking instruction is the sincere desire to live a more independent life.

## Community Support

There are now fifteen (15) staff teachers in the regional program working with volunteers; one main office/Learning Center, three (3) satellite resource centers and an education center for out-of-school youth.

A request of \$800.00 in funds to support the local literacy program is made of Corinth voters. The annual cost per student is \$1,200.00. Three (3) Corinth adults were served by CVABE in FY'2003 with free, individualized instruction.

CVABE applies to the Vermont Department of Education annually for grant contracts to deliver adult literacy services to each city, village and town in Washington, Lamoille and Orange counties and the organization is embarked on a vigorous private fundraising campaign. Essential to the continuation of instruction for adults, is the active involvement of communities throughout the regional service area who are contributing funds toward the support of the program, which serves their residents.

### **CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION IN CORINTH**

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

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

Three (3) adults from Corinth were enrolled in the program last year and volunteers from throughout the region work with the CVABE program to help make the service accessible to all central Vermont adults.

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

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education (main office)  
46 Washington Street – Suite 100  
Barre, Vermont 05641  
802-476-4588

ALSO –  
Central Vermont Adult Basic Education  
One Main Street  
PO Box 917  
Bradford, Vermont 05033  
802-222-3282

# ACORN

Our mission continues: "to support and assist those whose lives are affected by HIV and AIDS *to live fully and with dignity and to STOP the spread of the virus through education, information and understanding. We work to change attitudes, actions and institutions that sustain the disease. We strive to create a community capable of choosing love, compassion and support over fear, ignorance and prejudice.*

ACORN offers a full range of supportive services to people with HIV and AIDS living in Windsor and Orange Counties of Vermont and Grafton and Sullivan Counties of New Hampshire. ACORN also provides education and prevention information throughout the region. In Addition, we advocate for progressive public policy."

## Services offered:

*"HIV Education and Prevention-to schools, civic organizations, and the general public. A comprehensive array of free materials about HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases is always available at our office.*

*Free and Anonymous HIV Tests-ACORN uses an oral HIV test called "OraSure" that is accurate as a blood test for detecting the virus. The 5--minute procedure is offered with individual prevention counseling and can be performed at the ACORN office in Lebanon, NH. It is simple, non-invasive, quick, confidential, and FREE.*

## Support Groups

*Referrals* Our case managers can help locate doctors, dentists, lawyers, and mental health counselors sensitive to the needs of our clients.

*Financial Assistance-* ACORN has a Crisis Fund available to clients with short-term financial emergencies.

*Food-*ACORN works in collaboration with local churches to collect and distribute food to clients in need.

*Direct Services-*ACORN staff and volunteers provide practical assistance such as transportation to appointments, respice care, and help with daily tasks."

## Summary of ACORN's Activities 7/1/2002-4/1/2003

- . We offered services to people living with HIV / AIDS in 94 municipalities throughout Windsor and Orange Counties of Vermont and Grafton and Sullivan Counties of New Hampshire.
- . We provided professional case management and program services to more than 65 clients living with HIV and support services to more than 130 affected family members.
- . We distributed approximately \$46,000 of financial assistance directly to clients living with HIV / AIDS to support their living environments, nutritional and medical needs, and overall sense of personal and family well-being.
- . Through the "Hero Project" we brought vital HIV / AIDS education to more than 985 incarcerated individuals re-siding at 4 state-run correctional facilities.
- . Our staff and volunteers brought HIV / AIDS education and awareness to more than 2,500 area middle and high school students.
- . The Vermont Health Department designated ACORN as one of only 5 agencies in the state to provide HIV testing and counseling utilizing the oral HIV test called OraSure.
- . We increased our community outreach to high-risk groups, specifically targeting people at public sex environments and people who are injection drug users.

# ✿ Clara Martin Center ✿

11 Main Street, Randolph, VT 05060  
(802) 728-4466

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

1483 Lower Plain Road, Bradford,  
VT 05033

356 VT Rte. 110, Chelsea, VT 05038  
(802) 728-4466

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

CVSAS  
Airport Road, Montpelier, VT 05601  
(802) 223-4156

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

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

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

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

- Counseling
- Psychiatric Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- School-based & Home-based services
- Education for families
- Community resource assistance
- Free Walk-in Clinic
- Help with job training
- Alcohol & other drug treatment
- Respite Care
- 24-hour emergency system

## WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

The Clara Martin Center has continually demonstrated its commitment to the greater Orange County community and the 2003 calendar year has been no exception. In May, our Challenger School was awarded a long-term approval rating from the State of Vermont Department of Education. Staff were noted as being "top notch", with an overall sense of caring and flexibility regarding the needs of children.

In July, the Clara Martin Center received another three-year accreditation from CARF (Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities). This marks the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year in which the Agency has been accredited. A rigorous peer review demonstrated the Agency's adherence to internationally recognized standards. Strengths identified, include the following:

- *"Staff members throughout all areas of the organization demonstrate dedication and a commitment to providing quality services to individual persons served and the local community."*
- *"The collaboration between CMC and other healthcare providers in the community allows for a more thorough and comprehensive approach to the care of persons served."*
- *"The organization takes pride in and emphasizes maintaining a safe environment for the staff members and the persons served."*

It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these Agency successes and in turn continue to meet our goal of strategically positioning our Agency for the future behavioral and physical health care needs of our local environment.

### FY03 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC

Children & Family Services	635
Adult Services	474
CSP Services*	180
Substance Abuse Services	1,140
Walk-in Clinic Services	106
Emergency Contacts	2,274
Total Served:	4,809

### TOTAL SERVED FROM CORINTH

Child and Family Services	15
Adult Services	24
CSP Services*	10
Substance Abuse Services	18
Walk-in Clinic Services	3
Total Served:	70

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

# Safeline, Inc.

## Based on Fiscal Year July 2002 through June 2003

Safeline Inc. is a 501 C 3 nonprofit Domestic and Sexual Violence agency serving women, men and children in Orange and upper Windsor counties in Central Vermont. Safeline Inc. offers numerous services to victims and survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence including but not limited to; a 24 hour toll free hotline service, legal advocacy, hospital and police advocacy, information and referrals, and prevention based educational programs for all ages in local schools and communities.

### **Safeline's Mission**

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

### **Service Area:**

- Safeline's catch-met area has a population of 36,786.
- There are no metropolitan areas in Orange or Upper Windsor counties.
- Randolph, Vermont has the highest concentration of people at an approximate population of 4,900.
- Much of Safeline's service area is very rural; many clients live on unpaved roads, and have limited access to services.
- Some Safeline clients do not have a phone, vehicle, or even running water.

### **Volunteerism:**

- Safeline volunteers received **514** hours of training in fiscal year 2002-2003.
- Safeline Staff hours for volunteer training equaled **186**.
- Safeline has **27** volunteers that have received **20** or more hours of specific Domestic and Sexual violence training, to meet the guidelines for Crisis Worker Privilege as defined by Vermont State Statute. (12 V.S.A 1614)
- Safeline volunteers donated **7,862** hours of time to victims and survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence.
- The Safeline Board of Directors donated approximately **540** hours of time in Fiscal year July 2002 to June 2003.
- Safeline volunteers are Vermont Law School students, artists, social workers, hairdressers, mothers, and survivors.

### Safeline Inc. Fiscal Year Statistics for July 2002 to June 2003:

- There were **196** victims of Domestic Violence in Orange and Upper Windsor Counties.
- Over **600** hotline calls came from victims or survivors of Domestic Violence.
- There were **32** new victims of Sexual Violence.
- Over **60** hotline calls came from victims and survivors of Sexual Violence.
- Safeline staff and volunteers provided **1914** services for victims and survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence.
- **More than 145 children in Orange and Upper Windsor counties witnessed family violence.**
- Safeline staff and volunteers spent **2000** hours increasing Domestic and Sexual Violence outreach to local communities. Some of the outreach activities included: theatrical productions, postings on bulletin boards in every town in the Safeline service area, awareness campaigns at Vermont Law school, and mailings to doctor's offices, libraries, churches, and schools.

### **Prevention:**

- Safeline's prevention programming includes; Hands are not for Hitting, Safety Planning, Healthy Relationships, Safe Art, and Teen dating violence.
- Safeline's program educator tailors programming to each school, or communities' need.

- **870** School children came to **64** different Domestic Violence prevention programs.
- **328** School children came to **57** different Sexual Violence prevention programs.
- **845** hours of staff time was used for prevention programming.
- Community prevention programming by Safeline Inc. ranges from presentations to local Rotaries, first responders, doctors, nurses, principals, and police to informational booths at local fairs.
- There were **149 local** community prevention programs about Sexual or Domestic Violence, with **1301** professionals and community members in attendance.

**Finances:**

- Payroll Expenses: **\$85,647.00**
- Other Restricted expenses including rent, travel, paging, telephone and hotline costs: **\$18,751.91**
- Total Unrestricted Expenses including but not limited to; repairs, training, printing, postage, supplies, advertising, insurance, client emergencies, and education: **\$27,294.18**
- Funding Income: Private Foundation Grants: **\$18,000 (these monies were time limited, 1 year only grants)**
- Federal Funding (FVSPA, VOCA) **\$ 54,226.00.**
- SAE (Sexual Assault Education Grant) **\$7,316.**
- State of Vermont Funding: **\$40507.00.**
- Other Unrestricted Funding including but not limited to; town appropriations, fundraising, and individual contributions: **\$9709.00**
- **Total Income: \$156, 430.00**
- **Total Expenses: \$133,104.00**

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# Cemetery Commission

The Cemeteries were all mowed this season and improvements continue in most all 8 Cemeteries to include:

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|------------------|---|
| Center           | Brush & tree removal continues, along with fence repairs, hole filling, gravestone repairs and gravel needed on the main driveway.                  |
| Corinth Corner   | Fencing of the new section still needs to be done.<br>(lots available)  |
| West Corinth     | More brush needs to be cut and a couple large roadside trees need to come out. Gravestones need repair.<br>(matching grant from VOCA not yet used). |
| Darling          | Some holes need filling, and the large maple out back needs to be cut out due to center rot.  |
| McCrillis        | Needs some holes filled, stone wall re-set, fence fixed, and a couple gravestones repaired.   |
| Munn             | One of the nice old cedar trees that border it has had some center rot removed and was sealed. Compliments of Mr. Wenisch.                          |
| East Corinth Old | Large tree cut last year and some broken stones repaired. Could use some brush cut along the edges.   |
| East Corinth New | Lower tree limbs were cut and chipped this year. Road leading up to the cemetery needs gravel & rubbish barrels need painting. (lots available).    |
- Meadow cemetery is taken care of by the Meadow Meeting House Association and is not the responsibility of the Corinth Commission.

Old maps need to be copied and stored in the Town Vault.

A Generous Donation of \$500.00 was donated to the McCrillis Cemetery for use in maintenance by Mr. Robert Jennings.

The Cemetery Commission functions financially with some help from the Town but mainly by investments made in the past to a fund that generates interest for maintenance. Donations to the Cemetery Commission Funds are tax deductible, welcome and always needed.

Cemetery Commissioners  
Norm Collette,  
Ben Eilertsen,  
Raymond Moulton

# Transfer Station Report

In January 2004 we reviewed our costs at the Transfer Station and wanted to let everyone know our results. The total cost to operate the Transfer Station last year was approximately \$73,000.00; this included trash disposal, metal, recycling, and the Casella truck and service. While this is a large expense and increases our property tax bill, it is still the best financial deal possible. We have approximately 770 households paying \$73,000.00 per year, which calculates to \$7.90 per month, or \$.61 per bag of trash. We compared our cost to other Towns and found people in Bradford paying \$2.50 per bag while the prices varied from \$2.50-\$3.00 per bag in the Montpelier area.

We also found that each household would pay \$20.00-\$30.00 per month for individual trash removal at their homes. The cost would be around \$20.00 if the town contracted with the hauler for town-wide pickup, and \$30.00 plus if each resident contracted privately. We decided that it is not in our better interest to consider eliminating the Transfer Station from our property taxes when our residents would end up paying three (3) times more out of their own pockets.

We'd also like to let everyone know why we use the permit and bag sticker system. Stickers allow us to insure *only* Corinth property owners or their tenants are using this service.

## **We pay for the service and do not want trash from other Towns.**

By issuing the three- (3) bag stickers per week, per household, for the remaining number of weeks to June 30 of the following year, we also insure everyone is entitled to the same service. If additional stickers are needed, they can be purchased at the town office at the cost of \$1.00 per sticker. We realize it may be an inconvenience for some, but this allows for a fair and equitable method of trash disposal and recycling for our taxpayers.

In the New Year you may also notice a "monitor" at the Transfer Station. In an effort to make sure only our property owners or their tenants are using the stickers and no out of town trash is coming to our facility, we may have someone assisting the Casella driver in monitoring the trash disposal. Please make sure to use the stickers and it will be easy and fair for everyone.

Thank you.

Gregory D. Thurston, Chairman  
Selectboard, Town of Corinth

# Enhanced 911 Board Report

## Statewide System Operations - Jan 1 2003 to Nov 30 2003

Total Calls Handled System-wide	Wire-Line	113,763	Wireless	60,374
Total Abandoned Calls System-wide	Wire-Line	15,464	Wireless	3,656
Average Call Answer Time System-wide				5 Seconds
Average Call Duration System-wide				1 Minute 54 Seconds

The Vermont E-911 system continues to perform within established benchmarks.

The Enhanced 911 Board operates ten 911 call answering points, known as Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP). They are located at the Springfield Police Department, the Hartford Police Department, the Montpelier Police Department, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office, the Saint Albans Police Department, the Shelburne Police Department, and the State Police Barracks at Williston, Rutland, Rockingham and Derby to be operational by Jan 2004.

### **E 9-1-1 Address Confidentiality**

In 1996, the General Assembly passed a law requiring Towns that created new street addresses for enhanced 9-1-1 to provide a confidentiality option to residents.

This option allows residents to prevent their names from being linked with their new street addresses in municipal public records, such as the Grand List. If you choose to exercise this option, you are required by law to provide the Town Clerk with an alternate mailing address, such as a Post Office box. Copies of the "Confidentiality Option Form" and instructions are available at your Town Office or on the internet @ [www.state.vt.gov/e911](http://www.state.vt.gov/e911). Your Confidentiality Option Form is not a public record and is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law. Town officials are required to preserve your privacy.

# Orange East Senior Center

21 Upper Plain  
Bradford, Vermont 05033  
Phone: 802-222-4782

*Serving:* Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Topsham, and West Fairlee

We would like to thank the people of Corinth for the annual appropriation to this center. The town's appropriation helps us to serve the seniors of Corinth with hot nutritional meals and transportation. All income is spent for the seniors' needs.

We delivered approximately 1,200 meals in Corinth. Our wonderful volunteers donated 7,308 hours to the center. Our volunteer drivers drove 15,736 miles this year to deliver hot meals to those in need. Without these volunteers, these meals would not be possible. I thank every one of them; they are very special people.

Our long-time volunteers, Robert and Margaret Erickson, were honored by Governor Douglas for outstanding community service. It was a wonderful award that they deserved very much.

Several Corinth seniors were helped with their federal and state income tax returns. The center has offered other services such as blood pressure clinics, foot care clinics, flu shots, hearing tests and repairs of hearing aids, an exercise class, and a computer class.

We have had speakers at the meal sites speaking on important issues such as fire safety and medicare issues.

Activities held for the seniors to encourage them to get out and socialize were the following: Live music, special speakers, raffles, holiday celebrations, coffee socials, trips, and visitors from local schools.

We always have a need for volunteers to deliver meals either on a regular basis or as substitutes. We need volunteers to help at the meal sites and at the center. If you have some free time and would love to feel appreciated, call me at the center anytime.

Please feel free to come and join us anytime. Everybody is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Chaffee  
Executive Director

# Bradford Regional Community Center

In 2002, after we did not get funded twice by the Vermont Community Development Program, we regrouped and pressed forward. We were holding fundraisers and considering many different options.

In the spring of 2003 we once again put together a grant application to the VCDP and requested \$400,000. The budget we developed was a "bare bones" budget which would allow us to get to occupancy in the building but there would still need to be a lot of things finished by volunteers.

In July we were awarded a Vermont Community Development Program grant for \$300,000. This brought a feeling of elation as well as the knowledge that it wasn't enough money. We had raised from many different sources, about \$130,000. Some of these funds had to be used with the planning grant and some for expenses but we still had about \$100,000 to be added to the \$300,000 grant. So with the total of \$400,000 we discussed, reviewed and considered the options and how best to utilize the funds to achieve the most good of the greater, Bradford area.

In August we put together another (optimistic) budget and started into the project. The architect took some time in getting plans to us but once received we went out for bids under a sealed bid procedure. When we met with the potential bidders and during the "pre bid walk thru's" we were emphasizing that we have \$360,000 to spend on renovations. The additional \$40,000 was allocated to the architect and administration. When the bids came in the closest one to \$360,000 was almost \$480,000 - now what were we do?

Every so often something comes along that is so wonderful you can hardly believe it. Our something was Robert E. Miller owner of REM Development Co., LLC. He agreed to work with us in getting the project done for our \$360,000. We agreed to do preliminary work - much demolition, clean up, etc. Our thanks to the Firemen and Connecticut River Academy for making sure this cleanup happened. During the months of November and December those groups did a lot of dirty and hard work to be ready for January 5th when Mr. Miller had the first subcontractors arrive and start on the project.

As you read this the Bradford Regional Community Center will either be up and running or very close to it. There will, however, be things to do. The outside work will not be completed until warm weather. We need to raise money for the outside canopy. There will be much interior painting to be done by volunteers. If you can paint, please let us know and we will provide you with a schedule.

The Bradford Regional Community Center was a project handled by the Bradford Community Development Corporation umbrella. This will be the last report from the BRCC board since the Bradford Community Development Corporation will henceforth be handling the building. It has been a challenging four plus years with many starts and stops, but we believe that we have demonstrated that it is possible to do a big project in Bradford without the tax payers having to vote hundreds of thousands of dollars at Town Meeting to make it happen. However, there will be on going small requests, until ultimately the mortgage is paid off and the building can totally sustain itself.

We thank every one of you who have participated in the project. This is a facility that will benefit the greater Bradford Community for many, many years.

Bobette G. Scribner, Chair

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BRADFORD, VERMONT 05033  
(802) 222-5456

# Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc.

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services are designed to help families work toward better lives and to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. This year, CVCAC worked with nearly 9,000 individuals in 4,700 households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support Services, Welfare to Work programming, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 92 individuals in 31 Corinth families with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

Here are some CVCAC program statistics for Corinth:

- 19 households (including 53 family members) received emergency assistance with food, shelter, Crisis Fuel, and other basic needs.
- 3 households participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 11 family members.
- 5 individuals participated in our Community Economic Development programs which include micro business development, individual development accounts, the Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund, and the Vermont Women's Business Center.
- 1 individual participated in our Farmworkers Program designed to help agricultural workers improve their employment status and their financial outlook. Five family members benefited from comprehensive supports and services that boosted average annual earnings from \$9,000 to \$19,000.
- 1 citizen participated in the Vermont Community Leadership Program receiving both training and resources to help them advocate effectively for community change.
- 1 child care provider participated in our Child Care Food Program to serve the approximately 8 children in her care nutritious meals.
- 1 household was issued a vehicle from CVCAC's Community Action Motors garage to help family members to get to work and to access many of the services and resources we tend to take for granted.

**Our 2004 Funding Request:** Community Action uses a formula for our funding requests to all towns based on population, number of residents served, and dollars spent in each community. Based on that formula, we are requesting \$300 from the citizens of Corinth to support Community Action. Your support is critical to our work, and the Board and staff of Community Action are most grateful for your help.

# Orange County Court Diversion Program

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

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

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

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

A total of 177 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2003. Of this amount, 104 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 73 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. With the exception of a few cases that were transferred from other counties throughout the state, nearly all of the client caseload represented crimes and offenses that occurred in Orange County. In cases involving criminal offenses, clients who successfully completed their Diversion contract during FY03 paid a total of \$11,747.00 in restitution to victims and victim related causes, and performed 368 hours of community service.

Orange County Court Diversion budgeted \$70,421.00 for its FY03 operating budget. Approx. 80% of the operating budget was funded by a State grant and client fees. The remaining 20% of the program's funds came from miscellaneous and local funding sources. These local sources were Green Mountain United Way, town appropriations, and individual donations. For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County.

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

# Oxbow Senior Independence Program

ADULT DAY SERVICES  
*Main Street, Newbury, Vermont 05051*  
*(802) 866-5465*

*Member, Green Mountain United Way*

Home alone - and when it occurs it can be as lonely as it sounds. How does it happen? In our part of the country a contributing factor may be that we live in a rural area. This means there is very little public transportation; a person may no longer be driving, family members may all be working, a spouse may be in a nursing home, and life-long friends may be in the same situation.

Fortunately, there are Adult Day programs. Most people's dearest wish is to remain at home, or, if not at home, at least in the community. We at the Adult Day Program serve men and women who come from Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Topsham, and Wells River, giving people the community-based care so important to them.

Participants who attend the OSIP Adult Day program benefit in several ways. They gain by having the opportunity to make new friends, they gain by not eating dinner alone, and they gain as we promote flexibility in managing choices to control more of their lives. Someone in the early 1900s wrote: "It is the little things in life that create differences, and in the bigger things we are as one."

In 2003 we provided 9,178 hours of service. Your contribution directly supports a relative, a friend, a neighbor, or someone unknown to you who live down the road.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*President, M. Robin Barone;*

*Vice President, Horace Palmer;*

*Secretary/Treasurer, Susan Tarantino;*

*Phyllis Ellis; Craig Hervey; Susan Kennedy; Cathy Kidder;*

*Marjorie Shane; Richard Showalter; Diane Smarro.*

*Cecil Ross, Adult Day Representative.*

**ADULT DAY DIRECTOR: Martha Knox**

# Vermont Department of Health

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and improve the health of all citizens. The following are some of the essential services available to residents of Corinth.

**Food & Lodging Inspections:** Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food-borne disease outbreaks. Inspections include review of a 44-item checklist to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling, as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the six (6) establishments in Corinth, six (6) inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

**Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children ('WIC'):** WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 68 women, infants and children living in Corinth received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program at an average value of \$35.00 per person per month.

**Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health-care dollars, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced reportable cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record-low levels. Still, total annual hospital charges from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont are \$2.6 M, and each year 150 to 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia or influenza. During 2002 the Health Department distributed 6,055 doses of vaccine to health-care providers in Orange County. This represents a value of \$82,999.86 to these communities, including children living in Corinth.

**West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance:** WNV first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in the United States. Birds, mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. In 2003 five (5) Town Health Officers in different parts of the state also participated in the program, assisting primarily with mosquito trapping. As of September 19, 2003: Four hundred fifty (450) mosquito pools were tested, with nine (9) positive for WNV, and three (3) horses have tested positive (one (1) each from Addison, Orleans, and Franklin Counties). In Orange County from June-Sept. 16, 2002, 38 dead birds were reported, 13 were tested, and one (1) found to be infected with WNV. There were no reported human or equine cases reported during this same time period.

New public health issues emerge every year. Some challenges being addressed by the Health Department include emergency preparedness and response to disease threats like SARS or potential acts of bioterrorism; expansion of substance abuse prevention and treatment; and improving health care for people with chronic conditions like diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular disease.

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the White River Jct. District Office at 802-295-8820. Please visit our web site at [www.HealthyVermonters.info](http://www.HealthyVermonters.info) for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.

# Corinth Topsham Emergency Response Team

## 2002 – 2003 Budget Report

We responded to 125 calls that included 42 in Corinth, 58 in Topsham, and 24 in Orange. We currently have 12 active members as listed below.

Our officers include:

John Barnes (ECA)	President
Mike Smith (ECA)	Vise President
Susan Barnes (EMT-B)	Treasurer and District 6 representative
Annie Dolan (EMT-I)	Secretary
Heidi Winner (EMT-I)	Training Officer

Richard Dolan (First Responder), David Danforth (First Responder), David Wilson (First Responder), Joe Truss (Radio Control), Matt Winner (EMT-B), Heather Josler (EMT-B), Linda Limlaw (EMT-B), and Wayne Bernier (EMT-I).

We would like to thank the towns for their continued support during the past year and the many generous individuals who supported us with donations. We have been working very hard to fundraise money to pay for raising insurance costs and to purchase needed equipment. We are proud to report that we were the recipients of a Homeland Security Sub-grant in the amount of \$10,000.00. With this money we were able to purchase seven (7) Zoll Automated External Defibrillators. This purchase will allow each member the access to an AED on calls. We are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in joining our team contact one of the officers for more information. Remember that donations can be sent to CTERT, P.O. Box 58, West Topsham, Vermont 05086.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Barnes, President

### RECEIPTS

#### Checking:

Beginning balance (1/2/03)	3527.74
<b>Deposits:</b>	
Raffle	292.49
Town of Corinth	3600.00
Tri-Village	987.43
Corinth Fire	987.43
Town of Topsham	3600.00
Donations	2005.00
(transferred 1813.90 from Walt Stalker)	

#### Savings (Walt Stalker):

Beginning balance (1/2/03)	269.17
<b>Deposits:</b>	
Donation	2000.00
Donation	500.00
Benefit Dance	1013.50
Interest	<u>8.17</u>
	<b>\$1,976.94</b>
(transferred 1813.90 to checking)	

#### Savings (General):

Beginning balance (1/2/03)	133.53
<b>Deposits:</b>	
Town of Orange	1500.00
Wal-Mart	1000.00
Interest	<u>6.06</u>
	<b>\$2,636.59</b>

#### Savings (Radio Fund):

Beginning balance (1/2/03)	283.09
<b>Deposits:</b>	
Town of Corinth	3600.00
Interest	<u>8.01</u>
	<b>\$3,891.10</b>

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

Postmaster	161.22
Training/Courses/Materials	574.75
Insurance	653.00
Workmens Comp. Insurance	756.00
Merriam Graves	508.75
Telephone	883.32 (Topsham Telephone 245.04, MCI 56.92, Verizon 581.36)
Batteries	176.18
Rinkers	1,472.00
Barre City Dispatch	4,110.75
Boundtree/ Galls	2,932.67
Basic supplies	55.25
Medtronic	<u>1813.90</u> (money transferred from Walt Stalker to cover)
	<b>\$14,097.79</b>
<b>Balance, December 23, 2003</b>	<b>\$2847.38</b>

## **Blake Memorial Library**

The Trustees of the Blake Memorial Library are happy to report a year of progress and much activity at the library. As we mentioned last year, the town of Corinth's funding of \$1.00 per capita allows us to be recognized as a public library. With this recognition we are able to qualify for any grants the State of Vermont Department of Libraries offers.

During the year we had several exhibitions allowing local artists and business to display their works. On several evenings the Library was packed with patrons as local authors read and signed their books.

The automation of the collection continues with completion estimated for mid-2004. Once finalized, patrons will be able to research the "card catalog" on the three library computers. The Mary Hunter Holland Fund has joined the Blake and Gendrot Trusts in comprising the endowment of the library.

In 2004 we look forward to new programs and activities. We will recognize our local authors and artists throughout the year. When the automation is complete, the Trustees will hold training sessions at various times to help our patrons understand and use the new system.

Special thanks go to our volunteers: Rhonda Bicknell, Betty Browne, Sylvia Covington, Lesley Dinesen, Jerry Friedman, Greg Hookway, Gail Hevelone, Lisa Locke, Elizabeth Mott, Dottie Provost, Caroline Rood, and Lois Sherwood for their hard work. Thanks also to our patrons who are the reason we are here, our benefactors and the towns of Corinth and Topsham for their financial support.

The Board of Trustees  
Blake Memorial Library

# GMEDC ANNUAL REPORT

October 2003

R.E. Webber, Chairman CEO

Throughout the year, GMEDC was an active participant in bringing the Randolph 'DuBois & King' (D&K) project closer to reality. The project will establish the Vermont Technical College's (VTC) business incubator and a new downtown Randolph office building. GMEDC provided a key component of the funding by structuring a \$216,000 assumption agreement that was originally advanced to the Connecticut River Valley Revolving Loan Fund from Rural Development. GMEDC voted to assume the loan and then advance the needed funds to the Randolph Area Community Development. This strategic approach provided the critical piece to the project's financing structure and enabled the D&K project to proceed. This project represents the first in our region that has been funded through the US Department of Commerce. We met with the US Undersecretary of Commerce during his August visit to the VTC campus and participated in the October D&K groundbreaking ceremony in Randolph. During these ceremonies, GMEDC's Diane Murphy received special recognition for her *'exemplary performance dealing with the grant administration process'*.

Directors face significant challenges in fulfilling their responsibilities to oversee the activities of modern Economic Development/Investment Companies. Changes in the marketplace have created a more competitive and demanding environment. As a consequence, the role director has grown in importance and complexity. Directors must take an active role in governing, monitoring, and evaluating the company's business activities and risks. Directors must also balance the needs of the community, the interests of the clients/members, and the image of the company. In late summer early fall, we initiated the process of recruiting and nominating 7 directors with significant community leadership and business experience. Messrs. Fred Thomas, Peter Johnson, Matt Bucy, Hod Palmer, Dick Podolec and Ed Childs officially join the GMEDC board at our annual meeting scheduled for October 21, 2003. Elections are pending.

In June, Governor Douglas signed the Vermont \$105 million Jobs Bill into law. We were delighted that the Jobs Bill included a component to provide \$25 million for a new capital pool of mezzanine level investment called the Vermont Opportunity Fund. This fund is being designed to provide capital to existing businesses for job creation. Recent research indicates strong regional market support for the development of this early stage capital pool to assist growing companies. GMEDC is eager to work with entrepreneurs that need early stage financing. Successful entrepreneurs are building companies that are being positioned to provide job security, economic growth and stability to the region. GMEDC will assist strategically in fueling that economic growth and we applaud the Governor's efforts in this important area of economic development.

We organized municipal and corporate visits for senior representatives of the Douglas Administration throughout the late summer and into the fall. These sessions were designed to provide a forum for discussion and an opportunity for listening. We will continue to facilitate such meetings. We arranged for a briefing by China experts at the Tuck School for Secretary of Commerce Dorn. This luncheon briefing took place prior to the Secretary's departure for China on a trade mission designed to explore strategic exporting possibilities. We are pleased that Commissioner Quinn joined us when we presented our board resolution to Peter White the son of our principle founder Craig W. White in recognition of his father's leadership in the 1982 formation of GMEDC.

GMEDC is actively assisting in the capital formation process for a new company, Vermont Plywood LLP (VP). The company was recently formed to purchase and operate the former Chesapeake facility in Hancock. We have introduced qualified investors and are involved in structuring the due diligence process. At a public hearing held on October 14, 2003, the town of Hancock enthusiastically supported the project and initiated the application process for a \$750,000 community block grant to demonstrate their commitment. If the grant is approved, proceeds of this grant will be loaned to VP and used for working capital and the purchase of equipment. VEDA, USDA and banking companies are completing their due diligence. The economic impact of the success of this pending acquisition is significant; plant employment currently approximates 50 jobs, which is down from 90 when the plant was at full capacity. GMEDC is a leading candidate to administer the \$750,000 community block grant.

# **Northeast Slopes**

**East Corinth, Vermont  
Report of Activities  
January 10, 2004**

Northeast Slopes was able to operate for its 67<sup>th</sup> season thanks to the continued support of the three (3) towns of Corinth, Topsham and Bradford. The monetary support from the three (3) towns helped to offset our expenses of over \$15,000.00

We continue to offer our Wednesday-after-ski program to area schools, as well as Saturday ski lessons. We have strived to involve area youth in the operation of Northeast Slopes as a way to build character and help our youth become responsible citizens. It is our goal to keep ticket prices as low as possible to keep skiing affordable for members of the community.

We have been successful in our quest of obtaining our 501(3C) status with the IRS. With our new tax status, we are in the process of applying for grants for financial help.

We continue to operate by ALL-volunteer help, with all ticket sales and donations being applied to our operating expenses, insurance and mortgage payments.

New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Respectively submitted  
Steve Simpson,  
President, NES

## **Waits River Valley School**

**Unified School District #36  
802-439-5534**

The annual report for the school is printed as a separate report independent of the Corinth Annual Town Report.

The annual school meeting is held the first Monday in May at the Waits River Valley School in the gymnasium commencing at 7:30 PM.

Please contact Elaine Smith, Clerk to receive a copy of the annual school report.

# "Green Up Vermont"

Green Up Day, May 1 2004

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

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501© (3) organization that promotes litter-free communities by supporting Green Up Day, civic pride and education.

Over 13,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2003, using over 33,000 Green Up bags, collecting over 200 tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont arranged widespread promotional support in excess of \$25,000.

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

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

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 15 percent of our budget. The rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses. These funds pay for supplies, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

Dear Select Board:

Thank you for considering Green Up Vermont's request for your community's funding support. Your contribution will help keep Green Up operating not only for your benefit, but for our entire community of Vermont.

We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. The guide remains the same as in previous years.

For towns under 1,000 population .....	\$ 50
For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 .....	\$100
For towns over 1,000 and under 3,000 .....	\$150
For towns over 3,000 and under 4,000 .....	\$200
For towns over 4,000 population .....	\$300

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Sincerely,

F. Sheldon Prentice  
President

# Town Proceedings

March 4, 2003

At 10:04 a.m. the assembly was asked to rise and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Harvey Carter asked if there were any announcements anyone would like to make. Karen Weinburg said she had a sign up sheet available for those in support of creating a "Community Center for Corinth, Topsham and Waits River". Rick Cawley announced his daughter was selling candy bars as a fundraiser for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class trip. The Historical Society had prepared lunch again this year. There were "Eyes of our Elders" books available for purchase.

Selectboard Chairman, Greg Thurston, expressed a thank you to retiring Selectman Jack Learmonth for his many years of faithful service to the Town – making sure that the assembly knew Jack was not leaving public life entirely as he is serving in the capacity of Justice of the Peace.

Greg also recognized John Pierson for his many years of service to the Town as well. John has served the Town continually since 1951 and was chosen for the cover of this year's Town Report.

Brenda Carter, although she has threatened to leave the positions she serves in, always seems to make it back in the door and has done an outstanding job. Thanks also were extended to Michael Dudley who served as 1<sup>st</sup> Constable but has moved out of town, to Guy Miller, Buss Carter, Dick Kelley, Peggy Pierson for their service as Justices of the Peace. And finally to John Pierson again and Rick Cawley for their roll as Moderator over the years.

The hall was filled to capacity with folks in attendance for the meeting – approximately 135 people participated.

**The legal voters of the town of Corinth are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, Cookeville on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following, to wit:**

Meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. Moderator Harvey Carter started the official meeting by reading Article 1.

**Article 1. To elect the following by Australian Ballot. For the purpose of this article the polls will be open from 8:30 AM to 7 PM.**

	<i>Votes Received of 412 Votes Cast</i>
<b>Moderator for one year</b>	<i>Harvey Carter</i> ..... 309
<b>Town Clerk for 3 years</b>	<i>Linda Pastelnick</i> ..... 216
<b>Treasurer for 3 years</b>	<i>Susan Fortunati</i> ..... 232
<b>Selectperson for 3 years</b>	<i>Kyle Thompson</i> ..... 223
<b>Lister for 3 year</b>	<i>Kenneth Paronto</i> ..... 321
<b>School Director for 1 year</b>	<i>Loraine Devins</i> ..... 362
<b>School Director for 3 years</b>	<i>Sarah Hanzas Copeland</i> ..... 322
<b>Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years</b>	<i>Ben Eilertsen</i> ..... 200
<b>First Constable for 1 year</b>	<i>Joe Hill</i> ..... 347
<b>Second Constable for 1 year</b>	<i>David "Bubbi" Danforth</i> ..... 334
<b>Collector of delinquent taxes for 1 year</b>	<i>Susan Fortunati</i> ..... 223
<b>Grand Juror for 1 year</b>	<i>Ed Eilertsen</i> ..... 327
<b>Town agent to Deed Real Estate for 1 year</b>	<i>Rick Cawley (write-in)</i> ..... 55
<b>Town agent to Prosecute &amp; defend Suits for 1 year</b>	<i>Rick Cawley (write-in)</i> ..... 63

**Article 2. To see if the voters will accept the various officers reports as presented in the town report.**

John Pierson apologized for not getting the Northeast Ski Slopes report done in time for the printing of

the Town Report. He gave a brief report of the financial status. The Ski Slopes received \$14,725 in income. This included \$2,335 in appropriation monies - \$663 coming from Corinth, \$472 from Topsham and \$1,200 from Bradford. There was \$12,769 in expenses - \$6,050 going out for the cost of insurance coverage. The checkbook had a balance of \$1,258 and \$6,538 in the savings account. Northeast Ski Slopes paid off a \$1,500 loan to the Wells River Savings Bank. John added Northeast Ski Slopes owns the building and equipment but are still paying on the land. The Ski Slopes had 503(c) tax status, allowing for any donations to be claimed as tax deductible.

June King pointed out an error in the listings of the Officers for the Fire Department on page 54. Lawrence King is shown as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief – this should have been Lynn King not Lawrence King.

Holly Noble moved to accept the various officer's reports. Joyce McKeeman seconded the motion. So moved and passed.

**Article 3. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money to support the Highway Fund.**

Brenda Carter moved \$444,880 as the sum of money to support the Highway Fund. Jack Blanchard seconded.

Frank Roderick gave a brief explanation of the proposed budget increase highlights - \$20,000 for a new salt shed, 16% increase in health insurance and 2% merit increase in labor and 2% increase for cost of living.

The question was raised as to what the difference was between "salt" and "chloride". Frank explained the chloride was used for dust control in the summer months, salt is an agent used in the winter. The chloride is also used to keep the road material moist, which helps keep the roads from rutting up – and helps maintains a better road surface longer.

The Highway Fund has accumulated a surplus, \$20,000 of the surplus will be used to defray the amount of money needed to be raised in support of the highway budget.

Another question was raised about roadside mowing. Frank explained we had purchased a tractor and mower, therefore, there was no longer any need to budget for contract services expense for this service. The highwaymen plan this activity into their work schedule as time allows.

The motion for \$444,880 as the sum of money to support the Highway Fund passed.

**Article 4. To see if the voters will vote \$15,000.00 for the Bridge Reserve Fund.**

Frank explained the reason for the Bridge Reserve Fund was to deal with the excess costs of bridge repairs and replacements. The Budget Committee felt they should continue with this fund and increase it because it was almost depleted from taking care of the other bridges that had needed the attention. Also, because of the time frame and delay in dealing with the three original bridges, costs had increased over the years.

Sarah Hanzas moved to approve \$15,000 for the Bridge Reserve Fund. Robert Fortunati seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Article 5. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money to the Green Up Vermont organization. (Amount requested is \$100.00)**

Louise Sandberg moved Article 5. Judith Drury seconded the motion.

Laurel Sheridan wanted to encourage everyone to participate in "Green Up" project. It was a great success last year. She also thanked the East Corinth Congregational Church and Diane Goldschneider their efforts in cleaning up Brook Road. A thank you was also extended to Laurie for her part in this program.

The motion carried to support the Green Up Vermont organization with \$100 as requested.

**Article 6. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money to the Bradford Regional Community Center organization for renovations to their building. This Appropriation is for this year only. (amount requested is \$1.00 per capita which is \$1461.00 total)**

Linda Weiss moved Article 6 with Judith Drury seconding the motion.

Sarah Hanzas gave an overview of why this request was being made. The Teen Center has been in operation for 3 or 4 years. It would be beneficial for the Teen Center and Orange East Senior Center to meld together in one operational area. The Youth and Teen Center is in operation already under a 3-year grant, which will continue for the next 2 years. There are about 10 or 15 kids from Corinth that signed up to participate in the Teen Center. Stagecoach is interested in having a garage on site and in exchange for that site would be willing to provide transportation for the Teen Center School Vacation program. BRCC is applying for grants to renovate the building; they need the renovation money to move into the Upper Valley Press building, in order to get the grant(s) they must demonstrate community support.

Moderator Harvey Carter suspended discussion at this time to allow Representative Sylvia Kennedy and Representative Philip Winters to address the assembly.

*Representative Kennedy informed the assembly of work being done in the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committee on Act 60. The House Ways and Means Committee's proposal would remove the tax burden from residential properties under \$320,000 with the difference being made up through a possible 1% increase in the sales tax as well as a broader based income tax structure. It also includes an increase in the block grant for each student.*

Representative Kennedy further reported that the Judiciary Committee is working on a drug trafficking law.

The question was asked if towns would be penalized under the House proposal if they spent more than the block grant. Representative Kennedy said there was a provision in the House that would allow for spending up to 130% over the block grant, and then a penalty would kick in.

Moderator Harvey Carter ruled that questions to the Representatives would not be allowed. TR Jackson appealed the ruling of the Moderator, to permit the assembly to ask questions of the Representatives. Ed Eilertsen seconded the motion. The Moderator was overruled by majority vote.

Other questions included if there was a website available for review on the House Ways and Means proposal for the Act 60 revision – no website available. If money collected could be used in support of other funds, the response from Representative Kennedy was that it was her understanding the monies were to be used for education only. What was the definition of residential property in terms of the \$320,000 tax relief provision proposed by the House version? Although she wasn't exactly sure, Representative Kennedy believed it would be the homestead and the 2 acres that surrounded it.

Representative Phil Winters reiterated that Act 60 was not working, a whole new program was needed and one that is not based off the property tax. It was also pointed out by Representative Winters, the top four spending towns are also receiving towns.

Aside from the Act 60 issue, Representative Winters spoke about the permitting process, as he is on the Natural Resources and Energy Committee. They are working on improving the permit process, to make it more timely and consistent and consolidate the appeals process under the jurisdiction of one court. The septic law that had been passed last year closed the 10-acre loophole effective in 2003; the committee is working on extending that timeframe to 2004.

**This concluded Representative Kennedy and Winters report. The meeting resumed to finalize the discussion regarding the Bradford Regional Community Center business.**

Reference was made to the wording of article #6 being "for this year only". Sarah Hanzas explained again they had to demonstrate community support to qualify for grants and to have money for renovation costs. Once they buy the building there is still rental space available. The rental income would cover the cost of operations, so the BRCC shouldn't have to come back to the towns for any future financial support.

A vote was called and passed on the motion for \$1,461 to be the sum of money in support of the Bradford Regional Community Center.

**Article 7. To fix the compensation for the elected town officers for the coming year.**

Ed Eilertsen moved to increase the current hourly compensation from \$8.00/hr to \$9.00/hr and to have the mileage reimbursement remain at \$.325/mile. Robert Fortunati seconded the motion.

Ginny Barlow asked if it was appropriate for a person to request a raise in their own pay? Moderator Harvey Carter confirmed that it was appropriate. The next question that was asked was whom would this increase affect. Clarification was made that it would include all the elected officials except the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and the Selectboard.

TR Jackson moved to amend the motion to keep the compensation at the current level of \$8.00/hr and \$.325/mile for the ensuing year. Loraine Devins seconded the motion to amend. A vote on the amendment failed for a lack of a majority.

John Pierson moved to amend the original motion to \$8.50/hr with the mileage reimbursement staying at \$.325/mile. June King seconded.

A suggestion was made by Burton Cooper to table this article so the hourly information could be researched before calling for a vote. Moderator Harvey Carter didn't feel it was proper to table the article.

Holly Noble called the question – shall we vote on John Pierson's motion to amend? The assembly voted to move the question.

Shall the compensation for the elected officials be amended to \$8.50/hr and the mileage compensation be at \$.325/mile? The motion failed. A show of hands on the motion was requested. Motion was defeated by a show of hands 49 against – 41 in favor of the amendment.

Guy Miller, Sr. asked for a ballot vote – the request was defeated.

Jack Learmonth moved to amend the motion to include compensation for each Selectboard member to receive \$500 annually and for the Town Clerk's salary and Treasurer's salary to be set at \$11,520 each. Holly Noble seconded

Joyce McKeeman asked a question about what the hours would be if the Town Clerk and Treasurer were elected as two separate individuals.

Susan Fortunati, Town Clerk; commented that the assembly hall was also the polling area for people to vote – state statutes prohibit any campaigning within the voting place, therefore, this questioning was improper since an active voter or potential voter could possibly be influenced by this discussion. Moderator Harvey Carter upheld Susan's position on this issue, the discussion ended.

John Pierson questioned the budgeted amount for the "Assistant Town Clerk" on page 43 – why was it more than the Town Clerk's salary? Susan Fortunati said this was an error – it should have specified

both the "Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Treasurer's Salary". Bill Parmenter moved to call the question to vote to accept Jack's amendment. Motion was called and passed.

A vote was called on the motion - Shall the town vote to fix the compensation for the elected town officials for the ensuing year at \$9.00/hr with the mileage reimbursement at \$.325/mile, each Selectboard member to receive \$500/annually and the Town Clerk's and Town Treasurer's salary set at \$11,520 each? The motion carried.

Moderator called a recess in the meeting at 11:55 a.m. for lunch. The meeting was called back to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Article 8. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money for the General Fund.**

Jack Learmonth moved to raise \$273,000 in support of the General Fund. TR Jackson seconded Jack's motion.

Jack explained how he arrived at the \$273,000 figure: \$268,706 as recommended by the budget committee on page 41, plus \$100 approved for Green Up Vermont, \$1,461 approved for the Bradford Regional Community Center and the remaining \$2,733 to cover the compensation rate increase for the elected officials as voted in article #7.

Joyce McKeeman moved to amend Jack's motion to \$273,730 with the additional \$730 going to support the Northeast Ski Slopes at \$1.00 per capita. Dina DuBois seconded. So moved and passed.

The motion passed for the sum of money for the General Fund to be set at \$273,730.

**Article 9. To recommend a person to be appointed as town trustee to the Blake Memorial Library for a three-year term.**

Ed Eilertsen recommended John Pierson, Wells Smith recommended Hal Drury. No action was necessary on this article.

**Article 10. To see if the voters will vote to exempt from taxes, for the next five years, the following:**

- Valley Health Center
- The Masonic Hall in East Corinth
- 3 acres which make up the ball field at the fairground
- The Buildings Operated and/or owned by the East Corinth Vol. Fire Dept. Inc.
- Northeast Slopes Inc.
- The Corinth Historical Society's Museum property located in East Corinth Village

Ed Eilertsen moved article #10, with Judith Drury seconding the motion.

There was quite a lengthy discussion about the function of the Masons and Masonic Hall and the history of the building.

Walter Peatman moved to sever the Masonic Hall from the List. TR Jackson seconded. The motion failed.

*The motion to exempt all six of the properties listed passed.*

**Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to have the taxes collected by the treasurer and to fix the Dates for payment of the same.**

Brenda Carter moved to authorize the Treasurer to collect the taxes and set the dates for payment as

August 19, 2003, October 21, 2003 and February 10, 2004. Walter Peatman seconded. The motion was adopted.

**Article 12. To recommend two members-at-large for the budget committee for 1 year.**

Robert Fortunati recommended Brenda Carter and Susan Shea to be the two members-at-large for the budget committee.

No action was necessary on this article.

**Article 13. In case of unanticipated State Aid Funds (funds not included in the budget) for specific highway and bridge projects applied for and received during the fiscal year shall the Town appropriate such funds for those projects.**

Ed Eilertsen moved article #13 – Tim Hoopes seconded. So moved and passed.

**Article 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**

Bill Parmenter made the suggestion anyone making a request in the future that would impact the proposed budget, be better prepared to explain what the impact would be.

Dina DuBois and Dan Wing were interested in doing a quick survey of support of the assembly as to the potential of adding a “piazza” back on to the front of the Town Hall building as it had one time included – a show of hands showed a strong support of the idea.

Sarah Hanzas said there would be a workshop in late March or mid April to help people understand and file for their Act 60 rebate.

Peggy Pierson asked for an explanation from Lister, Ed Eilertsen about creating “districts” in the Town for the purposes of the Grand List. Ed gave a brief explanation of the increase in property sales over the Grand List values and what ill effect that has on our Grand List. This problem creates the potential of having to reassess the entire town again. Ed said the Listers office was going to do a “rolling-reappraisal” to try to illuminate the expense of having to hire an outside firm for a complete reappraisal.

Jack Learmonth moved to adjourn. Robert Fortunati seconded – meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan L. Fortunati  
Town Clerk

# Dog and Wolf-Hybrid Licenses

## General requirements 20 VSA 3581

All dogs and wolf-hybrids six months of age or older must be registered *on or before the first of April* of each year. Dogs and wolf-hybrids licensed after April 1, 2004 will cost 50 percent (%) in excess of the regular fee.

In order to qualify for a neutered male or spayed female license, the owner must exhibit to the clerk a certificate signed by a veterinarian showing the dog has been sterilized. An owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall deliver to the Town Clerk a certificate or certified copy of a current vaccination certificate against rabies. For the purposes of this law, a current vaccination against rabies means that:

1. A dog or wolf-hybrid of less than 1 (one) year of age has been vaccinated.
2. A dog or wolf-hybrid of 1 (one) or more years but less than 2 (two) years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months.
3. A dog or wolf-hybrid of 2 (two) or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding 24 months.

**ANY PERSON WHO FAILS TO FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW SHALL BE FINED IN AN AMOUNT NOT MORE THAN \$500.00.**

**A COPY OF THE COMPLETE DOG LAW AND RABIES MANUAL IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.**

325 Dogs were licensed in 2003  
*All unlicensed dogs need to be licensed.*

### DOG LICENSE FEES 2004

	Licensed <i>by</i> April 1	Licensed <i>after</i> April 1
Altered Male or Female .....	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00
Unaltered Male or Female .....	9.00	13.00

*(The above fees include the \$1.00 Vermont State fee)*

The rabies clinic is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at the East Corinth Fire Dept. from 6:30-7:30 PM.

*No dogs may be licensed by mail* due to postal regulations.

# Vital Statistics 2003

## Births

Name of Child	Name of Parents
William Purkett Shelton-Kidder	Heather L. & James S. Kidder
Olivia Paige Limlaw	Kyle B. & Bryce A. Limlaw
Augustus William Franklin Betit	Elsa M. I. & Michael J. Betit
Lowel Skye Cattaneo	Farrah L. & Thomas A. Cattaneo

## Marriages

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Walter O. Young, Jr.	Corinth	Patricia A. MacGregor	Corinth
Christopher T. Coughlin	Connecticut	Michelle D. Deschenes	Connecticut
Dehran L. Duckworth	Corinth	Robin Dietschi-Cooper	New York
Shawn T. Nelson	New Hampshire	Antonia H. Gregoropoulos	New Hampshire
Seth E. Springer	Corinth	Crystal S. Clogston	Corinth
Karl L. Gajdusek	California	Larissa P. Kokernot	California
Francis N. Thurston	Corinth	Carol E. Gordon	Corinth
Daniel P. Montagne	Corinth	Shirley A. Henry	Corinth
Kenneth C. Baker	Corinth	Yvonne J. Burns	Corinth
Lucus Hayward	Chelsea	Simone A. Scovel	Corinth

## Deaths

Name	Place of Death
George W. Smith	Corinth
Rena J. Devins	Berlin
Linn F. Wood	Corinth
Mildred L. R. Gilson	Connecticut
Bert T. Holland, Jr.	Bradford
Willard B. Martin	East Corinth
Rena H. Hayward	Berlin
David A. Parker, Sr.	Burlington
Ruth A. Carter	Williston
Esther I. Lord	Middlebury
Eric J. Knapp	Haverhill, NH
Dorothy R. Henderson	Corinth

# Area and Population

Area second in County, 16 <sup>th</sup> in State	23,040 acres
Population – 2002 Census	1,461
Housing Units – per 2000 Census	1990 – 618 Units 2000 – 728 Units
Highways	
Class 1 Town Highways	none
Class 2 Town Highways	21.21 miles
Class 3 Town Highways	49.23 miles
Class 4 Town Highways	23.35 miles
Total Town Road	<u>93.79 miles</u>
State Highway (Rte 25)	<u>3.963 miles</u>
Total Miles of Road	97.753 miles

# Elected Town Officers 2003-2004

802-439-5850 (phone & fax)

Moderator – 1 Year .....	Term Expires	
Harvey Carter .....	2004 .....	685-2058
Town Clerk – 3 Years		
Linda D. Pastelnick .....	2006 .....	Office 439-5850
.....		Home 439-6179
Treasurer – 3 Years		
Susan L. Fortunati .....	2006 .....	Office 439-5850
.....		Home 439-6179
Selectmen – 3 Years		
Kyle Thompson .....	2006 .....	439-5832
Gregory Thurston – (Chairman) .....	2004 .....	439-5956
Francis J. Roderick .....	2005 .....	439-6258
Listers – Office Phone #439-5850 Posted Hours – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday-8:30-noon		
Kenneth Paronto .....	2006 .....	439-5416
Edward Eilertsen - Chairman .....	2004 .....	439-5855
Jen Eilertsen .....	2005 .....	439-5855
Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 1 Year		
Susan L. Fortunati .....	2004 .....	Home 439-6179
Constable, First – 1 Year		
Joseph Hill .....	2004 .....	439-6848
Constable, Second – 1 Year		
David Danforth .....	2004 .....	439-5658
Grand Juror – 1 Year		
Edward Eilertsen (appointed) .....	2004 .....	439-5855
Town Agent to Deed Real Estate – 1 Year		
Richard A. Cawley .....	2004 .....	439-5511
Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits – 1 Year		
Richard A. Cawley .....	2004 .....	439-5511
Cemetery Commissioners – 3 Years		
Ben Eilertsen .....	2006 .....	439-5474
Raymond Moulton .....	2004 .....	439-5430
Norman Collette .....	2005 .....	685-3812
Waits River Valley School District #36 Directors – 3 Years		
Richard Kelley .....	2004 .....	439-6589
Loraine Devins .....	2004 .....	439-5758
Wells Smith .....	2005 .....	439-5308
Justice of the Peace - Term expires January 31, 2005		
Kenneth Batten .....		439-5063
Brenda Carter .....		439-6250
Marian Cawley .....		439-5511
Lois Covey .....		439-5568
John Learmonth .....		439-5399
Louise Sandberg .....		439-5563
Linda Weiss .....		439-5280

# Appointed Town Officers 2003-2004

Assistant Town Clerk	
Susan Fortunati .....	439-6179
Assistant Town Treasurer	
Linda D. Pastelnick .....	439-5784
Brenda A. Carter .....	439-6250
Auditors (Contracted)	
Sullivan, Powers & Co., Certified Public Accounts – professional auditing firm	
Budget Committee (At Large)	
Brenda A. Carter .....	439-6250
Susan Shea .....	439-6164
Dog Officer(s)	
Joseph Hill .....	439-6848
David Danforth, Jr. ....	439-5658
Energy Coordinator	
Francis J. Roderick .....	439-6258
Fence Viewers	
George Bruder .....	439-5709
Howard Carter .....	439-6250
Guy C. Miller, Sr. ....	439-5052
Fire Warden (Appointed by State)	
Wade M. Pierson .....	Home 439-5535
.....	Or Garage 439-5745
Health Officer	
Robert Sandberg .....	439-5563
Planning Commission	
John Hanzas – Chairperson .....	2006 ..... 439-6702
Timothy Hoopes (Resigned) .....	2005 ..... 685-3370
Judith Drury .....	2004 ..... 439-6931
John Pierson .....	2004 ..... 439-5516
Virginia Barlow .....	2005 ..... 439-5252
Lois Covey .....	2006 ..... 439-5568
Kevin J. Kinerson .....	2007 ..... 439-5516
Recording Clerk	
Lois Covey .....	2006 ..... 439-5568
Revolving Loan Fund Committee	
Blanche Cooper .....	439-6798
Susan L. Fortunati (Treasurer) .....	439-6179
Kyle Thompson – Chairperson (Selectman) .....	439-5832
Sam Porter .....	439-5899
Linda Weiss .....	439-5280
Linda D. Pastelnick (Town Clerk) .....	439-5784

Road Commissioner Frank J. Roderick .....	439-6258
Service Officer Glen Gaetz .....	439-6163
Sewage Officer Robert Sandberg .....	439-5563
Surveyor of Wood and Timber Virginia Barlow .....	439-5252
Tree Warden Virginia Barlow .....	439-5252
Zoning Administrator Officer Timothy Hoopes (Resigned) .....	685-3370
Zoning Board of Adjustment Timothy Hoopes (Resigned) .....	685-3370
Carroll Porter .....	439-6294
Dustin White .....	439-5750

## Town Insurance Policies and Bonds as of June 30, 2003

### BUILDINGS

Town Hall and Contents, Multi-peril	\$250,000
Town Garage, Multi-peril	75,000
Corinth Academy Building	125,000

### LIABILITY AND EQUIPMENT

Liability on Buildings	2,000,000
Public Officials Liability	2,000,000
Workman' Compensation (standard)	per statute
Contractors Equipment Coverage	value of equipment
Business Auto Policy	2,000,000
Town Hall Contents	20,000
Town Crime Coverage	500,000
Garage Contents	15,000

### SURETY BONDS

Public Employee Blanket Bond Issued to Town of Corinth, July 1, 1998		
Money and Securities	\$25,000	1 year

# Ordinances

**DOG ORDINANCE:** In effect since May 15, 1995 requires that all dogs and wolf-hybrids shall be licensed and restrained from running at large. Copies of this ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**SEWAGE ORDINANCE:** In effect since January 30, 1988 requires that a permit be obtained by any person who intends to build, replace or alter a sewage disposal system. Applications and copies of the Sewage Ordinance may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

**HIGHWAY ORDINANCE:** A comprehensive Highway Ordinance has been in effect since October 30, 1987. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish municipal policy and practice on the maintenance and upgrading of existing town roads and to describe construction standards and procedures for accepting new roads into the town highway system. Copies of this ordinance are available at the town Clerk's office.

**DRIVEWAY PERMIT:** Permits shall be required to develop, construct, or re-grade any driveway entrance or approach to a town highway.

**FLOOD HAZARD AREA ZONING REGULATION:** This ordinance was adopted by ballot vote on November 8, 1988. Permits are required for all new construction, substantial improvements and other developments, within all lands to which these regulations apply. Copies of this ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**ANTI-NUCLEAR ORDINANCE:** On Monday, May 18, 1992, the Selectman adopted an ordinance to ban the construction and operation of commercial nuclear reactors and/or mines for fissionable material or any other nuclear facility and the transportation, storage or disposal of radioactive wastes for such reactors and or such mines in the land, air or water of the Town of Corinth.

**SUBDIVISION BYLAWS:** This ordinance was adopted by vote on November 7, 1995 and is effective as of that date. Requires registration of all division of land in Corinth. Requires approval by Planning Commission of all multi-lot or serial subdivision. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**SUBDIVISION PERMIT:** Application for approval of a proposed subdivision shall be made to the Corinth Planning Commission.

There are several town speed ordinances for the villages of the town. Copies of these ordinances are available at the town office.

There is no zoning ordinance in effect at this time.

# Policies

February 29, 1988 the Selectmen voted to continue the policy regarding operation of snowmobiles and ATV's.

**SNOWMOBILES:** The policy for snowmobiles is that "all unplowed roads are available for use by snowmobiles. There are no other restrictions."

**ATVs:** The policy for ATVs is that "the Town has not opened any roads to trails to ATV travel."

# Emergency Phone Numbers

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** ..... 911  
**CORINTH-TOPSHAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM** ..... 911

Give your Name, Phone Number, Location, Nature of Problem.  
**DO NOT** hang up – wait and be sure the team has all the information

**VALLEY HEALTH CENTER** ..... 439-5321 or 439-5322  
**CENTRAL VERMONT HOSPITAL** ..... 229-9121  
**DARTMOUTH HITCHCOCK MEDICAL CENTER** ..... (603) 650-5000  
**First CONSTABLE – JOSEPH HILL** ..... 439-6848  
**Second CONSTABLE – DAVID DANFORTH, JR.** ..... 439-5668  
**FIRE WARDEN – WADE PIERSON** ..... 439-5535 (Home) or 439-5745 (Garage)  
**ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF** ..... 685-4875  
**STATE POLICE** ..... 222-4680

## MEETINGS

**Selectmen** – Second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at Town Hall

**Planning Commission** – First and Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Town Hall; during months of November through April-First Tuesday of Month *only*.

**School Directors** – Second and Fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at Waits River Valley School

**Solid Waste Disposal** at Town Garage Saturdays only 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Transfer Station stickers *required*)

## TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday - 8:30 AM. to 3:00 PM.  
Tuesday - 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM  
Thursday - 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Saturday - First and last Saturday of each month 8:30 AM. to Noon

## CLOSED WEDNESDAYS and FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Phone & Fax number 439-5850

## LISTER HOURS

Monday only 8:30 AM. to Noon or by appointment  
Phone 439-5098 (and answering machine for messages)

## Zoning Administrative Officer:

If you are interested in any appointed position, please make your wishes known to one of your Town Officers

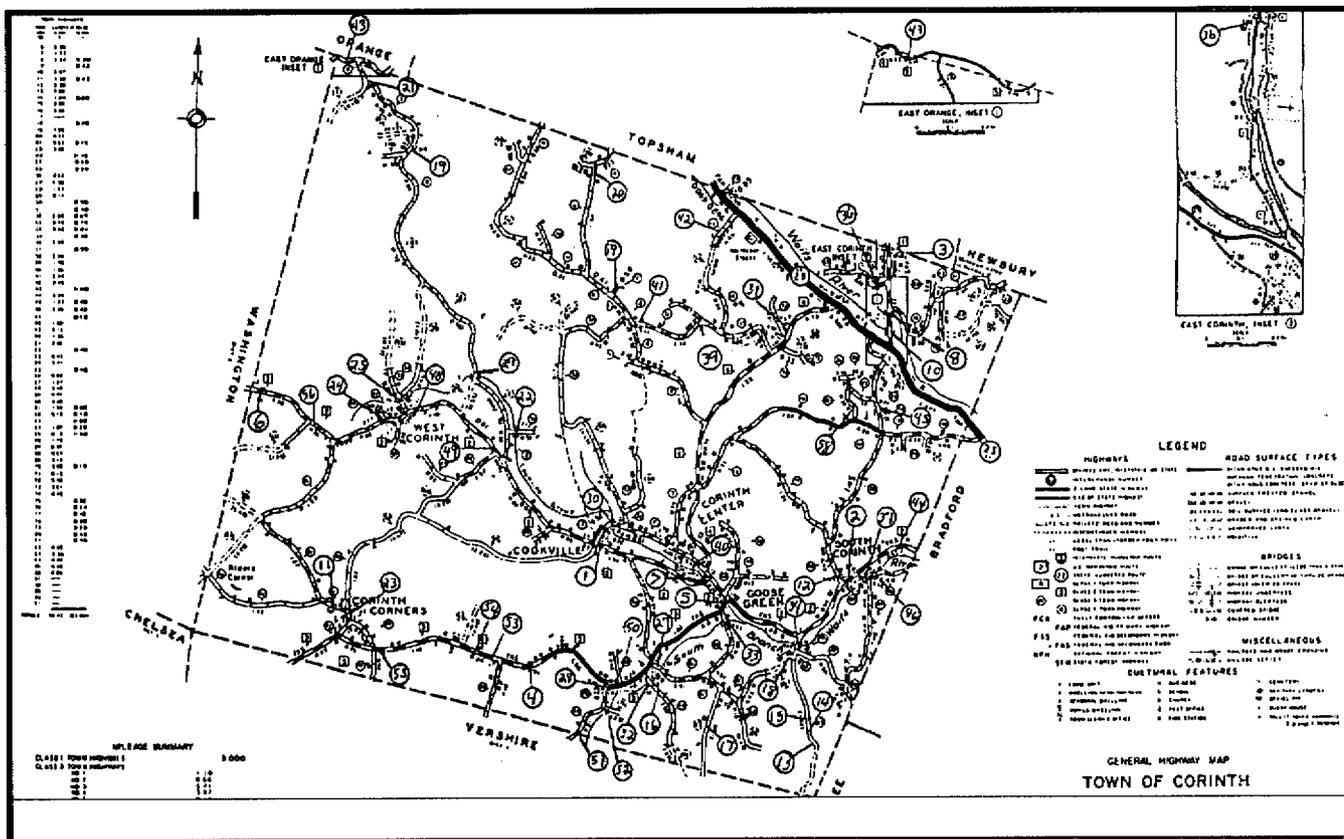
**Blake Memorial Library** ..... 439-5338  
East Corinth Village – Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. & Saturdays 10:00 AM to Noon

## YOUR GOVERNMENT

**STATE:** Senator Mark MacDonald ..... 1-800-322-5616  
Representatives Sylvia Kennedy and Philip Winters ..... 1-800-322-5616  
Governor James Douglas ..... 1-800-649-6825  
Lt. Governor Brian Dube ..... 1-802-828-2226

**FEDERAL:** Senator Jim Jeffords ..... 1-800-835-5500  
Senator Patrick Leahy ..... 1-800-642-3193  
Representative Bernard Sanders ..... 1-800-339-9834

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