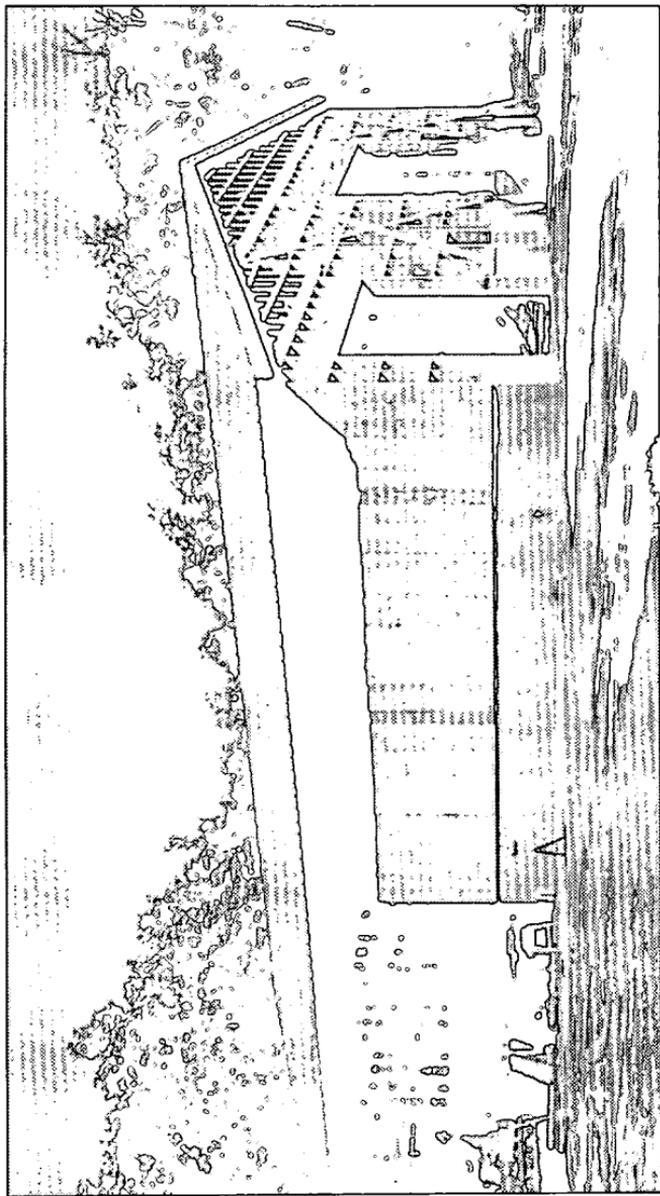


Town of Weybridge, Vermont Annual Report

June 30 2003



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We find it appropriate to remember the following nonagenarians who were long time residents of Weybridge, and share with you their interesting lives.

Wealthy Bardosy, a descendant of early settlers, was born in 1909 in the family home in Weybridge, where she also passed away in September of 2003. In 1928, she received her teaching degree from the University of Vermont. Her first teaching job was at Leicester Four Corners, and later in Ferrisburg and Panton. Amongst her experiences in that profession, she tended the stove, shoveled the snow, and taught twelve grades in a single room school. She joined the WW II war effort in Connecticut with Colt Firearms, and also with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. She taught in Berlin, Connecticut, before returning to Weybridge where she resumed her career at the Mary Hogan School. Never fully retired, Wealthy continued substituting for many years. She was also involved in various aspects of Town business over her life time including a short time as Town Clerk to fill the position when her father, Charles Baker, passed away in 1944. In the summer months you could not pass the Cemetery without seeing her tending to it. Her daughter Joan Jordan and husband Don, as well as grandson Todd Charles Jordan, continue to reside in Weybridge.

Leslie Collins Wales graduated from Vergennes High School in 1925, attended Normal School and taught at the Nortontown School in Addison. When her husband, Leonard Wales, became head horseman and trainer at the Morgan Horse Farm, they moved into the house at the farm where she was born. The Wales were honored by the Vermont, New England and American Horse Associations over the years. Her sons Roger and Erle (Pip) as well as Rogers's sons and their families reside in the family homes in Weybridge.

Mildred S. Wright was appointed Town Clerk and Treasurer upon the death of her husband Ovette Hammond Wright in 1959 and served until her retirement in 1974. Her interest in the business of the Town continued as she made herself available as a ballot clerk and Assistant Town Clerk for several years. After that she would make a daily trip to the Clerk's Office as she missed seeing the Townspeople. The Clerk's Office was in the Wright home until the construction and occupancy of the new office in 1965.

ON THE COVER: The Weybridge Salt, Sand & Recycling Shed under construction.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
And By Appointment**

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

545-2450 Fax: 545-2624

Home; 545-2402

e-mail: weybrdge@together.net (note – no “i”)

Website: www.weybridge.govoffice.com

SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday Each Month

7:30 PM

Town Clerk's Office

SCHOOLBOARD MEETINGS

Third Thursday each Month

7:00 PM

Weybridge School

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business Meeting: - 2nd Monday Each Month – 7:30 PM

Dept. Training & Drill: - 4th Monday Each Month – 7:30 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

Second Tuesday Each Month

7:30 PM

Town Clerk's Office

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Third Tuesday Each Month

7:30 PM

Town Clerk's Office

WEYBRIDGE RECYCLING HOURS

Saturdays

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Additional Summer Hours

(June – September only)

Wednesdays

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

WEYBRIDGE TOWN OFFICERS

		TERM	EXP.
MODERATOR	Stanley James Jr.	1	2004
TOWN CLERK/TREAS.	Karen B. Curavoo	3	2004
ASS'T TOWN CLERK	B. Landon/G. Piper	1	2004
UNION HIGH DIRECTOR	Stanley James Jr.	3	2006
ROAD COMMISSIONER	Bob Cyr	1	2004
ASS'T ROAD COMMISSIONER	Jim Kress	1	2004
CONSTABLE	Irwin Brent	2	2005
COLL. OF DELIN. TAXES	Phyllis Bowdish	1	2004
TOWN AGENT	Steve Smith	1	2004
GRAND JUROR	Gale Hurd	1	2004
TOWN FIRE WARDEN	Peter James	5	2008
TOWN TREE WARDEN	George Sagui	1	2004
REGIONAL PLANNING REP.	Jan Albers	1	2004
REGIONAL PLANNING ALT.	John Chamberlain	1	2004
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Mike Jenkins	1	2004
ASS'T ZONING ADMIN.	Chris Davis	1	2004
ENERGY COORDINATOR	Peter James	1	2004
SOLID WASTE REP.	Tim Wickland	1	2004
SOLID WASTE ALTERNATE	Gale Hurd	1	2004
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS (Acting)	Ron Raynolds		
E911 COORDINATOR	Chris Davis		
TOWN MAPPER	Chris Davis		
RECYCLING COORDINATOR	Gale Hurd		
TOWN SERVICE OFFICER	Muriel Harms	1	2004
TOWN HEALTH OFFICERS	M. Jenkins/M. Harms	1	2004
GREEN UP CHAIRPERSON	Megan Sutton	1	2004
ISTEA REP.	Robert Huth	1	2004

WEYBRIDGE TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTBOARD	TERM	EXPIRES
Peter James - Chairman	2	2004
Steve Smith	3	2005
Jim D'Avignon Sr.	3	2006
Alan J. Piper	2	2005
Gale Hurd	3	2004
SCHOOL DIRECTORS		
Maggie Ryan - Chairwoman	2	2005
Scott Wales	2	2004
Megan Sutton	3	2006
Eric Bowdish	3	2005
Steven Reigle	3	2004
PLANNING COMMISSION		
Rich Wolfson - Vice Chairman	4	2006
Jan Albers	4	2007
Spence Putnam - Clerk	4	2007
Steve Davis	4	2004
Bill Roper	4	2004
AUDITORS		
Wilfred Bilodeau - Chairman	3	2005
Judy Gutterson	3	2006
Todd Charles Jordan	3	2004
LISTERS		
Arthur Bradley	3	2005
Greg Lyons	3	2006
Richard Unger	3	2004
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Natalie Reigle- Chairwoman	4	2005
Steve Weber	4	2006
Eben Punderson	4	2007
John Aberth	4	2007
Carol Spooner	4	2005
Reg Spooner	4	2005
John Chamberlain	4	2006
Kathy Morse	4	2004

WEYBRIDGE TOWN OFFICERS

ZONING BOARD

Wilfred Bilodeau- Chairman	3	2006
Megan Sutton	3	2005
Tom Ward	3	2005
Alan Ayer	3	2006
David Shaw	3	2004

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Joan Jordan - Chairwoman	5	2004
Todd Charles Jordan	5	2008
Wealtha Bardosy	5	2005
Karen B. Curavoo	5	2007
Deb Brisson	5	2006

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Claire Ayer	2	2004
Maggie Quinn	2	2004
Wilfred Bilodeau	2	2004
Rita Piper	2	2004
Millicent Rooney	2	2004

POUND KEEPERS

Louis Bergevin	1	2004
Matt Bruch	1	2004
Brian Kemp	1	2004

FENCE VIEWERS

Armond Brisson	1	2004
Carl DeBisschop	1	2004
Robert James	1	2004

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Karen B. Curavoo	3	2005
Glenna Piper	3	2006
Rita Piper	3	2004

WARNING
2004 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Weybridge are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in Weybridge at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, March 1, 2004, to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To accept the reports of the various Town Officers.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$259,400 to defray the expenses for the Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Estimated amount to be raised by taxes \$ 178,400.)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 74,290 to defray General Fund expenses for the ensuing year. (Entire amount to be raised by taxes)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 14,000 for Fire Protection for the Town of Weybridge.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 18,000 to continue the Town-sponsored volunteer Recycling Program for the ensuing year, and should funds permit, to hire someone for the purpose of expanding the hours the Recycling Center is open.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to have taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 15, 2004.

ARTICLE 7: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

ARTICLE 8: Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the Town Clerk's Office for the purpose of voting on the following business by Australian Ballot. Polls will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

A. TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING TOWN OFFICERS:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Moderator – 1 year | Lister – 3 years |
| Selectboard - 2 years | Selectboard - 3 years |
| Auditor- 3 years | Town Agent – 1 year |
| Library Trustee-5 years | Grand Juror – 1 year |
| Trustee Public Funds - 3 years | Town Clerk – 3 years |
| Town Treasurer- 3 years | |

B. TO VOTE THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:

- | | |
|---|----------|
| 1. Addison County Parent/Child Center | \$ 1,100 |
| 2. Addison County Community Action | \$ 2,600 |
| 3. Addison County Home Health & Hospice | \$ 995 |
| 4. Women Safe (A.C. Women In Crisis) | \$ 550 |
| 5. Champlain Valley Agency on Aging | \$ 900 |
| 6. Community Health Services | \$ 500 |
| 7. Counseling Service of Addison County | \$ 1,750 |
| 8. Elderly Services | \$ 500 |
| 9. Hospice Volunteer Services | \$ 250 |
| 10. John Graham Emergency Shelter | \$ 1,600 |
| 11. Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. | \$ 1,293 |
| 12. Mary Johnson Children's Center | \$ 350 |
| 13. Otter Creek Child Center | \$ 400 |
| 14. Otter Creek Natural Resource Conservation | \$ 83 |
| 15. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program | \$ 275 |
| 16. Weybridge Cemetery Association | \$ 2,000 |
| 17. Vermont Adult Learning | \$ 260 |

WEYBRIDGE SELECTBOARD

A BRIEF ON TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

The Legislature requires that Town Meeting be run according to Robert's Rules Of Order. These can become very complicated and a few relevant ones are summarized here to help each voter feel more comfortable at Town Meeting,

Once the meeting is convened by the Moderator, the warning can be read in its entirety or, better yet the articles could be read one at a time and acted upon. The congregation can act on an article out of its sequence if it is reasonable to do so and a 2/3 vote to the motion is required. To make a motion or voice an opinion, a voter should address the Moderator, Mr./Madam Moderator. Once recognized, the voter can place an article on the floor and a second to motion is needed to commence the discussion. All remarks should be germane to the article and directed to the Moderator. When discussion seems to have waned or reached a point of stagnation, the Moderator may "Call the Question". A voter may also "Call the Question" but discretion should allow for adequate expression of pros and cons. A 2/3 vote is required to suspend this fundamental right of discourse.

An amendment that doesn't completely change the intent of the main motion may be made and seconded. The amendment is subsequently voted on and if voted on in the affirmative, voting will follow on the main motion as amended. Although it may become confusing, additional amendments can be made to the original amendment.

Once an article has been voted on, it can't be reconsidered at the same meeting. Each member of an assembly has a right to speak twice on the same question providing that every member, desiring to, has spoken. Without permission of the assembly, speakers are limited to ten minutes. "Questions of Privilege," allow for the interruption of a member's speech, if the speaker cannot be heard, if there are disturbances or distractions in the hall or to question the adherence to Parliamentary Procedure.

The tabling of a motion, though permissible, should be avoided at Town Meeting. Postponing action on a particular article accomplishes the same purpose and allows for limited debate. It takes precedence over other motions and it may be amended as to the time of postponement. The motion to postpone is debatable and requires a majority vote but it is not amendable.

An objection to the consideration of an article should be stated before the debate, does not require a second, is not debatable or amendable but requires a 2/3 vote to be sustained.

Voting is usually done by a "voice vote" (viva voce) but a "Division of the House" (request for a more decisive count) requires a "show of hands" or a standing count. Seven voters may request the "written ballot" or "secret ballot", though time consuming is more private and accurate.

TOWN OF WEYBRIDGE

Chartered	November 3, 1761	
Organized:	1789	
Area: (Some overlap)	11,227 Acres Total	
	Farmland	47%
	Forest Land	34%
	Deer Wintering Areas	15%
	Wetland	6%
	Water	3%
	Floodplain	13%
Altitude:	415 Feet @ Weybridge Hill	
Longitude/Latitude:	73* 13" W, 44* 04" N	
Population: 2000 Census	824	
Registered Voters:	609	
Miles of Roads:	33.05	
Housing Units:	323	
Population Density:	48.5 persons per square mile	

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

We, the Auditors of the Town of Weybridge, have examined all accounts and believe them to be accurate for FY 2003.

Wilfred Bilodeau Judy Gutterson T. Charles Jordan

VITAL STATISTICS- July 1, 2002- June 30, 2003

BIRTHS

CHILD'S NAME	PARENTS' NAMES	PLACE	DATE
Serena Lynn Shmi Roberts	Jamie Lyn (Everts) & Sean P. Roberts	Middlebury	6/22/2003
Kathryn Elizabeth Waterman	Kimberly (Pearson) & Lance R. Waterman	Burlington	4/23/2003
Keegan Burton Kane	Heather L. (Urbanak) & Christopher B. Kane	Middlebury	3/11/2003
Chase Thomas Given	Heidi L. Anderson & Garrett T. Given	Middlebury	1/28/2003
Morgan Scott Galipeau	Leslie A. (Brisson) & Scott V. Galipeau	Middlebury	9/10/2002
Michael Anthony Whitley	Annette M. (Cloutier) & Joseph R. Whitley	Middlebury	8/29/2002
Kira Marie Kemp	Sara M (Marquis) & Brian J. Kemp	Middlebury	7/5/2002.

MARRIAGES

GROOM	BRIDE	PLACE	DATE
Cory Jack Maizac	Cynthia Ann Growney	Weybridge	8/24/2002
Chad Chris Lamb	Sara Jackson Smith	Weybridge	8/17/2002
James Arthur Tracy	Elizabeth Harms	Cornwall	6/28/2003

CIVIL UNIONS

Daniel P. Breen	James R. Burnett	Middlebury	10/9/2002
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DEATHS

NAME	AGE	PLACE	DATE
William George Selleck	67	Weybridge	6/23/2003
Bruce H. Young	60	Middlebury	3/9/2003
Margaret (Gants) Miller	88	Weybridge	3/4/2003
Stephen Mayer Stillman	57	Middlebury	3/2/2003
George E. Billings	76	Middlebury	11/12/2002
Helen (Duclos) deCourval	75	Middlebury	10/16/2002

If you had a vital event that happened between the above report date and it doesn't appear here, contact Karen as the document was not filed here and it should be

BALANCE SHEET ALL ACCOUNTS

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002:

General Fund:	\$9,690.46
Highway Department:	-\$7,682.23
Bridge Fund:	-\$10,000.00
Gilman Fund:	\$560.39
Flower Fund:	\$64.22
Cotton Library:	\$649.06
Conservation Fund:	\$209.01
Planning Commission:	\$4,365.58
Equipment Fund:	\$26,770.00
Salt Funds:	<u>\$12,137.59</u>
	\$36,764.08

Receipts:

General Fund:	\$106,155.02
Highway Department:	\$256,073.95
Bridge Fund:	\$10,000.00
Gilman Fund:	\$8.50
Flower Fund:	\$15.05
Cotton Library:	\$126.57
Conservation Fund:	\$11,033.98
Planning Commission:	\$33.87
Equipment Fund:	\$0.00
Salt Funds:	<u>\$209,165.18</u>
	<u>\$592,612.12</u>
	<u>\$629,376.20</u>

Expenses:

General Fund:	\$95,777.71
Highway Department:	\$276,723.32
Bridge Fund:	\$109.00
Gilman Fund:	\$0.00
Flower Fund:	\$55.40

BALANCE SHEET ALL ACCOUNTS

Cotton Library:	\$161.78
Conservation Fund:	\$0.00
Planning Commission:	\$3,300.00
Equipment Fund:	<u>\$0.00</u>
Salt Funds:	<u>\$70,887.77</u>
	\$447,014.98

Ending Balance June 30, 2003:

General Fund:	\$20,067.77
Highway Department:	-\$28,331.60
Bridge Fund:	-\$109.00
Gilman Fund:	\$568.89
Flower Fund:	\$23.87
Cotton Library:	\$613.85
Conservation Fund:	\$11,242.99
Planning Commission:	\$1,099.45
Equipment Fund:	<u>\$26,770.00</u>
Salt Funds:	<u>\$150,415.00</u>
	\$182,361.22
	<u><u>\$629,376.20</u></u>

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002:	\$9,690.46	
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Taxes:	\$37,000.00	
Recycling Taxes:	\$18,000.00	
Delinquent Tax:	\$29,264.45	
Bank Interest:	\$139.52	
Dogs:	\$528.00	
Misc.; Recording & Office Fees:	\$9,504.02	
Misc.; Recording & Fees Expended:	\$460.00	
Interest on Delin. Taxes:	\$1,303.69	
Delinquent Tax Fees:	\$2,338.84	
Zoning Fees Collected:	\$1,080.00	
In/Out Fees collected:	\$348.50	
LU Penalties	\$4,298.00	
Recycling Grant:	<u>\$1,890.00</u>	
	\$106,155.02	<u>\$115,845.48</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Salaries:	\$21,600.02	
Supplies/Postage:	\$4,165.97	
LU Penalty Expended Supplies/Postage	\$500.00	
Equipment:	\$0.00	
Utilities:	\$5,055.10	
LU Penalty Expended Utilities:	\$1,000.00	
Travel/School/Stipends:	\$4,215.89	
LU Penalty Expended Stipends:	\$1,000.00	
Printing & Notices	\$2,323.21	
Elections:	\$485.27	
Insurances:	\$13,546.43	
LU Penalty Expended Insurances:	\$1,700.00	
Legal Fees:	\$2,564.86	
Recycling:	\$14,756.03	

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Misc:	\$1,199.26	
Recycling Grant Expended:	\$1,890.00	
Office Flood/Plumbing Upgrade:	\$1,528.79	
Cemetery Flags:	\$230.40	
VLCT Dues:	\$556.00	
Regional Planning Dues:	\$733.36	
County Tax:	\$6,464.50	
Humane Society:	\$280.00	
Appraisal/Mapping:	\$1,540.00	
In/Out fees expended:	\$1,067.00	
Zoning Stipend:	\$1,200.00	
Zoning Fees Paid:	\$645.00	
Delin. Tax Fees:	\$2,381.17	
Retirement Expense:	\$755.37	
Town Recreation:	\$435.85	
Soc Sec Exp:	\$1,955.06	
W/h Difference:	<u>\$3.17</u>	
	\$95,777.71	
Ending Balance June 30, 2003:	\$20,067.77	<u>\$115,845.48</u>

GENERAL FUND COMPARISON AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>01-02 Budget</u>	<u>01-02 Expenses</u>	<u>02-03 Budget</u>	<u>02-03 expenses</u>	<u>03-04 Budget</u>	<u>04-05 proposed</u>
Salaries	\$20,000.00	\$20,787.52	\$20,600.00	\$21,600.02	\$21,600.00	\$22,300.00
Supplies/Postage	\$4,000.00	\$3,182.63	\$4,000.00	\$4,165.97	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Equipment	\$400.00	\$371.49	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Utilities	\$5,000.00	\$5,368.86	\$5,000.00	\$5,055.10	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Travel/School/Stipends	\$3,000.00	\$5,301.16	\$4,100.00	\$4,215.89	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Print/Notices	\$2,000.00	\$2,786.95	\$2,000.00	\$2,323.21	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Elections	\$400.00	\$279.51	\$400.00	\$485.27	\$400.00	\$400.00
Insurances	\$10,000.00	\$14,023.83	\$11,000.00	\$13,546.43	\$11,000.00	\$14,000.00
Legal Fees	\$4,500.00	\$1,827.24	\$4,500.00	\$2,564.86	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Social Security	\$2,000.00	\$1,984.02	\$2,000.00	\$1,955.06	\$2,100.00	\$2,200.00
Retirement:	\$1,000.00	\$825.25	\$1,000.00	\$755.37	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Misc.	\$1,500.00	\$1,366.93	\$1,500.00	\$1,199.26	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Cemeteries	\$100.00	\$56.70	\$100.00	\$230.40	\$100.00	\$100.00
VLCT Dues	\$470.00	\$487.00	\$550.00	\$556.00	\$550.00	\$850.00
Regional Planning Dues	\$700.00	\$685.30	\$700.00	\$733.36	\$750.00	\$790.00
County Tax	\$6,000.00	\$6,442.43	\$6,400.00	\$6,464.50	\$6,500.00	\$6,600.00
Humane Society/ Animal Control	\$250.00	\$280.00	\$250.00	\$280.00	\$340.00	\$340.00
Appraisal/Mapping	\$2,000.00	\$525.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,540.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Zoning Administrator	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Town Activities			\$250.00	\$435.85	\$250.00	\$250.00
Water Testing						\$850.00
	\$64,520.00	\$67,781.82	\$67,450.00	\$69,306.55	\$69,190.00	\$74,280.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COMPARISON AND PROPOSED BUDGET

	01-02 BUDGET	01-02 Expenses	02-03 Budget	02-03 Expenses	03-04 Budget	04-05 Proposed
Salaries	\$58,300.00	\$63,217.71	\$60,050.00	\$62,571.94	\$61,500.00	\$63,500.00
Equipment Hired	\$7,000.00	\$7,747.50	\$5,000.00	\$11,922.56	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Fuel	\$9,000.00	\$7,733.46	\$7,000.00	\$7,751.20	\$7,500.00	\$8,000.00
Repairs/Supplies	\$18,000.00	\$25,717.33	\$20,000.00	\$21,558.23	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Cold Patch/Hot Mix	\$500.00	\$379.70	\$0.00	\$299.97	\$400.00	\$400.00
Salt	\$9,000.00	\$14,678.10	\$15,000.00	\$21,214.54	\$15,000.00	\$18,000.00
Sand	\$7,000.00	\$8,749.57	\$5,000.00	\$6,498.04	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Gravel	\$13,000.00	\$18,886.64	\$15,000.00	\$21,802.85	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Chloride	\$4,000.00	\$1,679.71	\$4,000.00	\$1,157.10	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Culverts	\$5,000.00	\$5,421.25	\$5,000.00	\$5,543.69	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00
Bridge Fund	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Insurance	\$13,000.00	\$11,650.56	\$13,000.00	\$16,839.70	\$13,000.00	\$14,000.00
Social Security	\$4,500.00	\$4,785.69	\$4,800.00	\$4,473.29	\$4,800.00	\$4,900.00
Retirement	\$2,500.00	\$2,478.43	\$2,600.00	\$2,148.05	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Retreatment	\$2,000.00	\$70,307.81	\$2,000.00	\$70,110.34	\$57,000.00	\$57,000.00
Misc.	\$2,000.00	\$2,544.21	\$2,500.00	\$1,571.51	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Garage Heat/Lights	\$3,000.00	\$3,423.50	\$3,500.00	\$7,012.43	\$3,500.00	\$5,000.00
Equipment:	\$2,000.00	\$1,990.25	\$2,000.00	\$1,463.95	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Line Painting	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,944.90	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
Garage expenses	\$1,000.00	\$1,113.25	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$500.00
		\$262,504.67				
Salt problem Expenses	\$243,800.00	\$272,267.08	\$249,450.00	\$276,884.29	\$252,300.00	\$259,400.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BALANCE SHEET

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002: -\$7,682.23 *

RECEIPTS:

Taxes:	\$169,450.00	
State Aid:	\$83,961.60	
Interest:	\$1,844.85	
Traffic Fines:	<u>\$817.50</u>	
	\$256,073.95	<u>\$248,391.72</u>

EXPENSES:

Salaries:	\$62,571.94
Equipment Hired:	\$11,922.56
Fuel:	\$7,751.20
Repairs/Supplies:	\$21,558.23
Cold Patch/Hot Mix	\$299.97
Salt:	\$21,214.54
Sand:	\$6,498.04
Gravel:	\$21,802.85
Culverts:	\$5,543.69
Chloride:	\$1,157.10
Insurances:	\$16,839.70
Soc. Sec. Exp.:	\$4,473.29
Retreatment:	\$70,110.34
Misc.:	\$1,571.51
Equipment Purchases:	\$1,463.95
Garage Heat/Lights:	\$7,012.43
Retirement:	\$2,148.05
Transfer to Bridge Fund:	\$10,000.00
Line Painting:	\$2,944.90

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BALANCE SHEET

	\$276,884.29	
W/H difference:	-\$160.97	
	\$276,723.32	
Ending Balance June 30, 2003::	-\$28,331.60	<u>\$248,391.72</u>

** Note: Beginning balance does not match last years ending as salt funds were separated this year.*

CONSERVATION FUND BALANCE SHEET

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002:	\$209.01	
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Interest:	\$2.12	
Town Funds:	<u>\$11,031.86</u>	
	\$11,033.98	<u>\$11,242.99</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	\$0.00	
Ending Balance June 30, 2003:	\$11,242.99	<u>\$11,242.99</u>

PLANNING COMMISSION BALANCE SHEET

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002:	\$4,365.58	
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Interest:	\$33.87	<u>\$4,399.45</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Repay loan to Town:	\$3,300.00	
Ending Balance June 30, 2003:	\$1,099.45	<u>\$4,399.45</u>

BRIDGE FUND BALANCE SHEET

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002:	-\$10,000.00	
<u>Receipts:</u>		
02-03 Funds/Highway:	\$10,000.00	<u>\$0.00</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Repairs:	\$109.00	
Ending Balance June 30, 2003:	-\$109.00	<u>\$0.00</u>

COTTON FREE LIBRARY BALANCE SHEET

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002:	\$649.06	
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
Interest on CD:	\$126.57	<u>\$775.63</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Utilities:	\$161.78	
Ending Balance June 30, 2003:	\$613.85	<u>\$775.63</u>

Note: This account shows activity on the interest only of the principal amount of \$ 5000. in a C.D.

FLOWER FUND BALANCE SHEET

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002:	\$64.22	
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
Interest on CD:	\$15.05	<u>\$79.27</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Flowers in Town:	\$55.40	
Ending Balance June 30, 2003:	\$23.87	<u>\$79.27</u>

Note: This account shows activity on the interest only of the principal amount of \$ 520.14 in a C.D.

SALT FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

July, 2001 - June 30, 2003

A full accounting of all salt funds will appear in next year's Town Report. Funds were received and expended into the next fiscal year as the projects were being finished.

Beginning balance July 1, 2001: \$0.00

RECEIPTS:

01-02 Fairchild Funds:	\$25,000.00
02-03 Fairchild Funds:	\$150,000.00
02-03 Taxes:	<u>\$59,165.18</u>
	\$234,165.18
	<u>\$234,165.18</u>

EXPENSES:

01-02 Fairchild Funds used for Town Hall Painting (partial):	\$3,100.00
01-02 Salt Problem Expenditures:	\$9,762.41
02-03 Fairchild Funds used for Town Hall Painting (balance):	\$3,100.00
02-03 Salt Expenses:	\$67,787.77
	\$83,750.18

Ending Balance June 30, 2003: \$150,415.00
\$234,165.18

WEYBRIDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT 2003

This past year, Volunteer Fire Fighters responded to a total of 34 calls. Seven which were fire calls, seventeen medical calls, four motor vehicle accidents, three good intent calls, two false alarms, and one suspicious car fire. Of the seven fire calls, three were mutual aid to neighboring towns that requested a tanker for additional water supply.

We continue to hold our monthly training session within our Department as well as attend various training exercises around the State.

During Fire Prevention Week ,we went to each classroom at the Weybridge School and talked with the children about fire safety and prevention.

The reality of our truck situation is that our Department has three trucks to respond with to any given call. Fortunately we have a newer (1998) International engine which the Townspeople helped us obtain. The second vehicle is a 1975 tank truck with an inadequate gasoline engine and is grossly over-burdened with weight. The third is a 1960, yes that is correct, a 44 year old, utility truck. My point is that after last years Town Meeting when the voters decided that a new tanker truck wasn't an option at that time, the Department opted to set our goals on something more within our reach. With savings and additional fund-raising efforts we chose to order a new one ton cab and chassis from Tom Denecker, a Weybridge resident, and a utility box from Iroquois in Hinesburg, for approximately \$42,500.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chief Bill Sinks

Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department Balance Sheet

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002:	\$15,877.07	
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
Taxes Voted:	\$14,000.00	
Donations:	\$5,615.00	
Other Fundraising:	\$1,923.50	
Grant Money:	\$2,350.50	
Interest on Savings:	<u>\$174.41</u>	
	\$24,063.41	<u>\$39,940.48</u>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Insurance's:	\$6,074.00	
Fuel:	\$0.00	
Training:	\$240.00	
Communications:	\$480.23	
Dues:	\$238.00	
Office Supplies:	\$305.40	
Miscellaneous:	\$227.64	
Fire Equipment:	\$1,674.64	
Vehicle Maintenance:	\$1,121.07	
Phone:	<u>\$1,258.19</u>	
	\$11,619.17	
Fundraising Expenses:	<u>\$2,446.70</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$14,065.87	
Ending Balance June 30, 2003:	\$25,874.61	<u>\$39,940.48</u>

**FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPARISON AND PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR TOWN VOTED FUNDS**

	2001-02 Budget	2001-02 Actual	2002-03 Budget	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 proposed
Motor Fuel	\$400.00	\$532.29	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
Insurances	\$6,000.00	\$5,681.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,074.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,500.00
Training	\$300.00	\$497.00	\$400.00	\$240.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Communications	\$4,000.00	\$1,723.36	\$2,000.00	\$480.23	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Dues	\$200.00	\$272.00	\$350.00	\$238.00	\$350.00	\$250.00
Office	\$75.00	\$23.50	\$75.00	\$305.40	\$75.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$1,277.90	\$200.00	\$227.64	\$200.00	\$250.00
Fire Equipment	\$2,500.00	\$10,343.15	\$3,000.00	\$1,674.64	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00
Vehicle Maint.	\$425.00	\$1,796.88	\$425.00	\$1,121.07	\$475.00	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$0.00	\$1,444.66	\$1,150.00	\$1,258.19	\$1,500.00	\$1,300.00
Fire Protection	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$15,000.00	\$23,591.74	\$14,000.00	\$11,619.17	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00

2002-03 TAX RATE

Education Statewide Rate	1.29
Education Local Share	1.62
Municipal Rate:	<u>0.57</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3.48

STATEMENT OF TAXES COLLECTED

Taxes Assessed: (551,592.85 x 3.48)	\$ 1,919,543.12
Plus State Funds:	4,689.00
Plus State Landuse/Hold Harmless payment:	<u>25,764.00</u>
	<u>\$ 1,949,996.12</u>

Collected by Treasurer:	\$ 1,886,229.30
Plus State Funds:	4,689.00
Plus State Landuse/Hold Harmless payment:	25,764.00
Plus Delinquent tax to be collected:	<u>33,313.82</u>
	<u>\$ 1,949,996.12</u>

STATEMENT OF CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS

Loan # 61751 National Bank of Middlebury; Salt Project Funds:
Principal balance as of 12/31/03; \$ 258,000 which is also the original amount.

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002:

1997 Taxes:	\$355.23	
2001 Taxes:	\$1,632.67	
2002 Taxes to be collected:	\$29,388.38	<u>\$31,376.28</u>

Collected:

1997 Taxes:	\$355.23	
2001 Taxes:	<u>\$1,632.67</u>	
2002 Taxes:	<u>\$27,276.55</u>	
TOTAL:	\$29,264.45	
Total Delinquent June 30, 2003:	\$2,111.83	<u>\$31,376.28</u>

DELINQUENT TAX LIST - June 30, 2003

2002:	Harold Smith	<u>\$2,111.83</u>
Total Delinquent June 30, 2003		\$2,111.83

**WEYBRIDGE RECYCLING PROGRAM
RECYCLING CENTER - 640 QUAKER VILLAGE RD.**

SATURDAY 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

PLUS

JUNE - SEPT : WEDNESDAY 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

**** DO NOT DROP OFF RECYCLING AT ANY OTHER TIME ****

**** WEYBRIDGE RESIDENTS ONLY ****

**CRUSHING UPDATE: IT IS OK (AGAIN) TO CRUSH
YOUR METAL CANS AND PLASTIC JUGS**

RECYCLING REPORT

This proved to be the most exciting year for Weybridge recycling since the late Erica Wonnacott began the program in 1990. Back then recycling took up one bay in the Weybridge Congregational Church carriage barn. All materials were sorted into reinforced cardboard "Gaylord boxes" (four foot open cubes) on pallets. When full, I think a forklift came, loaded them all onto a truck and took them away... somewhere. I didn't start helping with the program until 1995 and my early memories are a bit sketchy!

We are so grateful to the members of the Weybridge Congregational Church for generously providing a home for the recycling program for 13 years and to the neighbors for putting up with the noise and disruption it occasionally caused.

Cider and cookies marked the grand opening of the new Sand and Salt Shed & Recycling Center. Recycling began in earnest on Saturday, November 22, 2003, and featured 3 new, ten-yard, open "hook boxes" totally paid for through 2 grants. To honor Erica Wonnacott the new Recycling Center will be dedicated in her memory at an informal ceremony in the spring.

The other big change that came with the new site and hook boxes was the shift to "commingling" all recyclable materials. Now, except for corrugated cardboard which gets broken up, flattened and put in a separate hook box, all other acceptable recyclable

materials get tossed in together. For those of us who have been separating things for 13 years, this has been a real shock to the system. I apologize for the mixed messages we had been getting about the "crushing" issue; we may now go back to crushing cans and plastic jugs, but it is not required.

As it was in 1990, the volunteers continue to be the heart and soul of our recycling efforts. During the 2002-2003 fiscal year 68 Weybridge volunteers helped you unload tons and tons of material from your vehicles, and Larry Green did it all on summer Wednesday evenings! Grace Weber, Jill Madden, and Kris Hirsch are also members of the recycling committee and help further by being monthly coordinators. On a rotating basis we call to remind volunteers of their Saturdays, keep them up to date on any changes, and find replacements for cancellations or open slots. Thanks to all!

As far as the budget goes for FY '03, we did well again this year. Based on the most recent bills, however, we may not save the money previously projected because there has been a big increase in amount of material being brought to the new site. We used to average 5.5 tons per month. At the rate we are now recycling, based on the Dec. 2003 & Jan. 2004 numbers, we are going to be averaging 9.2 tons per month. As a result, processing costs are up.

We will be warning the amount of \$18,000 to run the program for. If costs do drop, we are asking for permission to use excess funds to hire a person to assist the volunteers so the site can be open longer hours.

It costs about \$128 per year to have recycling picked up at your house every other week by a private hauler. We currently estimate that the \$18,000 that is being warned for 2004-2005 would add about \$35 to the tax bill of a \$100,000 residence.

Please feel free to contact any of us on the recycling committee with comments, questions or suggestions. **Thanks Again Recyclers, Volunteers and Community Supporters!**

Gale Hurd (545-2538)

RECYCLING REMINDERS

We still ask that you not drop off your recycling when the site is closed. Also, we ask that on Saturdays you wait until the 9:30 opening time to arrive as the volunteers need a few minutes to get the signs put up, etc.

Please note: the dumping of trash or garbage (food, scrap metal, foam products, junk and non-recyclable items) is illegal.

***NEW SYSTEM FOR RECYCLING
NO NEED TO SEPARATE -----
EXCEPT FOR CORRUGATED CARDBOARD***

***CANS AND PLASTIC MAY BE CRUSHED
BUT IT IS NOT REQUIRED***

PLASTIC: Only #1 and #2 **bottle-grade** plastics, rinsed clean. Opening must be smaller than body of container. No lids or caps.

no cottage cheese, yogurt, tofu, margarine tubs or cups

no berry baskets or deli/salad bar containers

no foam trays, peanuts, or solid packing material, no matter what the number

no motor oil bottles or cans, no matter what the number

METAL: Clean cans, aluminum foil and pie plates. Aluminum lawn chairs are not considered pie plates.

Please note: **All containers (including liquid detergent) must be rinsed out and clean. No lids and caps. You may crush the containers but it is not required.** Chunks of cat food are not considered "recyclable material"!

BOXBOARD: Only flattened boxboard (cereal & pasta boxes, etc.) that is **brown or gray** when torn is accepted:

no waxed milk, soy, or juice cartons

no frozen food or take-out containers

no soda or beer 12 or 24 pack boxes (cardboard reinforced)

no greasy pizza boxes

NEWSPAPER, OFFICE PAPER, COLORED PAPER, OPENED JUNK MAIL, MAGAZINES, CATALOGUES, PHONE BOOKS (JUNE-SEPT ONLY): No shiny, metallic paper. Do not tie up with string or put in plastic bags... except for shredded paper which should go in clear plastic bags.

GLASS: Only clean green, brown and clear glass bottles or jars are accepted. No lids or caps:

- no blue glass, windows, plate glass or medical glass
- no drinking glasses, dishes, vases, pottery or Pyrex

ALL OF THE ABOVE ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS MAY BE PUT INTO THE TWO HOOK BOXES ON THE LEFT

Please try to fill up one box before starting to fill the second one.

IN THE HOOK BOX ON THE RIGHT PLACE

FLATTENED CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

No foam packing material or foam peanuts. Bottle & jug caps and lids as well as foam packing material all go into your own trash. Foam peanuts can be dropped off at the UPS Store on Court St.

Please use the white barrels for your returnable soda & beer containers and the separate box for your used printer cartridges. Proceeds go to the Weybridge Elementary School Parents Club.

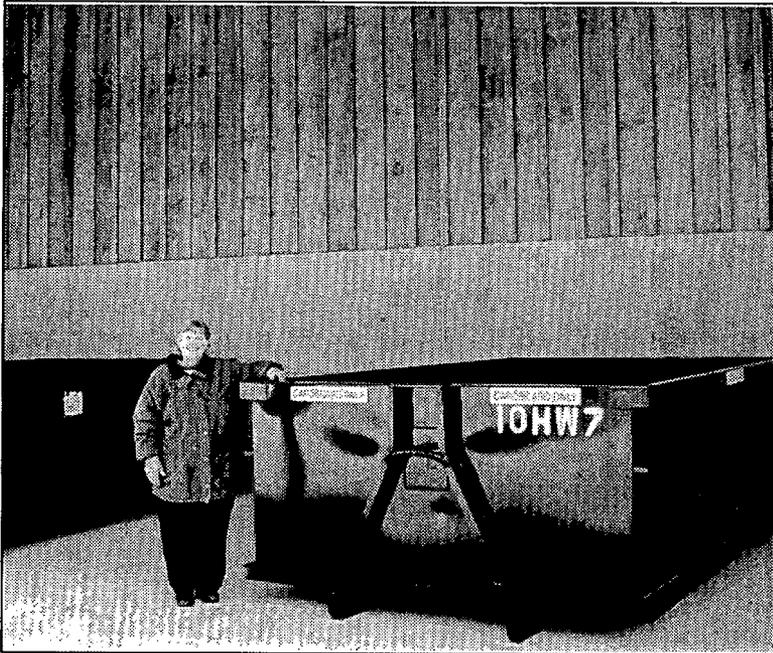
There is also a small container for your A, AA, AAA, C, D, and cell phone batteries. Please take larger batteries directly to the Transfer Station in Middlebury.

Rob Gaboriault is at the Town Garage from 9:30-11:00 on Saturdays to take trash at the going rate. We do appreciate this service! Please note: there will be no trash service on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend or the Saturday of Labor Day weekend.

If you have questions, please call Gale Hurd at 545-2538.

RECYCLING PROGRAM COMPARISON BUDGET

<u>Year</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Surplus or Deficit</u>
2003-04	\$18,000.00	(est)\$16,000.00	(est)\$2,000.00
2002-03	\$18,000.00	\$14,756.03	\$3,243.97
2001-02	\$18,000.00	\$16,239.97	\$1,760.03
2000-01	\$18,000.00	\$15,540.07	\$2,459.93
1999-00	\$12,000.00	\$15,227.63	(\$3,227.63)
1998-99	\$8,500.00	\$12,431.56	(\$3,931.56)
1997-98	\$7,000.00	\$8,630.37	(\$1,630.37)
1996-97	\$5,500.00	\$6,433.37	(\$ 933.37)
1995-96	\$5,000.00	\$5,354.14	(\$ 354.14)
1994-95	\$6,000.00	\$5,407.89	\$ 592.11



OUTSIDE AGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

Agency Name	2001 Voted	2002 Voted	2003 Voted	2004 Proposed
Addison County Community Action	2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00
Addison County Home Health & Hospice	937.00	\$955.00	\$937.00	\$995.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	850.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Community Health Services	500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Counseling Service of Addison County	1,600.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,750.00
Elderly Services, Inc.	500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Hospice Volunteer Service	150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
John Graham Emergency Shelter	1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Otter Creek Child Center	0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association	1,212.00	\$1,212.00	\$1,277.00	\$1,293.00
Mary Johnson's Children's Center	350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District	83.00	\$83.00	\$83.00	\$83.00
Parent/Child Center	1,043.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	225.00	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$275.00
Vermont Adult Learning	260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$260.00
Women Safe	450.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$550.00
Weybridge Cemetery Association	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
TOTALS	12,360.00	\$13,035.00	\$13,157.00	\$15,406.00

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

It is the responsibility of any dog owner or keeper to license it on or before **APRIL 1st of each year**. If you become owner or keeper of a dog 6 months or older after April 1st, you have 30 days to license the dog. Every dog over that age shall have a current approved vaccination against rabies. All domestic pets should be protected against rabies. The Rabies Hotline is 1-800-RABIES. The Vermont Department of Health can be contacted for Rabies Information @ 1-800-640-4374. Please remember rabies can be deadly.

PROBLEM DOGS: Without a leash law the Town has no authority over nuisance or wandering dogs. The Town does have authority over the following:

- 1) To ensure that all dogs are properly vaccinated against rabies and licensed.
- 2) To investigate vicious dog reports if complaint is registered by at least 3 residents.

DOG BITES: The Town should be notified about dog bites so they can follow up to ensure that the dog is not rabid. The Health Department should also be notified.

FEES FOR DOG LICENSES:

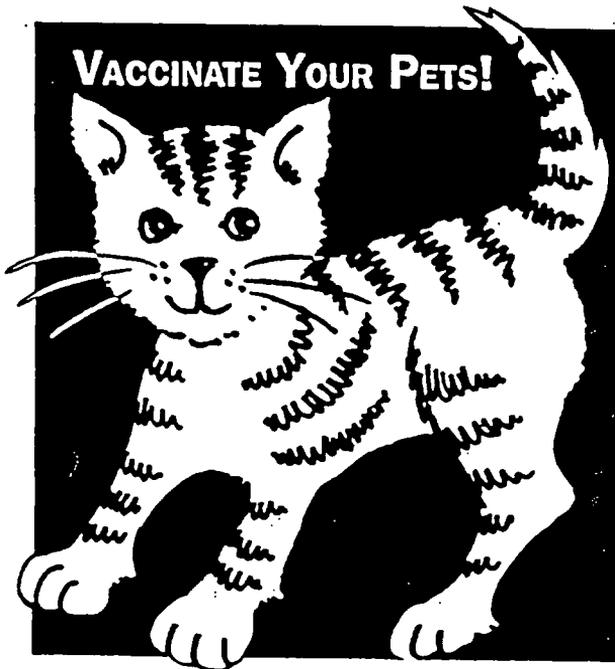
Neutered or spayed:	\$ 5.00
Unneutered/unspayed:	\$ 9.00
After April 1 st :	
Neutered or spayed:	\$ 7.00
Unneutered/unspayed:	\$ 13.00

2003 DOG LICENSE REPORT

26 Neutered Males	\$ 130.00
39 Spayed Females	\$ 195.00
5 Males	\$ 45.00
6 Females	\$ 54.00
Late Dogs:	
9 Neutered Males	\$ 63.00
4 Spayed Females	\$ 28.00
1 Male:	\$ 13.00
90 Dogs	\$ 528.00
Less Town Clerk Fees Payable:	\$ 180.00
Less Fees Payable to State of VT for rabies control:	\$ 90.00
Net Revenue:	\$ 258.00

RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



- * Vermont law requires rabies shots for all CATS and DOGS.
- * Rabies shots help protect pets and pet owners from rabies.
- * Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance. Remember, rabid animals have been found in all Vermont counties.



Questions? Call the Vermont Rabies Hotline
1-800-4-RABIES (472-2437)

Vermont Department of Health • Health Surveillance Division
P.O. Box 70, Burlington, VT 05402 • 863-7240 or 1-800-640-4374

SELECTBOARD REPORT

We are proud to report that the new combined Sand & Salt Shed and Recycling Center has been completed (since the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2003) and is doing the great job it was designed to do. The storage of sand and salt and the loading of the trucks takes place entirely under cover. Any runoff is contained by the blacktop, curbing and drainage system as designed and required by Lincoln Applied Geology and Phelps Engineering.

Our facility may prove to be an example for the entire state; it is our understanding that within five years federal regulations may require all sand & salt to be stored and loaded under cover.

The total amount authorized by the Town for the Sand & Salt Shed and recycling Center plus the installation of an alternate water system for the Town Garage and Fire Department building and two residences was \$423,000. The total amount spent (entire project) was: \$385,149. Of this amount \$ 168,800 was paid for by a grant and \$216,349 will be raised by taxes. A fiscal year accounting of the project appears in this report.

Road work included the usual grading of the gravel roads as needed and retreatment of all or parts of James Rd., Prunier Rd., Quaker Village Rd., and Weybridge Rd. Highway grant funds were secured, thanks to Town Clerk, Karen Curavoo, for fixing the slump by Gooseneck Bend Rd. and installing a guardrail along that stretch of Quaker Village Rd.

A contract was signed with Automated Property Assessment Services, from Adamant, Vermont for the town reappraisal. This will be started in July, 2005.

This year we established an Equipment Fund with \$ 26,770. As we are able, money will be added to this with the intention of using it towards major purchases, such as a new dump truck. Any funds spent out of this fund will have to be approved by the voters first.

In case of a local disaster, the Weybridge Elementary School, which is listed as the official town shelter, has now been approved as an official Red Cross Shelter. A Weybridge Emergency Planning Committee has been formed, with Pip Wales as chair, to plan and coordinate for any future town-wide emergency that might take place.

We have also been participating in talks with the Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) about the use of the open area at the intersection of Weybridge Street and Pulp Mill Bridge Rd. This land, about 7 acres in Weybridge and 10 acres in Middlebury, is currently owned by Middlebury College. After conducting several focus groups and meetings with area residents, MALT has recently signed an agreement to purchase the property for the purpose of creating the Otter Creek Access Project. If enough money is raised through grants and donations, MALT will create (with much local input) a park-like area of walking trails and a boardwalk over the wetland out to the edge of Otter Creek.

Thanks to Bob Warner who retired after 18 years of service as town Fire Warden. The second annual Town Picnic at the school welcomed more than 225 enthusiastic participants and the Halloween activities were, again, a great success. There were fun and games for the littlest trick or treaters and a scary haunted house at the Town Hall for older children and adults.

The proposed combined General Fund and Highway Budget for 2004-2005 is \$333,690, an increase of \$12,200, or 3.8%. As always, we welcome townspeople to attend our meetings and/or call us with questions.

Peter James
James D'Avignon, Sr.
Gale Hurd
Alan J. Piper
Steve Smith

Annual Report Weybridge Planning Commission 2003

Last year was a quiet one for the Weybridge Planning Commission. Four parties approached the Commission with plans for subdivisions, but only one came to fruition. At a public hearing on October 14, and in response to a request from Karen Curavoo and Bill Sinks, a minor subdivision was approved by the Commission which created a new 25.1 acre lot out of a 58.82 acre parcel owned by Ida and Larry Washington on Perkins Road. State septic approval is required before construction can begin.

In an unusual twist, one approved subdivision was nullified. Bob Prigo requested nullification of a subdivision which had been approved on June 8, 1999, because the sale that was contemplated at that time was never consummated. The nullification was approved at the meeting of April 9.

The Vermont Agency of Transportation has approved a \$10,000 feasibility study on a bike/pedestrian safety path along Pulp Mill Bridge Road, Morgan Horse Farm Road, Hamilton Road, and Quaker Village Road north to the elementary school. These funds will be used for investigating the feasibility of highway shoulder improvements similar to those made a few years ago along Route 23. Through a competitive bidding process managed by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission, Landworks was selected to undertake this investigative work, with results due this summer.

The Town Plan, readopted by the Selectboard in December, 2001, was "confirmed" by the Addison County Regional Planning Commission at its December 11, 2002, meeting. This means that Weybridge citizens may take advantage of new on-site sewage disposal systems as they become available as a result of the State's adoption of Act 133 in 2001. This Act closed the "10 acre loophole" but introduced the possibility of "alternative on-site sewage disposal systems."

In other activity, the Planning Commission has held discussions with the Selectboard on possible zoning changes on the lower portions of Snake Mountain, reviewed the possible adverse effects on Weybridge of the

new Cornwall Town Plan (none were found), and investigated the possibility of posting its minutes directly on the Town Website.

During 2003 five new houses were constructed in the Town of Weybridge, and other permits were issued by the Zoning Administrator for nine additions, eleven outbuildings, and five miscellaneous projects.

Spencer Putnam, Clerk
Jan Albers
William Roper

Richard Wolfson, Vice Chair
Stephen Davis

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT- 2003

During 2003, the Weybridge Conservation Commission (WCC) was busy working with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) collecting baseline data on the Lemon Fair River. Water samples were collected throughout the summer to obtain water quality data (total phosphorus, E. coli, pH, and water temperature) that could be used by the State and ACRPC for basin planning of the Otter Creek Basin. WCC and community members collected water samples and field data (pH and water temperature) at twelve locations from Orwell to the Rt.23 Bridge. The Middlebury Union High School biology lab performed total phosphorus and E. coli analysis. Analytical costs were covered by a 604(b) grant from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Addison County River Watch Collaborative (ACRWC) has monitored other waterways in the Otter Creek Basin over the past few years. Future sampling of the Lemon Fair River will be included in the ACRWC monitoring program. WCC members are currently working with the ACRWC in completing the 2003 Annual Report (which will include the Lemon Fair River data) and planning for the 2004 sampling program. The 2003 Annual Report will be available at the Weybridge Town Offices when completed.

In keeping with past years, we sponsored a canoe trip on Otter Creek in the spring and a hike on Snake Mountain in the fall. Both of these trips were open to all members of the community.

Thanks to the tremendous support of the Weybridge voters, the conservation commission currently has \$ 11,242.99 in available funds. The WCC voted to contribute \$250.00 to the ACRWC for their 2004 operating expenses.

The Weybridge Conservation Commission meets at the Town Clerk's Office on the third Tuesday of each month. Citizens are always welcome.

Submitted by Natalie Reigle, Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBERS

John Aberth	2007	Natalie Reigle	2005
John Chamberlain	2006	Carol Spooner	2005
Kathy Morse	2004	Reg Spooner	2005
Eben Punderson	2007	Steve Weber	2006

Weybridge Cemetery Association Report

The Cemetery Association is financially self-supporting with income from the rental of the house and the sale of burial plots. This year we have started a fundraising effort to continue and hopefully finish the fence along Route 23. The first part of the project was the removal of the dead trees in that area. That was completed this year with the help of Steve Weber and the Town Highway Crew. We extend out thanks to them for their efforts and donation of time. The second part is to raise the funds for and install the remaining fence. The estimate to do this is \$ 9,000. Donations have been made in memory of Wealthy Bardosy and Rita Piper for this project. We are asking the voters to approve \$ 2,000 of Town funds towards this project and will continue to fundraise until this goal is met.

The Association has its annual meeting in April each year and invites the Community to attend.

For questions or to make a donation, please contact Glenna Piper at 545-2000.

We appreciate your consideration of the request for funds.

The Weybridge Cemetery Board

Stanley James Jr., President
Karen B. Curavoo, Vice-President
Glenna Piper, Secretary/Treasurer
Joan B. Jordan, Sexton
Linda Barrett, Assistant Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Nicole Bagley
Alice Bowdish
Louise Bowdish
Pat Fiske
Todd Charles Jordan
Bob Warner

**Listers Report for 2003
July 2003**

The Listers had regularly scheduled weekly meetings beginning 30 January 2003 through 6 June 2003, with each meeting averaging about 90 minutes in duration. In addition, on seven separate occasions, the Listers conducted on-site inspections of about 35 properties. These inspections were conducted from mid-May through very early June. Finally, on June 4, 2003, a total of 53 *Notices of Change in Appraisal of Real Estate* were sent to owners of Weybridge real estate notifying them of changes to the appraised value of their property.

Subsequently, four property owners elected to grieve the new appraisal and grievance hearings were conducted on June 19 and 20, 2003. In 3 cases, these hearings resulted in an appraisal reduction. The reductions were generally based upon new information not available or information not recognized at the time of the property inspection. Revised appraisals were sent to these property owners, two of which elected to grieve to the BCA.

As a result of the above actions, the cumulative increase in listed property values (excluding current use adjustments and BCA adjustments) is \$1,380,970.

The rationale for the 53 change notices can be categorized as follows:

Property Transfers:	15
Renovations and/or Additions:	17
Completion of New House:	5
New House (incomplete):	4
Property Removal:	2
Septic System Improvements:	3
Property Subdivision or Merger:	1
Miscellaneous:	6
Total	53

Finally, specifications were prepared and Requests for Proposals (RFP) were sent to 12 qualified contractors for the town-wide reappraisal mandated by the State in December 2002. The contractor selected is Automated Property Assessment Services, from Adamant, Vermont. This company is currently performing the town-wide reappraisal in Middlebury. The Weybridge reappraisal process will commence in July 2005 (not 2004). Notices will be sent in advance of property inspections.

Respectively Submitted
Board of Listers

Middlebury Area Land Trust's Differing Ownership Identities

By Bill Roper, Board President and Weybridge resident

The Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT), a non-profit serving primarily Middlebury and all the towns bordering Middlebury, owns lands or holds property interests in different forms and for different reasons in Weybridge. MALT's three primary goals are to conserve strategic parcels, provide public access to the area's natural resources and offer educational opportunities. Typically, MALT or its partner, the Vermont Land Trust (VLT) will hold a conservation easement on the parcels, which leaves ownership and traditional use with the landowner but prevents residential or commercial development of the property. For example, several years ago VLT purchased conservation easements on the former "DeBisschop Farm," with the funds aimed at ensuring the agricultural viability of the farm and preventing the subdivision of the farm into house lots. VLT also holds a conservation easement on Art Gibb's property and MALT owns such an easement on the Ganley-Roper parcel, the objective of these easements directed to retaining the visual character of these parcels and the surrounding areas. These easements were donated to the land trusts rather than purchased; donations can often qualify as charitable contributions potentially resulting in income tax reductions.

MALT actually owns the Otter Creek Gorge property outright (with a portion jointly held with The Nature Conservancy), obtained through another charitable contribution. The conveyance was made to preserve the habitat on this remarkable piece of property and to provide controlled, public access. Access to the Gorge's diverse habitat is via the Trail around Middlebury (TAM), a MALT project that entails an 18-mile walking trail around Middlebury, crosses three towns (with a fair amount of trail in Weybridge) and provides both recreational and educational opportunities. MALT held a one-week summer camp for 4th-6th graders on the Gorge property this summer, so this jewel satisfies all three of MALT's goals!!

While most of the TAM is based on revocable licenses (meaning the landowner can ask the trail be removed at any time), we are happy to report that on a portion of the trail that runs between Route 23 and Hamilton Road, Elizabeth and Jim Robinson generously donated an

easement over the edge of their property to ensure the long-term viability of the trail.

Thus, MALT holds conservation easements, owns land and offers public trail access in our town of Weybridge. We on MALT's Board hope you agree that it plays a small but vital role in preserving the integrity of Weybridge's farming and visual landscapes, and offering key public access to some of Weybridge's remarkable resources. If you are interested in discussing the future of your land or making a contribution to further MALT's work, please call 388-1007.

Note: This article first appeared in the November, 2003, Weybridge Newsletter.

Addison County Solid Waste Management District



Teri Kuczynski, District Manager

The District reached a milestone this year with the Resolution to hold a District-wide bond vote on Town Meeting Day, March 2, 2004. This decision concludes a two-year planning process reviewing potential improvements to the District's Transfer Station on Route 7 South, in Middlebury. The Transfer Station is the central conduit for the majority of solid waste collected in our member towns by the commercial waste haulers. For the past 10 years, this Transfer Station has allowed for competition to flourish in Addison County, thereby saving the residents and businesses money and providing a facility that all of the hauling companies can access.

By redesigning the Transfer Station, we intend to:

- Improve the traffic flow in and out of the Transfer Station;
- Make the Transfer Station a safer place for all staff and customers;
- Save the commercial haulers time and money by increasing the speed at which they drop off their waste and get back on the road;
- Expand the facility to keep up with continued growth for the next 20 years; and
- Comply with pending storm water runoff and other regulations in the State.

The District has just retired its original bond that paid for the construction of the existing facility, so bonding for these improvements is timely. As with the original bond, the District will pay for the costs of the bond **through the tipping fees charged at the District's Transfer Station, not through member town assessments.**

The District also completed its Solid Waste Implementation Plan, which was submitted to the Agency of Natural Resources for review and comment. The District will be soliciting public input on the essential elements of the Plan and holding public hearings in the near future. Please take advantage of the opportunity to comment by attending one of the hearings or by accessing the Executive Summary on our web page at www.acswmd.org. Your opinion counts with us!

On January 1, 2004, the District entered into a three-year contract with Casella Waste Management to haul and dispose of waste from the Transfer Station to an out-of-district landfill. Landfill fees have increased, but, once again, the rate we will receive is very competitive.

The 2004 tipping fee for waste and construction & demolition debris will be increased by \$3.50/ton in 2004. All other rates will remain the same. The rate increase will cover the higher landfill disposal fees and will begin to finance the capital improvements and replacement equipment necessary to continue transfer station operation. This amounts to an average increase of \$1.68/person per year, or about 4 cents per bag. Although the District does not control the price charged by local haulers, the above information can be used as a guide in determining what percentage of a hauler's increase, if any, is attributed to the District's rate increase.

2003 Summary of Programs

Recycling and Diversion

The District continues to provide for the recycling and diversion of special wastes at its transfer station in Middlebury.

2003 Recycling and Diversion Tonnages

Material	Amount
Scrap Metal and Appliances	623 tons
Tires	53 tons
Electronics	57 tons
Hard and Soft Cover Books	17 tons
Cardboard	16 tons
Lead Acid Batteries	1,336 batteries
Waste Oil	4,000 gallons
Antifreeze	271 gallons
Oil Filters	11,000 filters
Fluorescent Lightbulbs	34,000 linear feet
Clean Wood	125 tons

Household and Small Business Hazardous Waste Management

During the 2003 season, 20 hazardous waste collection events were offered, with 949 households and 29 small businesses participating. Residents were able to safely dispose of their unwanted paints, solvents, pesticides, and other chemicals through this important program.

Composting

Through the District's annual backyard compost bin sale, over 120 households in 2003 joined the thousands of Addison County families already composting their vegetable scraps and yard waste.

**Vermont Department of Health
Middlebury District Office
2003 Report
(for printing in the Town Reports for March, 2004)**

Food and Lodging Inspections:

National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers.

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. At the 179 establishments in Addison County, 189 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC):

One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 14 women, infants, and children living in Weybridge received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$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 9206 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Addison County. This represents a value of \$119,335.80 to Addison County.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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 expending 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 the 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 last 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 \$3.0 million.

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

ADDISON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
ANNUAL REPORT – 2003 ADAM LOUGEE, DIRECTOR

The Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) was pleased to provide the following technical assistance and planning support to its member municipalities during its 2003 fiscal year:

Planning and Mapping

- Provided assistance to Bristol, Lincoln, Weybridge, Waltham and Leicester resulting in new Town Plans that were municipally adopted and regionally reviewed and confirmed.
- Provided assistance on town plans, zoning, and subdivision to Cornwall, Starksboro, New Haven, Panton, Shoreham, Salisbury, Monkton, Bristol, Lincoln, Orwell, Leicester and Vergennes
- Provided data and mapping products to support on-going town planning activities in Middlebury, Bridport, Bristol, Ferrisburgh, Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, New Haven, Monkton, Orwell, Shoreham, Vergennes, Waltham and Whiting.
- Presented County Data Profile of demographic, economic, and statistical town information to municipalities in the region.
- Began work on the Economic Development, the Utilities and Facilities and the Energy sections of the Regional Plan.
- Assisted the Lewis Creek Association with watershed mapping and stream morphology analysis and the Middlebury River Partnership with an assessment of the watershed and buffer zones of the river.
- Updated and provided new road name maps to all towns in the county.
- Coordinated a statewide outreach program to present community build out software and developed a manual to accompany software.
- Helped write and presented the Zoning Administrator's Handbook.

Educational Meetings and Grants

- Hosted seminar/workshop series in conjunction with VLCT, and MOMs and TOEs.
- Held public meetings on a wide variety of planning topics, including Onsite Sewage Disposal and VELCOs transmission upgrade.
- Continued to work with local watershed groups and the Watershed Collaborative.
- Assisted local fire Departments in applying for FIRE grants.
- Provided support to the Towns of Orwell, Bridport, Leicester, Ferrisburgh, Waltham, Cornwall, Bristol, Salisbury, New Haven, Ripton and Middlebury in securing Municipal planning grants.

- Helped write or provided information and support to a several other communities or organizations to allow them to secure other grant funding.

Emergency Planning

- Worked with Addison County's Emergency Planning Committee and Vermont Emergency Management staff to assist towns with municipal emergency planning efforts. Currently, all Addison municipalities have Rapid Response Plans in place.
- Continued work as Vermont's Project Impact Community for 2001 --a \$300,000 effort designed to further the goals of mitigation in the region.
- Began bringing a Countywide All - Hazards Mitigation Plan with annexes for each municipality out to town selectboards for adoption.

Transportation Planning

- Completed a Traffic and Parking Study for downtown Bristol.
- Supported Addison County Transit Resources by administering the 5310 program and chairing its Board
- Completed a Strategic Plan for Addison County Transit Resources ("ACTR").
- Began the last stage of a study of a multi-modal transportation center located in Middlebury at the old station to accommodate a proposed commuter train and other multimodal uses.
- Continued Lake Champlain Byways work on the Strategic Plan for Celebration Champlain! and marketing work for the region.
- Funded Bridport, Middlebury, Shoreham in producing highway structures inventories of their roads.
- Performed traffic counts and safety inventories on unsignalized intersections for several towns.
- Began work on a sidewalk study for the Town of New Haven.

Pulp Mill Bridge Garden 2003 End of Year Report

Mother Nature took her sweet time bringing on the warm sunshine this year. Yet, the rain was welcome to give plants a chance to "recharge" after two summers of drought. The winter duo of strong sunshine and extreme cold burned the south side of the Dwarf Alberta Spruce. A thorough brushing to remove the dried material encouraged new growth to appear.

In June vandals stole a selection of plant material from the garden leaving huge holes in the ground as well as the lack of plant diversity. The outpouring of sentiment from the Addison County Community regarding this theft was most heartwarming and appreciated. Several "gardening friends" offered plant divisions and/or replacement plants. I chose to accept the offer of Tim Parsons of Greenhaven Gardens and Nursery to replace plant material at no charge. There was a better chance of success in potted plants with established root systems, rather than "shocked divisions" from donor gardens. This highly visible garden required the "instant visual appeal" of established plant material, rather than struggling divisions or seedlings. Cards featuring a photo of the garden were sent to all those who so generously offered replacement plant materials, as well as to a Weybridge resident for his very generous financial contribution.

By July the garden was in full bloom for all to enjoy. August came in hot and dry. Again we relied on the generous offer of garden neighbors Mike and Marlene Jenkins to use their hose and water.

I would also like to thank Wilfred Bilodeau, of Weybridge, for helping me dead-head and weed the garden in August. Mr. Bilodeau is the resident responsible for the original idea for this garden site.

Again this year we were plagued with yellow jacket wasps tunneled behind the railroad timbers. I placed a warning sign at the garden for tourists and passersby until I had a cool night to go in and spray.

The garden bloom was extended through a warm September. Final tidy up was completed in mid-October.

Jane Burton
Garden Chairperson

MINUTES 2003 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Weybridge met at the Town Hall in Weybridge on Monday, March 3, 2003. The Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Stanley James Jr. at 8:45 P.M., following adjournment of the School Meeting, and transacted the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To accept the reports of the various Town Officers.
Moved by Spence Putnam, seconded by Bob Duclos. There was no discussion. Article one passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$253,050 to defray the expenses for the Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Estimated amount to be raised by taxes \$ 173,050.)
Moved by Gale Hurd, seconded by Anita Duclos. Bo Knepp asked how much of this budget was for jogging trails. Selectboard member Gale Hurd reported that no funds were in this budget for that purpose. Paul Deering asked about Town equipment and when will it need to be replaced. Selectboard Chairman Peter James replied that some equipment is in need of being replaced but the Board felt that doing so this year would create a financial hardship for the taxpayers, as there were a lot of money items this year. James highlighted some of the most important happenings of the year. Motion was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 69,190 to defray General Fund expenses for the ensuing year. (Entire amount to be raised by taxes)
Moved by Megan Sutton, seconded by A.J. Piper. There was no discussion. Motion was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 14,000 for Fire Protection for the Town of Weybridge.
Moved by Maggie Quinn and seconded by Barbara Brosnan. No discussion. Motion was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$ 18,000 to continue the Town-sponsored volunteer Recycling Program for the ensuing year.

Moved by Gale Hurd, seconded by Megan Sutton. David Shaw asked if the Town had explored the possibility of a single source where people don't have to sort the recyclables. Hurd reported that, as of last week, Casella is offering that. Hurd reported that she had applied for two grants for containers. The motion passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to have taxes paid to the Town Treasurer on or before October 15, 2003.

Moved by Gary Starr and seconded by Milly Rooney. No discussion. The motion passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote the additional sum of \$148,000 to construct a new Sand & Salt Shed and Recycling Center, (possibly the entire amount to be raised by taxes), and to authorize the Town to borrow this amount for a period not to exceed 5 years.

Moved by Rich Wolfson, seconded by Diana Barnard. Grace Weber asked if there was any other option than raising the amount by taxes. Hurd explained that the Board has been very aggressive in applying for more grants, but at this time we only have the one source of \$ 165,000 that is a donation. The Board will make every effort to continue to look for additional sources of funds. Kathy Heitkamp asked about the location, and Hurd reported that every possible site was investigated and this was the best option. This amount of money could vary as the ledge removal costs can vary anywhere from \$ 5,000 to \$ 60,000. We are warning the worst case scenario. The article was passed by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$40,000 to conduct a Town-wide property reappraisal, the entire amount to be raised by taxes, and to authorize the Town to borrow this amount for a period not to exceed 5 years.

Moved by Diana Barnard, seconded by Gale Hurd. Hurd stated that the Town was well below the State's acceptable range of fair market value, also known as the common level of appraisal. The Town suffers penalties in the Act 60 formula due to this. The last appraisal was in 1989. The \$40,000 figure is an estimate based on \$ 40 per parcel, being the average going rate. The cost of computerizing the listers records was

also factored in. Art Bradley gave some examples of sales vs. their listed values. The article was passed by a voice vote.

Senator Claire Ayer arrived and was given a few minutes to address the Town. She was well received by the Townspeople. She has been working on Act 60 for the past six weeks. It would be to Weybridge's advantage to have a reappraisal. She is on three committees; the third being Agriculture. The Committee's goal is to make agriculture a sustainable/viable way to make a living in Vermont. She explained what is being done to achieve this. She also spoke about transportation funds, finance, education and CLA (common level of appraisal). She asked people to fill out the Doyle Poll and noted she would be available at the back of the Town Hall for any further questions.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote the sum of up to \$ 170,000 (possibly the entire amount to be raised by taxes) for the Weybridge Volunteer Fire Department to be used toward the purchase of a fire truck, and to authorize the Town to borrow this amount for a period not to exceed 5 years?

Bob Duclos moved that we deny the article, seconded by Bo Knepp. The Moderator ruled that that was not a valid motion. Diana Barnard moved the article, seconded by Grace Weber. Bo Knepp asked why another new truck was needed. Nate Miller, from the Fire Dept., explained that this vehicle would replace a 1976 vehicle. Miller said getting the new truck would also raise the insurance approval rating. John Meakin wanted Nate to clarify; would homeowners' insurance go down? Miller said it was up to the agent. Paul Deering spoke about the many reasons he felt the Town did not need this truck, not to mention, we cannot afford it. Brian Kemp, Fire Department member, wanted to make it clear to the voters that the Department did not NEED two pumpers. He said there is a difference of opinion among the department members. Bob Duclos said Weybridge was getting to be too expensive. In 5 years his taxes have gone up 42.62%. He felt the voters were not in a position right now to vote these funds. Estimated tax rates were discussed. Phil Heitkamp asked why a used vehicle could not be purchased. Marge Bekoff wanted to know how the Dept. was split on the vote. 11 voted in favor of a new truck and 2 against it. Brian Kemp spoke again about why he felt it was not needed. Chris Davis asked about potential use, mutual aid, and if they had the personnel to operate two trucks. Miller replied they can

only hope they would have enough, and it would depend on the day. Paul Deering said even if it were free, he would question the need and the manpower. Joe Miller explained that one of the reasons the Dept. decided to add a pumper to the proposed truck is that a lot of homes are a good distance off the road and it would be beneficial. David Shaw said the average fire is put out with less than 750 gallons of water. Megan Sutton asked if it would be appropriate to table the article and address it again next year. She would like the Department to reach a consensus of its needs. Sutton moved, and John Meakin seconded, tabling the article. Rich Wolfson said he would vote against tabling. There was a general discussion with the voters and moderator about what tabling the article would mean. The motion to table was voted by a hand count after a voice vote could not be decisive. Motion to table passed by a hand count of 53 YES and 42 NO. Article 9 was tabled.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Phyllis Bowdish said she felt the photographer was very intrusive and distracting. She asked that the amount of photos be limited. Maggie Quinn asked why Town Meeting was not held at the School, where there were restroom facilities available.

ARTICLE 11: Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at the Town Clerk's Office for the purpose of voting on the following business by Australian Ballot. Polls will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Moderator James read Article 11 and read the ballots that will be voted the next day. People were given a chance to speak for the various Social Service requests. Steve Smith, Selectboard member, reported that the two Resolutions on the warning were petitioned items and the Selectboard does not have a position on either of them.

Motion by John Meakin, seconded by Sutton, to adjourn.

Moderator James adjourned the meeting at 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Karen B. Curavoo, Town Clerk

*Weybridge
Elementary
School*

*210 Quaker Village Road
545-2113*

<http://www.acsu.k12.vt.us/weybridge/school/school.html>

MINUTES
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 3, 2003

The legal voters of the Town of Weybridge met at the Town Hall on Monday, March 3, 2003, at 7:30 P.M. and transacted the following business:

The Moderator, Stanley James Jr., called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The Boy Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance. James thanked the Scouts for cleaning the Town Hall. Scout Bryan Ashley-Selleck announced a food drive.

Moderator James introduced Representative Harvey Smith. Smith spoke about Act 60. Diana Barnard was concerned about cuts in the State budget for the needy. Milly Rooney asked him about taxation of farmland. He explained that farm buildings and housing for farm labor will see a tax reduction. Nate Miller inquired about farms not enrolled in the program. Kathy Heitkamp was concerned about the lack of health care and insurance for a great number of families. Smith doesn't see an immediate fix in store for that issue. Dan Wright asked about the surplus in the education fund. Christina Wadsworth asked questions about the sharing pool. Smith explained that the Senate had a proposal that deals with that issue. The Moderator thanked Harvey for his time and service to Weybridge.

ARTICLE 1: *To see if the Town School District will approve the sum of \$ 916,052 to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.*

Article one was moved by Megan Sutton and seconded by Maggie Quinn. Maggie Ryan thanked Principal Christina Johnston for her excellent job as Principal. She was applauded. Ryan explained that the budget showed a 5.98% increase. The main reason was a 19% increase in health insurance and increased Special Education costs. Paul Deering questioned Ryan about the State's role in funding Special Education. Ryan reported that we will receive a block grant of \$ 834,653, plus \$76,688 for Special Ed, and \$ 60,607 for a small schools grant. Deering

also asked why Weybridge had the highest per pupil spending in the State. Ryan explained that the per pupil cost is a complicated formula that is figured on many different numbers. It includes pre-school through high school average daily membership. The formula also includes other things such as the number of non-English speaking students. Weybridge has a low number of equalized pupils due to being a small Town, therefore, dividing by expenses less revenue gives a higher than normal per pupil spending. Weybridge also has higher than average Special Education costs at this time. The debt for the bond is also figured in. Judy Loewer asked why the number is high and what number of pupils are in Special Ed. Ryan reported there were 8 students at the Elementary level and 33 students that qualified for specialized services. (Act 157) Loewer questioned what specialized services meant. Christina Johnston explained that it is a different classification of Special Ed. The Act requires that each student meets certain standards. It is also special instruction beyond regular instruction. Loewer was concerned that 33 plus 8 is half the school population and is a ridiculously high number. Carrie Ashley-Selleck asked how those numbers compare state wide. Johnston answered that the 8 is average and she is unsure about the 33. She explained that the School is obligated to see that every student meets the standards. Bo Knepp pointed out that almost $\frac{1}{2}$ of the students in that school are receiving instruction that is above and beyond the regular costs and he feels that is absurd. Judy Loewer agreed. Ryan explained that the process for determining special help is a very thoughtful and thorough process and a student does not receive it unless it is warranted. Diana Barnard thought it was important to get them the assistance now and not to wait until they were too far behind in learning. John Meakin asked what the added expenses were. Ryan explained some of it was for learning specialists and aides; but they are considered core staff so it is difficult to separate a cost for them that is related only to special services. Marge Bekoff felt that maybe the state standards needed to be adjusted. Christina Johnston thinks the standards are reasonable. It ensures that no child is left behind. There was a round of applause for Christina Johnston. Kathy Heitkamp stated that 11 years ago there was a nightmare in the Weybridge School. She explained what had happened to one of her children. He was not identified as needing special help and it caused severe problems. Heitkamp said we should be thankful for the current system and extraordinary leadership. Jan Albers thinks that if we don't pay when the children are young and learning, we will pay in the end in

their adult life. Grace Weber asked if children who were considered to be under Act 157 were of normal ability. Maggie Ryan answered yes and explained some of the situations. Maggie Quinn moved the question. Irene Denis seconded it. **The motion was passed by a voice vote.**

ARTICLE 2: *To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.*

Gale Hurd said she liked the new format of the presented budget.

Moderator James read the remaining of the warning which was the election of officers that would be done by Australian ballot on the next day. Moderator James then adjourned the School meeting for a five minute refreshment break (compliments of the Parents Club) after which he would call the Town Meeting to order.

Respectfully submitted by Karen B. Curavoo

FACULTY AND STAFF

2003-2004

Christina Johnston	Principal
Mary Dodge*	Kindergarten
Carol Joy Dobson	Grades 1 & 2
Bethany Atkins	Grades 2 & 3
Catherine Canavan	Grade 4
Peggy Laro	Grades 5 & 6
Amy Brown*	Learning Specialist
Sally Buteau*	Speech/Language Therapist
Artley Wolfson*	Library/Media Coordinator & Local Area Network Coordinator
Janelle Ashley	Assistant to Principal & Health Services Instructional Assistant, 2-5
Lynn Goldsmith*	Asst. Library/Media Coordinator
Gina Barrera	Instructional Assistant, Kindergarten and Speech/Language
Angela Gebo	Instructional Assistant, 5 & 6
Lissy Heminway	Instructional Assistant, Kindergarten
Brianne Jenkins	Instructional Assistant, 5 & 6
Michele Parks	Instructional Assistant, 1 & 2
Carol Place*	Instructional Assistant, 2 & 3
Priscilla Slocum	Instructional Assistant, 2 & 3
Mary Ellen Wessels*	Instructional Assistant, Kindergarten
Eva McDonough**	Nurse
Sarah Metcalf**	Music
Francis Paquette**	Physical Education
Wendy Whaley-Sauder**	Guidance
Sarah Sausville**	Art
Linda Poirier	Food Service Manager
Audra Ouellette*	Bus Driver for Betcha Transit
Pip Wales*	Bus Driver for Betcha Transit

*Part-time

**Part-time Shared ACSU Personnel

ENROLLMENT-DECEMBER 1, 2003

Elementary	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
	14	10	16	14	14	13	10	91
High School		7	8	9	10	11	12	
		11	12	13	12	9	14	71

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

This past year has brought a number of changes. The board entered into a common employment agreement with the five other rural schools in the supervisory union. This was a lengthy but helpful process. By joining with the other towns, we will save money on administrative costs while continuing to provide a positive workplace that allows us to retain and attract outstanding employees.

We also saw the beginning of a rise in our school population. Our best estimates suggest a temporary spike in enrollment that puts our student population at around 100 for approximately two to three years. We then expect to see a drop into the mid-seventies by 2009.

Act 68, Vermont's new education funding law, provides some buffer for rapid population changes. Per pupil costs are based on a multi year enrollment average, and there is a 3.5% limit to the percentage change in any given year—what this means is that the budgetary effects of a rapid increase (or decrease) in student population will be spread out over a few years.

Act 68 will also result in other changes. The funding formula now includes revenue collected from a 1% increase in the sales tax that will reduce some of the pressure on the property tax. Additional changes include a new equation for determining per pupil cost that does not incorporate capital expenses, as well as an increase in the amount of money that the state reimburses us for each student. This increase is also tied to a per pupil spending cap. Act 68 also requires that property owners fill out a new homestead declaration form. This new section of the law creates two different tax rates, one for residential property and one for commercial property. Taxpayers must file this form no later than April 15, 2004.

Weybridge Elementary School continues to address the needs of all our students and we strive to provide excellent educational opportunities with the support of this community.

2002-2003 (Last School Year)

Fiscal year 2002-2003 ended with a deficit of \$26,600 due to unanticipated special education costs.

WEYBRIDGE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Maggie Ryan, Chair
Eric Bowdish
Steve Reigle
Megan Sutton
Scott Wales

PRINCIPAL REPORT

New faculty members we have welcomed this year are Peggy Laro as 5/6 classroom teacher; Sarah Metcalf, music teacher; and Sarah Sausville, art teacher. Instructional assistants new to the staff this year are Gina Barrera, Angela Gebo, Brianne Jenkins, Michele Parks, Priscilla Slocum, and Mary Ellen Wessels. Lissy Heminway has returned as an assistant. During the fall term, Michele Parks served in the 1/2 classroom as a student teacher and Katie Ziemba served in grade 4.

Last spring Joy Dobson was presented with the 2003 Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom Teacher of the Year Award for her creative use of technology in the classroom. In addition to the plaque she received, the school was presented with a check for \$500 to use towards the purchase of new technology. Joy was also selected as WCVT's nominee for the National Foundation for Rural Education and Development Teacher of the Year Award.

This year and next, ACSU elementary schools are field testing a new progress reporting system related to the ACSU performance targets and the Vermont Framework of Standards. The reporting system has been developed by an ACSU committee with representation from each elementary school. The system has three components: curriculum summaries, conferences and written reports. The goals for this system include ensuring that all students are learning to high standards, supporting increased coordination and consistency of implementation of the ACSU curricula in all ACSU elementary schools, ensuring that student proficiency is determined with increased consistency across ACSU, and creating a common form that is easily understood when students enter MUMS or move within ACSU. Because teaching, learning, assessment, and reporting are all intertwined, the work the teachers are doing and the issues they are considering as they implement the reporting system are strengthening all aspects of the educational program at Weybridge. During the two years of field testing, the

ACSU committee will seek parental and faculty input regarding the reporting system and forms.

True to its goals, Parents' Club has continued its work to support the school in many, many ways, including raising funds for numerous purposes, such as playground improvement, purchase of library materials, the 6th grade memory book, enrichment activities like the Phoebe Stone residency, field trips, and parenting classes. The Parents' Club also plans the November Book Fair and Gifts for Giving and saves the school significant money through volunteer programs supporting recycling, the library, and the kitchen. In addition, Parents' Club prepares amazing staff appreciation breakfasts and gifts in December and May, traditions cherished by the staff. This year meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are full of humor and provide a great way to learn about the school. Everyone is welcome to attend - you don't have to be a parent!

The playground committee has addressed equipment safety issues and repairs and has improved the drainage of the grounds. Plans have been made to resurface areas under the swing sets and climbing structures to meet safety specifications. This work will take place this spring or summer. The next phase of improvement will be some landscaping.

Once again mark your calendar! The 7th Annual Weybridge Variety Show is scheduled for Friday, March 26th, 7:00 p.m. Come for yet another exciting evening of performances by your talented neighbors.

I hope all of you will visit the school at some time this year. It is a pleasant and industrious place to be and we would be proud to share it with you. Thank you for your remarkable and ongoing support for the school.

Christina Johnston, Principal

**WEYBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2004-05 BUDGET**

	Spent 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05	
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS				
110 Salaries	187,982	194,773	195,900	(1)
112 Salary - Aides	33,507	18,781	41,045	(2)
120 Substitutes	5,891	5,250	5,250	
210 Health Insurance	22,547	28,429	39,698	(3)
220 Social Security	17,058	16,895	18,528	(4)
230 Life Insurance	0	0	348	
240 Municipal Retirement	1,032	751	1,642	
270 Course Reimbursement	1,851	3,525	3,525	
280 Dental Insurance	0	0	1,395	
290 Disability Insurance	646	717	782	
320 Prof Education Services	1,010	1,000	1,000	
514 Field Trips	255	880	920	
610 Supplies	3,925	4,500	4,500	
640 Books & Periodicals	3,003	4,000	3,500	
660 Manipulatives	170	200	200	
730 Equipment	507	500	500	
890 Inservice Training	400	750	400	
891 ACSU Curriculum Dev.	633	643	659	
1100 Total	\$280,417	\$281,594	\$319,792	

(1) This represents the salaries of 4.65 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) classroom teachers.

(2) This represents the salaries of 3.1 FTE aides.

(3) This represents a 9.75% projected rate increase and 3.1 x \$2118 insurance stipends for aides.

(4) This includes Social Security for insurance stipend taken as salary by aides.

	Spent 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05	
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION				
110 Salaries	26,500	27,560	27,825	(5)
112 Salaries - Aides	26,952	68,429	67,762	(6)
113 Salaries - Summer	0	0	3,715	(7)
120 Substitutes	0	700	700	
210 Health Insurance	870	7,950	10,611	(8)
220 Social Security	4,083	8,005	7,650	(9)
230 Life Insurance	0	0	37	
240 Municipal Retirement	1,082	2,737	2,710	
270 Course Reimbursement	0	650	650	
280 Dental Insurance	0	0	150	
290 Disability Insurance	100	105	113	
330 Other Special Ed. Services	33,821	34,163	48,576	(10)
513 Transportation	0	0	240	
565 EEE Tuition	24,888	17,442	13,151	(11)
566 Tuition	44,395	0	0	
610 Supplies	329	250	250	
730 Equipment	3,149	150	150	

(5) This represents the salary of .5 FTE learning specialist.

(6) This represents the salary of 5.0 FTE aides.

(7) This represents programs for students who receive services over the summer.

(8) This represents 5.0 x \$2,118 insurance stipends for aides.

(9) This includes Social Security for insurance stipend taken as salary by aides.

(10) These services include .3 FTE speech/language pathologist; ACSU school psychologist and integration specialist; physical and occupational therapy for students, evaluations and other professional services as needed.

(11) This represents Weybridge portion based on 2002-03 ACSU K-6 average daily membership (ADM).

	Spent 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
900 Less Reimbursements	(1,280)	0	0
1200 Total	\$164,889	\$168,141	\$184,290
1300 SHARED PERSONNEL			
110 Salaries	16,648	17,564	24,600 (12)
120 Substitutes	0	300	300
210 Health Insurance	4,689	5,580	4,404
220 Social Security	1,278	1,367	1,905
230 Life Insurance	36	37	52
270 Course Reimbursement	238	525	525
280 Dental Insurance	156	164	218
290 Disability Insurance	0	0	98
890 Miscellaneous	0	0	0
1300 Total	\$23,045	\$25,537	\$32,102
2120 GUIDANCE			
110 Salaries	9,715	10,104	10,560 (13)
210 Health Insurance	1,876	2,232	2,260
220 Social Security	743	773	808
230 Life Insurance	14	15	15
270 Course Reimbursement	0	150	150
280 Dental Insurance	63	66	60
290 Disability Insurance	0	0	42
610 Supplies	0	80	50
2120 Total	\$12,411	\$13,420	\$13,945

(12) This represents the salaries of .2 FTE P.E. teacher, .2 FTE art teacher and .3 FTE music teacher.

(13) This represents the salary of .2 FTE guidance counselor.

	Spent 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
2130 HEALTH			
110 Salary	6,970	7,248	7,680 (14)
112 Salary Aide	2,044	1,957	2,048 (15)
210 Health Insurance	1,876	2,416	2,514
220 Social Security	689	718	744
230 Life Insurance	14	15	15
240 Municipal Retirement	0	78	82
270 Course Reimbursement	26	150	150
280 Dental Insurance	50	0	0
290 Disability Insurance	0	0	31
580 Travel	167	220	110
610 Supplies	260	400	300
2130 Total	\$12,096	\$13,202	\$13,674
2220 MEDIA SERVICE			
110 Salary	19,520	25,376	27,600 (16)
112 Salary- Aide	5,847	7,314	6,982 (17)
220 Social Security	1,941	2,501	2,645
230 Life Insurance	0	0	38
240 Municipal Retirement	0	293	279
270 Course Reimbursement	120	375	375
280 Dental Insurance	0	0	150
290 Disability Insurance	77	96	110
430 Equipment Repair	400	400	400
610 Supplies	989	900	900
640 Books & Periodicals	4,895	5,500	5,500

(14) This represents the salary of .2 FTE school nurse.

(15) This represents the salary of .12 FTE health aide/first aid designee.

(16) This represents the salary of .5 FTE librarian.

(17) This represents the salary of .42 FTE library aide.

	Spent 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
650 A.V. Materials	998	1,500	1,500
670 Software	1,187	1,245	1,245
730 Equipment	200	500	500
2220 Total	\$36,174	\$46,000	\$48,224

2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION

250 Workers Compensation	1,810	1,703	2,182 (18)
260 Unemployment	0	250	250
330 Stipends	500	500	500
332 Audit	0	0	2,700
333 Legal Fees	0	500	500
335 Payroll Service Fees	1,429	1,049	1,515
540 Advertising	2,252	2,450	2,563
810 Dues & Fees	700	850	850
890 Miscellaneous	531	400	400
900 Contingency	0	500	500
2310 Total	\$7,222	\$8,202	\$11,960

2313 TREASURER

610 Supplies	53	220	220
2313 Total	\$53	\$220	\$220

2320 ASSESSMENT

331 ACSU	26,328	27,960	29,521
336 ACSU Insurance Pool	0	161	66
339 Special Education	3,318	3,487	4,115
2320 Total	\$29,646	\$31,608	\$33,702

2410 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

110 Salary - Principal	57,815	60,128	62,530 (19)
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(18) This represents a 17% projected increase of the 2003-04 actual.

(19) This represents the salary of 1.0 FTE principal.

	Spent 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05	
111 Salary - Secretary	8,688	8,135	8,511	(20)
210 Health Insurance	9,296	11,924	12,103	
220 Social Security	4,851	5,222	5,517	
230 Life Insurance	278	289	312	
240 Municipal Retirement	400	325	340	
241 Administrative Retirement	2,313	3,006	3,127	
280 Dental Insurance	289	418	338	
290 Disability Insurance	228	228	249	
430 Equipment Repair	4,366	4,800	4,800	
530 Communications/Postage	382	400	400	
531 Telecommunications	216	240	240	
580 Faculty/Staff Travel	95	250	100	
610 Supplies	257	250	250	
640 Books & Periodicals	0	0	0	
810 Conference & Dues	250	400	425	
890 Miscellaneous	272	175	175	
2410 Total	\$89,996	\$96,190	\$99,417	

2540 OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

110 Salary	17,461	17,522	18,223	(21)
220 Social Security	1,410	1,340	1,394	
320 Contracted Services	0	0	750	
421 Disposal Services	1,266	2,079	1,850	
422 Snowplowing	2,630	2,940	3,040	
430 Repairs & Maintenance	12,505	10,000	10,000	
490 Lawn mowing	2,002	2,079	2,500	
521 Property Insurance	2,698	3,104	3,776	

(20) This represents the salary of .51 FTE secretary.

(21) This represents the salary of a .5 FTE custodial position shared by two people.

	Spent 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
528 Umbrella Insurance	348	400	421
530 Communication/Telephone	2,281	2,678	2,839
610 Supplies	4,396	4,500	3,625
622 Electricity	16,577	16,361	17,572
624 Fuel Oil	6,626	6,655	7,156
730 Equipment	2,677	2,000	500
2540 Total	\$72,877	\$71,658	\$73,646
2550 TRANSPORTATION			
513 Contracted Services	45,305	46,438	47,831
2550 Total	\$45,305	\$46,438	\$47,831
2560 FOOD SERVICE			
610 Supplies	4,500	4,500	4,500
623 Propane Gas	259	260	260
730 Equipment	253	200	200
2650 Total	\$5,012	\$4,960	\$4,960
2660 TECHNOLOGY			
111 Salary-Network Coordinator	4,880	5,075	5,520 (22)
220 Social Security	373	388	422
230 Life Insurance	0	0	7
280 Dental Insurance	0	0	30
290 Disability Insurance	0	19	22
320 ACSU Technical Support	4,553	4,718	6,414 (23)
531 Telecommunications	1,100	660	720
610 Supplies	215	350	350
670 Software	1,855	2,250	2,250

(22) This represents the salary of .1 FTE Local Area Network Coordinator.

(23) This represents Weybridge portion of ACSU contract based on professional count.

	Spent 2002-03	Budget 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05
730 Equipment	8,845	9,500	9,500
2660 Total	\$21,821	\$22,960	\$25,235
5100 DEBT SERVICE			
830 Interest	38,491	35,920	33,298
910 Principal	50,000	50,000	50,000
5100 Total	\$88,491	\$85,920	\$83,298
TOTAL BUDGET	\$889,455	\$916,050	\$992,296
		Increase	8.32%

INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT
1996 School Improvements & Addition

	Principal Payment 2004-05	Interest Payment 2004-05	Balance of Unpaid Principal June 2005
Indebtedness July 2004	\$600,000	\$50,000	\$33,298
			\$550,000

AUDIT

Title 16 V.S.A. Section 563 (17) requires school boards to employ public accountants to audit their financial statements at least every three years. Weybridge records were audited for FY 2001 and will be audited next for FY 2004.

WEYBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2002-03 FUND BALANCE

REVENUE:

Property Taxes	1,609,066	
State Aid: General Support	100,427	
State Aid: Special Education	143,575	
State Aid: Transportation	26,470	
State Aid: Small Schools Grant	58,972	
Interest Income	1,646	
Special Performance Donation	345	
Dobson Tech Award	500	
Transfer from Building Fund	36,948	
Miscellaneous	58	
Total Revenue		\$1,978,007

EXPENDITURES:

Regular Programs	280,417
Special Education	164,889
Shared Personnel	23,045
Guidance	12,411
Health Service	12,096
Media Services	36,174
Board of Education	7,223
Treasurer	53
ACSU Assessment	26,328
ACSU Special Ed. Assessment	3,318
Principal's Office	89,994
Operations & Maintenance	72,877
Transportation	45,305

WEYBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

2002-03 FUND BALANCE

continued

Food Service	5,012	
Technology	21,821	
Debt Service	88,491	
Total Expenditures		(889,454)

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

UD #3 Assessment	867,502	
Payment to Education Fund	103,095	
EEE Transfer Account	6,490	
Special Ed. Transfer Account	79,232	
Total Special Account Expenditures		(1,056,319)

Excess Revenue over Expenditures	\$32,234
Beginning Balance - July 1, 2002	<u>(50,840)</u>

Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2003 **(18,606)**

The Fund Balance is reserved as follows:

Education Reserve Fund	\$18,669	
Dobson Tech Award	\$500	
Special Performance	\$345	
Unreserved Fund Balance - June 30, 2003		(\$38,120)

To be raised with 2003-04 taxes	11,520
Net Unreserved Fund Balance	(\$26,600)

**WEYBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPARATIVE SCHOOL COSTS**

	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Regular Programs	251,830	284,599	280,417
Special Education	153,997	117,847	164,889
Shared Personnel	21,413	22,694	23,045
Guidance	11,858	11,951	12,411
Health	9,725	11,918	12,096
Media/Library	32,460	37,925	36,174
Administration	127,490	128,884	126,915
Maintenance	65,125	64,000	72,877
Transportation	45,392	44,241	45,305
Food Service	4,958	5,063	5,012
Technology	17,627	26,895	21,821
Debt Service	93,484	91,012	88,491
UD#3 Assessment	694,535	830,719	838,867
Vocational Assessment	20,392	26,302	28,636
Totals	\$1,550,286	\$1,704,050	\$1,756,956

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

2002-03 Elementary Average Daily Membership	89.00
2002-03 Elementary Per Pupil Cost	\$9,994
2002-03 UD#3 Average Daily Membership	73.55
2002-03 UD#3 Per Pupil Cost	\$11,405
2002-03 Vocational Average Daily Membership	4.75
2002-03 Vocational Per Pupil Cost	\$6,029

WEYBRIDGE SCHOOL GILMAN FUND

Beginning Balance July 1, 2002	\$560.39
Add: Interest Income	\$8.50
Expenses:	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance June 30, 2003	\$568.89

Note: The Gilman Fund Account shows activity on the interest only. The original principal is \$3,020.22.

**WEYBRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004-05 FINANCE**

	Act 60	Act 68	Change
	Current 2003-04	Proposed 2004-05	
<u>Estimated Education Spending:</u>			
Elementary Budget	916,052	992,296	8.32%
High/Middle School Assessment	883,501	808,201	-8.52%
Technical Center Assessment	35,076	33,904	-3.34%
Technical Center Base Payment*	27,598	25,873	-6.25%
Prior Year Deficit	11,520	26,600	
Total Expenditures	1,873,747	1,886,874	0.70%
Less Anticipated Receipts			
Special Ed Block Grant	41,180	45,454	
Special Ed Intensive	37,488	46,607	
Small Schools Grant	61,342	55,788	
Interest Income	2,200	500	
Transportation Aid	24,444	24,763	
Total Estimated Receipts	(166,654)	(173,112)	
Estimated Education Spending	\$1,707,093	\$1,713,762	0.39%
<u>Estimated Education Spending Revenue from State:</u>			
Estimated Total Equalized Grand List	\$736,197	\$816,860	10.96%
Estimated Equalized Homestead Grand List	n/a	\$546,806	
Anticipated Equalized Homestead Tax Rate**	\$2.4111	\$1.7789	-26.22%
Estimated Homestead Taxes to be Raised	n/a	\$972,713	
Estimated Equalized Non-Residential Grand List	n/a	\$270,054	
Anticipated Equalized Non-Residential Tax Rate	n/a	\$1.59	
Estimated Non-Residential Taxes to be Raised:	n/a	\$429,386	
Education Property Tax Raised with Act 60	\$1,775,045	n/a	
Estimated Education Spending Revenue from State	(\$67,952)	\$311,663	-558.65%

A change in education funding formulas occurred for FY 2005. Act 60 was in effect during FY 2004, and Act 68 takes effect in FY 2005. Changes to Act 68 were pending in the legislature at the time of publication of this report.

* Technical Center base payments are sent by State directly to Technical Center

** Anticipated Equalized Homestead Tax Rate has been adjusted from \$1.10 homestead tax rate for spending over \$6,800 per pupil. This is the rate estimated to be paid if property assessments are at 100% of fair market value as determined by the state.

Preliminary Three Prior Year Comparisons - Estimates Only

District: **Weybridge**

County: **Addison**

Expenditures

Budget (local budget approved in prior years)

82% of base payment per FTE paid by the State on behalf of the district

S.U. assessment (included in local budget)

Deficit (if included in local budget)

+ Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years

+ 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting

+ 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting

+ 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting

- Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")

Act 68 local adopted budget

+ Union school assessment

+ Deficit if not included in budget or revenues

+ Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)

Gross Act 68 Budget

Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")

Revenues

+ Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)

+ Capital debt aid

+ Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)

- Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures

- Act 144 revenues

Total revenues

- Fund raising (if any)

Adjusted local revenues

Education Spending (Act 68 definition)

Equalized Pupils

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)

Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment

District spending adjustment

(\$10,997 / \$6,800)

Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized

(161.721% x \$1.10)

Household income Percentage for income sensitivity

(161.721% x 2.0%)

Format as Provided by Commissioner of Education

LEA: 239
 S.U.: Addison Central

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	
	848,552	950,969	962,648	1,078,673	1.
	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	25,873	2.
	31,043	29,645	31,608	33,702	3.
	-	57,989	11,520	26,600	4.
+	19,558	22,654	27,598	not applicable	5.
+	-	-	-	-	6.
+	-	-	-	-	7.
+	-	-	-	-	8.
-	-	-	-	-	9.
	868,110	973,623	990,246	1,078,673	10.
+	830,719	838,867	883,501	808,201	11.
+	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	12.
+	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	13.
	1,698,829	1,812,490	1,873,747	1,886,874	14.
	-	-	-	-	15.
+	160,210	183,438	166,654	173,112	16.
+	7,178	-	-	-	17.
+	-	-	-	-	18.
-	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	19.
-	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	20.
	167,388	183,438	166,654	173,112	21.
-	-	-	-	-	22.
	167,388	183,438	166,654	173,112	23.
	1,531,441	1,629,052	1,707,093	1,713,762	24.
	145.18	149.87	152.45	155.84	25.
	10,549	10,870	11,198	10,997	26.
	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	27.
	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	10,997	28.
	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	161.721%	29.
	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1,779	30.
	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	3.23%	31.

ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

**Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury ID#4, Ripton, Salisbury,
Shoreham, Weybridge and Union District #3**

Addison Central Supervisory Union is a marvelous conglomeration of ten schools sustained and nurtured by seven supportive communities and 48 dedicated school board members serving voluntarily in 53 slots on nine school boards. During the past year our schools welcomed and challenged 2,101 students to learn. The educational accomplishments are exemplary, however, there is more to be achieved. Student assessments across ACSU challenge students, teachers, administrators and parents to do better. Test results show clearly what has been accomplished and what must be done to meet our ten performance targets. Those goals constitute the continuing mission of Addison Central Supervisory Union.

UD#3 Charter Change

At a November 2003, election, ACSU voters approved significant changes in the Union District #3 Charter. When schools open next September the seventh and eighth grade students from Bridport will be attending Middlebury Union Middle School for the first time in the history of ACSU.

Representation on UD#3 Board will change in 2005 with implementation of the constitutional principle of one-person one vote. Each of the six smaller towns in ACSU will have one representative on the Board. Middlebury will have seven representatives based on the number of registered voters in each of the towns.

Hannaford Center To Become A Regional Technical School District

At the March town meeting this year, all of the voters of Addison County will be asked to approve a change in the governance structure of the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center. It will cease to be governed by the Union District #3 Board and will become governed by a board of elected and appointed officials representing

each of the three Addison County Supervisory Unions. Access for students and tuition charges will remain the same. If the voters approve the proposal, the Hannaford Career Center will become a separate regional technical school district.

Student Assessment Efforts Continue

Our commitment to the development of student assessments has reached the stage where the full range of test results is nearing completion for each student in the schools. Teachers have at their fingertips the individual student assessment results that provide diagnostic information to direct and inform instruction. Under the skilled leadership of Associate Superintendent Jan Willey and the long serving K-12 Assessment Committee, so much progress has been made that federal funding will soon be flowing into ACSU to expand the evaluation program, Making Assessment Purposeful for Students (MAPS), for use throughout Vermont and the nation.

Changes In State Funding Of Schools

Last year, Act 68 replaced Act 60, the state mechanism for funding education. The result will be a lightened burden on property taxpayers of Vermont. A one-cent increase in the sales tax is already offsetting some of the property tax. The new legislation places great emphasis on cost containment. All schools in ACSU will be working to achieve that objective.

A Pervasive Spirit Of Concern And Cooperation

As interim superintendent of schools I discover again, every day, a spirit of empathy, concern and cooperation, which pervades this complex and extraordinary supervisory union. From that first day on the job when a kindergartner, eyes bright with curiosity, crept around a book case in the library seeking The Wizard of Oz, to the spectacle of town trucks leading school buses onto icy roads to make sure every child is returned safely home, it is a school system to gratify the community. The mission to educate all our children is never fully achieved. It is always a work in progress. The people of this community demonstrate an abiding commitment to that task.

Harold Reynolds, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

**ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
PROPOSED 2004-05 BUDGET**

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
	Spent	Budget	Proposed
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>			
Salaries	523,460	557,600	594,284
Health Insurance	86,156	112,580	112,700
Social Security	37,453	41,600	44,659
Life Insurance	2,032	2,250	2,310
Retirement	13,002	16,300	16,310
Workers Compensation	954	950	1,045
Unemployment	928	0	500
Dental	8,540	9,160	9,670
Disability	1,852	2,125	2,359
Inservice	890	1,100	1,100
Audit	924	1,050	1,160
Professional Services	7,323	7,800	7,800
Legal	176	1,000	1,000
Payroll Service	1,792	1,900	1,900
CO Equipment Repairs	587	1,632	1,700
Business Off. Equipment	5,384	5,450	6,250
Copier Lease	6,911	9,500	9,500
Postage Meter Rental	1,200	1,250	1,250
Telephone	11,912	13,775	14,464
Postage	6,806	7,700	7,700
Advertising	1,521	1,700	1,700
ACSU Schools Report	1,071	1,700	1,200
Star Awards	1,263	1,000	1,200
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	7,794	6,572	6,901
Office Supplies	11,733	12,500	13,000
Books	879	1,500	1,500
Central Office Software	1,450	1,500	1,500
Business Off. Equipment	5,736	5,740	6,027

ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

PROPOSED 2004-05 BUDGET

Continued

	2002-03) Spent	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Proposed	
Central Office Equipment	6,474	5,000	6,015	
Conferences & Dues	10,056	14,000	14,000	
Technology Equip. Repairs	1,625	1,050	1,103	
Technology Supplies	208	840	882	
Technology Off. Software	1,373	2,000	2,100	
Technology Off. Equipment	10,261	12,000	12,600	
Miscellaneous	2,360	2,500	2,500	
Superintendent Search	12,356	0	0	
Contingency	0	1,000	1,000	
Total Administrative	794,442	865,324	910,887	5.3%

MAINTENANCE

Salary	6,110	6,085	7,493	
Social Security	467	465	573	
Monitoring System	120	130	137	
Workers Compensation	200	200	220	
Water & Sewer	647	550	700	
Trash Removal	938	945	1,013	
Maintenance	480	3,500	3,640	
Building Upgrade	4,500	2,000	2,000	
Building Rent	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Property/Liability Insurance	750	871	915	
Supplies	1,085	800	1,140	
Furniture	500	500	500	
Electricity	9,068	9,241	9,615	
Total Maintenance	28,865	29,287	31,946	9.1%
GRAND TOTAL	\$823,307	\$894,611	\$942,835	5.4%
Less Prior Year Fund Balance		(10,000)	(32,100)	
Less Grant Administration Fees		(15,000)	(15,000)	
Assessments		\$869,611	\$895,735	3.0%

**ACSU SPECIAL EDUCATION
2004-2005 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET**

	2002-2003 Spent	Approved 2003-2004 Budget	Proposed 2004-2005 Budget	Proposed 2004-2005 Assessment
Salaries	183,130	198,247	205,608	73,145
Health Insurance	35,604	42,867	48,199	14,993
Social Security	14,092	15,166	15,729	5,596
Life Insurance	718	1,111	1,171	443
Retirement	3,872	5,706	5,062	1,588
Workers Comp	92	100	104	37
Dental	3,584	3,764	4,292	1,341
Disability	707	873	822	293
Audit	1,092	1,400	1,400	225
Payroll Services	1,376	1,430	1,600	1,600
Legal Fees	3,825	1,150	2,400	2,400
Equipment Repair	2,771	2,650	3,000	3,000
Postage	896	875	925	925
Telephone	1,816	1,394	1,259	1,100
Advertising	2,392	2,200	1,600	456
Travel	1,703	1,700	1,875	-
Office Supplies	3,197	4,176	4,200	2,500
Equipment	720	5,380	2,000	2,000
Conferences & Dues	1,293	934	1,400	1,400
Total Special Ed Budget	262,880	291,123	302,646	
Less: Revenue Resources		(182,822)	(189,604)	
Special Ed Assessments		108,301	113,042	113,042

(4.4% Inc.)

ACSU SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS

	Percent of Teacher Count	2003-2004 Assessment	Proposed 2004-2005 Assessment	Dollar Difference
Bridport	6.77%	7,213	7,653	440
Cornwall	5.46%	4,744	6,172	1,428
ID#4	20.13%	20,967	22,755	1,788
UD#3	48.98%	58,353	55,368	(2,985)
Ripton	2.99%	2,805	3,380	575
Salisbury	6.28%	5,133	7,099	1,966
Shoreham	5.75%	5,599	6,500	901
Weybridge	3.64%	3,487	4,115	628
Total	100%	108,301	113,042	4,741

**ESTIMATED ACSU ASSESSMENTS
BASED ON PROPOSED 2004-05 BUDGET**

	Professional % of ACSU Count	2004-05 ACSU Assessment	2003-04 ACSU Assessment	2004-05 Special Ed Assessment	2003-04 Special Ed Assessment	2004-05 Special Ed Assessment	2003-04 Special Ed Assessment	Total Assess
				Incr/(decr)	Incr/(decr)	Incr/(decr)	Incr/(decr)	Incr/(decr)
Bridport	14.65	\$55,093	\$57,904	(\$2,811)	\$7,653	\$7,213	\$440	(\$2,371)
Comwall	11.80	\$44,375	\$38,062	\$6,313	\$6,172	\$4,744	\$1,428	\$7,741
ID#4	43.53	\$163,697	\$168,373	(\$4,676)	\$22,755	\$20,967	\$1,788	(\$2,888)
UD#3	127.90	\$480,978	\$468,538	\$12,440	\$55,368	\$58,353	(\$2,985)	\$9,455
Ripton	6.45	\$24,256	\$22,548	\$1,708	\$3,380	\$2,805	\$575	\$2,283
Salisbury	13.58	\$51,069	\$41,237	\$9,832	\$7,099	\$5,133	\$1,966	\$11,798
Shoreham	12.43	\$46,744	\$44,989	\$1,755	\$6,500	\$5,599	\$901	\$2,656
Weybridge	7.85	\$29,521	\$27,960	\$1,561	\$4,115	\$3,487	\$628	\$2,189
TOTALS	238.19	\$895,733	\$869,611	\$26,122	\$113,042	\$108,301	\$4,741	\$30,863

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 1, 2004

The legal voters of the Weybridge Town School District are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Weybridge on Monday, March 1, 2004, at 7:30 P.M. to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town School District will approve the sum of **\$992,296** to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing school year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

ARTICLE 2: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, in the Board Room in the Town Clerk's Office for the purpose of voting on the following business of the Town School District by Australian Ballot.

Polls will be Open 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Moderator for the Town School District for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 4: To elect one School Director for the Town School District for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 5: To elect one School Director for the Town School District for a term of two years.

WEYBRIDGE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Maggie Ryan, Chair
Eric Bowdish
Steven Reigle
Megan Sutton
Scott Wales

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RESIDENT'S WORK GRACES BRIDGE

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Next time you're crossing the Pulp Mill Bridge, take note of the signs at both entrances. Our good friend Wilfred Bilodeau of Pulp Mill Bridge Road in Weybridge has restored both signs to their original beauty. This project was done in memory of his wife Ann, who loved covered bridges just as he does.

At 82, Wilfred continues to work hard for his community and we admire him for that. He is a man of many talents who shares these talents with all who come in contact with him.

*Sarah & Dayton Wakefield
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