

***Town of Craftsbury
Vermont
2003 Annual Report***



"Whetstone Brook Maples"

***Town of Craftsbury
Calendar Year 2003
&
Craftsbury School District
Fiscal Year 2003
(July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003)***

2003 Craftsbury Town Report Dedication



Martin & Grandson Douglas

Dedication

*The 2003 Craftsbury Town Report is
dedicated to the memory
of*

*Martin Robert Calderwood
(Oct. 4, 1921-Nov. 11, 2003)*

&

*Catherine Calderwood Young
(April 4, 1918-Jan. 19, 2004)*

*Martin & Katie grew up along with
their brother Merle(Pete) on their farm on
Calderwood Hill in Craftsbury, the children
of Hugh and Belle (King) Calderwood.*

*The family has an established place in the
town's history with the arrival of Alexander,
William & Robert Calderwood in the 1800's.*

*Throughout their lives Martin & Katie
have performed quiet service to the town of
Craftsbury. They represent the "Essence of
Craftsbury" through their dedication to
their families, neighbors & the community.*



Fielda & Katie

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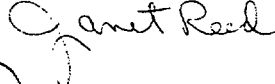
We have examined the accounts and records of the town officers of Craftsbury, Vt. for the period from January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003. To the best of our knowledge all are correct as reported herein.

Craftsbury Town Auditor's:

Phyllis Harrington



Janet Reed



Lisa Santamore



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AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Auditing firm of Angolano & Company from Shelburne, Vermont performed the Annual Audit of the Craftsbury School District for the period from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003.

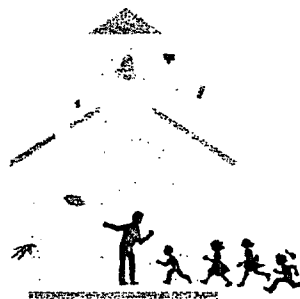
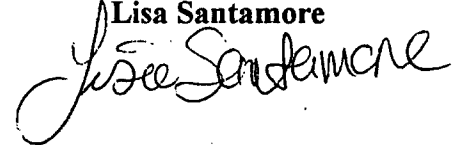
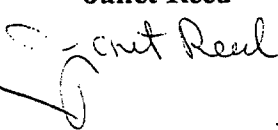
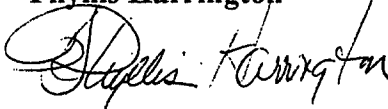
The schedules for the Annual Report for the School District were prepared by the Craftsbury Board of Auditors.

Craftsbury Town Auditors:

Phyllis Harrington

Janet Reed

Lisa Santamore



Officers Appointed By Selectmen 2003

Chairman, Board of Selectmen		Bruce Urie
Clerk for Selectmen		Nancy Rooney
Road Commissioner		Steve Marckres
Asst Town Clerk & Asst Treasurer		Cheryl Bailey
911 Coordinator		Walt Gutzmann
Pound Keepers:		
Robert Anderson	Chris Masse	Roger Martin
Inspector of Lumber & Wood		James Moffatt
Tree Warden		James Moffatt
Fire Warden		Eugene Marckres
Fire Chief		Walter Gutzmann
Asst Fire Chief		Eugene Marckres
1 st Asst Chief		William Strong
Health Officer		Annette Jones
Fence Viewers		
Robert Anderson	William Ryan	Edmund Williams
Committee on Municipal Forests		
2004 Farley Brown	James Moffatt	James Jones
2005 Charles Waterhouse	Rob Libby	Gilbert Goodridge
2006 Burton Strong	Ann Ingerson	Barbara Alexander
Town Service Officer		Nancy Kapusta
Vt Emergency Management Representative		David Brown
Constable		Eric Britton
Assistant Constable		Roger Martin
Green Up Chairman		Farley Brown
NVDA		James Jones

Town Recreation Committee

John Zabor	Farley Brown	Barbara Strong
Ben Field	Rick Thomas	Allison Van Akkeren
		Michelle Warren

Village Improvement Society

Penny Schmitt	Rachel Farrar	Phyllis Harrington
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War Memorial Committee

Everette Demeritt	Bruce Urie	Harry Sweatt
Clyde Simmons Jr.	Warren Williams	

Justices of the Peace

A. Robert Twiss	David Rowell	Robert Goodby
Thomas Hadden	David Stoner	

Town Planning Committee

2004 David Rowell	Louise Davis	William Ryan
2005 Philip Edgerton	Tony Jones	Gordon Waterhouse
2006 Linda Wells	David Stoner	Farley Brown

Board of Civil Authority

3 Selectmen	5 Justices of the Peace	Yvette Brown, Clerk of the Board
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GENERAL AND HIGHWAY FUNDS
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
Year ended December 31, 2003

Beginning Cash Balance, January 1, 2003 **\$ 37,477.80**

Add Receipts:

Current Taxes	\$ 318,363.41
Fire Dept. Taxes	30,700.00
Delinquent Taxes	127,560.06
Interest on Taxes	11,926.14
Tax Collector's fee	10,121.31
Loans	145,000.00
State of Vermont-Highway Aid	130,438.26
Emergency Management (Generator)	4,500.00
Dog Licenses	1,583.00
Beverage Licenses	400.00
Copy Machine (@ 20 cents a copy)	1,629.34
Interest on Super-Now Account	85.65
School Treasurer's Salary	5,191.00
Reimbursements (misc.)	2,250.46
Recording Fees	10,829.00
Transfers from Beach Account	84.24
Weight Permit Fees	120.00
Donations (Use of Common)	200.00
Hold Harmless (State Current Use)	35,464.00
LU Tax Penalties	922.90
Milfoil	4,378.00
Transfers from Reappraisal Acct.	7,356.00
Logging Acct.	327.00
Fire Dept. Grant / Misc.	6509.35
Total Receipts	\$ 855,939.12

Total Funds Available	\$ 893,416.92
Less Selectmen's Orders	(872,841.69)

Cash & Fund Balance, December 31, 2003 **20,575.23**

Fund Balance Consists of:

General	20,525.23
Bond	50.00

\$ 20,575.23

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STATEMENT OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

Notes Payable Balance	Balance 1/1/03	New Notes	Interest Rates	Interest Paid	Repayment 2003	12/31/03
Com. Nat'l Bank (2000 Truck)	21,349.31		5.27%	910.75	17,161.37	4,187.94
Com. Nat'l Bank (FD Tanker)	14,943.99		4.87%	724.06	7,300.45	7,643.54
Com. Nat'l Bank (Loader)	47,974.01		3.48%	1,664.91	11,390.77	36,583.24
Com. Nat'l Bank (L.O.C)		60,000.00	1.94%	470.56	60,000.00	0.00
Com. Nat'l Bank (2003 Truck)		85,000.00	2.59%	2,778.43	16,530.68	68,469.32
Town Garage	36,000.00		3.48%	1,290.55	8,516.32	27,483.68
	120,267.31	145,000.00		7,839.26	120,899.59	144,367.72

STATEMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Year Ended December 31, 2003

Tax Year	Balance 1/1/03	To Collector	Abated	Collections	Balance
1999	802.38		00.00	802.38	00.00
2000	16,901.19		00.00	9,294.97	7,606.22
2001	27,811.12		00.00	15,365.99	12,445.13
2002	88,335.06		00.00	58,246.65	30,088.41
2003		126,430.12	00.00	43,850.07	82,580.05
Total	133,849.75	126,430.12	00.00	127,560.06	132,719.81

STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ended December 31, 2003

Tax Money Voted:	
General Fund	\$ 320,219.24
Appropriations	15,884.00
Fire Department	30,700.00
Fire Department Tanker	8,024.51
Loader	13,055.68
2000 Town Truck	18,072.12
2003 Town Truck	19,309.11
Reappraisal	10,000.00
Craftsbury Public Library	7,000.00
Garage	9,806.87
Town School District	1,456,658.00
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Total Tax Money Voted	\$1,908,729.53
Taxes Assessed & Billed	
Tax Rate, 3.2915 set by Selectmen	\$1,870,520.18
Municipal Grand List (.7299)	
Educational Grand List (2.5616)	
Plus tax on State Land	409.00
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	\$1,870,929.18
 General Fund (incl. State est. 30,000.00)	 \$ 413,571.18
Fire Department (operating)	30,700.00
Town School District	<u>\$1,456,658.00</u>
Total Taxes Assessed & Billed	\$1,900,929.18
 Collections:	
General Fund	\$ 353,587.23
Current Use Rec'd (Town Only)	35,464.00
Fire Department (operating)	30,700.00
Town School District	\$1,360,312.00
Delinquent Taxes to Collector	126,430.12
Less: 2003 Abated Tax	<u>(100.17)</u>
 Total Collections	 \$1,906,393.18*

* Actual Land Use Rec'd (Amount Above Estimate) \$ 5,464.00

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS PAID

Loan Repayments	\$ 120,899.59
Interest	7,839.26
New Office Equipment	1,680.00
Official Services	66,171.58
Road, Bridges, & Equip. Maint.	308,733.78
Reappraisal	16,796.00
Utilities Garage	6,045.64
Utilities Hall (Ballot Clerk)	7,420.31
Office Supplies	6,240.07
Miscellaneous	688.22
Insurance (Equip. & Building)	9,186.00
Appropriations, Lease Land & Assessments	28,324.51
911 Expense	63.46
Craftsbury Fire Dept. & Grant	57,892.01
Blacktop	62,174.99
Portion of School Delinquent Taxes	66,579.00
Dog Expense (includes \$1.00 Rabies Fee-State)	1,365.80
2003 Truck	86,188.00
Milfoil Grant Exp.	3,975.64
Town Hall Repair	936.52
Emergency Management (Generator)	4,500.00
Library Building Fund	7,000.00
Beach	85.24
Legal	2,056.07
Total	<hr/> \$ 872,841.69

CRAFTSBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT (only those expenses paid by town)

Insurance and Dues	\$ 11,546.00
Telephone and Dispatch	969.35
Equipment Maintenance	6,737.68
Building Maintenance	62.48
New Equipment	9,525.60
Fire Prevention and Training	590.00
Hep. Shots	179.00
Total	<hr/> \$ 29,610.11
Fire Dept. Grant Expenses	\$ 28,281.90

OFFICIAL SERVICES

Yvette Brown, Town Clerk & Treasurer	\$ 21,038.20
Yvette Brown, School Clerk & Treasure	5,191.00
Health Insurance (7,730.64) Retirement (526.00)	8,256.64
Cheryl Bailey, Ass. Clerk	5,130.09
Nancy Rooney, Clerk for Select board	730.00
Yvette Brown, Tax Collector	10,121.31
Bruce Urie, Selectman	1000.00
Walter Gutzmann, Selectman	1000.00
Mark Dunbar, Selectman (resigned)	416.65
Randi Calderwood, Selectman (appointed)	583.35
David Rowell, Lister	970.00
William Ryan, Lister	4,160.00
Laura Brown, Lister	2,140.00
Phyllis Harrington, Auditor	230.00
Donna Burns, Auditor	285.00
Janet Reed, Auditor	610.00
Worker's Compensation	188.00
Office Mileage	250.00
Social Security (employer share)	3,871.34
Total	\$ 66,171.58

ROAD, BRIDGE & EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

SALARIES: Bruce Marckres	\$ 28,842.37
Carroll Sweeney	28,653.36
Steven Marckres	33,118.07
Retirement Plan	2,003.00
Health Insurance	17,207.64
Uniforms	2,010.89
Mileage	981.75
Salt	29,174.48
Chloride	22,695.00
Sand	14,979.00
Gravel	24,034.58
Culverts	7,943.07
Contracted Services	12,561.00
Fuel	15,061.46
Equipment Parts & Repairs	37,973.35
General Bridge Repair	9,518.17
Guard Rails	5,200.00
Building Maintenance	1,276.46
New Construction	1,480.17
Miscellaneous	378.00
Worker's Compensation	6,710.00
Social Security (employer share)	6,931.96
Total	\$308,733.78

Appropriations, Lease Lands and Assessments

Article	
Craftsbury Public Library	\$6,000.00
Craftsbury Recreation	1,000.00
Memorial Day	500.00
Village Improvement	500.00
AWARE	330.00
Green-Up Day	100.00
Hardwick Rescue Squad	1,512.00
Lake Eligo Association	1,000.00
Lamoille Family Center	250.00
Lamoille Valley Even Start	200.00
N.E. Vt Area Agency o Aging	469.00
N.E. Vt Devel. Assoc.	350.00
N.E. Kingdom Adult Basic Education	200.00
N.E. Human Services	1,193.00
Old Stone House/Orleans Cty Historical Soc.	250.00
Orleans County Citizens Advocacy	300.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	50.00
Orleans Home Health/VNA & Hospice	700.00
Vermont Children's Aid	500.00
Vt Center for Independent Living	180.00
Vt Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	<u>300.00</u>
	\$15,784.00
Green-Up Day returned (not needed)	- <u>100.00</u>
	\$15,684.00

Lease Lands:

Craftsbury School District	\$ 97.80
Craftsbury Churches	<u>45.70</u>
	\$ 143.50

Assessments:

County Clerk, County Tax	\$10,772.13
Vt League of Cities & Towns	1,011.00
V.L.C.T. Insurance (2003 & 2004)	<u>613.88</u>
	\$ <u>12,397.01</u>

Total Appropriations, Lease Lands & Assessments **\$ 28,324.51**

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS-ACT 200 ACCOUNT

Balance, 1/1/03	\$1,357.63
Plus: Interest	<u>5.41</u>
Balance, 12/31/03	\$1,363.04

BEACH ACCOUNT

Balance, 1/1/03	\$2,185.74
Plus: Interest	8.74
Less: Transfer to General Account	<u>(84.24)</u>
Balance, 12/31/03	\$2,110.27

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Balance, 1/1/03	\$17,529.71
NRCS Emergency Water	(4,500.00)
Plus: Interest	<u>108.24</u>
Balance, 12/31/03	\$13,137.95

REAPPRAISAL INVESTMENT & CD ACCOUNT

Balance, 1/1/03(includes CD balance of \$4,989.08)	\$35,685.24
Plus: Interest	303.06
Plus: Interest on CD	109.96
2003 Allocation based on parcels	5,012.00
Transfer from General account	<u>(7,356.00)</u>
Balance, 12/31/03	\$33,754.26

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND

Balance, 1/1/03	\$3,514.00
Plus: Interest	<u>17.34</u>
Balance, 12/31/03	\$3,531.34

TOWN LOGGING ACCOUNT

Balance, 1/1/03	\$60,987.50
Plus: Interest	554.68
Transfer form General Account	<u>(327.00)</u>
Balance, 12/31/03	\$61,215.18

TOWN HALL BUILDING ACCOUNT

Balance, 1/1/03	\$16,284.62
Plus: Interest	<u>246.67</u>
Balance, 12/31/03	\$16,405.30



Memorial Day Parade 2003

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FUND

BALANCE 1/1/03	\$46,803.23
+ Interest on Bonds	<u>1,449.96</u>
BALANCE 12/31/03 - Bonds (cost value) **	\$48,253.19
** Estimated market value on 12/31/03	\$48,586.35
Bruce Urie, Treasurer	

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Cemetery Trust Funds

BALANCE 1/1/03 - Principal	\$ 3,692.63
Interest Earned	<u>138.74</u>
TOTAL BALANCE 12/31/03	\$ 3,770.24
Contact for each Cemetery:	
Branch	Betty Merrill 586-2807
East Craftsbury	Fielda Calderwood 586-2297
Village	Louise Davis 586-2818
Craftsbury Common	Phyllis Harrington 586-2532

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY 2003

BALANCE 1/1/03	\$ 2,216.44
RECEIPT:	
Concerts	235.00
Luncheon	711.50
Contributions	1,610.00
Town Appropriation	<u>500.00</u>
Total Receipt	\$ 3,056.50
Total Available	\$ 5,272.94
EXPENSES	
Mowing	900.00
Electricity	938.24
Postage	42.18
Paint	47.09
Concert	250.00
Use of Church	<u>70.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 2,247.51
BALANCE 1/1/04	\$ 3,025.43

Rachel Farrar, Treasurer

2003 DOG LICENSE REPORT

Regular Licenses:

Females	12	@	\$9	=	\$108.00	
Spayed Female	89	@	5	=	445.00	
Kennel License (3-Male/4-Female)	8	@		=	40.00	
Males	22	@	9	=	198.00	
Replacement of Lost Tag	2	@	0	=	0.00	
Neutered Males	77	@	5	=	385.00	
						\$1,176.00

Penalty Dogs:

Females	2	@	\$13	=	\$ 26.00	
Spayed Females	21	@	7	=	147.00	
Males	4	@	13	=	52.00	
Neutered Males	26	@	7	=	182.00	
	238					\$ 407.00

Total Collected by Town	\$1,583.00
Less \$1 Rabies Fee paid to State	- 261.00
Total Received by Town	\$1,322.00

All dogs/wolf hybrids 6 months or older shall be licensed on or before April 1st and must have a valid rabies vaccination certificate.

Females	\$9.00	Males	\$9.00
Spayed Females	5.00	Neutered Males	5.00

****THE ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE A \$1 FEE PER DOG CHARGED BY THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF A RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM.**

A 50% penalty will be charged for dogs licensed after April 1st.

Town Clerk's Hours: Tuesday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: The Rabies Clinic will be Saturday, March 27th from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the town hall. The Town Clerk's Office will be open so that licenses may be purchased at that time.

The State of Vermont continues to recommend that all dogs and cats be vaccinated again this year due to the increased number of confirmed cases of rabies.

First Constable:	Eric Britton	586-9934
Asst. Constable:	Roger Martin	586-2252

**CRAFTSBURY TOWN CLERK
P.O. BOX 55
CRAFTSBURY, VERMONT 05826
www.fevt@kingcon.com
(802) 586-2823 ALSO FAX #**

**OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday through Friday
8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**TOWN CLERK & TREASURER: Yvette Brown
ASS. TOWN CLERK & TREASURER: Cheryl Bailey**



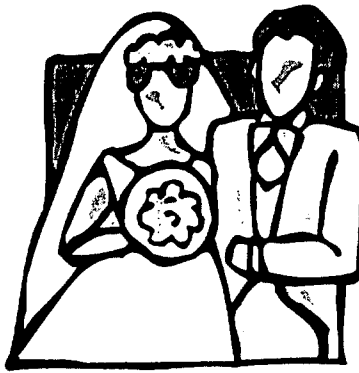
PLEASE NOTE:

**Town Meeting is on Tuesday March 2, 2004.
The meeting will again be held in the Craftsbury Academy Gymnasium.**

**LUNCH AVAILABLE:
To benefit the 5th & 6th grades Trip to Boston in June 2004.**

**Baked Ham
Macaroni & Cheese
Vegetable
Assorted Deserts**

**Also Available:
Donuts
Ass. Sandwiches
Coffee, Tea**



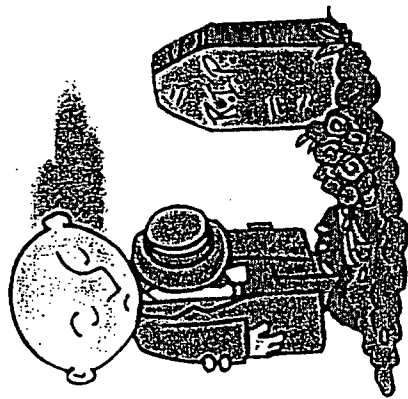
MARRIAGES REGISTERED -- 2003

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE
03/08/03	Oswald Rivera Holly Fancher	Craftsbury, VT Craftsbury, VT
05/31/03	Jeffery Micheal Martin Erica Lyn Robinson	Claremont, NH Claremont, NH
06/04/03	Donald Todd Courchaine Nikki Marie Moses	Craftsbury, VT Craftsbury, VT
06/21/03	Scott Andrew Meehan Christina Lynn Watson	Craftsbury, VT Craftsbury, VT
07/10/03	Benjamin Alden Crytzer Katie Solange McAllister	Craftsbury, VT Richmond, VT
08/21/03	Trevor Martin Evans Stefanee Lynn Squillante	Cranston, RI Cranston, RI
08/23/03	Steven Ralph Lacey Abigail Quincy Spring	Portland, ORE Portland, ORE
08/23/03	Andrew Ferguson Donehower Jessica Marston Hoehn	San Francisco, CA San Francisco, CA
08/30/03	Harold J. Fix Kathleen Gilroy	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA
10/10/03	John F. Valella Barbara G. Mailliard	Meadville, PA Meadville, PA
12/13/03	John Edward Smith, Jr. Jodi J. S. Daniels	Craftsbury, VT Craftsbury, VT
	Civil Union	
07/26/03	Jerri A Ryan Cynthia S. Tiranoff	Ventnor, NJ Ventnor, NJ



BIRTHS RECORDED IN CRAFTSBURY IN 2003

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
01/24/03	Jamaica Liz Horner	Scott D. Horner	Sharon E. Humphreys	Craftsbury, VT
02/04/03	Quinlen Axel Santamore	Jason A. Santamore	Lisa S. Santamore	Morristown, VT
02/22/03	Heather Elizabeth Kay Meehan	Scott A. Meehan	Christina L. Watson	Morristown, VT
03/31/03	Graham Walter Russell	Dennis A. Russell	Cristin A. Russell	Morristown, VT
04/22/03	Kayla Rae Fleming	Erik R. Fleming	Sarah J. Fleming	Morristown, VT
05/14/03	Erin Louise Fishell	William J. Fishell	Lisa L. Daniels	Morristown, VT
07/04/03	John Edward Smith III	John E. Smith II	Jodi J.S. Daniels	Morristown, VT
07/09/03	Logan Joseph Ingalls	Kenneth J. Ingalls	Loretta A. Patoline	Morristown, VT
09/14/03	Peter John Pitt	Paul J. Pitt	Martha E. Pitt	Morristown, VT
09/14/03	Alexander Keith Pitt	Paul J. Pitt	Martha E. Pitt	Morristown, VT
11/03/03	Marguerite Yemaya Poisson Royer	Michael W. Poisson	Marie N. Royer	Craftsbury, VT
11/10/03	Isaiah William Breitmeyer	Job A. Breitmeyer	Rebecca M. Corcoran	Morristown, VT



DATE	NAME	DEATHS RECORDED IN CRAFTSBURY IN 2003	AGE	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF DEATH	BURIAL SITE
01/14/03	Ruth R. Older		90	Craftsbury, VT	Craftsbury, VT	Crematory
01/14/03	Kenneth E. Troy		81	Craftsbury, VT	Craftsbury, VT	Crematory
01/28/03	Margaret G. Lilly		86	Lebanon, NH	Lebanon, NH	E. Craftsbury Cemetery
02/17/03	Beatrice K. Rogers White		86	Greensboro, VT	Morristown, VT	E. Craftsbury Cemetery
03/27/03	Jeanette Elizabeth Hill		96	Greensboro, VT	Greensboro, VT	E. Craftsbury Cemetery
04/02/03	Kenneth Charles Chase		84	Craftsbury, VT	Morristown, VT	E. Craftsbury Cemetery
04/18/03	Hallie Jo Halden		59	Craftsbury, VT	Craftsbury, VT	Greenwood Cemetery
05/19/03	Evelyn Slayton Ayers		86	Craftsbury, VT	Craftsbury, VT	St. Albans VT
06/03/03	Andre Gaston LeBlond		62	Craftsbury, VT	Craftsbury, VT	Crematory
07/06/03	Alice Millard		71	Craftsbury, VT	Berlin, VT	Branch Cemetery
07/23/03	Eva E. Coderre		68	Craftsbury, VT	Newport, VT	Crematory
08/26/03	Henry T. Drennan		89	Craftsbury, VT	Craftsbury, VT	Village Cemetery
08/26/03	Gladys A. Pond			Enosburg, VT	Forestville, VT	Lakeview Cemetery
11/11/03	Martin Robert Calderwood		82	Craftsbury, VT	Morristown, VT	Burlington, VT
11/11/03	Doris Viola Waterhouse		91	Greensboro, VT	Greensboro, VT	Branch Cemetery
11/17/03	Ruth Hall Seaver Paige		84	Lyndonville, VT	Lyndonville, VT	E. Craftsbury Cemetery
12/15/03	Harvey Kennedy Clow		63	Craftsbury, VT	Craftsbury, VT	Branch Cemetery
						Crematory
						Craftsbury Common Cemetery

Selectmen's Report

The year 2003 was a fairly quiet year for the Selectboard. We started the year by opening the bids we had received for the town wide reappraisal. Several of the bids were bid on the condition that they could only do the reappraisal in 2005 or 2006. We were fortunate to have a bid from the automated property assessment services and they were able to start the field work in July with a completion date of April 2005. Parcel maps of the town were completed and will help the reappraisal go much faster.

Several town bridges received attention this year. We are working on a possible solution to the old narrow bridge near the Eugene Atwood farm. The bridge near Denton Auto was repaired with a state grant since the abutments and wing walls were in need of repair. We have seen increased activity on the bridge near the Houston Farm and anticipate final plans late this year. Funding will be the key to how many years we'll have to wait to have the bridge built. We were notified that the state has placed a moratorium on large bridge projects. The bridge on the Young Road is still in litigation.

A big change took place in April when Mark Dunbar announced his resignation from the board. Mark was starting his seventh year on the board and had been a valuable member and a veteran of floods, FEMA reports, dog issues and the myriad of other things that flow past the board each year. We want to thank Mark for his years of service on the board. We had five excellent candidates apply to fill the board position until the 2004 Town Meeting and after a very tough decision appointed Randi Calderwood.

The new town truck that was approved last year was put into service in October, just in time to start plowing snow. The road crew did an excellent job again maintaining the town roads. New pavement was laid from the Wilson residence to part way up the common hill. We were fortunate to receive some of the State 2 for 1 funds to extend the amount of blacktop purchased. We have started allocating monies to do more guardrail replacement and hope to see much of the old posts and cables replaced with steel guardrail over the next several years. The brush along the roadsides has started to become a problem and we hope to set aside money each year to start solving this problem.

The board had a chance to purchase a large used safe from the town of Monkton. This purchase will buy us a few more years to decide how to handle the increasing amount of permanent records that we have to store. We need to start the planning process to address the issue soon as we now have records that should be in fireproof storage sitting on shelves.

Other issues that have come to our attention are several dog issues, milfoil grants ATV's on public highways, vandalism at the town beach, Antiques & Uniques, marathons and dog sled races.

The board has worked with the planning committee on the telecommunications issue (please see the planning committee report.) Since the Craftsbury Community Care Center has been designated a Red Cross Emergency Shelter, we have been working with them to formulate an emergency plan for the rest of the town. The work is ongoing and we hope to have a plan in place later this year.

The board has placed an article on the warning to purchase a parcel of land on the Black River Road. The parcel is a portion of the old Marckres Farm. Our thought is that the land will give us an option for future town growth. In thinking ahead 10 to 20 years, we realize that we will eventually outgrow the present town office and have to search for a new location. This land will give us the option for centrally located growth in the future. We have had the soils tested and are satisfied that the septic capacity would allow the town several options.

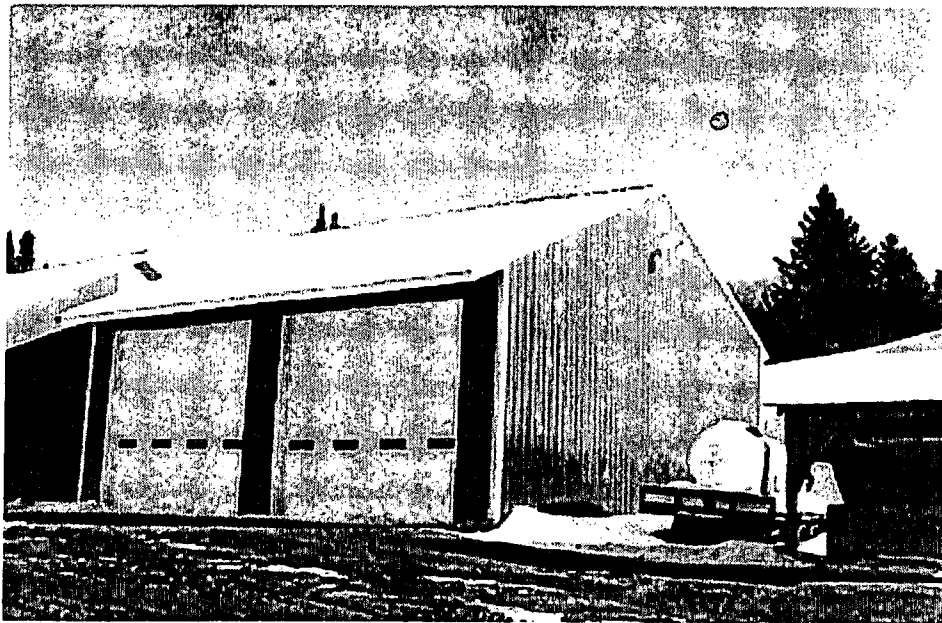
The board could not work without the excellent job that our town employees do for us. Effie and Cheryl keep things operating smoothly in the office. Nancy Rooney keeps our meetings well documented. And Steve, Carroll and Bruce keep the roads in excellent condition all hours of the day in all kinds of weather. All of these people deserve a word of thanks.

Selectmen

Bruce Urie

Walt Gutzmann

Randi Calderwood



New Town Garage 2003

SELECTMEN'S BUDGETS (PROPOSED & ACTUAL)

ROAD ACCOUNT EXPENSES	BUDGET 03	ACTUAL 03	PROPOSED 04
Salaries	\$ 90,767.00	\$ 90,613.80	\$ 95,074.00
Retirement	2,003.00	2,003.00	5,454.00
Social Security, Unemployment	7,000.00	6,931.96	7,274.00
Workman's Comp.	6,600.00	6,710.00	7,000.00
Health Insurance	16,900.00	17,207.64	20,961.00
Uniforms	2,250.00	2,010.89	2,250.00
Salt	27,500.00	29,174.48	27,500.00
Chloride	22,000.00	22,695.50	25,000.00
Fuel	16,500.00	15,061.46	17,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	38,500.00	37,973.35	38,500.00
Blacktop	60,000.00	62,174.99	60,000.00
Guardrails	5,000.00	5,200.00	5,000.00
Insurance (Equip. & Maint.)	9,600.00	9,186.00	9,600.00
Town Garage Utilities	6,500.00	6,045.64	6,500.00
Bridges	12,000.00	9,518.17	12,000.00
Sand	16,000.00	14,979.00	16,000.00
Gravel	25,000.00	24,034.58	25,000.00
Contracted Service & Equip. Rent	12,500.00	12,561.00	7,500.00
Culverts	5,500.00	7,943.07	5,500.00
Road Fabric	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Mileage	800.00	981.75	1,000.00
Building Maintenance	4,000.00	1,276.46	1,500.00
911 Expense	1,000.00	63.46	1,000.00
Roadside Mowing & Brush	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Signs & Posts	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
Class IV Roads	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
New Construction - Inters. expense	1,000.00	1,480.17	0.00
Miscellaneous (Training & Drug Test)	300.00	378.00	0.00
ROAD TOTALS	\$392,220.00	\$386,204.37	\$411,113.00

GENERAL ACCOUNT EXPENSES	BUDGET 03	ACTUAL 03	PROPOSED 04
Official Salaries			
Clerk & Treasurer	\$ 21,038.00	\$ 21,038.20	\$ 22,090.00
Clerk & Treasurer School	5,040.00	5,191.00	5,191.00
Retirement	526.00	526.00	1,405.00
Asst. Clerk & Treasurer	6,000.00	5,130.09	6,200.00
Auditors	1,700.00	1,125.00	1,700.00
Listers	7,000.00	7,270.00	9,000.00
Selectmen	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Health Officer	300.00	0.00	300.00
Ballot Clerks	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Health Insurance	7,750.00	7,730.64	10,782.00
Social Security & Unemployment	3,900.00	3,871.34	3,900.00
Parcel Map Update	0.00	0.00	500.00
Mileage	250.00	250.00	300.00
Office Supplies	6,000.00	6,240.07	6,000.00
Utilities - Hall & Office	6,000.00	7,420.31	6,200.00
Workman's Comp.	500.00	188.00	300.00
Assessments	13,000.00	12,397.01	13,000.00
Interest (Line of Credit - 02)	2,000.00	470.56	1,000.00
Misc. Land Use Adjustments	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
General Misc.	1,200.00	688.22	1,200.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	1,680.00	1,000.00
Legal Serv.	5,000.00	2,056.07	5,000.00
GENERAL TOTALS	\$ 92,204.00	\$86,272.51	\$100,068.00
TOTAL SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	\$484,424.00	\$472,476.88	\$511,181.00

EXPENSES PAID BUT NOT IN SELECTMEN'S BUDGET	ACTUAL 03	TAX MONEY PREVIOUSLY VOTED (NEED TO RAISE IN 2004)
Appropriations	\$ 15,884.00	
Delinquent Taxes (to School)	101,016.00	
Yvette Brown (Tax Collectors Fees)	10,121.31	
Loan Repayment (loader)	11,390.77	13,055.68
(2000 Truck)	17,161.37	4,408.65
(Line of Credit)	60,000.00	
(2003 truck)	16,530.68	18,072.12
(Fire Depart Truck)	7,300.45	8,024.51
Loan Interest	7,839.26	
Town Hall expenses	936.52	
Milfoil Grant	3,975.64	
Garage Addition	8,516.32	
Beach	85.24	9,806.87
Dog Expense	1,365.80	
Emergency Management-Generator	4,500.00	
Reappraisal	16,796.00	
Library (voted)	7,000.00	
Fire Department Grant	28,281.90	
Fire Department expenses	29,610.11	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 2003	\$348,311.37	\$ 53,367.80
SUBTOTAL	\$820,788.25	
INCOME	BUDGET 03	PROPOSED 04
Balance Carried Forward	\$ 21,164.76	\$ 20,525.00
State Aid (Highway)	124,000.00	130,000.00
Miscellaneous	14,000.00	15,000.00
Milfoil/Fire Dept. Grants Reimburse	5,040.00	5,471.00
Treasurers Salary Reimburse	320,219.24	5,191.00
Town Tax	484,424.00	334,994.00
INCOME TOTALS	\$820,788.25	\$511,181.00

ESTIMATED TAX RATE FOR 2004

VOTED PRIOR - NEED TO RAISE IN 2004

2003 Municipal Grand List **\$568,266.00**

LOADER	\$13,055.68	0.0230
2000 TRUCK	\$4,408.65	0.0078
FIRE TRUCK	\$8,024.51	0.0141
2003 TRUCK	\$18,072.12	0.0318
TOWN GARAGE	\$9,806.84	0.0173
SUB TOTAL	\$53,367.80	

IF ALL MONEY ARTICLES PASS- NEED TO RAISE IN 2004

TOWN BUDGET-TAXES	\$334,994.00	0.5895
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$30,800.00	0.0542
APPROPRIATIONS- REQUEST	\$24,550.12	0.0432
APPROPRIATIONS-NEW REQUEST	\$1,927.40	0.0034
TOWN LAND	\$10,000.00	0.0176
REAPPRAISAL	\$5,000.00	0.0088
F.D. RESCUE VEHICLE	\$22,205.00	0.0391

SUB-TOTAL	\$429,476.52	0.7558
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TOTAL TO RAISE IN 2003	\$482,844.32	0.8497
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ESTIMATED LAND USE	(\$30,000.00)	-0.0528
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TOTAL TO RAISE IN TAXES 2004	\$452,844.32	0.7969
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ESTIMATED TAX RATE USING 2003 GRAND LIST

TOWN TAX RATE FOR 2003	0.7299
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INCREASE IN TAX RATE	0.0670
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THIS IS USING 2003 GRAND LIST AND ONLY IF ALL MONIES ARE AS VOTED

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Recruiting, training and motivating firefighters is a never ending challenge for volunteer fire departments. Have you been considering donating some time to our community? Any firefighter would be glad to talk to you and explain the commitment you need to make. We also offer a junior firefighter program for 14 to 18 year olds. In addition to full time firefighters, we could use people with special talents such as truck drivers, radio operators, computer operators, grant writers and fund raising help.

During this past year several firefighters have spent several hours preparing grant applications. We have been successful in obtaining two different Homeland Security Grants in the amounts of \$27,000.00 and \$10,200.00. The larger grant enabled us to purchase a thermal imaging camera, a set of hydraulic rescue tools and communication equipment. The smaller grant will enable the department to purchase an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), a set of air bags, oxygen equipment and cribbing. We will display any purchased Equipment at town meeting. These Homeland Security Grants enable us to purchase necessary equipment that would be difficult to fund with town taxes. The Craftsbury Fire Dept. has another \$15,000.00 Grant application in process for haz-mat training. Our large FEMA grant was not funded this year but we are planning to submit a new grant this year.

Since our FEMA grant has been turned down for two consecutive years we are asking the voters to support Article 4. Your support of this article will enable the department to consolidate too thirty year vintage trucks into a modern rescue vehicle providing better health and safety for your firefighters that is also more reliable.

This past year we responded to 28 emergency calls.

Ten of these were fire calls and 8 were for motor vehicle accidents and medical assist calls. Firefighters donated 857 hours of training in addition to the emergency calls. Several hundred hours were devoted to our fund raising activities. The dedication of our volunteer firefighters and the support of their families is greatly appreciated.

Officers elected for 2003 were Chief: Walter Gutzmann; 1st Ass. Chief: Eugene Marckres; 2nd Ass. Chief: Will Strong; Captains: Randi Calderwood and Mark Dunbar; Lieutenant and Training Officer: Eric Britton; Lieutenant: Wayne Mutrux; President: Dave Brown; Secretary: Greg Locke; Treasurer: Shawn Ecklund.

We sincerely appreciate your support of our budget and fund raising activities.

Walt Gutzmann
Fire Chief



Craftsbury Fire Dept. Balance Sheet
(Town Funds Only)

Balance 1/1/03	\$16,263.04
Tax Money Voted 2002	\$30,700.00
Grants	<u>6,509.35</u>
Total Funds Available	\$53,472.39
 (LESS) Fire Dept. Expenses Paid	 (26,610.11)
(LESS) Grants Expended	<u>(28,281.90)</u>
 Total Expenses	 <u>\$57,892.01</u>
Balance	(4,419.62)
 Paid form Town General Fund	 (4,419.62)

Fire Department Report of Disbursements & Budget

Funds Disbursed	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Proposed 2004
Insurance & Dues	11,000.00	11,546.00	11,500.00
Telephone /Dispatch	1,000.00	969.35	1,000.00
Equip. Maintenance	7,500.00	6,737.68	8,000.00
Building Maintenance	500.00	62.48	500.00
New Equipment	7,500.00	9525.60	7,500.00
Fire Prevention/Training	1,600.00	590.00	1,200.00
Dry Hydrants	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Hepatitis Shots	600.00	179.00	600.00
Totals	30,700.00	29,610.11	30,800.00

Balance 12/31/03	0.00
Receivable in 2004 (Grants Expended 2003)	<u>23,862.28</u>
Total Funds Avail. With Reimbursement	54,662.28

CRAFTSBURY TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION

The Craftsbury Town Planning Commission, at the request of the Selectboard, has been studying the issues surrounding telecommunications facilities for two years. During 2003, the Commission held 3 scheduled meetings and a Public Information Hearing. A proposed ordinance was drafted and presented to the Selectboard for consideration. At the end of the year, the proposed ordinance was presented to legal counsel for advice on the proposed establishment of a Selectboard appointed Telecom Review Board. Once legal counsel has been received, the ordinance will be prepared for final consideration of the Selectboard.

Federal Law prevents towns from prohibiting the placement of telecommunication facilities and prohibits denying a permit on the basis of radio frequency emissions (if FCC requirements are met), but permits regulation. State Law permits Selectboards in towns that have no Town Plan and no Zoning Ordinances to adopt an ordinance to control telecommunications towers. Without such an ordinance the only control is Act 250 that will apply in a limited manner.

Cell phones are important for safety (e.g.; reporting traffic accidents, hunting and logging accidents), are a useful business tool and are a way of life for many tourists who come to the area from large cities.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Planning Commission also sits as the Board of Adjustment for review of applications for building within the flood zone. There were no applications for such building during 2003 and the Board of Adjustment did not meet.

Respectfully Submitted,



S. David Stoner, Secretary
for the Planning Commission Members:

Farley Brown
Tony Jones
Dave Stoner, Secretary

Louise Davis
David Rowell
Linda Wells, Vice Chair

Phil Edgerton
Willie Ryan, Chair
Gordon Waterhouse

7 January 2004

Craftsbury Municipal Forest Committee Annual Report, 2003

The primary goal of the forest committee for 2003 was to restock the Webster Lot with white pine seedlings in order to accomplish two objectives: The first was to restore the existing pine plantation and the second was to promote recovery of a more diverse woodland community.

Approximately five acres of the Webster Lot have sustained severe wind damage since 1999 resulting in the removal of downed trees in salvage operations and a depleted resource base. The committee met in February and decided to ask the Craftsbury Board of Selectmen for allocation of funds from interest in the municipal forest account to purchase five hundred white pine seedlings to replant the damaged areas of the Webster Lot.

In late May, members of the forest committee and a group of community volunteers joined forces with about twenty students from Rob Libby's eighth grade environmental science class and Walt Gutzmann's high school forestry classes to plant the seedlings. In the plantation, students planted pine seedlings in rows which had been marked by the committee and volunteers earlier in the day. The remaining area was planted randomly to mimic a more natural regeneration pattern.

The committee doesn't recommend any more activities in the town forest at this time. We do, however, plan to monitor the growth of the white pine seedlings on the Webster Lot on a yearly basis.

The current balance in the municipal forest account is \$60,180.97, including \$520.50 in earned interest. A withdrawal of \$327.00 was made to purchase the white pine seedlings.

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Moffatt, Chair

Gilbert Goodridge, Vice-Chair

Barbara Alexander, Secretary/Clerk

Rob Libby

Ann Ingerson

Farley Brown

Jim Jones

Charles Waterhouse

Burt Strong

Stuart LaPoint

Craftsbury Public Library
P.O. Box 74-12 Church Lane
Craftsbury Common, VT. 05827
www.craftsburypubliclibrary.org
802-586-9683

HOURS

Sun.....11:30-1
Tues.....12-8
Wed.....9-12
Fri.....12-8
Sat.....9-3

Toddler Story Hour-Tues. 9:30 AM
Preschool Story Hour-Fri. 9:30 AM

Linda Wells, Librarian
Taffy Todd, Assistant Librarian
Barbara Strong, Children's Librarian



We're Open!

Craftsbury Public Library
Report to Town of Craftsbury 2003

The wonderful new library space, has made it possible to increase service, provide new programs, and—responding to the survey taken at last year's Town Meeting— increase the hours we are open to the public. All of this increase has necessitated an increase in staff time. We circulated 15,228 books in 2003—close to a 30% increase in circulation. We registered 317 new patrons in 2003—double the amount in 2002. Computer use in the new building has increased approximately 38% thanks to our good, high-speed satellite connection. At least 42 people a week, on average, have used the computers.

The operating budget in the new building has increased dramatically—going from \$31,471.05 in 2002 in the old building, to \$48,703.79 in the new. This increase is due to the demand for more books, higher maintenance costs associated with the new, larger building, longer hours of operation, and an increase in salaries. Over the past year we applied for a number of grants, hoping to offset some of the budget deficit. We received grants from the Freeman Foundation, the Turrell Fund and, an E-Rate Technology Grant. These grants help with special programs, computer-related items and salaries. Unfortunately, this is nowhere near the amount of increase in the operating budget which, in the larger building, has increased by 55%. This makes it necessary for us to ask the town for a larger appropriation this year.

We couldn't run the library without the help of the following 29 volunteers who cover books, shelve books, work the circulation desk, help process books, and manage our website - Tony Aiossa, Sandy Benson, Linda Brown, Marvin Brown, Jack Cabaness, Christina Erickson, Kristin Erickson, Rachel Farrar, Tim Fritz, Joan Fuller, Sue Goodby, Ann Hanson, Carol Hanson, Olivia Klinke, Barbara Massucci, Joan Moffatt, Diane Morgan, Lucy Murphy, Barbara Mutrux, Sarah Mutrux, Etta Peabody, Jean Roberts, Katie Rowell, Peggy Sapphire, Jessie Smart, Ann Smith, Dave Stoner, Justin VonDoemming and Victoria Von Hessert. There are many more individuals who have been of invaluable help over the year, including the huge numbers of you who moved books across the Common in the cold of January, 2003 in preparation for the opening of the new building.

Friends of the Library have been raising money, developing programs and generating new ideas of ways to support the Library. They held a very successful Elegant Picnic in August, craft classes this past fall and several educational programs throughout the year. Committees have met to help with book selection, technology, cleaning and newsletters.

We now have an Assistant Librarian, Taffy Todd, hired through Vermont Associates Training Program. Taffy works 16 hours a week and has quickly become indispensable. She is from Greensboro and brings a great love of books and extraordinary organizational skills to the job. Taffy is also a writer and author.

The Library has become a valuable community space, being used by organizations for meetings, programs and classes.

Linda Wells, Librarian
Craftsbury, VT 2003 (31)

Craftsbury Public Library
Year Ended December 31,

Financial Report
2003 2002

Opening Balance	\$1,984.31	\$11,554.89
Receipts		
Fund Raisers		
Plant Sale	\$1,099.25	\$747.75
Book Sale (annual)	\$1,501.00	\$627.45
Book Sales (Misc.)	\$350.25	\$0.00
Silver Tea	\$764.00	\$845.00
Elegant Picnic	\$6,065.70	\$0.00
Interest (Merchants Bank)	\$2.73	\$7.28
Transfer Investment Acct.	\$14,000.00	\$15,000.00
Donations	\$3,885.00	\$500.00
Grants	\$14,267.36	\$2,727.00
Town Of Craftsbury	\$6,000.00	\$5,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,882.36	\$107.82
Total Receipts	\$49,817.65	\$26,062.30
Opening Balance + Receipts	\$51,801.96	\$37,617.19

Disbursements

Books & Videos	\$8,390.16	\$8,494.52
Magazines	\$261.94	\$410.62
Gas	\$1,960.13	\$1,245.98
Electric	\$1,103.15	\$704.02
Telephone	\$568.75	\$726.98
Insurance	\$1,128.00	\$929.00
Programs	\$1,911.37	\$954.00
Postage	\$1,000.00	\$900.00
Gross Salaries	\$16,325.28	\$14,123.08
Payroll Taxes & FICA	\$2,748.60	\$1,080.16
Conferences	\$208.00	\$80.00
Travel	\$126.00	\$302.40
Satellite & Computer	\$2,366.30	\$393.75
Equipment	\$1,159.03	\$2,941.14
Supplies	\$1,859.97	\$1,220.69
Furniture & Fixtures	\$4,780.26	\$0.00
Accountant	\$350.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,899.50	\$1,126.54
Elegant Picnic Expenses	\$557.35	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$48,703.79	\$35,632.88
Closing Balance	\$3,098.17	\$1,984.31

Barbara Paterson, Treasurer

Programs and Activities in the Library in 2003

Programs:

- ❖ Annual Book Sale – Antiques & Uniques weekend
- ❖ Annual Searchlight Silver Tea
- ❖ Climbing Mt. McKinley – Slide show by Jed Williamson
- ❖ Trip to Ungava by Snowshoe – Slide show by Dave Brown
- ❖ Kyack Full of Ghosts – Inuit Stories by Larry Milman
- ❖ Jody Gladding, Poet – Reading and discussing her poetry
- ❖ Halloween Film Marathon – Three Dracula Movies
- ❖ Holiday Craft Classes
- ❖ Terrorism – A presentation by Tom Twetten
- ❖ Author Thomas Hartmann discussing his book *Unequal Protection*
- ❖ Foreign Film Series
- ❖ First Annual Elegant Picnic
- ❖ 6 weeks of Computer Classes (including Desktop Publishing & Photoshop 7)
- ❖ Babysitting service at the Library during Town Meeting
- ❖ Family Movie Nights – Winter months
- ❖ Spanish Classes for Preschoolers
- ❖ After-school Reading and Discussion groups for Grades 3-6
- ❖ Young Adult Book Discussion program with Geof Hewitt
- ❖ Children's Float in Old Home Day parade – Gave out free books
- ❖ *You Can Count on Mother Goose* – A parent/child discussion program
- ❖ The Children's Summer Programs:
 - Go for the Stars
 - Family Sing Along
 - Nature Nearby and Creatures That Fly
 - Three Apple Storytelling
 - Working with Wool
 - Puppet Making
 - Circusing Around
- ❖ Puppet Shows:
 - An Ordinary Day in the Life of a Small Town Librarian – January
 - Puppet Show at Opening of Children's Room – February
 - Puppet Show by the Traveling Storytellers – National Library Week
 - The Frog Prince – August
- ❖ New Year's Eve Family Celebration

Ongoing:

- ❖ Weekly Toddler Story Hour
- ❖ Weekly Pre-school Story Hour
- ❖ Monthly Outreach Story Hours at area preschools/daycares
- ❖ Special Story Hour Programs
 - Fire Department – October
 - Humane Society (with dogs) – November

Craftsbury Recreation Committee
2003 Annual Report

2003 was an extremely successful and active year for the Craftsbury Recreation Committee and the citizens of Craftsbury. As always we are thankful for your ongoing support.

Accomplishments of the past year:

- Held three Summer Street Parties (Rollerblades donated by PowerPlay Sports)
- Annual Community Halloween Party
- Swim Lessons
- Old Home Day
- Skating Rink on the Common (Held one skating party with hot chocolate and doughnuts – skates donated by Craftsbury Outdoor Center)
- Family New Year's Eve Celebration in collaboration with Craftsbury Public Library.

Other items of interest:

- Vandalism at Town Beach reduced dramatically from prior year.

Important collaborations:

- Town Select Board and Road Crew
- Craftsbury Academy
- Sterling College
- Craftsbury Outdoor Center
- PowerPlay Sports in Morrisville
- Craftsbury Public Library

Important Thanks:

- In addition to the above collaborations we would like to gratefully acknowledge the Horse and Buggy Club for their ongoing support of swim lessons.

Items to consider:

- For several years we have contracted with the Red Cross to conduct swim lessons at the Town Beach. Last year we saw a substantial jump in Red Cross fees resulting in increased costs for lessons. We also saw a dramatic drop in attendance. Whether this is related to the increased fees or the number of summer activities available for children remains uncertain. At this time the future of swim lessons in Craftsbury is questionable. We will inform the public as soon as possible regarding our decision on swim lessons. Your feedback is welcome.

As always there are many volunteers that go unrecognized, particularly for Old Home Day, the Skating Rink, and the Halloween Party. For those of you who volunteer we are extremely grateful and appreciative of your time. The success of the Craftsbury Recreational Committee events would not be possible without your support.

Keeping with tradition I close this report reminding the citizens of Craftsbury that your time and input is always welcome. If you have ideas to share or would like to join the Recreation Committee please speak to one of the following members.

John Zaber, Chair
Farley Brown, Treasurer
Barb Strong
Allison Van Akkeren

Jim Carrien
Ben Field
Hannah Madigan
Sarah Miller

Craftsbury Recreation Committee Treasurer's Report - 2003

Dean Johnson Memorial Trust - CD

Maturity Date = July '04

Balance Dec. 2002	1176.73
Interest earned 2003	33.53
Balance Dec. 2003	1210.26

Dean Johnson Memorial Fund - Money Market Account

Balance Dec. 2002	725.98
Interest earned 2003	2.67
Balance Dec. 2003	728.65

Craftsbury Recreation Committee - Timelink CD

Maturity Date = Feb. '04

(Open on February 19, 2002)	
Interest earned 2003	18.17
Balance Dec. 2003	1214.65

Craftsbury Recreation Committee - Money Market Account

Balance Dec. 2002	2672.12
Prior Year Adjustment	559.56
Total Balance Dec. 2002	3231.68

Expenses

Town Beach Toilet Rental	291.2
Old Home Day Supplies	435.59
American Red Cross - Swimming Lesson Instruction	1500
Community Halloween Party	58.84
Common Ice Rink - construction materials	183.23
Misc: Tule Fog (shirt for Power Play sports as a thank you)	20
Misc: Bank Service charge	24
Total Expenses	2512.86

Income

Old Home Day - money from games	441.25
Old Home Day - money from crafts sales and raffle	305.25
Swimming Lessons fee	540
Town Appropriation	1000
Craftsbury Horse and Buggy Club donation	300
Misc: 21st Century Grant reimbursement for '02 Halloween Party	103.46
Misc: Old Home Day '02 Deposit return	100
Bank Interest earned in 2003	17.37
Total Income	2807.33
Balance Dec. 2003	3526.15

APPROPRIATIONS
ACTUAL & REQUESTED

ARTICLE 9	VOTED 03	REQUESTED 04
Craftsbury Public Library	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Craftsbury Recreation	1,000.00	1,000.00
Memorial Day	500.00	500.00
Village Improvement Society	500.00	500.00
AWARE	330.00	500.00
Green-Up Day	100.00	0.00
Hardwick Rescue Squad	1,512.00	1,921.00
Lake Eligo Association	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lamoille Family Center	250.00	250.00
Lamoille Valley Even Start (was S.W.)	200.00	200.00
N.E. VT Area Agency on Aging	469.00	469.00
N.E. VT Devel Association	350.00	477.12
N.E. Kingdom Adult Basic Educ.	200.00	200.00
N.E. Human Services	1,193.00	1,193.00
Old Stone House Museum/O.C. Hist. Soc.	250.00	250.00
Orleans Co. Citizens Advocacy	300.00	300.00
Orleans Co. Court Diversion	50.00	50.00
Orleans Home Health/VNA & Hospice, Inc.	700.00	2,800.00
Vermont Children's Aid Society	500.00	500.00
VT Center for Independent Living	180.00	140.00
VT Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	300.00	300.00
	<u>15,884.00</u>	
Green-Up Day (returned)	- (100.00)	
	<u>\$ 5,784.00</u>	<u>\$ 24,550.12</u>

NEW REQUEST (see Article 10)

Frontier Animal Society of VT	\$ 500.00
Greensboro Nursing Home	1,000.00
Rural Comm. Transportation	127.40
Northern VT Resource Cons. & Development Council Inc.	50.00
Hardwick Food Pantry	200.00
Coutts-Moriarty 4-H Camp, Inc.	50.00
	<u>1,927.40</u>
Total Appropriations & Requests	<u>\$26,477.52</u>

Dirt Roads

(author unknown)

What's mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved. There's not a problem in America today, crime drugs, education, divorce, delinquency that wouldn't be remedied, if we just had more Dirt Roads, because Dirt Roads give character.

People that live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride. That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it's worth it., if at the end is home...a loving spouse, happy kids and a dog. We wouldn't have near the trouble with our educational system if our kids got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other kids, with whom they learn to get along with.

There was less crime in our streets before they were paved. Criminals didn't walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they were welcomed by 5 barking dogs and a double barrel shotgun. And there were no drive by shootings.

Our values were better when our roads were worse! People did not worship their cars more than their kids, and motorists were more courteous , they didn't tail gate by riding the bumper or the guy in front would choke you with dust & bust your windshield with rocks.

Dirt Roads taught patience.

Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly, you didn't hop in your car for a bottle of milk, you walked to the barn for your milk. For your mail, you walked to the mailbox. What if it rained and the Dirt Road got washed out? That was the best part, then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and pony rode on Daddy's shoulders and learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody.

At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap. Most paved roads lead to trouble. Dirt Roads more likely to a fishing creek or a swimming hole.

At the end of a Dirt Road, the only time we ever locked our car was in August, because if we didn't some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini.

At the end of a Dirt Road, there was extra springtime income, from when city dudes would get stuck, you'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out. Usually you got a dollar...always you got a new friend...at the end of a Dirt Road!



(Art. 9)

AGENCIES REQUESTING TOWN FUNDS

In requesting 2004 appropriations from the Town of Craftsbury, the following organizations and agencies have provided information about their services to the Town in 2003. Other organizations requesting town funds sent general descriptions of their activities. All reports are available at the Town Clerk's office.

AWARE: (Aid To Women, Men & Children in Abuse & Rape Emergencies) A 24 service that helps victims of sexual & domestic violence. Aware served 128 victims in the area with support, information, referral, social & medical services, parenting advice & emotional support. 472-6463 Requesting \$500.00

Hardwick Rescue Squad: Is in the process of hiring someone for a paid position, budgeting \$32,000 for contracted labor to ensure adequate coverage to continue their 24 hr. service. In addition their educational element includes First Responders and CPR courses, participation in school health fairs and continuing education for its members. They are requesting an appropriation of \$1921.00 based on Craftsbury's share of usage (11.3% which is up from 10.8% last year)

Lake Eligo Association: Requesting an appropriation of \$1000.00 for the Eurasian Milfoil Project, to maintain a healthy lake for all to enjoy.

Lamoille Valley Even Start: assists families as they work to reach their own literary, employment, parenting and educational goals which include attainment of a high school diploma, meaningful employment & increased participation in their children's education. They are requesting an appropriation of \$200.00.

N.E. Kingdom Area Agency on Aging: works closely with senior over 60 to help them maintain a healthy active life and remain independent in their own homes and communities. They assist seniors with Social Security, Medicare, Food Stamps, fuel assistance, in-home services, meals to homebound, transportation, legal services and companionship. They are requesting a \$469.00 appropriation.

N.E. Kingdom Adult Basic Educ: provides on demand home & learning center educational services to Craftsbury residents and surrounding areas. In 2003, they provided 19,000 hours of direct instruction to 948 students in their district. Programs offered include GED/H.S. Diploma, CDL, & Drop Out Recovery. They are requesting an appropriation of \$200.00.

AGENCIES REQUESTING TOWN FUNDS CONT. (Art. 9)

Orleans Co. Citizens Advocacy: assists people with disabilities to be protected, heard, empowered, accepted & valued in their community and initiates and supports relationships between people with disabilities & people from all walks of life. They are requesting an appropriation of \$300.00.

Orleans Co. Court Diversion: a community service program, which assists in maintaining existing services to the increased first time juvenile & adult offenders & victims of the crime. Served 1 Craftsbury resident in the year 2003. They are requesting an appropriation of \$50.00.

Orleans Home Health/VNA & Hospice, Inc.: (home health) provides services to the sick and disabled in their homes, regardless of their ability to pay. They are requesting an appropriation of \$2800.00 for 2004 to offset uncompensated services.

Vermont Children's Aid Society: is dedicated to the provision of services which seek to support and strengthen families and promote safe, stable, and nurturing environments for children. In our Operation Santa Claus 36 families from Orleans County were served in 2003. They are requesting an appropriation of \$500.00.

VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired: served 1 Craftsbury resident in 2003. They are requesting an appropriation of \$300.00.

NEW REQUESTS (Art. 10)

Frontier Animal Society of VT: finds homes and provides care to unwanted animals. They took in 2 dogs and 4 cats in 2003 from Craftsbury and also provided low cost cat spay/neuters (\$30 includes spay/rabies & distemper) for 15 Craftsbury residents. They are requesting an appropriation of \$500.00.

Greensboro Nursing Home: A non-profit facility, offering high quality care & services. They are requesting an appropriation of \$1000.00 to help defray operational costs.

Rural Comm. Transportation: non-profit corporation that provides transportation to the elderly, handicapped and disabled through volunteer service. Provided 637 trips to the residents of Craftsbury & E. Craftsbury in 2003. They are requesting an appropriation of \$127.40 to assist & maintain services.

Hardwick Food Pantry: The only food shelf in the area, it served 705 families from Hardwick, Greensboro, Craftsbury, Stannard, Walden & Wheelock in 2003. Requesting an appropriation of \$200.00 for the enlargement and improvement of the Hardwick Area Food Pantry.

Coutts-Moriarty 4-H Camp Inc. Derby: Requesting an appropriation of \$50.00 to be used for a scholarship for youth from Craftsbury who wishes to attend summer camp in 2004.

Craftsbury Town Roads

<u>TH#</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>TH#</u>	<u>Road Name</u>
1	N. & S. Craftsbury Rd	42	Paquette Rd
2	East Craftsbury Rd	43	Denton Hill Rd
3	Wild Branch Road	44	Guy Lot Road
4	Creek Road	46	Lake Road
7	Mill Village Rd	47	Demeritt Rd
8	Martin Road	48	Easy Street
9	Town Line Road	49	Cochran Drive
10	Wylie Hill Rd	50	Bailey Drive
11	CA Woodlot Rd	51	West Hill Road
12	Lost Nation Rd	52	Wells Place
13	Twin Bridges & Seaver Brook	53	Common Loop
14	Urie Road	54	Church Lane
15	Allen Hill Rd	55	Town Garage Rd
16	Andersonville Rd	57	Fair Drive
17	South Albany Rd	59	Black River Road
18	Tanner Rd	61	Merrill Loop
19	Town Highway Nineteen	62	Glen Anderson Loop
20	Echo Hill Road	63	Davis Drive
21	Collinsville Road	64	Scott's Lane
22	Eden Mountain Rd	65	Boat Dock Road
24	Coburn Hill Rd	Private	Atwood Drive
25	Post Road	Private	Breitmeyer Drive
26	Mountain Hill Rd	Private	Browns Climb
27	Sterling Drive	Private	Common View Dr
28	King Farm Rd	Private	East Shore Dr
29	Strong Road	Private	Durkee Drive
30	Dustan Road	Private	Fuller Road
31	Auld Lang Syne Rd	Private	Gateway Drive
32	Young Road	Private	Griggs Road
33	Ketchum Hill Rd	Private	Haps Drive
34	Cate Hill Rd	Private	Little Hosmer Dr
35	Calderwood Hill Rd	Private	Mastin Road
36	Whetstone Brook Rd	Private	Morrison Drive
37	Cole Drive	Private	Prescott Drive
39	Cemetery & Morey Hill Rd	Private	Reeds Drive
40	Daniels Road	Private	Schirmer Drive
41	Hatch Brook	Private	Slawson Drive
St Rt 14	Vt Route 14	Private	The Ledges
		Private	Willie Mills Rd
		Private	Wing Road

ATTENTION:
PLEASE NOTE THESE TYPO'S IN THE
CRAFTSBURY, VT 2003 TOWN REPORT

Pg 12 Appropriations, Lease Lands and Assessments

**Total Appropriations is \$15,784.00 adding error should be \$15,884.00.
and then - (\$100.00) Green-Up Day returned the Total is \$15,784.00.**

Pgs 22/23/24 Selectmen's Budget (Proposed \$ Actual)

**Pg 22 Chloride says \$22,695.50 should be \$22,695.00 no cents.
Changes Total to \$386,203.87**

**Pg 23 Ass. Clerk & Treasurer \$5,130.09 add Board Clerk From Pg 11 \$730.00
Should read Asst. Clerk & Treas. / Board Clerk \$5,860.09.
Assessments \$12,397.01 add Lease Lands From Pg 12 \$143.50
Should read Assessments \$12,540.51.
General Total \$87,146.01
Total Selectmen's Budget \$473,349.88.**

Pg 24 Appropriations \$15,884.00 copied wrong.

Should be \$15,784.00.

Delinquent Taxes (to school) \$101,016.00 copied wrong.

Should be \$66,579.00.

Garage Addition \$8,516.32 should be

(Town Garage) \$8,516.32 under Loan Repayments.

New Truck 2003 from Pg 10 should add \$86,188.00.

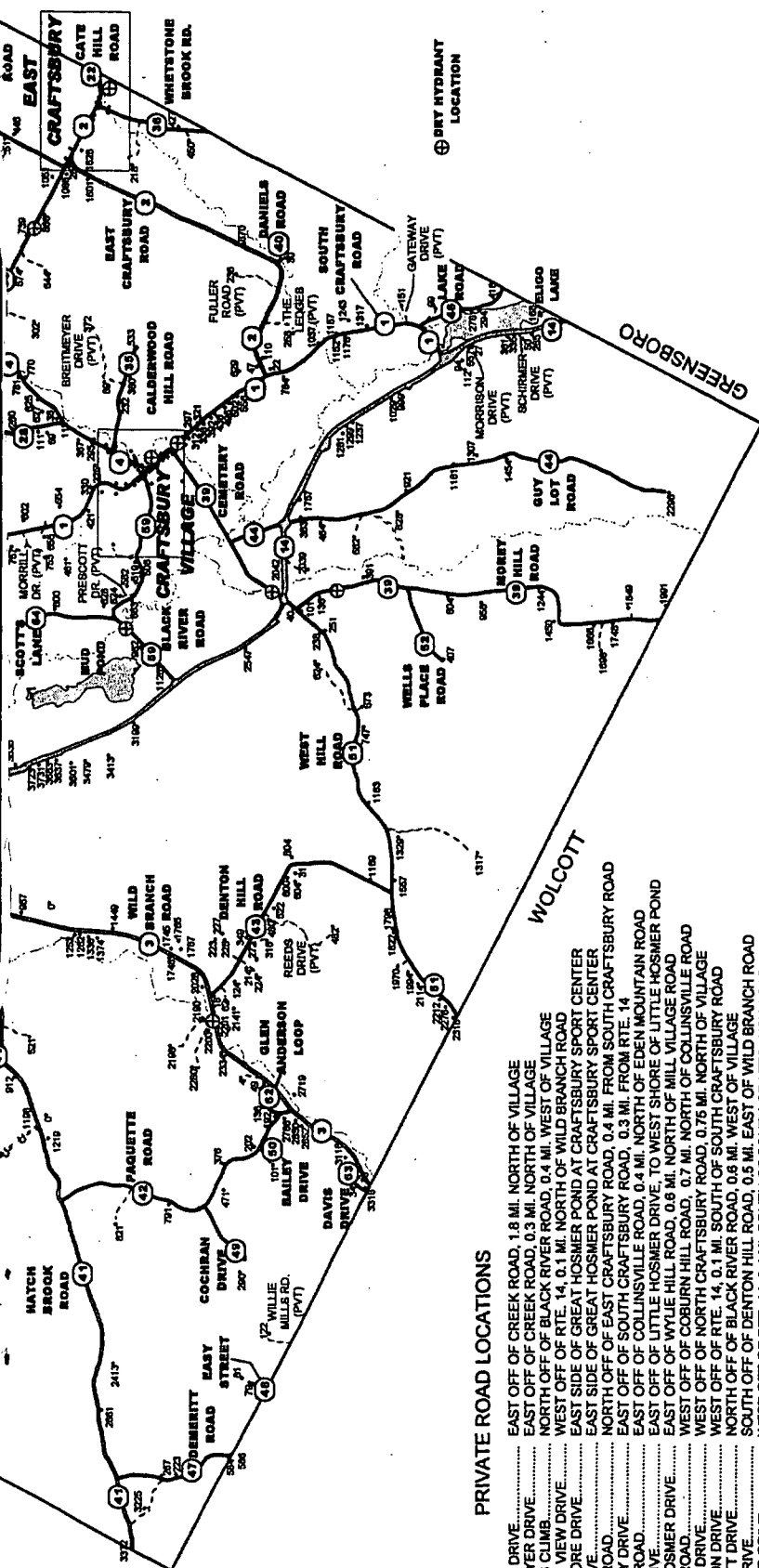
Subtotal \$399,491.81

Total Expenditures 2003 \$872,841.69 same as total on Pg 10.

Pg 57 Property Transfers In Craftsbury For 2003

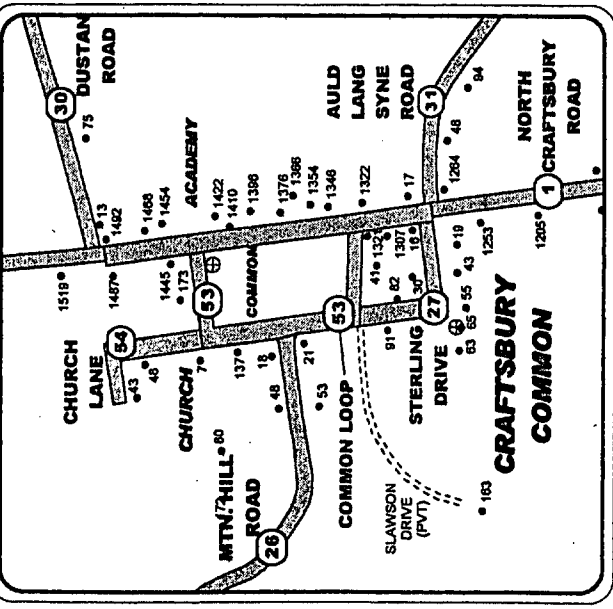
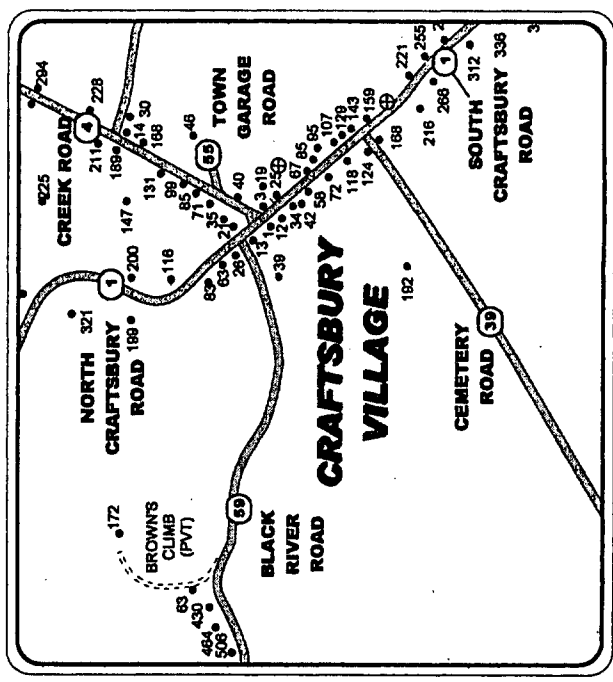
12/19/03 Decker to Griffiths says 8.00 Land/Dwelling

Should be 178.00 Land/Dwelling.



PRIVATE ROAD LOCATIONS

- ATWOOD DRIVE..... EAST OFF OF CREEK ROAD, 1.8 MI. NORTH OF VILLAGE
- BREITMEYER DRIVE..... EAST OFF OF CREEK ROAD, 0.3 MI. NORTH OF VILLAGE
- BROWN'S CLIMB..... NORTH OFF OF BLACK RIVER ROAD, 0.4 MI. WEST OF VILLAGE
- COMMON VIEW DRIVE..... WEST OFF OF RTE. 14, 0.1 MI. NORTH OF WILD BRANCH ROAD
- FAIR DRIVE..... EAST SIDE OF GREAT HOSMER POND AT CRAFTSBURY SPORT CENTER
- FULLER ROAD..... EAST SIDE OF GREAT HOSMER POND AT CRAFTSBURY SPORT CENTER
- GATEWAY DRIVE..... NORTH OFF OF EAST CRAFTSBURY ROAD, 0.4 MI. FROM SOUTH CRAFTSBURY ROAD
- GRIGGS ROAD..... EAST OFF OF COLLINSVILLE ROAD, 0.4 MI. NORTH OF EDEN MOUNTAIN ROAD
- HAPS DRIVE..... EAST OFF OF LITTLE HOSMER DRIVE, TO WEST SHORE OF LITTLE HOSMER POND
- MARTIN ROAD..... EAST OFF OF WYLLIE HILL ROAD, 0.6 MI. NORTH OF MILL VILLAGE ROAD
- MORRISON DRIVE..... WEST OFF OF COBURN HILL ROAD, 0.7 MI. NORTH OF COLLINSVILLE ROAD
- MORRISON DRIVE..... WEST OFF OF NORTH CRAFTSBURY ROAD, 0.75 MI. NORTH OF VILLAGE
- MORRISON DRIVE..... WEST OFF OF RTE. 14, 0.1 MI. SOUTH OF SOUTH CRAFTSBURY ROAD
- REEDS DRIVE..... NORTH OFF OF BLACK RIVER ROAD, 0.6 MI. WEST OF VILLAGE
- SCHIRMER DRIVE..... SOUTH OFF OF DENTON HILL ROAD, 0.5 MI. EAST OF WILD BRANCH ROAD
- SLAWSON DRIVE..... SOUTH OFF OF RTE. 14, 0.4 MI. SOUTH OF SOUTH CRAFTSBURY ROAD
- THE LEDGES..... SOUTHWEST CORNER OF COMMON LOOP
- WILLIE MILLS ROAD..... SOUTH OFF OF EAST CRAFTSBURY ROAD, 0.3 MI. EAST OF SOUTH CRAFTSBURY ROAD
- WING ROAD..... NORTH OFF OF DEMERITT ROAD IN WOLCOTT
- WING ROAD..... WEST OFF OF LOST NATION ROAD, 0.2 MI. NORTH OF CRAFTSBURY SPORT CENTER



TOWN OF CRAFTSBURY

2003

MUIRUX SURVEYS

INCORPORATED

CRAFTSBURY COMMON, VT. -- (802)586-7521

**Vermont Department of Health
Morrisville District Office
Annual Report – Town of Craftsbury**

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

Food & Lodging Inspections: National Surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public Health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. Of the 8 establishments in Craftsbury, 5 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children ('WIC'): One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 137 women, infants and children living in Craftsbury received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$35.00 per person per month.

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

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Morrisville District Office at 802-888-7447. Please visit our web site at www.HealthyVermonters.info for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.

Craftsbury Community Care Center, Inc.

Patricia C. Forest, Executive Director



This year marks the beginning of our 9th year offering services to elders in Craftsbury and surrounding towns. Our census was consistently down last year, we hope as we begin this New Year we will see an increase in our resident population.

The Craftsbury Community Care Center's Meals on Wheels program served 1141 nutritionally balanced meals to homebound seniors during 2003. Our meal recipients were pleased with the meals they received. If you know a senior citizen that is in need of meals, please feel free to call me to arrange for delivery. We thank our volunteer drivers for their commitment to these individuals.

The Craftsbury Community Care Center continued to seek out grants for special projects. These projects included grants from The Vermont Humanities Council for a Craftsbury History Project, Rural Development for the facility generator, Northeast Kingdom Area Agency on Aging, the Community National bank, and Aetna Insurance for new kitchen equipment.

We received designation as a Emergency Shelter from the Northern Vermont Chapter of the Red Cross. The Care Center will serve primarily senior residents during times of emergency. The Care Center in cooperation with the Town of Craftsbury, and Craftsbury area business people will be working on a new Emergency Management Plan for Craftsbury. We are proud to work on this important community project.

The Care Center employs 19 people, both full-time and part-time. Seven employees are from Craftsbury; other employees are from surrounding towns. We are grateful for the dedicated staff who support our residents.

We had many exciting new things happen this year. Staff and residents raised funds to support the Community Arts Program. These fundraising efforts included a flower bulb sale, and a beautiful quilt was auctioned off in December. We also took part in the Vermont Farm Share program as a pilot project for residential care homes in the State of Vermont. We held our 3rd Annual Community Pig Roast and Auction, and invite you to mark your calendar for July 24, 2004 for our 4th Annual event.

Please accept our deepest gratitude for your continued support in 2004. We welcome you to stop by the Care Center to visit your friends and neighbors.

Sincerely,

Patricia C. Forest, M.S.
Executive Director

Randi Calderwood
President, Board of Directors

Equal Housing Opportunity
Craftsbury, VT 05826

The Lamoille Family Center Report
To The
Voters of Craftsbury

To our neighbors and partners:

For the past 27 years, we have been fulfilling our mission of encouraging, educating and celebrating families throughout the Lamoille Valley, including Craftsbury and the surrounding communities. The Family Center provides a variety of resources designed to meet the needs of families and their children aged birth to 21. We know that to be successful, families need that support of their friends, family and neighbors. As an organization dedicated to helping to strengthen families, we need the same kind of support from our community neighbors in order to make that work possible.

While our support comes from over thirty different funding sources, town contributions remain one of the most important kinds of funding that we receive. This is because we can use it to do what communities want us to do, to be creative in meeting the needs that you tell us about.

An example of this is our Learning Together Program for pregnant and parenting teens that have quit school. Teen pregnancies and dropping out of school have long been problems in our local communities. Schools try, but they can't be all things to all students and unfortunately, the needs of teen parents are tremendous and often interfere with success in school. The Learning Together Program offers an alternative to traditional school. In Learning Together, teen parents attend school at the Family Center earning their high school diploma or their GED while they also learn about parenting and about taking care of themselves and their families. Their children are also at the Family Center in our Child Care Program where our students learn alongside experienced professionals about child development and about how to care for babies and young children. Students get the support they need to be successful in school and in life. Last spring, five of our students graduated. It is truly a community of caring-a unique response to a difficult problem.

As we form these kinds of small communities of support, we turn to our local towns, our neighbors to help in more that is offered at the Family Center. We look forward to continuing to serve families, children and youth and thank you very much for your support.

Ann Martin, Co-Director
Lamoille Family Center
480 Cadys Falls Road
Morrisville, Vt. 05661

TOWN REPORT FOR CRAFTSBURY COMMON CHURCH

We are blessed to be part of this community and hope that we can continue to serve our neighbors in ways that are meaningful.

We provide Sunday School for all ages starting at 0930 followed by our Sunday service at 1000 with junior church during half of that time. There is a Bible study once a week. We offer special services during Lent, for C.A. graduates, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Eve. On the second and fourth Sundays of the month a service is provided at The Craftsbury Community Care Center at 0900. We have been thrilled to be joined in our services by many community members who come to share their musical talents.

Communion is offered the first Sunday of every month.

Pastor Avril is available for counseling and home visits. She also is the Salvation Army service unit representative for Craftsbury and Albany and asks that you not hesitate in calling her for needs that might be met for food, clothing, shelter, fire, disasters etc. This year Salvation Army vouchers were given to two families; one with special medical needs and one due to fire. Also Salvation Army Christmas bags with essentials were delivered to all the residents at the Care Center.

Thirteen baptisms were carried out this year (seven in the Whetstone Brook), two weddings and four funerals. Four new members were added.

The deacons hosted several fundraisers this year that we hope the community enjoyed: the chicken pie supper and the oyster stew supper. In addition the trustees organized our first annual pig roast and car rally which was a lot of fun and well attended on the common. The deacons have also done several service projects, kept in touch with sick, homebound, and grieving with cards, flowers, and visits. Over forty Amaryllis were sent out at year's end and Price Chopper gift certificates to needy families at Christmas.

Food baskets were sent out at Thanksgiving time to several families. Other ways the deacons have helped people in the community have been with monetary gifts and the gift of their time in service to others.

The Religious Education Committee has worked hard to provide for the needs of the children as mentioned in the services each week. In addition, they've provided a week of Vacation Bible School, participated with a Church Float for Old Home Day, and held our annual Christmas Workshop where fifty or so children had fun making Christmas gifts and items. Cradle

roll continues to provide information and support to new parents (six are enrolled with two more to be added soon.)

The Ladies Union has eleven active members that continue to meet for interesting speakers whose presentations they enjoy as well as meeting all the pledges made to various causes they help support.

The Prayer Circle continues to make sure that requests are prayed for immediately and the memorial Committee met five times this past year and made sure lighting for the back and west side of the steeple was completed.

The trustees have been busy with large issues such as the feasibility of a cell tower, potential fundraisers, the condition of the parsonage, and have done much research and grant writing for repair of the steeple.

Pastor Avril has had the privilege of working together with Pastor Jack of the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church and Father Mike of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in the village on several joint ventures and looks forward to more in the future.

We pray for our neighbors, our friends and our community to be at peace.

Respectfully, Submitted for the
Craftsbury Church on the Common by,
Pastor Avril Cochran

The Mouses and Spouses

Headquartered in the Craftsbury/Albany area, the Mouses and Spouses (formerly the Church Mice of the United Church of Craftsbury) have expanded their work to include charities in both Orleans and Lamoille counties. The group is small, but growing. In the past year, funds for their charities have been earned by catering parties and dinners for such groups as the Masons and the Retired Teachers Association, as well as for private birthday and anniversary parties.

As their name indicates, both men and women are active in their work, although the home crafts such as lap robes for those who are wheelchair bound and hats and mittens to keep those in need warm have been left to the women members. The men participate by helping at the dinners, setting up tables, helping to serve, and handling most of the cleanup.

During the past year, the Mouses and Spouses have supported the Hardwick Food Pantry with a monetary donation and with hats and mittens, which went rather quickly, according to Mae Chapin. We sent 20 or so sets of hats and mittens to the Lamoille Family Center, made lap robes for residents of the Craftsbury Community Care Center, and made cancer caps which were donated to Newport Hospital and to other support groups. Additionally, the group visits the 4Cs every other month, putting on "fun" auctions, spending time with the residents on New Year's Eve, and just plain visiting.

In Craftsbury, the group sent checks to those devastated by fire, gave Andrew Martin support for his Hugh O'Brien Award trip, and contributed to the Craftsbury Academy Journalism Class.

Our latest project is making wheelchair quilts for the Union House in Glover and making comfort quilts which will be donated to children who have been forced to leave their homes as a result of domestic violence.

The Mouses and Spouses organization holds a fellowship dinner at a member's home four times a year. We encourage anyone who is willing to aid in this work to contact Audrey Reed, President, at 586-2830 or Jean Rabe, Treasurer, at 586-2800.

A proposed article for the Craftsbury Town Meeting

The Hardwick Area Food Pantry was begun in 1977 under the auspices of St John the Baptist Episcopal Church with a few supplies on a shelf. By 1987 it had received the support of all the area churches and had a volunteer director. In the past year it has become a non-profit organization registered with the State of Vermont and has 501(c3) status. It is governed by a Board of Directors representing all the area churches.

It is the only food shelf in the area. The need for its food and services is great and growing. A total of 633 families were served in 2001. Last year the number of families served had grown to 705. These families do not only come from Hardwick. They come from come from Greensboro, Craftsbury, Stannard, Walden, and Wheelock. No one is turned away as long as there is food. In addition to food families also receive food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas and this year 108 children received presents.

The Food Pantry offers an opportunity for volunteers to perform much needed community service. The Director, Mae Chapin, supervises many local volunteers as well as students fulfilling their school required community service hours.

At present the Food Pantry is located in the house that houses St. John's Church, in its basement, its kitchen and in one and half rooms on the second floor. It is inefficient, crowded, and inaccessible to the handicapped and many seniors. Funds are now being sought to erect a modest, ground level building beside the church to house the Food Pantry. The bulk of the money for the new building is expected to come through the Town of Hardwick from the Vermont Department of Community Development, which distributes money from the Federal Community Block Grants. Local communities must show that they support this project to satisfy federal Community Block Grant requirements. Therefore each town served by the food pantry is being asked at today's Town Meetings to contribute a modest sum to the project.

Contact: Polly Russell
586-7576

East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church Report to the Town of Craftsbury 2003

The East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church ministers within the rural community of Craftsbury and around the world through our denominational and ecumenical mission partners.

For most of 2003, ECPC was blessed with the leadership of Interim Pastor Rob John. On October 15, the Reverend Jack Cabaness began his service as ECPC's new pastor. Jack is a graduate of Dartmouth College (his first exposure to New England) and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He has previously served churches in California, Virginia, and Missouri.

As part of our outreach to children and families in our community, we are proud to continue to host the East Hill Preschool, which has regularly had ten students in the 2003-2004 school year. Teachers are Julie Lavine of Albany and Diane Cloutier of Greensboro.

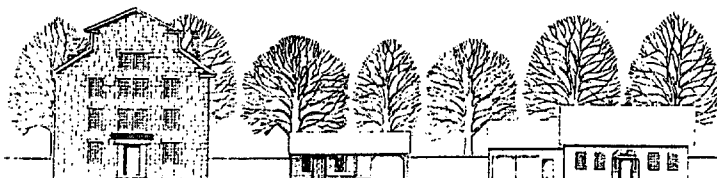
Our congregation also supports the Hardwick Area Food Pantry, Heifer Project International, the Craftsbury Community Care Center, Christian Education in Pakistan, and a partnership with Presbyterian churches in South Africa.

Upcoming events in 2004 include game nights for families and children, youth-led service projects, youth recreation events, short-term mission trips, theology and film discussion groups, and a study group on Handel's Messiah (co-taught by Rev. Cabaness and Mary Anthony Rowell, a Craftsbury resident and instructor at Julliard School of Music). Please contact Pastor Jack, 586-7707, with questions about church activities and upcoming study groups.

We invite all members of the community to join us for worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. You can learn more about our congregation and its mission and history by visiting our website: www.eastcraftsbury.presbychurch.net

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Jack Cabaness, Pastor



THE OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM

ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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The Orleans County Historical Society owns and operates the Old Stone House Museum, a regional history museum in the Brownington Historic District. The Museum and Lawrence Barn are open for guided tours from May 15 to October 15, Wednesday through Sunday. Orleans County residents receive an admissions discount at the Museum. The Museum's Visitors' Center and administrative office is open year-round and was the home of Alexander Twilight, the nation's first college graduate of African American descent. The Prospect Hill Observatory is open to the public from May 1 to November 1. The Society's research library and archives are open year-round and are available by appointment.

Each year the Museum sponsors a series of public events, including the Collectors' Fair, the Northeast Kingdom History Fair, the Antique Gas & Steam Engine Show, Time Travelers' Day Camp, Heritage Craft Classes, as well as lectures, concerts and school-related programs. This year's Old Stone House Day, on August 15, 2004, will feature craft demonstrations, children's activities, a farmers' market, live music, and the Museum's open house. The event is free and open to the public.

Students from around Orleans County will be involved in a variety of the Museum's educational programs this year, including a history fair, the cultivation of an heirloom vegetable garden, classroom presentation and re-enactments, two field days, which include craft demonstrations and old-time activities, and a history-based day camp. For more information, please call 754-2022, visit our website at www.oldstonehousemuseum.org, or write Old Stone House Museum, 28 Old Stone House Road, Brownington, VT 05860.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our Lady is the youngest of our small town's three churches. We are very Fortunate to have three churches in such a small town. The best part of it all is that all three work with each other in many ways. Soon we will be starting our Ecumenical Wednesday night pre-Lenten services, which we all look forward to each year. These services include the Presbyterian Church of East Craftsbury, the United Church of Craftsbury Common, the Baptist Church of Albany and the Our Lady of Fatima of Craftsbury village. Feel free to come and join us.

Every spring we hold our annual French Canadian Dinner with live music, which always brings a large crowd and is actually our only fundraiser of the year. We have discontinued the weekly bingo games, which were not actually sponsored by the church. There were many benefits had from these games such as new uniforms for our basketball teams, financial help for anyone who had sickness, lost homes by fire and helped in many other ways. Because the church still can be used for this purpose and the equipment is still there, there has been talk of starting this up again.

Our weekly services are held each Saturday night at seven o'clock. We have had many visitors, both Catholic and non-Catholic who are always welcomed by Father Mike as well as the Congregation.

Lucille Sanville

Report to the Voters of Craftsbury

True to our mission, Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) worked hard during the past year to meet the economic development and planning needs of the region's municipalities and businesses. 2003 was our 53rd year of dedicated service to the people of the Northeast Kingdom.

Many of our projects were regional in nature and therefore benefited every single community in this region. A good example of this is the unmet transportation needs survey, which gauged the gap between the availability of and the need for transportation services in the Northeast Kingdom.

We also continued to provide essential technical services to town and city officials. This work included conducting transportation studies and traffic counts, including counts in Craftsbury; preparing, reviewing and commenting on municipal planning documents; certifying Municipal Plans; interpreting and explaining planning law to planning and zoning officials; and preparing GIS maps. NVDA also continued to offer reliable and knowledgeable grant writing and grant administration services to a number of towns.

On the economic development front, the Charles E. Carter Business Resource Center in NVDA's St. Johnsbury-Lyndon Industrial Park was near completion at the end of the past year. The Business Resource Center provides warehousing and manufacturing space, as well as a technical & industrial training facility.

As in the past, in 2003 we continued to work closely with the Small Business Development Center to create and retain jobs throughout the Northeast Kingdom. To cite a few examples: We assisted Easton Hockey /EHM Production in Newport with a tax credit application, which will result in 60 jobs within a few years; we helped WT Solutions in St. Johnsbury to purchase industrial sewing equipment and to find a facility, thereby creating 50+ jobs; and we helped Chebe, a bread manufacturer in Orleans to locate a production facility. NVDA also continues to work with Ethan Allen on the company's long-term needs.

Companies that NVDA assisted in the recent past include MSA Gallet in Newport, which continues to grow and receive contracts for its high quality helmets from the US Army; and Bogner of America, also located in Newport, which has diversified from being solely a garment manufacturer to a warehouse and distribution center for some large clothing companies.

Four business loans were approved from our revolving loan funds in 2003. NVDA also added a technical assistance grant program in order to help small businesses with a variety of projects. We approved twelve grants for small businesses in eight communities. Projects included marketing plans, patent applications, Act 250 application assistance and an architectural design.

We look forward to continue serving you in 2004, and we appreciate your much needed support.

Sincerely,
Steve Patterson, Executive Director

PROPERTY TRANSFERS IN CRAFTSBURY FOR 2003

<u>SELLER</u>	<u>BUYER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAND SIZE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Harris	Spence	1/21/2003	8.34	Land/Dwelling/Guest	250,000.00	89 Breitmeyer Drive
Cusano	Elwell	2/3/2003	1	Land/Camp	15,000.00	1819 South Albany Road
Flem	Tourangeau	4/2/2003	17	Land	12,000.00	VT Rte 14
Burns	Johnson	4/17/2003	148.5	Land	148,500.00	VT Rte 14
Sproule	Ralya	5/9/2003	10	Land/Dwelling	139,000.00	7909 Vt Rte 14
Britton	Ralya	5/9/2003	22.1	Land	18,000.00	VT Rte 14
Blair	Ciecierski	5/14/2003	0.33	Land/Dwelling	135,000.00	841 No. Craftsbury Road
Graham	Gilbert	6/2/2003	15	Land/Dwelling	80,000.00	421 Seaver Brook Road
Skiff	Williams	6/6/2003	6	Land	29,900.00	South Craftsbury Road
Roberts	Mendonca	6/25/2003	12.4	Land	17,000.00	Coburn Hill Road
Davis	Patoine	6/26/2003	0.5	Land/Dwelling	75,000.00	14 Calderwood Road
Bartlett	Partridge Hill Farm	7/3/2003	13.5	Land/Barn	127,500.00	Creek Road
Lussier	Marckes	7/9/2003	10.55	96 MH - DW 28x66	108,000.00	Coburn Hill Road
Doty	Baily	7/15/2003	1	73 MH 12x60	30,000.00	378 Collinsville Road
Maskell	Erskine	7/15/2003	12.5	2001 DW and Land	117,000.00	2316 West Hill Road
Smith	Parah	7/17/2003	22	Open Land	15,000.00	Old Town Road
Morrison	Johnson	7/22/2003	160	Land/Dwelling	190,000.00	266 So. Craftsbury Road
Neal	Charron	7/23/2003	80	Land/Camp	95,000.00	3105 Coburn Hill Road
Schmitt	Sogno	7/30/2003	3.09	Imn/Restaurant	837,000.00	Craftsbury Common
Roussell	Harris	8/4/2003	0.25	Land/Dwelling	130,000.00	1295 So. Craftsbury Rd.
Denton	Doty	8/6/2003	10.3	Land/Dwelling	35,983.84	2200 Wild Branch Rd.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SELLER</u>	<u>BUYER</u>	<u>LAND SIZE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8/15/03	Palen	Evelti	10.30	Land/Dwelling	\$131,000.00	7647 VT Rte 14
8/22/03	Goodrich	Bittler	2.00	Land/Dwelling	\$50,000.00	1157 South Craftsbury Rd.
9/4/03	Reed	Beardall	0.50	Land/Dwelling	\$72,000.00	71 Creek Rd.
9/5/03	Turcotte	Morrison	16.00	Open Land	\$14,000.00	VT Rte 14
9/9/03	Flynn	Perez	30.24	Land/Camp	\$24,000.00	Hatch Brook Rd.
9/12/03	Gray	Easton	2.00	Land/Log Cabii	\$175,000.00	94 Auld Lang Syne Rd.
9/19/03	Hanson	Morrison	13.20	Open Land	\$22,500.00	1029 VT Rte 14
9/23/03	Depalma	Burkewitz	83.00	Open Land	\$55,000.00	Collinsville Rd.
	Giglio					
	Slosson					
9/23/03	Seide	Griggs	10.00	Land/Camp	\$10,500.00	Griggs Rd.
9/30/03	Whipple	Reed	3.00	Land/Camp	\$24,000.00	South Albany Rd.
10/2/03	Grosser	Hobart		Open Land	\$750.00	TH.19
		Moran				
10/7/03	Wisniewski	Risser	32.00	Land/Camp	\$62,000.00	Whetstone Brook Rd. (Craftsbury/Greensboro)
10/17/03	King	Lasher	0.30	Land/Dwelling	\$65,000.00	19 South Craftsbury Rd.
10/19/03	Reeder	Belliveau	7.00	Land/Dwelling	\$100,000.00	3601 VT Rte 14
11/4/03	Atwood	Nelson	175.00	Open Land	\$175,000.00	1811 Creek Rd.
		Farms, Inc.				
11/7/03	Strong	Hamilton	27.20	Open Land	\$165,000.00	Town Highway NO. 27
		Davis				
11/18/03	Thomas	Harris		Dwelling	\$91,000.00	1168 Coburn Hill Rd.
12/2/03	Anderson	Spur	16.00	Land/Dwelling/	\$75,000.00	49 Glen Anderson Loop
12/19/03	Decker	Griffiths	8.00	Land/Dwelling/	\$460,000.00	533 Calderwood Hill Rd.

Craftsbury School Directors Report

Please let me begin by expressing our deepest thanks to all of our community members who support our students and our school each and every day. Community involvement and support has allowed our schools to continue to grow and provide educational opportunities to all students. Our faculty, administration and staff are dedicated to the students who benefit from their expertise and involvement.

School board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm and all community members are welcome. Thank you once again for the trust you have placed in us for the role we play in educating your children.

Enrollment

This school year began with 21 kindergarten students, a comparatively large number. The decision to hold two sessions of kindergarten was made after careful review of the students and their needs as a group. Looking to the future of Craftsbury schools it is these students and others that we have in mind as we make our decisions as a board.

The current enrollment of our school has increased approximately 13% over the fiscal year 2003 enrollment of 187 to a current population of 211 students. It is anticipated that in fiscal year 2005 we will reach an enrollment figure of 225 students, allowing us to reduce the per pupil costs, maintain our small size and still provide personal attention. Education is expensive. As you will see in the current budget, we spend approximately 20% more per student than the average of all schools in the state of Vermont. As our population begins to grow, we will keep our cost per student more in line with other schools and still provide our students with an excellent education.

While this growth has been welcome, we have recognized a need for additional offerings in the middle and high school level in the social studies, math, language and physical education departments. The current budget that we present adds an additional .3 full time equivalent (fte) elementary position to increase kindergarten from a half-day program to four full days of instruction. We also look to add an additional math class (.2fte), physical education (.2fte), social studies and foreign language (.4fte) classes for our middle school and high school students. As we are able to offer additional classes, our students' rate of success will continue to rise. With the staffing more aligned to students' needs the number of full time equivalent teachers we propose will be 25.27 compared to last years 24.69. By addressing each students needs we are working towards our district wide goal: All students belong and all students will learn.

Administration

At the close of this year we will say good-bye to our current superintendent, Rebecca Young, an alumna of Craftsbury Academy. We will always be thankful to Rebecca for her leadership and her support that she has provided over the last five years. She has helped Craftsbury Schools to continue to grow in size and potential and for that we owe our deepest gratitude. Thank you Rebecca!!

On a much more positive note, we have signed a three year contract with our current principal Mr. Chris Young who is in his second year at Craftsbury Schools. Mr. Young's true commitment to the students and their potential is evident as he encourages our students to be the best citizens that they can be as well as challenging our students and faculty to always strive for improvement. If you have not had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Young in person, please make it a point to introduce yourself and become part of this positive school climate that is growing.

Tax Rates/Financial Data

Fiscal year 2005 is the first year which we will see Act 68 affect our school property tax rate. The budget increase that we ask you to approve is 8.94% with approximately 1% representing a change in the way we present technical education tuition compared to the prior year. However, we anticipate that the residential tax rate in Craftsbury will decrease by approximately 55 cents and the nonresidential tax rate will decrease by approximately 50 cents. Once again Craftsbury's common level of appraisal decreased from 82.75% in 2002 to 76.53% in 2003.

In the current budget, we anticipate a \$100,000 surplus which we will request to transfer \$30,000 to the building repair and replacement fund and \$70,000 to be rolled over into the fiscal year 2005 revenues. These funds have been generated by savings in the salary and health benefits and also from additional tuition students attending Craftsbury which were not anticipated when we prepared our fiscal year 2004 budget. The board tries to budget with as much accuracy as possible; however, due to staffing changes and the inaccuracy of predicting tuition students almost a year in advance, we can expect variances to be present. Fortunately this year we are benefiting from the above.

Facility

We have been working with Black River Design to assess the needs of our school facilities. At the current time, we have a preliminary schematic design that would address the inadequacies of our current facility. We do not have a budget figure for this plan at this time but we are looking for interested community members who would be willing to help us raise funds to turn the dream into a reality. The renovations will provide a safe and healthy environment for our students as well as provide handicap accessibility to the main Academy. The original part of the Academy building was constructed in 1829 and has had minimal renovation since it was built. The heating system is past the point where it can be repaired and must be replaced as soon as possible. The boilers are more than 25 years old and the distribution lines that transfer the steam are more than 60 years old and both are in constant need of repair. We anticipate that these renovations would also improve our energy efficiency and decrease our use of non renewable resources.

Our facilities are used throughout the year by community members as well as our students. This gymnasium serves not only as a gymnasium, but also as the town meeting area, the stage for musical and drama performances, cafeteria space, school assemblies as well as physical education classes. The current gymnasium is in need of major structural repairs. Moisture problems have become common and have even created dangerously slippery conditions at times. In the proposed design, the gymnasium will be enlarged to a full size court and this will draw more teams to our school to play. Currently there are a few teams who are unwilling to travel to Craftsbury to play because of the size of the gymnasium.

Currently the space under the stage is used as a music room. This room has also had moisture problems and occasionally even water on the floor. The drainage around the foundation needs to be repaired. The stage is used as cafeteria space during the school day. If the renovations take place the community will have a larger kitchen and cafeteria facility, and would move our "class" dinners from the church back to our own school.

The plans that we have been working with allow us to upgrade the facility and still keep the Craftsbury Academy campus essentially intact, and provide an attractive draw to tuition students. As we continue to work on this project we will ask that you as community members assist us in finalizing the details of our building renovations and work with us to raise the necessary funds to allow our school facility to be here for another hundred years.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Marckres, School Director

2003 Craftsbury Schools
Compensation by Employee

<u>Teaching Personnel</u>	ED+Credits	Years	Step	Pd	Salary	% Full
Laurel Barbieri	MA+29	24	18		44,099.90	
Andrea Brightenback	MA+86	28	18		44,474.05	
Julie Brochu					1,980.00	
Susan Callahan Brown	BS	14	15		22,105.64	.60
Robin Burnell	BA+20	8	9		33,320.04	
Judith Carpenter	MEd+30	24	18		35,340.87	.80
Alfred Cushing		1			10,191.94	
Janice Dandanell		3			10,883.07	
Jeffrey M. Davis	BA+9	6	7		30,461.76	
Sylvia C. Dodge	MA	1	2		17,563.98	
Jean Dutton	BA+42	22	17		42,175.12	
Debra Fairbanks	MEd+63.5	25	18		30,870.06	.70
Lisa M. Ferland		1			10,068.80	
Marilyn Field		10			7,988.51	
Susan Field	BA+56	23	17		42,140.02	
Margaret Fogg	BS+33	17	15		40,180.14	
Walter Gutzmann	MS+24	27	18		44,099.90	
Bridget Kalimar	MA+35	11	12		21,784.88	.57
Michelle Knauer					9,443.76	.55
Rob Libby	MS+33	24	18		44,099.90	
Angela Locke					13,515.71	
Judy Locke	BS+43	17	16		41,159.82	
Pamela Luther	MA+15	29	18		44,099.90	
Amy Masse			8		17,108.00	
Heather Masse			3		10,734.16	
Paula Masse					2,430.00	
Barbara Massucci	BA+32	24	17		42,340.02	
Valerie Mesa	BA+6	3	4		14,377.26	.50
Harry Miller	BA	3	4		2,308.00	
Evangeline Moffatt			4		11,168.98	
Donald Pierce	BS+6	18	15		39,931.80	
Alison Pike	MEd+15	29	18		44,099.90	
James Raas	BS+46	14	14		16,855.96	.43
Anthony Schneider	MBA	4	5		21,223.07	
Lisa Sedore		1			10,513.19	
Joan Simmons	MEd+21	40	18		44,099.90	
John W. Strong, Sr.	BS+45	33	17		5,900.00	.14
Bev Thurber	BA+31	16	16		41,159.82	
Brenda Waterhouse	BS+30	8	9		36,299.99	
Amy Williams	BS+33	1	2		27,439.88	
Cheryl Williams	BS+34	10	8		33,319.79	
Christopher Young	MEd+30	7			59,350.61	
					\$1,099,177.03	

Non-Teaching Personnel

Wesley Alexander	1,300.00
Brendon Howes	987.00
David Johnson	9 750.00
Jane Linck	18,018.00
Eugene Marckres	28,138.26
Bruce Prescott	9,452.00
Scott Reed	20,858.40
Nancy Richardson	21,059.50
Christi Taylor	<u>12,666.00</u>
	\$ 122,229.16

Extra-Curricular

Student Council	Laurel Barbieri	980.00
Yearbook	Bev Thurber	980.00
Nat. Honor Society	Joan Simmons	490.00
Transportation	Carole Hodgdon	64.76
Varsity Girls Soccer	Claire Denton Wahler	1,470.00
Varsity Boys Soccer	Donald Pierce	1,470.00
Varsity Girls Basketball	Scott Verzilli	1,960.00
Varsity Boys Basketball	Bruce Martin	Volunteer
Varsity Boys Baseball	Richard Thomas	1,470.00
Varsity Girls Softball	Crystal Sanville	<u>1,470.00</u>
		\$ 10,854.76

Summary: Teachers	\$1,099,177.03
Non-Teaching	121,477.84
Extra-Curricular	10,854.76
Substitute	<u>11,356.00</u>
	\$1,242,865.63

We would like to extend our thanks to all of the volunteers that coached junior high and elementary sports and the community that has supported it. Also, to Jim Carrien and his staff for all their work with the 21st Century Grant Program. Thank you also to the many mentors who have given of themselves.

A "special" thank you goes to Craftsbury Academy's longtime English teacher of 40 years, Joan Simmons who retired this past year.

CRAFTSBURY SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENT

as of February 3, 2004

GRADE	CRAFTSBURY	TUITION	Choice	TOTAL
K	22	0		22
1	10	2		12
2	11	0		11
3	12	0		12
4	18	0		18
5	15	0		15
6	13	0		13
Sub-total	101	2		103
7	12	10		22
8	13	9		22
Sub-total	25	19		44
9	8	10	1	19
10	13	3		16
11	11	4	1	16
12	8	2		10
Sub-total	40	19	2	61
Total - all grades	166	40	2	208

Tuition are paid by:

Wolcott - 32
 Stannard - 4
 Greensboro - 2
 Elmore - 1
 Walden - 1

SAT Scores

Year	Craftsbury Academy			Vermont			National		
	Math	Verbal	Total	Math	Verbal	Total	Math	Verbal	Total
2003/03	571	511	1082	511	513	1024	519	507	1026
2001/02	458	488	946	512	514	1026	514	501	1015

The Craftsbury Academy results are made up of the scores of seven students.

APPENDIX A - SALARY SCHEDULE
2002-2003

CRAFTSBURY FY 2002/2003 SALARY SCHEDULE									
Base Wage =	\$	24,500							
Experience Level	BA		BA+15		BA+30/MA		MA+15		
Init. % Over Base	0		4		8		12		
% Increase/yr	4		4		4		4		
Step	Index	Wage	Index	Wage	Index	Wage	Index	Wage	
1	1.00	\$24,500	1.04	\$25,480	1.08	\$26,460	1.12	\$27,440	
2	1.04	\$25,480	1.08	\$26,460	1.12	\$27,440	1.16	\$28,420	
3	1.08	\$26,460	1.12	\$27,440	1.16	\$28,420	1.20	\$29,400	
4	1.12	\$27,440	1.16	\$28,420	1.20	\$29,400	1.24	\$30,380	
5	1.16	\$28,420	1.20	\$29,400	1.24	\$30,380	1.28	\$31,360	
6	1.20	\$29,400	1.24	\$30,380	1.28	\$31,360	1.32	\$32,340	
7	1.24	\$30,380	1.28	\$31,360	1.32	\$32,340	1.36	\$33,320	
8	1.28	\$31,360	1.32	\$32,340	1.36	\$33,320	1.40	\$34,300	
9	1.32	\$32,340	1.36	\$33,320	1.40	\$34,300	1.44	\$35,280	
10	1.36	\$33,320	1.40	\$34,300	1.44	\$35,280	1.48	\$36,260	
11	1.40	\$34,300	1.44	\$35,280	1.48	\$36,260	1.52	\$37,240	
12	1.44	\$35,280	1.48	\$36,260	1.52	\$37,240	1.56	\$38,220	
13	1.48	\$36,260	1.52	\$37,240	1.56	\$38,220	1.60	\$39,200	
14	1.52	\$37,240	1.56	\$38,220	1.60	\$39,200	1.64	\$40,180	
15	1.56	\$38,220	1.60	\$39,200	1.64	\$40,180	1.68	\$41,160	
16			1.64	\$40,180	1.68	\$41,160	1.72	\$42,140	
17					1.72	\$42,140	1.76	\$43,120	
18							1.80	\$44,100	

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL INDEBTEDNESS

Notes	Balance 7/1/02	Interest Rate	Interest Paid	Repayment	Balance 6/30/03
Howard Bank (Minden Hall)	125,000.00	6.611	4,170.63	45,000.00	80,000.00

CRAFTSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE, 2003

	Governmental		Account Group		
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Escrow Funds	Long Term Debt	Fixed Assets
ASSETS					
Cash	26,370.00				
Home Ec House Account			59,502.00		
Escrow Account-Building Maintenance			91,374.00		
Accounts Receivable					
State/Spec.Ed Expense Reimb.	1,420.00				
Federal Food Service Revenues	4,026.00				
VSAC	1,282.00				
Local Food Service Revenues	848.00				
Food Service Inventory	1,505.00				
Due from Other Funds	0.00	22,694.00			
Amount to be Provided for Long-Term Debt				80,000.00	
Property & Equipment					2,587,232.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 35,451.00	\$ 22,694.00	\$ 150,876.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,587,232.00
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities					
Health Ins.Summer Prem.Deductions	7,932.00				
Accounts Payable	3,591.00				
Due to Other Funds	22,694.00				
Bond Payable				80,000.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 34,217.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 0.00
Fund Balances					
Deferred Food Service Revenues	444.00				
Designated Funds	(1,344.00)	22,694.00			
Designated Funds-Escrow Account			150,876.00		
Designated Funds-Food Service	2,134.00				
Invested in Fixed Assets					2,587,232.00
TOTAL LIAB. & FUND BALANCES	\$ 35,451.00	\$ 22,694.00	\$ 150,876.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,587,232.00

INCOME

FY 2004-2005 BUDGET

CRAFTSBURY SCHOOLS	FY2002-2003	FY2002-2003	FY2003-2004	FY2004-2005
General Budget	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROPOSED
Local Revenue				
Beginning Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	70,000.00
Prior Year Adjustment	0.00	3,464.00	0.00	0.00
Tuitions	266,700.00	218,561.00	258,500.00	414,230.00
Special Ed Excess Costs	21,492.00	30,763.00	28,350.00	17,520.00
Interest	6,500.00	2,644.00	6,500.00	3,000.00
Lease Land	98.00	98.00	98.00	98.00
Athletic Receipts	1,200.00	1,188.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	2,080.00	500.00	500.00
Food Service	22,848.00	25,828.00	24,000.00	25,000.00
CA Trustees-Operating	19,135.00	18,173.00	19,135.00	19,135.00
J.Byington Library Fund	4,500.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
World War II Trustees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prior Year Refunds	0.00	1,444.00	0.00	0.00
E-Rate Funds	4,032.00	5,452.00	4,032.00	3,150.00
VSAC GEAR-UP Grant	0.00	1,282.00	0.00	0.00
Dairy Promotion-Scoreboard	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
Blockgrants				
Special Ed Mainstream Grant	41,521.00	41,521.00	45,835.00	45,500.00
Early Education	7,423.00	7,444.00	7,429.00	8,607.00
Categorical Aid				
Capital Debt	12,179.00	12,179.00	7,252.00	0.00
Transportation Reimb	31,229.00	31,229.00	35,570.00	35,570.00
Driver Education	800.00	1,013.00	800.00	200.00
Special Ed Expenditure Reimb.	139,481.00	99,608.00	108,880.00	119,165.00
Food Service-State	800.00	971.00	800.00	800.00
-Equipment Grant	0.00	2,765.00	0.00	0.00
Food Service-Federal	16,250.00	23,180.00	17,700.00	23,000.00
-After School Snacks	0.00	302.00	0.00	0.00
-Commodities	0.00	2,573.00	0.00	0.00
Small Schools Grant	89,418.00	89,418.00	91,504.00	77,478.00
District Grants				
Medicaid/EPSDT	13,245.00	15,605.00	15,137.00	19,760.00
Title V	0.00	898.00	0.00	0.00
General State Support Grant				
Property Tax Liability	663,674.00	663,674.00	746,350.00	0.00
Education Fund	181,857.00	181,857.00	125,882.00	0.00
Local Education Spending				
Property Tax Liability	661,305.00	655,957.00	742,484.00	0.00
Education Fund	(5,348.00)	5,348.00	(27,438.00)	0.00
Education Spending				
To School District from Ed Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,557,059.00
To Technical Center from Ed Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,304.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 2,200,839.00	\$2,151,019.00	\$ 2,263,000.00	\$ 2,465,276.00

EXPENDITURES

FY2004-2005 BUDGET

CRAFTSBURY SCHOOLS	FY2002-2003 BUDGET	FY2002-2003 ACTUAL	FY2003-2004 BUDGET	FY2004-2005 PROPOSED
INSTRUCTIONAL EDUCATION				
Teaching Salaries	768,633.00	758,068.69	784,164.00	830,036.00
Other Staff	37,033.00	49,583.75	41,458.00	56,385.00
Fringe Benefits	202,861.00	168,596.58	199,655.00	223,342.00
Professional Services	2,030.00	1,232.00	3,050.00	4,400.00
Program Accounts				
K-6	21,825.00	19,202.16	25,821.00	30,644.00
Art	2,450.00	2,562.34	2,660.00	2,760.00
Business	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
English	8,561.00	4,489.70	7,896.00	8,200.00
Foreign Language	4,041.00	2,262.53	2,820.00	2,970.00
Physical Education	5,120.00	2,670.98	5,000.00	6,030.00
Family Consumer Science	2,750.00	892.34	1,000.00	750.00
Math	1,070.00	658.64	2,432.00	2,305.00
Music	2,080.00	1,961.58	4,898.00	3,693.00
Science	8,540.00	7,652.17	6,200.00	7,450.00
Social Studies	3,180.00	2,412.16	4,490.00	4,530.00
Technical Education	4,728.00	5,398.30	4,519.00	4,515.00
Driver Ed	2,249.00	1,075.93	1,702.00	1,702.00
Misc/General	17,060.00	14,672.38	15,205.00	19,303.00
Total Instructional Ed	1,094,211.00	1,043,392.23	1,112,970.00	1,209,015.00
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Salaries	145,183.00	128,141.48	136,767.00	127,338.00
Fringe Benefits	55,697.00	37,432.29	51,350.00	44,827.00
Contracted Services	22,850.00	17,494.03	23,580.00	43,000.00
Program Expenses	44,181.00	42,787.42	32,968.00	46,170.00
Total Special Ed	267,911.00	225,855.22	244,665.00	261,335.00
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	14,326.00	14,325.66	15,187.00	36,644.00
CO-CURRICULAR	4,739.00	2,747.43	3,467.00	3,402.00
ATHLETICS	20,630.00	25,969.26	22,950.00	25,404.00
TECHNOLOGY				
Salary	4,000.00	1,275.00	0.00	19,430.00
Fringe Benefits	0.00	97.54	0.00	1,854.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,250.00	2,751.19	2,250.00	2,250.00
Tech Support	0.00	20,893.70	0.00	11,073.00
Internet Access	9,620.00	6,216.00	7,800.00	4,900.00
Supplies & Periodicals	3,125.00	3,372.01	2,500.00	3,000.00
Hardware/Equipment/Software	3,200.00	3,105.20	7,650.00	16,290.00
Conferences & Workshops	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	500.00
Total Technology	19,445.00	37,710.64	21,450.00	59,297.00

CRAFTSBURY SCHOOLS	FY2002-2003 BUDGET	FY2002-2003 ACTUAL	FY2003-2004 BUDGET	FY2004-2005 PROPOSED
GUIDANCE				
Salaries	43,522.00	47,334.04	49,487.00	61,327.00
Benefits	6,993.00	6,295.25	7,912.00	9,589.00
Program Expenses	1,912.00	799.77	1,939.00	1,993.00
Total Guidance	52,427.00	54,429.06	59,338.00	72,909.00
HEALTH SERVICES				
Salaries	21,432.00	22,105.64	24,896.00	24,894.00
Fringe Benefits	2,107.00	2,070.99	2,396.00	2,586.00
Program Expenses	5,199.00	9,129.79	18,247.00	9,220.00
Total Health Services	28,738.00	33,306.42	45,539.00	36,700.00
PSYCHOLOGICAL	16,450.00	9,784.48	9,650.00	9,216.00
SPEECH LANGUAGE				
Salaries/Benefits	0.00	11,787.87	12,437.00	6,404.00
Contracted Services	24,030.00	9,110.56	10,193.00	4,350.00
Program Expenses	3,420.00	2,018.74	2,500.00	250.00
Total Speech Language	27,450.00	22,917.17	25,130.00	11,004.00
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE	425.00	435.00	850.00	850.00
EDUCATIONAL MEDIA				
Salaries	49,545.00	51,880.66	53,497.00	53,497.00
Fringe Benefits	8,359.00	7,743.18	9,334.00	14,905.00
Program Expenses	10,037.00	8,851.85	10,489.00	11,095.00
Total Educational Media	67,941.00	68,475.69	73,320.00	79,497.00
BOARD OF EDUCATION				
Treasurer-Contracted Service	5,040.00	5,040.00	5,191.00	5,451.00
Treasurer-Supplies & Mileage	575.00	100.00	575.00	400.00
Liability Insurances	5,235.00	5,935.26	6,090.00	6,090.00
Advertising	2,100.00	1,494.69	2,100.00	1,800.00
Legal Services	1,400.00	572.00	700.00	700.00
Supplies/Misc/Postage	2,451.00	2,736.24	3,446.00	3,181.00
Total Board of Education	16,801.00	15,878.19	18,102.00	17,622.00
SUPERVISORY UNION				
Administrative Services	70,381.00	70,965.01	70,926.00	84,929.00
Special Ed Assessment	5,321.00	5,321.40	5,585.00	5,947.00
Early Essential Education	7,429.00	7,444.00	7,429.00	8,607.00
Early Childhood Initiative	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,712.00
Total Supervisory Union	83,131.00	83,730.41	83,940.00	102,195.00

CRAFTSBURY SCHOOLS	FY2002-2003 BUDGET	FY2002-2003 ACTUAL	FY2003-2004 BUDGET	FY2004-2005 PROPOSED
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE				
Salaries	99,514.00	95,481.36	100,767.00	99,808.00
Fringe Benefits	29,914.00	33,056.14	37,624.00	42,721.00
Program Expenses	12,385.00	10,546.04	12,935.00	12,159.00
Total Principal's Office	141,813.00	139,083.54	151,326.00	154,688.00
FISCAL SERVICES				
Professional Audit	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Line of Credit Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fiscal Services	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
MAINTENANCE				
Salaries	66,726.00	69,518.16	71,461.00	71,540.00
Fringe benefits	18,649.00	26,384.50	35,785.00	35,415.00
Contracted Services	6,325.00	8,085.97	6,600.00	9,800.00
Property Insurance	5,075.00	8,254.00	8,300.00	9,475.00
Repairs/Maint	24,650.00	14,213.75	25,250.00	22,675.00
New/Replacement Equipment	1,000.00	2,072.61	1,000.00	1,000.00
Electricity/Fuel Oil/Water	31,400.00	42,110.14	33,400.00	36,875.00
Total Maintenance	153,825.00	170,639.13	181,796.00	186,780.00
TRANSPORTATION SERV.				
Pupil Transportation/Resident	71,426.00	71,425.00	88,700.00	88,700.00
Vocational Transportation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Athletic Transportation	8,500.00	9,182.48	8,600.00	9,200.00
Special Ed Transportation	14,901.00	9,978.98	7,000.00	10,500.00
Total Transportation	94,827.00	90,586.46	104,300.00	108,400.00
FOOD SERVICE				
Salary	16,107.00	18,810.05	17,610.00	17,773.00
Fringe Benefits	2,071.00	2,303.09	2,170.00	2,530.00
Meal Transportation	245.00	124.90	245.00	200.00
Software/Repairs/Propane	850.00	838.32	850.00	1,250.00
Supplies	20,000.00	26,680.80	21,000.00	26,600.00
New Equipment	0.00	3,875.32	0.00	
Commodities Freight/Storage	500.00	567.96	500.00	500.00
Federal Commodities	0.00	2,573.00	0.00	0.00
Workshops & Conferences	125.00	125.22	125.00	125.00
Total Food Service	39,898.00	55,898.66	42,500.00	48,978.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal/Minden Hall	45,000.00	45,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Interest/Minden Hall	6,851.00	6,850.63	4,020.00	1,340.00
Total Debt Expenses	51,851.00	51,850.63	44,020.00	41,340.00
PAYMENT TO EDUCATION FUN	0.00	5,348.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,196,839.00	\$ 2,152,363.28	\$ 2,263,000.00	\$ 2,465,276.00

**CRAFTSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OTHER FUNDS**

	<u>Home Ec Account</u>	<u>Bldg/Maint. Account</u>
<u>FY2002-2003</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 58,240.34	\$ 88,110.86
Receipts	0.00	3,191.36
Interest	1,261.49	1,072.14
Expenditures	0.00	(1,000.00)
<u>Fund Balance a/o 6/30/03</u>	<u>\$ 59,501.83</u>	<u>\$ 91,374.36</u>

	<u>Dustan Scienc Funds</u>	<u>E Rate Funds</u>
<u>FY2002-2003</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 14,601.09	\$ 1,871.64
Receipts	5,000.00	0.00
	500.00	
Expenditures	(1,142.72)	(1,230.38)
<u>Fund Balance a/o 6/30/03</u>	<u>\$ 18,958.37</u>	<u>\$ 641.26</u>

	<u>NAS Funds</u>	<u>Other Misc. Funds</u>
<u>FY2002-2003</u>		
Beginning Balance	\$ 1,150.64	\$ 3,094.67
Receipts	0.00	0.00
Expenditures	(1,150.64)	0.00
<u>Fund Balance a/o 6/30/03</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,094.67</u>

ORLEANS SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION
THREE YEAR SUMMARY

In accordance with Title 16, Section 261a(10), the following represents a summary of the budget for the Supervisory Union

FY2003	General Budget	EEE Budget	Federal Grants	Medicaid & EPSDT Funds
Beginning Balance	\$ 30,143.00	\$ (3,289.00)	\$ 38,023.73	\$ 328,140.31
Adjustment	884.00		(495.38)	
Receipts	574,575.00	62,168.00	1,183,644.30	187,886.89
Expenditures	(610,364.00)	(60,480.00)	(1,156,242.10)	(259,484.90)
FY02 Fund Balance	\$ (4,762.00)	\$ (1,601.00)	\$ 64,930.55	\$ 256,542.30

FY2004

Beginning Balance	\$ (4,762.00)	\$ (1,601.00)	\$ 64,930.55	\$ 256,542.30
Projected/Available Revenues	612,774.00	59,106.00	1,299,918.16	106,819.92
Projected Expenditures	(599,274.00)	(59,079.00)	(1,226,079.00)	(255,302.36)
Projected Fund Balance	\$ 8,738.00	\$ (1,574.00)	\$ 138,769.71	* \$ 108,059.86

*Medicaid/EPSDT Funds are based on Claims Submitted

FY2005 Funds/Expenditures have not been determined to date.

The following represents the total of the Special Education Budgets for which Federal revenues were awarded to the Supervisory Union

FY2003

Beginning Balance	\$ 368.94
Adjustment	0.00
Receipts	269,314.62
Expenditures	(268,453.39)
Fund Balance	\$ 1,230.17

The amount generated by and allocated to Craftsbury \$ 42,099.59

FY2004

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,230.17
Projected Receipts	271,507.00
Projected Expend.	(272,737.17)
Proj. Fund Balance	\$0.00

The amount generated by and allocated to Craftsbury \$ 31,513.39

FY2005 Funds have not been determined to date.

Three Prior Years Comparisons

ESTIMATES
ONLYDistrict: **Craftsbury**
County: **Orleans**LEA: **055**
S.U.: **Orleans Southwest**

Expenditures

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	
Budget (local budget approved in prior years)	2,057,791	2,200,839	2,263,000	2,465,276	1.
82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	22,304	2.
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)	76,888	83,131	83,940	102,195	3.
Deficit (if included in local budget)	-	-	-	not applicable	4.
+ Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	25,442	26,884	27,133	-	5.
+ 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	6.
+ 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	7.
+ 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	8.
- Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-	9.
	2,083,233	2,227,723	2,290,133	2,465,276	10.
Act 68 local adopted budget					
+ Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-	11.
+ Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	-	-	-	-	12.
+ Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	18,353	898	21,209	-	13.
	2,101,586	2,228,621	2,311,342	2,465,276	14.
Gross Act 68 Budget					
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-	15.

Revenues

+ Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	604,604	687,172	668,470	885,913	16.
+ Capital debt aid	12,371	12,179	7,252	-	17.
+ Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	18,353	898	21,209	-	18.
- Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	-	-	-	-	19.
- Act 144 revenues	635,328	700,249	696,931	885,913	20.
					21.
Total revenues	635,328	700,249	696,931	885,913	22.
Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-	23.
Adjusted local revenues	635,328	700,249	696,931	885,913	

Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	1,466,258	1,528,372	1,614,411	1,579,363	24.
Equalized Pupils	162.43	156.74	159.02	162.59	25.
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	9,027	9,751	10,152	9,714	26.

Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)

Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment

District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)
(\$9,714 / \$6,800)Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized
(142.853% x \$1.05)Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity
(142.853% x 2.0%)

**Principal's Report
2003-2004 School Year**

This year for the Craftsbury Schools has been one filled with excitement and growth, not only in student enrollment, but also in professional development and student learning.

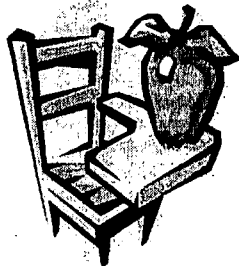
At the elementary level, our students continue to progress from early learners in reading and math to more analytical and interpretive levels in those subjects. One of the biggest changes this year was the size of the kindergarten class; 22 students, one of the largest classes in the K-12 system. Our elementary students continue to learn through experience with the ELF program, Garden Project, field trips, and our outdoor physical education program. The faculty has continued to work as a team, and has begun to build assessments that not only accurately measure student's knowledge, but also inform team discussions about best practices for all teachers to share.

Our middle level program welcomed two new core teachers and several new students this year. Our focus has been on implementing a curriculum that provides learning opportunities for all student's so that each is challenged and successful. Our middle level curriculum is comprehensive and included the core courses of reading, mathematics, science, history, and language arts. Students are also required to study art, physical education, and technical education. The middle school team continues to discuss ways to integrate units and provide a deeper presentation of the topics of study so that students may demonstrate their mastery of skills as well as construct their own understanding of key concepts.

At the secondary level, students begin to make choices and pursue individual interests that will shape their lives in years to come. The secondary faculty constantly assesses the course offerings to ensure that our students have access to the curricula they need to make informed decisions about their futures. These course offerings include core subjects in English, social studies, science, and mathematics and are required through tenth grade. For students' eleventh and twelfth grades, graduation and elective requirements may be fulfilled through such courses as chemistry, physics, calculus, forestry, Spanish, expository writing, journalism, art, industrial arts. These offerings and others utilize our resources efficiently and effectively and offer our students opportunities to explore areas of interest beyond the common core of learning. In addition, the high school team works together to plan for annual events that provide an environment in which all students can work and learn together, most notably in the Thematics project that will be taught late this spring.

With the high level of support from parents, area businesses, and community volunteers, the Craftsbury faculty continues to provide rich learning experiences for the students and strives to attain greater levels of student mastery and understanding for all of our students.

Chris Young, Principal K-12



2003-2004
Guidance Report

The Craftsbury guidance program provides services for K-12 students and their families. Services include short term individual sessions, small group work and classroom or large group experiences. Regular consultations with teachers, parents, outside agencies, and care providers along with coordination and administration of guidance related services, testing programs (SAT, Terra Nova, PSAT, and New Standards State Testing), orientation of new students, and scheduling are also included.

K-6 services include weekly classroom sessions which address social skills and empathy training, cooperation and trust building, problem solving, decision making, conflict management, friendship and other areas related to specific issues.

Principles from the Responsive Classroom and adventure based programming are important features of the K-6 program activities which challenge students to solve problems, work cooperatively, resolve conflicts, address gender issues, and build trust are incorporated into weekly sessions. Insights from these experiences are then applied to the classroom setting.

Guidance services in grades 7-12 include individual, small group and classroom experiences. Individual meetings are also held with each student to explore goals, plan remaining years in high school and investigate options for post-secondary education or work. Parent contact and meetings with teachers are an important aspect of a student's school experience and are encouraged for all students. These conferences are a regular feature of the guidance program.

College and career planning-During the summer of 2003, sophomores and juniors were offered the opportunity to meet with the guidance counselor to discuss future career and college plans. The work was funded through a grant from the Vermont Student Assistance program (VSAC). Twenty-three students (along with their parents) took advantage of the opportunity. Families were provided with information about various programs: changes in the 2004 SAT, VSAC, Med-Quest, Governor's Institutes, Project Jumpstart at Johnson State College, etc..

Guidance cont.

In conjunction with VSAC, Craftsbury families are able to attend in depth evening sessions about financial aid. College bound seniors, as part of "Senior Lab", are also provided information about the college application process, the financial aid process, and the scholarship search process. Student college applications are all reviewed and sent by the guidance office. Eight of the ten Craftsbury seniors this year have current plans for post-secondary schooling. The VSAC Gear-Up program works with 18 students to help them plan their educational future.

During the autumn, eight juniors took the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test. ASVAB tests academic skills as well as knowledge of automotives, electronics and mechanics.

Five Craftsbury students are currently enrolled in the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center. One of the students is participating in the pre-tech program which was initiated this academic year. Other students are participating in Industrial Mechanics, Health and Human Services, Automotive Technology, and Multimedia and Design.

During the spring, job shadowing experiences are planned for all members of the junior class. Last year, students job shadowed with the town road crew, in a bakery, at a police department, at a day care center, and in an elementary school. Students also attended a science career day at UVM and an art career day in Stowe. Three females students took part in a VTC workshop to explore careers that are non-traditional for women-such as welding and driving heavy equipment.

Craftsbury students have been exposed to the complete range of tests used by colleges and universities in the admissions process. PSAT is a preparatory test for SAT. The guidance office has provided access to it to all sophomores and juniors. ACT-PLAN is a preparatory test for ACT. All sophomores (as well as interested juniors) at Craftsbury were tested. The goal of providing access to the two preparatory tests is to allow students to make a choice of test that works best for each individual.

REACH! Project 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Craftsbury Town Report

The lights are on during the out-of-school hours in Craftsbury schools. With the assistance of a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the REACH! Project has been providing a variety of programs in Craftsbury and the other Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union schools.

For the past two years the grant has supported academic, enrichment, and recreation activities for all school-age children during after-school hours, school breaks, and summer vacations. It also provided a broad range of low-cost community education courses, or Night Life, for adults and teens.

In the second year of the grant (Academic Year 2002-2003) REACH! served 622 students, or 52% of all the students in the supervisory union (83 students from Craftsbury), and over 200 adults.

The elementary after-school programs offer healthy snacks, time to complete homework or to improve reading skills, followed by activities such as Legos Edventures, Tae Kwon Do, cartooning, challenge and adventure, and weaving. Sessions end with "culminating activities" such as a performance, exhibit, portfolio of work, or presentation to parents and the community. Middle and secondary students have a similar schedule with a different mix of activities.

During the school holidays and the summer vacation, REACH! provides full-day programs. Taking advantage of two teacher-training days in late October, the project offers an intensive outdoor experience. The Craftsbury site is ideally situated for this type of program, so students from the Wolcott community are included in the program. Access to wilderness trails and facilities, staff expertise, and partnership with Sterling College provide students with an exciting introduction to outdoor adventures. Activities include animal tracking, fire building, first aid, plant identification, and autumn ecology.

The February school break is the opportunity for in-depth fine and performing arts experience. The project offers four full days of programs for all O.S.S.U. students with a community celebration of exhibits of students' work and performances. Activities included circus, woodworking, ceramics, theater, and dance.

The Craftsbury Summer 2002 learning camp built upon the success of the previous year with a three-week, theme-based program (Our Water World). During the morning session students observed and mapped the local watershed, studied local and worldwide environmental issues, and completed literacy projects related to the importance of water. In the afternoon they went fishing and swimming. The program ended with an exciting bus trip to the Whale's Tale, a popular water park, in northern New Hampshire.

Most Night Life offerings at Craftsbury were cancelled due to low enrollment during the 2002-2003 academic year. The new community library, however, is committed to

offering community education and has facilities suitable for this purpose. The project is now concentrating its Night Life offerings at the Hazen Union.

In addition to providing safe and engaging after-school experiences that help the social, emotional, and physical growth of children and youth, it appears that there are academic benefits as well. Teachers responded to surveys regarding the academic and social behaviors of Craftsbury students who were "regular attendees" in REACH! programs (attended 30 or more days during the grant year). Survey results indicated 42% of students had improved their homework skills, class participation, and sociability with others.

Even more encouraging are the positive trends in math and English grades for these same students. Grade reports indicate that no student lost ground in math; 20% had no grade change, 20% increased their math grades by a half grade, and 60% increased a full grade or more. Improvements in English were also very positive. No student lost ground in English; 12% had grades that remained the same, 40% increased half a grade, and 48% increased by a full grade or more.

In addition to the school administration and faculty, there are many partners assisting the REACH! Project in Craftsbury: Sterling College, the Craftsbury Recreation Committee, and the Craftsbury Outdoor Center are just a few. All have provided staff, volunteers, technical assistance, equipment, and facilities.

Program fees provide another source of operating income. Fees are based on a family's ability to pay and range from \$1.30 to \$2.60 per day for after-school programs. The cost to operate programs, however, ranges from \$3-\$5 a day. The grant funding has been bridging this gap.

The REACH! Project is in its last year of grant funding. The current grant is not renewable, but any grant monies remaining after May 2004 may be used during the following year. Programs that are beginning to demonstrate positive academic results are not sustainable, however, without new sources of funding or community partners willing to provide some of the programs.

Site teams, composed of interested parents, community members, and school staff, have been acting as an advisory board to the REACH! Project at Craftsbury. They are considering ways to continue programs with existing community organizations, reducing or eliminating some activities, and seeking other grants.

Jim Carrien is the site coordinator for the REACH! Project in Craftsbury and Wolcott. As a graduate and former admissions recruiter for Sterling College, he brings great skills and ideas to the job. Jim welcomes your questions, suggestions, and interest in continuing these great programs. You may visit him at Craftsbury Academy, contact him by phone, 586-2464, or email, jcarrien_21ccclc@yahoo.com

Thank you for all of your continued support.

WARNING

FOR ANNUAL TOWN AND TOWN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING:
THE LEGAL VOTERS IN TOWN MEETING AND TOWN FIRE DISTRICT MEETING ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED AND WARNED TO MEET AT THE CRAFTSBURY ACADEMY GYMNASIUM ON TUESDAY THE SECOND DAY OF MARCH A.D., 2004 AT 10:00 A.M. TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE, TO WIT:

ARTICLE 1. TO ELECT A MODERATOR FOR TOWN, TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TOWN FIRE DISTRICT.

ARTICLE 2. TO HEAR AND ACT UPON THE AUDITOR'S REPORT.

ARTICLE 3. TO ELECT ALL OTHER OFFICERS OF THE TOWN AND FIRE DISTRICT:

TOWN CLERK FOR TOWN, SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND FIRE DISTRICT (3 YEAR TERM)
TOWN TREASURER FOR TOWN, SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND FIRE DISTRICT (3 YEAR TERM)
SELECTBOARD MEMBER (1 YEAR TERM)
SELECTBOARD MEMBER (3 YEAR TERM)
COLLECTOR OF TAXES (1 YEAR TERM)
LISTER (3 YEAR TERM)
AUDITOR (1 YEAR TERM)
AUDITOR (2 YEAR TERM)
AUDITOR (3 YEAR TERM)
CRAFTSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE (4 YEAR TERM)
TOWN AGENT (1 YEAR TERM)
TOWN GRAND JUROR (1YEAR TERM)
CEMETERY COMMISSIONER (5 YEAR TERM)
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS (3 YEAR TERM)
WORLD WAR II MEM. FUND TRUSTEE (3 YEAR TERM)

ARTICLE 4. TO SEE HOW MUCH MONEY THE TOWN WILL VOTE FOR OPERATIONS OF THE TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ARTICLE 5. TO SEE HOW MUCH MONEY THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO BUILD BRIDGES AND DEFRAY ALL OTHER EXPENSES OF THE TOWN, AND DIRECT THE SELECT BOARD TO ASSESS A TAX SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE SAME.

ARTICLE 6. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE A SUM OF \$ 5,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE TOWN WIDE REAPPRAISAL.

ARTICLE 7. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO PURCHASE 38 +/- ACRES OF LAND LOCATED ON THE BLACK RIVER ROAD.

ARTICLE 8. IF ARTICLE 8 PASSES, WILL THE VOTERS ALLOW THE SELECTBOARD TO EXPEND \$30,000. FROM THE TOWN LOGGING ACCT AND FINANCE THE REMAINING \$45,000. OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS PLUS INTEREST.

ARTICLE 9. WILL THE TOWN VOTE A SUM OF MONEY NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 , PLUS INTEREST, TO BE BORROWED OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUE TRUCK.

ARTICLE 10. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE THE SUM OF \$ 24,550.12 FOR APPROPRIATIONS AS REQUESTED.

ARTICLE 11. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE THE SUM OF \$ 1,927.40 FOR NEWLY REQUESTED APPROPRIATIONS.

ARTICLE 12. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AGAIN EXEMPT THE MASONIC HALL FROM TAXES FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS

ARTICLE 13. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECT BOARD TO DRAW TEMPORARY LOAN ORDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

ARTICLE 14. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO HAVE THE TAXES COLLECTED BY THE TOWN TREASURER.

ARTICLE 15. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO COLLECT TAXES ON REAL PEROPERTY IN INSTALLMENTS AND IF SO VOTED, HOW MANY INSTALLMENTS AND WHAT DISCOUNTS IF ANY SHALL BE ALLOWED.

ARTICLE 16. TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO COLLECT INTEREST ON ALL DELINQUENT TAXES AT THE RATE OF 1 ½% PER MONTH OR THE MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY LAW, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND, IF SO VOTED, WHEN SUCH TAXES SHALL BEGIN TO DRAW INTEREST.

ARTICLE 17. TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFOR THIS MEETING.

DATED AT CRAFTSBURY, VERMONT JANUARY 30th A.D., 2004.

SELECTBOARD: Bruce A. Urie BRUCE URIE
Randi Calderwood RANDI CALDERWOOD
Walter Gutzmann WALTER GUTZMANN

CRAFTSBURY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE RECEIVED THE FOREGOING WARNING FOR RECORD JANUARY 30 A.D., 2004 AT 4 O'CLOCK 30 MINUTES PM AND DULY RECORDED THE SAME BEFORE POSTING.

ATTEST: Yvette Brown (Craftsbury, VT 2003 09) YVETTE BROWN
TOWN CLERK

**CRAFTSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
WARNING**

The legal voters of the Craftsbury Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the CRAFTSBURY ACADEMY GYMNASIUM on Tuesday, the 2nd day of March A.D., 2004 at 1:00 P.M. to act on the following Articles:

Article 1: To see what sum the Town School District will vote for School purposes for the ensuing year and vote how and when necessary tax liability shall be paid.

Article 2: To see if the Town School District will authorize and empower the School Directors to draw temporary loan orders for the purpose of borrowing money on the credit of the Town School District to meet expenditures of its departments in anticipation of State-Aid and taxes.

Article 3: To elect a School Director for a term of three years.

Article 4: To elect a School Director for a term of two years.

Article 5: To see if the Town School District will authorize the School Directors to transfer any unobligated year end fund balance to the reserve fund which has been established pursuant to Title 24 Section 2804 for building repairs and maintenance.

Article 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated at Craftsbury, Vermont this 20th day of January A.D., 2004.

Julia Amickes
John P. Poirer
Harry H. White
Randy Martin
Y. Z.
School Directors
Craftsbury Town School District

Craftsbury Town Clerk's Office Received the foregoing Warning for record January 29 A.D., 2004 at 8 o'clock 30 minutes A.M. and duly recorded the same before posting.

Attest: Yvette Brown Yvette Brown
Craftsbury, VT 2005 80 Clerk

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