

2003 Annual Report

TOWN OF
Stockbridge

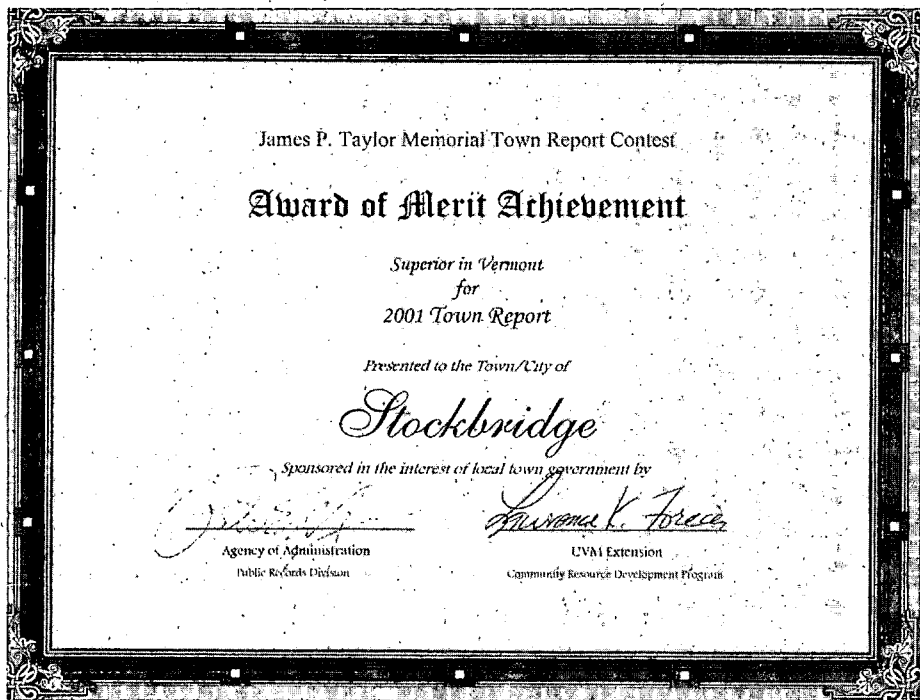


For the Year Ending December 31, 2003

The auditors are pleased to honor Olive Pratt this year for her many years of service to the town of Stockbridge.

She has served as Auditor from 1967-1973, then again from 1981-2004. She has served as Treasurer from 1973-1983.

She received a Vermont Public Service Award for 20 years of service in the year 2000. We are pleased to honor her for her many years of service.



AUDITORS' REPORT

Pursuant to Section 1681/83, Title 24 V.S.A., we have verified the foregoing stated cash balances; inspected bank statements, examined the accounts of Town officers, and to the best of our knowledge the financial statements and reports of receipts and disbursements present the financial condition of the town on December 31, 2003 and they are an accurate record of the funds in the year ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Burns
Olive Pratt
Fern Rogers

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**WARNING - ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
March 2, 2004**

The legal voters of the Town of Stockbridge are hereby warned to meet at the Stockbridge Central School on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect the following officers for terms indicated and to fill other offices vacant:

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Terms (Years)</u>	<u>Vote by Ballot Mandatory VSA 17 (2646)</u>
1. Moderator	1	No*
2. Selectman	3	Yes
3. Lister	3	Yes
4. Lister	2	Yes
5. Auditor	3	No*
6. Agent to convey real estate	1	No
7. Agent to defend & prosecute suits	1	No
8. Grand Juror	1	No
9. First Constable	1	No*
10. Second Constable	1	No*
11. Trustee of Public Funds	3	No
12. Cemetery Commissioner	3	No
13. Memorial Day Chairman	1	No

* Vote by ballot mandatory when demanded by seven voters present (VSA 17 2658)

Article 2: To hear the auditors' report and to take any necessary action thereon.

Article 3: Will the town vote to pay real estate taxes in two equal installments due on August 15 and October 15?

Article 4: Will the Town vote to elect a Collector of taxes or vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes? If a tax collector is elected to determine his or her compensation.

Article 5: Will the Town vote to elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes?

Article 6: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed budget? Recommended: \$545,090

Article 7: Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes?

Article 8: Will the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,237.00 to support the activities of the following organizations?

Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 100.00
Quintown Senior Center	1,224.00
Clara Martin Center	1,081.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	2,250.00
Central VT Community Action Council.....	300.00
VT Center for Independent Living	230.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Central VT Council on Aging	100.00
Belcher Library	2,052.00
George D. Aiken RC&D Council	50.00
Park House	1,800.00

Article 9: Will the voters of the Town of Stockbridge approve the purchase of a new front-end loader/backhoe? Total cost not to exceed \$65,000. Funding to come from the highway equipment fund.

Article 10: Will the voters of the Town of Stockbridge approve the purchase of a new F550 truck with body and plow? Total cost not to exceed \$36,000. Funding to come from the highway equipment fund.

Article 11: To do any other necessary and proper business brought before said annual Town Meeting.

Stockbridge Board of Selectmen

Willis Whitaker
Derwin Brown
Mark Pelletier

TOWN OFFICERS ~ ELECTED

	<u>Term Expires:</u>
Moderator	Kent Butterfield 2004
Town Clerk	Catherine Brown 2006
Treasurer	Catherine Brown 2006
Selectmen	Mark Pelletier 2006
	Derwin Brown 2005
	Willis Whitaker 2004
Listers	Vacant 2006
	Janet Whitaker 2005
	Richard Hart 2004
Auditors	Olive Pratt 2006
	Kathie Burns 2005
	Fern Rogers 2004
Agent to convey Real Estate	Jack Green 2004
Agent to defend & prosecute suits . . .	Jack Green 2004
Town Grand Juror	Louis Chap 2004
First Constable	Jim Munyon 2004
Second Constable	Mark Begin 2004
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Barbara Brown 2004
Trustees of Public Funds	Mary Ellen Dorman 2006
	Richard Lunna 2005
	Kent Butterfield 2004
Cemetery Commissioners	Daniel Brown 2006
	Chris Thompson 2005
	Michael Ketchum 2004
School Directors	Terrie Farnham 2006
	Shari McLaughlin 2005
	Melissa Levy 2004
Justices of the Peace	Vacant 2005
	Suzanne Butterfield 2005
	William Dyro 2005
	Lynne Kerschner 2005
	Joanne Mills 2005
Memorial Day Chair	Jennifer Pratt 2004

TOWN OFFICERS ~ APPOINTED

Term Expires:

Assistant Town Clerk	Susan Pelletier	2006
Road Commissioner	Kenneth Carter	2004
Fence Viewers	Roy Benson	2004
	Richard Lunna	2004
	David Brown	2004
Tree Warden	Chris Thompson	2004
Weigher of Coal	Ruth Perron	2004
Inspector of Lumber	William Lynam	2004
Health Officer.	Mark Pelletier	2005
Director of Civil Preparedness	David Brown	2004
Fire Chief	David Brown	2004
Fire Warden	David Brown	2006
Town Service Officer	Helen Chap	2004
Planning Commission	Barbara Vellturo	2007
	Richard Hart	2007
	Jon Benson	2007
	Richard Rivers	2007
	Richard Favor	2006
	Mark Doughty	2005
	Kyle Kershner	2004
Zoning Administrator	Kyle Kershner	2004
Regional Planning Rep.	Mark Doughty	2004
Alternate Rep.	Barbara Vellturo	2004
Board of Adjustment	Jon Benson	2006
	Mark Pelletier	2006
	Michael Ketchum	2005
	Michael Freund	2005
	Thomas Michaud	2004
Board of Civil Authority	Town Clerk	
	Justices of the Peace and	
	the Board of Selectmen	

CHART OF INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Can a Person Hold Both of These Offices?	Auditor	Selectperson	School Director	Town Manager	Town Treasurer	Election Official & Candidate (Australian Ballot)	Election Official & Candidate (Not Australian Ballot)	School District Employee ¹	Holding a Liquor License in Same Town	Spouse
Town Clerk	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Assistant Town Clerk	No	Yes	Yes	No	Depends ²	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	
Town Treasurer	No	No	No	No	1	No, if Opposed	No	Yes	Yes	
First Constable	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Trustee of Public Funds	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes	Yes	
Road Commissioner	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes	Yes	
Town School District Director	No	Yes	1	No	No	No, if Opposed	No	No	Yes	
Lister	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes	Yes	
Town Agent	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes	No	
Auditor	1	No	No	No	No	No, if Opposed	No	Yes	Yes	3
Tax Collector, Current	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes	Yes	
Tax Collector, Delinquent	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, if Opposed	No	Yes	Yes	
Grand Juror	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	
Justice of the Peace	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Town Manager	No	No	No	1	No	No	No	Yes	Depends ⁴	
Inspector of Elections	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Selectperson	No	1	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	

¹ Within same supervisory union.

² See 24 V.S.A. § 1622.

³ A spouse of a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Selectperson, Trustee of Public Funds, Town Manager, Water Commissioner, Sewer Commissioner, First Constable, Road Commissioner, Collector of Current or Delinquent Taxes, or Town School District Director, or any person who assists any of these officers may not be an Auditor. 17 V.S.A. § 2647.

⁴ Depends on whether the Town Manager acts in an investigative or enforcement capacity.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Year ended 12/31/03

Cash Balance 1/1/03	\$ 331,541.37
Add Receipts:	
TAXES:	
Current Taxes	1,373,539.09
Delinquent Taxes	122,260.77
STATE PAYMENTS:	
Highway Aid	66,045.68
Current Use Reimbursement	22,904.00
Fish & Wildlife Lands	14,080.00
Traffic Fines	5,370.61
Planning Grants	8,090.00
Act 60 Funds	5,579.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS:	
Liquor License	200.00
Dog Licenses	718.00
Road Use Permits	165.00
Building Permit Fees	1,130.00
Marriage Licenses	92.00
FEES AND CHARGES:	
Town Clerk Fees	15,207.70
Tax Collector Fees	10,040.87
Sale of History Books	25.00
New Boston Road Maintenance	1,500.00
INTEREST EARNED:	
Checking Accounts	3,669.27
Delinquent Taxes	6,210.77
OTHER RECEIPTS:	
Tax Anticipation Note	200,000.00
Workers Comp. refund	220.71
Sale of Timberhawk lots	2,292.06
Insurance Claim	522.22
Forest Service	1,106.00
Misc. Revenue	207.56
Trustees of Public Funds	7,718.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	<u>\$1,868,894.31</u>
Total Cash Available	\$2,200,435.68
Less Checks Written	1,849,456.72
Less Bounced Checks	<u>500.00</u>
Ending Cash Balance:	\$ 350,478.96
Reconciliation:	
Mascoma Savings Bank - Checking	\$ 297,118.45
Chittenden Bank - MM	52,407.59
Charter One - MM	927.92
Petty Cash	25.00

**TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
2004 BUDGET**

	<u>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>
GENERAL BUDGET:			
Selectboard Office			
Audit	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000	\$ 0.00
Legal Fees	3,465.98	5,000	3,500
Legal Notices	689.53	500	700
Selectboard Salary	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>
Total Selectboard Office	10,755.51	13,100.00	7,800
Town Clerk/Treasurer Office			
Accounting Supplies	246.72	400	400
Assistant Town Clerk	308.00	350	350
Elections	72.00	200	500
Land Records	1,027.82	1,000	1,000
Office Supplies	816.39	3,500	1,000
Postage	1,427.13	1,300	1,400
Telephone	1,450.77	1,000	1,000
LP Gas	0.00	0	2,000
Mowing	0.00	0	350
Snow Removal	0.00	0	750
Electricity	0.00	0	1,500
Building Maintenance	0.00	0	500
Interest on Bond Payment	0.00	0	7,051
Town Clerk Salary	10,825.96	10,900	13,500
Treasurer Salary	10,825.96	10,900	13,500
Retirement Exp.	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,350</u>
Total Town Clerk/Treas. Office	27,000.75	32,050	46,151
Auditors Office			
Auditor Salary	448.00	500	500
Town Report	<u>2,516.46</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>2,600</u>
Total Auditors Office	2,964.46	3,100	3,100
Listers Office			
Reappraisal Fund	5,500.00	5,500	5,500
Listers Expenses	135.00	500	250
Listers Salaries	2,856.00	3,000	3,000
Property Mapping	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Listers Office	8,491.00	9,000	8,750
Zoning/Planning Office			
Health Officer	375.00	375	375
Planning Commission	9,240.00	200	200
Regional Planning Commission	745.00	745	745
Zoning Administrator	<u>750.00</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total Zoning/Planning Office	11,110.00	2,320	2,320

Town of Stockbridge Budget (cont.)

	<u>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>
Fire Dept./First Response			
Equipment Fund	10,000.00	10,000	10,000
Salaries	3,183.00	3,500	3,500
Telephone	553.77	1,200	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	1,865.63	1,500	1,500
Equipment & Supplies	<u>4,066.03</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>6,500</u>
Total Fire Dept./First Response	19,668.43	20,200	22,500
Law Enforcement			
Animal Control	492.08	500	500
Constables	588.00	300	400
Windsor County Sheriff	<u>13,987.30</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Total Law Enforcement	15,067.38	12,800	13,900
Rubbish Removal			
Benson Contract	30,991.67	31,200	31,200
Bethel/Royalton Landfill Fee	41,604.54	42,000	42,000
Recycle	<u>5,110.00</u>	<u>5,220</u>	<u>5,220</u>
Total Rubbish Removal	77,706.21	78,420	78,420
General Operations			
Disability Insurance	825.98	800	800
Ambulance	18,918.00	18,918	20,688
Cemetery	4,000.00	4,000	4,000
County Tax	7,887.68	7,888	7,530
Electricity	0.00	0	0
FICA	8,938.16	8,000	9,000
Liability Insurance	6,599.00	6,599	7,130
Memorial Day	428.15	400	400
Misc. Town Exp.	1,165.03	1,000	1,000
Mow Common	675.00	500	500
Street Lights	3,527.52	4,000	3,500
Tax Antic. Note Interest	1,689.99	2,500	2,000
VLCT Dues	<u>702.00</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>737</u>
Total General Operations	<u>55,356.51</u>	<u>55,307</u>	<u>57,285</u>
Transfer to Town Office fund	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total General Budget	\$278,120.25	\$273,797	\$240,226

HIGHWAY BUDGET**Highway - Personnel**

Health Insurance	9,773.24	9,761	11,728
Highway Payroll	72,278.87	70,000	74,000
Retirement Exp.	6,778.22	7,000	7,000
Unemployment Ins.	406.84	407	444
Uniforms	918.99	700	1,000
Workers Comp.	<u>5,402.00</u>	<u>5,402</u>	<u>6,042</u>
Total Highway - Personnel	95,558.16	93,270	100,214

Town of Stockbridge Budget (cont.)

	<u>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2004 Budget</u>
Equipment Operations			
Cutting Edges	1,907.04	1,500	1,500
Diesel	7,709.84	7,000	7,000
Equipment Fund	33,250.00	33,250	40,000
Equipment Rental	7,129.18	6,800	6,800
Gasoline	0.00	250	250
Repair & Maintenance			
F550 2002	1,604.03		
F550 2000	1,181.34		
Grader	1,865.90		
International	376.84		
F350	0.00		
Loader	523.32		
R&M All	<u>825.35</u>		
Total Repairs & Maint.	6,376.78	10,000	7,000
Small Equip. Repairs	469.58	1,000	600
Tires & Chains	3,579.85	3,000	3,500
Tools	<u>429.45</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total Equipment Operations	60,851.72	63,400	67,650
Highway - Materials			
Bridges	867.61	5,000	2,000
Chloride	2,856.00	5,500	4,000
Culverts	2,319.00	3,500	3,000
Gravel	18,197.50	15,000	20,000
Guardrails	0.00	0	4,500
Retreatment	35,545.70	35,000	35,000
Salt	15,066.71	14,000	15,000
Sandpile	25,740.50	25,000	25,000
Signs	<u>247.78</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>600</u>
Total Highway Materials	100,840.80	103,300	109,100
Town Garage Maintenance			
Garage Maint.	3,815.62	3,000	3,000
Heating Oil	4,069.21	1,500	3,000
Electricity	2,508.81	2,500	2,500
Telephone	0.00	0	800
Shop Supplies	<u>1,315.25</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>
Total Garage Maint.	11,708.89	9,000	9,900
Purchased Labor	3,702.50	9,000	6,000
Flood Repairs	0.00	0	0
Construction	<u>0.00</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Total Highway Budget	<u>\$272,662.07</u>	<u>\$288,570</u>	<u>\$304,864</u>
Total Budget	\$550,782.32	\$562,367	\$545,090

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

December 31, 2003

	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
Taxes Billed - Town	\$406,317	\$419,646.99	\$442,740
Interest on Delinquent Tax	10,000	6,274.46	6,500
Town Clerk Fees	11,000	15,207.70	15,000
Dog Licenses	550.00	588.00	550
Marriage Licenses	0	32.00	0
Liquor Licenses	200	200.00	200
Building Permit Fees	1,200	1,130.00	1,200
New Boston Road Maintenance	1,500	1,500.00	1,500
State Highway Revenue	63,000	66,045.68	66,000
Forest Service Revenue	950	1,106.00	1,100
Misc. Revenue	500	968.29	500
Interest on Checking	3,100	3,669.27	3,500
Traffic Fines	10,000	5,370.61	5,500
Act 60 Funds	800	797.00	800
Planning Grant	0	8,090.00	0
Surplus	<u>50,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	\$559,117	\$530,626.00	\$545,090

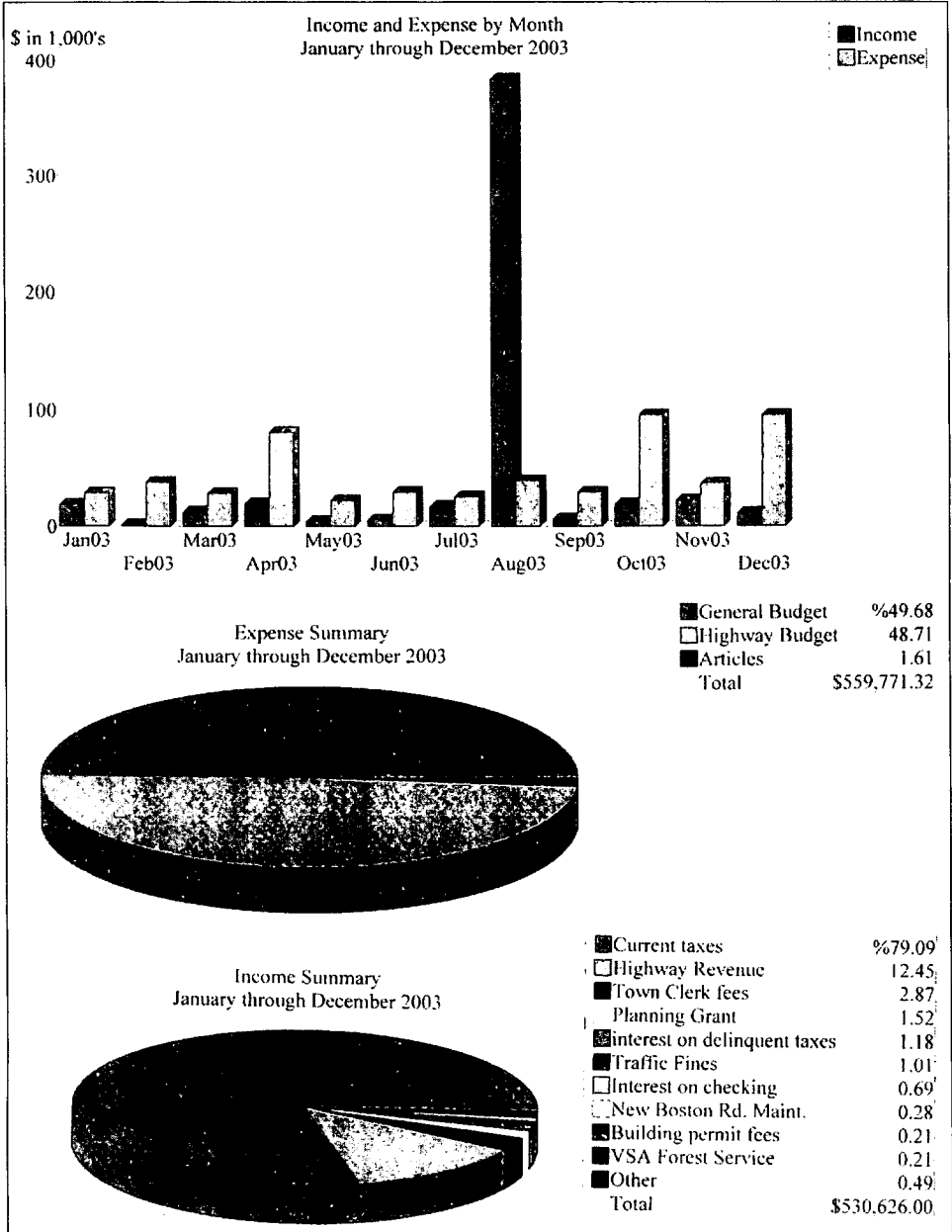
TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
BALANCE SHEET COMPARISON
December 31, 2003

	<u>Dec. 31, '03</u>	<u>Dec. 31, '02</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Charter One Bank	\$ 927.92	918.72
Chittenden Trust	52,407.59	2,225.29
Mascoma Savings Checking	297,118.45	181,307.54
Mascoma Savings Tax Acct.	0	147,064.82
Petty Cash	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$350,478.96	\$331,541.37
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	(1,917.28)	(2,301.12)
Delinquent taxes	<u>62,355.01</u>	<u>74,434.68</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	60,437.73	72,133.56
Other Assets		
Tax Sale Properties	<u>11,943.61</u>	<u>14,235.67</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$422,860.30	\$417,910.60
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Accrued Payables	5,033.16	9,745.93
A/P Education Fund	92,784.76	57,061.74
Accounts Payable	251,077.22	251,354.04
Holiday Light Fund	89.04	89.04
Payroll Liabilites	<u>4,424.32</u>	<u>1,062.73</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>353,408.50</u>	<u>319,313.48</u>
Total Equity	<u>69,451.80</u>	<u>98,597.12</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$422,860.30	\$417,910.60

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND BALANCE

For fiscal year ended 12/31/03

Fund Balance 1/1/03	\$ 98,597.12	\$ 98,597.12
Plus:		
Total Revenues	<u>509,117.00</u>	<u>530,626.00</u>
Fund Balance & Additions	\$607,714.12	\$629,223.12
Less:		
Total Expenditures	<u>559,117.00</u>	<u>559,771.32</u>
Fund Balance 12/31/03	\$ 48,597.12	\$ 69,451.80



LISTING OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

As of 12/31/03

Stanley Tool Building CD #9656	
Beginning Balance 1/1/03	\$51,017.60
Principal transferred to School district	5,099.82
Interest earned in 2003	1,366.77
Interest transferred to school district	<u>1,366.77</u>
Balance as of 12/31/03	\$45,917.78
Planning Commission Savings #40007665	
Beginning Balance 1/1/03	\$3,239.50
Interest earned in 2003	<u>16.64</u>
Balance as of 12/31/03	\$3,256.14
Fire Dept./First Response Savings #2800456	
Beginning Balance 1/1/03	\$3,305.82
Donation - Miller	500.00
Interest earned in 2003	<u>19.06</u>
Balance as of 12/31/03	\$3,824.88
Herbert Brown Cemetery Fund Savings #5713641	
H. Brown Donation	\$40,000.00
Interest earned in 2003	<u>27.55</u>
Balance as of 12/31/03	\$40,027.55
Tax Trust CD #68004601	
Beginning Balance 1/1/03	\$28,202.07
Interest earned in 2003	<u>902.47</u>
Balance as of 12/31/03	\$29,104.54
Highway Equipment Fund CD #405984	
Beginning Balance 1/1/03	\$55,093.76
Transfer from general fund	33,250.00
Interest earned in 2003	<u>1,106.07</u>
Balance as of 12/31/03	\$89,449.83
Fire Dept. Equipment Fund CD #403021	
Beginning Balance 1/1/03	\$33,491.46
Transfer from general fund	10,000.00
Interest earned in 2003	<u>669.68</u>
Balance as of 12//31/03	\$44,161.14
Reappraisal Fund CD #68010879	
Beginning Balance 1/1/03	\$35,441.57
State of Vermont Act 60 Funds	4,782.00
Transfer from general fund	5,500.00
Interest earned in 2003	<u>709.66</u>
Balance as of 12/31/03	\$46,433.23

TOWN PAYROLL ~ 2003

Selectboard	Mark Pelletier	\$1,200.00
	Derwin Brown	1,200.00
	Willis Whitaker	1,200.00

2003 Town Payroll (cont.)

Town Clerk	Catherine Brown	10,825.96
Treasurer	Catherine Brown	10,825.96
Assistant Town Clerk	Susan Pelletier	48.00
	Kathie Burns	260.00
Delinquent Tax Collector	Barbara Brown	10,217.00
Highway.....	Sidney Hotchkiss	37,222.71
	Kenneth Carter	35,116.16
	Jim Munyon	302.50
	Art Sulham	220.00
Listers	Richard Hart, Sr.	696.00
	Janet Whitaker	1,440.00
	Linda Lunna	720.00
Auditors	Olive Pratt	208.00
	Kathie Burns	192.00
	Fern Rogers	48.00
Ballot Clerks.....	Mildred Hunt	72.00
Health Officer.....	Mark Pelletier	375.00
Zoning Administrator	Kyle Kershner	750.00
Constables.....	David Brown	108.00
	Jim Munyon	480.00
Cemetery.....	Daniel Brown	1,152.00
	Mike LaDoucer	484.00
	Lorrie Brown	68.00
	Philip Young	2,024.00
	Mike Ketchum	762.00
Fire Department.....	Willis Whitaker	228.00
	Ryan Brown	10.00
	Michael Whitaker	247.00
	Martin Hunt	159.00
	Jon Benson	95.00
	Jason Osborne	50.00
	Jim Munyon	243.00
	Harry Whitaker	472.00
	Eric Brown	50.00
	David Brown	427.00
	Corey Novotny	176.00
	Daniel Novotny	424.00
	Clay Ketchum	67.00
	Brian Merrill	364.00
	Brian Gifford	171.00

STATEMENT OF LONG TERM DEBT

As of 12/31/03

<u>Date</u> <u>Incurred</u>	<u>Original Amt.</u> <u>Borrowed</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Payment</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Payment</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
2003	\$210,000	\$ 0.00	\$2,663.90	\$210,000

STATEMENT OF 2003 TAXES RAISED

Grand List: \$57,085,860 x \$2.60	\$1,484,232.62
State Fish & Wildlife Payment	14,080.00
Current Use Reimbursement	<u>22,904.00</u>
Total Taxes Raised:	\$1,521,216.62
Taxes accounted for as follows:	
Collected through 10/15/03	\$1,410,506.93
Turned over to delinquent tax collector	110,638.06
Corrections & Abatements	<u>71.63</u>
Total	\$1,521,216.62
Tax Rate Breakdown:	
Municipal Tax	\$.67
State Educ. Tax	1.37
Local Share Tax	<u>.56</u>
	\$2.60

SUMMARY OF DELINQUENT TAXES - Dec. 31, 2003

<u>Yr.</u>	<u>As of 12/31/02</u>	<u>As of 12/31/03</u>	<u>Collected</u>
1992	1,475.60 (4)	659.60 (2)	816.00 (2)
1993	2,432.88 (5)	2,432.88 (5)	0.00
1999	1,106.00 (3)	560.00 (1)	546.00 (2)
2000	3,040.24 (7)	1,001.73 (3)	2,038.51 (4)
2001	8,295.32 (13)	1,995.78 (4)	6,299.54 (9)
2002	58,084.64 (51)	3,624.36 (7)	54,460.28 (44)
	74,434.68 (83)	10,274.35 (22)	64,160.33 (61)
2003	110,638.06	52,080.66 (62)	58,557.40
	185,072.74	62,355.01 (84)	122,717.73

DELINQUENT TAXES - Dec. 31, 2003

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>Year Owed</u>
Abdallah, Dawud	1,752.40	2003
Aleo, Antonio	2,243.80	2003
Bausch, Richard & Kim	77.55	2003
* Berniger, Joseph	30.26	2003
* Bernstein, Steven	17.47	2003
Bronson, Joanne	182.00	2003
Caldera, Rafael	507.00	2003
Camire, Raymond	993.40	2003
* Civiello, Carole	176.89	2003
Danisher, Samuel	380.90	2003
* Day, Randee	61.53	2003
Demarest, Richard & Diane	303.44	2003
Drum. Linda	105.30	2003
Gaul, John & Francis	866.60	2002-2003
Gray, Donald & Dorothy	2,548.00	2003

Delinquent Taxes 2003 (cont.)

Harvey, Burton & Allyson	756.60	2003
Hawk Resorts	3,108.00	1999-2003
Helman, Delores	364.00	2003
* Henderson, Richard	15.60	2003
Holtz, Jill	1,124.24	2003
Jagoda, Gerald & Linda	727.08	2003
Johnson, Charles	165.75	2003
Keefe, Thomas & Diana	1,830.40	2003
Kelley, Kathleen	191.35	2003
Ketchum, Clay	1,073.80	2003
Klein, Carol	1,433.57	2003
Lambert, Frank	3,510.00	2003
Lambert, Jon & Chris	192.40	2003
Levy, Daniel & Melissa	2,412.80	2003
Limbert, John	1,561.30	2003
Locke, Randy & Aimee	782.60	2003
Luf, Charles & Gail	387.40	2003
Mann, Carol	1,348.96	2003
Martell, Todd	1,119.00	2003
Maxham, Troy	1,476.80	2003
Nardini, Philip	1,214.20	2003
Nava, Rose	492.00	2002-2003
Newman, Christopher	665.60	2003
Pearson, Robert & Jeannette	1,092.00	2003
Perkett, Diana	1,731.60	2003
* Pfaff, Patricia	73.82	2003
Quinlan, James	793.00	2003
Reddick, Donald	73.82	2003
Redmond, Joseph	1,560.00	2003
Ridaura, Victor	5.00	2003
Rogol, George	1,489.80	2003
Rudy, Robert & Margaret	2,193.10	2000-2003
Santana, Jose & Sara	1,249.50	2001-2003
Seidenberg, Mark	889.20	2003
Sfeir, Luis	1,847.30	2000-2003
Sheridan, Philip	38.33	2003
Smith, Lee	91.00	2003
Smith, Michael	1,089.05	2003
* St. Lawrence, Robert	711.10	2003
Sullivan, Kimberly	1,671.80	2003
* Symon, Wayne & Glenn	7.24	2003
Town of Stockbridge	435.24	1995
Town of Stockbridge	621.24	1995
Town of Stockbridge	293.76	1992
Town of Stockbridge	365.84	1992
Town of Stockbridge	498.48	1995

Delinquent Taxes 2003 (cont.)

Town of Stockbridge	487.32	1995
Town of Stockbridge	390.60	1995
Terebetsky, John & Carol	1,438.51	2003
Teixeira, Frank	3,239.60	2003
Tristano, Donatella	250.90	2003
Usuki, Yukiya & Theresa	429.00	2003
Villanaeuva, Antonio	450.67	2003
Westhaver, Korene	<u>707.20</u>	<u>2003</u>
Total	\$62,355.01	
	<u>1,093.91</u> - Pd by 01/29/04	
	\$61,261.10	

* Paid in Full

CONSTRUCTION FUND

Year ended 12/31/03

Revenue:

Municipal Bond Bank	\$210,000.00
Transfer from General Fund	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total Cash Available:	\$260,000.00

Expenditures:

Purchase of Land	\$32,000.00
Construction - McKernon	176,024.00
Construction - Other	2,453.39
Clerk of the Works	2,912.50
Legal Fees	4,522.96
Furnishings	9,670.39
Interest on Bond Payment	2,663.90
Permits and Fees	1,373.80
Moving Expense	94.70
Plans & bid sets	<u>810.46</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$232,526.10

Cash Balance 12/31/03 \$ 27,473.90

Remaining Expenditures:

Roller Shelving	\$2,301.45
McKernon Group	2,976.23
Clerk of the Works	1,113.55
Water Filter	1,600.00
Pipe Insulation	1,200.00
Lister Computer	2,000.00
First Year Bond Payment	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total	<u>\$26,191.23</u>

Projected Ending Balance: \$ 1,282.67

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Dec. 31, 2002</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2003</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash or Equivalent	\$ 13,082	\$ 135,486
Common Stocks	450,952	480,953
U.S. Gov't. Instruments	117,712	113,528
Other Bonds	<u>229,538</u>	<u>231,497</u>
TOTALS:	\$ 811,284	\$ 961,464
LIABILITIES:		
Unexpended Income	\$185,590	\$195,428
EQUITY:		
Funds per schedule	<u>\$ 625,694</u>	<u>766,036</u>
TOTALS:	\$ 811,284	\$ 961,464

SUMMARY OF SECURITIES VALUES

	<u>12/31/02</u>	<u>12/31/03</u>	<u>Capital Gains</u>	<u>Income</u>
Common Stocks	\$ 450,952	\$ 480,953	\$ 16,872	\$ 7,704
US Gov't. Instr. & Bonds	<u>347,250</u>	<u>345,025</u>	<u>(592)</u>	<u>21,521</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 798,202	\$ 825,978	\$ 16,280	\$29,225
Realized Capital Gains -		16,280		
Unrealized Capital Gains -		123,762		
TOTAL:		\$ 140,042		
Total Income				\$29,225
Deduct Administrative Expense				1,200.00
Deduct Investment Advisory Fee:				<u>8,415</u>
Net Income for Distribution				\$19,610

INCOME ALLOCATION & DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/02</u>	<u>Income</u> <u>Alloc.</u>	<u>Alloc.</u> <u>Disburse.</u>	<u>Bal.</u> <u>12/31/03</u>	<u>Yr. '04</u> <u>Alloc.</u>	<u>Est.</u> <u>Avail.</u>
Paine Welfare	\$4,927	\$ 970	\$ 544	\$5,354	\$ 975	\$6,329
Chamberlain Library	2,881	148	1,500	1,529	150	1,679
Whitcomb Welfare	175,455	10,744	0	186,199	10,900	197,099
Whitcomb School	1,021	4,759	4,800	980	4,800	5,780
Keyes School/Welfare	118	116	118	116	115	231
Cemeteries	706	2,833	2,800	739	2,850	3,589
Lease Lands	11	11	11	11	10	21
History Funds	<u>471</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>530</u>
TOTALS:	\$185,590	\$19,610	\$9,773	\$195,428	\$19,830	\$215,258

CAPITAL FUNDS

	Bal. <u>12/31/02</u>	Deposits <u>This Yr.</u>	Capital <u>Gains</u>	Bal. <u>12/31/03</u>
Paine Welfare	\$ 35,209	0	\$ 7,880	\$ 43,090
Chamberlain Library	3,232	0	723	3,955
Whitcomb Welfare	269,037	0	60,216	329,253
Whitcomb School	195,844	0	43,834	239,678
Keyes School/Welfare	4,675	0	1,046	5,721
Cemeteries	116,517	300	26,079	142,896
Lease Lands	467	0	105	572
History Funds	<u>711</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>871</u>
TOTALS:	\$625,694	\$300	\$140,042	\$766,036

CAPITAL FUNDS ACTIVITY

Beg. Yr.	Bal.	Deposits	Gains (L) End Yr.	Balance End Yr.	Income	Total Return %
'78	\$132,653	\$ 220	\$ (2,144)	\$ 130,729	\$10,810	5.4%
'79	130,729	1,133	6,198	138,061	12,114	11.3%
'80	138,061	0	13,154	151,216	13,197	15.3%
'81	151,216	0	5,125	156,340	14,240	10.1%
'82	156,340	200	32,748	189,288	18,780	25.8%
'83	189,288	0	36,440	225,728	19,129	21.5%
'84	225,728	840	1,018	227,586	23,437	8.3%
'85	227,586	0	65,731	293,317	23,820	28.9%
'86	293,317	150	33,272	419,120	22,995	14.2%
*		92,381				
'87	419,120	0	(48,617)	370,503	24,352	5.5%
'88	370,503	525	35,375	406,403	25,716	15.6%
'89	406,403	150	(988)	405,565	29,523	6.4%
'90	405,565	0	(72,182)	333,383	30,753	(8.5%)
'91	333,383	200	38,914	372,497	27,792	16.5%
'92	372,497	450	18,403	391,350	10,534	6.4%
'93	391,350	0	27,466	418,816	16,714	9.6%
'94	418,816	100	(17,603)	401,313	16,298	0.5%
'95	401,313	0	98,900	500,213	17,784	23.9%
'96	500,213	0	97,346	597,659	19,872	19.6%
'97	597,659	375	99,918	697,952	20,895	17.1%
'98	697,952	0	99,433	797,385	21,241	14.8%
'99	797,385	0	(36,221)	761,164	20,920	(1.7%)
'00	761,164	0	(277)	760,888	22,569	2.5%
'01	760,888	200	(49,769)	711,319	22,204	(3.0%)
'02	711,319	800	(86,425)	625,694	19,168	(7.7%)
'03	625,694	300	140,042	766,036	19,610	19.9%
Totals	\$132,653	\$98,124	\$535,259	\$766,036	\$523,467	

* = Reclass from Income - 1986

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES ~ March 4, 2003

Article 1: To elect the following officers for terms indicated and to fill other offices vacant:

1. Moderator - Kent Butterfield
2. Town Clerk for 3 years - Catherine Brown
3. Treasurer for 3 years - Catherine Brown
4. Selectman for 3 years - Mark Pelletier
5. Lister for 3 years - Linda Lunna
6. Auditor for 3 years - Olive Pratt
7. Auditor for 1 year - Fern Rogers
8. Agent to Convey Real Estate - Jack Green
9. Agent to Defend and Prosecute Suits - Jack Green
10. Grand Juror - Louis Chap
11. First Constable - Jim Munyon
12. Second Constable - Mark Begin
13. Trustee of Public Funds for 3 years - Mary Ellen Dorman
14. Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years - Daniel Brown
15. Memorial Day Chairperson - Jennifer Pratt

Article 2: To hear the auditors' report and take any necessary action thereon. Approved.

Article 3: Will the Town vote to pay real estate taxes in two installments due on August 15th and October 15th? Approved.

Article 4: Will the Town vote to elect a Collector of Taxes or vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect current taxes? Town Treasurer authorized to collect current taxes.

Article 5: Will the Town vote to elect a Collector of Delinquent Taxes? Barbara Brown was elected as Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

Article 6: Will the Town elect or appoint a Road Commissioner as provided in 17 VSA Section 2646; and if appointed to determine his compensation. The Board of Selectmen will appoint a Road Commissioner.

Article 7: Will the Town vote to accept the proposed budget? Recommended: \$509,117. The motion to increase the budget by \$50,000 to reduce the amount necessary to borrow for the town office construction as well as \$3,250 increase to the equipment fund to compensate for the sale of a snow plow was approved. Total approved budget: \$562,367.

Article 8: Will the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes? Approved.

Article 9: Will the Town vote to dissolve the Stockbridge Free Public Library? Approved.

Article 10: Will the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,989 to support the activities of the following organizations?

Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 100
Quintown Senior Center	1,020
Bethel Teen Scene	250
Clara Martin Center	1,081
Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT & NH	2,140
Central VT Community Action Council	300
VT Center for Independent Living	230
Green Up Vermont	50
Central VT Council on Aging	100
Belcher Library	1,368
George D. Aiken RC&D	50
Stockbridge/Gaysville Historical Society	500
Park House	1,800

Article approved.

Article 11: Will the voters of the Town of Stockbridge in accordance with 17 VSA Section 2144(b) authorize the Town Clerk to approve additions to the checklist?
Approved.

Article 12: Will the voters of the Town of Stockbridge approve the following resolution? "Be it resolved that the citizens of the Town of Stockbridge urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor, and Congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont's homes, businesses, public buildings, and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the State of Vermont."
Approved.

Article 13: To do any other necessary and proper business brought before said annual town meeting. Discussed why the Town of Stockbridge is on the delinquent tax list. Barb Vellturo thanked the Selectboard, Cathy and Greg Crawford for their work on the town report. Dawna Hammers volunteered to work with the Health Officer and a committee to form a drug and alcohol prevention program within the town. Cheryl Rivers thanked Dave Brown and Bruce Bryan for their many years of service to the town. Dick Hart asked Board if they had any plans for the Stanley Tool lot and Annette Bryan wondered what the status of the sandpile situation was. Helen Chap suggested combining the annual meeting and school meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Cathy Brown
Town Clerk

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL TIMETABLE ~ HERE IS THE LAW!
Vermont League of Cities and Towns, 52 State St., Montpelier 802-229-9111

	<u>Population of Less than 5,000</u>	<u>Population of 5,000 and over</u>
Abstract of Individual Lists (preliminary grand list) lodged with town clerk	June 4	June 24

Change of Appraisal Notices Sent	June 4	June 24
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The above is established by reading together 32 V.S.A. sections 4111 and 4341. The date of May 5 in section 4111 is extended 30 days for those towns with a population of less than 5,000. It is extended 50 days in towns with a population of 5,000 and over. May 5 plus 30 days is June 4. May 5 plus 50 days is June 24.

Keep in mind that if the above is done prior to June 4/June 24, the following dates will be modified to meet this earlier schedule. That is, if a town lodges the abstract of individual lists and sends out change of appraisal notices on May 10, the last day a person could grieve would be May 24. That is the date of lodging plus 14 days. Note that when counting the 14 days, day one is the day after mailing.

Grievances must be filed by (above date plus 14)	June 19	July 9
Grievance hearings end	July 2	July 22
Result of Grievance Mailed	July 9	July 29

Results must be mailed within 7 days of close of hearings.

Grand List Lodged	July 25	August 14
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Deadline for Filing Appeal to Board of Civil Authority	14 days from date of mailing of result of grievance.
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BCA Hearings Begin	14 days after last date allowed for filing a notice of appeal.
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Further extensions may be granted under 32 V.S.A., section 4342. If such extensions are granted, the letter from the director of PVR granting the extension must be lodged in the grand list book.

Who's Who in Local Government

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President Teddy Roosevelt said, almost a century ago that *"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."* When he included these words in his speech at the State Fair in Syracuse, New York in 1903 he could have been speaking of Vermont's many hardworking local officials. Nearly 5000 municipal officials in our 237 towns, nine cities and 45 villages, devote their free time to everything from hearing zoning disputes and writing land use plans to assessing the value of property in the town and collecting delinquent taxes. They serve for the chance to "work hard at work worth doing." Without them, our communities would not function and our system of self government would come to a standstill.

Serving in local office is a great way to give something back to your community. So why don't you take a turn? Here are the offices you can choose to from:

The Following Officials Are Elected At Town Meeting:

Moderator – Runs the Annual and Special Town/School Meeting. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Roberts Rules of Order.

Town Clerk — Records, preserves and certifies the public records of the town, issues dog, marriage, civil union and hunting and fishing licenses and motor vehicle renewals. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the Board of Civil Authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

Town Treasurer - Keeps the town and school's accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body,) keeps a record of the taxes voted and pays orders drawn on him or her. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

Town Administrator - Hired by the selectboard, the town administrator, sometimes called the administrative assistant to the selectboard, assists the selectboard in managing the business of the town. The town administrator has no independent statutory authority. The scope of his or her duties is determined by the selectboard.

Selectboard members – General supervision and control over town, enacts ordinances, regulations and policies for town, oversees town property and personnel, prepares, presents and manages budget, oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing and reclassifying roads, sits as local board of health, liquor control commission and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

Listers – Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not oversensitive to criticism.

Auditor – Review and audit all town accounts and prepare the annual town report. Should be very detail oriented. Good, clear writers are a plus.

Constable – In some towns the constable is the town's local law enforcement officer, with all powers of search, seizure and arrest within the town. In other towns the constable only has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting, and, if the First Constable, to collect taxes, if no tax collector is elected. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

Collector of Current Taxes - Collects the taxes for the town. In many towns this function is performed by the Treasurer or Town Manager. Should be detail oriented and good with numbers.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes – Collects delinquent taxes for the town. Should be good with numbers and also able to work with people who are in difficult circumstances. Should also have thick skin.

Grand Juror – Helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement. (Generally not a very active position.)

Town Agent – The town agent used to prosecute and defend suits. The selectboard now have that authority. Thus, the Town Agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress at the request of the selectboard. (Generally not a very active position.)

Trustee of Public Funds – Manages, invests and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money.

Trustee of Public Money – Oversees "United States Public Money" received under the Act of 1836 held by the town. (It is unlikely any Vermont town still has these funds.)

Cemetery Commissioner – Responsible for the care and management of the town's cemeteries. If no cemetery commissioners are elected the Selectboard fulfills this role.

Patrolmen – Patrols town highways under the direction of the selectboard – if the town so orders. (Generally not an active position.)

Road Commissioners – Can be elected or appointed. Has no independent authority, but can assist the selectboard in overseeing town highways at the request of the board. Should have experience with town highways and be a good communicator.

Water Commissioners – Water commissioners supervise the town's water department by establishing water rates and all the rules and regulations for the control and operation of the department. Should be a good manager and detail oriented.

Planning Commissioners – Appointed unless town votes to elect. Duties include preparing a municipal plan, making recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation, and to participate in a regional planning program. Makes site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a Development Review Board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

The Following Local Officials are Appointed by the Legislative Body:

Municipal manager If the manager system has been adopted by the electorate, the town manager is the official administrator of the local government and general supervisor of the affairs of the town.

Zoning administrator Appointed by the planning commission with the approval of the selectboard.

Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the zoning ordinance.

Zoning board of adjustment or development review board members—Holds hearings and makes decisions on land use permit applications and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator.

Regional Planning Commission Representative – Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans.

Conservation Commission Members – Inventory, natural resources of a community and purchases and administers municipal lands for the purpose of conservation.

Health Officer – Appointed by the Commissioner of Health to a 3-year term after recommendation by the town selectboard. Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Town Services Officer – Appointed on or before April 15th of each year. Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

Agent to Convey Real Estate – Executes the deeds on behalf of the town.

Poundkeeper –Cares for the animals that are impounded within the town.

Town Energy Coordinator—Responsible for developing the town energy plan and conducting the town energy audit.

Town Forest Fire Warden – Appointed by the fire commissioner with the approval of the selectboard. Prevents forest fires in the town by enforcing the laws designed to prevent forest fires.

Chairperson for Civil Defense – responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the local committee that is formed for emergency management in the town or city. The emergency management chairperson is under the direct control of the selectboard but may coordinate his or her emergency management efforts with neighboring towns and cities and with the state emergency management division, and with the federal government.

Building Inspector and Deputy Inspector – Appointed only in towns that have adopted a building code. Performs inspections and enforces the local building code.

Fence Viewers – Three viewers are appointed by the selectboard each year. When called up they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.

Inspectors of Lumber – Appointed upon request to examine, measure, and classify the quality of lumber, shingles and wood sold within the town.

Weighers of Coal – Serves as a referee over weights of contested loads of coal.

Inspector of Wiring – Inspects electrical wiring in buildings on request of the selectboard.

This document is available on the Secretary of State's municipal information website:

<http://www.sec.state.vt.us/municipal/>

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE **PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT INVENTORY**

Garage/Office/Fire Station

Building Value \$120,000
 Contents Value 20,000
 Salt Shed 3,500

Town Office

Building Value \$240,000
 Contents Value \$20,000
 1.3 acres Stockbridge Common.....\$15,000
 2.1 acres Route 107
 1 acre Whitcomb Hill Road
 Timberhawk Lots.....\$11,900

1971 Ford F600 Fire Truck
 1987 Ford F8000 Fire Truck
 1988 John Deere 570 Grader
 1994 Case 590 Loader
 1995 International Dump Truck
 2000 Ford F550 Truck
 2002 Ford F550 Truck

2003 HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT - HOUR USAGE

	Internat'l	2000 F550	2002 F550	Grader	Loader	Chloride Spreader	Chainsaw	Rock Rake	Mower	Total
1 st Qtr.—	12	308	255	129	90					794
2 nd Qtr.—	53	201	93	109	92	6	8	14		576
3 rd Qtr.—	44	167	58	123	89	20	10	21	84	616
4 th Qtr.—	19	269	241	85	61	1	18	2		696
Total	128	945	647	446	332	27	36	37	84	2,682

SELECTBOARD'S REPORT - 2003

2003 was an eventful year in Stockbridge. Most notably, was the completion of the new town office. We would like to thank The McKernon Group from Brandon who constructed the building and did a great job as well as Jim Shands who served as Clerk of the Works. Jim oversaw the entire project, and not only did the project come in under budget but it was also done on time. We are extremely thankful for all that he did. After all the expenditures are made we will have enough money left in the construction fund to make the first bond payment of \$15,000. With the new office come new hours and a new phone number. The office is now open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. and on Friday from 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon. The new phone/fax number is 746-8400 and you can email town officials at stockbridgevt@aol.com. If you have not already done so we recommend that you stop in and have a look at the new building.

As directed at town meeting the board appointed a Road Commissioner. Ken Carter was appointed to that position and has done a good job. Last year the highway department rented a tractor and completed the roadside mowing. We intend to do that again this year but the tractor will be operated with purchased labor. We will be paving the north end of the Common Road from where we left off last year down to Route 100.

You will notice in the warning that we are requesting permission to replace the loader and the 2000 F550. We believe that it is most cost efficient to trade the plow trucks on a regular schedule and the loader is now 10 years old and needs replacing. We propose funding these 2 articles from the highway equipment fund. We have also raised the amount to be contributed to the equipment fund by \$10,000 in the budget.

Kyle Kershner has served as the town's Zoning Administrator for the last 6 years and will not be accepting another term. We wish to thank Kyle for his service to the town.

The Selectboard meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Office and the public is always welcome to attend.

STOCKBRIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT - 2003

This year the Stockbridge Fire Department and First Response responded to 46 calls. Of these the greater number was for medical emergencies. We applied for and received money from the Homeland Security Grant. This money was to be used for the purchase of four new MSA self contained breathing apparatuses. The grant also included money to purchase a second defibrillator and emergency run kits for the First Responders. The total of the grant received was \$25,000. There will be more grant money available this year and we intend to apply for more.

The Stockbridge Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary donated money to make it possible for the Department to purchase a 12000kw generator. This generator was obtained at half price through the Two Rivers Regional Planning Commission. It will be used to power up the fire station in the event there was a power outage for an extended amount of time. This could also be used to power up the Stockbridge School if the proper wire connectors were installed.

This year we will purchase a computer to store Fire Department information on. It will keep track of all of the training, first response, fire calls, drills, and all fire reports. It has become mandatory to report all calls by the fire department to the NFIRS. The computer will aid in sending these reports electronically. I will have to purchase software that will make it easy for not only the calls but also keeping track of each fireman's personal training and inventory of the trucks and all repairs.

I would like to also try to add a bay for the fire department to the vacated Town office. The labor for this would be from the firemen. The cost to the Town would be the cost of an overhead door and material to frame up the opening for the door. I also would like to purchase a new entrance door for the back room that we use to come and go at the fire station. I would want this door to have a keyless dead bolt. That means that the need for a key would be eliminated. I believe this would make a more secure access.

The need for a new response truck is here. Next year we will ask the Towns people to support the fire department in purchasing a new Rescue truck. This would be four wheel drive that will give us better response time and make gaining access to some locations more practical. With there being more and more rescue calls a truck like this would help out our response time not only on these calls but to remote areas of the Town. It would have approximately 300 gallons of water and its own pumping capability. The purchase of this truck would give us the opportunity to lighten up Engine 1 by transferring some stuff on to a new truck. At the present time Engine 1 is over loaded with all the equipment it has to carry.

I would like to take this time to remind everyone of the importance of making sure that their 911 number is up and in a clearly marked location. This not only helps out the fire department but also ambulance and police that might have to respond to your location. Please don't assume that emergency personnel can find you without a number in plain view. If you are not sure of the correct number you can contact the Town Clerk at 746-8400.

I would like to thank my entire veteran fireman and also the new members for volunteering their time to help out in assisting the people of the Town of Stockbridge with whatever situation might arise. Our emergencies sometimes extend to neighboring Towns as mutual calls whether it is a fire or assisting the Ambulance on a medical emergency. There will be times when other departments will be asked to help out our town at our emergencies.

Please feel free to contact Dave Brown at 746-8931 or Harry Whitaker at 234-5167 if you are interested in helping out the fire department. We still meet at the Fire Station on the first and third Wednesday of every month. The meetings start at 7:00 sharp and usually last about an hour and a half.

David Brown, Fire Chief

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - 2003

The Stockbridge Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

In the past year we have been working on our town plan. We will soon have it completed for approval. There were some areas that were inconsistent with our Zoning Regulations and needed to be corrected.

We are a seven-member board, four members being a quorum. We have had a planning commission in town since the 1970's. Most people in town do support town planning and zoning. In order to have a viable board we need enough active members so people don't need to make every meeting. It is essential that some new people get involved. To apply simply come to our monthly meeting.

Richard H. Rivers, Chairperson

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - 2003

48 land use permits, including 11 for new home construction, 5 subdivision permits and 9 Certificates of Occupancy were issued in 2003. Permit numbers were again higher than average, but fairly even with 2002.

No new enforcement actions were required, although outstanding violations from previous years are being addressed through legal actions.

The Town of Stockbridge requires a permit for most types of construction and land development as well as a Certificate of Occupancy for any work on a residential structure. Failure to obtain the required permits or Certificate of Occupancy can lead to penalties and legal expenses. If you have any questions when considering a new construction project, please contact the Town at least six weeks before you begin development.

Kyle Kershner, Zoning Administrator

BELCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY REPORT - 2003

The Belcher Library received as of September 26th, 2003 a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 representing both year 1 and year 2 of a grant made possible from the Vermont Public Library Foundation funded by the Freeman Foundation. The monies from the grant are in the process of being used for new storm windows and doors, new shelving, childrens tables and chairs, computer and adult chairs. Also a copier which is available for use for everyone in the town.

The Library also received from the Town a check of \$1,368.00. This support was what enabled us to be eligible for the grant.

The Library will soon have an open house with door prizes and refreshments and we are looking forward to seeing the town in attendance.

Librarian, Rowena Perkins

Trustees: Ramona Adams

Michael Freund

Janet Whitaker

John Barrows

Maryellen Dorman

Frank Green

Doug Keffer

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - 2003

As everyone remembers we had a cold, long winter last year with relentless amounts of snow. This went well into the spring of the year. April 9th to be exact was the last time we had to sand. So, as a result we had to order more sand late winter to insure we wouldn't be caught short.

Once the weather let up we began to repair and get roads ready for what this year might bring.

Regraveling was done on Music Mountain from the end of the blacktop to the town line. Muddy, problem spots were done on Taggart Hill and Davis Hill. Various areas that had mud problems were also done. Surprisingly enough mud season wasn't too bad.

Repaving was done on Music Mountain from Skip Brown's house to the top of the hill and a short section on the Laury Road below the Sue Brown house.

We blacktopped a section by Mark Pelletier's on Music Mountain that had been dug up by construction the year before. Both ends of the Gaysville bridge were also redone.

Two areas on Blackmer Boulevard below Marty Hunt's were skimmed to prevent it from settling.

Culverts were replaced on Labadie Road, 2 on South Hill and 1 on the Children's Camp Road. Four new culverts were put in: 1 on Labadie Road, 1 on Taggart Hill, 1 on Fletcher Brook and 1 on New Boston Road.

For construction this last year we rebuilt the deck on the bridge on Fletcher Brook Road by Lost Acre Camp which was in need of repair. Harvey's was hired to fix a section of Class 4 Road in No Town which was paid for by Wagner Forestry with permission of the Selectboard.

All in all it was a busy year but a good year. This year promises much of the same. Have a good, safe year.

Ken Carter, Road Commissioner

STOCKBRIDGE CEMETERY COMMISSION

Financial Statement

for year ended December 31, 2003

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/03		\$5,366.91
Receipts:		
Town Budget	4,000.00	
Trustees of Public Funds	2,800.00	
Partridge Trust	19.29	
Perkins Trust	<u>300.00</u>	
Total Receipts:		<u>7,119.29</u>
Total Cash Available:		\$12,486.20
Expenses:		
Maplewood	2,834.00	
Mt. Pleasant	1,008.00	
Abbott	296.00	
South Hill	176.00	
Sylvester/Bartlett	176.00	
New Equipment	339.00	
RM Equipment	32.50	
Gasoline	<u>90.69</u>	
Total Expenses:		<u>\$4,952.19</u>
Ending Cash Balance as of 12/31/03		\$7,534.01

PROPERTY TRANSFERS ~ 2003

<u>Seller</u>	<u>Buyer</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>
Walker	State of Vermont	2.25 acres & house	\$150,000
Duarte	Loughlin	Timberhawk	205,000
126502 Canada	Knox	Timberhawk	148,000
Thompson	Coogan	Highwood lots	48,000
Centex Home Eq.	Campisi & Cieniewicz	45 acres & dwelling	115,000
Mann	Mann	Chalet Village	0
Limbert	Limbert	Timberhawk	0
Mascoma Savings	Morse	Route 107	17,000
DeWolf	Rogers	1.78 acres & mobile home	53,000
Tortolano	Schumann	1.19 acres & house	55,000
Coder	Von Letkemann	4 acres Blackmer Blvd.	0
Radicioni	Reddick	1.5 acres & restaurant	65,000
Blue Bonnet Trust	Mann	Chalet Village	0
Hunt	Whitaker	2.5 acres Blackmer Blvd.	14,100
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Thompson	Krokenberger	Highwood lot	31,500
Stockle	Red & Dover	32.4 acres Stony Brook	32,075
Rousseau	Sheridan & Chapman	1 acres & Mobile Home	48,000
Piscitelli	Piscitelli	Route 100	0
Butchko	Butchko	Route 107	0
Wachovia Bank	Buckley	25 acres Blackmer Boulevard	15,000
Green	Green	Route 100	0
Chittenden Timber	Ridgeline Overlook	217 acres Pittsfield line	174,000
Chittenden Timber	Fuster	287 acres Route 100	160,000
Donahue	Creed	Chalet Village	0
Creed	Donahue	Chalet Village	0
Wiener	McCarthy	11.4 acres Little Stony Brook	20,000
Lambert	LC Construction	46.5 acres Route 107	50,000
Harvey	Scoville	Our World lot	22,000
Pratt & Merrill	Pratt	16.5 acres Pratt Road	0
Pratt & Merrill	Merrill	3.5 acres Pratt Road	0
Merrill	Taggart	3.5 acres Pratt Road	20,000
Titmas	Titmas	10.6 acres Taggart Hill	0
Lunna	Town of Stockbridge	1 acre Route 100	32,000
Town of Stockbridge	Kulp	1 acre Timberhawk	382
Stueck	Scott	1.56 acres Joe Manning Rd.	30,000
Dawson	Vulture Mt. LLC	73.4 acres & dwelling	439,000
Eckert	Connors	Arnold Mountain	143,500
Koehnke	Quinlan	Chalet Village	93,000
Benton	Scott	Joe Manning Road	340,000
Walker	Walker	Route 107	0
Brown	Brown	Ranney Road	0
Zahn	Reddick	Chalet Village	83,000
Miller	Miller	Route 107	0
Merrill	Hommel	Mt. Hunger Rd.	29,900

PROPERTY TRANSFERS (cont.)

Caparis	Caparis	Cobble House Rd.	0
Braune	Parenzan	19 acres	114,000
Stockle	Gray	63 acres & house	257,000
Bank One	Bovee	Route 100	120,000
Kaplan	Nardino	Lilliesville	147,500
Pass	Lambert	29 acres River Road	10,260
Stockle	Hamm & Vago	26.2 acres Stoney Brook	25,000
Miller	Alper	1 acre & dwellinlg	160,000
Fleury	Enright	Gilke Road	39,000
Tax Collector	Abrams	Hunt Farm Road	14,000
Murphy	Preziosi	South Hill Road	87,000
Mills	Jarvis, Trask et al	Stony Brook	0
Schumann	Zimmer	1 acre & dwelling Rt. 100	68,500
Fiske	Fiske	South Hill	0
Shagory	Shagory	Stony Brook	0
Farr	Shagory	Stony Brook	12,500
Harvey	Town of Stockbridge	Tweed River Drive ROW	0
Our World/Highwood	Harvey	Tweed River Drive ROW	0
Bale	Harvey	Tweed River Drive ROW	0
Bard	Harvey	Tweed River Drive ROW	0
Our World/Highwood	Bale	Tweed River Drive ROW	0
Firmin	Cadwell & Hryckiewiaz	1.4 acres & mobile home	63,460
Donnelly	Donnelly	Route 100	0
Langan	Langan	South Hill Road	0
Pizor	Smith & Watson	New Boston Rd.	48,000
Jedlicka	Burke	Ranney Road	190,000
McGuire	McGuire	1.36 acres	0

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS - 2003

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns' mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Most government services used by Vermonters on a daily basis are those provided by its cities and towns. These include highways, police, fire, recreation, sewer and water. Vermont municipal officials are responsible for raising and expanding nearly one-half of the non-federal taxes raised in the state.

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

- **Advocacy representation before the State legislature, administration and judiciary, ensuring that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.

- **Training, technical assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities.** In the past year, we have responded to almost 50,000 telephone calls, 21,200 of them from local officials on the toll-free telephone line available to them. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by over 4,000 municipal officials and answered over 2,300 legal questions posed by municipal officials. VLCT distributed over 575 copies of local government publications and distributed over 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's *Weekly Legislative Report* to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.

- **Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost.** These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to your employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members was made painfully clear this year when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for municipal property and casualty insurance was declared insolvent by the state of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies.

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.72 per capita plus a \$250 service fee per year. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 42 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3 million.

Individuals interested in finding out more about Vermont League of Cities and Towns can visit its website at www.vlct.org.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION - 2003

During 2003, the Regional Commission continued to provide technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocating 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 requests 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 successful Transportation Enhancement Grants and Pedestrian Facility Grants. We assisted our towns in procuring design engineers, processed 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 the 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. Project 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 \$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, TROR 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

ENHANCED 9-1-1 BOARD REPORT - 2003

Statewide System Operations (Jan. 1, 2003 - Nov. 30, 2003)

Total Calls Handled System-wide	Wire Line113,763	Wireless60,374
Total Abandoned Calls System-wide	Wire Line15,464	Wireless3,656
Average Call Answer Time System-wide5 seconds	
Average Call Duration System-wide1 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 and Rockingham and Derby to be operated 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 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 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. 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.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC. ~ 2003

Mission Statement - *The members of White River Valley Ambulance Service shall provide appropriate and timely pre-hospital critical care and transport for the sick and injured within the communities of Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Brookfield, Granville, Pittsfield, Randolph, and Stockbridge.*

We will maintain a high standard of care and will continually strive to improve our service through offering continuing education and outreach as it pertains to the communities' safety and wellness.

Our membership remains committed to the advancement of the Emergency Medical system and how this system can benefit the communities we serve.

Accomplishments for 2003 - White River Valley Ambulance service was named Ambulance Service of the Year at the Vermont EMS Conference held in Burlington in April of 2003. The service has the honor of having its name engraved on a plaque that hangs in the offices of the Vermont Department of Health in Burlington. Governor Douglas was on hand at the conference and spoke to conference attendees.

Also honored, was WRVA paramedic Eric Hebert. Eric was named the Paramedic of the Year at the EMS conference. Additional WRVA employees receiving awards were Jeff Cochran and Jason Osborne. Both employees received a scholarship towards continuing education in emergency medicine.

The service applied for and received over \$90,000 in Homeland Security money this year. Due to the magnitude of grant money available we were able to replace all three of our cardiac monitor/defibrillators with 12 lead technology, purchase airbags and other rescue equipment, purchase additional paramedic equipment and upgrade mobile and portable radios. These equipment purchases allow for a decrease in the equipment reserve line item for the 2004 budget.

A grant was also received from the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation towards the purchase of a Ski Doo snowmobile which complements our rescue sled and trailer donated by local snowmobile clubs. This allows for an immediate response to snowmobile emergencies; an important asset in our area which is heavily populated with VAST trails. Local clubs have also contributed towards the purchase.

The ambulance service continues to hold first aid and CPR courses for community members, businesses, daycares and local fire departments. Presentations were held at area schools to familiarize the children with what to expect in an emergency and who will come to help them. This allows children to look at the ambulance and equipment in a relaxed and fun fashion. The goal of their program is to make an emergency situation less traumatic to the child and to gain trust when an emergency rises. Visits to local senior centers and daycares were also scheduled. An EMT course was held in the spring with approximately 20 graduates.

The department, along with Vermont Ambulance District #8, aided in the distribution and training of all area fire departments and the Randolph Police Dept. in the use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's). Each fire department in the service area and the Randolph Police Dept. is now carrying an AED in their vehicles and will respond to cardiac arrest calls. This early intervention will save precious minutes and allow for more positive outcomes for our patients, especially in the outlying areas such as Pittsfield and Brookfield. We thank them for their civic mindedness and community support.

Call volume has increased by 27%. Calls to the eight communities served are as follows: Barnard 27, Bethel 167, Braintree 61, Brookfield 43, Granville 3, Pittsfield 21, Randolph 917. and Stockbridge 39. The service responded to 118 requests for mutual aid.

Amy B. Estey, Administrator

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ~ 2003

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 Stockbridge.

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 check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the 7 establishments in Stockbridge, 7 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

Special Nutrition Programs 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 provides an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 20 women, infants and children living in Stockbridge 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 is \$2.6M, and each year 150 to 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia or influenza. During 2002, the Health Department distributed 12,054 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Windsor County. This represents a value of \$153,341.90 to these communities, including children living in Stockbridge.

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, 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: 450 mosquito pools were tested, with nine positive for WNV, and three horses have tested positive (one each from Addison, Orleans and Franklin Counties). In Windsor County from June-Sept. 16th, 2002, 110 dead birds were reported, 56 were tested, and 5 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 website at www.HealthyVermonters.info for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.

CLARA MARTIN CENTER - 2003

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 10th 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.

FY '03 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	<u>2,274</u>
Total Served:	4,809

Total Served from Stockbridge

Child & Family Services	9
Adult Services	7
CSP Services*	2
Substance Abuse Services	<u>3</u>
Total Served:	21

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

QUIN-TOWN CENTER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS - 2003

Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens, located in the Hancock Town Hall, operates on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, serving the towns of Rochester, Granville, Hancock, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield.

Nutritious dinners are furnished to those who attend the Center's events, and the area's "Meals on Wheels" program also operates out of Quin-town. This past year, 3,451 lunches were served on-site, and 4,737 home delivered meals were prepared by the Center, for a total of 8,188 during the past fiscal year.

The Center provides a fun and educational balance of activities prior to each meal. Health topics are presented monthly, mostly through Gifford Outreach, and state and national organizations frequently deliver talks about senior issues.

Fully funded grants from the Vermont Council on the Humanities enable lively historical presentations at the Center, and other talks and displays about the past are well attended.

Musical and dance entertainment is provided frequently, and the Center often holds special events, complete with games and decorations, to celebrate various cultures and holidays.

Granville, Hancock, and Rochester school students, plus area home-schooled pupils contribute to the livelihood at the Center, and many area residents, businesses, and groups share their talents, hobbies, and areas of expertise with our seniors.

Three picnics were held this past summer at Texas Falls, and the Quin-town group enjoyed a mini field trip to Michael Egan's glassblowing shop in Granville. A major field trip to Indian Head Resort in the White Mountains, as well as cruises on Lake Champlain and Lake George were well-attended by many area seniors. A fall foliage tour to southern Vermont was enjoyed, too.

Quin-Town was able to streamline much paperwork, thanks to the purchase of a computer and printer, facilitated by grants from area financial institutions. Additional "Meals of Wheels" equipment, necessitated by the expansion of that program, was also procured via the same sources.

Thanks to the generous support of volunteers, businesses, donors, organizations, and the townships served, Quin-Town Center for Senior Citizens continues to flourish, contributing quality to the lives of this ever-growing segment of the population.

Holly Brown, Site Manager

TEEN SCENE - 2003

Teen Scene welcomes the 7th through 12th Grade youth of Bethel, Stockbridge, and Pittsfield to our activities, which include drop-ins, dances, bus trips, other social events, and more. Teen Scene is always drug and alcohol-free, always a great place to be! In the past year, we have started to do most of our programs away from school, believing that it is great to have a change of scenery once in a while. Plus, our school building is so popular, it is often easier to head "off-campus".

Teen Scene's biggest hit of the year continues to be our annual Forward Festival Street Dance. Drop-ins or trips happen once or twice a month, and usually include a visit to VTC, and then some other spot... maybe the skateboard park in Lebanon, or a shopping mall, or the movies. In an attempt to encourage a place & time for the arts, we have tried several "ts coffeeshouse" nights at school - a change for teens to hang out, socialize, and enjoy some open-mike entertainment!

We strive to be a positive force in the school and our community, our efforts have included donations to the school for worthy projects, such as Cass' Holiday Celebration, Governor's Youth Leadership Conference, and a full day of resiliency training for the 7th grade class. We encourage our young people to make good choices in their lives with Prom Promise and Graduation Reward, both of which award a winning participant \$100 when they choose to stay away from drugs and alcohol on prom and graduation nights.

Teen Scene limits major fundraising efforts to our biannual Telephone Directory and we remain grateful for our advertiser's support of this project. The less fundraising we have to do, the more energy we can put into the activities we plan for our teens!

Our gratitude to everyone who believes in Teen Scene and supports us throughout the year: parents & teens, school & community leaders, teachers & our own Board Members, and all who volunteer their time and talents to help the teens in our communities. We appreciate the continued monetary support that Bethel is able to give us — by helping the teens, you are helping your own town.

INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 2003:

Income:

Town Appropriations:

Bethel	1,000.00
Stockbridge	250.00

Expenses:

Dances/Coffee Houses/Drop Ins:

DJ	150.00
MC	45.00
VTC	89.00

Donations:

Project Graduation	200.00
Johnson Family	100.00
Christmas Lights	55.58
Governor's Youth Leadership C.	210.00
Cass's Christmas	110.53

Prom Promise

	100.00
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Project Grad. Award

	100.00
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Insurance

	2,183.64
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Postage, Paper, Supplies

	37.00
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<u>Year-End Celebration</u>	245.18
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<u>Christmas Celebration</u>	117.69
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<u>Advertising</u>	37.50
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<u>Mailbox Rental</u>	26.00
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7th Grade Resiliency Day

Room Rental	109.00
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Bus	120.00
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Lunch	171.30
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Bowling	133.46
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Workshop Presenter	700.00
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Phonebook Expenses

Refund	25.00
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Editing Dinner	128.41
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Cover Contest Awards	125.00
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Total Expenses:	\$5,319.29
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GREEN MOUNTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. ~ 2003

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 U.S. Department of Commerce. We met with the US Undersecretary of Commerce during this 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 interest 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. We are delighted to welcome these community/business leaders.

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. 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.

PARK HOUSE ~ 2003
(Rochester Community Care Home, Inc.).

Rochester Community Care Home, Inc., dba Park House, a not-for-profit organization, has been providing top quality, affordable housing for the older members of our community since 1991, when Selectboards and other interested community people from the five towns of Rochester, Stockbridge, Granville, Hancock, and Pittsfield joined together to look into the possibility of locating a shared housing facility for elders in the valley. That group applied for, and was ultimately awarded, a Community Development Block Grant and other grants from the Vermont Housing Conservation Board that enabled the Park House project to proceed with a renovation of the old Rochester Inn.

Directives of the grants guarantee that rents for eligible elders who wish to live at Park House will remain perpetually affordable, and that approved income guidelines must be followed in admitting residents. Section 8 housing subsidies are available through the Vermont State Housing Authority to help those individuals who are income eligible.

Park House is a particularly valuable resource to the valley, providing:

- exceptionally fine, reasonably-priced housing that allows elders to live and remain actively involved in the community
- opportunities for school children, through planned programs, to interact with older members of the community
- employment and volunteer opportunities for both young people and adults
- a successful, not-for-profit business that consciously utilizes the services of local businesses (stores, contractors, utilities), helping to stimulate the economy of the valley
- a first-rate, multi-use community center for concerts, plays, meetings, classes, special events, and dinners

We have enjoyed a very special relationship with the Stockbridge community that has been supportive of the Park House project since its inception. Presently Suzanne Butterfield, Frank Green and Beth Sullivan serve as board members, committing countless volunteer hours cooking, house sitting, organizing resident activities, working on a variety of fundraising events, offering wise guidance in management of Park House, and just being good friends to the special group of residents who live here. Stockbridge residents Hattie Gifford is the Park House Food Services Manager/Head Chef. Lillian Green works as part-time Relief Cook. Josephine Humphrey, mother of Walter and Pat Humphrey of Stony Brook, has been a resident of Park House for nearly two years.

Thank you for your generous support in 2003.

Judith G. Pierce, Executive Director

CHATEAUGUAY NO TOWN CONSERVATION PROJECT ~ 2003

The Chateaugay-No Town (CNT) Conservation Project is a partnership of people representing the Towns of Bridgewater, Barnard, Stockbridge, and Killington, landowners, land trusts, and the Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission. Organized as a group in 1997, the Project's purpose is to conserve productive forest lands, sustain critical wildlife habitats, and retain recreational opportunities within the 56,000 acre CNT area. To accomplish this, Project Committee members remained focused on permanent conservation of land by talking with people about the importance of this area for the future generations to use and enjoy as we are now and have in the past.

Through the collaborative efforts of the Vermont Land Trust, The Conservation Fund, Appalachian Trail Conference, other land trusts, and landowners, the Project promotes voluntary conservation of land by limiting development, while keeping land protected for forestry and recreation, now and forever. To do this, our group supports keeping land in the Area in private ownership and use of a legal tool called 'conservative easements' which provide the means to ensure that land is protected over time in accordance to landowner desires.

During 2003, the Committee focused its efforts on educating landowners and the general public about the unique character of this largely upland remote area, comprising portions of the four towns participating in the project. Work continued with several landowners to explore long-term conservation options specific to their properties. A Natural Resource Inventory was completed, giving us baseline information on the range of biodiversity existing in the Area. Landowners and parcel databases were updated, additional GIS mapping of the area completed, and bear habitat assessment studies commenced. This information will help all involved in conserving this Area, better understand the importance of retaining it for largely what it is being used for today.

The Committee recognizes that attaining our goals will be slow and take many years to accomplish. I am, however, very pleased to report that support for our efforts remain very strong. Again, I appreciate the involvement of each of partners and look forward to a successful year in 2004.

For further information on the Project, contact the Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Commission at 457-3188 or e-mail me at jerry10310@aol.com.

Gerald K. Fredrickson, Chair - Barnard

GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST ~ 2003

The phrase "*CARING FOR THE LAND AND SERVING PEOPLE*", captures the Forest Service mission. As set forth in law, the mission is to achieve quality public land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people.

We are feverishly trying to finish the Green Mtn. National Forest *Land and Resource Management Plan* (Forest Plan). The Forest Plan is an extremely important document, and directs how we will manage the Green Mountain National Forest (Forest), including what types and amounts of goods and services will be provided. Here is a listing of the meetings we held:

- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **Notice of Entent** comments and Desired Future conditions, Jan. and Feb. 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **draft goals**, March 2003;

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- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **recreation and land acquisition**; April 2003;
- Species Viability Evaluation Panels for **plants and animals**, April-Aug. 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **newly acquired lands (9.2 lands)**, May 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **Class 1 and 2 roads**, June 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **trails**, July 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **biodiversity and ecosystem management**, August 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **Wilderness**, September 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **vegetation and timber management**, October 2003; and

We are now holding public planning group meetings on the final details of the plan, (setting up the zoning or management areas, setting goals and objectives, etc.) I cannot encourage you enough to become involved in this effort. Watch the newspaper for upcoming meetings or contact the Forest to get on the mailing list. Your opinion is important, and we want to hear from you!

In the field, our wildlife program continues to focus on federally listed threatened and endangered species. Working with State (VT & NY) and Federal agencies, we continue to monitor the Indiana bat populations in VT. We also continued Canada lynx surveys using hair snares for a fourth year. As in the past, no lynx were detected. Surveys for both species are likely to take place in 2004. The Forest continued its apple tree release program on the Manchester District using both Forest staff and volunteers to complete approximately 15 acres of release work.

In fisheries management, we continue to work with the VT Fish and Wildlife Dept. and southern watershed groups on a variety of inventory and habitat surveys of the Battenkill, as well as riverbank restoration projects.

In vegetation management, we have four timber sale projects on the entire Forest. Timber stand improvement happened on 112 acres and site preparation for natural regeneration on 94 acres. Environmental Analysis continued for the Greendale Project in Weston; and the Nordic Project in Winhall, Peru and Landgrove.

In recreation management, construction was completed on the Hapgood Pond dam. The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps rebuilt trails and bridges in several areas. Numerous volunteer groups, including VAST and the Green Mtn. Club, as well as campground hosts and other individuals donated of their time and energy to improving recreation opportunities on the Forest.

The Forest grew by 2,844 acres through the acquisition of 4 parcels of land, and is now approximately 387,000 acres. The largest parcel was 2,720 acres in the Town of Wardsboro. Smaller parcels were acquired in Woodford, Warren, and Rochester.

U.S. Forest Service personnel were on site of the Challenger spacecraft disintegration in Feb. They helped NASA find pieces in a small area of Texas and were instrumental in finding several pieces that became part of the overall puzzle of that incident. We also sent out 15 interagency crews (20 people crews) to help in fighting wildfire in the west.

We wish to thank our many partners and cooperators who have helped us make 2003 a very successful year. We look forward to serving you in the new year, and in working closely with you on the stewardship of YOUR Green Mountain National Forest.

Gina Owens, District Ranger, South Half
Steven Kimball, District Ranger, North Half

WINDSOR NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Office of the Superintendent
2004-2005 Proposed Budget

Description		2000-01 Actual	2001-02 Actual	2002-03 Budget	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Proposed
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE							
2313	100 Salary-Treasurer	711	739	761	761	785	872
	220 FICA-Treasurer	0	57	0	58	0	0
	Total Function 2313	711	796	761	819	785	872
2321	100 Salary-Superintendent	78,175	83,349	81,302	76,302	76,302	89,000
	110 Salary-Secretary	36,207	29,908	30,805	25,577	24,075	26,894
	115 Salary-Office Asst	0	0	0	50	4,120	2,631
	115 Salary-SU Clerk	0	300	600	0	0	0
	210 Health Insurance	11,239	12,835	13,992	8,001	13,392	26,614
	220 FICA	8,861	8,645	8,680	7,776	7,994	9,067
	250 Worker's Comp	3,037	11,122	3,500	0	12,000	9,000
	270 Tuition Reimburse	500	654	750	35	750	750
	280 Dental	676	727	814	346	518	1,036
	290 Disability	0	2,769	0	3,279	750	804
	310 Staff Inservice	0	0	250	0	0	0
	360 Legal Fees	450	203	5,000	1,481	2,500	7,500
	420 Office Cleaning/Trash	1,460	2,110	2,000	2,224	2,000	3,964
	430 Repair/Maintenance	5,492	6,261	6,000	4,929	3,500	1,000
	441 Office Rent	10,500	16,170	15,650	17,148	19,000	21,500
	522 Property/Liability Ins	4,834	4,988	6,000	9,495	5,500	5,800
	530 Telephone	3,450	6,413	6,000	10,854	6,180	5,000
	530 Postage	5,240	4,231	5,500	5,559	5,000	5,250
	540 Advertising	418	481	600	1,910	1,500	2,500
	580 Prof Meetings\Inservice	448	272	1,000	6,979	1,000	1,000
	580 Travel-Superintendent	4,000	4,000	4,000	5,296	5,000	2,400
	580 Travel-Secretary	84	402	125	0	125	0
	600 Supplies	5,116	6,460	6,300	10,266	7,300	7,500
	640 Books/Periodicals	611	381	750	800	250	250
	670 Computer Software	0	433	0	30,114	500	7,000
	700 Equipment	698	5,055	2,500	305	0	0
	810 Dues and Fees	2,534	2,859	3,000	2,957	2,500	3,100
	890 Miscellaneous	0	142	0		5,000	0
	Total Function 2321	184,030	211,170	205,118	231,683	206,756	239,560
SUPPORT SERVICES - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION							
2400	580 Travel - Interschool Mail						1,200
	Total Function 2400						1,200

WINDSOR NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Office of the Superintendent
2004-2005 Proposed Budget

Description		2000-01 Actual	2001-02 Actual	2002-03 Budget	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Proposed
FISCAL SERVICES							
2520	100 Salary-Business Mgr	46,340	48,194	49,640	57,240	55,250	54,000
	110 Salary-Business Staff	29,960	31,395	20,468	40,694	23,580	29,351
	115 Salary - Temporary He	0	0	0	7,231	0	30,000
	210 Health Insurance	14,511	16,571	12,000	20,017	21,492	25,002
	220 FICA	5,387	5,995	5,363	7,492	6,031	6,285
	260 Unemployment			0	1,834	0	2,500
	280 Dental	921	909	773	1,097	1,080	972
	330 Section 125 Admin	2,318	2,415	3,000	1,440	3,000	3,000
	330 Contracted Services	0	7,994	0	1,380	0	2,000
	370 Audit	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,500	2,500
	580 Prof Meetings	0	0	0	75	0	500
	580 Travel-Business Off	1,861	1,505	2,100	1,453	2,100	2,400
	810 Dues and Fees	975	1,314	500	1,133	1,000	500
	Total Function 2520	104,373	118,392	95,944	143,186	116,033	159,010
DEBT SERVICE							
5100	830 Interest - Long Term Debt						150
	910 Principal - Long Term Debt						1,350
	Total Function 5100						1,500
Total Superintendent's Office		289,114	330,358	301,823	375,688	323,574	402,142

WINDSOR NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Special Education
2004-2005 Proposed Budget

Description		2000-01 Actual	2001-02 Actual	2002-03 Budget	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Proposed
SPECIAL EDUCATION							
SPED Instruction							
1200	100 Salary-SPED Professic	272,598	311,385	336,657	322,934	332,831	330,999
	110 Salary-SPED Paraprof	207,392	230,059	252,459	248,153	287,027	307,543
	120 Substitutes	13,630	5,916	8,288	18,049	7,500	18,050
	210 Health Insurance	79,124	79,660	104,167	95,107	116,667	123,626
	220 FICA	37,016	41,074	45,701	44,627	49,730	50,228
	260 Unemployment	865	214	1,500	0	1,500	1,500
	270 Tuition Reimburse	7,371	6,941	8,100	13,285	8,100	14,285
	280 Dental	2,918	2,544	3,663	2,176	3,750	3,552
	290 Disability	0	0	1,400	0	1,400	1,600
	320 Inservice	552	1,531	2,940	1,344	2,500	3,000
	330 Contracted Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
	430 Repair/Maintenance	207	269	250	262	250	250
	540 Advertising	2,476	1,602	980	9,421	1,000	4,000
	580 Travel	7,120	6,677	5,300	8,261	8,000	8,500
	600 Supplies	5,133	4,672	4,675	3,111	4,500	7,000
	640 Books/Periodicals	739	1,382	1,400	1,815	500	500
	670 Computer Software	439	702	1,175	108	1,200	1,000
	700 Equipment	2,267	1,106	425	1,111	0	0
	810 Dues and Fees	54	639	0	499	0	0
	Total Function 1200	639,901	696,373	779,081	770,263	826,455	875,633
SPED Related Services							
2100	100 Reading Tutor (OG)	21,203	20,666	22,051	21,519	22,714	0
	100 Summer Services	10,291	16,886	11,652	16,839	15,000	18,150
	210 Health Insurance	2,860	3,266	3,560	3,559	3,984	0
	220 FICA	1,622	1,581	1,687	1,646	1,737	0
	220 FICA-Summer Service:	711	1,148	891	1,286	1,148	1,368
	330 Contracted Services	41,072	54,154	54,809	65,796	57,860	78,702
	330 OT/PT	46,986	42,459	54,620	54,494	41,960	56,980
	330 Adaptive PE	1,898	950	3,600	1,640	5,000	3,600
	330 Psych Consult	14,039	8,160	17,760	20,906	20,000	15,000
	330 Psych Testing	48,371	49,679	49,300	59,832	42,500	65,000
	330 Psych Counseling	54,986	78,510	79,200	62,457	87,340	66,550
	330 Vision Services	0	0	500	3,171	500	500
	330 Extra Ordinary Costs	0	0	0	95,924	0	0
	330 Excess Costs	0	0	0	45,557	0	0
	430 Repair/Maintenance	0	0	0	0	100	100
	561 Tuition Payments	235,396	211,621	218,246	110,931	227,937	422,652
	810 Dues and Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Function 2100	479,435	489,080	517,876	565,557	527,780	728,602

WINDSOR NORTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
Special Education
2004-2005 Proposed Budget

Description		2000-01 Actual	2001-02 Actual	2002-03 Budget	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Proposed
SPED Speech Services							
2150	100 Salary-SLP	65,800	68,389	69,821	50,749	77,905	76,847
	210 Health Insurance	10,146	13,347	11,954	5,657	15,768	12,058
	220 FICA	4,902	5,074	5,341	3,498	5,960	5,809
	270 Tuition Reimburse	135	180	3,309	0	4,420	4,164
	280 Dental	633	727	692	418	714	710
	330 Contracted Services	5,303	3,423	7,500	1,066	5,000	19,060
	330 Hearing Consultant	500	1,450	7,200	2,923	2,000	5,000
	580 Travel	894	786	715	961	700	1,506
	600 Supplies (SLP)	701	1,008	865	73	1,450	2,250
	610 Supplies (Artic)	351	0	0	0	0	0
	670 Computer Software	0	0	330	175	400	200
	700 Equipment	0	0	159	0	0	0
	Total Function 2150	89,365	94,384	107,886	65,520	114,317	127,604
SPED Support Services Administration							
2420	100 Salary-SPED Coordin	52,067	58,534	56,315	52,411	63,341	66,413
	115 Salary-Records Clerk	11,873	12,587	12,719	20,338	16,480	14,640
	210 Health Insurance	10,923	12,476	13,598	12,076	10,704	13,007
	220 FICA	4,692	5,326	5,281	5,155	6,106	6,201
	270 Tuition Reimburse	0	176	850	1,255	1,000	2,082
	280 Dental	544	545	590	1,165	720	888
	320 Inservice	57	13	300	153	300	300
	580 Travel	919	1,951	1,800	728	1,800	1,350
	600 Supplies	14	0	250	0	250	250
	640 Books/Periodicals	159	0	500	269	500	500
	700 Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0
	810 Dues and Fees	441	656	500	499	500	500
	Total Function 2420	81,689	92,264	92,704	94,049	101,701	106,131
Student Transportation							
2700	330 Student Transportation	30,640	31,279	30,995	29,413	48,147	60,691
	Total Function 2700	30,640	31,279	30,995	29,413	48,147	60,691
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION		1,321,030	1,403,380	1,528,542	1,524,802	1,618,400	1,898,661

SUMMARY							
	2000-01 Actual	2001-02 Actual	2002-03 Budget	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Proposed	
SPED Instruction	639,901	696,373	779,081	770,263	826,455	875,633	5.95%
SPED Related Service	479,435	489,080	517,876	565,557	527,780	728,602	38.05%
SPED Speech	89,365	94,384	107,886	65,520	114,317	127,604	11.62%
SPED Support Admin	81,689	92,264	92,704	94,049	101,701	106,131	4.36%
SPED Student Transp	30,640	31,279	30,995	29,413	48,147	60,691	26.05%
TOTALS	1,321,030	1,403,380	1,528,542	1,524,802	1,618,400	1,898,661	17.32%

**2004 - 2005 Proposed Budget
ASSESSMENTS**

ADMINISTRATION

TOWN	2003-2004			2004-2005				
	ADM	% ADM	FY03	ADM	% ADM	FY04	\$ +/-	% +/-
BETHEL	330.92	43.83%	141,824	318.60	42.43%	170,629	28,805	20.31%
GRANVILLE	48.80	6.46%	20,914	63.00	8.39%	33,740	12,826	61.33%
HANCOCK	46.40	6.15%	19,888	54.88	7.30%	29,356	9,470	47.62%
PITTSFIELD	18.60	2.46%	7,972	13.00	1.73%	6,957	(1,015)	-12.73%
ROCHESTER	210.40	27.87%	90,172	202.00	26.92%	108,257	18,085	20.06%
STOCKBRIDGE	99.88	13.23%	42,806	99.39	13.23%	53,203	10,397	24.29%
TOTALS	755.00	100.00%	323,574	750.87	100.00%	402,142	78,568	24.28%

TOWN	2004-2005		
	ADM %	CC %	SPED %
BETHEL	42.43%	49.54%	45.99%
GRANVILLE	8.39%	6.42%	7.40%
HANCOCK	7.30%	6.42%	6.86%
PITTSFIELD	1.73%	1.83%	1.79%
ROCHESTER	26.92%	25.69%	26.30%
STOCKBRIDGE	13.23%	10.09%	11.66%
TOTALS	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

2004-2005 Proposed SPED Expenditures	\$ 1,898,661
2004-2005 Estimated SPED Revenues	\$ 1,011,634
2004-2005 Estimated Net Assessment	\$ 887,027

SPED EST. Revenues	1,011,634
Mainstream Block Grant	253,410
General/Intensive	718,445
Extraordinary	39,779

Est SPED Revenues based on DOE Preliminary Revenue Projections of 12/03

SPECIAL EDUCATION

TOWN	2003-2004				2004-2005					
	ADM	CC	SPED %	*** FY04	ADM	CC	SPED %	FY05	\$ +/-	% +/-
BETHEL	330.92	51	46.20%	747,701	318.60	54	45.99%	873,194	125,493	16.78%
GRANVILLE	48.80	10	7.99%	129,310	63.00	7	7.40%	140,500	11,190	8.65%
HANCOCK	46.40	5	5.45%	88,203	54.88	7	6.86%	130,248	42,045	47.67%
PITTSFIELD	18.60	3	2.66%	43,049	13.00	2	1.79%	33,986	(9,063)	-21.05%
ROCHESTER	210.40	24	25.37%	410,588	202.00	28	26.30%	499,347	88,759	21.62%
STOCKBRIDGE	99.88	12	12.33%	199,549	99.39	11	11.66%	221,383	21,834	10.94%
TOTALS	755.00	105	100.00%	1,618,400	750.87	109	100.00%	1,898,658	280,258	17.32%

ADM = Average Daily Membership (enrollment) for first 40 days of the 2003-2004 school year
 CC = Child count for SPED Services as of December 1, 2003
 SPED % = average of ADM % and CC% used for assessment allocations

*** The Special Education Assessment for FY 2004 has been corrected.

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE VITAL STATISTICS - 2003

MARRIAGES:

Groom	Bride	Date of Marriage
Randy R. Race	Lorin E. Parker	May 16, 2003
Peter C. Nikolaidis	Anne C. Taggart	July 27, 2003
Daniel J. Molnar	Anna B. Lalley	Sept. 6, 2003

BIRTHS:

Name	Parents	Date of Birth
Olivia N. Merrill	Joshua & Michelle Merrill	March 24, 2003
Paige E. Shirley	Scott & Erin Shirley	April 11, 2003
Jacob L. Ruben	Patrick & Karen Ruben	July 25, 2003

DEATHS:

Name	Date of Death	Age
Irene Byrne	Feb. 7, 2003	97
Walter Whalen	May 12, 2003	60
Arlene L. Ashley	June 4, 2003	77
Mildred T. Butterfield	June 6, 2003	83
Richmond W. Brown	July 4, 2003	70
Dana E. Michaud	August 11, 2003	78
Jane E. Sprindis	Nov. 10, 2003	59
Thelma B. Miller	November 28, 2003	76

BURIALS:

Name	Date of Burial	Cemetery
Bertha E. Butterfield	April 19, 2003	Maplewood
Alfred J. Twitchell	April 26, 2003	Maplewood
Irene Byrne	May 18, 2003	Mt. Pleasant
Edith H. Blanchard	May 19, 2003	Mt. Pleasant
Thomas C. Pratt	May 30, 2003	Mt. Pleasant
Allen H. Butterfield	June 9, 2003	Maplewood
Alice E. Burton	June 17, 2003	Maplewood



TOWN ALMANAC

A Compendium of Old, New and Useful Information and Announcements.

Town Charter ~ Stockbridge became a Town on July 1st, 1761, chartered by Benning Wentworth, Governor of the Province of New Hampshire, through a grant to William York Grant, being the first one in territory (the same land) was made to William Story. There is nothing further about this grant in town records.

The Land ~ 28,300 acres

Its People ~ 684 - 2000 Census

Its River ~ The White River enters Stockbridge at the Stockbridge-Rochester line at an elevation of approximately 755 ft. In it's course through the town it falls 175 ft., leaving at the Stockbridge-Bethel line at an elevation of about 580 ft.

Checklist ~ The Town's current checklist has 453 registered voters.

Dog Licenses ~ Dog licenses are due April 1st. After April 1st, an additional fee is charged. Fees to register dogs are:

\$5.00 Spayed Females & Neutered Males

\$9.00 Unneutered dog

All wolf-hybrids must also be licensed. Rabies shots must be kept up-to-date and the certificate listed with the Town Clerk.

Taxes Due ~ Property Taxes are due on August 15th with a second installment due on October 15th. All Taxes become delinquent on the day following the date they are due, and are subject to interest and fees.

Official Notices & Warnings ~ The newspaper in which Stockbridge publicizes its official warnings and notices is the Herald of Randolph published weekly on Thursdays.

Garbage Disposal ~ Garbage is collected by Benson's Rubbish Removal on Thursdays. Recycling is picked up on the 4th Monday of each month.

Post Offices ~ Stockbridge, 05772 Phone: 746-8041
Monday-Friday - 7:30 a.m.-12:00 & 1:00-4:30 p.m.
Saturdays - 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Gaysville, 05746 Phone: 234-5575
Monday-Friday - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 & 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturdays - 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

To Report a Fire ~ Dial 911

To Call Police ~ Dial 911 or 234-9933

To Call Ambulance ~ Dial 728-9600 or 911

To Call Clara Martin Center ~ Dial Toll Free 1-800-622-4244 - 24 hour emergency phone.

Burning Permits ~ Burning permits are required. Contact Dave Brown, Fire Warden. Please also advise the Stockbridge Fire Department of any major burning to be accomplished. Fire watch towers and residents call in checking out smoke.

Town Clerk's Office ~ The Town office is open to the public Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 and Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Telephone/fax 802-746-8400. Email Stockbridgevt@aol.com

Selectmen ~ The Selectboard meets the first and third Thursday of each month in the Town office at 7:00 P.M.

Fire Department ~ The Stockbridge Volunteer Fire Department meet regularly on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Town garage at 7:00 p.m. Dave Brown, Fire Chief 746-8931.

Planning Commission ~ The Stockbridge Planning Commission has it's regular meetings the second Tuesday of each month at the Town Office at 7:00 p.m. Zoning regulations are in effect and a building permit is required for most projects. Please contact the Zoning Administrator if you have any questions regarding permit requirements.

Stockbridge School Board ~ The Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Central School.

Quin-Town Center ~ The Quin-Town Center in Hancock serves lunch to Senior Citizens on Mondays and Fridays at noon.

RECYCLING UP-DATE

Bethel-Royalton Alliance

1. **GLASS...** three kinds: clear, dark brown and green. Metal and plastic covers and rings which were part of the cap must be removed. Paper labels may be left in place. Glass should be rinsed clean. Not acceptable in this category: plate glass, light bulbs, cookware, drinking glasses or ceramics.

2. **ALUMINUM...** all aluminum (soda, beer and cat food), cans, baking trays, foil, lawn chair frames, aluminum siding, etc. Remove foreign materials such as food, non aluminum hardware, plastic & wood.

3. **STEEL/TIN CANS...** includes vegetable, fruit, juice and maple syrup cans, lids from frozen juice containers. Please rinse clean. Note: to make identifying aluminum from steel/tin easy, use a magnet, it will stick to steel/tin and not to aluminum.

4. **COLORED PLASTIC CONTAINERS...** only colored plastic bottles that have #2 HDPE recycling symbol on the bottom and have narrow threaded necks (laundry detergent, household cleaners, and shampoo bottles). Please rinse containers as much as possible and remove caps. Not acceptable in this category: car care products containers such as oil, dry gas or anti-freeze.

5. **PLASTIC MILK JUGS...** only milk, water and cider jugs that have #2 HDPE recycling symbol on the bottom of containers. Rinse well and remove caps. Flatten to save space and keep separate from the colored plastic containers.

6. **PLASTIC #1 PET...** includes anything that has the #1 PET recycling symbol on the bottom of the container, any color as long as it can be seen through.

7. **USED MOTOR OIL...** keep in separate containers and label.

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Please bring this report to Town Meeting — March 2, 2004 at 9:00 A.M.