

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
BOARD OFFICERS  
of the Town of

GOSHEN, VT



FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

## Phone Numbers

Goshen Town Clerk - Madine Reed

Office 247-6455

Home 247-6877

Goshen Road Commissioner - James Hayes

Home 247-6151

Pager 742-1667

First Constable - John Swahn

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Pager 786-3121

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Goshen Select Board

David Gale 247-8443

Norman Reed 247-6877

Jeff Whiting 247-0174

Neshobe School 247-3721

Otter Valley Union High School

247-6833

Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union

247-5757

Post Office

Brandon 247-6666

Forestdale 247-3224

## **Dorothy Aline (Noble) Brown**

**Born in Rochester, Vermont, daughter of Victor and Helen (Morse) Noble, Dorothy lived in Rochester and Ripton before moving to Brandon where she attended Brandon High School. At Brandon, she attended classes with Laura Gladys Brown, whom she had met years earlier while attending 'Camp Fire Girls' camp in Goshen. In January of 1930 Dorothy married Raymond Lockwood Brown of Goshen. In the persuing years, Dorothy and Raymond made their home first in Brandon then soon moved back to Goshen and stayed to raise a family of nine children.**

**Dorothy has always been active in her community. She worked in the local 'Community Club' helping to support community and school activities for the one room school in Goshen, until its' closing in 1969. She held Town Offices such as School Director from the mid 40's into the early 50's, Town Treasurer in the 50's and again in the 60's until the mid 70's. She served as an Auditor in the early 60's and as the Town Clerk in the mid/late 70's.**

**To round out a long and varied career in Town politics she served as a Lister in the mid/late 80's before spending a few winters in Arizona!**

**Her life long passion for sewing was still intact after suffering a stroke in January 1997.**

**She made over 20 quilt blocks for a quilt being worked on by various women in Town. The pattern was formed after a quilt that was found in N.H., believed to have been made here in Goshen somewhere around 1850. Not too bad for a right-handed lady who had to do all of the blocks with her left hand! She says she's just waiting for everyone else to get busy and put her blocks with all the others and get the quilt together.**

**At age 90, Dorothy still lives in her home of over 60 years on Capen Hill Road. Want to know something about Goshen? Stop by and see Dorothy-she'll probably know the answer.**





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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

<b>Moderator:</b>	<b>Norman J. Reed</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Selectboard:</b>	<b>Jeff Whiting</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>David Gale</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
	<b>Norman J. Reed</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
<b>Town Clerk:</b>	<b>Madine J. Reed</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Town Treasurer:</b>	<b>Ramona Mills</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Trustee of Public Funds:</b>	<b>Ramona Mills</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>School Directors:</b>	<b>Thomasina McKeighan</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>Irene Rubbins-Breen</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
	<b>Kathy Mathis (resigned)</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
	<b>Diane O'classen (appointed)</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>O.V.U.H.S. Board Member:</b>	<b>Diane M. Mott</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
<b>Auditors:</b>	<b>Tom Kerr</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>Fernanda Canales</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
	<b>Barbara Walsh</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
<b>Listers:</b>	<b>Edward Hayes (Resigned)</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>J. Lee Baker (Appointed)</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>Barbara Walsh</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
	<b>Madine J. Reed</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector:</b>	<b>Barbara J. Brown</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Constable:</b>	<b>John Swahn</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Constable:</b>	<b>Norman J. Reed</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Grand Juror:</b>	<b>Jim Hayes</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Town Agent:</b>	<b>Jim Hayes</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Justice of the Peace:</b>	<b>David Breen</b>	<b>February 1, 2005</b>
	<b>Kenneth L. Brown</b>	<b>February 1, 2005</b>
	<b>Robert Lamica</b>	<b>February 1, 2005</b>
	<b>Diane M. Mott</b>	<b>February 1, 2005</b>
	<b>Norman J. Reed</b>	<b>February 1, 2005</b>

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<b>Fire Warden:</b>	<b>Norman Reed</b>	<b>June 30, 2008</b>
<b>Health Officer:</b>	<b>Benjamin Lawton</b>	<b>March 1, 2007</b>
<b>Deputy Health Officer:</b>	<b>Tom Kerr</b>	<b>Nov. 30, 2004</b>
	<b>James Hayes</b>	<b>Nov. 30, 2004</b>
<b>Service Officer:</b>	<b>Diane Mott</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Fence Viewers:</b>	<b>Select Board</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Pound Keepers:</b>	<b>Constables</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Tree Warden:</b>	<b>Select Board</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Weigher of Coal:</b>	<b>Wm. Mathis</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Inspector of Lumber:</b>	<b>Select Board</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Humane Officers:</b>	<b>Select Board</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Road Comm.:</b>	<b>Jim Hayes</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Emergency Coordinator:</b>	<b>Jim Hayes</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Cemetery Commissioners:</b>	<b>Ken Brown</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>David Gale</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
	<b>J. Douglas Graham</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
<b>Addison County Solid Waste Management District Rep.:</b>	<b>Diane Mott</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Alternate:</b>	<b>Jim Hayes</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Addison County Regional Planning Commission Rep.:</b>	<b>Chad Chamberlain</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Alternate:</b>	<b>Jim Hayes</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Brandon-Leicester-Salisbury- Goshen Insect Dist. Rep.:</b>	<b>Ben Lawton</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>David Bishop</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
<b>Addison County Local Emergency Planning Commission:</b>	<b>John Swahn</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>Jeff Whiting</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Zoning Administrator:</b>	<b>Edwin Stanchfield</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
<b>Planning Commission:</b>	<b>Kevin O'classen</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>Jeff Cathcart</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
	<b>Chad Chamberlain</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
	<b>Richard Conrad</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
	<b>J. Douglas Graham</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
	<b>Bruce Webster</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
<b>Board of Adjustment:</b>	<b>Edward Hayes</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>Diane Mott</b>	<b>March 2, 2004</b>
	<b>Tom Kerr</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
	<b>Barbara Walsh</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
	<b>David Bishop</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
	<b>Ken Brown</b>	<b>March 2006</b>
	<b>Richard Conrad</b>	<b>March 2006</b>

## Town Meeting Minutes March 4, 2003

A potluck supper was held prior to the opening of the annual meeting.

The Moderator, Norm Reed, opened the Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Article I:** To hear and act on the Town School District Warning.

David Gale moved to adjourn the Town Meeting, to be reopened at the close of the School Meeting, and open the Goshen Town School District Meeting. Bruce Webster second. So moved. All in favor.

The Moderator, Norm Reed, opened the Town School District meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**Article I:** Call the meeting to order.

So done by the Moderator.

**Article II:** To hear and act on the reports of the Goshen Town School District officers.

Bruce Webster moved to accept the reports. Wm. Mathis made the second. No discussion. All in favor.

**Article III:** To establish the compensation of the Town School District officers.

Doug Graham made the motion to have the compensation remain the same as last year at \$100 each. David Gale made the second. No discussion. All in favor.

**Article IV:** To see if the voters of the Goshen Town School District will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$166,610.92) for the 2003-2004 school year. The amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by Special Education revenues, State aid and other incomes.

Doug Graham moved the article, second by David Gale. Discussion included: How is the # of students paid for decided? The Board said the figures are on p.56 of the Town Report. The # of students billed by Neshobe is the amount of \$ for the # enrolled to be paid for. That is the figure we use in the budget process. If students attend other public schools, the # and the \$ figure is also included in the budget.

Dr. Mathis stated that what we have been quoted and charged over the years has been pretty accurate.

Jeff Whiting asked why Special Ed costs seem to grow more quickly than any other costs with no comparisons? stand. The Board stated that Brenda Fleming

at R.N.E.S.U. does a good job of staying on top of the rules and where we stand in the District. The \$ amount is at 10.5% a year and growing; 18-19% of the budget is health care costs, in terms of \$ over \$100,000. Dr. Mathis also stated that \$300,000+ was cut from the original budget to make lower budget in all the Towns in the District. Many Special Ed people were laid off to keep the costs down. It was also stated that the 9 member district representatives plus over 20 people were at the budget hearing working to try to keep budget costs down. There are emotional, autistic, physically handicapped and other student needs to be served. The cost of educating the 'special needs' is very expensive. The boards have tried to combine and consolidate as much as possible within the district to cut expenses and still deliver the needs of district students. Everyone worked very hard on this endeavor. Dr. Mathis said it was no easy task.

David Gale moved the question/ second by Fernanda Canales. Vote in the affirmative.

**Article V:** To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the necessary expenses of the Goshen Town School District.

Doug Graham moved the article/David Gale second. No discussion. Vote in the affirmative.

**Article VI:** To do any other business proper to be done when met.

Dr. Mathis explained about Article VII to be voted on by Australian ballot on Tuesday March 4. The article is being voted on to bring the method of counting student enrollment into conformity with current State Law. (article attached) This is a 'housekeeping amendment' according to Dr. Mathis.

Being no further business, the Moderator asked for adjournment until 10 a.m. Tuesday March 4,03 at which time the Australian Balloting will take place. Ed Stanchfield moved/ second by Doug Graham. So moved. Meeting closed at 8 p.m.

At 8:02 the moderator brought the adjourned Town meeting to order. Moderator Reed read a letter to the assembly, concerning the article up for vote on Tuesday. The article, concerning the paying of tax dollars for tuition to private schools. This will need to be discussed under other business as it is not a legally warned item on the Town Warning.

Al Gionet made the motion/second by Renee Rubbins to put Article VII out of order and go to Article XI 'to do any other business legal and proper to be done at this time' before Dr. Mathis has to leave. So moved.

Al Gionet stated that Brandon has a reduced amount for tuition so any dollars going somewhere else will cost taxpayers more because the # of students going to Neshobe may change. Dr. Mathis said it will be interesting to see. Renee

Rubbins stated where ever the 'student' goes to school the R.N.E.S.U. will have to accommodate any special needs of Goshen Students. Fernanda Canales mentioned that a child at the Sudbury went to the 'Bridge School' and the special needs of the child did not have to be paid from the district. Diane O'classen questioned if the parent might have to pay if the total cost is over the tuition rate set for Neshobe. Yes, was the answer, as the rate would be from the state average. Corinna Stewart mentioned that IEP students are not always served in their 'own' school. This is also true but the needs of students that cost more are sometimes consolidated in one school to better serve all students and thus are bussed to one or another school depending on the service needed. David Bishop mentioned that some times state reimbursement block grant money, takes up to 2yrs. to be received. Renee Breen brought forth some facts—tuition at the 'Bridge School' is currently \$6,100; at this time there are 6 certified teachers; 2 part time; 66 students; no IEP students; no handicapped students; are applicants always accepted ?-usually. The school is not right for every one but will accommodate 504 plans if in place.

Dr. Mathis explained a correct petition must go to the School Board with 15 days from time of receiving by the board to warn a meeting 30 days after that. Also, correct wording of the petition must be in place by state statute to be accepted.

Sherri Brown – “school choice” is what it is all about and the \$ amount may be more or less. Tony Clark mentioned that the number of kids going to private or even other schools has always been very small. No further discussion.

Moved on to next article.

**Article II:** To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers.

Doug Graham moved to accept the reports/Corrina Stewart made the second. Passed in the affirmative.

**Article III:** To see if the Town will raise money by taxes on the Grand List of the Town to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year 2003-2004 as presented in the Town Report.

Doug Graham moved the article with David Gale the second.

At this time members of the meeting lead by Renee Breen felt they needed / wanted to discuss some of the reports that had not been read or discussed under Article II. Other members of the audience said this could not happen as the meeting could not go back to articles already passed. The Select board entertained the thought that if the motion and second were withdrawn they would go back to article II so that all could have a chance to discuss any reports. Doug G./David G.withdrew their motion and discussion took place on the reports.

Renee Rubbins thanked them and said some of the problems were not addressed in the roadforeman's report. She is not happy, is very concerned about the section of the road below the bridge to Rt.73. Al Gionet said he had not had a problem but knew others had. Discussion took place about blades-Bob Lamica; David Gale said George Walsh had problems with this area and felt it was due to the ledge and shade of the area due to lack of sunlight thru there. Jimmy said the grader would only help when the temperature was above 32 degrees and could loosen the build up effectively. Sherri Brown wondered why the roads were so inconsistently sanded- is there not enough sand? Jimmy said he tries to hit corners, hills and dangerous areas that would need the sand. It will take more sand than we have ever put on to cover all parts of the road all the time. Thomasina McKeighan said she was under the impression that the sand was free. Yes, the sand is free from the pit but the screening, hauling and salting of the pile takes money, as well as applying it to the road. It costs us less than in some towns as we don't pay for the sand but it is not free all around explained Jeff Whiting. Thomasina said she felt we still had not addressed the issue of the area below the bridge properly. It is still very slick thru that area, not as rough but still needs more sand. Jimmy H. explained how the road temp and the air temp make a difference on what can be done and how the road reacts at different times. Diane Mott wanted to know if more salt or chloride would make a difference to clear that particular portion of the road? Tony mentioned that Rep. Jewett was here and perhaps we could hire out to someone to take care of that section of the road? David Bishop stated that "now that we have discussed the problem -what can be done to get a solution? More sand and salt? What kind of money are we talking about? An extra 20 ton of salt? Jimmy said 80 ton had already been used this winter.

Recess for Rep. Jewett. Goshen is his 4<sup>th</sup> town tonight and then on to his last-home to Ripton. Spoke on serving on the House Judiciary Comm. There is a great need to treat not just punish people with the problems being looked at today. Juvenal Justice is spending way too much - we need to gear toward after school programs that will help the young people today.

Al Gionet mentioned that the cost of drug treatment and the need is much greater in other states but is needed here. Methadone treatment is a real help in preventing further drug addiction and should be seriously looked at. It is maintenance for life, like AA for Alcoholics. Mr. Jewett said it is being worked on. Diane Mott mentioned prevention in the younger years with young families is much more cost effective than the treatment later. She would like to see more emphasis on \$ at an earlier age for more effective use of tax dollars. Lucy Stephens sits on the Drug Court in Rutland County and would like Mr. Jewett to help get Federal Grants to help establish treatment centers that are so badly needed here in

Vt. Jeff Whiting asked if the legislature planned on having regulations on covered sand piles when salt is involved as a mandate and will there be funds forthcoming to help pay for this? Mr. Jewett said in some areas the sand itself is a problem because of the silt and the damage it does along with the salt. The state and the EPA will be coming out with figures to put into place plans for all Towns , including Goshen, who have a problem with the location of their sand and salt storage. Diane O'classen asked now that Mutual of Omaha is leaving Vt. what is the State going to do to help solve the cost of insurance for families & individuals who just can't afford the high cost of private ins.? Mr. Jewett mentioned the cost of prescription drugs has been cut for people in Vt. The State Leg. is working hard to find a solution to the cost of medical care as is the government in general as it is a universal problem. Proposals are out there but with everyone having the same problem no real solutions have arrived as of yet. Costs overruns like those at FletchAllen don't help. A cert. of need process should help keep costs in check but don't always help.. No easy answers by any means. Lynn Sumner asked why Goshen was excluded from home deliveries of the WIC program and also the transportation for the pre-school program Head Start & Early Ed. It is a State program but transportation is not funded. Mr. Jewett said he would look into these questions.

Mr. Jewett thanked everyone for the time out of Town Meeting and if there are more questions or information wanted to please contact him at any time.

**Article III:** To see if the Town will raise money by taxes on the Grand List of the Town to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year 2003-2004 as presented in the Town Report.

Bruce Webster moved/David Gale second to open the article for discussion.

Jeff Whiting stated that money has been put in the budget to add to what we already have put aside. There is already money put aside by the former church group for repairs to the Town Hall Building. The architect, who did the survey for the grant the Town is applying for, found 9 major items in need of repair in the building besides the rot in the main beam. Progress is being made for the restoration of the Community Church Building. \* attached is a sheet of needed repairs & the estimate of costs. More work may be needed if more damage is found once work begins. Al Gionet asked if these figures were from contractors? The estimates are from Jeremiah Parker, who is experienced in survey work, estimates and restoration work of Historical buildings. Chris North asked who did the survey- Jeremiah Parker from Shoreham – he was recommended by the State Historical Society for the survey that had to be done for the 'Grant 'application that Max Krauss and Diane Mott worked on. Lucy Stephens is in support of this project as the work needs to be done. Most everyone feels the same. Diane Mott said all

grant applications are available for review. Bob Lamica asked how do we know how much to add for the sand and salt? Richard Conrad said another \$5000 for sand and salt to cover extras like the bridge area. We don't have enough sand to finish this winter now. We will be hauling soon. Fernanda asked if we could budget in a deficit to get what we need on the roads? David Gale said that could be done but the board would prefer the money be added now so that the extra could be paid for in advance and not overspend and have to borrow money later. Renee stated," the road from the bridge to Rt. 73 needs to be done more times each storm". Diane Mott asked if the plow is all the way down? something about the shoes? Jimmy said the shoes and the plow edge wear at the same time. Someone asked about magnesium chloride? Jimmy said it is 5 times more costly, effective yes, but realistic, no. Al Gionet wondered about private plowers doing just that section of the road with more sanding and salting in that area? The response from the board was that when we had the big storm a couple of years ago—what little private work we had done was very expensive. Diane Mott asked about money for new equipment? Answer: each year money is budgeted in the equipment replacement fund. David Gale moved the article; Bruce Webster second. Voted in the affirmative.

**Article IV:** To see if the Town will vote all 2003-2004 Real Estate taxes assessed on the Grand List of the Town shall be payable to the Treasurer in two equal installments the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Aug. and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 2003. Delinquent taxes will be assessed 1% interest per month or fraction thereof for the first 3 months, and thereafter 1 & 1/2 % per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of each installment, as provided in Title 32 Sec. 4873 VSA plus 8% Collectors fee.

Doug Graham made the motion to accept the article, Bruce Webster second. Fernanda asked if we needed to vote it this way? Yes. Al Gionet asked when 8% is charged? Barb Brown said after Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> only. David Gale moved the question. Voted in the affirmative.

The following to be voted Tues. by Australian Ballot.

**Article V:** Shall the Town of Goshen repay its current outstanding TownShed/Recycling Center Building loan of approximately \$41,000 and refinance the same over a term of 15yrs., taking advantage of lower interest rates? note: to be voted on Tues. Doug Graham made the motion to discuss/Bruce Webster second. The board explained we need to refinance & will get the best possible rate.

Vote was 89 ballots cast: Yes 85 No 3 Blank 1

**Article VI:** Shall the Town of Goshen use the Town's portion of interest earned in the Goshen Town Forest Timber sale account amounting to \$9,600 to carry out needed repairs on the Goshen Town Hall and/or the Goshen Town Office?

Vote was 89 ballot cast: Yes 84 No 4 Blank 1

**Article VII:** The Town of Goshen currently has PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE allowing public funds to be paid for tuition. Should the taxpayers extend this to include PRIVATE SCHOOL CHOICE to the extent that the same amount of public funding currently allotted to Neshobe School would go to the private school of choice?

This is not to be discussed—vote on Tues. will not be valid. The entire article must be resubmitted and rewarned after submission due to not being properly written and not properly warned.

Vote did not count ( Yes-40 No-48 Blank- 1 )

**Article VIII:** Shall the residents of Goshen call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to support the mandatory labeling of all genetically manipulated foods and seeds?

To be voted on Tuesday.

Vote was 89 ballots cast: Yes 72 No 13 Blank 3

**Article IX:** Shall the residents of Goshen call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to issue a statement condemning the growing of genetically engineered crops until there is credible and independent scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health, the environment and the survival of family farms.

Votes cast were 89: Yes 68 No 16 Blank 5

**Article X:** Shall the residents of Goshen call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact legislation that shifts all liability from farmers and gardeners to the commercial developers and patent holders of genetic engineering technologies for any past, present or future damages resulting from the growing of, consumption of, or the contamination by, said technologies.

Vote cast were 89: Yes 69 No 15 Blank 5

**Article XI:** To do any other business legal and proper to be done at this time.

Al Gionet would like the Selectmen to take into consideration a new pricing fee for copies made on the Town Office copier. As an advisory also that the Town Clerk not have to pay for copies made relating to Town records. Second by Bruce

Webster. Voted in the affirmative. Lynn Sumner stated the Bull Dog is back out again in the North Goshen 4-corners area. His family does not feel safe with that dog around. Dog owners are responsible for their dogs or should be. David Gale mentioned that was why the board had tried to pass an ordinance and it was voted down. Animals that are a nuisance can be confiscated only if an ordinance to that purpose is in effect. Ken Brown said we had fun bashing Jimmy but if we look outside of Town it may cost us a lot more than we now pay so he hopes Jimmy stays around for a long time.

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attached is an Energy Independence for Vt. sheet read by Chad Chamberlain. Motion by Chad/ second by David Gale to accept. Voted in the affirmative.

Jimmy Hayes asked why Garfield Fay was not mentioned in this Town Report? Barb Walsh said they had dedicated the Town Report a couple of years ago to him when he was still alive. Madine said he was not in the vitals this year as they run from July 1-June 30 and will be in next years Town Report.

**Article XI:** To adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday March 5,2003.

Barb Brown so moved/ Jason Larocque second. Voted in the affirmative.

Meeting closed at 10:10 p.m.

GOSHEN TOWN OFFICE  
GOSHEN VERMONT



Mailing Address  
50 Carlisle Hill Road  
Goshen, VT 05733

August 23, 2003

Value of Real property, Goshen, VT. 2003-2004: \$18,317,767.00  
Goshen Grand List: \$ 183,177.67

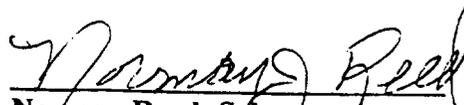
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School	State - 0.834 Town - 0.233	X \$183,177.67 =	\$195,450.57
	<hr/> 1.067		
Road	0.218	X \$183,177.67 =	\$ 39,932.73
Town	0.294	X \$183,177.67 =	\$ 53,854.23
	<hr/> 1.579	Total Taxes Goshen, VT.	\$289,237.53

We hereby certify that the foregoing is the tax set for the Town of Goshen for the year 2003-2004.

  
Jeffrey Whiting, Chair - Selectman

  
David Gale, Selectman

  
Norman Reed, Selectman

Received for Recording  
Aug. 23, 2003  
Madeline Reed  
Goshen Town Clerk

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**  
**Jun-03**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

0001	Checking Account	7,939.33	
0005	Petty Cash	50.00	
0040	Equipment Replacement Savings	12,807.34	
0043	Act 200 Fund	6,662.11	
0044	Cemetery Savings	1,435.27	
0045	School Trust Fund	2,506.09	
0046	Reappraisal & EEG	6,173.19	
0047	Town Hall Renovations	20,169.01	
0100	Cemetery Investment	135.15	
0320	Property Taxes Delinquent	0.00	
0390	Due To (From) Road	<u>9,432.83</u>	
	<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		67,310.32

**FIXED ASSETS**

0800	Land and Buildings	12,700.00	
0825	Building in Progress	45,666.81	
0850	Equipment	<u>134,806.21</u>	
	<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS</b>		<u>193,173.02</u>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		260,483.34

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**LIABILITIES**

1002	Note Payable-New Town Barn	-40,406.64	
1140	Federal Withholding	-192.00	
1141	Social Security	-217.84	
1141A	Medicare	-50.95	
1142	State Withholding	-60.00	
1143	Tax Paid in Advance	-703.76	
1145S	Due to School	<u>0.00</u>	
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		-41,631.19

**FUND BALANCE**

1800	Fund Balance	<u>-233,464.51</u>	
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>		-275,095.70
	<b>DEFICIT</b>		(14,612.36)
	<b>CURRENT FUND BALANCE</b>		(218,852.15)

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
GENERAL FUND-INCOME

	BUDGETED 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	ACTUAL 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	BUDGETED 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	ACTUAL 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	BUDGETED 2003-2004 FYE 6/30/04	PROPOSED BUDGET 2004-2005
<b>INCOME</b>						
2001 Property Taxes	\$ 64,055.00	\$ 42,483.95	\$ 57,170.00	\$ 22,164.94	\$ 49,370.00	\$ 47,607.00
2030 Interest-Delinquent Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,287.70	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,621.75	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2031 Tax Sales Fees	\$ 200.00	\$ 95.04	\$ 200.00	\$ 193.10	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
2032 Penalties	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,977.71	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,252.82	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2120 Dog Licenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 232.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
2219 National Forest Grant	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 17,502.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 10,287.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,600.00
2220 Recycling Grant				\$ 420.00		\$ -
2221 Fire Dept Ins. Claims Income				\$ 2,436.00		\$ 1,300.00
2222 Building Renovation Grant				\$ 750.00		
2300 Municipal Forest Income				\$ 9,600.00		
2390 Misc Income		\$ 500.00		\$ 0.65		\$ -
2391 Land Use Rebate		\$ 6,060.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,745.40	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,700.00
2392 EEG & Reappraisal		\$ 1,036.00		\$ 1,057.00		\$ 1,050.00
2440 Zoning Permit Fees	\$ 210.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 305.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
2540 Equipment Rentals	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 26,461.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 31,584.00	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 30,000.00
2541 Copier	\$ 25.00					
2545 Town Hall Rental						
2930 Int. & Div.-Cementery Fund						
2932 Interest-Savings Account		\$ 77.61			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2970 Refund-Insurance Premiums		\$ 123.00				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 93,190.00</b>	<b>\$ 99,841.01</b>	<b>\$ 93,370.00</b>	<b>\$ 91,058.50</b>	<b>\$ 87,870.00</b>	<b>\$ 96,957.00</b>

TOWN OF GOSHEN

GENERAL FUND-EXPENSES

	BUDGETED 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	ACTUAL 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	BUDGETED 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	ACTUAL 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	BUDGETED 2003-2004 FYE 6/30/04	PROPOSED BUDGET 2004-2005
<b>General Government</b>						
3000-10 Salaries (selectmen)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
3000-15 FICA and Medicare	\$ 800.00	\$ 749.74	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 894.82	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00
3000-16 Unemployment Tax	\$ 200.00	\$ 50.93	\$ 200.00	\$ 86.62	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3000-20 Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 867.20	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 29.91	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
3000-30 Advertising	\$ 75.00	\$ 198.12	\$ 100.00	\$ 252.36	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
3000-34 Postage	\$ 10.00	\$ 23.80	\$ 10.00	\$ 65.33	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
3000-35 Town Office Telephone	\$ 950.00	\$ 820.95	\$ 950.00	\$ 908.49	\$ 850.00	\$ 900.00
3000-44 Solid Waste Landfill	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,481.22	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,659.11	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
3000-45 Recycling	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 3,270.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3000-46 Recycling-Tracy Wyman	\$ -	\$ 2,441.12	\$ -	\$ 3,046.16	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,000.00
3000-48 Insurance & Bonds	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 2,409.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 10,759.00	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 10,800.00
3000-49 Drug and Alcohol Testing	\$ 200.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
3000-50 Interest expense-Note Payable	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,051.29	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,831.18	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,700.00
3000-60 Computer Services	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00
3000-62 Printing Town Report	\$ 450.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 648.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 700.00
3000-79 Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 168.10	\$ 200.00	\$ 478.72	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
3000-99 Constable-Wages/Exp.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,091.22	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,691.85	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
3020-56 Garbage Pickup Contract-Jim Hayes	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 2,049.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3020-57 Garbage Pickup Contract-Tracy Wyman	\$ -	\$ 5,133.36	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 8,341.67	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,500.00
3030-56 Mosquito Dist. Pur. Ser.	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
3050-56 Vermont Office Products-Copier	\$ 125.00	\$ 227.25	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$36,720.00</b>	<b>\$29,592.30</b>	<b>\$36,375.00</b>	<b>\$39,668.22</b>	<b>\$35,225.00</b>	<b>\$39,330.00</b>

**ELECTIONS**

3310-10 Ballot Clerks etc.	\$ 150.00	\$ 121.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 492.76	\$ 125.00	\$ 400.00
3310-21 Supplies	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Elections</b>	<b>\$ 160.00</b>	<b>\$ 121.50</b>	<b>\$ 310.00</b>	<b>\$ 492.76</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>	<b>\$ 410.00</b>

	BUDGETED 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	ACTUAL 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	BUDGETED 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	ACTUAL 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	BUDGETED 2003-2004 FYE 6/30/03	PROPOSED BUDGET 2004-2005
<b>FINANCE</b>						
3400-10	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
3400-10A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
3400-20	\$ 100.00	\$ 64.09	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.39	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3400-34	\$ 200.00	\$ 244.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
3420-10	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,277.44	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,756.70	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00
3420-34	\$ 75.00	\$ 281.22	\$ 75.00	\$ 134.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00
3430.3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,313.27	\$ -	\$ -
3430-10	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 236.25	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 907.88	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,200.00
3430-20	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
3430-34	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3430.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,012.52	\$ -	\$ -
3440-10	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,426.35	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 2,977.71	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
3440-20	\$ 100.00	\$ 47.94	\$ 100.00	\$ 65.05	\$ 100.00	\$ 65.00
3440-30	\$ 300.00	\$ 145.04	\$ 200.00	\$ 120.96	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Total Finance</b>	\$ 10,525.00	\$ 8,922.33	\$ 9,825.00	\$ 14,741.48	\$ 11,125.00	\$ 10,265.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>						
3500-10	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,235.25	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,265.63	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
3500-10A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -
3500-20	\$ 275.00	\$ 90.69	\$ 150.00	\$ 298.51	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
3500-34	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 240.20	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
3500-40	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
3500-60	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,537.98	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,006.40	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
3500-74	\$ 300.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 265.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
3520-40	\$ 160.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 414.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	\$ 4,685.00	\$ 5,383.92	\$ 4,625.00	\$ 6,300.74	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 4,639.00

	BUDGETED 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	ACTUAL 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	BUDGETED 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	ACTUAL 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	BUDGETED 2003-2004 FYE 6/30/04	PROPOSED BUDGET 2004-2005
<b>BOARDS AND AGENCIES</b>						
3610-40	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 202.03	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00
3610-22	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
3610-30	\$ 40.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
3610-34	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
3610-35	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 886.40	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,267.30	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
3610-56	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
3610-62	\$ 10.00	\$ 75.05	\$ 10.00	\$ 121.84	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
<b>Total Boards &amp; Agencies</b>	<b>\$ 1,830.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,418.45</b>	<b>\$ 1,830.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,591.17</b>	<b>\$ 1,230.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,255.00</b>
<b>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</b>						
3710-10	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,310.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
3710-22	\$ 100.00	\$ 18.29	\$ 100.00	\$ 690.47	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
3710-54	\$ -	\$ 192.45	\$ -	\$ 4,274.19	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
3710-56	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,740.93	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 2,000.00
3710-56A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -
3710-76	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,827.07	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,505.23	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Total Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>\$ 12,250.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,037.81</b>	<b>\$ 11,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,970.82</b>	<b>\$ 9,350.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,600.00</b>
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>						
3720-40	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,409.50	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 9,640.50	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 7,000.00
3720-21	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,973.32	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 2,254.65	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
3720-22	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,131.84	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,215.78	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
3720-56	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,164.71	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,899.61	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3720-83	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 16,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,679.37</b>	<b>\$ 19,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 18,010.54</b>	<b>\$ 19,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>

	BUDGETED 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	ACTUAL 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	BUDGETED 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	ACTUAL 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	BUDGETED 2003-2004 FYE 6/30/04	PROPOSED BUDGET 2004-2005
<b>OTHER</b>						
4510-56 Firefighting Pur. Serv.	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 5,411.46	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,700.00
6110-43 Brandon Area Rescue Squad	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ -	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,173.00
6110-44 Health Services Contributions	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
6111-45 Humane Society Contributions	\$ 325.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
6112-44 Brandon Library	\$ 125.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
6820-56 Cemetery Main-Pur. Serv.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,900.00
6820-21 Cemetery Main-Supplies	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
7140 Swim Program	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
9300 Addison County Tax Assessment	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,390.20	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,317.37	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
9900 Tax Loss (Lease Land)	\$ 20.00	\$ 21.30	\$ 25.00	\$ 21.30	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
9901 Tax Loss Due to Abatement	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
<b>Total Other</b>	\$ 10,130.00	\$ 6,641.50	\$ 9,355.00	\$ 12,895.13	\$ 8,155.00	\$ 10,458.00
<b>Grand Totals</b>	\$ 93,200.00	\$ 69,797.18	\$ 93,370.00	\$ 105,670.86	\$ 87,870.00	\$ 96,957.00

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
ROAD ACCOUNT  
JUNE 30, 2003**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

0002	Checking Account	\$ 2,930.72	
0380R	Accounts Receivable	\$ -	
0391	Due To (From) Town	<u>\$ (9,432.83)</u>	
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ (6,502.11)</u>

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE**

**LIABILITIES**

1140	Federal Taxes Withheld	\$ (362.00)	
1141	FICA Taxes	\$ (441.75)	
1141A	Medicare	\$ (103.31)	
1142	State Taxes Withheld	<u>\$ (139.50)</u>	
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITES</b>		\$ (1,046.56)

**FUND BALANCE**

1810	Fund Balance June 30, 2002	\$ 5,240.94	
	<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>		\$ 5,240.94
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		\$ 4,194.38
	<b>SURPLUS\DEFICIT</b>		<u>\$ (2,307.73)</u>
	<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCE</b>		\$ 6,502.11

TOWN OF GOSHEN INCOME & EXPENSES  
ROAD ACCOUNT JUNE 30, 2003

	BUDGETED 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	ACTUAL 2001-2002 FYE 6/30/02	BUDGETED 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	ACTUAL 2002-2003 FYE 6/30/03	BUDGETED 2003-2004 FYE 6/30/04	PROPOSED BUDGET 2004-2005
<b>INCOME</b>						
2002 Property Taxes	\$ 27,985.00	\$ 42,211.66	\$ 30,700.00	\$ 37,352.02	\$ 43,267.00	\$ 41,758.00
2202 Misc. Income				\$ 124.00		
2204 Dutton Brook Grant				\$ 700.00		
2003 Capen Hill Bridge Grant				\$ 20,897.42		
2206 Municipal Forest Income				\$ 1,391.50		
2232 State Grants	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 33,885.63	\$ 66,725.00	\$ 26,681.44	\$ 56,270.00	\$ 52,959.00
2940 Services Rendered	\$ 900.00		\$ 850.00	\$ 1,786.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 950.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 53,385.00</b>	<b>\$ 76,097.29</b>	<b>\$ 98,275.00</b>	<b>\$ 88,932.38</b>	<b>\$ 100,487.00</b>	<b>\$ 95,667.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

5000-15 FICA	\$ 1,235.00	\$ 1,372.10	\$ 1,833.00	\$ 2,373.24	\$ 1,933.00	\$ 1,933.00
5111-10C2 Summer-Labor(Class 2)	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,537.38	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 1,622.90	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,080.00
5111-10C3 Summer-Labor(Class 3)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,612.12	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,868.60	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
5111-21C2 Summer-Materials(Class 2)	\$ 500.00	\$ 465.45	\$ 11,710.00	\$ 101.66	\$ 3,636.00	\$ 4,436.00
5111-21C3 Summer-Materials(Class 3)	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,040.10	\$ 11,752.00	\$ 1,578.19	\$ 4,156.00	\$ 3,569.00
5111-56C2 Summer-Pur. Serv.(Class 2)	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 9,653.71	\$ 13,210.00	\$ 23,762.21	\$ 20,470.00	\$ 28,397.00
5111-56C3 Summer-Pur. Serv.(Class 3)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 5,922.24	\$ 15,740.00	\$ 4,951.17	\$ 23,662.00	\$ 3,702.00
5111-66C2 Summer-Equip. Rentals(Class 2)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,156.25	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,886.50	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
5111-66C3 Summer-Equip. Rentals(Class 3)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,468.75	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,659.50	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
5140-10C2 Winter-Labor(Class 2)	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,201.02	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 4,079.01	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00
5140-10C3 Winter-Labor(Class 3)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,602.98	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 12,236.99	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 7,650.00
5140-21C2 Winter-Materials(Class 2)	\$ 600.00	\$ 683.06	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,039.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00
5140-21C3 Winter-Materials(Class 3)	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,091.93	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 3,043.14	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 3,000.00
5140-56C2 Winter-Pur. Serv.(Class 2)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
5140-56C3 Winter-Pur. Serv.(Class 3)	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
5140-66C2 Winter-Equip. Rentals(Class 2)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,459.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 6,009.50	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 5,000.00
5140-66C3 Winter-Equip. Rentals(Class 3)	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 13,377.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 18,028.50	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 14,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 53,385.00</b>	<b>\$ 64,043.09</b>	<b>\$ 98,275.00</b>	<b>\$ 91,240.11</b>	<b>\$ 100,487.00</b>	<b>\$ 95,667.00</b>

**Surplus \ Deficit** \$ 12,054.20 \$ (2,307.73)

**Town of Goshen Collection of Delinquent Taxes  
July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003**

To Be Collected	2002	Total
Dec. 15, 2002	\$ 49,802.86	\$ 49,802.86
Taxes Collected	\$ 49,782.77	\$ 49,782.77
		\$ 20.09
Tax Credit	<u>\$ 20.11</u>	<u>\$ 20.11</u>
	\$ 49,802.88	\$ .02
Bal. July 1, 2003	+.02	\$ .02
Other Collections	2002	Total
Interest	\$ 2,911.72	\$ 2911.72
Penalties	\$ 3,252.82	\$ 3,252.82
Tax Sale Fees	\$ 193.10	\$ 193.10

**Barbara Brown  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes**

Town of Goshen Delinquent Taxes-July 1, 2002- June 30, 2003

Audet, Gary	\$ 2,710.03
Averill, Craig	\$ 2,398.37
Basque, David	\$ 1,013.92
Breen, David	\$ 1,789.49
Clark, Timothy	\$ 1,497.43
Coble, Randolph	\$ 3,188.88
Cousineau, Jeff	\$ 2,361.60
Detko, Roger	\$ 165.12
DeVaul, Joan-Estate of	\$ 276.58
Gould, Janice	\$ 1,504.65
Hand, Daniel	\$ 1,188.86
Harris, Gregory	\$ 2,125.92
Hayes, Edward	\$ 674.93
Hoff, William	\$ 1,500.36
Hopper, Kenneth	\$ 24.52
Jones, Fred	\$ 151.70
Kerr, Thomas	\$ 754.39
King, Paul	\$ 347.78
Lattrell, Donald	\$ 210.53
Leigh, Rachael	\$ 291.03
Lopatin, Patrice	\$ 305.47
Mason, Ralph III	\$ 730.66
Mattison, Keith	\$ 296.18
McKeighan, James	\$ 511.87
Mott, Diane	\$ 1,043.35
Ortth, William	\$ 1,362.24
Rantanen David	\$ 142.42
Reed, Kent	\$ 220.85
Reed, Norman	\$ 1,230.14
Regimbald, Ralph	\$ 1,642.94
Reiner, Thomas	\$ 1,258.01
Richards, Matt	\$ 2,534.59
Ross, Leslie	\$ 2,567.62
Sauder, James	\$ 3,525.27
Scott, Mark	\$ 499.49
Sherry, John	\$ 1,066.63
Stewart, Charles-Estate of	\$ 3,609.93
Stone, Ruth	\$ 721.37
Stone, Ruth	\$ 599.59
Walsh, Barbara	\$ 1,245.63
Weybridge Real Estate	\$ 242.52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,802.86</b>

**VITAL STATISTICS**  
**Town of Goshen**  
**July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003**

**Births**

Clark Gilbert McKinnon III - December 26, 2002

**Marriages and Civil Unions**

Mathew John Mitchell to Dana Jill Herman - July 6, 2002

Joshua Paul Goltz to Jocelyn Hayes Kreiss - July 13, 2002

Jon Paul Edward Kadunc to Kathleen Elizabeth Spaulding - Aug. 17,'02

Kenneth Russell McKeighan to Jolene Marie Wiggin – Aug.17,2002

David Michael Zelio to Moya Jeanne Rosenblum – Aug. 31, 2002

Yvette Marie Pratt to Susan Ruth McCray – October 19, 2002

**Deaths**

Garfield Harrison Fay – July 30, 2002

Margaret Ann Stanchfield – January 25, 2003

**Transfer of Property  
July 1, 2002 thru June 30, 2003  
Goshen, Vermont**

<b>Grantor</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Date Recorded</b>	<b>Acres</b>
<b>Estate of Charles F. Stewart c/o Susan S.F. Stewart Administrator</b>	<b>Banknorth, N.A.</b>	<b>July 23,02</b>	<b>50+/- &amp; Buildings</b>
<b>Banknorth, N.A.</b>	<b>Susan S.F. Stewart et al</b>	<b>July 23, 02</b>	<b>50+/-</b>
<b>Estate of Edith Stewart c/o Susan S.F. Stewart Administrator</b>	<b>Banknorth, N.A.</b>	<b>July 23, 02</b>	<b>70+/- &amp; Buildings</b>
<b>Banknorth, N.A.</b>	<b>Susan S.F. Stewart et al</b>	<b>July 23, 02</b>	<b>70+/-</b>
<b>William C. Hoff</b>	<b>James E. Pulvar</b>	<b>Sept. 19, 02</b>	<b>40.39</b>
<b>Frederick C. Harrington Robert F. Harrington</b>	<b>Lee G. Donton Cinda Payton</b>	<b>Oct. 8, 02</b>	<b>Access Easement</b>
<b>Lee G. Donton Cinda Payton</b>	<b>Frederick C. Harrington Robert F. Harrington</b>	<b>Oct. 8, 02</b>	<b>Easement Right of Way</b>
<b>Gregory P. Harris</b>	<b>David A. Reed Susan A. Reed</b>	<b>March 11, 03</b>	<b>10+/- &amp; Building</b>
<b>Daniel Hand</b>	<b>Raymond E. Hand Mararet L. Hand</b>	<b>May 6, 03</b>	<b>Buildings and Land</b>
<b>Thomas A. Lafountain</b>	<b>Alice M. Recane Michael Recane Thomas A. Recane</b>	<b>June 24, 03</b>	<b>3 +/- &amp; Building</b>

On Time Dogs

As of April 1, 04

Male	- \$9 each	-	5	= \$ 45
Female	- \$9 each	-	4	= \$ 36
Neutered Male	- \$5 each	-	9	= \$ 45
Spayed Female	- \$5 each	-	21	= \$105

Late Dogs

After April 1, 03

Male	- \$ 13	-	0	
Female	- \$ 13	-	0	
Neutered	- \$ 7	-	6	= \$ 42
Spayed	- \$ 7	-	3	= \$ 21
Total Dogs	=		48	= \$ 294
Town Clerk	=		48 x \$2	= -96
State	=		48 x \$1	= -48
Town	=			\$ 150

**VALLEY WIDE VETS with GLENN COUSINEAU, DVM will be at the Goshen Town Office for a rabies clinic on March 13, 04, 10-12 noon. The cost will be \$10 per animal / dog or cat.**

Many of the dogs in Town in 2003 were not licensed. With a confirmed case of rabies in a raccoon this past year, all dogs and cats need to have their rabies shots up to date and the dogs be licensed. The Select Board has made the decision to not let the laws concerning licensing be ignored any longer. All owners who do not license their dogs/wolf-hybrids by April 1, 2004 will be late. Any dog/wolf-hybrid not licensed by May 30, 2004 (late) may be destroyed. The following State Statutes will be followed:

Title 20 \* 3581 General Requirements: a) A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 caused to be registered, numbered described and licensed on a form approved by the commissioner for one year from that day in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept. The owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall cause it to wear a collar, and attach thereto a license tag issued by the municipal clerk. Dog or wolf-hybrid owners shall pay for the license \$4.00 for each neutered dog or wolf-hybrid and \$8.00 for each unneutered dog or wolf-hybrid,( plus \$1 state fee for rabies education). If the license fee for any dog or wolf-hybrid is not paid by April 1, its owner or keeper may thereafter procure a license for that license year by paying a fee fifty percent in excess of that otherwise required. b) Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a license for a neutered dog or wolf-hybrid, he or she shall exhibit to the clerk a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian showing that the dog or wolf-hybrid has been sterilized. C) n/a for this Town as we have no surcharge for animal control. d) Before obtaining a license for a dog or wolf-hybrid six months of age or older, a person shall deliver to the municipal clerk a certificate or a certified copy thereof signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, stating that the dog or wolf-hybrid has received a current preexposure rabies vaccination with a vaccine approved by the commissioner, and the person shall certify that the dog or wolf-hybrid described in the certificate or copy is the dog or wolf-hybrid to be licensed. The municipal clerk shall keep the certificates or copies thereof on file. The commissioner shall prescribe the size and format of rabies certificates. The owner of any such dog or wolf-hybrid shall maintain a copy of the rabies vaccination form and provide it to state or municipal officials upon request. e) For the purpose of licensing a dog or wolf-hybrid, a current vaccination against rabies means that: (1) a dog or a wolf-hybrid of less than one year of age has been vaccinated; (2) a dog or wolf-hybrid of one or more years but less than two years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months; and (3) a dog or wolf-hybrid of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding 24 months.

Title 20 \* 3590; List of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed. (a) The legislative body shall annually designate one or more persons to maintain a list of unlicensed, inoculated and licensed dogs and wolf-hybrids owned or kept in their municipality and to submit the list to the municipal clerk. (b) on receiving a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids from persons authorized by the legislative body, the municipal clerk shall notify the owners or keepers of all dogs and wolf-hybrids named on the list that have not already been licensed or inoculated, and after May 30 shall furnish to the legislative body a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. Owners shall also be notified that unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed.

Title 20 \* 3621 - Issuance of warrant to impound, destroy; complaint

The legislative body of a municipality may at any time issue a warrant to one or more police officers or constables, or pound keepers, directing them to proceed forthwith to destroy in a humane way or cause to be destroyed in a humane way all dogs or wolf-hybrid within the town or city not licensed according to the provisions of this sub-chapter, except as exempted by section 3587 of this Title, and to enter a complaint against the owners or keepers thereof.

## Auditors' Report

After reviewing the books, and other pertinent information for the Town of Goshen, the auditors find everything in order with the following exceptions:

1. A discrepancy was found in the collection of interest for delinquent taxes. This was discussed with the Tax Collector, and no further problems are expected in the future.
2. No money was found in the ledger for dog license fees collected in 2001-2002. Title 20 Statute 3588 reads that a sworn statement of monies collected and fees taken should be handed in by the town clerk to the town treasurer 60 days after collection. No statement was found by the Auditors. Also, the clerk must give the state treasurer \$1 for each dog license sold on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, September and January of each year. The state reported no record of fees paid since 2001.
3. A discrepancy was found between the hours of the operation of equipment and the rental of such equipment. The rent of only one piece of equipment was being charged, while multiple pieces may have in use.
4. Discrepancies were found in some time sheets, including doubling of hours and addition mistakes. Auditors spoke with the people involved, and these mistakes were corrected immediately.
5. We could not check the amount of fees collected by the town clerk, since these are neither recorded, nor reported. Title 24 Statute 1179 states that the town clerk shall disclose to the public the total amount of fees received as part of his or her compensation within 30 days after the completion of a town's fiscal year.
6. We were unable to determine the maintenance costs for each town vehicle due to the unavailability of maintenance logs.
7. Several contracted town employees had lapsed insurance policies. Most were corrected, though there are still two employees who have not submitted a copy of a current policy as of 2/10/04.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Walsh  
Thomas Kerr  
Fernanda Canales

## REPORT OF THE SELECTBOARD

The Town received 2 grants for restoration work on Town Hall. A \$500 grant was received to do an architectural study of the building to determine the required repairs and to prioritize them. The town also received a \$7233.00 grant from the State Historical Preservation Office. Combined with the \$ 9600 of Forest monies approved at Town meeting and the balance in the Renovation Fund, it was decided to proceed with the 4 highest priority tasks identified by the Architect. This work will include the structural repairs required to stabilize the building and prevent future water damages. A contract was let to proceed with this work during the 2003-4 winter. Thanks are given for the hard work of a number of volunteers including Max Krauss, Diane Mott and Doug Graham. Application has been made to the Preservation Trust of Vermont for funding to help with the next phase of repairs. A \$25,000 grant was received after year end.

An Agency of Transportation bridge inspection discovered substantial corrosion on the steel support beams on the Capen Hill Bridge last year. A State Bridge and Culvert grant for 90% of the cost was used to fund the required sandblasting, lead paint removal and grease coating of the support beams. As part of the project, new guardrail was installed and minor revisions to the concrete structure were made to prevent flow of salt onto the beams in the future. Total project cost was \$23,219.35 with \$20,897.41 covered by the grant.

Federal Flood Mitigation grants for problem areas on Carlisle Hill and Flora White Roads were approved. Work is planned for the Summer of 2003. Approval was received for work at the intersection of Hathaway and White Rocks Road.

A request to reclassify the Carlisle Hill Road and a portion of the Goshen Ripton Road from Class 3 to Class 2 was not approved by AOT. This would have qualified these roads for State paving grants and additional State highway monies. The major factor in the disapproval is that too high a % of Town roads would have been Class 2.

Relocation of a section of Fay Road was approved for a Clean Back Roads grant that encourages elimination of erosion problems that impact streams. This section of the road runs along a steep bank that is eroding. Moving the road away from the bank solves a potential safety problem on a sharp curve as well as the erosion into the stream. Work will be completed in the Fall of 2003 after the Forest Service grants an easement for the new road location

A State Bridge and Culvert grant was approved to replace a large failing culvert on Hathaway Road. This work is planned for Summer 2004 and will require closure of the road for several days at that location.

This was a year of severe weather affecting the roads. Even though more sand than normal was put up, we ran out and had to purchase additional loads from a pit in Brandon. Severe rains on June 30<sup>th</sup> washed out a section of Dutton Brook Road and caused damages to other roads.

Implementation of the State Storm Water Permit requirements for Municipal Operations was delayed to 2004. It is expected that a 5 year period will be allowed to phase in requirements to cover salted sand piles. During that time, the relative hazard of each town's storage will be evaluated and priorities set for correction. This may turn into a major expense and will require State assistance for many towns. This year, the floor of the salt shed was paved and a containment vault with a roof was put around the diesel fuel tank.

The mortgage on the Town Shed and Recycling Center was refinanced for 15 years at a fixed rate of 4.03 % with an adjustable rate after 10 years with First Brandon Bank after approval at Town Meeting. This reduced the note from 18 years to 15 years and reduced the monthly payment.

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT

July 1, 2002—June 30, 2003

The following projects were worked on this year:

1. An additional 300 yards of winter road sand was screened and applied.
2. Road grading and gravel application have been increased due to the limited supply of raw material available from the National Forest pit.
3. Cement head walls have been installed on selected culverts around town.
4. Beaver dams are still a chronic problem on Dutton Brook Rd.
5. The installation of culverts at several locations.
6. Extensive work had to be done on the screens used for making gravel and winter sand.
7. Replacement of several missing or vandalized road signs.
8. Cutting of road brush and problem trees.

## FUTURE PROJECTS TO BE WORKED ON:

8 foot extensions need to be installed at 2 locations in town.

Replacement of failed culvert on Hathaway Rd, plus additional culvert replacement to meet our overall goal of 6 per year.

We hope to do more resurfacing on paved roads.

Jim and Eddie have been taking classes through Vermont Local Roads to increase their understanding of road maintenance, equipment, and new methods being used by other towns and the state of Vermont. For contacting the town road dept. you can call Jimmy at 247-6151 pager # 742-1667, or Eddie at 247-4710 cell # 349-8059.

James A. Hayes  
Goshen Road Commissioner

## Report of the Listers

The decision was made in the winter of 2002 that a complete, Town wide appraisal should be done for tax year 2003. After many hours of viewing and figuring, a Grand list was lodged, notices sent out and grievances heard. It has appeared that most people were satisfied with the job that was done and did not disagree with the value placed on their property. The Vt. State Tax Dept. sends each Town a designated \$ amount per parcel of property in the Town. The dollars received from this fund can only be used for listing updates and reappraisals within the Town. The fund here in Goshen had been accumulating for several years and paid for the bulk of the reappraisal work. The Listers of Goshen wish to thank everyone for their co-operation during the process this past year.

At this time we would like to remind everyone to return the form that was received in the mail from the Vt. State Tax Dept. If you have misplaced the form, you may get one online or pick one up at the Town Office. They are due back to the State Tax Dept. by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The way you will be taxed this year depends on the answers you put on the form concerning property owned and your residence. The property owner is responsible for completing the information and signing it, testifying as to its accuracy.

As always, information on your appraisal card is available for you to see or obtain a copy of at any time. Let the Listers know if you would like a copy or an explanation.

### Goshen Town Forest Report- FY2002-2003

A timber sale contract was let in the Fall of 2002 in the Eck lot and Area 10. Logging is approximately 60% complete and will be finished this winter. Forest Roads 1 and 2 were maintained by the road crew before the sale to improve drainage. Further work will be needed.

An agreement to allow the Vermont All Terrain Sportsman's Association (VASA) to control trail usage and maintenance for ATV's remains on hold until they have completed agreements with other area landowners to have a trail system in place. This was decided to reduce the impact on the forest until considerably more trails are available to the Association. In the meantime, the Select Board is issuing permits to local residents and adjoining landowners to use the existing trails. Some problems with unauthorized trails and riders are ongoing in this remote area.

Logging operations prevented Wade Mitchell from tapping trees in the forest per his lease. Lower interest rates on investments reduced income sharply this year.

#### Financial Report for the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003

Opening Balance	\$245,131.83
Income	
Receipts Logging	\$ 33,276.44
Interest earned	\$ 6536.97
Maple Lease	\$ 0.00
Expenditures	
Forester	\$ 4,747.64
Supplies	\$ 13.78
Road repairs	\$ 1391.50
Town Hall Renovation	\$ 9,600.00
Ending Balance	\$269,192.32

## For Town Reports

### GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

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

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

- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **Notice of Intent** comments and Desired Future conditions, January and February, 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **draft goals**, March 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **recreation and lands acquisition**, April 2003;
- Species Viability Evaluation Panels for **plants and animals**, April-August 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **newly acquired lands (9.2 lands)**, May 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **Class I and II roads**, June 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **trails**, July 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **biodiversity and ecosystem management**, August 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **Wilderness**, September 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **vegetation and timber management**, October 2003; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We wish to thank our many partners and cooperators who have helped us make 2004 a very successful year! We look forward to serving you in the new year, and in working closely with you on the stewardship of YOUR Green Mountain National Forest.

Sincerely,

Gina Owens, District Ranger, South Half

Steven Kimball, District Ranger, North Half

## RECYCLING COMMITTEE

July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

**MEMBERS:** Vickee Whiting, Jeff Cathcart, Barb Walsh, Diane Mott, Kathy Mathis, Fernanda Canales, Luci Stevens, Ramona Martin.

Our recycling contract with Tracy Wyman continues to work well with the town. Tracy now brings the recycling to a location where most clean items can be mixed in with each other. This has proved to work out very well. Tracy still does not handle heavy weight wax coated cardboard, beverage containers, or the phone book size magazines at this time but is looking for some route in the recycle stream for them.

Jeff Cathcart built a step platform to throw the recycling into the truck, and he has also done various other improvements to the Recycling Center this past year.

It is required that all residents of Goshen recycle. Yet, there are still many households in town that do not bring their recycling to the center. PLEASE, we encourage all to comply with this mandate.

**VOLUNTEERS** to work at the center every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month are needed. Please sign up at the recycling center or call Ramona Martin. The committee wishes to thank everyone who volunteered their time and effort in making the recycle center work so well

Vickee Whiting  
Jeff Cathcart

## RECYCLING COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT

**This year the account incurred expenses in cleaning up and making the town's recycling center more presentable. Dirt was hauled in and perennial flowers and shrubs were planted. Condolences and flowers were sent to Ed Stanchfield in January and flowers were sent to Joanne Cathcart in December. The accrued monthly interest on average was \$.30 totaling \$3.30 for the year. The bottle donation amounted to \$140 for the year. Many thanks to all those who continue to donate their returnable bottles to the recycling center. The total of the recycling account for this year is \$1,172.87 which is down \$400 from last year.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mathis, Treasurer

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

As the appointed E.M. Director for the Town of Goshen I will be supervising any emergency situations that may occur in our town. This includes fire, floods, or any other natural, or man made disasters.

James A. Hayes  
Emergency Management Director

## SEWER OFFICERS REPORT

July 1, 2002—June 30, 2003

The State Of Vermont has adopted on site sewage regulations for the towns in Vermont. The new rules were published by The Agency of Natural Resources. All new sewage disposals must be approved by a class A or B site technician or a registered engineer. Town of Goshen sewer ordinances are still in effect. All sewer installations and repairs of existing systems must be inspected by sewage officer.

James A Hayes  
Sewer Officer

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Board of Adjustment conducted no hearings between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2003.

The Board of Adjustment members during the year ending June 30, 2003 were Ken Brown (Chair), Dick Conrad, David Bishop, Tom Kerr, Diane Mott, and Barbara Walsh.

*Ken Brown*  
Ken Brown  
Chair, Board of Adjustment

## TOWN HALL RENOVATION

SINCE 1999 WE HAVE WRITTEN THE VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY YEARLY REQUESTING MATCHING GRANTS IN ORDER TO RENOVATE THE TOWN HALL. A MAIN BEAM WAS ROTTEN AND THE CHIMNEY HAD SHIFTED.

IN 2002 WE SPENT AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME REWRITTING, GETTING SURVEYS AND ESTIMATES FROM AN ARCHITECTURAL FIRM , EXPERTS IN THE FIELD. OUR GRANT PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED AND WE WERE NOTIFIED THAT A PREVIOUS YEARS GRANT HAD BEEN ACCEPTED, BUT NOT YET USED. WE HAD A SHORT WINDOW OF TIME TO SPEND IT OR LOSE IT.

WORK BEGAN IN NOVEMBER 2003. THE CONTRACT WAS ASSIGNED TO JEREMIAH PARKER RESTORATION CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF SHOREHAM. THE BEAM WAS REPLACED, CHIMNEY TAKEN DOWN, AND RECONSTRUCTION STARTED. SOME CRUTIAL FOUNDATION WORK ALSO DONE. THERE IS MUCH TO DO.

A WORK CREW HAS CLEANED THE TOWN HALL OF ACCUMULATED JUNK . THERE WILL BE A GREAT DEAL OF WORK STILL NEEDED AFTER JEREMIAHS EXPERT CREW IS FINISHED; PAINTING INSIDE AND OUT, CLEANING AND REPAIRING SHUTTERS, REGROUTING WINDOWS, SPACKLING , SANDING, ETC. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED.

WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A GRANT CALLED THE PRESERVATION GRANT; A PARTNERSHIP OF THE FREEMAN FOUNDATION AND THE PRESERVATION TRUST OF VERMONT, TO HELP WITH THE COSTS OF RENOVATION. THESE TWO ARE HELPING US BRING THE TOWN HALL BACK TO ITS ORIGINAL BEAUTY HERALDED BY GOSHEN TOWNSFOLK IN 1848-1852.

THE PEOPLE RESPONCIBLE FOR GRANT WRITING, PROVIDING HISTORIC INFORMATION, MATCHING FUNDS TO GET THE ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY, RESEARCHING OTHER GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, ABD MAKING THIS WORTHY PROJECT STAY POSITIVE ARE; MAX AND LOIS KRAUS, DIANE MOTT, DOUG AND NANCY GRAHAM, TONY CLARK, MADINE REED, DICK CONRAD, NORM REED, JEFF WHITING, DAVID GALE, JIM AND ED HAYES.

## CEMETARY COMMISION REPORT FY ending 30 June '03

The draft of the proposed bylaws has been completed and will be voted by the taxpayers at town meeting 2004.

Three internments took place within this period.

The capitol projects for cemetery improvement, ie rock removal and perimeter road are being deferred for future submission to the town. Meanwhile the commissioners are seeking volunteer service.

Funds expended are reported in the treasurers report.

Ken Brown  
David Gale  
Doug Graham

Cemetery Commision

## Constables Report

The Constables of the Town of Goshen have had a relatively quiet year. We were called to five minor auto accidents and one major auto accident with injuries resulting. Three break-ins were checked out, four domestic disturbances and three dog complaints. The Vermont State Police were called on the auto accidents and on one of the domestic disturbances with one arrest resulting. Citations were issued on two of the auto accidents. Several suspicious activities were investigated. We continue to patrol the Town and encourage the residents to call us when help is needed. Feel free to call us at:

247-5640 / Jack Swahn, 1<sup>st</sup> Constable  
247-6877 / Norm Reed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Constable

## Zoning Administrator's Report

This year has been a very quiet year with only two permits for additions and two certificates of compliance issued.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Stanchfield

Goshen Planning Commission  
Yearly Report 02-03

The Goshen Planning Commission presently includes Chad Chamberlain, Dick Conrad, Jeff Cathcart, Doug Graham, Kevin O'Classen and Bruce Webster. We meet the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Goshen Town Office building. Meetings are open to the general public, minutes for all meetings are posted in the town office building.

In the past year the Goshen Planning Commission has gone through the readoption process to have the town of Goshen reinstated into the National FEMA program. Copies of the Goshen Flood Hazard Regulations are available at the Goshen Town office.

Currently the Goshen Planning Commission is working on a draft of the Goshen Cell Tower Bylaws, that should be available for adoption within the year.

Expenses: \$121.84 for printing and \$7.00 in advertisement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Chamberlain  
Head of the Goshen Planning Commission  
11/27/03

**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.

BRANDON, LEICESTER, SALISBURY, GOSHEN  
INSECT CONTROL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2003

This past year started off as a very normal Vermont spring. With of coarse the usual potholes and plenty of water in the swamps. We did two aerial applications of B.T.I a product used to kill mosquito larve in standing water. These were done in late April and mid May and went very well. Then came the rains in early we treated one thousand acres and upon surveying the treated areas thing looked very good. Soon after our treatment we were faced with a little seen species of mosquito that really bites but was really bad in certain areas in the district. We begain truck spraying in mid July right through August. I would like to point out that without state help summer would have been very buggy all over.

An update on the West Nile Virous, The state put mosquito traps all throughout the area and the results came back negative. There were however a few birds that were found to have the virous in our area and plan to monitor again this summer. In closing the board would like to thank all our applicators who through many nights tried to make summer a more enjoyable one. If interested in helping send letter of interest to.

B.L.S.insect control  
199 Town farm rd  
Brandon, VT 05733

Thanks again for your support.  
Paul Doty, District Manager

Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Goshen  
Mosquito Control District Report

Despite a high amount of rainfall this mosquito control season we had good year. We have been actively involved in the operation of the mosquito control district, including the budget process. We again had a truck in Goshen, which was used multiple times. Aerial applications in the known hatch areas were performed as needed under the supervision of the State Entomologist John Tremel and District Manager Paul Doty. We would also like to thank everyone for his or her help and continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Benjamin F. Lawton, JR.,D.M.D.  
David J. Bishop

B, L,S,G insect control district  
Annual report

Income: 2003 beginning balance \$31532.00

Brandon	16640.00
Leicester	8500.00
Salisbury	8500.00
Goshen	5500.00
Donations	125.00
Total from towns	39265.00
State of Vermont	67599.93

Expenditures

State of Vermont	67599.93
Aerial/larvicide	
Adulticide	2295.80
District manager	6000.00
Office expense	500.00
Telephone	663.21
Labour-payrole	840.00
Payrole tax	1303.25
Gas	399.45
Truck maintenance	956.40
Sprayer maintenance	800.00
Insurance building	880.00
Insurance trucks	1400.00
Insurance liability	6321.00
Insurance equipment	1716.00
Debt service bldg	14627.00
Utilites	171.43
Cont education	420.00
Total expenses	\$38758.55
Ending balance	\$41117.31

# ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TRANSFER STATION RATE SCHEDULE

Effective: January 1, 2004

## Hours

Monday – Friday – 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00

Closed Sundays and Holidays

<b>Trash, Construction &amp; Demolition</b>	<b>\$100.50/ton</b>
<b>Minimum Fee</b> Minimum Load Size - 5 Cubic Yards or 1/2 ton for <b>regular trash only</b>	<b>\$50.25</b>
<b>Minimum Fee -- 100 lbs. or less -- all other material</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Non-Friable Asbestos</b>	<b>\$125.00/ton</b>
<b>Clean Wood/ Raw Lumber</b>	<b>\$20.00/ton</b>
<b>Bulky Wastes</b> Full, queen, & king mattresses or boxsprings and couches	<b>\$5.00/ea.</b>
<b>Smaller Bulky Wastes</b> Mattress or box spring (twin or smaller), Chairs, Sinks or Toilets	<b>\$3.00/ea.</b>
<b>Appliances w/ Freon</b> Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water fountains, etc.	<b>\$10.00/ea.</b>
<b>Appliances—no freon</b> , furnaces, Washers, dryers, hot water heaters, stoves, dish washers, microwaves, etc.	<b>\$5.00/ea.</b>
<b>Computers</b> (System consists of monitor, CPU and accessories) Per Pc. Per Lb.	<b>\$11.00 per system</b> <b>\$6.00 per pc.</b> <b>\$0.227/lb.</b>
<b>Televisions</b> Regular Console	<b>\$0.257/lb</b> <b>\$7.00/ea.</b> <b>\$15.00/ea.</b>
<b>Light Ballasts With PCB's</b>	<b>\$5.00/ea.</b>
<b>Scrap Metal - Friday and Saturdays Only</b> (includes electrical wire, all metals, etc.)	<b>\$1.00/cy</b>
<b>Tires</b> Passenger Tires Large Truck Tires Off-road Vehicle & Heavy Equip. Tires	<b>\$0.0565/lb.</b> <b>\$2.00/ea.</b> <b>\$6.00/ea.</b> <b>\$20.00/ea.</b>
<b>Fluorescent Light Bulbs</b> Smaller than 4' 4' Bulbs 8' Bulbs	<b>\$.25/ea.</b> <b>\$.50/ea.</b> <b>\$1.00/ea.</b>
<b>Lead Acid Batteries – (Auto, Motorcycle, etc. All sizes of wet cell)</b>	<b>\$1.00/ea.</b>
<b>Antifreeze</b>	<b>\$1.00/gal.</b>
<b>Corrugated Cardboard</b> (Minimum \$2.00)	<b>\$2.00/cy.</b>
<b>Used Motor Oil</b> (In containers of 5 gallons or less)	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>Oil Filters</b> 3 or less 4 or more 55 gallon drum of filters	<b>No Charge</b> <b>\$.25/ea.</b> <b>\$35.00/drum</b>
<b>Propane Cylinders</b> 1lb. Cylinder (small camping and torch size) 20lb. Cylinder (Grill size)	<b>No Charge</b> <b>\$3.00/ea.</b>
<b>District Fee</b> (Charged On Waste Not Delivered To The Transfer Station)	<b>\$33.40/ton</b>

District surcharges for violations of the Waste Management Ordinance separation requirements:

**Recyclables, Metal, Yard Waste**

**10% Of Tipping Fee**

**Hazardous Waste**

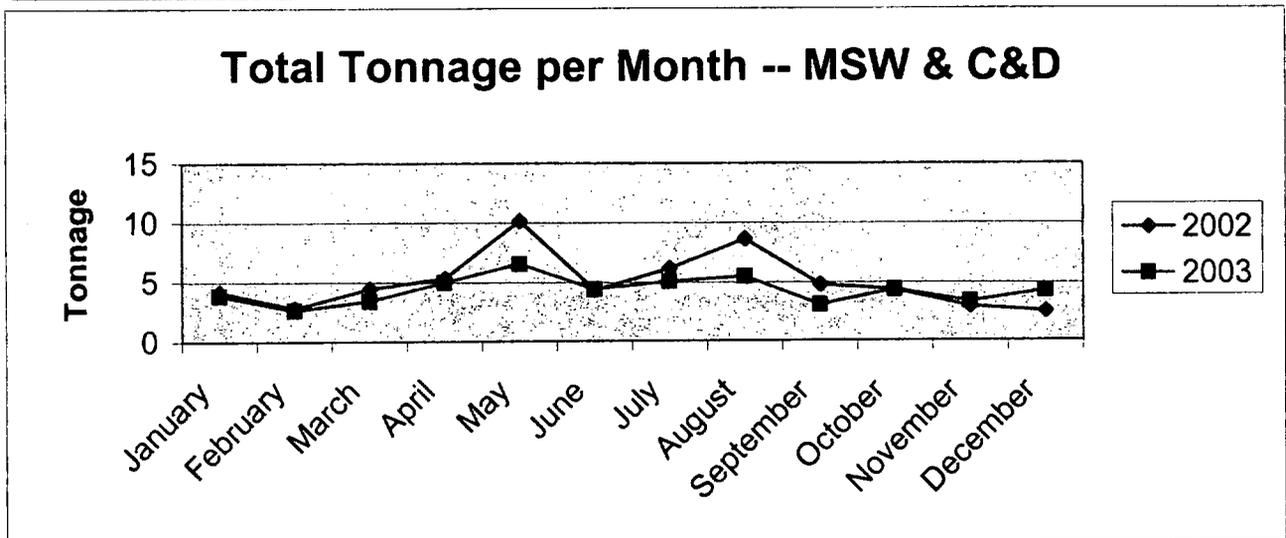
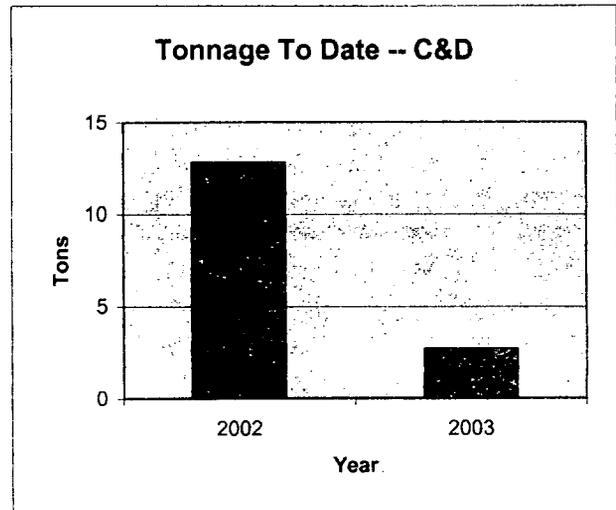
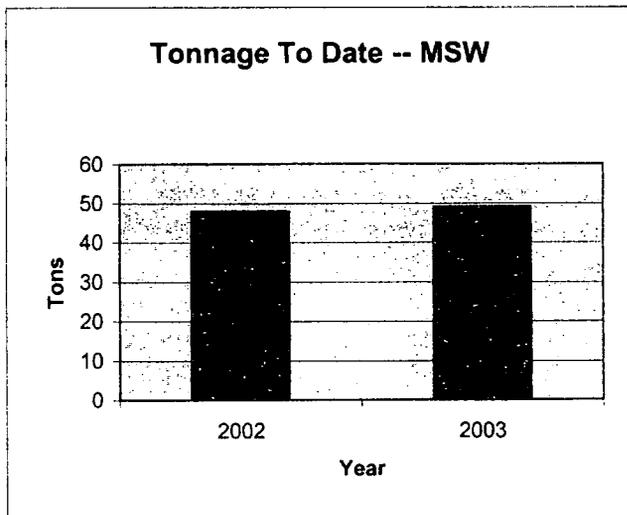
**20% Of Tipping Fee plus handling and disposal**

Contact the District Office (388-2333) for disposal locations and times for items not listed here.

January 6, 2004

# Goshen Analysis

	MSW		C&D	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
January	4.18	3.86	0	0.00
February	2.79	2.65	0	0.00
March	3.39	3.45	1.06	0.00
April	3.87	4.42	1.44	0.59
May	5.31	5.56	4.85	1.01
June	3.96	3.63	0.4	0.81
July	6.16	5.07	0	0.00
August	4.78	5.34	3.84	0.17
September	3.82	3.11	0.98	0.00
October	4.39	4.42	0	0.00
November	2.96	3.25	0	0.14
December	2.3	4.32	0.23	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.91</b>	<b>49.08</b>	<b>12.80</b>	<b>2.72</b>



In the ACSWMD, the average rate increase impact per person on MSW (trash) is \$1.68/year.  
 (14,585.67 tons X 3.50/ton increase - \$51,049.85 / 30,411 (population) = \$1.68/person/year)



# BRANDON AREA RESCUE SQUAD

P.O. Box 232, Brandon, VT 05733 • Fed. ID# 23-7099974 • Business Ph. 247-3231 • Fax 247-3916

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
EMERGENCY PHONE 247-6628

November 11, 2003

To the Citizen's of Goshen,

2003 was another hectic year for the Squad. We have responded to a record 535 calls in Brandon, Leicester, Sudbury, and in Goshen

We recently completed another First Responder Emergency Care Attendant course and have 3 new Observer members riding with us. We also have 27 members certified at an Emergency Medical Technician Basic level, 9 of those at the Intermediate level. 14 members are currently certified as Emergency Care Attendants, and provide our communities with 24 hour a day 7 day a week emergency coverage. Of those members 5 are Junior members, under the age of 18, and we have recently instituted a small number of Driver Only members.

We have finally completed the purchase of property south of the village of Brandon, next door to Legasse's Steak House. We are working to continue the process of building and hope to have the basics done next year. We are excited to finally have the room we need to expand. As with any project of this size, we will undoubtedly need to find ways to pay for the project, and with the help of a Fund Raising committee and other resources, hope to be able to get started. We currently have members who need to stay at the building in order to cover our shifts, and have recently been utilizing space at the Brandon Fire station for our training and meetings.

We were lucky enough to receive a grant from Homeland Security to upgrade our communications so that we can communicate with Police, Fire and other responding agencies, should the need arise.

We are active in the Community, not only providing the best emergency care we can, but in attending functions such as Government Day at Neshobe School, The Annual Raft Race, The Bluegrass Festival, Fishing Derby, the Home Games at OtterValley for football and Wrestling, and the Brandon Rec Departments' games and functions as requested.

It is always with great pride and satisfaction that we serve our coverage area. We will continue to provide services to the best of our abilities and will continue to broaden our training and skills to better serve you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

  
Debra Bailey, President  
Brandon Area Rescue Squad, Inc.

HEALTH CONTRIBUTIONS

Addison County Home Care Agency.....	200.00
Community Action Group.....	200.00
Elderly Services.....	100.00
The Evergreen Center.....	100.00
Counseling Service of Addison County.....	200.00
Addison County Hospice.....	175.00
Champlain Valley Agency on Ageing.....	200.00
Vt. Green-Up, Inc.....	50.00
R.S.V.P.....	25.00
Addison County Women in Crisis.....	100.00
Vt. Assoc. of the Blind & Visually Impaired.....	50.00

TOTAL 1,400.00

**Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.**

**Board President – Art Remick**  
**Executive Director – Larry Goetschius**

*Addison County Home Health & Hospice was founded in 1968 by a group of Addison County residents, it has been providing high quality, comprehensive community health care services to Addison County individuals and their families since March of 1970. Starting with two part-time nurses and an operating budget of \$12,000, today the Agency's budget is \$6 million and we employ over 160 staff to meet the home care needs of the community. From 291 visits in our first year, this year we provided nearly 60,000 visits. In the past year we provide almost \$100,000 in free care.*

*The nature and complexity of home health care has changed greatly and the challenges have been many. Changing expectations about growing older, advances in technology, impending staff shortages and reductions in reimbursement are just a few of the challenges ahead. Through it all, our mission remains the same!*

*Thanks to the towns we serve and their commitment to that mission, we are able to continue with our ongoing philosophy of providing care to all clients regardless of their ability to pay. We are available to address the needs of our clients 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year.*

*Statistical data, in visits, for FYE 6/30/03 is as follows;*

<i>Skilled Nursing</i>	<i>123</i>
<i>Physical Therapy</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Speech Therapy</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Occupational Therapy</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Medical Social Worker</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Licensed Nursing Assistant</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>Hospice Services</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Homemaker</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Waiver Services</i>	<i><u>276</u></i>
<i>Total Visits</i>	<i>543</i>

## FOR YOUR TOWN REPORT

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Hospice Volunteer Services is a healthy, growing agency providing services in three related focal areas. Our primary commitment is to the hospice program and to providing the support of trained hospice volunteers to people with terminal illness and their families. In this year 2003, the hospice program has been very busy and we anticipate that this increased demand for hospice services will continue in the year to come. Our current volunteer roster presently carries the names of 80 remarkable folks. Our ten week training course for hospice volunteers is usually offered each fall.

Hospice volunteers offer both practical and emotional support tailored to the individual needs of each patient and family. Most of these services are provided in the home setting but we also provide care in nursing homes, in community care homes and in the hospital.

Our second area of focus, grief support, follows naturally on the heels of our work with hospice patients, but these services are offered to all residents of Addison County. It is our desire to be responsive to community needs and creative in our response, and so we offer a variety of programs to assist people who are grieving. We offer regular grief support groups, consultation, one-to-one volunteer outreach, special supportive and educational events, and the Phoenix Group (a monthly pot-luck supper gathering of widowed people for the purpose of social and community connection). In 2004, we plan to increase our grief group offerings to adults and children, as well as expand our public education and outreach efforts to grieving children and families in Addison County.

Lastly, Hospice Volunteer Services has a commitment to serving as a resource and leader in providing education and support throughout Addison County around the issues of end of life care, death and bereavement. In this effort we have offered educational opportunities, national teleconferences, publications and acted as a resource to schools, agencies and churches. Each November more than 150 people attend our Service of Remembrance where hospice patient's and loved ones in our community are remembered with a candle lighting ceremony.

We are pleased to be of service and we are grateful for your support.

Patricia Dunn  
Executive Director

## **Goshen Town Report 2004**

### **Elderly Services, Inc.**

27 No. Pleasant Street, P.O. Box 581, Middlebury, Vermont 05753

(802) 388-3983

*www.elderlyservices.org*

### ***Elderly Services/Project Independence***

*Project Independence* is an adult day program for elders providing safe, medically oriented daytime care that includes:

- \* Fun social activities,
- \* Specialized van transportation to and from home,
- \* Hot, delicious meals tailored to the dietary needs of our participants,
- \* Individualized nursing care,
- \* Personal care including toileting assistance and hygiene, as well as foot and hair care,
- \* Educational programs and entertainment,
- \* Coordination with other health care providers and social service agencies, and
- \* Daytime respite for family caregivers.

In addition to daytime care services, our staff also provides caregiving education and emotional support to family members whose elderly relative attends our center. Our monthly Caregiver Support Group is open to all Goshen residents and takes place on the second Wednesday and third Friday of each month.

### **Serving Goshen and Addison County**

In the past year 170 elders from Addison County and nearby towns were served at *Project Independence* Adult Day Center. Addison County residents received a total of 100,242 hours of care, 40,869 meals, and approximately 34,172 van rides. These 100,242 hours of care cost the agency \$1,102,662 for direct services to Addison County residents.

Elderly Services' annual operating budget is \$1,264,204. Sources of revenue include the Vermont Department of Aging (13%), after-scholarship client fees (19%), Medicaid programs (47%), fundraising and town meeting grants (7%), United Way (3%), Veterans Administration (6%), and Adult Care Food Program (3%). Major areas of expense include nursing/caregiving within Project Independence Adult Day Care (30%), specialized Alzheimer's Day Care (23%), adult day care therapeutic activities and nutritious meals (20%), and countywide transportation (17%).

For over 20 years Elderly Services, Inc. has provided quality eldercare to the people of Goshen and Addison County. Our eldercare counseling work is ongoing and expanding, continuing to reach over 300 families annually. It includes counseling

sessions by on-staff social workers, a geriatric mental health service and referrals' brokerage for in-home aides and companions. We also have staff serving as a member of the Governor's Commission on Alzheimer's Disease.

## **Our Mission**

Elderly Services is committed to providing the best care possible. That means supporting families in caring for their elderly relatives, catering to each individual's needs, and promoting a sense of caring fellowship. It is our mission to provide high-quality programs to help elders live safe and satisfying lives in their own homes and communities.

Elderly Services would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Goshen for helping to make our programs possible. Thank you!

### **Elderly Services *Project Independence***

- Served 170 participants at *Project Independence Adult Day Center* representing nearly every town in Addison County
- Provided 17,086 individual days of care
- Provided respite and peace of mind to over 300 family caregivers
- Served an average of 62 participants/weekday and 35/Saturday
- Offered full day of care five days a week, 7 hour day Saturdays
- Delivered eldercare counseling to dozens of families
- Provided nursing, transportation, meals, therapeutic activities, entertainment and social work in a safe and caring environment
- Promoted health, lessened hospital use, and helped prevent institutional placement for our participants

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
SUMMARY FOR THE TOWN OF ANNUAL REPORT**

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) teaches people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. We also conduct public education and systems change activities that promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. VCIL, a private not-for-profit corporation, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability center for independent living and the first organization in the state to be directed and staffed by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

Statewide, from October 1, 2002 through September 11, 2003, VCIL responded to 1,974 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided on-on-one peer counseling to 342 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided 405 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over 340 with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to 67 Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through our Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, and served home-delivered meals to almost 533 Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

VCIL's central office is in downtown Montpelier with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses our resource library and our toll-free information line, which provides answers to disability-related questions from every Vermont community. Our locally-based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 2003, VCIL provided direct services to Vermonters, utilizing the following services/programs:

1. Information & Referral
2. Home and Community Access program
3. Meals on Wheels (people with disabilities under the age of 60)
4. Peer Advocacy Counseling
5. Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
6. Sue Williams Freedom Fund

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VCIL, CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-639-1522**

**WomenSafe, Inc.**  
**Naomi Smith, Executive Director**

*WomenSafe works toward the elimination of physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, education and social change.*

**WomenSafe** has been providing services to Goshen families since 1980. We are dedicated to providing services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Our 24-hour hotline, staffed by trained volunteers and staff offers crisis advocacy, safety planning, information, referrals, emotional support, social service advocacy and safe housing for victims and their children. We assist victims of domestic and sexual violence in accessing Relief From Abuse Orders and provide support and advocacy throughout the medical procedures that might follow an act of sexual or domestic violence. We offer supervised visitation in a safe, neutral, child-friendly environment to ensure children's safety. Our support groups provide a place for women to gain the support that they need to help them and their children be safe.

For the year ending June 30, 2003 we provided at least 5 units of service to more than 1 Goshen resident through our hotline, advocacy programs and in-person meetings. While safety concerns prohibit some callers from divulging any identifying information, we do know that between 30 – 50% of women in the United States will be victims of abuse at some time during their lives.

**WomenSafe** staff talked to over 500 students about violence and healthy relationships in over 30 presentations to students in pre-school through high school. We also presented to various community groups about domestic and sexual violence and how you can help a friend or family member who is a victim.

It is critical to have a coordinated community response to domestic and sexual violence by sending a consistent message that perpetrators will be held accountable for their violence and victims will be supported. We work with many community agencies to assist in the further development of this coordinated community response. We are also an active member of the Addison County Domestic Violence Task Force and the Sexual Assault Response Team.

Our office is located in Middlebury and our services are free and confidential. We believe that all women and children should be safe in their homes and their communities. We are committed to providing quality services that offer a positive support system to all victims of domestic and sexual violence.

**Contact Information:**

**24-hour Hotline: 388-4205 or (In-State-Only) 800-388-4205**

TTY: 802-388-9181

WomenSafe Office: 802-388-9180

Supervised Visitation Office: 802-388-6783

Fax: 802-388-3438

E-mail: [info@womensafe.net](mailto:info@womensafe.net)

Web: [www.womensafe.net](http://www.womensafe.net)



## VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

### Town Report Narrative

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) greatly appreciates the Town of Goshen for including a contribution to VABVI in their 2003 budget.

Our mission is to enable Vermonters with vision problems, whether blindness or impairment, to achieve and maintain independence. We were established with assistance from Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind in 1926. Since then, our agency has provided services to any visually impaired Vermonter who needs them, at no cost to the client, due to the financial support we receive from individuals, businesses, civic organizations, and municipalities as well as state and federal grants. Last year we served 1,413 people statewide – 1,128 adults and 285 children.

Our services for children include teaching and support at home and in the classroom. Our Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) instruct in Braille, and acquire materials such as textbooks in alternative formats appropriate for each child's visual impairment, whether it's Braille, large print or on audiotape. They also assist classroom teachers in instructing with less emphasis on visual learning, such as writing on the blackboard. We also plan educational overnight camps each year, so the students can exercise their independent and daily living skills in a supportive environment. In addition, we also provide transitional services for teens looking beyond high school to higher learning or independent living.

For adults, we make visits to homes to help adapt the home for safety and ease of mobility. We mark stoves, microwaves, thermostats and other appliance for ease of use and help organize pantries and closets to make cooking and other daily living tasks manageable and reasonably efficient. We provide orientation and mobility lessons, including white cane instruction, so that people can get around on their own. We sponsor Peer Assisted Learning and Support (PALS) groups, bi-monthly meetings for peer education and group support, which meet in 11 locations around the state, including Pittsford. We served one adult in Goshen last year.

Volunteers are an important part of our organization. Last year 204 VABVI volunteers drove 181,206 miles and donated 14,631 hours of service – the equivalent of seven and a half full time employees – either by driving, reading, shopping, brailleing, working in our offices or other capacities. It is in large part because of these volunteers that we spent 87 cents out of every dollar on direct services in your community last year. To become a volunteer or to learn more about our services, contact us at 1-877-350-8839 or [general@vabvi.org](mailto:general@vabvi.org) or visit our website at [www.vabvi.org](http://www.vabvi.org).

37 Elmwood Avenue  
Burlington, VT 05401  
(802)863-1358  
(FAX)863-1481  
Email: [VABVI@aol.com](mailto:VABVI@aol.com)  
Website: [vabvi.org/main](http://vabvi.org/main)

10 Main St.  
Montpelier, VT 05602  
(802)828-5997  
(FAX)828-5999

10 Burnham Avenue  
Rutland, VT 05701  
(802)775-6452  
(FAX)775-4669

38 Park Place, Suite 2  
Brattleboro, VT 05301  
(802)254-8761  
(FAX)254-4802

Toll free numbers  
Burl (800)639-5861  
Mont (877)350-8838  
Rutland (877)350-8839  
Bratt (877)350-8840

**OTTER CREEK NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
68 Catamount Park  
Suite B  
Middlebury, VT 05753-1292**

**Dear Friends:**

**The Otter Creek NRCD has been serving the land use needs of the landowners of Addison County since 1941. We were organized and partially funded by the State of Vermont (10V.S.A.s715) to furnish free technical assistance to landowners in order to bring about proper land use and treatment. We continue to receive token administrative funds from the State; however, it is the yearly contribution from our Addison County towns and city that enable us to maintain our services to farmers, landowners, towns, business and schools.**

**Also, Addison County towns benefit from "Resource Conservation & Development" (RC&D programs that are available in our District. I hope you read the annual report, and review the budget; it gives you an idea of some of the services we are able to provide.**

**For 2004 we hope you will contribute \$21.45 to help meet the financial needs of our District. This is \$.11 per resident, the same assessment since 1983.**

**If you would like more information about the District and its goals, please feel free to contact us. Our Supervisors would be glad to answer questions or talk further about our programs.**

**We hope you will consider our request and thank you for past donations. I hope you read our Annual Report; we welcome suggestions if you feel we could improve our use of these funds. Our monthly Board of Supervisors meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at our Conference Room, these meetings are open to the public, so please feel free to attend one if you have comments or issues to be addressed. This year we hope to have a representative at your annual meeting.**

**Sincerely,**

**Otter Creek Board of Supervisors:  
Wesley C. Larrabee, Shoreham - Chairman  
Richard Stone, New Haven - Vice Chairman  
Barry S. King, Ripton - Secretary  
Paula Barnes, Orwell - Treasure  
Claire Ayer, Weybridge - Staff Liaison**

GOSHEN TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARNING

The legal voters of the Goshen Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Goshen Town Hall in Goshen on March 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to transact the following business:

- Article I      Call the meeting to order.
- Article II     To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District officers.
- Article III    To establish the compensation of the Town School District officers.
- Article IV    To see if the voters of the Goshen Town School District will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Eighty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Eight Cents (\$139,086.68) for the 2004-2005 school year. The amount of such sum to be raised by taxes to be reduced by special education revenues, state aid and other incomes.
- Article V     To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to meet the necessary expenses of the Goshen Town School District.
- Article VI    To do any other business proper to be done when met.

The meeting will then be adjourned until Tuesday March 2, 2004 at which time it will reconvene in the Goshen Town Office Building from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot on the following Town School District business:

- Article VII    a. To elect a Town School Director for a term of three (3) years.  
                  b. To elect a Town School Director for the two (2) remaining years of a three (3) year term.

Dated at Goshen, Vermont, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2004.

GOSHEN BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Thomasina McKeighan, Chair	2004
Diane O'Classen, Clerk	2004
Rene Rubbins	2005

GOSHEN BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Thomasina McKeighan, Chair (2004)

Received and Recorded  
January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
*Madine Reed*  
Madine Reed, Clerk  
Goshen Town School  
District

*Diane O'Classen*  
Diane O'Classen, Clerk (2004)

*Rene B. Rubbins*  
Rene Rubbins (2005)

## SCHOOL LEGAL NOTICES - TOWN OF GOSHEN

**School Board** - The school board welcomes your input on all issues. If you would like to address the school board, please call Thomasina McKeighan, Diane O'Claussen, or Rene Rubbins to schedule time with the board. Diane Mott is the current Otter Valley representative.

**Equal Opportunity** - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union insures equal employment and educational opportunities regardless of race, color, handicap, national origin, or sex.

**Students with Disabilities** - The Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union is required by federal laws IDEA-B (Formerly EHA-B) and Section 504 and state regulations to identify and locate all persons with disabilities between the ages of birth and 21 who may be in need of regular education, special education services or accommodations in accessing public education. If you know of any individual residing in the town of Goshen who you suspect of having such needs, but who is not currently receiving them, please contact the special education coordinator, Michele LaRouche, at (802) 247-5757 or the school principal for your town.

**Records Review** - As provided under federal and state laws and regulations, all parents and legal guardians are hereby notified that the school records for their children are available for inspection. Please contact your school and set up an appointment if you wish to exercise this right.

**Asbestos** - The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act [40 CFR 763.93 (g) (4)] requires that written notice be given that the following schools have Management plans for the safe control and maintenance of asbestos-containing materials found in their buildings. These Management Plans are available and accessible to the public at the administrative offices of each facility listed below. Please contact the building Principal if you wish to read this plan.

	<i>School Address</i>	<i>Designated Person</i>	<i>Telephone</i>
1.	Neshobe School 17 Neshobe Circle Brandon, VT 05733	Peter Neff	247-3721
2.	Otter Valley Union H. S. 2997 Franklin Street Brandon, VT 05733	David Mitchell	247-6833
3.	Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union 49 Court Drive Brandon, VT 05733	Brenda Fleming	247-5757

**Audit Reports** - Certified Public Accountants audit reports are available for public inspection. Call the business office at (802) 247-5757.

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
SCHOOL FUND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT & BALANCE SHEET 6/30/2003**

**ASSETS**

00-0101	School Checking	\$ 8,658.84	
00-0103	School Savings	\$ 1,228.77	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>\$ 9,887.61</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ (30,959.08)</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>			<b>\$ (21,071.47)</b>
<b>TOTAL NEW FUND BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ (9,887.61)</b>

**INCOME**

1111-000	Property Taxes	\$ (222,880.76)	
4810-000	National Forest	\$ (7,751.07)	
3110-010	State Aid	\$ (79,110.00)	
3115-010	Thermo Pay Ed Fund	\$ (7,044.00)	
3150-010	Transportation	\$ (4,918.00)	
3160-010	Hold Harmless	\$ (409.00)	
5210-010	Trans. Overpayment	\$ -	
1510-000	Interest Savings	\$ (12.50)	
5400-1,2,3,4	Special Ed Reimbursement	\$ (20,277.92)	
		\$ -	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>\$ (342,403.25)</b>

**EXPENSES**

1100-561-010	Elementary Tuition	\$ 111,079.26	
1100-562-030	O.V.U.H.S Tuition	\$ 172,584.78	
1100-562-031	OVUHS Special Ed	\$ 22,602.71	
1100-562-032	Vocational Education	\$ 3,382.15	
1210-565	Spec. Ed. Billback	\$ 37,884.98	
2525-331	RNESU Assessment	\$ 7,589.18	
2552-510-010	Transportation	\$ 6,463.75	
2311-110	School Direct Wages	\$ 225.00	
2319-522	Sec bond & Liab Ins	\$ 351.63	
2490-890	Misc Expense-Audit	\$ 1,061.28	
2319-810	School Directors Assoc	\$ 250.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>\$ 363,474.72</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>			<b>\$ 21,071.47</b>

REVENUES:	<u>ACTUAL</u> 2001-2002	<u>ACTUAL</u> 2002-2003	<u>BUDGET</u> 2003-2004		<u>PROPOSED</u> 2004-2005
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE	27,582.00	2,298.43	0.00	<u>DUE TO</u>	2,298.43
LOCAL EDUCATION TAX	28,075.00	69,881.00	47,267.79	<u>ACT 68</u>	0.00
HOMESTEAD REVENUE TO SCHOOL		0.00		<u>CHANGES,</u>	89,294.19
GSSG/EDUCATIONAL SPENDING REVENUE FROM VT	221,733.00	217,521.00	213,891.00	<u>REVENUES</u>	34,650.79
GRANT FOR TECHNICAL CENTERS		0.00		<u>CANNOT</u>	2,788.00
NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX		0.00		<u>BE</u>	136,112.32
AMOUNT DUE FROM EDUCATION FUND	4,057.00	7,044.00	7,640.00	<u>DIRECTLY</u>	0.00
TRANSPORTATION AID	6,076.00	4,920.00	5,648.85	<u>COMPARED</u>	7,195.00
DEBT SERVICE AID	329.00	411.00	227.00		0.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION AID	37,476.00	34,788.92	42,289.37	<u>WITH</u>	43,444.59
NATIONAL FOREST REVENUE	7,671.00	7,751.07	7,700.00	<u>PRIOR</u>	7,700.00
INTEREST EARNINGS	21.00	86.26	0.00	<u>YEARS</u>	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>333,020.00</b>	<b>344,701.68</b>	<b>324,664.01</b>		<b>323,483.32</b>

EXPENDITURES:

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' SALARY	225.00	225.00	300.00	300.00
VSBA DUES	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
RNESU ASSESSMENT	12,819.00	15,178.36	14,247.95	13,270.90
SPECIAL EDUCATION	34,277.00	37,884.98	42,086.70	32,467.98
LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,396.00	351.63	420.00	420.00
TRANSPORTATION	3,599.00	6,463.75	4,125.00	4,593.77
MISCELLANEOUS	0.00	1,311.28	900.00	900.00
TUITION:				
PRE-SCHOOL	7,421.48	6,648.00	0.00	4,027.61
GRADES K-6 (FY 03 forward)	87,181.52	95,423.44	91,500.00	72,497.07
PRIOR YEARS TUITION UNDERBILLING		9,007.82	9,848.88	5,778.35
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	2,746.00	3,382.15	2,932.39	4,581.00
<b>SUB TOTAL - GOSHEN ELEMENTARY EXP'D</b>	<b>149,915.00</b>	<b>175,876.41</b>	<b>166,610.92</b>	<b>139,086.68</b>
OVUHS ASSESSMENTS	158,255.00	195,187.49	158,053.09	184,396.64
<b>TOTAL GOSHEN SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>	<b>308,170.00</b>	<b>371,063.90</b>	<b>324,664.01</b>	<b>323,483.32</b>

*TUITION:	<u>2001-2002</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>
PRE-SCHOOL	3,710.74	3,324.00	3,813.00	4,027.61
GRADE K-6 (FY03 forward)	6,184.56	6,647.00	7,625.00	8,055.23
		2.00	0.00	1.00
		14.36	12.00	9.00

Three Prior Years Comparisons

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
<b>District:</b> Goshen				
<b>County:</b> Addison				
	LEA: 081 Rutland Northeast			
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Budget</b> (local budget approved in prior years)	156,966	182,369	166,611	139,087
82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005				
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)	47,096	45,474	56,335	50,333
Deficit (if included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	4,522	5,566	4,822	-
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")	-	-	-	-
<b>Act 68 local adopted budget</b>	161,488	187,935	171,433	139,087
Union school or joint school district assessment	158,255	195,187	158,053	184,397
Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	-	-	-	-
Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	319,743	383,122	329,486	323,483
<b>Gross Act 68 Budget</b>	-	-	-	-
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>				
Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	61,027	82,703	55,638	60,638
Capital debt aid	329	409	227	-
Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	-	-	-	-
Act 144 revenues	61,356	83,112	55,865	60,638
Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-
<b>Adjusted local revenues</b>	61,356	83,112	55,865	60,638
<b>Education Spending (Act 68 definition)</b>	258,387	300,010	273,621	262,845
Equalized Pupils	41.53	40.08	38.68	37.33
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil</b>	6,222	7,485	7,074	7,041
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	-	-	-	-
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	-	-	-	-
<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$7,041 / \$6,800)</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (103.544% x \$1.10)</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Household Income Percentage for Income sensitivity (103.544% x 2.07%)</b>	-	-	-	-
				\$1.139
				2.07%

\* Act 68, as currently written, uses this tax rate to calculate the town's state tax liability and WILL NOT be the actual tax rate reflected on individual tax bills.

**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION  
2004-2005 ASSESSMENT CALCULATION**

TOTAL ASSESSMENT TO BE CALCULATED FY 2005

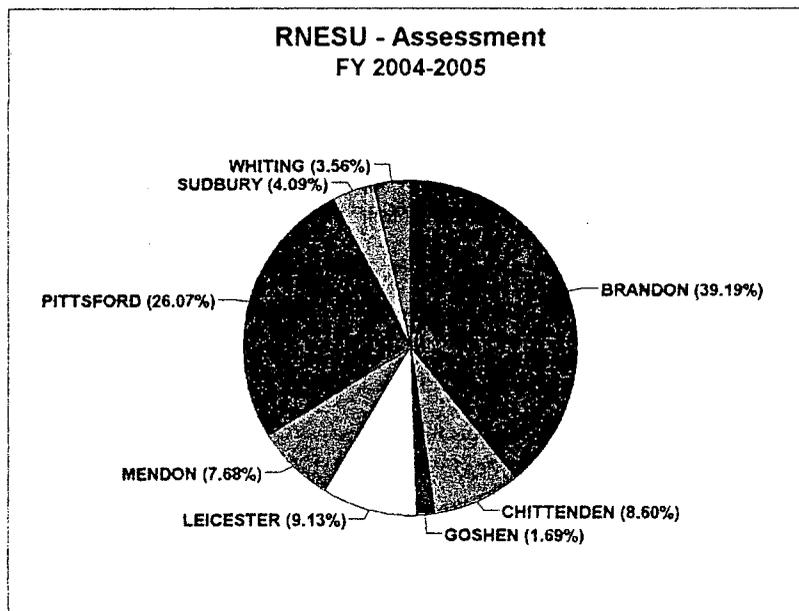
**\$787,455.96**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	40-DAY ADM-10/03	PERCENT	AMOUNT
BRANDON	708.51	39.19%	308,584.30
CHITTENDEN	155.48	8.60%	67,709.02
GOSHEN	30.47	1.69%	13,270.90
LEICESTER	165.01	9.13%	71,868.42
MENDON	138.86	7.68%	60,479.06
PITTSFORD	471.26	26.07%	205,252.49
SUDBURY	73.98	4.09%	32,221.23
WHITING	64.45	3.56%	28,070.54
	1808.00	100.00%	787,455.96

TOTAL ASSESSMENT CALCULATED FY 2004

**\$773,912.68**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	40-DAY ADM-10/02	PERCENT	AMOUNT	CHANGE	PERCENT
BRANDON	736.74	40.00%	309,554.99	(970.68)	-0.31%
CHITTENDEN	144.60	7.85%	60,756.37	6,952.64	11.44%
GOSHEN	33.91	1.84%	14,247.92	(977.02)	-6.86%
LEICESTER	173.22	9.40%	72,781.80	(913.18)	-1.25%
MENDON	134.80	7.32%	56,638.72	3,840.33	6.78%
PITTSFORD	475.55	25.82%	199,811.16	5,441.33	2.72%
SUDBURY	78.49	4.26%	32,979.03	(757.80)	-2.30%
WHITING	64.60	3.51%	27,142.89	927.65	3.42%
	1841.91	100.00%	773,912.68	13,543.28	1.75%



**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION  
2004-2005 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

ACCOUNT NAME	2001/2002 ACTUAL	2002/2003 ACTUAL	2003/2004 BUDGET	2004/2005 PROPOSED
<b>FRINGE BENEFITS SUPT &amp; BUS OFFICES</b>				
HEALTH INSURANCE	67,997.11	64,079.70	66,851.32	75,207.89
SOCIAL SECURITY	20,759.59	22,244.51	23,506.15	24,510.92
ADMIN. INSURANCE	2,896.29	2,513.01	2,900.00	2,900.00
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	9,745.40	9,986.35	10,910.89	11,418.21
WORKMENS COMPENSATION	1,317.64	907.80	1,422.20	954.47
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	428.91	418.70	486.40	204.80
DENTAL INSURANCE	1,652.56	1,004.56	2,334.75	2,408.67
CLERICAL IN-SERVICE/WORKSHOPS/CLASSES	345.05	159.56	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS</b>	<b>105,142.55</b>	<b>101,314.19</b>	<b>109,911.71</b>	<b>119,104.96</b>
<b>BUSINESS OFFICE</b>				
POSTAGE	5,956.56	2,989.64	5,000.00	4,000.00
ADVERTISING	6,639.06	5,612.14	6,000.00	6,000.00
SUPPLIES	9,660.03	8,224.52	11,500.00	10,500.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	2,139.60	1,800.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
SOFTWARE/HARDWARE	4,415.20	5,998.98	4,000.00	4,000.00
BUSINESS MANAGERS SALARY	61,537.08	63,998.48	65,918.43	67,895.98
MANAGER SECRETARY SALARY	4,352.40	9,399.69	9,324.52	9,604.27
TUITION/DUES BUSINESS MGR.	887.19	895.58	1,000.00	1,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	33,184.84	34,512.40	35,547.71	36,614.14
BOOKKEEPER SALARIES	26,837.44	21,817.52	22,242.51	22,909.79
BOOKKEEPER SALARIES	24,919.70	25,916.28	26,693.86	31,094.68
PRINTING	670.00	1,397.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TRAVEL - OFFICE STAFF	1,176.75	1,678.51	1,500.00	1,500.00
<b>TOTAL BUSINESS OFFICE</b>	<b>182,375.83</b>	<b>184,240.74</b>	<b>192,227.03</b>	<b>198,618.85</b>
<b>MAINT./OPERATIONS</b>				
TELEPHONE	5,974.49	6,153.68	8,000.00	7,000.00
ELECTRICITY	8,532.52	8,861.60	9,000.00	9,000.00
LEASE/PURCHASE PAYMENT	32,100.00	32,100.00	1.00	0.00
PARKING LOT RESURFACING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HEAT	3,401.13	4,793.51	6,000.00	6,000.00
UPKEEP OF GROUND (PLOW/MOW)	2,970.60	3,511.00	2,500.00	3,500.00
WATER & SEWER	468.84	406.25	500.00	500.00
GARBAGE REMOVAL	1,097.40	1,172.16	1,100.00	1,100.00
CUSTODIAN SALARIES	6,476.04	7,744.50	7,438.50	8,536.76
CUSTODIAN FICA	495.27	592.43	569.05	653.08
CUSTODIAN HEALTH	0.00	0.00	1,569.41	1,765.58
CUSTODIAN DENTAL	0.00	0.00	102.76	102.76
CUSTODIAN UNEMPLOYMENT	0.00	54.80	56.53	25.60
CUSTODIAN WORKERS COMP	195.57	297.40	392.75	293.66
CUSTODIAN RETIREMENT	254.80	297.56	371.93	426.84
ASBESTOS MAINTENANCE	0.00	2,000.00	300.00	300.00
BUILDING REPAIRS	10,682.01	11,734.25	23,500.00	15,000.00
CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	552.07	791.49	800.00	800.00
MAINT. CONTRACTS/EQUIP. REPAIR	11,800.05	11,229.21	16,500.00	14,000.00
INSURANCE - PROPERTY/LIABILITY	1,213.68	1,638.29	2,009.67	3,120.00
<b>TOTAL MAINT./REPAIRS</b>	<b>86,014.47</b>	<b>93,378.13</b>	<b>80,711.60</b>	<b>72,124.27</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>758,179.21</b>	<b>772,185.82</b>	<b>829,443.68</b>	<b>857,785.90</b>

**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION  
2004-2005 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

ACCOUNT NAME	2001/2002 ACTUAL	2002/2003 ACTUAL	2003/2004 BUDGET	2004/2005 PROPOSED
<b>PUPIL SUPPORT</b>				
BB PATH ADVANCE	457.40	733.70	400.00	400.00
STANDARDIZED TESTING	22,938.57	17,068.60	28,000.00	28,000.00
<b>TOTAL PUPIL SUPPORT</b>	<b>23,395.97</b>	<b>17,802.30</b>	<b>28,400.00</b>	<b>28,400.00</b>
<b>CURR &amp; STAFF DEVEL</b>				
SECRETARY	22,088.30	22,972.18	23,660.94	24,370.77
TECHNOLOGY	34,284.84	35,100.00	57,440.80	63,448.00
CURRICULUM FICA	10,334.81	10,829.61	12,843.14	13,350.16
CURRICULUM HEALTH	26,293.00	20,294.25	29,593.73	28,433.90
CURRICULUM DENTAL	658.13	1,045.08	1,478.68	1,605.78
CURRICULUM WORKERS COMP	0.00	0.00	743.71	506.08
CURRICULUM UNEMPLOYMENT	213.13	233.20	304.00	128.00
CURRICULUM RETIREMENT	3,290.73	3,533.83	4,599.81	4,951.79
DIRECTOR SALARIES	65,865.54	68,500.12	70,555.11	72,671.76
TUITION/WORKSHOP REIMBURSEMENT	4,656.42	3,675.38	7,500.00	7,500.00
TRAVEL- C & SD OFFICE	2,797.37	4,061.47	4,000.00	4,000.00
DUES	615.78	335.00	500.00	500.00
DISTRICT FESTIVALS	1,274.44	0.00	500.00	500.00
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	218.13	0.00	250.00	250.00
IN-SERVICE - INSTRUCT STAFF	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
MEDIA CLERK	14,518.08	16,936.58	13,613.00	14,021.39
DISTRICT MULTI MEDIA SUPPLIES	10,791.71	11,868.90	10,892.75	10,892.75
<b>TOTAL CURR &amp; STAFF DEVEL</b>	<b>197,900.41</b>	<b>199,385.60</b>	<b>238,775.47</b>	<b>247,630.39</b>
<b>BOARD EXPENSES</b>				
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HONORARIA	700.00	2,400.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
MANDATORY EMPLOYMENT TESTING	648.00	552.00	900.00	900.00
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPENSE	1,567.90	837.35	1,100.00	1,100.00
LEGAL SERVICES	1,445.96	2,417.26	2,000.00	2,000.00
DUE PROCESS INSURANCE COVERAGE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PLAN	0.00	1,318.00	1,700.00	6,000.00
NEGOTIATING EXPENSES/PORTFOLIO TRAINING	330.11	0.00	500.00	4,000.00
COMMUNITY SURVEY/WEB DESIGN	236.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
DISTRICTS FIXED ASSET INVENTORY	0.00	5,050.00	0.00	0.00
AUDIT	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
<b>TOTAL BOARD EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,928.54</b>	<b>14,674.61</b>	<b>12,700.00</b>	<b>20,500.00</b>
<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE</b>				
SUPERINTENDENT SALARY	91,324.74	94,977.74	97,827.18	100,762.00
PERSONNEL OFFICER	27,301.56	28,393.56	29,245.35	30,122.71
SUPERINTENDENT ADMIN ASST	27,301.56	27,655.29	29,245.35	30,122.71
SUPT OFFICE - SUBSTITUTES	0.00	1,436.00	500.00	500.00
SUPERINTENDENT PROFESSIONAL DEV.	746.50	1,387.95	1,200.00	1,200.00
SUPERINTENDENT - TRAVEL & WORKSHOPS	4,165.69	3,890.77	4,000.00	4,000.00
SUPERINTENDENT DUES	1,281.00	539.94	700.00	700.00
GRANT WRITING COSTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VSA SERVICE FEE	3,104.00	3,109.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
PUBLICATIONS	1,196.39	0.00	900.00	900.00
<b>TOTAL SUPT'S. OFFICE</b>	<b>158,421.44</b>	<b>161,390.25</b>	<b>166,717.87</b>	<b>171,407.42</b>

**RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION  
2004-2005 BUDGET WORKSHEET**

ACCOUNT NAME	2001/2002 ACTUAL	2002/2003 ACTUAL	2003/2004 BUDGET	2004/2005 PROPOSED
EST. FUND BALANCE FWD.	34,984.77	23,811.96	8,000.00	29,114.94
ASSESSMENTS	722,030.71	769,748.16	773,912.68	787,455.96
INTEREST INCOME	15,324.33	6,293.01	10,000.00	6,000.00
GRANT REIMBURSEMENTS (TITLE 1 & CSR)	8,015.00	8,015.00	37,531.00	36,215.00
PRIOR YEAR REFUNDS	0.00	1,434.63	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>780,354.81</b>	<b>809,300.76</b>	<b>829,443.68</b>	<b>857,785.90</b>

**EXPENDITURE RECAP**

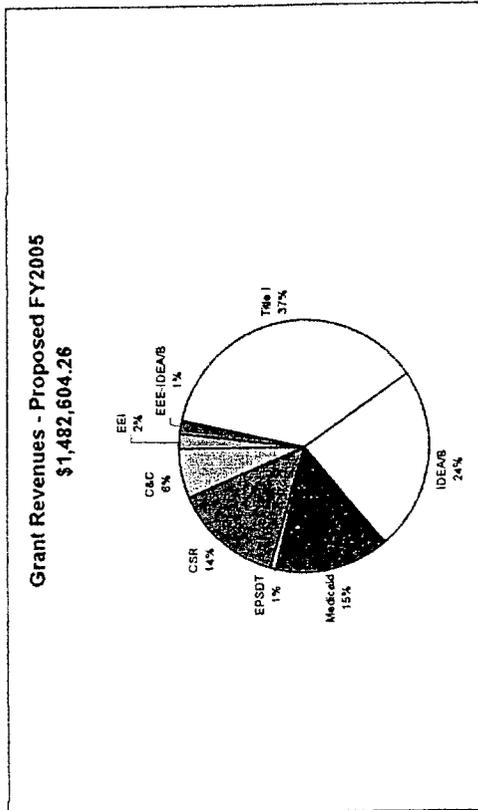
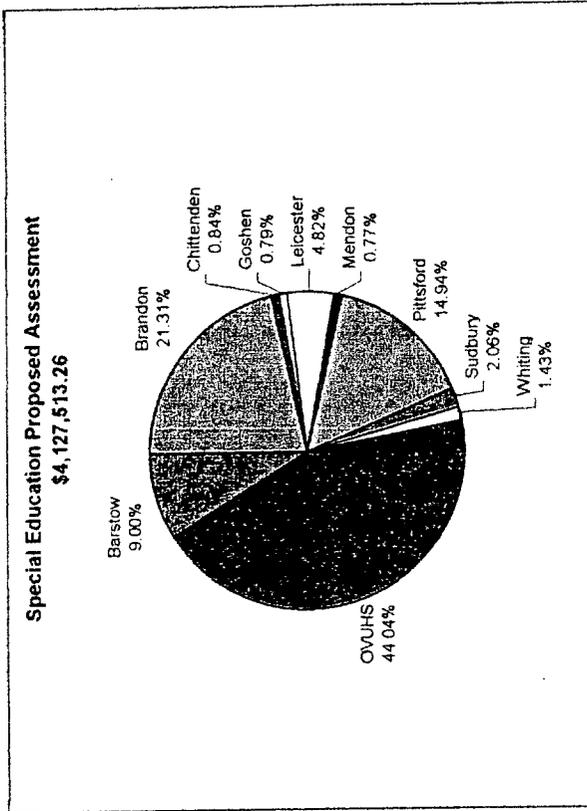
TOTAL PUPIL SUPPORT	23,395.97	17,802.30	28,400.00	28,400.00
TOTAL CURR & STAFF DEVEL	197,900.41	199,385.60	238,775.47	247,630.39
TOTAL BOARD EXPENSES	6,928.54	14,674.61	12,700.00	20,500.00
TOTAL SUPTS. OFFICE	156,421.44	161,390.25	166,717.87	171,407.42
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	105,142.55	101,314.19	109,911.71	119,104.96
TOTAL BUSINESS OFFICE	182,375.83	184,240.74	192,227.03	198,618.85
TOTAL MAINT./REPAIRS	86,014.47	93,378.13	80,711.60	72,124.27
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>758,179.21</b>	<b>772,185.82</b>	<b>829,443.68</b>	<b>857,785.90</b>

**Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union  
Proposed FY2005  
Special Services Funding - Grant Revenues and Assessments**

<b>Total Sped Assessments</b>	<b>\$4,127,513.26</b>
Brandon	\$879,731.23
Chittenden	\$34,724.56
Goshen	\$32,467.98
Leicester	\$189,024.84
Mendon	\$31,864.17
Pittsford	\$616,769.81
Sudbury	\$86,070.02
Whiting	\$68,988.38
OVUHS	\$1,817,697.69
Barstow	\$371,274.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,127,513.26</b>

<b>Grant Revenues:</b>	
EEI	\$30,639.33
EEE-IDEA/B	\$20,875.00
Title I	\$646,807.48
IDEA/B	\$360,749.20
Medicaid	\$215,581.74
EPSDT	\$12,614.07
CSR	\$210,707.42
C&C	\$95,680.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,482,604.26</b>

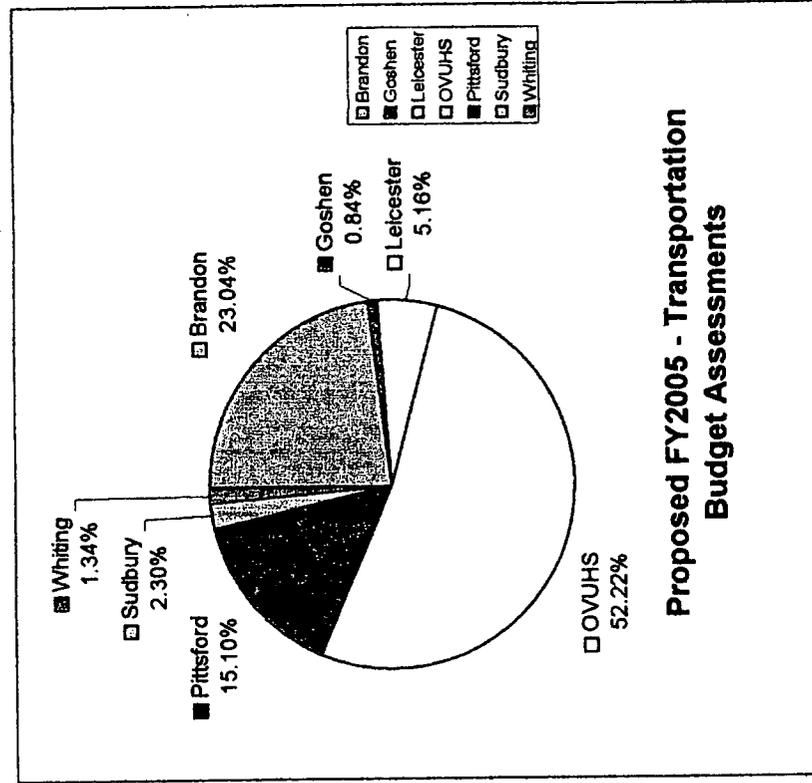
<b>Total Special Services</b>	<b>\$5,610,117.53</b>
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# FY2005 Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union District Wide Transportation Proposed Budget and Assessments

	<u>Budget</u> FY2004	<u>Proposed</u> FY2005
Driver Coordination	30,000.00	30,400.00
Drivers Salary	169,447.51	188,679.26
Drivers Subs	18,178.48	21,386.00
Drivers Health Insurance	37,271.44	30,786.71
Drivers FICA	16,648.39	18,395.59
Driver Retirement	5,112.24	6,043.64
Driver Workers Comp	16,713.87	20,314.51
Driver Unemployment	2,784.00	551.17
Driver Dental	1,447.55	1,262.14
Driver Physical/Licensing/Rx Testing	2,500.00	2,500.00
Bus Office Supplies	0.00	500.00
Bus Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bus Maintenance 1-24	69,750.00	72,000.00
Insurance	28,738.00	21,840.00
Fuel Storage	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bus Fuel	35,000.00	35,000.00
Bus Leases	112,204.01	94,000.00
YR 1 Rounding Assessments	3,408.73	546,659.02
	552,204.02	546,659.02

	40 Day ADM	ADM Percentage	FY2004 Assessment	FY2005 Assessment
Brandon	328.95	23.04%	125,583.07	125,926.81
Goshen	12.00	0.84%	6,394.67	4,593.77
Leicester	73.65	5.16%	31,939.84	28,194.28
OVUHS	745.67	52.22%	283,575.51	285,453.24
Pittsford	215.83	15.10%	82,992.89	82,546.28
Sudbury	32.90	2.30%	13,519.74	12,594.60
Whiting	19.20	1.34%	8,198.30	7,350.04
	1428.00	100.00%	552,204.02	546,659.02

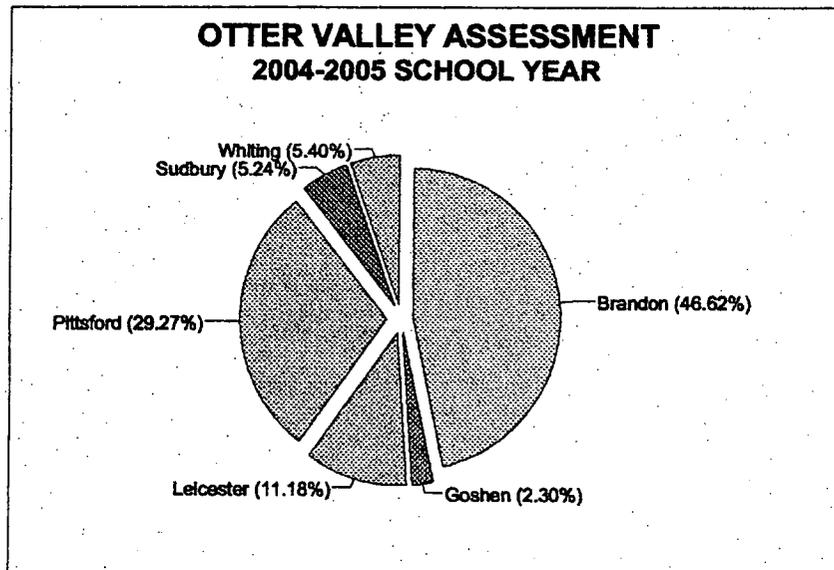


**OTTER VALLEY ASSESSMENT CALCULATION  
2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR**

TOWN	40 Day Average Daily Membership			PERCENT OF ASSESSMENT		
	2002	2003	CHANGE	2002	2003	CHANGE
Brandon	362	347.6	-14.4	47.95%	46.62%	-1.33%
Goshen	16	17.15	1.15	2.12%	2.30%	0.18%
Leicester	77	83.36	6.36	10.20%	11.18%	0.98%
Pittsford	223	218.23	-4.77	29.54%	29.27%	-0.27%
Sudbury	39	39.08	0.08	5.17%	5.24%	0.08%
Whiting	38	40.25	2.25	5.03%	5.40%	0.36%
	755	745.67	-9.33	100.00%	100.00%	-0.00%

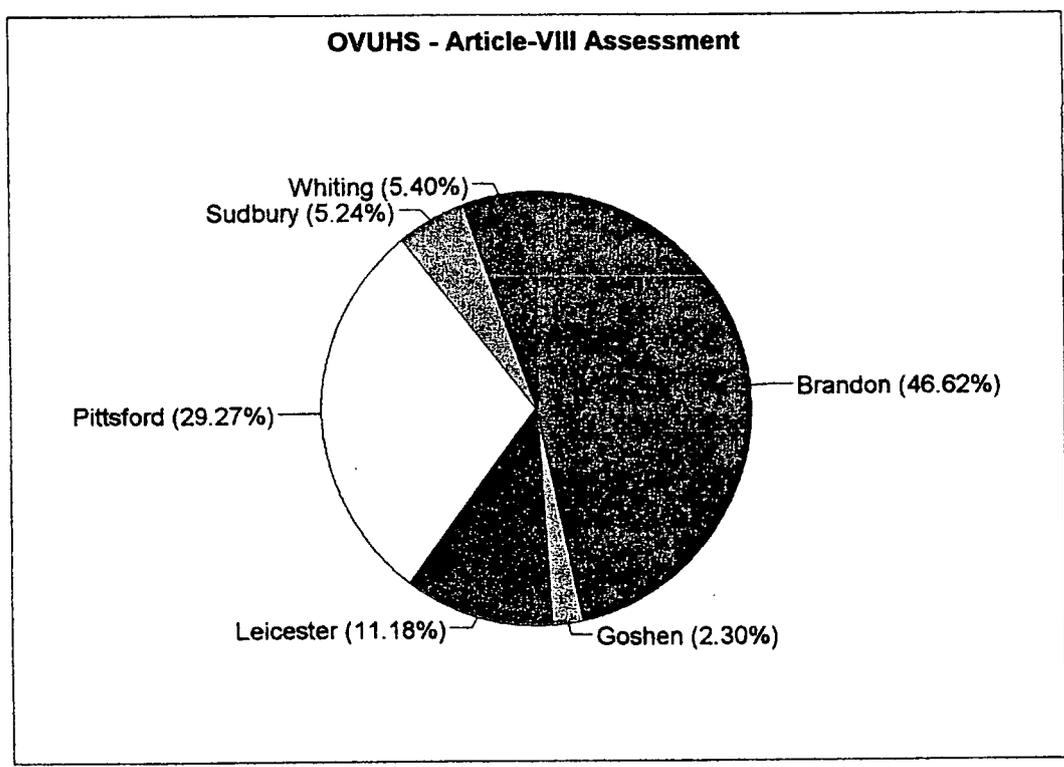
TOWN	2003-2004	2004-2005	CHANGE	%
Brandon	3,575,951.18	3,737,391.89	161,440.71	4.51%
Goshen	158,053.09	184,396.64	26,343.55	16.67%
Leicester	760,630.50	896,285.93	135,655.43	17.83%
Pittsford	2,202,864.95	2,346,406.88	143,541.93	6.52%
Sudbury	385,254.41	420,187.79	34,933.38	9.07%
Whiting	375,376.09	432,767.62	57,391.53	15.29%
	7,458,130.22	8,017,436.73	559,306.51	7.50%

TOWN	2004-2005 DEBT SERVICE	2004-2005 REGULAR	2004-2005 TOTAL ASSMT
Brandon	52,338.59	3,685,053.30	3,737,391.89
Goshen	2,582.30	181,814.34	184,396.64
Leicester	12,551.62	883,734.30	896,285.93
Pittsford	32,859.18	2,313,547.70	2,346,406.88
Sudbury	5,884.33	414,303.46	420,187.79
Whiting	6,060.50	426,707.12	432,767.62
	112,276.51	7,905,160.22	8,017,436.73



OTTER VALLEY ASSESSMENT CALCULATION  
ARTICLE VIII - 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>TOWN</u>	<u>40 Day Average Daily Membership</u>	<u>Percent of Assessment</u>	<u>Town Assessment</u>
Brandon	347.6	46.62%	23,307.90
Goshen	17.15	2.30%	1,149.97
Leicester	83.36	11.18%	5,589.60
Pittsford	218.23	29.27%	14,633.15
Sudbury	39.08	5.24%	2,620.46
Whiting	40.25	5.40%	2,698.92
	745.67	100.00%	50,000.00



**Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union**  
**Summary of Discipline Policy**  
*(Annual Report required by Safe Schools Act, 16 VSA 165 (J))*

The school is a community. It is responsible for education of those children who attend and, therefore, it must establish and enforce guidelines and procedures that provide for an orderly learning atmosphere. There must be a set of procedures for dealing with inappropriate student behavior; including ones for detention, suspension, and expulsion.

Principals and teachers shall have the authority to establish and enforce such rules and procedures as are consistent with state laws, regulations, local policies and board directives.

Among these actions are:

Immediate removal: A student may be summarily removed if there is an imminent danger to the student, other school personnel, or the school property. Due process rights will be accorded as soon as practical following the summary suspension.

Short Term Suspension: The Superintendent, principal, or a teacher (in the absence of the principal), may suspend a student from the school as a reasonable form of punishment, or for the purpose of securing or maintaining order in the school. Suspensions under this section shall not exceed 10 consecutive days. Due process rights are provided to the student.

Long Term Suspension: Long term suspension is defined as exclusion from school for ten days or more, but for a set period of time, not to exceed 90 days. Due process rights provided to the student are the same as those provided under expulsion.

Expulsion: The dismissal of a student for the remainder of the school year, or up to 90 days, (or in the case of a weapons violation, one year) shall occur only upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and concurrence of a majority of the Board of School Directors. Due process rights shall be available to a student whose dismissal is under consideration.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>TYPES OF SERVICES</b>
<b>Addison Co Women In Crisis</b>	388-4205	Assistance to women and families
<b>Adult Education/Diploma</b>	775-0617	For students 21 or older interested in pursuing an adult diploma
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Rutland Co</b>	773-1902	Teen drop-in center: mentoring
<b>Brattleboro Retreat</b>	800-345-5550	Support, treatment, counseling, respite services for teens
<b>Counseling Service of Addison County</b>	388-6751 388-7641	Individual, group, & family counseling, psychiatric evaluations,
<b>Evergreen Center</b>	775-4388	Drug & alcohol treatment
<b>HerStory House</b>	775-3232	Women's shelter, support for women & families dealing with domestic abuse
<b>Infoline</b>	747-9981	Listing of health and human services resources
<b>Northeastern Family Institute</b>	802-655-9013	Support, treatment, counseling, respite services for teens
<b>Outright VT</b>	800-452-2428	Support for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students
<b>Police (Brandon)Police (Plittsford)</b>	B: 247-5723 P: 773-9101	Law enforcement services
<b>Police (VT State Police)</b>	R: 773-9101 M: 388-4919	Law enforcement services
<b>PRIME</b>	773-4225 773-4365	Conflict mediation; respite for families. Some services provided at school.
<b>Public Defenders Office</b>	R: 773-5823 M: 388-4656	Support for students dealing with the legal system
<b>Rape Crisis (Rutland County)</b>	775-3232	Hot line & support for women dealing with issues related to sexual assault
<b>Rape Crisis Hot Line (Addison County)</b>	388-4205	Hot line & support for women dealing with issues related to sexual assault
<b>Rutland Area Community Services</b>	775-2381 775-1000	Individual, group, & family counseling, psychiatric evaluation & treatment
<b>Rutland Area Prevention Coalition</b>	775-4199x190	Countywide organization to coordinate substance abuse prevention programs
<b>Rutland County Victim's Advocate</b>	786-2531	Assistance to victims of crime
<b>Rutland Reg. Board for Family Svcs.</b>	776-4340 x116,117	Resources and Support for families
<b>SRS: Department of Social &amp; Rehabilitative Services</b>	R: 786-5817 M: 388-4660	Child protective services & foster care placement
<b>The Lund Family Center</b>	802-864-7467	Parent/child center; teen pregnancy preparation
<b>Vocational Rehabilitation</b>	R: 786-5866 M: 388-4671	Provides support for people with disabilities to prepare them for work
<b>VSAC</b>	800-642-3177	Preparation for college & financial assistance
<b>VT Department of Employment &amp; Training</b>	786-5837	Assistance with job finding and job finding skills
<b>VT Department of Health</b>	786-5876	Pregnant teens; HIV testing; other health services
<b>VT Parent Information Center</b>	773-2023	Provides support & information to parents regarding educational issues

<b>Early Care and Educational Opportunities for Children</b>	
Addison County Community Child Care Support Services	388-4304
Addison County Family, Infant, Toddler Project	388-1437, 1-800-639-1577
Addison County Headstart	388-9881
Addison County Parent/Child Center	388-3171
Addison County WIC/Well-Child Clinic	388-4644
Addison Social Rehabilitative Services (SRS)	388-4660
Addison Children's Upstream Services (CUPS)	382-8893, 388-3171
Rutland County Family, Infant, Toddler Project	747-0539, 1-800-974-2034
Rutland County Headstart	775-8225
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	775-9711
Rutland County WIC/Well-Child Clinic	786-5811
Rutland Children's Upstream Services (CUPS)	775-2395
Rutland Social Rehabilitative Services (SRS)	786-5817
Barstow Preschool serves <i>Chittenden and Mendon</i>	773-3763
Brandon Early Essential Education serves <i>Brandon, Leicester, Sudbury</i>	247-4354
Pittsford Early Essential Education serves <i>Pittsford, Chittenden, Mendon</i>	483-2062
Whiting Preschool serves <i>Leicester, Sudbury and Whiting</i>	623-7991
Child Care Resource and Referral	775-9711
Child Development Clinic	1-800-660-4427
Kids on the Move	775-7612
Smart Moves	247-9500
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont	1-800-244-5373

## Early Reading Instruction

Reading services in our elementary schools continue to include professional and paraprofessional services to children in the area of literacy as well as consultation to teachers. The early education and kindergarten programs provide a variety of experiences with reading and writing that will enable all students to become emergent readers and writers. Concepts about print, phonological awareness, environmental print reading, name and letter recognition are the focus of instruction. Summer services are available for students at-risk. Parent training and informational sessions are offer throughout the school year. Home/School Coordination Services are available to all schools.

Most of our primary grade teachers and special educators have taken extensive training in early literacy instruction, including Guided Reading and Writing. The goal of this program is to provide professional development for teachers and to help students become stronger readers and writers. The focus of instruction for teachers is assessment of children's strengths and needs, matching book levels to student's needs, teaching for strategies, and organization and management of the classroom using Guided Reading and Writing. Throughout the school year, consultation to teachers and direct service to children is provided. Most of our teacher and special educators have also taken extensive training in phonological awareness and have experience with various multi-sensory, sequential, systematic phonics programs. Extended-year services are also available for older students who may be at-risk.

## 2003 Student Assessment Results

### Terra Nova Assessment

The *Terra Nova Multiple Assessment* is a norm-referenced, standardized test, in its fifth year of use in Rutland Northeast. A great advantage of this test is that it allows citizens to see how Rutland Northeast achievement test scores compare to the nation. Further, you can see whether a group of students is improving as compared to the nation.

In looking at the scores for your school, the national average is 50. If your grade level scores increase as you read across a line, that means that class of students improved, as compared to the national average, as they moved from one grade to the next. The **bold** printed number is the grade the students were in when tested in Spring, 2003. The regular print numbers are the grade levels for earlier year scores. A score of 60 for a grade level grouping is excellent and a score of 70 or above is exceptional.

**Cautions:** Standardized tests are important but they do not measure all the important things that we teach. They also do not test the various skills and talents of individual students. Further, attitudes, behaviors, school tone and the like are not well represented by standardized tests.

Also, year-to-year comparisons become less reliable as the number of children tested within a grade level goes down. Twenty is about the lowest stable class size and classes of less than ten show erratic score patterns.

### NESHOBE

#### TerraNova – Total Reading MNCE

Grade	Class Year	Spring 00	Spring 01	Spring 02	Spring 03
<b>3</b>	Class of 2012				58.5
3, 4	Class of 2011			58.0	
3, 4, 5	Class of 2010		57.4		55.2
3, 4, 5, 6	Class of 2009	58.8		57.4	59.6

#### TerraNova – Total Language MNCE

Grade	Class Year	Spring 00	Spring 01	Spring 02	Spring 03
<b>3</b>	Class of 2012				58.1
3, 4	Class of 2011			56.9	
3, 4, 5	Class of 2010		56.6		52.8
3, 4, 5, 6	Class of 2009	58.8		52.7	

#### TerraNova – Total Math MNCE

Grade	Class Year	Spring 00	Spring 01	Spring 02	Spring 03
<b>3</b>	Class of 2012				57.3
3, 4	Class of 2011			54.3	
3, 4, 5	Class of 2010		54.5		51.1
3, 4, 5, 6	Class of 2009	54.4		51.1	58.7

### New Standards Reference Examination

The New Standards Reference Examination is required by the State of Vermont and is administered in reading and mathematics in grades 4, 8, and 10.

The test results indicating the percent of students who "mastered" the examinations are available on the state education department's site and are not reported here. State mastery levels are not consistent from grade to grade or from year to year due to changes in test forms.

The scores below show how local students scores in relation to national averages over the past four years. The national average is set at 50, a score of 60 is excellent and a score of 70 is exceptional.

**Cautions:** Remember that each fourth grade class is different. These tests do not compare the same students over time like the TerraNova tests. Thus, scores will not always show a consistent pattern. Twenty is about the lowest stable class size and classes of less than ten show erratic score patterns.

#### **New Standards Reference Exam- Grade 4 -- MNCE**

	N*	Spring 2000	N*	Spring 2001	N*	Spring 2002	N*	Spring 2003
Reading	51	68	57	60	69	58	50	68
Math	50	71	58	62	69	55	50	61

\*N = Number of Students Tested

### Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment

The Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment is required by the State for students in Grade 2. It is a performance-based test that reports the percentage of students who met the state's second grade standard for reading. National norms are not provided for this test.

#### **Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment**

% Passing	
Neshobe	State
74%	82%

**Brandon Town Report**  
**Neshobe School Principal's Report**  
**January, 2004**

Change is always interesting, and Neshobe School has seen some significant changes since the last Town Report. As the new principal at the school, it has been my pleasure to observe and become a part of a thriving, vibrant, and supportive learning community here in Brandon. I am pleased with the deep commitment to academic excellence and emotional support shown for all of our students by the parents, community, School Board, school staff, and the children themselves. Our students are happy, healthy, safe, and attend school regularly (95% attendance rate in 2002-2003).

Schools continue to provide services to children beyond the typical school day, and at earlier ages than ever before. The Neshobe School Early Childhood Program reaches out to four year olds and welcomes them and their families to our learning community. A weekly play group for infants and toddlers provides information, support, and socialization opportunities to future Neshobe students and parents. The after school *SOAR* Program (Success through Opportunities, Academics, and Recreation) offers a structured learning experience for K-6 Grade students during the crucial hours from 3:00-5:30 P.M. three days a week. Summer School activities maintain academic skills and create additional learning opportunities during the summer break.

A great deal of local, state, and national attention has been focused on assessment of student learning and school "accountability". Media headlines suggest that schools are not doing enough to prepare students for the future. At Neshobe Elementary School we are working hard to ensure that all students achieve high standards. Some educators and other concerned citizens worry that schools will narrow their focus to only those subjects that are tested, namely reading, writing, and math. At Neshobe, we believe that the early years of education lay the foundation on which all future learning is built, and we strive to ensure good success for all students in these core areas. But we also know that these years are extremely important for creating interest and developing skills in other curricular areas, and we make sure that art, music, science, physical education, and technology are an important part of each child's day.

Neshobe School will continue to provide a caring learning environment that promotes high standards for all children. We will continue to look at each child as an individual and teach that child in a way that offers maximum learning opportunity for him or her. We will continue to look to the community for physical, moral, and financial support within a budget that truly and honestly reflects our needs. We face many challenges educating students in the world in which we live, and preparing them for a future that will be very different than the world we know today. Already our students are more technologically advanced than students of previous generations and they have a greater sense of the world community. These trends will only continue, and it is our responsibility to ensure that our students receive the elementary education that will prepare them for the world in which they will live. Thanks to all of you for your continued support of our efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John D. Dilts, Principal

## **Report of the Superintendent of Schools Goshen Town School District**

Next school year brings the beginning of Act 68, the new state aid formula. This law, passed with broad bipartisan support, is seen by most folks as a significant improvement to Act 60. While exact numbers are not available as this report goes to press, early estimates show significant decreases in your school property taxes. However, the law now places technical (vocational) education costs in your local town school budget. This makes your town school budget appear to increase more than it actually does. Please rest assured that we get other revenues from the state to offset these costs.

We also have fewer students enrolled from Goshen which means we anticipate fewer tuition payments for both elementary and high school students. Across the state, school enrollments are going down and this remains a concern for us. Consequently, the Neshobe board is keeping a careful eye on staffing levels. The OV board is not facing enrollment declines. Rutland Northeast schools are very close to state averages on teacher to student ratios.

Blue Cross/ Blue Shield rates went up 9.75%. This is a lower level of increase than in earlier years but this is still a serious problem. Many of us are disappointed that the federal and state governments have not moved on this nationwide crisis. Comprehensive health care reform is beyond the scope of school districts, businesses and most citizens to solve. For your information, our employees must pay deductibles as well as co-pay 20% of their medical expenses.

This year, we implemented a new k-12 transportation system. After the start-up problems were sorted out, the system is working well. Bus behavior is generally better for all students. (This was a concern for many parents). We still have work to do and will continue to make refinements and improvements as time goes on.

As part of our goals, we have expanded our early education programs. Money spent in the early years is returned four-fold in later school and adult years. We now have solid options available to students throughout the supervisory union. Neshobe is a leader in early education both in the state and in the supervisory union.

Another major goal is the implementation of the new federal education law. While the intentions were certainly noble, the law is drastically underfunded. What this means is an "unfunded mandate" where the costs are passed on to state and local governments. Despite Vermont's scoring an average of thirty percentile points higher than the nation (and our lead is increasing) on state tests every school in the state will ultimately be declared a "failure" due to flaws in the law. We continue to work with our state and federal governments on these issues. The Rutland Northeast board asked us to look at whether we should reject the federal money because the costs outweigh the benefits.

We can take justifiable pride in many of our stellar student performances. They match the best in the nation. At the same time, we are just as concerned with giving the best opportunities to all children. Thus, we have focused on

alternative settings. Our goal is for every child to be a productive contributing member of society.

In inservice, we have concentrated on improving our classroom assessment practices. We have good performance on our commercial standardized tests and our students consistently score above the national averages at all grade levels.

The Brandon board meets on the second Tuesdays at 7:00pm at the school. We welcome your participation. The Goshen school board meets on call and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any of your board members.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Mathis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William J. Mathis  
Superintendent of Schools

**TOWN OF GOSHEN, VERMONT  
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Goshen are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall, Monday, the first day of March 2004 at 7:30 p.m. to transact the following business:

Article I: To hear and act on the Town School District Warning

Article II: To hear and act on the Reports of the Town Officers.

Article III: To see if the Town will raise money by taxes on the Grand List of the Town to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year 2004-2005 as presented in the Town Report.

Article IV: To see if the Town will vote that all 2004-2005 Real taxes assessed on the Grand List of the Town shall be payable to the Treasurer in two equal installments: the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August and the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2004. Delinquent taxes will be assessed one percent interest per month or fraction thereof for the first three months, and thereafter one and one-half percent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date of each installment, as provided in Title 32 Section 4873 VSA plus 8% Collectors fee.

Article V: Shall the Town of Goshen approve the Select Board to borrow in anticipation of taxes as needed to meet town expenses.

Article VI: Shall the Town of Goshen approve the Select Board to spend unanticipated funds such as grants and gifts if received for their designated purpose?

Article VII: Shall the Town of Goshen use the Town's portion of interest earned in the Goshen Town Forest timber sale account amounting to \$2600 to carry out needed repairs on the Goshen Town Hall and/or the Goshen Town Office?

Article VIII: Shall the Town of Goshen vote to approve the proposed Cemetery bylaws as posted in the Town Clerks Office.

Article IX: Shall the Town of Goshen vote to request the Select Board to let residents and property owners operate state registered ATV's on the travel portion of the town maintained roads.

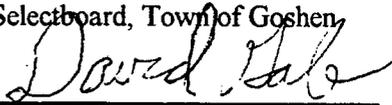
Article X: To do any other business legal and proper to be done at this time.

Article XI: To adjourn the meeting until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at which time the meeting will reconvene in the Goshen Town Office Building for the purpose of voting by Australian Ballot the following business:

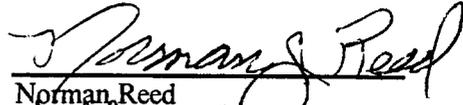
1. Article VII from above.
2. Article VIII from above
3. Article IX from above.
4. Moderator for one (1) year.
5. Selectman for three (3) years.
6. Trustee of Public Funds for one (1) year.
7. Town School Director for three (3) years.
8. Town School Director for two (2) years

9. Town Clerk for three (3) years.
10. Town Treasurer for three (3) years.
11. Auditor for three (3) years.
12. Lister for three (3) years.
13. Delinquent Tax Collector for one (1) year.
14. First Constable for one (1) year.
15. Second Constable for one (1) year.
16. Grand Juror for one (1) year.
17. Town Agent for one (1) year.

Selectboard, Town of Goshen



David Gale



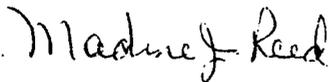
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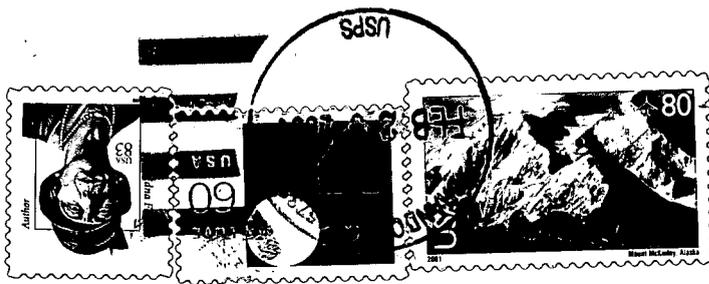
Jeff Whiting

Dated at Goshen this <sup>th</sup> 26 day of January 2004.

Received and recorded by:



Madine J. Reed, Goshen Town Clerk



*Handwritten signature*

Bernie Nelson Jr.  
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Brandon, UT 84735