

Town of
ALBANY, VERMONT

2003
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003



HAYDEN HOUSE

HAYDEN HOUSE

The Hayden House was built for William Hayden, Jr. (1800-1883) in 1854, after he developed "a talent for making money by constructing Rail Roads, most notably the line between Nashua, N.H. and Quebec, Canada." Legend has it that he had the house built as a "monument" to himself and "to show the fools in Albany what money could do."

The brick Greek Revival Mansion measures 35' X 48' and is 2 1/2 stories in height, and has a 2.5 ft raised granite foundation. There are four chimneys arranged in classic Georgian positioning. The top floor has a ballroom which runs the length of the house.

William Hayden was a grandson of William and Silence Hayden, who settled in Lutterloh in 1801, which became Albany in 1816. There are persistent legends that the house is haunted by the ghosts of some unhappy Haydens. In its early years the house "commanded" 900 acres of Farm and timber land with large barns and a pond south of Albany on present day Route 14.

The last surviving Hayden died in 1927. Subsequently, the House had many owners, and fell into a run down condition. In 1957 the Rev. William Chadwick and family purchased the house and have restored it.

*** Information from: History of Albany, Vermont, by Ruth Lawrence and edited by Virginia Wharton - 1991.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Liabilities:

Orleans County Sheriff's Dept. \$ 1,617.00

Total Liabilities \$ 1,617.00

Assets:

Delinquent Taxes \$ 26,417.91

Cash on Hand 276,302.45

Total Assets \$302,720.36

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2003 \$306,413.83

Assets Less Liabilities 1/1/2004 301,103.36

Decrease in Assets \$ 5,310.47

We the Auditors of the Town of Albany having examined the financial records of the Town of Albany, find them in good order according to our abilities.

s/Beverly Potter
s/Alden Sheehan
s/Gary Heath Mason

OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF ALBANY

For the year ending December 31, 2003

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & INFORMATION SUPPORT

MONTPELIER, VERMONT

In accordance with the provisions of Title 32, V.S.A. Section 166, I hereby transmit to you a statement of the monies paid your municipality by the State of Vermont for the year 2003.

SCHOOL

State Aid to Education	\$673,506.00
Special Education Aid	65,374.00
Lunch & Breakfast Reimb.	32,765.04
After School Snack Reimb.	3,069.36
Match Reimb. '04	750.36

TOWN

Highway Aid	\$105,076.68
Bridge Job Reimb.	65,259.00
Hold Harmless Payment/Current Use	22,417.00
Civil Fines Reimb.	4,108.00
Fish & Wildlife	288.00
PILOT Payment	71.00

WARNING

TOWN MEETING 2004

The legal voters of the Town of Albany are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Albany Town Hall, Tuesday March 2, A.D. 2004 at 10:00 A.M. E.S.T. to act on the following articles to wit:

- Art. 1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- Art. 2. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of 1 year.
- Art. 3. To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of 1 year.
- Art. 4. To hear and dispose of the Auditor's Report.
- Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to have its taxes collected by the Town Treasurer.
- Art. 6. To elect a Road Commissioner for a term of 1 year.
- Art. 7. To elect a Delinquent Tax Collector for a term of 1 year.
- Art. 8. To elect all other officers required to be elected at the Annual Town Meeting.

SELECTPERSON: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

LISTER: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

AUDITOR: FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

1ST CONSTABLE: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

2ND CONSTABLE: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

GRAND JUROR: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

TOWN AGENT: FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

- Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$55,000.00 to defray all other expenses of the Town not otherwise provided for.
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$125,000.00 for the maintenance of Class 2 & 3 Town Highways within the Town.
- Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of Blacktop Within the Town.
- Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$6,000.00 for the summer maintenance Of Class 4 roads within the Town.
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise a tax, and how much, for the Albany Volunteer Fire Department.

- Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$3,000.00 for the maintenance of the The Town Cemeteries and the Albany Village Cemetery.
- Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.
- Art. 16. Shall the Town of Albany assess a tax in the amount of \$6,662.00 for the Orleans County Sheriff's Department.
- Art. 17. Will the Town raise the sum of \$4,200.00 to finance Recycling and Solid Waste Educational Material.
- Art. 18. To see how much if any, the Town will appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,600.00 for the Albany Town Library.
- Art. 20. Will the Town vote to exempt from taxation the Cheney School House and .1 acre Pursuant to Title 32, Section 3840 of V.S.A. This building and lot owned by the Albany Historical Society. This vote is good for a 5 year period.
- Art. 21. Will the Town vote to exempt from taxation the Albany Grange Hall and land pursuant To Title 32, Section 3840 of V.S.A. This vote is good for a 10 year period.
- Art. 22. Will the Voters of the Town of Albany authorize the Town Clerk to approve additions To the Checklist pursuant to 17 V.S.A. Section 2144b (a).
- Art. 23. Will the Town raise a tax for the support of Local Ambulance Services, if so, how Much, and for which ones.
- Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote the sum of \$6,448.80 for appropriations as requested, and direct the Selectmen to assess a tax sufficient to meet the same.

PLACE	2004 Request	2003
Area Agency on Aging for Northeastern VT	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
VT Center for Independent Living	100.00	140.00
Northeastern VT Development Association	352.80	316.40
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	882.00	882.00
Orleans Essex VNA & Hospice, Inc.	2,000.00	500.00
Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc.	200.00	200.00
Orleans County Court Diversion	75.00	75.00
STEP O.N.E.	300.00	250.00
Lake Region Senior Center	200.00	200.00
Orleans County Citizen Advocacy Program	300.00	300.00
VT Green Up, Inc.	50.00	50.00

Northern VT Chapter, American Red Cross	200.00	200.00
North Country Animal League	400.00	.00
Orleans County Historical Society	225.00	225.00
Frontier Animal Society of Vermont	500.00	500.00
Northern VT Resource Conservation & Deve. Council	50.00	.00
Rural Community Transport	214.00	.00
Coutts-Moriarty 4-H Camp, Inc.	200.00	200.00
	<u>\$6,448.80</u>	<u>\$4,238.40</u>

Art. 25. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Art. 26. To adjourn.

Dated at Albany, Vermont, January 28, 2004.

Jonathan Powell
Mary Paul
Wayne Sweeney

Selectboard, Town of Albany

I hereby certify the above warning was duly recorded in the records of the Town of Albany previous to the posting and publication thereof.

ATTEST:

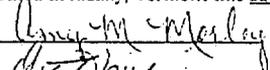
Debra Ann Geoffrey
Clerk, Town of Albany.

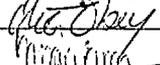
TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

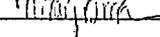
The legal voters of the Town School District of Albany, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Albany Town Hall in Albany, Vermont, on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at one o'clock in the afternoon to transact the following business, namely:

1. To elect a moderator.
2. To hear and act upon the report of the district officers.
3. To elect the following district officers as provided by Statute:
 - a. one school director for a term of three years to succeed Amy Morley whose term expires.
 - b. one school director, for a term of three years, for Lake Region Union High School to succeed Tony Daniels, whose term expires.
4. To see if the District will vote to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money to pay indebtedness and current expenses of the District.
5. To see what salaries the electorate shall authorize in payment of the school directors.
6. Shall the electorate allow the School District to retain the Reserve fund of \$56,000 to offset future costs of Lake Region Union High School.
7. To see what sums of money the electorate shall appropriate for the support of schools for the fiscal year ensuing. The electorate shall express in its vote the specific amounts voted for deficit, if any, for current expenses, capital improvement or other lawful purposes, such vote being in accordance with Section 428 of Vt. Statutes Annotated.
8. To see if the voters will add Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to the Capital Reserve Fund established at the March, 1999 Annual Meeting. Such additional funds to be used for future exterior maintenance of the school.
9. To see if the voters will authorize Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to the Reserve Fund to be used for replacement, when deemed necessary, of the existing school bus.
10. To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.
11. To Adjourn.

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

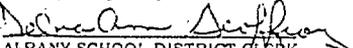






ALBANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I hereby certify the above warning was duly recorded in the records of the Albany School District previous to the posting and publication thereof.



ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

SELECTBOARD REPORT

General Orders

School Tax	\$705,066.00
Appropriations, Dues & Taxes	35,917.10
Salaries & Social Security	26,829.95
Insurance	14,465.00
Administrative Expense	14,119.39
Recycling	4,441.49
Utilities	1,519.58
Town Hall & Library	1,332.54
House Hold Hazardous Waste Days	1,331.03
Miscellaneous	960.33
Total	\$805,982.41

Summer Road Orders

Creek Road Bridge Job	\$ 72,510.00
Sand Shed	64,929.23
Trucks	42,562.50
Labor	30,626.75
Equipment Rental	14,206.00
Gravel	11,675.10
Chloride	9,262.45
Winter Sand	4,175.00
Culverts	3,104.26
Bridge Guardrails	2,500.00
Salt for Sand	1,906.38
Fuel & Lubricant	1,500.33
Grader & Loader	1,419.66
Plows	957.58
Concrete for bridge	935.00
Town Garage	501.95
Lumber for bridge	362.88
Utilities	356.51
911 Road Signs	166.13
Roadside Mower	113.67
Bridge Supplies	37.36
Sander	17.75
Chainsaws	3.00
Total	\$263,829.49

Winter Road Orders

Trucks	\$ 50,712.50
Labor	36,030.49
Blacktop Money Market	10,000.00
Grader & Loader	3,803.31
Town Garage	1,048.69
Salt Shed	993.51
Sanders, Plows & Chains	986.58
Salt	924.36
Utilities	519.04
Fuel & Lubricant	505.98
Culverts	450.00
Equipment Rental	350.00
Road Signs	56.67
Gravel	24.50
Chainsaws	9.00
Culvert Thawer	3.55
	\$106,418.18
Total	\$106,418.18

ROAD SUMMARY

Available Road Funds

Town Highway Tax	\$167,972.54
State of VT, Highway Fund	105,076.38
State of VT, Bridge Job Reimb.	65,259.00
Misc. Fund, Sand Shed Money	30,000.00
Plowing, Town of Lowell	1,200.00
Voided Check, Notrax	966.36
Loader & Grader Use	510.00
Over Weight Permits	100.00
Sanding	40.00
2002 Road Surplus	41,488.18
	\$412,612.46
Total Available Road Funds for 2003	\$412,612.46
Total Road Expenses	
Summer Road Orders	\$263,829.49
Winter Road Orders	106,418.18
	\$370,247.67
Total Road Expenses for 2003	\$370,247.67
2003 Road Surplus	\$ 42,364.79

Note of Interest: The Reimb. money from the State of VT for the Creek Road Bridge Project was not received until the end of November. Other projects would have been done if the money was received earlier.

2002 - 2003 COMPARISONS

	2002	2003
Roadside Mower	\$ 154.19	\$ 113.67
Loader & Grader	22,668.96	5,246.97
Fuel & Lubricants	1,528.67	2,006.31
Winter Sand	1,988.06	6,081.38
Plows, Sanders & Chains	4,186.12	1,961.91
Blacktop	45,043.78	10,000.00
Culverts	2,937.00	3,554.26
Gravel	16,854.45	11,669.60
Chloride	12,406.80	9,262.45
Road Signs	102.60	222.80
Town Garage Supplies	274.87	1,550.64
Salt Shed	214.65	993.51
Sand Shed	.00	64,929.23
Bridge Guard Rails	.00	2,500.00
Concrete for Bridge	.00	935.00
Lumber for Bridge	.00	362.88
Bridge Supplies	.00	37.36
Salt	.00	924.36

The equipment fund balance as of January 6, 2003 was \$2,360.70. This fund earned \$49.96 in interest during 2003. As of January 5, 2004 the balance in the equipment fund is \$2,410.66.

BLACKTOP MONEY MARKET

Fund opened on November 14, 2003.

Balance as of November 14, 2003	\$ 10,000.00
Income: Community Nat'l Bank, interest	6.16
Total Funds as of 12/31/03	\$ 10,006.16

BRIDGE JOB MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT

This fund was opened on November 28, 2000. The money in this fund is what was raised over a 3 year period for the replacement of the Town Farm Road bridge. Also in this fund is the money that was raised for the Water Street Bridge Replacement. To date the State of VT has not billed the Town of Albany for our 5% share of the Water Street Bridge Replacement. Raised for this project was \$11,000.00 as voted. The amount raised for the Town Farm Road Bridge Replacement was \$13,333.33 a year for 3 years. 2002 was the last year to raise money for this project.

Balance as January 6, 2003	\$ 52,457.91
Income: Community Nat'l Bank-2003 Interest	<u>547.71</u>
Expenses: None	
Balance of funds as of January 5, 2004	\$ 53,005.62

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY

The Town raised \$55,000.10 in tax dollars for the General Fund in 2003. Breakdown of 2003 General Fund Expenditures.

Salaries	\$ 18,313.30
Social Security-Town Share	6,816.65
Appropriations & Dues	3,613.00
Town Hall & Library-fuel, pump, Water rent & supplies	1,332.54
Administration Expense	14,119.39
Insurance	14,465.00
Electric- Town Hall & Fire Station	544.51
Telephone- Clerk's Office	975.07
Lister Mileage Reimb.	113.25
House Hold Hazardous Waste Days	1,331.03
Recycling- over budget	<u>441.49</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 62,065.23
Total Over Budget	\$ 7,065.13

TOWN'S FIXED ASSETS

Town Hall Building & Land
Town Gravel Pit, Land & Garage
Town Garage, Sand Shed & Land
Grader, Loader, Roadside Mower, Plows & Sanders
Fire Station Building, Trucks & Equipment
40 Acres near Hartwell Pond
Ball Park

REAPPRAISAL ACCOUNT REPORT

Funds:		
Balance as of January 1, 2003	\$	638.60
Income:		
State of VT, grand list maintenance		<u>4,739.00</u>
Total Funds	\$	5,377.60
Expenses: None		
Balance of Cash on Hand 12/31/03	\$	5,377.60

This fund owes the General Fund \$6,158.14 for expenses related to the 2002 reappraisal. This will be paid to the General Fund when funds are available.

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

Cash on Hand 1/1/03	\$.00
Income:		
Town of Albany, appropriation		<u>150.00</u>
Total Funds	\$	150.00
Expenses:		
1 gross flags for graves	\$	<u>130.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$	130.00
Balance of Cash on Hand 12/31/03	\$	20.00

Submitted by Ida Burdick, Albany Historical Society.

VCDP GRANT #0144/951G/11A

BLOCK GRANT

Beginning Balance as of 1/1/03	\$ 11,471.77
Income:	
NECKA, yearly lease payment	\$ 2,197.50
Community National Bank, interest	<u>69.24</u>
Total Funds	\$ 13,738.51
Expenses:	
DHCA, yearly payment	\$ 938.09
Town of Albany, administration expense	<u>938.10</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1,876.19
Balance as of 12/31/03	\$ 11,862.32

TOWN RECEIPTS

January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

Beginning Cash on Hand 1/1/03	\$277,187.10
Received from:	
State of Vermont	
Highway Aid	\$105,076.38
Bridge Job Reimb.	65,259.00
Hold Harmless Payment	22,417.00
Civil Fines Reimb.	4,108.00
Fish & Wildlife	288.00
PILOT Payment	<u>71.00</u>
	\$197,219.38
Town Treasurer	
2003 Taxes	\$878,227.32
Dog Licenses	<u>1,156.00</u>
	\$879,383.32
Delinquent Tax Collector	
2002 Delinquent Taxes	\$ 30,313.64
2003 Delinquent Taxes	39,269.02
Penalty on Delinquent Taxes	5,458.14
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	<u>3,190.42</u>
	\$ 78,231.22

Miscellaneous

Current Use Withdrawal Penalty	\$ 9,213.60
Checking Account Interest	2,666.87
Sale of 10.1 Acres obtained at tax sale	2,448.30
Plowing, Town of Lowell	1,200.00
Voided Check	966.36
Block Grant, Administration expense	938.10
Reimb. of W.C. Audit	863.46
Overpayment of 2003 taxes	802.85
Loader & Grader Use	510.00
Town Hall Rental	505.00
Liquor License	150.00
Over Weight Permits	100.00
Photo Copies	56.03
Sanding	40.00
IRS, recording fees	14.00
Land Records Surcharge Fee, balance of funds	14.00
Lien Release Recording Fees	13.00
Interest on Cemetery funds	9.94
	<u>\$ 20,511.51</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,175,345.43
Total Receipts, plus cash on hand 1/1/03	\$1,452,532.53
Disbursements:	
Selectboard General Orders	\$ 805,982.41
Selectboard Summer Road Orders	263,829.49
Selectboard Winter Road Orders	<u>106,418.18</u>
Total Orders Paid	\$1,176,230.08
Ending cash on hand as of 12/31/03	\$ 276,302.45

TREASURER'S REPORT

Grand List for 2003	\$453,946.00
Tax Rate for 2003	<u>2.0799</u>
Total Town, School & County Taxes	\$944,162.28

Rates & Taxes Assessed

Town Tax	.1885	\$ 85,568.82
Town Highway Tax	.3382	153,524.54
School Tax--State Share	1.0483	475,871.59
School Tax--Local Share	<u>.5049</u>	<u>229,197.33</u>
 Totals	 2.0799	 \$944,162.28
Total Tax to be accounted for		\$944,162.28
Plus Holdharmless & PILOT Payment		<u>22,488.00</u>
Grand Total		\$966,650.28

TREASURER'S TAX ACCOUNT

Collected by Treasurer:	
Real Estate	\$878,227.32
HoldHarmless/PILOT	22,488.00
Lease Land Credits	98.00
Other Credits	<u>220.47</u>
Total Taxes Collected by Treasurer	\$901,033.79
Delinquent Tax	<u>65,686.93</u>
Total tax to be accounted for	\$966,720.72
Note: Total Tax collected is .11 more due to rounding off.	
Tax Collected by Collector:	\$ 39,269.02
Tax Collected by Treasurer	<u>\$901,033.79</u>
Total 2003 Taxes Collected	\$940,302.81
Total Delinquent Tax as of 12/31/03	<u>26,417.91</u>
Total 2003 Taxes	\$966,720.72
Less Taxes collected in error	<u>70.33</u>
Total 2003 Taxes to be accounted for	\$966,650.28

TREASURER'S SUMMARY

SALARIES & SOCIAL SECURITY

Brian Mason, Truck driver/laborer	\$ 32,650.74
Gary Mason, Road Commissioner	23,102.75
Wayne Sweeney, Truck driver/laborer	10,903.75
Debra Ann Geoffroy, Clerk/Treasurer	10,800.00
John Gile, Sexton	1,700.00
Gloria J. Chicoine, A'sst Clerk/Treasurer	1,629.75
Carolyn Tremblay, Lister	1,622.25
Debra Ann Geoffroy, Delinquent Tax Collector	1,566.80
Francis Whitcomb, Lister	497.00
Susan Richardson, Lister	451.50
Wayne Sweeney, Selectman	350.00
Anthony Daniels, Selectman	350.00
Jonathan Rowell, Selectman	350.00
Paul Martin, Constable	175.00
Jonathan Rowell, Town Hall Janitor	136.00
Beverly Potter, Auditor	125.00
Alden Sheehan, Auditor	125.00
Marion Cubit, Auditor	125.00
Community National Bank, Soc. Sec., Town Share	6,816.65

ASSESSMENTS & APPROPRIATIONS

Albany School District	\$705,066.00
Albany Fire Department	13,000.00
Orleans County Treasurer	6,910.95
Orleans County Sheriff's Department	6,294.75
Albany Town Library	2,500.00
Northeast Kingdom Human Services, Inc.	882.00
VT League of Cities & Towns	813.00
Orleans Ambulance Service	500.00
Barton Ambulance Service	500.00
Glover Ambulance Service	500.00
Orleans Essex V.N.A. & Hospice, Inc.	500.00
Frontier Animal Society	500.00
Northeastern VT Development Association	316.40
Orleans County Citizen Advocacy Program	300.00
Albany Cemetery Association	260.00
STEP O.N.E.	250.00
Orleans County Historical Society	225.00
Area Agency on Aging	200.00
Adult Basic Education Services	200.00

Lake Region Senior Center	200.00
Northern Chapter- American Red Cross	200.00
Coutts-Moriarty 4-H Camp, Inc.	200.00
Memorial Day, 2003	150.00
Albany Historical Society	150.00
VT Center for Independent Living	140.00
St. John of the Cross Cemetery	100.00
Olreans County Court Diversion	75.00
VT Green Up, Inc.	50.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE

Philip Rowell, office rent	\$ 4,800.00
Dell Marketing, computer & printer	2,704.67
Joseph J. Marotti Co., Inc., vital records	
restored	1,286.00
The Johnson Co., prepare solid waste plan	1,000.00
USPS, Town & Lister envelopes	839.70
Verizon, office phone	572.17
IKON Office Solutions, yearly copier service	555.45
Citizens, Town Hall & Fire Station	544.51
Staples Direct, office supplies	428.23
AT & T, office phone	402.90
Joseph J. Marotti Co., Inc., land records volume	356.84
The Chronicle, Inc., advertising	290.37
USPS, Town Report postage	240.00
Joseph J. Marotti Co., Inc. , vital records binders	
	202.00
Highland Autum Marketing, computer repairs	185.00
Angela Ross, legal fees	175.00
IDS, dog license tags & forms	168.63
Global Net, internet service	134.55
VLCT, officer meetings	115.00
Joseph J. Marotti Co., Inc., land records paper	90.12
Derby Port Press, town report covers	62.00
Community National Bank, check order	59.87
USPS, certificate of mailing postage	50.06
Compute This, computer supplies	47.90
Costco, yearly membership	45.00
VALA, yearly membership	45.00
VT League of Cities & Towns, handbooks	42.00
Newport Daily Express, advertising	37.35

UVM, officer meeting	35.00
Schwabb Inc., Town stamp	31.05
Putney Press, government directory	28.70
Business Essentials, copy paper	23.90
VMCTA, yearly membership	20.00
Diamond Rubbish Removal, trash pickup	15.00
VT Health Dept., engraved paper	5.00

TOWN HALL & LIBRARY

Freds Plumbing & Heating, fuel	\$ 669.16
J.B. Colton Co., sump pump	360.00
J.B. Colton Co., supplies	248.38
Albany Village Water Co., water rent	55.00

RECYCLING

Town of Irasburg, Albany 1/3 share	\$ 4,441.49
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MISCELLANEOUS

VLCT PACIF, yearly Insurance Pre.	\$ 14,465.00
New England Waste Services, HHW Days	1,331.03
Banknorth, N.A., overpayment of taxes	802.84
Listers, mileage reimb.	113.25
Town Clerk, reimb of recording fees	27.00
John Gile, paint for cemetery fence	17.24

2003 DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES

AS OF 12/31/2003

Bessette, Donald, Sr. & Lucille	\$ 1,329.06
Brewster, Robert, Sr. & Lisa	1,014.99
Buckman, Frank A. & Bonnie M. MacGregor	2,456.36
Colaceci, Robert	482.54
Collins, James O. & Susan E. Bowman	167.73
Croteau, David & Cynthia	628.13
Cubit, Marvin, Sr. & Marion	1,028.73
Cubit, Marvin, Sr. & Marion	94.91
Fromm, Neil & Keenann Kuiper	519.15
Gordon, Robert J. & Lynn D.	996.27

Hale, Jason & Kimber	\$ 207.99
Hall, Lyndel & Denise M. Errington	609.41
Locke, Jeffrey & Laureighn	1,950.95
Locke, Jeffrey & Laureighn	436.78
Mandigo, Joseph	178.87
Pothier, Edward	16.64
Pothier, Lawrence & Elizabeth	1,247.94
Powell, Wm. Scott & Cora	1,210.50
Royer, Christopher & Linda	1,568.24
Rupert, Richard & Nicole	1,582.80
Theford, John H. & Assoc., Inc.	278.99
Tollmann, Robert & Jacalyn	2,171.42
Tremblay, John & Carolyn	1,312.67
Walker, Todd	474.22
Walsh, Brady P. & Ellen M.	765.40
Wells, Arland	1,453.41
Wells, Arland	532.45
Wells, Gene	99.84
Wells, Gene	43.68
Williams, Stacey ***	1,187.62
Young, Milo & Barbara	<u>370.22</u>
TOTAL DELINQUENT TAX AS OF 12/31/03	\$ 26,417.91

*** All or part payment made after 12/31/03

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

All voters and taxpayers and any other interested people, please come to ALBANY TOWN MEETING AT 10AM and ALBANY SCHOOL MEETING AT 1 PM, on MARCH 2, 2004. Both meetings will be held at the ALBANY TOWN HALL IN ALBANY VILLAGE THIS YEAR.

We have a special surprise for you as we have the GRAND DRAPE CURTAIN AND THE BACKDROP CURTAIN ON

ENROLLMENT

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT 2002-2003</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT 2003-2004</u>
K-6	97	103
7-8	23	20
9-12 (Lake Region)	49	50

STAFF 2003-2004

JILL CHAFFEE, Principal
University of Dayton

WENDY MILLETT, Kindergarten & Grade 2
St. Lawrence University

SUSANNAH BORST, Grade 1
University of Maine

VALERIE MORRISON, Grade 2
Johnson State College

DEBORAH SMITH, Grade 3
University of Vermont

CLAUDETTE ALLEN, Grade 4 .5 FTE
Johnson State College

JANE DAVIS, Grade 4
Trinity College

THOMAS STELTER, Grade 5
University of Cincinnati

ALEXANDER KEPLER, Grade 6
Lyndon State College

CLARA ROLLINS, Grade 7
Lyndon State College

RICHARD RUPERT, Grade 8.
Norwich University

PETER AUCLAIR, Physical Education
Castleton St. College

DIANA WEBSTER, Guidance
Western State College

***DISPLAY for all to see and admire.
These two curtains have recently been
restored and are an asset to our TOWN
HALL.***

***Also the PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY is
to be held at the ALBANY TOWN HALL,
from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM on MARCH 2,
2004.***

GARY MATTHEWS, Instrumental Music
Johnson State College

BARBARA WILLET, Vocal Music
Castleton State College

GERALD TREVITS, Art
Ithaca College

ANDREA MIESNER, Nurse
St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing

MARY PETERS, Special Educator
University of Vermont

RITA NILES, Secretary
SUSAN OCKER, Library Tech.
GEORGETTE ROWELL, Aide
CAROLE LEMOINE, Kindergarten Aide
BILLIE JEAN RIVERS, Hot Lunch Cook/Agent
MAVENE WATERHOUSE, Hot Lunch Assistant
JEFF POTTER, Custodian
TRAVIS DUDLEY, Assistant Custodian
RICHARD DAVIS, Bus Driver

ALBANY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET 2004-05					
Explanation of columnar headings:					
Actual 2002-03 represents income and expenses last year.					
Budget 2003-04 represents the current budget.					
Estimated 2003-04 is our best guess of what will happen this fiscal year.					
Proposed 2004-05 is our budget for the coming year.					
BUDGET RECEIPTS					
	ACTUAL 2002-03	BUDGET 2003-04	ESTIMATED 2003-04	PROPOSED 2004-05	
Property Taxes Required	\$698,866	\$723,772	\$705,065	\$717,679	1.79%
Carry Forward	152,151	133,501	152,545	11,904	
Tuition Income	33,500	28,800	21,841	22,000	
Facility Rent	1,852	1,300	3,000	3,000	
Interest Earned	11,938	14,544	18,505	18,000	
Miscellaneous	1,657	0	1,373	0	
General State Aid	672,582	653,190	673,969	941,154	
Special Ed Aid	72,009	68,000	61,188	64,000	
EPSDT Support	642	0	3,451	0	
Federal Titles	0	0	56,431	51,000	
Transfer from Reserves	0	28,000	0	0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,645,197	\$1,651,107	\$1,697,359	\$1,828,737	10.76%
BUDGET EXPENSES					
Direct Instruction					
Salaries	\$325,823	\$338,414	\$357,642	\$385,788	
Benefits	25,495	24,775	27,631	29,745	
Health/Dental	48,709	56,353	69,719	70,245	
Conferences/Tuition	9,432	8,825	8,000	9,000	
Music/Art/Physed Assess.	60,982	62,421	59,364	56,753	
Technology Support	21,882	22,857	22,538	24,000	
Summer School	600	600	0	600	
Repairs	832	800	900	800	
Field Trips/Guest Speakers	2,229	2,160	2,160	2,500	
Assessment Materials	1,296	1,900	2,100	2,200	
Supplies	18,738	13,000	18,000	16,000	
Books	6,730	7,737	7,737	8,600	
AV/Software	1,834	2,800	2,800	4,500	
Computer Equipment	8,220	6,000	6,000	12,500	
Other Equipment	2,490	1,393	1,500	5,000	
TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION	\$535,292	\$550,026	\$586,091	\$628,230	
Secondary					
Lake Region Assessment	\$326,430	\$437,220	\$433,936	\$480,223	
Special Education					
OCSU Services	\$77,045	\$88,853	\$96,418	\$117,843	
Individual Aides	21,955	42,289	22,525	24,553	
Tuition/Transportation	8,380	0	7,323	3,000	
TOTAL SPECIAL ED	\$107,380	\$131,142	\$126,272	\$145,396	

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED
	2002-2003	2003-04	2003-04	2004-05
Co-Curricular Activities				
Salaries	\$4,736	\$6,250	\$6,250	\$6,250
Benefits	362	478	478	478
Officials	440	600	600	600
Supplies and Equipment	328	800	800	800
TOTAL CO-CURRICULAR	\$5,866	\$8,128	\$8,128	\$8,128
Guidance				
Salaries and Benefits	\$13,323	\$13,955	\$13,716	\$14,262
Outside Services	0	0	150	0
Supplies and Materials	629	750	750	850
TOTAL GUIDANCE	\$13,952	\$14,705	\$14,616	\$15,112
Nurse Services				
OCSU Assessment	\$15,479	\$16,499	\$15,623	\$17,505
Education Media				
Salaries/Benefits	\$14,110	\$14,934	\$15,142	\$16,594
Consultants/Continuing Ed	0	500	400	400
Supplies	445	750	500	750
Books and Periodicals	4,608	4,000	4,000	4,000
AV/Software	63	3,250	3,250	3,000
Equipment	0	750	750	750
TOTAL MEDIA	\$19,226	\$24,184	\$24,042	\$25,494
Board of Education				
Salaries	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
Benefits	184	184	184	184
Conferences	35	200	200	200
Contract Services	1,787	1,800	1,500	4,000
Liability Insurance	739	600	1,349	1,500
Communications	551	700	600	600
Advertising	810	700	900	900
Supplies	1,442	1,200	1,200	1,200
Dues & Fees	879	900	1,050	1,100
TOTAL BOARD	\$8,827	\$8,684	\$9,383	\$12,084
Central Office				
Assessment	\$31,697	\$37,527	\$37,139	\$45,166

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	
	2002-03	2003-04	2003-04	2004-05	
Office of the Principal					
Principal Salary	\$52,936	\$55,053	\$55,318	\$57,808	
Clerical Salary	15,309	16,484	16,084	16,676	
Benefits	5,971	6,359	6,446	6,705	
Health/Dental	12,690	13,859	13,861	14,559	
Conferences/Tuition	1,000	900	900	1,200	
Repairs	3,953	2,500	8,000	6,000	
Communications	4,388	5,500	4,400	4,500	
Supplies	3,434	2,300	2,500	2,600	
Equipment	4,278	3,100	3,100	11,000	
Dues & Fees	555	750	750	750	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	\$104,514	\$106,805	\$111,359	\$121,798	
Fiscal Services					
Revenue Note	\$9,747	\$9,774	11,826	\$12,000	
Operation of Plant					
Salaries	\$25,261	\$28,181	\$28,282	\$29,093	
Benefits	3,701	4,387	4,445	4,593	
Health/Dental	6,926	6,984	9,253	9,835	
Trash Collection	1,655	1,500	1,700	1,700	
Care of Grounds	1,080	1,300	1,300	1,300	
Repairs/Maintenance	7,765	14,500	16,000	9,000	
Property Insurance	3,655	3,700	3,800	4,000	
Supplies	4,326	4,000	5,000	4,000	
Utilities	17,621	25,000	24,000	24,000	
Equipment	4,725	5,200	5,200	6,840	
Dues & Fees	100	100	200	200	
TOTAL OPERATIONS	\$76,815	\$94,852	\$99,180	\$94,561	
Student Transportation					
Salaries	\$9,867	\$10,590	\$11,500	\$11,928	
Benefits	1,375	4,180	1,780	1,812	
Insurance	991	900	1,126	1,200	
Bus Contract	62,451	67,541	68,000	73,000	
Repairs	3,233	2,800	2,800	3,000	
Supplies	1,549	2,300	2,000	2,100	
TOTAL TRANSPORT	\$79,466	\$88,311	\$87,206	\$93,040	
Debt Service					
Principal Payment	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	
Interest	52,961	53,250	50,665	50,000	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$117,961	\$118,250	\$115,665	\$115,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,452,652	\$1,646,106	\$1,680,465	\$1,813,737	10.18%
Capital Reserve	\$40,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,492,652	\$1,651,106	\$1,685,465	\$1,828,737	10.76%

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the first semester of the 2003-2004 school year winds down, I am pleased at what I see happening at Albany Community School. Children are actively engaged in learning, not only through their regular classroom activities, but also through the After School Program, the ELF program and the intramural sports teams. Daily I visit each classroom. Daily I walk out of each classroom feeling very fortunate for our children that we have a dedicated and experienced staff that keep our children on the task of learning. As parents, you should feel good that through your support of the annual school budget we can continue in this fashion.

When school started in August, we saw a new face in the music department: Barbara Willett. Ms. Willett comes to us from northern New York and brings with her a fountain of knowledge. Also, Mrs. Claudette Allen was hired to teach in the fourth grade classroom as Mrs. Davis is taking a year's leave of absence. When we returned from Christmas vacation another new face appeared: Mrs. Kathieen Patrick, our new literacy specialist that we acquired for the remainder of this school year. Her position is being paid through our consolidated grant that we receive yearly through the federal and state governments.

We continue to up-date our supervisory union curriculum. This year teachers and staff have been focusing on a new Health Curriculum. Hopefully this new curriculum will be instituted in the Fall of 2004. Progress is being made in delivering our Science curriculum. Albany 7th and 8th grade students participated in the Supervisory Union Science Fair in December. Students returned with a number of first and second place wins in various categories. A number of eighth grade students are planning to participate in the State Science Fair this spring.

Nature Trail Days continues to grow. Through a couple of our teachers, several grants have been written to help us financially continue this project. We will hear soon if these grants are approved.

In the summer of this year we will be offering a Reading Camp and a Mathematics Camp. Each camp will be two weeks long. Students who have participated in the Reading Camp come away with a new excitement for reading. The Mathematics Camp is a new offering for our students as well as other students in the supervisory union. These camps are funded through VSAC monies and 21 Century monies.

With the No Child Left Behind Act watching us, we continue to monitor our standardized testing results. This past spring our students improved considerably in the area of English and Language Arts accountability. There was also improvement in the area of Mathematics accountability. A number of our action plans are written to address specific strand needs in both Language Arts and Mathematics. Action Plans

are reviewed quarterly by the staff and board members. Annually the school board approves the action plan for the coming school year.

Enrollment this year is 122 with the largest class being our Third Grade class with 20 and our smallest class being the Seventh Grade class with 9. It has been wonderful having a teacher for each grade level. I hope we can continue this practice.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like to see in the monthly newsletter. If you are not receiving the newsletter and would like to have it mailed to you, please call the office and give Rita Niles, our school secretary, your name and address.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Chaffee

		EXHIBIT A		
		ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION		
		Fund Balance Report		
		6/30/03		
FUND	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	BALANCE
	7/1/02			6/30/03
Central Office	(\$1,194)	\$380,510	\$389,945	(\$10,629)
Nurse	1,740	54,177	46,145	9,772
Nurse Reserve	1,164	0	0	1,164
Music	(9,729)	118,964	102,282	6,953
Art-Trevits	1,254	57,715	56,060	2,909
EPSDT-Nurse	39,776	44,382	49,607	34,551
Physed--Auclair	0	32,286	31,256	1,030
Guidance--Lussier	1,397	0	1,397	0
Art-Woodard	3,772	22,545	26,397	(80)
Guidance--King	1,423	0	1,423	0
Sped/Kindergarten	(3,995)	26,015	20,496	1,524
Summer School	(15,121)	30,310	10,969	4,220
Class Size Reduction	(16,563)	280,954	264,391	0
SAP--Glover	(2,000)	2,000	0	0
Title II--Competitive	0	95,613	101,968	(6,355)
Title IV--High Needs	11,483	0	11,483	0
Title IV--Drug Free	1,471	30,959	25,375	7,055
Title V	43	29,366	26,950	2,459
Goals 2000 FY01	227	0	28	199
Title II--Consolidated	0	28,725	28,725	0
Tobacco Grant	3,700	10,962	14,662	0
Standards Board	2,260	600	1,886	974
Alternative Program	15,101	64,564	81,408	(1,743)
Mainstream	13,758	384,421	404,778	(6,599)
EEE	16,660	95,742	85,579	26,823
Care/Custody	(14,314)	93,362	129,182	(50,134)
BEST Grant	681	7,500	3,143	5,038
EEI	0	27,000	27,000	0
Project Onward	27,833	6,211	8,753	25,291
Donation--Special Ed	1,039	0	0	1,039
IDEA-B	0	169,150	169,150	0
Incentive Grant	0	9,893	9,893	0
Title I	22,695	472,401	495,096	0
Alternative Prog. Grant	0	500	1,000	(500)
Medicaid--Special Ed	40,648	114,237	152,691	2,194
Special Ed Transfer	(126,863)	126,863	106,485	(106,485)
Fund B--Miscellaneous	(125,869)	63,816	0	(62,053)
Vt. Kids Against Tobacco	500	0	500	0
Substitute Employees	(11,700)	7,855	0	(3,845)
TOTAL	(\$118,722)	\$2,889,598	\$2,886,103	(\$115,227)

ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION				
ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS				
2003-04				
	BALANCE	PLANNED	PLANNED	BALANCE
	7/1/03	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	6/30/04
CENTRAL OFFICE	(\$10,629)	\$409,646	\$422,327	(\$23,310)
SCHOOL NURSE	10,936	48,769	57,993	\$1,712
MUSIC PROGRAM	6,953	108,310	100,329	\$14,934
SPECIAL ED PROGRAMS	43,772	645,770	698,941	(\$9,399)
PRELIMINARY BUDGETS 2004-05				
CENTRAL OFFICE	\$446,776			
SCHOOL NURSE	\$59,410			
MUSIC PROGRAM	\$103,610			
SPECIAL ED PROGRAMS	\$711,592			

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons

ESTIMATES ONLY

District: Albany
County: Orleans

LEA: 002
S.U.: Orleans Central

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
Expenditures				
Budget (local budget approved in prior years)	1,102,387	1,226,692	1,213,886	1,348,514
82% of base payment per FTE paid to each center by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)	27,860	31,162	38,134	43,164
Deficit (if included in budget)				
Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	6,592	7,625	6,555	not applicable
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	1,102,387	1,226,692	1,213,886	1,348,514
Union school or joint school district assessment	372,895	331,465	437,271	480,273
Deficit if not included in budget or revenues				
Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)				
Gross Act 68 Budget	1,475,253	1,558,160	1,651,107	1,828,737
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from 'Education Spending')				
Revenues				
Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, surplus, etc. including Act 144 revenues)	230,979	302,923	380,284	266,772
Capital debt aid	17,412	12,135		
Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)				
Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures				
Act 144 revenues	248,391	315,058	380,284	266,772
Fund raising (if any)				
Adjusted local revenues	248,391	315,058	380,284	266,772
Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	1,226,862	1,243,102	1,270,823	1,561,965
Equalized Pupils	150.16	153.39	159.93	169.02
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	8,170	8,104	7,946	9,241
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$9,241 / \$6,800)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (135.897% x \$1.10)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Household Income Percentage for Income sensitivity (135.897% x 2.0%)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable

ALBANY TOWN LIBRARY

Our library has continued to grow and serve our community in many ways. We provide books to those who are unable to come into the library. We also provide inter-library loan services to accommodate special requests for books which our library does not have.

We were sad to say good-bye to our librarian of the past 10 years, Marian Whipple. We hope that she is enjoying her free time and knows how much she is missed. Rachel Lafont is our new librarian. She has been with the library for almost a year now and still seems to be enjoying her time there! She is eager to be kept busy so be sure to come in, visit, and check out a few books or videos.

We have been able to open for an additional day every week through grant funding. This means we are now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We would like to thank Marsha Mongeon who is volunteering to come in on Tuesday evenings in order to accommodate anybody who can not come in during the day. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help in the library. Just stop by and let us know what you would like to do.

We are asking the town for \$2600.00 this year. This is an increase of \$100.00 this year. We were fortunate to receive a grant that enabled us to increase the number of books we bought last year. We would like an extra \$100.00 so that we may continue to be able to buy new books for the library.

Storytime is on hiatus for now. Continue to check in at the library for updates on when it will start up again.

We have lots of new books and videos available. Please feel free to come in and check out what your library can provide for you.

Submitted,
Carol Rowell
Treasurer

LIBRARY HOURS:

TUESDAY: 11:00am - 4:00pm
6:00pm - 8:00pm
THURSDAY: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

ALBANY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT

2003 BY PAUL DANIELS

Again we enjoyed a very successful raffle and variety show at the old Town Hall in the Village. \$1,006.68 was raised for the support of the society.

A case was made by Marvin Cubit to cover and protect the large quilt made by Marion Daniels depicting several scenes about the Town of Albany. The display is attached to the left wall of the ground floor of the building.

We regretfully lost some of our founding members through death this year. Dr. Everett Davis, a direct descendant of one of our early settlers of the Town. Mrs Irma Chaffee and also Marcel Horner who had so faithfully mowed our society grounds and kept them in beautiful condition.

Following I submit the early history of one of our civil war veterans and the history of our churches taken from the Hamilton Childs Gazetteer, published 1883-1884.

During the war of the Union, Albany furnished 117 enlisted men, thirteen of who died of disease in camp and hospital, four died in rebel prisons, six were killed in battle, seven were incarcerated in rebel prisons, five deserted, and fifty-one received town bounties, amounting in all to \$12,200.00. The case of Lucien L. Sanborn, who now resides in this town, shows such a remarkable instance of tenacity of life that we deem it worthy of mention. He enlisted in Co. D., 6th VT Vols., October 15, 1861, and camped during the ensuing winter at Camp Griffin, about fifteen miles from Washington, April 6, 1862 he engaged in the battle of Lee's Mills, Va., and subsequently fought in eighteen battles and skirmishes, escaping from all without a scratch. But in the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, he was struck in the right side of his head with a minnie ball, the missile hitting him on a level with his eye, about half way between that organ and the ear, passing out on the opposite side, below the left eye, while, almost at the same instant, he received another

ball in the right shoulder, He remained on the field in an insensible condition about twenty-four hours, when he rallied, and was discovered by a detachment of soldiers who were engaged in carrying off their wounded. They carried him to their field hospital, dressed his wounds, and strange as it may appear, he recovered and was sent to Andersonville prison, July 27th, where he remained until about november 1st, then was sent to the hospital and was finally exchanged, about March 20, 1865, and soon after received his discharge from the service, at Montpelier. He is now totally blind in the left eye, nearly so in the right, the sense of smell being entirely destroyed, and that of taste but partially remaining. His pension of \$24.00 per month we are sure no one covets.

The Congregational church, located at Albany, was organized August 16, 1818, by Rev. James Hobert, of Berlin, and Rev. James Parker, of Enosburgh, at the dwelling of Moses Delano, and consisted of Aaron Chamberlin, Moses Chamberlin, Theodore s. Lee, and Mrs. Hannah Skinner. The first settled minister was Elias W. Kellogg, in 1826. The first house of worship was erected at the Center, in 1841, and was destroyed by fire in February, 1846. During the following April the society purchased half of the Baptist society's edifice, on the River road, retaining the same until the present house was erected, in 1868. The society has no regular pastor at present.

The Methodist church, located at Albany, was organized in 1818, and in 1833, 1833 the first church building was erected, at the Center, which was used until 1843, when the present edifice was built. The society is now in a flourishing condition, with Rev. H. T. Jones, pastor. The society at south Albany is under the charge of Rev. G. W. Ellis.

The Freewill Baptist church, located at East Albany, was organized by Rev. T. P. Moulton and Rev. H. W. Harris, November 14, 1842, with ten members. Rev. J. E. Flanders was the first pastor. The church building was erected in the summer of 1857, and is to be superceeded by a new structure during the present year, 1883. The society

now has sixty-five resident, and forty non-resident members, with Rev. R. W. Collins, pastor.

St. John of the Cross Roman Catholic church, located at East Albany, was organized by Rev. Father Michael McCauley, in 1874, Rev. Father John Michaud being the first pastor. The church building, a comfortable wood structure capable of seating 180 persons, was erected during the same year, at a cost of \$3,300, and is now valued, including grounds, at \$3,800. The society has 225 members, with Rev. Father Nobert Proulx, of Newport, pastor.

Officers of the Albany Historical Society.

President, Paul Daniels
Vice President, Marvin Cubit
Secretary, Louise Kinsey
Treasurer, Ruth Lawrence

The annual report for the Albany Vol. Fire Dept. submitted to the Town of Albany for 2002 states "Cash on Hand January 21, 2003 \$9384.71". Our bank statements and check record indicate the Albany Vol. Fire Dept. had a balance of \$14,396.37 as of January 22, 2003. The amount \$14,396.37 will be used as the beginning balance for 2003 instead of \$9384.71 due to this finding.

We had a very successful Labor Day celebration. Thank you for all your support. We also succeeded in receiving equipment or money from three different grants. We received money from the Homeland Security Grant and the Jeffords Fire Safety Equipment Grant. The money was used to purchase necessary firefighting gear(\$8,013.50) to help keep our members safe, and we were able to purchase a new radio(\$2,751.34) for one of the trucks. Under the Vermont Fire Academy Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Grant we received one new SCBA(an approx. \$3500.00 value). These grants gave us the ability to purchase or receive much needed gear and equipment with less local tax money, however, receiving future grants is never a guarantee.

On October 9, 2003, five members of the Albany Vol. Fire Dept. spent the day with our children at the Albany Community School. Fire safety was discussed with each class, 5th and 6th graders were given an assignment to count and test their smoke detectors at home, and 4th thru 8th graders were instructed on how to use a fire extinguisher. The highlight of the day appeared to be when the children witnessed our pumping demonstration.

The Albany Vol. Fire Dept. responded to 10 calls in 2003. In 2001 we responded to 13 calls, and in 2002 we responded to 19 calls. The Albany Vol. Fire Dept. responds to more than just fires. The department has also responded to carbon monoxide alarms, car accidents, and ambulance supervised "lift assists". The people of Albany make us proud. Tragedy is a bad thing, but it is wonderful to see this community pull together to help someone in need.

One of our members, Gary Mason, has joined forces with Orleans Ambulance. Gary is a national certified First Responder and a state certified Emergency Care Attendant. He also has received further training to carry and administer oxygen during medical emergencies. Having a first responder in town greatly reduces response time during a medical emergency, however, due to work and life, our only first responder cannot be around Albany at all times. It would be nice to have a few more people in town become first responders. You do not need to join the fire department to become a first responder. An ambulance responded to Albany for 35 medical emergencies in 2003. Gary was able to respond to 30 of those calls.

During the past year we increased our membership by three members to fourteen, however, none of us can be around Albany at all times. We need more members-male or female. Please contact me, or a member, if interested.

As a reminder, in an emergency do not waste time calling family and friends first, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Jonathan "Tim" Rowell, Chief
Albany Vol. Fire Dept.

ALBANY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

INCOME:

Cash on hand January 22, 2003	\$14,396.37
Town of Albany- taxes for 2003	13,000.00
Labor Day- dinner, donations, pony rides, coin drop, ATV club, plus start up cash	3,802.25
Donations	870.00
Ethan Allen Inc.- sale of five pails of AFFF	250.00
Homeland Security Grant	2,751.34
Jeffords Fire Safety Equipment Grant	4,000.00
Other- petty cash/coins found in fire house	<u>11.30</u>
Total Income	<u>\$39,081.26</u>

EXPENSES:

Ultramar Energy Inc.	\$1,031.77
Bob's Quick Stop	111.05
Albany General Store	467.98
Banknorth, N.A.	65.00
Northeast International Mutual Aid	60.00
Park View Garage Inc.	1,862.27
Desmarais Equipment Inc.	17.50
Alburg Fire Dept.	100.00
Orlean County Central Dispatch	150.00
Ed Eaton Fire Truck Repair	5,139.82
Gene A. Besaw & Assoc., P.C.	710.00
Radio North	1,245.00
Start up cash for Labor Day	300.00
Carol Rowell- memory card and video tapes for dept. cameras and candy for Labor Day	72.23
Janet Nelson- rolls for Labor Day	75.00
Patrick Lafaso- Labor Day supplies	17.96
Brian Mason- Labor Day supplies	98.27
Albany Methodist Church	50.00
Galluping Acres	250.00
Ray's Market	753.39
Vermont Fire Extinguisher	18.00
Alert-All Corp.	208.08
U.S. Postal Service	7.40
Clark Communication Electronics	2,950.34
Merriam-Graves Corp.	159.00
Center Fire Sales	<u>8,013.50</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$23,933.56</u>
Total Income	\$39,081.26
Minus Total Expenses	<u>\$23,933.56</u>
Cash on Hand December 31, 2003	\$15,147.70

ALBANY TOWN HALL CURTAIN PROJECT

In 1998, the town was contacted by The Vt Museum and Gallery Alliance, asking if we knew of any old stage curtains in our Town Hall. I responded that we had one full drape curtain and a backdrop curtain that were in very poor shape and didn't know if they were done by Charles Henry or Charles Andrus.

Christine Hadsel, the Project Director, came and looked at the curtains and said she was sure they were painted by Charles Henry and Charles Andrus, also that they were fully restorable. Since then Christine has gotten Grants and Funding to do this restoration all over the State.

Our Curtains were restored in January and February 2004. Check them out when you come to Town Meeting, March 2, 2004 at the TOWN HALL.

There will also be a Slide Show and Talk about the restoration of the Curtains at a later date, watch for the Posters and Ads in the Newspapers, so you can come and get first hand knowledge about the restoration of the Curtains.

Respectfully,
Carolyn Tremblay

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Name	Date	Parents
Caitlind C. Kelley	Feb. 26	Eric C. Kelley Dawn M. Croteau
Katelyn J. Colaceci	Mar. 20	Robert J. Colaceci Angela J. Tourangeau
Jerami P. C. Lavine	May 21	Gary D. F. Lavine Melinda N. Rivers
Jamison L. Lavine	June 3	Jeffrey D. Lavine Julie A. Rivers
Bailey A. Jackson	June 8	Michelle L. Croteau
Naomi J. Young	June 20	Milo P. Young Barbara N. Valley
Diana A. Mason	Aug. 4	Craig E. Mason Stephanie Paquette
Ezra T. Schenck	Aug. 28	Steven T. Schenck Melanie B. Viets
Raven M. Draper	Sept. 8	Joshua N. Draper Danielle D. Martin
Sebastian Z. Bowers	Sept. 10	Zachary D. Bowers Marilyn N. Durant
Kaitlyn M. Mason	Nov. 1	Ronald L. Mason Melissa L. Priest
Reginald W. Shatney, III	Dec. 10	Reginald W. Shatney, Jr Tracey L. Cook

DEATHS

Name	Date	Age
Elva A. Tremblay	Mar. 8	79
Terrence L. Davis	May 15	58
Irma I. Chaffee	Sept. 17	89
Everett L. Davis	Sept. 23	84
Marcel J. Horner	Dec. 11	71

MARRIAGES

Name	Date
John C. Matthews Jeane Thompson	May 17
Earl G. Kinsey Joanna Libby	July 15
Ronald L. Mason Melissa L. A. Priest	July 19
James E. Harris III Amalia D. McGreevy	Aug. 9
Erik D. Swanson Devon J. Cole	Aug. 9
Peter B. Currier Grace E. Cehura	Aug. 30
Wesley E. Martin Elizabeth C. Kunkel	Sept. 20
Francis L. Jarvis Diane T. E. Lavine	Nov. 11

TOWN INFORMATION

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL

911

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2004

March 2	Town Meeting
March 2	School Meeting
March 2	Presidential Primary
April 1	Listing Begins
April 1	Dog Licenses Due
May 30	Memorial Day
September 14	Primary Election
October 10	Taxes Due
November 2	General Election

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY'S WHEN REQUIRED

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETINGS

HELD EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

7:00 P.M.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE PHONE # 755-6100

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Year 2004 Household Hazardous Waste



Collection Days



This is a great opportunity to dispose of those old paints, pesticides, and cleaning products you have in your basement or garage.

**Saturday, May 8, 2004 &
Saturday, October 16, 2004**

8:30 am to 11:30 am

**New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc. Landfill
on Airport Road in Coventry**

These events are FREE through an agreement with your municipality

**A Business may bring waste to the event for a fee, provided you have
contacted NEWSVT to make prior arrangements for drop-off time.**

No pre-registration is necessary unless you are a business, but proof of residency will be required.

What is a household hazardous waste?

A household hazardous waste is any discarded household material that can be classified as toxic, corrosive, flammable or reactive.

Materials Accepted at the Event:

Acids, Adhesives, Aerosols, Antifreeze, Brake Fluid, Cements, Charcoal Lighters, Chlorine, Cleaning Fluid, Degreasers, Disinfectants, Drain Cleaners, Dry Gas, Epoxies, Dyes, Fiberglass Resins, Flea Powders, Furniture Strippers, Hair Removers, Herbicides, Insect Repellents, Lacquers, Lubricants, Mothballs or Flakes, Nail Polish Removers, Oven Cleaners, Latex Paints, Oil Based Paints, Paint Removers, Paint Thinners, Permanent Solutions, Pesticides, Photo chemicals, Rat Poisons, Rug & Upholstery Cleaners, Rust Solvents, Wood Preservatives, Spot Removers, Toilet Bowl Cleaners, Tub and Tile Cleaners, Turpentine, Varnish, Weed Killers, Wood Polishes, Wood Stains, Fluorescent Light tubes, Mercury containing products.

Materials NOT Accepted at the Event:

Automotive and Marine Batteries, Tires, Explosives or Shock-Sensitive Materials, Ammunition, Radio-Active Wastes, Pathological Wastes, Infectious Waste, Medicines, Dioxins, PCB containing light ballasts, PCB containing smoke detectors, electronic equipment, fire extinguishers, propane/torch cylinders, TV's, computers, electronics.

If you have any questions about the event or acceptable materials please call Janet at (802) 223-7221.

Sponsored by New England Waste Services of Vermont, Inc. - Hope To See You There!



ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
255 MAIN ST
NEWPORT, VT 05855

ORLEANS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
2003 REPORT

The Orleans County Sheriff's Department provided patrol services to your Town during 2003. Through your financial support, the Sheriff's Department provided 202 hours of Patrol in the Town of Albany and documented the following services:

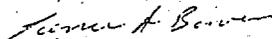
1. Calls for Service: 14
2. Motor Vehicle
 - a. Warnings: 51
 - b. Vt. Traffic Complaints: 72
3. Arrests: 5

The Sheriff's Department is seeking a 3% increase over last year's appropriation. We have been able to contain most of our costs of doing business this year, with the exception of escalating health insurance premiums. The increase we are asking for will cover the above plus a cost of living adjustment in Deputies salaries.

The Sheriff's Department also has new programs to offer your community this year. With the support of area businesses, we can offer a Child Identification Packet that is done professionally and maintained by the parents at no cost. We have also started a job shadowing experience for students that may be interested in a career in Law Enforcement. Interested students should contact their guidance counselors to arrange a job shadow. We hope to add more programs in the future that are of interest to your children and would welcome suggestions from you.

We appreciate your support and look forward to serving your community in 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lance A. Bowen
Sheriff



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