

Town of Poultney, Vermont

Annual Report



*Main Street, Poultney, Vermont
by Peter Huntoon*

**Fiscal Year Ending
June 30, 2003**

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

FIRE.....	911
RESCUE SQUAD (MEDICAL).....	911
STATE POLICE (emergency number).....	911
(non-emergency number)	468-5355
TOWN CONSTABLE.....	287-9751
TOWN CLERK.....	287-5761
TOWN LISTER.....	287-5111
TOWN MANAGER.....	287-9751
LIBRARY.....	287-5556
SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER (Young at Heart Club).....	287-9200
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.....	287-5212
HIGH SCHOOL.....	287-5861
RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION.....	287-5286
VILLAGE OFFICE.....	287-4003
POULTNEY POST OFFICE.....	287-9033

Poultney Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday	8:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday	8:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday	8:00am - 5:00pm
(winter hours: Dec, Jan, Feb, close at 4:00pm)	

Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:00pm
(Closed 12:30pm - 1:30pm)

Town Manager's Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
After 4:00 pm by appointment only

Cover: Artist **Peter Huntoon**, Middletown Springs resident and friend of Poultney, has made this water color village view available in a limited edition of 1,000 signed color prints. For more information please go to **www.peterhuntoon.com**.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Selectboard meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Poultney Town Hall Meeting Room.
2. School Board meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Poultney High School Library.
3. Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Board – call 287-5286 for dates and times of meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 23, 2004 – Applications for addition to the checklist for the Annual Town, Highway and School District Meeting must be filed with the Town Clerk by 12:00pm on this date.

February 26, 2004 – School Informational Meeting at the Poultney High School Library beginning at 7:30pm.

March 1, 2004 – Absentee Ballots may be requested until 4:00pm. Pre-Town Informational Meeting at the Poultney High School Gymnasium beginning at 7:00pm.

March 2, 2004 – Annual Town, Highway and School District Meeting, and Binding Presidential Primary, Australian Ballot voting at the Poultney Fire Department Building, Beaman Street, from 10:00am – 7:00pm.

March 20, 2004 – Rabies Clinic, Poultney Fire Department, Beaman Street, 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Town Clerk available for dog registration.

April 1, 2004 – Base date for setting appraisal value and determining ownership of real and personal property.

April 1, 2004 – Dogs must be licensed by this date. Females and Males - \$9.00; Neutered and Spayed - \$5.00. 50% penalty after this date.

June 30, 2004 – Property taxes due in full.

July 1, 2003 – Fiscal year begins for 2003/2004.

September 7, 2004 – Applications for addition to checklist for Primary Election must be filed with Town Clerk by 12:00pm on this date.

September 14, 2004 – Primary Election, Australian Ballot voting at Poultney Fire Department Building, Beaman Street, from 10:00 am – 7:00pm.

October 25, 2004 – Applications for addition to checklist for General Election

HOLIDAYS

Jan 01	New Year's Day	Sept 01	Labor Day
Feb 17	Presidents' Day	Oct 13	Columbus Day
May 26	Memorial Day	Nov 11	Veterans Day
July 04	Independence Day	Nov 27	Thanksgiving
		Dec 25	Christmas Day

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Term Expires January 31, 2005

Barbara Bunce Betit	287-9647
Jonathan Czar	287-5268
Ann DeBonis	287-9702
Joseph A. DeBonis, Jr.	287-5282
Margaret Durham	287-9172
Susan Kasuba	287-9835
Edward Lewis	287-9477
Jim Morse, Sr.	287-2555
Leslie B. Pauquette	287-4059
Judy D. Roberts	287-9708
Patricia J. Roberts	287-5533
Harold Wescott, III	287-5185

POULTNEY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CHAIR

Joseph A. DeBonis, Jr. 287-5282

POULTNEY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE CHAIR

Jim Morse, Sr. 287-2555

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Warning Poultney Town Meeting - 2004

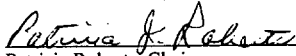
The citizens of the Town of Poultney, in the County of Rutland and the State of Vermont who are legally qualified to vote in Town Meeting, are hereby warned to meet at the Poultney High School Library in the Village of Poultney on Monday, March 01, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. to transact at that time, business not involving voting by Australian Ballot.

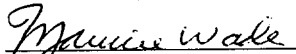
The Meeting will be recessed at the conclusion of the transaction of such business until 10:00 A.M. on the following day at the new Poultney Fire Department located at 263 Beaman Street, this being Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted.

(Ballot boxes will be opened at 10:00 A.M. and will close at 7:00 P.M.)


1. To elect the following Town Officers and fill any vacant office: a) Town Moderator for a term of one year; b) 1 Selectboard member for a term of three years; c) 2 Selectboard members for terms of one year each; d) 1 Lister for a term of 3 years; e) 1 Lister for an unexpired one year of a 3 year term; f) 1 Auditor for a term of three years; g) 1 Auditor for an unexpired two years of a three year term; h) 1 Auditor for an unexpired 1 year of a three year term; i) 1 Library Trustee for a term of five years; j) 2 Planning Commissioners for a term of one year each; k) 1 Grand Juror for a term of one year; l) Town Agent for a term of one year.
2. Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?
3. Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$ 716,149 less estimated receipts of \$ 75,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for fiscal year 2004/2005 ?
4. Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$485,841 less estimated receipts of \$106,500, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for fiscal year 2004/2005 ?
5. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Selectboard to spend approximately \$ 735,000 in grants and donations of cash and in-kind services to reconstruct and rehabilitate the Town owned Stonebridge Inn?
6. Shall the voters of the Town appropriate the sum of \$ 10,000 to the Lake St. Catherine Association to treat Eurasian watermilfoil with the aquatic pesticide called Sonar?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney appropriate the sum of \$ 10,000 to the Poultney Rescue Squad Incorporated, for operating expenses in 2004/05 ?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney vote to authorize a change in the final due date for taxes from June 30 to May 31, beginning Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005) and every year thereafter ?

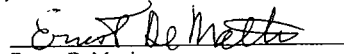
Dated this 29 day of January, 2004.


Patricia Roberts, Chair

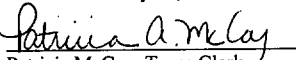

Maurice Wade


Edward Lewis


James Morse, Sr.


Ernest DeMatties

Received January 29, 2004


Patricia McCoy, Town Clerk

TOWN OF POULTNEY

Informational Meeting Held on March 3, 2003

Joel Williams, Town Moderator, called the informational meeting for the Town of Poultney to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal, Selectboard Chair Patricia Roberts, Selectpersons, Edward Lewis, Charles Durrum and Oscar "Milt" McWithey. Also present was Town Clerk/Treasurer Pattie McCoy. There were approximately 24 people present.

Moderator Joel Williams invited Representative Andy Donaghy to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rutland County Senators Hull Maynard and Kevin Mullin spoke for a few minutes.

Senator Kevin Mullin spoke on property tax reform. The proposed Senate bill is not the best bill but hopefully when the bill moves to the House it will be tweaked.

Senator Mullin stated he was impressed with our Representative Andy Donaghy who serves on the House Institutions Committee. He also serves on the eleven member Judicial Nominating Committee.

Senator Mullin stated the Senate ACT 60 bill would raise the property tax to \$1.38 statewide. Poultney would realize an 18 cent decrease. The bill however, does not move away from the reliance on property tax.

Senator Hull Maynard serves on the Education, Transportation and Agriculture Committees. Senator Maynard stated the best way to communicate with him is through e-mail. You will get a quicker response. Senator Maynard stated he appreciates the opportunity to serve us. The Senator gave a brief synopsis of what is going on in each of the committees. The Agriculture Committee is looking to lower taxes for the small farmers. The Education Committee is dealing with the "No Child Left Behind" law which has been mandated at the federal level. It remains to be seen if this is a step in the right direction. As far as the Transportation Committee is concerned they are trying hard to keep funding for town roads.

Tom Mauhs-Pugh asked if Senator Maynard had received a copy of Bill Mathis' analysis of the "No Child Left Behind" law. The Senator stated he did and gave a brief overview of this bill the intent of which is to raise the bar on education. Vermont State is working hard to get information to Washington that a state as rural as ours cannot meet some of the standards. Our state cannot do what the federal government mandates statistically because we're already at the high end of the cost to educate.

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Town Moderator Joel Williams read the officer ballot items and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Ed Lewis stated he has been on the Selectboard for four years and is now running for the three year term and would appreciate your vote. There are a few things he'd like to continue working on. Charlie Durrum stated he has been on the Selectboard for eleven years and decided not to run again. He felt he did his best and he appreciated all the support. The audience gave him a round of applause.

Ernest DeMatties stated he would try and do his best although his wife didn't want to sign his petition!

James Morse, Sr. stated he was asked to run and would appreciate your vote. He would try to do his best in harmony with the rest of the board.

Milt McWithey apologized for inadvertently ignoring anyone in the past. Family ties demand that he move south to Tennessee. He thanked everyone in Town and added his best wishes to the Town of Poultney. He also stated he had always run unopposed so he thought he would quit while he was ahead!

Carolyn Kinney running for the three year term of Lister. The Town of Poultney received a letter from the State of Vermont stating we needed to complete our reappraisal by April 1, 2004. Ms. Kinney felt she should see the reappraisal through.

Planning Commissioner Kathryn Galante served one year and running for another. She stated she was impressed with the deliberate and informed way the Planning Commissioners tackles questions before the board.

Article 2. Shall the Town accept the Independent Auditor's Report?

Outside Auditor, William Yacavoni from Montpelier. Books are audited yearly.

Article 3. Shall the Town adopt the General Fund Budget of \$690,419, less estimated receipts of \$77,250, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for fiscal year 2003/2004?

Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal stated the Town had no new initiatives this year and there are minor increases in the budget. The largest increase is due to the cost of reappraisal.

Lister Carolyn Kinney spoke on the reappraisal. The state has mandated the reappraisal for the Town of Poultney. Between April 1999 and March 2000 65 sales occurred, 33 of which sold for considerably more than the current assessed value. The balance were below but not by much.

Relative to the State COD (coefficient of dispersion), the magic number is 20. The Town of Poultney's COD is 21.18. This is mostly due to the sale of lake properties. We must reappraise or we stand to lose state transportation funds as well as state aid to education.

Charlie Durrum questioned how you can compare town and village properties with lake properties. Lister Kinney noted there are 6-8 categories the state uses so these properties are not compared to one another.

Lister Kinney stated the Wright Appraisal Company has been hired to reappraise and will use new land schedules. You do not have to let the appraisers into your home however, it would be better if you allowed them to inspect. Inspection takes approximately 15 minutes.

Julia Riell asked if there was some kind of paper she can read to see how the appraisal figure is arrived at. Town Clerk Pattie McCoy stated the Listers' cards are available as well as the property transfer tax returns. You simply need to stop into the Town office. Lister Kinney noted a paper will be printed with everyone's new appraisal compared to the former appraisal.

Rosalie Cooksey wanted to know what type of improvement would increase the value of one's home. Lister Kinney noted a new bathroom, kitchen, garage, etc.

Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal stated once the new Grand List was implemented the tax rate would decline. The tax shift would most likely be to lake homes as their appraised value is currently on 85% of fair market value whereas residential properties are around 92%.

Article 4. Shall the Town Highway District adopt a Highway Fund Budget of \$472,458, less estimated receipts of \$104,500, less surplus if any, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to raise the specific amounts voted for fiscal year 2003/2004?

Ida-Mae Johnson questioned the delinquent amount on page 10. She wanted to know what a more realistic figure for delinquencies would be.

Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal stated we had \$45,000 at the end of the fiscal year. Taxes become delinquent July 1. We are the only Town in the state where taxes are due the last day of the fiscal year. Town Manager Rosenthal directed everyone to page 41 of the Town Report. This is part of the reason why we send out reminder notices to taxpayers in mid-June so they pay by June 30. We are requesting to have the final due date changed to May 31 as this would give us a larger window to collect delinquent taxes before the end of the fiscal year thereby decreasing delinquencies.

Our Independent Auditor, Bill Yacavoni has recommended we do away with the discount on quarterly tax payments.

Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal directed everyone to pages 35-36 of the Town Report relative to the storm water runoff highway budget. There are new state and federal requirements dealing with highway garages, transfer stations, etc. Our facilities were audited and found minor issues with our buildings. The major issue is that we need to cover our salt shed. We need to be in compliance by March 2003 however, the state has asked for a five year extension.

Article 5. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney vote to exempt from taxation the real and personal property of the Poultney Rescue Squad for a period of five years commencing April 1, 2003 and terminating April 1, 2008, pursuant to Title 32 VSA Section 3840?

No one from the Poultney Rescue Squad spoke on the issue. Mr. Finerty asked if this was common practice and Town Manager Rosenthal said yes, the Rescue Squad has asked for this exemption every five years.

Article 6. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney vote to exempt the real and personal property of the Poultney Valley Club located on 399 VT Route 30 South, from taxation for a period of five years to become effective with the taxable year July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004 and remain in effect for 5 consecutive years, under the authority of Title 32 of the Vermont Statutes Section 3840 as amended?

Tom Mauhs-Pugh asked if this was the same as the Rescue Squad and Town Manager Rosenthal said no.

Ernest DeMatties spoke on behalf of the Poultney Valley Club. The Poultney Valley Grange, the Snowmobile Club and the Rotary own the building but have found it difficult to maintain. They have fundraisers, such as BINGO; however, the Rotary is now backing out of the building. The Poultney Valley Grange and the Snowmobile Club is looking for relief. The building is offered to the community for functions for a nominal fee.

Article 7. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney, Vt appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to the Poultney Rescue Squad Incorporated, for operating expenses in 2003?

Trevor Hughes stated he is a lifelong resident of Poultney and we have excellent people who do excellent work for the Poultney Rescue Squad. However, he questions why the Rescue Squad is asking for \$10,000 when they have \$400,000 - \$500,000 in the bank?

Mark Camara stated they do have money in the bank however; this money is earmarked for vehicle replacements. The Squad's money comes from insurance bill backs and the subscription program. We also have a full time position. The time of totally volunteer squads is over. The insurance coverage for the Rescue Squad is \$18,000 per year which the Rescue Squad pays for.

Trevor Hughes stated that in times of tight budgets, such as we are in now, the Rescue Squad should not ask the community for more money.

Article 8. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney vote to authorize the change in the final due date for taxes from June 30th to May 31st beginning Fiscal Year 2004 (July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004) and every year thereafter?

Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal stated this was a special warning item. Pattie McCoy, treasurer of the Town and School District stated she runs around the last day depositing monies into the Town accounts so the Town can pay the School District so the School District in turn can payoff their tax anticipation loan. We barely made it last year. Moving the final due date to May 31 gives us a month to continue collecting taxes.

Neal Vreeland stated Poultney is not like other Towns. In other Towns, if you do not pay quarterly then you are assessed a penalty and interest. It's entirely possible for someone not to pay their taxes until June 30. If you change the due date then you could possibly decrease interest payments owed by the School District.

Article 9. Shall the voters of the Town of Poultney authorize the Town Clerk to approve additions to the voter checklist, pursuant to 17 VSA Section 2144b(a)-(d)?

Town Clerk Pattie McCoy explained the voter checklist application process.

Town Moderator Joel Williams asked if anyone would like to speak.

Fire Chief William Jones introduced the firemen present: Tim Kerber, Medrick Petty, Brian DeBonis, Rusty Johnson and Mark Camara.

Our Emergency Manager for this area is Fire Chief William Jones. We are holding certified classes on Wednesday evening. And several firefighters will go to the National Fire Academy in March to continue training.

Fire Department Captain Brian DeBonis stated he has been active in the department for five years. He directed everyone to the Annual report found on page 55 of the Town Report which lists the calls responded to in Town. We had 44 calls in Town, 46 in the Village and 17 mutual aid calls for a total of 2037 man hours.

Captain DeBonis also stated we've had 688 training hours due to the wonderful job done by our last training officer, Mark Camara. We have 29 active members who meet every Tuesday and applications are available for anyone interested in joining.

Fire Chief William Jones stated he does not think the Fire Department should have to fundraise however; the weekend of April 19 the Fire Department will host a Comedy Show. Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal has been effective in writing grants for the Fire Department

Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal stated these individuals are not just firefighter. Seventeen members showed up to help erect the new playground at the elementary school, putting in a lot of time and effort. It's amazing what they do for the community. These folks are a dedicated group of individuals, including the Rescue Squad. Town Manager Rosenthal thanked Fire Chief William Jones and the officers here this evening.

Representative Andy Donaghy thanked the people of Poultney for sending him to Montpelier to represent the Town of Poultney. Representative Donaghy stated there is a several month learning curve but he has found it challenging and exciting. He further stated there is a lot of serious business but a lot of hilarity and a lot of fun and an aura of collegiality. Representative Donaghy thanked Margaret Rupe who has helped with environmental issues and thanked Representatives Joe Baker, Bob Helm, Bob Wood and Senator Helm as well.

Representative Donaghy further stated he has been appointed to the 11 member Judicial Nominating Board and the first order of business is to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court.

Representative Donaghy stated they are looking at ACT 60 again. Representative Donaghy feels that all plans will see tax relief for Poultney.

Tom Mauhs-Pugh asked about a bill that would split the resident property and non-resident property into two separate tax rates. Representative Donaghy stated he had not heard that.

Richard Hanson wanted to read a statement about the schools. Town Moderator Joel Williams, pursuant to Title 16 Chapter 9 Section 422 enacted the two minute rule. Richard Hanson stated that a member of a Board is obligated to support the corporate decision of that board regardless of whether or not he voted in favor of that decision. Mr. Hanson questioned whether this board member, who is up for re-election, would work in good faith to get the strongest school system we can afford.

Hearing no further comments or questions Moderator Joel Williams recessed the meeting at 8:24 pm until 10:00 am tomorrow where voting will take place by Australian ballot.

Patricia A. McCoy,
Town Clerk

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING MARCH 4, 2003

Moderator
Grand Juror
Selectman – 3 Year Term
Selectman – 1 Year Term
Selectman – 1 Year Term
Town Agent
Lister – 3 Year Term
Auditor – 3 Year Term
Auditor – Unexpired 2 Years of 3 Year Term
Auditor – Unexpired 1 Year of 3 Year Term
Library Trustee
Planning Commissioner – 1 Year Term
Planning Commissioner – 1 Year Term
Question 2 – Independent Auditor's Report
Question 3 – General Fund Budget
Question 4 – Highway Fund Budget
Question 5 – Rescue Squad Building property tax exemption
Question 6 – Poultney Valley Club property tax exemption
Question 7 – Appropriate \$10,000 to Poultney Rescue Squad
Question 9 – Change in fiscal year final tax payment date
School Moderator
School Director – 3 Year Term
School Director – 2 Year Term
School Director – Unexpired One Year of Three Year Term
Question 2 – School Budget
Question 3 – Appropriate \$77,500 to complete renovations of PES bathrooms

Joel Williams

Edward Lewis
Ernest DeMatties
Jim Morse, Sr.
Neal C. Vreeland
Carolyn J. Kinney

D. Bruce Williams
Jonathan Czar
Kathryn Galante
Yes 611 No 75 Passed
Yes 537 No 191 Passed
Yes 348 No 101 Passed
Yes 584 No 155 Passed
Yes 385 No 338 Passed
Yes 567 No 177 Passed
Yes 344 No 368 Failed

Patricia Davenport
Brian Hampl
Elwin (Al) Jackson, Jr.
Yes 383 No 378 Passed
Yes 528 No 229 Passed



ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM (YEARS)	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
AUDITORS	-----	3	2003
	-----	3	2004
	-----	3	2005
GRAND JUROR	-----	1	2004
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Ennis Duling	5	2004
	Dorothy W. Knapp	5	2005
	Ruth W. Czar	5	2006
	Jean S. Davis	5	2007
	D. Bruce Williams	5	2008
LISTERS	Carolyn Kinney	3	2006
	Frank Fressie	3	2004
	Charlotte Hampl	3	2004
SCHOOL DIRECTORS	Patricia Davenport	3	2006
	Brian Hampl	2	2005
	Elwin (Al) Jackson, Jr.	3	2004
	Jeffrey King	3	2005
	Mary Jo Teetor	2	2004
SCHOOL MODERATOR	-----	1	2004
SELECTBOARD	Edward Lewis	3	2006
	James (Jim) Morse, Sr.	1	2004
	Ernest DeMatties	1	2004
	Patricia Roberts	3	2004
	Maurice (Moe) Wade	3	2005
TOWN AGENT	Neal C. Vreeland	1	2004
TOWN CLERK	Patricia A. McCoy	3	2005
TOWN MODERATOR	Joel Williams	1	2004
TOWN TREASURER	Patricia A. McCoy	3	2005
PLANNING COMMISSIONERS	Jonathan Czar	1	2004
	Kathryn Galante	1	2004
	Philip T. Pope	2	2004
	Katherine Colvin	3	2005
	Mark Owen Teetor	3	2005

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM EXPIRES TOWN MEETING DAY
CONSTABLE	Dale Kerber	2004
DOG WARDEN	Brenda Jones	2004
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Scott Maclachlan	2004
	Margaret Rupe	2004
	Mary Jo Teetor	2004
FENCE VIEWER	Edward Lewis	2004
LUMBER INSPECTOR	Edward Lewis	2004
RECREATION COMMISSION	Sheryl Porrier	2004
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE REPRESENTATIVE	Town Manager	2004
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONER	Philip T. Pope	2004
TAX COLLECTOR	Town Manager	2004
TOWN ENERGY COORDINATOR	Town Manager	2004
TOWN MANAGER	Jonas Rosenthal	2004
TOWN SERVICE OFFICE	Pamela Williams	2004
WEIGHER OF COAL	Edward Lewis	2004
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	Town Manager	2004
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	Jonathan Czar	2004
	Fred Maslack	2004
	Mark Teetor	2004
	James Hogan	2004
	Philip Pope	2004
EMPLOYEES		
BOOKEEPER/SECRETARY ASSISTANT TOWN CLERKS	Susan Kasuba	
	Christine Ettori	
	Josephine Williams	
ROAD FOREMAN ROAD CREW	Francis K. (Joe) Blair, Jr.	
	Richard Parker	
	Bartilo (Bart) Amerio	
	Gary Mead	
TRANSFER STATION CREW	Maurice (Moe) Wade	
	Richard McLaughlin	

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Poultney, Vermont
Poultney, Vermont 05764

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Poultney, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003, as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Poultney, Vermont management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my 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 I 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 significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Poultney, Vermont at June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated November 12, 2003 on my consideration of the Town of Poultney, Vermont internal control over financial reporting and my 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 my audit.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining, 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 the Town of Poultney, Vermont. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.



William Yacavoni
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License # 92-0000153
Montpelier, Vermont
November 12, 2003

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE AND VERMONT SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

ASSETS

Cash - Note 3
Delinquent Taxes Receivable - Note 5
Due from Other Funds - Note 10
Accounts Receivable
Amount to be Provided for the
Retirement of Long-Term Debt
Property and Equipment - Note 13

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		ACCOUNT GROUPS			Total (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	General Long-Term Debt	General Fixed Assets		
	\$209,337	\$150,631	\$	\$	0	\$ 359,968
	278,205	0	0	0	0	278,205
	18,746	102,757	0	0	0	121,503
	124	1,187	0	0	0	1,311
	0	0	197,667	0	0	197,667
	0	0	0	2,556,118	0	2,556,118
TOTAL ASSETS	\$506,412	\$254,575	\$197,667	\$2,556,118		\$3,514,772

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITYLiabilities:

Payroll Withholding Payable
Accounts Payable
Due to Other Funds - Note 10
Deferred Revenue - Notes 1 and 14
Notes Payable - Note 4
Taxes Collected in Advance

\$ 8,409	\$	0	\$	0	\$	\$ 8,409
27,753		5,706		0	0	33,459
107,985		13,518		0	0	121,503
188,289		1,077		0	0	189,366
0		0	197,667	0	0	197,667
537		0	0	0	0	537
332,973		20,301	197,667		0	550,941
Total Liabilities						

Fund Equity:					
Investment in Fixed Assets	0	0	0	2,556,118	2,556,118
Fund Balances:					
Reserved - Notes 7 and 8	77,240	48,047	0	0	125,287
Unreserved - Designated - Note 8	0	186,227	0	0	186,227
Unreserved - Undesignated	<u>96,199</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>96,199</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>173,439</u>	<u>234,274</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,556,118</u>	<u>2,963,831</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$506,412</u>	<u>\$254,575</u>	<u>\$197,667</u>	<u>\$2,556,118</u>	<u>\$3,514,772</u>
AND FUND EQUITY					

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

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

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	
Revenue:			
Taxes - Note 5	\$575,863	\$ 306,000	\$ 881,863
Penalties and Interest	44,107	0	44,107
Intergovernmental	43,686	228,138	271,824
Interest	3,481	965	4,446
Permits, Fees and Licenses	2,647	0	2,647
Other	<u>12,687</u>	<u>45,078</u>	<u>57,765</u>
Total Revenue	<u>682,471</u>	<u>580,181</u>	<u>1,262,652</u>
Expenditures:			
General Government	271,529	95,020	366,549
Health and Welfare	26,850	0	26,850
Highway Department	0	422,458	422,458
Sanitation	159,800	0	159,800
Public Safety	101,419	217,661	319,080
Recreation and Culture	77,747	46,726	124,473
Debt Service	<u>0</u>	<u>12,133</u>	<u>12,133</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>637,345</u>	<u>793,998</u>	<u>1,431,343</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>45,126</u>	<u>(213,817)</u>	<u>(168,691)</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):			
Transfers In	1,269	68,260	69,529
Transfers Out	(37,760)	(31,769)	(69,529)
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	<u>0</u>	<u>186,000</u>	<u>186,000</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(36,491)</u>	<u>222,491</u>	<u>186,000</u>
Excess of Revenue and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	8,635	8,674	17,309
Fund Balances - July 1, 2002	<u>164,804</u>	<u>225,600</u>	<u>390,404</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2003	<u>\$173,439</u>	<u>\$ 234,274</u>	<u>\$ 407,713</u>

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

Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2002 - 2003
(July 01, 2002 - June 30, 2003)

General Fund	0.3511
Highway Fund	0.2382
School District (total)	2.0507
Local Share	.8840
State Share	1.1667

Town Tax Rate	2.6400
Village Tax Rate	2.4018

Taxes to be Raised

General Fund	\$	596,018
Highway Fund	\$	306,000
School District	\$	3,433,281

Total Taxes to be Raised \$ 4,335,299

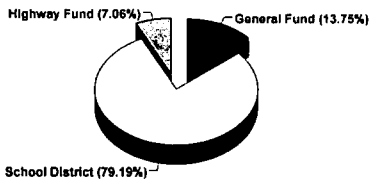
Grand List

Village	41,332,400
Town Highway	128,438,900

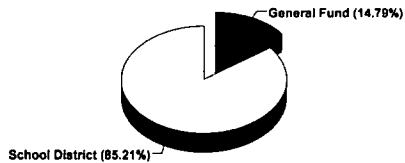
Total Grand List	\$ 169,771,300
Education Grand List	\$ 167,418,100

Property Taxes
Where it Goes ..

Town Properties



Village Properties



TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
Property Taxes - Note 5	\$532,018	\$575,863	\$ 43,845
Intergovernmental	23,500	43,686	20,186
Licenses, Fees and Permits	2,650	2,647	(3)
Penalties and Interest	32,500	44,107	11,607
Interest on Investments	6,500	3,481	(3,019)
Other	<u>12,100</u>	<u>12,687</u>	<u>587</u>
Total Revenue	<u>609,268</u>	<u>682,471</u>	<u>73,203</u>
Expenditures:			
General Government	247,651	271,529	(23,878)
Highway	0	0	0
Public Safety	114,625	101,419	13,206
Recreation and Culture	77,509	77,747	(238)
Health and Welfare	26,700	26,850	(150)
Sanitation	<u>170,283</u>	<u>159,800</u>	<u>10,483</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>636,768</u>	<u>637,345</u>	<u>(577)</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>(27,500)</u>	<u>45,126</u>	<u>72,626</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):			
Transfers from Other Funds	0	1,269	1,269
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>(37,500)</u>	<u>(37,760)</u>	<u>(260)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(37,500)</u>	<u>(36,491)</u>	<u>1,009</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses - Note 6	<u>\$(65,000)</u>	8,635	<u>\$ 73,635</u>
Fund Balances - July 1, 2002		<u>164,804</u>	
Fund Balances - June 30, 2003		<u>\$173,439</u>	

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

Exhibit C

Special Revenue Funds (Highway Fund)			Total (Memorandum Only)		
Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
\$306,000	\$306,000	\$ 0	\$ 838,018	\$ 881,863	\$ 43,845
104,000	128,232	24,232	127,500	171,918	44,418
0	0	0	2,650	2,647	(3)
0	0	0	32,500	44,107	11,607
0	0	0	6,500	3,481	(3,019)
<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,822</u>	<u>(678)</u>	<u>14,600</u>	<u>14,509</u>	<u>(91)</u>
<u>412,500</u>	<u>436,054</u>	<u>23,554</u>	<u>1,021,768</u>	<u>1,118,525</u>	<u>96,757</u>
0	0	0	247,651	271,529	(23,878)
418,129	420,559	(2,430)	418,129	420,559	(2,430)
0	0	0	114,625	101,419	13,206
0	0	0	77,509	77,747	(238)
0	0	0	26,700	26,850	(150)
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>170,283</u>	<u>159,800</u>	<u>10,483</u>
<u>418,129</u>	<u>420,559</u>	<u>(2,430)</u>	<u>1,054,897</u>	<u>1,057,904</u>	<u>(3,007)</u>
<u>(5,629)</u>	<u>15,495</u>	<u>21,124</u>	<u>(33,129)</u>	<u>60,621</u>	<u>93,750</u>
0	0	0	0	1,269	1,269
<u>(30,500)</u>	<u>(30,500)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(68,000)</u>	<u>(68,260)</u>	<u>(260)</u>
<u>(30,500)</u>	<u>(30,500)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(68,000)</u>	<u>(66,991)</u>	<u>1,009</u>
<u>\$(36,129)</u>	<u>(15,005)</u>	<u>\$ 21,124</u>	<u>\$(101,129)</u>	<u>(6,370)</u>	<u>\$ 94,759</u>
	<u>89,960</u>			<u>254,764</u>	
	<u>\$ 74,955</u>			<u>\$ 248,394</u>	

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

	Highway Fund	Highway Equipment Replacement Fund	Public Safety Fund	Equipment and Building Improvement Fund
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 37,472	\$ 20,323	\$ 22,012
Accounts Receivable	0	0	0	0
Due from Other Funds	<u>80,661</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 80,661</u>	<u>\$ 37,472</u>	<u>\$ 20,323</u>	<u>\$ 22,012</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 5,706	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Deferred Revenue	0	0	0	0
Due to Other Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>12,133</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,194</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>5,706</u>	<u>12,133</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,194</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved	38,058	0	0	813
Unreserved - Designated	<u>36,897</u>	<u>25,339</u>	<u>20,323</u>	<u>20,005</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>74,955</u>	<u>25,339</u>	<u>20,323</u>	<u>20,818</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 80,661</u>	<u>\$ 37,472</u>	<u>\$ 20,323</u>	<u>\$ 22,012</u>

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

<u>Lake St. Catherine Grant Fund</u>	<u>Recreation Fund</u>	<u>Insurance Pool Fund</u>	<u>Tree Warden Fund</u>	<u>Bridge Fund</u>	<u>Other - Note 11</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ 0	\$ 74	\$ 147	\$ 6,068	\$ 61,689	\$ 2,846	\$150,631
0	0	0	500	0	687	1,187
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,096</u>	<u>102,757</u>
<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 74</u>	<u>\$ 147</u>	<u>\$ 6,568</u>	<u>\$ 61,689</u>	<u>\$ 25,629</u>	<u>\$254,575</u>
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,706
0	0	0	0	0	1,077	1,077
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,518</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,077</u>	<u>20,301</u>
0	0	0	0	0	9,176	48,047
<u>0</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>(44)</u>	<u>6,568</u>	<u>61,689</u>	<u>15,376</u>	<u>186,227</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>(44)</u>	<u>6,568</u>	<u>61,689</u>	<u>24,552</u>	<u>234,274</u>
<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 74</u>	<u>\$ 147</u>	<u>\$ 6,568</u>	<u>\$ 61,689</u>	<u>\$ 25,629</u>	<u>\$254,575</u>

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

	Highway Fund	Highway Equipment Replacement Fund	Public Safety Fund	Equipment and Building Improvement Fund
Revenue:				
Property Taxes	\$306,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Intergovernmental	128,232	0	0	0
Interest	0	175	144	112
Other	<u>1,822</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,400</u>	<u>28,565</u>
Total Revenue	<u>436,054</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>4,544</u>	<u>28,677</u>
Expenditures:				
Highway	420,559	1,899	0	0
General Government	0	25	0	8,401
Recreation and Culture	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	12,133	0	0
Public Safety	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>211,260</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>420,559</u>	<u>14,057</u>	<u>211,260</u>	<u>8,401</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>15,495</u>	<u>(13,882)</u>	<u>(206,716)</u>	<u>20,276</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):				
Transfers In	0	25,000	28,760	500
Transfers Out	(30,500)	(1,269)	0	0
Proceeds of Long-Term Debt	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>186,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(30,500)</u>	<u>23,731</u>	<u>214,760</u>	<u>500</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>(15,005)</u>	<u>9,849</u>	<u>8,044</u>	<u>20,776</u>
Fund Balances - July 1, 2002	<u>89,960</u>	<u>15,490</u>	<u>12,279</u>	<u>42</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2003	<u>\$ 74,955</u>	<u>\$ 25,339</u>	<u>\$ 20,323</u>	<u>\$ 20,818</u>

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

Lake St. Catherine Grant Fund	Recreation Fund	Insurance Pool Fund	Tree Warden Fund	Bridge Fund	Other - Note 11	Total
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 306,000
26,297	0	0	0	0	73,609	228,138
0	0	8	69	404	53	965
<u>0</u>	<u>4,322</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,969</u>	<u>45,078</u>
<u>26,297</u>	<u>4,322</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>79,631</u>	<u>580,181</u>
0	0	0	0	0	0	422,458
0	0	1,480	0	0	85,114	95,020
26,297	12,261	0	0	0	8,168	46,726
0	0	0	0	0	0	12,133
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,926</u>	<u>217,661</u>
<u>26,297</u>	<u>12,261</u>	<u>1,480</u>	<u>475</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>99,208</u>	<u>793,998</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>(7,939)</u>	<u>(1,472)</u>	<u>(406)</u>	<u>404</u>	<u>(19,577)</u>	<u>(213,817)</u>
0	8,000	0	500	5,500	0	68,260
0	0	0	0	0	0	(31,769)
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>186,000</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>222,491</u>
0	61	(1,472)	94	5,904	(19,577)	8,674
<u>0</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>6,474</u>	<u>55,785</u>	<u>44,129</u>	<u>225,600</u>
<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 74</u>	<u>\$ (44)</u>	<u>\$ 6,568</u>	<u>\$ 61,689</u>	<u>\$ 24,552</u>	<u>\$ 234,274</u>

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, 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>
Revenue:			
Property Taxes	\$532,018	\$575,863	\$ 43,845
Penalties and Interest	32,500	44,107	11,607
Permits	500	418	(82)
Licenses	2,000	2,039	39
Copier Fees	150	190	40
Ordinance Fines	4,500	8,849	4,349
Interest	6,500	3,481	(3,019)
State Owned Land	23,500	43,686	20,186
Dump Fees/Recycling	6,500	2,996	(3,504)
Miscellaneous	<u>1,100</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>(258)</u>
Total Revenue	<u>609,268</u>	<u>682,471</u>	<u>73,203</u>
Expenditures:			
Selectmen:			
Salaries	1,500	1,500	0
Recording Supplies	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>50</u>
Total Selectmen	<u>1,550</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>50</u>
Town Manager:			
Salary (70%)	24,225	24,540	(315)
Dues, Subscriptions and Meetings	<u>300</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>61</u>
Total Town Manager	<u>24,525</u>	<u>24,779</u>	<u>(254)</u>
Elections:			
Salaries	1,300	2,721	(1,421)
Ballots/Supplies	2,800	1,706	1,094
Ballot Machine/Contract	<u>275</u>	<u>2,693</u>	<u>(2,418)</u>
Total Elections	<u>4,375</u>	<u>7,120</u>	<u>(2,745)</u>

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

TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Bookkeeping:			
Salaries (70%)	\$ 15,847	\$ 16,706	\$ (859)
Part-Time (70%)	900	200	700
Supplies	500	463	37
Training	<u>500</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>414</u>
Total Bookkeeping	<u>17,747</u>	<u>17,455</u>	<u>292</u>
Auditing:			
Salaries	3,000	2,650	350
Town Report	<u>3,850</u>	<u>4,745</u>	<u>(895)</u>
Total Auditing	<u>6,850</u>	<u>7,395</u>	<u>(545)</u>
Tax Listing:			
Salaries	12,500	12,115	385
Supplies	400	370	30
Meetings/Travel	450	537	(87)
Training	700	95	605
Advertising	300	280	20
Contracted Services	300	270	30
Telephone	500	375	125
Reappraisal	<u>15,000</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>14,869</u>
Total Tax Listing	<u>30,150</u>	<u>14,173</u>	<u>15,977</u>
Tax Collecting:			
Advertising	200	173	27
Printing	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,066</u>	<u>634</u>
Total Tax Collecting	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,239</u>	<u>661</u>

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Town Clerk:			
Salary	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 0
Assistant	13,000	11,979	1,021
Supplies	1,700	2,453	(753)
Telephone	800	1,249	(449)
Advertising	0	86	(86)
Meetings and Travel	1,000	754	246
Records Preservation	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,600</u>	<u>(100)</u>
Total Town Clerk	<u>33,000</u>	<u>33,121</u>	<u>(121)</u>
Legal Services - Fees	<u>8,000</u>	<u>46,763</u>	<u>(38,763)</u>
Planning and Zoning:			
Zoning Administrator	100	0	100
Office Supplies	150	103	47
Advertising	600	104	496
Mapping	1,300	1,494	(194)
Rutland Regional Commission/Service	1,500	500	1,000
Printing	<u>500</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>349</u>
Total Planning and Zoning	<u>4,150</u>	<u>2,352</u>	<u>1,798</u>
Town Office:			
Supplies	900	2,075	(1,175)
Photocopy Supplies	500	748	(248)
Computer Supplies	700	25	675
Telephone	1,400	1,510	(110)
Postage	5,500	5,431	69
Dues, Subscriptions and Meetings	350	240	110
VLCT Dues	2,361	2,361	0
Equipment Maintenance	300	300	0
Advertising	1,500	1,431	69
NEMRC	1,460	1,252	208
Equipment	250	407	(157)
Copier Service	<u>3,800</u>	<u>4,819</u>	<u>(1,019)</u>
Total Town Office	<u>19,021</u>	<u>20,599</u>	<u>(1,578)</u>

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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Town Hall:			
Custodial Services	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,580	\$ 520
Supplies/Equipment	100	2	98
Repairs and Maintenance	1,000	1,214	(214)
Utilities - Electricity	3,300	2,360	940
Water and Sewer	525	406	119
Utilities - Fuel Oil	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,125</u>	<u>175</u>
Total Town Hall	<u>8,325</u>	<u>6,687</u>	<u>1,638</u>
Public Safety:			
State Police Services	59,000	54,825	4,175
Constable - Salary	8,500	5,232	3,268
Constable - Travel	2,750	2,198	552
Constable - Supplies/Equipment	500	946	(446)
Constable - Training	500	0	500
Fire Department	<u>40,800</u>	<u>37,314</u>	<u>3,486</u>
Total Public Safety	<u>112,050</u>	<u>100,515</u>	<u>11,535</u>
Health and Welfare:			
Visiting Nurse	6,428	6,428	0
Mental Health	3,530	3,530	0
Nutrition	1,500	1,500	0
Retarded Citizens	300	300	0
Public Health	300	325	(25)
Young At Heart	8,000	8,000	0
R.S.V.P.	405	405	0
VCIL	320	420	(100)
Rutland County Women's Network	350	500	(150)
Regional Ambulance	1,817	1,817	0
Hospice	300	300	0
Other	2,450	2,325	125
BROC	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Health and Welfare	<u>26,700</u>	<u>26,850</u>	<u>(150)</u>

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Culture and Recreation:			
Little League	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
Poultney Band	1,200	1,200	0
4th of July Fireworks	4,500	4,500	0
Memorial Day	500	500	0
Lake St. Catherine Association	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Culture and Recreation	<u>14,200</u>	<u>14,200</u>	<u>0</u>
Septic Inspection	<u>150</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>150</u>
Animal Control:			
Salary	800	35	765
Supplies	300	0	300
Storage	250	45	205
Humane Society	625	579	46
Travel	<u>600</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>355</u>
Total Animal Control	<u>2,575</u>	<u>904</u>	<u>1,671</u>
Cemetery Maintenance	<u>6,750</u>	<u>3,309</u>	<u>3,441</u>
Library:			
Town Subsidy	60,509	60,509	0
Maintenance	500	550	(50)
Utility - Fuel Oil	1,800	2,153	(353)
Water and Sewer	<u>500</u>	<u>335</u>	<u>165</u>
Total Library	<u>63,309</u>	<u>63,547</u>	<u>(238)</u>
Conservation and Development:			
Forest Fires	400	0	400
Conservation	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Conservation and Development	<u>900</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>400</u>

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Employee Benefits:			
Retirement	\$ 11,100	\$ 11,307	\$ (207)
Workers' Compensation	2,300	1,278	1,022
Unemployment Insurance	420	466	(46)
Social Security	10,750	11,887	(1,137)
Health and Life	22,000	27,525	(5,525)
Uniforms	<u>1,200</u>	<u>985</u>	<u>215</u>
Total Employee Benefits	<u>47,770</u>	<u>53,448</u>	<u>(5,678)</u>
Solid Waste:			
Refuse/Non-Recyclable	108,000	102,948	5,052
Recyclables	7,000	2,214	4,786
Electricity	1,150	1,088	62
Wages - Operators	29,858	30,411	(553)
Telephone	775	327	448
Maintenance and Supplies	1,800	1,752	48
Solid Waste District	18,000	18,000	0
Equipment Rent/Refuse Box - Removal	<u>3,700</u>	<u>3,060</u>	<u>640</u>
Total Solid Waste	<u>170,283</u>	<u>159,800</u>	<u>10,483</u>
Other Expenditures:			
County Tax	22,750	21,200	1,550
Property Insurance	4,000	3,600	400
School Rent	138	138	0
Public Officials Insurance	2,600	2,523	77
Miscellaneous	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,628</u>	<u>(628)</u>
Total Other Expenditures	<u>32,488</u>	<u>31,089</u>	<u>1,399</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>636,768</u>	<u>637,345</u>	<u>(577)</u>

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
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	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	<u>\$(27,500)</u>	<u>\$ 45,126</u>	<u>\$ 72,626</u>
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):			
Transfers from Other Funds	0	1,269	1,269
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>(37,500)</u>	<u>(37,760)</u>	<u>(260)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	<u>(37,500)</u>	<u>(36,491)</u>	<u>1,009</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses - Note 6	<u>\$(65,000)</u>	8,635	<u>\$ 73,635</u>
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002		<u>164,804</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003		<u>\$173,439</u>	

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TOWN OF POULTNEY, VERMONT
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HIGHWAY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
Property Taxes	\$306,000	\$306,000	\$ 0
Intergovernmental	104,000	128,232	24,232
Miscellaneous	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,822</u>	<u>(678)</u>
Total Revenue	<u>412,500</u>	<u>436,054</u>	<u>23,554</u>
Expenditures:			
Salaries:			
Foreman	31,955	32,072	(117)
Laborers	71,603	72,428	(825)
Overtime	7,000	6,801	199
Part-Time	2,750	2,444	306
Manager (30%)	10,609	10,517	92
Secretary/Bookkeeper (30%)	6,762	7,160	(398)
Assistant Bookkeeper (30%)	<u>400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>400</u>
Total Salaries	<u>131,079</u>	<u>131,422</u>	<u>(343)</u>
Employee Benefits:			
Retirement	8,500	8,155	345
Workers' Compensation	7,100	6,217	883
Unemployment Insurance	500	466	34
Social Security	9,900	10,281	(381)
Health and Life	31,000	33,219	(2,219)
Uniforms	<u>2,700</u>	<u>2,533</u>	<u>167</u>
Total Employee Benefits	<u>59,700</u>	<u>60,871</u>	<u>(1,171)</u>
Summer Construction:			
Paving	80,000	86,733	(6,733)
Culverts	3,800	1,170	2,630
Guardrails	2,700	0	2,700
Operating Supplies/Chloride	9,000	9,564	(564)
Patching	500	471	29
Resurface/Gravel	5,000	18,033	(13,033)
Reconstruction	16,000	4,042	11,958
Roadside Mowing	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,336</u>	<u>664</u>
Total Summer Maintenance	<u>120,000</u>	<u>122,349</u>	<u>(2,349)</u>

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BUDGET AND ACTUAL
HIGHWAY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Winter Maintenance:			
Winter Sand	\$ 29,500	\$ 24,000	\$ 5,500
Salt	17,500	11,887	5,613
Snow Removal Equipment	<u>2,500</u>	<u>968</u>	<u>1,532</u>
Total Winter Maintenance	<u>49,500</u>	<u>36,855</u>	<u>12,645</u>
Signs	<u>1,000</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>311</u>
Street Lights:			
Electricity	<u>13,500</u>	<u>13,108</u>	<u>392</u>
Plant Operation:			
Communications	950	1,015	(65)
Maintenance and Improvements	2,500	7,522	(5,022)
Utilities	1,450	1,262	188
Water and Sewer	750	526	224
Advertising	100	215	(115)
Supplies/Equipment	0	1,059	(1,059)
Small Tools	200	0	200
Fuel Oil	<u>300</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>300</u>
Total Plant Operation	<u>6,250</u>	<u>11,599</u>	<u>(5,349)</u>
Vehicles and Equipment:			
Operating Supplies	500	8	492
Gas and Oil	10,500	13,406	(2,906)
Repair and Maintenance	14,000	19,325	(5,325)
Tire Replacement	3,000	2,248	752
Equipment	<u>1,000</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>990</u>
Total Vehicles and Equipment	<u>29,000</u>	<u>34,997</u>	<u>(5,997)</u>

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HIGHWAY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Other:			
Insurance	\$ 6,200	\$ 5,128	\$ 1,072
Miscellaneous	1,700	3,416	(1,716)
Trees	<u>200</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>75</u>
Total Other	<u>8,100</u>	<u>8,669</u>	<u>(569)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>418,129</u>	<u>420,559</u>	<u>(2,430)</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	(5,629)	15,495	21,124
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):			
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>(30,500)</u>	<u>(30,500)</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses - Note 6	<u>\$(36,129)</u>	(15,005)	<u>\$ 21,124</u>
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002		<u>89,960</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003		<u>\$ 74,955</u>	

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**General Fund
Revenue Compared with Estimates
FY 2002/03**

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Property Tax (Net) (includes Highway)	\$ 4,061,299	\$ 4,059,951.52	(\$ 1,347.80)
Delinquent Taxes	210,000	212,418.85	2,418.85
Delinquent Penalties	14,000	17,220.56	3,220.56
Delinquent Interest	18,500	26,687.44	8,187.44
Permits	6,000	7,351.50	1,351.50
Dog License	1,000	1,159.00	159.00
State Lands	15,500	28,332.25	12,832.25
Current Use	8,000	15,354.00	7,354.00
Recyclables	1,000	124.15	(875.85)
Liquor/ Tobacco Licenses	1,000	880.00	(120.00)
Fines	4,500	9,840.87	5,340.87
Interest	6,500	3,481.15	(3,018.85)
Miscellaneous	750	2,854.05	2,104.05
Totals	\$ 4,348,049	\$ 4,385,655.34	\$ 37,606.34

**Highway Fund
Revenues Compared with Estimates
FY 2002/03**

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Property Tax	\$ 306,000.00	\$ 306,000.00	\$ 0.00
State Highway Grant	102,000.00	110,610.76	8,610.76
Highway Paving Grant	00.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
Miscellaneous	00.00	00.00	00.00
Other Income:			
FEMA	00.00	621.20	621.20
Rental	2,500.00	1,822.06	(677.94)
Totals	\$ 427,500.00	\$ 436,054.02	\$ 8,554.02

**Statement of Taxes Raised
Fiscal Year 2002/03**

	<u>Total Tax</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
General Fund	\$ 596,067.05	.3511
Highway Fund	\$ 306,084.55	.2382
School District	\$ 3,433,234.76	2.0507
Local Share (1,479,975.89)	(.8840)	
State Share (1,953,258.87)	(1.1667)	
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Town	\$ 4,335,386.36	2.6400
Village		2.4018

General Government Budget

	<u>2002-03 Budget</u>	<u>2002-03 Expended</u>	<u>2003-04 Budget</u>	<u>2004-05 Proposed</u>
Selectmen				
Salaries	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Recording Supplies	50	00	50	50
Totals	1,550	1,500	1,550	1,550
Town Manager				
Salary (70%)	24,225	24,540	24,719	25,214
Dues, Subs & Meetings	300	239	300	275
Totals	24,525	24,779	25,019	25,489
Elections				
Salaries	1,300	2,722	500	1,500
Supplies/Ballots	2,800	1,706	1,000	4,000
Ballot Machine	275	2,693	275	00
Totals	4,375	7,121	1,775	5,500
Bookkeeping				
Salary (70%)	15,847	16,706	16,974	17,313
Part-time (70%)	900	200	900	900
Supplies	500	464	500	500
Training	500	86	500	500
Totals	17,747	17,456	18,874	19,213
Legal Services				
Legal Services	8,000	46,763	8,500	10,000
Totals	8,000	46,763	8,500	10,000
Tax Listing				
Salaries	12,500	12,115	16,000	16,000
Training	700	95	650	500
Contract Services	300	270	300	300
Reappraisal	15,000	131	15,000	15,000
Supplies	400	370	400	400
Equipment	00	00	00	00
Meetings & Travel	450	537	850	500
Communications	500	375	500	500
Advertising	300	280	450	300
Totals	30,150	14,173	34,150	33,500
Tax Collecting				
Advertising	200	173	200	200
Printing	1,700	1,066	1,700	1,700
Totals	1,900	1,239	1,900	1,900
Auditing				
Salaries	3,000	2,650	3,000	3,000
Town Report	3,850	4,745	4,100	4,500
Totals	6,850	7,395	7,100	7,500

General Government Budget

	<u>2002-03 Budget</u>	<u>2002-03 Expended</u>	<u>2003-04 Budget</u>	<u>2004-05 Proposed</u>
Clerk/Treasurer				
Salary	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000
Assistant Salary	13,000	11,979	13,500	20,956
Supplies	1,700	2,453	1,700	1,700
Telephone	800	1,249	1,000	1,000
Advertising	00	86	00	00
Meetings/Travel & Training	1,000	754	1,100	1,100
Records Preservation	2,500	2,600	2,500	00
Totals	33,000	33,121	33,800	38,756
Planning & Zoning				
Zoning Admin.	100	00	100	100
Office Supplies	150	102	150	150
Advertising	600	104	600	550
Printing	500	151	500	500
Mapping	1,300	1,494	1,300	1,450
RRPC/Service	1,000	00	1,000	750
RRPC/Dues	500	500	500	500
Totals	4,150	2,351	4,150	4,000
Town Office				
Supplies	900	2,075	900	1,100
Photocopy Supplies	500	748	500	500
Copier Service	3,800	4,819	4,400	4,900
Computer Supplies	700	25	700	700
Telephone	1,400	1,510	1,400	1,650
Advertising	1,500	1,431	1,500	1,500
Postage	5,500	5,430	5,500	5,600
Dues, Subs & Meetings	350	240	350	325
VLCT/Dues	2,361	2,361	2,684	2,842
NEMRC/Services	500	292	500	400
NEMRC/Contract	960	960	960	960
Equip. Maintenance	300	300	350	300
Equip. Purchase	250	407	250	250
Totals	19,021	20,598	19,944	21,027
Town Building				
Custodial Service	2,100	1,580	2,100	2,000
Cleaning Supplies	50	02	50	50
Cleaning Equipment	50	00	50	50
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	1,214	1,000	1,100
Utility - Electric	3,300	2,360	3,300	3,300
Utility - Water/Sewer	525	407	525	525
Utility - Fuel	1,300	1,125	1,300	1,300
Totals	8,325	6,688	8,125	8,325

General Government Budget

	<u>2002-03 Budget</u>	<u>2002-03 Expended</u>	<u>2003-04 Budget</u>	<u>2004-05 Proposed</u>
Public Safety				
State Police	59,000	54,825	59,000	55,000
Constable Salary	8,500	5,232	8,500	8,250
Constable Travel	2,750	2,198	2,750	2,750
Constable Supplies	500	946	500	500
Constable Training	500	00	500	500
Fire Department	40,800	36,114	41,300	43,750
Fire Equipment Fund	25,000	25,260	25,000	25,000
Totals	137,050	124,575	137,550	135,750
Health & Welfare				
RAVNA	6,428	6,428	6,428	6,428
Mental Health	3,530	3,530	3,530	3,530
Nutrition	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Retarded Citizens	300	300	300	300
Young-At-Heart	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
RSVP	405	405	405	405
RCWNS-Womens Shelter	350	500	350	500
VCIL-Independent Living	320	420	320	320
Vt. Assoc Blind & Visual	525	525	525	525
Public Health	300	325	300	300
Septic Inspection	150	00	150	150
Dog Warden Salary	800	35	800	800
Dog Warden Supplies	300	00	300	300
Dog Warden Storage	250	245	250	250
Dog Warden Travel	600	580	600	600
Humane Society Allocation	625	625	625	625
Rut Co Parent/Child Center	500	500	500	650
BROC	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Vermont Cares	125	00	00	00
Rutland Area Hospice	300	300	300	300
Adult Basic Education	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Rutland Regional Ambulance	1,817	1,817	1,817	1,817
Totals	29,425	27,755	29,300	29,600
Solid Waste				
Refuse/Non-Recycle	108,000	102,948	108,000	111,000
Recyclables	7,000	2,214	7,000	7,000
Utility - Electric	1,150	1,088	1,150	1,150
Station Operator	14,432	13,903	14,721	14,721
Assistant Operator	12,426	16,508	12,675	12,675
Temp. Asst. Operator	3,000	0,000	3,000	4,300
Equipment Rental	3,700	3,060	3,200	3,200
Telephone	775	328	775	775
Repairs & Maintenance	1,800	1,752	1,800	1,800
Totals	152,283	141,801	152,321	156,621

General Government Budget

	<u>2002-03 Budget</u>	<u>2002-03 Expended</u>	<u>2003-04 Budget</u>	<u>2004-05 Proposed</u>
Solid Waste District				
Totals	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,500
Cemetery Maintenance				
Totals	6,750	3,309	6,750	6,750
Culture & Recreation				
Little League	2,000	2,000	2,500	2,500
Poultney Band	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
July 4th Fireworks	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Recreation	7,000	7,000	8,000	8,000
Memorial Day	500	500	500	500
Lake St. Catherine	6,000	6,000	7,000	7,000
Totals	21,200	21,200	23,700	23,700
Library				
Subsidy	60,509	60,509	62,182	66,055
Maintenance/Repairs	500	550	500	500
Utility - Fuel Oil	1,800	2,153	1,800	1,900
Utility - Water/Sewer	500	334	500	500
Totals	63,309	63,546	64,982	68,955
Conservation & Development				
Forest Fires	400	00	400	400
Tree Warden	500	500	500	500
Poultney-Mettowee Con Dist	500	500	500	500
Totals	1,400	1,000	1,400	1,400
Employee Benefits				
Retirement	11,200	11,307	12,200	12,200
Workers Compensation	2,300	1,278	2,000	1,900
Unemployment Ins.	420	466	450	475
Social Security	10,750	11,887	12,000	12,700
Health & Life Ins.	22,000	27,525	26,000	31,000
Uniforms	1,200	985	1,200	1,200
Totals	47,770	53,448	53,850	59,475
Others				
Property/Liab Ins.	4,000	3,600	4,000	4,800
Public Officials Ins.	2,600	2,523	2,600	3,200
School Rent	138	138	138	138
County Tax	22,750	21,200	22,750	22,500
Bldg/Equip Fund	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Downtown Revitalization	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Rescue Ballot Item	00	00	10,000	00
Miscellaneous	3,000	3,628	3,000	3,000
Totals	37,488	36,089	47,488	38,638
Grand Total	<u>674,268</u>	<u>673,907</u>	<u>700,428</u>	<u>716,149</u>

Highway Department Budget

	2002-03 Budget	2002-03 Expended	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Proposed
Highway Administration				
Foreman	31,955	32,072	32,594	33,246
Laborer	25,116	25,275	25,618	26,130
Laborer	23,349	23,934	24,249	24,734
Laborer	23,138	23,218	23,601	24,073
Overtime	7,000	6,800	7,500	7,500
Part-time	2,750	2,444	2,750	2,750
Town Manager (30%)	10,609	10,517	10,821	11,037
Bookkeeper (30%)	6,762	7,160	7,275	7,421
Asst. Bookkeeper(30%)	400	00	400	400
Totals	131,079	131,420	134,808	137,291
Summer Construction				
Operating Sup/Chloride	9,000	7,611	9,000	9,000
Patching	500	471	500	500
Culverts	3,800	1,170	3,800	3,800
Resurface/Gravel	5,000	18,033	5,000	7,000
Paving	80,000	86,733	70,000	70,000
Guardrails	2,700	00	2,700	2,700
Reconstruction	16,000	4,042	16,000	16,000
Roadside Mowing	3,000	2,336	3,000	3,000
Totals	120,000	120,396	110,000	112,000
Traffic Controls/Signs				
Signs	1,000	689	1,000	1,000
Totals	1,000	689	1,000	1,000
Winter Maintenance				
Winter Sand	29,500	24,000	29,500	29,500
Salt	17,500	11,887	17,500	17,500
Chloride	00	00	00	00
Snow Removal Equip	2,500	968	2,500	2,500
Totals	50,000	36,855	49,500	49,500
Cons. & Bridge Repair				
Bridge Repair Fund	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Totals	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Street Lighting				
Utilities/Street Lights	13,500	13,108	14,500	14,500
Totals	13,500	13,108	14,500	14,500

Highway Department Budget

	2002-03 Budget	2002-03 Expended	2003-04 Budget	2004-05 Proposed
Employee Benefits				
Retirement	8,500	8,155	8,500	8,500
Workers Comp.	7,100	6,217	7,100	7,100
Unemployment Ins.	500	467	500	500
Social Security	9,900	10,281	10,200	10,800
Health & Life Ins.	31,000	33,218	34,000	43,000
Uniform Service	2,700	2,533	2,700	2,700
Totals	59,700	60,871	63,000	72,600
Plant Operations				
Fuel Oil	300	00	300	100
Repair & Maint. Supplies	1,500	1,909	1,500	1,500
Building Improvements	1,000	5,614	1,000	1,000
Environmental Compliance	00	00	5,000	2,000
Small Tools/Equip	200	1,059	200	200
Advertising	100	215	100	100
Communications	950	1,014	950	950
Electricity	1,450	1,262	1,450	1,450
Water & Sewer	750	526	750	750
Totals	6,250	11,599	11,250	8,050
Vehicles & Equipment				
Operating Supplies	500	08	500	500
Gas & Oil	10,500	13,406	11,500	12,500
Repair/Maint. Supplies	7,500	20,005	7,500	8,000
Equip Replace Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Repairs & Maintenance	6,500	3,833	6,500	7,000
Equipment Purchase	1,000	10	1,000	1,000
Tires	3,000	2,248	3,000	3,000
Totals	54,000	64,510	55,000	57,000
Other				
Prop/Casualty Ins.	6,200	5,128	6,200	6,200
Trees	200	125	200	200
Environmental Compliance	00	00	20,000	20,000
Miscellaneous	1,700	2,811	1,700	2,000
Totals	8,100	8,064	28,100	28,400
Grand Total	448,629	453,012	472,658	485,841

**Town of Poultney
Employee Wage Report
Fiscal Year 2002-2003**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Gross Wage</u>	<u>Position</u>
Amerio, Bart	26,386.21	Highway Crew
Blair, Francis Jr.	32,071.68	Highway Foreman
Devlin, Timothy	181.25	Recreation
Ettori, Christine	11,701.25	Assistant Town Clerk
Ferguson, Richard	866.00	Recreation
Fowler, Stephanie	225.00	Recreation
Fressie, Frank	3,534.75	Lister
Gaiotti, Hunter	576.00	Recreation
Hampl, Charlotte	1,575.00	Lister
Jones, Dylan	440.63	Recreation
Kasuba, Susan	24,065.87	Bookkeeper/Secretary
Kerber, Dale	10,137.00	Constable
Kerber, Aaron	2,050.03	Part-time Transfer Station
Kinney, Carolyn	7,005.00	Lister
Loomis, Amanda	228.94	Recreation
Loomis, Katy	312.50	Recreation
Lynch, Megan	325.01	Recreation
McCoy, Patricia	14,000.00	Town Clerk/Treasurer
McCoy, Caitlin	250.00	Special Projects / 911
McDonald, Cari	1,020.00	Grant Writing
McLaughlin, Richard	13,548.36	Transfer Station/Cemetery
McLaughlin, Ronald	1,928.50	Part-Time Transfer Station
Mead, Gary	25,987.24	Highway Crew
Mead, Kerri	206.25	Recreation
Meyer, Kristine	126.56	Recreation
Parker, Richard	29,040.49	Highway Crew
Porrier, Michael	1,125.00	Recreation
Porrier, Sheryl	1,012.50	Recreation Director
Prehoda, Carla	165.00	Recreation
Rosenthal, Jonas	35,057.52	Town Manager/Zoning Admin.
Striglia, Suzanne	187.50	Recreation
Wade, Maurice	15,581.75	Transfer Station & Highway Part-Time
Williams, Josephine	1,740.00	Assistant Town Clerk
Williams, Gaelyn	342.26	Recreation
Williams, Bryn	267.19	Recreation

Tax Rate
Fiscal Year 2003 - 2004
 (July 01, 2003 - June 30, 2004)

General Fund	0.3680
Highway Fund	0.2504
School District (total)	2.1251
Local Share	.9220
State Share	1.2031

Town Tax Rate	2.7435
Village Tax Rate	2.4931

Taxes to be Raised

General Fund	\$	632,169
Highway Fund	\$	327,900
School District	\$	3,613,062

Total Taxes to be Raised \$ 4,573,131

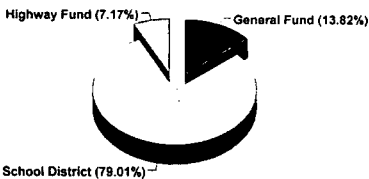
Grand List

Village	41,214,600
Town Highway	130,953,200

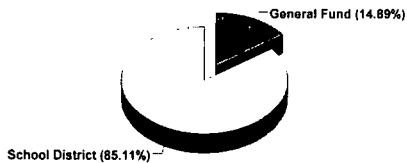
Total Grand List	\$ 172,167,800
Education Grand List	\$ 170,023,500

***Property Taxes
Where it Goes ..***

Town Properties



Village Properties



**Estimated
Amount to be Raised by Taxes
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005**

General Government	\$ 640,899
Highway Fund	\$ 340,000
School District -	
Local	\$???
Est. State Education Taxes	\$???
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Estimated Total Taxes	\$ 980,899

**Projected General Fund Receipts
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005**

Taxes	\$ 980,899
Penalties	14,000
Delinquent Interest	18,500
Permits	6,500
Liquor Licenses	1,000
Dog Licenses	1,000
Miscellaneous	750
State Lands	15,500
Current Use	8,000
Fines	4,500
Interest	4,500
Recyclables	1,000
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Projected Total	\$ 1,056,149

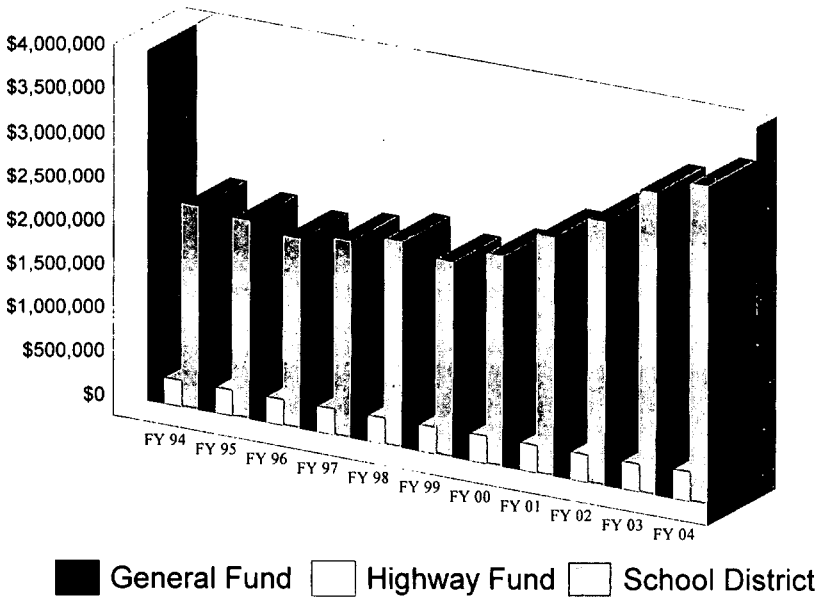
**Projected Highway Receipts
July 01, 2004 - June 30, 2005**

Taxes	\$ 340,000
State Aid	104,000
Balance Forward	39,341
Miscellaneous	2,500
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Projected Total	\$ 485,841

**Town Indebtedness
(Debt Payment Schedule)**

	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006 - 11</u>
Equipment:				
Intl Truck & FF550	12,133	11,667	00	00
Fire Truck	000	28,529	28,383	150,820
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Total	12,133	40,196	28,383	150,820
Outstanding				
Balance	000	40,196	28,383	150,820
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Property Tax Trends for FY 1994 - 2004
Amounts Raised By Taxes



Dollar Amounts Raised by Taxes

<u>Year</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Highway Fund</u>	<u>School District</u>
FY 94	\$435,166	\$294,136	\$2,319,977
FY 95	\$435,000	\$292,299	\$2,263,191
FY 96	\$435,000	\$292,000	\$2,167,121
FY 97	\$500,000	\$292,000	\$2,244,185
FY 98	\$508,085	\$292,000	\$2,345,484
FY 99	\$508,085	\$297,840	\$2,214,175
FY 00	\$516,959	\$302,000	\$2,387,770
FY 01	\$518,619	\$302,000	\$2,714,892
FY 02	\$536,167	\$302,000	\$2,999,279
FY 03	\$596,018	\$306,000	\$3,433,281
FY 04	\$632,169	\$327,900	\$3,613,062

Percentage of Taxes Going Delinquent
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003

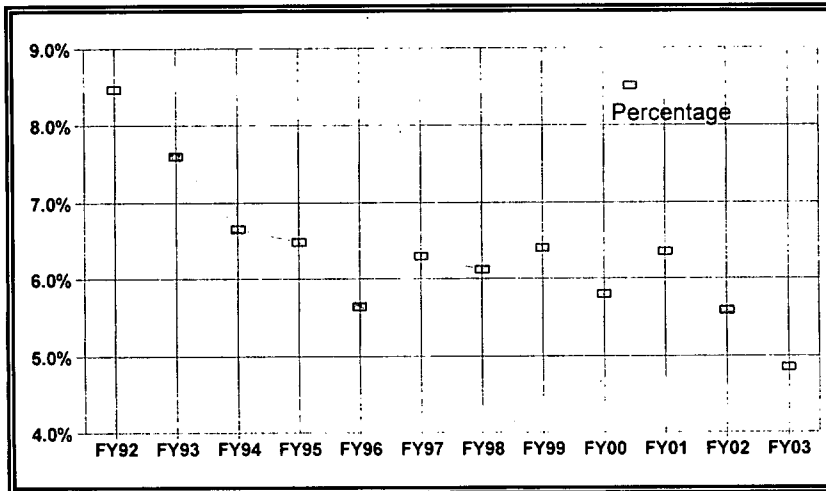


Table of Taxes Going Delinquent
By Fiscal Year Ending June 30th

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Delinquents</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
FY 92	\$ 240,280.73	8.47%
FY 93	\$ 219,987.74	7.60%
FY 94	\$ 203,220.42	6.66%
FY 95	\$ 194,112.04	6.49%
FY 96	\$ 163,206.04	5.64%
FY 97	\$ 190,643.15	6.30%
FY 98	\$ 192,533.81	6.12%
FY 99	\$ 193,472.44	6.41%
FY 00	\$ 186,139.78	5.80%
FY 01	\$ 224,951.72	6.36%
FY 02	\$ 214,498.73	5.59%
FY 03	\$ 222,137.54	4.86%

Outstanding Delinquent Property Taxes
Ending June 30, 2003
(Fiscal Year 2003)

1998-1999	507.36
1999-2000	3,364.66
2000-2001	7,390.44
2001-2002	<u>44,667.61</u>
	55,930.07

Taxes are due on or before June 30, 2003. Taxes become delinquent if paid after that date. On July 1, 2003 the following amount went delinquent:

2002-2003	<u>222,137.54</u>
Grand Total	278,067.61

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>1999/00</u>	<u>2000/01</u>	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2002/03</u>
* Accetta, Maruzza				516.78
** Ainsworth, Brian			47.24	955.68
Amery, James			2,034.12	2,265.12
Archer, Frederick, Jr.			139.88	155.76
** Avery, Byron & Virginia			407.56	1,428.24
Avery, John Louis			128.00	142.56
* Bach, Robert & Denise				1,454.64
Bacon, Catherine				3,076.68
Bacon, Catherine				208.96
** Bahan, Theodore				2,048.64
Bahan, Theodore & Gloria				704.88
Bahan, Theodore & Gloria				158.40
* Baptie, Steven & Diane				2,024.88
Barlow, Dorothy				153.12
Battles (sold to Pascal Properties)				1,484.30
* Birdsell, Patricia				4,300.56
Bischoff, Peter & Gretchen				899.46
* Bishop, Arlene				387.42
** Blaess, George & Barbara				2,531.76
Bourn, Hermann				821.04
Bradley, Michael et al				73.92
* Brennan, Frances & Judith				617.76
* Brough, Michael				13.20
* Brough, Reginald				430.32
Brown, Donna	1,353.69	534.28		
Bruso, Harold & Margaret				1,945.44
** Bunker, William & Susan				923.76
* Cacciatore, Andrew & Janet				1,544.40
Capman, David & Maureen				2,012.78
Carvey, Christopher			215.13	319.44
* Cheney, Lloyd				3,859.68
Clark, Donald & Amy				559.68
Clark, Donna		169.48	182.52	203.28
Coburn, Jane				256.08
* Colvin, James & Virginia				364.32
Cooper, Donald & Robin			1,806.52	
* Cooper, Jonathan				536.76
* Corsi, Peter & Bonnie				36.96

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>1999/00</u>	<u>2000/01</u>	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2002/03</u>
Daley, William & Mary et al				3,309.28
* Dempsey, T & H (sold to Orr)				1,066.40
** Dennis, Deborah				1,990.56
* DeRoy, John			2,138.44	2,381.28
* Deturk, David & Ann				821.40
** Dillon, Patricia			286.00	2,310.00
Dutka, June				2,222.88
* Duval, Daryl				2,259.84
Dydo, William, Jr.				2,802.88
** Euber, Charles			499.20	2,108.76
* Evans, Thomas (sold to Hathway)				24.86
* Fabian, Martha				28.76
Ferguson, Jack & Judy				198.00
Ferguson, Jeffrey & Judy				1,843.71
* Ferguson, Jeffrey & Judy				4,052.18
Ferguson, Richard & Lori			499.38	1,362.24
** Foley, Vera			459.21	1,681.68
* Freneau, Irma				1,908.72
Frisbie, H. & Smead, R.			407.76	454.08
* Gardner, James & Darlene				47.42
* Garfield, Ronald				1,222.32
** Giannelli, Stephen & Linda				738.80
Gibbs, Gordon & Pamela				2,191.20
Godzik, Patricia		431.44	464.68	517.44
** Godzik, Thomas & Arthur	383.73	551.96	1,007.56	1,122.00
* Greene, Kenneth & Autumn		107.22	1,407.12	1,585.16
* Harris, Elsie			1,808.74	3,368.64
* Hartshorn, Maryalice				1,410.53
Hayes, Raycann				1,604.40
* Hayes, Theresa				199.83
* Healey, Richard & Daniel				298.00
Hepburn, Donald & Robin				605.85
Herrmann, William				335.28
** Hier, Betty Jean				858.00
Hier, William				67.88
* Hilder, Robert & Mary Ann			71.12	158.40
Hitchcock, Roger			1,092.92	
* Iachetta, Pasquale			270.24	300.96
Illsley, Dennis			94.80	105.60
* IOS Capital				200.80
* IOS Capital				2.92
* Izzo, Frank				2,087.16
* Johnson, Gerald & Shelley				551.76
* Johnson, Karlene				2,716.56
Jones, Douglas & Daryl				1,832.16
** Jones, Gary				1,084.25
** Jones, Jacqueline			51.61	1,686.04
* Jones, Tina				750.56
** Jordan, James III & Jennifer			762.63	1,721.28
JRL				8,137.28
JRL		155.90	113.24	155.52
Jurnak, Ronald				1,270.96
* Kasuba, Edward & Carlene				746.46
Kasuba, George Estate			547.64	609.84

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>1999/00</u>	<u>2000/01</u>	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2002/03</u>
Kerney, Edward et al				318.90
Keiser, Rita				2,229.19
** Lagasse Property Development		1,014.49	3,319.52	3,739.60
** Lally, Robert				377.52
Lapine, Raymond & Joanne				1,594.56
Lawyer, Joyce	1,004.94	1,098.44	1,183.00	1,317.36
Lessard, Robert & Deborah			1,277.04	1,438.68
Levinness, William & Dorothy				2,125.20
** Lignoss, John & Nancy		400.00	829.76	924.00
Loughan, Ronald & Margaret		272.96	293.96	327.36
* Low, Alvah & Marjorie				381.40
** Lulek, Albert Sr.				1,289.76
Manning, James & LeeAnne			1,304.76	1,469.88
Marsh, Douglas & Cynthia		120.25	926.96	1,032.24
Marshall, Horatio et al				2,616.24
* Marszalkowski, Louis & Jeanne				572.88
* Maslack, Frederick				2,376.00
** Matutat, J. & Gileta, M.			474.16	528.00
Matutat, J. & Gileta, M.			2,840.20	3,162.72
Maynard, Wesley & Kelley				2,180.64
McDonald, Nancy	215.49	235.52	253.68	282.48
McGreevy, Marguerite				501.59
* McIntyre, Richard				287.10
* McLaughlin, Albert Estate			875.27	
McLellan, Timothy & Teersa				431.50
McMahon, Betty				1,000.00
* Mead, Martin, Jr.				361.68
* Mead, Martin, Sr. & Jane				153.12
** Messer, David & Penny				1,503.52
* Michel, Frederick				15.78
* Michel, Frederick & Joan				1,738.29
* Michel, Frederick & Joan				1,767.12
* Miller, Steven				955.68
Montagna, Joseph			293.04	448.80
Nantel, Eugene & Elizabeth			464.76	1,047.16
O'Brien, Grace				1,792.76
* O'Connell, Judy				414.48
* O'Connell, Judy				280.50
* Oddo, Wayne & Wanda				512.82
** Patterson, James				2,175.36
Peet, Frank & Lynn				844.80
Perry, Paul				409.20
** Pratt, Shelley		1,712.48	2,079.16	2,315.28
* Quarry Slate Industries				255.61
* Quarry Slate Industries			39.50	2,630.76
Rankin, Ann				1,636.80
* Rathbun, Leonard & Gail			2,003.32	2,230.80
* Riggs, Gladys Jean				2,406.60
Robidoux, Desiree			1,206.30	1,343.76
Ross, Anthony				96.32
Ross, Sandy			30.80	34.32
Russell, Richard	406.81	444.64	478.88	533.28
Sartz, Gote		138.26	1,055.00	1,174.80
* Savage, Douglas				475.20

<u>Listed Owner</u>	<u>1999/00</u>	<u>2000/01</u>	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2002/03</u>
** Schooner, William			366.56	1,212.88
* Seamans, Christopher				261.36
* Seamans, Christopher				506.88
Seamans, James & John				902.88
** Seamans, John & Smith, Jill				4,902.48
Sequal Capital Corp.		3.12		
* Shattuck, Ralph				573.16
** Silver, Irene				414.48
* Simons, Paul & Ann			752.52	1,359.40
* Skovira, John & Laura				2,055.92
* Sloane, James				804.76
* Smith, Howard				342.54
* Smith, Doanld & Jill				1,961.52
St. John, Thomas & Dorothy			110.84	124.88
Stelzer, James & Michelle				2,624.16
** Stevens, John & Virginia			898.52	1,000.56
* Stone, Rebecca				1,560.87
Stoneberg, Hans III & Mary Jane				821.06
* Struzzieri, Thomas				4,706.46
** Sweeney, Phillip & Kathleen			1,007.56	1,122.00
Tatko, Michael, Jr.			1,661.92	
** Thomas, Gary			1,213.84	358.20
* Tindall, Kenneth & Diane				205.36
Tracey, Edward				241.39
Tracey, Maude				1,739.76
* Trudo, Graham & Nancy				31.68
* Tylutki, Edwin & Carol Ann				990.00
US Quarried Slate Products				1,165.53
** Vanguilder, Cynthia & Ray			483.52	1,354.32
* Venezia, Ralph & Barbara				24.04
* Wagner, Cindy				10.34
* Waite, Clifton				71.28
** Wescott, Harold Jr., & Marie				4,682.54
* Williams, John & Rupe, Richard				4,437.84
Williams, Priscilla				2,489.52
** Woods, Forrest & Marilyn				546.48
** WVNR				1,485.18
* Yager, James & Karen				427.24
Zappata, Emilliano				23.76

Delinquent Taxes Remaining as of January 20, 2004

162,642.97

Statement of Taxes Raised
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Real Property (Grand List)	170,453,100
Personal Property: Equipment	2,050,300
Personal Property: Cable	53,600
Personal Property: Inventory	336,600
Contracts	92,200
Veteran's Exemptions	90,000
Land Use	2,941,100
Municipal Grand List	1,697,713
Education Grand List	1,674,181
Total Tax	\$ 4,335,386.36

		<u>Tax Rate</u>
General Fund	\$ 596,067.05	.3511
Highway	\$ 306,084.55	.2382
Education: Local Share	\$ 1,479,975.89	.8840
Education: State Share	\$ 1,953,258.87	1.1667
Total Tax Amount Billed	\$ 4,335,386.36	2.6400
Delinquent Taxes Receivable July 2002	<u>269,306.00</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR	\$ 4,604,692.36	

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Property Taxes Collected	\$ 4,273,172.00
Discounts allowed	52,123.36
Abatement / Adjustment	1,192.00
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	<u>278,205.00</u>

Total Accounted For	\$ 4,604,692.36
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Recognition of Property Taxes

Property Taxes Billed	\$ 4,335,386.36
Add Deferred Revenue - 7/01/02	214,140.00
Less Deferred Revenue 6/30/03	(181,067)
Less Taxes collected for School	(3,433,281)
Less Abatements / Adjustments	(1,192)
Less Discounts allowed	<u>(52,123)</u>
Property Taxes Recognized	\$ 881,863
Amount to Highway Fund	<u>306,000</u>
General Fund	\$ 575,863

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**Town of Poultney
Important Tax Information**

For your info.

1. **Billing of Taxes:** Taxes are levied on both real and personal property as it exists in the owner of record on the Grand List dated April 1st prior to the fiscal year start date. The tax rate is calculated in July based on the Budgets as approved by the voters in the previous March and the Grand List total value. By law the tax bills are mailed to the April 1st owner of record at the address on file with the Lister's Office. All tax bills are mailed on or about the first week in August. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of responsibility to pay the taxes when they become due nor does it exempt them from the loss of discount or the addition of penalties and interest as is required by law. The Lister's Office and the Tax Office must be notified of any address changes in writing. Mortgage companies must request each year, in writing, prior to the mailing of the tax bills, any tax bills that they may be escrowing funds on behalf of their mortgagees.

For your info.

2. **Tax Due Date:** The Town of Poultney offers the option to pay real estate and personal property taxes in quarterly installments. Property owners choosing to take advantage of this option may take a 2% discount if paid prior to or on the quarterly due date. With the due dates being: September 15th, December 15th, March 15th and May 15th. The final date to pay taxes is June 30th. Taxes not paid by the final due date will be charged an 8% penalty, interest of 1% for the first 3 months and 1½% per month thereafter. If the discount date or the final due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, taxes may be paid on the following normal business day. Taxes being mailed must be postmarked prior to the actual due date. Payments made by check must have a current date (no post dated checks will be accepted), made payable to the Town of Poultney and be for the exact payment amount. Any overpayment amounts will be applied to the next quarter or if overpayment occurs at the end of the fiscal year, a refund will be made via check. No Cash Back on Any Payments! Receipts will be mailed if stamp is supplied along with request.

For your info.

3. **Transfer of Property:** If any or all of a taxed property is sold, it is the Seller's responsibility to forward the tax bill to the new owner, and it is the new owner's responsibility to take note as to when the tax installments are due and payable.

4. **Questions:** Any questions regarding billed amounts, amounts due, payments made, policies regarding collection or due dates should be directed to the Town Managers Office, 9 Main Street, Poultney Vermont 05764. Or you may call 1-802-287-9751.

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Selectboard and Town Manager's Report

Budget

General Government:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2005 (July 01, 2004 - June 30, 2005) is \$ 700,428. This represents an increase in the amount of \$ 15,721 (up 2.24%) from the current Fiscal Year 2004 budget approved by voters in March 2003. Items that reflect the larger budget increases include:

a) Elections	\$ 3,725
b) Library	\$ 3,973
c) Solid Waste	\$ 4,300
d) Insurances (Property & Casualty / Public Officials Liability & Health)	\$ 6,400

Board of Lister's - Reappraisal Update: The Town's reappraisal efforts will be completed sometime in April. The Wright Appraisal Company continues their work throughout the Village and Town completing approximately 85 % of their site visits. The Listers have been accompanying the inspectors and have been assisting in making appointments. In addition, the Listers are continuing to review lake properties. All properties will be included in the reappraisal process for the 2004 Grand List. Property owners will be receiving a copy of the reappraisal report which will contain the current assessed value and the new value. The Town is reappraising Town properties as a result of the Order to Reappraise (32 V.S.A. Section 4041a) issued by the Department of Taxes on August 28th, 2001.

Environmental Compliance Requirements - Highway: Building improvements to the Highway Garage have been made as a result of last years site inspection by the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation. The Town of Poultney, as well as other Municipal garages and solid waste transfer stations in Vermont, must comply with new federal hazardous waste, wastewater, and storm water regulations. The State of Vermont is currently seeking a 5 year extension to meet new federal regulations that require public work garages cover their salted sand piles. Municipalities with uncovered salted sand piles will be required to register this year their pile with the Agency of Natural Resources. Poultney has begun its planning for building improvements and continues to budget to meet the these new environmental regulations as required. This years Highway budget includes another \$ 2,000 to complete building improvements to the garage and fuel pump canopy and another down payment (Highway Building Fund - to be established) of \$ 20,000 to construct a sand shed for the 3,500 yards of salted sand used primarily during winter months for gravel roads. Last years cost estimate for a sand storage shed was placed at approximately \$ 178,000. We are presently working with an architect to design the structure and to provide the Board with design alternatives to meet the new environmental regulations.

Stonebridge Inn Update: The Town has completed its plan to reconstruct and rehabilitate the Stonebridge Inn into a multiple use facility. The proposed uses for the building include: a Tourist and Information area on the ground floor to promote the Town and region (space would be provided to the Poultney Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Revitalization Committee to staff this area); a new location for the Poultney Food Shelf; office space for the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District; a satellite classroom for the Vermont Adult Learning Program; and licensed child care services provided by the Rutland County Head Start program and the Rutland Parent Child Care Center. **The housing option was eliminated from the proposal last spring. Over \$ 735,000 has been raised to date for this building through grants, donations and pledges of cash, materials and in-kind services.** Grants awarded (both public and private) from the

following sources include: the Agency Of Transportation (AOT), the Vermont Conservation Housing Board, The Vermont Community Development Program, the State Division For Historic Preservation, the Historic Preservation Trust of Vermont, the Downtown Transportation Improvement Fund, \$ dollar Sales to Local Governments (proceeds of sale of HUD property), and the Vermont Community Foundation. A Grant from the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps is still pending. Other grants will be applied for as well. Cash and pledges of materials and services have also been received from the Slate Quarry Association (slate roofing materials), the Green Mountain Chapter of the Paint & Decorating Contractors of America, volunteer and community service work crews and Efficiency of Vermont (donation and utility equipment rebates). **The estimated cost of reconstructing / rehabilitating the building is \$ 700,000. This years Town Warning will include an item from the Select Board asking the residents of the Town whether to proceed with the construction.**

Special Warning Item - Tax Due Date: The Select Board is again seeking to change the final tax due date from June 30th to May 31st. This proposal would not change the current years final due date for the collection of property taxes for June 30th, 2004 but would take affect in 2005. Presently, the Town of Poultney allows a 2 % discount for taxes paid on or before each quarterly due date and no penalty or interest charges if paid in full by June 30th. Therefore, it is possible that the Town and School District could operate an entire year without any tax revenue until the last day. Although this is unlikely to occur, tax receipts in the last quarter are three times as much as each of the first three quarters. Also, a substantial amount of property taxes are deposited in the last ten days of the fiscal year. On June 30th, the Town Treasurer must pay off the loan to the bank for the sum it borrowed at the start of the Fiscal Year in July. Our present system of tax collections is costing the Town and School District a sizable amount in interest income. It is also conceivable that a deficit be realized after the fiscal year ends since delinquent taxes for the year ending (June 30) becomes delinquent in the following fiscal year beginning on July 1st. Our auditor William Yacavoni, C.P.A., has in the past, recommended that the due date be moved up. For these reasons, the Select Board again believes that **moving the final due date for the collection of taxes to May 31st** is good fiscal policy.

Highway District:

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2005 is \$ 485,841. This represents an increase in the amount of \$ 13,383 (up 2.83 %) above the current Fiscal Year 2004 budget. The budget increase is primarily due to increases in the cost of health insurance, road construction materials, maintenance expenses to equipment and cost of living wage increases.

Any tax increase is contingent upon: 1) the growth of the Grand List; 2) State Aid for Highways; and 3) a surplus, if any at the end of the current Fiscal Year 2004 (June 30, 2004).

2003

Paved Roads: Approximately 2,460 tons of hot mix (asphalt) was used to pave portions (2.0 miles) of York Street Extension and the Town sections of Wilson and Allen Avenue.

Gravel Roads: Road maintenance and repairs were performed on the following roads: Hampshire Hollow, Lewis, Pond Hill Ranch Rd, Hannan, Ward and East.

Approximately 396 yards of gravel was used for road surface and road base. An additional 2,000 yards of winter sand was drawn this Summer and Fall for the Winter of 2003-04. Also, 2,628 yards of crushed gravel was used for various mud spots. Approximately 2.8 miles of ditching was completed

between the Spring and Fall of 2003. Approximately 10,450 gallons of liquid chloride was applied to gravel roads and 219 ft. of new culvert pipe was replaced. Also, 12 new road signs and 4 new stop signs were installed. It is estimated that 56 hours were devoted towards brush and tree cutting.

The Highway crew has begun working on building projects to comply with new environmental regulations. The Highway garage project is almost complete.

The inventory and mapping project conducted by Stone Environmental, Inc., using Global Positioning Systems technology, for all Town culverts and bridges (less than 20 feet in length), was completed. This project was funded through a grant from the Vermont Community Development Municipal Planning Program. As a result of the work performed, the Town is now eligible for an additional 10 % reimbursement (for a total of 80 %) on all future Class 2 Highway Paving and Bridge and Culvert Grants from the Agency of Transportation.

This past July, the Highway crew completed a culvert replacement project on the Pond Hill Ranch Road. Last year, the Town was awarded a \$ 41,340 (Federal share) Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Vermont Department of Emergency Management to replace an undersized culvert. The original design, scope and materials used for the project were changed. Thus resulting in a Federal reimbursement of just over \$ 24,000. The balance of the project will be used to fund other Hazard Mitigation projects in the State.

This year (FY 2004), the Town was awarded \$ 56,000 from the Class 2 Paving Grant Program by the Agency of Transportation (AOT) to pave portions of York Street Extension. The Town was also awarded a \$ 56,000 grant from AOT's Bridge & Culvert Replacement Program, to replace a concrete box culvert on Hampshire Hollow Road. The project was completed this past November. Special thanks to Richard and Geraldine Balt for allowing the Town to place a temporary detour through their property.

The Town would also like to thank the work of the State of Vermont's Department of Corrections work crews led by Scott Stevens and Debby Blackwood for the additional hours they have contributed and assisted the Town Highway Crew for a variety of highway maintenance activities.

2004

Paved Roads: The only proposed paving projects include sections of York Street and Blissville Road. The Town will apply again this year for Class 2 Highway Paving Grant funds from the Agency of Transportation.

Gravel Roads: We are proposing to re-gravel several mud spots on the following roads: Endless Brook, Lewis, Finel Hollow, Morse Hollow and the East Road.

Summary in Brief:

- This past year, the Town of Poultney received a Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development to design streetscape improvements for Main Street. This effort allowed the Village to apply for and receive two grants for Main Street improvements (sidewalks, curbing and lighting). This past October (2003), the Village was awarded a \$ 40,000 grant from the Downtown Transportation Improvement Fund and a \$ 301,000 Grant from the Agency of Transportation - Enhancement Program (announced this past January) for Main Street improvements. The Village will begin the project this July with a majority of the work taking place in the Spring, Summer and Fall of 2005.

In June 2002, the Town and the Village became the 14th Vermont Village and Town to receive a Downtown Designation from the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development. The 1998 Downtown Development Act created a

Downtown Development Board to "designate" and provide certain benefits to downtowns in communities that have a comprehensive revitalization strategy with broad based community support, and have demonstrated a long-term commitment to enhance economic opportunities, preserve historic buildings, and improve public spaces and infrastructure in their commercial district. The Town and Village of Poultney are working in collaboration with the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee to achieve quality of life improvements for the community as the Downtown program was designed to accomplish.

- Poultney continues to participate in a Committee structure to address quality of life issues that were identified through the community planning process sponsored by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD). (See the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Report on pages 81 & 82).

- The Poultney Fire Department received training funds from the State of Vermont Fire Service Training to provide Level One Certification courses to 16 Poultney volunteers and area firefighters at the Poultney Fire Station. (See Poultney Hose Company # 1 Report on pages 55 & 56).

- The Poultney Fire Department received a HAZMAT / decontamination trailer through the Homeland Security Grant program.

- The Association for Gravestone Studies sponsored a Conservation Workshop this past Summer at Green Mountain College. The Workshop sponsored by the Gravestone Association and the Vermont Old Cemetery Association worked on 26 grave stones in the East Poultney Cemetery. Three stones were mended, 6 were reinserted into their base and 21 of the 26 were hand washed. The Highway crew assisted the attendees by delivering materials for the stones.

- Poultney continues to participate in a Committee structure to address quality of life issues that were identified through the community planning process sponsored by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD). (See the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Report on pages 81 & 82).

- Approximately \$ 231,000 has been saved in the past **twelve** years through recycling the Towns' waste at the Poultney Transfer Station. An estimated 3,240 tons of waste has been diverted from landfills.

- The Town sponsored 3 Household Hazardous Waste Collection programs in conjunction with the Rutland County Solid Waste District. The Town Transfer Station is the site for the collection of this special waste.

- The 14th Town-wide Rabies Clinic, conducted by Scott MacLachlan, D.V.M. and sponsored by the Vermont Veterinarians Medical Association, was offered last March.

Future Plans:

- Update the Local Emergency Rapid Response Plan and develop a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

- Participate in planning activities with the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee and the Village Board of Trustees with the projects listed in the 5 year Downtown Capital Improvement Plan.

Again, the Poultney Select Board and I would like to thank all the special volunteers of our local Boards, Commissions, Fire Department, Rescue Squad and Community Organizations, who dedicate many hours to serving the public.

s/Patricia Roberts
Chairwoman, Poultney Selectboard

S/Jonas H. Rosenthal
Town Manager

Health Officer's Report 2003

Over the past year, calls were received pertaining to the following:

- 11 - cats believed to be sick and a health risk
- 3 - dog bites / along with rabies questions
- 5 - landlord / tenant disputes - Rental Health Housing Code
- 5 - septic problems
- 4 - illegal dumping

Again, during this summer (July 2003), the water quality of Lake St Catherine was monitored. The State of Vermont Health Department Lab analyzed the water and found no health risks.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonas Rosenthal
Poultney Health Officer

Poultney Town Constable Activity Report Year 2003

For the year of 2003, the Poultney Constable received over 300 requests for service. Those calls range from car accidents, parking complaints, noise complaints, animal complaints, motor vehicle complaints, thefts, underage drinking and the like. There were over 311 Vermont Civil Citations issued for the year. Of that number, 112 were for speeding, 88 were for Underage Drinking, and the rest for various motor vehicle violations.

For the third year in a row, the Constable received a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program for DUI enforcement. The grant was written by the Constable and is administered by the Town Manager's Office. The grant covers patrol hours and mileage. It is a useful tool for Poultney in that the community receives extra patrol time at no extra cost for the Town.

This past year was marked by a large increase in car thefts and thefts of personal items from motor vehicles. I strongly urge citizens to secure their vehicles and residences, especially in the evenings. I would also like to encourage people to report suspicious activity right away. Too often reports of such activity are received days after a crime has been committed. Please don't be afraid to call and get involved.

In closing, I would like to thank the Selectboard for their continued support and cooperation, as well as the citizens of the Town and Village for their help and support this past year.

Sincerely,

Dale Kerber
Constable



**Zoning Administrator's
Summary of Permits
March 4th, 1986 - March 31st 2003**

Permit Type	86 ~ 93	93 ~ 94	94 ~ 95	95 ~ 96	96 ~ 97	97 ~ 98	98 ~ 99	00 ~ 01	01 ~ 02	02 ~ 03	Total
Building	415	58	41	51	57	58	58	64	52	55	909
Zoning	183	21	27	14	20	11	17	11	11	17	332
Subdivision	68	3	6	5	7	4	9	3	9	2	116
Total Permits	666	82	74	70	84	73	84	78	72	74	1357

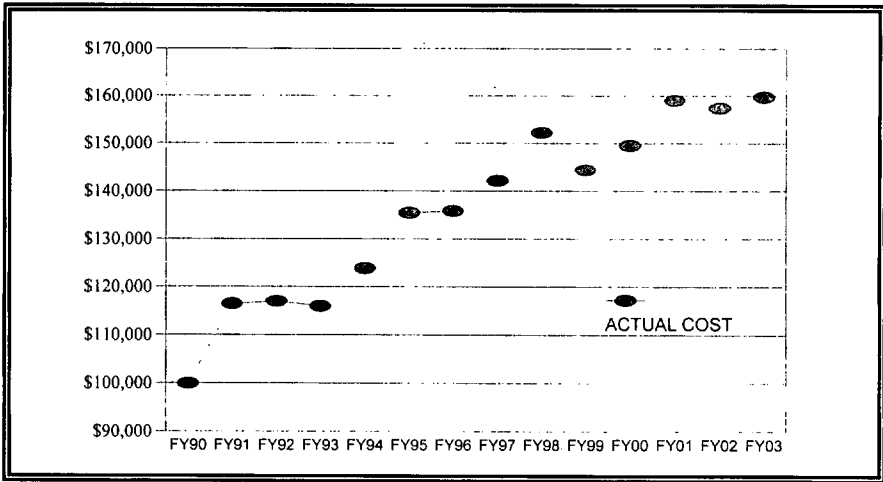
Building Permits are issued for additions to existing buildings or accessory structures.

Zoning Permits are issued primarily for new structures and change of land use.
The Zoning permits include 125 new homes.

You must obtain a permit before you *change the use* of land or buildings, or *build* any new structure, or make *additions* to existing buildings, or *subdivide* a parcel of land into 2 or more parcels. For more information contact the Zoning Administrator at 287-9751.

S/Jonas Rosenthal
Zoning Administrator

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS
FISCAL YEARS 1990 - 2003



Solid Waste Disposal Table

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ACTUAL COST</u>	<u>ANNUAL INCREASE</u>
FY 90	\$ 99,913.31	12.90%
FY 91	\$ 116,466.74	16.57%
FY 92	\$ 116,957.98	0.42%
FY 93	\$ 116,005.24	-0.81%
FY 94	\$ 123,805.64	6.72%
FY 95	\$ 135,379.44	9.35%
FY 96	\$ 135,761.60	0.28%
FY 97	\$ 142,186.17	4.73%
FY 98	\$ 152,245.80	7.07%
FY 99	\$ 144,379.75	-5.50%
FY 00	\$ 149,529.39	3.57%
FY 01	\$ 158,998.76	6.33%
FY 02	\$ 157,426.18	-0.01%
FY 03	\$ 159,801.60	1.51%

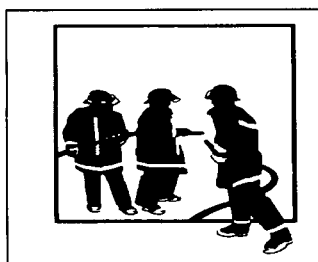
Poultney Hose Company # 1
Year Ending December 31, 2003

In the year 2003, the Poultney Fire Department responded to 104 calls for assistance compared to 107 calls in 2002. They are as follows:

	<u>Calendar Year 2002</u>	<u>Calendar Year 2003</u>
Structure Fires	8	12
Motor Vehicle Accidents	32	34
Vehicle Fires	1	4
Grass & Brush Fires	8	5
EMS Assists	17	10
Bomb Scare	0	0
Furnace Malfunction	4	2
Carbon Dioxide Detectors	1	2
Smoke Conditions	2	0
Controlled Burns	0	0
Animal Rescue	0	0
Wires Down	3	3
Water Emergency	0	0
Chimney Fires	4	4
Alarm Activations	14	22
Hazmat	2	5
Misc	6	1
Town calls	44	40
Village calls	46	42
Mutual Aid	17	22

The Fire Department consists of 41 volunteer members, all of which have had 50 hours of training and many have attended State certified schools. The Firemen have participated in a total of 1,841 hours for the 104 calls for service and another 340.4 hours of drill training this past year.

As of February 3, 2004 the Fireman's Treasury consists of a savings account of \$ 5,930.85 and a checking account of \$ 4,488.91. These funds are raised by the member volunteers and used by the Department to purchase additional equipment.



FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET Fiscal Year 2002-03

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY 2003 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2003 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2004 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2005 Proposed</u>
Appropriation	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Dues & Conferences	500.00	294.00	350.00	500.00
Workers Compensation	850.00	739.70	850.00	850.00
Property Insurance	3,100.00	3,481.43	3,100.00	3,100.00
School & Training	2,500.00	254.95	2,700.00	2,000.00
Protective Clothing	1,500.00	2,049.39	3,000.00	3,000.00
Fire Prevention	700.00	385.49	500.00	600.00
Communications	900.00	1,719.93	900.00	1,000.00
Heating/Fuel Oil	3,000.00	3,894.45	3,000.00	3,000.00
Electric	3,000.00	2,538.69	3,000.00	3,000.00
Water/Sewer	550.00	569.75	550.00	550.00
Chemicals	700.00	00.00	700.00	500.00
Gas & Lubricant	1,200.00	1,563.99	1,200.00	1,200.00
Telephone Alerting	3,000.00	1,200.00	2,850.00	2,850.00
Building Repairs	1,000.00	408.03	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment Repairs	6,000.00	5,785.01	6,000.00	6,000.00
Repair & Maint Supl	1,000.00	1,534.01	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equip Replacement	7,000.00	7,083.19	7,000.00	10,000.00
Contracted Services	700.00	00.00	00.00	00.00
Annual Banquet	1,000.00	00.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	600.00	612.12	600.00	600.00
Totals	40,800.00	36,114.39	41,300.00	43,750.00

The Poultney Fire Department responded to 104 calls this year and has been very busy with improving our training program. This past July, we completed a Level 1 Firefighter class that required a total of 131 hours of training. I am proud to report that 14 firefighters received their Level 1 Certification bringing our total to 16. This is an extraordinary accomplishment for any volunteer Fire Department. We continue to keep our Hazmat training and firefighting skills at a high level so that we can provide the best fire protection services in a safe and an efficient manner. This year, we also started a Cadet Program with a total number of six (6) cadets. This brings our Department membership to 41 volunteers.

At this time I would like to thank all the Firefighters for their time and effort they devote to this Department and community. Thank you to all of my Officers for their leadership, commitment and support. Thanks to all of the families who support their spouses and friends so that they can serve our Department and community. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for helping us all year, Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal, Pat Roberts, Select Board Chairperson and the Poultney Board of Selectmen. In closing, I believe that the citizens of this community should be proud of our work and accomplishments as I am. Please thank them for their time and devotion to their community.

This years slate of officers include:

Bill Jones	Fire Chief
Tim Kerber	1 st Assistant
Brian DeBonis	2 nd Asst Chief
Mark Camara	Captain
Dave Winter	1 st Lieutenant
Jeremy Granier	2 nd Lieutenant

Respectfully submitted,
William F. Jones, Jr.
Fire Chief

INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's scheduled office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 12:30pm and 1:30pm – 4:00pm. Call 287-5761 for information.

The Town Clerk sells Hunting and Fishing Licenses.

The Town Clerk also sells Green Mountain Passports for Vermont residents who meet one of the following criteria: 1) at least 62 years old; 2) disabled while serving in the armed forces; or 3) a resident of the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington. Green Mountain Passport holders are eligible for state reduced prices on goods and services from hundreds of Vermont's private businesses as well as free entrance into Vermont's state parks, museums and fully sponsored events.

Dogs must be licensed by April 1 in order to avoid a 50% penalty. The Town Clerk will be at the Poultney Fire Department Building, located on Beaman Street, on March 20, 2004, between the hours of 1:00pm – 2:30pm for dog licensing.

The Town Clerk's Office is open the second Saturday prior to any election, between the hours of 10:00am – 12:00pm, for anyone wishing to apply for addition to the voter checklist. The last day to be added to the checklist for Town Meeting, March 2, 2004 is 12:00 pm on Monday, February 23, 2004. Anyone filing for application after that date will not be added until the next election. This year we have three Elections, Town Meeting and Binding Presidential Primary, March 2, 2004, Primary Election and General Election.

Tobacco license forms, as well as liquor license applications, are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Licenses expire May 1 each year. The tobacco license fee is waived with all first and second class liquor license applications. The fee is \$10 for a business obtaining a tobacco license without applying for a liquor license.

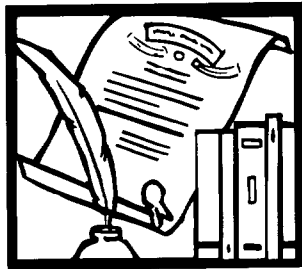
This office carries Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles forms as well as Vermont State income tax forms.

The DMV renewal program has been expanded to include snowmobiles and motorboats in addition to cars, trucks and trailers. This service is for **renewals only**. The cost of the service is the registration fee plus \$3.00. A check, payable to the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, must accompany the registration. The \$3.00 must be in a separate check or cash, payable to the Town Clerk.

This office also serves as a Passport Application Acceptance Agent. The Poultney Town Clerk's Office can now accept passport applications. Call the Town Clerk's Office for more information.

Anyone looking for information is encouraged to call me at 287-5761.

Pattie McCoy
Town Clerk



REPORT OF LICENSES SOLD BY TOWN CLERK DURING 2003

FIRST CLASS

American Legion Post #39
Lake St. Catherine Country Club
OTL Corp. (Back to Vermont)
Rockin' Robin's Café

SECOND CLASS

Brockton Corporation (Shaw's Beer and Wine)
East Poultney Grocery Store
Lake St. Catherine Cones Point Mini-Golf
Midway Oil Corp. (2 locations)
Poultney Cash Market
Preseau's Place
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.

TOBACCO LICENSES

American Legion Post #39
East Poultney Grocery Store
Brockton Corp. (Shaw's Beer and Wine)
Lake St. Catherine Country Club
Midway Oil Corp. (Poultney Smart Shop)
Midway Oil Corp. (Poultney Snack Shop)
OTL Corp. (Back to Vermont)
Poultney Cash Market
Preseau's Place, Inc.
Stewart's Ice Cream Co., Inc.
Woodruff, Inc. (Lake St. Catherine Cones Point Mini-Golf)

DOG LICENSES

There were 381 dog licenses issued during 2003. By state statute, dogs are required to be registered by April 1 each year. April 1 is the **LAST** day a dog license may be obtained without a penalty being assessed. The penalty is the regular fee plus 50%.

Before obtaining a license for a dog, a person must deliver to the Town Clerk a current rabies vaccination certificate which meets one of the following requirements: 1) a dog of less than one year of age has been vaccinated; 2) a dog of one or more years but less than two years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding twelve months; or 3) a dog of two or more years has been vaccinated within the preceding twenty-four months.

Rabies certificates for all dogs licensed in Poultney during 2003 are on file in the Town Clerk's office. Please call to ascertain whether or not a new rabies vaccination will be required.

FEES FOR DOGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Spayed Female	\$5.00	Female	\$9.00
Neutered Male	\$5.00	Male	\$9.00

2004 licenses are now available at the Town Clerk's office.

MARRIAGES

Marriages Recorded in the Town of Poultney in 2003

	GROOM	BRIDE
1/4/2003	AINSWORTH, Brian Scott	WATANBE, Akiko
2/5/2003	YOCHER, Hallock Edwin	GOLDBERG, Julia
3/17/2003	TRAVERSE, Erin Shawn	PARKER, Patricia Ann
3/26/2003	HEATH, Royce Allen Jr	JONES, Tracy Lee
3/30/2003	LESLIE, Timothy Raleigh	GALEY, Lynn Dee
6/5/2003	HIER, William Joseph	HUGHES, Evelyn Mae
6/7/2003	THOMAS, Jason Michael	NESMITH, Jennifer Ann
6/7/2003	MCCREA, Michael Patrick	BARAW, Teann Tricia
6/14/2003	KRAMARCZYK, Marc Joseph	BENSON, Heather Lynne
6/22/2003	BROOKS, Kelton Elmore	ZIMMERMAN, Gina Denise
6/28/2003	FLEWELLING, Joel Edward	LAMBERT, Gwen Elizabeth
7/3/2003	MESITI, Mario	GEMMETTE, Jennifer
7/5/2003	SHEEHE, Sean Kevin	HEALD, Darcy Marie
7/12/2003	CONDRILL, Drew Richard	DANYOW, Jamieson Kaye
7/26/2003	PHILLIPS, Jason Joseph	FEDOLFI, Shelby Lynne
8/9/2003	GRENIER, Jeremy Alan	KNIPES, Kendra Irene
8/13/2003	SYLVESTER, Ralph Louis	DAVIS, Patricia Anne
9/6/2003	GOODRICH, Mark Harvey	DIONNE, Jessica Lynn
9/20/2003	KELLOGG, John	THOMPSON, Margaret Mary
9/20/2003	LOCKE, Samuel Edward	FREIDANK, Sara Jane
10/10/2003	AGUDA, John Odhiambo	BEAUREGARD, Amy Sue
10/13/2003	READ, Bruce Stephen	DEMAREST, Fraula Ann
10/25/2003	FAIRBANKS, John G Jr	WARNER, Amy J
11/22/2003	DUNSTER, Patrick Leslie	NELSON, Danica Anne
12/22/2003	HENSLEY, Nathan Stewart	GEBLER, Diana Lynn



CIVIL UNIONS

Civil Unions Recorded in the Town of Poultney in 2003

PARTY A

3/12/2003 HOUNSHELL, Shiree Antwinette
7/25/2003 LOWDER, Pauline Deal

PARTY B

BAILEY, Lea Mechel
WINSTED, Beverly Shacklett

BIRTHS

Births Recorded in the Town of Poultney in 2003

12/27/2002	Isaac Jacob	Hannah & Ryan Merrill
1/17/2003	Grace Elizabeth	Angela Brayton & Todd Hayes
2/2/2003	Tyler Scott	Amy & Thomas Terrien
2/5/2003	Gunnar August	Gretchen & Peter Bischoff
2/6/2003	Hannah Jane	Tracy & Peter Noble
2/6/2003	Robert Lee IV	Lisa & Robert Linendoll III
2/15/2003	Sarah Kyoko	Lisa Kramer & Nathan Lee
3/10/2003	Kyla May	Susan & John Blanch
4/3/2003	Nathaniel William	Chrishenda Benoit & Lute Pidgeon
4/13/2003	Damen Ronald	Desiree Dunbar & Joshua Morse
5/6/2003	Grace Cecelia	Jacqueline & Kevin Parks
5/12/2003	James Cole	Jennifer & James Jordan III
5/20/2003	Richard William	Ginger & Billy Joe Parker
5/29/2003	Kohlby Ryan	Michelle & Patrick Murray
5/29/2003	Benjamin Sanders	Charlotte Gerstein & Jonathan Spiro
6/13/2003	Mallory Anna	Kristen Caliguiri & Jeffrey McGuiness
6/17/2003	Scott Tadayoshi	Akiko & Brian Ainsworth
6/24/2003	Dakota Harvick	Tamie Lewis & Jason Drummond
7/8/2003	Oliver Flynn	Amy & Duncan McQuade
8/12/2003	Kassidy Rae	Deanna Durham
8/12/2003	Emily May	Christie Dunbar & Joshua Pelletier
8/29/2003	Chloe Ann	Michelle & Robert Brill
8/29/2003	Lillian Jean	Michelle & Robert Brill
8/29/2003	Olasia Marie	Jessica Bunker & Darrell Jackson
9/27/2003	Emily Rose	Kellie & Christopher Sykes
10/4/2003	Gabriel Glenn	Errica & James Brisson
10/18/2003	Kylie Morgan	Tricia & William Constantine
10/30/2003	Colby Martin	Stacy & Martin Hutchins
11/2/2003	Ayden James	Machelle Jennings & Bruce Morse
11/4/2003	Madison Victoria	Lori & Jon Gilbert
11/5/2003	Tyler Alexander	Amanda Ransom & Moses Mitchell
12/6/2003	Martin Robert	Misty Mead



DEATHS

Deaths Recorded in the Town of Poultney in 2003

12/25/2002	HAZEN, Gloria Jean
12/31/2002	DUMOND, Joseph H
1/16/2003	LAWYER, Joyce Blossom
1/17/2003	THOMSON, Emily M
1/28/2003	SARTZ, Gote (Gus) Harold
2/4/2003	HARVEY, David B
2/10/2003	BRIGGS, James S
2/10/2003	HADEKA, John G
2/11/2003	MARKCROW, William
2/21/2003	EVANS, Elizabeth P
2/28/2003	ROBERTS, Richard A
3/8/2003	ROBERTSON, Marjorie Elaine
5/31/2003	SELTZER, James C
6/2/2003	WADE, Leta Mae
6/3/2003	ZIESSE, Ruth D
6/5/2003	HIER, Evelyn M
6/20/2003	PYENTA, Stanley A
6/22/2003	BISHOP, Clarence S
6/26/2003	BORICHEVSKY, Nicholas S
7/12/2003	SMITH, Margaret T
7/13/2003	MICHEL, Joan C
8/8/2003	ALLARD, Raymond H Jr
8/14/2003	COSTELLO, Kathryn T
9/5/2003	FERRY, Leonard P
9/7/2003	HARMON, Ann Linda
9/9/2003	DIMICHELE, Guy E
9/25/2003	HUGHES, Marion F
10/13/2003	TORRE, Michael A
11/7/2003	RANSOM, Clarence A
11/30/2003	BOGUCKI, John J
12/10/2003	LEWIS, Joan B
12/11/2003	DUVAL, Raymond G
12/15/2003	LAPELL, Winston L

Burial Permits (When Death Certificate Not Recorded)

12/17/2002	RANSOM, Della Ann
12/26/2002	SALTIS, Wilma C
1/7/2003	BROWN, Ronald W
1/9/2003	VIGER, Rosemary
1/16/2003	FRANZONI, Eugene J
1/31/2003	MCLAREN, Pauline D
3/2/2003	BRIDGES, Harriet E
3/3/2003	PERRY, Walter C Jr
3/23/2003	CAMARA, Helen M
6/23/2003	OWENS, Allen
6/24/2003	HOWK, Joseph D
7/28/2003	HOWE, B Eunice
8/17/2003	MURPHY, Ellen S
8/20/2003	LOUGHAN, Robert Sr
9/4/2003	SWEENEY, Thomas Paul
9/16/2003	JORDAN, Veronica
10/15/2003	MEAD, Frederick Sumner Sr
10/17/2003	BOGUCKI, Francis
11/8/2003	BOYCE, Jean M
11/22/2003	RUBY, Winifred E
12/12/2003	MCINTYRE, Helen
12/16/2003	PARKER, Frederick C

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003

New Books Added	544	
Books Discarded	533	
Total Book Collection	14,032	
Periodical Subscriptions	48	
Books on Tape	215	
Videos	451	
Adult Circulation	17,630	
Juvenile Circulation	10,100	
Total Books and Other Materials Loaned		27,730
Books Borrowed Through Inter-library Loan		594
47 Programs Offered with a Total Attendance		968
Total Registered Borrowers		2,304



When looking for information these days, many people's first instinct is to turn to the Internet. But how do you really know what you're getting online? Library staff takes advantage of continuing education opportunities throughout the year. One of the most interesting workshops offered was conducted by a representative from the National Library of Medicine. Its goal was to better equip librarians to find reliable medical information on the Internet. The essence of the instructor's message was that while there is wonderful information available (including on the government's own MedLinePlus website), there is also much that is false, misleading, and even dangerous. Over and over, he stressed the importance of knowing not just who posted the information but when it was posted as well. With many websites, neither of those basic facts is easy to discern.

That's why the Library is very pleased to be able to offer the community electronic information databases free of charge that can be accessed not only at the Library but from your home, your office--anywhere Internet access is available. It's called the Vermont Online Library and provides access to reliable information compiled by established vendors, many of whom have done business with libraries for decades. The information is produced by known and trusted publishers. On our own, we would never have been able afford this service, but because libraries of all types from all over the state joined together to negotiate the contract, Vermonters with participating libraries can now have free access to online information.

The eleven databases included are:

Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module: Magazines, journals, books, and newspapers with information on fitness, pregnancy, medicine, nutrition, diseases, public health, occupational health and safety, alcohol and drug abuse, prescription drugs, herbal remedies, alternative and complementary treatments, etc.

InfoTrac Custom Newspapers: Includes the complete text of the New York Times for the past year and of the Burlington Free Press since 1999.

Business and Company Resource Center: Accurate, up-to-date company and industry intelligence on more than 300,000 companies with coverage of major business events and trends from 1983 to the present.

Computer Database: Use this resource to find computer-related product introductions, news and reviews on hardware, software, electronics, engineering, etc.

General Reference Center Gold: 1200 general interest magazines, business and industry journals and reference books.

InfoTrac Professional Collection: Updated daily, over 300 journals of interest to teachers and administrators.

Expanded Academic ASAP: From arts and the humanities to social sciences, science, and technology, this database meets research needs across all scholarly disciplines.

Kids InfoBits: Reference books and more than 75 magazines with content selected specifically for K-6 students.

InfoTrac Junior Edition: Reference books and more than 90 magazines at the junior high and middle school level for information on current events, the arts, science, popular culture, health, people, government, history, sports and more.

InfoTrac Student Edition: Over 270 magazines, more than 40,000 newspaper articles, 14 reference books, 500 historical images, and more than 300 maps appropriate for high school students.

InfoTrac OneFile: One-stop source for information on a wide-range of topics with millions of full-text articles, many with images. Updated daily.

How do you gain entrance to this treasure-trove? If you have Internet access at home, just stop in to pick up a complete brochure or call us at 287-5556 for the URL and current password. The Vermont Online databases as well as many other collections and services can, of course, also be used at the Library during regular hours of operation:

Monday-Thursday	2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Our thanks to the many groups and individuals who gave of their time, talents, resources, and good will in support of the Library's efforts to serve the community during the past year.

Sincerely,

Daphne Bartholomew
Librarian

PLEASE NOTE: Library Board meetings, which are open to the public, are held on the third Tuesday of January, April, July, and October, and the first Tuesday of December, at 6:30 PM in the Library.



**Poultney Public Library
Annual Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003
General Account**

Beginning Balance 7/1/02 \$ 1,343.99

INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$60,509.00	
Auto Transfer	114.44	
Fines & Fees	696.42	
Book Sales	1,281.15	
Copier	751.70	
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TOTAL INCOME		\$63,352.71

Total Available Funds \$64,696.70

EXPENSES

Salaries	\$36,828.25	
Maintenance	1,289.00	
Books & Binding	8,978.07	
Periodicals	1,529.38	
Employee Benefits	7,525.18	
Telephone	1,416.64	
Electricity	1,055.53	
Insurance	480.00	
Travel, Education	80.00	
Programming	627.22	
Supplies & Equipment	1,417.52	
Postage & Misc.	1,488.17	
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TOTAL EXPENSES		<62,714.96>

Balance on Hand 6/30/03 \$ 1,981.74

SPECIAL ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand 7/1/02 \$ 15,791.43

Income

CD Interest	\$ 456.86
Interest on Account	219.00
Gifts	645.00

Total Available Funds 17,112.29

Withdrawals

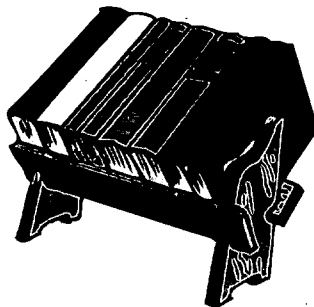
Book Return	\$2,339.00
Computer Network Setup	300.00
Other	581.09

Balance on Hand 6/30/03 \$13,892.20

POULTNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROPOSED BUDGET
JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005

SALARIES:	Librarian	\$23,507
	Assistant	10,300
	Clerk *	6,560
	Bookkeeping	450
Building Maintenance		1,650
Employee Benefits:		
	Social Security	3,080
	Health Insurance	5,000
Books and Binding		9,500
Periodicals		1,750
Telephone		550
Electricity		1,300
Insurance		600
Travel, Dues, Education		300
Supplies and Equipment		1,300
Programming		400
Postage and Miscellaneous		1,800
	Total Budget	<u>\$68,055</u>
Less other income		
(fines, copier fees, book sales)		<2,000>
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PROPOSED TOWN APPROPRIATION		<u>\$66,055</u>

* Increases clerk's position from 9 to 15 hours per week.



Poultney Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission would again like to thank the many individuals, organizations, and businesses who time and time again contribute their time and financial support to make our programs a success. A special thanks to Bob Jr. and Bob Sr. Chesnut, Sheryl & Mike Porrier, Tim Jones, Ed DeMatties, Brian Wade, Todd Prior, Gilmore Home Center, Don Smith, Richard Gray, Gary Brayton, Dan Foley, Jerry Foley, John Towne, Larry Loomis, Trevor Hughes, James Morse, Don Williams, Richard McLaughlin, Doug Davenport, Richard Ferguson, Mark Teetor, Susan Kasuba; Poultney Public Schools, Jerry Keezer; George Saltis and Bob Scott, the Poultney Community League; the Poultney Woman's Club, Steve Brown, A.A. Hadeka Slate Company, the Lake St. Catherine Country Club; The Poultney Fire Department, Green Mountain College, the Poultney Parent - Teacher Organization, Cones Point Miniature Golf, Cheryl and Paul Woodruff; Russ Williams and Caryl Morash, the Poultney Community Fund; the Poultney Booster Club, and Williams Hardware for their continued support to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Poultney community. Thank you to the many parents and coaches who have volunteered their time to supervise and participate in the many activities sponsored by the Commission, the Poultney Community League, Basketball, Soccer and Youth Football teams.

Also a special thanks to all of this summers Recreation Leaders, Assistants and Helpers who helped make a fun and learning experience for our area youth: Sheryl and Mike Porrier, Stephanie Fowler, Sue Striglia, Terry Bergen, Amanda Loomis, Katy Loomis, Gaelyn Williams, Bryn Williams, Hunter Giaotti, Meghan Lynch, Carla Prehoda, Dylan Jones, Tim Devlin, Nolan Grabowski, Laura Prehoda, Kara Tracey, Joanna Fox, Michael Scott, Amanda Prehoda, Nathan Loomis, Kurt Hewes, Alexander Porrier, Caitlin McCoy, Joel Flewelling, Charles, Josiah, Irene Simons, Jeff Hiser, Dana McCoy, Liz Skovira, and Janine Dunlap and the Girl Scout Council.

The new Bathroom / Changing Room Building located behind the Poultney Elementary School is finally open on a limited basis. We hope to complete the building this Spring.

New members and volunteers are needed and welcomed. Suggestions for improving programs and facilities are also welcomed. Budget and time constraints may restrict what can be accomplished, but with your assistance and patience, improvements will occur. For more information regarding proposed projects or programs, please contact Commission members or the Town Office at 287-9751.



Poultney Recreation Commission FY 2002 - Financial Report July 01, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Revenues

Town Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00
Program Fees:	
Summer 2002	3,985.00
Total Program Fees	3,985.00
Light Fees	00.00
Donations	270.00
Miscellaneous	66.35
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 12,321.35</u>

Expenditures

General Operating:

Lights - CVPS (S)	499.80
Lights - CVPS (T)	174.40
Lights - CVPS (PES)	284.06

Maintenance:

Mowing	920.05
Field & Equipment Supplies	660.22
Equip Maintenance	00.00
Playground	241.88
Locker Room	89.25
Miscellaneous	<u>13.60</u>

Sub Total

2,883.26

Program Expenditures:

Summer 2002

Baseball / Softball	261.70
Introduction to Martial Arts	130.00
Track & Field	335.90
Nature Discovery	215.30
Lacrosse	130.00
Floor Hockey	303.98
Jump In	35.00
Jr. Golf	329.25
Swimming	586.53
Soccer	1,377.05
Tennis	243.55
Basketball	1,520.86
Stunts & Tumbling	190.81
Creative Movement	190.83
Candle Crafts	253.58
Crazy Crafts	252.00
Miniature Golf	471.07
Science Experiment	119.00
Get Fit	102.78
Summer Recreation Supplies	561.65
Advertising / Printing / Regist.	<u>315.00</u>

Sub Total

7,925.84

Special Events

Adventure Camp (Summer 2002)	977.66
Halloween	150.00
Teen Dance	75.00
July 4	250.00

Workers Compensation

00.00

Total Program Expenses

9,378.50

Grand Total Expenditures

\$12,261.72

Checkbook Balance

\$ 73.63



POULTNEY TREE WARDEN

ANNUAL REPORT FY 2003

Poultney's **Arbor Day, May 10th**, was warm and sunny, as eight volunteers planted seven trees in the Village and Town. Green Mountain College students Karyne Maines, Matt Kaine and Pearl Wetherall had been recommended for this environmental enhancement work by Professor Jim Graves. They were joined by Green Mountain College Professor Natalie Coe, her husband Ken, and her father John Ribairk. Superintendents for the mornings activity were Veterinarian Dr. Scott McLachlan and retired GMC Professor Bob Pawling.

Three "Greenspire" Little Leaf Lindens were planted at the East Poultney Cemetery and on Norton Avenue. One "Selkirk" Flowering Crabapple was planted on York Street and two more on Main Street, where the tree in front of the Poultney Inn was destroyed by vandals. A "Crimson King" Red Maple was planted on Grave Street.

Tree Warden Phil Pope planned the activity. Peat moss and wire were again provided by Williams Hardware. Town Road Crew members Rick Parker, Bart Amerio, Gary Mead and Village employees Wayne Tracey and Jim Hurlburt aided the work by opening holes and transporting trees from the growers.

Once again, volunteers have made the air in Poultney cleaner, provided shade along the streets, and beautified more neighborhoods.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip T Pope, Tree Warden



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. Annual Report 2003

The membership of the Poultney Rescue Squad is pleased to make the following report to the Town of Poultney.

The year 2003 saw many changes for Poultney Rescue. We now have two full time employees, Mark Camara and Kathy Stephenson. They work between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM daily to provide daytime coverage. It was necessary for the Rescue Squad to hire an additional full time employee because we don't have enough volunteers available in town during the day to cover the calls.

We also ordered a new ambulance to replace unit 5551, our 1995 ambulance. This was necessary because 5551 was becoming less reliable and more expensive to maintain. Our new ambulance should arrive in February, 2004 and we look forward to receiving it.

The Rescue Squad is also exploring options for a new home. Our present building is insufficient to meet our training needs, has no meeting space sufficient to accommodate the membership and no privacy for crew members of the opposite sex. We have met with the Select Board and are currently examining two options: a building near the Poultney Fire Department or the old Whispering Pines site. In conjunction with Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal, we are exploring grant funds that might be able to cover the cost.

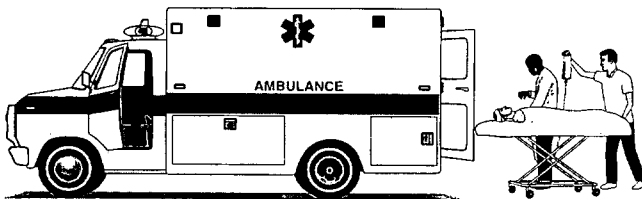
This year has also seen the loss of some dedicated, valuable members of Poultney Rescue. Tracy Tinsley and Brian Wade, both long-time members, resigned this year and their contributions are greatly missed. On the other hand, we are happy to welcome aboard new members DJ Ferguson of Hampton, sisters Monique and Nicole Williams of Castleton, Charles Hicks of Poultney, Robin Gibbs of Hubbarton, and Jody McGee of Fair Haven. We are grateful to have them all aboard and thank them for their contribution to our community.

Another important note is that this was a banner fundraising year by the Poultney Rescue Squad Auxiliary at the Thrift Shop. Dot Hannon does an excellent job organizing a tremendous amount of work by our friends in the Auxiliary, and we'd like to thank them for all for their time and dedication.

Financially, however we continue to operate at a slight loss. This is because of three main factors: (1) we were forced to hire an additional full time employee; (2) ambulances are expensive and we must place almost \$ 30,000 a year into equipment replacement funds to ensure timely replacement; and (3) the cost of insurance, medical supplies and other equipment continues to rise. These items alone account for \$ 90,000 a year in our budget.

We are therefore asking for a contribution from the Town of Poultney of \$ 10,000. This amounts to \$ 2.75 per person. This is what other towns in our coverage area pay (Middletown Springs, Hampton & Tinmouth). It is also substantially less than what neighboring towns pay (Fair Haven is \$ 10 per resident; Castleton is \$ 5 per resident).

We thank you for your continued support and welcome anyone looking for an opportunity to serve our community to contact Mark or Kathy at 287-5575.



POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.
Ideal Way * P.O. Box 76 * Poultney, Vt. 05764
Fax (802) 287-2207

Profit & Loss Statement
January - December 2003

Income

CPR	\$ 565.00
Donations	4,557.00
Fund Raisers	7,705.00
Insurance	103,658.56
Investments	4,397.23
Safety Program	200.00
Town Funding	<u>19,583.33</u>
Total Income	\$140,666.12

Expense

Administrative	\$ 6,087.31
Billing	11,299.62
Building	7,285.12
Communications	15,991.50
CPR	326.35
Infection Cont.	134.90
ECA Class	936.68
First Aid & Training	10,087.64
Insurance	17,359.00
Membership	14,894.65
Payroll Expenses	28,078.89
Protect Supply	96.50
Thrift Shop	1,893.51
Vehicles	<u>29,514.63</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$143,919.09</u>
Net Income	- <u>3,252.97</u>



4th of July Committee 2003 Report

"This is my country" was the theme for this years 22nd Annual Fourth of July parade and once again a great success. This event would not be possible without the time, effort and financial support of the community.



The day began with a 5K run that was dedicated to the memory of Martin Devlin, Poultney's longtime Health Officer. Kerri Devlin's family and friends pitched in to run the event that saw record numbers turnout for this special event. T-Shirts were in short supply but the participants were very understanding and patient. An additional 100 shirts had to be ordered. The morning continued with the parade. The weather was outstanding.

Field events were coordinated by Ida Mae Johnson and Deb Robinson. The events are sponsored by the Poultney Volunteer Fire Department, the Poultney Woman's Club, the American Legion Post #39, the Poultney Chamber of Commerce, the Poultney Rotary Club, and the Town of Poultney.

Field events included fiddler Brendon Toffee and music DJ John Saltis. Marchers, music and floats were abundant! The day concluded with an awesome fireworks show put on by the Poultney Fire Department.

The Poultney Fire Department also directed traffic in and out of the area smoothly and safely. Early morning parade line-up is also their responsibility, as is clean-up before and after the field events. The members of the finest Volunteer Fire Department in the State display an incredible amount of dedication to our community. Thank You again!

Also, thanks to the many parade members who spent hours decorating floats, practicing their music, or polishing their fire engines, making our Parade one of the biggest and best in Vermont.

Thanks to our daily and weekly papers and Judy Leach from WVNR of Lakes Region Radio for great jobs of spreading the news before and during the day so area folks could enjoy themselves.

Thanks to those who donated so generously to the buckets before the fireworks. Those funds assure there will be a 23rd Fourth of July Celebration in 2004.

Community organizations, church groups, musicians, antique and classic car enthusiast, schools, equestrians are all encouraged to participate in the parade and should contact Kathy Hutson at (802) 287-9279 for the 2004 parade.

Vendors of food, games, activities for the 2004 field events should contact Ida Mae Johnson from the Poultney Woman's Club. We look forward to an even bigger celebration in July 2004 !

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hutson and Ida Mae Johnson



**Vermont State Police
124 State Place
Rutland, Vt 05701
(802) 468-5355
Emergency 911**

To the Citizens of Poultney,

This past year has been one of change for the Town of Poultney. Since 1991 the Town and the State Police have been involved in a "COPS" contract. "COPS" stands for Contract Outpost Patrol. The contract was 3 year commitment by the Town to receive additional patrol coverage for several years. Poultney has been the last remaining town in the State to participate in the program. Over the years, other towns that participated in the program had sought different options from the state and/or other agencies. In October 2003, the Poultney contract expired. The Selectboard met with the State Police and is now experimenting with a one year contract. The State Police will continue to patrol and respond to calls for service in the town.

During the past year the State Police have **responded to 589 incidents** in Poultney. Those incidents run the gambit from criminal violations to generally assisting the public. Of those incidents that were violations, **48 arrests were made**. We were also called to **investigate 37 motor vehicle accidents**. During our patrol time and in response to citizen complaints, **226 traffic tickets** and 234 warnings were issued for various violations of the motor vehicle law.

The Vermont State Police will continue to do our best to help the community in any way possible. We wish to thank all the citizens for their help and cooperation. Please feel free to contact the Castleton Outpost or the Town Manager's Office about any assistance we may be able to give to you.

Respectfully,

Sgt. David J. Lertola
Vermont State Police
Castleton Outpost

802-773-9101

**STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
VERMONT STATE POLICE**

802-775-6968



**Rutland
124 State Place
Rutland, VT 05701**

2002 VERMONT CRIME REPORT

State of Vermont
Department of Public Safety

TOWN OF POULTNEY



VERMONT CRIME 2002

State of Vermont | Vermont Department of Public Safety | Division of Criminal Justice Services

TOWN OF POULTNEY

Estimated 2000 Population: 3,633

CRIME RATE

ACTUAL COUNTS		CRIME RATE PER THOUSAND	
PART I	PART II	PART I	PART II
72	125	19.82	34.41

PART I CRIME	#	PART II CRIME	#
Homicide	0	Forgery	0
Rape	0	Fraud	11
Robbery	0	Embezzlement	0
Aggravated Assault	2	Stolen Property	1
Burglary	23	Vandalism	30
Larceny	42	Sex Offense	5
Auto Theft	3	Drugs	8
Arson	2	Family/Child	21
		Liquor Violations	4
		Disorderly Conduct	6
		Simple Assault	9
		Weapons	0
		Prostitution	0
		Gambling	0
		Vagrancy	0
		DUI	11
		Other	19



Poultney Conservation Commission

The PCC continued to have the management and oversight of the Poultney Educational Trail as its primary function in 2003. In addition to the maintenance efforts by the Commission members, volunteer coordination also occurred with a trail work day in the spring, youth helping through the Poultney Summer Rec program, and help from recreation students from Green Mountain College.

A new spur of the trail was also created by a Vermont Youth Conservation Corps team, overseen by the Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Partnership. This group built a small bridge over a wet area, and cleared a trail to a major streambank restoration project on the Poultney River near the town wastewater treatment plant. Funding for that project also covered the cost of a large interpretive sign that will be installed this spring, describing the restoration project, and comparing it to other types of streambank alteration.

The PCC has secured some additional funds, both grants and donations, that will be used in 2004 to purchase a mower for the trail, and design and install informational signs at various parts of the trail that will highlight particular trees, plants, or environmental highlights. Printing of an updated trail map, as well as possible expansion of the trail is also being considered.

Additional members are needed to help with these projects. Please contact the Town Office at 287-9751 if you have ideas of interest in the trail and the Conservation Commission.

Scott MacLachlan
Chairperson





POULTNEY - METTOWEE WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District
PO Box 209, Poultney, VT 05764
(802) 287-5841 fax (802) 287-5841

Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District
2530 State Rt. 40, Greenwich, NY 12834
(518) 692-2927 fax (518) 692-9942

Over the past four years the Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Partnership has completed many great projects. We are truly motivated and excited by the tremendous conservation work that is taking place in our watershed. We encourage you to become involved in the Partnership and work with us to improve the quality of the watershed and the communities in which we live. Please support our request for financial assistance from your town's general fund. Together we can really make a difference.

The Poultney Mettowee watershed is the entire land area that drains into either the Poultney or the Mettowee Rivers.

Our History

The Partnership began in summer 1998 with a few people talking together and realizing that their organizations were working towards many of the same conservation goals. As a result, our unique, bi-state partnership began, focusing on our mutual concerns for protection of natural resources and water quality. The Partnership has completed many projects throughout the watershed. Highlights for 2003 include riparian buffer plantings in four towns, leading summer programs for local youth, maintaining the native plant nursery in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy, volunteer work days and scientific data collection and monitoring of the rivers. The time and advice of committee members is invaluable and we sincerely thank them. Based on their knowledge, we increased public awareness and have begun to find solutions to issues and concerns throughout the watershed.

Our Future

Some projects currently underway, or still in the planning stages, include:

- Water quality monitoring of the Poultney River.

The Partnership brings together the outstanding conservation work in the Poultney and Mettowee rivers, so that we can benefit from each others' experiences and knowledge, and together be stronger in our common goal.

- Producing stock in our native plant nursery to supply material for floodplain and Clay Plain forest restoration projects in partnership with the Nature Conservancy.
- A landowner outreach project that supplies trees for riparian landowners that will address high temperatures in the Mettowee River.
- Conducting a detailed assessment of local rivers using volunteers.

- Leading environmental service projects for youth in the watershed.
- Increase nutrient management assistance to agricultural producers.

Get Involved

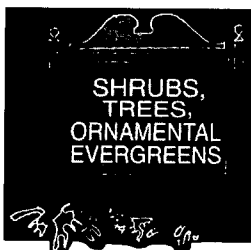
Contact either of us, or the project coordinators (phone 802 287 4284), to request a copy of our annual report of accomplishments. Or visit our website: www.poultneymettowee.org. Let us know what concerns you have, what problems you see, and what help you would like to address them. We look forward to hearing from you, and working with you in the future.

Marli Rupe

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

Joe Driscoll

Washington County Soil & Water Conservation District





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Schoolhouse
Hall of Valiant 13



1791
Union Academy



1854
Melodeon Factory

POULTNEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
Poultney, Vermont 05764

Poultney Historical Society Annual Report

In the spring of 2003 preparations began for summer activities at the Poultney Historical Society. The museums and collections were cleaned and made ready. The summer months saw many visitors, both local and from out of state, attracted by the village green and its historic houses, the Baptist Church and the museums.

On East Poultney Day, in addition to the regular vendors, Stuart Edge-Gerrol enacted "Living History", portraying a schoolmaster in the mid 1850's at the 1791 Union Academy building. The "spinsters" showed their spinning prowess and shared their lore, and artist Peter Huntoon demonstrated watercolor painting. The Society launched its Oral History Project, co-chaired by Gail Vreeland and Dick Hanson

The Vermont Institute of Natural Science sponsored a Community Mapping Project at Green Mountain College, and some of the participants used the Society to research the history of mills along the Poultney River, most of which were swept away during the flood of 1811. Evidence of the mills were found at the East Poultney Gorge, a dam site on Finel Brook, the dam at the site of the Gray Foundry (now the Senior Center) and the slate structure in Lewis Brook. VINS gave the Society a large poster, showing pictures of the sites and maps, which may be seen at the museums.

At the September annual meeting, Stuart Gerrol again demonstrated "Living History", this time as a Vermont militiaman. The November meeting, co-sponsored with the Poultney Public Library, featured Garrett Riggs from the Slate Valley Museum showing and unpacking a trunk that an immigrant coming to work in the slate industry would have brought along.

In October the fourth grade, from the Poultney Elementary School, toured the museums. The students were cooperative and interested, having been well prepared by their teachers. We thank Linda Leech, Maureen Cahill and Rommy Miller for their work in encouraging the children's awareness of our local history.

The fall of 2003 saw a change of officers in the Society. Ruth Czar is retiring as President, while remaining as a trustee. Incoming President Dick Hanson presented Ruth with a plaque at the November meeting, acknowledging with gratitude her service as President for more than a decade. Ethan Ward, Stuart Gerrol and Dan Brill were elected new trustees and Janice Edwards the new curator.

The Society thanks all those who have helped during the past year and especially thanks members of the Poultney community for their support of the Society.

LAKE ST. CATHERINE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

2003 Annual Report to POULTNEY

The Lake St Catherine Association enjoyed another successful year. The 440 members of the Association represents 71 percent of the Lake properties.

The Association continues to concentrate its efforts in maintaining Lake property values by **controlling the growth of Eurasian milfoil**. With a work crew of seven, we operate three harvesters, two unloaders, and a truck during June, July, and August. This year 304 truckloads of milfoil were removed from the Lake, up from 260 the previous year. The Association spent \$ 62,331 on milfoil control. The Town of Poultney contributed \$ 6,000 and Wells \$ 3,000. State funding for weed control in 2003 was \$ 28,049, or 45 % of our costs. The balance of \$ 24,282 came from dues paid by Lake Association members.

The Association has received a permit from the State Department of Environmental Conservation to apply the herbicide Sonar (fluridone) at a very low level (less than 10 parts per billion) in 2004. We expect the treatment to greatly reduce milfoil activity in the Lake for up to five years. The cost of the treatment will cost in excess of \$ 300,000. In addition to regular dues, Lake residents have contributed more than \$ 100,000 to the fund for Sonar treatment. **We need a large increase in funding from the Towns of Poultney and Wells.**

Zebra Mussels are a new threat to our Lake. The microscopic larval stage is transported from lake to lake on boat hulls, in bait buckets, and in motor cooling systems. The only safe method of preventing the spread of this dreaded pest is with a hot-water wash. Anyone bringing a boat to Lake St Catherine is encouraged to follow this procedure.

Lake safety is another important activity of the Association. The Lake Safety Committee installed additional hazard markers and instituted an "adopt a buoy" program, with more volunteers being responsible for installation and maintenance of these important safety devices. The Association continues to offer the State Certified Safe Boating Course each summer. Over 200 youths from the area have participated in this valuable education.

Water Quality is monitored during the summer with tests for both water clarity and pollutants being made on a regular basis. Testing in the State lab indicated that all samples were within acceptable safe recreational swimming water limits. Lake St Catherine is clean.

Social activities included the associations' annual meeting combined with a pot-luck supper in early July. A Golf Tournament rounded out social and sports activities.

Trustees for the current year were elected at the Annual Meeting in July. Officers for the coming year are Bob Moore - President; Howard Irons - Vice-President; Elliott Rosen - Treasurer; and Sylvia Bingham - Secretary.

The Association **thanks Poultney** for its \$ 7,000 in financial support. We need your assistance again in 2003 - 2004 Fiscal Year. **We need a substantial increase in Poultney's contribution for this coming summer.** We believe that Lake St Catherine contributes to the quality of life in Poultney. The Town benefits from taxes paid by Lake property owners. The merchants benefit from the business of summer residents. The people in the Town benefit from the recreational values of the Lake that we share.

Lake St Catherine Association
Philip T Pope, Chair, Government Relations Committee



Young at Heart Senior Center
206 Furnace Street
Poultney, Vt 05764
(802) 287-9200

The Young at Heart Senior Center is located at 206 Furnace Street, in Poultney. We are open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. This is a place for seniors to come and enjoy a delicious home cooked meal and visit with old friends. Our meals are prepared by our own cook so everything is hot and fresh. All of the seniors citizens from Rutland County and surrounding areas are Welcome to the Center. We have been filling our dining room to capacity. The Senior Citizens from neighboring towns say "Poultney's Senior Citizens are so lucky to have such a wonderful center to come to for whatever reason".

A free exercise class is held on Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 A.M. We have a piano player on Wednesday and Friday and guest speakers on Wednesday. The Center also holds birthday parties And Holiday parties for its guests. We take bus trips on the second and fourth Monday of every month and our busses are always full. On Fridays, bingo is played at 12:45 P.M. and evening card parties are held at 7:00 P.M.

New Officers for the year 2003 - 2004 are as follows: President, Patti Dillon; Ed Sicard, Vice-President, Secretary, Mary Anne Hall; and Treasurer, Kathleen Kerber. Board members include: Patricia Favor, Corrine Minthorn, Betty Dimick, Mary Shank, Elaine Proctor, Joyce Williams, Natalie Class, Walter McIntyre and Rev. Steve Payne.

We would like to thank Poultney and the surrounding communities for their continued support.

The Young at Heart Senior Center is a vital part of this community and an invitation is always open for new people to come and enjoy the delicious meals and delightful company.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thomas
Site Manager



The Poultney Food Shelf, Inc.

P.O. Box 96
Poultney, Vt. 05764
(802) 287-2078

The Poultney Food Shelf, Inc. is a community-based not-for-profit organization serving Poultney, Middletown Springs and Hampton, New York. The food shelf is located at the united Baptist Church of Poultney (East Poultney), and is open every Tuesday, 3 - 5 P.M. Visits are as needed, including the Open Food Shelf dates (just prior to Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, dates to be announced. Bread and pastries are available on an unrestricted first come first served basis during the weekly Food Shelf hours.

In addition to making available food for families in need, our goal is to work with the Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council (BROC), our anti-poverty agency, in delivering emergency assistance to those in need. We assist BROC where and when we can. When a crisis occurs outside of BROC business hours, we attempt to meet the immediate crises need until BROC is available to intervene. The Food Shelf has emergency funds (Poultney Food Shelf Account 2, formerly "Poultney Concerned") available for payment of certain living expenses (heat, rent, utilities, etc.) Residents requiring financial assistance should contact one of the following Food Shelf board members:

Joan Donaghy	(802) 287-9697
Kathy Hutson	(802) 287-9279 or 287-4446
Rev. Stephen Payne	(802) 287-5811

In 2003, the Food Shelf provided the following to 247 families in the community:

- 6,225 pounds of food
- \$ 4,247.00 in vouchers (redeemable for perishable food products such as meat, eggs, milk and vegetables).
- \$ 2,474.49 spent to re-stock the Food Shelf
- \$ 1,050.14 for emergency fuel assistance and emergency utility payments

The Poultney Food Shelf is grateful to the area residents, churches, Fair Haven Concerned, the Postal Service, the Modern Woodmen of Wells and the Stewart's Shops for their generous financial support. We thank you for helping us help our communities.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hutson, Chairman
Poultney Food Shelf, Inc.



Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee, Inc.

In June 2002, Poultney Village and Town became the 14th municipality to receive a Designated Downtown status. Downtowns became a state priority in 1994 with the creation of the Vermont Downtown Program that provides technical assistance and training in downtown revitalization. The 1998 Downtown Development Act created a Downtown Development Board to designate and provide certain benefits to Downtowns in communities that have a comprehensive revitalization strategy with broad based community support, and have demonstrated a long-term commitment to enhance economic opportunities, preserve historic buildings, and improve public spaces and infrastructure in their commercial district. Some of the key benefits for Downtown Districts include:

- **Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement Fund** - grants up to \$ 75,000 for capital transportation and related capital improvement projects that support economic development.

- **Priority Consideration by State Agencies:** by any state agency administering any state or federal assistance program providing funding or other aid to the designated downtown area, with consideration given to such projects such as costs and benefits provided.

- **10 % Tax Credit for Substantial Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings for the projects that qualify for the 20 % Federal Rehabilitation Investment Tax Credit.**

- **25 % Tax Credit for Rehabilitation of Older or Historic Buildings.**

- **Sprinkler System Rebate up to \$ 2,000 of the construction permits fees**

- **50 % Tax Credit for Platform Lifts and Sprinkler Systems**

- **Employee Training Tax Credits**

- **Reallocation of Sales Tax on Construction Materials**

The Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee was organized in 2001 to create a organization dedicated to improving the infrastructure needed to enhance the Towns' efforts to preserve and enhance the vitality of its downtown. The Committee created a planning document necessary to participate in Vermont's Downtown program. Poultney's Downtown, is an area of intensive capital investment, both public and private, in building, water and sewer systems, streets and sidewalks, parks and preserving historic structures. The Downtown Committee is working on implementing the Plan including the Main Street Streetscape Improvement Plan as well as developing the municipally owned historic Stonebridge Inn building. We have received several large and small grants for the projects mentioned thanks in large part to the work of the Downtown Committee.

Streetscape Improvements:

Recently, the Town received a \$ 9,500 Municipal Planning grant for engineering services for the Streetscape Improvement Plan and the Village received a \$ 40,000 grant from the State Downtown Transportation Improvement Fund for the construction of new sidewalks, curbs and lighting improvements. In addition, the Village was just awarded a \$ 300,001 grant from the Agency of Transportation's Enhancement Grant program for the Streetscape Improvement Plan as well. This is just the beginning of a multi-year improvement plan to enhance the economic development of the community. Main Street improvements will begin in July 2004 at the end of Main and College Streets.

The Stonebridge Inn:

The Town is working on a plan to reconstruct and renovate the Stonebridge Inn into a multiple use facility providing a Tourist and Information area to promote the Town and region, a new location for the Poultney Food Shelf, a satellite classroom for the Vermont Adult Learning Program, office space for the Poultney - Mettewee Natural Resource Conservation District, and licensed child care services provided by the Rutland County Head Start program and the Rutland Parent Child Care Center. **Over \$ 735,000** has been raised to date for this building. Sources include:

Grants:

• Vermont Agency of Transportation - Enhancement Grant	\$ 170,500
• Vermont Conservation Housing Board	\$ 100,000
• Division For Historic Preservation	\$ 15,000
• Vermont Community Development Program	\$ 290,000
• Historic Preservation Trust of Vermont	\$ 40,000
• Downtown Transportation Fund	\$ 35,000
• Proceeds of Sale of HUD home	\$ 20,000
• Vermont Community Foundation	\$ 7,500
• Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (pending)	(\$ 7,500)

Donations (cash and pledges)

	\$ 13,000
• Slate Quarry Association - roofing materials	\$ 25,000
• Green Mountain Chapter of the Paint & Decorating Contractors of America (paint exterior)	\$ 12,000
• Volunteer & Community Service Crews (paint interior)	\$ 8,000
• Efficiency Vermont (donation and utility equipment rebates)	\$ 6,000

Other Projects and Accomplishments resulting from the Community Visit process sponsored by the Vermont Council on Rural Development and the Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee:

- Supported the plan for the Slate Discovery Center.
- Developed a proposed vision for the Town thru the year 2014 that was presented in a public forum on October 29th, 2003 at the Poultney High School.
- Installed new benches on Main Street.
- Community College Partnership Task Force was formed resulting in improving communication between students, faculty and the residents of Poultney. Improved access to Green Mountain College educational, recreational and cultural resources through student and faculty leadership.
- Developed "Poultney Partners" Program to provide Green Mountain College student mentoring for Poultney Elementary School children.
- Secured private grant from the Orton Family Foundation to develop video on residents' opinions of education in Poultney. Filming in Progress.
- Sponsored and aided the establishment of the Artists Guild and Writers Guild.
- Process of developing a Web Site for Poultney, with assistance from Green Mountain College, for marketing campaign to increase tourism and attract new knowledge based businesses to Poultney.
- Accommodate expanded opportunities for youth recreation activities.

For further information on the Main Streetscape improvements and the Stonebridge project, please call Jonas Rosenthal at 287-9751. For further information on all other projects listed above, please call Tim Kononan at 287-4022.



Green Mountain College

Green Mountain College celebrates 170 years in Poultney this year. Founded in 1834, Green Mountain is a 4-year, coeducational, private college, accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. The College's 650 students may earn a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in one of 25 majors and academic programs. Students are drawn from 35 states and more than 20 foreign countries. The College employs more than 150 people (including 37 full-time faculty members).

In October 2003, the College inaugurated John F. Brennan as president of the College. Brennan has brought a wealth of academic and management experience to the post. His first year in office was marked by significant improvements to the College's financial health and he looks forward to further strengthening the bond between College and town.

College/Community Partnership

In 2003, the College and Community reached new levels of partnership through a variety of programs. One of the highlights was the mentoring program, through which 30 college students paired up with children from Poultney Elementary School for weekly after-school fun and visits. At the end of the semester, all participating kids in the mentoring program were invited to dinner with President Jack Brennan in the College dining hall. The thriving program continues to recruit new mentors.

The College and town also collaborated on the Change A Light campaign, through which every resident in Poultney was encouraged to trade at least one old light bulb for a new energy efficient model. The campaign became a service learning project for a course on Energy and the Environment. Through the course, students worked closely with Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal, Williams Hardware, Efficiency Vermont, and many others.

Numerous additional projects connected the College with the town in 2003 including GMC students teaching Poultney sixth graders how to use the College ropes course, the annual Halloween party for Poultney youth sponsored by students in the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department, Girls and Women in Sports Day with the GMC women's basketball team, WinterFest for Poultney youth sponsored by GMC Education Majors, and many other student service and volunteer events.

Much of the collaboration between College and community has been the result of the College's Office of Service Learning, under the direction of Dr. Susan Sutteimer. This office continually seeks out new ways for mutually beneficial projects through student service to the community. Additionally, both GMC and Poultney have benefited from the "Town/Gown" committee, which meets monthly to keep each group informed of activities and initiatives of interest to all.

The College invites the Community to take advantage of services and opportunities available to them at the College including deep tuition discounts for permanent residents and high school students, use of the swimming pool for family swim and senior swim; use of the library, attendance at music, art, theatre, and sporting events; attendance at lectures and faculty colloquia and other special events at the College. A full listing of college events is available on the campus web calendar at www.greenmtn.edu.



GMC President Jack Brennan chats with Poultney kids in the College's mentoring program.



The GMC Choir performs in Ackley Auditorium.



Women's basketball coach Megan Chawansky with girl scouts at GMC's "Girls In Sports Day."



Poultney native Jon Simons drives the ball in a win for the Eagles.



The College's organic farm sells at the Farmers Market on Main St.



GMC students work with Poultney 6th graders on the ropes course at the College gym.

REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC
275 Stratton Rd. Rutland, VT05701

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**"MEDIC ONE" PARAMEDIC INTERCEPT
ANNUAL REPORT
(FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2003)**

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of Poultney:

We are pleased to present our annual report to the Citizens of the Town of Poultney, "Medic One", or one of our advanced life support equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients that require advanced life support when needed and requested. In addition to our 6,754 ambulance calls, "Medic One" responded to 1,875 intercept calls.

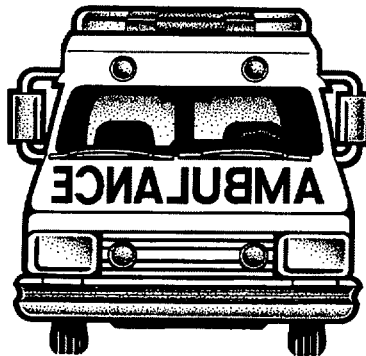
Training is very important to keep our Paramedics up to date in their skills. Training has been provided in Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, and Advanced personnel's National Paramedic certifications.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not for profit corporation. The funds communities contribute helps to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our "Medic One" is a vital part of our goal of *"Serving People 1" with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism."*

The Poultney Rescue Squad is a valuable and professional community resource. Our staff works closely, as a team, with your community ambulance and first response personnel. We thank you for your past support and hope we can continue to serve with your local volunteer emergency personnel.

Respectfully submitted;

James A. Finger, Administrator



Retired Senior Volunteer Program
39 E. Center Street
Rutland, Vt. 05701
(802) 775-8220



Annual Report

RSVP is an "Invitation to Serve" program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through meaningful use of their skills, talents, interests and knowledge in volunteer service to non-profit organizations. Needs are met in critical areas such as human service, health, state and local government, education, literacy, and the arts, just to name a few. RSVP involves individuals in service that matches their personal interests and makes use of their varied life and professional experiences. Through such efforts, RSVP is meeting the needs that strained local budgets cannot afford. RSVP enables people to contribute to their communities and feel good about themselves through the rewarding experience of volunteering. Additionally, over the past 5 years RSVP has implemented new programming to address pressing community needs. These programs include an America Reads program called **Rutland County Reads** aimed at enhancing literacy among elementary school children, an osteoporosis prevention program, **RSVP Bone Builders**, which provides free strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP volunteer instructors to Rutland County residents, and **Operation Doll**, in which RSVP volunteers restore and refurbish donated dolls including sewing outfits and providing accessories. These dolls are then distributed to over 200 needy children through 20+ local organizations.

Locally, **RSVP is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services** serving the people of Rutland County with **700+ volunteers**. From July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, volunteers in Rutland County provided **68,870 hours of community service**. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals **\$1,027,540**.

Once again this year RSVP is not asking for additional monies from the Town of Poultney. The monies we are requesting this year will be used to help defray costs of providing volunteer placements, support, insurance, transportation, and recognition. RSVP continues to strive to provide needed and supplemental services that enhance the quality of life for citizens of all ages throughout Rutland County.

Currently in Poultney, 17 volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: Rutland Regional Medical Center, Poultney Rescue Squad Thrift Shop, Young At Heart Club, Community Cupboard, Poultney Elementary School, Middletown Springs School, Eden Park Nursing Home, Pleasant Manor Nursing Home, Rutland Park and Recreation Dept., The Rutland Partnership, Mountain View Center, Park Terrace, Welsh American Genealogical Society, Rutland Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice, Rutland County Humane Society, Vermont Department of Health, Fair Haven Concerned, **RSVP Bone Builders** Program, **Rutland County Reads** Program, and **Operation Doll**.

The volunteer services they provide include: knitting and sewing items for children and seniors, tutoring and mentoring in area schools, delivering and preparing meals, office and clerical assistants, art instruction in the schools, library aides, mailings, entertaining in area nursing homes and schools, greeting people at RPMC, and providing information at the front desk, driving for elders, cooking assistance, board member, exercise trainer for the **RSVP Bone Builders** program. In addition, **Bone Builders classes are offered in Poultney** to area residents.

On behalf of RSVP, I would like to thank the residents of Poultney for their support in the continuation of the RSVP program. As financial constraints effect more and more non-profit organizations, the need for volunteers increases. With your help, RSVP will continue to respond to this need.

Sincerely,

Nan M. Hart, Director



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Annual Report

TO THE TOWN MANAGER, OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF POULTNEY:

For more than 57 years, the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice has brought high-quality, affordable community based home health and hospice services to people in the comfort of their homes.

In the face of rising healthcare costs, nursing shortages, shrinking reimbursement and regulatory changes to the health care system, RAVNAH has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective health care services to some of Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals. We are proud to report that we continue to be a community leader in guiding and shaping the future of home health, preventative and long-term care services, including home care, hospice, maternal-child health and community programs. Our services not only promote a healthy community, but also support individual dignity and independence in the home.

We are proud to report on a number of successes we have achieved:

- Provided over 1,200 hours of volunteer service in our Hospice Program.
- Initiated Hospice Palliative Care Program
- Instituted Options Counseling for nursing home admissions
- Collaborated with Wilcox Pharmacy in the Synagis® Program for patients with respiratory syncytial virus
- Provided over 3700 flu vaccinations
- Prepared for compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

We could not have been successful without our dedicated staff. RAVNAH's staff and volunteers made over 84,000 visits to 2,494 different patients. In the Town of Poultney we provided 4,118 visits to 135 individuals.

To the individuals and organizations of the Town of Poultney that have supported us during 2003 we are truly thankful. With your support, RAVNAH will continue to meet our mission "to enhance the quality of life of all we serve through comprehensive home and community health services."

Again, we say thank you for your support !

Ronald J. Cioffi, Executive Director

Russ Gates, Board of Directors

Rutland County – ARC
Advocacy, Resources & Community for
Citizens with Developmental Disabilities
And their families

128 Merchants Row, Suite 302
Rutland, Vt. 05701-5915
(802) 775-1370

2003 ANNUAL REPORT

Our mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with developmental disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

In 2003, we were representative payee for about 65 clients referred to us by Social Security and mental health centers. We assisted these clients in managing within their budget limitations; quite an accomplishment for people living on the limited resources of SS and SSI. We were involved in every operation from payment of bills, rent etc. to dispensing personal expense monies on a weekly basis. We negotiated and mediated between landlords, service providers and businesses in cases where a client was unable to resolve an issue independently. The man hours involved in managing one's case averages from several hours monthly to 3-4 hours weekly, dependent on need. As well, we assisted about 12 clients in filling out annual accounting forms for probate court.

Six (6) dances were provided - Valentines, Spring Fling, Summer Picnic / Annual Meeting, Halloween, and our annual Christmas Dinner - over the year these events were attended by over 200 people with developmental disabilities, friends and families. There are also ongoing weekly events such as the art class and the music & movement class. The dances are our biggest events that bring people together in the community. There is much fun had by all who attend, whether dancing, listening to music, talking with a friend or by just watching.

ARC-Rutland Area supports the local Self-Advocacy group for people with developmental disabilities by doing the minutes and preparing the agendas for the group and then helps with facilitating the meeting. The Self-Advocates have currently been trained in a Disability Awareness Training and have presented the training at Rutland High School. They will be going into elementary schools around the county as well. Many citizens are getting to know the self-advocates better through this service and the self-advocates are gaining valuable public speaking and advocacy skills. This year the self-advocate group also helped out at the annual Green Mountain Self-Advocates' Voices and Choices conference in Killington, by helping people find their way around.

Our Executive Director is a member of the Rutland Family Support Network which is lead by parents to gather information families need, create goals to some system changes and network via the internet, brochure, forums and newsletters. She also is on the Local Standing Committee of Community Access Program. By staying in touch with other state level organizations and working collaboratively with local advocates, families and organizations ARC-Rutland Area stays on top of the services being provided to people with developmental disabilities and has an outlet to advocate for those services that are not being offered.

On behalf of the Board Members, friends, and families; we are grateful for the support and continued assistance from the citizens of Poultney. We receive neither state nor federal funding, and our main sources of income continue to be United Way, Rutland City and other towns such as Poultney. In 2003, there were 13 residents of Poultney who took advantage of all the services we offer. Our 2004 request for funding from Poultney is again \$300.

Sincerely,
Lisa S. Lynch, Executive Director

Rutland Mental Health Services
78 South Main Street
P.O. Box 222
Rutland, Vt 05702
(802) 775-8224

Annual Report

In the year 2003, 27 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as Poultney assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Town giving dollars support services which include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services

During fiscal year 2003, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 3,414 hours of services to 78 Poultney residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Poultney in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Mark G. Monson

President and Chief Executive Officer



**RUTLAND COUNTY WOMEN'S NETWORK AND SHELTER
ANNUAL REPORT 2003**

**P.O. Box 313
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Business * 775-6788
Crises * 775-3232**

The Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter is a non-profit agency working within Rutland County to provide safety and support services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We have been in Rutland County for almost 25 years serving men, women, and children who live in danger.

This year the shelter has been constantly busy. In addition to families needing immediate housing for their safety, we gave counseling and other support services to well over 3,400 people. We assist people with counseling, support groups, help with relocation, are available on a 24 hour crisis line for domestic violence and rape, assist with family court advocacy, and other services necessary to keep families safe.

The families, volunteers, and staff of the shelter thank the voters of Poultney for their continued support of our program. Because of your consistent support, we are able to continue to provide a safe haven for those survivors of domestic violence from your town.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Roguen
Assistant Director

REQUEST

The Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter is requesting the sum of \$500.00 which will be voted on in March, at the town meeting of 2004, for assistance in supporting the shelter. We are very grateful for the help that the people of Poultney have given us in the past. We provided services for 139 residents of Poultney this year.

Rutland County Humane Society

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Pittsford, VT 05763

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Fax: (802) 483-6342

Annual Report

During calendar year 2003, the Rutland County Humane Society handled a total of 16 dogs and 50 cats from the Town of Poultney. Of the 16 dogs, 10 were brought in by Animal Control, 5 were brought in by citizens and 1 was surrendered by their owner. Seven of these dogs were returned to their owners, 7 were adopted and 2 were euthanized. Of the 50 cats, 22 were brought in by Animal Control, 5 were brought in by citizens, and 23 (primarily unwanted kittens) were surrendered by owners. A total of 3 cats were returned to their owners, 18 were adopted and 29 were euthanized.

The Rutland County Humane Society strives to work with citizens of Rutland County to create a more humane community by promoting spay/neuter, providing behavioral advice and resources to pet owners, and serving as a safe haven for homeless or unwanted animals.

The Rutland County Humane Society offers financial assistance for those who cannot afford the cost of spay / neuter services. Spay / neuter saves thousands of lives every year in Rutland County alone by preventing the birth of unwanted pets. We also provide dog obedience classes and a never ending selection of loving and needy dogs and cats looking for new homes and more.

The Shelter is open Mon, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 11- 4, and Thursday 11-7, closed Wednesday and Sunday.

The Rutland County Humane Society is a vital community resource directed toward improving the lives of animals. Please visit our website at www.rchsvt.org or call the Shelter at 483-6700. Our e-mail address is rchsvt.com.

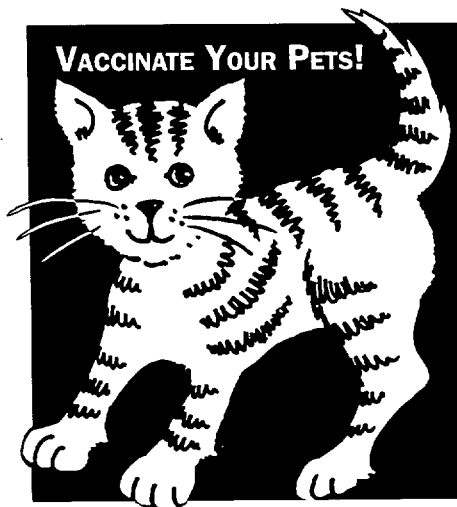
Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Morris
RCHS Shelter Manager



RABIES ALERT

Rabies is a disease that can kill animals and people.



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



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

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

Poultney Rabies Clinic
Saturday, March 20, 2004 @ 1:00 - 2:30 P.M.
New Poultney Fire House - 263 Beaman Street

RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT/CHILD CENTER INC.

61 Pleasant Street * Rutland, Vermont 05701

(802) 775-9711 • Fax # (802) 775-5473

2002 - 2003 Annual Report

The Rutland County Parent / Child Center, Inc. (RCPCC) is a private, community-based non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of parents, children and families. RCPCC provides all services at low cost (or no cost) to all families throughout Rutland County. Our mission is to nurture strengths, growth and independence of all children and families.

Currently, RCPCC provides services to all 28 Rutland County cities and towns, with weekly outreach occurring in a minimum of 13 of these communities. In total, RCPCC provided services to over 900 families in 2003. Specific to the Town of Poultny, we provide a variety of services to 131 individuals and 43 families through the Home Visiting programs, Welcome Baby Program, Family Infant Toddler Program, Reach Up, Even Start Family Literacy Program, Healthy Babies Program as well as our site Learning Together Program and the Teen Parent Education Program. We also provided services to Poultny families through play groups and parent education groups. RCPCC has also been an active supporter and participant in the Stonebridge Inn Project and looks forward to a collab relationship with the Town of Poultny that will benefit families.

We are requesting funds of \$ 500 from your town to support our continued efforts to provide services and supports to families throughout Rutland County. We thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 775-9711.

Sincerely,

Terri Edgarton
Executive Director



Rutland County Solid Waste District
Rutland County MRF
2 Green Hills Lane
Rutland, Vt. 05701-3855
(802) 775-7209

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The Rutland County Solid Waste District offers a variety of solid waste, recycling, waste education, household hazardous waste, composting and administrative support programs for our sixteen member municipalities. Some services are also available to non-District communities on a fee for service basis. In addition, the District operates a regional drop-off center and transfer station at Gleason Road in Rutland City. District program, facility and rate information is now available on our web site, www.rcswd.com.

Waste Disposal: During 2003, residents and businesses in our member municipalities disposed of approximately 37,000 tons of municipal solid waste, nearly all of through the District's master disposal contract with Casella Waste Management. The cost of disposal, handling and transportation from the District Transfer Station at Gleason Road to the landfill was \$68.04 per ton. State taxes, district surcharge and the Rutland City Host Community Fee totaled \$23.97, for a final disposal cost of \$92.01 per ton.

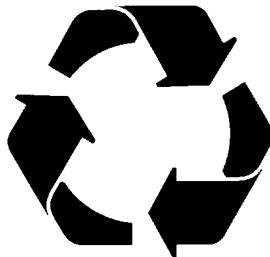
Recycling: The District owns a Material Recovery Facility (MRF), or recycling center, off West Street in Rutland City that is leased by Casella Waste Management for their operations. The MRF accepts seventeen recyclable commodities from transfer stations, commercial haulers and large generators for processing and sale for re-use.

Household Hazardous Waste: Rutland County Solid Waste District operates an extensive Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program for district residents. The program operates year-round from the Gleason Road facility, and scheduled collections at twenty town transfer stations through the spring, summer and fall. The HHW program collects and safely disposes of dozens of hazardous, flammable and toxic materials, anti-freeze, pesticides, used motor oil, asbestos, fluorescent tubes, computers and electronics. For 2003 the District collected and disposed of 58,722 lbs of electronics, televisions and computers; 23,947 linear feet of florescent lamps (plus 288 other pieces); 10,036 gallons of paint and other HHW; 574 refrigerators, air conditioners and other freon based units; and had over 774 households and 73 businesses participate in this program.

Other Programs: The District also offered other waste management, education and reduction programs, including construction and demolition waste, clean wood, food waste and concrete and asphalt "earth materials" recycling. The District is continuing with its "Merry Mulch" program in collecting and processing over 1,200 Christmas trees annually. The District's food waste program is operated in cooperation with the Rutland County Natural Resource Conservation District. Customers include supermarkets, greenhouses, and produce distributors. The district also received a grant from the Agency of Natural Resources to offer a "clean sheetrock" waste drywall program for contractors and homeowners.

Planning, Other Improvements: As required by the new state solid waste plan, the District updated its "Implementation Plan" which serves as a business plan for the next five years. This plan was approved of by the Board of Supervisors in April and sent to the state for their review. The District is anticipating the State's comments on the plan soon with a revision ready for public review sometime in 2004.

James O'Gorman
District Manager



BROC
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ANNUAL REPORT

First, BROC would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of the Town of Poultney who have supported the agency through the balloting process over the years, acknowledging the important work we do for people in Poultney. This past year BROC continued to experience a large increase in limited income families who needed help just meeting their *basic* needs -- enough food on the table; heat for warmth through the winter; and a roof over their heads.

Between October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003, **BROC helped meet the basic needs of 194 individuals in the Town of Poultney**, a shocking 6.5% more individuals than last year. This number included **3 homeless families** that needed transitional or permanent housing assistance. In addition, BROC weatherized 10 homes, comprised of 22 individuals through our Weatherization & Energy Conservation program. BROC's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) reimbursed 3 day care home providers (\$8,875.78) in the Town of Poultney for serving nutritious meals to nearly 400 children in their care. BROC's Micro Business Development Program (MBDP) worked with 11 Poultney residents interested in pursuing starting or expanding a small business. BROC also created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds through events and fund raising so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

BROC is especially grateful for the town allocations, United Way funding, foundation grants, and individual and corporate donations, which have further enabled us to continue offering quality programs and services for, limited income families in Poultney.

BROC staff work hard each and every day to not only address immediate crisis, but to work on developing prevention plans with each person who needs our help. We are very proud of moving an individual or family up from the effects of poverty in their lives. In doing so, we advance our mission of "Helping people. Changing Lives." and we thank you, the Poultney community, for helping make this possible.

Our request from the Town of Poultney is \$1,000.00.

Sincerely,

Linda G. Rooker, Executive Director
Mary Jean Inglee, President, Board of Directors



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Rutland Regional Planning Commission

**The Opera House
P.O. Box 965
Rutland, Vt 05702
(802) 775-0871**

THE RRPC'S MISSION:

To provide leadership and technical expertise to encourage cooperative planning with and among the region's communities and area wide interests; and, strive to improve the quality of life for people in the region by promoting harmony between sustainable economic development, environmental interests and other planning issues.

2003 ACTIVITIES:

In pursuit of its Mission, the RRPC continued to work closely with the region's 27 communities on a wide range of projects:

- Provided **technical assistance** on community development issues - including assisting in the update and implementation of town plans, zoning & subdivision regulations, telecommunications ordinances in virtually every member community.
- Assisted 18 communities to successfully apply for and/or implement **Municipal Planning Grants**.
- Continued the RRPC's very successful **cooperative fuel purchasing program**, saving towns, schools and non-profit organizations substantial amounts on fuel oil, and gasoline.
- Used **GIS (Geographic Information Systems)** tools to work on transportation, watershed planning, and emergency management initiatives.
- Continued **support of the Rutland Region Transportation Council** in their planning for the future transportation needs of the Rutland Region; continued to work with communities to create bridge, culvert and network inventories.
- Worked with the **Rutland Economic Development Corporation**, and the **Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce** on a regional strategy to better coordinate community development, economic development and travel and tourism activities. Both organizations have become permanent ex-officio members of the Commission's Policy Board.
- Assisted communities with **emergency management planning**, including the re-formation of the Rutland Local Emergency Planning Committee, and beginning Hazard Mitigation planning.
- Received a \$200,000 Federal **Brownfields Assessment** grant and began the organization of a steering committee and the identification of potential sites.
- Continued to offer **education, training, and information programs** to municipal officials and to pay for those program related to planning and zoning and other community development issues.
- Worked with others on the **watershed plans** for the Poultney-Mettowee and Upper Otter Creek basins.

For the sixteenth consecutive year, dues will remain at \$500. All communities are voting members of the Commission regardless of whether or not they pay dues.

RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

**The Opera House * P.O. Box 965
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(802) 775-0871 - 800-464-7900**

Formed in 1992, the Rutland Region Transportation Council (RRTC) provides a forum for the development of regional transportation planning and transportation projects that may have regional impacts. In addition, it coordinates policies and priorities with the Vermont Agency of Transportation and promotes cooperation on transportation issues in the Rutland region. The Council is the primary method for public involvement in transportation planning. State and federal funds are obtained by the Rutland Regional Planning Commission which provides support for the Council. The Planning Commission also provides planning, administrative, and geographic information system staff.

All municipalities in the Rutland Region are encouraged to be active in the Transportation Council and those with representatives named to the Council may vote on any issues. Municipalities are not obligated to participate in the Council and those that do participate may cease their involvement at any time.

Over the last fiscal year (October 2002-September 2003), the Rutland Region Transportation Council and its staff have been working for improved transportation planning in Rutland County in the following ways:

- Continued to assess the Rutland region's top transportation problems including whether planned projects conform to the Rutland Regional Plan. From a regional perspective, improvements to the Route 7 and 4 corridors are always high priorities;
- Participated in discussions regarding transportation projects such as improvements to VT 73 and the Pittsford-Brandon Route 7 upgrades;
- Provided comments to the Vermont Agency of Transportation on the development of Vermont's FY 2004 transportation Capital Budget and Program and the FY 2004-2006 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP);
- Continued to discuss the potential for a roundabout to reduce the number and severity of accidents at the US7/VT103 intersection in Clarendon;
- Continued to assist towns with road network (culvert, bridge and road condition) inventories. Utilizing the RRPC's simple system of aerial photos and data collection (condition, etc.) sheets, 2 towns have completed culvert inventories and 5 are in progress.
- Continued to address seasonal transportation problems along VT 103, VT 100, and US 4 by working with staff of neighboring Regional Planning Commissions and ski area representatives;
- Collected traffic data at multiple locations for two towns;
- Worked with the Rutland Physical Activity Coalition to increase bicycle and pedestrian opportunities in the area (including a map of walking trails in Rutland City);
- Worked with transit providers and human service agencies to improve transportation service to those with special needs including elders;
- Began work with towns along Route 30 for possible Byways designation;
- Assessed the region for existing and potential locations for Park and Ride lots;
- Distributed reports, bulletins, fliers, and newsletters, and maintained the Council's Web page.

In the current federal fiscal year (October 2003 – September 2004), the Rutland Region Transportation Council is continuing many of these efforts. A stronger focus on access management is expected in the coming year.

Meetings of the Rutland Region Transportation Council are held once each month, normally on the fourth Thursday, in Rutland. All those with an interest in transportation and related issues are invited to attend. Questions about the Transportation Council may be directed to the following individuals: Susie Leonard or Susan Schreibmen, Senior Planners (775-0871) or Richard Baker, Chairman (247-6366).



**Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services
NeighborWorks ®
HomeOwnership Center
Of Vermont**

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rwnhs@vermontel.net**

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Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. is changing the look of neighborhoods throughout Rutland County. This year the consortium of towns serviced by Rutland West has grown to include 26 towns, three of which are in Addison County.

Year to date, we have invested \$406,456 in loans for new homeowners as well as rehabilitation of existing homes.

With the Vermont Community Development grant of \$375,000 from the years 2002-2003 almost completed and our new grant of \$375,000 beginning in early 2004, the work of the rehab construction department continues at an industrious rate. The Rehab department assisted one family from Poultney this year totaling \$7,650 addressing health and safety issues in homes. Families interested in applying for help are encouraged to call Rutland West.

The HomeBuyer Education classes are now offered in West Rutland, Middlebury and Bennington. Call Rutland West for a schedule and to register.

The Emergency Shelter Program at Rutland West assists those in crisis with housing arrangements or utility bills. Our shelter fund assisted six families in Poultney this year. Grant funds are received from the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity, Department of Mental Health, Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as other generous donations from special benefactors.

We are most grateful for the involvement of Poultney resident Tim Kononan who serves on our Board of Directors.

Another point of major interest for the consortium of towns is the upcoming move of Rutland West to a new location across the street from our current office. Beginning in 2002 into 2003, a tremendous effort was made to coordinate funds to buy and renovate the historic Kazon building on Marble Street in West Rutland. This building will provide much needed, expanded office space for Rutland West. The second story of the Kazon building will be renovated into affordable apartments. We hope to move into the new office space in March of 2004. The apartments will be available for rent later in 2004.

We welcome participants from residents of Poultney, if you would like to volunteer your time for one of our committees, call me at 438-2303 or stop by our office located at 71 Marble Street in West Rutland.

Together we can build strong communities!

Respectfully,

Ludy Biddle
Executive Director



SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING

East Ridge Professional Building
1085 U.S. Route 4, Unit 2 B
Rutland, Vt. 05701-9039
(802) 786-5990

Report to the Citizens of Poultney

This report briefly describes the services and support provided to elders in Poultney by the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging during the past year; these included:

Senior Meals:

The Council provided funding for meals served to elder residents of Poultney. This funding helped make available 3,179 meals that were prepared and delivered to the homes of 47 older persons in your community who were in need of this special support. This service, provided through contract, is often referred to as "Meals on Wheels". We also supplied "Blizzard Bags" to Meals on Wheels participants and other isolated elders, containing "shelf-stable" meals for use in a weather related or other emergency situation. In addition, 124 Poultney elders participated at one or more of the luncheon sites available in our region, enjoying 4,423 meals.

Case Management Assistance:

80 elder residents of your community were served by SVCOA Case Management staff who provided help with applications and problem solving around programs such as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. Case Managers also helped frail elders who were facing long term care placement, assisting those who wanted to and were able to remain independent connect with available supports including Medicaid Waiver assistance.

Other Services:

The Council on Aging also made available the following services to help support older persons in your community: 1) Telephone support through our "Senior HelpLine" (786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119). This service provided easy phone access to elders and others in need of information about available programs and supports for older persons; 2) Health benefit counseling information and form filing assistance through our SHIP Program; 3) Legal service support through a contract with the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Provision of information related to elder issues through the "Elder Connection" column written by Barbara Hanson appearing weekly in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling provided by a Registered Dietician to elders who needed to improve their dietary intake; 6) Senior Companion support on a one on one basis for frail, homebound elders; 7) Elder Care Clinician outreach services to elders struggling with a variety of mental health issues provided through a contract with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Transportation support through the Elders on the Go Program and One-2-One; 9) Community Development assistance; and 10) Caregiver information and support for family members and others who are providing help to elders in need of care.

VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

**1 Scale Avenue / Suite 93
Rutland, Vt. 05701**

**(802) 775-0617
Fax (802) 773-0323**

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Vermont Adult Learning works with adults age 16 and over who are not enrolled in school and want to finish secondary school, improve their skills, or prepare for college or a career. We provide instruction in reading, writing, math, English for speakers of other languages, as well as communication, problem solving, decision making, interpersonal and lifelong learning skills. VAL also helps adults prepare for the CDL, U.S. citizenship, GED exam or the Adult Diploma Program.

Classes and tutoring are offered at our learning center in Rutland, in various community sites, and in students' homes and workplaces.

Vermont Adult Learning collaborates with 7 supervisory unions, Rutland County Head Start, Rutland County Parent Child Center, and the Vermont Center for the Book, and Neshobe Family Network to provide family literacy services.

With the recent trend toward reform of the welfare system, we have also collaborated with PATH (formerly known as Department of Social Welfare), Dept. of Employment and Training and the Stafford Technical Center to combine our services. In partnership with those agencies, we are designing and delivering intensive and comprehensive services to help adults move into paid employment that will enable them to support their families.

Last Year Vermont Adult Learning served 520 adult residents of Rutland County and provided 15,355 hours of instruction. Of these totals, 20 residents of Poultney were served and provided with 475 hrs of instruction.

Student achievements included:

- * 4 Students obtaining a high school diploma or GED**
- * 6 Students obtained employment**
- * 1 Student retained or improved employment**

Other Student achievements include:

- * Acquiring job readiness skills**
- * Improving parenting skills**
- * Increased participation in children's education**

The cost of providing educational services, in relation to Poultney's appropriation of \$1,300 is outlined below:

Total students served in FY03 = 20
Total hours of instruction provided = 475
Total cost to Poultney per instructional hour = \$2.74 (\$1,300/475)

We appreciate your support.

J. Clark Postemski
Regional Manager

**VERMONT ASSOCIATION for the BLIND
and VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

10 Burnham Avenue
Rutland, Vt 05701
(802) 775-6452



Annual Report 2003

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) thanks the Town of Poultney for your most recent gift of \$525. The generosity of your townspeople toward their blind and visually impaired neighbors is commendable. Today we respectfully request \$525 for 2004, to again support services for blind and visually impaired children and seniors living in your town.

VABVI is the only private, nonprofit organization in the state providing comprehensive training and support for visually impaired Vermonters of all ages. In fiscal year 2003, with the help of concerned donors, VABVI served 1,413 clients – 1,128 adults and 285 children. **Eighty-seven cents out of every dollar we received went back into the community in the form of services we provide**, and we owe this in part to our dedicated corps of volunteers. Last year, 204 VABVI volunteers drove 181,206 miles and donated 14,631 hours of service, either by driving, reading, shopping, Brailleing, working in the office or other capacities.

Children's Services Provide a Foundation for a Successful Education

VABVI provides the support and materials necessary for Vermont's blind and visually impaired children and teens to succeed. Our itinerant Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI) begin work with infants, children and their families as soon as visual impairment is discovered. We help parents and families learn about resources, teaching techniques and adaptive technology that can ensure the successful development of children in the home, school and community.

VABVI's services for children include one-on-one work with infants and toddlers, Braille instruction, orientation and mobility instruction, classroom assistance, provision of textbooks and materials in alternative formats. Our programs for children and teens include our camps and our transition services. We sponsor two camps per year, one geared toward younger children and another for pre-teens and teens. The camps are designed by our TVI's to address the social, emotional and intellectual needs of blind and visually impaired youngsters. Camp activities have included hiking, camping, community service projects, visits to museums and attendance at sporting events.

Our Transition Program supports our high school students as they explore their post-graduation options. Our TVI's assist in the college application and enrollment process, the search for jobs and adapting the workplace using tools and technology. We served **three children** in your town last year.

Adult Services Focus on Adaptation and Abilities

VABVI served **eight adults** in Poultney last year. Services for adults include low vision screenings, orientation and mobility training, home adaptation, and training and procurement of vision loss aids and appliances. One of our core programs for adults is the Peer Assisted Learning and Support (PALS) groups which meet in eleven locations around the state, including Pittsford. PALS groups were established for those adapting to vision loss, in order to provide instruction, training, and peer support in a friendly and encouraging environment.

All of VABVI's services work to accomplish our mission. Thank you for considering including us in your upcoming budget at \$525. If you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (802) 863-1358 ext. 33 or spoulriot@vabvi.org.

Sincerely,

Steven P. Pouliot
Executive Director

THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

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SUMMARY FOR TOWN REPORT

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

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

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

During FY 2002, VCIL provided direct services to Vermonters throughout the State utilizing the following programs/services: Information & Referral, the Home Access Program, Meals on Wheels, the Sue Williams Freedom Fund, the Peer Advocate Counseling Program, and the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program.

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

To learn more about VCIL, please call us toll-free at 1-800-639-1522. Or, visit our new web site at www.vcil.org.

Sincerely,

Sandra Nall
Development Officer

"GREEN UP" VERMONT

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Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191
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greenup@greenupvermont.com

Thirty-three years strong, "Green Up Day", is a special day when Vermonters clean and spruce up our communities. We were the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state. Working together, we can keep our unique Green Up spirit growing for Vermont.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) organization that promotes litter-free communities by supporting Green Up Day, civic pride and education.

Over 13,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2003, using some 33,000 Green Up bags, collecting over 200 tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont arranged widespread promotional support in excess of \$ 25,000.

The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique tradition of annually taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 15 percent of our budget. The rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses. These funds pay for supplies, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

"GREEN UP" VERMONT

Green Up Day, Saturday, May 1st, 2004

Contributions to Green Up Vermont are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.





STATE OF VERMONT
ENHANCED 9-1-1 BOARD
94 STATE STREET
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ENHANCED 911 BOARD REPORT

Statewide System Operations - Jan 1 2003 to Nov 30 2003

Total Calls Handled System-wide	Wire- Line	113,763	Wireless	60,374
Total Abandoned Calls System-wide	Wire- Line	15,464	Wireless	3,656
Average Call Answer Time System-wide	5 Seconds			
Average Call Duration System- wide	1 Minute 54 Seconds			

The Vermont E-911 system continues to perform within established benchmarks.

The Enhanced 911 Board operates ten 911 call answering points, known as Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP). They are located at the Springfield Police Department, the Hartford Police Department, the Montpelier Police Department, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office, the Saint Albans Police Department, the Shelburne Police Department, and the State Police Barracks at Williston, Rutland, Rockingham and Derby to be operational by Jan 2004.

E 9-1-1 Address Confidentiality

In 1996, the General Assembly passed a law requiring Towns that created new street addresses for enhanced 9-1-1 to provide a confidentiality option to residents.

This option allows residents to prevent their names from being linked with their new street addresses in municipal public records, such as the Grand List. If you choose to exercise this option, you are required by law to provide the Town Clerk with an alternate mailing address, such as a Post Office box. Copies of the "Confidentiality Option Form" and instructions are available at your Town Office or on the internet @ www.state.vt.gov/e911. Your Confidentiality Option Form is not a public record and is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law. Town officials are required to preserve your privacy.

Send E-Mail to: State of Vermont E-911



VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

Annual Report

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

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

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

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

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

All 246 Vermont cities and towns are members of VLCT, along with 140 other municipal entities including villages and fire districts. Membership dues are \$.72 per capita plus a \$250 service fee per year. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 42 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3.0 million.

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

Vermont Department of Health
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(802) 786-5811



Annual Report – Poultney

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 Poultney.

Bioterrorism – Emergency Preparedness:

The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local health department response may include: finding and identifying disease early; investigating the source of the disease; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; and collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events. The Rutland District Office has become a contributing member of the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) for the Rutland Region. In the past year we have established ties with many of the emergency response agencies. We have also provided training to town health officers, worked closely with the Rutland Regional Medical Center to increase active surveillance, and participated with local and statewide partners in a table top exercise on October 3, 2003. This exercise tested our ability to interact correctly in the vent of a regional emergency incident.

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

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, 138 women, infants and children living in Rutland City 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.

West Nile Virus Surveillance:

West Nile Virus first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in nearly all states. Birds, some mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. As of October 21, 2003: 76 birds and three horses have tested positive for WNV. Three human cases of WNV have been confirmed in the state. In Rutland County, from June 12 – October 17, 2003, 88 dead birds were reported, 61 were tested, and 7 birds were found to be infected with WNV. There were no human or equine cases reported during this same time period for Rutland County.

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Rutland District Office at 802-786-5811. Please visit our web site at www.healthvermonters.info for *Healthy Vermonters 2010*, our state's blueprint for improving public health, news releases; other publications and reports; and general public health information.

SCHOOL NEWS



EDUCATION

Poultney Town School District

Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union

WARNING

TOWN OF POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Poultney Town School District are hereby warned to meet at the Poultney High School Library on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at seven thirty o'clock in the evening for a public informational meeting on the 2004-2005 school district budget and recess to the new Poultney Firehouse on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. for balloting on the following items of business:

- 1) To elect the following school district officers:
 - a) Moderator for a term of one (1) year.
 - b) School director for a term of three (3) years.
 - c) School director for a term of two (2) years.
- 2) Shall the voters of the Poultney School District appropriate \$6,208,105.00 necessary for the support of its schools and students for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005?
- 3) Shall the voters of the Poultney School District appropriate \$40,000 to complete the recommendations of Labor & Industry to meet code requirements at Poultney High School?
- 4) Shall the voters authorize the Poultney School District to allow the school board to spend unexpected revenues such as grants, gifts, or interest on investments?
- 5) To transact any other lawful business.

s / Jeffrey King, Chair

s / Elwin Jackson, Clerk

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

s / Patricia Davenport, Member

s / Mary Jo Tector, Member

s / Brian Hampl, Member

Dated at Poultney, Vermont this 22nd day of January, 2004.

Received and recorded this 22 day of January, 2004.

S / Patricia A. McCoy, Town Clerk

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING
POULTNEY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2003**

The informational meeting of the Poultney Town School District was called to order at 7:30 pm with approximately 60 people present. Present were elementary principal Raymond Pentkowski, high school principal Linda Kokinis, School Directors Patricia Davenport, Elwin Jackson, Mary Jo Teetor, Lou King and Chair Jeff King, Superintendent Walter Goetz, Business Manager Joey Corner and Town Clerk/Treasurer Pattie McCoy. Town Moderator Joel Williams began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. After introduction of the head table Moderator Williams read the warning.

Article 1. To elect the following school district officers: a) Moderator for a term of one (1) year; b) School director for a term of three (3) years; and c) School director for a term of two (2) years.

Moderator Williams gave each candidate an opportunity to speak. Patricia Davenport stated she wanted to stay on the board to see some items come to fruition, namely the science labs, curriculum and building improvement. Brian Hampl stated he disagreed with some members of the board relative to tuition students and wanted to seek out new ways of generating revenue and increase test scores, such as SATs.

Lou King wanted an opportunity to return to the board and listed a few things, namely, improve student performance, institute an integrated math program, upgrading the science lab and modernizing the library. He has enjoyed working with the board even though some do not like his approach but he believes the net result is a positive one. Mr. King asked for the voters' support to continue the change.

Elwin Jackson stated he is a product of both Poultney Elementary School and Poultney High School. He has a master's in business management. He feels he has a strong background in business and feels he brings good business skills to the board while leaving the administrating to the administrators.

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Poultney School District appropriate \$6,046,977 necessary for the support of its schools and students for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004?

Jamie Sherwood questioned the cutting of the special education supervisor position. High school principal Linda Kokinis has a background in special education and spent her last 8 years as a special education coordinator in her former school. Elementary school principal Ray Pentkowski has many years as an administrator, several of which he served as the LEA coordinator.

Chairman Jeff King read a statement. He felt the proposed budget meets the needs of the taxpayers as well as the students. The school board has been conservative with a 2.27% increase.

School Director Lou King stated even though the budget sounds good our taxes would increase about 11% if our Equalized Yield is 45.20 and our cost per pupil is \$7,000.

Linda Kokinis has instituted a conceptual academic plan. Assessments of problem areas are taking place and changes will be made for next year.

Article 3. Shall the voters of the Poultney School District appropriate \$77,500 to complete the last phase of the renovation/remodeling of the bathrooms at the elementary school?

Superintendent Walter Goetz stated the first phase was completed last year and this is the second phase of the project.

There being no further questions or comments the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 10:00 am where voting would take place by Australian Ballot.

Patricia A. McCoy,
Town Clerk

**POULTNEY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING**

Informational Meeting Held May 14, 2003

The informational meeting of the Poultney Town School District was called to order at 7:30 PM with approximately 36 people present. Chairman Jeffrey King led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Superintendent of Schools Walter Goetz, high school principal Linda Kokinis, elementary school principal Raymond Pentkowski, business manager Joey Comer, Chairman of the School Board Jeffrey King, and School Board members Elwin (Al) Jackson, Brian Hampl, Patricia Davenport and Mary Jo Teetor.

Chairman Jeffrey King read the articles on the ballot.

Article 1. Shall the voters of the Poultney School District appropriate \$6,046,977 necessary for the support of its schools and students for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004?

Chair Jeff King read an opening statement from the board. The budget reflects a 2.2% increase over last year's budget. The health insurance coverage was changed to reflect a lower premium per employee. The \$90,999 deficit will be eliminated this year due to a spending freeze. There will be changes in course offerings at the high school next year as well as a change in discipline policies.

Joseph Williams stated the reappraisal would not benefit the taxpayers. When our appraisals go up Mr. Williams feels we will pay the \$1.10 on the additional increase in the reappraisal. The per pupil cost will increase as our student population decreases.

Susan Sheeley asked what the Town of Pawlet is paying. Joey Comer stated they paid the Granville rate. Treasurer Pattie McCoy stated they paid for all students at the Granville rate and about 1/3 of the parents have paid the balance between the Granville rate and Poultney's rate. Ms. Sheeley further asked if we had to accept these students. Superintendent of Schools Walter Goetz stated we did not and the school board will be looking into this as we approach the next school year.

Jack Veno asked what co-curricular was. Principal Kokinis stated it was outside the classroom activities such as athletics, drama and music outside the classroom.

Mr. Veno wanted to know how many units of service the \$202,000 in guidance services was providing. By units of service, Mr. Veno means interviews with students, parents, etc. Principal Kokinis stated 1-½ full time counselors are working with 340 students. The \$202,000 included the secretary's salaries, all supplies, books, etc.

Raymond Pentkowski directed Mr. Veno to his report on guidance which was printed in the Town Report.

Royal Sheeley stated his biggest concerns in not passing the budget are the reappraisal, the legislature and ACT 60. Mr. Sheeley stated concerned taxpayers placed vote no signs around town. He further stated almost ½ of those signs are now gone including one on his property. Mr. Sheeley is upset that the constitutional rights of those who may disagree with the electorate, that is the school board, are being violated. He states he has as much right to say that he disagrees with the budget as the opposing sides has to say they agree with the budget.

Chuck Colvin thanked the school board for untold hours in service to the community. Mr. Colvin directed his question to the two newest board members, Brian Hampl and Elwin Jackson. Mr. Colvin asked if they had had time to look at budget and whether or not they are in agreement with the budget. Brian Hampl stated he felt it was a fair representation of what we need to accomplish. Mr. Hampl stated the current budget as presented was not that easy to understand and he has asked to have a few reports printed so it is easier to understand. Mr. Hampl feels it is a very good budget. He feels comfortable with the budget.

Elwin (Al) Jackson stated he came on the board during revision two of the budget and the budget as voted was revision four or five. Mr. Jackson supports the budget and feels the increase is perhaps too thin. The board is deferring needed maintenance. We can ignore it this year but eventually will have to complete the maintenance.

William Gubb noted the Rutland Herald listed the average cost to educate a child in the state of Vermont is \$8,000 per year. Last year according to Mr. Gubb's calculations, our school district spent \$8,400 to educate a child. He further calculates this current budget will be \$10,000 per student. He questions why it cost more than anywhere in the state? The state's proposed revisions to ACT 60 will bring a grant back to our town of \$7,000 per student. The statewide property tax will be set at \$1.10 or \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Mr. Gubb further states we will have a surcharge due to our grand list variation, which currently is 10%. There will be a penalty charged against town when we spend \$10,000 per student instead of the \$7,000. With the current revaluation of property in Poultney, taxes will skyrocket. We need to control spending. Why is it necessary for this school district to spend a substantial amount more than other schools and not have a better showing in the Vermont standards testing.

Susan Monaco stated she has taught school for 30 years and she had three children go through this school system and two are gainfully employed. The third is still in school and doing well. She is proud of our schools. She feels they are not perfect but no school is. Ms. Monaco feels our schools are doing a good job.

Ms. Monaco stated we have already passed the budget. The voters have said yes. The budget has passed. The people who lost are unhappy and therefore we are voting again.

Ms. Monaco feels this is a fair budget. It represents a 2.2 % increase over last year. To think that the budget will decrease when costs increase is illogical. Ms. Monaco stated we said yes once and need to say yes again.

Carol Haven stated she too has taught school for 30 years and feels the scores of this school district are abysmal. She is happy that the school board is looking into staff reduction.

Ms. Haven states the NEA (National Education Association) has a stranglehold on taxpayers. She wanted to know if the school board goes to other school districts or conferences to see how others school districts operate. She further feels there has been a lack of leadership heretofore on the Poultney school board. Ms. Haven suggests that our teachers and school board members to take a look at a local schools, such as Granville and Otter Valley. Ms. Haven urged the audience to read FOX News Peter Brimlaw's *The Worm and the Apple*. It takes a look at the NEA and how it is destroying the quality of education in the United States.

Ernest DeMatties stated he moved from Queensbury, New York in 1971. Before moving Mr. DeMatties looked at the schools, village and community and did not think the schools were that good. However, his children went to school here, got a good education and have been very successful. Mr. DeMatties' grandchildren are in our schools and are doing well. He further states he has been substitute teaching and likes what is happening in schools. Mr. DeMatties stated he would rather go under a higher budget than open a lower budget. All expenses have increased and school expenses will also go up. He feels we need to vote yes again on the budget.

Larry Sullivan is in favor of voting yes on budget. He stated there have been some valid points made but every year we face the same thing. The school system is striving for quality education. With respect to the Vermont standards, Mr. Sullivan can assure you that any child that meets these standards will do well. Our principals are on the right track and won't be done in one or two years. What Ms. Kokinis has done is try to improve the quality of education. Mr. Sullivan states we need to bring new business into town. One vital thing business needs is a good school system. If we can get those businesses in town the tax base increases and the taxes will decrease for homeowners.

Alberta Pritchard feels the teachers and principals differ compared to when she graduated college. In the 1960s an outcome-based education approach drove taxes off the wall. Ms. Pritchard feels values have been thrown out the window. We have counselors and psychologists to improve self-esteem. Mr. Pritchard stated she went to college and graduated in 1950. Within 5 years there was a push to a more socialistic education. With regard to the school budget Ms. Pritchard stated we need to look at our own budget and ask questions such as: Do you have a budget? Do you stay within that budget?

Hal Brown commented on his experience in selling a home in town. The realtor told him to eliminate anyone with children as the taxes are too high. His home was shown to several families with small children. The perception in the area is that the school is behind. Mr. Brown feels we need to focus on improving the school system before new businesses will come into town.

Lou King stated he is a resident of East Poultney and addressed two issues: student performance and the school budget.

On the issue of school performance, Mr. King stated that the NSRE results need to be linked to a graduation requirement and he is not optimistic that will happen. Mr. King feels this budget is stifling. School costs are pushing capital improvements out of reach. We have high internal structural costs, the major cost being labor. The further decline in enrollment should reduce staff. He feels we should also be offering early retirement.

If the budget passes we will have a 10% increase impact on taxes. Mr. King does not feel the schools are run efficiently.

Chairman Jeff King noted that relative to early retirement two teachers are interested next year and one the year after.

Alicia Marcy stated she has two students in Poultney schools. She stated that if she sees a problem it is her job as a parent to go to the school and address the problem. Ms. Marcy feels that 2.27% is a fair request. She further noted we have a new administration and it appears the school has been making positive changes. Ms. Marcy stated we as taxpayers need to support the board as they are working positively and the new administration is working diligently. She feels the town of Poultney needs to support the school board and school budget.

Superintendent of Schools Walter Goetz wanted to clarify the issues surrounding the penalties stated because we are 10% under our fair market values. The bills as introduced will not come into effect until 2003-2004. The penalty piece, however, does not come into effect until the following year, or fiscal year 2005. A further clarification is that Poultney is not listed as a town to be penalized.

Superintendent Goetz stated Poultney is exempt from the penalty. These figures are taken from the Joint Fiscal Office report which has 22 districts on the penalty list and Poultney is not on the list.

Sheryl Porrier stated we have a new administration and the community has begun to come together and rebuild. Ms. Porrier wanted to commend the school board and administration for all of their work.

Article 2. Shall the action taken to elect Elwin (Al) Jackson, Jr. by Australian ballot to the office of school director for an unexpired one year remaining of a three year term at the March 4, 2003 Annual Meeting of the Poultney Town School District be readopted, ratified and confirmed in spite of the fact that election for the one year remaining of a three year term was omitted from the warning?

No comments.

Chairman Jeffrey King recessed the meeting until 10:00 am tomorrow where voting will take place by Australian ballot.

Patricia A. McCoy,
Town Clerk

Poultney Town School District Report of the Board of School Directors

I am pleased to offer some perspectives from the Chair's view of the changes that are underway in not only the Elementary and High Schools, but within our supervisory union as well.

Last year, we welcomed two new principals to the district looking forward to their leadership to guide our schools in a positive direction. This year, we welcome a new superintendent, Maynard "Chip" Baldwin, to the helm of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, with the same level of excitement and hope within our community.

While the reports of the superintendent, the principals, and others will reflect on the goals of the district, academic strengths and considerations, I would like to state that while the board is driven in its desire to maintain high and rigorous standards, the reality is that we are faced with declining enrollments and increasing costs.

The board has looked toward its administration for recommendations in getting a grip on these issues with a focus on program alignment, staffing patterns, and procurement of supplies and materials. This is not an easy task, but I am optimistic that in the end analysis, our desires for what is best for each child within our schools is balanced with the needs of the taxpayers.

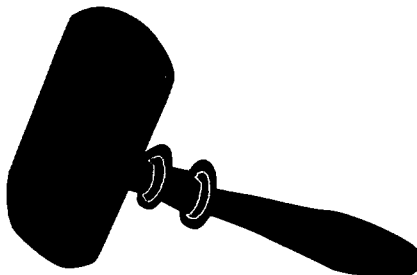
With a trend of passing reasonable budgets on the first try, negotiating contracts that are good for both our employees and the taxpayers, and, the improved climate toward our school community, the board may now begin to focus its energies on its goals:

1. Improve student performance
2. Improve curriculum and professional development
3. Improve and upgrade facilities.

On behalf of the board, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our dedicated and talented staff and students, and to the citizens of Poultney.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey King, Chair



Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Report of the Superintendent of Schools

Annual Report

It is with pleasure that I offer the residents of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union (Towns of Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, Tinmouth, and Wells) my first impressions regarding education within our communities. I came to the district, having been a Superintendent and most recently Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for the Barre Supervisory Union. These previous administrative positions have given me a unique advantage in being able to take the reins of the RSWSU, which, by all indications is a well-functioning district.

The reasons for the success are clear: hard working board members; competent and caring administrators, faculty, and staff; and most importantly, wonderful children.

There are several issues that are enormous in terms of complexity and implications for each of our school districts. I will try to highlight some of these issues and will continue to gather information so that we make decisions that are child-centered, focused on improved teaching and learning, and balance the needs of our taxpayers. Schools need to reflect the values of the communities that they serve. To that end, we are driven by the belief that all children will learn well, to the best of their ability.

Declining Enrollments and Rising Costs

Each of our districts are faced with the problem of shrinking enrollments and escalating costs. Boards have to continually assess the cost of doing business and examine their budgets for economy. This has resulted in some loss of positions and programs throughout the districts.

Some of our districts have looked toward offering pre-Kindergarten as a solution to increasing our student numbers, gaining additional state revenues over time, and improving the educational entry skills of our children.

No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)

The reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, now known as the No Child Left Behind Act, is having major ramifications for not only our districts, but education in Vermont and across the country. Issues such as teacher and paraprofessional qualifications, adequate yearly progress of all children including the disaggregation of data by subgroups, and annual testing in grades three through eight and high school have resulted in continuing school improvement efforts and some confusion as clarification is sought from the U.S. Department of Education. With the size of legislation such as NCLB, there are sure to be some growing pains and adjustments to be made.

Vermont's Change from Act 60 to Act 68

The legislation enacted in Vermont several years ago, Act 60, was the culmination of the legislative efforts to address the issue of equalizing the educational opportunities for all children regardless of where they resided. The beginnings of Act 60 emerged with a state-wide property tax and a local "above block" spending piece. Just as taxpayers and school officials were getting comfortable with being able to understand the law, the next generation, Act 68, comes upon us.

The Vermont Department of Education, in the process of providing technical assistance, along with the Tax Department, has stated that there is currently no way to make a good estimate of an actual homestead tax rate as the law currently reads. House Bill 540 (currently passed the House and is in the Senate) addresses this problem by having the State set homestead and non-homestead tax rates rather than tax liabilities. The pending result will be the actual tax rates taxpayers will see on their tax bills, which will be done by taking the equalized homestead and non-homestead rates and dividing by the most recent common level of appraisal.

Education Mandates

Late last year a joint report of the Vermont School Boards Association, the Vermont Superintendents Association, and the Vermont Principals Association was submitted to the new Commissioner of Education in accordance with Section 43 of Act 68. We often hear a lot of rhetoric about unfunded mandates and now we can refer to a careful study that articulates some of the complex issues such as driver education, criminal record checks, Governor's diploma, alcohol and drug prevention, licensing, etc. to name a few. The complete text of the report is available on www.vtvsba.org, along with other meaningful information.

One of the major pieces of legislation during the upcoming session will deal with the issue of school choice. The debates that will surround this policy directive will be emotional, and politically charged. School communities need to not only gather information on how this will affect their local school, but to be a voice for equal opportunity for each and every child within the district. Again, I opened with the words that schools need to reflect the values of the communities they serve, and will now be challenged to make sure that it happens.

I am very proud of the work of your staff and hope that some of the highlights I have presented have been not only informative, but heightened your opinion of the combined efforts and talents of the people working with your children. My office remains open for you to come in and express your ideas, comments, or concerns. Working together as "Partners in Education" we can improve our schools, leave no child behind, and prepare our students for the 21st century now upon us.

In closing, I would like to again thank the boards, staff, students, and community for their continued support. The collaborative efforts of all will allow us to see the fruits of our labors.

Respectfully submitted,

Maynard F. Baldwin, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union 2003-04 Annual Report

Special Education Coordinator's Report

Special Education programs provide services to students identified as having learning or emotional disabilities, health, speech and language, hearing or learning impairments, autism, and multiple disabilities. Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union served approximately 154 students this year.

Programs continue to address academic difficulties, provide accommodations and modifications to the regular education curriculum, implement positive social skills, teach functional daily living skills, and prepare students to contribute to society to the best of their ability. Eligibility for special education services and placements are determined by a student's Evaluation/Planning and IEP teams. Students with special needs can receive services that include speech and language support, help from instructional assistants, community based programs, and related therapies or counseling as determined necessary.

Federal and State law requires Child Find to locate and identify children who need services at the earliest age possible. Research states there is a strong correlation between early education and successful experience in school. A strong foundation of early intervention has been a focus in Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union for children and families. Through Early Education Committees under the auspices of Special Education, in addition to the Even Start Program and Early Education Program in Poultney, early education opportunities will be expanding. Pre-school programs in the Tinmouth and Middletown Springs Elementary Schools will also be in place for the coming school year. The Stonebridge Inn in Poultney will house satellite programs offered in Rutland, specifically Vermont Adult Learning, Day Care, Headstart, Parent Child Center, and Even Start offices for easier RSWSU community accessibility. This strong commitment to early education interventions and family support should provide our youngsters with a solid beginning of lifelong learning.

A "continuum" of services is expanding in order to serve our students locally and cost effectively. The OPTIONS Program is a Life Skills component of Poultney High School located off campus, available to all districts in RSWSU for students who have significant learning challenges and require an intensive life skills curriculum in a structured environment. In addition to the established BECOME Program, the new ACT Program under the OPTIONS umbrella has been created to serve students who are functioning below average in daily life skills, and have behavioral or social issues. Vermont Achievement Center and the Success Program in Rutland continue to serve RSWSU students with intensive behavioral challenges who are in need of a more specialized day program setting. The goal is to return these students to the local public school district or local setting as the capacity is built to serve them.

A major focus has been to address the capacity of Instructional Assistants/Paraprofessionals who work with our most challenged students. Federal and State regulations require that training and supervision be provided. Project EVOLVE, through the University of Vermont, emphasizes the need to identify an over reliance on Paraprofessionals, and to look at models of Special Education.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001/Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires that Paraprofessional/Instructional Assistants employed be "highly qualified" by January, 2006.

The Supervisory Union has begun specific assessment and training activities to ensure that compliance is met for all Paraprofessionals/Instructional Assistants.

I welcome the RSWSU new Special Educators and Special Education Administrative Assistant, Patricia Kinirons, and would like to express gratitude to the Superintendent of Schools, Chip Baldwin, Poultney Community, Special Educators and all educators. It is support, collaborative efforts and strong partnership among all of us that achieves positive outcomes for our students with special needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Ackerman
Special Education Coordinator



NOTICE!

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union and each of the member school districts (Ira, Middletown Springs, Poultney, Tinmouth, and Wells) are responsible for the provision of a free and appropriate public education for every child with an educational disability ages 3-21 living within a member town.

We are searching for any child including those birth through 2 years of age who might be eligible for and in need of special education and related services help. Anyone can and should make a referral of any child living in one of these towns they believe may be eligible for special education. They can do so by contacting in writing or by telephone:

The Principal of the school which the child is or will be likely to attend:

OR

The Superintendent of Schools
Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
168 York Street
Poultney, Vermont 05764
Tel: 287-5286

Referral information will be handled in confidence. The referral may lead to an evaluation of the child to determine if he or she is eligible for and in need of special education. If the answer is yes, an individualized educational plan will be developed and implemented by a multi-disciplinary team of people including the child's parents.

Please! If you suspect a child residing in one of these towns may be in need of special education, make a referral!

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Poultney School District will not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities including vocational education and special instruction as and to the extent provided by law.

The following person(s) have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Poultney School District's non-discrimination policies:

Ray Pentkowski, Principal
Section 504 Coordinator
Poultney Elementary School
96 School Circle
Poultney, Vermont 05764
Tel: 287-5212

Linda Kokinis, Principal
Section 504 Coordinator
Poultney High School
154 East Main Street
Poultney, VT 05764
Tel: 287-5861

Additional inquiries regarding the provisions of the federal laws related to children or adults with handicapping conditions or disabilities impacting the Poultney School District including Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, 168 York Street, Poultney, Vermont 05764,
Tel: 287-5286.

Town Report 2003 Poultney High School

Poultney High School has enjoyed a productive, challenging year implementing changes and following through on goals. The past twelve months have begun to reap the fruits of a swift reform intended to heed the voices of the Poultney community regarding the lack of academic rigor, and other concerns at the high school. With the assistance of a \$200,000, three year federal Comprehensive School Reform Grant, the inclusion of special needs students into the classroom was a first step in raising the bar for all students; as well as encouraging teachers to plan and implement teaching strategies which would help all students become more successful in the core subject areas.

The teaching of literacy skills in language arts and math became a focal point for some educators who have been immersed in differentiated instruction training. The recent grouping of students by ability has removed some obstacles to an equitable education, while creating other challenges. The change reinforced the need for continual collaboration and reflection of classroom practices, and increased the need for accompanying staff development and training opportunities. We also began to rethink the premise that standardized scores could be improved solely by focusing on standards in the classroom. Actual, and classroom assessments, proved otherwise, and supported the obvious direction to re-teach the basics in grades seven through nine in order for students to embrace more difficult course content at the upper class level.

The use of differentiated instruction in the classroom allowed teachers to look for different entry points to help students grasp the material, as well as diverse ways they could show mastery or understanding. Social promotion, which was common over the past few decades, was not a fair or acceptable solution for students who could not master required course material. By practicing what we have come to consider a logical approach to teaching and learning, through the temporary use of basic level ability groupings, we have begun to seriously engage in finding ways to support all students within the complex educational structure we call school.

With this said, it is ironic that although our actual scores did not improve in 2003, we were removed from the list of failing schools by the State Department of Education. We were credited for the number of students who took the tests, our high graduation rates, and the evidence that we had begun to reflect on our school as a whole, and were committed to three year reform effort as a member of the Coalition of Essential Schools. I believe that this acknowledgement by the state of the strides we have taken, and continue to take, removes some of the pressures of targeting numbers rather than student needs, and, in my opinion, lends a bit more credibility to the high-stakes federal accountability system under which all schools have to reconcile their practices. If our outcomes produce the desired results, then we will have accomplished the goals of improving academic rigor and climate, as well as scores.

The best way to convey progress during the past year is to reflect on the opportunities and activities that were available to students and staff and the numbers of participants in each:

Some of the activities and staff development opportunities for teachers:

- Reading Comprehension course (10)
- Critical Friends Group problem solving protocols workshop(35)
- Simms Math program training (7)
- Personal Development Collection Advisors in English classes (5)
- Student Leadership Advisory (CES) (1)
- Implementation of writing portfolios in the high school (3)
- On-site coaching of teachers (4)
- Classroom assistance for all teachers by Coalition of Essential Schools reform coach (35)
- Two inservice workshops regarding the Change Process (50)
- Implementation of new district teacher supervision and evaluation system, Phase 1, (12) Phase 20, Phase 3 (2)
- School Development Institute, CSC (14)
- Implemented automated library cataloguing system (for all)
- Implemented Voice mail (for all)
- Improved computer system (all)

- Northern New England Co-Mentoring Network (10 new staff)
- National Science Teachers' Association regional conference, Portland Oregon (1)
- Head Coach of Southern All- Stars, Vermont Senior Bowl Classic Football Game (1)
- Interactive Learning Network implemented (all)
- Marco Polo training (22)

Some activities students were involved in:

- Five "Word Wrap Coffee Houses", performing and sharing prose, poetry, and music (150 -175 each)
- Coalition of Essential Schools Student Leadership conference, Antioch, New Hampshire (10 students)
- Activity Groups (144 students approx.)
- Drama productions , Footloose, original one act plays (80)
- Music concerts (60)
- Mentor program (20)
- A P courses
- Green Mountain College courses (7 students, 9 courses)
- Independent Studies for elective credit (1)
- Work Studies for elective credit (1)
- Eighteen sports teams (400)
- National Honor Society (30)
- Upward Bound, CSC (14 applicants)
- Science Symposium (7th grade)
- Northeast Instrumental Music Festival, Lake Placid New York (9)
- National Geography Bee (8TH grade)
- People to People, Europe (4)
- Division II State championship Cheerleading competition, second place
- Varsity softball team, first place division II Marble League Championship
- Varsity softball team, first place, division III Vermont State Championship
- Vermont Youth Summit to Prevent Underage Drinking (5)
- Scholar/Athlete awards grades 7-12 (65)
- Smoky House Field Studies Program (24)
- Vermont History Day (18)
- Opera Theatre of Weston (24)
- Green Mountain Music Festival, College of St. Joseph (5)
- Maynard Ferguson Concert and Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal (40)

The above represents a sampling of student and staff activities recorded in 2003.

The Guidance department reports that 30 of 70 students from the class of 2003 went on to higher education. Thirty students took the PSAT's in 2002-03. Forty one students took the SAT's. Our scores for the SAT's compared with the state average were as follows:

State average verbal	514	State average math	512
PHS average verbal	481	PHS average math	481

Standardized Testing Results:

The report of the New Standards Reference Examinations of 2003 tells us where students are in relation to attaining certain Vermont Framework Standards. The School Accountability System report indicates the numbers we needed to achieve (in 2003) to make annual progress towards reaching an index goal of 500 by the year 2014:

The target number (Annual Measurable Objective) that we needed to meet in *Language Arts*: 339. The lowest number allowable: 317. The number we reached: 325

The target number (AMO) for *Math* 277, the lowest 250. The number we reached: 272

Areas we fell below the AMO were in the categories of *students on free/ reduced lunch*: We scored 268 (lowest allowable was 302) in Language Arts; and in Math we scored 203 (lowest allowable was 231).

We also fell below in the category of *students with disabilities*. Our target was 339 and we scored 181 (lowest allowable was 283) in *Language Arts*. In the *Math* area our target number was 277 and we scored 272, (the lowest allowable score was 250).

We still met all *Annual Measurable Objectives* because the number of students in each of the above two categories (free/reduced lunch and disabilities) we did not meet AYO were under 80, which is considered too small of a number to include in the calculations.

Other considerations of the final decision to remove Poultney High School from the failing list were the following: 100% total number of students in the Participation Rate calculation. We met our Academic Indicator in all categories where the number of participating students was above 80.

Our efforts to raise the performance levels of all students will continue annually, and as stated in our school action plan, we are committed to providing staff development opportunities which will support those actions.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Kokinis, Principal



POULTNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

2003-2004

"Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."
(Former President John F. Kennedy)

As many of you know, I was a high school student when JFK was President, and was fortunate to be a member of the American Legion Boys' Nation Class of 1963—meeting with the President a few months before his term was cut short so drastically. Our group still meets every five years (Bill Clinton is also a member), and we met in Boston last summer to commemorate JFK's life and what he meant to us. I mention this because JFK left an enormous impression on us and we carry much of what he stood for into our daily work. My messages to students include such things as "You never know next to whom you're sitting", "Take advantage of all opportunities"(such as youth leadership opportunities), and "Serve your community/country". One word which JFK used a lot is "rigor". I'm pleased to report that—each day at PES—I see students engaged in rigorous and challenging work. As we face the challenges of life—and especially related to such things as school budgets and which programs to keep/delete—let us work together from the perspective of "Ask not..." JFK's message is timeless. I am invigorated every day by the thought that future Presidents could be learning from us today, but also (more importantly) future citizens who will need to be equipped to deal with challenges which we could never have imagined during the 1960's.

WHO WE ARE:

The Elementary School enrollment as of this writing is 219 students in Grades K-6. Of these students, 35 are served by formal Special Education programs, 16 are served by Section 504 programs, and 30 receive special assistance through our Educational Support Team process. These numbers vary throughout the year, but the important point to remember is that these numbers reflect that 37% of the School's population is on some type of special plan for support. One student also attends an out-of-district placement. Also, Reading Recovery/Remedial Reading services are provided to 28 students directly plus many others while the Reading Teachers instruct and consult in the classrooms. Our Gifted/Talented Program serves about 40 students (some directly via special instruction as in Math and others through a variety of Enrichment activities). The grade-by-grade enrollments follow.

Kindergarten---30	Grade 4---36
Grade 1-----33	Grade 5---30
Grade 2-----26	Grade 6---36
Grade 3-----28	TOTAL---219

40% of the students qualify for free or reduced-price breakfast or lunch programs. All students who attend have English as their primary language. Our School is served by 26 teachers (including classroom teachers, Special Education, Gifted/Talented, Reading Recovery/Remedial Reading, Art, Music, Physical Education, Library/Media, Language). Some of these (Gifted/Talented, Art, Language) are part-time at our School. Regarding the Reading positions, we employ three Reading teachers but one is fully federally-funded and another is 50% federally-funded. Special Education positions are partially funded by State and federal funds as well. We also employ a full-time Nurse (partially federally-funded), a full-time Guidance Counselor, a School Secretary, and 19 Instructional Assistants. One of the Assistants operates our Planning Room, one is our Speech/Language Assistant, three work one-to-one with Special Needs students, and the majority are Special Education Assistants who help to carry out the special programs of the 37% of the students noted above. We have two custodial employees (and share the Maintenance Supervisor with the High School). Occasionally, High School maintenance staff assist us. We contract for other services (Food Service, Transportation, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Speech/Language, Psychologists, Behavior Specialist). The average number of years of experience of our classroom teachers is about 20, and the average for all teachers is about 19. Of our teachers, over half have advanced educational degrees.

OUR SCHOOL's ENVIRONMENT:

Safety/security is always a number one priority. Students and staff are trained for emergencies, and we coordinate with other agencies as needed. We conduct fire drills and special emergency drills. We have a Crisis Team, which also receives training. Student behavior is very good overall. Suspensions, for example, are rare. Parental involvement continues to be high—as evidenced by participation in parent conferences and

school events. We hold Fire Safety instructional sessions for all of our students, thanks to the wonderful efforts of the **POULTNEY FIRE DEPARTMENT**. Don Kirby, Transportation Coordinator, makes sure that we have bus safety/evacuation drills and that incidents of any misbehavior are reported to the School. Jerry Keezer, Alice Parker, and Walter White deserve special thanks for their outstanding work in maintaining/improving our facilities/grounds. Walter left us for another position in the community in November. He was a most-valued employee and we wish him the best. We must re-pave our driveway and replace sections of our roof. Acoustical issues are also being addressed.

OUR CELEBRATIONS:

The following are just a few of the many special things, which occurred during the last many months.

1. Last Spring's scores on the State Assessment exams (Grades 2 and 4) were excellent overall. CONGRATULATIONS to students, teachers, parents!
2. CONGRATULATIONS to Tammy Moyer for being a recipient of the Golden Apple Award (presented by the Vermont Association of Educational Office Professionals)! PES could not operate as efficiently as it does without Tammy!
3. The MATH FACT MASTERS program continues to be a success. Students are motivated and many have received special recognition.
4. The FIRST DAY program was a smashing success!! Thank you to Vicki Vosburgh and the PTO and to Bonnie Lenihan for their great work (including receipt of a \$2,000 grant).
5. CONGRATULATIONS to Deena Howard and Rick Lyons for successfully writing grants for our fitness program. The after-school activities are a huge success!
6. We received a grant from the Hills and Hollows Fund to bring our 6th graders to the JFK Library/Museum in Boston in October. It was a great trip!
7. THANKS to Kathy Guinness, Barb Festa, Bonnie Lenihan and many people from Green Mountain College and Poultney High School for establishing our Mentoring Program. It is wonderful, and we have waiting lists for students who want a mentor!

OUR FOCUS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

Our Action Plan is a 2-year plan focusing upon Literacy. That Plan expires at the end of this year. A Committee is working on re-writing the Plan. We first collect as much data as possible, review it, and formulate priorities for the future. We continue to work on improving in other areas besides Literacy. Our teachers attend Network meetings during the year regarding Language Arts and Math. They meet with State consultants and share "best practices". Teachers also attend portfolio calibration sessions (where they learn to score student portfolios in a manner prescribed by the State). We are undergoing a review of our Math program (K-6) by Vermont Institutes to help us obtain a baseline and search for areas of improvement/strengthening. The current Action Plan is available to all who wish a copy, and the new one will be available next summer.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

As I mentioned last year, this report is only a starting point for discussion of such things as student performance and related matters. We must continue to communicate and share information on a continual basis. We send out our newsletter (RAINBOW CONNECTION) each week to parents. We hold conferences. Our phone number is 287-5212. Yet, we know that nothing is better than chatting with each other whenever we can. VISIT US AT ANY TIME. WE (and the students) LOVE TO HAVE VISITORS!

HOW OUR STUDENTS PERFORM:

Following are the results of various State Assessments, which took place in the Spring of 2003. I again caution the reader that—as with any "test"—the results are only one indicator of how well our students are learning. It would take pages to explain all of the flaws that exist in any assessment program (whether the results are pleasing or not). A school is much more than numbers (facts and figures). A school has what I

term an “emotional rhythm”, which to me means a healthy mix of contentment and good stress (rigorous challenges). Finding the proper balance is a constant goal.

**Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment
Grade 2***

	PES	# of Students	State
Achieved the Standard With Honors	52%	15	47%
Achieved the Standard	42%	12	35%
Nearly Achieved the Standard	3%	1	10%
Below the Standard	3%	1	4%
Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	0	4%

*29 students with complete reports

**New Standards Reference Exam—Math Skills
Grade 4***

	PES	# of Students	State
Achieved the Standard with Honors	19%	6	18%
Achieved the Standard	63%	20	55%
Nearly Achieved the Standard	13%	4	20%
Below the Standard	6%	2	7%
Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	0	0%

*32 students with complete reports

**New Standards Reference Exam—Math Concepts
Grade 4**

	PES	# of Students	State
Achieved the Standard with Honors	16%	5	12%
Achieved the Standard	25%	8	34%
Nearly Achieved the Standard	28%	9	29%
Below the Standard	31%	10	25%
Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	0	0%

**New Standards Reference Exam—Math Problem-Solving
Grade 4**

	PES	# of Students	State
Achieved the Standard with Honors	16%	5	17%
Achieved the Standard	28%	9	24%
Nearly Achieved the Standard	6%	2	8%
Below the Standard	44%	14	45%
Little Evidence of Achievement	6%	2	7%

**New Standards English Language Arts Reference Exam—Reading
Grade 4**

	Basic Understanding			Analysis/Interpretation		
	PES	#	State	PES	#	State
Achieved the Standard with Honors	22%	7	23%	6%	2	10%
Achieved the Standard	50%	16	57%	59%	19	60%
Nearly Achieved the Standard	22%	7	11%	22%	7	23%
Below the Standard	6%	2	8%	13%	4	7%
Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%

New Standards English Language Arts Reference Exam—Writing Grade 4

	Effectiveness			Conventions		
	PES	#	State	PES	#	State
Achieved the Standard with Honors	0%	0	3%	3%	1	4%
Achieved the Standard	72%	23	57%	53%	17	58%
Nearly Achieved the Standard	16%	5	17%	13%	4	11%
Below the Standard	13%	4	23%	31%	10	27%
Little Evidence of Achievement	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%

STUDENT HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING:

There were 1,813 visits to the Nurse's Office during 2002—2003 for illnesses/injuries. Our School Nurse, Deena Howard, conducted 1,637 screenings (height, weight, blood pressure, vision, hearing, scoliosis, etc.). This led to 19 referrals. Please see the School Health Services Report printed elsewhere in the Town Report. Instruction was provided to students regarding disease and other health-related items. Grade 6 students received special instruction regarding the effects of smoking tobacco. 5th and 6th grade students received DARE (alcohol/drug abuse prevention) training.

Regarding social/emotional health, Kathy Guinness (Guidance Counselor) serves a caseload of about twenty-five (25) students. She also conducts various individual or small-group counseling sessions, attends conferences with parents and others, participates in meetings regarding student plans (IEP's, 504 plans, EST plans), and addresses situations as they occur. Kathy case manages eight (8) EST students and seven (7) 504 students. She also instructs special groups such as Alcohol/Drug Awareness, Second Step (Violence Prevention), Career Education Awareness, and Supplementary Social Skills. She communicates with clinicians/therapists who work with some of our youngsters both within the School and outside the School setting. She is the Test Coordinator for all of the Spring assessments, coordinates numerous special projects, chairs the local Standards (Relicensure) Board, serves on the Educational Support Team Advisory Board, and substitutes for the Principal when necessary.

Our Clinician serves ten (10) students. She would serve more but she is part-time.

EARLY EDUCATION/COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

Our pre-schoolers with special needs are served by the RSWSU Early Education Program based at the High School. Sheri Kinney and her staff do an outstanding job!

There is no way I can articulate the wonderful support we at PES have received from the parents, the Parent Group, the business community, local government officials, and the entire citizenry. THANK YOU FROM THE PES FAMILY!

HOW WE SPEND YOUR MONEY:

This year, we are facing a most challenging situation at the Elementary School. While enrollment has declined, the percent of students with special needs continues to increase. We will attempt to organize for instruction for next year by looking for any way possible to become more efficient while still meeting student needs and following State and federal requirements. No new major initiatives are planned. I try to treat every dollar as if it were my own. We also look for other sources of funding. For example, the stipends for our Homework Club Advisors, our Summer Program teachers, and our Educational Support Team case managers are paid with Medicaid—reimbursement funds.

SPECIAL THANKS:

I extend my deepest appreciation to our new Superintendent, Mr. Baldwin, and his fine colleagues and staff; our School Board (five wonderful and thoughtful people); Tammy Moyer (I am so very thankful she is here as our Secretary and much, much more!); Kathy Guinness; Vicki Vosburgh, Marli Rupe, Deb Mackey, Wanda Stiles, Tammy Petty and a number of other special people in our Parent Group), Jonas Rosenthal; Pattie McCoy, and our SUPERB FACULTY AND STAFF! I must add a word about one of our many special people. THANK YOU TO BONNIE LENIHAN! This lady is a remarkable educator who

worked all last summer and who has returned to us after being out for a few months. WELCOME BACK, BONNIE!

If JFK were with us today, I think he might remind me of something he once said. Actually, I think he "stole" the quote from the Bible. It is simply "TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, FROM WHOM MUCH IS EXPECTED." I know that your expectations as parents, citizens, and taxpayers are high. We at PES will continue to do our professional best to meet them. It is my personal pleasure to serve the community of Poultney.

Raymond J. Pentkowski
Principal
Poultney Elementary



Poultney Elementary School Health Services Annual Report

The following health office statistics pertain to the school year of August 2002 to June 2003.

Health Screening	Grade Level	# Screened	#Referred
Hearing	1,2,3,5	206	3
Vision	1,3,5	104	12
Color Vision	1	14	1
Heights/Weights	K,1,2,3,5	219	0
Blood Pressure	1,5	33	0
Scoliosis	4,5,6	115	3
Pediculosis	K-6	704	
*BMI	K,1,2,3,5	242	

BMI Breakdown:	Standard %	PES %
Underweight	5%	3%
WNL	5%-84%	58%
At Risk for Overweight	85%	13%
Overweight/Obese	95%	26%

Health Office Visits:

Illness	1,068+
Injury	563+
Other	118+
Medications	1,404+
Parent Consults	241+
Staff Consults	80+

*BMI Narrative:

PES is in the process of addressing the increasing national incidence of obesity with students, staff and the community.

The current focus includes a school wide effort to improve the nutritional quality of foods and beverages offered at school, increase physical activity and referring students with a BMI greater than 90% for follow-up.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deena Howard, RN, School Nurse
Submitted 12/03



POULTNEY HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES 2002-2003 ANNUAL REPORT

School health practices at Poultney High School are based on the Vermont State School Nurses Standards of Practice. These state standards govern and are implemented in the administration of health services to all students at Poultney High School. The following health services and programs were coordinated or provided by the PHS school nurse.

Health screens were provided for students in grades 7-12 including height, weight, blood pressure, hearing, vision, and scoliosis. Referrals for follow-up examinations were issued for students whose results fell outside the normal range as set forth by the Standards of Practice. Staff requesting blood pressure screenings were screened with some being followed on an on-going basis. This year, extra effort was made to increase individualized health education during student screenings. Height and weight screens included the measurement of the individual's body-mass index (BMI) and related follow-up education. Also new this year was a "Senior Screening" which included height, weight (including BMI) and blood pressure screenings with related education; a review (and copy) of the individual's Vermont health record and immunizations; and a packet including information on health insurance programs and a copy of "ON YOUR OWN Your Legal rights @ 18" a publication produced and provided by the Vermont Bar Association.

Weekly reports were issued to the Vermont Department of Health as part of a communicable disease surveillance program.

In August, two sports physical clinics were held at Poultney High School administered by Dr. Michael Scovner, assisted by the PHS school nurse and the PHS Athletic Department.

Due to procedural changes at the Vermont Department of Health regarding immunization clinics, a clinic was not conducted at school this year. However, this is in keeping with the goal of promoting Vermont families to establish a "medical home" and obtain immunizations and general health services through their medical providers.

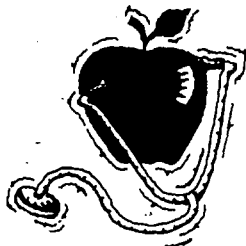
The school nurse regularly attends health education department meetings as well as district health department meetings; participates in the district's annual new teacher orientation; serves as a member of Act 157 and Act 504 core teams; the Educational Support Team and the PHS and RSWSU Crisis Teams; and maintains student medical records as well as emergency contact information for both students and staff.

The school nurse also serves on the Food Service Advisory Committee, coordinates student participation in the Vermont Teen Leadership & Safety Programs and Governor's Youth Leadership Council events and serves as school liaison for the community-based Youth Activities Committee, a result of the Vermont Council on Rural Development community task force visit.

Thank you to Dr. Scovner who administered sport physicals and to Jacqueline Sawin, RN, for serving as substitute nurse. Please note: due to the implementation of a new health computer software system this year, statistics usually included in this report are not available at this time. This new system has greatly increased the recordkeeping capabilities of the health office however, report writing capabilities have not been fully developed as of this writing. In general, the number of visits to the health office seemed consistent with previous years' statistics.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Seamans, RN
PHS School Nurse



**Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union
Early Education Outreach Coordinator
2003-2004 Annual Report**

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Early education experiences are now available to families in outer lying areas of the district, in addition to the center based EEE program in Poultney. Research shows that the earlier children and families are engaged in language rich activities, the more successful children are in school.

Three different free programs are now offered throughout the school year. All are voluntary. **Playgroup** is an enjoyable way to meet and get together with other families with young children. Children birth to age 5 and their parents are welcome. Currently, playgroups take place on a regular basis in 2 different locations within the district. The times and locations are listed below.

- **Wednesdays, 9:00-10:30 A.M., Tinmouth, Tinmouth Church basement**
- **Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 A.M., Middletown Springs, Middletown Springs Elementary**

Home visiting is another early education program for families. The home visitor knows that you are your child's first and most important teacher. In addition to playing with you and your child, the home visitor can bring activities for you to share with your child. She is also there to answer your questions and help you connect with programs and resources you might need. I am available to do home visiting and look forward to spending time with you and your child or children, if you would like.

The last program that is offered is called **Even Start**. It is an intensive, integrated family literacy program. Any family with a child under 8 years of age and a parent without a high school diploma or with limited reading, writing, or math skills is eligible. Priority (if there is a waiting list) is based on family needs.

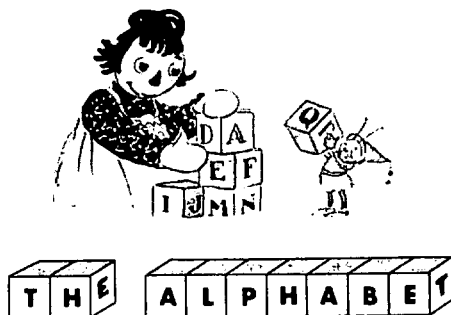
Even Start is a weaving together of adult education and early education tailored to individual families. Even Start team members build a strong relationship with each family. The adult educator and family educators work closely with families in a group setting, as well as in the home. Even Start partners up with Vermont Adult Learning, Headstart, the Parent Child Center, the Vermont Center For The Book, and the Vermont Council On The Humanities to offer a wide range of services and programs to Even Start families. I am an Even Start team member and welcome the opportunity to meet with families who are interested in Even Start.

In addition to the above ongoing programs, some additional short-term programs may take place this school year in outer lying communities in the district if grant funding is available. These programs, called **Family Book Programs**, last 3-4 weeks, one session per week, and are geared to families with children 5 years of age and younger. Families spend time together enjoying high quality children's books with related activities and receive a free set of the books by participating.

If you have questions or would like more information about the above programs, I will be happy to talk with you about them. My office is located at the Middletown Springs Elementary School and the number there is 235-2365.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Krantz
Early Ed Outreach Coordinator



REPORT OF EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Early Education Program provides necessary intervention to handicapped and at-risk preschoolers. Children who are eligible for the Early Education Program fall into one of two categories: 1) Children who display a 40% delay in one or more learning areas, such as speech/language, cognitive, motor skills, behavior and self help, and are eligible for Essential Early Education; and 2) Children who are at-risk in any number of developmental areas, such as social, speech/language, general knowledge, large and small motor skills.

The Early Education Program continues to serve the children from the towns of Ira, Tinmouth, Wells, Middletown Springs and Poultney. The program and curriculum are similar to that of most preschool programs and maximum attention is paid to addressing the individual strengths and needs of each of the students. The teachers have backgrounds in early education and early intervention of handicapped and at-risk children. Direct services from a language teacher and an Early Interventionist are available to ALL children, not just children with specific needs in these areas.

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Early Education center-based program is able to serve 34 students in three separate class sessions. Essential Early Education children are served both in the home and center-based programs. Essential Early Education children are given priority when selecting a center-based enrollment as mandated by law. At-risk children fill the remainder of the openings within the center-based program.

The Rutland Southwest Early Education Program provides a developmentally appropriate preschool curriculum, which, through his/her play, allows each child to grow across all developmental areas. Socially, our goal is to increase the self-esteem, self-reliance, and independence of our students. By regarding each child as a whole person, we recognize the importance of the family; parents are the child's primary educators. The Rutland Southwest Early Education staff works closely with parents to plan and implement programs for children.

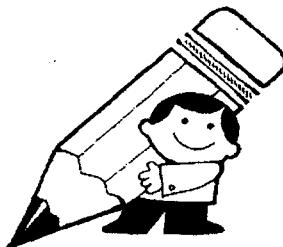
The Early Education staff currently includes two full-time positions. These positions are: Early Interventionist/Teacher and teacher assistant. A language teacher serves students 1-1/2 days per week. The staff is currently serving thirty-seven children ages 2-5 years through our center-based/home-based programs.

The Early Education Center-Based Program is located at Poultney High School. This program currently runs three classes providing services to 2-5 year olds. The staff also provides home-based services to children 2-5 years old and early intervention services to children 0-3 in collaboration with the Family Infant Toddler Project (Part H).

Other services provided by the Early Education Program include: preschool screenings for 3 and 4 year old children from all towns in the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union; evaluations of children with developmental delays to determine Special Education eligibility for Essential Early Education; coordination of the transition process from preschool to kindergarten; and support for families and existing community preschools through assistance, consultation and/or direct services as appropriate. There is also collaboration with the Even Start Program serving children 0-5 throughout the district.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheri Kinney
Darlene Ellis



Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union

Report from the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

As the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, I submit my 4th annual report for the district.

To reach our goal of students achieving high academic levels, teachers and administrators continue to seek ways to improve curriculum, instruction and assessment. In each curricular area, some parts are established and successful and some are being improved while some are being developed. As the Department of education determines how we will implement the testing aspects of the new Federal law, the No Child Left Behind Law, we will adjust our plan.

The English Language Arts Curriculum was distributed, K-12, in the spring of 2003 with the pilot year being 2003-2004. Professional Development for the improvement of literacy instruction and assessment is on going through coaching and various graduate reading courses offered in the district.

We are in our fourth and final year of involvement with the Reading Improvement Project/Statewide Improvement Grant, a Federally funded four-year project that is designed to strengthen student reading and writing, pre-K-grade 3 and reduce special education referrals. Sally O'Doherty, Early Literacy Improvement Specialist, has been a coach, leader, consultant and professor for not just the schools identified for the project but for each of our schools in some way.

The new district Supervision & Evaluation system was completed and is in its pilot year. We provided a full day of professional development to all teachers and administrators in order to train teachers what research the system is based on. Administrators had previously received three days of training with other Rutland area administrators.

Fifteen new teachers attended an Orientation Day prior to the opening of school. The day was filled with the superintendent discussing our goals and the new Supervision and Evaluation system. There was training on Bloodborne Pathogens and on how to access district e-mail and the Internet. Curricular areas and specific grade level assessment information was shared along with a tour to district schools.

Vermont School Quality Standards require that we provide new first and second year teachers with on going support from a successful experienced teacher for two years. I am pleased that we have eight trained experienced teachers able to support our new teachers in the district.

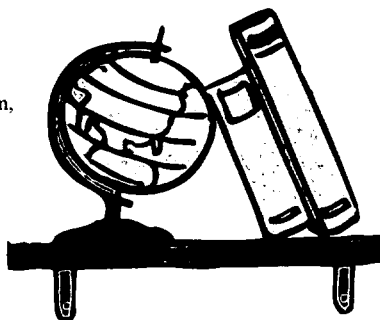
Coordination with receiving high schools took the form of sending our Language Arts and Elementary Spanish Curriculums to the schools. We received some suggestions from department heads that will be implemented.

Preliminary work began on the development of the Science Curriculum. This is the first curriculum document that is being written with draft Grade Level Expectations (GLE) from the Department of Education as we prepare for the Federal 2005 assessments. Bruce Parks, Program Improvement Coordinator, continues to assist us with these efforts.

This is my thirtieth year in the district and it continues to be a pleasure to work with the administrative team, working together and supporting each other to meet the many challenges that face all educators with the No Child Left Behind Law.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle C. Folger
RSWSU Director of Curriculum,
Instruction and Assessment



POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
REGULAR EDUCATION				
<i>Local Revenue</i>				
Prior Year Carryover	\$0	\$0	(\$50,000)	\$0
Property Taxes	\$1,492,010	\$1,479,956	\$1,727,846	\$0
Special Purpose Tax	\$138	\$138	\$138	\$138
Drivers Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Vt Leas Secondary Tuition	\$420,000	\$433,409	\$395,500	\$306,000
Interest Income	\$50,000	\$8,948	\$35,000	\$25,000
Student Activity Income	\$7,500	\$8,601	\$7,500	\$7,500
Rental Income	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,000	\$7,161	\$1,000	\$1,000
Medicaid Income	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sale of Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Local Revenue	\$1,989,148	\$1,941,713	\$2,120,484	\$343,138
<i>State Revenue</i>				
ACT 68 Res./Non-Res. EEGL Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,058,455
Due From Ed Fund (EQ. Yield)	\$249,068	\$247,800	\$249,068	\$0
Transportation Aid	\$67,022	\$65,564	\$66,564	\$67,873
Drivers Education	\$2,000	\$2,711	\$3,000	\$3,000
Vo-Tech Transportation	\$26,750	\$27,575	\$26,750	\$26,750
Debt Service Aid	\$12,199	\$13,368	\$1,244	\$0
STATE SUPPORT GRANT	\$2,972,466	\$2,972,355	\$2,942,419	\$0
Construction Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total State Revenue	\$3,329,505	\$3,329,373	\$3,289,045	\$5,156,078
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	\$5,318,653	\$5,271,086	\$5,409,529	\$5,499,216
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
<i>Local Revenue</i>				
Vt Leas Secondary Resource/SLP	\$90,000	\$68,715	\$45,000	\$20,000
Total Local Revenue	\$90,000	\$68,715	\$45,000	\$20,000
<i>State Revenue</i>				
Block Grant	\$153,755	\$153,755	\$152,118	\$158,922
Intensive	\$329,041	\$423,245	\$419,158	\$509,464
EEE Pre-School	\$21,172	\$21,215	\$21,172	\$20,503
State Placed	\$0	\$37,618	\$0	\$0
Total State Revenue	\$503,968	\$635,833	\$592,448	\$688,889
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$593,968	\$704,548	\$637,448	\$708,889
TOTAL REVENUE	\$5,912,621	\$5,975,634	\$6,046,977	\$6,208,105

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	Budget FY03	Actual FY03	Budget FY04	Budget FY05
DISTRICT WIDE				
<i>Direct Services</i>				
Dental/Eye Contract	\$30,000	\$28,693	\$28,811	\$27,636
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TSA Match	\$22,500	\$21,356	\$24,295	\$28,478
Total Direct Services	\$52,500	\$50,049	\$53,106	\$56,114
<i>Improvement of Instruction</i>				
Assessment	\$3,127	\$852	\$849	\$569
In-Service/Workshop Training	\$6,000	\$5,622	\$6,000	\$6,000
Total Improvement of Inst.	\$9,127	\$6,474	\$6,849	\$6,569
<i>Pre-School Program</i>				
Assessment	\$60,741	\$73,954	\$71,685	\$70,252
Total Pre-School Program	\$60,741	\$73,954	\$71,685	\$70,252
<i>Superintendent's Office</i>				
Assessment	\$126,669	\$133,030	\$139,782	\$164,300
Total Superintendent's Ofc.	\$126,669	\$133,030	\$139,782	\$164,300
<i>Board of Education</i>				
Directors	\$1,500	\$1,503	\$1,500	\$1,500
Secretary	\$650	\$1,083	\$650	\$650
Social Security	\$133	\$160	\$133	\$133
Medicare	\$31	\$38	\$31	\$31
W/C Audit	\$0	\$2,199	\$0	\$0
Legal Services	\$30,907	\$12,033	\$22,000	\$12,000
Communications	\$0	\$815	\$600	\$600
Advertising	\$3,000	\$5,736	\$6,000	\$6,000
Printing	\$1,000	\$398	\$0	\$400
Supplies	\$300	\$222	\$300	\$300
Dues and Fees	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$2,000
Total Board of Education	\$37,521	\$24,262	\$31,214	\$23,614
<i>Fiscal Services</i>				
Treasurer. P. McCoy	\$8,296	\$8,296	\$8,296	\$8,801
Social Security	\$514	\$514	\$514	\$546
Medicare	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$128
Bookkeeping Assessment	\$26,996	\$29,504	\$31,114	\$31,114
Business Office Assessment	\$19,548	\$19,548	\$22,531	\$22,531
Audit	\$2,500	\$2,775	\$2,800	\$3,000
Communications	\$600	\$192	\$600	\$600
Supplies	\$650	\$357	\$650	\$650
Cash-flow Note Interest	\$66,000	\$30,644	\$66,000	\$30,644
Total Fiscal Services	\$125,224	\$91,950	\$132,625	\$98,014
<i>Plant Operations</i>				
Plant Manager, Keezer	\$37,131	\$37,132	\$38,245	\$39,394
A. Parker	\$20,080	\$20,114	\$20,674	\$21,715
White/Ferry	\$12,854	\$13,081	\$13,240	\$18,699
Hughs/Bowen	\$13,244	\$11,909	\$13,658	\$14,445
Romanelli/Baptie/Allen	\$18,932	\$16,848	\$18,318	\$19,240
Loomis	\$18,359	\$18,485	\$18,917	\$19,947
Waterhouse	\$17,889	\$17,910	\$18,425	\$19,468
Temp/Security/OT Employees	\$4,000	\$9,639	\$7,500	\$10,500
Group Health Insurance	\$33,127	\$42,612	\$47,349	\$56,552
Social Security	\$8,896	\$9,204	\$9,236	\$9,480

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
<i>Plant Operations (Con't)</i>				
Medicare	\$2,081	\$2,151	\$2,160	\$2,217
Workers Compensation	\$9,061	\$8,421	\$9,000	\$9,000
Unemployment Insurance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Dental/Eye Care	\$3,026	\$2,756	\$3,026	\$3,056
Repair/Maintenance Services	\$78,200	\$67,614	\$87,800	\$140,450
PES Bathroom/Playground	\$0	\$992	\$0	\$0
Water/Sewer	\$5,800	\$4,887	\$5,500	\$5,500
Disposal Service	\$6,000	\$6,529	\$6,500	\$6,500
Snow Plowing	\$7,000	\$8,855	\$6,700	\$7,000
Grounds Care/Upkeep	\$3,700	\$4,117	\$4,500	\$4,500
Repairs	\$15,900	\$15,616	\$15,400	\$17,550
Contruction Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Property Insurance	\$11,668	\$19,599	\$20,000	\$20,000
Communications	\$220	\$120	\$150	\$150
Travel	\$1,000	\$1,195	\$1,200	\$1,200
Supplies	\$21,750	\$21,057	\$24,600	\$29,075
Electricity	\$70,000	\$68,854	\$70,000	\$70,000
Propane	\$4,300	\$4,366	\$4,000	\$4,500
Fuel Oil	\$38,000	\$36,972	\$40,000	\$40,000
Equipment	\$15,400	\$9,703	\$3,200	\$0
Johnson Lease Contract	\$105,692	\$105,691	\$105,692	\$0
Total Plant Operation	\$584,310	\$587,429	\$615,990	\$591,138
<i>Long -Term Debt</i>				
Interest	\$10,005	\$10,005	\$8,843	\$7,830
Principal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Long Term Debt	\$30,005	\$30,005	\$23,843	\$22,830
TOTAL BUDGET-District	\$1,026,097	\$997,153	\$1,075,094	\$1,032,831

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
ELEMENTARY				
REGULAR EDUCATION				
<i>Teacher's Salaries</i>				
Donna Baker	\$51,535	\$50,910	\$52,141	\$53,692
Tia Hewes	\$31,218	\$32,290	\$31,685	\$29,952
Elizabeth Burke	\$44,030	\$44,670	\$45,652	\$48,192
Susan Colomb	\$51,535	\$50,910	\$52,141	\$53,692
Sarah Godfrey	\$35,485	\$37,460	\$38,153	\$41,772
Keith Harrington	\$30,138	\$31,240	\$31,685	\$35,252
Maureen Kahill-Brown	\$40,843	\$41,600	\$42,459	\$46,102
Deborah Keezer	\$51,535	\$50,910	\$52,141	\$53,692
Linda Leach	\$49,376	\$49,860	\$51,049	\$52,572
Susan Linher	\$40,843	\$41,600	\$42,459	\$46,102
Richard Lyons	\$44,018	\$43,620	\$44,560	\$46,002
Whitney Lamy	\$16,804	\$17,508	\$17,726	\$19,867
Margaret MacDonald	\$25,416	\$24,930	\$25,523	\$0
Katherine Mahoney	\$26,939	\$28,150	\$28,471	\$32,042
Diane Ray/Beth Winter	\$30,138	\$26,090	\$26,329	\$38,562
Linda Rudnicki	\$35,497	\$36,430	\$37,082	\$40,702
Beth Savage	\$49,376	\$47,780	\$48,886	\$50,382
Cecelia Towne	\$51,535	\$50,910	\$52,141	\$53,692
Jima Van Guilder	\$49,376	\$47,780	\$48,886	\$50,382
Carolyn VanVleck/Rommy Miller	\$35,000	\$28,796	\$29,145	\$32,192
Long-term Substitutes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Teachers' Salaries	\$790,637	\$783,444	\$798,314	\$824,843
<i>Other Expenses</i>				
Classroom Aide-Mahoney	\$14,223	\$10,500	\$11,124	\$11,799
Classroom Aide Kononan	\$13,837	\$0	\$13,669	\$14,350
Aide Regular Education / SPED	\$20,000	\$33,577	\$20,000	\$20,000
Substitutes	\$17,000	\$12,751	\$17,000	\$20,000
Group Health Insurance	\$163,175	\$122,243	\$157,110	\$161,517
Social Security	\$52,553	\$50,936	\$53,326	\$55,242
Medicare	\$12,291	\$11,912	\$12,472	\$12,919
Workmen's Comp	\$4,934	\$4,294	\$4,934	\$4,934
Unemployment Comp	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Tuition Reimbursement	\$6,400	\$4,482	\$6,400	\$6,400
Dental-Eye Care	\$2,000	\$470	\$940	\$470
Act 230 & Sec 504	\$2,500	\$5,854	\$0	\$5,000
ELF Program	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Repairs & Maintenance	\$8,000	\$6,807	\$8,000	\$8,000
Supplies	\$20,500	\$10,940	\$17,050	\$22,000
Books & Periodicals	\$12,500	\$8,980	\$13,750	\$16,860
Manipulatives	\$4,000	\$2,316	\$4,800	\$6,545
Computer Software	\$800	\$287	\$1,600	\$1,650
Equipment	\$5,000	\$0	\$4,400	\$0
Fees	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$100
Total Other Expenses	\$364,713	\$288,349	\$353,075	\$372,286
<i>Guidance Services</i>				
Counselor, Kathleen Guinness	\$50,469	\$49,880	\$51,070	\$52,622
Counselor, Garth Grennan	\$0	\$19,016	\$0	\$0
Group Health Insurance	\$7,777	\$4,003	\$4,236	\$4,183
Social Security	\$3,190	\$4,271	\$3,166	\$3,263
Medicare	\$746	\$999	\$741	\$763
Workmen's Comp	\$189	\$189	\$189	\$189
Unemployment Comp	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Testing & Scoring	\$2,000	\$1,993	\$2,500	\$2,500
Supplies/Books	\$180	\$55	\$130	\$210
Dues and Fees	\$90	\$90	\$75	\$85
Total Guidance Services	\$64,791	\$80,646	\$62,257	\$63,965

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
<i>Health Services</i>				
Nurse, Deena Howard	\$25,524	\$26,057	\$26,568	\$27,504
Substitutes	\$385	\$385	\$385	\$385
Group Health Insurance	\$2,709	\$2,199	\$2,796	\$2,761
Social Security	\$1,569	\$1,616	\$1,647	\$1,729
Medicare	\$367	\$378	\$385	\$404
Workmen's Comp	\$96	\$96	\$96	\$96
Unemployment Comp	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Tuition Reimbursement	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0
Repairs & Maintenance	\$50	\$38	\$50	\$50
Insurance	\$100	\$74	\$100	\$100
Supplies	\$500	\$165	\$500	\$1,230
Books & Periodicals	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$75
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$2,650	\$0
Total Health Services	\$31,725	\$31,158	\$35,602	\$34,484
<i>Ed Media Services</i>				
Librarian, Patricia Capron	\$47,244	\$46,750	\$47,810	\$49,312
Substitutes	\$385	\$302	\$385	\$385
Group Health Insurance	\$2,698	\$2,226	\$2,747	\$2,713
Social Security	\$2,987	\$3,060	\$2,988	\$3,081
Medicare	\$698	\$715	\$699	\$721
Workmen's Comp	\$177	\$177	\$177	\$177
Unemployment Comp	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Professional Services	\$700	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,000	\$327	\$2,500	\$3,500
Communications	\$1,700	\$1,296	\$2,904	\$0
Supplies	\$2,700	\$2,851	\$2,000	\$8,000
Books & Periodicals	\$6,000	\$6,004	\$7,150	\$6,150
Software	\$3,739	\$2,460	\$4,660	\$3,235
Equipment/Fees	\$1,800	\$3,539	\$5,000	\$1,210
Total Ed Media Services	\$71,978	\$69,857	\$82,170	\$81,634
<i>Principal's Office</i>				
Principal, Hill/Pentkowski	\$57,865	\$50,674	\$59,219	\$60,996
Secretary, T. Moyer + Stipend	\$23,829	\$23,619	\$26,267	\$29,115
Aide, Knipes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Temporary Employees	\$450	\$463	\$950	\$450
Group Health Insurance	\$17,040	\$17,019	\$19,484	\$19,246
Social Security	\$5,863	\$4,634	\$5,359	\$5,587
Medicare	\$1,371	\$1,084	\$1,253	\$1,307
Life Insurance	\$0	\$925	\$781	\$781
Workmen's Comp	\$339	\$339	\$427	\$427
Tuition Reimbursement	\$550	\$0	\$1,000	\$500
Unemployment Comp	\$300	\$297	\$300	\$300
Dental/Eye Care	\$1,500	\$814	\$940	\$940
Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,000	\$4,984	\$5,000	\$5,500
Communications	\$6,000	\$8,077	\$7,000	\$7,500
Printing & Binding	\$850	\$460	\$850	\$1,000
Travel	\$100	\$196	\$300	\$500
Supplies	\$3,500	\$1,871	\$6,500	\$5,500
Books/Software	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
Dues & Fees	\$1,500	\$1,686	\$1,500	\$1,500
Total Principal's Office	\$125,307	\$117,142	\$137,380	\$141,399
<i>Transportation</i>				
Contracted Transportation	\$60,610	\$60,610	\$68,750	\$69,169
Field Trips	\$0	\$197	\$3,000	\$3,000
EEE	\$4,775	\$4,775	\$5,800	\$6,000
Total Transportation	\$65,385	\$65,582	\$77,550	\$78,169
TOTAL REGULAR PROGRAMS	\$1,514,536	\$1,436,178	\$1,546,348	\$1,596,780

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Teacher Slater/Cheryl Cooper	\$29,057	\$40,570	\$41,388	\$45,032
Teacher Bonnie Lenihan	\$31,218	\$32,290	\$32,777	\$36,372
Teacher TBA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,472
Aide 1Lynch	\$10,000	\$11,828	\$14,503	\$15,174
Aide 2Knipes-Genier	\$9,113	\$7,819	\$10,067	\$10,746
Aide 3Rupe/Harrington	\$0	\$3,906	\$0	\$0
Aide 4Colgan	\$10,698	\$8,714	\$11,361	\$12,042
Aide 5Kononan/Christian	\$0	\$12,534	\$0	\$0
Aide 6JOnes/Amerio	\$10,749	\$9,094	\$11,402	\$0
Aide 7Crandall	\$9,774	\$7,810	\$11,373	\$11,043
Aide 8Pyenta/Lilly	\$10,058	\$9,088	\$10,645	\$11,070
Aide 9Rudnicki/Thomas	\$9,595	\$7,887	\$10,067	\$10,746
Aide 10Mahoney/DeBonis	\$10,491	\$3,430	\$0	\$0
Aide 11Campbell	\$9,383	\$7,668	\$11,402	\$11,043
Aide 12Frank/Peterson	\$11,434	\$9,182	\$12,125	\$12,798
Aide 13Barosci/Hoyt	\$9,572	\$8,894	\$10,067	\$0
Aide 14Pim-Capman	\$11,219	\$11,491	\$11,902	\$12,582
Aide 15Hunt/Filer	\$10,125	\$8,850	\$10,749	\$11,421
Aide Brown	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Substitutes/Tutors	\$7,500	\$11,153	\$15,000	\$15,000
Group Health Insurance	\$50,736	\$39,595	\$53,428	\$52,155
Social Security	\$11,780	\$12,846	\$13,939	\$15,595
Medicare	\$3,506	\$3,004	\$3,260	\$3,648
Workmen's Comp	\$1,187	\$1,187	\$1,187	\$1,187
Unemployment Comp	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$2,500	\$2,500
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,892	\$874	\$1,260	\$600
Dental/Eye Care	\$6,580	\$3,158	\$6,580	\$6,580
Professional Services	\$22,500	\$29,782	\$30,500	\$33,730
Repair & Maintenance	\$300	\$0	\$150	\$800
Travel	\$100	\$59	\$100	\$400
Supplies	\$1,100	\$3,412	\$550	\$3,600
Books & Periodicals	\$500	\$607	\$250	\$1,000
Manipulatives	\$500	\$415	\$250	\$1,000
Computer Software	\$400	\$626	\$200	\$600
Total Elementary Program	\$302,267	\$308,973	\$338,982	\$374,936
VAC Tuition				
VAC Tuition	\$30,000	\$45,694	\$0	\$35,000
Total VAC	\$30,000	\$45,694	\$0	\$35,000
Summer School				
Aide/Tutors	\$3,000	\$2,115	\$3,000	\$3,000
Social Security	\$186	\$131	\$186	\$186
Medicare	\$44	\$31	\$44	\$44
Supplies	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Summer School	\$3,480	\$2,277	\$3,230	\$3,230
Psychological Services				
Professional Services	\$14,000	\$18,460	\$24,000	\$38,000
Total Psychological Services	\$14,000	\$18,460	\$24,000	\$38,000
Speech & Audio Services				
Teacher, Barbara Festa	\$17,664	\$17,458	\$17,874	\$18,417
SLPA J. Perry	\$14,796	\$12,600	\$15,702	\$16,409
Group Health Insurance	\$8,140	\$642	\$6,653	\$6,873
Social Security & Medicare	\$2,510	\$2,299	\$2,569	\$2,664
Tuition Reimbursement	\$1,206	\$326	\$481	\$500
Dental/Eye	\$500	\$470	\$470	\$470
Professional Services	\$600	\$3,432	\$12,000	\$5,000
Supplies/Books/Software	\$970	\$1,329	\$940	\$940
Total Speech & Audio Services	\$46,386	\$38,556	\$56,689	\$51,273

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
<i>Co-ordinator's Office</i>				
Coordinator Dederick (50%)	\$22,949	\$11,591	\$0	\$0
Assessment	\$35,927	\$27,052	\$31,588	\$32,371
Benefits	\$1,756	\$2,627	\$0	\$0
Travel/Dues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Co-ordinator's Office	\$60,632	\$41,270	\$31,588	\$32,371
<i>Transportation</i>				
To/From Transportation	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Transportation	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$461,765	\$455,230	\$459,489	\$539,810
<i>Gifted and Talented</i>				
Teacher, Pamela Lewis	\$17,761	\$18,235	\$18,562	\$0
Health Benefits	\$4,047	\$3,938	\$4,162	\$0
Social Security	\$1,216	\$1,131	\$1,243	\$0
Medicare	\$284	\$264	\$291	\$0
Supplies	\$250	\$236	\$1,275	\$0
Books & Periodicals	\$200	\$0	\$100	\$0
Software/Fees	\$100	\$135	\$100	\$0
Total Gifted and Talented	\$23,858	\$23,939	\$25,733	\$0
<i>CO-CURRICULAR</i>				
Enrichment Coordinator	\$1,500	\$1,615	\$1,500	\$1,500
Enrichment Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
<i>Athletics</i>				
Coordinator	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Advisors and Coaches	\$2,100	\$1,633	\$2,100	\$1,750
Social Security	\$217	\$132	\$217	\$140
Medicare	\$51	\$31	\$51	\$33
Technical Services	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$300
Supplies	\$150	\$217	\$300	\$0
Total Athletics	\$4,918	\$4,528	\$5,068	\$14,223
<i>Transportation</i>				
Contracted Transportation	\$2,200	\$2,420	\$2,700	\$2,700
Total Transportation	\$2,200	\$2,420	\$2,700	\$2,700
TOTAL CO-CURRICULAR	\$7,118	\$6,948	\$7,768	\$16,923
ELEMENTARY				
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,007,277	\$1,922,295	\$2,039,338	\$2,153,513

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
HIGH SCHOOL REGULAR PROGRAMS				
<i>Teacher Salaries</i>				
Christopher Baker	\$51,535	\$50,910	\$52,141	\$53,692
Lynn Silvestro/James Dillon	\$34,443	\$26,090	\$26,329	\$0
David Capman	\$48,297	\$46,730	\$47,794	\$49,262
Hannah Calley	\$26,939	\$28,150	\$28,471	\$32,042
Andrew Pezzulo/Bobbi Beldon	\$31,856	\$26,937	\$32,818	\$28,832
David Gardyne	\$39,764	\$40,550	\$41,367	\$44,982
Michelle Harmon	\$49,389	\$49,860	\$51,049	\$52,572
Gary Jurnak	\$51,535	\$50,910	\$52,141	\$53,692
Donald Keagy/K. Oliverio	\$44,018	\$43,620	\$44,560	\$31,122
Gary MacDonald	\$49,376	\$47,780	\$48,886	\$50,382
Kyleen Martelle	\$41,910	\$42,630	\$43,530	\$47,172
Suzanne Montalvan	\$51,535	\$50,910	\$52,141	\$53,692
Patricia Riley/Baker/Messier	\$50,468	\$39,540	\$51,070	\$27,762
Michael Perry	\$50,456	\$49,860	\$51,049	\$52,572
Christie Gloss	\$34,431	\$35,400	\$36,011	\$39,632
Brad Ramsay/Sandra Morris	\$28,044	\$31,240	\$0	\$0
Amy Thivierge/O'Donnell	\$41,923	\$42,650	\$43,132	\$49,262
David Anderson	\$51,535	\$50,910	\$52,141	\$53,692
Elizabeth LeBrun	\$27,606	\$26,090	\$26,329	\$28,832
Linda Paquette	\$36,565	\$37,460	\$38,153	\$41,772
Dawn Hillberg	\$25,885	\$27,140	\$27,421	\$31,022
Linda Nolan-Moore Hopkins	\$29,109	\$32,330	\$32,818	\$32,192
Peter Wiesgerber/James Dillon	\$37,644	\$37,984	\$39,245	\$29,902
Charles Adams	\$30,139	\$31,240	\$31,685	\$35,252
Scott Holliman	\$26,939	\$28,150	\$0	\$32,042
Garth Grennan	\$18,044	\$10,372	\$0	\$0
Computer Ass't.	\$10,999	\$1,996	\$15,000	\$15,000
Long Term Substitutes/Sick Pay	\$0	\$4,500	\$0	\$0
Maureen Capman	\$29,085	\$30,230	\$30,634	\$34,232
Donald Kirk/Megan Green	\$46,165	\$45,700	\$46,723	\$27,762
Sandra Clark/John Millett	\$0	\$7,477	\$7,647	\$0
Total Teacher Salaries	\$1,095,634	\$1,075,346	\$1,050,285	\$1,028,370
<i>Other Expenses</i>				
IA allocation from SPED	\$0	\$12,218	\$15,000	\$15,000
Technology	\$31,200	\$30,900	\$31,827	\$32,960
Summer Stipend	\$1,710	\$1,710	\$1,710	\$3,600
ISS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
504 Tutors	\$0	\$7,972	\$0	\$10,000
Substitutes	\$20,000	\$19,827	\$20,000	\$20,000
Group Health Insurance	\$202,960	\$181,874	\$214,069	\$195,344
Social Security	\$71,652	\$69,444	\$69,366	\$67,960
Medicare	\$16,757	\$16,242	\$16,223	\$15,894
Workmen's Comp	\$6,257	\$5,615	\$6,258	\$6,258
Unemployment Comp	\$5,500	\$3,240	\$5,000	\$5,000
Tuition Reimbursement	\$10,000	\$6,075	\$10,000	\$10,000
Dental/Eye	\$1,500	\$0	\$470	\$470
Act 157 & Sec 504,	\$7,500	\$2,086	\$7,500	\$5,000
River Watch/Summer School	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$3,500
BECOME/ ACT Rent	\$6,900	\$6,600	\$6,900	\$11,700
VAC Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Smoky House Project	\$5,000	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$5,000
PDC Supplies	\$4,000	\$3,917	\$2,990	\$1,100
Student College Tuition	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$1,000
Total Other Expenses	\$392,936	\$374,020	\$415,313	\$409,786

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
Art				
Repair & Maintenance	\$100	\$160	\$100	\$100
Supplies	\$3,300	\$3,533	\$3,500	\$7,000
Books & Periodicals	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
Audio Visual	\$0	\$0	\$350	\$2,000
Software	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
Dues & Fees	\$50	\$0	\$365	\$365
Total Art	\$3,650	\$3,693	\$4,515	\$9,665
English Language				
Supplies	\$2,361	\$2,298	\$2,360	\$2,700
Books & Periodicals	\$5,300	\$4,488	\$3,900	\$4,000
Audiovisual	\$255	\$249	\$300	\$0
Software	\$150	\$0	\$60	\$250
Dues & Fees	\$70	\$0	\$14	\$0
Total English Language	\$8,136	\$7,035	\$6,634	\$6,950
Foreign Language				
Supplies	\$250	\$270	\$250	\$1,900
Books & Periodicals	\$1,500	\$823	\$1,000	\$1,990
Audio Visual	\$400	\$950	\$600	\$200
Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$700
Total Foreign Language	\$2,150	\$2,043	\$1,850	\$4,790
Health & Safety				
Supplies	\$450	\$895	\$900	\$900
Books & Periodicals	\$600	\$358	\$1,000	\$0
Audio-Visual	\$450	\$0	\$50	\$100
Computer Software	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$200
Dues & Fees	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
Total Health & Safety	\$1,800	\$1,253	\$2,150	\$1,400
Physical Education				
Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,497	\$2,440	\$2,500
Room Divider	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Physical Ed	\$1,500	\$1,497	\$2,440	\$2,500
Fam./Cons.Science				
Repairs & Maintenance	\$0	\$120	\$420	\$420
Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,570	\$2,000	\$2,000
Food	\$1,350	\$1,197	\$1,800	\$1,800
Books & Periodicals	\$975	\$373	\$1,900	\$1,900
Audio Visual/Software	\$0	\$401	\$0	\$500
Total Fam./Consumer Science	\$3,825	\$3,661	\$6,120	\$6,620
Industrial Arts				
Repairs & Maintenance	\$800	\$0	\$900	\$1,200
Supplies	\$6,900	\$7,746	\$7,000	\$10,900
Software	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Total Industrial Arts	\$7,700	\$7,746	\$9,400	\$12,100
Mathematics				
Supplies	\$4,000	\$4,137	\$5,375	\$2,900
Books & Periodicals	\$5,000	\$2,752	\$4,150	\$3,850
Computer Software	\$1,000	\$310	\$2,000	\$1,000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Mathematics	\$10,000	\$7,199	\$11,525	\$7,750

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
<i>Music</i>				
Repairs & Maintenance	\$1,800	\$566	\$2,050	\$5,000
Travel	\$850	\$457	\$1,515	\$1,500
Supplies	\$1,700	\$915	\$2,000	\$3,000
Books & Periodicals	\$200	\$420	\$225	\$225
Software	\$300	\$0	\$1,000	\$3,750
Equipment	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$532	\$1,405	\$2,409	\$1,200
Total Music	\$5,882	\$3,763	\$9,699	\$14,675
<i>Natural Science</i>				
Repairs & Maintenance	\$452	\$0	\$500	\$0
Supplies	\$7,000	\$8,223	\$7,000	\$7,150
Books & Periodicals	\$5,630	\$4,147	\$5,700	\$4,800
Audio Visual	\$0	\$482	\$0	\$0
Computer Software	\$900	\$319	\$900	\$600
Equipment	\$1,000	\$0	\$750	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$0	\$15	\$250	\$175
Total Natural Science	\$14,982	\$13,186	\$15,100	\$12,725
<i>Social Science</i>				
Repairs and Maintenance	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$500
Supplies	\$850	\$692	\$800	\$1,730
Books & Periodicals	\$4,100	\$3,348	\$3,855	\$2,670
Audiovisuals	\$700	\$261	\$0	\$680
Computer Software	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$100
Dues and Fees	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$50
Total Social Science	\$6,350	\$4,341	\$4,655	\$5,730
<i>Computer Systems</i>				
Repairs & Maintenance	\$500	\$580	\$0	\$3,500
Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$2,000	\$3,213	\$9,678	\$5,900
Software	\$2,100	\$4,935	\$5,900	\$2,900
Tech Hardware Supplies	\$6,000	\$2,030	\$0	\$27,639
Fees	\$0	\$0	\$8,776	\$9,380
Total Computer Systems	\$10,600	\$10,758	\$24,354	\$49,319
<i>Drivers Education</i>				
Driver Ed Instructor/Afterhour	\$8,500	\$3,391	\$3,000	\$8,397
Repairs/Maintenance	\$300	\$83	\$420	\$100
Rentals & Lease	\$6,000	\$1,350	\$2,200	\$2,700
Gasoline	\$1,500	\$229	\$600	\$300
Books & Periodicals/Supplies	\$400	\$0	\$640	\$100
Dues & Fees	\$500	\$0	\$200	\$0
Total Drivers Education	\$17,200	\$5,053	\$7,060	\$11,597
<i>Gifted & Talented</i>				
Teacher, Pamela Lewis	\$17,761	\$18,235	\$18,562	\$0
Benefits	\$5,385	\$5,334	\$5,582	\$0
Travel	\$300	\$375	\$350	\$0
Supplies/Books/AV	\$250	\$0	\$100	\$0
Computer Software	\$100	\$135	\$0	\$0
Total Gifted & Talented	\$23,796	\$24,079	\$24,594	\$0
<i>Drama</i>				
Teacher/Coaches	\$3,914	\$3,914	\$3,914	\$3,914
Group Health Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$243
Social Security/Medicare	\$300	\$299	\$300	\$57
Supplies	\$300	\$0	\$500	\$2,700
Total Drama	\$4,514	\$4,213	\$4,714	\$6,914

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
<i>Guidance Services</i>				
Counselor George Davis/TBA	\$51,535	\$50,910	\$52,141	\$53,692
Counselor Grennan/R. Forando	\$27,065	\$16,333	\$24,028	\$25,190
Secretary, J Cummings	\$17,472	\$17,429	\$17,952	\$18,491
Summer Stipend	\$2,944	\$0	\$2,865	\$2,865
Summer Scheduling Ass't	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Group Health Insurance	\$19,816	\$19,949	\$23,344	\$24,667
Social Security	\$6,234	\$5,249	\$6,013	\$2,885
Medicare	\$1,458	\$1,228	\$1,406	\$675
Workmen's Comp	\$351	\$351	\$300	\$300
Unemployment Comp	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Tuition Reimbursement	\$400	\$1,469	\$0	\$0
Dental/Eye Care	\$500	\$385	\$400	\$400
Other Professional Services	\$1,000	\$759	\$600	\$0
Repairs & Maintenance	\$4,100	\$4,000	\$3,400	\$4,000
Field Trips/Travel	\$500	\$0	\$600	\$0
Communications	\$2,250	\$1,514	\$2,000	\$2,000
Printing and Binding	\$400	\$973	\$300	\$500
Supplies	\$1,900	\$1,241	\$1,400	\$2,300
Books & Periodicals	\$100	\$70	\$150	\$300
Computer Software	\$700	\$1,004	\$700	\$900
Equipment	\$900	\$0	\$2,600	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$50	\$0	\$150	\$200
Total Guidance Services	\$139,825	\$123,014	\$140,499	\$139,515
<i>Health Services</i>				
Nurse Sheila Seamans	\$17,075	\$17,899	\$18,084	\$20,442
Substitutes	\$500	\$330	\$500	\$500
Group Health Insurance	\$7,813	\$5,777	\$7,366	\$7,275
Social Security	\$1,079	\$1,130	\$1,152	\$1,298
Medicare	\$252	\$264	\$269	\$304
Workmen's Comp	\$61	\$61	\$61	\$61
Unemployment Comp	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Tuition Reimbursement	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0
Repairs & Maintenance	\$100	\$50	\$150	\$150
Insurance	\$100	\$89	\$100	\$100
Communications	\$50	\$5	\$50	\$50
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$500	\$417	\$450	\$450
Books & Periodicals	\$150	\$75	\$150	\$0
Software	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Health Services	\$28,230	\$26,247	\$28,482	\$30,930
<i>Ed Media Services</i>				
Librarian Kara Wilson	\$29,110	\$30,270	\$30,676	\$34,332
Substitutes	\$275	\$302	\$275	\$275
Group Health Insurance	\$4,105	\$3,410	\$4,236	\$4,183
Social Security	\$1,805	\$1,895	\$1,919	\$2,145
Medicare	\$471	\$443	\$449	\$502
Workmen's Comp	\$109	\$109	\$109	\$109
Unemployment Comp	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Repairs & Maintenance	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$1,500
Communications	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$800	\$456	\$700	\$1,150
Books & Periodicals	\$3,600	\$3,841	\$2,600	\$2,750
Audiovisuals	\$1,000	\$778	\$800	\$500
Computer Software	\$4,500	\$4,419	\$3,200	\$0
Security System	\$1,500	\$777	\$14,345	\$6,000
Total Ed Media Services	\$48,125	\$46,850	\$59,959	\$53,596

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
<i>Principal's Office</i>				
Secretary, J Austin	\$23,950	\$23,739	\$26,391	\$29,243
Dean B. Blanchard	\$54,606	\$52,000	\$53,560	\$58,066
Principal L. Kokinis	\$60,571	\$65,000	\$70,000	\$74,160
Ass't Sec'y, /M. Gloss	\$10,965	\$10,868	\$11,194	\$0
Ass't. Roberts	\$0	\$6,786	\$10,800	\$0
New Teacher Mentor Stipends	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,500
Department Coordinators	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,650
Group Health Insurance	\$21,661	\$27,105	\$33,441	\$27,408
Social Security	\$9,305	\$9,886	\$10,493	\$11,322
Medicare	\$2,169	\$2,312	\$2,454	\$2,647
Workmen's Comp	\$562	\$562	\$562	\$562
Unemployment Comp	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,475	\$0	\$0
Dental/Eye Care	\$2,000	\$1,557	\$1,410	\$2,350
Professional Services	\$1,000	\$1,098	\$2,000	\$0
Repairs & Maintenance Services	\$11,000	\$11,612	\$11,500	\$12,000
Life Insurance	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Communications	\$20,500	\$19,022	\$20,500	\$20,500
Printing & Binding	\$1,500	\$1,317	\$1,500	\$1,500
Travel	\$750	\$581	\$2,250	\$2,250
Supplies	\$15,500	\$16,635	\$11,500	\$17,250
Books & Periodicals/Software	\$1,400	\$169	\$0	\$200
Dues & Fees	\$1,800	\$2,657	\$1,500	\$4,000
Total Principal's Office	\$239,839	\$254,981	\$272,655	\$286,208
<i>Transportation</i>				
Contracted Transportation	\$60,610	\$61,852	\$68,750	\$69,169
Pawlet/Wells Transportation	\$9,500	\$11,167	\$10,000	\$7,625
Field Trips	\$0	\$1,280	\$0	\$5,000
Total Transportation	\$70,110	\$74,299	\$78,750	\$81,794
TOTAL REGULAR EDUCATION	\$2,136,784	\$2,074,277	\$2,180,753	\$2,182,934
<i>SPECIAL EDUCATION</i>				
Gail Hunt/J. Sherwood	\$24,806	\$26,090	\$26,329	\$31,122
Christine Marra/E. Goodell	\$31,243	\$32,330	\$32,818	\$27,762
Linda McWaters	\$26,952	\$28,170	\$28,492	\$32,092
Elizabeth Haley	\$31,242	\$32,330	\$32,818	\$36,472
Summer Caseworker	\$0	\$0	\$6,480	\$6,480
D. Daigle/J. Ross	\$0	\$10,232	\$10,568	\$10,165
K. Jones	\$16,976	\$17,390	\$18,003	\$18,749
L. Roberts/C. Loomis	\$12,647	\$11,030	\$11,361	\$11,137
J. Heath	\$10,989	\$10,318	\$12,088	\$12,816
S. Dunn/Wesner	\$11,583	\$10,979	\$12,292	\$11,137
G. Lindorff	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,906
Brooks	\$10,733	\$10,172	\$11,389	\$0
S. Crossman/Winters-Thacker	\$10,463	\$6,126	\$0	\$11,137
A. Munger	\$10,000	\$10,773	\$0	\$11,772
S. Scott	\$8,518	\$9,708	\$10,429	\$0
I. Rawlings	\$11,471	\$5,788	\$13,113	\$13,783
D. Ballard	\$10,800	\$9,817	\$10,568	\$0
T. Ballard	\$9,963	\$8,150	\$11,458	\$0
J. Finamore/O'Rourke	\$9,450	\$9,099	\$0	\$10,705
Substitutes/Tutors	\$15,000	\$11,362	\$10,000	\$10,000
Group Health Insurance	\$50,558	\$63,424	\$63,045	\$65,374
Social Security	\$15,324	\$18,393	\$16,855	\$17,683
Medicare	\$4,285	\$4,314	\$2,896	\$2,835
Worker's Comp	\$1,434	\$1,434	\$1,434	\$1,434
Unemployment Comp	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Tuition Reimbursement	\$3,000	\$1,275	\$1,500	\$1,500

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
Special Education (Con't)				
Dental/Eye	\$6,110	\$4,671	\$6,110	\$2,820
Professional Services	\$48,000	\$22,279	\$22,000	\$22,770
Summer School	\$2,000	\$4,676	\$5,500	\$6,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$125	\$0	\$0	\$0
Communications/Advertising	\$0	\$701	\$0	\$550
Travel	\$1,000	\$933	\$3,250	\$3,000
Supplies	\$3,500	\$5,541	\$7,290	\$6,200
Books and Periodicals	\$2,500	\$1,647	\$2,350	\$2,000
Software	\$0	\$0	\$700	\$1,200
Total Regular Program	\$403,672	\$392,152	\$394,136	\$404,601
VAC & OTHER TUITION				
VAC, Success-Gr 9-12	\$53,000	\$49,297	\$90,000	\$70,000
VAC Gr. 7-8	\$0	\$61,942	\$0	\$0
State Placed Students	\$0	\$9,932	\$0	\$0
Total Tuition	\$53,000	\$121,171	\$90,000	\$70,000
Psychological Services				
Professional Svcs/Counselor	\$8,000	\$5,060	\$9,000	\$19,915
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$1,950	\$2,000
Total Psychological Services	\$8,000	\$5,060	\$10,950	\$21,915
Speech & Audio Services				
Teacher, Festa 35%	\$17,664	\$17,458	\$17,874	\$18,417
SLPA G. Lindorff	\$0	\$7,776	\$0	\$0
Substitutes	\$0	\$475	\$500	\$500
Health Benefits	\$5,442	\$6,576	\$3,906	\$3,858
SS/MC	\$1,378	\$1,967	\$1,406	\$1,409
Professional Services	\$0	\$4,069	\$1,500	\$1,500
Total Speech & Audio Services	\$24,484	\$38,321	\$25,186	\$25,684
Coordinator's Office				
Coordinator Dederick 50%)	\$22,949	\$11,592	\$0	\$0
Assessment	\$35,927	\$27,051	\$31,588	\$32,372
Benefits	\$1,756	\$2,627	\$0	\$0
Travel/Fees	\$0	\$73	\$0	\$0
Total Coordinator's Office	\$60,632	\$41,343	\$31,588	\$32,372
Transportation				
Grades 7/8	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grades 9-12	\$25,000	\$22,884	\$15,000	\$15,000
Total Transportation	\$25,000	\$22,884	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$574,788	\$620,931	\$566,860	\$569,572
VOCATIONAL PROGRAM				
Vo Tech Tuition	\$40,000	\$31,110	\$40,000	\$40,000
Vo Tech Transportation	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,720	\$19,375
ACT 68 Base Amount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,860
TOTAL VOCATIONAL PROGRAM	\$58,000	\$49,110	\$58,720	\$127,235
COCURRICULAR				
Athletics				
Athletic Director	\$3,605	\$3,605	\$3,713	\$3,824
Coaches 9-12	\$33,000	\$29,814	\$28,000	\$38,713
Coaches 7/8	\$4,000	\$4,475	\$6,000	\$7,171
Social Security	\$2,679	\$2,349	\$2,338	\$3,245
Medicare	\$627	\$550	\$547	\$760
Workmen's Comp	\$155	\$0	\$168	\$168

POULTNEY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
Co-Curricular (Con't)				
Professional Services/Security	\$2,300	\$1,032	\$1,500	\$1,500
Officials	\$8,000	\$11,712	\$11,000	\$12,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,500	\$3,324	\$4,000	\$4,000
Advertising	\$500	\$37	\$500	\$500
Printing & Binding	\$100	\$103	\$100	\$100
Travel	\$500	\$92	\$500	\$500
Supplies	\$11,300	\$8,367	\$10,000	\$14,000
Equipment	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Dues & Fees	\$1,700	\$1,435	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Athletics	\$74,966	\$66,895	\$73,366	\$88,481
Advisors				
Advisors 9-12	\$12,500	\$10,031	\$24,060	\$12,500
Advisors 7/8	\$0	\$1,006	\$600	\$750
Enrichment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Social Security	\$899	\$685	\$1,528	\$1,612
Medicare	\$210	\$160	\$358	\$377
Supplies	\$800	\$145	\$0	\$2,300
Model Congress	\$2,300	\$1,676	\$2,300	\$0
Total Advisors	\$16,709	\$13,703	\$28,846	\$27,539
Transportation				
Contracted Athletic Transportation	\$18,000	\$20,449	\$22,000	\$24,000
Co-curricular Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Transportation	\$18,000	\$20,449	\$24,000	\$26,000
TOTAL COCURRICULAR	\$109,675	\$101,047	\$126,212	\$142,020
HIGH SCHOOL				
TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,879,247	\$2,845,365	\$2,932,545	\$3,021,761
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET	\$5,912,621	\$5,764,813	\$6,046,977	\$6,208,105

Three Prior Years Comparisons

PRELIMINARY

District: **Poultney**
County: **Rutland**

LEA: **158**
S.U.: **Rutland Southwest**

Expenditures

Budget (local budget approved in prior years)
8% 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, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)

+ Capital debt aid

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

- Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures

- Act 144 revenues

Total revenues

- Fund raising (if any)

Adjusted local revenues

Education Spending (Act 68 definition)

Equalized Pupils

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)

Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment

District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)
(\$9,893 / \$5,800)

Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized
(145.485% x \$1.10)

Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity
(145.485% x 2.0%)

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
1.	5,827,181	5,912,621	6,046,977	6,208,105
2.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	67,860
3.	254,230	310,960	328,583	353,509
4.	59,002	51,931	59,088	not applicable
5.	75,000	-	75,000	40,000
6.	-	-	-	-
7.	-	-	-	-
8.	-	-	-	-
9.	-	-	-	-
10.	5,961,183	5,964,552	6,181,065	6,248,105
11.	-	-	-	-
12.	30,000	62,000	62,000	62,000
13.	5,991,183	6,026,552	6,243,065	6,310,105
14.	-	-	-	-
15.	-	-	-	-
16.	1,471,196	1,205,740	1,176,262	1,180,050
17.	12,822	13,368	8,792	62,000
18.	30,000	62,000	62,000	62,000
19.	-	-	-	-
20.	1,514,118	1,282,108	1,245,054	1,242,050
21.	-	-	-	-
22.	1,514,118	1,282,108	1,245,054	1,242,050
23.	-	-	-	-
24.	4,477,065	4,744,444	4,998,011	5,068,055
25.	559,36	543,35	530,85	512,27
26.	8,004	8,732	9,415	9,893
27.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
28.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	9,893
29.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	145.485%
30.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1,600
31.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2.91%



Vermont Department of Education School Finance Team

January 12, 2004

We have received questions regarding the reporting requirements for the prior three years as required by Act 68, as well as those for the coming year. These reporting requirements can be found in 16 V.S.A. § 563(11) as amended by Act 68 and are to be reported in a format prescribed by the Commissioner of Education. Currently, the Legislature is considering amendments to Act 68 in House bill H. 540. This bill is expected to be considered by the full House this week.

The form I provided (*EdSpnd prior years v03.xls*) was developed to meet the reporting requirements of 16 V.S.A. § 563(11). Currently, H. 540 does not change the reporting requirements. The only effect H. 540 will have on the form will be on the equalized tax rates. The form uses an equalized base rate for homesteads of \$1.10; H. 540 recommends an equalized base rate of \$1.05.

We have also received many questions about how to estimate actual tax rates. As Act 68 is currently written pending amendments, a business manager can only calculate an education spending level per equalized pupil, an equalized homestead tax rate, and with the recent release of equalized homestead grand lists, a homestead tax liability for a district. There is currently no way to make a good estimate of an actual homestead tax rate as the law currently reads. Let me say that again – an estimate of the actual homestead tax rate cannot be made at this time.

Legislators are aware this is a major problem which needs to be addressed immediately. H. 540 addresses this problem by having the State set homestead and non-homestead tax rates rather than tax liabilities. This will be done by taking the equalized homestead and non-homestead rates and dividing by the most recent common level of appraisal (CLA). The result will be the actual tax rates taxpayers will see on their tax bills. There is also a provision in H. 540 for towns undergoing a town-wide reappraisal (sec. 9).

If H. 540 is enacted into law as we expect, the transition equalized homestead grand list just released by Property Valuation and Review will be repealed. The State will not be able to determine what a district owes the education fund until education grand lists are submitted to the Tax Department in August. This means business managers will no longer be able to calculate property tax liabilities nor will they be able to show education revenues from homestead and non-homestead property tax dollars until then.

A link to H. 540 follows:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/legdoc.cfm?URL=/docs/2004/bills/intro/H-540.htm>

Please contact me if you have questions.

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**Schedule of Maturities
Poultney Town School District**

**Energy Project (1996)
&
Elementary & High School (1991)**

Capital Leases and Bond Payables:

The Poultney Town School District had the following capital leases and bond payables outstanding at June 30, 2003:

Capital lease payable to First Union Commercial Corp., Annual payments of \$ 105, 773 including interest and principal. Interest at 5.775 %. Matures July 15, 2003. (1996 Energy Project)	\$ 99,997
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Bond payable to the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, Variable Principal payments. Current interest of 6.82%. Mature December, 2011. (1991 - Elementary & High School)	<u>\$ 135,000</u>
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Total Capital Leases and Bonds Payable	<u><u>\$ 234,997</u></u>
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The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding at June 30, 2003 are as follows:

<u>For the Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2004	\$ 114,997	\$ 14,618	\$ 129,615
2005	15,000	7,830	22,830
2006	15,000	6,802	21,802
2007	15,000	5,767	20,767
2008	15,000	4,715	19,725
2009-20012	<u>60,000</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>68,400</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 234,997</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 48,142</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 283,139</u></u>

RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

CENTRAL OFFICE BUDGET

REVENUES	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 BUDGET
Assessments				
IRA	\$18,517	\$17,195	\$20,063	\$22,758
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	\$46,681	\$43,687	\$50,490	\$57,200
POULTNEY	\$173,212	\$161,065	\$192,873	\$217,945
TINMOUTH	\$25,081	\$23,445	\$30,666	\$33,629
WELLS	\$49,709	\$46,321	\$51,937	\$59,303
TOTAL REVENUES	\$313,200	\$291,713	\$346,029	\$390,835
EXPENDITURES	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 BUDGET
Salaries				
Superintendent	\$76,220	\$79,000	\$85,024	\$84,000
Business Manager	\$29,492	\$32,751	\$36,862	\$36,862
Curriculum Coordinator (50%)	\$27,242	\$27,841	\$29,252	\$46,545
Secretary	\$30,125	\$30,125	\$31,029	\$31,029
Data Entry/Payroll Clerk	\$13,778	\$15,518	\$14,191	\$14,191
50% Business Ofc. Asst.	\$8,034	\$7,959	\$8,275	\$8,275
Treasurer	\$1,372	\$1,372	\$1,413	\$1,455
Custodian	\$1,543	\$1,656	\$1,400	\$1,700
Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Temporary Employees	\$0	\$1,766	\$500	\$500
Total Salaries	\$187,806	\$197,988	\$207,946	\$244,557
Benefits				
Group Health Insurance	\$29,241	\$29,140	\$33,862	\$34,868
Social Security/Medicare	\$15,794	\$16,729	\$17,593	\$18,905
Municipal Retirement	\$3,999	\$4,400	\$4,366	\$3,341
Workers Compensation	\$976	\$1,148	\$1,177	\$1,139
Unemployment	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Dental/Eye Care	\$2,126	\$2,126	\$2,126	\$2,701
Life Insurance	\$475	\$356	\$475	\$0
Total Benefits	\$52,641	\$53,929	\$59,629	\$60,984
Other Expenses				
Bookkeeping Services	\$19,548	\$19,548	\$22,531	\$23,080
Hired Professional Services	\$3,310	\$3,731	\$3,310	\$3,360
Repairs and Maintenance	\$3,100	\$3,511	\$4,500	\$4,500
Office Rent	\$18,120	\$18,330	\$18,120	\$19,629
Insurance	\$1,500	\$3,166	\$2,200	\$3,200
Communications	\$8,300	\$7,114	\$8,000	\$8,000
Advertising	\$5,000	\$4,833	\$5,000	\$5,000
Printing	\$1,000	\$450	\$200	\$500
Travel	\$4,025	\$2,428	\$3,635	\$4,650
Supplies	\$5,550	\$9,159	\$6,675	\$9,075
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$3,300	\$3,786	\$4,280	\$4,300
Total Other Expenses	\$72,753	\$76,056	\$78,451	\$85,294
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$313,200	\$327,973	\$346,026	\$390,835

RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

PRE-SCHOOL BUDGET

REVENUES	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 BUDGET
Assessments				
IRA	\$0	\$5,693	\$5,728	\$0
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	\$19,179	\$2,846	\$5,728	\$12,771
POULTNEY	\$60,741	\$73,955	\$71,685	\$70,251
TINMOUTH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,193
WELLS	\$15,976	\$19,908	\$20,063	\$19,157
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	\$95,896	\$102,402	\$103,204	\$105,372
IDEA B GRANT FUNDS		\$8,150		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$95,896	\$110,552	\$103,204	\$105,372
EXPENDITURES	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 BUDGET
Salaries				
Teacher	\$41,869	\$45,350	\$46,886	\$48,446
Language Teacher (30%)	\$15,308	\$15,222	\$15,767	\$15,786
SLP	\$0	\$7,299	\$0	\$0
Salary Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aide	\$11,500	\$11,502	\$11,847	\$12,204
Substitutes	\$250	\$603	\$285	\$308
Total Salaries	\$68,927	\$79,976	\$74,785	\$76,744
Benefits				
Group Health Insurance	\$12,836	\$11,174	\$14,229	\$14,073
Social Security/Medicare	\$5,253	\$5,708	\$5,722	\$5,871
Municipal Retirement	\$460	\$460	\$474	\$488
Workers Compensation	\$277	\$277	\$277	\$277
Unemployment	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$5
Tuition Reimbursement	\$933	\$882	\$933	\$1,086
Dental/Eye Care	\$850	\$807	\$978	\$978
Total Benefits	\$20,619	\$19,318	\$22,618	\$22,778
Other Expenses				
Hired Professional Services	\$1,200	\$2,916	\$750	\$750
Building Rent	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
Communications	\$200	\$184	\$100	\$200
Advertising	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Student Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$250	\$325	\$400	\$400
Supplies	\$1,100	\$1,032	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$100	\$0	\$50	\$0
Total Other Expenses	\$6,350	\$7,957	\$5,800	\$5,850
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$95,896	\$107,251	\$103,203	\$105,372

RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

SPECIAL EDUCATION BUDGET

REVENUES	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 BUDGET
Assessments				
IRA	\$6,469	\$5,806	\$8,696	\$9,000
MIDDLETOWN	\$20,096	\$15,326	\$17,076	\$17,183
POULTNEY	\$71,853	\$54,103	\$63,176	\$64,743
TINMOUTH	\$9,453	\$6,755	\$5,129	\$6,429
WELLS	\$22,007	\$16,117	\$23,285	\$22,807
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	\$129,878	\$98,107	\$117,362	\$120,162
IDEA-B GRANT FUNDS		\$149,224		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$129,878	\$247,331	\$117,362	\$120,162
EXPENDITURES	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 BUDGET
Salaries				
Special Education Co-ordinator	\$53,749	\$58,000	\$60,317	\$60,317
Special Education Consultant	\$0	\$23,183	\$0	\$0
Counselor	\$15,000	\$9,475	\$0	\$0
Speech/Language Aide	\$6,066	\$9,704	\$0	\$0
SLP	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Substitutes	\$0	\$380	\$0	\$0
Secretary	\$20,085	\$20,085	\$20,688	\$20,113
Business Manager	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Data Entry/Payroll Clerk	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salary Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Salaries	\$94,900	\$130,827	\$81,005	\$80,430
Benefits				
Group Health Insurance	\$12,252	\$13,877	\$13,698	\$17,217
Social Security/Medicare	\$7,261	\$10,832	\$6,197	\$6,152
Municipal Retirement	\$1,011	\$803	\$828	\$829
Workers Compensation	\$634	\$634	\$474	\$474
Unemployment	\$20	\$32	\$10	\$10
Tuition Reimbursement	\$0	\$1,041	\$0	\$0
Dental/Eye Care	\$850	\$1,046	\$850	\$850
Total Benefits	\$22,028	\$28,265	\$22,057	\$25,532
Other Expenses				
Hired Professional Services	\$1,500	\$3,369	\$1,500	\$1,000
Other Professional Services	\$2,250	\$83,394	\$3,600	\$3,600
Communications	\$2,500	\$1,706	\$2,500	\$2,500
Advertising	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
Travel	\$2,250	\$1,958	\$1,750	\$1,750
Supplies	\$1,500	\$2,352	\$1,500	\$2,000
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues and Fees	\$850	\$678	\$850	\$850
In-Service Training	\$2,000	\$1,984	\$2,500	\$2,500
Total Other Expenses	\$12,950	\$95,441	\$14,300	\$14,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$129,878	\$254,533	\$117,362	\$120,162

RUTLAND SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION

SHARED PROGRAMS BUDGET

REVENUES	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 BUDGET
Assessments				
IRA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	\$44,810	\$41,913	\$46,954	\$48,465
POULTNEY	\$3,127	\$852	\$849	\$569
TINMOUTH	\$29,964	\$27,943	\$31,306	\$32,327
WELLS	\$45,140	\$41,914	\$47,070	\$48,525
TOTAL REVENUES	\$123,041	\$112,622	\$126,179	\$129,886
EXPENDITURES	FY03 BUDGET	FY03 ACTUAL	FY04 BUDGET	FY05 BUDGET
Salaries				
Teacher, Art	\$20,392	\$22,515	\$23,768	\$24,941
Teacher, Phys. Ed.	\$24,206	\$25,599	\$26,620	\$28,109
Teacher, Music	\$26,450	\$24,598	\$27,672	\$30,020
Teacher, Gifted & Talented	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nurse	\$9,574	\$10,273	\$10,875	\$11,465
Substitutes	\$450	\$1,677	\$495	\$462
Total Salaries	\$81,072	\$84,662	\$89,430	\$94,997
Benefits				
Group Health Insurance	\$25,618	\$18,051	\$23,273	\$21,522
Social Security/Medicare	\$6,169	\$6,475	\$6,804	\$7,232
Workers Compensation	\$673	\$673	\$673	\$673
Unemployment	\$23	\$23	\$23	\$23
Tuition Reimbursement	\$2,205	\$1,072	\$2,745	\$2,566
Dental/Eye Care	\$1,181	\$699	\$1,181	\$1,054
Total Benefits	\$35,869	\$26,993	\$34,699	\$33,070
Other Expenses				
Repairs and Maintenance	\$0	\$269	\$0	\$269
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$450	\$419	\$450	\$450
Dues and Fees	\$150	\$224	\$100	\$100
Improvement of Instruction	\$1,500	\$364	\$1,500	\$1,000
Itinerant Salary Contingency	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Other Expenses	\$6,100	\$1,276	\$2,050	\$1,819
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$123,041	\$112,931	\$126,179	\$129,886

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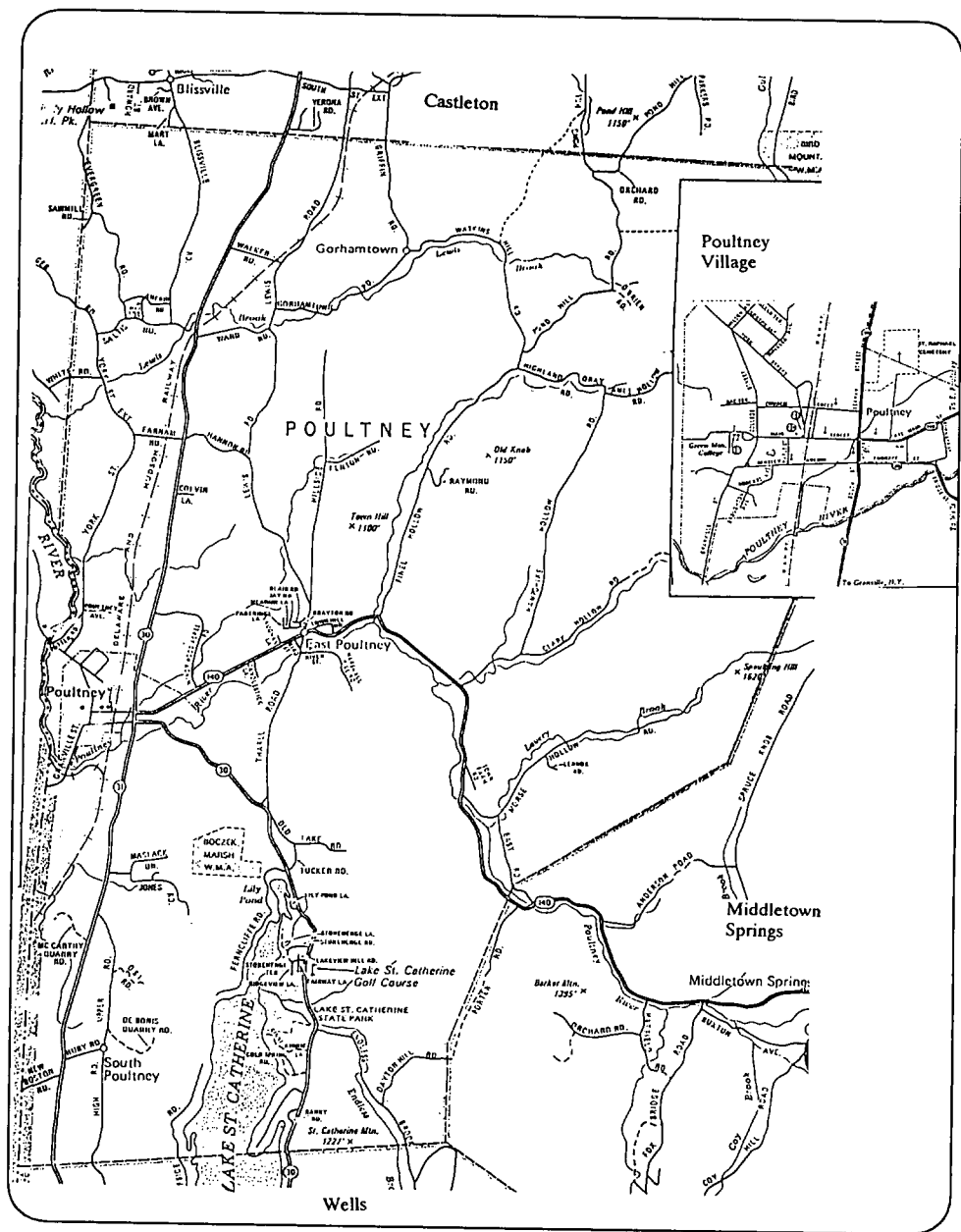
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9-1-1 Highway Directory

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Road Name</u>
Allen Avenue	Hilltop Road	Upper Road
Alumni Drive	Ideal Way	Vaughn Lane
Amerio Road	Jay Drive	Vt. Route 140
Amerio Road Ext..	Jones Road	Vt. Route 30 North
Ames Hollow Road	Kerber Lane	Vt. Route 30 South
Autumn Way	Kinni Kinnic Lane	Vt. Route 31
Beaman Street	Knapp Street	Ward Road
Bentley Avenue	Lake Road	Walker Road
Bird Street	Lakeview Hill Road	Watkins Hill Road
Birdseye Road	Lennox Road	Westlake Road
Blair Road	Lenwood Lane	Wheeler Avenue
Blissville Road	Lewis Road	White Road
Boyce Avenue	Lily Pond Lane	Wilson Avenue
Brayton Road	Main Street	Wilson Avenue Ext.
Broughton Avenue	Maple Street	Windy Wood Acres Ext.
Candlestick Lane	Maslack Drive	Windy Wood Acres Road
Chelsea Lane	McCarthy Quarry Road	York Street
Church Street	Meadow Lane	York Street Ext.
Clark Hollow Road	Morse Hollow Road	
Cold Spring Lane	Mountain View Lane	
College Circle	New Boston Rd	
College Street North	Norton Avenue	
College Street South	Old Lake Road	
Cones Point Road	On The Green	
Dayton Hill Road	Oxbow Bay Drive	
DeBonis Quarry Road	Partridge Lane	
Depot Street	Peninsula Drive	
Duncan Drive	Pine Shadows Lane	
East Main Street	Pond Hill Ranch Road	
East Road	Potter Lane	
Elrena Road	Poultney Avenue	
Endless Brook Road	QSI Road	
Evergreen Road	Rae Terrace	
Fairway Lane North	Ranny Road	
Fairway Lane South	Raymond Road	
Farnam Road	Ridgeview Lane North	
Fenton Road	Ridgeview Lane South	
Ferncliff Camps Road	River Street	
Ferncliff Road	Roberts Avenue	
Ferncliff Road Ext.	Ruby Road	
Fieldstone Drive	Saltis Road	
Finel Hollow Road	Sandy Beach Drive	
Furnace Street	School Circle	
Gorhamtown Road	South Street	
Granville Street	Stonehenge Lane	
Griffin Road	Stonehenge Road	
Grove Street	Stonehenge Terrace	
Hampshire Hollow Road	Thrall Road	
Hannon Road	Town Farm Road	
High Road	Town Hill Road	
Highland Grey Road	Tucker Road	
Hillside Road		



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