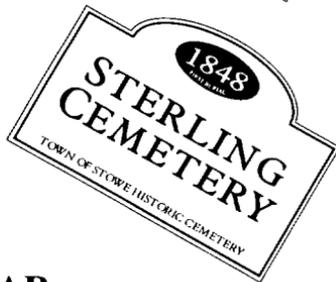
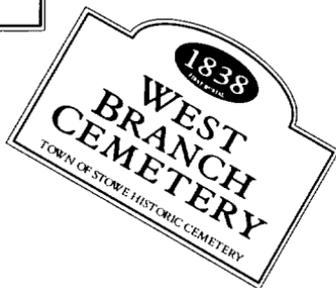
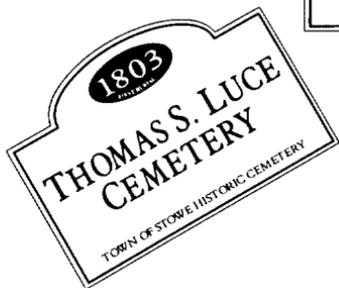


Annual Report
OF THE AUDITORS
TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Stowe, Vermont



FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003
*Bring This Copy to Town Meeting
on March 2, 2004*



White House & Vault at Riverbank



David Mandigo—Head Crew Chief

Mike Mandigo—Foreman/Assistant Rink Director

Caleb Mayo—Assistant Crew Chief

Bruce Godin—Superintendent of Parks, Recreation & Cemeteries

Missing from picture—Russell Luce, Assistant Crew Chief

STOWE

Chartered	June 8, 1763
Elevation above sea level	723 feet
Population (2000 census).....	4,339 *
Area	47,808 acres **

Registered voters (March 4, 2003)	3,466
Voters at polls (March 4, 2003)	1,136
Voters at March 4, 2003 Town Meeting	402
Voters at Special Town Meeting August 12, 2003	48

Mt. Mansfield elevation.....	4,394 feet
Vertical drop.....	2,360 feet

Number of primary residences.....	1,347
Number of mobile homes	24
Number of condominiums	659
Number of vacation homes	636
Number of commercial apartment buildings	17
Number of working farms	10

* Approximate

** Largest acreage of a Vermont town

TOWN HIGHWAYS

Class 1	1.549 miles
Class 2	13.130 miles
Class 3	65.210 miles
Class 4	13.360 miles
State Highway	13.904 miles

SCENIC HIGHWAYS

Class 3	12.390 miles
Class 4	4.280 miles
State Highway	1.147 miles
Recreation Path	5+ miles

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TOWN OFFICERS**ELECTED**

Town Moderator:

Term expires 2004 William A. Kelk

Town Clerk:

Term expires 2005 Alison K. Lewis

Treasurer:

Term expires 2005 Karla R. Spaulding

Constable:

Term expires 2004 Leigh E. Tabor, Sr

Selectboard:

Term expires 2004 Peter J. Beck

Term expires 2004 Charles T. Lusk

Term expires 2005 Richard C. Marron

Term expires 2005 Helen Beckerhoff

Term expires 2006 Theodore J. Teffner

Listers:

Term expires 2004 Paul E. Percy

Term expires 2005 Leo V. Clark

Term expires 2006 Ellen Thorndike

Auditors:

Term expires 2004 Barbara S. Allaire

Term expires 2005 Claire T. Austin

Term expires 2006 Joyce R. Lawrence

School District Moderator: William A. Kelk

School Directors:

Term expires 2004 Rebecca Graddock

Term expires 2004 Frederick J. Hutchins

Term expires 2005 Cameron Page

Term expires 2005 Terrence K. Dwyer

Term expires 2006 Don Post

Justices of the Peace:

All terms expire February 1, 2005 Annmarie Alexander-Kramer

Ralph S. Barrows

Elizabeth H. Campbell

Leighton C. Detora

Peter M. Haslam

Peter Hartt

Frank H. Lackey

Pall D. Spera

Herbert O'Brien

Kermit Spaulding

Mitzi Spear

Jos. "Chip" Haggerty

APPOINTED**Cemetery Commissioners:**

Term expires 2004	Clarke Foster
Term expires 2004	George von Trapp
Term expires 2005	Donna Adams
Term expires 2005	Leigh Tabor, Sr.
Term expires 2006	Joy Fagan

Library Trustees:

Term expires 2004	Susan Chase
Term expires 2004	Nancy Stead
Term expires 2004	Phyllis Thibault
Term expires 2005	Conchessa Brownell
Term expires 2005	Richard Johannesen, Jr.
Term expires 2006	Jo Sabel Courtney
Term expires 2006	Terry Smith
Trustee Emerita	Phoebe Sakash

Recreation Commissioners:

Term expires 2004	Sheila Goss
Term expires 2005	David Matthews
Term expires 2005	Gene Cullen
Term expires 2006	Phillip Scott
Term expires 2006	Graydon Vigneau, Jr.

Development Review Board:

Term expires 2004	Peter Beddow
Term expires 2005	Bryant Brink
Term expires 2005	Allan Coppock
Term expires 2005	Chris Walton
Term expires 2006	Edmund Izzo
Term expires 2006	Francis Aumand
Alternate for one year	Lynn Altadonna
One vacancy as of December 1, 2003	

Planning Commission:

Term expires 2004	Scott Noble
Term expires 2004	Paul E. Percy
Term expires 2005	Charles Baraw, Jr.
Term expires 2005	Lynn Altadonna
Term expires 2006	Barbara Pfitzenmayer
Term expires 2006	Robert Evans
Helen Beckerhoff, Ex Officio	
One vacancy	

Conservation Commission:

- Term expires 2004Bruce Harmon
- Term expires 2005David Jaqua
- Term expires 2005Christine Donovan
- Term expires 2005Jan Reynolds
- Term expires 2006Bruce Bell
- Term expires 2006George Gay
- Term expires 2006Jack Daggitt

Historic Preservation Commission:

- Term expires 2004Chris Carey
- Term expires 2004John Frisbie
- Term expires 2004Timothy Meehan
- Term expires 2006Ernie Rusky
- Term expires 2006Heidi Arnold
- Term expires 2006Sam Scofield

Stowe Electric Utility Commissioners:

- Term expires 2004Edward French, Jr.
- Term expires 2005Robert Wadds
- Term expires 2006Peter Haslam

Town Administrator.....John H. Drury

Collector of Delinquent TaxesAlison K. Lewis

Finance ManagerKarla Spaulding

Accounting Clerk.....Nancy Tingle

Executive Secretary and Clerk to SelectboardSusan Moeck

Assistant Town ClerkMary Black

Assistant Town ClerkDebbie Mason

Assistant TreasurerAlison K. Lewis

Deputy RegistrarsMary Black & Debbie Mason
Chris Palermo & Robert Stafford

Director of Planning.....Tom Jackman

Administrative Assistant to Zoning.....Jennifer Rowe

Zoning Director.....Darrow Mansfield

Acting Zoning AdministratorSusan Moeck

Secretary to Recreation,
Cemetery CommissionBarbara S. Allaire

Public Works DirectorClifford W. Johnson
 Highway SuperintendentStephen J. Bonneau
 Road CommissionerClifford W. Johnson

Road Crew:

Larry Foster, John Allen, Eric Bates, Melvin Wells, Joe Martin, Jason Wells, Robert Mandigo and Larry Bohannon.

Fire ChiefWendall Mansfield
 First AssistantLeslie Pike
 Second Fire ChiefMark Walker
 Police ChiefKenneth Kaplan

Police Officers:

Detective Sergeant Edward Stewart, Sergeant Steven Stewart, Corporal Bruce Merriam, Corporal Edwin Webster.

Patrolmen: Christopher McHugh, Bruce Emerson, David Knight, Loren Thresher, Christopher Rogers, Frederic Whitcomb and Michael Dougherty.

Part-Time Officers: Francis Gonyaw, Robert Beeman, Richard Moore, Jan Zygmuntowicz, Matthew Andrews, Marc Newton, Darron Tabor, David Anderson, Kevin Maxfield and Christopher Wright.

K-9 Cinder

Executive AssistantNancy Kaplan
 Technology OfficerDarron Tabor
 Wastewater SuperintendentGreg Lewis

Plant Operators:William Sweetser, Bryan Longe, William Coote

LaborerDonald Clark
 Plant TechnicianGwyn Wilkins-Mandigo

Chief Water Plant Operator.....Michael Mandigo

Water Plant OperatorAllen Ross

Superintendent of Parks, Recreation & CemeteryBruce Godin

Recreation Director	Tori Faye
Recreation Foreman/Assistant Rink Manager	Michael Manning
Head Crew Chief	David Mandigo
Assistant Crew Chiefs	Russell Luce and Caleb Mayo
Electric Department:	
General Manager	Bernard Machia
Superintendent	Hal Ranney
Controller	Shelli Hathaway
Office Manager	Ellen Tillotson
Secretary/AP Clerk	Dawn Haslam
Administrative Assistant	Brooke Gadapee
Data Entry Clerk	Jennifer Mink
Data Entry Clerk	Diane Darling
Lineman	Howard Raymond
Lineman	Lewis Hallstrom
Lineman	Steven Lambert
Lineman	Randy Mandigo
Lineman	Ron Kerin
Lineman	Larry Lanphere
Lineman	John Davis
Meter Reader	Debbie Adams
Meter Reader	Larry St. Cyr
Rescue EMS Provider/Adm. Assistant	Larry (Duke) Rhodes
Rescue EMS Provider/Adm. Assistant	Patricia Boyle
Library:	
Director	Charlotte Maison
Children's Librarian	Julie Pickett
Systems Administrator	Megan Carder
Staff:	
Clerk	Carol Stevens
Library Assistant- Front Desk	Marcia Smith
Memorial Building/Police Station Custodian	Stanley Szyndlar
Water Treatment Plant	
Library/Art Center Custodian	Peter Smith
Town Mechanic	Alan Shatney

Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management

- District SupervisorDana (Chip) Percy, Jr
- Health OfficerDarrow Mansfield
- Deputy Health Officers:Clifford W. Johnson, Dr. Michael Sampson
- State Public Health VeterinarianRobert Johnson, DVM
1-800-640-4374 or 253-4426 (h)
- Grand JurorMark Kolter
- Deputy Grand JurorEric Phaneuf
- Agent to Convey Real EstateJohn Drury
- Fence ViewersSusan Moeck and Bud McKeon
- Animal Control Officer and Pound Keeper.....Jackie Schmelzer
- Town Fire WardenSven Skjolberg
- Deputy Fire WardenMark Walker
- Appraiser for the Board of ListersThomas Vickery
- Town Service OfficerReverend Bruce Comiskey
- Lamoille County Planning Commission RepClifford W. Johnson
& Lynn Altadonna
- LCPC Transportation Advisory CommitteeTom Jackman
- LECP - Lamoille Emergency Planning CommitteeNeil Van Dyke
- AlternateDerek Libby
- Green Up Day ChairmanParker Diamond
- Emergency Management CoordinatorCornelius Van Dyke
- 9-1-1 Contact Person.....Lawrence (Duke) Rhodes

AUDITORS' REPORT

Dear Readers and Taxpayers of Stowe:

We herewith submit a fiscal report of the Town of Stowe prepared by Sullivan, Powers and Company, followed by accounts of some of the Town Departments showing relative incomes and expenses in detail.*

Also enclosed is a fiscal report for the Stowe School District prepared by David H. Angolano, CPA, PC, followed by Town School District budget reports.**

All of the above reports are based on operations during the fiscal year which began July 1, 2002 and ended June 30, 2003.

Vital statistics involving marriages, births, and deaths, and various County agencies and organizations to which Stowe contributes are based on the 2003 calendar year.

We do not alter minutes, figures or facts submitted to us for publication in this Town Report. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

We remind you that the results in this report are for the year which ended June 30, 2003. The proposed budget is for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA S. ALLAIRE
JOYCE R. LAWRENCE
CLAIRE T. AUSTIN
Auditors

* Income and disbursements from Stowe Volunteer Fire Fighters, Inc. and Stowe Rescue Squad, Inc. are neither included nor audited.

** These reports were neither verified nor audited.

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
AUDIT REPORT
JUNE 30, 2003

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
AUDIT REPORT
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Independent Auditor's Report

Selectboard
 Town of Stowe
 P.O. Box 730
 Stowe, Vermont 05672

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

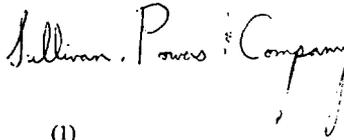
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining,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

The financial statements referred to above do not include the financial activities of the Electric Department which should be included to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

A statement of general fixed assets, required by generally accepted accounting principles, is not included in the financial report because the Town has not maintained records as to the historical costs of its general fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed asset account group is unknown.

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

October 17, 2003
 Montpelier, Vermont
 Vt Lic. #92-000180



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Exhibit 1

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

	Governmental Fund Types			Capital Projects Funds	Proprietary Fund Types	Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Total (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Funds					
ASSETS								
Cash - Note 2	\$ 100,841	\$ 104,813	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,870,131	\$ 46,444	\$ 0	\$ 2,124,629
Investments - Note 3	0	0	0	0	0	190,410	0	190,410
Receivables - (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles) - Note 4	290,139	96,684	0	66,414	130,336	0	0	583,572
Loans Receivable - Note 5	0	0	0	5,712	5,712	0	0	5,411,212
Due from Other Funds	0	230,157	0	127,433	163,499	0	0	330,983
Inventory - Note 6	0	0	0	0	28,407	0	0	28,407
Property, Plant and Equipment (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) - Note 7	0	0	0	0	31,249,312	0	0	31,249,312
Accounts to be Provided for Payment of General Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,017,983	3,017,983
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 393,979	\$ 431,654	\$ 0	\$ 193,847	\$ 28,831,337	\$ 256,866	\$ 3,017,983	\$ 43,125,690
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Accounts Payable	\$ 128,101	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,102,004	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,230,105
Accrued Payroll and Payroll Taxes	31,614	0	0	0	6,700	0	0	66,314
Accrued Interest Payable	0	0	0	0	21,394	0	0	21,394
Other Accrued Payables	0	0	0	0	185	0	0	185
Due to Other Funds	231,688	22,829	0	63,849	266,000	0	0	238,963
Deferred Revenues - Note 8	161,313	2,979	0	0	71,977	0	0	246,269
Accrued Compensated Absence - Note 9	0	0	0	0	1,977	0	340,134	412,131
Notes and Bonds Payable - Note 10	0	0	0	0	25,528,857	0	2,677,831	28,206,688
Total Liabilities	574,716	25,798	0	63,849	26,997,943	0	3,017,983	30,679,871
Fund Equity:								
Contributed Capital - Note 11	0	0	0	0	11,277,883	0	0	11,277,883
Retained Earnings:								
Investment in Property, Plant and Equipment	0	0	0	0	639,663	0	0	639,663
Undesignated	0	0	0	0	(63,754)	0	0	(63,754)
Fund Subtotal(Deficit):	32,815	3,328	0	0	0	236,968	0	295,061
Restricted - Note 12	6,349	400,568	0	129,998	0	0	0	536,915
Unrestricted:								
Designated - Note 13	(239,941)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(239,941)
Undesignated	(189,737)	403,895	0	129,998	575,911	236,968	0	1,167,936
Total Restricted Earnings/ Fund Balance(Deficit)	(189,737)	403,895	0	129,998	575,911	236,968	0	1,167,936
Total Fund Equity(Deficit)	(189,737)	403,895	0	129,998	11,833,794	236,968	0	12,445,819
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 393,979	\$ 431,654	\$ 0	\$ 193,847	\$ 28,831,337	\$ 256,866	\$ 3,017,983	\$ 43,125,690

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

Exhibit II

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
 AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Total (Memorandum Only)
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 4,612,195	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,612,195
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	88,218	0	0	88,218
Charges for Services	597,104	77,009	0	674,113
Intergovernmental Revenue	315,025	319,564	34,665	669,254
Licenses, Permits and Fines	438,388	0	0	438,388
Investment Income	58,832	6,898	391	66,121
Other	<u>32,606</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>41,521</u>
Total Revenues	<u>6,142,368</u>	<u>407,386</u>	<u>40,056</u>	<u>6,589,810</u>
Expenditures:				
General Government	1,351,528	4,838		1,356,366
Public Safety	1,545,335	73,949	0	1,619,284
Public Works	1,257,890	0	0	1,257,890
Trolley System	0	316,324	0	316,324
Culture and Recreation	854,987	41,934	0	896,921
Capital Outlay	99,886	0	653,595	753,481
Debt Service:				
Principal	295,396	0	0	295,396
Interest	<u>177,296</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>177,296</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>5,582,318</u>	<u>437,045</u>	<u>653,595</u>	<u>6,672,958</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>560,050</u>	<u>(29,659)</u>	<u>(613,539)</u>	<u>(83,148)</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	100,000	0	0	100,000
Operating Transfers In	6,000	117,492	666,000	789,492
Operating Transfers Out	<u>(783,492)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(783,492)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(677,492)</u>	<u>117,492</u>	<u>666,000</u>	<u>106,000</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(117,442)	87,833	52,461	22,852
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - July 1, 2002	<u>(63,295)</u>	<u>318,063</u>	<u>77,537</u>	<u>332,305</u>
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - June 30, 2003	<u>\$ (180,737)</u>	<u>\$ 405,896</u>	<u>\$ 129,998</u>	<u>\$ 355,157</u>

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

Exhibit III
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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Tax Revenue	\$ 4,629,625	\$ 4,659,055	\$ 29,430
Selectmen's General	269,339	283,327	13,988
Town Clerk	111,800	161,972	50,172
Auditors School Report	2,000	3,107	1,107
Audit - Water, Sewer and Trolley	6,515	6,515	0
Accounting	14,709	20,063	5,354
Fire	5,000	2,574	(2,426)
Highway Department	176,500	207,608	31,108
Listers' Office	500	822	322
Memorial Building Rent	0	121	121
Rescue	87,500	109,707	22,207
Library	1,600	2,085	485
Planning/Zoning	58,400	184,165	125,765
Police Department	112,000	164,845	52,845
Public Works	28,651	22,651	(6,000)
Public Health	4,300	3,455	(845)
Recreation Commission	235,900	230,379	(5,521)
Insurance and Benefits Refunds	42,657	15,883	(26,774)
Interest	50,000	15,700	(34,300)
Miscellaneous	6,000	202	(5,798)
Wireless Lease	0	11,000	11,000
Debt Management and Interest	55,000	43,132	(11,868)
Grant Income - Capital	100,000	0	(100,000)
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	100,000	100,000	0
Total Revenues	6,097,996	6,248,368	150,372
Expenditures:			
Selectmen's General	222,258	224,408	(2,150)
Elections	5,193	5,227	(34)
Town Clerk	168,527	231,804	(63,277)
Town Auditors	21,717	20,612	1,105
Health/Zoning	82,784	80,135	2,649
Listers' Office	71,853	95,070	(23,217)
Treasurer/Finance	98,060	103,685	(5,625)
Planning	137,153	128,142	9,011
Historic Preservation	5,500	5,041	459
Police Department	1,044,586	1,188,220	(143,634)
Fire Department	227,594	219,994	7,600
Rescue Squad	155,463	158,232	(2,769)
Emergency Management	4,175	3,847	328
Highway	1,085,927	1,096,750	(10,823)
Public Works	176,472	189,201	(12,729)

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

Exhibit III
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TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Expenditures/(Cont'd)			
Street Lights	\$ 17,000	\$ 35,076	\$ (18,076)
Solid Waste	1,600	600	1,000
Cemeteries	6,299	3,867	2,432
Community Affairs	48,290	45,302	2,988
General Government	350,220	341,557	8,663
Health Officer/Animal Control	9,581	22,708	(13,127)
Recreation & Grounds	575,499	561,167	14,332
Library	283,114	292,504	(9,390)
Conservation Commission	11,500	3,664	7,836
Recreation Commission	1,299	1,316	(17)
Debt Management	466,981	419,674	47,307
Insurances	100,956	107,121	(6,165)
Reappraisal Fund Transfer	15,000	15,000	0
Capital Bond Expenses	100,000	99,886	114
Capital Outlay Transfer	666,000	666,000	0
Total Expenditures - Note 14	<u>6,160,601</u>	<u>6,365,810</u>	<u>(205,209)</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues			
Over Expenditures - Note 15	\$ <u>(62,605)</u>	(117,442)	\$ <u>(54,837)</u>
Fund Balance/(Deficit) - July 1, 2002		<u>(63,295)</u>	
Fund Balance/(Deficit) - June 30, 2003		<u>\$ (180,737)</u>	

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

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Exhibit IV

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
 IN RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCES
 ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Total (Memorandum Only)
	Enterprise Funds	Nonexpendable Cemetery Trust Fund	
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 626,453	\$ 29,528	\$ 655,981
Fees and Miscellaneous Revenues	52,906	0	52,906
Investment Income	0	6,711	6,711
Total Operating Revenues	679,359	36,239	715,598
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries and Wages	324,731	0	324,731
Benefits	111,160	0	111,160
Administration	87,100	21	87,121
Insurance	8,526	0	8,526
Maintenance	30,793	0	30,793
Buildings/Utilities	216,652	0	216,652
Legal and Auditing	4,344	0	4,344
Professional Services	31,740	0	31,740
Process Chemicals	85,607	0	85,607
Waste Disposal/Sludge Management	39,403	0	39,403
Other	34,275	0	34,275
Depreciation	307,665	0	307,665
Total Operating Expenses	1,281,996	21	1,282,017
Net Operating Income/(Loss)	(602,637)	36,218	(566,419)
Nonoperating Revenues/(Expenses):			
Investment Income	138,329	0	138,329
Interest Expense	(227,949)	0	(227,949)
Total Nonoperating Revenues/(Expenses)	(89,620)	0	(89,620)
Net Income/(Loss) Before Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	(692,257)	36,218	(656,039)
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):			
Operating Transfers Out	0	(6,000)	(6,000)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	0	(6,000)	(6,000)
Net Income/(Loss)	(692,257)	30,218	(662,039)
Add: Depreciation Attributable to Contributed Capital - Note 11	163,054	0	163,054
Decrease in Retained Earnings/Net Income	(529,203)	30,218	(498,985)
Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - July 1, 2002	1,105,114	206,650	1,311,764
Retained Earnings/Fund Balances - June 30, 2003	\$ 575,911	\$ 236,868	\$ 812,779

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

Exhibit V

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	Proprietary Fund Type	Fiduciary Fund Type	Total (Memorandum Only)
	Enterprise Funds	Nonexpendable Cemetery Trust Fund	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net Operating Income/(Loss)/Net Income	\$ (602,637)	\$ 30,218	\$ (572,419)
Add: Items Providing Cash or Not Requiring Cash:			
Depreciation Expense	307,665	0	307,665
Decrease in Due from Other Funds	1,917,403	0	1,917,403
Decrease in Inventory	901	0	901
Increase in Accrued Payroll	2,502	0	2,502
Increase in Due To Other Funds	185	0	185
Increase in Accrued Compensated Absences	26,568	0	26,568
Deduct: Items Using Cash or Not Providing Cash:			
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(24,337)	0	(24,337)
Increase in Inventory	(13,363)	0	(13,363)
Increase in Due from Other Funds	0	(135)	(135)
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(449,424)	0	(449,424)
Decrease in Other Accrued Payables	(810)	0	(810)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>1,164,653</u>	<u>30,083</u>	<u>1,194,736</u>
Net Cash Flows from Noncapital Related Financing Activities:			
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Noncapital Related Financing Activities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Contributed Capital	556,740	0	556,740
Proceeds of Bonds and Notes Payable	9,795,181	0	9,795,181
Decrease in Loans Receivable	688,045	0	688,045
Decrease in Deferred Capital Grant Revenue	(102,318)	0	(102,318)
Payments on Bonds and Notes Payable	(3,546,071)	0	(3,546,071)
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	(7,349,197)	0	(7,349,197)
Interest Paid	(230,781)	0	(230,781)
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(188,401)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(188,401)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Interest Received on Cash Deposits	138,329	0	138,329
Increase in Investments	0	(6,210)	(6,210)
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	<u>138,329</u>	<u>(6,210)</u>	<u>132,119</u>
Total Cash Provided	1,114,581	23,873	1,138,454
Cash - July 1, 2002	755,950	22,571	778,521
Cash - June 30, 2003	<u>\$ 1,870,531</u>	<u>\$ 46,444</u>	<u>\$ 1,916,975</u>

Non-Cash Supplemental Information:

\$5,067,657 of Contributed Capital was received by the Town in the form of Loans Receivable from homeowners and businesses.

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

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The Town of Stowe, Vermont (herein the "Town") operates under a Administrator/Selectmen form of government and provides the following services as authorized by its charter: public safety (police and fire), highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, community/economic development, recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, water, sewer, electric and general administrative services.

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

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

Note 1:

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The criteria of oversight responsibility, special financing relationships and scope of public service was used in determining the agencies or entities which comprise the Town for financial reporting purposes. Oversight responsibility is determined by the extent of financial interdependency, control over the selection of the governing authority and management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. Based on these criteria, there is one (1) entity, the Stowe Electric Department, which should be combined with the financial statements of the Town, but is not.

B. FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds, based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into three (3) fund types and five (5) fund categories, as follows:

Governmental Funds

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

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Note 1:
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Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted or designated for expenditures for specific purposes.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Proprietary Funds and Trust Funds).

Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Funds - Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations: (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis are to be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that the periodic determination of revenue earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Fiduciary Fund Types

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

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

C. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

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

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Note 1:
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Fixed assets used in Governmental Fund type operations (general fixed assets) should be accounted for in the General Fixed Asset Account Group and expensed when purchased.

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

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital, net investment in property, plant and equipment and retained earnings components.

Depreciation on all exhaustible fixed assets used by Proprietary Funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on the Proprietary Fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight line method. Depreciation attributable to fixed assets obtained using contributed capital is charged to contributed capital instead of retained earnings.

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

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

The two account groups are not "funds". They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with the measurement of results of operations.

D. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by the government, except for the certificates of deposit and cash equivalents in the investment account.

Cash balances of most Town funds are pooled and invested by the Town Treasurer. Excess cash of individual funds are shown as due from other funds and excess cash withdrawals are shown as due to other funds. Interest income is allocated based on the due to/from other fund balances.

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Note 1:
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E. INVESTMENTS

Investments with readily determinable fair values are reported at their fair values on the balance sheet. Unrealized gains and losses are included in revenue.

F. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

All Governmental Fund Types are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available as net current assets. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general long-term debt, which is recognized when due.

All Proprietary Funds and Nonexpendable Trust Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. As permitted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the Town has elected not to apply Statements of Financial Accounting Standards issued after November 30, 1989.

G. GENERAL FUND BUDGET

The General Fund budget is approved at Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen set the tax rate based on the Grand List and approved budget.

H. FUND BALANCES/RETAINED EARNINGS

Fund Balances/Retained Earnings are classified in four separate categories. The categories, and their general meanings, are as follows:

Investment in Property, Plant and Equipment - Indicates that portion of fund equity which the Town has invested in Property, Plant and Equipment.

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

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

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

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Note 1:
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I. OPERATING TRANSFERS

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

J. SHORT TERM INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet. These interfund balances have not been eliminated in the aggregation of this data. Short-term interfund loans are classified as interfund receivables/payables.

K. ESTIMATES

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

L. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW

Total columns on the Combined Statements - Overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation as interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

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Note 2: CASH

Cash received by the Town is placed in the custody of the Town Treasurer who is elected. The cash deposits in the Town accounts as of June 30, 2003 consisted of the following:

	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 233,265	\$ 233,266
Uninsured, Uncollateralized - Secured by U.S. Government Securities Held in the Bank's Name at the Federal Reserve Bank	1,892,364	1,842,021
Cash on Hand	<u>N/A</u>	<u>2,579</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,125,629</u>	<u>\$ 2,077,866</u>

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

\$62,130 of the uninsured, uncollateralized cash could be offset by debt at that respective bank.

Note 3: INVESTMENTS

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

	<u>Category</u>			<u>Market Value</u>
	(1)	(2)	(3)	
Mutual Funds	\$ 46,597	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 46,597
Bonds	122,288	0	0	122,288
Cash and Cash Equivalents	21,525	0	0	<u>21,525</u>
Total Investments				<u>\$190,410</u>

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Note 4: RECEIVABLES

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>		<u>Total</u>
				<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	
Delinquent Taxes						
Receivable	\$193,291	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 193,291
Penalties and Interest						
Receivable	22,411	0	0	0	0	22,411
Grants Receivable	0	96,684	66,414	0	0	163,098
Accounts Receivable	40,636	0	0	28,791	36,659	106,086
Accounts Receivable –						
Unbilled	0	0	0	28,670	26,361	55,031
Ambulance Receivables	46,800	0	0	0	0	46,800
Accounts Receivable - Sewer						
Reserve Fees	0	0	0	14,055	0	14,055
Allowance for Doubtful						
Accounts	(13,000)	0	0	0	(4,000)	(17,000)
Total	\$290,138	\$ 96,684	\$66,414	\$ 71,516	\$59,020	\$ 583,772

Note 5: LOANS RECEIVABLE

The Town has twenty-five (25) outstanding loans totaling \$152,481 to homeowners in the Sylvan Park Development. Homeowners were assessed a hook-on fee which the Town is financing for them. Each loan is billed quarterly with interest at 2%. The Town also has forty-four (44) outstanding loans totaling \$5,258,731 to homeowners and businesses in the Mountain Road Development. These loans are assessed a \$20 per quarter administration fee or in some cases a 1% administration fee. Loan terms vary from 4 to 20 years. The Town has determined that all loans are collectible as they have a lien on the home or business thus no allowance for doubtful loans is needed. Total loans receivable at June 30, 2003 is \$5,411,212.

Note 6: INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of parts and supplies in the Water Fund and Sewer Fund of \$4,099, and \$22,308, respectively, totaling \$26,407. The inventories are carried at cost.

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Note 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

An analysis of property, plant, and equipment at June 30, 2003 is as follows:

Sewer Utility Plant

	<u>Depreciation Method</u>	<u>Life</u>	
Land	N/A	N/A	\$ 42,723
Buildings and Sewer Systems	SL	50 Years	2,229,377
Sewer Lines	SL	50 Years	7,639,160
Tools and Equipment	SL	10 Years	435,213
Construction in Progress	N/A	N/A	<u>15,128,726</u>
Total			25,475,199
Less: Accumulated Depreciation			<u>(3,364,630)</u>
Net Sewer Utility Plant			<u>22,110,569</u>

Water Utility Plant

	<u>Depreciation Method</u>	<u>Life</u>	
Land	N/A	N/A	8,647
System and Lines	SL	40-50 Years	5,678,307
Tools and Equipment	SL	5-10 Years	119,791
Construction in Progress	N/A	N/A	<u>3,756,311</u>
Total			9,563,056
Less: Accumulated Depreciation			<u>(424,313)</u>
Net Water Utility Plant			<u>9,138,743</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment			<u>\$31,249,312</u>

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Note 8: DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred Revenue in the General Fund consists of \$94,000 of delinquent property taxes and penalty and interest on those taxes and \$28,000 of ambulance receivables not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities and \$39,313 of recreation fees and other revenues that will be earned in the following year. Total Deferred Revenue in the General Fund is \$161,313.

Deferred Revenue of \$2,929 in the Special Revenue Funds consists of grant monies that will be earned in fiscal year 2004.

Deferred Revenue of \$63,849 in the Capital Projects Funds consist of grant receivables not collected within sixty (60) days after year-end as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities.

Note 9: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

It is the policy of the Town of Stowe to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused annual leave up to one thousand forty (1040) hours and up to sixteen (16) hours comp time for hourly employees. It is also the policy of the Town of Stowe to allow salaried employees to accumulate up to one thousand five hundred sixty (1560) hours annual leave. Amounts not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. No expenditure is reported for these amounts, except for the Enterprise Funds, until paid. At June 30, 2003, the Town had the following vested benefits earned by their employees:

Vested Annual Leave Payable	\$396,407
Vested Comp-Time Payable	<u>15,724</u>
Total	<u>\$412,131</u>

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Note 10: NOTES AND BONDS PAYABLE

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2002</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2003</u>
Enterprise Funds:				
Water Note Payable - Chittenden Bank - Current Expense Note, Annual Principal Payments of \$20,960 Plus Interest Beginning August 12, 2001, Interest at 5.6%, Due August 11, 2005	\$ 83,840	\$ 0	\$ 20,960	\$ 62,880
Water Bond Payable - State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Authorized to \$2,600,000, 0% Interest, \$130,000 Due Annually Beginning January 2002, Due December, 2021	2,398,337	0	130,000	2,268,337
Sewer Bond Payable - State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Authorized to \$1,080,000, 0% Interest, \$51,328 Due Annually Beginning December, 1998, Due December, 2017	821,254	0	51,328	769,926
Sewer Bond Payable - State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Authorized to \$2,071,000, 0% Interest, \$103,550 Due Annually Beginning July, 2001, Due July, 2020	1,863,900	0	103,550	1,760,350

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	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2002</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2003</u>
Water Bond Payable - State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, Authorized to \$3,700,000, 3% Interest, \$228,533 Due Annually Beginning Two (2) Years After Project Completion	\$2,521,920	\$ 767,281	\$ 0	\$ 3,289,201
Sewer Grant Anticipation Note - Chittenden Bank, Sewer System, Interest at 3.93%, Due and Paid March 27, 2003	3,240,233	0	3,240,233	0
Sewer Grant Anticipation Note - Chittenden Bank, Sewer System, Interest at 2.1%, Due and Paid September 15, 2003	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
Sewer Bond Payable - State of Vermont Special Environmental Revolving Fund, 0% Interest, Authorized to \$13,350,121, \$585,250 Due Annually Beginning on April 1, 2005 through 2014	8,350,263	4,327,900	0	12,678,163
Water Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Water Upgrade, \$160,000 Due Annually Beginning December, 2003 through 2022, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 1.55% to 5.0%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1	<u>0</u>	<u>3,200,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,200,000</u>
Total	<u>\$19,279,747</u>	<u>\$9,795,181</u>	<u>\$3,546,071</u>	<u>\$25,528,857</u>

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The Town anticipates maturities to be the following for the Enterprise Funds:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2004	\$ 2,092,371	\$ 256,844	\$ 2,349,215
2005	1,263,673	217,608	1,481,281
2006	1,267,583	209,084	1,476,667
2007	1,250,650	199,811	1,450,461
2008	1,254,798	191,087	1,445,885
2009-2013	7,008,206	478,082	7,486,288
2014-2018	7,132,799	584,322	7,717,121
2019-2023	<u>4,258,777</u>	<u>190,135</u>	<u>4,448,912</u>
Total	<u>\$25,528,857</u>	<u>\$2,326,973</u>	<u>\$27,855,830</u>

<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2002</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2003</u>
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General Long-Term Debt:

Bond Payable, Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Tri-Centennial Acquisition, \$35,000 Due Annually on December 1 through 2002, and \$30,000 Annually Thereafter through 2015, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 4.8% to 5.85%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1	\$425,000	\$ 0	\$ 35,000	\$390,000
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Note 10:
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	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2002</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2003</u>
Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Library Expansion, \$30,000 Due Annually Through December, 2013, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 4.89% to 5.666%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1	\$ 360,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 330,000
Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Mayo Farm Acquisition, \$70,000 Due Annually through 2010, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 4.125% to 5.415%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1	630,000	0	70,000	560,000
Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Sunset Rock Land Purchase, Fire Pumper Truck and Ice Rink Improvements, \$70,000 Due Annually through 2019, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 6.8% to 7%, Due Semi-Annually on June 1 and December 1	735,000	0	70,000	665,000
Note Payable - Union Bank, Excavator and Cruiser Purchase, Interest at 4.10%, Due and Paid During 2003	23,980	0	23,980	0

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Note 10:
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	Balance July 1, 2002	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance June 30, 2003
Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal				
Bond Bank, Bingham Falls Land Purchase, Garage Land Purchase and Water and Light Building Improvements, Principal Payments Ranging from \$25,000 to \$40,000 Due Annually, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 2.8% to 5.18%, Due Semi-Annually, Due December, 2021				
	\$ 620,000	\$ 0	\$ 40,000	\$ 580,000
Note Payable - State of Vermont				
Agency of Transportation, Excavator, 2% Interest, Annual Principal Payments of \$26,416 with Interest Due in December through 2004				
	79,247	0	26,416	52,831
Bond Payable - Vermont Municipal				
Bond Bank, Salt Shed Building, Annual Principal Payments of \$10,000 Due December 1 through 2012, Various Interest Rates Ranging from 1.55% to 3.96%, Due Semi-Annually at June 1 and December 1				
	0	<u>100,000</u>	0	<u>100,000</u>
Total	<u>\$2,873,227</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$ 295,396</u>	<u>\$2,677,831</u>

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

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2004	\$ 276,416	\$132,997	\$ 409,413
2005	276,415	120,150	396,565
2006	250,000	106,976	356,976
2007	250,000	94,040	344,040
2008	250,000	36,517	286,517
2009-2013	915,000	235,231	1,150,231
2014-2018	360,000	68,496	428,496
2019-2023	<u>100,000</u>	<u>10,416</u>	<u>110,416</u>
Total	<u>\$2,677,831</u>	<u>\$804,823</u>	<u>\$3,482,654</u>

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Note 11: CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL

The balance sheet account "contributed capital" represents financial contributions from other governmental units, developers or individuals which aid in purchasing property, plant and equipment.

An analysis of the activity in the contributed capital accounts is as follows.

	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Contributed Capital - June 30, 2002	\$ 5,816,540
Add: Additions to Contributed Capital	5,624,397
Less: Depreciation Attributable To Contributed Capital	<u>(163,054)</u>
Contributed Capital - June 30, 2003	<u>\$11,277,883</u>

Note 12: RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

General Fund:

Restricted for Fire Truck and Ice Rink Improvements by Bond Proceeds	\$ 42,855
Restricted for Old Age Assistance Expenses By Donation	<u>10,000</u>
Total General Fund	<u>52,855</u>

Special Revenue Funds:

Restricted for Fireworks By Donations	<u>5,328</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>5,328</u>

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Note 12:
(Cont'd)

Nonexpendable Trust Fund:	
Restricted for Cemetery Trust Fund by Endowments	\$112,194
Restricted for Cemetery Trust Fund by Trust Agreement	<u>124,674</u>
Total Nonexpendable Trust Fund	<u>236,868</u>
Total Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$295,051</u>

Note 13: DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES

General Fund:

Designated for Zoning Department Expenses	\$ <u>6,349</u>
Total General Fund	<u>6,349</u>

Special Revenue Funds:

Designated for Trolley System	135,269
Designated for Mayo Farm	1,982
Designated for Recreation Path	9,985
Designated for Transportation Expenses	2,421
Designated for Police DEA Expenses	69,162
Designated for Conservation Reserve	518
Designated for Trails and Greenways	1,608
Designated for Appraisal Expenses	98,084
Designated for Sterling Forest Expenses	6,669
Designated for Records Preservation Expenses	<u>74,870</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>400,568</u>

Capital Projects Funds:

Designated for Pit Closure	10,967
Designated for Capital Improvements	<u>119,031</u>
Total Capital Projects Funds	<u>129,998</u>
Total Designated Fund Balances	<u>\$536,915</u>

The \$239,941 undesignated deficit in the General Fund will be funded with future property taxes and other revenues.

The \$179,386 deficit in the Sewer Fund will be funded with future sewer charges.

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Note 14: EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2003, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the General Fund by \$205,209. This was partially funded by unbudgeted revenues.

Note 15: BUDGETED DEFICIT

The Town elected to budget a \$62,605 deficit in the General Fund in order to utilize prior years' surpluses. This is reflected as budgeted deficiency of revenue over expenditures in Exhibit III.

Note 16: ENTERPRISE FUND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Town maintains two Enterprise Funds. The Water Fund and Sewer Fund account for the basic utility services. Selected segment information for the year ended June 30, 2003 is as follows:

	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 308,878	\$ 370,481
Depreciation	190,293	117,372
Net Operating Income/(Loss)	(529,282)	(73,355)
Net Income/(Loss)	(508,752)	(183,505)
Current Capital Contributions	556,740	0
Fixed Asset Additions	4,427,080	2,922,117
Net Working Capital	(1,099,123)	(521)
Total Assets	28,833,313	10,018,044
Bonds and Notes Payable	16,708,439	8,820,418
Total Equity	11,098,497	755,297

Note 17: PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied in August and payable in two (2) installments on November 10 and on May 10. A penalty of 8% is assessed on outstanding balances at May 11 with interest accruing at 1% per month. The Town of Stowe bills and collects its own property taxes as well as school taxes for State. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003, the tax rate is as follows:

School District - State Education Tax	1.2008
Town	<u>.5492</u>
Total Tax Rate/per \$100 of Assessed Valuation	<u>1.7500</u>

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Note 18: RETIREMENT PLANS

The Town offers its employees a defined contribution pension plan. There are forty-eight (48) employees in this plan. This plan is administered by Dean Witter. The Town contributes 10.6% of gross salary to the plan except for employees working under the police collective bargaining agreement who get 5.6%. All investments are self-directed by the employees.

The total payroll for the year was \$2,545,721 while covered payroll was \$1,831,662. Pension expense, including the amount paid on behalf of the employees, was \$161,877.

Certain employees of the Town of Stowe elected to remain covered under the State of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement Plan (VMERS), a defined benefit program. There are four (4) employees in the VMERS System. The system requires that both the Town and employee contribute to the plan, which provides retirement, disability and death benefits. The Town has entered into Plan B which requires employees to contribute 4.5% of gross wages while the Town contributes 5.0%. The Town has elected to contribute both shares to the plan.

The Town of Stowe pays all costs accrued each year for the plan. The premise of this plan is to provide a retirement plan covering municipal employees at a uniform state-wide contribution rate based upon an actuarial valuation of all State of Vermont municipal employees. Activity in this plan is done in the aggregate, not by municipality. Due to the nature of this pension plan, net assets available for benefits as well as the present value of vested and nonvested plan benefits by municipality are not determinable.

The covered payroll for the VMERS Plan was \$147,242. Pension expense for the year, including the amount paid on behalf of the employees, was \$13,988.

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

The Town also offers its employees a choice of section 457 deferred compensation plans through the International City Managers' Association's "ICMA" Retirement Corporation, the State of Vermont and Dean Witter. The plans permit employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. The Town has no liability for losses under these plans but does have the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. All of the investments are self directed by each employee.

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
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JUNE 30, 2003

Note 19: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town maintains insurance coverage through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The Town must remain a member for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days notice. Fund underwriting and ratesetting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund's liabilities.

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

The Town of Stowe is also a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Unemployment Insurance Trust. The Unemployment Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide unemployment coverage for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Unemployment Trust to make additional assessments to its members.

Note 20: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

One of the Selectboard members is on the Board of Directors of the Union Bank where the Town does a majority of their banking. The Town does, however, utilize a competitive bidding process when borrowing or investing large sums of money.

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

Note 21: OPERATING LEASES

The Town has entered into four leases for equipment. One is with Xerox for a copier. Annual payments are \$5,275 and the lease terminates in March, 2005. The second lease is with John Deere Credit, Inc. for a loader. This lease requires annual payments of \$26,666 beginning December, 2000 through December, 2004. The third lease is with Ascom Leasing for a postage meter. Annual payments are \$911 and the lease terminates in January, 2007. The fourth lease is with Symquest for a copier. Annual payments are \$3,012 and the lease terminates in October, 2006. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

2004	\$ 35,864
2005	34,545
2006	3,923
2007	<u>1,383</u>
Total	<u>\$ 75,715</u>

Note 22: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to year end, the Town borrowed \$1,187,000 in the form of a tax anticipation note from Chittenden Bank at 1.59% interest which is due June 30, 2004. The Town also received \$671,958 additional loan proceeds from the Vermont Environmental Protection Agency Revolving Loan Fund for the sewer projects.

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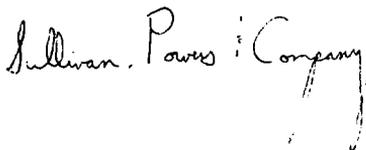
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We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Stowe, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003 and have issued our report thereon dated October 17, 2003. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as Schedule 1 through 7 in the Table of Contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

October 17, 2003
Montpelier, Vermont
Vt Lic. #92-000180



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

	Trolley System Fund	Mayo Farm Fund	Recreation Path Fund	Transpor- tation Fund	Police DEA Fund	Conservation Reserve Fund
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,191	\$ 2,398	\$ 90,126	\$ 490
Grants Receivable	92,096	0	0	0	0	0
Due from Other Funds	<u>43,173</u>	<u>1,982</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 135,269	\$ 1,982	\$ 10,191	\$ 2,421	\$ 90,126	\$ 518
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE						
Liabilities:						
Due to Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 206	\$ 0	\$ 20,964	\$ 0
Deferred Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,964</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance:						
Restricted:						
Unrestricted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Designated	<u>135,269</u>	<u>1,982</u>	<u>9,985</u>	<u>2,421</u>	<u>69,162</u>	<u>518</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>135,269</u>	<u>1,982</u>	<u>9,985</u>	<u>2,421</u>	<u>69,162</u>	<u>518</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 135,269	\$ 1,982	\$ 10,191	\$ 2,421	\$ 90,126	\$ 518

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

Schedule 1

<u>Trails & Greenways Fund</u>	<u>Appraisal Fund</u>	<u>Fireworks Fund</u>	<u>Special Grant Fund</u>	<u>Sterling Forest Fund</u>	<u>Vermont Ski Museum Fund</u>	<u>Records Preservation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 1,608	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 104,813
0	0	0	4,588	0	0	0	96,684
<u>0</u>	<u>98,084</u>	<u>5,328</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,669</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74,870</u>	<u>230,157</u>
\$ <u>1,608</u>	\$ <u>98,084</u>	\$ <u>5,328</u>	\$ <u>4,588</u>	\$ <u>6,669</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>74,870</u>	\$ <u>431,654</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,659	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 22,829
0	0	0	2,929	0	0	0	2,929
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,588</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,758</u>
0	0	5,328	0	0	0	0	5,328
<u>1,608</u>	<u>98,084</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,669</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74,870</u>	<u>400,568</u>
<u>1,608</u>	<u>98,084</u>	<u>5,328</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,669</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74,870</u>	<u>405,896</u>
\$ <u>1,608</u>	\$ <u>98,084</u>	\$ <u>5,328</u>	\$ <u>4,588</u>	\$ <u>6,669</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>74,870</u>	\$ <u>431,654</u>

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

	Trolley System Fund	Mayo Farm Fund	Recreation Path Fund	Transportation Fund	Police DEA Fund	Conservation Reserve Fund
Revenues:						
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 250,955	\$ 372	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,047	\$ 0
Charges for Services	60,753	0	0	38	0	0
Investment Income	2,891	5	128	29	565	8
Donations	0	0	616	0	0	0
Total Revenues	314,599	377	744	67	9,612	8
Expenditures:						
Trolley Operations	316,324	0	0	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	0	940	10	0	0	0
Public Safety	0	0	0	0	73,949	0
Planning/Preservation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	316,324	940	10	0	73,949	0
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(1,725)	(563)	734	67	(64,337)	8
Other Financing Sources:						
Operating Transfers In	30,000	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources	30,000	0	0	0	0	0
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures	28,275	(563)	734	67	(64,337)	8
Fund Balance/(Deficit) - July 1, 2002	106,994	2,545	9,251	2,354	133,499	510
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	\$ 135,269	\$ 1,982	\$ 9,985	\$ 2,421	\$ 69,162	\$ 518

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

<u>Trails & Greenways Fund</u>	<u>Appraisal Fund</u>	<u>Fireworks Fund</u>	<u>Special Grant Fund</u>	<u>Starling Forest Fund</u>	<u>Vermont Ski Museum Fund</u>	<u>Records Preservation Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 0	\$ 22,771	\$ 0	\$ 9,569	\$ 0	\$ 26,850	\$ 0	\$ 319,564
0	0	0	0	6,485	0	9,733	77,009
20	2,423	0	0	184	0	645	6,898
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,299</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,915</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>25,194</u>	<u>3,299</u>	<u>9,569</u>	<u>6,669</u>	<u>26,850</u>	<u>10,378</u>	<u>407,386</u>
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	316,324
0	0	14,134	0	0	26,850	0	41,934
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73,949
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,838</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,838</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,134</u>	<u>4,838</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>437,045</u>
<u>20</u>	<u>25,194</u>	<u>(10,835)</u>	<u>4,731</u>	<u>6,669</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,378</u>	<u>(29,639)</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,492</u>	<u>117,492</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64,492</u>	<u>117,492</u>
20	40,194	(2,835)	4,731	6,669	0	74,870	87,833
<u>1,588</u>	<u>57,890</u>	<u>8,163</u>	<u>(4,731)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>318,063</u>
<u>\$ 1,608</u>	<u>\$ 98,084</u>	<u>\$ 5,328</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 6,669</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 74,870</u>	<u>\$ 405,896</u>

Schedule 3

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

	<u>Pit Closure Fund</u>	<u>Capital Improvement Fund</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Due from Other Funds	\$ 10,967	\$ 116,466	\$ 127,433
Grant Receivables	<u>0</u>	<u>66,414</u>	<u>66,414</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ <u>10,967</u>	\$ <u>182,880</u>	\$ <u>193,847</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Deferred Revenue	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>63,849</u>	\$ <u>63,849</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>63,849</u>	<u>63,849</u>
Fund Balances:			
Unrestricted:			
Designated	<u>10,967</u>	<u>119,031</u>	<u>129,998</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>10,967</u>	<u>119,031</u>	<u>129,998</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ <u>10,967</u>	\$ <u>182,880</u>	\$ <u>193,847</u>

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

Schedule 4

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

	Pit Closure Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Totals
Revenues:			
Grant Income	\$ 0	\$ 34,665	\$ 34,665
Interest Income	391	0	391
Sale of Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>391</u>	<u>39,665</u>	<u>40,056</u>
Expenditures:			
Capital Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>653,595</u>	<u>653,595</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>653,595</u>	<u>653,595</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>391</u>	<u>(613,930)</u>	<u>(613,539)</u>
Other Financing Sources:			
Operating Transfers In	<u>0</u>	<u>666,000</u>	<u>666,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>0</u>	<u>666,000</u>	<u>666,000</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures	391	52,070	52,461
Fund Balances - July 1, 2002	<u>10,576</u>	<u>66,961</u>	<u>77,537</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2003	<u>\$ 10,967</u>	<u>\$ 119,031</u>	<u>\$ 129,998</u>

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

Schedule 5

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2003

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash	\$ 1,054,349	\$ 816,182	\$ 1,870,531
Receivables- Net of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	71,516	59,020	130,536
Loans Receivable	5,411,212	0	5,411,212
Inventories	22,308	4,099	26,407
Due from Other Funds	163,359	0	163,359
Property, Plant and Equipment- Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>22,110,569</u>	<u>9,138,743</u>	<u>31,249,312</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 28,833,313</u>	<u>\$ 10,018,044</u>	<u>\$ 38,851,357</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 968,666	\$ 133,338	\$ 1,102,004
Accrued Payroll	4,155	2,545	6,700
Accrued Interest Payable	8,199	13,195	21,394
Other Accrued Payables	0	185	185
Due to Other Funds	0	266,446	266,446
Accrued Compensated Absences	45,357	26,620	71,977
Bonds and Notes Payable	<u>16,708,439</u>	<u>8,820,418</u>	<u>25,528,857</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>17,734,816</u>	<u>9,262,747</u>	<u>26,997,563</u>
Fund Equity:			
Contributed Capital:	<u>11,277,883</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>11,277,883</u>
Retained Earnings:			
Net Investment in Property, Plant and Equipment	(116,852)	756,517	639,665
Unrestricted	(62,534)	(1,220)	(63,754)
Total Retained Earnings/(Deficit)	<u>(179,386)</u>	<u>755,297</u>	<u>575,911</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>11,098,497</u>	<u>755,297</u>	<u>11,853,794</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 28,833,313</u>	<u>\$ 10,018,044</u>	<u>\$ 38,851,357</u>

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

Schedule 6

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
 CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS
 ENTERPRISE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 292,042	\$ 334,411	\$ 626,453
Fees and Miscellaneous Revenues	16,836	36,070	52,906
Total Operating Revenues	<u>308,878</u>	<u>370,481</u>	<u>679,359</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries and Wages	224,793	99,938	324,731
Benefits	70,757	40,403	111,160
Administrative	38,628	48,472	87,100
Insurance	4,263	4,263	8,526
Maintenance	1,984	28,809	30,793
Buildings/Utilities	158,273	58,379	216,652
Legal and Auditing	2,172	2,172	4,344
Professional Services	4,091	27,649	31,740
Process Chemicals	69,228	16,379	85,607
Waste Disposal/Sludge Management	39,403	0	39,403
Other	34,275	0	34,275
Depreciation	190,293	117,372	307,665
Total Operating Expenses	<u>838,160</u>	<u>443,836</u>	<u>1,281,996</u>
Net Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>(529,282)</u>	<u>(73,355)</u>	<u>(602,637)</u>
Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses):			
Interest Income	111,110	27,219	138,329
Interest Expense	(90,580)	(137,369)	(227,949)
Total Non-Operating Revenues and (Expenses)	<u>20,530</u>	<u>(110,150)</u>	<u>(89,620)</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	<u>(508,752)</u>	<u>(183,505)</u>	<u>(692,257)</u>
Add: Depreciation Attributable to Contributed Capital	<u>163,054</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>163,054</u>
Increase/(Decrease) in Retained Earnings	<u>(345,698)</u>	<u>(183,505)</u>	<u>(529,203)</u>
Retained Earnings - July 1, 2002	<u>166,312</u>	<u>938,802</u>	<u>1,105,114</u>
Retained Earnings/(Deficit) - June 30, 2003	<u>\$ (179,386)</u>	<u>\$ 755,297</u>	<u>\$ 575,911</u>

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

Schedule 7

TOWN OF STOWE, VERMONT
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

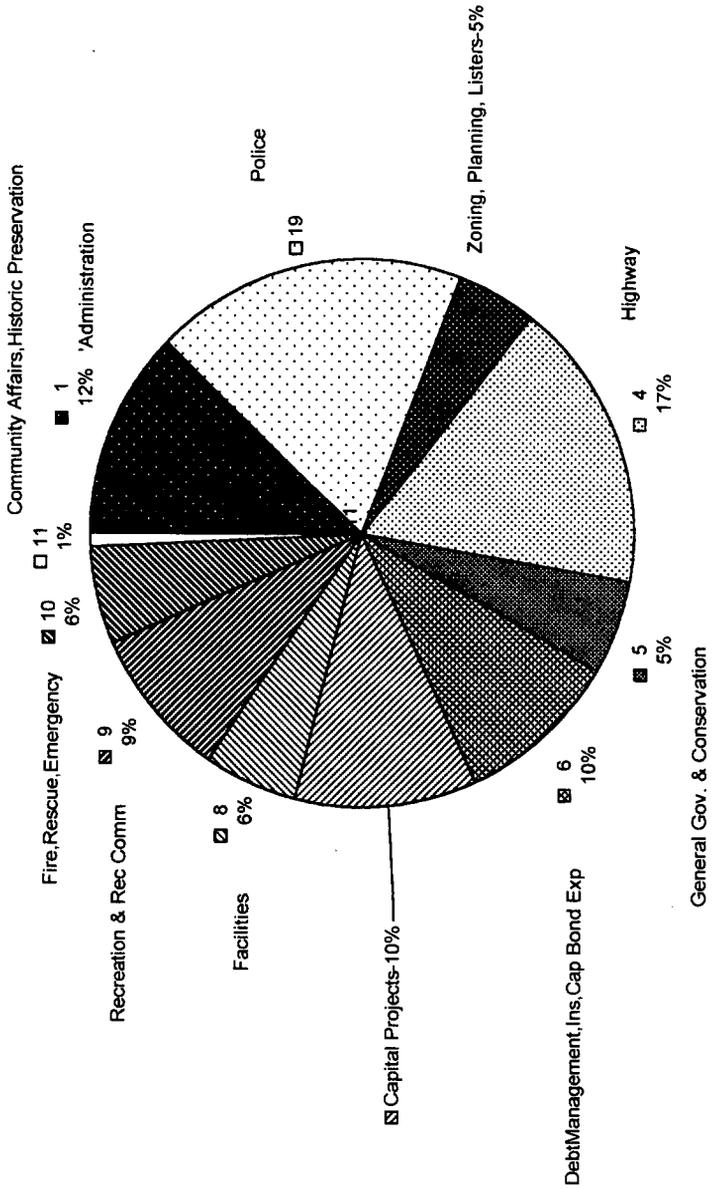
	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Total
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash:			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Net Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ (529,282)	\$ (73,355)	\$ (602,637)
Add: Items Provided Cash or Not Requiring Cash:			
Depreciation Expense	190,293	117,372	307,665
Decrease in Due from Other Funds	1,912,549	4,854	1,917,403
Decrease in Inventory	0	901	901
Increase in Accrued Payroll	1,574	928	2,502
Increase in Other Accrued Payables	0	185	185
Increase in Accrued Compensated Absences	22,679	3,889	26,568
Deduct: Items Using Cash or Requiring Cash:			
Increase in Accounts Receivable	(24,014)	(323)	(24,337)
Increase in Inventory	(13,363)	0	(13,363)
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(418,060)	(31,364)	(449,424)
Decrease in Other Accrued Payables	(810)	0	(810)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,141,566	23,087	1,164,653
Net Cash Flows from Noncapital Related Financing Activities:	0	0	0
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Contributed Capital	556,740	0	556,740
Proceeds of Bonds and Notes Payable	5,827,900	3,967,281	9,795,181
Decrease in Loans Receivable	688,045	0	688,045
Decrease in Deferred Capital Grant Revenue	(102,318)	0	(102,318)
Payments on Bonds and Notes Payable	(3,395,111)	(150,960)	(3,546,071)
Purchases of Property, Plant and Equipment	(4,427,080)	(2,922,117)	(7,349,197)
Interest Paid	(102,453)	(128,328)	(230,781)
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(954,277)	765,876	(188,401)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Interest Received on Cash Deposits	111,110	27,219	138,329
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	111,110	27,219	138,329
Total Cash Provided	298,399	816,182	1,114,581
Cash - July 1, 2002	755,950	0	755,950
Cash - June 30, 2003	\$ 1,054,349	\$ 816,182	\$ 1,870,531

Non-Cash Supplemental Information:

\$5,067,657 of Contributed Capital was received by the Town in the form of Loans Receivable from homeowners and businesses.

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

Percentage Expenditures to Revenue-FY2003



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Town of Stowe municipal offices experienced some change during fiscal year 2003. Scott Dunn, Town Administrator departed for Maine to become a Town Manager and John Drury returned home from Florida to take over the job of Town Administrator. Town Assessor Tim Morrissey departed to help his father run his appraisal business and Tom Vickery returned to his previously held job of Town Assessor. Tom Jackman took over the vacant position of Town Planner and the updated Stowe Town Plan began making its way through the approval process. Bill Coote and Bryan Longe joined the Sewer Department and Bill Dougherty joined the Police Department.

All Town employees showed up every day to perform that work and deliver those services to the citizens and visitors of Stowe that we all rely so much on. The Town finances were managed to auditors satisfaction; animals were kept in check; cemetery's were groomed; fires were put out; fireworks prevailed on the Fourth; hikers rescued in the mountains; roads were plowed, maintained and repaired; sidewalk paver-blocks replaced and village trees pruned and watered; library books circulated through-out the town; properties appraised; town ordinances enforced; buildings inspected; permits issues; land was conserved; our youth programs well attended and enhanced; law enforcement maintained; sewer plant updated; water delivered to homes; power lines and frozen water pipes repaired; ice rink, tennis courts, soccer fields and recreation paths operated and maintained; Special Events held through-out the town; streets were plowed, swept, maintained and repaired; ambulances transported our sick and injured; trash was removed; public buildings and bathrooms were maintained; marriage licenses issued; taxes collected; shuttle buses operated; bonds and grants managed; and new policies developed by the Selectboard, all in an effort to maintain and improve Stowe's quality of life.

Here's to you town employees, volunteers and Selectboard for a job well done in Fiscal year 2003!

Respectively submitted,

JOHN H. DRURY, *Town Administrator*

SELECTBOARD REPORT

It has always been the practice of this Board to celebrate in the Annual Report the conspicuous accomplishments of individual Town employees, specific departments, and public-spirited citizens in the year past. This year we depart from that practice to express our appreciation of and chagrin toward the neighbors of the sewage treatment plant. It is not a secret that the expanded facility has failed to perform to standard and the result of that failure has fallen disproportionately on those closest to it. We accept the Town's obligation to be in all instances the very best neighbor possible and we accept that achieving the technical corrections to meet that standard of neighborliness is one of our highest obligations.

With becoming modesty, we tender you this abbreviated list of the year's accomplishments:

- A newly drafted and approved Town Plan, the product of many meetings between the Selectboard, the Planning Commission, and interested citizens, to whom we express our thanks
- A Development Review Board, the zoning model of one-stop shopping for site plans review
- Approval by the Board at long last of the Mayo Farm Conservation Easement
- A water and sewer rate analysis, of which you will have heard by this reading
- Percy's corn maze. O.K., we didn't really create it, but we told Paul that the Tobe Reed lot could accommodate his parking needs.

In the future, we foresee:

- Sidewalks on School and Sunset Streets
- Possible resolution of Public Safety Facilities issues
- Town-wide reappraisal; yes, your appraised value will go up, and, no, it should not affect your taxes unless your value changes relative to other properties

To keep the traditions alive, we single out for special recognition from a long list of worthies the Chittenden County Forester, Michael Snyder for his unstinting and purely voluntary hands-on oversight of the Sterling Forest management plan. We mention him on merit, and as representative of the largely anonymous cadre of volunteers upon whose efforts we and the Town are dependent.

As of this writing, it appears that Peter Beck will be stepping down from the Selectboard. This is not the proper forum to extol his accomplishments but we shall all miss him. Hey Pete; watch out for write-ins!

CHARLES T. LUSK
 RICHARD C. MARRON
 THEODORE J. TEFFNER
 PETER J. BECK
 HELEN BECKERHOFF
Stowe Selectboard

SELECTBOARD

Appropriation		\$ (47,081)
Income:		
Current Land Use Withdrawal Penalty	\$48,769	
Act 60 Contribution	33,034	
State Land Use Reimbursement.....	61,754	
Penalties of Delinquent Taxes.....	63,964	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes.....	24,254	
State Pilot Number	31,492	
Tax Abatement	(46,860)	
Miscellaneous.....	581	
Sewer Administration.....	11,113	
Trolley Administration.....	11,113	
Water Administration	11,113	
Electric Department Pilot.....	<u>33,000</u>	
		<u>\$283,327</u>
		\$236,246
Expenditures:		
Selectboard's Salaries	\$15,000	
Administrator's Salary	58,221	
Staff Wages	34,742	
Staff Overtime Pay.....	3,330	
Pension	5,744	
Worker's Compensation.....	291	
Unemployment.....	246	
FICA.....	8,487	
Health Insurance	13,679	
Life & Disability	737	
Dental Insurance	1,421	
Office Expense.....	5,659	
Advertising.....	2,543	
Telephone	2,947	
Postage	8,001	
Training & Staff Development	232	
Dues & Membership Fees.....	287	
Professional Service.....	11,135	
Legal Fees	23,918	
Printing.....	614	
Copy Machine Expense	6,903	
Travel Reimbursement.....	1,212	
Contingency	13,886	
Equipment Expense.....	2,366	
Vehicle Expense	911	
Sprinkler Damage	(48)	
Miscellaneous.....	<u>1,944</u>	
		<u>224,408</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$ (11,838)

TOWN CLERK

Fish & Game licenses, passport services, vehicle registration, liquor licenses, vital statistic information (births, deaths, marriages), cemetery information and records, notary services and dog licensing are among the many services offered at the Stowe Town Clerk's Office. Look for the upcoming rabies clinic at the end of March to bring your pet's vaccination current. Dog licenses are available now and must be renewed before April 1st to prevent late fees or other fines.

In addition to the services listed above, land record management remains the primary function of the Clerk's Office. Hundreds of volumes of documents prove past and current ownership of every piece of property in Stowe totaling over 47,000 acres, the largest acreage of any Vermont town. During September, 2003 through November, 2003, over \$28 million in property transfers alone took place in Stowe. That does not account for over 1,230 mortgages, discharges, liens, or permits that were also recorded during those same three months. The Clerk's Office is responsible for the perpetual safety and maintenance of those records.

We already know that the lack of storage is an immediate problem needing attention, but some also believe that the safety of the records may be in jeopardy. Structural integrity of the vault containing Stowe's entire history of land transactions, births, deaths, and marriages is in question. Experts are working to determine the severity of the deficiency and staff is working on creative storage options for the increasing collection of records. Back-up versions of most records are stored off-site. In the catastrophic event that records would ever have to be recreated, it could be done, but not without taking months or even years. Property transactions (including buying, selling or even refinancing a mortgage) would come to a complete halt until records showing marketable title to a property could be re-established.

The Town is currently taking steps toward assessing the needs of the current offices within the Akeley Memorial Building. When presented with a solution, we in the Clerk's Office will be looking for your support to establish a safe and lasting environment for Stowe's historical and future records. All the while, we remain committed to offering the highest level of service possible to our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALISON K. LEWIS, *Town Clerk*
MARY BLACK, *Assistant Town Clerk*
DEB MASON, *Assistant Town Clerk*

TOWN CLERK

Appropriation		\$ 56,727
Income:		
Liquor Licenses	\$ 7,360	
Dog Licenses	3,624	
Recording Fees	121,154	
Marriage Licenses	6,578	
Fish & Game	130	
Vault Fees	2,803	
Passport Fees	4,722	
Photocopying Fees	15,151	
Registration	698	
Miscellaneous	<u>(248)</u>	
		<u>161,972</u>
		\$218,699
Expenditures:		
Town Clerk Salary	\$43,247	
Staff Wages	49,215	
Staff Overtime	521	
Pension	10,127	
Worker's Compensation	238	
Unemployment	239	
FICA	7,373	
Health Insurance	13,984	
Life & Disability	1,261	
Dental Insurance	1,721	
Office Expense	2,946	
Telephone	1,528	
Training & Staff Development	100	
Copy Machine Expense	4,323	
Rabies Surcharge (State)	782	
Marriage Expense (State)	4,268	
Travel Reimbursement	50	
Equipment Expense	1,585	
Records Management	1,050	
Postage	294	
Professional Services	389	
Benefit Pay	3,876	
Land Records Expense.....	18,195	
Transfer out to Records Preservation Fund	<u>64,492</u>	
		231,804
Balance at End of Year		<u>\$ (13,105)</u>

TREASURER/FINANCE MANAGER

Appropriation		\$ 98,060
Expenditures:		
Treasurer's Salary	2,000	
Finance Manager's Salary	47,837	
Staff Wages	17,228	
Pension	7,768	
Worker's Compensation	185	
Unemployment	134	
FICA	5,203	
Health Insurance	7,260	
Life & Disability	741	
Dental Insurance	560	
Office Expense	1,015	
Bank Processing Fees	121	
Telephone	804	
Postage	1,369	
Dues & Membership	170	
Training & Development	347	
Professional Services	2,673	
Printing	2,328	
Equipment Expense	410	
Benefit Pay	5,532	
	<u>103,685</u>	
Balance at End of Year		\$ (5,625)

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses and tags are available at the Town Clerk’s office Monday thru Friday from 7:30 to 4:30. All dogs that are more than six months old must be registered in accordance with the provisions of the Stowe Dog Ordinance. A person keeping a dog contrary to license provisions of the Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. All unlicensed dogs found within the limits of the Town of Stowe may be destroyed. The deadline for licensing is April 1st. Licenses are available by the end of January. A copy of the rabies certificate and alteration should be provided at the time of licensing.

Licensing fees are:

	Before April 1	After April 1
Altered Male or Female	\$ 7.50	\$ 9.50
Female	\$11.50	\$15.50
Male	\$ 9.50	\$12.50

The above includes a \$2.50 surcharge plus a \$1.00 State fee.
681 dogs were licensed in 2003.

ELECTIONS

Appropriation	\$5,193
Expenditures:	
Staff Wages	\$ 1,669
FICA.....	20
Office Expense	113
Printing	444
Equipment	2,961
Miscellaneous.....	<u>20</u>
	<u>5,227</u>
Balance at End of Year	\$ (34)

**TOWN OF STOWE SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT
JUNE 30, 2003**

Cemetery Trust Fund:.....	Balance 6/30/02	\$206,650.00
	Principal Income	29,528.00
	Interest Income/Expense	6,711.00
	Expense	<u>(6,021.00)</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$236,868.00
Conservation Fund:	Balance 6/30/02	\$ 510.00
	Donations	0.00
	Interest Income	8.00
	Expense	<u>0.00</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$ 518.00
DEA Fund:.....	Balance 6/30/02	\$33,499.00
	DEA Income	9,047.00
	Interest Income	565.00
	Expense	<u>(73,949.00)</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$69,162.00
July 4th Fund:.....	Balance 6/30/02	\$ 8,162.82
	Donations	11,299.00
	Interest Income	297.00
	Expense	<u>(14,134.00)</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$ 5,327.82
Mayo Farm Rental Fund:	Balance 6/30/02	\$2,545.00
	Income	372.00
	Interest Income	5.00
	Expense	<u>(940.00)</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$1,982.00
Recreation Path Fund:	Balance 6/30/02	\$ 9,251.00
	Donations	616.00
	Interest Income	128.00
	Expense	<u>(10.00)</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$ 9,985.00

**TOWN OF STOWE SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT
JUNE 30, 2003**

Trails & Greenways:	Balance 6/30/02	\$ 1,588.00
	Donations	0.00
	Interest Income	20.00
	Expense	<u>(0.00)</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$ 1,608.00
Transportation Fund:	Balance 6/30/02	\$ 2,354.15
	Donations	38.00
	Interest Income	29.00
	Expense	<u>0.00</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$ 2,421.15
Trolley System Fund:	Balance 6/30/02	\$106,994.00
	Income	341,708.00
	Interest Income	2,891.00
	Expense	<u>(316,324.00)</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$135,269.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDS REPORT
JUNE 30, 2003

Francis Gonyaw Scholarship Fund:	Balance 6/30/02	\$ 2,142.49
	Interest Income	1,586.28
	Expense	<u>(500.00)</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$ 3,228.77
Georgia Adams Schol. Fund:	Balance 6/30/02	\$ 448.62
	Income	0.00
	Interest Income	11.01
	Expense	<u>0.00</u>
	Balance 6/30/03	\$ 459.63

SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS

Bonds, Bank Anticipation, Notes Payable	Date of Issue	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance 7/1/02	+/-	Balance 6/30/03
Fire Truck/Sunset/Rink Imp.	7/22/99	12/1/19	Variable	\$735,000	\$ -70,000	\$665,000
Mayo Farm	8/1/90	12/1/10	Variable	630,000	-70,000	560,000
Library Expansion	7/15/93	12/1/13	Variable	360,000	-30,000	330,000
Tri Centennial	8/4/95	12/1/15	Variable	425,000	-35,000	390,000
Water Dept.	6/10/96	8/11/05	4.15%	83,840	-20,960	62,880
Water Expansion	12/15/98	12/15/21	0.00%	2,398,337	-130,000	2,268,337
Sewer Improvements	12/1/98	12/15/17	0.00%	821,254	-51,330	769,926
Sewer Improvements	7/15/96	sub to change	0.00%	1,863,900	-103,550	1,760,350
Sewer Planning	7/15/96	sub to change	0.00%	0	0	0
Water Note	7/12/99	11/20/00	4.75%	0	0	0
Sewer Improvements	6/27/01	unknown*	0.00%	2,521,920	767,281	3,289,201
Sewer Bond Anticipation	3/28/01	3/28/02	3.93%	3,240,233	-3,240,233	0
Equipment Loan	6/1/01	12/1/03	4.10%	140,213	-140,213	0
Garage Purchase	9/12/00	9/12/01	4.80%	0	0	0
Bingham, Garage, Water Bld	12/1/01	12/1/21	Variable	620,000	-40,000	580,000
Sewer Note	4/1/02	4/1/14	0%	8,350,263	4,327,900	12,678,163
Excavator/Cruiser UNB Note	4/1/01	12/2/02	4.10%	23,980	-23,980	0
St of VT, Excavator/Cruiser.	12/11/01	12/11/04	2.00%	79,247	-26,416	52,831
Salt Shed Building Bond	12/11/02	12/1/12	Variable	100,000	100,000	100,000
Water Upgrade Bond	12/1/03	12/1/22	Variable	3,200,000	3,200,000	3,200,000
Sewer Grant Ant. Note	3/27/03	9.15/03	2.10%	51,500,000	51,500,000	1,500,000

*Payments to begin two years after completion of project.

STOWE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	Date of Issue	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance 7/1/02	+/-	Balance 6/30/03
School Expansion ...	7-10-91	12-1-2012	7.15%	605,000	(60,000)	545,000
School Expansion ...	7-29-92	12-1-2012	6.11%	400,000	(40,000)	360,000

Vt. Bond Bank:

CATEGORY BREAKDOWN OF GRAND LIST

1,091	Residential I	201,712,500
281	Residential II	110,852,300
15	Mobile Homes-U.....	254,000
10	Mobile Homes-L	843,600
447	Vacation I	101,407,100
186	Vacation II	104,368,600
193	Commercial	144,131,700
16	Commercial Apts.....	7,166,200
5	Industrial Plants.....	2,219,400
4	Utilities-Electric	720,100
1	Utilities-Other	262,300
10	Farms	2,704,500
23	Woodland.....	1,115,200
635	Condominiums	132,599,500
351	Miscellaneous (parcels of land).....	<u>32,565,200</u>
3,195	Total	

Total Listed Value of Real Estate.....\$842,922,200

Total Grand List

(1% of total listed value)

Total non-taxable parcels: 135

SCHEDULE OF TAXES RAISED

Grand List:

General Property:

Real Estate.....	\$8,429,222
Total Town Grand List.....	\$8,429,222

Education Grand List:

Real Estate.....	\$8,429,222
Cable TV	1,740
Total Education Grand List.....	\$8,430,962

Taxes Billed:

General Property:

Real Estate (8,429,222 x .5492).....	\$4,629,329.00
Education (8,430,962 x 1.2008).....	\$10,123,899.00
Sub-Total.....	14,753,228.00

VT State Forest & Parks — 1% of Value	28,334.65
Plus Errors/Omissions.....	4,399.50

Total Taxes Billed	\$ 14,785,962.15
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Taxes Accounted for as Follows:

General Property	\$ 13,931,264.12
Taxes to Delinquent Collector	854,698.03

Total Taxes Accounted For	\$ 14,785,962.15
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DIVISION OF TAXES

	Taxes Assessed	Tax Rate
Town Assessment	\$ 4,629,625	0.5492
School Assessment	10,125,159	1.2008
	\$14,754,784	\$1.75

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes' sole responsibility is to collect past due Town and School taxes listed on the Town Treasurer's Warrant following the installment due date in November and May of each year. The following chart shows the delinquent amount immediately following the deadline. As you can see, by percentage, your efforts in paying your property taxes on time are greatly appreciated.

In order to offset the cost of collecting delinquent taxes and in order to stimulate timely payment, Title 32 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and Chapter 9 of the Town Charter provide for penalty and interest charges to be assessed against all delinquent accounts. These amounts are set annually by Resolution at the March Town Meeting and are currently 8%, and 1% per month respectively. These revenues are turned over to the Town's General Fund.

The Town of Stowe follows a firm, consistent and fair policy of collecting delinquent taxes. All taxes are required to be in the hands of the Treasurer by the deadline. Postmarks by the appropriate due date are acceptable.

Delinquent taxes are billed monthly, and every effort is made to accommodate people who try to satisfy their obligation. The Town's policy is to send all accounts more than one year in arrears (i.e., two installments) to the Town Attorney for tax sale. Although this may seem harsh to some, experience has shown that those few accounts that remain delinquent after one year will be paid only if the Town follows this avenue. After all, the collection of delinquent taxes has a direct bearing on the Town's financial condition. In most tax sale cases, full payment is made before the tax sale actually becomes final.

Respectfully submitted,

ALISON K. LEWIS

Collector of Delinquent Taxes

<u>Warrant Date</u>	<u>Amount Billed</u>	<u>Delinquent Warrant Amount</u>	<u>% Delinquent of Total Billed</u>	<u>Remaining Delinquent Amount as of 6/30/03</u>
November, 1996	\$4,380,273	\$270,952	6.19%	\$0
May, 1997	\$4,380,259	\$229,127	<u>5.23%</u>	\$0
TOTAL	\$8,760,532	\$500,079	5.71%	\$0
November, 1997	\$4,448,040	\$238,454	5.36%	\$0
May, 1998	\$4,448,027	\$221,320	<u>4.98%</u>	\$0
TOTAL	\$8,896,067	\$459,774	5.17%	\$0
November, 1998	\$5,646,245	\$273,489	4.84%	\$0
May, 1999	\$5,645,893	\$309,742	<u>5.49%</u>	\$0
TOTAL	\$11,292,138	\$583,231	5.16%	\$0
November, 1999	\$5,963,074	\$318,024	5.33%	\$0
May, 2000	\$5,961,182	\$391,018	<u>6.56%</u>	\$0
TOTAL	\$11,924,256	\$709,042	5.95%	\$0
November, 2000	\$4,094,013	\$268,017	6.55%	\$0
May, 2001	\$4,094,011	\$266,785	<u>6.52%</u>	\$0
TOTAL	\$8,188,024	\$534,802	6.53%	\$0
November, 2001	\$6,551,919	\$415,852	6.35%	\$0
May, 2002	\$6,551,919	\$395,007	<u>6.03%</u>	\$4,229
TOTAL	\$13,103,838	\$810,860	6.19%	\$4,229
November, 2002	\$7,376,607	\$399,273	5.41%	\$ 27,789
May, 2003	\$7,376,607	\$455,425	<u>6.17%</u>	\$157,043
TOTAL	\$14,753,214	\$854,698	5.79%	\$184,832
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DELINQUENCIES				\$189,061

STOWE BOARD OF LISTERS

The 2005 reappraisal has started, and as of January 1, 2004, approximately 400 properties have been inspected. The response has been very good and the Board of Listers expresses thanks to all those property owners who have again allowed this office to conduct a fair and equitable reappraisal. The main reason that the Grand List has been equitable over the years is due to your cooperation in ensuring that each property is listed correctly.

The Board has made a policy decision not to make any corrections to the 2004 grand list on properties that have changed due to the re-inspection process (finished basements, renovations, etc) until all properties are re-inspected and the reappraisal goes on line for the 2005 grand list. The Board has also made a policy decision that no exterior pictures taken of the properties during the reappraisal will be stored in computers or by discs (no negatives), but will be kept as a hard copy in the lister's property's file for on site review purposes only.

The recently completed 2003 equalization study done by the State of Vermont indicates a common level of appraisal of 73.31 % (this means that Stowe's assessments are 73.31 % of Fair Market Value). This compares to 82.36% for the 2002 study. This indicates that Stowe has experienced a 12%+ rate of inflation between the two studies which does not bode well for Stowe in regard to Act 68 (previously enacted as Act 60) as Stowe's rate of inflation has been and generally will be greater than the average inflation rate for the entire state. The Town's inflation rate for the past six months may be closer to 18% based on recent real estate sales. These sales indicate that our actual common level of appraisal may be closer to 60% since the state study is approximately 1.5 years behind current market trends as it is based on a 3 year study of sales with no time adjustments.

The question is asked: Why do a reappraisal? A reappraisal does not increase tax revenues to the State or to the Town, budgets do. A reappraisal ensures that each property is paying its proportionate share of taxes according to fair market value. Values change over time, not always at the same rate of inflation. The rate can vary depending on the location of the property, the type of property (residential, condominium, commercial, or vacant land), or the style, age, or condition of the property. A reappraisal will balance these differences to make the Grand List more equitable. Some properties will benefit by the reappraisal and have a lower tax burden, others will not. That is the purpose of a reappraisal.

The Town will notify all property owners in June of 2005 of every value change. This will give each taxpayer the right to judge the fairness of the reappraisal. It is our responsibility to maintain a fair and equitable Grand List that you can judge and accept. You will be given the opportunity to appeal your value and to examine the reasoning for the value. Thank you

again for your cooperation as we conclude this very important Town project over the next year.

Sincerely,

LEO CLARK
ELLEN THORNDIKE
PAUL PERCY

LISTERS

Appropriation		\$71,353
Income:		
Miscellaneous.....	822	
		\$72,175
Expenditures:		
Listers' Salaries	\$ 750	
Staff Wages	68,772	
Staff Overtime.....	0	
Pension	2,776	
Worker's Compensation.....	112	
Unemployment.....	519	
FICA.....	2,303	
Health Insurance	3,276	
Life & Disability	273	
Dental Insurance	374	
Office Expense.....	776	
Telephone	376	
Postage	273	
Training & Staff Development	35	
Professional Services	770	
Mapping	2,500	
Copy Machine Expense	817	
Travel Reimbursement.....	0	
Equipment Purchase.....	299	
Benefit Pay	10,069	
Dues and Memberships.....	0	
		<u>95,070</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$(22,895)

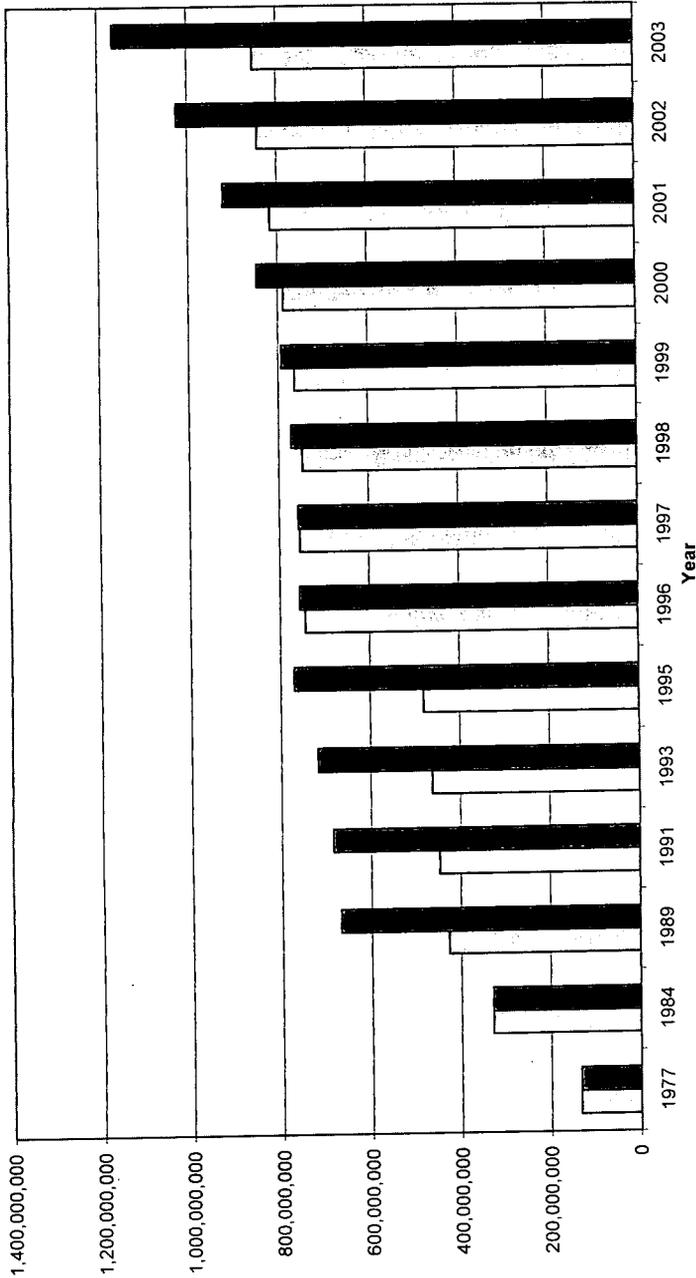
LISTERS OFFICE

YEAR	GRAND LIST	RATIO TO FMV	TOWN BUDGET	SCHOOL BUDGET	TAX RATE
1977	132,917,100	100%	630,833	1,288,000	1.44
1978	138,127,700	95%	676,826	1,256,963	1.40
1979	143,687,400	88%	787,407	1,339,167	1.48
1980	150,217,500	83%	941,864	1,446,595	1.59
1981	157,978,100	78%	1,034,756	1,540,286	1.63
1982	173,020,100	70%	1,200,892	1,809,990	1.74
1983	182,434,800	65%	1,311,392	1,842,100	1.73
1984	327,917,100	100%	1,690,226	2,095,170	1.16
1985	340,685,500	97%	1,707,190	2,272,500	1.17
1986	362,297,300	92%	2,006,031	2,387,000	1.22
1987	383,100,000	80%	2,270,215	2,779,815	1.32
1988	403,015,000	70%	2,570,285	3,159,634	1.43
1989	426,135,700	62%	2,850,687	3,508,586	1.50
1990	437,801,000	64%	2,976,547	3,993,591	1.60
1991	446,500,300	65%	3,036,078	4,378,404	1.67
1992	452,171,300	65%	3,079,764	4,603,450	1.70
1993	461,886,200	64%	3,140,826	4,849,805	1.73
1994	469,544,100	64%	3,145,945	5,071,076	1.75
1995	480,519,700	63%	3,073,667	5,110,876	1.704
1996	743,047,600	100%	3,470,728	5,292,400	1.179
1997	754,068,800	98%	3,564,544	5,330,900	1.178
1998	746,664,300	97%	3,403,415	7,893,032	1.513
1999	763,519,500	96%	3,481,112	8,441,295	1.562
2000	787,212,900	93%	3,732,303	8,712,858	1.577
2001	816,277,400	88%	3,860,228	9,286,024	1.611
2002	842,922,200	82%	4,629,625	10,125,159	1.750
2003	852,293,300	73%	5,175,631	11,260,846	1.9104

1977, 1984 and 1996 were base reappraisal years in which the Grand List increased to 100% of Fair Market Value. State law requires that a Town's Education Grand List not fall below 80% of FMV or it must do a reappraisal. For this reason most towns will do a reappraisal every 7 to 10 years.

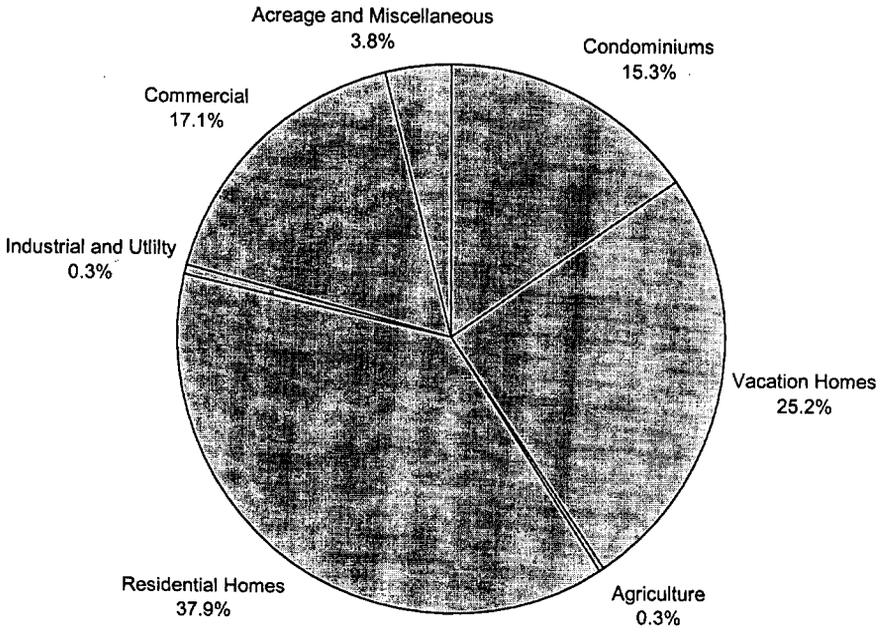
2003 Grand List Tax Base

□ Actual Grand List ■ Estimated Market Value



1977, 1984 and 1986 were base reappraisal years in which the Grand List increased to 100% of Fair Market Value. The State did 2 year studies from 1989 to 1995 and in 1996 started to do 1 year studies. With the advent of Act 60 in 1998, the State began to incorporate 3 years of sales to arrive at its Equalized Education Market Value. These sales are not time adjusted so the actual market value of the town may be higher than indicated due to inflation.

**DISTRIBUTION OF 2003 GRAND LIST
TAX ASSESSMENT**



2003 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

The Planning Commission spent much of its time in FY2003 reviewing applications for subdivisions and development within the Ridgeline and Hillside Overlay District as well as working hard to update and readopt the Town Plan. The Commission reviewed and approved a major expansion to Stowe Mountain Resort as well as a 42-unit affordable housing project being developed by the Lamoille Housing Partnership.

With the creation of the Development Review Board on July 1, 2003, the Commission has been freed up from reviewing development applications and now has the ability to concentrate entirely on its municipal planning responsibilities. These responsibilities as outlined by Vermont State Statute include:

- Preparing and amending the Town Plan;
- Preparing recommended revisions to the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations;
- Undertaking capacity studies;
- Making recommendations to the Selectboard on matters involving land development, urban renewal, transportation, economic and social development, urban beautification and design improvements, historic and scenic preservation, energy conservation, and wetland protection;
- Preparing and presenting a recommended 5-year Capital Budget and Program;
- Participating in regional planning efforts; and
- Undertaking comprehensive planning and engineering studies.

The year also saw transition among the Planning Commission membership. With the creation of the Development Review Board, the Commission was reconstituted from a 9-member board to a 7-member board. Long-time member and former Chair Pat Sullivan left Stowe to take a position as Planning and Community Development Director for the town of Geneva, New York. Former Chair Craig Deluca and former Vice Chair David Rocchio also stepped down from the Commission.

The new Town Plan includes an ambitious work program that clearly delineates specific tasks with assigned responsibilities. Implementing the Town Plan will keep the Planning Commission and Planning Department very busy for the next 5 years. Some of the Commission's priorities for the next year include:

- A comprehensive review and overhaul of the Zoning Regulations;
- The development of a 5-year Capital Budget and Program;

- Holding semi-annual public meetings to evaluate the implementation of Town Plan;
- Preparing a bicycle and pedestrian improvement plan;
- Applying for downtown or village center designation.

Copies of the new town plan are available at the Planning & Zoning office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Percy, Chair
Lynn Altadonna, Vice Chair
Barbara Pfitzenmayer
Bob Evans
Scott Noble
Chuck Baraw
Tom Jackman, Director of Planning
Barbara Allaire, Administrative Assistant

2003 REPORT OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Year In Review: 2003 was another busy one for the Zoning Office as the number of applications for permitted uses continued along at near all time highs, an apparent reflection of the real estate market in Stowe which continues to be active. In total, one-hundred eighty-two (182) permits were issued for permitted uses during 2003. This number is down slightly from one-hundred ninety-nine (199) in 2002, but remains high when compared to trends of the recent past. Forty-two (42) of those permits were issued allowing construction of new single-family homes, down sharply from fifty-nine (59) last year. The declared values of these new homes is up sharply this year, with an average declared value of approximately \$352,000.00. This is up approximately \$20,000 from the 2002 average and over \$90,000 from 2001, and is by far the highest average declared value on record, particularly given that in the last few years there have been homes over 1 million in value which skewed the averages upwards; however that was not the case this year. Generally there appears to be an ongoing trend towards larger, more costly, single-family homes being constructed, and in the number of significant renovations and/or additions to existing homes. The average value of permitted use applications (not including new single-family homes) was \$57,600.00.

Certificates of Occupancy: While always required of permits issued as conditional uses, as of 2003 the Town now requires all permits, which includes those issued as permitted uses, to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy. There have been a few growing pains as those used to the "old way" of doing things found themselves caught by this new requirement, overall this change has been positively received, for the Certificate, once issued, becomes written proof that your project has been inspected by the Town, and has been found to be in compliance with the various regulations.

Conditional Use: Activity was also high with a number of significant projects being proposed or amended this year. In addition, the busy permit year in 2002 resulted in an active construction season in 2003, with Trapp Family Lodge beginning its "Villas" project (40 new Residential Units and 40 transient lodging units in 21 buildings); Stoweflake Resort demolished a portion of its existing hotel and added a net of 22 transient lodging rooms and major expansion of its spa facilities; and not to be overlooked, Stowe Mountain Resort began what will become a ten (10) year expansion project involving a new hamlet at the base of Spruce Peak.

Zoning Fee Schedule: The way through which the Town of Stowe assesses a fee for its Zoning Department was changed in 2003 from the historical "cost of construction" which was set at \$1.501/\$1,000 of cost for as long as most of us can remember, to the new "cost per square foot" method. The current fee schedule requires \$.15/sq.ft. of heated space, and \$.10 of

unheated space. This system is much less subject to abuse as it is not based on a theoretical or estimated cost (a variable which is almost impossible for the Town to check), but is instead based on a fixed rate for square footage, something easily assessed. So far, most applicants seem to agree that the new system is much easier and fairer for all. The intent of this change was to make the system more efficient, but to keep it revenue neutral, in other words, the Town is not trying to increase or decrease the amount of the fees collected through this department. The department will be monitoring receipts during 2004 to determine if the change meets that revenue neutral requirement.

Enforcement Activities: The enforcement of the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance is one of the primary functions of the Administrative Officer. Over the years this function has required varying levels of effort as most property owners have made a clear effort to understand and comply with the exact requirements of the Ordinances. However; this year has seen an increase in the number of construction projects started without a permit. In response to this trend, active enforcement and the collection of the resulting fines are being given increased priority in 2003. All property owners should be aware that should construction occur without a permit, there is an immediate potential for fines and penalties upon discovery, and perhaps more concerning, the potential that the construction might have to be removed or altered. You should not assume that it will be possible to obtain a permit "after-the-fact," as your application will be reviewed as if no construction has occurred.

In addition, of particular concern in 2003 was a noticeable increase in the number and frequency of violations of the Zoning Ordinance, in particular those requirements dealing with Signage. Of all violations, signs tend to be the most pervasive, namely because signs are relatively cheap and easy to put up and take down. Please be advised that the installation of any sign in the Town of Stowe requires a permit prior to installation. This includes the replacement of existing business signs, one example being a new sign for a new business in an existing location. In addition, with few exceptions, temporary signs of all kinds are not permitted in the Town of Stowe. In particular, banners, posters, sandwich boards, or flags announcing special events, sales, or the like are not permissible, and are violations of the Zoning Ordinance if posted. If an illegal sign is posted it will result in a fine of up to \$100.00, per day. Questions relating to the specific requirements of the Zoning Ordinance can be directed to this office at 253-6130.

Conclusions: The continued high volume of applications and inquiries to the Zoning Administrator did not deter us from providing prompt and attentive service to all comers. Most applications continue to be processed within a few days of being submitted, and most walk-ins and phone calls can be handled on the spot. To avoid the potential for inconvenience, you are advised to call ahead for an appointment, and as always, please feel free to contact us

with any questions, comments, or suggestions, and call ahead for an appointment so one of us will be here when you arrive.

Looking Ahead to 2004: In the coming year we look forward to continued technological and service improvements in the department. Frequent visitors to the department will notice that in addition to recent upgrades in the furniture and equipment, in 2004 we will be updating our filing system to be more space efficient. In addition, in 2004 visitors and participants in the hearing process will notice that we have started videotaping these meetings to provide a more accurate record of these proceedings. We also are striving to make the Zoning/Subdivision Regulations and the application forms available on-line by the end of 2004. Finally, at the time of this report, the department has asked the Selectboard for additional staffing to aid in the continued efficient review and enforcement activities. This request is the result of steady increases in both the permit application volume, and the complexity of those applications. It is my hope that the addition of a staff person will allow the department to continue its tradition of prompt and efficient service, and to undertake some forward thinking to keep the office running smoothly into the foreseeable future.

Did You Know?

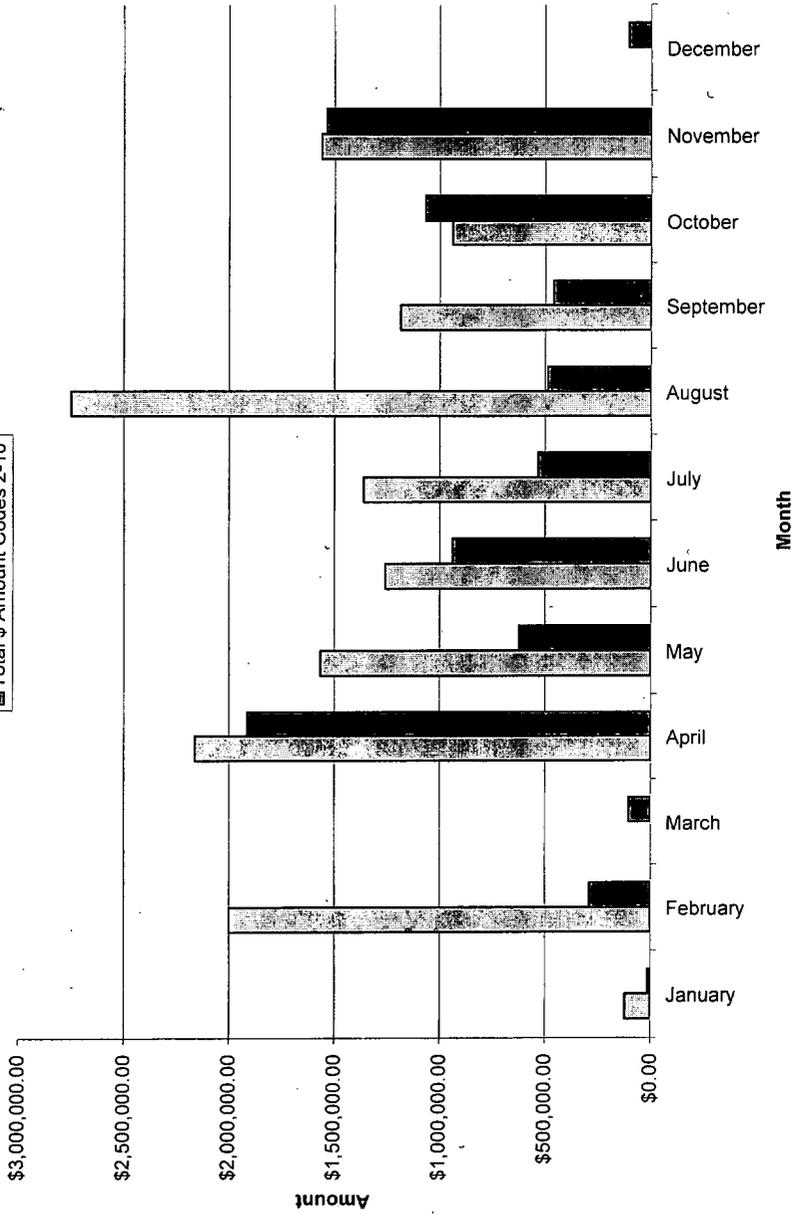
- Most additions, expansions, and renovations to an existing business, or the building in which it is located, requires a prior permit.
- Most additions and expansion to a residential property requires a prior permit.
- The installation or display of any sign in the Town of Stowe requires a permit.
- You may not occupy or use a building for which permit has been issued until such time as a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.
- Failure to obtain these required permits is a violation of the Zoning Ordinance and may result in fines and penalties. In addition to fines and penalties, violations become a lien on your property, and may delay or prevent financing (including refinancing), sale or transfer.
- The Town of Stowe actively enforces the requirements of its Zoning Ordinance to assure fair and equal treatment for all property and business owners.

Respectfully Submitted

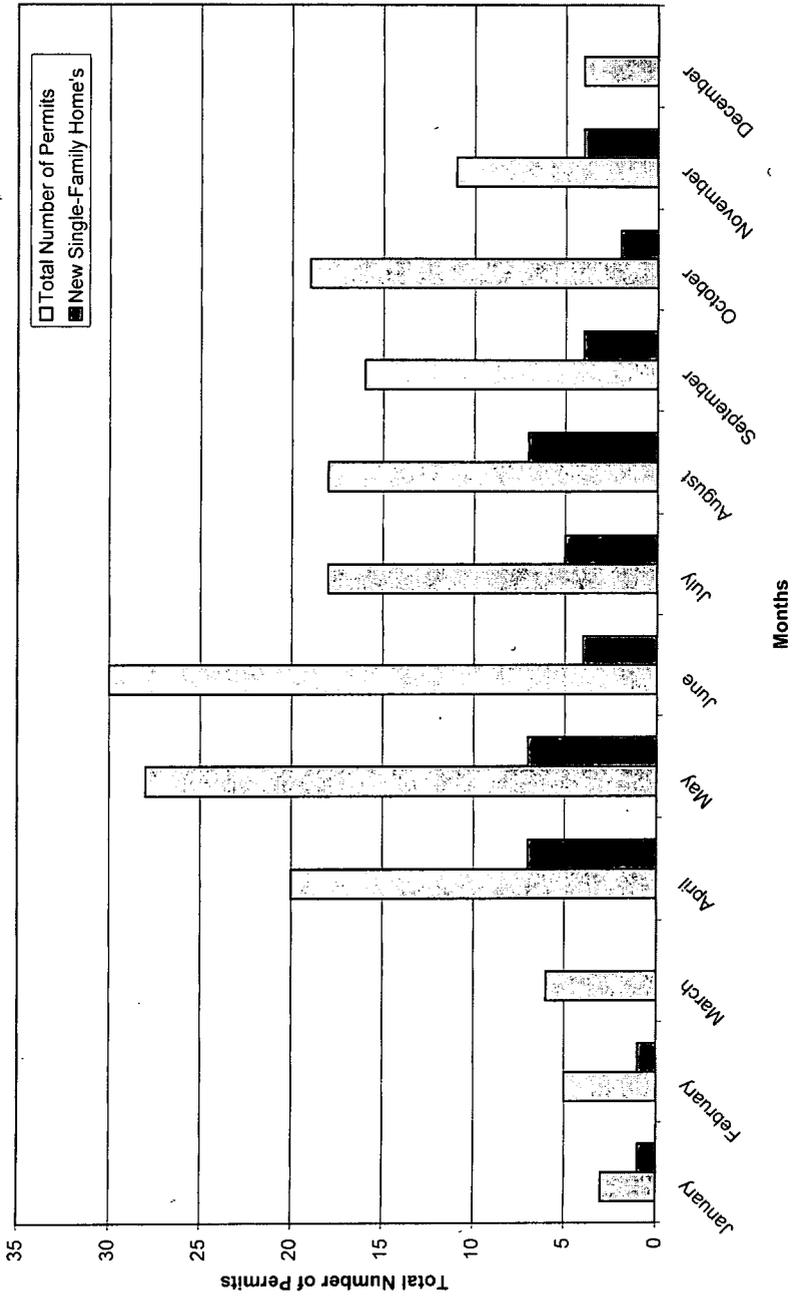
DARROW H. MANSFIELD
Zoning Director

Residential Permits, 2003

- Total \$ Amount Code 1's
- Total \$ Amount Codes 2-10

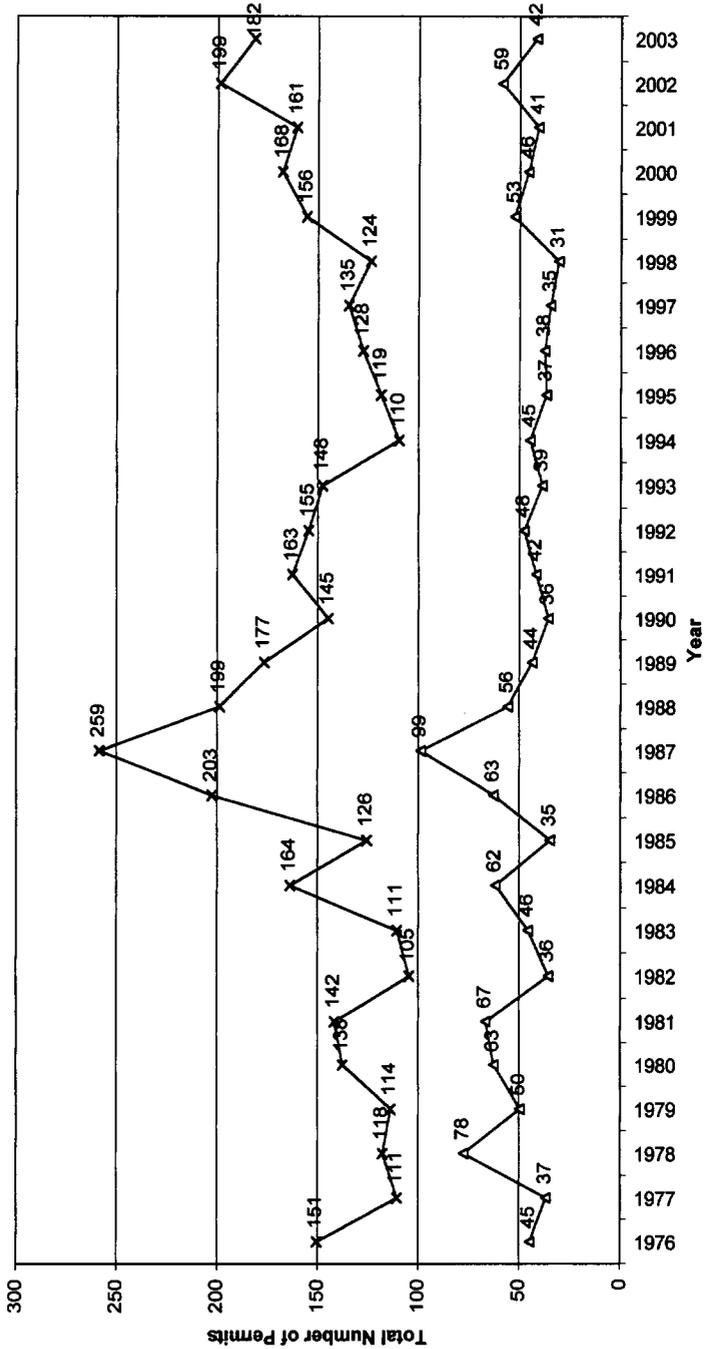


Residential Permits 2003



Number of Permits Issued 1976-2003

▲ Total Number of New Single Family Homes ✕ Total Number of New Permits Issued



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD

The past year has been one of dramatic change for the Stowe Zoning Board. We have now become the Stowe Development Review Board, and the significance of that change goes beyond having a new name. Development review boards were enabled several years ago by the Vermont Legislature, and each year more communities are converting their Boards of Adjustment to the new format. The biggest single change for the Board is that it now becomes a single "point of contact" for applicants, with all permit review, including ridgeline and subdivisions to be heard by one board.

While the prior system of Planning Commission review of subdivisions and ridgeline development and Board of Adjustment review of conditional use applications had worked reasonably well, the applicant and the Town always faced the possibility that the two boards might make conflicting decisions on a proposal, and there was no system in place for resolving such conflicts. As development proposals have become more complex, the Selectmen proposed and the Town authorized the creation of a Development Review Board that would hear all applications. An additional benefit is that this would allow the Planning Commission to devote more time to planning for the future.

As a result of this change, an applicant needs to present the proposal to only one board and while he or she may not necessarily always like the outcome, the Town is now speaking with one voice. There are benefits to the Town when it comes to Act 250 review and also with regards to appeals of the Board's decisions. While all of this has increased the Board's workload, the gains for the Town make the change definitely worthwhile.

The change from the BOA to the Development Review Board also brought about secretarial changes for the Planning Commission and the DRB. Barbara Allaire is now the Planning Commission's secretary, and Jennifer Rowe has moved from the PC to the DRB. Barbara was with the BOA for over 20 years and will be missed by all those BOA members who had the pleasure of serving during her tenure as secretary. At the same time, the Board welcomes Jennifer, and looks forward to working with her in the future.

The Board would like to express its appreciation to Darrow Mansfield, who, as Zoning Administrator, acts as the Board's "gatekeeper" and who now takes on the additional role of being the Administrative Officer for the Development Review Board. Darrow's job can be difficult at times, and he is to be commended for the hard work he does on the Town's behalf.

ALLAN J COPPOCK, *Chair*
FRANCIS AUMAND
PETER BEDDOW
BRYANT BRINK
EDMUND IZZO
JAMES WALTON, *Vice Chair*

**ZONING AND PLANNING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Appropriation		\$161,537
Income:		
Zoning Permits	\$38,027	
Board of Adjustment Fees	34,568	
Zoning Bylaws	299	
Zoning Miscellaneous	551	
Planning-Miscellaneous	315	
Planning-Subdivision Fees	106,314	
Planning-Special Events	290	
Zoning Health Permits	3,801	
		\$184,165
		\$345,702
Expenditures:		
Director's Salary	\$32,600	
Zoning Administrator Wages	45,406	
Staff Wages	32,182	
Pension	8,333	
Worker's Compensation	336	
Dues & Membership	409	
FICA	9,421	
Health Insurance	17,990	
Life & Disability	1,734	
Dental Insurance	1,426	
Office Expense	6,818	
Advertising	2,973	
Telephone	2,127	
Postage	1,400	
Training & Development	901	
Professional Services	2,507	
Legal Services	20,401	
Printing	1,594	
Mapping	264	
Copy Machine Expense	3,992	
Travel Reimbursement	532	
Equipment Expense	3,828	
Benefit Pay	9,704	
Unemployment	134	
Staff Overtime	1,265	
		208,277
Balance at End of Year		\$ 137,425

ANIMAL CONTROL

Appropriation		\$5,281
Income:		
Public Health/Dog Fines	\$ 1,985	
Dog License Surcharge Fees.....	<u>1,470</u>	
		<u>3,455</u>
		\$8,736
Expenditures:		
ACO Contract	\$ 13,814	
Unemployment.....	120	
FICA.....	1,030	
General Expense	2,991	
Travel Expense.....	560	
Workers Compensation	158	
Pound Building Expense.....	1,711	
Health Insurance	1,818	
Life/Disability	88	
Dental	157	
Uniforms	200	
Training	<u>61</u>	
		<u>22,708</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$ (13,972)

SOLID WASTE

Appropriation		\$ 1,600
Income:	<u>0</u>	
		1,600
Expenditures:		
LRSWD Supervisor	\$ 600	
		<u>600</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$ 1,000

AUDITORS

Appropriation		\$13,202
Income:		
School Report Payment.....	\$3,107	
Sewer & Water	4,343	
Trolley Audit	<u>2,172</u>	
		<u>9,622</u>
		\$22,824
Expenditures:		
Auditors' Salaries	\$2,608	
FICA.....	210	
Office Expense	47	
Professional Services	8,214	
Town Report Expense	87	
Printing & Binding.....	<u>9,446</u>	
		<u>20,612</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$(2,212)

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$ 17,000
Expenditures:		
Repairs & Maintenance.....\$	208	
Electricity	33,710	
New Lights.....	<u>1,158</u>	
		<u>35,076</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$ (18,076)



STOWE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF: KENNETH KAPLAN

At the time of this report we are currently more than 200 calls for service ahead of the past year. This means your police department will field approximately 4000 calls for 2003. Our population has swelled to almost 5000 year-round residents and during busy holidays the population can triple that number. Traffic becomes a significant problem, with speeding, accidents and alcohol impaired driving resulting. The Stowe Police Department participates in State and Federal programs such as "Click it or Ticket" and "SHARP" to increase our presence during these periods, making our highways safer for all. Please, Slow Down! and Buckle Up!.

This fall marked the 12th anniversary of the homicide of Patricia Scoville. This case remains unsolved and investigators continue to follow up on leads. A landmark DNA law was passed thanks to the tireless lobbying of Patricia's parents. Investigators are hopeful this could lead to the suspect in this case. The reality is that the State Forensics Lab is overworked, understaffed, has limited resources, and is far behind in testing samples. It could take years before all the samples collected in the database are compared to the Scoville case. Anyone with information about this case is urged to call the Stowe Police Department.

The Town of Stowe now has a full-time ACO (Animal Control Officer). Jacqueline Schmelzer was hired to enforce our animal control ordinances on a daily basis. Jackie is a certified police officer, having attended the Basic Academy for Part-Time Officers. Jackie has also attended the New England Animal Control Humane Academy and has attended other training seminars related to animal control. To date this year the police department has received more than 250 animal complaints. These complaints range from vicious dogs, dogs running at large, lost and found cats, rabid animals, dog bites, wild animal problems, and licensing enforcement. These complaints are very time consuming and require diligent follow up. In addition to animal complaints,

Jackie also participates in traffic enforcement, Village foot patrol, and Recreation Path patrol. Jackie is doing an outstanding job and is a valuable asset to the Police Department.

In early summer Chief Kaplan announced that in September there would be a physical fitness assessment of all department members. The same standards as applied by the Vermont Police Academy were used. The results were very good and plans for ongoing assessments are being considered. Everyone participated enthusiastically and the morale and camaraderie of the department skyrocketed. Physical fitness is important as it reduces stress and healthy and fit employees miss less time for sickness or injury.

With the addition of the Animal Control Officer, the police department now has 14 full-time employees. The Patrol Division consists of nine officers, to include a Sergeant, two Corporals, and six Patrol Officers. The rest of the department consists of the Chief, a Detective, an Animal Control Officer and two administrative personnel.

The members of the Stowe Police Department wish to thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Stowe Police Department,
Patrolman David Knight

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$ 932,586
Income:	
Sale of Reports	\$ 4,051
Special Events	85,521
Miscellaneous	4,010
Court Fines	40,027
Domestic Violence	4,523
Grant COPS Hiring Grant	<u>26,713</u>
	164,845
	<u>\$1,097,431</u>

Expenditures:

Chief's Salary	\$ 60,357
Officers' Wages	419,821
Clerical Staff Wages	68,933
Officers' Overtime	56,348
Clerical Staff Overtime	3,881
Salaries - Special Events	73,859
Special Officers	6,553
Holiday Pay	18,957
Shift Differential	5,553
Pension	71,189
Worker's Compensation	19,839
Unemployment	5,593
FICA	54,443
Health Insurance	86,444
Health Club Membership	400
Life & Disability	8,673
Dental Insurance	9,670
Office Expense.....	4,058
General Expense	2,752
Uniforms	13,840
Photographic Services	741
Telephone	16,121
Training & Development	7,839
Dues & Membership Fees.	465
Immunizations	315
Detox Transport	2,035
Community Education	311
Professional Service	209
Printing	1,168
Police Station Expense	27,165
Copy Machine Expense	6,704

Communications Expense	4,890
Criminal Investigations	1,743
Equipment Expense	13,874
Vehicle Expense	105,497
Benefit Pay	7,980
	<u>\$1,188,220</u>
Balance at End of Year	\$ (90,789)



STOWE FIRE DEPARTMENT

During the 2002 calendar year, the Stowe Fire Department responded to 196 calls as listed below:

Fire Alarms	95
10-50's Vehicle Accidents	43
Propane and Gas Leaks	14
Structure Fires	13
Electrical Fires	7
Brush, Trash and Grass Fires	6
Mutual Aid to Other Towns	6
Smoke Scares	4
Vehicle Fires	3
Hazardous Conditions	3
Lightening Strike and Other Fires	<u>2</u>
 Mutual Aid Given 6 times	 196
Mutual Aid Received 5 times	

In the summer of 2003, S.F.D. applied for a Grant from the Homeland Security through the L.E.P.C. in the amount of \$ 12,500, to purchase a support trailer and a portable cascade system to fill SCBA bottles at fire scenes. As it was purchased through the L.E.P.C. it is available for any Mutual Aid Call. We also applied for another Grant in the 2 nd round and have received \$ 27,100, to be carry support equipment needed at large accidents needing heavy extracation equipment.

Stowe Fire Department has so far received \$ 203,640 in Grant Money from FEMA and US Department of Justice, Homeland Security. During the year we have had (5) Jr. Firefighters graduate high school and have joined the S.F.D. as probationary members. As of Nov., 2003, we have (4) Juniors in the program and hoping for more to join. As always we held a very successful Annual Fire Prevention Program for approximately 3 5 0 students from Kindergarten thru 5 th Grade of Stowe Elementary School. Anyone interested in joining the Stowe Fire Department, please contact any member of the Fire Department, we can always use you.

WENDALL M. MANSFIELD
Chief Stowe Fire Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$222,594
Income:		
Grant-Aiken.....	\$ 899	
Miscellaneous.....	<u>1,675</u>	
		<u>\$2,574</u>
		\$225,168
Expenditures:		
Chief's Salary.....	14,628	
Officers' Salaries.....	6,200	
Firefighters' Pay.....	45,144	
Worker's Compensation.....	4,635	
Unemployment.....	2,374	
FICA.....	5,052	
Life & Accident Insurance.....	1,259	
Office Expense.....	879	
General Expense.....	15,278	
Telephone.....	1,678	
Training & Development.....	1,693	
Dues & Membership Fees.....	1,485	
Forest Fire Expense.....	2,418	
Fire/Rescue Building Expense.....	22,953	
Copy Machine Expense.....	1,522	
Equipment Expense.....	34,849	
Vehicle Expense.....	57,947	
Medical.....	<u>0</u>	
		<u>219,994</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$ 5,174

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Some highlights from 2003

January 4: First major snowstorm - over 20 inches. Many minor accidents but no major problems.

January 18: Respond with mobile command post to assist Stowe Fire Dept. at Mountain Road structure fire.

March 18: Threat level upgraded to "orange."

March 21: Flood watch for Lamoille County. Ice jam develops on the Little River in Moscow, but clears by the afternoon.

April 1: Major diesel fuel spill from Mt. Mansfield Resort into the West Branch of the Little River.

September 24: Meet with school officials to update school emergency plans.

October 14: High wind advisory - many trees down on roads and power lines, but no major outages.

November 13-14: Season's first major snowstorm with high winds. School cancelled, scattered power outages and lots of cars off the road as Stowe residents and visitors get reacquainted with winter weather!

STOWE HAZARDOUS TERRAIN EVACUATION TEAM

The past year was characterized by a busy winter and a quieter than normal summer. The detail on types of incidents is listed below.

Search for lost subjects	8
Misc. evacuation of injured subjects	4
Snowmobile & ATV accidents	3
Mountain Bike accidents	2
Standby or Cancelled	7

In an effort to be proactive with the increasing problem of lost out of bounds and backcountry skiers, the team developed and presented a successful educational program for Stowe Middle School students this past spring, in conjunction with Stowe Mountain Resort and Fletcher Allen Health Care.

The team took delivery on a much needed and appreciated new pickup truck this July, and was also able to purchase a new (used) snowmobile and a new 4-wheeler with donated funds, greatly enhancing our off-road rescue capability.

We continue to struggle with a lack of adequate office, vehicle, and equipment storage space, and are looking forward to having this issue addressed at town meeting.

Neil Van Dyke
 Ed Stewart
 Doug Veliko
 Dennis Reinhardt
 Chris Anderson
 Pete Antos-Ketcham
 Matt Audy
 Jason Couture
 Derek Libby
 Graham Govoni
 Michael Strong

SUBMITTED BY NEIL VAN DYKE

STOWE RESCUE

Activity

Members of Stowe Rescue Squad (SRS) responded to over 600 calls during 2003, continuing an annual trend of increasing calls. SRS handles all medical & trauma (911) calls and also responds to fire calls. When not responding to calls, rescue members coordinate two Red Cross blood drives each year, teach CPR & EMT classes and participate in continuing education & training, including specific programs necessary to remain certified from year to year. The town of Stowe employs two people (*one full-time and one part-time*), to cover one of the crew positions on most day shifts. The balance of those crews, and all evening and night crews are made up of volunteer members.

Membership

2003 was another good year for membership growth. We added many new volunteer members and now have **43** rescue people serving the community of Stowe. We continue to maintain our volunteer membership base.

Certification

The EMT-B (*Basic*) level of certification enables members to handle most types of emergency calls using skills including, but not limited to, taking vital signs, use of AEDs (*Automated External Defibrillators*), maintaining patient airways, controlling bleeding and reporting patient information to more advanced care providers. The EMT-I (*Intermediate*) certification is an advanced level of training that emphasizes patient assessment, use of IV therapy, advanced airway management techniques and the administration of certain drugs. Initial courses for the EMT-B and EMT-I require 120 and 90 hours of specialized training, respectively. Stowe Rescue has **21** EMT-I's (*50% of the membership*) and **15** EMT-Bs, as well as a number of skilled drivers. All levels of certification require ongoing training and recertification.

Cost

The board of directors of Stowe Rescue continues to focus on providing the best possible pre-hospital care for the community of Stowe, while managing costs effectively. For the 2002 - 2003 fiscal year, the net expense of Stowe Rescue to the town was less than \$38,000 (*this includes town employees, benefits, supplies and other expenses.*)

Future Plans

Along with Stowe Hazardous Terrain, the leadership of Stowe Rescue continues to build its case for a new facility (*preferably at the Mayo Farm because of improved response times and lower cost*). At the time of this writing, Selectboard members were still weighing possible options to solve the current problems. Other important plans include proposing that our service level be enhanced to include Paramedics (EMT-P). Paramedic service is now available in several surrounding towns including Belvidere, Waterville, Johnson & Hyde Park. Because of our rural environment, and the relatively long distance to local hospitals, Paramedics are very valuable as they are both skilled and authorized to provide more interventions in the field, including more advanced emergency techniques and medications. Both the new facility plans and the increase in service to the Paramedic level have been formally proposed to the town, subject to approval at Town Meeting.

Stowe Rescue thanks the members of the Stowe Fire Department, Stowe Police Department and Stowe Hazardous Terrain Team for their unyielding support and assistance in managing emergency situations. We are very fortunate to have them and we are grateful for their help!

Respectfully submitted,
STEVE CHAMBERS, *Chairman*

STOWE RESCUE MEMBERS, CERTIFICATIONS & POSITIONS

Anderson	Corey	EMT-B	
Antos-Ketcham	Peter	EMT-B	
Aronow	Judy	EMT-I	
Boyle	Patricia	EMT-I	Town (PT)
Bradley	Joanne	EMT-B	
Bradley	Mark	CPR	
Brinkman	Scott	EMT-I	
Brutzman	Barbara	EMT-I	
Chambers	Steve	EMT-I	Chairman
Cinque	Ed	EMT-B	
Corey	Jordice	EMT-I	
Dewey	Tom	CPR	
Dodd	Hannah	EMT-B	
Dubick	Jon	EMT-B	
Earle	Babbie	EMT-I	
Earle	John	EMT-I	
Francis	Lyn	EMT-I	Vice Chair
Fuller	Dave	EMT-P	
Goodell	Shawn	EMT-B	
Hall	Candy	EMT-I	Director
Harger	Brittany	EMT-B	
Helmken	Gilbert	EMT-I	
Jacques	Mary	EMT-I	
Jennings	Diana	CPR	
King	Mike	EMT-B	
Kueffner	John	EMT-I	Compliance
Laviale	Roger	CPR	
Mansfield	Darrow	EMT-I	Director
Momsen	Cubby	EMT-I	Treasurer
Momsen	Frits	CPR	Clerk
Rhodes	Duke	EMT-I	Town (FT)
Rhodes	Karen	EMT-I	Training Committee
Sgantas	Judy	EMT-B	
Smalley	Scott	EMT-I	
Snow	Donna	EMT-I	Director/Scheduling
Veliko	Chris	EMT-B	
Veliko	Doug	EMT-B	Training Committee
Walker	Kyle	EMT-B	
Ward	Reginald	CPR	
Webster	Tracy	EMT-B	
Whitcomb	David	EMT-B	Vehicle Officer
Wilkinson	Jon	EMT-B	

STOWE RESCUE SQUAD
STOWE HAZARDOUS TERRAIN

Appropriation		\$72,138
Income:		
EMS Billing	\$ 107,224	
Miscellaneous	8	
Hazardous Terrain Rescue	<u>2,475</u>	
		\$109,707
Rescue Squad Expenditures:		
Staff Wages	46,225	
Emergency Response Pay	29,291	
Overtime	2,845	
Pension	5,154	
Worker's Compensation	5,849	
Unemployment	2,154	
FICA	6,047	
Health Insurance	12,191	
Life & Disability	543	
Dental Insurance	763	
Telephone	2,067	
Training & Development	3,136	
EMS Billing Expenses	9,020	
Copy Machine Expense	1,522	
Communication Expense	2,449	
Equipment Expense	4,156	
Vehicle Expense	7,104	
General Expense (Supplies)	4,226	
Immunizations	364	
Emergency Responder Pay (EMS)	4,744	
Worker's Compensation (EMS)	310	
FICA (EMS)	186	
General Expense	4,113	
Training & Development	1,449	
Dues & Memberships	165	
Equipment Expense	3,554	
Vehicle Expense	1,852	
Emergency Management Director	<u>600</u>	
		<u>162,079</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$ 19,766

STOWE RECREATION COMMISSION

With a mix of experienced old hands and inquisitive new members, the Recreation Commission has spent a good portion of 2003 deliberating on how it can best advise the Selectboard on diverse programs and issues that are of great significance to many people in Stowe, residents and visitors alike.

The Commission is enthusiastic about the current community discussions stressing the need for planning and visions. It seeks to positively contribute toward that goal. From a recreational standpoint, the Commission believes an immediate outside study on its issues should be implemented.

Since the last recreational assessment in 1996, Stowe has changed significantly. A growing, relatively younger population of permanent residents, interested in a wide variety of activities for children and lifetime fitness for adults, is placing intensive pressure on a recreational infrastructure. The community also shares with anywhere from 1,000 to 15,000 visitors and second home owners on any given day.

A serious contemporary study is necessary because recreational activities are critical to health, lifestyle, and economic growth of Stowe's citizens. At this point in time, there are far more possible recreational activities and capital investment for the Commissioners to ponder than can possibly move forward in a challenging fiscal climate.

So, what existing activities do we grow? What new activities do we encourage and how do we gauge interest levels? Which programs do we limit or curtail? How much recreational infrastructure does Stowe really require? How much will it cost? And who is going to pay for it?

By gathering the facts and debating possible solutions to these questions in a timely and responsible fashion, the Recreation Commission can utilize this most logical approach to successfully fulfill its charge from the Selectboard and further the interest of all citizens committed to recreational issues.

Respectfully submitted,

GENE CULLEN, *Chairman*
SHEILA GOSS
DAVE MATTHEWS
GRADY VIGNEAU
PHIL SCOTT

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Recreation Department has continued to grow and expand in many different directions over the course of the past year.

The Summer Recreation Program directed by Tori Faye, assisted by Melissa Clark and staffed by many HS and college students, has "burst at the seams". The summer enrollment has increased nearly 13% jumping the daily enrollment from mid 70's to the high 90's. We have had positive feed back about the various opportunities that the program offers including horseback riding, fishing club, swimming lessons, fun and exciting field trips and many other activities. The program was directed safely, efficiently and many hours of planning went into making the program successful for all of those involved.

Thanks to the voters, we have been able to add a 20x30 addition to the David Gale Recreation Center creating the much-needed office and storage space. The addition included a patio section for protection from rain for check-in and out during the summer program as well as a pleasant spot for team gatherings, spectators and picnics. We greatly appreciate your support for this addition and hope that you will support our efforts to add to the other side of the center, which would be much needed space for the kids!

We have presently been running Creative learning programs five days a week from 3:00 to 5:00PM. The activities vary from arts and crafts to baking, wood working, broom ball, swimming, horseback riding, jewelry making, critters and things, paper projects, painting, outdoor fun and games and more!

We have held and will continue to host one Kids Night Out per month from 6:00 to 10:00PM for a fee of \$5! Kids Night Out is an opportunity for kids to play, socialize, skate, watch a movie, eat snacks and have a great time in a safe environment. It also gives parents an opportunity to go shopping, run errands, go out to dinner and a movie, or just stay at home! The enrollment for "KNO" is between 70 to 105 kids! High school students, and occasionally, when available, college aged persons supervise all of the activities.

We have continued to host dinners at the West Branch Apartments once a month at 6:00PM. The dinners are organized and prepared by Tori and any volunteers that she can find to help prep, serve and clean up. The meals range from spaghetti with veggie or meat sauce and garlic bread to homemade soup and sandwiches, homemade macaroni & cheese, New England boiled dinner, chicken and biscuits, and an end of the year BBQ! All of the dinners have a great salad spread, veggies and dessert! The dinners are sponsored by HASS, Housing And Supportive Services.

This past summer we finally built phase one of our desperately needed

storage garage used for our trucks and equipment, located behind the rink, we hope to complete it this summer.

The recreation path has been a high traffic zone throughout the seasons, and will continue to be used by hundreds of people. We will continue to make improvements to the path and will be re-paving the upper section one mile at a time. We have created as many green lawn spaces as possible, added new benches and picnic tables. We are working on directional signs, paint markers and need to stabilize the riverbanks.

We would like to replace the drainage stone on the community playground with bark 8"-10" in depth. We feel that this is a safer alternative and is easier to maintain.

We have made some improvements at the recreation areas downtown. We have skinned the recreation softball field by removing all of the grass on the infield, making the field similar to playoff and college fields. We will be repainting the lines, post and backboards on the public basketball court, but will not be replacing the backboards because of the vandalism that occurs around the court area, and players hang from the rims, which bend the unit. We have redone the two public tennis courts with a new resurfacing technique that requires warm, dry weather, shims, several layers of crack filler, paint and must be done over the course of several days. This technique has created a great playing surface!

This fall was very busy and exciting. We spent uncountable hours wrapping up, and making the finishing touches on our field, cemetery and facility duties of the spring, summer and fall, in preparation for the winter months. While making the finishing touches and preparing the Jackson Arena for opening day, we were chosen as the host site for the Division I, II and III Field Hockey Championships which were held at the Stowe High School. We consider this an honor and were excited that Stowe's Field Hockey team would be in the championships! Although the weather was uncooperative, dumping over three inches of rain that week, the fields held up very well. The whole crew did a terrific job getting the field and facility ready. We had lots of extra help including Kenny Burlinson who donated his time to make the final grooming cut on the field. We think he had more fun than we did! Over 100 hours of preparation were spent on this event and Tori likely had more than that invested.

The High School Varsity and JV soccer fields will be closed for the 2004 summer, for renovations, as they need extensive work and will require plenty of rest in order to be ready for the fall soccer season traffic. The field hockey field, baseball/softball field and track will be available for use. We would like to start fundraising efforts to support these renovations. We think that a wall with small plaques including donors' names on it would be a great way to show our appreciation for their help. We also hope to have a portable score

board and/or a permanent score board installed at the High School for field hockey and soccer games.

Another renovation that we hope that you support is to revitalize the four High School tennis courts by the end of the 2004 summer. We would like to use the same resurfacing technique as used on the downtown courts because they came out beautifully.

We at the Recreation Department take great pride in our efforts to keep community grounds and facilities in the best shape possible. We hope that you will help us by giving support with your votes and funding on the large scale. On the smaller scale you can help to keep the areas looking good by respecting the ground and facilities, keeping them clean and free of vandalism and using common sense when inclement weather prevails.

The Stowe Recreation Department will be managing and scheduling all requests and applications to utilize the Events fields, High School fields, Middle High School gymnasium, and numerous other areas and facilities that are currently maintained by the Recreation Department.

Our goal is to accommodate users and maximize usage by clarifying individual User schedules & requests in order to efficiently coordinate and eliminate conflicts.

The Recreation Department will manage the request and application process by:

1. Printing a public notification in November and sending applications by mail to current Users
2. Processing properly filled out applications and requests for full approval (Mayo fields require Selectboard approval)
3. Processing field use agreements
4. Collecting fees and deposits
5. Scheduling fields and facilities for all uses (events and recreation)
6. Enforcing the field/facility use rules and regulations
7. Maintaining all fields and facilities
8. Aid in coordination of special requests

The town now has a hefty user group size, and it is continuing to expand. We currently have numerous and various events, sporting activities, school groups, clubs and camps that utilize the three Mayo fields. At some point, we need to seriously consider developing more space for multi-purpose use, that will not be specifically designated for one use or another.

The three Mayo Events fields need some drainage work done in order to

make them sufficient for use during times of inclement weather. At this point in time, use in wet weather seriously damages the field and parking areas for future events and recreational use. We have been looking into different pieces of property as an alternative site for use, but it looks like our best option is to "develop" the Polo Fields. Unfortunately the Polo Fields will only be a temporary fix as we have more and more requests for usable recreational and event space.

The Stowe Middle and High School Athletic Director, Tori Faye, reports that things are going well, as long as she stays one step ahead. There are many components to the position other than scheduling all sport season contests, like preparing uniforms, inventory, equipment, coaching staff, medical kits, supplies, bus, gymnasium and practice schedules, confirmation calls, meetings, ticket sales, eligibility checks, emergency form, physical form and insurance form organization and more. She spends numerous hours working on AD stuff, and wishes she could do more, like attend most of the home contests, be more involved with coaches, players and other schools on a more personal level, but knows she can't do it all.

Tori asks that you support her in her effort to make the recreation department the central location of all recreational opportunities from pre-K through seniors. She wears many hats. She schedules and manages the after school programs, middle and high school athletics, West Branch dinner, kids night out, holiday festivities, kids kaos (part of the winter carnival), co-ed hockey, field and facility use and rental, billing and the list goes on. She hopes that you will support her request for a full time assistant.

The Jackson Arena 2002-3 season provided ice for over 4,700 public skaters and rental skates for 2,403 people despite the great skiing conditions. The rink was the host for over 20 High School Boys and Girls' Hockey games, tons of youth hockey games and practices, two women's tournaments, our town Hyde Cup and Co-ed league, and eight other hockey programs not including the Stowe Figure Skating Club and North American Hockey Academy.

Over the course of the 2003-4 season the North American Hockey Academy (NAHA) has hosted two games a month at the Jackson arena bringing female college and prep school players to our community. This has been a great addition to the winter schedule as well as provided exposure for the female hockey population as it is a very competitive level of play and many of the NAHA players go on to play at bigger colleges around the country.

There are rinks going up on both sides of us, in Morrisville and Waterbury. We hope that our users will stay loyal to the Jackson arena. We know that we will lose some users, but we hope to operate at a full level. There have been rumors of a new rink and/or complex for Stowe. While we think that is a great idea, we hope that there is a fully thought out planning

process including what our needs are, what we should build, where to build and what to do with the existing Arena. We need to think ahead for a long-term plan. It is our hope that if a new rink and complex is a possibility that the Jackson Arena not be left as a shell but made into a year-round indoor facility. There are so many things that the space could be used for like walking, sport practices, indoor soccer, field hockey, golf, baseball and softball, volleyball, roller blading, archery, concerts, craft shows, camps, summer program play area and all sorts of other things! We hope that if in the future this topic is discussed that you will support our thoughts.

In closing, we would like thank you for taking the time to review some of the things that we have done over the course of the last year and consider some of our thoughts and opinions. We hope that you continue to support our efforts to help keep Stowe and events, recreation programming and opportunities successful while maintaining its beautiful grounds and facilities.

I would like to thank not only you, but also my dedicated staff for another great year at the Recreational Department. Thanks to Mike, Caleb, Dave, Russel, Brian, John, Denise, Erin, Sierra, Dot, Joel, Justin, Corey, Katie, Meghan, Melissa and Tori and her summer recreational staff.

Please feel free to contact me at 253-6148 or by email at tfaye.recdirector@townofstoweevermont.org if you have any questions, comments or ideas!

Thanks again, sincerely,

Bruce L. Godin, Recreation Supervisor

Tori Faye, Recreation & Athletic Director

RECREATION & GROUNDS

Appropriation.....\$339,599

Income:

Events Field Rental.....	\$9,400
Jackson Arena Rental	123,073
Skate Shop Income	34,142
Summer Program.....	41,259
Concession.....	391
Miscellaneous	3,024
Skate Park Donations	500
Cemetery Trust Reimb.....	6,000
School Payment Ground.....	12,500
Youth Center Rent	250
Summer Rec Fees	<u>(160)</u>

230,379

\$569,978

Expenditures:

Director's Salary	\$52,468
Recreation Staff Salaries	75,002
Ground Staff	118,761
Recreation Staff Overtime.....	809
Grounds Staff Overtime.....	8,523
Pension.....	23,439
Worker's Compensation	8,015
Unemployment	2,673
FICA	21,743
Health Insurance	30,546
Life & Disability.....	2,930
Dental Insurance	2,233
Office Expenses	1,080
General Expenses	10,987
Uniforms.....	1,855
Special Events Expense	453
Summer Rec Fees	1,142
Telephone.....	3,133
Training & Development.....	280
Cemetery Buildings Expense.....	112
Jackson Arena Expense	67,373
Gale Rec. Center Expense	4,585
Recreation Path Expense	13,738
Miscellaneous Buildings & Grounds	25,076
Cemetery Grounds Expense	5,167
Equipment Expense	27,132
Postage Expense	250

Vehicle Expense.....	16,183	
Benefit Pay	30,208	
School Grounds Expense.....	3,536	
Dues & Memberships	280	
Professional Services	1,251	
Printing	180	
Sunset Rock Expense	24	
		561,167
		<u>561,167</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$8,811

RECREATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		\$ 1,299
Expenditures:		
Staff Wages	\$ 1,168	
FICA	29	
General Expense	119	
		<u>1,316</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$ (17)

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

During the past year the Highway Department has been busy with a number of projects. A portion of Moscow Road between Barrows Road and Trapp Hill Road was completely reconstructed and realigned to improve sight distances. Eighty percent (80%) of the cost of the paving work on this roadway has been funded by a grant from the Agency of Transportation.

Following the installation of new water and sewer lines on Edson Hill Road, new pavement has been installed on approximately 1/2 mile of the roadway, beginning at Mountain Road. The paved roads on Mansfield View have been overlaid. In addition a short section of Sunset Street has been paved following the installation of a new waterline. All of this work is part of the Town's effort to maintain the roadways in good condition and properly maintained. Trapp Hill Road, Cross Road and Taber Hill Road were regraded this summer as part of the ongoing maintenance program for gravel roads.

With the help of a summer intern James Gasgoyne, the Town completed an inventory of all roadways. Utilizing an evaluation system which includes condition, volume of traffic, drainage, etc., a priority list of roadway repairs has been established to guide future planning and budgeting for road maintenance. A previous inventory of drainage structures was also updated this year.

The Town was fortunate to receive a "Better Backroads Grant" for \$6,600 that enabled the Highway Department to install erosion control riprap in the ditches on Lower Sanborn Road. This improvement will reduce erosion and improve the quality of run-off draining to the West Branch.

During the year the Department lost one employee and hired a replacement. Eric Bates is the newest addition to the Highway Department team. Allan Shatney continues to perform the maintenance on all Town vehicles and Allen Ross, now assigned to the Water Department, helps out on an as needed basis during snow storms.

Steve Bonneau, our Highway Superintendent, deserves accolades for his untiring efforts to maintain the Town roads and drainage systems. Steve never says no to a challenge and the Town is fortunate to have him as a member of the staff. Steve recently was awarded the "Roads Scholar" designation from the Vermont Local Roads Program administered by St. Michael's College.

The Highway Department maintains more than 80 miles of roadway within the Town with the help of an enthusiastic group of workers including Larry Foster (25 years of service), Melvin Wells (14 years), Bobby Mandigo (15 years), Joe Martin (8 years), John Allen (4 years), Jason Wells (1 year) and Larry Bohannon (1 year). Thanks to this staff of dedicated employees for a job well done.

CLIFFORD W. JOHNSON, P.E.
Director of Public Works

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		909,427
Income:		
Miscellaneous	\$2,164	
Overweight Permit	590	
Highway Mechanic	7,865	
Highway Block Grant	159,807	
Trolley Shop Plowing	2,500	
State Paving Reimb	(22)	
Special Funds	<u>34,704</u>	
		207,608
Expenditures:		
Superintendent's Salary	\$50,073	
Staff Wages	271,557	
Staff Overtime Pay	40,077	
Highway On Call Pay	20,316	
Pension	34,008	
Worker's Compensation	17,806	
Unemployment	4,969	
FICA	29,077	
Health Insurance	57,494	
Life & Disability	5,912	
Dental Insurance	5,133	
Office Expense	1,170	
Uniforms	7,240	
Winter Sand	61,230	
Winter Salt	71,984	
Telephone	3,403	
Training	522	
Crushing Services	35,651	
Tree and Brush Removal	10,400	
Professional Services	3,178	
Highway Garage Expense	29,814	
Pavement	1,594	
Road Repair Materials	47,434	
Chloride	26,165	
Sidewalks	2,697	
Parking Lots	4,142	
Road Signs	3,420	
Culverts & Storm Drains	5,306	
Bridges	34,260	
Equipment Expense	9,576	
Vehicle Expense	194,062	
Benefit Pay	5,858	
General Expense	<u>1,222</u>	
		<u>1,096,750</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$ (20,285)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Appropriation147,821

Income:

Utility Administration.....\$ 9,060

Water Administration.....13,591

22,651

Expenditures:

Director's Salary.....67,683

Director's Pension7,300

Director's Worker's Compensation185

Director's FICA5,233

Director's Health7,608

Director's Life & Disability Insurance.....876

Director's Dental537

Office Expense.....245

Advertising31

Telephone.....1,069

Postage.....100

Training & Development.....90

Dues & Memberships109

Professional Services1,618

Travel Reimbursement.....85

Equipment Expense112

Custodial Staff Wages.....24,662

Custodial Pension2,333

Custodial Worker's Compensation924

Custodial Unemployment.....285

Custodial FICA.....1,847

Custodial Health7,600

Custodial Life & Disability473

Custodial Dental536

General Expense.....66

Janitorial Supplies.....2,574

Uniforms69

Professional Services962

Memorial Building Expense.....25,872

GMI Public Restrooms17,238

Village Water & Light Building7,581

Town Clock Expense2,476

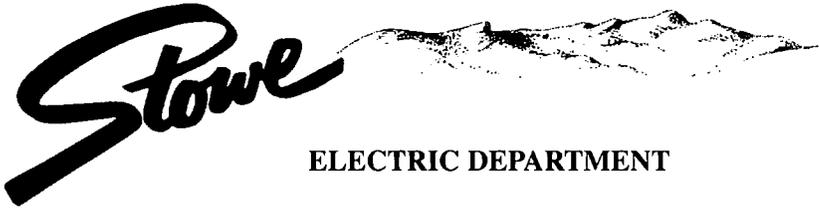
Miscellaneous Building Expense700

Travel.....122

189,201

Balance at End of Year

\$ (18,729)



ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

The Electric Department has had a very busy year. Once again we have added many new accounts this year. We have added 84 since January 1st, 2003.

The department has been busy with the project on the mountain. A new substation was built to replace the lodge substation. A larger transformer was placed in the new substation for added capacity to the project. The transmission was rebuilt and the distribution was also done. The electrical part of the project is progressing well. Some conversion to a higher voltage to different accounts was done, also.

We have been very fortunate that we have not had any major storms as some utilities have experienced. We have had only minor storms causing little damage and few outages. This is fortunate compared to other utilities that have experienced storms causing outages of two to three days.

We will mention again that if you experience an outage between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., during the week, please call 253-7215. If an outage occurs on a weekend or holiday call the same number and a person from our answering service will answer your call and dispatch our person on call.

In closing, Management would like to thank all the Electric Department employees for a job well done this year. With this dedicated and skilled staff we can provide you the best possible service at the lowest possible cost.

PETER HASLAM, *Chairman Commissioners*
EDWARD FRENCH, *Commissioner*
ROBERT WADDS, *Commissioner*

Kittell Branagan & Sargent

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of the
Town of Stowe, Vermont

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Stowe, Vermont's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

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

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Electric Department and are not intended to present fairly the financial position of the Town of Stowe, Vermont, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



St. Albans, Vermont
January 31, 2003

certified public accountants

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
BALANCE SHEETS
December 31,

	<u>ASSETS</u>	
	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
UTILITY PLANT, at cost	\$ 7,279,097	\$ 7,141,942
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,886,592)</u>	<u>(3,687,442)</u>
TOTAL UTILITY PLAN, net	<u>3,392,505</u>	<u>3,454,500</u>
INVESTMENTS	<u>156,776</u>	<u>22,842</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	183,754	142,442
Accounts receivable	918,536	744,506
Unbilled revenue	944,620	879,520
Inventories	78,247	87,368
Prepaid expenses	<u>14,728</u>	<u>156,118</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,139,885</u>	<u>2,009,954</u>
CASH - Restricted - MMWEC	<u>303,129</u>	<u>313,222</u>
DEFERRED CHARGES, net of amortization	<u>5,137</u>	<u>8,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,997,432</u>	<u>\$ 5,808,518</u>
	<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>	
FUND EQUITY		
Unreserved retained earnings	4,868,559	\$ 4,661,836
Capital surplus	<u>23,249</u>	<u>23,249</u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>4,891,808</u>	<u>4,685,085</u>
LONG-TERM DEBT		
General obligation bonds (net of current portion)	<u>370,000</u>	<u>466,098</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	502,742	462,021
Other accrued expenses	136,784	99,010
Current portion of general obligation bonds	<u>96,098</u>	<u>96,304</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>735,624</u>	<u>657,335</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 5,997,432</u>	<u>\$ 5,808,518</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
 STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
 For the Years Ended December 31,

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 6,849,529	\$ 6,532,262
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Purchased power	5,134,173	4,949,120
Distribution	361,398	327,644
Customer accounts	306,813	297,636
Administrative and general	473,816	414,634
Depreciation	247,667	227,239
Amortization	2,863	2,863
Taxes	<u>112,947</u>	<u>109,365</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>6,639,677</u>	<u>6,328,501</u>
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS	<u>209,852</u>	<u>203,761</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)		
Interest and dividend income	29,444	39,724
Other non-operating income	5,301	2,923
Hydro-Quebec settlement	<u>-</u>	<u>99,879</u>
TOTAL OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	<u>34,745</u>	<u>142,526</u>
NET INCOME BEFORE INTEREST CHARGES	244,597	346,287
INTEREST CHARGES	<u>37,874</u>	<u>43,534</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	206,723	302,753
RETAINED EARNINGS, Beginning of Year	<u>4,661,836</u>	<u>4,359,083</u>
RETAINED EARNINGS, End of Year	<u>\$ 4,868,559</u>	<u>\$ 4,661,836</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Years Ended December 31,

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 206,723	\$ 302,753
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operations:		
Depreciation and amortization	250,530	230,102
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(174,030)	(6,363)
Unbilled revenue	(65,100)	(10,564)
Inventories	9,121	(10,495)
Prepaid expenses	141,390	(113,876)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	40,721	(21,283)
Other accrued expenses	37,774	51,872
	<u>447,129</u>	<u>422,146</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital stock	(141,900)	-
Return of capital	7,966	3,924
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(185,672)	(150,751)
Principal reduction of long-term debt	(96,304)	(97,134)
	<u>(415,910)</u>	<u>(243,961)</u>
NET CASH USED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH	31,219	178,185
CASH - Beginning of Year	<u>455,664</u>	<u>277,479</u>
CASH - End of Year	<u>\$ 486,883</u>	<u>\$ 455,664</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE:		
Interest paid	<u>\$ 38,406</u>	<u>\$ 47,595</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 December 31, 2002

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department is a municipally-owned utility providing retail electric power to the residents of the Town of Stowe and the nearby surrounding area. The Electric Department is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Vermont Public Service Board (VPSB) with respect to their rates and accounting. For financial statement reporting purposes, the Electric Department is presented on the accrual basis in accordance with the accounting requirements and rate-making practices of the regulatory authority having jurisdiction.

Reporting Entity

The Electric Department is a fund of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. It is categorized as a separate proprietary fund and these financial statements are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types of the Town of Stowe, Vermont. The primary criteria used in determining the separate nature of the Electric Department is its special accounting and report practices required by various regulatory authorities.

Unbilled Revenue

The amount shown as unbilled revenue represents the amounts billed to customers in January for December power usage.

Revenue Recognition

Customers meters are read by the Electric Department near the end of the month. Revenues are recorded in the accounting period during which the meters are read. Accordingly, the revenues related to energy delivered from the meter reading date to the end of the accounting period are not significant and are recorded in the following period.

Utility Plant

The utility plant of the Electric Department is stated at cost. The Electric Department follows the policy of charging to operating expenses annual amounts of depreciation which allocate the cost of these assets over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis for periods of 5 - 50 years. Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Listed below are the major classes of electric plant as of December 31,:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Transmission plant	\$ 79,041	\$ 79,041
Distribution plant	5,914,427	5,854,110
General plant	<u>1,285,629</u>	<u>1,208,787</u>
	\$ <u>7,279,097</u>	\$ <u>7,141,938</u>

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 December 31, 2002

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Inventories

Inventories, composed of various parts used in the electric system, are stated at cost.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS

Investments which are privately traded are stated at cost and consisted of the following as of December 31,:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Velco Class C preferred stock – 2400 shrs. in 2002 and 981 in 2001	\$ 148,639	\$ 14,715
Velco Class B common stock – 79 shrs.	<u>8,127</u>	<u>8,127</u>
	\$ <u>156,766</u>	\$ <u>22,842</u>

NOTE 3 DEFERRED CHARGES

The balances in deferred charges consisted of the following as of December 31,:

	Amortization <u>Period</u>	<u>Unamortized</u> <u>Balance</u>			
		<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Bond costs	1986 - 2007	\$ <u>2,863</u>	\$ <u>2,863</u>	\$ <u>5,137</u>	\$ <u>8,000</u>

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2002

NOTE 4 DEFERRED REVENUE

During the year ended December 31, 1995, the Electric Department received a settlement refund from Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company ("MMWEC") in the amount of \$1,785,238. The VPSB issued an accounting order on January 12, 1997 that this refund is to be used for new construction projects and upgrades to outdated facilities. The VPSB also ordered that this refund shall be recorded as deferred revenue and has been amortized to revenues ending April 30, 2001.

The Electric Department has plans to expend the remaining \$303,129 on several construction projects.

NOTE 5 LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following individual issues as of December 31,:

<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Municipal bonds issued by Vermont Municipal Bond Bank in 1987 refunded July 29, 1992, interest is variable and principal and interest are due in varying annual installments. The average rate for 2002 was 6.3%.	\$ 235,000	\$ 260,000
Municipal bonds issued by Vermont Municipal Bond Bank in 1983 refunded in 1986 and again in July 29, 1992, interest is variable and principal and interest are due in varying annual installments. The average rate for 2002 was 6.3%.	31,098	62,403
Municipal bonds issued by Vermont Municipal Bond Bank July 29, 1992, interest at 7.26% due in varying annual installments.	<u>200,000</u> 466,098	<u>240,000</u> 562,403
Current portion	(96,098)	(96,304)
LONG-TERM DEBT	\$ <u>370,000</u>	\$ <u>466,099</u>

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 December 31, 2002

NOTE 5 LONG TERM DEBT (continued)

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of December 31, 2002 are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2003	\$ 96,098
2004	65,000
2005	65,000
2006	65,000
2007	65,000
Thereafter	<u>110,000</u>
	\$ <u>466,098</u>

NOTE 6 PENSION PLAN

The Electric Department has a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (S.E.P.P.) which covers all of the present employees. All active members are fully vested. The S.E.P.P. allows for contributions by the employees as well as the Town. The Town's discretionary contributions will be based on a percentage of the employee's eligible compensation each year on or about December 1. Employees with one or more years of service and who have attained the age of 18 years old are eligible for participation.

The Town contribution was 10.6% of non-union salaries and 7% of union salaries for the year ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. The total payroll covered for the pension for 2002 and 2001 was \$524,363 and \$418,559, respectively. Contributions for 2002 and 2001 totaled \$48,829 and \$41,254, respectively.

NOTE 7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Electric Department contributed to the general fund in lieu of taxes a total of \$33,000 in each of 2002 and 2001.

The Electric Department purchased legal services during the year from a legal firm owned in part by a Commissioner. The expense recorded during the year ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 totaled \$5,471 and \$6,890, respectively. The amount included in accounts payable totaled \$331 and \$255 at December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2002

NOTE 8 MAJOR CUSTOMER

The Electric Department's largest customer represents approximately 15.4% and 21.4% of 2002 and 2001 operating revenue, 10.2% and 17.6% of accounts receivable and unbilled revenue as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS - PURCHASED POWER

The Electric Department's energy needs are provided by other utilities through contractual obligation. A brief summary of the major agreements as of December 31, 2002, is as follows:

The Electric Department is a member of the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority (VPPSA). Through VPPSA, which acts as agent for 12 municipal utilities, the Electric Department has contracts that include the Central Dispatch Agreement, the McNeil Project and the Highgate Project Agreements. Pursuant to these agreements the Electric Department is required to pay for a proportionate share of VPPSA's costs and obligations.

Under the VPPSA Central Dispatch Agreement, entered into on November 1, 1997, VPPSA manages the portfolio of energy resources of the Electric Department and other participation utilities. The VPPSA Central Dispatch closely monitors each member's electric loads and resources to maximize savings through hourly exchanges within the wholesale marketplace and the ISO-New England power exchange. A portion of VPPSA's operating costs are assessed to each participating utility.

Pursuant to the McNeil Project Sales Agreement, the Electric Department committed to purchase 1,500 kilowatts of output, a 15.789% share of VPPSA's joint ownership share of the 50 megawatt J.C. McNeil Generating Station, located in Burlington, Vermont. Under the Highgate Project Transmission Services Agreement the Electric Department has agreed to purchase a 13.631% share of the capacity in VPPSA's share of the Highgate Converter Facilities, located in Highgate, Vermont. These contracts require the Electric Department to pay for its proportionate share of all of VPPSA's costs and obligations associated with the McNeil and Highgate Projects, including its proportionate share of VPPSA's debt service obligations.

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 December 31, 2002

NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS - PURCHASED POWER (continued)

In April, 1988, the Electric Department signed an in-state participation agreement exercising its rights to purchase a portion of VPPSA's share of additional power available under a December, 1987 contract for 500 megawatts of Hydro-Quebec. On October 21, 1988, the final amounts for each participant were determined. The following is a schedule of the Electric Department's commitment under this agreement which received voter approval March, 1991:

	<u>Kilowatts</u>	<u>Term</u>
Firm commitment -		
Schedule B	2,288	1998 - 2016
Schedule C-1	1,075	1990 - 2012
Schedule C-2	128	1992 - 2012
Schedule C-3	38	1997 - 2015

Kilowatt quantities above include the WEC share of Schedule C power assumed by Stowe in May 1990 as follows:

	<u>Kilowatts</u>	<u>Term</u>
Firm commitment -		
Schedule C1	550	1990 - 2010
Schedule C2	128	1992 - 2012
Schedule C3	3	1997 - 2015

The Electric Department has entered into contracts with Vermont Electric Power Company to participate in Phase I of the Hydro-Quebec interconnection, a 450 KVHVDC transmission line directly connecting the HYDRO-Quebec electric system with the NEPOOL at the Comerford Generating Station. Under these agreements, the Electric Department provided capital for the cost of construction through purchase of Velco Class C preferred stock (Note 2) and will provide support for the operation of the line.

The Electric Department has entered into a Power Sales Agreement with the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) for 5,831 kilowatts of MMWEC's Stony Brook Project, an operating fossil fuel plant. MMWEC, a public corporation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is a coordination and planning agency for the development of the bulk power supply requirements of its members and project participants. The Power Sales Agreement for each project requires each project participant to pay its share of MMWEC's costs related to the project which includes debt service on bonds issued by MMWEC to finance the project, plus 10% of debt service to be paid into a reserve and contingency fund.

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 December 31, 2002

NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS - PURCHASED POWER (continued)

Under this Agreement, the aggregate amount of such payments, exclusive of 10% reserve and contingency fund billings, as of December 31, 2002, for the Stony Brook Project is as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>December 31,</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
2003	\$ 238,000
2004	238,000
2005	238,000
2006	238,000
2007	238,000
Thereafter	<u>343,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,533,000</u>

Through an agreement with the VDPS, the Electric Department collects and remits to the VDPS payment for sale of NYPA power to customers. The Electric Department rents its distribution facilities to VDPS for the distribution of NYPA power. This additional power is included in purchased power.

Under another agreement with VPPSA, the Electric Department contracted to purchase power from two different sources effective November 1, 1993. The sources, kilowatts and terms of the contracts are as follows:

GMP Berlin	500 KW to 1,500 KW	November 1993 thru October 2003
New York State Electric & Gas	600 KW to 1,500 KW	November 1998 thru October 2004
Enron	700 KW to 3,500 KW	November 1998 thru October 2003

In December 2001, Enron declared bankruptcy and terminated the above contract. Through VPPSA, the Electric Department has filed a proof of claim for damages it incurred as a result of the termination with the bankruptcy court. To date, the bankruptcy court has not taken any action regarding the claim. Following the termination of the contract, the Electric Department has secured replacement capacity and energy from PGET for the balance of the year.

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 December 31, 2002

NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS - PURCHASED POWER (continued)

All of the power acquired from the above contracts is accounted for as purchased power expense. The percentage of energy acquired from the above contracts for the years ended December 31, is as follows:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
VEPPI	4.9%	4.3%
MMWEC Stony Brook	14.5	13.4
Vermont Yankee	2.9	17.3
PGET (VY Replacement)	17.3	
Joseph C. McNeil Generating Station	6.7	7.4
Hydro-Quebec	36.9	34.4
Niagara (VDPS)	3.4	3.5
VPPSA System	(8.3)	(2.9)
NYSEG	10.6	10.8
PGET (Enron Replacement)	10.8	11.2
GMPC	<u>.2</u>	<u>.5</u>
	99.9	99.9
VDPS-NYPA	<u>.1</u>	<u>.1</u>
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

This energy was utilized as follows:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Stowe distribution	98.8%	96.7%
Transfer to other utilities through -		
VPPSA Central dispatch	<u>1.2</u>	<u>3.3</u>
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

In 2002, the Electric Department contracted to purchase power from PGET for 2003-2007. The kilowatts and terms of the contract are as follows:

<u>2003</u>	
January - March, December	3,700 KW
April - November	1,300 KW
 <u>2004 - 2007</u>	
January - March, December	3,500 KW
April - November	1,500 KW

Town of Stowe, Vermont - Electric Department
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2002

NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS - PURCHASED POWER (continued)

Restructuring of NEPOOL

The department is also a member of the Restructured New England Power Pool ("NEPOOL"). NEPOOL, originally founded in 1971 by the region's regulated utilities, created a single, regional network to direct operations of electric generation and transmission systems. On July 1, 1997, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved the assignment of these functions to the ISO New England, a private, non-profit corporation, independent of NEPOOL. Beginning on May 1, 2001, the ISO New England assumed responsibility for the management of the New England region's electric bulk power generation and transmission systems, and administering the region's open access transmission tariff. Today, NEPOOL continues to exist as the entity representing not only traditional electric utilities but also companies that will participate in the emerging competitive wholesale electricity marketplace.

NOTE 10 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At year end, the carrying amount of the Electric Department's deposits was \$383,117 and the bank balance was \$724,556, of which \$200,000 was covered by the federal depository insurance corporation and \$524,556 was uninsured.

NOTE 11 LEASE COMMITMENT

The Electric Department leases a building from Cloverleaf Investments. The five year lease, which expires December 31, 2005 provides for an annual rent of \$24,000.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Construction activity for the Stowe Water Department eased somewhat this year. Water service is now available up to the Stowe Mountain Resort. New customers will begin connecting to the system beyond Notchbrook Road in the spring of 2004. Water service is now also available to the Trapp Family Lodge with the completion of a booster station on Barrows Road and a new reservoir which is located behind the new Villa project off Trapp Hill Road. Both facilities are on easements provided by the Trapp Family Lodge. A new water line was installed on a short section of Sunset Street to replace antiquated lines and water service has been provided to the Alpine Meadows development on Weeks Hill Road.

A new chemical plant has been completed at the Edson Hill Well site and is on line.

The cost for all of this work is being financed by loans from the State Revolving Loan Fund and bonds issued by the Town. These loans will be paid back by the users of the system and are guaranteed by the Town.

Our Chief Plant Operator, Mike Mandigo, has been with the Town of Stowe for 15 years. Plant Operator, Allen Ross, who has been with the Town for 7 years assists him. Both of these individuals are licensed water plant operators and frequently attend training classes provided by the State of Vermont.

The plant operators alternate on-call duties and are available 24 hours per day to respond to emergencies. Their dedication is sincerely appreciated.

CLIFFORD W. JOHNSON, P.E.
Director of Public Works

WATER DEPARTMENT

Income:

Residential	\$85,785
Commercial.....	231,036
Sale of Supplies	525
Miscellaneous	5,195
Interest Income	27,218
Connection Fees	27,675
Water Sprinkler Fees	3,200
Total Income	\$380,634

Expenditures:

Staff Wages	\$94,365
Staff Overtime Pay	5,122
On Call Pay.....	453
Pension.....	10,525
Worker's Compensation	2,845
Unemployment Insurance.....	862
FICA	7,168
Health Insurance	16,819
Life & Disability.....	751
Dental Insurance	1,433
Office Expense	1,750
General Expense	9,516
Chemicals & Lab Supplies	14,457
Lab Fees.....	1,922
Water Line Expenses	24,011
Telephone.....	2,385
Training & Development.....	320
Dues & Membership Fees	230
Property & Liability Insurance.....	4,263
Contracted Services	15,075
Professional Services.....	12,574
Audit Expense.....	2,172
Legal Services.....	0
Meters	20,021
Buildings Expense - Electric	35,973
Intergovernmental - DPW	13,591
Intergovernmental - Administration	16,016
Intergovernmental - Billing	7,000
Equipment Expense	2,693

Vehicle Expense.....	2,104
Contingency.....	49
Debt Expense - Interest	114,965
Depreciation Expense	117,372
Interest Expense.....	<u>22,404</u>
	\$ 581,206

SEWER DEPARTMENT

The expanded (1 MGD) wastewater treatment facility on River Road was completed this year. Unfortunately, the odor control system proved to be unreliable and the sludge processing systems were shut down temporarily. At this time the Town is awaiting the recommendations of the contractor and equipment supplier, with the advice and consent of our engineer, Dufresne-Henry, Inc., for the corrective action that will permit the system to be put back on line.

In the meantime, sludge is being processed in the manner previously utilized. It should be noted that this sludge treatment problem does not affect the quality of the effluent being discharged into the Little River.

Pump stations at Mansfield Base and Weeks Hill Road have been completed and are on line. In addition, a gravity sewer line has been constructed through the Stonybrook Condominiums up to the Trapp Family Lodge property on Barrows Road. Prior to the reconstruction of Edson Hill Road by the highway department, a gravity sewer was installed to serve this area of the Town.

Thank you to our sewer department staff including Bill Sweetser (23 years of service), Gwyn Wilkins-Mandigo (22 years), Bill Coote (1 year) and Bryan Longe (1 year). Our discharge permit requires staffing of the treatment plant for 8 hours, 7 days per week, during the summer months. Our plant operators must therefore give up one weekend per month to be on duty. Welcome to new staff member Don Clark who began work with the department this fall. A special thanks to Plant Superintendent Greg Lewis (24 years). The entire staff has worked diligently under very trying conditions and has responded courteously to many complaints.

CLIFFORD W. JOHNSON, P.E.
Director of Public Works

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Income:

Customer Rate Fees	\$238,473
Reserve Rate Fees	53,436
Miscellaneous	133
Late Penalty	0
CD & Savings Interest	111,110
Mountain Road Downpayment	<u>16,836</u>
	\$419,988

Expenditures:

Superintendent's Salary	\$ 60,414
Full Time Staff Wages	141,599
General Expense	226
Staff Overtime Pay	15,489
On Call Pay	7,292
Pension	14,018
Worker's Compensation	3,123
Unemployment	1,796
FICA	15,444
Health Insurance	31,586
Life & Disability Insurance	2,147
Dental Insurance	2,310
Office Expense	102
Chemicals & Lab Supplies	69,227
Sewer Line Expense	14,246
Telephone	2,374
Depreciation	27,239
Training & Development	1,409
Property & Liability Insurance	4,263
Waste Disposal Expense	18,927
Sludge Management	6,230
Professional Services	38,367
Audit Expense	2,172
Electricity	122,841
Building Expense	33,058
Intergovernmental-Administration	16,016
Intergovernmental-DPW	9,060
Intergovernmental-Billing	7,000
Equipment Expense	1,099
Vehicle Expense	884
Travel Reimbursement	4,476
Benefit Pay	332
Dues & Membership Fees	<u>339</u>
	\$675,105

2003 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Stowe Historic Preservation Commission (SHPC) was formed in 2000 so that the Town of Stowe could achieve status as a Certified Local Government (CLG). The CLG program is funded by the National Park Service and administered by the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation with the purpose of encouraging historic preservation at the local level. With funding through the CLG program, the SHPC hired a consultant to update the Stowe Village National Historic District, which was originally listed in 1978. The project was completed and the updated district was approved in March 2003.

The SHPC received its second CLG grant in April 2003 to update the Vermont State Historic Sites Survey for the Town of Stowe, which is an inventory of historic properties outside the historic district. The original survey was completed in 1981. The project is well underway and the updated survey will be completed in January 2004 and submitted to the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation for approval. Since the last survey was conducted, many properties that were not originally considered historic may now be so 20 years later. This includes buildings that are related to the Stowe ski industry. Other buildings that appear in the original survey may not be included in the update if their historic appearance has been significantly altered.

In addition to supervising the survey work, the SHPC has been actively involved in preparing design guidelines for buildings in Stowe Village, Lower Village and Moscow as well as for historic properties town-wide. The Commission serves as an advisory board to the Development Review Board and reviews all applications for alterations to historic buildings.

The SHPC has undergone some transition in its membership over the past year. Frank Talarico, Steve Cunningham and Ernie Ruskey have moved off the Commission and have been replaced by new members Barbara Baraw and Chris Carey.

Respectfully Submitted,
SAM SCOFIELD, *Chair*
JOHN FRISBIE, *Vice Chair*
TIM MEEHAN
HEIDI ARNOLD
BARBARA BARAW
CHRIS CAREY
TOM JACKMAN, *Director of Planning*

STOWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The past year has been very productive for the historical society. We are, as is well known, an all volunteer group, founded in 1956, dedicated to researching, recording and preserving the history of this community. Lacking a background in museum science and cognizant of the desirability of having an objective evaluation of our efforts, we retained the services of a professional curator, through our membership in the Vermont Museum and Gallery Alliance. An intensive, comprehensive conservation/management survey was undertaken, followed by a detailed report with the conservator's recommendations. It is our intention, within the bounds of feasibility, to implement these and thereby achieve a degree of professional competence of which we, and the town, may be proud.

August 2003 was the centennial year of our Town Hall, also known as the Soldiers' or Akeley Memorial Building, after the eponymous donor Healey Cady Akeley, a native son. The day long ferial celebration, reminiscent of early twentieth century Old Home Week reunions, was conceived and organized by members of the Stowe Historical Society. It featured a parade, music, street vendors and tours of the building, highlighting its various functions both past and present. Speeches by national, state and local representatives, or their surrogates, provided the requisite formality required by the occasion. We are indebted to Albert Akeley of Caribou, Maine who, following his address, presented the Society with his family genealogy. Other Akeley descendants, as well, favored the celebration by their presence.

Printing costs of late have become increasingly expensive, as we learned when we published the Downer manuscript in November 2001. For this, and other reasons, we came to realize that it was mandatory to obtain a Federal tax exempt status. Having survived the application paper work and subsequent requested submissions we are now pleased to announce that we are a bona fide 501 (C) (3) tax exempt organization under the IRS code. This not only facilitates institutional grant and individual funding requests but gifts of artifacts as well. Donors may find that their largesse is accompanied by tax advantages.

Marge Means, a long time member and program chair, as well as a Director of the Society has retired from her official positions. For many years she has collected data relevant to Stowe history that has now been given to the Society. We are truly indebted to her for this magisterial and invaluable archive.

In June we once again participated in the weekend celebration of Vermont history, coordinated by the Vermont Historical Society. This exposition, held on the grounds of the Tunbridge Worlds Fair, serves to showcase the work of local historical societies. This event attracts thousands and gets larger each

year. Our display featured the history of the Memorial Building.

Gertrude Lepine was the featured speaker at the 15th annual meeting of the Stowe Land Trust in October. We requested Paul Rogers to videotape her presentation, "Reminiscences of Childhood in Stirling Valley." It was an opportunity not to be missed.

The Society notes with sadness the passing of Elizabeth (Libby) Downer who died on May 3, 2003. It was she who retained the manuscripts of her aunt, Susan Downer, and made possible their publication by our society. She was a devoted patron and we in turn will remember her with an endowment in her name to support future publications.

We have experienced a large influx of acquisitions this past year, adding to our archive of photographs and other artifacts. While very much appreciated, they are too numerous to list here. Donors will be duly acknowledged in our Spring Newsletter. Concomitantly, without importuning, imploring or cajoling, we have enjoyed a moderate increase in our membership. I believe that this reflects an increasing community awareness of the importance of preserving our cultural heritage. Surely, by this time, we have learned that we need not destroy or neglect the past in order to appreciate the present.

EDWIN F. LANG, M.D.
President

HELEN DAY ART CENTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

"Stowe's Helen Day Art Center demonstrates once again how a small enterprise can be a rich and forward thinking resource for the region." - Burlington Free Press

Helen Day Art Center is celebrating the conclusion of the year 2003 by welcoming its 1,000th member Jeff Dacales, Stowe Elementary 1st and 2nd grade teacher, joined HDAC because he appreciated its recent exhibitions - the Tibet show in particular. Since his membership was received, almost one hundred additional new members have joined, indicating that Helen Day Art Center is concluding the year with its largest membership on record.

It is gratifying that Helen Day Art Center's exhibitions have been well received during the past year. Public attendance at exhibitions, full capacity audiences for public programs, enthusiastic attendance by school groups and positive reviews in the press attest that Helen Day Art Center is recognized not only by community members in our immediate area, but by visitors from throughout the region.

Credit for the caliber of exhibitions goes first and foremost to an active volunteer Visual Arts Committee, which works with the HDAC Exhibitions Director in conceiving and realizing the exhibitions. In her first year as full-time Exhibitions Director, Jacqueline Leven Mauer brought an informed and enthusiastic vision to her position, which includes the supervision of the Education Outreach and Public programs associated with each exhibit, as well as curating and installing those exhibitions.

Following the departure in January of HDAC's Education Director, Sarah Finlay, her position was filled on a contract basis, first by Jen Volansky of Stowe, and then by Monica Callan-Holm of Waterbury Center. Jen revised HDAC's Docent Training Program, identifying over sixty potential participant schools in the Education Outreach program, before she gave birth to Tucker Volansky, the first baby born to a current Helen Day staff member.

Jen was replaced by Monica Callan-Holm, who has expanded upon Jen's master plan for Education Outreach, working individually with schools and home schooler groups, tailoring the art activities and docent tours for each school's visit to HDAC. Particularly effective were the programs supported by a grant from the Oakland Foundation, enabling HDAC to offer Vermont Clay Studio's Claymobile to visiting school groups in conjunction with the fall exhibition, CLAY PAPER WOOD METAL.

In focusing on its exhibitions as the impetus for its outreach activities,

HDAC has offered programs, primarily in support of its exhibitions, rather than general art classes and workshops this year. The positive response of audiences who flock to lectures, panel discussions, artist talks and exhibition tours, films, slide shows, and an occasional valued class has more than implied the prudence of this direction for education and public programs at Helen Day.

Intrinsic to success at Helen Day Art Center is the community it serves. Every year, exhibits and events are held which manifest that spirit of coming together for the sake of art. For Art's Sake and A Taste of Stowe, for example, Helen Day's annual festival of visual and culinary delights, involved eighty artists, 22 local restaurants, and legions of volunteers, working together for over 2,000 guests. In fact, this year, HDAC awarded its Annual Chair's Award for Volunteerism to the long time organizers of the event: Jack and Nickie Benoze, who mercifully have agreed to manage the event again in 2004!

Such community spirit carries through many other annual events and activities: The Spring Benefit, made possible through the generosity of Topnotch Resort and Spa, The Student Art Show and The Member Art Show, sponsored by HDAC's Community Partners, and a new tradition in our midst, the 2nd Annual House Tour, masterfully founded and organized by Nancy Bryant and Anne Steel.

As this report goes to the printer, Helen Day Art Center is about to open the 23rd Annual Festival of Trees: Oh, You Beautiful Doll. Under the direction of guest curators Jackie Lindenmeyer and Edward Rhodes, this annual event is a culmination of community involvement, including fourteen tree decorators, almost 100 participating artists, and loans from doll collectors including the Shelburne Museum, The Vermont Historical Society and the Green Mountain Doll Club.

2003 is the last year that Brad Benedict of Hyde Park will be the Chair of the Board of Helen Day Art Center. For seven of the last eight years, Brad's expansive leadership skills have guided Helen Day Art Center through growth and the realization of many visions and dreams about the role of art in the lives of the people of Lamoille County. Brad has been as stalwart in his goal of reaching out to schools beyond our immediate area, as he has been in seeking funding to make such outreach possible. He's been as resolute an advocate of efficient meetings and administrative practices as he has been a generous supporter of artistic expression wherever he finds it.

While Helen Day Art Center will miss Brad Benedict's leadership, he has assured us he will actively participate in our future endeavors, in particular with maintaining the art center's membership rolls and outreach for new members. So in saying thanks to Brad for years of outstanding leadership, at Helen Day we know that Brad would immediately turn around and

say thanks to the community and hundreds of volunteers who have made HDAC "a rich and forward thinking resource for the region."

Respectfully submitted,
MICKEY MYERS
Executive Director

2003 Annual Arts Award: Milford Cushman

2003 Exhibitions

A Breeze from the Gardens of Persia: New Art From Iran

22nd Annual Student Art Show

Being in Place: Investigating Landscapes - Work by Eric Aho, Kathryn Lipke and Claire Van Vliet

Exposed! Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition

Clay Paper Wood Metal - The Work of Toshiko Takaezu, Kay Sekimachi, Nori Morimoto and James Kelso

23rd Annual Festival of Trees: Oh, You Beautiful Doll and Annual Member Art Show

2003 East Gallery Exhibitions

Suzan Batu and Shirin Neshat

Vermont Art Teachers

Rebecca Cuming

Sally Sweetland

2003 Events and Activities

Bus Trips: The Elegant Years, Impressions of Light, and The Gainsborough and Uniquely New London, managed by Jo Darrow

Spring Benefit, Co-Chaired by Louise Reed and Diana Huston, Silent Auction
Chaired by Marcia Johannesen

Career's Day, Managed by Jackie Lindenmeyer

2nd Annual House Tour, Chaired by Nancy Bryant and Anne Steel

2003 Staff: Mickey Myers/Executive Director, Jacqueline Leven Mauer/Exhibitions
Director, Beth Brown/Administrative Assistant, Monica Callan-Holm/Education
Coordinator, Ethel Merwin/Bookkeeper, Edward Rhodes/Weekend Manager.

2003 Board of Trustees: Brad Benedict/Chair of the Board, Christine
Donovan/Vice-Chair of the Board, Nancy Bryant/Secretary, Jim
Lindenmeyer/Treasurer, Susan Vicinelli/Ad Hoc member of the Executive
Committee, Jill Cullen, Chris Curtis, Lois Eby, Claudia Elliman, Janet Harwood,
Diana Huston, Marcia Johannesen, Bill Lewis, Ted Lockwood, Jewel Lowenstein,
Louise Reed, Anne Steel, Ellen Thorndike, Karen Wheeler, Beverly Wood, Trustee
Emerita.

STOWE FREE LIBRARY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

"In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable"

Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890–1969)

During the last fiscal year Stowe Free Library (SFL) initiated work on a new Long Range Plan to set goals and objectives as well as guide library activities for the coming fiscal years 2004/5 through 2008/9. This endeavor is being conducted by a committee consisting of the Board of Trustees and Library Director, drawing significant input from the Library Staff and many Library Volunteers and members of the community. Focus and structure have derived from monthly sessions of a seminar based on the American Library Association's publication "New Planning for Results," which was offered and conducted by the Vermont Department of Libraries.

The Plan is anticipated to be approved and in place prior to the fiscal year commencing July 2004. The plan will include a refined Mission Statement to guide the specific details and activities:

Our mission is to meet the reading and informational needs of the community in a creative, professional and welcoming manner. The Library, a community meeting place, will offer diverse resources and life-long learning experiences to people of all ages.

In an effort to understand better the community's perceptions of strengths, areas for improvement, and areas of opportunity for SFL, the committee conducted a written community survey of 110 selected and self-selected library patrons. Some of the invaluable information received may be summarized as follows:

- 1) Most commonly used Library materials ranked by percent of responders is as follows:
 - a) Books - 94%
 - b) Videos - 52%
 - c) Periodicals - 48%
 - d) Audio materials - 43%
- 2) 85% of responders indicated satisfaction with current Library hours.
- 3) 100% of responders indicated that they were satisfied with the Library, with 79% indicating they were "very satisfied." No responders indicated they were "unsatisfied."
- 4) In response to the query "What is the Library Doing Well?"
 - a) 80% of responders identified Customer Service and Personnel to be

- Library strengths, accounting for one-third of all mentions.
- b) Approximately 50% of all responders identified the Library Facility and its Atmosphere as well as the Collections as areas in which the Library performs well.
 - c) Other areas of significant strength were Programs and Children's Elements.
- 5) In response to the query "What Should be Improved at the Library"
- a) 65% of responders identified Library Collections as an area for improvement, accounting for 40% of all mentions.
 - b) Approximately 20% of all responders identified Children's Elements, Programs and Customer Service/Personnel each as areas for specific improvement.
 - c) 16% of responders felt the Facility or its Atmosphere should be improved.
- 6) In response to the request for "Recommended Library Priorities in the Next 5 Years"?
- a) Nearly 40% of responders identified Library Collections as a priority area for the coming five years.
 - b) Approximately 20% of all responders identified each of the following areas as priorities: Programs, Technology, and Facility/Atmosphere.
 - c) 20% of responders felt priority should focus on maintaining the Status Quo.
 - d) About 15% indicated priority should be placed on Children's Elements, Community Orientation and Customer Service.

NB: Items 4 through 6 represent summaries of comments. In fact highly specific remarks and recommendations were offered by the responders and considered by the committee.

We also held a focus group aimed at gathering specific input from parents of school-aged children. Attendees were comprised of frequent to regular Library users with school aged children. In general all participants were quite positive about the Library as it meets their and their children's needs, and many specific examples were given. Additionally, the group made several highly useful constructive comments regarding many aspects of the library, including the facility, collections, equipment, services, programs and staffing.

The learnings from both the Community Survey and the Focus Group were significant and will be incorporated in the final Long Range Plan.

We Trustees would like to conclude this latest report by recognizing and thanking various individuals and groups who have contributed so significantly to SFL this past year.

This past fall Governor Douglas came to SFL to announce that the Vermont Public Library Foundation Incentive Grant, generously funded by

the Freeman Foundation, will be extended to a third year. This will result in over \$40,000 accruing to SFL for use in expanding library usage.

Our library collections continue to expand from donations. Once again the Oakland Foundation contributed funding to support our collection of books on CD. Further, an exciting new collection - music on CD - has been made possible by a voluminous donation of materials from library volunteer Nancy Edwards.

With library circulation increasing 16% this past year, we could not have handled the additional volume so efficiently without the consistent and diligent efforts of our library volunteers. Again this year the volunteers were honored at an appreciation luncheon at Trapp Family Lodge hosted by Lynne and Johannes von Trapp. The June luncheon at Trapp's also allows the Trustees an opportunity to make its two annual awards. This year our Volunteer of the Year was Sidsel Heney, a former library staff member and long-time volunteer. The Trustees were also pleased to be able to offer the annual Appreciation Award to Power Shift Online, our Internet service provider and source of essential technology advice. We were honored to have Joe Allen represent his company and accept the Award.

This past year has been exceptionally challenging for our Director and professional staff, due not only to the considerable increase in library usage but also to lengthy absences resulting from personal illness and injuries. We recognize the tremendous commitment and effort expended by Charlotte Maison, Julie Pickett, Megan Carder, Marcia Smith, Carol Stevens and Pete Smith as they met the challenges, both anticipated and unexpected, of a trying year. It is due to these professionals that our Community Survey respondents placed Customer Service and Personnel at the top of the list of areas in which the library performs best.

The Trustee ranks were unchanged this year, and each of the seven Trustees has taken on significant additional responsibility during these busy times. Moreover, our annual fund-raiser, the summer book sale, under the direction of Phyllis Thibault, once again netted a substantial amount to aid SFL's budget. The proceeds will buy a lot of new books, but the demand does not diminish. Thanks to all for your hard work.

We offer final thanks to the citizens and Town of Stowe - you fund your Library and you use it. We are grateful for your generous support, which is essential to our goal of delivering a much improved, more active, modern library, well positioned to meet the needs of the burgeoning community that is Stowe.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Smith, *Chairman*

Nancy Stead, *Secretary*

Richard Johannesen, *Treasurer*

Chess Brownell

Susan Chase

Jo Sabel Courtney

Phyllis Thibault

Phoebe Sakash, *Trustee Emerita*

**STOWE FREE LIBRARY
INCOME AND EXPENSES**
Fiscal year ending June 30, 2003

Beginning Balance		\$3,897
Income:		
Town Appropriation	\$ 12,250	
Dividends	11,664	
Interest	126	
Book Sale	8,250	
Fines	4,899	
Copies	942	
Registration Fees	845	
Donations	139	
Book Bags/Other Product Sales	92	
Author Series Book Sales	587	
Oakland Foundation Grant	3,000	
Miscellaneous	6	
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Total Income		\$42,800
Expenditures:		
Books	\$21,528	
Supplies	5,373	
Periodicals	4,164	
Audio-Visual	1,998	
Programs	4,001	
Professional Expenses	1,803	
General Postage	994	
Inter-Library Loan Postage	851	
Staff and Volunteer Support	875	
Equipment	2,159	
Repairs and Maintenance	111	
Author Series Books	383	
Oakland Foundation Grant	652	
Newspaper indexing	440	
Miscellaneous	69	
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Total Expenditures		<u>\$45,401</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 1,296

**STOWE FREE LIBRARY ASSETS
REPORT TO THE TOWN
June 30, 2003**

CASH

Checking Account.....	\$ 1,296
Development Fund.....	3,289
Petty Cash/Cash Drawer.....	<u>130</u>
Total Cash Accounts	\$ 4,715

GENERAL FUNDS - Unrestricted

Morgan Stanley US Gov. Sec. Fund.....	\$ 2,214
Morgan Stanley Liquid Asset Fund.....	<u>431</u>
Total	\$ 2,645

ENDOWMENT FUNDS**Montanari Fund**

Restricted. Income to be used for books, materials, and supplies. Principal can only be used by agreement of Selectboard.	
Sentinel Balanced Fund.....	\$267,365

Susan W. Downer and Mrs. A. H. Slayton Fund

Unrestricted. Income can be used as desired. Principal should remain untouched.	
Union Bankshares.....	146,640
Fidelity Short Term Bond Fund.....	<u>12,357</u>
Total.....	\$ 158,997

Rogers and Emily Adams Fund

Restricted. Can be used for books and materials only, specifically not for furniture and maintenance. Principal can be drawn down to \$200. Designed to be a receptacle for other gifts.	
Fidelity Asset Manager: Income.....	9,724

Doris Houston Fund

Restricted. Income to be used for Library expenses. Principal to remain untouched.	
Union Bank-pending investment.....	\$ 28,792
Morgan Stanley Liquid Asset Fund-pending investment.....	219
Total.....	\$ 29,011

Total Endowment Funds	<u>\$ 465,097</u>
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STOWE FREE LIBRARY

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FY 03 was the "Year of the 5 C's: Construction, Computers, Collaboration, Collections, and Community." With funding from the Vermont Public Library Foundation (known as the Freeman Grant), your town library has been brightened (new lighting and shelving), improved (new storage cabinets, display case, new circulation and information desk), and moved further into the 21st century with new technology (10 new computers, 5 computer workstations, children's computer alcove and an expanded LAN).

Increased access to the Internet for adults and children has encouraged more people to use our library. While initially coming to check their email and do a little research, townspeople and visitors alike have been turned on to our wonderful book, periodical, and audio-visual collections and the general ambience of a welcoming meeting place. They recognize the library as one of the amenities of Stowe, especially when they have received friendly assistance from our informed library staff and cheerful front desk volunteers. Also, it is here that international students and tourists have discovered what a wonderful resource an American free public library is!

Through collaborations with local businesses and organizations, the library has been able to extend its outreach to those in the community who might not be aware of the treasures that we have to offer. Working with the Helen Day Art Center, we have created resource lists connected to specific exhibition topics; we have offered our new foyer exhibit case to the Stowe Historical Society for displays that feature memorabilia from Stowe's past days; and we have developed programs for the growing number of home schooling families who need orientation to the library collections.

High on the list of accomplishments this year is the establishment of a very successful author series and the creative writing classes. We couldn't have done it without the help of our neighbors, Bear Pond Books - Stowe, Stowe Area Association, the Stowe Reporter, and the X Press.

The challenges of change and increased library use this year have impressed upon the Library Trustees and Director the necessity of planning for the future. Our yearlong effort to seek out what the community wants and needs from their public library will result in a five year plan to be put in effect in July 2004.

Comparative Statistics

Books and Other Materials Loaned

2002-03	66,707
2001-02	60,936
2000-01	53,535

Registered Library Card Holders

2002-03	6,539
2001-02	5,877
2000-01	5,267

Library Collection (books and audio-visual materials)

2002-03	25,205
2001-02	23,997
2000-01	23,299

Other Statistics**Use of the Internet**

2002-03	7,378
2001-02	3,126
2000-01	2,213

Inter-Library Loan

Provided from other libraries:

2002-03	348
2001-02	375
2000-01	369

Provided to other libraries:

2002-03	305
2001-02	447
2000-01	413

Programming

32 programs for adults with 741 people in attendance

63 programs for children with 2,321 people in attendance

Community Meeting Room Use

In addition to the library, twenty-eight different community groups including Town Boards and Commissions, non-profit Boards, educational groups, social service organizations, etc. made use of our community meeting room for board meetings, informational sessions, children's activities, and start-up gatherings throughout the year. Local tutors and their students also use the room on a non-reserve basis.

Programs for Adults

*"Life Stories," a three-book summer reading and discussion series

**"Comprehending Today's Middle East," a three-book winter reading and discussion series

*Funded in part by the Vermont Council on the Humanities

**“Face-to-Face:” Meet the Authors series:

Anita Silvey, The Essential Guide to Children’s Books and their Creators

Lewis and Nancy Hill, The Flower Gardener’s Bible

Ron Krupp, The Woodchuck’s Guide to Gardening

Harry Sheehy, Raising a Team Player

Peter Miller, Vermont Farm Women with Gert LePine and Bambi Freeman

Bryan Pfeiffer, Birdwatching in Vermont

Ellen Bryant Voigt, Shadow of Heaven

David Hinton, Mountain Home

Kate Carter, Wildflowers of Vermont

Jessica Shattuck, The Hazards of Good Breeding

**Three Writing Workshops: “Drawing the Poem;” Short Non-Fiction Writing; and

“Writing Poetic Forms” taught by Julia Shipley

Dispatches Evening of Readings by class members

Poetry Cabaret at the Stowe Coffee House

Introduction to Fiction Writing course taught by Terence Mickey

* * funded in part by the Vermont Public Library Incentive Grant

Spring Book Talks at Copley Woodlands and to the Alpine Club of Stowe Community Church

Charlotte Maison, Megan Carder, and Helene Martin, Programmers

Children’s Services

Fiscal Year 2002-03 began with an active Summer Reading Program called “Travel Far, Pay No Fare.” Children received special passport reading records and were offered a wide array of programs to attend. Over 200 children signed up for the reading program and 5,529 books and other materials were circulated - up 638 items from last summer.

The Children’s Room took on a new look in the Fall of 2002 due to the addition of a computer alcove. Thanks to funding from the Vermont Public Library Incentive Grant (also known as the Freeman Grant) two new IMAC computers were installed along with software for young children and the World Book Encyclopedia for older kids as well as access to the Internet. Kids are now flocking to the library’s new computer room after school to play games, do research, check their email and use the word processing software for homework assignments.

Also funded by the Freeman Grant were programs for home-schooling families, kits for home day care providers, an author program with Anita Silvey, author of The Essential Guide to Children’s Books and their Creators,”

an after-school poetry program, and collection improvements for young adults.

JULIE PICKETT
Children's Librarian

Library Staff

Library Director: Charlotte Louisa Maison
Children's Librarian/Assistant Director: Julie Pickett
Systems Administrator: Megan Carder
Library Assistants: Marcia Smith and Carol Stevens
Assistant Program Coordinator: Helene Martin
Custodian: Pete Smith

Volunteers

Judy Alexander, Gloria Beddow, Chess Brownell, Susan Chase, Nancy Collins, Kitty Coppock, Tim Courtney, Penny Dye, Nancy Edwards, Ruth Gibbons, Carol Good, Nancy Harries, Pat Haslam, Mary and Molly Gibson, Barbara Gordon, Sid Heney, Dick Johannessen, Tom Kastner, Marion Kellogg, Queenie Krikorian, Ned Lang, Carla Levin, Agnes Lintermann, Carol McKeon, Julie Montgomery, Emmett Morton, Wanda Morton, Julie Mueller, Dee Partridge, Cacky Peltz, Paula Reynolds, Jo Sabel Courtney, Evelyn Schein, Claire Sheppard, Tamara Smith, Terry Smith, Nancy Stead, Kent Strobel, Phyllis Thibault, Duncan Tingle, Jody Tomlinson.

Thanks to:

Special thanks to Houghton and Doreen Freeman of Stowe and the Freeman Foundation for their magnificent gift to Vermont libraries through the establishment of the Vermont Public Library Foundation Incentive Grant.

All volunteers who helped make our Stowe Free Library Celebration Day in honor of the Freemans a success, especially coordinator, Jo Sabel Courtney

Children's Summer Reading Program: The Freeman Foundation of Stowe

Support for the DCP Young Adult Reading Program:

Rachel and Marc Chevalier of the Depot Street Malt Shoppe

The Oakland Foundation for support of the books on compact disc collection

Nancy Edwards for the donation of a wonderful classical music CD collection

Annual Library Volunteer Luncheon: Lynne and Johannes von Trapp of the Trapp Family Lodge.

Library Bookmarks: Ginny Chenoweth and Doug Nerber of X-Press
Weekly Support of Libraries and Reading: Biddle Duke and the staff of
The Stowe Reporter
Computer Technology Support: Joe Allen, Power Shift Online
and Mort Butler of FixPC
Support of Author Programs: Susan Adams of Bear Pond Books, Stowe
Creative writing classes and more: Julia Shipley and Terence Mickey
Select front foyer displays: Ed Rhodes and the Stowe Historical Society
Seasonal Flowers inside and outside the Library: Paula Reynolds
and Emmett Morton
All donors of books, tapes, etc. for the Library and the Annual Book Sale
All donors to our Display Case artfully arranged by Evelyn Schein
Beautifully Maintained Grounds of the Helen Day Memorial Building:
Bruce Godin and the Recreation Department Crew
Good Neighbors: Director Mickey Myers and the Staff of the Helen Day
Art Center
Strong Support of Library Services: Town Select-Board; John Drury,
Town Administrator; and the Citizens of the Town of Stowe

I would like to thank the members of the Board of Trustees, who, in their dedication to our library, are always looking to the present needs of the library while trying to anticipate the future library needs of the community. Staff members, Julie Pickett and Megan Carder, Carol Stevens, Marcia Smith, and Pete Smith are to be commended for their good work in a year filled with construction disruptions and increasing demands. I would also like to express appreciation for the energetic corps of volunteers who continue to offer time and good cheer to the Library. As my knowledge of the Stowe community deepens, I am reminded that the Stowe Free Library has played an important role in the education of its citizens and I will continue to work to uphold that tradition.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE LOUISA MAISON, *Library Director*

"Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood."

Marie Curie, 1867-1934, scientist and Nobel Prize winner

STOWE LIBRARY

Appropriation		\$281,514
Income:		
Helen Day Art Center Telephone	45	
Library Telephone Reimbursement.....	585	
Library Miscellaneous.....	(45)	
Freeman Grant.....	1,500	
		\$ 2,085
		\$283,599
Expenditures:		
Director's Salary	\$ 46,440	
Full Time Staff Wages.....	62,821	
Part Time Staff Wages.....	30,732	
Custodial Staff Wages	18,595	
Staff Overtime Pay.....	728	
Pension	16,595	
Worker's Compensation.....	1,169	
Unemployment.....	1,082	
FICA.....	12,200	
Health Insurance	28,949	
Life & Disability	1,804	
Dental Insurance	4,120	
General Expense	12,250	
Janitorial Supplies.....	1,480	
Telephone	2,395	
HDAC/Library Building Expense.....	43,587	
Copy Machine Expense	958	
Automation.....	6,185	
Benefit Pay	400	
Library Materials.....	14	
		292,504
Balance at End of Year		\$ (8,905)

STOWE CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery is proud to report accomplishments and continues to work on various projects for 2004. Our membership remains the same as in 2002 with five active members. Joy Fagan was elected First Vice President of the New England Cemetery Association for 2003 and will be President in 2004. This is the first time in their history that NECA will have a president from Vermont.

The commission has arranged new signs for all the cemeteries and landscaping along the fence at West Branch Cemetery. We have had discussions and site walks with the Recreation Commission regarding protection of the Mayo addition if or when an extension to the Bike/Quiet Path occurs. Research and negotiations near completion for protecting the Thomas S.Luce (Topnotch) Cemetery as a Town of Stowe Historic Cemetery, and plans are being made for similar documentation of our other small historic burial grounds, Old Ivory Luce and Old Mansfield. We have initiated the application for a grant of matching funds from Vermont Old Cemetery Association for repair of old stones in Old Yard, and in West Branch and Sterling cemeteries in the near future.

New cornerstone and foundation contracts were negotiated in 2003, after a lack of applications from qualified contractors at the beginning of the summer season. The Select Board gave final approval to the revised Town of Stowe Cemeteries Rules and Regulations in the spring of 2003, after many discussions and rewritings. Our thanks to Peter Beck for his help on this project. Copies of the new document are available at the Town Clerk's office including changes for immediate need, burial rights and residency requirements. In addition, the commission has instituted a policy for buying back, or accepting as donations, unused lots in our cemeteries.

Brochures for the Remembrance Program were mailed in the fall of 2003 and donations are coming in for a variety of projects as we go to press. We are grateful for public support and interest in the beautification of our cemeteries and hope that the program will continue to grow in future years. Donors will be publicly acknowledged and we owe thanks to Judy Demeritt for her work on the project, Sarah Brackenbury for volunteering to design the brochure and to Betty Teffner for her record keeping.

We are excited about our initial steps to computerize cemetery records and are working with the Town Clerk's office to implement this program in 2004 hopefully with volunteer help, and continue in future years with accurate mapping. Many thanks go to Alison Lewis for her advice and work on this project and to Mary Black for her attendance as liaison to our meetings. We have initiated research into the feasibility of microfilming our old cemetery documents and maps to preserve them for the future and make them more accessible to the public. We are fortunate and thankful to be assisted in this endeavor by Patricia Haslam.

The Annotated Cemetery Book, Stowe, Vermont, 1798-1998: Histories and Inscriptions continues to be available in the Town Clerk's office.

John Drury, Town Administrator, has been a great source of help and information for the commission and we are grateful. We owe thanks to Bruce Godin and his Parks and Recreation crew for their excellent work maintaining and mowing all cemetery grounds and to Barbara Allaire for sharing her opinions and secretarial skills. We welcome public participation at our monthly meetings as well as contact of individual commission members.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA ADAMS

CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNT-AS OF 6/30/03

Bedell	\$ 74.13
Burt	2,153.59
Chapman	3,284.85
Judson	27,806.01
Stafford	1,306.00
Irish	1,456.27
Gale	1,455.98
Moody	424.89
West Branch	6,831.56
West Branch	8,827.42
Luce	107.68
Smith	1,243.64
Stebbins	23,394.25
Cemetery Trust	<u>154,016.08</u>
	\$ 232,382.37

LOTS PURCHASED in 2003

RIVERBANK

Wolf, Charles V. & Peter N.	Lots 16 & 17	Sec. 24
Maher, Francis, Elizabeth Wood & Eric Maher	Lots 18 & 19	Sec. 24
Knight, Bonnie S.	Lots 20 & 21	Sec. 24
Knight, Howard A. Jr.	Lots 22 & 23	Sec. 24
Larry Titus	Lots 24 & 25	Sec. 24
Arczynski, Lori	Lots 26 & 27	Sec. 24
Fearons, George, III	Lots 28 & 29	Sec. 24
Drury, Louisa	Lot 30	Sec. 24
Nimick, Alexander	Lot 31	Sec. 24

WEST BRANCH

McConnell, Kathleen & Daniel	Lot 79	Sec. F
Teffner, Elizabeth J. & Theodore A.	Lot 95	Sec. 2A

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Appropriation		\$6,299
Expenditures:		
Secretary's Pay	\$ 1,653	
FICA.....	47	
General Expense	2006	
Advertising	55	
Equipment	92	
Professional Services	14	
		<u>3,867</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$2,432



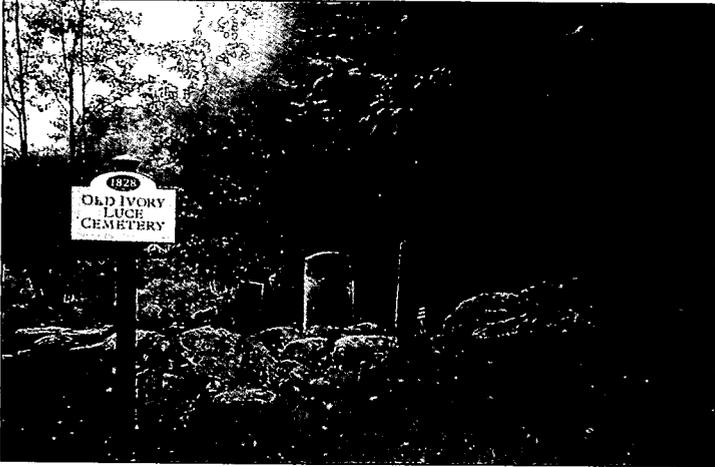
Cemetery Commission Members

Seated: Donna Adams, Chair and Clarke Foster
 Standing: George von Trapp and Joy Fagan
 Absent: Leigh Tabor

Old Ivory Luce Cemetery

South side Luce Hill Road

Size is 0.1 acre. This ground was on the home farm of Ivory Luce in the portion of Stowe that was the old Town of Mansfield.



Old Luce Hill/Old Mansfield Cemetery

North side Luce Hill Road

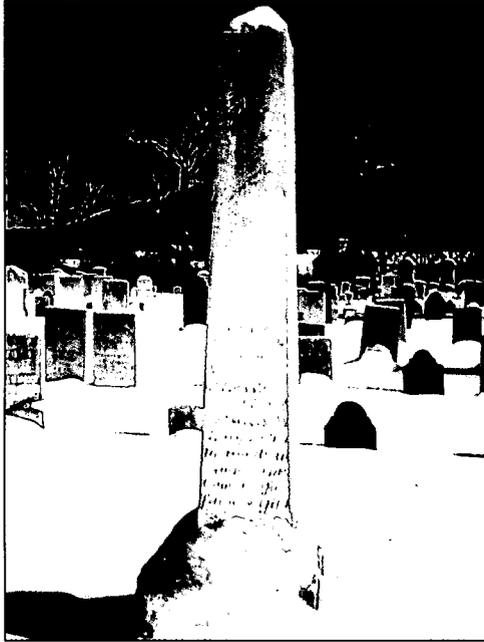
Cemetery is located in a pasture behind an area on which once stood a district schoolhouse. It is fenced in a measures approximately 56 x 75 feet. Several unknown graves are marked only by field stones.



Old Yard/Center Cemetery

Behind Memorial Building, Stowe Village

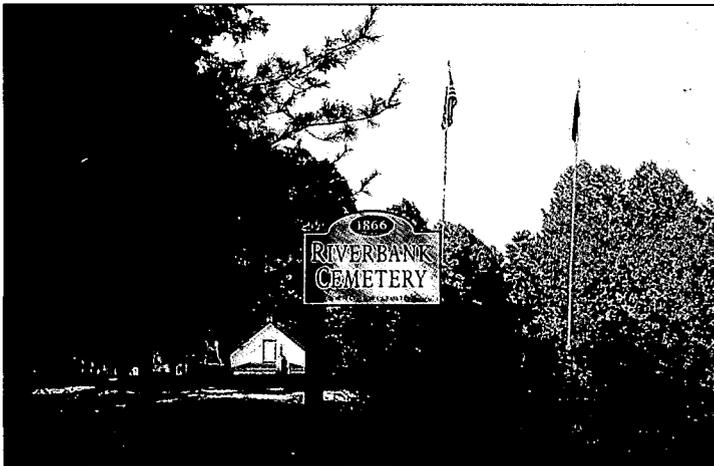
Old Yard/Center Cemetery was given by the father of Willie Utley who drowned in 1798 at the age of 12.



Riverbank Cemetery

Off Route 100 North, Cemetery Road

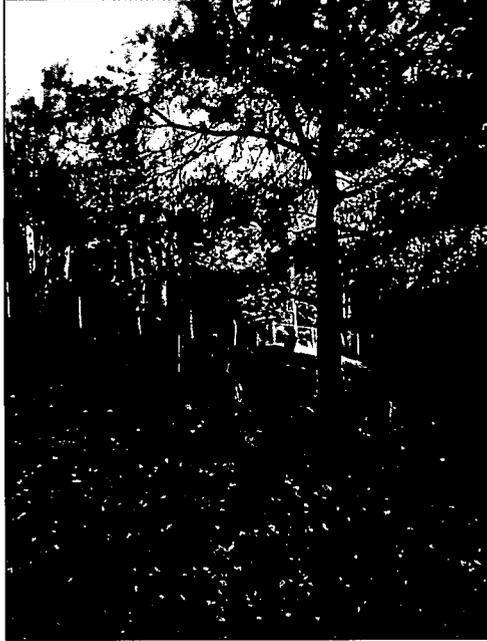
Riverbank Cemetery was established with the purchase of 10 acres and 99 rods of meadowland at a cost of \$1,134. In mid-June 1866 it was voted to hold a public auction for the choice of lots at the entrance of the cemetery. The layout of Riverbank is patterned after the then-new, park-like design with graded ground, blocks of trees (the cedars came from Hyde Park), avenues, and ornamented lots (shrubs).



Sterling Cemetery

North side Sterling Valley Road

Lot #4 formerly in the Town of Sterling measuring 7 x 6 rods was purchased in 1858 for the price of \$12.00, a condition of the gift being that the town keep it well fenced at all times and at their expense. In 1932, Carrie Bingham of Junction City, Kansas paid for the erection of a woven wire fence around the cemetery as a memorial to her parents.



Thomas S. Luce Cemetery

Across from Topnotch, Route 108

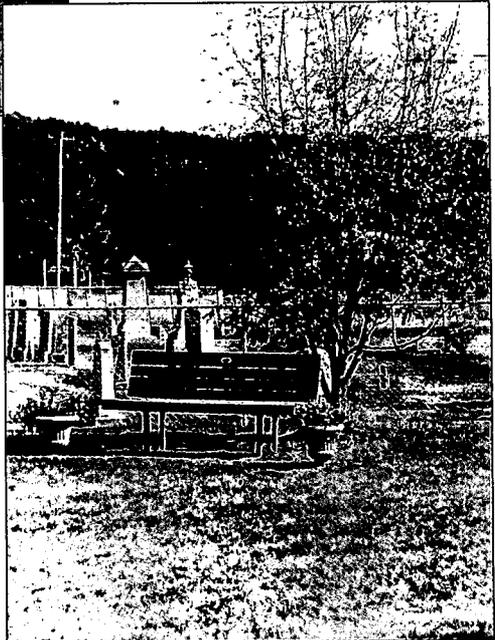
Small burial ground consisting of 0.1 acre across from Topnotch, near fields used for recreation beside the West Branch River, formerly within the old town of Mansfield.



West Branch Cemetery

Route 108

The cemetery was created by acquiring three different parcels, one of which was in the old Town of Mansfield before annexation to the Town of Stowe. There were nine burials recorded in the West Branch Cemetery Record book which preceded the purchase of the land for a burying ground.



TOWN OF STOWE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The groundwork done by the Conservation Commission over the past few years on several projects has finally paid off for the Town in recent months.

An initial phase of the forest practices as outlined in the carefully crafted management plan for the town-owned Sterling Forest was completed with excellent results. Further implementation will follow in the coming months.

The Mayo Farm conservation easement was signed and formally adopted in August. In addition to agriculture the easement allows for recreational and event uses on specifically designated areas of the 235 acre property. A management plan is now being drafted and nearing completion which will further specify use restrictions.

Current state wetlands maps are done on a large scale and lack detail. A consultant that specializes in wetland identification was hired to do a new wetland inventory. The results showed over fifty wetlands in Stowe that were previously unmapped.

The Conservation Commission continues to advocate for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. We are working closely with the Stowe Area Association and local bicycle clubs to make Stowe more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

An interpretive installation that was put on the Quiet Path along the West Branch several years ago had become obsolete and fallen into disrepair. A summer intern was hired to re-write and redesign this material. We hope to install the new and updated material in the spring.

There has never been a comprehensive study of the West Branch to determine its condition and needs. A preliminary guidance document is now being prepared that will eventually lead to a complete assessment and alternative analysis for the river's restoration. The information gained from the study will be used in future restoration efforts.

The Conservation Commission looks forward to the coming year with continued enthusiasm for serving the conservation interests of the Town.

Jack Daggitt, Chairman
Bruce Bell
Christine Donovan
George Gay
Bruce Harmon
David Jaqua
Jan Reynolds

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appropriation		\$11,500
Expenditures:		
General Expense	\$ 864	
Stream Bank Erosion Control	0	
Professional Services	<u>2,800</u>	
		<u>3,664</u>
Balance at End of Year		\$ 7,836



VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS -- 2003

Date	CHILD	SEX	PARENTS
Jan. 2	Liam Landwehrle	M	Kathleen & Donald Landwehrle,
Jan. 2	Gardner Auchincloss	M	Melissa Gardner & Gordon Auchincloss
Feb. 6	Taegen Yardley	F	Kristin & F. Mark Yardley
Mar. 2	Madelyn Lucas-George	F	Aileen Lucas & Jesse George
Mar. 2	Leena Cherryholmes	F	Dana Jeffrey & Jong Cherryholmes
Mar. 11	Edward Tyler	M	Julie & Edward Tyler
Mar. 31	Acacia LaRow	F	Breanna Toresdahl & Nicholas LaRow
Apr. 2	Camden Anderson	M	Heather & Robert Anderson
Apr. 4	Bentley Boonyharn	M	Adele Van Schoick & Trongwat Boonyharn
May 7	Benjamin Rothchild	M	Susan & Adam Rothchild
June 14	Tucker Volansky	M	Jennifer & Andrew Volansky
June 18	Joshua Clark	M	Susan & Vaughan Clark
June 27	Benjamin Cabot	M	Alison & Ric Cabot
July 3	Daniel Lyden	M	Kelly & Barry Lyden
July 7	Abigail Rice	F	Kimberly & Adam Rice
July 8	David Bradbury	M	Emily & David Bradbury
July 28	John Lackey	M	Margaret & Lawrence Lackey
Aug. 2	Elijah Law-Burns	M	Tiffany Law & Christopher Burns
Aug. 8	Ellie Moriarty	F	Jessica & Scott Moriarty
Sept. 25	Bowen McGarry	F	Denise & Matthew McGarry
Oct. 1	Sadie Fox	F	Erica Eppinger & John Fox
Oct. 5	Cole Sautter	M	Michelle & David Sautter
Nov. 2	Kayden Durkin	F	Nichole & Timothy Durkin
Nov. 2	Rosalyn Trowbridge	F	Zoe Bedell & Todd Trowbridge
Nov. 4	Grace Nuri	F	Caterina Eppolito & Selim Nuri
Nov. 8	Dakota Richardson	F	Jennifer Keiser & Robert Richardson
Nov. 12	Adrian Bryan	M	Erica & Timothy Bryan
Nov. 14	Hans Huber	M	Sandra & Bryan Huber
Dec. 3	Anika Wagner	F	Karen & Nathan Wagner

Total: 29

DEATHS - 2003

Date	Name	Place	Age
Jan. 5	Drury, Harold	Morrisville	77
Jan 10	Gordon, Dorothy	Morrisville	94
Feb. 4	Wells, Rachel	Morrisville	95
Feb. 19	Schmidt, Sigrid	Burlington	61
Feb. 23	Clark, Rachel	Morrisville	89
Feb. 25	Godin, Jean	Stowe	66
Mar. 10	Maher, Cynthia	Stowe	60
Mar. 16	Whitney, Pamela	Stowe	50
Mar. 24	Schmidt, Gerhard	Burlington	62
Mar. 26	Tibbits, Hayden	Morrisville	81
Apr. 28	Hand, Marion	Stowe	84
June 28	Calcagni, Charles	Morrisville	67
July 16	Ryan, James Jr.	Morrisville	45
July 17	Hafer, Ruth	Morrisville	65
July 26	Hill, Anna	Stowe	91
Aug. 26	Abbott, Else	Stowe	94
Sept. 9	Chase, Esther	Morrisville	95
Sept. 27	Kuehn, Bernhard	Stowe	80
Oct. 9	Winter, Brenda	Stowe	70
Dec. 11	Rogers, Susan	Stowe	57

TOTAL 20

MARRIAGES 2003
TOTAL NUMBER BY STATE/COUNTRY

ALABAMA	2	MICHIGAN	4
ARIZONA	1	MINNESOTA	5
CALIFORNIA	6	MISSISSIPPI	1
CANADA	9	NEW HAMPSHIRE	10
COLORADO	7	NEW JERSEY	5
CONNECTICUT	18	NEW MEXICO	1
DELAWARE	2	NEW YORK	16
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	3	NORTH CAROLINA	1
ENGLAND	19	NORTH DAKOTA	1
FLORIDA	5	OHIO	4
GEORGIA	3	OKLAHOMA	1
ILLINOIS	3	OREGON	2
IOWA	1	PENNSYLVANIA	11
IRELAND	2	RHODE ISLAND	4
KANSAS	2	SCOTLAND	2
KENTUCKY	1	TENNESSEE	2
LOUISIANA	1	TEXAS	2
MAINE	1	VERMONT	2
MARYLAND	3	VIRGINIA	6
MASSACHUSETTS	35	WASHINGTON	1
		WISCONSIN	1

STOWE 23

TOTAL: 229

CIVIL UNIONS 2003
TOTAL NUMBER BY STATE/COUNTRY

CALIFORNIA	5	NEVADA	1
COLORADO	1	NEW JERSEY	2
DELAWARE	1	NEW YORK	9
FLORIDA	5	NORTH CAROLINA	3
GEORGIA	2	OHIO	1
ILLINOIS	1	PENNSYLVANIA	7
INDIANA	2	SOUTH CAROLINA	1
KANSAS	1	TEXAS	4
MAINE	1	VIRGINIA	3
MARYLAND	5	WASHINGTON	3
MASSACHUSETTS	5	WISCONSIN	1
MICHIGAN	5		
MINNESOTA	4		
PENNSYLVANIA	7		

TOTAL: 80

EVENTS IN 2003**JANUARY**

Stowe joins property tax appeal challenging Act 60
Doris & John Crawford donate trail easement on 63 acres in Stowe & Waterbury
Morrisville bowling alley in business since 1964 closes
Connor Goss, 4th grade student, wins in first round of the 10th annual National Geography Bee
Stowe High graduate Merritt Helmken on duty in the Persian Gulf
Bingham Cottage, located at Mount Mansfield Ski Area, burns
Petition submitted with 334 names for purchase of 16 acres at Stonybrook
Miles Crow, Jen Zoller, Anna Chilton and Chris Donza inducted into the National Honor Society
Tom Jackman appointed as Town Planner
Mac's Market to expand and renovate
Town takes over Ski Museum parking lot for \$40,000
Immediate Care Clinic opens in the Baggy Knees Shopping Center
Stowe Middle/High School winter concert held
Municipal budget up 8.8%-school budget up 9.24%
Stowe Skating Club does well at the Champy Skating competition in Plattsburg, N.Y.

FEBRUARY

Affordable Housing group appeals Zoning Board of Adjustment decision to deny
Demolition of the Moody House by owner Willard Jackson shelved
SAA drops idea of 1% tax plan
Stowe High School Junior, Erin Burke, goes to Colorado Springs for fencing competition
Selectboard voices their opposition to the Stonybrook land purchase
Stowe Boys' hockey team loses to Burlington 4-2 in playoffs
Richard Marron introduces the idea of "skier" number plates
Jewish Center plans of building to be located off Cape Cod Road are made known
Helen Day Art Center Annual Arts Award presented to Milford Cushman, Architect
Stowe Derby Day, held since 1945 takes place
Robyn Anderson, daughter of Gar & Moira goes to Fairbanks, Alaska to compete in the Junior Cross Country Olympics
Ross Francis and Tess Rousselle take part in the National TV show filming of "Awesome Adventures"

Stowe Girls' basketball team beaten in the playoffs by Lake Region, 67-47
 Stowe Girls' hockey team stopped in semi-finals by Essex, 4-1
 Edward Rhodes and Kirk Brisson challenge Helen Beckerhoff for
 Selectboard member

MARCH

Town again says, "yes", to town and school budgets
 Ed Rhodes given the Cliff Thompson award at Town Meeting by the Fire
 Department
 Frank & Marion Kellogg given the Conservationist of the Year Award
 Luce Hill (Stonybrook land) recreations fields denied at town meeting
 Stowe eighth grader, Elizabeth Percy, a legislative page
 Stowe Youth Hockey teams do well at various tournaments
 Planning Commission approves Mountain Company expansion
 Jackie Schmelzer appointed combination animal control and village patrol offi-
 cer
 Charles Lusk elected Selectboard chairman
 Stowe Ice Theater wins title at the Green Mountain Open Competition in So.
 Burlington
 Maya Lazarovich takes top place in her event at the district swim finals in
 Hanover, N.H.
 Cynthia Maher, Stowe resident, dies in Route 100 accident
 John Kueffner recipient of the Ruth Shetler Award given by the Stowe Rescue
 Squad
 Boys' basketball team loses to Arlington in the finals
 Springer-Miller, who appealed the Planning Commission decision, wins in
 court
 Town Administrator John Drury, with his partner Jo-Anne Varcoe-Leamer, pur-
 chases the Scandinavia Inn

APRIL

Over 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel spill into the Little River from the Mountain
 Company
 Selectboard to study public safety needs of the town
 Marine Corp Sgt Geoffrey McIssac, son of Diane McIssac serving in the
 Mediterranean Sea
 Hyde Cup tournament held
 63rd Sugar Slalom draws 300 participants
 Relocation of Rec Path draws fire
 Stowe High School hockey coach, Whit Hartt, resigns
 13 youth hockey players from Stowe & Morrisville tour Europe
 Stowe Mountain closed April 20th
 Selectboard form public safety study group

49th anniversary of the Easter Sunrise service atop Mt. Mansfield

MAY

Equestrian center gives up on Luce Hill site

DeLuca resigns as Planning Commission member

Stowe High named "medallion school"

Morgan Smith, Elizabeth and Sarah Percy are working towards a \$5,000 goal for Afghan women

Green Up Day held

Stowe Recreation Commission pushes for impact fees

Stowe students' test scores above average

Rec Path extension study launched

Stowe's Bill Driscoll named to the coaching staff of the U.S. Women's National Development hockey program

Rec Path relocation approved to allow the Jewish Center project to go forward

Stowe Mt. bikers seek approved trail network

Smugglers' Notch gateways project approved by BOA

Stowe High School named the 2003 Golden Medallion School

Tubbs named Exporter of the Year

Susan Russell retires after 33 years of teaching

Don McDowell named new boys' hockey coach

JUNE

Former Vt. Governor Dean visits town

Peter Beck given the Paul Harris Fellow award at Rotary

Elementary and High School bands take part in annual Memorial Day Parade

Bill Reichelt named head coach of men's and women's skiing at UVM.

Selectboard adopts capital planning

Lamoille Planners to look at Route 100 traffic

36th annual Joe Kirkwood tournament held

SAA names John Springer-Miller Business Person of the Year

Stowe under 10A and B teams win Northern Challenge Cup in soccer

Stowe under 12A girls finish 7-1-1 in soccer

Stowe High School graduates 57 students

Stowe Garden Festival held

New Smugglers' Notch Campground opens

JULY

SEF short \$100,000 as deadline passes

Successful 4th of July celebration

Selectboard addressing malfunctioning sewer plant

Development Review Board (DRB) holds first meeting.
Peter Anderson new President of Rotary replacing Cliff Johnson
Adams family selling mill property to a local group after owning for 89 years
Environmental group appeals Mt. Co. permit
Town-wide reappraisal to start in September
850 participants run in Stowe 8-miler race
7th annual Adi Yoerg Tennis tournament held
Bears a real nuisance in areas of town
Lamoille County All Stars 10 & under participate in Rhode Island in the N.E.
Tournament

AUGUST

Selectboard, signs 25 year conservation easement for Mayo Farm
Town approves electric expansion
46 th Annual Antique and Classic Car show held with 900 vehicles
Stowe sports teams begin practice
Town Plan discussions propose limiting growth development along Route 100
Town ordered to pay developer Ray Cabral over sewer related issues
Stowe Swimmers captured 14 medals and 31 ribbons at the Vt. State
Championships in Middlebury
Town considering option for replacing the fire station
Lackey family sell business after 53 years of operation
Mt. Company asks the town to limit Development Review Board authority
18th Annual For Art's Sake and A Taste of Stowe held
Taxes are up 9%

SEPTEMBER

Stowe's Marron named top legislator
Jane Bouffard named Stowe's outstanding teacher
Feds tell Stowe to fix bus operations or lose \$250k
Act 60 changes will mean higher taxes in Stowe
Possible legal action to take place over sewer odor
Stowe celebrates its 7th Octoberfest with successful results
Group completes purchase of Adams Mill property
Stowe Planning Commission to seek \$15,000 for capital planning
Stowe Community Church to do restoration project

OCTOBER

Stowe to host field hockey championships
Mt. Mansfield Ski and Snowboard Club to celebrate 70 years with Billy Kidd
as guest speaker

Selectboard approves fees changes for development
 Gerry Kirchner receives the Damien-Dutton award
 Land Trust preserves 31 additional acres at Bingham Falls, for a total of 103 acres
 Stowe Middle School girls' soccer team unbeaten for the season
 12 Swiss students arrive at Stowe High School as part of an exchange program
 Stowe High School wins the 2003 presidential and national fitness awards
 Jewish Center (JCOGS) groundbreaking takes place
 Gas explosion critically injures Jack Pickett and Todd Owens
 Stowe explores sale of its Electric Department
 Vermont field hockey finals held at Stowe High School
 Stowe field hockey girls lose to Burr & Burton for the Div. III title.
 Stowe girls' soccer team ousted in quarterfinals
 Stowe middle school field hockey girls seventh & eighth grades undefeated and sixth & seventh grades lose one game

NOVEMBER

Kermit Spaulding recognized for lifetime of public service
 Selectboard ends talks for Stonybrook fields
 First annual CREW road rally won by Leelee and Gregg Goodson
 Annual Stowe Rescue and Hazardous Terrain barn dance held
 Vt's 10th Mt. Boys inducted into Ski Hall of Fame
 Stowe leash law expands to include sidewalks
 Stowe library unveils long-term strategy
 Stowe's Barbara Ware inducted into New England's Women's Hall of Fame.
 Development planned for Whiskers Field
 Honor society adds 17 students
 Stowe tax collection may change to 4 times per year
 Stowe hockey star Kara Leene to play with Colgate University by way of a full athletic scholarship
 After 13 years, Evans Bouchard returns to coach boys' basketball

DECEMBER

Act 250 board permits affordable housing project in Stowe's lower village
 Village merchants oppose proposed parking ticket plan
 Dog owners to face arrest for unpaid fines
 Lamoille County gets Vermont's first community response team
 Town is considering a stop light at the intersection of Cape Cod Road and Route 108
 Selectboard adopt the Town Plan
 Snow-Snow-Snow is what there has been in the month of December

YOU ARE WISHED A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2004

CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT BASIC EDUCATION, INC.

Carol Shults-Perkins, Mary Leahy, Executive Team

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. is a non-profit organization governed by a volunteer board of directors. The executive team shares administrative and supervisory duties for the organization. Central Vermont Adult Basic Education is staffed by an additional sixteen employees and one hundred sixty-two volunteers that serve Lamoille, Orange and Washington counties.

Twelve adults in the town of Stowe received services from CVABE in FY' 2003, at an annual cost of \$1200.00 per student. Instruction is free of charge and individuals over the age of sixteen who are not enrolled in public school are eligible for service. Instructional programs include: basic literacy, study skills, family literacy, computer literacy, English as a Second Language, GED preparation, youth and teen parent programs, and workplace literacy programs.

Locally, CVABE has a learning center at 52 Portland Street in downtown Morrisville, upstairs over Caplan's Sporting Goods. One hundred seventy (170) adults in Lamoille County were served in FY'03.

CVABE collaborates with the Lamoille North Supervisory Union and the Lamoille Family Center on an Even Start grant to provide intensive adult and family literacy services to families in Eden, Hyde Park, Cambridge, Johnson, Waterville and Belvidere. CVABE also collaborates with Lamoille Union High School to aid students through the Alternative Diploma Program.

Central VT Adult Basic Education is an official GED testing service with tests being administered at the Barre Learning Center, the Morrisville Learning Center and the Randolph Learning Center.

The Morrisville Learning Center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with evening and weekend hours by appointment. Please call our local center if you or someone you know might need our services or would be interested in volunteering for our program. Call 888-553 1.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc.
52 Portland Street - Room 8
P.O. Box 478
Morrisville, VT 05661



**CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING
REPORT OF SERVICES TO THE
TOWN OF STOWE
OCTOBER 1, 2002 -
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

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

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

The Case Manager for the Town of Stowe is Penny Walker-Reen. Case Managers are trained to assess needs and create a care plan for individuals that includes public, private and volunteer resources.

The Council on Aging contracts with Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County for the provision of community and home delivered meals for seniors. Noontime meals are served five days a week in different towns in Lamoille County. Home delivered meals are also delivered to the homes of elders who cannot get out to the mealsite.

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

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

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

CHARLES CASTLE, *Executive Director*

CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CVCAC)

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

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 100 individuals in 60 Stowe families with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

Here are some CVCAC program statistics for Stowe:

- 48 households (including 81 family members) received emergency assistance with food, shelter, Crisis Fuel, and other basic needs.
- 1 household participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 2 family members.
- 2 households with 5 family members received weatherization assistance to help lower fuel bills an average of 20%-the equivalent of 70 gallons of fuel oil or 105 gallons of propane.
- 8 individuals participated in our Community Economic Development programs which include micro business development, individual development accounts, the Central Vermont Revolving Loan Fund, and the Vermont Women's Business Center.
- 1 household received intensive assistance from CVCAC's Welfare to Work staff to transition from public assistance to gainful employment.

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

**Central Vermont Community Action Council is supported in part by
the towns we serve!**

KEVIN WIBERG, *Program Development Director*

CENTRAL VERMONT CRIME STOPPERS

Central Vermont Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization established solely to support the community and Law Enforcement agencies by providing an anonymous tip line for use by all citizens so they may report crime anonymously.

Citizens call the tip line, with information they have pertaining to a crime. The information is then disseminated to the appropriate Law Enforcement agency to assist in solving that crime.

TIPLINE; 1-800-529-9998 (Toll free)

An individual calling the tip line is never asked for information concerning their identity. The tip line is a non traceable, non recordable phone line. When a call comes in a code is given to the caller (tipster) so they may call back to give additional information concerning the crime, check the status of the tip information and to see if an arrest has been made based on the information they gave.

If an arrest was made based on the tip information, then the board of directors of Crime Stoppers sets a reward based on the seriousness of the crime and the amount of aid the information was to the police

www.centralvermontcrimestoppers.org

A program called **ALERT** provides information to local businesses concerning crimes in their area. This is a flyer that is produced by Crime Stoppers with specific details concerning a crime. The flyers are posted at local businesses around the area asking citizens to call the police or Crime Stoppers with information.

Central Vermont Crime Stoppers is a strong member in good standing with Crime Stoppers International organization (C.S.I.). The Crime Stopper program originated in Albuquerque New Mexico in 1978 and currently operates in over 48 countries. The board of directors for Central Vermont Crime Stoppers is made up of citizens in good standing in the community who have volunteered their time to ensure the program is successful.

COUNTIES SERVED: Washington County, Lamoille County

The success of the Program depends on the support of community businesses and citizens. Central Vermont Crime Stoppers does not receive funds through State or Federal sources.

Since last year, Central Vermont Crime Stoppers has added an additional county to its service area, Lamoille County. Central Vermont Crime Stoppers has also had a change of Executive Directors. Monique Hayden who has been the director for several years, has moved on to a new personal business. The new Director Eileen Fraga will work with the board of directors to continue to bring a well established program to the area.

EILEEN FRAGA
Executive Director

**CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER
ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM
JULY 1, 2002 TO JUNE 30, 2003**

The Clarina Howard Nichols Center is a private, non-profit agency. Its mission is to end violence against women and their children by providing shelter and services to survivors of domestic and/or sexual assault, and through preventive, outreach education programs. The Center, which has served Lamoille County communities since 1981, provides the following services:

- Safe emergency shelter for women and children
- 24-hour crisis Hotline for survivors of domestic and sexual violence
- Confidential advocacy in legal, welfare, medical, housing, and other social services
- Support groups for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault
- Children's playgroups for kids who have experienced domestic violence. The playgroups are age-specific and focus on teaching the communication skills necessary to promote respectful relationships
- Mentoring for children who have witnessed domestic violence
- "Building Healthy Relationships" violence prevention program that is presented in virtually every Lamoille County School, including Johnson State College
- Community education

The following are some statistics for the past year:

Women:		"Building Healthy Relationships":	
Unduplicated Domestic Violence Clients	363	Students	620
Unduplicated Sexual Violence Clients	44	Adults	75
Hotline Calls	3018		
In-person Crisis Support	1365	Children:	
Criminal & Family Court Advocacy	1464	Child Care	84
Hospital Advocacy	29	On-going Emotional	
Other Advocacy	1218	Support	346
On-going Emotional Support	2827	Children's Groups	84
Information & Referrals	1166		
Support Groups	152	Shelter:	
Emergency Financial Assistance	60	Women Sheltered	21
		Children Sheltered	12
		Shelter Nights	619

SUSAN AIKMAN
Executive Director

Lamoille County

LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION


**Court Diversion
& Restorative Justice**

The **Lamoille County Court Diversion & Restorative Justice Programs, Inc.** has served the communities of the Lamoille Valley region since 1978. The agency is a community based, tax-exempt, non-profit organization which offers a number of programs that focus on the needs of youth and families involved in delinquent or criminal activities at the pre-adjudication and post-adjudication levels. The following programs enable this agency to meet its mission of *providing community based programs that address unlawful behavior while supporting victims of crime and promoting a healthy community.*

-Court Diversion: An alternative to the formal court process, Court Diversion offers youth and adult first time offenders the opportunity to address charges and avoid a criminal conviction. Utilizing a **Community Review Board**, each Diversion Contract developed is tailored to meet the needs of the offender, the victim and the community. Once completed, the case is dismissed by the state. In FY 2003 **159 cases** were handled with an **85%** successful completion rate. We maintained a recidivism rate of **11%** of those who have successfully completed this program. Over **\$8,900** in restitution and donations was recovered for victims and area communities. (Over **\$142,700** has been recovered since 1978.) Additionally, over **700** hours of community service was completed in our communities.

-Pre-Charge Intervention Project: Established in 1998, PCIP is designed to address delinquent behaviors before a formal charge is filed. Using Family Group Conferencing, mediated dialogue, individualized action plans, and other interventions, PCIP develops strategies that focus on the needs of the youth, the victim and the community. This past year, **9** youth between the ages of eight and fourteen participated in the project.

-Truancy Project: In collaboration with area schools, the project assists youth, their families and school administrators in developing strategies to insure school attendance. A child who has a 10% or higher absentee rate may be referred for support in attending school. Once referred, contracts are developed between the sending school, parents and children that address school attendance. **64** participated in the Truancy project this past year.

-Teen Alcohol Safety Program (TASP): Individuals between the ages of 16-20 who receive a civil possession/consumption of Alcohol violation must participate in TASP. Working with the ticketed individual, the TASP case-worker develops an individualized contract to include alcohol screening, assessment and treatment if necessary. This past year, **209** individuals were referred to TASP.

-Juvenile Restorative Programs include *JUVENILE RESTORATIVE PANELS (JRP)*, *STREET CHECKERS* and the *RESTITUTION PROJECT*. Working with SRS, our agency offers the listed programs to support juveniles and their families who have been adjudicated and are on juvenile probation. As part of their Probation Certificate, youthful offenders may be required to appear before the *Restorative Panel* where a contract is designed to address the needs of the youth, victim and community. Victims of the offender are often invited to participate in the JRP process. *Street Checkers* monitor and support the youth in maintaining curfews, school attendance, and other probation conditions. The *Restitution Project* works closely with SRS to insure successful completion of the youth's probation order and the collection of restitution.

-Transitional Living Program is tailored to provide activities and services for youth in SRS custody to achieve independent, self-supporting lives in our communities as they enter adulthood. The Transitional Living Coordinator assist referred youth in identifying their goals, needs and strengths. Strategies are then developed to achieve the identified goals and needs.

-The Lamoille Valley Community Justice Project has just completed its first year of development and service to our citizens in the Lamoille Valley region. The project seeks to reduce the number of 18 to 21 year olds coming under the Department of Corrections supervision. The project also seeks to increase graduation rates in all schools in the valley and reduce truancy and delinquency. We know that if we keep kids in school, they have a better chance of graduating and not becoming involved with the law. Children to age 15 who currently have or has had a member of their household under the supervision of the Department of Corrections are eligible for case management services that will address their physical and emotional health needs.

LCCD&RJP is supported by state and federal grants, participant fees, town allocations and the **United Way of Lamoille County**.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRIS HINDES, *Executive Director*

HEATHER HOBART, *Assistant Director*

LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

To: The Townspeople of Stowe,

Lamoille County Mental Health Services has completed another year of service to your community. It has been an active year and we feel positive about our experiences and interactions with all of you. We want to thank Chief Kaplan and the Stowe Police Department for their assistance and support of our Emergency Services Team. Congratulations on the excellent work you all do. We had the pleasure of serving forty-seven individuals and provided 5700 units of services. A recent needs assessment by Copley Health Systems indicated that services to children was the greatest need in our communities. In response to this I'm pleased to say that we now have eight staff working in the Elementary and High School. Early detection of issues and interventions with children and youth is key to supporting our families and children. We are pleased with the relationship we have with your educators and administrators. Together we can create opportunities for our children to achieve their potential. In closing I want to thank you for your support of our staff and our organization. Being a community based non-profit organization we believe the strength of our services is in direct correlation to the strength of our relationship to the community. It is an honor to be a part of a community that is so dedicated to their youth and their families.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM K. ALEXANDER
Executive Director

LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) provides technical assistance to municipalities in Lamoille County for land use planning and community development programs. LCPC is governed by appointed representatives from each town and village in Lamoille County. In addition, there are five County Directors elected annually by the LCPC membership to represent the region as a whole. In collaboration with community leaders and organizations throughout the county and state, LCPC is pleased to report the following accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2003:

Community Planning ♦ Regional Plan Phase II ♦ Town Planning Assistance & Review: Belvidere, Cambridge, Eden, Elmore, Morrystown, Waterville, Wolcott ♦ Countywide Municipal Planning Grant Program ♦ Zoning Assistance: Hyde Park, Village of Johnson, ♦ Sewer Planning: Morrystown & Wolcott ♦ Hyde Park Current Land Use ♦ Stowe Cost of Community Service Study and Build Out Analysis.

Community Development+ Regional Economic Development Planning ♦ Johnson Area Health Care Analysis ♦ Morrisville Downtown Development ♦ Eden School Facilities Analysis ♦ Regional Service Directory ♦ Regional Act 250 Review ♦ Regional Economic and Demographic Profile ♦ Regional Housing Report ♦ Census Data.

Transportation Planning ♦ Traffic Monitoring ♦ Eden Culvert Inventory ♦ Johnson Main Street and Pathways Programs ♦ Morrisville Alternative Truck Route ♦ Better Back Roads/Bike & Pedestrian/Enhancement Grant Programs+ Transit System Assistance +Stowe Parking Study ♦ Smugglers' Notch Scenic Highway+ Transportation Advisory Committee ♦ County Highway Map ♦ Morrisville-Stowe Airport Master Plan ♦ Regional Short Range Transit Plan+ Lamoille Valley Rail Trail+ Route 100 Corridor Assessment.

Natural Resources Planning ♦ Lamoille Watershed ♦ Mt. Mansfield & Putnam State Forests ♦ Wastewater & Stormwater Program Assistance ♦ Stream Assessment ♦ Watershed Project Inventory ♦ Energy Resources ♦ Brownfields Assessment Grant.

Emergency & Hazard Mitigation ♦ Belvidere Generator Project ♦ 2004 Emergency Calendar ♦ Local Emergency Planning Committee ♦ Incident Command Systems Training ♦ FIRE Grant Assistance ♦ Flood Prevention & Recovery ♦ Public Safety Communications ♦ River Corridor Management ♦ Emergency Management Directors Training ♦ Pre Disaster Mitigation Planning ♦ Terrorism Preparedness Workshop.

Education and Training ♦ Four Part Planning & Zoning Series ♦ Talk with Your Legislators ♦ 2nd Annual Housing Summit ♦ Stowe Affordable Housing Development Forum ♦ Grant Writing Workshop ♦ Town Officer Education & Municipal Officer Management Series.

Respectfully Submitted, Lamoille County Planning Commission, P.O. Box 1009, Morrisville, VT 05661*lcpc@pshift.com*www.lamoillecounty-planning.org.

Michele Boomhower, *Executive Director*

LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department provides twenty-four hour patrol service on a contract basis to the Towns of Hyde Park, Johnson and Wolcott. Our agency also provides assistance to other local, state and federal law enforcement and emergency response agencies.

The Department's Communications Center dispatches the appropriate agency to all emergency calls throughout the ten towns in Lamoille County. Dispatchers handled a total of 11076 calls for police service, 2065 calls for EMS services, and 742 calls for fire service, a 19% increase in total call volume over 2002. The Center is also the Public Safety Answering Point for all the Enhanced 911 calls throughout Lamoille County. Personnel are trained in answering 911 calls and providing pre-arrival instruction for police, fire and medical emergencies. Personnel receive emphasized training in assisting callers in medical emergencies.

Grant funding applied for and received in 2003 included Special DUI Patrol funding, START (Stop Teenage Alcohol Risk Team) funding, Snowmobile Law Enforcement, Seat Belt Enforcement, Homeland Security Equipment funding, U.S. Department of Justice Universal Hiring Grant, School Resource Officer, Community Heroin Interdiction Program, and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant receipts. This funding allowed the department to participate in a variety of activities that would not have been possible with the current level of contract funding

The Seat Belt Grant enabled the department to dedicate one part-time deputy to enforcing the Vermont Traffic Laws. Training goals for the position include child car seat occupant safety and the inspection of child safety seats to assure proper installation for the child's safety. Town's people are encouraged to make an appointment to have their child's safety seat inspected. The Lamoille County Sheriffs Department also provides child safety seats to those people who are in need at a minimal cost.

A grant secured in 2002 from the U.S. Department of Justice allowed the department to place a School Resource Officer within the Lamoille North Supervisory Union. The goal of the program is to create a safe and secure environment in area schools. The School Resource Officer is currently working in partnership with students, parents, teachers, town, county and state officials to establish a rapport with students as well as to act as a resource to the school, the SRO provides presentations related to substance abuse, violence prevention, conflict management and safety. To date the program has been very successful in achieving it's goals.

The department continues to work with other county, state and federal law enforcement agencies in narcotics investigations. This has resulted in several

federal and state level arrests this year. The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department is committed to an on going effort that will result in the reduction of demand for drugs in our area. The Department has secured a grant from the state to specifically interdict heroin and the diversion of prescription medicine.

The department further received authorization to spend \$120,000.00 from federal grant money to enhance radio coverage for Emergency Services in the following areas: Stowe-Mt Mansfield, Jeffersonville, Waterville, Morrisville, Wolcott and Elmore. The department is currently awaiting the radio licensing for these locations.

ROGER M. MARCOUX, JR.
Lamoille County Sheriff

LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET 2004-2005

	BUDGET 02-03	EXPENSES 02-03	BUDGET 03-04	BUDGET 04-05
COMMUNICATIONS SALARY	\$ 319,150.28	\$279,714.04	\$ 339,243.74	\$ 347,140.53
SOCIAL SECURITY	\$ 20,638.92	\$17,999.93	\$ 21,818.78	\$ 22,109.82
MEDICARE	\$ 4,826.85	\$4,209.66	\$ 5,102.78	\$ 5,170.84
UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ 600.00	\$467.03	\$ 380.00	\$ 384.00
HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE	\$ 47,544.84	\$53,322.85	\$ 58,356.82	\$ 48,277.82
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	\$ 665.77	\$2,339.63	\$ 1,231.71	\$ 2,400.00
IRA/RETIREMENT	\$ 9,000.00	\$6,532.14	\$ 7,972.12	\$ 6,550.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ 10,000.00	\$13,477.39	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	\$ 200.00	\$197.38	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 3,000.00	\$2,258.60	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
UNIFORMS	\$ 2,000.00	\$865.68	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 1,000.00	\$248.59	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 5,000.00	\$4,223.42	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 500.00	\$412.43	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TRAINING/EDUCATION	\$ 1,000.00	\$298.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 10,000.00	\$5,909.82	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 7,400.00	\$7,303.29	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
VLETS-SERVICES & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,500.00	\$823.39	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,478.00
MANDATORY E-911 TRAINING	\$ 4,735.60	\$4,075.29	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,500.00
VIBRS SYSTEM CHARGE	\$ 4,000.00	\$4,470.36	\$ 9,102.00	\$ 9,102.00
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 6,342.96	\$3,555.55	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,554.94
TOWER RENTAL	\$ 15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 16,500.00
STORAGE SPACE	\$ 6,000.00	\$3,600.00	\$ 5,060.00	\$ 2,800.00
TOTAL	\$ 480,105.22	\$431,304.97	\$ 506,417.95	\$ 506,417.95

**LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET ASSESSMENTS
July 01, 2004 to June 30, 2005**

	CURRENT BUDGET 03-04	PROPOSED BUDGET 04-05	QUARTERLY AMOUNT 03-04	Percentage of Total
BELVIDERE	\$ 5,294.31	\$ 5,211.21	\$ 1,302.80	1.03%
CAMBRIDGE	\$ 69,662.70	\$ 70,223.59	\$ 17,555.90	13.87%
EDEN	\$ 19,500.45	\$ 19,075.72	\$ 4,768.93	3.77%
ELMORE	\$ 17,719.75	\$ 17,838.02	\$ 4,459.51	3.52%
HYDE PARK	\$ 47,645.80	\$ 47,699.05	\$ 11,924.76	9.42%
JOHNSON	\$ 49,189.44	\$ 48,956.80	\$ 12,239.20	9.67%
MORRISTOWN	\$ 95,972.70	\$ 95,482.37	\$ 23,870.59	18.85%
STOWE	\$ 165,260.60	\$ 166,638.98	\$ 41,659.75	32.91%
WATERVILLE	\$ 11,789.40	\$ 11,533.55	\$ 2,883.39	2.28%
WOLCOTT	\$ 24,382.80	\$ 23,758.67	\$ 5,939.67	4.69%
TOTALS	\$ 506,417.95	\$ 506,417.96	\$ 126,604.49	100.00%

LAMOILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Fostering Globally Competitive Businesses and Economic Opportunity

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2003

- Regional economic development strategic plan underway
- Supported finance and construction of an 11,000 sq. ft. food processing facility for Lesley Elizabeth company in North Hyde Park
- Developing “shovel-ready” lots in this new industrial park
- Manage Cambridge Business Park and Cambridge Enterprise Center
- Provide office facilities and business services to the Small Business Development Center business counselor for the County
- Revitalizing loan and administration guidelines for Morristown Development Fund and Lamoille County Revolving Loan Fund—these funds are open for business!
- Direct and indirect participation in securing loans to lodging, hospitality, manufacturing and “downtown” businesses
- Sponsor and co-sponsor seminars to area businesses
- Inaugural Lamoille County Perspective section for VBM
- Launched new website with enhanced information content and links—see our master calendar!
- Continue our alliance with the Green Mountain Technology and Career Center (GMTCC) in Hyde Park

We appreciate your continued support!

KAREN TEMPLE LYNCH,

www.lamoilleeconomy.org

Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER

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 the Town of Stowe 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 the support of their friends, family and neighbors. As an organization dedicated to helping to strengthen families, we need that 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 that support. We deeply appreciate the contribution of the Town of Stowe toward this work and to so much 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 HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE



I think of our relationship with Stowe as a partnership. Since 1971, you have voted to share a portion of your tax dollars with Lamoille Home Health & Hospice in order to assure high quality in-home health care for all, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Here are some examples of how your dollars are converted into services...

1. An uninsured logger breaks his leg in several places. After a short hospitalization, he's sent home to recover. Our nurses visit to monitor his recovery and a physical therapist begins an exercise regime as soon as the doctor gives the okay.
2. A teenager is pregnant and has little, if any, support from her family. A Maternal Child Health Nurse visits her regularly to teach parenting skills and newborn baby care.
3. A grandmother lives alone but is VERY independent. With just a little help from a Personal Care Attendant, she is able to stay in her own tidy apartment and enjoy visits from you and her other grandchildren. An Occupational Therapist has passed on some helpful hints to make Grandma's home safer to negotiate.
4. The neighbor up the road is diagnosed with a terminal illness. He wants to die in the familiar surroundings of his own home and to be kept comfortable. Our Hospice Program makes his wish possible.

Your dollars do make a difference. In our Fiscal Year 2003, these were the number of visits made to folks in Stowe:

Nurse - 1,787	Licensed Nursing Assistant - 2,647
Homemaker - 234	Social Worker - 109
Therapeutic Massage - 37	Speech Therapist - 46
Physical Therapist - 554	Occupational Therapist - 223
Hospice Clergy - 15	Registry Nurse - 180
Personal Care Attendant - 590	

Our heartfelt thanks to you for your 31 years of believing that home care is vital for your community. It energizes us to continue doing our very best to assure independence, wellness and death with dignity.

Sincerely,

Ann Mallett, RN

Executive Director

LAMOILLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.



The Lamoille Housing Partnership (LHP) is a nonprofit, community-based affordable housing development organization. LHP's mission is to provide safe, decent, affordable rental and owner-occupied housing for residents of the Lamoille Valley area, including the residents of Hardwick in Caledonia County, whose incomes are primarily at or below 80% of county median.

LHP was formed in 1991, working in partnership with homeowners, landlords, residents, local businesses, community agencies, and government to ensure that permanently affordable housing is an ongoing resource for the Lamoille Valley community.

Since 1991 the Partnership has created or preserved 96 apartments, 32 mobile home lots, and a 20-bed residence for people with severe and persistent mental illness. LHP has also helped 15 households to achieve the dream of homeownership, and has assisted Evergreen Manor Mobile Home Park residents in the purchase of 3 mobile homes.

LHP is a participating organization in the Central Vermont Community Land Trust Neighborworks Homeownership Center, offering education and assistance to prospective homeowners.

Over the past year, LHP has continued efforts to develop 42 affordable apartments in Stowe's Lower Village. We are hoping to find a site in Johnson or Hyde Park in the coming year.

LHP remains committed to its vision to live in a community where all individuals recognize and support the necessity of affordable housing and ensure that no one will be without a decent place to live, regardless of income.

Your town's contribution helps us in this mission and strengthens our entire community.

CAROL COLLINS,
Executive Director
Lamoille Housing Partnership

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County is a private, non-profit organization with a mission to enable elders to remain in their own familiar home as long as possible by delivering hot nutritious meals and providing a daily check-in.

The daily check-in is as important as the meals themselves. Our volunteers are a great means of communication for the homebound. Several times a volunteer has come back to the office with a concern about a recipient and Meals on Wheels was able to contact a family member and get help before any problems arose.

Volunteers are the heart of our business. Without the 65 to 70 volunteers that we have active at any one time we would not be able to provide these services. Volunteers drove a total of 36,220 miles in the last year and many of our drivers have been volunteering for years. There is an ongoing need for volunteer drivers and it only takes about an hour and a half out of your day.

During our last fiscal year, October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003, Meals on Wheels provided 33,169 meals to 301 Lamoille county residents. Funding for these meals came from government contracts (45%), United Way (9%), Town Appropriations (6%), and the remaining 40% came from client donations, private contributions, and fundraising efforts.

Lots of things have happened at Meals on Wheels in the past year. Priscilla Matten resigned her position as Executive Director in late January, and I took the position in early February. Though this position has been titled the same over the years, this is the first time that this position has become full time. This was also our first full year of cooking meals on-site and we have had tremendous feedback of our clients really enjoying their meals.

To close our fiscal year Meals on Wheels has begun a project. We have joined with the Lamoille Senior Center to form an activities committee, which consists of members from both organizations as well as a couple of outside volunteers. The goal of this committee is to find out what Lamoille County seniors would like to do at their senior center and begin providing those activities. This is a huge step for Meals on Wheels, as is for the Senior Center. We hope in the next year to have a variety of activities, speakers, and other events for seniors to enjoy along with our mealsite dinner at noon.

Meals on Wheels would like to thank the residents of the towns in Lamoille County for all of their ongoing support. For information on becoming a volunteer driver, or being a part of our activities committee, please call our office at 888-5011.

Respectfully submitted,
TANYA GRIFFIN
Executive Director

NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE

After 4 1/2 years of design work, planning, permits and initial fundraising, North Country Animal League (NCAL) moved into their new building on April 4, 2003. The new addition brings the building size up to 5,500 square feet. There are 16 dog kennels, a puppy room, an indoor dog exercise room and dog-get-acquainted room for adopters to spend time with the dogs. There are 18 cat cages, a cat'illion room for cats to play, and a cat get-acquainted room. This year a small outdoor cat area will be completed, as well as isolation rooms in the basement for quarantine for cats and dogs.

Over 5,000 companion animals have found loving, permanent homes through NCAL's Adoption Program since 1994. In 2003, our Humane Education Program finished its 4th year of providing enrichment learning in 9 area schools, summer camp, school projects and shelter tours to teach responsibility, kindness and compassion for all living beings. NCAL's Development Program found hundreds of volunteers to support the animals by providing and sharing their expertise in areas of fundraising and event planning.

The new building and location helped to increase adoptions by 24% and visitorship by an amazing 70%. Children and adults found their volunteer niche through the long list of daily chores such as: dog walking, cat cuddling, and answering phones, doing animal laundry, cleaning, and maintenance. The overwhelming support for the new shelter models a quality of life that is kind and humanitarian to not only our community but also all of Vermont.

2003 Highlights:

- NCAL's total building goal of \$1,629,000 was 75% complete at the end of 2003 with a December 2004 completion date.
- Over 650 dogs', cats', kittens' and puppies' lives were saved through our adoption program.
- Volunteer hours reached over 11,000 hours.

North Country Animal League

3524 Laporte Rd.

Morrisville, Vermont 05661

Web site is www.ncal.com or phone # 802-888-5065

LINDA WOOD, *Trustee President*

OUT & ABOUT, LAMOILLE AREA ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

The Mission of Out & About is to support elders who are socially isolated and/or functionally impaired and adults with disabilities through activities and services that promote independence.

Out & About is a day program serving the Lamoille area region. Through an array of supportive services Out & About assists its participants and their care givers to maintain a quality of life which can give them continued personal growth and individual choice. This helps to avoid premature placement in costly long term care institutional settings.

The heart of our Mission is accomplished through our arts-based activity program which fosters engagement, creativity, companionship, and a shared sense of accomplishment and appreciation. Participants find joy and wellness in the act of creating and thus minimize the impact of loss, depression, chronic pain, isolation, and other limiting conditions.

Out & About offers an individualized plan of care to meet the needs of each participant. Participants attend on a scheduled basis. Services may include the following: supervision, transportation, meals, personal care, nursing services, socialization, exercise, recreation, free flowing discussion groups, art workshops (writing, music/singing, drawing, painting, sculpture), information and referrals, medical and social evaluation, counseling, reality orientation, and care giver respite and support.

To be eligible for services adults must be dependent on long term care by virtue of functional limitations, medical conditions, social isolation, cognitive impairment and/or emotional/psychological vulnerability. Financial circumstances play no part in determining eligibility for enrollment to Out & About.

This past fiscal year we celebrated 16 years of service to the Community. During the year, 12 of the 75 participants we served resided in Stowe. Our heartfelt thanks goes to members of the Stowe Community for helping to support our services and improve the quality of life for these neighbors. As the elder population continues to grow the need for our services will double by the year 2010 according to a recent study by the Vermont Department of Aging and Disabilities. Now more than ever, this makes your Town Allocation that much more important in helping us to fund and expand services which support our Mission. Stowe Community members can be proud of our partnership of purpose which will ensure that more Stowe elders and adults with disabilities will have a place to be during the day where they will be valued and supported - physically, emotionally and spiritually.

If you want to get more involved, want to know more about any aspect of our organization, or want to donate your time or resources, do not hesitate to call or come by - we would enjoy meeting with you. Additionally, if any of you would like a copy of our FY 7/1/02- 6/30/03 Annual Report and/or our Newsletters please contact me. My phone number is 888-7040.

Respectfully Submitted,

GLO WEBEL, *Executive Director*

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR CENTRAL VERMONT AND NORTHEAST KINGDOM

RSVP FOR CENTRAL VERMONT AND NORTHEAST KINGDOM is part of a Nationwide Program for people who want to help meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, knowledge and talents in volunteer service.

Stowe was able to benefit from RSVP services in two ways during the 2001-2002 fiscal year. The RSVP Coordinator involved SEVEN residents of Stowe in volunteer service to area non-profit organizations. Those organizations were: Central VT. Adult Basic Education, The Copley Hospital, Copley Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop, Copley Manor Inc., Meals on Wheels of Lamoille County, North Country Animal League, and RSVP Lamoille. In addition to involving these volunteers, RSVP made available insurance, transportation reimbursement, recognition, and training to all of its members.

These volunteers provided 543 hours of service to the above-mentioned organizations. They helped expand or continue the valuable services that were provided to the residents of Lamoille County. We calculate that these volunteers provided an equivalent of \$8,101 dollars of service to the area. We are proud of the work that these older volunteers contributed and are pleased to help make Lamoille County a better place for its residents.

Anyone wishing to know more about RSVP, or wanting to become a volunteer, should call 8882190, 626-5135 or stop in to see us at the Lamoille View Apartments at 167 Park Street in Morrisville.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GUY ISABELLE, *Director*



RSVP



VERMONT CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY
STOWE TOWN REPORT
2003

Our Mission: 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 2003, Vermont Children's Aid Society provided 908.5 hours of service in Lamoille County serving 33 families and 55 individuals. In addition, we provided approximately 18.25 hours of general community service including education and information, workshops and referrals. Residents of the Town of Stowe have directly received 105.5 hours of service in 2003 and served 10 families and 14 individuals.

The following are VCAS's major programs:

Child and Family Counseling offers a wide-range of comprehensive counseling and support services including individual, family, and group counseling, outreach, school advocacy, and case management to children and their families. CFC also offers post adoption services, recognizing that family support is still needed after an adoption is finalized.

Pregnancy Counseling continues to facilitate and promote effective parenting, by providing counseling services to expectant and new parents. This program is a community-wide education effort that includes public education, decision-making /options counseling, pre-delivery counseling and post delivery follow-up for clients and their extended families.

Expectant Parent Adoption Planning Services offers professional assistance to expectant parent(s) who choose to develop an adoption plan for their child. Our birth parent program helps parents feel a sense of participation and ownership in the adoption planning process.

Our **Adoption Program** offers home studies, placement and post-placement services for in-state, interstate and international adoptions and assistance with private adoptions. This service is licensed by the State of Vermont. During the past year, we helped 24 children join families.

Birth Parent Counseling involves counseling and support for parents involved in a family court proceeding related to termination of their parental rights. The goal is to help parents focus on planning for their child's needs and participate in a positive way toward an outcome that is in their child's best interests.

Grief & Loss Counseling for Incarcerated Mothers provides counseling for incarcerated mothers regarding grief and loss due to separation from their children.

Camp ForMe offers two, one week day camps for adopted children at Green Mountain School in Fayston which promotes self-esteem and a positive sense of racial identity, and where campers have an opportunity to interact with other adopted children of many racial backgrounds. In 2003, 136 campers were enrolled and 15 campers were from Lamoille County; 2 from Stowe.

Operation Santa Claus is a holiday donation program that provides gifts and warm clothing to needy families. In 2002, 708 children received gifts and 20 children were from Lamoille County.

Submitted by: GALE ANDREOTTA, *Development Director*

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

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 115 establishments in Stowe, 125 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, 141 women, infants and children living in Stowe received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$35.00 per person per month.

Vaccine-Preventable Diseases: Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care dollars, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record low levels. Still, total annual hospital charges from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont is \$2.6M, and each year 150 to 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia or influenza. During 2002, the Health Department distributed 7227 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Lamoille County. This represents a value of \$95,372.28 to these communities, especially children living in Stowe.

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.

LINDA NORTH, *District Director*

REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

First, we would like to thank the community for all its support this year, especially all those who have donated to the Stowe Education Fund (SEF). Since Act 60 appeared in 1997, the efforts of the Act 60 Action Committee and the SEF, along with the generous donations from the community, have saved taxpayers over \$40 million! This year alone, contributions totaled over \$2.1 million! These efforts have allowed Stowe to not only maintain, but continue to improve our excellent public school system. It is encouraging to know that the community clearly understands the value of a high quality, locally controlled school system to the vitality of our town.

With the changes in Act 60 - now Act 68 - many of the problems with Act 60 have been resolved. However, the new law presents new challenges to Stowe. While we no longer are forced into the "Gold Town" penalties, overall our tax rates will be higher and everyone in the community will see these increases - businesses, homeowners, and second homeowners. Again, your School Board and the Administration have had to spend a great deal of time on the budgeting process to keep increases to a minimum while still maintaining quality. A good example of a new long term cost savings that also improves education is the mentoring program for teachers. Each new teacher is paired with a more experienced teacher for assistance - helping speed the transition, reducing stress and improving instruction!

Stowe has every reason to be proud of its students. By most measures, our students continue to post superior results. Though driven heavily by our standardized test scores, the high school has twice been the recipient of the Business Roundtable Gold Medallion for educational excellence because of our well-rounded educational program and outstanding participation rates in our expansive co-curriculum program. Some of these accomplishments include:

S.A.T. scores-for the class of 2003: the average verbal score was 509 and the average math score was 500. When the percentage of the class taking the exam is considered, a full 93% of Stowe students versus 64% in the State, Stowe appears to have a strong weighted average in the State of Vermont.

On NSRE (New Standards Referenced Exams) in grade four, 92% of Stowe students posted scores meeting or exceeding the standards in "mathematical skills" versus 73% statewide; in English/Language Arts 92% of Stowe students posted scores meeting or exceeding the standards in "reading: analysis and interpretation" versus 70 percent statewide while at the eighth grade, 94% of Stowe students met or exceeded the standards on a "reading: basic understanding" versus 62% statewide. In the ninth grade, 76% of Stowe

students met or exceeded the standards on the science examination versus 56% statewide.

In 2003, 91% of Stowe second graders met or exceeded standards with honors in a Developmental Reading Assessment administered to Vermont students compared to a statewide average of 82%.

On the athletic field, results are equally impressive. During the 2002-2003 school year Stowe claimed state championships in Field Hockey (the second time in two years), Women's Tennis (the third time in three years), and Men's Tennis (the second time in two years).

Fully 85% of the class of 2003 was accepted to attend college last fall. Acceptances came from such colleges/universities as Case Western Reserve, Drexel University, Franklin and Marshall University, McGill University, Pennsylvania State, St. Lawrence University, Clarkson University, Skidmore College, Middlebury College, and Southern Methodist University.

As we embark into the first year of Act 68, we ask you to reconsider how dearly this town has held to the provision of an excellent public education for its children. There will be many challenges ahead and we will need your continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted;

CAMERON PAGE, *Chair*
FREDERICK HUTCHINS, *Clerk*
REBECCA GRADDOCK
TERRENCE DWYER
DONALD POST

ALICE W. ANGNEY,
Superintendent of Schools

ACT 68 CHANGES PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING INFORMATION SHEET

Act 68 was passed by the Vermont Legislature during the 2003 legislative session. Act 68 changes many components of public education funding in the state of Vermont that were instituted under Act 60. Among these changes are:

- **Act 68 eliminates the sharing pool established under Act 60.**
- **Act 68 raises the baseline per pupil funding level from \$5,810 to \$6,800.**
- **Act 68 modifies the method of funding and accounting for the cost of vocational education.**
- **Act 68 divides a community's property value into two distinct grand lists, a homestead grand list and a non-homestead grand list.**
- **Act 68 (modified by H.540, pending legislation) reduces the statewide equalized property tax rate to \$1.05 as the base rate for the homestead grand list.**
- **Act 68 (modified by H.540, pending legislation) establishes the statewide equalized property tax rate of \$1.54 for non-homestead property.**
- **Act 68 establishes cost containment penalties for school districts with per pupil spending that is 30% greater than the statewide average cost per pupil for the current school year.**

Act 68 eliminates the sharing pool established under Act 60. The sharing pool was an extremely controversial component of Act 60. The intent of the sharing pool was to equalize the tax burden on every community in Vermont by establishing common tax burdens. The sharing pool created communities that received additional funding from the state education fund for financial support and other school districts that contributed to the education fund in order to support the payments to the receiving towns. A number of sending communities objected to the punitive nature of the sharing pool. Act 68 eliminates this controversial feature of education funding in the state of Vermont.

Act 68 raises the baseline per pupil funding level from \$5,810 to \$6,800. Act 60 established the concept of a baseline General State Support Grant to every school district based on a per pupil amount established by the legislature for each school year. Act 68 attempts to close the gap between the actual per pupil spending and the baseline per pupil funding level by raising that amount to \$6,800 for the upcoming school year. Actual per pupil spending across the state of Vermont in the current school year is approximately \$8,300 or 22% more than the \$6,800 established by the legislature. Act 68 narrows that gap by nearly \$ 1,000.

Act 68 modifies the method of funding and accounting for the cost of vocational education. Under Act 60, a significant portion of the cost of vocational education was sent directly to the state's vocational and technical centers on behalf of the local school districts. These funds were not included in local school district budgets under Act 60. Act 68 specifies that local school districts now include all of the costs of vocational and technical education for their students in their local school budgets. This funding and accounting change will result in significant but offsetting increases in a local school district's budgeted revenues and expenditures. Thus, there is no tax impact from these changes even though it does increase the bottom line of the budget.

Act 68 divides a community's property value into two distinct grand lists, a homestead grand list and a non-homestead grand list. Act 68 creates two distinct education grand lists in each community in Vermont. These are a homestead grand list and a non-homestead grand list. Vermonters must declare their property as a homestead by submitting Form HS-131 Declaration of Vermont Homestead by April 15 2004 if they want their property to be taxed as homestead property. A homestead is your principal dwelling and improvements and all land listed on the parcel in your town. Your dwelling may have up to 25% of the floor space used for business purposes and still be considered a homestead. All other property will be considered nonhomestead property. Contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at 1-866-828-2865 for further information and assistance.

Act 68 (modified by H.540, pending legislation) reduces the statewide equalized property tax rate to \$1.05 as the base rate for the homestead grand list. Act 68 maintains the concept of a statewide equalized property tax rate, but reduces the rate to \$1.05. This base rate is then modified by two factors. The first factor replaces Act 60's sharing pool. It establishes a spending factor adjustment by comparing a school district's spending per equalized pupil to the baseline grant amount established by the legislature. That amount is \$6,800 for the 2004-05 school year. Using the approximately \$8,300 average spending for the current school year would result in a spending adjustment factor of 122%. (\$8,300 divided by \$6,800). The spending factor adjustment is determined by the level of spending approved by each local community.

The second factor that will adjust the base rate is the Common Level of Appraisal or CLA. The CLA was introduced by Act 60 to address the fact that local grand lists cannot be maintained at 100% valuation every year. The common level of appraisal uses a sampling process implemented by the Vermont Department of Taxes. The CLA estimates the adjustment that must be made to statewide equalized tax rates to estimate local tax rates in each Vermont community. The common level of appraisal is not affected by school budgets. It is affected by the changing property value in a community and a community's decision about when to conduct a re-appraisal.

Act 68 (modified by H.540, pending legislation) establishes the statewide equalized property tax rate of \$1.54 for non-homestead property. Properties used for business or as a vacation or second home are not homesteads. Any portion of a dwelling that is rented or held out for rent is not a homestead. The portion of a dwelling used for a business is not a homestead if that portion is more than 25% of the floor space of the dwelling. A separate building or improvement used for a business is not homestead property. Non-homestead property will be taxed at the statewide equalized property tax rate of \$1.54. Please note that the non-homestead property tax rate is also adjusted by the Common Level of Appraisal or CLA. However, the non-homestead property tax rate not adjusted by the education spending factor. This means that a local community's education spending does not affect the taxes paid by non-homestead property owners.

Act 68 establishes cost containment penalties for school districts with per pupil spending that is 30% greater than the statewide average cost per pupil for the current school year. Act 68 incorporated cost containment penalties to discourage wide variations in per pupil spending across the state of Vermont. Act 68 does this by establishing a cap of 30% more than the actual per pupil spending for the current year. The cap for 2004-2005 is approximately \$10,800. This is 30% more than the current 03-04 per pupil spending of \$8,300. School districts exceeding that level of per pupil spending for next year will incur a penalty equivalent to doubling the taxes needed to be raised for amounts over and above the \$10,800 threshold.

Act 68 modifies many of the funding methods introduced by Act 60. Please attend your local School Board's public information meetings being conducted throughout the month of February for more information on how Act 68 affects your local school budget. Questions may also be directed to Alice W. Angney or George R. Cormier at Lamoille South Supervisory Union at 888-4541.

**Tax Rate Computations
District Spending Adjustment**

Budgeted Expenditures	\$7,398,850
Budgeted Local Revenues	\$694,250
Capital Debt Service Reimbursement	\$64,700
Education Spending (Expenditures - Local Revenues-Capital Debt Service)	\$6,639,900
Equalized pupils	674.19
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil (Education Spending / Equalized Pupils)	\$9,849
Per Pupil Amount for Calculating District Adjustment	\$6,800
District Spending Adjustment (ESPEP - \$6,800) / \$6,800	44.838%

**Tax Rate Computations
Estimated Local Tax Rate**

	Homestead Property	Non-Homestead Property
Statewide Equalized Tax Rates	\$1.05	\$1.54
District Spending Adjustment	44.838%	N/A
Adjusted Equalized Tax Rate	\$1.521	\$1.54
Common Level of Appraisal	73.31%	73.31%
Estimated Local Tax Rate	\$2.075	\$2.101
FY04 Tax Rate	\$1.308	\$1.308
FY04 S.E.F. Fair Share	\$0.450	\$0.450

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROFESSIONAL STAFF
WAGES REPORT – FY04**

FTE	Name	Educational Level	Salary	Years Teaching
1.00	Alexander, MaryJo	M+60	\$61,455	29
1.00	Annetts, Barbara	M+45	\$59,724	22
1.00	Austin, Elizabeth	M+60	\$61,455	25
1.00	Barney, Brian	B	\$36,065	9
1.00	Bennett, Helen	M	\$47,894	14
1.00	Boeger, Patty	M+30	\$42,124	8
1.00	Bouffard, Jane	M+45	\$59,724	19
1.00	Bradford, Elizabeth	M+15	\$40,393	7
1.00	Cardasis, James	M	\$45,009	11
1.00	Churchill, Davida	M	\$33,468	0
1.00	Comley, Caroline	M+15	\$56,261	27
1.00	Cross, Monica	B+30	\$45,586	13
1.00	Curtin, Thomas	M+60	\$61,455	34
1.00	Dacales, Jeffrey	M+30	\$45,009	10
1.00	DiDomenico, Elyse	M	\$50,780	18
1.00	Driscoll, Kathleen	B	\$38,950	10
1.00	Economou, Ann	B+30	\$32,603	1
0.80	Economou, Martha	B+15	\$32,083	8
1.00	Fitzgerald, Carla	B	\$33,180	3
1.00	Forde, James	B+15	\$35,776	7
1.00	Gordon, Charles	M+30	\$52,222	15
1.00	Grogan, Jeffrey	M+15	\$38,950	4
1.00	Guazzoni, Suzanne	B	\$33,180	7
1.00	Hight, Mary Ann	M+15	\$56,261	36
1.00	Horton, Sarah	B	\$31,737	3
1.00	Jones, Nancy	B	\$38,950	12
1.00	Kennedy, Dale	M+30	\$50,780	14
1.00	Keifer, Lois	B	\$38,950	18
1.00	Knapp, Karen	M+15	\$56,261	35
1.00	Kraemer, Richard	CAS	\$75,712	37
0.40	Kreizel, Mary Beth	B	\$12,118	1
0.60	Lampich, Laura	B+30	\$19,562	1
1.00	Larson, Janet	M+15	\$56,261	36
1.00	Leene, Lana	M+30	\$57,993	26
1.00	Limanek, Carol	M+60	\$61,455	23
0.50	Marshall, Amy	M	\$21,784	10
0.50	Maynard, Sandra	B	\$15,869	2
1.00	May, Mark	M	\$52,222	24

FTE	Name	Educational Level	Salary	Years Teaching
1.00	McDowell, Donald	M+60	\$61,455,	21
1.00	McClune, Catherine	B	\$33,180	3
1.00	Meyer, Kaaren	M+15	\$44,721	11
1.00	Monahan, Wendy	M	\$40,681	9
1.00	Murphy, Roger	M+15	\$38,950	6
1.00	Nann, Kathleen	M	\$49,337	12
0.60	Nimick, Catherine	M	\$33,064	29
0.80	Peltz, Catherine	B+15	\$32,083	23
0.38	Plante, Hillary	B	\$11,512	1
1.00	Raymond, Pamela	M+15	\$51,934	16
0.90	Reis, Monika	M	\$45,702	13
1.00	Ritzo, Joseph	M+60	\$61,455	28
1.00	Ryder, Heather	B	\$31,737	2
1.00	Scarpa, Lynne	M+30	\$57,993	30
1.00	Scharf, Richard	M	\$37,796	3
1.00	Schnee, Karen	B	\$38,950	19
1.00	Sexton, Rebecca	B	\$28,852	0
1.00	Shiok, Nancy	M+30	\$68,808	30
1.00	Smiles, Richard	M.Ed.	\$76,888	27
1.00	Smith, David	B	\$28,852	0
0.80	Sorrell-LaCasse, Martha	M+15	\$38,085	12
1.00	Starkweather, Stacy	B+15	\$32,891	1
0.80	Suursoo, Astrid	M+15	\$43,855	18
1.00	Tormey, Margo	B+30	\$45,586	17
0.80	Vietze, Heidi	B+30	\$28,390	7
1.00	Westemann, Claire	M+15	\$56,261	24
1.00	Wheeler, Deborah	M+15	\$56,621	32
1.00	Williams 111, Norman	M+30	\$57,993	28
1.00	Winters, Laura	M	\$40,681	6
1.00	Ziegler, Timothy	M	\$49,337	19

*B represents Bachelor's Degree

*M represents Master's Degree

(+ 15, +30, etc. represents additional credit earned above degree)

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPPORT STAFF
WAGES REPORT – FY04**

Name	Position	Salary Hrly Rate
Grab, Jean	Administrative Assistant	\$33,471.00
Beck, Deborah	Administrative Assistant	\$35,532.00
Hickory, Lisa	Administrative Assistant	\$27,000.00
Hough, Maryanne	Secretary	\$24,986.00
Slayton, Merle	Head Custodain	\$30,026.00
Mailhoit, Thomas	Head Custodian	\$32,932.00
Bedell, Michael	Custodian	\$24,538.00
Nash, Barbara	Home School Coordinator	\$9,333.00
Orr, Paula	Student Assist. Counselor	\$33,536.00
Carolin, John	System Administrator	\$42,000.00
Faunce, John	Computer Support Specialist	\$27,500.00
Lewis, Norma	Program Aide	\$19,380.00
Buchanan, Greg	Custodian	\$10.80
Fay, Andy	Custodian	\$10.55
Foran, Victoria	Custodian	\$10.55
Sweet, Bernard	Custodian	\$9.80
Hayden, Dorothy	Office Assistant	\$9.92
Spera, Susan	Post Secondary Planning	\$10.23
DiGiulio, Emily	Library Aide	\$9.42
Maynard, Sandra	WinSchool Coordinator	\$11.85
King, Mary	Playground Sup./Inst. Assistant	\$9.72
Bartholomew, Katy	Kindergarten Aide	\$8.67
Dewane, Elizabeth	Computer Room Aide	\$9.02
Fanner, Debra	Speech/Language Aide	\$9.42
Hale, Barbara	Program Aide	\$10.42
Cleary, Elizabeth	Program Aide	\$9.22
Lory, Adam	Program Aide	\$9.52
Birmingham, Jamie	Program Aide	\$9.42
Gay, Jacqueline	Educational Assistant/Program Aide	\$9.67
Benoit, Pamela	Aide to Individual Student	\$9.32
Gergely, Andrew	Aide to Individual Student	\$9.67
Godfrey, Brian	Aide to Individual Student	\$8.42
Godin, Ericka	Aide to Individual Student	\$9.17
LaCoss, Heather	Aide to Individual Student	\$9.17
Hobitz, Nancy	Aide to Individual Student	\$9.52
Ibson, Jonah	Aide to Individual Student	\$9.67
Buzzell, Jody	Aide to Individual Student	\$8.67
Grund, Amber	Aide to Individual Student	\$10.17
Cawley, Diane	Aide to Individual Student	\$8.87
O'Laughlin, Ann	Aide to Individual Student	\$14.00
Tibbits, Karen	Aide to Individual Student	\$8.17
Michelson, Rachel	Aide to Individual Student	\$8.72

LAMOILLE SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION

Superintendent of Schools	Alice Angney	East Montpelier
Assistant Superintendent	Robert Stanton	Waterbury
Chief Operating Officer	George Cormier	Morrisville
Student Services Coord.	Jeff Place	Lowell
Financial Manager	Carolynn Patten	Stowe
Administrative Assistant	Melissa Gillen	Hyde Park
Bookkeeper	Carrie Christensen	Hardwick
Bookkeeper	Heidi Ingalls	Johnson
Bookkeeper -Food Services PT	Patti Coultas	Hardwick
Medicaid/Child Count Clerk PT	Mary Demars	Morrisville
School Psychologist	James Calhoun	Stowe
School Psychologist	Rebecca Lively	Waterbury Ctr.
Speech Pathologist/EEE	Susan Moore	Hyde Park
Speech Pathologist	Rebecca Lively	Waterbury Ctr.
Speech Pathologist	Amy Coach-Dietz	Bakersfield
Speech Aide	Jennifer Wade	Morrisville
Essential Early Education	Elaine Daniels	Hardwick
E.E.E. Aide	Lovissa Fon Eisen	Hyde Park
E.E.E. Aide PT	Cindy Gabaree	Morrisville
E.E.E. Aide PT	Lori Gafel	Morrisville
E.E.E. Aide PT	Debbie Yacovonne	Morrisville

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**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2003**

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Independent Auditors' Report

To The School Board
Stowe School District

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Stowe School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Stowe School District, Vermont, as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 23, 2003 on our consideration of Stowe School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of Stowe School District, Vermont taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose

financial statements of Stowe School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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October 23, 2003

Stowe School District
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Groups
June 30, 2003

EXHIBIT I

	Governmental	Proprietary	Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Groups		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	Fund Type	Fund Type	Fund Types	Expendable	General	General	
	General Fund	Enterprise Fund	Agency Funds	Trust Funds	Fixed Assets	Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS:							
Current Assets:							
Cash	\$ 1,177,280	\$ 37,690	\$ 86,188	\$ 449			\$ 1,301,607
Investments				2,624,919			2,624,919
Market Value Adjustment				(528,056)			(528,056)
Accounts Receivable - State		1,932					1,932
Accounts Receivable - Other LEAs	64,432						64,432
Accounts Receivable - Other	44,080	4,927					49,007
Prepaid Expenses	138,803						138,803
Inventories	-	3,878	-	-	-	-	3,878
Total Current Assets	<u>1,424,595</u>	<u>48,427</u>	<u>86,188</u>	<u>2,097,312</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>3,656,522</u>
Other Assets:							
Fixed Assets		11,021			5,397,394		5,408,415
Amount to be Provided for:							
Retirement Incentive						113,204	113,204
Retirement of Long-term Debt						900,000	900,000
Total Other Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>11,021</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,397,394</u>	<u>1,013,204</u>	<u>6,421,619</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,424,595</u>	<u>\$ 59,448</u>	<u>\$ 86,188</u>	<u>\$ 2,097,312</u>	<u>\$ 5,397,394</u>	<u>\$ 1,013,204</u>	<u>\$ 10,078,141</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES:							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable - Other	\$ 268,754	\$ 8,740					\$ 275,494
Uncashed Checks	3,264	36					3,300
Scholarships Payable				\$ 304,500			304,500
Accrued Expenses	425,905	1,162					427,067
Amount Held for Agency Funds			\$ 86,188				86,188
Retirement Incentive						\$ 113,204	113,204
Bonds Payable						900,000	900,000
Total Liabilities	<u>695,923</u>	<u>9,938</u>	<u>86,188</u>	<u>304,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,013,204</u>	<u>2,109,753</u>
Fund Equity:							
Investment in General Fixed Assets					5,397,394		5,397,394
Fund Balances:							
Unreserved	328,672						328,672
Reserved	400,000						400,000
Restricted				2,318,005			2,318,005
Market Value Adjustment				(525,193)			(525,193)
Retained Earnings - Undesignated	-	49,510	-	-	-	-	49,510
Total Fund Equities	<u>728,672</u>	<u>49,510</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,792,812</u>	<u>5,397,394</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,968,388</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITIES	<u>\$ 1,424,595</u>	<u>\$ 59,448</u>	<u>\$ 86,188</u>	<u>\$ 2,097,312</u>	<u>\$ 5,397,394</u>	<u>\$ 1,013,204</u>	<u>\$ 10,078,141</u>

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EXHIBIT II

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Expendable Trust Funds	
REVENUES:					
Tuition	\$ 280,444				\$ 280,444
Investment Income	47,008			\$ 30,497	77,505
Rentals	5,054				5,054
Contributions	1,653,150			400,000	2,053,150
Refunds and Reimbursements	5,054				5,054
Miscellaneous	976				976
Realized Gains				5,075	5,075
State	4,017,232				4,017,232
Federal	11,412	-	-	-	11,412
TOTAL REVENUES	6,020,330	-	\$ -	435,572	6,455,902
EXPENDITURES:					
Direct Services	4,102,294			311,428	4,413,722
Support Services:					
Students	378,714				378,714
Instructional Staff	134,557				134,557
General Administration	135,619				135,619
Area Administration	524,045				524,045
Fiscal Services	71,721				71,721
Operation & Maint. of Building	627,232				627,232
Transportation	184,664				184,664
Information Services	27,726				27,726
Debt Service:					
Principal Retirement			100,000		100,000
Interest Charges			63,754		63,754
Other Outlays	17,340	-	-	-	17,340
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,203,912	-	163,754	311,428	6,679,094
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(183,582)	-	(163,754)	124,144	(223,192)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers In (Out)	(163,754)	-	163,754	-	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(347,336)	-	-	124,144	(223,192)
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2002	1,065,136	-	-	1,668,668	2,733,804
Prior Period Adjustment	10,872	-	-	-	10,872
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2003	\$ 728,672	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,792,812	\$ 2,521,484

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:				
Tuition - Other LEAs		\$ 205,000	\$ 280,444	\$ 75,444
Investment Income		70,000	47,008	(22,992)
Rentals		6,000	5,054	(946)
Contributions		1,653,150	1,653,150	-
Insurance Refund		-	5,054	5,054
Miscellaneous		-	976	976
State:				
General State Support - Town		3,518,375	3,518,300	(75)
Transportation Aid		80,000	83,168	3,168
Driver Education		3,500	3,884	384
Mainstream Block Grant		172,175	172,174	(1)
Intensive Reimbursement		175,000	173,129	(1,871)
Intensive Reimbursement - Prior Year		-	7,165	7,165
Essential Early Education		30,000	30,135	135
State Placed Students		-	29,110	29,110
State Placed Students - Prior Year		-	167	167
Federal:				
IDEA-B		<u>14,300</u>	<u>11,412</u>	<u>(2,888)</u>
TOTAL REVENUES		<u>5,927,500</u>	<u>6,020,330</u>	<u>92,830</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Preschool:				
Special Education 1200:				
Salaries	100	5,000	3,255	1,745
Employee Benefits	200	400	249	151
Professional & Tech. Services	300	71,775	71,692	83
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>200</u>	<u>1,114</u>	<u>(914)</u>
Subtotal		<u>77,375</u>	<u>76,310</u>	<u>1,065</u>
Health Services 2130:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,115</u>	<u>(1,115)</u>
Subtotal		<u>3,000</u>	<u>4,115</u>	<u>(1,115)</u>
Psychological Services 2140:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>500</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>402</u>
Subtotal		<u>500</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>402</u>

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600
Subtotal		<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>
Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	200	93	107
Subtotal		<u>200</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>107</u>
Total Preschool		<u>81,675</u>	<u>80,616</u>	<u>1,059</u>
Elementary:				
Regular Instruction 1100:				
Salaries	100	1,106,575	1,143,022	(36,447)
Employee Benefits	200	278,300	270,794	7,506
Professional & Tech. Services	300	20,500	26,123	(5,623)
Property Services	400	3,650	3,234	416
Other Services	500	7,150	4,385	2,765
Supplies & Materials	600	48,850	41,137	7,713
Property	700	27,600	25,649	1,951
Other	800	1,375	1,233	142
Subtotal		<u>1,494,000</u>	<u>1,515,577</u>	<u>(21,577)</u>
Special Education 1200:				
Salaries	100	140,300	120,817	19,483
Employee Benefits	200	82,050	66,093	15,957
Professional & Tech. Services	300	3,500	1,327	2,173
Property Services	400	200	-	200
Other Services	500	300	456	(156)
Supplies & Materials	600	2,250	1,790	460
Property	700	750	406	344
Subtotal		<u>229,350</u>	<u>190,889</u>	<u>38,461</u>
Guidance Services 2120:				
Salaries	100	30,200	30,183	17
Employee Benefits	200	6,200	6,733	(533)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	4,500	4,496	4
Supplies & Materials	600	3,450	2,053	1,397
Property	700	-	120	(120)
Subtotal		<u>44,350</u>	<u>43,585</u>	<u>765</u>

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Health Services 2130:				
Salaries	100	\$ 11,900	\$ 11,901	\$ (1)
Employee Benefits	200	1,975	2,771	(796)
Property Services	400	150	-	150
Other Services	500	325	221	104
Supplies & Materials	600	375	471	(96)
Other	800	125	-	125
Subtotal		<u>14,850</u>	<u>15,364</u>	<u>(514)</u>
Special Ed. Health Services 2130:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	6,000	9,014	(3,014)
Subtotal		<u>6,000</u>	<u>9,014</u>	<u>(3,014)</u>
Psychological Services 2140:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	15,975	13,871	2,104
Supplies & Materials	600	450	435	15
Subtotal		<u>16,425</u>	<u>14,306</u>	<u>2,119</u>
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:				
Salaries	100	11,275	9,017	2,258
Employee Benefits	200	11,975	5,325	6,650
Professional & Tech. Services	300	22,600	26,100	(3,500)
Other Services	500	300	-	300
Supplies & Materials	600	700	543	157
Property	700	-	2,582	(2,582)
Subtotal		<u>46,850</u>	<u>43,567</u>	<u>3,283</u>
Other Student Services 2190:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	500	40	460
Subtotal		<u>500</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>460</u>
Library Services 2222:				
Salaries	100	41,025	41,141	(116)
Employee Benefits	200	20,900	16,145	4,755
Professional & Tech. Services	300	125	-	125
Property Services	400	275	339	(64)
Other Services	500	50	45	5
Supplies & Materials	600	7,150	5,825	1,325
Property	700	875	119	756
Other	800	-	68	(68)
Subtotal		<u>70,400</u>	<u>63,682</u>	<u>6,718</u>

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Board of Education 2310:				
Salaries	100	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,675	\$ -
Employee Benefits	200	150	133	17
Professional & Tech. Services	300	1,400	1,936	(536)
Other Services	500	5,675	1,644	4,031
Other	800	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,826</u>	<u>(126)</u>
Subtotal		<u>10,600</u>	<u>7,214</u>	<u>3,386</u>
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>38,300</u>	<u>38,295</u>	<u>5</u>
Subtotal		<u>38,300</u>	<u>38,295</u>	<u>5</u>
Principal's Office 2410:				
Salaries	100	123,075	124,343	(1,268)
Employee Benefits	200	39,325	33,649	5,676
Professional & Tech. Services	300	700	90	610
Property Services	400	16,000	14,859	1,141
Other Services	500	10,200	10,788	(588)
Supplies & Materials	600	4,500	4,625	(125)
Property	700	2,000	1,410	590
Other	800	<u>5,800</u>	<u>3,542</u>	<u>2,258</u>
Subtotal		<u>201,600</u>	<u>193,306</u>	<u>8,294</u>
Administrative Services 2420:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>12,250</u>	<u>12,242</u>	<u>8</u>
Subtotal		<u>12,250</u>	<u>12,242</u>	<u>8</u>
Fiscal Services 2520:				
Salaries	100	275	275	-
Employee Benefits	200	25	21	4
Professional & Tech. Services	300	21,575	23,328	(1,753)
Other Services	500	500	251	249
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>300</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>(250)</u>
Subtotal		<u>22,675</u>	<u>24,425</u>	<u>(1,750)</u>
Plant Operation 2600:				
Salaries	100	67,125	68,856	(1,731)
Employee Benefits	200	38,525	37,302	1,223
Property Services	400	58,200	58,294	(94)
Other Services	500	5,500	16,605	(11,105)
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>59,725</u>	<u>43,770</u>	<u>15,955</u>

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Property	700	\$ 2,000	\$ 7,403	\$ (5,403)
Subtotal		<u>231,075</u>	<u>232,230</u>	<u>(1,155)</u>
Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	59,050	59,908	(858)
Subtotal		<u>59,050</u>	<u>59,908</u>	<u>(858)</u>
Special Ed. Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	400	319	81
Subtotal		<u>400</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>81</u>
Information Services 2820:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	9,250	9,242	8
Subtotal		<u>9,250</u>	<u>9,242</u>	<u>8</u>
Current Interest 5200:				
Other	800	18,350	5,034	13,316
Subtotal		<u>18,350</u>	<u>5,034</u>	<u>13,316</u>
Repayments to State 5210:				
Other	800	-	746	(746)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>(746)</u>
Total Elementary		<u>2,526,275</u>	<u>2,478,985</u>	<u>47,290</u>
Secondary:				
Regular Instruction 1100:				
Salaries	100	917,950	956,836	(38,886)
Employee Benefits	200	219,375	236,430	(17,055)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	21,800	20,376	1,424
Property Services	400	16,375	16,175	200
Other Services	500	7,150	2,799	4,351
Supplies & Materials	600	35,475	32,328	3,147
Property	700	12,975	12,908	67
Other	800	3,100	3,367	(267)
Subtotal		<u>1,234,200</u>	<u>1,281,219</u>	<u>(47,019)</u>
Special Education 1200:				
Salaries	100	94,100	98,366	(4,266)
Employee Benefits	200	49,525	34,709	14,816
Professional & Tech. Services	300	1,775	1,223	552
Property Services	400	750	-	750

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Other Services	500	\$ 700	\$ 202	\$ 498
Supplies & Materials	600	1,950	275	1,675
Property	700	1,700	129	1,571
Subtotal		<u>150,500</u>	<u>134,904</u>	<u>15,596</u>
Vocational Education 1300:				
Other Services	500	<u>37,375</u>	<u>37,908</u>	<u>(533)</u>
Subtotal		<u>37,375</u>	<u>37,908</u>	<u>(533)</u>
Athletics 1400:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Guidance Services 2120:				
Salaries	100	12,525	7,690	4,835
Employee Benefits	200	5,575	867	4,708
Professional & Tech. Services	300	37,350	59,745	(22,395)
Property Services	400	700	412	288
Supplies & Materials	600	2,025	2,176	(151)
Property	700	-	61	(61)
Other	800	-	145	(145)
Subtotal		<u>58,175</u>	<u>71,096</u>	<u>(12,921)</u>
Health Services 2130:				
Salaries	100	11,925	11,901	24
Employee Benefits	200	1,975	2,771	(796)
Property Services	400	50	-	50
Other Services	500	-	51	(51)
Supplies & Materials	600	350	58	292
Subtotal		<u>14,300</u>	<u>14,781</u>	<u>(481)</u>
Special Education Health Services 2130:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,302</u>	<u>(302)</u>
Subtotal		<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,302</u>	<u>(302)</u>
Psychological Services 2140:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>13,375</u>	<u>10,963</u>	<u>2,412</u>
Subtotal		<u>13,375</u>	<u>10,963</u>	<u>2,412</u>
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	22,375	25,867	(3,492)
Supplies & Materials	600	850	-	850
Subtotal		<u>23,225</u>	<u>25,867</u>	<u>(2,642)</u>

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Other Student Services 2190:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Subtotal		<u>1,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Library Services 2222:				
Salaries	100	21,725	27,243	(5,518)
Employee Benefits	200	5,800	4,560	1,240
Property Services	400	475	97	378
Supplies & Materials	600	3,200	4,157	(957)
Property	700	100	32	68
Other	800	25	-	25
Subtotal		<u>31,325</u>	<u>36,089</u>	<u>(4,764)</u>
Board of Education 2310:				
Salaries	100	1,675	1,675	-
Employee Benefits	200	150	128	22
Professional & Tech. Services	300	1,400	1,363	37
Other Services	500	5,675	2,003	3,672
Other	800	1,700	1,826	(126)
Subtotal		<u>10,600</u>	<u>6,995</u>	<u>3,605</u>
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:				
Assessment	331	38,300	38,295	5
Subtotal		<u>38,300</u>	<u>38,295</u>	<u>5</u>
Principal's Office 2410:				
Salaries	100	128,750	129,306	(556)
Employee Benefits	200	39,750	27,013	12,737
Property Services	400	6,800	6,865	(65)
Other Services	500	8,000	10,907	(2,907)
Supplies & Materials	600	6,000	6,396	(396)
Property	700	500	472	28
Other	800	6,500	8,634	(2,134)
Subtotal		<u>196,300</u>	<u>189,593</u>	<u>6,707</u>
Administrative Services 2420:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	12,250	12,242	8
Subtotal		<u>12,250</u>	<u>12,242</u>	<u>8</u>
Fiscal Services 2520:				
Salaries	100	275	275	-
Employee Benefits	200	25	21	4
Professional & Tech. Services	300	21,575	22,809	(1,234)

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Other Services	500	\$ 500	\$ 252	\$ 248
Supplies & Materials	600	300	550	(250)
Subtotal		<u>22,675</u>	<u>23,907</u>	<u>(1,232)</u>
Plant Operation 2600:				
Salaries	100	72,750	83,252	(10,502)
Employee Benefits	200	36,650	40,239	(3,589)
Property Services	400	35,375	47,684	(12,309)
Other Services	500	5,500	16,505	(11,005)
Supplies & Materials	600	56,450	64,619	(8,169)
Property	700	1,000	1,417	(417)
Subtotal		<u>207,725</u>	<u>253,716</u>	<u>(45,991)</u>
Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	59,050	57,586	1,464
Subtotal		<u>59,050</u>	<u>57,586</u>	<u>1,464</u>
Special Education Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	1,800	171	1,629
Subtotal		<u>1,800</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>1,629</u>
Athletic Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	-	8,597	(8,597)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>8,597</u>	<u>(8,597)</u>
Information Services 2820:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	9,250	9,242	8
Subtotal		<u>9,250</u>	<u>9,242</u>	<u>8</u>
Current Interest 5200:				
Other	800	18,350	5,034	13,316
Subtotal		<u>18,350</u>	<u>5,034</u>	<u>13,316</u>
Repayments to State 5210:				
Other	800	-	746	(746)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>(746)</u>
Total Secondary		<u>2,153,875</u>	<u>2,233,253</u>	<u>(79,378)</u>
Middle:				
Regular Instruction 1100:				
Salaries	100	598,575	491,415	107,160
Employee Benefits	200	164,050	138,451	25,599

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 20,950	\$ 17,391	\$ 3,559
Property Services	400	12,200	11,789	411
Other Services	500	7,150	1,929	5,221
Supplies & Materials	600	37,000	28,512	8,488
Property	700	14,700	16,233	(1,533)
Other	800	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,063</u>	<u>(63)</u>
Subtotal		<u>856,625</u>	<u>707,783</u>	<u>148,842</u>
Special Education 1200:				
Salaries	100	118,625	91,850	26,775
Employee Benefits	200	58,150	44,904	13,246
Professional & Tech. Services	300	1,500	1,143	357
Property Services	400	600	436	164
Other Services	500	550	12	538
Supplies & Materials	600	2,500	1,680	820
Property	700	<u>-</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>(179)</u>
Subtotal		<u>181,925</u>	<u>140,204</u>	<u>41,721</u>
Athletics 1400:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Subtotal		<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Guidance Services 2120:				
Salaries	100	50,475	50,150	325
Employee Benefits	200	15,500	13,702	1,798
Professional & Tech. Services	300	4,800	4,766	34
Property Services	400	200	199	1
Supplies & Materials	600	1,150	1,372	(222)
Other	800	<u>250</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>34</u>
Subtotal		<u>72,375</u>	<u>70,405</u>	<u>1,970</u>
Health Services 2130:				
Salaries	100	12,275	12,262	13
Employee Benefits	200	2,025	2,875	(850)
Property Services	400	200	-	200
Other Services	500	-	51	(51)
Other	800	<u>-</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>(58)</u>
Subtotal		<u>14,500</u>	<u>15,246</u>	<u>(746)</u>

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EXHIBIT III

	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Special Education Health Services 2130:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	\$ 1,500	\$ 760	\$ 740
Subtotal		<u>1,500</u>	<u>760</u>	<u>740</u>
Psychological Services 2140:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	12,375	11,015	1,360
Subtotal		<u>12,375</u>	<u>11,015</u>	<u>1,360</u>
Speech & Audiological Services 2150:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	22,225	26,182	(3,957)
Supplies & Materials	600	1,075	708	367
Subtotal		<u>23,300</u>	<u>26,890</u>	<u>(3,590)</u>
Other Services 2190:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	500	300	200
Subtotal		<u>500</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>200</u>
Library Services 2222:				
Salaries	100	21,725	27,048	(5,323)
Employee Benefits	200	5,525	4,542	983
Property Services	400	475	300	175
Supplies & Materials	600	2,700	2,547	153
Property Services	700	100	32	68
Other	800	25	23	2
Subtotal		<u>30,550</u>	<u>34,492</u>	<u>(3,942)</u>
Library Audio Services 2223:				
Supplies & Materials	600	-	294	(294)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>294</u>	<u>(294)</u>
Board of Education 2310:				
Salaries	100	1,675	1,675	-
Employee Benefits	200	150	123	27
Professional & Tech. Services	300	1,400	1,364	36
Other Services	500	5,675	1,537	4,138
Other	800	1,700	1,826	(126)
Subtotal		<u>10,600</u>	<u>6,525</u>	<u>4,075</u>
Supervisory Union Assessment 2321:				
Assessment	331	38,300	38,295	5
Subtotal		<u>38,300</u>	<u>38,295</u>	<u>5</u>
Principal's Office 2410:				
Salaries	100	78,675	78,438	237

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Employee Benefits	200	\$ 16,900	\$ 12,877	\$ 4,023
Property Services	400	3,375	2,319	1,056
Other Services	500	5,000	7,169	(2,169)
Supplies & Materials	600	1,700	896	804
Property	700	1,200	902	298
Other	800	<u>2,100</u>	<u>1,819</u>	<u>281</u>
Subtotal		<u>108,950</u>	<u>104,420</u>	<u>4,530</u>
Administrative Services 2420:				
Special Education Assessment	331	<u>12,250</u>	<u>12,242</u>	<u>8</u>
Subtotal		<u>12,250</u>	<u>12,242</u>	<u>8</u>
Fiscal Services 2520:				
Salaries	100	275	275	-
Employee Benefits	200	25	21	4
Professional & Tech. Services	300	21,575	22,293	(718)
Other Services	500	500	251	249
Supplies & Materials	600	<u>300</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>(249)</u>
Subtotal		<u>22,675</u>	<u>23,389</u>	<u>(714)</u>
Plant Operation 2600:				
Salaries	100	16,700	7,356	9,344
Employee Benefits	200	10,550	4,173	6,377
Property Services	400	35,375	45,240	(9,865)
Other Services	500	5,500	16,505	(11,005)
Supplies & Materials	600	53,675	64,600	(10,925)
Property	700	<u>1,000</u>	<u>3,412</u>	<u>(2,412)</u>
Subtotal		<u>122,800</u>	<u>141,286</u>	<u>(18,486)</u>
Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	<u>59,050</u>	<u>57,403</u>	<u>1,647</u>
Subtotal		<u>59,050</u>	<u>57,403</u>	<u>1,647</u>
Special Education Transportation 2700:				
Other Services	500	<u>1,500</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>913</u>
Subtotal		<u>1,500</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>913</u>
Information Services 2820:				
Professional & Tech. Services	300	<u>9,250</u>	<u>9,242</u>	<u>8</u>
Subtotal		<u>9,250</u>	<u>9,242</u>	<u>8</u>

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	Object	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Current Interest 5200:				
Other	800	\$ 18,350	\$ 5,034	\$ 13,316
Subtotal		<u>18,350</u>	<u>5,034</u>	<u>13,316</u>
Repayments to State 5210:				
Other	800	-	746	(746)
Subtotal		<u>-</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>(746)</u>
Total Middle		<u>1,601,875</u>	<u>1,411,058</u>	<u>190,817</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u>6,363,700</u>	<u>6,203,912</u>	<u>159,788</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(436,200)	(183,582)	252,618
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfer to Debt Service Fund		<u>(163,800)</u>	<u>(163,754)</u>	<u>46</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		(600,000)	(347,336)	252,664
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1, 2002		600,000	1,065,136	465,136
Prior Period Adjustment		<u>-</u>	<u>10,872</u>	<u>10,872</u>
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2003		<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 728,672</u>	<u>\$ 728,672</u>

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Stowe School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Retained Earnings
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund
Food Program
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

EXHIBIT IV

Operating Revenues:		
Local:		
Sales to Students	\$ 167,911	
Investment Income	<u>648</u>	
Total Operating Revenues		\$ 168,559
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries	86,465	
Benefits	6,610	
Professional Services	3,000	
Property Services	1,968	
Supplies & Materials	110,184	
Other	1,748	
Depreciation	<u>1,922</u>	
Total Operating Expenses		<u>211,897</u>
Operating Income (Loss)		(43,338)
Non-Operating Revenue:		
State Sources:		
Lunch Match	2,376	
Child Nutrition Breakfast	641	
Federal Sources:		
Restricted Grants:		
School Breakfast Program	7,491	
School Lunch Program	21,709	
Food Distribution	<u>-</u>	
Total Non-Operating Revenue		<u>32,217</u>
Net Income (Loss)		(11,121)
Retained Earnings, July 1, 2002		61,137
Prior Period Adjustment		<u>(506)</u>
Retained Earnings, June 30, 2003		<u>\$ 49,510</u>

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Stowe School District
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund
Food Program
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

EXHIBIT V

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Net Income	\$ (11,121)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to	
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities:	
Prior Period Adjustment	\$ (506)
Depreciation	1,922
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable - State	6,020
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable - Other	(4,927)
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory	(322)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	5,066
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Expenses	1,162
Increase (Decrease) in Due To Other Funds	(24)
Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	(707)
Total Adjustments	<u>7,684</u>
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>(3,437)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:	
Purchase of Equipment	(3,856)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:	
None	<u>-</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(7,293)
Cash, July 1, 2002	<u>44,983</u>
Cash, June 30, 2003	<u>\$ 37,690</u>

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Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Stowe School District ("School District") is organized, according to State law, under the governance of the Board of School Directors to provide public education to the School District. Except where noted, the accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental units.

The general-purpose financial statements of the School District have been prepared with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the authoritative standard-setting body for the establishment of governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of these accounting policies follow.

Reporting Entity:

This report includes all of the services provided by the School District to residents. In evaluating the School District's reporting entity in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, the Financial Reporting Entity, management has included all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operation of School District and that make up the School District's legal entity. Consistent with applicable guidance, the criteria used by the School District are financial accountability and the nature and significance of the relationship. The general-purpose financial statements herein do not include any other governmental entity since none are considered to meet these criteria.

Fund Accounting:

The School District uses several funds and account groups to account for its financial position and results of operations. A fund or account group is considered to be a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses as appropriate established to record the financial position and result of operations of a specific activity. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

The various funds and account groups are grouped in the general-purpose financial statements in this report, as follows:

Governmental Fund Types:

Governmental Fund Types are used to account for the ongoing general government activities of the School District that are financed with general government revenues.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

General Fund – The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the servicing of general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Proprietary Fund Types:

Proprietary Fund – The Proprietary Fund types are used to account for activities on a fee-for-service basis in a manner similar to private commercial enterprises. The proprietary fund's Enterprise Fund consists of the Food Program.

Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds):

Agency Funds and Trust Funds – The Agency and Trust Funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other funds and/or governmental units.

Agency funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurements of results of operations.

The Expendable Trust Funds account for assets where both principal and interest may be expended. These are accounted for in essentially the same manner as Governmental Fund Types, using the same measurement focus and basis of accounting.

Account Group:

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term debt associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus.

General Fixed Assets Account Group – General fixed assets account group is used to account for the property and equipment acquired for general government purposes, and are recorded as expenditures in the acquiring fund at the time of purchase.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group – General long-term debt account group accounts for the principal amount of long-term debt and other long-term obligations of the governmental funds.

The two account groups are not funds. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position. They are not involved with measurement of results of operations.

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

Basis of Accounting refers to when revenue and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounting and reported in the financial statements. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus.

The School District's governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. Accordingly, only current assets and liabilities are included on the balance sheet and the fund balances report only spendable resources. Governmental fund operating statements present increases (revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net assets. These funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they are available and measurable and expenditures are recorded when the fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Revenues that are accrued include federal and state grants, property taxes, interest, and certain charges for current services. Other financing sources such as bond proceeds are recognized when the debt is issued or the transaction is completed.

The School District's proprietary fund type is accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus. Accordingly, these funds report all assets and liabilities on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net assets. These funds use the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and become measurable and expenses are recognized when incurred, if measurable. The School District applies all applicable accounting and financial reporting standards of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in accounting and reporting for these funds.

The expendable trust fund is accounted for in essentially the same manner as the governmental funds, using the same measurement focus and basis of accounting. The agency funds are custodial in nature and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus. The assets of the agency funds are accounted for on the modified accrual basis of accounting, and funds liabilities equal their assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents:

For purposes of reporting cash flows, all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of six months or less are considered to be cash equivalents.

Investments:

Investments are reported at market value for publicly traded equity securities, cost adjusted for

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

premiums or discounts on debt securities, and redemption value per bank on Certificate of Deposits.

Accounts Receivable:

The accounts receivable balances at year-end are from governmental entities, except in the proprietary funds which may have some receivables from individuals, and no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

Inventory:

Inventories consist of expendable items held for consumption. They are valued at cost on a first-in, first-out basis. In the governmental funds, the cost of inventories is recorded as an expenditure when individual items are purchased. Reported inventories are equally offset by a fund balance reserve to indicate that they do not constitute "available spendable resources" even though they are a component of net current assets.

Prepaid Items:

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future periods. In the governmental funds, the cost of prepaid items is recorded as an expenditure when the payments are made. In the proprietary funds, these items are recorded as prepaid items.

Long-term Obligations:

Long-term debt expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for at face value in the general long-term debt account group, not in the governmental funds. Debt proceeds are reported in a governmental fund as an other financing source, net of any premium or discount and issuance costs. Expenditures for the payment of principal and interest on general long-term debt are recognized in the debt service fund when the payments are due.

Budgets:

The School District is required by state law to adopt a budget for the General Fund. The budget is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The operating budget is prepared by the School District's administration with direction from the School Board, and assistance from the Superintendent and Business Manager of the Lamoille South Supervisory Union and approved by the Stowe School District School Board at a properly warned meeting for presentation to the voters. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures by line item and the means of financing them. The budget is approved by School District Voters at a properly warned annual meeting. The voters vote on the total expense amount and not on the individual line items presented in these financial statements.

Stowe School District
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Encumbrances:

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Capital Projects Fund. Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, should not be recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The School District has elected to treat its encumbrances as liabilities for budgetary control purposes.

General Fixed Assets:

Fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date donated. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. Depreciation on all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method.

Memorandum Only Columns:

The total columns are captioned "memorandum only" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to make financial analysis easier. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in accordance with GAAP. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2 - SICK LEAVE

It is the School District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused sick pay benefits. Such benefits must be used during employment; payments for the benefits are not made when the employees leave service unless otherwise provided for by contract. These amounts are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds because they are not expected to be paid with available financial resources. Instead, any liability is reported in the general long-term debt account group as accrued liabilities.

Teaching staff earn 14 sick days per year, and may accumulate a maximum of 130 days. Non-teaching staff earn 3 sick days per year, and may accumulate a maximum of 60 days.

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NOTE 3 - PENSIONS**VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

All of the teachers employed by School District participate in the Vermont Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS"), a statewide multiple-employer public employee retirement system covering all teachers in local school districts within the State of Vermont. The Vermont State statutes provide the authority under which benefit provisions and the State's obligation to contribute are established.

Required contributions to the system are made by the State of Vermont based upon a valuation report prepared by the System's actuary. TRS is a cost sharing public employee retirement system with one exception: all risks and costs are not shared by the School District but are the liability of the State of Vermont. TRS is funded through state and employee contributions and the School District has no legal obligation for paying benefits. The Vermont State Teachers Retirement System estimates the contributions on behalf of the School District's employees included in the teacher's retirement plan as required by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 24 to be 4.54% or approximately \$128,911.

Vesting occurs upon reaching five years of creditable service. Normal retirement requires the employee to be either 62 years of age or have 30 years of service. A member may receive a reduced benefit at age 55 with 10 or more years of service. A member that has 10 or more years of service and leaves teaching before age 55 is entitled to a vested retirement benefit payable at age 62 or a reduced amount at age 55.

Contributions by the employees are 3.54% of gross earnings and are withheld pre income tax by the School District. Such withholdings totaled \$100,787 during the year and were paid by the School District to the State of Vermont. The School District has no other liability under the plan. The School District's total payroll for all employees during the year was \$3,631,498, with \$2,839,445 of such amount related to employees covered by the retirement plan.

Additional information and ten-year historical trend information can be obtained from the separately issued Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Employees other than Teachers are eligible to participate in the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System ("MERS") providing they work more than 30 hours a week for the school year and for not less than a total of 1,040 hours. There are three levels of contributions and

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NOTE 3 – PENSIONS (CONTINUED)

VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CONTINUED)

benefits in the System called Group A, Group B and Group C. The School District participates in Group A. Normal retirement for Group A members is age 65 or the completion of 5 years of service, whichever is later. Normal retirement for Group B members is age 62 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. Normal retirement for Group C members is age 55 and the completion of 5 years of creditable service. A member may receive reduced benefits at age 55 if they have 5 years of service and have made contributions for at least 2.5 years.

The System is an actuarial reserve, joint-contributory program. Both the members and the School District make contributions to the fund according to the following schedule:

	Group A	Group B	Group C
Employees' Contributions (% of gross wages)	2.5%	4.5%	9.0%
The School District's contributions			
(% of gross wages)	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%

Employee contributions are withheld pre income tax by the School District and are remitted to the State of Vermont. Such withholdings totaled \$15,500 during the year. The School District contributed \$24,778 during the year. The School District's total payroll for all employees during the year was \$3,631,498, with \$619,885 of such amount related to employees covered by the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.

NOTE 4 - RETIREMENT INCENTIVES

For those full time teachers who have twenty years of teaching experience, ten of which are in the Stowe School District, may be eligible for a retirement incentive. A teacher leaving the district having the above criteria met, shall receive a payment equivalent to 100% of his/her annual teaching salary from the year he elects to resign. The payment will be disbursed in three equal installments on September 5th of each year following resignation. In addition, teachers electing early retirement will be allowed to continue membership in the district's group health plan at 80% of the cost of group rate premium for two years. At year-end, twenty-one teachers met the requirements under this plan.

Not more than 5% of the district teachers will be granted benefits under this program in one year.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 4 - RETIREMENT INCENTIVES (CONTINUED)

The future liability to the School District is:

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Insurance</u>
For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004	\$ 55,405	\$0
2005	38,102	0
2006	<u>19,697</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$113,204</u>	<u>\$0</u>

NOTE 5 - SEVERANCE PAY

Teachers having taught in the Stowe School district for a minimum of 15 years, but are not eligible for the retirement incentive plan, shall be eligible for severance pay. They will be reimbursed \$100 per year for each year in the district. Payments will be made July 5th of the same year. There are two teachers who meet the eligibility requirements. No one has applied for severance pay.

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The School District issues general obligation bonds to finance the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities, renovations, and equipment purchases. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the issuing entity. These bonds are generally issued as 20-year serial bonds with equal amounts of principal maturing each year.

The following is a summary of general obligation bonds & notes:

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 7.15% paid semi-annually, principal of \$60,000 due December 1 st of each year until 2012, originally borrowed \$1,250,000 on July 10, 1991	\$540,000
Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, bond payable, interest at 6.11% paid semi-annually, principal of \$40,000 due December 1 st of each year until 2012, originally borrowed \$775,000 on July 29, 1992	<u>360,000</u>
Total	<u>\$900,000</u>

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NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

The annual debt service requirement to maturity for general obligation bonds and notes including interest are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
During the year ended June 30, 2004	\$100,000	\$ 57,341	\$ 157,341
2005	100,000	50,827	150,827
2006	100,000	44,213	144,213
2007	100,000	37,500	137,500
2008	100,000	31,706	131,706
Thereafter	<u>400,000</u>	<u>54,589</u>	<u>454,589</u>
Totals	<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>\$276,176</u>	<u>\$1,176,176</u>

The following is a summary of changes in Long-term Debt:

	Balance July 1, 2002	Increase	Decrease	Balance June 30, 2003
VT Municipal Bond Bank	\$ 600,000	\$0	\$ 60,000	\$540,000
VT Municipal Bond Bank	<u>400,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>360,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$900,000</u>

NOTE 7 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

Cash deposits with financial institutions at June 30th amounted to \$1,301,607. As major revenues are received during the year bank deposits may temporarily exceed \$100,000.

There are four categories of credit risk that apply to the School District's bank balances:

1. Insured or collateralized with securities held by the government or by the government's agent in the government's name.
2. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the bank's name.
3. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the government's name. (i.e. repurchase agreements)
4. Uncollateralized.

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 7 - CASH AND REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The School District uses collateralization agreements to protect deposits not otherwise insured by the FDIC and/or SIPC.

Balances held in each area are as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
- Insured (FDIC) and/or (SIPC)	\$ 200,449	\$ 200,449
1. Insured or collateralized with security held by School District or by the School District's agent in the School District's name	0	0
2. Collateralization: Collateral held by the financial institution, or its trust department or agent in the financial institution's name	862,503	1,608,021
3. Repurchase Agreement: Collateral held by the financial Institution's trust department or agent in the School District's name	0	0
4. Uncollateralized and Uninsured (includes cash on hand)	<u>238,655</u>	<u>987,209</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$1,301,607</u>	<u>\$2,795,679</u>

The difference between the book balance and bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks. Due to higher cash flows at certain times during the year, the amount of uninsured, and not collateralized cash could have been much higher than at year-end.

Collateralization agreements of \$1,608,021 are securities held by the bank's trust department or agent in the bank's name. Securities consist of municipal bonds, U.S. Government obligations and U.S. Government Agency Bonds.

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 8 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On July 1, 2003 the School District issued a Tax/Revenue Anticipation Note to the Union Bank in the amount of \$1,552,200. The Note carries interest of 1.85% and comes due on June 13, 2004.

NOTE 9 - COMMITMENTS

On December 3, 2001 the School District entered into an agreement with Russell's Stowe Taxi for contracted bus transportation services through June 30, 2004. The contract calls for various costs for different routes, field trips, and activities. The minimum annual cost to the School District for 2004 will be \$160,982.

The School District receives significant financial assistance from the U.S. government and the State of Vermont. Entitlement to the resources is generally based on compliance with terms and conditions of the grant agreements and applicable federal and state regulations, including the expenditure of the resources for eligible purposes. Substantially all grants are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors. Any disallowance as a result of these audits becomes a liability of the fund that receives the grant. As of year-end the School District estimates that no material liabilities will result from such audits.

NOTE 10 - RESERVED FUND BALANCES

Reserved fund balances represent amounts that must be used for specific purposes within that fund and cannot be spent otherwise without prior approval of funding source or School Board. Reservations at year-end are for the following:

General Fund:	
FY04 Budget	<u>\$ 400,000</u>
Trust Funds:	
Awards & Scholarships	<u>\$1,792,812</u>

NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the School District.

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 11 - RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

In addition, Stowe School District is a member of Vermont School Boards Association Insurance Trust, Inc. (VSBIT) for Unemployment Compensation Programs, and the Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI) for Medical Benefits. VSBIT and VEHI are nonprofit corporations formed to provide insurance and risk management programs for Vermont school districts and is owned by the participating districts.

To provide insurance coverage, VEHI has established a self-funded fully insured program in conjunction with Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS). A portion of member contributions is used to purchase reinsurance and to fund a reserve required by the reinsurance. Contributions in excess of claims requirements, reserve fund requirements, reinsurance and administrative costs are returned to participants. The pooling agreement does not permit the pool to make additional assessments to its members.

To provide unemployment coverage, VSBIT has established a separate trust of funds from member contributions to pay administrative costs, unemployment claims, and provide excess reinsurance protection. Contributions are based on payroll expense and the previous two-year unemployment compensation experience. In the event that total contributions assessed to and made by all members result in an actual or projected financial deficit and VSBIT is unable to meet its required obligations, the Program will be terminated with each members assessed their proportionate share of the deficit.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of asset and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 12 - FIXED ASSETS

Activity in the general fixed asset account group for the School District for the year was as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2002	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2003
Building & Perm. Fixtures	\$4,174,868	\$ 0	\$0	\$4,174,868
Office Furniture & Fixtures	<u>1,205,343</u>	<u>17,183</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,222,526</u>
Totals	<u>\$5,380,211</u>	<u>\$17,183</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,397,394</u>

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 12 - FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

The proprietary fund's food program depreciates its equipment using the straight-line method over ten years.

Activity in the fixed assets of the proprietary fund for the School District for the year was as follows:

Assets	Balance July 1, 2002	Additions	Retirements	Balance June 30, 2003
Equipment	\$64,336	\$3,856	\$0	\$68,192
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>55,249</u>	<u>1,922</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>57,171</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 9,087</u>	<u>\$1,934</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$11,021</u>

NOTE 13 - OPERATING LEASES

On August 12, 2003 Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with Symquest Group, Inc. for the lease of a copier. The total amount due is \$28,068.48, to be paid in 36 monthly installments of \$779.68 over 3 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2004	\$ 8,576
2005	9,356
2006	9,356
2007	780
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$28,068</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$0.

On June 25, 2002 Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with Symquest Group for the lease of a Canon copier. The total amount due is \$20,700 plus \$.0079 per copy for copies over 20,000 per month, to be paid in 36 installments of \$575.04 over 3 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2004	\$ 6,900
2005	6,900
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$13,800</u>

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 13 - OPERATING LEASES (CONTINUED)

Total lease payments made this year were \$6,900.

On March 14, 2001 Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with IOS Capital for the lease of a photocopier. The total amount due is \$38,703 plus \$.005 per copy for copies over 35,000 per month, to be paid in 36 installments of \$1,075.09 over 3 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2004	\$12,901
2005	10,751
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$23,652</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$12,901.

On March 22, 2001 Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with IOS Capital for the lease of a photocopier. The total amount due is \$41,277 plus \$.005 per copy for copies over 35,000 per month, to be paid in 36 installments of \$1,146.59 over 3 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2004	\$13,759
2005	11,466
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$25,225</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$13,759.

On August 17, 2000 Stowe School District entered into a lease agreement with IOS Capital for the lease of a photocopier. The total amount due is \$21,276, to be paid in 36 installments of \$591.00 over 3 years. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under this lease.

During the year ended June 30, 2004	\$1,182
Thereafter	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$1,182</u>

Total lease payments made this year were \$7,092.

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 14 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

The fund balance of the General fund has been adjusted at the beginning of the fiscal year by \$10,872 to reflect variances in prior year encumbrances and receivables.

NOTE 15 - INVESTMENTS

School District invests its assets in various entities and/or debt instruments as described below. As noted some are insured by the SIPC (Securities Investor Protections Corporation). If the broker-dealer fails, the SIPC provides protection for customer accounts by returning securities registered in the name of the investor, distributing all remaining customer assets on a pro rata basis, and providing SIPC funds for all remaining claims of each customer up to a maximum of \$500,000, including up to \$100,000 on claims for cash.

Investments of the balance sheets of the School District are stated at cost plus applicable accrued interest. Market values include applicable accrued interest.

	Cost	Market Value
Securities held by School District registered to School District uninsured by SIPC	\$ 0	\$ 0
Insured (SIPC) and registered held by dealer/broker in School District's name		
Francis Gonyaw Com. Serv. Fd:		
Dividend Growth Money Market Securities B Mutual Fund	6,092	3,229
C.V. Starr Scholarship:		
MSDW Aggressive Equity B	110,405	73,105
MSDW Information Fund B	23,664	11,907
MSDW Japan Fund B	156,875	84,064
MSDW Pacific Growth B	20,335	10,653
MSDW Utilities Fund B	121,502	84,315
MSDW Money Market	814	814
MSDW U.S. Government Sec. B	422,259	449,909
Van Kampen Focus Eq. B	42,566	32,048
FHMA Bond	19,721	20,138

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 15 – INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

	Cost	Market Value
American Int'l Com Stock	\$1,000,043	\$ 852,972
Unit UK Select Ten	88,803	94,328
MSDW International Fund B	57,829	40,747
MSDW 21 st Century Trend Funds	100,000	45,300
MSDW Technology Fund B	200,000	44,400
Dow Chemical Bond	26,312	27,341
Ford Motor Cr. Corp. Bond	25,576	26,303
EV Worldwide Health	100,000	89,052
American Bond Fund of Am.	50,000	52,300
TXU Corp. Bond	25,123	26,594
AT & T Corp. Bond	27,000	27,344
Uninsured, registered held by dealer/broker in School District's name	0	0
Insured (SIPC) unregistered held by dealer/broker	0	0
Uninsured, unregistered held by dealer/broker	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>\$2,624,919</u>	<u>\$2,096,863</u>

NOTE 16 - RELATED PARTY

The School District has an ongoing financial responsibility to Lamoille South Supervisory Union as defined in GASB 14, paragraph 71. Through Lamoille South Supervisory Union's assessment process, the School District's responsibility increases to cover a share of any prior year deficits and decreases to share in any prior year surpluses. Separate financial statements on Lamoille South Supervisory Union are available from Lamoille South Supervisory Union.

Stowe School District
Notes to Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

NOTE 17 - CONTINGENCY

Annually, before November 1st, the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Education notifies each school of its net cost per elementary and/or secondary pupil for the previous school year.

If the School District received tuition students from other Vermont School Districts it must determine whether it overcharged the sending District. If it did, it must provide the overcharged District with a credit against current tuition or refund the overcharged amount.

Stowe School District
 Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities
 Fiduciary Fund Types - Agency Funds
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 1

	Balance July 1, 2002	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance June 30, 2003
Assets:				
Cash - Elementary	\$ 5,345	\$ 53,850	\$ 53,642	\$ 5,553
Cash - Secondary	<u>113,923</u>	<u>280,381</u>	<u>313,669</u>	<u>80,635</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 119,268</u>	<u>\$ 334,231</u>	<u>\$ 367,311</u>	<u>\$ 86,188</u>
Liabilities:				
Amount Held for Agency Funds	<u>\$ 119,268</u>	<u>\$ 334,231</u>	<u>\$ 367,311</u>	<u>\$ 86,188</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Stowe School District
Combining Balance Sheet
Fiduciary Fund Type - Expendable Trust Funds
June 30, 2003

Schedule 2

	George Adams Memorial	C. Patrick Daly Memorial Fund	CV Starr Scholarship Fund	Community Service Award	Totals
ASSETS:					
Current Assets:					
Cash	\$ 443	\$ 6			\$ 449
Investments			\$ 2,618,827	\$ 6,092	2,624,919
Market Value Adjustment	-	-	(525,193)	(2,863)	(528,056)
Total Current Assets	<u>443</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2,093,634</u>	<u>3,229</u>	<u>2,097,312</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 443</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ 2,093,634</u>	<u>\$ 3,229</u>	<u>\$ 2,097,312</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:					
Liabilities:					
Scholarship Payable	-	-	\$ 304,500	-	\$ 304,500
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>304,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>304,500</u>
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	443	6	2,314,327	3,229	2,318,005
Valuation Account	-	-	(525,193)	-	(525,193)
Total Fund Balances	<u>443</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1,789,134</u>	<u>3,229</u>	<u>1,792,812</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 443</u>	<u>\$ 6</u>	<u>\$ 2,093,634</u>	<u>\$ 3,229</u>	<u>\$ 2,097,312</u>

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Stowe School District
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
 and Changes in Fund Balances
 Fiduciary Fund Type - Expendable Trust Funds
 For The Year Ended June 30, 2003

Schedule 3

	George Adams Memorial	C. Patrick Daly Memorial Fund	CV Starr Scholarship Fund	Community Service Award	Totals
REVENUES:					
Investment Income			\$ 30,385	\$ 112	\$ 30,497
Donations			400,000		400,000
Realized Gains	-	-	5,075	-	5,075
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ -	\$ -	435,460	112	435,572
EXPENDITURES:					
Scholarships/Gifts			124,000	500	124,500
Investment Expense			1,190	30	1,220
Realized Losses			109,843	482	110,325
Unrealized Losses	-	-	72,569	2,814	75,383
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	-	-	307,602	3,826	311,428
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	-	127,858	(3,714)	124,144
FUND BALANCES, JULY 1, 2002	443	6	1,661,276	6,943	1,668,668
FUND BALANCES, JUNE 30, 2003	\$ 443	\$ 6	\$ 1,789,134	\$ 3,229	\$ 1,792,812

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ADM AUDIT REPORT Average Daily Membership First forty Days

T198 Stowe School District
District Name

Period ending June 30, 2002

Resident Student attending a school operated by the district or attending a school of which the district is a member.

Grade >	KP	KF	1	2	3	4	5	6	EU	7	8	9	10	11	12	SU
A. Number of symbols for first forty days											1834					1769
B Students											47					45
C Maximum number of days	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
D ADM. Count (A/C)	0	0	0	0	0	64.1	0	0	0	0	45.85	0	0	0	0	44.23

Resident Student tuitioned to another school

E FTE Count												Elementary Grade Level		Indicator				
F Total FTE Count (D+E)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.2	0.0
												Secondary Grade Level		Indicator				
												Kindergarten Part Time		KP				
												Kindergarten Full Time		KF				
												First Grade		1				
												Second Grade		2				
												Third Grade		3				
												Fourth Grade		4				
												Fifth Grade		5				
												Sixth Grade		6				
												Elementary Ungraded		EU				
												Seventh Grade		7				
												Eighth Grade		8				
												Ninth Grade		9				
												Tenth Grade		10				
												Eleventh Grade		11				
												Twelfth Grade		12				
												Secondary Ungraded		SU				

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DAVID J. ANGOLANO**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**To the School Board
Stowe School District

We have audited the financial statements of Stowe School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated October 23, 2003. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Stowe School District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Stowe School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Stowe School District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 03-1 and 03-2.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements

in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness. We also noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting, which we have reported to management of Stowe School District in a separate letter dated October 23, 2003.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the School Board, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Stowe School District

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Stowe School District, Vermont, for the year ended June 30, 2003, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. However, we noted certain matters that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Stowe School District's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertion of management in the financial statements.

Reportable Conditions:**Average Daily Membership (ADM):**

- The attendance register did not include the student's town of residence. The middle school and high school attendance register did not include students who transferred out during the year. The cause can be the result of the software not being able to provide the data or the user not knowing how to access it. The effect can be an understatement of the 40-day ADM count. The software should be evaluated as to its ability to report out all of the required information. Staff should be trained on what report or parameters should be requested.

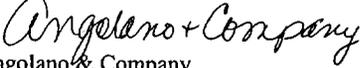
Elementary School Activities:

- In fiscal 01-02, 50% of the tested disbursements did not have adequate supporting documentation. In fiscal 02-03, 69% of the tested disbursements did not have adequate supporting documentation. Fund vouchers were prepared but no receipts were attached where it was felt receipts should be available. Improper disbursements could go undetected. Receipts should be obtained at the time a check is written to a vendor. If funds are advanced or paid to a staff member, the amount must be included in their income if no receipt is returned within 60 days per Internal Revenue regulations.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, none of the reportable conditions described above is believed to be a material weakness.

This report is intended for the School Board, management, and those within Stowe School District.



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October 23, 2003

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET DEVELOPMENT 2004 -2005**

	02-03 Budget	02-03 Actual	03-04 Budget	04-05 Proposed Budget
Regular Instruction				
Salaries	\$2,623,100	\$2,591,273	\$2,829,225	\$2,883,000
Employee Benefits....	661,725	645,675	842,800	814,625
Professional & Technical Svcs.	63,250	63,890	54,350	85,450
Property Services	32,225	31,197	32,225	32,100
Other Services	21,450	9,113	28,850	35,875
Supplies & Materials	121,325	101,976	140,650	144,675
Property	55,275	54,791	80,825	92,225
Other	6,475	6,663	6,475	5,925
Total Expenses	\$3,584,825	\$3,504,579	\$4,015,400	\$4,093,875
Special Education				
Salaries	\$369,300	\$323,305	\$344,100	\$301,000
Employee Benefits....	202,100	151,281	173,625	151,500
Professional & Technical Svcs.	238,925	241,736	256,075	409,050
Property Services	1,550	436	1,550	950
Other Services	5,750	1,840	5,750	3,450
Supplies & Materials	9,975	6,545	9,975	10,175
Property	2,450	3,296	2,450	2,850
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	\$830,050	\$728,438	\$793,525	\$878,975
Vocational Education				
Other Services	\$37,375	\$37,908	\$42,550	\$64,125
Total Expenses	\$37,375	\$37,908	\$42,550	\$64,125
Student Activities				
Professional & Technical Svcs.	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$22,500
Property Services	0	0	0	2,500
Other Services	0	8,597	25,000	24,000
Supplies & Materials	0	0	14,875	11,875
Property	0	0	11,850	6,725
Other	0	0	0	6,550
Total Expenses	\$17,500	\$26,097	\$71,225	\$74,150
Guidance Services				
Salaries	\$93,200	\$88,023	\$108,975	\$152,775
Employee Benefits....	27,275	21,303	36,075	54,225
Prof. & Technical Svcs.	46,650	69,007	70,375	82,400

	02-03 Budget	02-03 Actual	03-04 Budget	04-05 Proposed Budget
Property Services	900	611	900	2,000
Supplies & Materials	6,625	5,600	6,625	4,900
Property	0	181	0	0
Other	250	361	1,800	2,250
.....				
Total Expenses	\$174,900	\$185,086	\$224,750	\$298,550
Health Services				
Salaries	\$36,100	\$36,065	\$39,000	\$39,775
Employee Benefits	5,975	8,417	10,000	10,675
Prof. & Technical Svcs.	0	0	0	0
Property Services	400	0	250	150
Other Services	325	322	325	350
Supplies & Materials	725	587	1,550	1,250
Property	0	0	250	275
Other	125	0	0	50
.....				
Total Expenses	\$43,650	\$45,391	\$51,375	\$52,525
Library Services				
Salaries	\$84,475	\$95,432	\$99,675	\$100,975
Employee Benefits	32,225	25,247	31,250	36,200
Professional & Technical Svcs.	125	0	125	100
Property Services	1,225	736	1,225	1,175
Other Services	50	45	0	0
Supplies & Materials	13,050	12,529	13,025	13,775
Property	1,075	182	700	400
Other	50	385	50	0
.....				
Total Expenses	\$132,275	\$134,557	\$146,050	\$152,625
School Board				
Salaries	\$5,025	\$5,025	\$5,025	\$5,025
Employee Benefits	450	384	450	450
Prof. & Technical Svcs.	4,200	4,664	4,200	4,500
Other Services	17,025	5,183	17,025	9,525
Other	5,100	5,478	5,100	5,700
.....				
Total Expenses	\$31,800	\$20,734	\$31,800	\$25,200
Executive Admin. Services				
Prof. & Technical Svcs.	\$114,900	\$114,885	\$126,975	\$102,450
.....				
Total Expenses	\$114,900	\$114,885	\$126,975	\$102,450
Total Expenses	\$118,450	\$118,625	\$114,900	\$126,975
School Administration				
Salaries	\$330,500	\$332,087	\$343,950	\$357,675
Employee Benefits	95,975	73,539	80,550	100,350

	02-03 Budget	02-03 Actual	03-04 Budget	04-05 Proposed Budget
Professional & Technical Svcs. 700		90	700	1,300
Property Services	26,175	24,043	30,550	30,400
Other Services	23,200	28,863	22,725	31,600
Supplies & Materials	12,200	11,919	12,200	10,550
Property	3,700	2,784	675	2,750
Other	14,400	13,995	14,350	17,700
Total Expenses	\$506,850	\$487,319	\$505,700	\$552,325
Fiscal Services				
Salaries	\$825	\$825	\$825	\$825
Employee Benefits	75	63	75	75
Prof. & Technical Svcs.	64,725	68,429	95,925	78,000
Other Services	1,500	754	3,375	1,500
Supplies & Materials	900	1,649	900	1,650
Other	0	0	0	0
Current Interest	55,050	15,102	32,550	28,725
Total Expenses	\$123,075	\$86,822	\$133,650	\$110,775
Buildings & Grounds Operations				
Salaries	\$156,575	\$159,463	\$162,325	\$165,425
Employee Benefits	85,725	81,714	105,700	113,175
Property Services	128,950	151,219	135,700	149,500
Other Services	16,500	49,614	30,000	30,000
Supplies & Materials	169,850	172,990	161,025	168,400
Property	4,000	12,232	1,425	4,750
Other	0	0	29,225	0
Total Expenses	\$561,600	\$627,321	\$625,400	\$631,250
Transportation				
Other Services	\$177,150	\$174,898	\$176,000	\$186,000
Total Expenses	\$177,150	\$174,898	\$176,000	\$186,000
Information Services				
Prof. & Technical Svcs.	\$27,750	\$27,725	\$28,800	\$25,125
Total Expenses	\$27,750	\$27,725	\$28,800	\$25,125
Debt Service				
Interest on Debt	\$ 63,750	\$ 63,754	\$ 57,375	\$ 50,850
Principal on Debt	100,050	100,000	100,050	100,050
Total Expenses	\$163,800	\$163,754	\$157,425	\$150,900
Repayments to State				
Repayments to State				
Other	\$0	\$2,239	\$0	\$0
Total Expenses	\$0	\$2,239	\$0	\$0
Total Gen. Fund Exp.	\$6,527,500	\$6,367,665	\$7,130,625	\$7,398,850

**STOWE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004-2005
ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS**

Carry Forward		\$0
Local Sources:		
Tuition - Regular Education.....	\$ 150,000	
Earned Interest	53,725	
Rental	6,000	
		\$209,725
State Sources:		
General State Support Grant - Voc. Educ.	\$47,600	
Capital Debt Reimbursement.....	64,700	
Transportation Aid	80,000	
Driver Education	2,750	
SPED - Block Grant.....	193,525	
SPED - Intensive.....	162,500	
SPED - Essential Early Education.....	32,700	
		\$583,825
Federal Sources:		
SPED - Flow Through	\$ 13,000	
		\$ 13,000
Taxes:		
Homestead Property Tax	\$ 6,263,175	
Non-Homestead Property Tax	329,125	
		\$6,592,300
Total Anticipated Receipts.....		\$7,398,850

**STOWE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET RECAP**

	02-03	02-03	03-04	04-05
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Proposed Budget
Instruction				
Regular Education.....	\$3,584,825	\$3,504,579	\$4,015,400	\$4,093,875
Special Education.....	830,050	728,438	793,525	878,975
Vocational Education	37,375	37,908	42,550	64,125
Student Activities.....	<u>17,500</u>	<u>26,097</u>	<u>71,225</u>	<u>74,150</u>
Total Instruction.....	\$4,469,750	\$4,297,022	\$4,922,700	\$5,111,125
Support Services				
Guidance Services.....	\$174,900	\$185,086	\$224,750	\$298,550
Health Services	43,650	45,391	51,375	52,525
Library Services.....	132,275	134,557	146,050	152,625
School Board.....	31,800	20,734	31,800	25,200
Exec. Admin. Services	114,900	114,885	126,975	102,450
School Administration	506,850	487,319	505,700	552,325
Fiscal Services	123,075	86,822	133,650	110,775
Bldg. & Grounds Oper.	561,600	627,231	625,400	631,250
Transportation	177,150	174,898	176,000	186,000
Information Services.	27,750	27,725	28,800	25,125
.....	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Support Services	\$1,893,950	\$1,904,648	\$2,050,500	\$2,136,825
Long Term Debt	\$163,800	\$163,754	\$157,425	\$150,900
Repayment to State.	0	2,239	0	0
Total Gen. Fund Exp.	\$6,527,500	\$6,367,663	\$7,130,625	\$7,398,850

ESTIMATES ONLY

Three Prior Years Comparisons

PRELIMINARY

	198		199		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
	LEA:		LEA:		LEA:		LEA:		LEA:		LEA:		LEA:		LEA:	
	Stowe		Stowe		Stowe		Stowe		Stowe		Stowe		Stowe		Stowe	
	Lamoille		Lamoille		Lamoille		Lamoille		Lamoille		Lamoille		Lamoille		Lamoille	
	S.U.:		S.U.:		S.U.:		S.U.:		S.U.:		S.U.:		S.U.:		S.U.:	
Expenditures																
Budget (local budget approved in prior years)																
87% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005																
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)																
Deficit (if included in local budget)																
Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years																
1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting																
2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting																
3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting																
Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")																
Act 68 local adopted budget																
Union school or joint school district assessment																
Deficit if not included in budget or revenues																
Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)																
Gross Act 68 Budget																
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")																
Revenues																
Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)																
Capital debt aid																
Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)																
Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures																
Act 144 revenues																
Total revenues																
Fund raising (if any)																
Adjusted local revenues																
Education Spending (Act 68 definition)																
Equalized Pupils																
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil																
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)																
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment																
District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)																
(\$9,849 / \$6,800)																
Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized																
(144.838% x \$1.05)																
Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity																
(144.838% x 1.90%)																

Prior Years Comparison

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LAMOILLE SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION

Revenues

Account	FY03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Budget
Cash Balance	\$65,650	\$45,000	\$100,00
Interest Income	5,256	9,000	3,000
Assessments:			
Psychological Services			
Elmore	\$1,264	\$1,310	\$1,601
Morristown	27,398	28,392	34,681
Stowe	13,488	13,978	17,074
Administrative Services			
Elmore	\$1,790	\$1,973	\$1,609
Morristown	154,400	174,632	139,799
Stowe	114,885	126,945	102,441
Fiscal Services			
Elmore	\$957	\$1,422	\$1,118
Morristown	82,635	125,860	97,100
Stowe	61,483	91,492	71,144
Information Services			
Elmore	\$6,879	\$6,752	\$5,159
Morristown	35,496	35,093	30,769
Stowe	27,725	28,780	25,128
Psych. Services-SPED			
Elmore	\$1,230	\$1,264	\$1,576
Morristown	27,675	28,438	35,458
Stowe	32,595	33,493	41,761
Speech & Audiology-SPED			
Elmore	\$19,250	\$19,624	18,419
Morristown	99,325	102,001	109,837
Stowe	77,600	83,650	89,719
Admin. Services-SPED			
Elmore	\$9,109	\$7,880	\$8,566
Morristown	47,015	40,957	51,083
Stowe	36,726	33,588	41,726
Essential Early Education			
Elmore	\$12,828	\$12,592	\$12,193
Morristown	79,105	79,206	87,726
Stowe	71,692	72,803	77,288
Other Revenues:			
IDEA - EE	\$4,200	\$6,000	\$6,000
IDEA B-Flow Through	30,650	30,650	30,650
Title I	16,800	16,800	16,800
Title II	0	38,000	0
Title VI	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	6,942	0	0
Service Fees	21,250	13,350	6,000
Total	\$1,193,298	\$1,310,925	\$1,265,425

LAMOILLE SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION
Expenditures

Description	FY03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Budget
Psychological Services			
Salaries	\$35,446	\$35,900	\$40,000
Employee Benefits.....	10,524	9,600	15,175
Prof & Tech Services.....	0	500	500
Property Services.....	0	0	0
Other Services	0	100	100
Supplies & Materials	0	875	875
Other Services	0	100	100
Total	\$45,550	\$47,075	\$56,750
Executive Admin. Services			
Executive Admin. Services			
Salaries	\$214,491	\$219,875	\$197,950
Employee Benefits.....	47,387	48,000	56,675
Prof & Tech Services.....	5,437	6,100	6,450
Property Services.....	18,043	16,675	16,600
Other Services	26,900	24,000	27,575
Supplies & Materials	10,766	11,650	10,650
Property	1,221	1,250	500
Other	10,517	8,800	9,750
Total	\$334,761	\$336,350	\$326,150
Fiscal Services			
Salaries	\$124,833	\$172,900	\$132,300
Employee Benefits.....	40,264	63,900	53,700
Prof & Tech Services.....	4,318	6,250	4,525
Property Services.....	396	250	250
Other Services	499	1,125	1,025
Supplies & Materials	3,497	4,850	4,950
Property	3,694	4,250	0
Other	500	1,300	800
Total	\$178,001	\$254,825	\$197,550
Information Services			
Salaries	\$49,266	\$88,250	\$52,775
Employee Benefits.....	10,596	17,675	9,875
Prof & Tech Services.....	0	1,000	0
Other Services	69	350	100
Supplies & Materials	1,573	2,500	1,600
Property	0	1,000	0
Other	862	2,150	1,000
Total	\$66,366	\$112,925	\$65,350

Description	FY03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Budget
Psychological Services- SPED			
Salaries	\$53,298	\$51,450	\$60,000
Employee Benefits.....	16,842	15,425	22,475
Prof & Tech Services.....	629	500	500
Property Services.....	0	0	0
Other Services	0	100	100
Supplies & Materials	1,008	875	875
Property	0	0	0
Other	150	100	100
Total	\$71,927	\$68,450	\$84,050
Speech & Audiology - SPED			
Salaries	\$135,071	\$159,175	\$157,275
Employee Benefits.....	34,477	43,550	60,150
Prof & Tech Services.....	1,289	2,450	450
Other Services	250	100	100
Total	\$171,089	\$205,275	\$217,975
Administrative Svcs-SPED			
Salaries	\$74,134	\$75,325	\$81,775
Employee Benefits.....	19,085	11,775	21,775
Prof & Tech Services.....	1,410	800	800
Property Services.....	1,561	1,750	1,750
Other Services	6,294	6,400	7,500
Supplies & Materials	2,887	3,100	4,000
Property	1,463	0	0
Other	1,182	275	775
Total	\$108,016	\$99,425	\$118,375
Essential Early Education			
Salaries	\$99,447	\$102,500	\$110,825
Employee Benefits.....	30,231	31,325	39,725
Prof & Tech Services.....	0	1,500	500
Property Services.....	0	150	0
Other Services	2,158	1,500	2,100
Supplies & Materials	965	2,700	1,200
Property	2,877	1,800	0
Other	160	200	200
Total	\$135,838	\$141,675	\$154,550
Psychological Services-EEE			
Prof & Tech Services.....	\$0	\$500	\$0
Total	\$0	\$500	\$0

Description	FY03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Budget
Speech & Audio.Services-EEE			
Salaries	\$31,913	\$29,950	\$30,850
Employee Benefits.....	5,179	4,925	5,775
Prof & Tech Services.....	0	1,500	0
Supplies & Materials	205.90	0	0
Property	0	0	0
Total	\$37,298	\$36,375	\$36,625
Admin. Serv-EEE			
Property Services.....	\$4,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Other Services	540	1,050	1,050
Total	\$4,540	\$8,050	\$8,050
Total	\$1,149,807	\$1,310,925	\$1,265,425

**LAMOILLE SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION
SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT
I.D.E.A. - PART B**

	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 BUDGET
Elmore	\$ 2,882	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Morristown	77,503	55,000	55,000
Stowe	11,412	9,000	13,000
LSSU	30,662	30,650	30,650
Total	\$122,447	\$97,650	\$101,650

**ANNUAL TOWN/SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003**

Stowe High School Auditorium 9:00 a.m.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Moderator William Kelk. He introduced Phoebe Sakash as Stowe's oldest living voter.

Present were 402 of the 3,466 eligible voters in Stowe.

Mr. Kelk referred voters to the insert in the Town Report, highlighting the history of the Akeley Memorial Building, which was donated to the Town on August 19, 1903 by Healy Akeley.

He then introduced the elected officials seated at the front of the room, the Board of Selectmen, the School Board and the Town Clerk who would also be taking minutes of today's meeting.

Mr. Kelk stated that today's meeting would be run according to *Roberts Rules of Order* and provided the voters with a summary of those rules. He added that Australian Ballot articles 4 and 5 would be discussed while voting is taking place in the Middle School Building.

Mr. Kelk stated that there are several displays out in the lobby of the auditorium, specifically pointing out the display put together by the Cemetery Commission for its Remembrance Program. This new program will allow residents to participate in the beautification and preservation of Stowe's seven cemeteries.

Mr. Kelk then introduced Wendall Mansfield, Stowe's Fire Chief, to present the 2002 Cliff Thompson Public Service Award. Mr. Mansfield described the criteria used to consider candidates for the award. He stated that this year's nominee spreads patriotism throughout the community in a number of ways, through participation in service organizations and in many other ways behind the scenes. He thanked Edward Rhodes for his service to the community.

Mr. Kelk introduced Jack Daggitt, Chairman of the Conservation Commission to present the Conservationist of the Year Award. Mr. Daggitt stated that this year's recipients are a husband and wife team who understand that conservation is an ongoing process, and that the quality of life enjoyed here in Stowe is so closely ranked to environmental quality, that they are almost one in the same. Mr. Daggitt presented the award to Frank and Marion Kellogg for their service to the community and their efforts toward conservation. The Kelloggs thanked the community and encouraged more people to work towards preserving our environment.

Mr. Kelk asked the audience to rise and join in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

The following discussion ensued on Australian Ballot Articles:

Art. 4: Will the Town in Town Meeting approve the concept of building a facility for Stowe's rescue services (Stowe Rescue, Stowe Hazardous Terrain & Emergency Management) on the Mayo Farm land designated as Mayo Farm Homestead? Said facility could be funded through a bond issue. Funding approval would be sought at a future town meeting. (YES 654; NO 476)

Art. 5: Shall the voters of the Stowe School District approve a budget with a total expenditure of seven million one hundred thirty thousand six hundred twenty five dollars, (\$7,130,625), for the support of its schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003? (YES 606; NO 525)

Art. 6: Peter Beck made the motion, seconded by Helen Beckerhoff, to accept the annual reports of the several Town officers as presented. Motion carried.

Art. 7: Fred Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ted Teffner, to accept the annual reports of the School Directors as presented. Motion carried.

Art. 8: Helen Beckerhoff made the motion, seconded by Richard Marron, to adopt the provisions of 32 VSA Chapter 133, providing for the collection of taxes by the Town Treasurer; and furthermore, resolve that taxes become due and payable in two installments, without discount, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 901 and 902 of the Stowe Town Charter, provided that payments received with an official mark of a governmental postal service no later than the due date shall be accepted as timely. Motion carried.

Art. 9: Terry Dwyer made the motion, seconded by Fred Hutchins, to authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns from the State for such purposes, and if so, provide that the same shall be done by notes of the District. Motion carried.

Art. 10: Ted Teffner made the motion, seconded by Richard Marron, to have the Town in Town Meeting establish the following amounts as annual wages for elected officials for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004:

Selectboard	\$3,000 each x 5 members	\$15,000
Town Clerk		\$43,200 + benefits
Treasurer		\$ 2,000
Auditors	\$9/hour x 3 members x 100 hours =	\$ 2,700
Listers	\$250 each x 3 members	\$ 750
Moderator		\$ 75 per meeting

Motion carried.

Art. 11: Cam Page made the motion, seconded by Richard Marron to have the Town in Town Meeting pay its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year as follows:

School Director	\$ 1,000	per member
Moderator	\$75	per meeting
Treasurer	\$700	per year

Motion carried.

Art. 12: Fred Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Cam Page, to authorize the School Directors to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of defraying educational expenses utilizing all carry forward exceeding the amount of four hundred thousand dollars, (\$400,000), budgeted in the revenue projection for carry forward in the 2003-2004 school year. Motion carried.

Art. 13: Cam Page made the motion, seconded by Fred Hutchins, that school taxes shall become due and payable in two equal installments pursuant to section 901 Chapter 9 of the Town of Stowe Charter with one half due no later than 5 pm on November 10, 2003 without discount, and one half due no later than 5 pm on May 10, 2004 without discount. Taxes received bearing the postmark of a governmental postal service which is no later than the due date, shall be accepted as timely payment. Interest at the rate of 1% per month or fraction thereof, from the due date shall be added to all school taxes unpaid after each date, further that there be assessed a collection fee of 8% on all taxes unpaid after each due date and all taxes assessed shall be collected by the Treasurer of the Town of Stowe School District in the same manner as provided by law for the collection of taxes by Treasurers of Towns. Motion carried.

Art. 14: Peter Beck made the motion, seconded by Helen Beckerhoff, to appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), toward the operation of the Stowe shuttle system. Motion carried.

Art. 15: Ted Teffner made the motion, seconded by Peter Beck, to authorize a Development Review Board, created by the Selectboard pursuant to 24 VSA Chapter 117, to undertake local Act 250 review of municipal impacts caused by a development or subdivision, or both (as those terms are defined in 10 VSA Chapter 151), according to the process set forth in 24 VSA Section 4449. Motion carried.

Art. 16: Peter Beck made the motion, seconded by Charlie Lusk, to appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000), to be used for a fireworks display for the July Fourth Celebration in 2003. Motion carried.

Art. 17: Ted Teffner made the motion, seconded by Peter Beck, to appropriate the sum of seven hundred twenty thousand five hundred dollars, (\$720,500), to pay for the following capital projects:

\$122,500	Highway 10 Wheel Dump Truck
\$ 35,000	Hazardous Terrain Truck
\$ 90,000	Stowe Hollow Road and Goldbrook Road Overlay
\$ 97,000	Edson Hill Road Reconstruction
\$ 25,000	Moscow Road from Barrows Road to Trapp Hill Road Paving
\$ 40,000	Mansfield View Road Overlay
\$ 50,000	Weeks Hill Sidewalks
\$ 11,000	Mountain Road/Weeks Hill Road Intersection
\$ 12,000	Mountain Road Curb & Sidewalk
\$ 11,000	Simmons Brook Wall Resurface
\$ 7,500	Simmons Brook Landscape
\$ 10,000	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan
\$ 56,000	Replace Roof on Police Garage
\$ 30,000	Police Vehicle
\$ 38,300	David Gale Center Addition
\$ 36,000	Recreation Path - Repave 1 Mile
\$ 25,000	Recreation Pick Up Truck
\$ 9,900	Village Tennis Court Repair
\$ 9,500	Drainage Improvements for Baseball Field & Marshall Hill
\$ 4,800	New Street Lights on Mountain Road

Motion passed.

Art. 18: Helen Beckerhoff made the motion, seconded by Herb O'Brien, to appropriate the sum of forty-eight thousand two hundred ninety dollars, (\$48,290), for the following community affairs purposes:

\$3,500	Central Vermont Adult Education
\$ 500	Central Vermont Community Action
\$1,997	Central Vermont Council on Aging
\$2,500	Clarina Howard Nichols Center
\$ 200	Green-Up Day
\$9,763	Lamoille Home Health Association
\$ 200	Lamoille Housing Partnership
\$2,500	Lamoille Family Center
\$1,250	Lamoille County Court Diversion

\$5,000	Lamoille County Mental Health
\$3,000	Lamoille Economic Development Corp.
\$ 500	LENS (Meals on Wheels)
\$2,000	Maple Leaf Farm
\$1,000	North Country Animal League
\$ 50	Northern Vermont RD&D
\$1,000	Out & About
\$ 660	Retired Senior Volunteer Program
\$ 350	Stowe American Legion
\$3,000	Stowe Historical Society
\$6,000	Stowe Land Trust
\$2,000	Stowe Youth Baseball/Softball
\$ 500	Vermont Association for the Blind
\$ 320	Vermont Center for Independent Living
\$ 500	Vermont Children's Aid Society

Motion on Article 18 carried.

Art. 19: Peter Beck made the motion, seconded by Helen Beckerhoff, to allow all new employees of the Police Department to participate in the Vermont Municipal Employee Retirement Fund effective July 1, 2003. Motion carried.

Art. 20: Helen Beckerhoff made the motion, seconded by Millie Merrill, to authorize the Selectboard to enter into a contract with Stonybrook Condominium Homeowners' Association, Inc. to purchase a parcel of land bordering Luce Hill Road approximately 16.4 acres in area for the purpose of creating athletic playing fields and conserving the view corridor to Mt. Mansfield. Said parcel to be benefited by an access easement across the sellers property to the Stowe High School and single density development unit, and further appropriate \$295,000 which shall be used to purchase said property, easement and single density unit.

Herb O'Brien moved to table this article until the Selectboard has had adequate time to review the stipulations in the purchase and sales agreement. Bernie Nizenholtz seconded the motion.

A call for the vote required a division of the house. The results of the vote were 115 Yes; 170 No to table the motion.

Kurt Hanson called the question.

Mr. Kelk denied that action stating that he did not recognize Mr. Hanson.

Kurt Hanson appealed Mr. Kelk's decision.

The decision of the Moderator was sustained by the voters.

The motion to approve Article 20 was defeated.

Art. 21: Richard Marron made the motion, seconded by Peter Beck to authorize the Selectboard to expend all unexpended FY03 general funds to pay for debts and current expenses of the Town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. Motion carried.

Art. 22: Ted Teffner made the motion, seconded by Charlie Lusk, to have the Town in Town Meeting adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004 as follows:

Accounting	\$ 114,100
Animal Control	48,200
Auditors	24,300
Cemetery Commission	6,000
Conservation Commission	10,300
Debt Management	454,400
Elections	4,000
Emergency Management	2,900
Fire	221,100
General Government	370,900
Hazardous Terrain	13,000
Zoning	141,869
2002 Deficit	122,162
Highway	1,103,600
Historic Preservation	6,000
Insurance	187,700
Library	350,900
Listers	134,400
Parks & Recreation	596,000
Planning	90,600
Police	1,157,700
Public Works	186,000
Recreation Commission	1,300
Rescue	150,100
Selectboard	245,810
Solid Waste	1,600
Street Lights	24,400
Town Clerk	<u>179,900</u>
Sub-Total	\$5,911,031

Plus the amounts approved under special articles as follows:

Article 14	30,000
Article 16	8,000
Article 17	720,500
Article 18	<u>48,290</u>
Sub-Total	\$6,917,821

for a total budget of \$6,917,821, of which \$5,469,424 is the estimated amount to be raised by taxes on the grand list to defray the indebtedness and current expenses of the Town of Stowe as herein voted. And furthermore, the budget amounts are to be appropriated to the agencies and purposes as herein voted, provided that the Selectboard is authorized to transfer money between accounts as justice may require and any unexpended balance at the end of the fiscal years shall be conveyed back into the treasury of the Town. Motion carried.

Art. 23: To do other business that may legally come before said meetings respectively:

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALISON K. LEWIS, *Town Clerk*

**TOWN OF STOWE GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY
FY05 PROPOSED BUDGET & COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENT**

	FY02 Actual	FY 03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Proposed	\$ CHG 04-05	%CHG 04-05
EXPENSES						
Accounting.....	\$94,983	\$103,686	\$114,100	\$165,994	\$51,894	31.26%
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Animal Control.....	13,303	22,464	48,200	64,826	16,626	25.65%
Auditors.....	23,001	20,612	24,300	23,750	(550)	-2.32%
Capital.....	739,000	816,000	720,500	815,500	95,000	11.65%
Cemetery.....	4,735	6,299	6,000	7,106	1,106	15.56%
Community Affairs.....	43,991	45,302	49,500	49,106	(394)	-0.80%
Conservation.....	7,303	3,665	10,300	22,600	12,300	54.42%
Debt Management.....	415,574	419,673	454,400	436,561	(17,839)	-4.09%
Elections.....	2,880	5,227	4,000	5,493	1,493	27.18%
Emergency Management.....	1,973	3,847	2,900	2,900	-	0.00%
Fire.....	168,060	219,995	221,100	236,780	15,680	6.62%
General Government.....	315,666	341,557	370,900	369,570	(1,330)	-0.36%
Hazardous Terrain.....	11,026	13,127	13,000	13,899	899	6.47%
Zoning.....	80,526	80,135	141,869	154,614	12,745	8.24%
Highway.....	1,010,868	1,096,748	1,103,600	1,160,339	56,739	4.89%
Historic Preservation.....	977	5,041	6,000	6,872	872	12.69%
Insurance.....	68,336	107,120	187,700	107,100	(80,600)	-75.26%
Library.....	282,025	292,506	350,900	374,844	23,944	6.39%
Listers.....	64,921	95,071	135,400	161,339	25,939	16.08%
Parks and Recreation.....	542,288	561,167	596,000	648,415	52,415	8.08%
Planning.....	131,549	128,143	90,600	95,664	5,064	5.29%
Police.....	1,000,011	1,044,587	1,157,700	1,251,886	94,186	7.52%
Public Works.....	185,294	189,201	186,000	206,537	20,537	9.94%
Recreation Commission.....	712	1,316	1,300	21,348	20,048	93.91%
Rescue.....	143,546	145,106	150,100	161,964	11,864	7.33%
Select Board.....	226,958	224,406	244,600	258,150	13,550	5.25%
Solid Waste.....	2,273	1,600	1,600	1,600	-	0.00%
Street Lights.....	35,096	35,075	24,400	20,700	(3,700)	-17.87%
Town Clerk.....	161,878	167,310	179,900	203,144	23,244	11.44%
Deficit (Surplus).....	93,605	180,737	122,651	239,941	117,290	48.88%
EXPENSE TOTAL	5,872,358	6,376,723	6,719,520	7,288,542	569,022	7.81%

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	FY02 Actual	FY 03 Actual	FY04 Budget	FY05 Proposed	\$ CHG 04-05	%CHG 04-05
REVENUES (BASE & EXPANDED)						
Accounting.....	40,317	35,762	27,600	31,400	3,800	12.10%
Animal Control.....	2,775	3,455	2,300	12,200	9,900	81.15%
Auditors.....	8,360	9,623	9,300	9,850	550	5.58%
Capital.....	385,000	201,000	102,000	35,000	(67,000)	-191.43%
Conservation.....				10,500	10,500	100.00%
Debt Management.....	61,291	43,132	45,000	43,000	(2,000)	-4.65%
Fire.....	46	2,574	5,000	2,500	(2,500)	-100.00%
General Government.....	205	-	-	500	-	#DIV/0!
Hazardous Terrain.....		2,475	500	500	-	0.00%
Highway.....	236,506	207,633	201,500	171,500	(30,000)	-17.49%
Insurance.....	28,459	15,883	40,200	43,700	3,500	8.01%
Library.....		1,170	30,900	31,500	600	1.90%
Listers.....	953	822	61,900	84,450	22,550	26.70%
Parks and Recreation.....	223,528	230,380	242,500	251,650	9,150	3.64%
Planning.....	21,294	106,919	1,400	200	(1,200)	-600.00%
Police.....	148,100	112,000	135,000	187,300	52,300	27.92%
Public Works.....	29,942	22,652	26,500	31,500	5,000	15.87%
Rescue.....	80,341	107,231	94,700	117,092	22,392	19.12%
Select Board.....	243,735	234,558	293,300	303,000	9,700	3.20%
Town Clerk.....	139,065	161,971	101,900	120,607	18,707	15.51%
Zoning.....	105,313	77,245	121,900	162,900	41,000	25.17%
REVENUE TOTAL.....	1,755,230	1,576,485	1,543,400	1,650,349	106,949	6.48%
NET BUDGET.....	4,117,128	4,800,238	5,176,120	5,638,193	462,073	8.93%
PROPERTY TAX.....	3,930,711	4,629,625	5,175,637	5,638,193	462,556	8.94%
TOWN GRAND LIST.....	8,161,160	8,429,696	8,587,757	8,759,512	171,755	2.00%
TOWN TAX RATE.....	0.4730	0.5492	0.6027	0.6437	0.0410	6.80%

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
June 30, 2002 and 2003

ASSETS	2002	
Cash	\$2,968,171	\$2,125,629
Investments	184,200	190,410
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectables)	421,469	583,772
Loans receivable	1,031,600	5,411,212
Due from other funds	2,300,712	520,963
Inventories	13,945	26,407
Property, plant and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation)	24,207,780	31,249,312
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	<u>3,053,753</u>	<u>3,017,985</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$34,181,630	\$43,125,690
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$1,669,157	1,230,105
Accrued expenses	48,994	60,314
Accrued interest payable	24,226	21,394
Other accrued payable	810	185
Bonds & Notes payable	22,152,974	28,206,688
Accrued compensated absences	225,935	412,131
Due to other funds	2,300,712	520,963
Deferred revenue	<u>298,213</u>	<u>228,091</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$26,721,021	30,679,871
Fund Equity		
Contributed capital	5,816,540	11,277,883
Retained earnings:		
Investment in property, plant & equipment	1,421,326	639,665
Designated	0	0
Undesignated	(316,212)	(63,754)
Fund Balances/(Deficit):		
Restricted	267,668	295,051
Unrestricted:		
Designated	453,774	536,915
Undesignated	(182,487)	(239,941)
Total retained earnings/Fund balances (deficit)	<u>1,644,069</u>	<u>1,167,936</u>
Total Fund Equity (Deficit)	<u>\$7,460,609</u>	<u>12,445,819</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$34,181,630	43,125,690

NOTICE TO VOTERS

Here is some basic information about the Town and Town School District Meeting. If you have questions, ask your Town Clerk, or call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

REGISTER TO VOTE! Go to your Town Clerk's office. You must apply by Monday, **FEBRUARY 23, 2004**, if you want to vote in the Town and Town School District Meeting. The most recent checklist will be posted by February 1, 2004. Check to make sure your name appears on it. **NO PARTY REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY!** You don't have to tell anyone which party you favor.

The only time you will be asked to affiliate with a party will be at the Primary elections. You will be asked to choose a party ballot to establish a slate for the general election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE! If you will be out of town on Town and Town School District Meeting Day, are ill or disabled, (or if you reside in an institution, are in school or the military), apply at your Town Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. March 1, 2004.

SAMPLE BALLOTS WILL BE POSTED! You can see the ballot ahead of time. Sample ballots will be posted no later than **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2004**.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTERS

Check-In:

1. Go to "an entry" checklist table.
2. Give your name and residence, if asked, to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

Enter:

1. Enter within the guardrail and do not leave until you have voted.
2. An election official will hand you a ballot.
3. Go to a vacant booth.

Mark Your Ballot:

1. Connect the arrow in the box to the right of the choice you want to vote for. Follow the directions on the ballot as to how many persons to vote for. Example ("Vote for not more than two.")

Write-ins:

To vote for someone whose name is not on the ballot, use the blank "Write-In" lines on the ballot. Also connect the arrow in the box to the right of the name you have written in so that it may be tallied.

Check-Out:

1. Go to the "exit" checklist table.
2. Give your name to the election official in a clear, audible voice.
3. Wait until your name is repeated and checked off by the official.

Vote, then Exit:

1. Deposit your ballot in the "Voted Ballots" box or the Vote Tabulator.
2. Leave the voting area by passing outside the guardrail.

WHAT TO DO IF:

YOU ARE NOT ON THE CHECKLIST: If your name has been dropped from the checklist and you think it was in error, explain it to your Town Clerk and ask that your name be put back on.

If the problem isn't cleared up to your satisfaction, have the Town Clerk, Board of Civil Authority, or other election officials call an immediate meeting of the members of your local Board of Civil Authority who are present at the polls. They should check thoroughly and correct any error.

If you are still not satisfied, call the Secretary of State's office at (800) 439-8683.

YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT: Ask an election official for another. Three ballots are the limit.

YOU ARE DISABLED, VISUALLY IMPAIRED OR CANNOT READ: Have a friend tell an election official. A ballot may be brought out to your car by two officials if you so choose to vote there.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

1. Knowingly vote more than once, either in the same town or in different towns.
2. Try to tell another person how to vote once you are inside the building where voting is taking place.
3. Mislead the Board of Civil Authority as to your or another person's eligibility to vote.
4. Show your marked ballot to others so as to let them know how you voted.
5. Make a mark on your ballot which would identify it as yours.

PLEASE DO NOT:

1. Socialize in the voting area, especially when others are in the process of voting.
2. Bring in or leave brochures, buttons or other campaign materials in the polling place.

OFFICIAL WARNING**Annual Town Meeting**

Town of Stowe, Vermont
Stowe High School Building Auditorium
Tuesday, March 2, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Annual School District Meeting

Stowe School District
Stowe High School Building Auditorium
Tuesday, March 2, 2004, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Australian Ballot Voting

Annual Town Meeting & Annual School District Meeting
Stowe Middle School Building
Tuesday, March 2, 2004, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Public Informational Hearings

Stowe High School Building Auditorium
Monday, February 23, 2004, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

pursuant to 17 VSA §2680 to discuss but not vote on
Annual Town Meeting Australian Ballot Articles & Town Bond Election
Articles & Annual School District Meeting Australian Ballot Articles

Voter Information

(Refer to "Notice to Voters" as attached hereto)

Australian Ballot Articles

The inhabitants of the Town of Stowe who are legal voters in Town Meeting and in School District Meeting of said Stowe, respectively, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Town Meeting and School District Meeting to vote by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the Stowe Middle School Building. The polls shall open at seven o'clock in the morning, (7:00 a.m.), and shall close at seven o'clock in the evening, (7:00 p.m.), during which time the following articles are to be acted upon:

- Article 1: To elect a Moderator of the Town Meetings and Moderator of the School District Meetings, respectively.
- Article 2: To elect all Town officers as required by law, to wit:
- a. One Selectboard member for a two year term.
 - b. One Selectboard member for a three year term.
 - c. One Lister for a three year term.
 - d. One Auditor for a three year term.
 - e. One Constable for a one year term.

- Article 3: To elect all School District officers as required by law, to wit:
a. One School Director for a two year term.
b. One School Director for a three year term.
- Article 4: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Stowe in an amount not to exceed two million nine hundred and forty five thousand dollars (\$2,945,000), be issued for the purpose of constructing a new Rescue and Hazardous Terrain/Emergency Management Facility on the Mayo Farm Homestead for an estimated cost of two million one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$2,120,000) and for renovating and expanding the Police Station for an estimated cost of eight hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$825,000)?
Australian Ballot
- Article 5: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Stowe in the amount not to exceed one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000), be issued for the funding of the Town's share of the purchase of a 38+/- acre conservation easement on the so-called Nichols property on Route 100 south, which is to be held by the Town of Stowe and the Stowe Land Trust, in order to preserve the scenic town gateway and agricultural resources while permitting one public event or function per year?
Australian Ballot
- Article 6: Shall general obligation bonds of the Town of Stowe in an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000), be issued for the purpose of purchasing a pre-owned, replacement ladder truck for the Fire Department?
Australian Ballot
- Article 7: Shall the voters of the Stowe School District approve a budget with a total expenditure of seven million three hundred ninety eight thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$7,398,850), for the support of its schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004?
Australian Ballot
- Article 8: Shall the voters of the Stowe School District approve the use of up to three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the reserve fund to address a revenue shortfall in the current (FY 04) school year?
Australian Ballot

Article 9: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to amend Sections 901 and 902 of the Stowe Town Charter providing for the collection of property taxes? Specifically, Section 901 shall read "Taxes on real property shall be paid in four (4) equal payments, with one-quarter of the annual tax bill for each taxpayer due and payable on August 10, November 10, February 10, and May 10. Any taxes not paid when due shall be deemed delinquent and payable to the collector of delinquent taxes." And Section 902 shall read "An additional charge of two (2) percent of the unpaid tax shall be imposed per month for each month or fraction thereof as interest on any tax not paid on or before the dates specified in section 901 of this charter."

Note: If approved by this Legislative session, said amendments are to become effective July 1, 2004.

Australian Ballot

OTHER BUSINESS

The inhabitants of the Town of Stowe who are legal voters in Town Meeting and in School District Meeting of said Stowe, respectively, are hereby notified and warned to meet in Town Meeting and School District Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the Stowe High School Building Auditorium, beginning at nine o'clock in the morning, (9:00 a.m.), to act upon the following questions:

Article 10: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to accept the annual reports of the several Town officers as presented?

Article 11: Will the School District in School District Meeting vote to accept the annual reports of the School Directors as presented?

Article 12: Will the School District in School District Meeting vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses and debts of said District, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and returns from the State for such purposes, and if so, provide that the same shall be done by notes of the District?

Article 13: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to pay its Selectboard members and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year, and if so, the amount?

Article 14: Will the School District in School District Meeting vote to pay its School Directors and other elected officials for the ensuing fiscal year, and if so, the amount?

- Article 15: Will the Town School District, in Town School District Meeting, authorize the Stowe School Board to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of defraying future educational expenses utilizing all available carry forward?
- Article 16: Will the Town in Town Meeting appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars, (\$30,000), toward the operation of the Stowe shuttle system?
- Article 17: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to adopt the provision of Title 32 VSA, Section 3840, providing for the exemption of real estate from taxation for an additional period of five years for a portion of property owned and used by Mystic Lodge #56, Free & Accepted Masons?
- Article 18: Will the Town in Town Meeting appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars, (\$8,000), to be used for a fireworks display for the July Fourth celebration in 2004?
- Article 19: Will the Town in Town Meeting appropriate the sum of eight hundred fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$815,500), to pay for the following capital projects:
 \$135,000 HIGHWAY REPLACEMENT DUMP TRUCK
 \$ 27,000 HIGHWAY REPLACEMENT PICK UP TRUCK
 \$ 24,000 DEWEY HILL ROAD OVERLAY
 \$ 7,500 HIGHLAND AVENUE OVERLAY
 \$ 8,500 LOWER SANBORN OVERLAY
 \$ 25,000 THOMAS LANE PAVING
 \$ 42,000 MOSCOW ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
 \$125,000 SCHOOL ST SIDEWALK
 \$ 23,000 SUNSET STREET SIDEWALK
 \$ 30,000 TABER HILL OVERLAY
 \$ 12,000 RECREATION DEPT REPLACEMENT MOWER
 \$ 19,000 RECREATION STORAGE BUILDING ADDITION
 \$ 41,000 PUBLIC TENNIS COURT REPAIRS AT H.S.
 \$ 28,000 RINK ROOF REPAIRS
 \$ 27,500 RECREATION REPLACEMENT PICK UP TRUCK
 \$ 90,000 POLICE - 3 REPLACEMENT VEHICLES
 \$ 98,000 POLICE STATION ROOF
 \$ 23,000 MEMORIAL BLDG PAVEMENT & DRAINAGE REPAIRS
 \$ 20,000 MEMORIAL BLDG/CEMETERY RETAINING WALL
 \$ 10,000 ELECTRIC LINES INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY

- Article 20: Will the Town in Town Meeting appropriate the sum of forty nine thousand one hundred six dollars (\$49,106), for the following community affairs purposes:
- \$ 3,500 CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT EDUCATION
 - \$ 500 CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION
 - \$ 1,997 CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING
 - \$ 2,500 CLARINA HOWARD NICHOLS CENTER
 - \$ 200 GREEN-UP DAY
 - \$ 3,000 LAMOILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.
 - \$ 9,763 LAMOILLE HOME HEALTH ASSOCIATION
 - \$ 200 LAMOILLE HOUSING PARTNERSHIP
 - \$ 2,500 LAMOILLE FAMILY CENTER
 - \$ 1,250 LAMOILLE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION
 - \$ 5,000 LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
 - \$ 500 LENS (MEALS ON WHEELS)
 - \$ 2,000 MAPLE LEAF FARM
 - \$ 1,000 NORTH COUNTRY ANIMAL LEAGUE
 - \$ 50 NORTHERN VERMONT RC&D
 - \$ 1,000 OUT & ABOUT
 - \$ 816 RCT
 - \$ 660 RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
 - \$ 350 STOWE AMERICAN LEGION
 - \$ 3,000 STOWE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 - \$ 6,000 STOWE LAND TRUST
 - \$ 2,000 STOWE YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL
 - \$ 500 VERMONT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND
 - \$ 320 VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
 - \$ 500 VERMONT CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY
- Article 21: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to offer Plan D of the Vermont Municipal Employee Retirement System to all employees of the Police Department effective July 1, 2004?
- Article 22: Will the Town authorize the Selectboard to sign the contract, recommended by the lawfully appointed joint survey committee and approved by the Vermont Attorney General that allows the Town of Waterbury to purchase property appraisal services from the Town of Stowe?
- Article 23: Will the Town in Town Meeting authorize the Selectboard to expend all unexpended FY04 general funds to pay for debts and current expenses of the Town for the fiscal year of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005?

Article 24: Will the Town in Town Meeting vote to raise money on its Grand List for the fiscal year of July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 to pay debts and current expenses of the Town on the budget system, and if so, provide for the fixing of the amount thereof, the time and manner in which the same shall be payable?

Article 25: To do other business that may legally come before said meetings respectively.

ATTEST:

The Selectboard, Town of Stowe,
dated at Stowe, Vermont,
this 30th day of January, 2004.

CHARLES T. LUSK
RICHARD C. MARRON
THEODORE J. TEFFNER
PETER J. BECK
HELEN BECKERHOFF

ATTEST:

The School Directors, Stowe School
District, dated at Stowe, Vermont,
this 30th day of January, 2004.

C. CAMERON PAGE
DONALD R. POST
TERRENCE K. DWYER
REBECCA C. GRADDOCK
FREDERICK J. HUTCHINS

Received, filed and recorded this 30th day of January, 2004, at 11:45 a.m.
by:

Attest: Alison K. Lewis, Town Clerk

Town of Stowe, Vermont
IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

1. **Method of Payment:** Currently dated checks should be made payable to TREASURER, TOWN OF STOWE, PO BOX 730, STOWE, VT 05672. Payments mailed from foreign countries may either be paid by check or International Money Order but must be payable in US dollars and drawn on a US bank. Checks not meeting these requirements will be immediately returned to the sender and penalties will be attached if applicable. All checks returned by the bank, for any reason, will cause the payment to be cancelled, and receipt issued for that payment to be void, and delinquent penalties added where applicable. A \$15.00 fee will be assessed for all returned checks. **RECEIPT WILL BE MAILED IF A STAMP IS SUPPLIED. A POSTMARK FROM A GOVERNMENTAL POSTAL SERVICE WHICH IS NO LATER THAN THE DUE DATE SHALL BE ACCEPTED AS TIMELY PAYMENT.**
2. **Taxes/Special Assessments:** The tax bill covers taxes and special assessments, if any, for the fiscal year July 1 through June 30. The total of the individual tax amounts shown in the breakdown may not equal the "Total Amount" because of the lost mill factor in computing each extension.
3. **Installment Payments/Delinquent Dates:** Taxes are payable in two installments covering the first and the last six months of the fiscal year.

1st Installment	November 10
2nd Installment	May 10

After the above dates, any unpaid taxes will be payable to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes together with 8% penalty and 1% interest per month or fraction thereof. If November 10 or May 10 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the time of delinquency will be on the next business day.

4. **Property Ownership/Statements:** Taxes are levied on real property as it exists in the name of the owner of record on the lien date 1:01 A.M. the April 1st prior to the July 1st start date.
5. **Property Owner's Responsibility:** By law, tax bills are mailed to the owner of record as of April 1st at the address on file with the Assessor's Office on or about September 1st. **Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer from the responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due and payable nor does it relieve the addition of penalties and interest, as required by law.** The Assessor's Office must be notified in writing of any address changes.
6. **Transfer of Property:** If all or a part of the taxed property is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.

DIRECTORY OF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**SELECTBOARD 253-7350; P.O. Box 730**

Charles T. Lusk, Chair	P.O. Box 261, Moscow 05662	253-2993 (h)
Richard C. Marron, Vice Chair	P.O. Box 1497, Stowe	253-9011 (h)
Theodore J. Teffner	4310 Mountain Road, Stowe	253-4766 (h)
Peter J. Beck	123 Thomas Lane, Stowe	253-7622 (h)
Helen Beckerhoff	P.O. Box 62, Stowe	253-7748 (h)

John H. Drury, Town Administrator, P.O. Box 730, Stowe 253-7350

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Clifford W. Johnson P.O. Box 730, Stowe 253-8770

PLANNING COMMISSION 253-6130, P.O. Box 216

Robert B. Evans	P.O. Box 1348, Stowe	253-8484 (w)
Barbara G. Pfitzenmayer	103 Hollow View, Stowe	253-2184 (h)
Scott Noble	P.O. Box 1384, Stowe	253-0139 (h)
Lynn Altadonna	P.O. Box 3598, Stowe	253-9006 (h)
Paul Percy, Chair	29 Percy Hill Road, Stowe	253-7718 (w)
Chuck Baraw	P.O. Box 369, Stowe	253-7355 (w)

Tom Jackman, Director of Planning, P.O. Box 216, Stowe 253-2705

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD 253-6130 or 253-6141; P.O. Box 216

C. Bryant Brink	186 E. Shaw Hill Road, Stowe	253-9321 (h)
Allan J. Coppock, Chair	P.O. Box 1259, Stowe	253-4550 (h)
Edmund B. Izzo	P.O. Box 1224, Stowe	253-4362 (h)
James C. Walton, Vice Chair	112 South Main Street, Stowe	253-9260 (h)
Francis Aumand	45 Foxfire Lane, Stowe	253-2288 (h)
Peter Beddow	442 Black Bear Run, Stowe	253-1964 (h)

Darrow Mansfield, Zoning Administrator, P.O. Box 216, Stowe 253-6141 (w)

LISTERS 253-6144; P.O. Box 1183

Paul E. Percy	29 Percy Hill Road, Stowe	253-4092 (h)
Ellen E. Thorndike	1864 Taber Hill Road, Stowe	253-4533 (h)
Leo V. Clark	28 Parker Lane, Stowe	253-7517 (h)

Tom Vickery, Town Appraiser P.O. Box 216, Stowe 253-6144

PUBLIC HEALTH 253-6130

Darrow Mansfield, Health Officer	P.O. Box 216, Stowe	253-6130 (w)
Clifford W. Johnson, Deputy	P.O. Box 730, Stowe	253-8770 (w)
Michael Sampson, MD, Deputy	1878 Mountain Road, Stowe	253-4853 (w)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Jack Daggitt, Chair	P.O. Box 1088, Stowe	253-2524
Christine Donovan	P.O. Box 402, Stowe	253-4611
David Jaqua	778 Taber Hill Road, Stowe	253-6227
Bruce Bell	218 Gilchrist Road, Stowe	253-4524
George Gay	525 West Shaw Hill Road, Stowe	253-2869
Bruce Harmon	134 Weeks Hill Meadow, Stowe	253-9601
Jan Reynolds	4800 Mountain Road, Stowe	253-7088

STOWE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Sam Scofield, Chair	P.O. Box 773, Stowe	253-9948 (w)
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Ernie Ruskey	P.O. Box 1191, Stowe	253-2020 (w)
Barbara Baraw	P.O. Box 74, Stowe	253-8428 (w)
Chris Carey	33 Sylvan Park Road, Stowe	253-2032 (h)

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Phyllis Thibault	P.O. Box 1380, Stowe	253-8795
Richard Johannesen, Jr.	87 Whitney Lane, Stowe	253-8475
Terry Smith, Chair	158 Towne Farm Road, Stowe	253-2948
Susan Chase	P.O. Box 217, Stowe	253-8351
Nancy Stead	73 Atwood Road, Stowe	253-9439
Jo Sabel Courtney	P.O. Box 593, Stowe	253-7577

PLANNING & ZONING FEE SCHEDULE
Last Revised: October 6, 2003

Administrative

Copy of Zoning/Subd. Regulations (Paper):	\$15.00
Copy of Zoning/Subd. Regulations (Disk):	\$10.00
Copy of Town Plan (Paper):	\$15.00
Copy of Town Plan: (Digital):	\$10.00
Zoning Maps – Color:	\$5.00
Zoning Maps – Black & White:	\$2.00
Audio Recording (Per Hearing):	\$20.00
Photocopies:	\$.10/page
All Applicants add recording fee per 24 VSA §4443:	\$7.00/page

Zoning Permits – Permitted Use

Construction, Renovations, Additions & Alterations (heated/enclosed spaces)	\$.15 per ft ²
Porches, decks, garages, sheds, or other unenclosed or unheated space(s)	\$.10 per ft ²
Pools, Tennis Courts, Ponds or similar unenclosed structure(s):	\$.05 per ft ²
Agricultural Structures (all):	\$.05 per ft ²
Minimum Permit Application Fee for all Permitted Use Categories:	\$25.00
Permit Renewal/Extension (Before Expiration):	\$25.00

Sign Permits:

Banners & Temporary Signs:	\$25.00 each
New Business Sign:	\$50.00 each

Application Fee – Hearing(s) Before D.R.B.

Construction, Renovations, Additions & Alterations (heated, enclosed spaces)	\$.15 per ft ²
Porches, decks, garages, sheds, or other unenclosed or unheated space(s):	\$.10 per ft ²
Land Base Uses (e.g. Golf Course, Gravel Pit, Ski Trail, etc.)	\$1.50/\$1,000
All Categories, Minimum Fee:	\$150.00
Appeal of Action of Zoning Administrator:	\$150.00
Administrative Amendment (No Hearing Required):	\$50.00
Appeal for Variance:	\$150.00

Application for Subdivision of Land (includes PRD's & PUD's)

Preliminary Layout Application (Base Fee):	\$150.00
Preliminary Layout (Fee Per Unit):	\$200.00 each
Final Plat Application (Base Fee):	\$150.00
Final Plat Application (Fee Per Unit if no Preliminary):	\$75.00 each

Subdivision Amendments (No Hearing):.....	\$25.00/lot
Subdivision Amendments (Hearing Required):	
\$150.00 Base Fee Plus:	\$50.00/lot
Plat Recording Fee:	\$8.00/sheet

Certificate of Occupancy:

Application for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy:	\$50.00/visit
Application for Final Certificate of Occupancy	\$25.00

FEE SCHEDULE NOTES:

All words, terms and phrases used herein are as defined by the Zoning and/or Subdivision Regulations. If not defined, the common meaning shall apply.

1. All fees are effective October 21, 2003, and are non-refundable.
2. Permit applications submitted after the start of construction, or resulting from a notice of zoning violation, shall be subject to twice the regular application fee.
3. All fees are payable in full at time of application except as follows: Conditional Use Applications requiring a hearing before the Development Review Board with a total fee equal to or greater than \$25,000.00 shall be required to submit 1/2 the application fee at time of application to the D.R.B., and the balance at time of application for a Zoning Permit. The Development Review Board shall, at the time of its initial review of the application, establish a schedule for the second 1/2 of the fees.
4. Legal & Professional Expenses - When legal or engineering services are required for a decision by the Development Review Board, the costs will be billed to the applicant, subject to the attached guidelines.
5. All permits, Certificate of Occupancies, and Zoning Violations Notices are filed in the Town Clerks Office, per state law. A minimum of \$7.00 is charged at the time of application for any request.
6. A pond shall be defined as any water body, existing or proposed, which has a water surface area of 43,560 ft² or less. Water bodies over this size shall be considered "Land based uses."

Other Stowe Permits

Driveway Entrance Permit\$ 25.00

Application for Sewer Connection

1. Sewer connection fee is \$21 per gallon, based on 80% of flow rating

for new construction and/or additions to existing connections, due and payable prior to making connection.

Application for Water Connection

1. Water connection fee is \$ 1.50 per gallon based on 90% of the flow rating for new connections and/or additions to existing connections, due and payable prior to making connections.

PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

APPENDIX A

POLICY GOVERNING LEGAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

When legal or engineering services are required for a decision by the Planning Commission or the Development Review Board (DRB), the cost will be billed to the applicant, subject to the following guidelines.

With regard to legal services, the Commission and DRB will not bill the applicant for charges resulting from consultation with the Town Attorney regarding issues involving interpretations of Town Bylaws, formal appeals of Town decisions, or routine questions concerning the legal authority of the respective Town boards to act in various circumstances. However, the Commission and the DRB may bill the applicant in instances requiring consultation with the Town Attorney for drafting legal documents relative to a specific development proposal, including development agreements, easements, etc., or where the applicant specifically requests consultation with the Town's Attorney.

With regard to engineering services, the Commission and DRB will not bill the applicant for routine review of development proposals by Town employees and representatives. However, the Commission and DRB may bill the applicant in instances where special studies are required for unique or complex development proposals. Examples of such studies including traffic impact reports where the potential for high traffic volumes exists and hydro-geologic studies in cases where community groundwater resources may be impacted.

In all instances, the Commission or DRB will consult with the applicant prior to securing professional services, and will clearly define the scope of work to be performed and the maximum cost to be billed to the applicant for those services.

LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 2002

TRASH

Large trash bag (30 gallons/30lb. limit).....	\$2.50/bag
Kitchen bag (15 gallon/15 lb. limit).....	1.25/bag
Loose trash or 6 or more full bags.....	17.50/cu. yd.
Across the scale in Stowe (\$12.50 minimum).....	95.00/ton

RECYCLING

By the Yard.....	6.00/yd.
30 gallon bag (or equivalent).....	1.00/bag
15 gallon bag (or equivalent).....	.50/bag

CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION (C&D) DEBRIS

Johnson.....	25.00/cu. yd.
Stowe (\$12.50 minimum charge).....	125.00/ton

SPECIAL WASTE FEES

Scrap metal (exclusive of white goods).....	5.00/cu. yd.
All white goods with freon (refrigerators, freezers, etc.).....	5.00/ea.
All appliances with capacitors only will be (washers, dryers, etc.)....	2.50/ea.

FLOURESCENT TUBES

Free for Homeowners – Business charges are:

4 Foot Tubes.....	25/ea
8 Foot Tubes.....	50/ea
All other (U-shape, circular).....	50/ea

TIRES-NO RIMS

Passenger cars, small trucks (up to 18").....	2.00/ea.
Truck tires up to 24.5".....	7.00/ea.
Off road/loader tires (depending upon size).....	35-45/ea.
Batteries: car, truck, motorcycle.....	1.50/ea.

BULKY WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED AS FOLLOWS

All sofas.....	6.00/ea.
Upholstered chairs.....	2.50/ea.
Twin mattress or box springs.....	2.50/ea.
All other size mattress or box springs.....	4.00/ea.
Rugs and miscellaneous furniture.....	9.00/cu. yd.
Stumps, tree limbs, branches, bulky yard wastes.....	6.00/cu. yd.
Leaves, lawn clippings, to be composted on-site.....	6.00/cu. yd.

Unless other arrangements are made, all fees are paid in full at time of service. For more information, call the LRSWMD offices at 888-7317.

DISTRICT SURCHARGE FOR DIRECT HAUL TONNAGE IS \$16.50
DISTRICT SURCHARGE FOR C&D DIRECT HAUL TONNAGE IS \$12.00

LOCATIONS OF CEMETERIES:

Old Yard/Center Cemetery: Behind Memorial Building (town hall), Main Street

West Branch Cemetery: Approximately two miles west of Stowe Village on Route 108 (Mountain Road), corner of Cottage Club Road.

Riverbank Cemetery: Going north 0.5 mile out of Stowe village on Route 100 (Main St.), take the first left onto Cemetery Road, which ends at the cemetery entrance.

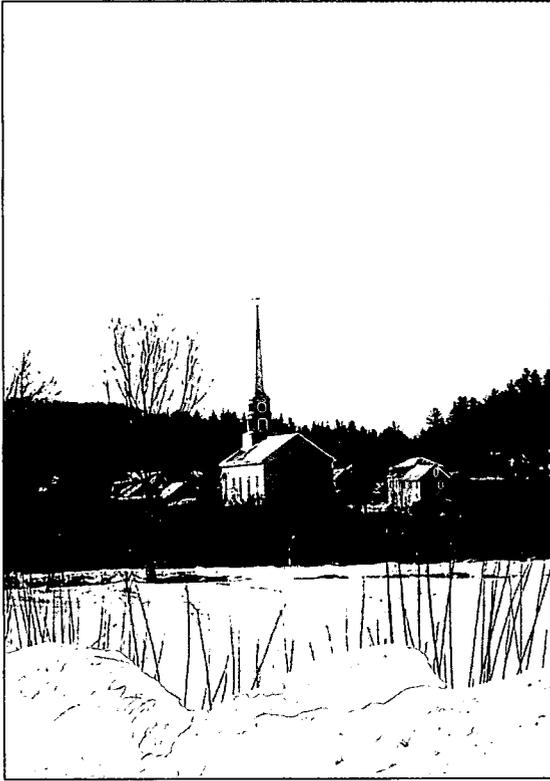
Sterling Cemetery: From Stowe Village, travel north on Route 100 to West Hill Rd. (Shaw's Supermarket), turn left. Turn right at junction of Weeks Hill Rd. Go north past Percy Maple Products three miles plus until reaching Sterling Valley Rd., taking the left curve on main gravel road. Cemetery is on the right enclosed by chain link fence.

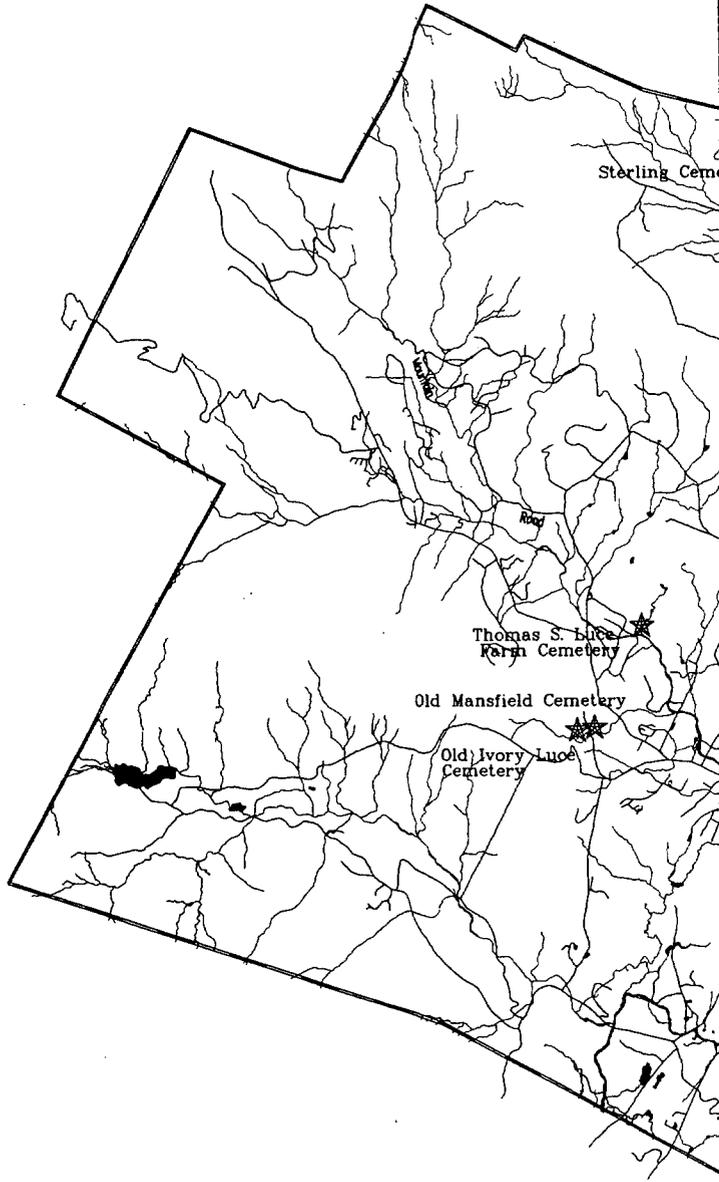
Old Ivory Luce: Travel west about two miles on Route 108 (Mountain Road), to the intersection of the Luce Hill Road (Town Road 41) at St. John's In The Mountains Church. Continue on Luce Hill Road, and bear right onto the Old Luce Hill Road, a gravel road which branches off near the Trapp Hill Road. On the south side of the Old Luce Hill Road there is a mowed area near the farmhouse which leads to the small cemetery. It is surrounded by a stone wall.

Thomas S. Luce Cemetery: On Route 108 (Mountain Road), about three miles west of the village. Across from Topnotch property, near fields used for recreation beside the West Branch River.

Old Luce Hill/Old Mansfield Cemetery: On the north side of Old Luce Hill Road in the old town of Mansfield on Luce Hill Road (Town Road 41) above where the road turns south toward Trapp Family Lodge.

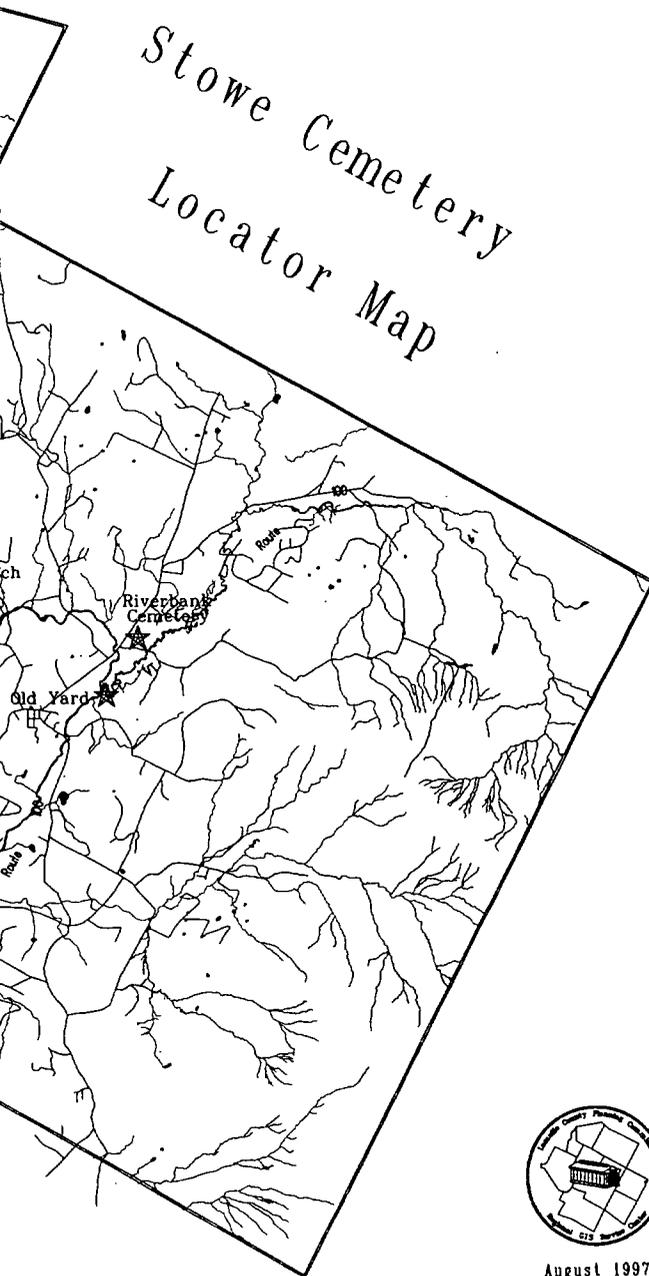
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inch = .8 miles

Stowe Cemetery Locator Map



August 1997

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Town Clerk's Office** 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon.-Fri.)253-6133
 P.O. Box 248, Stowe, Vermont 05672
 Marriage Licenses, Fish & Game licenses, Passports, Voter Registration,
 Payment of Taxes, (current and delinquent) Vital Statistics and Land Records.
 Registration Renewals for: vehicles, snowmobiles and motorboats.
- Selectboard's Office** 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon.-Fri.)253-7350
 P.O. Box 730, Stowe, Vermont 05672(fax) 253-6137
- Lister's Office** 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon (Mon.-Fri.).....253-6144
 P.O. Box 1183, Stowe, Vermont 05672
- Zoning / Planning Office** 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (Mon.Fri.) & by appt ..253-6130
 P.O. Box 216, Stowe, Vermont 05672(fax) 253-2702
 Zoning, Health, Sign, Subdivision and Development Review Board
 Applications, copies of Zoning Bylaws, Subdivision Regs and Town Plan avail.
- Forest Fire Warden**(Snow's Market) 253-8043
- Tree Warden**Charles Lusk 253-7350
- Stowe Free Library** 253-6145
 P.O. Box 1029, Stowe, Vermont 05672(fax) 253-4808
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.
 Tuesday, Thursday: 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
 Saturday: 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
 Sunday: Closed
- Helen Day Art Center** 253-8358
 P.O. Box 411, Stowe, Vermont 05672(fax) 253-2703
 Open Tuesday-Saturday 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
 Closed Sunday and Monday. Open Sundays during the summer months
- Transfer Station**253-4059
 Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun.: 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
 Tuesday - Closed
 Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day
- Recycling Building**
 Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun. — 8:00 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.
 Tuesday - Closed
 Closed: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day
- Cemetery Lot Sales/Cremation Lots**
 Town Clerk's Office253-6133
 P.O. Box 248, Stowe, Vermont 05672
- Electric Department**253-7392
 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Mon-Fri.)
 P.O. Box 190, Stowe, Vermont 05672
 Payment of water, sewer and electric bills

OTHER NUMBERS

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| Jackson Arena Info253-4402 | Elementary School.....253-4154 |
| Highway Garage253-6146 | Middle School.....253-6913 |
| Accounting Office253-6140 | High School253-7229 |
| Sewer Plant253-6135 | Superintendent's Office888-4541 |
| Public Works.....253-8770 | |

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

For emergencies dial 911, give your house ID number and telephone number from which you are calling. To obtain an ID number, if you do not have one, call Stowe Rescue Building at 253-9060.

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| Stowe Police253-7126 | Rescue Squad253-9060 |
| Fire Department253-4315 | Water & Light Dept.253-7215 |

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