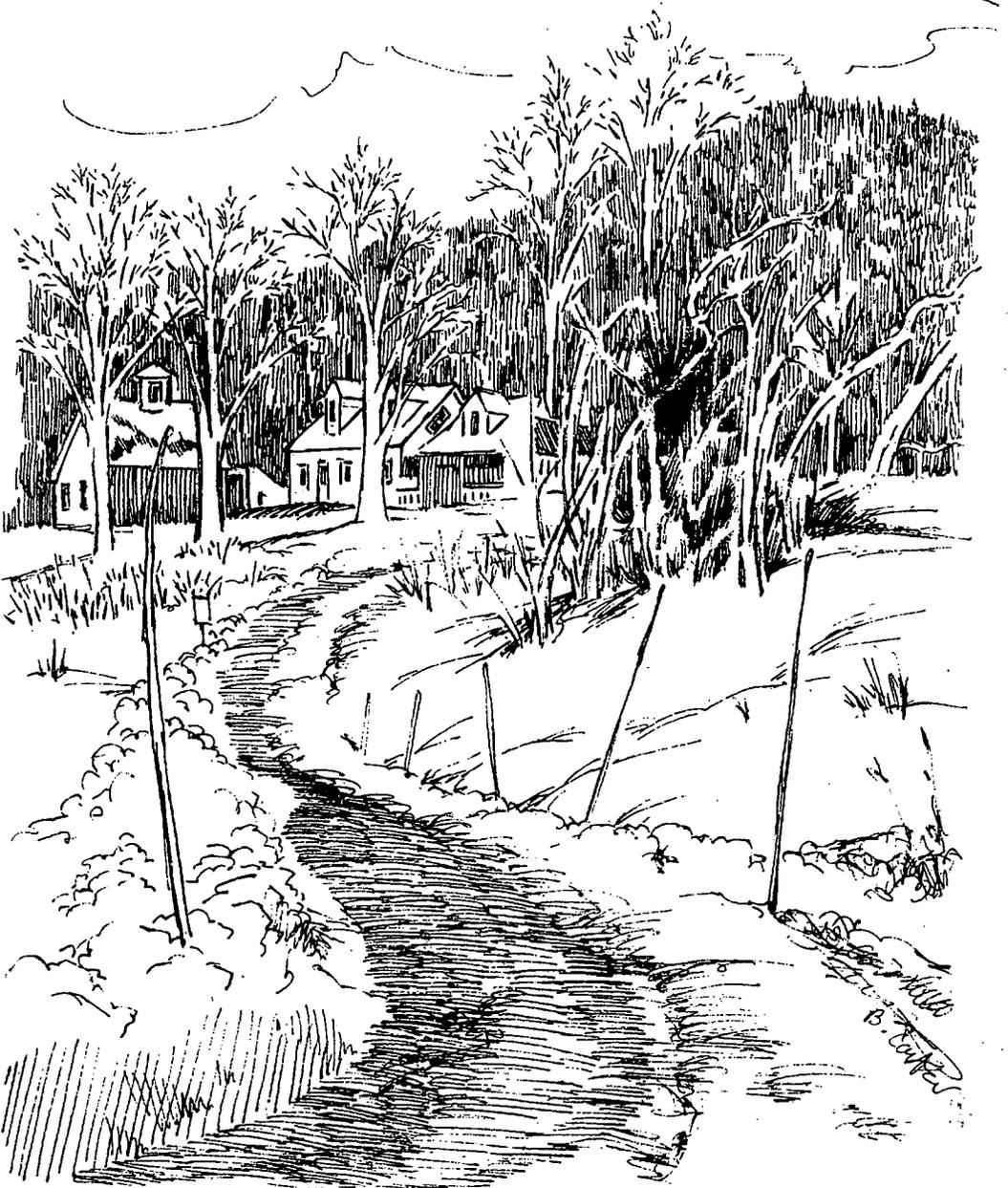


Town of  
**BRAINTREE**  
VERMONT



**Annual Report**  
Year Ending December 31, 2004

## TOWN OF BRAINTREE

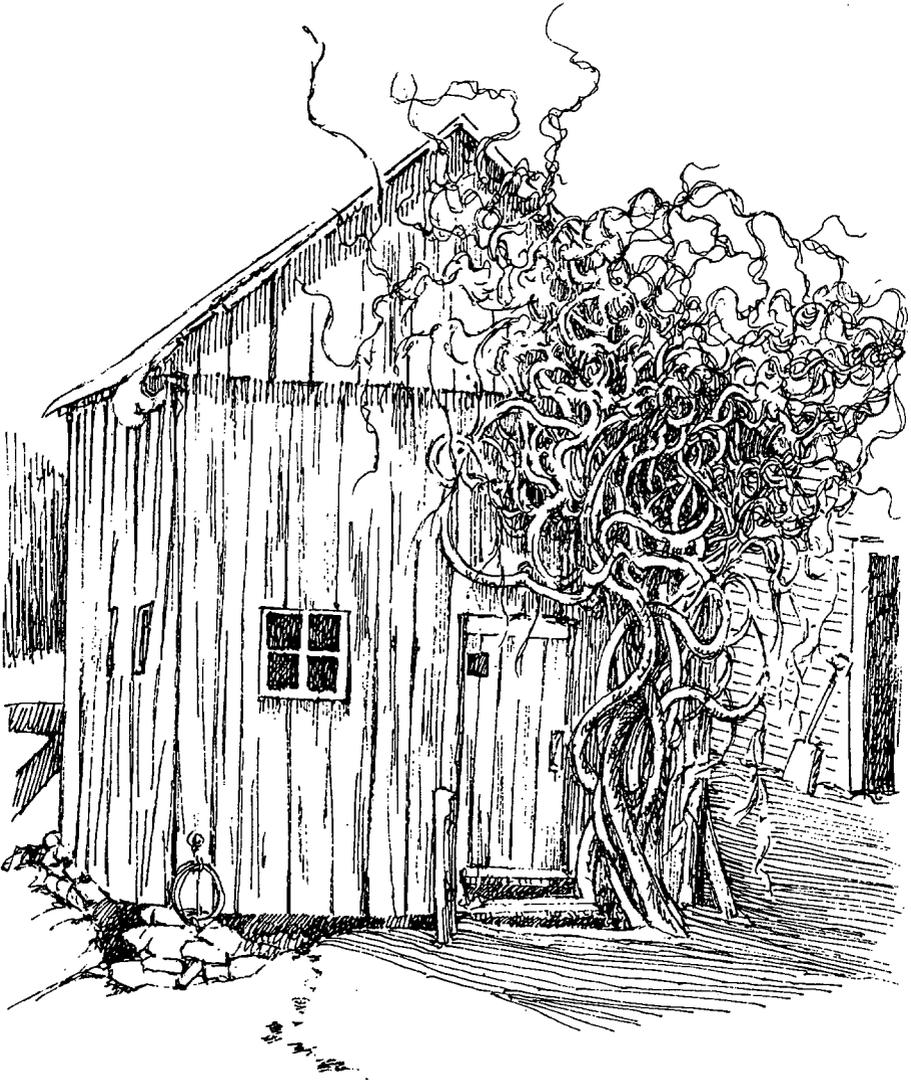
2004 Grand List	\$546,685.19
2004 Education Grand List	\$547,112.71

### Tax Rate 2004

Town General	\$ .2611	\$ .2611
Town Highway	.4781	.4781
Education	1.7089	
Non-Residential Education		1.7773
TOTAL	2.4481	2.5165

1¢ of 2004 Tax Rate raised	\$ 5,466.85
5¢ of 2004 Tax Rate raised	27,334.26
10¢ of 2004 Tax Rate raised	54,668.52
20¢ of 2004 Tax Rate raised	109,337.04

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT  
WITH YOU TO TOWN MEETING**



*In Memoriam*  
**DONALD DUSTIN**  
1925 - 2004



*(Photo by Bob Eddy)*

*“He felt the beat of a hardy life in his veins, the glory of work and the joy of living.”*  
Biography of Teddy Roosevelt

And sometimes he wondered if a quiet life would have suited him – probably not. He is quiet now – his courage, loyalty, and generosity are not.

The offices that Donald filled for Braintree are too numerous to list with all their dates. These included 25 years as Moderator, more than that as Planning Commissioner, sometimes leading that group, School Director, mostly during the seventies, but returning when called on to fill a vacancy, Lister, Zoning Board member, Town Grand Juror, trustee of the Historical Society, member of ad hoc advisory committees, longtime representative of and advocate for Orange County Mental Health, and town representative to the Agency of Environmental Conservation.

Donald brought his talent, energy and wit to countless unofficial volunteer tasks that ranged from school and building repairs, construction, and auctioneer for fund-raising events. He would do anything to help the town. And he could do it all with civility, generosity, respect and – yes, charm – although that was a quality he might well have denied. We miss you dear friend.

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## 2004 APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

Agent to Deed Land .....	Cemetery Commissioner Carl H. Thresher
Assistant Town Clerk .....	Mary L. Stephen
Assistant Town Treasurer .....	Roberta Hislop
Board of Adjustment	
Term Expires 2005 (Chair) .....	Walter Scott
Term Expires 2005 .....	Thomas Jacobs
Term Expires 2006 .....	**Vacant**
Term Expires 2007 .....	Donald Laitinen
Term Expires 2007 .....	**Vacant**
E-911 Coordinator .....	Phyllis N. Hawley
Emergency Management Director .....	Tuthill Doane
Fence Viewer .....	(Deceased)....Bernard Doty
Fence Viewer .....	**Vacant**
Fence Viewer .....	**Vacant**
Fire Warden .....	Elmer J. R. Lioce
Fuel Coordinator .....	**Vacant**
Health Officer .....	Joan Cook
Inspector of Wood .....	(Deceased)....Bernard Doty
Orange County Mental Health Representative .....	June Phillips
Pound Keeper .....	John Rose
Sewage Officer .....	Walter Palmer
Town Service Officer .....	Elaine Stockwell
Town Planning Commission:	
Term Expires 2005 (Chair) .....	(Resigned)....Paul Kendall
Term Expires 2005 .....	Mitchel Moore
Term Expires 2005 .....	**Vacant**
Term Expires 2006 .....	**Vacant**
Term Expires 2006 .....	(Deceased)....Donald Dustin
Term Expires 2007 .....	Mark Bannon
Term Expires 2007 .....	Norman Illsley
Tree Warden .....	Walter Palmer
Truant Officer .....	John Rose
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning and Development Commission Representative .....	Mark Bannon
Transportation Advisory Committee .....	Genie Robbins
Webmaster .....	Thomas Cooch
White River Valley Ambulance Representative .....	Jocelyn Stohl
Zoning Administrator .....	Steve Frenette

## WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING

The legal voters of the Town of Braintree and the Braintree School District in the County of Orange are hereby notified and warned to meet in the West Braintree Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2005, at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

1. To elect a moderator for the year ensuing.
2. To hear the reports of the town officers for the past year and to take action thereon.
3. To see if the town will vote to collect its taxes by town treasurer in accordance with Title 32, V.S.A. Section 4791.
4. To see if the town will collect property taxes on Saturday, October 15, 2005.
5. To see if the town will levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes of property of not more than one percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax, as provided in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 5136(a), and an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date.
6. To elect the following town officers:
  - (a) One selectperson for a term of three years;
  - (b) A trustee of public funds;
  - (c) One lister for a term of one year;
  - (d) One lister for a term of three years;
  - (e) One auditor for a term of three years;
  - (f) A collector of delinquent taxes;
  - (g) A first constable for the year ensuing;
  - (h) Two grand jurors;
  - (i) A town agent to prosecute and defend suits in which the town or town school district is interested;
  - (j) A cemetery commissioner for a term of five years.
7. To see if the voters will vote to raise a budget amount, less anticipated income, to meet the expenses and liabilities of the town.
8. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants, interest, and gifts.

Jocelyn Stohl, Chair

Elaine Stockwell

Walter Palmer

Received for record this 25th day of January, 2005.

Attest: Cora L. Benoir, Town Clerk

## **TOWN MEETING SUMMARY 2004 TOWN OF BRAINTREE, VERMONT**

The meeting of the legal voters of the Town of Braintree and the Braintree School District was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2004 by Moderator, Tuthill Doane. Tuthill declared the polls open for the Presidential Primary. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Sarah Lubold. Tuthill read the warning.

Tuthill Doane was elected moderator for the ensuing year.

The Town report was reviewed and accepted. There were questions as to why we did not list the names of delinquent tax payers this year. Jocelyn Stohl explained why we are now using Parcel ID numbers instead of names. Sharon Rives spoke about the RACDC. Sandy Stephen is the Braintree representative. Jocelyn spoke about the need for a sand/salt shed building. We will have to find a place to put the building, and decide what style building.

It was voted to have the Town Treasurer collect taxes on October 15, 2004, in accordance with Title 32 V.S.A. Section 4791, and to have the town charge an interest on all delinquent taxes of property of not more than one percent per month or fraction thereof from the due date of such tax, as provided in Title 32, V.S.A. Section 5136(a), and an eight percent penalty charged against them from the due date.

Officers elected are listed on page 4.

The proposed budgeted amount of \$563,973.73 passed with a voice vote in the affirmative. The voters voted in favor of matching the amount that the Town receives from the state for reappraisal.

The voters authorized the Selectboard to spend unanticipated funds, such as grants, interest, and gifts.

Many thanks were given to the great job done by all who did the Town Report. The fantastic cover page was drawn by Sandy Cooch. Genie Robbins did an excellent job working with everyone to get the report done. Genie thanked the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class for stuffing the Action Plan into the reports, and for stuffing the reports into plastic bags for easy delivery. Genie also thanked Katharine DuClos, with help from Phyllis Hawley, for her great history piece.

As the meeting ended very early the voters decided to have lunch at 11 and start the school meeting at noon. The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m.

Between 10:45 and 11:00 a thank you was given to Tuthill Doane, retiring member of the Schoolboard. Nancy Frenette presented Tuthill with 2 presents: a shirt from the Foundation for Excellent Schools, and a travel mug. A plaque has been ordered in honor of Tuthill. Nancy commended Tuthill on his "undying devotion to the kids, especially the underdogs."

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cora L. Benoit, CVC  
Braintree Town Clerk

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

We thank our citizens for their continued support to all Town and Highway personnel and Braintree's Elected and Appointed Officials.

Following Town Meeting, the Selectboard continued with a working agenda that included ongoing attention to the reappraisal project, capital purchases, changes in personnel, and infrastructure needs.

The Listers continue their work with the contracted appraiser and with all the work of parcel management. They have been very good about providing and sharing information. This is one area that has been extremely busy this past year, and we see another year of the same amount of work to be done, if not more. The Listers have been very attentive to their work and we express our appreciation to them. This coming year will also be a busy one for the BCA, Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Selectboard.

We have begun to explore how we should respond to the mandate of the need to contain our sand/salt mix. The current town parcel will not support the size needed and it is very clear that sooner than later we will face a need to increase space for town operations. The bottom line is we need upgraded highway and town office facilities. When we began looking at this, we found our garage building is deteriorating due to excessive water/moisture exposure, we lacked adequate storage space, town office and meeting space has been outgrown, work areas are needed, and future water and septic needs will need to be addressed. The time to start a formal planning process will need to commence this year and will begin with creating a viable list of options coupled with an area adequate to fulfill current and future needs. We encourage everyone to take some time to take a look at our current situation. It may generate ideas and suggestions for good planning. If anyone would like to work with the Selectboard on this project, please let us know.

As planned, we replaced a dump truck. We also financed the acquisition of a tractor, primarily for mowing. When planning the budget, we anticipated we would contract for mowing services. Once we were able to assess the bids for this year with likely increases it was clear that we would be better off purchasing our own tractor and mowing roadways ourselves. The expense projected covered this. We were also limited in funding to one mowing a year and now we can see an ability to mow when necessary.

Bernie Lefebvre, our highway supervisor retired this past year. Bernie worked everyday in the best interest of the Town. He also worked closely with the Selectboard on work and personnel issues. We promoted Mark Chase to the Supervisor's position and subsequently hired Charles Farrington to fill the third position. We again have managed to maintain a good team of highway personnel who together bring a significant degree of varied experience. It will be the goal of the Selectboard to continue to support them with mentoring and education. Ongoing activities as they relate to maintenance of our roadways will continue to enhance levels of experience.

The Town has received grant funding from Homeland Security. With some of these funds we have been able to purchase new radios for the Constable and the Town vehicles. With the new radios, the Town has acquired its own frequencies, which will allow us to have repeater capability once we can locate and secure a site. Tut Doane, Emergency Coordinator, took on the task of coordinating this acquisition, and Dov Koplovsky of NEWCOM Communications applied for the licensing and assisted us in the selection of radios.

We need to make adjustments to the Vehicle/Equipment Fund, as we continue to learn how long equipment can truly last. The '97 Truck, in need of a new dump body (\$40,000), will be replaced this year (original plan 2006) and the 1988 Grader (original

plan 2008) will need to be replaced in 2006. We would also like to incorporate into financing the replacement of the chipper, if funds can be provided. This year's contribution amount to the Fund will remain the same. We expect that major repairs may be needed for the grader this year, so the budget includes plans for this expense.

We ended the year under-spending the budget by slightly over \$22,000 as we await final figures for reporting. This occurred as a result of the lapse in time of highway personnel staffing, our usual conservative approach to spending and ongoing attention to the finances we manage.

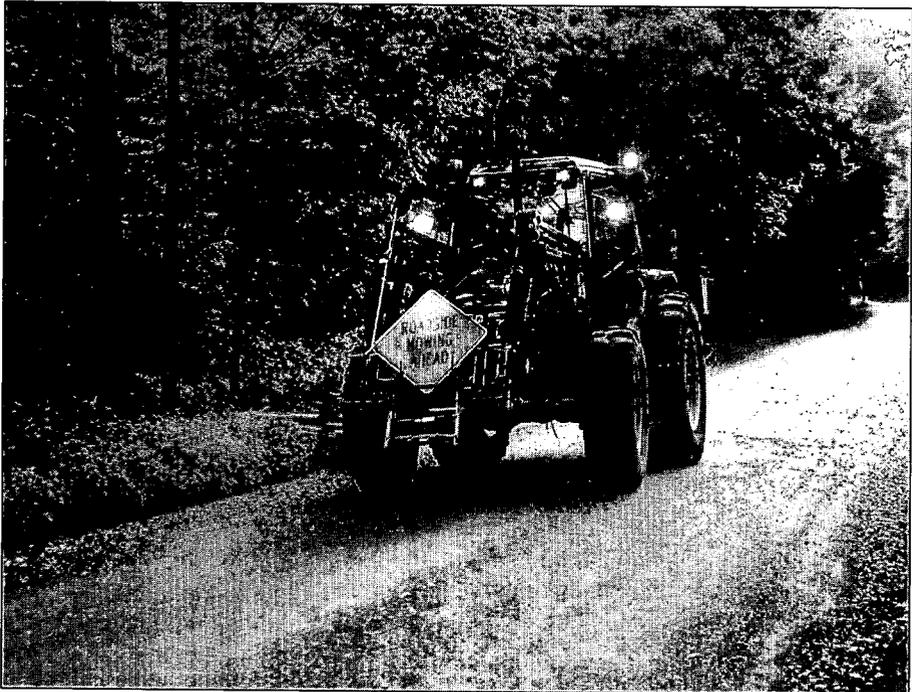
We have increased the number of hours for the Administrative Assistant position. The responsibilities and work for the Selectboard are not diminishing, and we need the continuing assistance and support. The Zoning Administrator has identified the need for set hours. The Town Clerk has asked to increase her hours, and we have budgeted for retirement benefits as well. The Listers have indicated that more hours will be needed this year for their work. We support these needs.

We express our appreciation and thanks to the elected and appointed officials of the Town for their time given to meet the needs of the Town.

Jocelyn R. Stohl  
Chair

Walter Palmer

Elaine Stockwell



*Our new tractor on its first mowing.*

## BRAINTREE TOWN CLERK REPORT

Presidential election years are always busy, and this year was no exception. In the last year I added 111 names to the checklist, and removed 68 names. We had over 600 people vote on Election Day! I am glad to see so many people turn out to vote. We also had a very high number of absentee/early voter requests.

Again this year I have been very active in the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association (VMCTA). I am on the Certification and Continuing Education Committee. The committee meets monthly at various locations around the state and plans educational training for Clerks and Treasurers. I am also on the Town Report judging committee. This year we met in Berlin in August and reviewed over 100 town reports. Braintree was one of eleven towns given the award of "Outstanding," which is the highest award. This year I was also asked to be the Orange County Representative to the executive board of the VMCTA, which I accepted.

I attended a week-long training session at Salve-Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. Sponsored by the New England Association of City and Town Clerks, it is a three year program called the New England Municipal Clerks Institute. That week was an amazing and very useful experience. I had 42 hours of class room time in 4 ½ days -- plus homework. VMCTA provided me with a scholarship to attend this training.

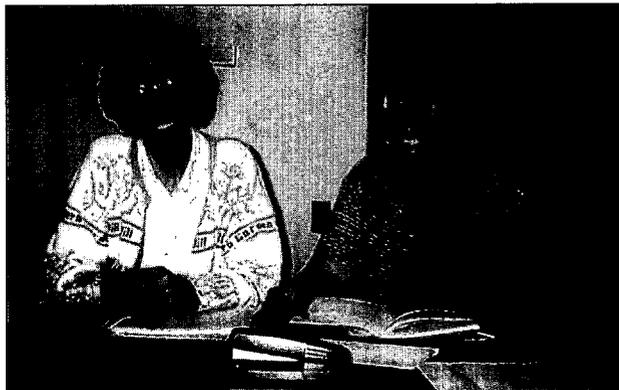
This year I also attended the New England Association of City and Town Clerks (NEACTC) in Boston. It is great getting together with Clerks from all over New England. We had a seminar with the Secretaries of State from all six states to discuss an overview of how we handled the 2004 General Election and the impact of the new Help America Vote Act.

Land record recordings were lower this year than last year. I recorded 517 less pages this year than in 2003. I had two vital record books restored this year, and they came out beautifully. The records are so much easier to read and they are now encapsulated in mylar sleeves, which should prevent further damage.

The Board of Abatement heard a handful of abatement cases this year, and in each case it was decided not to abate any taxes.

Again this year, I am reminding everyone to license their dogs on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. The dog license fees were raised due to new legislation that added an extra \$2.00 fee for a State funded spay/neuter program for people with low incomes. If you no longer have your dog please let me know so that I can update my records.

As time demands change and statutory requirements change I have found it necessary to add more time to my schedule. I am now open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8-12 and 1-5.



*Phyllis Hawley and  
Cora Benoir at a  
BCA meeting.*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Again this year, let me congratulate and thank the selectboard for their diligence and attention to detail regarding the implementation and management of the budget. The budget was under spent by \$22,823.92 and, since we were able to use that money to reduce our obligation to the School District, it has a direct relationship in holding down next year's tax rate. In addition, some expenses that would normally have occurred in 2005 were actually incurred and paid for in 2004.

Next year we expect to be in full compliance with the new mandated financial reporting format required by GASB 34. This will result in a totally redesigned format for the Town Reports and a further refinement of our accounting and reporting procedures, which have been undergoing constant change.

While we entered this year debt free, 2004 vehicle and equipment purchases have changed that situation for 2005, and town debt will continue to increase. A debt-free community may be a thing of the past. I suggest a close scrutiny of how and when debt is to be repaid and that constant effort be made to keep it as low as possible. Unfortunately, at this time tax increases are the only available option. What do you folks think about establishing a town gift and endowment fund?

Increases in expense items over which we have little or no control and the increase needed to cover additional hours for the Town Clerk, Administrative Assistant, Listers, and Zoning Administrator resulted in the 2005 budget rising 17% over the 2004 budget. Of special note is the addition of an allocation to Cemeteries to cover past and next year's uncovered maintenance cost in the cemetery funds for Brown Cemetery. After years of high interest, we are no longer earning enough interest on individual bequests to cover the cost of maintaining older cemeteries. As the years pass, we will be running out of available funds for all our cemeteries. Thus, this line item will increase as each year passes.

In years past, this is the point at which the treasurer would give an estimate of the tax rate for the next year. As you know, we are finishing up the town-wide reappraisal process and hard figures are not expected before town meeting. Based on last year's tax rates a 20% increase in the combined Town & Highway rate can be anticipated. I plan to have some comparisons regarding the possible effect of the reappraisal on overall taxes available at the pre-town meeting and hope you will all plan to come. The bottom line is that, with the town budget increase and the state-mandated school tax rate, most property owners will see a yet to be determined increase in their tax bills for 2005.

Finally, a special thank you to Mary Stephen and Bobbi Hislop, my two volunteer assistant treasurers, and to Michelle Keyes for their invaluable assistance. As the treasurer's responsibilities grow, due to changes in School Tax collection and reporting and the required transfer to more complex financial reporting procedures, the time required to accomplish these tasks also increases. This makes their assistance a great help.

Stephen L. Hislop, Treasurer  
Town\_treasurer@yahoo.com  
Greybeard@adelphia.net

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

During 2004, the Planning Commission focused on a number of mapping and zoning issues that will need to be addressed in revisions to the Zoning Ordinance that are anticipated to be put before the voters in late 2005 or in 2006. Among these issues are certain technical corrections and clarifications suggested by Tuthill Doane, clarification of the location of the Flood Plain, the treatment of small lots, the land use classification of Thresher Road between Route 12A and Woodchuck Hollow Road, the addition of a section pertaining to private wind generating facilities, and the conformance of the Ordinance to the recently revised state statutes that govern local zoning (Chapter 117). In addition to the above, the Commission began its consideration of revisions to the Town Plan that by state statute will expire in October 2005 and that must be readopted prior to affecting changes in the Zoning Ordinance.

To assist it in the above tasks, the Commission recommended and the Selectboard approved the application for a state planning grant in the amount of \$9,500 that will be used to retain staff of the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission (Two-Rivers). Two Rivers will provide technical support in reviewing the Plan, Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision regulations and Chapter 117; in updating the Town data; in drafting an updated Plan; and in generating updated GIS maps.

The voters are encouraged to communicate to the Commission any suggestions or concerns that they may have about either the Town Plan or the Zoning Ordinance as soon as possible so that they may be included in a timely manner in the Commission's deliberations. Public hearings will be held once the revisions are in draft form.

Finally, the Commission wishes to recognize the long and faithful service of two of its most dedicated members – Merrill Whitney and Donald Dustin. Their experience and wisdom are greatly missed.

### INVENTORY DECEMBER 31, 2004

Garage & Lot	\$ 66,000	Sand Screen	\$ 1,500
Town Office	\$ 61,600	Mobile Generator 5000KW	\$ 2,500
Office Contents	\$ 40,000	Road Machine	\$ 1,000
Town Hall	\$ 138,800	Replacement Culverts	\$ 800
Loader	\$ 85,000	Chloride Spreader	\$ 1,000
Grader	\$ 45,000	Rock Rake & Blade	\$ 1,000
Tractor Mower	\$ 6,600	Shop Tools & Equip.	\$ 8,000
Truck Int'l '97	\$ 35,000	Bolts & Spare Parts	\$ 3,000
Truck Int'l '01	\$ 50,000	Sand & Gravel	\$ 10,000
Truck '02pickup+plow	\$ 25,000	Pressure washer	\$ 2,200
Truck Int'l. '05	\$ 84,000	Chipper	\$ 700
Tractor	\$ 35,000	Anti-Fr., Oil & Lube	\$ 1,200
Steam Thawer	\$ 1,000	Other Supplies	\$ 1,500
2 Timco 9' Plows	\$ 3,500	Chloride & Salt	\$ 1,500
2 Everest Plows	\$ 3,500		
3 Timco Wings	\$ 2,500		
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 718,400</b>

## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

I have been the new Zoning Administrator for a little over a year. Becoming familiar with the Town Ordinances and the layout of the Town has been an ongoing process for me during this first year.

My goal for the next year will be to extend an open hand to help those who have any problems with their permits in our Town. Also, I would want to become more proactive in regards to permits, visiting construction sites, revising the permit application, and working with all residents who need help to comply with our Town Ordinances.

This year we issued approximately 50 permits to the residents in Braintree. As Zoning Administrator, I also file census information monthly. This information helps our federal government measure housing starts and sales of existing housing. These statistics are used to monitor the construction industry and our economy.

I thank all of the residents that have given me support during this learning year and I hope to work with many more in the future.

Steve Frenette, Zoning Administrator

### BRAINTREE BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

Residential additions & Outbuildings .....	\$ 25.00
Single Dwelling .....	\$ 25.00
Single Dwelling with separate garage.....	\$ 50.00
Multi-family dwelling.....	\$100.00
Occupancy Permit.....	\$ 75.00
Open Accessory structure (i.e. breezeway, car port, satellite dish antenna, swimming pool).....	\$ 25.00
Septic System (new, modified, or replacement).....	\$ 25.00
Change of Use.....	\$ 50.00
Subdivision .....	\$ 50.00
Plus – per lot over 2 lots .....	\$ 25.00
Mobile Home Parks .....	\$ 250.00
Access permit (build or alter a driveway).....	\$ 25.00
Commercial Construction or Additions .....	\$100.00
Plus – per each 100 sq ft over 3,000 sq ft.....	\$ 5.00
Board of Adjustment Hearing .....	\$ 50.00
Planning Board meeting.....	\$ 50.00
Site Plan Review for uses not covered above.....	\$ 50.00
Sign .....	\$ 15.00

If application requires Planning Board Hearing, Site Plan Hearing, and/or Board of Adjustment Hearing, then applicant must pay all fees for hearing.

NOTE: THERE IS A \$7.00 RECORDING FEE FOR ALL PERMITS

## DOG REGISTRATION LAWS

A dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old must be registered, numbered, described, and licensed annually on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept. The owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall cause it to wear a collar, and attach thereto a license tag issued by the municipal clerk.

Spaying and neutering certificates must be exhibited to the clerk and rabies certificates, signed by a licensed veterinarian must be filed when registering. According to the Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 20/3581, a current vaccination against rabies means that: 1) a dog or wolf-hybrid of less than one year of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months; and 2) a dog or wolf-hybrid of one or more years but less than two years has been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months; and 3) a dog or wolf-hybrid of two or more years of age has been vaccinated within the preceding 24 months.

Dog or wolf-hybrid owners shall pay for the license \$4.00 for each neutered dog or wolf-hybrid, and \$8.00 for each unneutered dog or wolf-hybrid. If the license fee for any dog or wolf-hybrid is not paid by April 1, its owner or keeper may thereafter procure a license for that license year by paying a fee of fifty percent in excess of that otherwise required. If a dog or wolf-hybrid is licensed after October 1<sup>st</sup>, the fee for the license shall be one-half the amount otherwise required. In addition to these fees, \$3.00 will be added to each license sold, which will be forwarded to the State Treasurer for use in the rabies control program (\$1.00) and spay/neuter program (\$2.00). (Extra \$2.00 went into effect on July 1, 2004)

In addition, the owner of the dog or wolf-hybrid who fails to follow the requirements of this section shall be fined an amount not more than \$250, except as specifically noted in the Braintree Dog Ordinance. All dogs, including temporary visitors, must wear licenses so that their rabies vaccinations can be assured. Any dog within the town discovered by the Constable without requisite tags may result in fines and impoundment fees to the owner.

### REPORT OF DOG LICENSES ISSUED 2004

160	Neutered Males & Spayed Females at \$5.00	\$ 800.00
82	Males & Females at \$9.00	\$ 738.00
1	Neutered Males & Spayed Females at \$7.00	\$ 7.00
1	Males & Females at \$11.00	\$ 11.00
28	Neutered Males & Spayed Females with penalty at \$7.00	\$ 196.00
3	Males & Females with penalty at \$13.00	\$ 39.00
35	Neutered Males & Spayed Females with penalty at \$9.00	\$ 315.00
15	Males & Females with penalty at \$15.00	\$ 225.00
3	Neutered Males & Spayed Females at ½ year rate \$5.00	\$ 15.00
2	Males & Females at ½ year rate \$7.00	\$ 14.00
1	Transfer from another town \$0.00	\$ 0.00
	Total collected for dogs in 2004	\$2360.00
273	Fee for State at \$1.00 each licensed (1/1/04-6/30/04)	-\$ 273.00
57	Fee for State at \$3.00 each licensed (7/1/04-12/31/04)	<u>-\$ 171.00</u>
	TOTAL fee for town for 2004	\$1916.00

## LISTERS REPORT FOR 2004

The Board of Listers has been busy working with Automated Property Appraisal Services (APAS) as they continue to conduct a reappraisal of the town in preparation for the 2005 Grand List. The appraisers have made site visits to almost 100% of the properties in the Town but several will need to be revisited because the owner was not home at the time of the initial visit. The Board, as well as APAS, appreciates how well everyone has cooperated with this process. The contract with APAS will terminate this year once all appraisals and the grievance and appeal process have been completed. We would like to thank Cora Benoir and Michelle Keyes for taking many phone messages.

We are also in our final year of our contract with South Mountain Surveying and Mapping updating our tax maps. This process should continue on an annual basis to keep abreast of changes as they occur.

**Again we want to remind everyone that the Homestead Declaration Form (HS 131) is due by April 15, 2005 to the Vermont Department of Taxes. The "SPAN" number that is required on the form was printed on your Property Tax Bill.**

**Reappraisal** Due to the reappraisal process, all property owners will receive a change of appraisal notice later this spring. APAS and Listers will be conducting informal hearings where individual property owners may get their concerns and questions answered. We encourage taxpayers to attend the informational hearings as many questions will be addressed and specific questions may be resolved, which should substantially reduce the number of Grievance hearings. If upon receiving your Change of Appraisal Notice you wish to request a grievance or a clarification, you must send a WRITTEN request to the Listers. The deadline for submitting such a written request will be stated on the Notice, in the *Herald* and on the bulletin boards at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, Braintree School, Snowsville General Store and Mobile Acres.

As we begin the new year the Listers are facing an increased work load due to the reappraisal, Act 68, new computer programs and much more detail to attend to than in the past. The evening schedule and Saturday mornings no longer met the needs of the functions that needed to be accomplished. To meet these changes, Richard Bowen has been engaged to manage the listing function, which includes the coordination of the reappraisal with APAS, learning the new computer programs which will be used on an on going basis, and being the liaison between the Listers and Property Valuation and Review on computer issues and questions from tax payers. Richard will be working in the office 2 to 3 mornings a week as the work load requires and this is reflected in the Lister budget for 2005

Lastly, the Board of Listers would like to thank Arthur Hamlin for his service and dedication to the Town for the period he served as a Lister. He tendered his resignation on November 30, 2004. His understanding of the many listing processes are greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Bowen, Chairman  
Raymond Gray

## AUDITORS' STATEMENT

We have examined the accounts of the various funds of the Town of Braintree as of December 31, 2004 and the related statements of operations for the year then ended, as well as the report of cemetery funds and the delinquent tax list as of December 31, 2004, but excluding the reports of the Braintree School District and the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union, which were examined by an independent certified public accountant. Our examination was performed in accordance with 24 V.S.A. sec. 1681 et seq. and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Although our examination did not disclose any material accounting discrepancies, we are unable to express an opinion that the accompanying balance sheets and reports present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the various funds and balanced account groups in that they do not comply with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, which became effective January 1, 2004 for towns our size.

Audit Committee

Stephanie Barrett, Chair      Laddie Lushin

Genie Robbins

Dated: January 22, 2005



*(Photo: Bob Eddy)*

## EIGHT-YEAR SUMMARY

	GRAND LIST	TAX RATE	TAXES	UNCOLLECTED TAXES
1996	510,425.89	2.03	1,036,164.56	103,857.23
1997	509,142.95	2.00	1,018,285.90	85,055.92
1998	509,246.01	2.05	1,043,954.32	68,682.12
1999	509,631.97	1.922	979,512.65	39,888.03
2000	517,986.94	2.1278	1,102,172.61	50,926.80
2001	528,061.55	2.189	1,155,926.73	113,595.71
2002	542,091.02	2.3742	1,287,032.50	129,127.16
2003	546,926.75	2.6001	1,422,064.24	99,664.97

### SCHOOL TAX

	GRAND LIST	TAX RATE	TAXES	ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES	LIABILITIES OVER ASSETS
1996	510,425.89	1.71	872,828.27		593,796.12
1997	509,142.95	1.797	914,929.88		516,027.25
1998	507,416.73	1.566	794,614.60		520,202.23
1999	510,082.48	1.624	828,373.95		421,709.14
2000	518,437.45	1.6456	853,140.67		327,463.08
2001	528,489.07	1.6306	861,754.28		332,161.64
2002	542,518.54	1.7471	947,834.14		243,121.00
2003	547,354.27	1.9839	1,085,896.14		162,350.00

### TOWN TAX

	GRAND LIST	TAX RATE	TAXES	ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES
1996	510,425.89	.06	30,625.55	8,778.62
1997	509,142.95	.094	47,859.44	12,773.29
1998	509,246.01	.17	86,571.82	109,911.51
1999	509,631.97	.135	68,800.32	72,901.21
2000	517,986.94	.2006	103,908.18	99,291.44
2001	528,061.55	.2024	106,879.66	121,905.24
2002	542,091.02	.2550	138,233.21	98,870.74
2003	546,926.75	.2651	144,990.26	134,355.54

### ROAD TAX

	GRAND LIST	TAX RATE	TAXES	EXPENDED
1996	510,425.89	.26	132,710.73	132,710.73
1997	509,142.95	.109	55,496.58	55,496.58
1998	509,246.01	.314	159,903.25	159,903.25
1999	509,631.97	.163	83,070.01	83,070.01
2000	517,986.94	.2816	145,865.12	145,865.12
2001	528,061.55	.3560	187,989.91	187,989.91
2002	542,091.02	.3721	201,712.07	201,712.07
2003	546,926.75	.3511	192,025.98	192,025.98

NOTE: Due to Act 68A establishing two rates for education along with upcoming changes in reporting procedures and the reassessment process this page has not been updated and will be eliminated in the future.

**TOWN OF BRAINTREE  
2004 STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED**

<b>MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST:</b>		
Real Estate (Appraised Value x 1%) .....		\$546,685.19
<b>EDUCATION GRAND LIST:</b>		
Real Estate (Appraised Value x 1%) .....		\$546,685.19
Personal Property - Cable (Appraised Value x 1%) .....		<u>\$427.52</u>
		\$547,112.71
<b>TAXES ASSESSED AND BILLED:</b>		
General Town Tax    Rate .2611 .....		\$142,739.51
Highway Tax            .4780 .....		<u>\$261,370.28</u>
Town Tax Rate            .7392 .....		\$404,109.79
Homestead Education Rate            1.708.....		\$586,955.40
Non-Residential Education Rate        1.777.....		<u>\$362,020.68</u>
		\$948,976.08
Adjustment per Listers .....		\$(1,579.60)
VT Fish & Game Tax .....		<u>\$67.00</u>
		\$1,351,573.27
<b>TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:</b>		
Taxes Paid Treasurer by Taxpayers.....		\$1,239,255.76
1% Homestead Late Filing Penalty.....		\$84.45
Pilot (VT Fish & Game) .....		\$67.00
Delinquent 2004 Taxes Given Collector on Real Estate.....		<u>\$112,166.06</u>
		\$1,351,573.27

**2004 SCHEDULE OF TOWN INDEBTEDNESS**

Date Issue	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Balance for 2004	Additions (Reductions)	Balance 12/31/04
<b>Notes Payable:</b>					
2005 Truck					
12/1/04	12/1/07	2.00%	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
2004 Tractor & Mower					
7/6/04	7/6/09	3.47	\$50,000.00	\$(3,861.00)	\$46,139.00

## TOWN OF BRAINTREE

### Analysis of Change in Fund Balance (Resulting from Cash Transactions in General and Highway Funds) For Year Ending December 31, 2004

	2003	2004
Beginning Balance .....	\$23,143.25	\$26,700.18
Plus Revenue for Year .....	<u>\$509,122.56</u>	<u>\$519,879.73</u>
	\$532,265.81	\$546,579.91
Less Expenditures for Year .....	<u>\$505,565.63</u>	<u>\$541,149.81</u>
Ending Fund Balance .....	\$26,700.18	\$5,430.10

### CASH BASIS COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	2003	2004
<b>Assets:</b>		
Town Funds Balance .....	\$26,700.18	\$5,430.10
Veh/Eq. Capital Reserve Fund .....	\$72,212.34	\$75,607.16
Reappraisal Fund .....	\$28,462.39	\$8,730.13
Restoration Fund .....	\$5,678.96	\$5,638.81
Town Hall Fund .....	\$1,136.67	\$385.33
Delinquent Tax Collector's Fund .....	-	-
Town Clerk's Fund .....	\$15.00	\$(1.00)
Petty Cash Fund .....	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
	\$134,355.54	\$95,940.53
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
4th Q Withholding Taxes Due .....	-	-
Due Equipment Fund .....	-	-
Liabilities (Over or Under Assets) .....	<u>\$134,355.54</u>	<u>\$95,940.53</u>
	\$134,355.54	\$95,940.53

**TOWN GENERAL & HIGHWAY FUNDS  
ACCRUAL BASIS BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2003 & 2004**

ASSETS:	2003	2004
Town Fund Balance .....	\$26,700.18	\$5,430.10
Undeposited Town Funds.....	-	\$14.45
School District Fuel Reimbursement.....	\$4,509.89	\$1,300.76
1/2 2003 Annual Report Cost.....		\$587.50
Veh/Eq. Capital Reserve Fund .....	\$72,212.34	\$75,607.14
Reappraisal Fund .....	\$28,462.39	\$8,730.13
Restoration Fund.....	\$5,678.96	\$5,638.81
Town Hall Fund .....	\$1,136.67	\$385.33
Town Clerk's Fund.....	\$15.00	\$(1.00)
Petty Cash Fund .....	\$150.00	\$150.00
Delinquent Taxes Receivable.....	<u>\$93,539.19</u>	<u>\$99,511.82</u>
	\$232,404.62	\$197,355.04

**LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE**

Notes Payable.....	-	\$106,139.00
Accounts Payable.....	-	-
School Assessment Balance Due .....	\$65,155.31	\$41,434.32
4th Q Payroll Taxes Due .....	-	-
Total Liabilities .....	<u>\$65,155.31</u>	<u>\$147,573.32</u>
 Total Surplus .....	 <u>\$167,249.31</u>	 <u>\$49,781.72</u>
	\$232,404.62	\$197,355.04

## GRANTS AND OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS

### Eddy Curve Reimbursement Grant

	Debit	Credit	Balance
Received from State of Vermont		\$2,445.30	
Transferred to General Fund to Reimburse 2003 Expenses	\$2,445.30		

### Vehicle/Eq. Capital Fund

12/31/03	Beginning Balance		\$72,212.34
9/1/04	Transfer to General Fund for Deposit on New Truck	\$61,016.00	
10/20/04	Transfer from General Fund per 2004 Budget		\$42,500.00
12/31/04	Loan Proceeds from State of VT	\$60,000.00	
12/31/04	Transfer to General Fund for Balance Due on New Truck	\$38,512.00	
12/31/04	2004 Interest Earned Jan-Dec	\$422.82	\$75,607.16

### Re-Appraisal Fund

12/31/03	Beginning Balance		\$28,462.39
4/10/04	State of VT 2004 Grand List Payment	\$5,166.00	
12/31/04	Town Match to State Payment	\$5,166.00	
12/31/04	2004 Interest Jan - Dec	\$241.73	
12/31/04	Transfer to General Fund For 2004 Re-Appraisal Expenses	\$30,305.99	\$8,730.13

### Restoration Fund

12/31/03	Beginning Balance		\$5,678.96
	2004 Restoration Funds Received	\$1,300.00	
	Reverse 2003 Transfer	\$500.00	
	Previous Year Outstanding Deposit	\$(83.00)	
	2004 Interest Jan - Dec	\$50.85	
12/31/04	Reimbursement to Town for Restoration Expenses	\$1,808.00	\$5,638.81

### Town Hall Fund

12/31/03	Beginning Balance		\$1,136.67
3/7/03	Proceeds of 2004 Town Meeting Day Dinner	\$253.00	
	2004 Interest Jan - Dec	\$6.72	
12/31/04	Reimbursement to Town for Purchase of Tables	\$1,011.06	\$385.33

**GENERAL TOWN ACCOUNT  
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2004**

<b>Treasurers Receipts</b>	<b>2004 Anticipated</b>	<b>2004 Actual</b>
Balance Jan. 1, 2004 .....	\$26,700.18	\$26,700.18
Reimbursable AOT Grant .....	-	-
Undeposited Delinquent Taxes .....	-	-
Anticipated Del. Taxes Collected.....	\$56,123.51	\$53,361.56
Del. Tax Fees Payable.....	-	-
Accts. Receivable.....	\$4,510.00	\$4,509.89
Property Tax Refund Due .....	-	-
School District Assessment Due .....	\$(65,155.31)	\$(65,155.31)
Less 4th Q Payroll Taxes Due.....	-	-
 Ending Balance .....	<u>\$22,178.38</u>	<u>\$19,416.32</u>
 <b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Taxes:		
2004 Real & Personal .....		\$1,239,340.21
Over Payments .....		\$2.03
PILOT .....		\$67.00
Delinquent Real & Personal * .....		\$106,157.26
Penalties on Delinquents.....		-
Total Local Taxes .....		\$1,345,566.50
State of Vermont		
ST of VT Current Use/Hold Harmless.....	\$31,000.00	\$34,701.00
State Aid to Highways .....	\$82,000.00	\$83,468.97
State Railroad Tax .....	\$1,050.00	\$1,147.27
Interest on Delinquents .....		\$6,333.54
Interest Earned .....	\$1,800.00	\$1,616.10
License Fees & Permits:		
Clerk's Fees .....	\$11,500.00	\$8,686.98
Dog Licenses .....	\$2,000.00	\$1,900.00
Junkyard Licenses .....	\$25.00	\$25.00
Liquor Licenses .....	\$100.00	\$100.00
Marriage/CU Licenses .....	\$80.00	\$80.00
MV Registrations .....	\$250.00	\$216.00
Assorted Permits .....	\$2,100.00	\$1,211.00
Septic Inspections .....	\$240.00	\$145.00
Reimbursements:		
Road Work/Rochester .....	\$4,000.00	\$3,450.00
Town Report Costs .....	-	-
Town Hall Rent .....	\$1,500.00	\$1,610.00
Other Receipts:		
State of Vermont.....	-	-
Grants/Donations .....	-	<u>\$2,507.78</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<u>\$137,645.00</u>	<u>\$147,198.64</u>
<b>NON-TAX REVENUE .....</b>	<u>\$159,823.38</u>	<u>\$166,614.96</u>

\* Del. Tax includes 6¢ adjustment.

**2005 BUDGET  
TREASURERS RECEIPTS**

Balance Jan. 1, 2004 .....	\$5,430.10
Anticipated Del. Taxes Collected.....	\$59,707.09
Diesel Fuel Reimbursements Due.....	\$1,300.76
2005 Rochester Hollow Reimbursement .....	\$3,500.00
Assessment Due to School District.....	\$(41,434.32)
 Ending Balance .....	 \$28,503.63

**RECEIPTS:**

State of Vermont	
ST of VT Current Use/Hold Harmless.....	\$34,700.00
State Aid to Highways .....	\$83,500.00
State Railroad Tax .....	\$1,150.00

Interest Earned .....	\$1,600.00
Delinquent Taxes Interest Earned .....	\$5,500.00

**License Fees & Permits:**

Clerk's Fees .....	\$9,000.00
Dog Licenses.....	\$2,000.00
Junkyard Licenses .....	\$25.00
Liquor Licenses .....	\$100.00
Marriage/CU Licenses .....	\$80.00
MV Registrations .....	\$210.00
Assorted Permits .....	\$1,200.00
Septic Inspections .....	\$150.00
Town Hall Rent .....	\$1,500.00

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS .....</b>	<b>\$140,715.00</b>
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<b>TOTALS WITH BEG BALANCE .....</b>	<b>\$169,218.63</b>
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## 2004 GENERAL FUND CASH DISBURSEMENTS & 2005 BUDGET

Thru Dec. 31, 2004 100% of year	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	Difference	2005 Budget	% +/-
<b>400 · EXECUTIVE</b>					
401 - Selectboard Salaries	3,700.00	3,700.00	0.00	4,000.00	
402 - Admin. Assistant Wages	11,276.00	11,626.75	350.75	10,500.00	
403 - FICA/Medicare	1,145.66	1,172.50	26.83	1,109.25	
404 - Admin. Assistant Retirement	0.00	0.00	0.00	420.00	
405 - Health Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,824.00	
406 - Computer Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	
407 - Dues, Subscriptions & Incidentals	450.00	890.53	440.53	900.00	
408 - Mileage	900.00	680.15	(219.85)	1,000.00	
409 - Telephone	50.00	-	(50.00)	100.00	
410 - Training	350.00	418.00	68.00	400.00	
411 - Office Equipment	1,150.00	1,265.62	115.62	700.00	
412 - Office Supplies	350.00	354.20	4.20	350.00	
413 - Town Reports	1,275.00	1,175.00	(100.00)	800.00	
414 - Loan Interest	2,800.00	4,244.17	1,444.17	5,417.00	
<b>Total 400 · EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>23,446.66</b>	<b>25,526.92</b>	<b>2,080.25</b>	<b>31,720.25</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>420 · TOWN CLERK</b>					
421 - Town Clerk Salary	13,792.00	13,791.91	(0.09)	18,468.00	
422 - Asst. Town Clerk Salary	1,425.00	1,243.38	(181.62)	2,100.00	
423 - Ballot Clerk Wages	1,000.00	1,193.55	193.55	200.00	
424 - FICA/Medicare	1,240.60	1,223.20	(17.40)	1,573.45	
425 - Town Clerk Retirement	0.00	0.00	0.00	738.72	
426 - Dues & Subscriptions	35.00	65.00	30.00	65.00	
427 - Mileage	200.00	172.11	(27.89)	250.00	
428 - Computer Software	900.00	900.00	0.00	250.00	
429 - Election/Town Meeting	-	-	0.00	-	

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	Difference	2005 Budget	% +/-
430 - Office Equipment	650.00	390.00	(260.00)	300.00	
431 - Office Supplies	1,125.00	1,434.15	309.15	1,000.00	
432 - Training	700.00	377.16	(322.84)	750.00	
Total 420 · TOWN CLERK	21,067.60	20,790.46	(277.14)	25,695.17	22%
<b>440 · AUDITING</b>					
441 - Auditors Wages	2,000.00	1,141.13	(858.87)	2,000.00	
442 - FICA/Medicare	153.00	87.31	(65.69)	153.00	
443 - Contracted Services	200.00	-	(200.00)	-	
444 - Mileage	50.00	193.12	143.12	200.00	
445 - Training	200.00	-	(200.00)	200.00	
Total 440 · AUDITING	2,603.00	1,421.56	(1,181.44)	2,553.00	-2%
<b>470 · TREASURER</b>					
471 - Treasurer Salary	11,670.00	11,669.97	(0.03)	12,020.10	
472 - FICA/Medicare	900.41	892.75	(7.65)	919.54	
473 - Computer Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	
474 - Office Equipment	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	
475 - Office Supplies	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	
476 - Training	250.00	160.00	(90.00)	250.00	
477 - Mileage	100.00	45.00	(55.00)	100.00	
478 - Dues & Subscriptions	25.00	15.00	(10.00)	25.00	
Total 470 · TREASURER	13,445.41	13,282.72	(162.68)	14,114.64	5%
<b>480 · PLANNING &amp; ZONING</b>					
481 - Zoning Administrator Wages	1,000.00	672.00	(328.00)	3,280.00	
482 - Clerical Wages	250.00	73.50	(176.50)	250.00	
483 - FICA/Medicare	95.63	57.03	(38.59)	270.05	

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	Difference	2005 Budget	% +/-
484 - Advertising	200.00	52.26	(147.74)	200.00	
485 - Mileage	100.00	123.00	23.00	390.00	
486 - Training	250.00	40.00	(210.00)	300.00	
487 - Supplies	500.00	464.00	(36.00)	600.00	
Total 480 · PLANNING & ZONING	2,395.63	1,481.79	(913.83)	5,290.05	121%
490 · LISTERS					
491 - Listers Wages	7,000.00	6,261.75	(738.25)	9,800.00	
492 - FICA/Medicare	550.00	479.02	(70.98)	919.54	
493 - Computer Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	
494 - Office Equipment	300.00	964.18	664.18	1,100.00	
495 - Office Supplies	100.00	150.06	50.06	100.00	
496 - Software Contract	135.00	135.00	0.00	157.00	
497 - Mileage	100.00	13.32	(86.68)	200.00	
498 - Training	225.00	215.00	(10.00)	270.00	
499 - Reappraisal (FYI \$30305.99)	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,500.00	
Total 490 · LISTERS	8,410.00	8,218.33	(191.67)	21,046.54	150%
500 · TOWN OFFICE					
501 - Custodial Wages	820.00	580.00	(240.00)	820.00	
502 - FICA/Medicare	62.73	44.37	(18.36)	62.73	
504 - Electricity	750.00	610.45	(139.55)	850.00	
505 - Heat	1,000.00	530.56	(469.44)	1,000.00	
506 - Office Equipment	2,200.00	2,706.11	506.11	1,200.00	
507 - Office Supplies	1,200.00	1,704.93	504.93	1,500.00	
508 - Telephone	1,000.00	745.72	(254.28)	1,000.00	
509 - Postage	1,500.00	1,593.47	93.47	2,500.00	
510 - Building Maintenance	5,000.00	3,287.77	(1,712.23)	2,000.00	

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	Difference	2005 Budget	% +/-
511 - Advertising	500.00	554.77	54.77	500.00	
512 - Supplies	200.00	165.45	(34.55)	200.00	
513 - Professional Services	5,000.00	2,794.75	(2,205.25)	5,000.00	
514 - Service Contracts	450.00	300.00	(150.00)	450.00	
<b>Total 500 · TOWN OFFICE</b>	<b>19,682.73</b>	<b>15,618.35</b>	<b>(4,064.38)</b>	<b>17,082.73</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>520 · TOWN HALL</b>					
521 - Custodian Wages	600.00	224.50	(375.50)	1,000.00	
522 - FICA/Medicare	45.90	17.18	(28.72)	76.50	
523 - Electricity	350.00	304.16	(45.84)	350.00	
524 - Heat	900.00	912.64	12.64	1,000.00	
525 - Cleaning Supplies	100.00	-	(100.00)	125.00	
526 - Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00	728.55	(1,771.45)	5,000.00	
527 - Grounds Maintenance	250.00	315.00	65.00	600.00	
528 - Equipment	300.00	1,324.73	1,024.73	200.00	
<b>Total 520 · TOWN HALL</b>	<b>5,045.90</b>	<b>3,826.76</b>	<b>(1,219.14)</b>	<b>8,351.50</b>	<b>66%</b>
<b>530 · TREE WARDEN</b>					
531 - Tree Warden Wages	250.00	-	(250.00)	250.00	
532 - FICA/Medicare	19.00	0.00	(19.00)	19.13	
533 - Supplies	25.00	-	(25.00)	25.00	
534 - Mileage	25.00	-	(25.00)	25.00	
535 - Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	
<b>Total 530 · Tree Warden</b>	<b>319.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(319.00)</b>	<b>319.13</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>540 · SEPTIC OFFICER</b>					
541 - Septic Officer Wages	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	
542 - FICA/Medicare	31.00	22.95	(8.05)	22.95	

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	Difference	2005 Budget	% +/-
543 - Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	
544 - Mileage	100.00	125.00	25.00	125.00	
545 - Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	
<b>Total 540 · SEPTIC OFFICER</b>	431.00	447.95	16.95	447.95	4%
<b>550 · HEALTH OFFICER</b>					
551 - Health Officer Wages	400.00	84.00	(316.00)	400.00	
552 - FICA/Medicare	30.60	6.43	(24.17)	30.60	
553 - Supplies	50.00	-	(50.00)	50.00	
554 - Mileage	50.00	-	(50.00)	50.00	
555 - Training	50.00	-	(50.00)	50.00	
556 - Pager	80.00	78.00	(2.00)	80.00	
<b>Total 550 · HEALTH OFFICER</b>	660.60	168.43	(492.17)	660.60	0%
<b>560 · TOWN INSURANCE</b>					
561 - Bonding	1,629.00	1,629.00	0.00	1,433.00	
562 - Employment Liability	475.00	474.99	(0.01)	488.00	
563 - Property & Liability	2,762.00	2,762.40	0.40	2,601.60	
564 - Worker's Compensation	1,467.00	1,467.36	0.36	1,510.74	
565 - Unemployment	82.00	96.93	14.93	102.06	
<b>Total 560 · TOWN INSURANCE</b>	6,415.00	6,430.68	15.68	6,135.40	-4%
<b>570 · EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>					
571 - Ambulance	36,117.00	36,118.00	1.00	37,041.00	
572 - Fire Department	28,900.00	30,042.00	1,142.00	33,500.00	
573 - Constable Wages	1,000.00	388.50	(611.50)	1,000.00	
574 - Fire Warden	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	
575 - FICA/Medicare	76.50	29.72	(46.78)	91.80	

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	Difference	2005 Budget	% +/-
576 - Mileage	200.00	121.50	(78.50)	200.00	
577 - Supplies	300.00	-	(300.00)	300.00	
578 - Training	200.00	0.00	(200.00)	200.00	
579 - Animal Care	0.00	110.74	110.74	200.00	
Total 570 · EMERGENCY SERVICES	66,793.50	66,810.46	16.96	72,732.80	9%
580 · SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS					
581 - Kimball Public Library	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	7,000.00	
582 - CVCAC	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	
583 - Clara Martin Center	2,054.00	2,054.00	0.00	2,054.00	
584 - Kid's Place	250.00	250.00	0.00	-	
585 - Senior Citizens Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
586 - Visiting Nurse Association	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00	
587 - Orange County Diversion	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	
Total 580 · SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	12,504.00	12,504.00	0.00	12,754.00	2%
590 · TAX APPROPRIATIONS					
591 - Orange County Tax	16,000.00	15,280.00	(720.00)	16,000.00	
592 - Cemetery Appropriation	-	-		1,500.00	
Total 590 · TAX APPROPRIATIONS	16,000.00	15,280.00	(720.00)	17,500.00	9%
Total Town Expenses	199,220.03	191,808.41	(7,411.62)	236,403.76	19%
600 · HIGHWAY					
601 - Full-time Wages	80,676.00	80,074.93	(601.07)	86,600.00	
602 - Part-Time Wages	8,000.00	3,426.69	(4,573.31)	8,000.00	
603 - Overtime	15,000.00	10,671.75	(4,328.25)	16,000.00	
604 - Stand-by Wages	3,600.00	2,860.00	(740.00)	3,120.00	

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	Difference	2005 Budget	% +/-
605 - Administrative Asst. Wages	5,700.00	5,445.45	(254.55)	10,500.00	
606 - FICA/Medicare	8,642.66	7,839.63	(803.03)	9,502.83	
607 - Health Insurance	36,633.00	34,590.24	(2,042.76)	33,810.00	
608 - Retirement	3,971.04	3,760.15	(210.89)	4,648.80	
609 - Uniforms	3,000.00	2,636.74	(363.26)	3,300.00	
610 - Training	450.00	540.00	90.00	600.00	
Total 600 - HIGHWAY	165,672.70	151,845.58	(13,827.12)	176,081.63	6%
<b>615 - HIGHWAY INSURANCE</b>					
616 - Property & Liability	4,144.00	4,143.61	(0.39)	3,902.40	
617 - Worker's Compensation	6,685.00	6,818.20	133.20	6,882.26	
618 - Unemployment	271.00	256.07	(14.93)	275.94	
Total 610 - HIGHWAY INSURANCE	11,100.00	11,217.88	117.88	11,060.60	0%
<b>620 - HIGHWAY OPERATIONS</b>					
621 - Gravel	16,000.00	13,522.00	(2,478.00)	18,000.00	
622 - Crusher	12,750.00	13,361.65	611.65	13,500.00	
623 - Sand	12,000.00	10,482.00	(1,518.00)	15,000.00	
624 - Screener	7,400.00	6,551.25	(848.75)	9,100.00	
625 - Salt	1,700.00	1,842.66	142.66	2,000.00	
626 - Chloride	6,000.00	6,125.00	125.00	6,000.00	
627 - Contracted Services	10,000.00	10,395.00	395.00	7,600.00	
628 - Rental Equipment	8,500.00	2,475.00	(6,025.00)	5,000.00	
629 - Culverts	4,000.00	1,672.50	(2,327.50)	4,000.00	
631 - Paving	7,000.00	7,000.00	0.00	7,500.00	
632 - Signs & Posts	700.00	97.00	(603.00)	700.00	
633 - Railroad Crossing Maintenance	301.00	300.72	(0.28)	301.00	
Total 620 - HIGHWAY OPERATIONS	86,351.00	73,824.78	(12,526.22)	88,701.00	3%

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	Difference	2005 Budget	% +/-
<b>640 · BRIDGES</b>					
641 - New Construction	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	
642 - Rental	480.00	480.00	0.00	480.00	
643 - Repairs	2,000.00	290.56	(1,709.44)	1,760.00	
<b>Total 640 · BRIDGES</b>	<b>2,480.00</b>	<b>770.56</b>	<b>(1,709.44)</b>	<b>6,240.00</b>	<b>152%</b>
<b>650 · FUEL &amp; OIL</b>					
651 - Diesel	15,000.00	15,058.24	58.24	16,500.00	
652 - Gasoline	200.00	62.73	(137.27)	200.00	
<b>Total 650 · FUEL &amp; OIL</b>	<b>15,200.00</b>	<b>15,120.97</b>	<b>(79.03)</b>	<b>16,700.00</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>660 · GARAGE</b>					
661 - Electricity	1,200.00	1,133.67	(66.33)	1,300.00	
662 - Heat	1,800.00	1,969.39	169.39	2,200.00	
663 - Rubbish Removal	350.00	596.39	246.39	1,850.00	
664 - Telephone/Pagers	900.00	885.40	(14.60)	900.00	
665 - Supplies	900.00	1,787.93	887.93	900.00	
666 - Maintenance	8,000.00	1,981.45	(6,018.55)	8,000.00	
667 - Small Equipment/Tools	3,500.00	8,897.84	5,397.84	2,500.00	
668 - Salt Shed Maint/Repairs	500.00	-	(500.00)	2,000.00	
<b>Total 660 · GARAGE</b>	<b>17,150.00</b>	<b>17,252.07</b>	<b>102.07</b>	<b>19,650.00</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>670 · VEHICLE/EQUIP MAINTENANCE</b>					
671 - Grader 1988	5,000.00	5,677.09	677.09	5,000.00	
672 - Loader 1999	4,200.00	2,560.67	(1,639.33)	4,000.00	
673 - Truck 1992	3,500.00	1,053.43	(2,446.57)	-	
674 - Truck 1997	4,700.00	6,773.45	2,073.45	2,500.00	
675 - Truck 2001	4,500.00	9,190.56	4,690.56	4,500.00	

	2004 Budget	2004 Actual	Difference	2005 Budget	% +/-
676 - Truck 2005	-	1,494.61	1,494.61	2,500.00	
677 - Truck P/U 2002	1,200.00	2,161.86	961.86	1,200.00	
678 - New Holland Tractor	-	2,804.94	2,804.94	1,500.00	
679 - Other Equipment	1,000.00	336.65	(663.35)	1,000.00	
680 - Vehicle/Equipment Supplies	200.00	211.30	11.30	200.00	8%
Total 670 - VEHICLE/EQUIP MAINTENANCE	24,300.00	32,264.56	7,964.56	22,400.00	
690 - Capital Funds					
691 - Vehicle/Eq. Capital Fund	42,500.00	42,500.00	0.00	47,900.00	13%
695 - EQUIPMENT LOAN PAYMENTS					
696 - LOAN PAYMENTS	0.00	3,913.14	3,913.14	29,400.00	
697 - LOAN INTEREST	0.00	631.86	631.86	2,700.00	
Total 695 - EQUIPMENT LOAN PAYMENTS	0.00	4,545.00	4,545.00	32,100.00	-
Total Highway Expense	364,753.70	349,341.40	(15,412.30)	420,833.23	15%
Total Town Expense	199,220.03	191,808.41	(7,411.62)	236,403.76	19%
Total Highway Expense	364,753.70	349,341.40	(15,412.30)	420,833.23	15%
Total Expenses	563,973.73	541,149.81	(22,823.92)	657,236.99	17%
Less Anticipated Income	159,823.38			169,218.63	
To Be Raised by Taxes	404,150.35			488,018.36	

# CAPITAL PLAN FOR VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT (REVISED 2005)

Town of Braintree Projected Life of Equipment	8 Years on Trucks			7 Years on 3/4 Ton Pick-up				18 Years on Grader			
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
Income	72,212	74,920	49,869	34,168	32,010	59,230	18,122	30,653	19,760	8,756	
Equipment Fund Balance 12/31/04											
Tf From General Fund											
Vehicle Equipment Fund	391	749	499	342	320	592	181	307	198	88	
Interest Earned	60,000	60,000	125,000		60,000	60,000		60,000	60,000	60,000	
Borrowed Funds	42,500	47,900	53,300	58,700	64,100	69,500	73,550	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Budget Annually	175,103	183,569	228,668	93,210	156,430	189,322	91,853	190,960	179,956	108,844	
Expense											
2002 3/4 Ton Pick-up/Plow Replacement			150,000		36,000						
1988 Grader Replacement											
1999 Loader Replacement											
1997 Truck Replacement	100,183	110,000						110,000			
2005 Truck Replacement											
2001 Truck Replacement		2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	110,000		2,500	2,500	2,500	
Communication Equipment		20,000	40,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000	
Borrowed Funds Repayment		1,200	2,000	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	
Interest on Borrowed Funds											
Balance on Hand	100,183	133,700	194,500	61,200	97,200	171,200	61,200	171,200	171,200	61,200	
	74,920	49,869	34,168	32,010	59,230	18,122	30,653	19,760	8,756	47,644	

Projections do not take inflation into account and are subject to change annually

## CEMETERY REPORT 2004

The care of the ten cemeteries is in the hands of five elected cemetery commissioners. The responsibility is allocated as follows:

Duane King(resigned) .....	Mt. View Cemetery
Carl Thresher.....	Lower Branch Cemetery
Phyllis N. Hawley .....	East Braintree Cemetery
Loren Bent .....	Braintree Hill, Spear and Mann Cemeteries
Laura Davidson .....	Brown, Burridge, Connecticut Corners & Ford Cemeteries

At this time, the only available lots for sale are located in the Mountain View and East Braintree Cemeteries. No new lots may be purchased without a perpetual care bequest. The fee schedule is as follows:

### RESIDENT PRICES

2 grave lot deed (100) & perpetual care bequest (500).....	\$ 600.00
4 grave lot deed (200) & perpetual care bequest (800).....	\$1,000.00
8 grave lot deed (400) & perpetual care bequest (1600).....	\$2,000.00
Corner posts for all lots .....	\$ 125.00

### NON-RESIDENT PRICES

2 grave lot deed (300) & perpetual care bequest (1500).....	\$ 1,800.00
4 grave lot deed (600) & perpetual care bequest (2400).....	\$ 3,000.00
8 grave lot deed (1200) & perpetual care bequest (4800).....	\$ 6,000.00
Corner posts for all lots .....	\$ 125.00

Two-grave lots in Mountain View & East Braintree cemeteries are only available at the rear of the cemetery.

For a number of years we have printed the regulations governing the cemeteries in this report. Most of us are aware of these regulations, so we are not including them at this time. If anyone has questions they may call the Cemetery Commissioner to inquire or request a copy of them. A copy will be given to the owners of new lots at the time of purchase. There will also be copies available at Town Meeting.

There are some cemeteries that do not have sufficient bequests to cover their expenses. By being frugal, the Commissioners have tried to take care of all of them as required by statute. However, it has become necessary to request that funds for cemetery maintenance be included in the annual budget. The Board of Cemetery Commissioners is in dire need of a Commissioner to replace Duane King, who resigned over a year ago. Are there any volunteers? If so, please contact Carl Thresher before Town Meeting for information.

We are grateful to Bill Smith of Randolph Center who has provided care for the Mann Cemetery, the final resting place of many of his ancestors, and to James Abbott of Bethel, a descendant of the Burridge family, for providing care for the Burridge Cemetery. Thank you all for your contributions. They are much appreciated.

## REPORT OF CEMETERY FUNDS

Balance January 1, 2004 (excluding bequest)		\$40,215.35
Bequest Investment 12/31/04	Balance	Income
Randolph Nat'l. CD# 20230	\$55,109.75	\$860.89
Randolph Nat'l. Money Mkt.	<u>55,109.75</u>	<u>860.89</u>
Cash on Hand 12/31/04		
Randolph Nat'l. Money Mkt.	\$34,591.58	\$268.95
Randolph Nat'l. Checking	\$501.00	
Randolph Nat'l. CD#20230	\$357.67	\$0.00
Lot Sales	-	\$100.00
Bequest	\$400.00	
Edward Jones Money Mkt.	<u>\$2.29</u>	
	\$35,852.54	<u>\$1,229.84</u>
	\$90,962.29	
		<u>\$1,229.84</u>
Total to Account For		\$41,445.19
Less Total Expenses Paid		<u>\$5,592.65</u>
Accumulated Unused Funds		\$35,852.54
Total Principal All Bequests '03	\$54,709.75	
Add 2004 Bequests	<u>\$400.00</u>	
	\$55,109.75	
Accumulated Unused Funds	\$35,852.54	
	\$90,962.29	
2004 Bequest		
Mountain View    Linfield & Roberta Brown		<u>\$400.00</u>
Total		\$400.00

## 2004 CEMETERY REPORT

	Total Bequests	Unexpended Balance	Interest Earned	Lot Sales	Expended Income	Balance Dec 2004
East Braintree	\$14,833.85	\$11,203.77	\$331.04	\$-	\$1,354.15	\$10,180.66
Braintree Hill	\$11,720.90	\$10,384.65	\$261.57		\$1,100.14	\$9,546.08
Lower Branch	\$7,955.00	\$1,111.51	\$177.53		\$1,119.94	\$169.10
Mountain View	\$18,410.00	\$15,112.70	\$410.84		\$1,609.42	\$13,914.12
Peth	\$300.00	\$1,024.20	\$6.69		\$2.00	\$1,028.89
Mann	\$570.00	\$550.40	\$12.72		\$-	\$563.12
West Braintree						
Memorial	\$-	\$(1.00)	\$0.00		\$1.00	\$(2.00)
Spear	\$500.00	\$979.10	\$11.16		\$100.00	\$890.26
Conn. Corners	\$210.00	\$504.63	\$4.69		\$-	\$509.32
Roswell Ford	\$50.00	\$38.04	\$1.12		\$-	\$39.16
Brown	\$560.00	\$(692.63)	\$12.50		\$306.00	\$(986.13)
Thayer Brook	\$-	\$-	\$0.00		\$-	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,109.75</b>	<b>\$40,215.37</b>	<b>\$1,229.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,592.65</b>	<b>\$35,852.54</b>

## DELINQUENT TAXES 2004

Parcel ID	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	TOTAL
01-017							\$1,767.90	\$1,767.90
01-033							\$1,040.80	\$1,040.80
01-068		\$320.97						\$320.97
02-007				\$188.25	\$204.18	\$223.61	\$216.42	\$832.46
02-009						\$265.98	\$257.05	\$523.03
02-016							\$600.00	\$600.00
02-020					\$363.56	\$709.83	\$687.00	\$1,760.39
02-025						\$654.45	\$636.68	\$1,291.13
02-038							\$1,515.37	\$1,515.37
02-057						\$798.39	\$1,743.94	\$2,542.33
02-058						\$199.24	\$254.17	\$453.41
03-004							\$2.93	\$2.93
03-007							\$740.74	\$740.74
03-018						\$2,025.48	\$1,960.36	\$3,985.84
03-031					\$1,141.99	\$1,250.65	\$1,210.44	\$3,603.08
03-036							\$1,582.90	\$1,582.90
03-044				\$728.94			\$837.99	\$1,566.93
03-044.001				\$663.27			\$567.95	\$1,231.22
03-045.001			\$457.85	\$483.77	\$524.70	\$574.62	\$556.14	\$2,597.08
03-047							\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
03-050		\$1,633.70	\$1,808.63		\$2,018.07			\$5,460.40
03-063.002							\$1,738.15	\$1,738.15
04-025.001							\$29.00	\$29.00
04-032							\$1,285.93	\$1,285.93
04-062.002						\$1,385.85	\$1,304.83	\$2,690.68
04-063						\$3.63		\$3.63
05-011							\$2,415.69	\$2,415.69
05-024							\$3,787.21	\$3,787.21
05-033							\$367.23	\$367.23
05-058							\$3.24	\$3.24
05-074			\$1,616.56			\$2,471.54	\$3,750.48	\$10,501.46 *
06-010	\$252.60	484.76				\$933.37		\$1,670.73
07-019							\$1,730.80	\$1,730.80
07-021							\$968.28	\$968.28
07-031							\$1,409.24	\$1,409.24
07-044					\$342.41	\$535.62	\$504.31	\$1,382.34
07-045							\$807.88	\$807.88
07-048							\$2,475.03	\$2,475.03
07-050							\$406.47	\$406.47
07-069							\$2,570.51	\$2,570.51
07-077						\$2,602.70	\$2,519.02	\$5,121.72
07-091							\$708.19	\$708.19
07-107						\$3,725.94	\$3,606.14	\$7,332.08
08-009.001							\$905.79	\$905.79
08-023					\$641.62	\$1,835.67	\$1,740.42	\$4,217.71
08-026		\$129.10						\$129.10

Parcel ID	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	TOTAL
09-014							\$291.32	\$291.32
09-018							\$407.67	\$407.67
09-021							\$296.95	\$296.95
09-027							\$13.20	\$13.20
09-030							\$279.08	\$279.08
09-032							\$171.13	\$171.13
09-037						\$290.21	\$319.60	\$609.81
09-039					\$109.61	\$616.22	\$580.20	\$1,306.03
09-040							\$136.41	\$136.41
09-045							\$296.22	\$296.22
09-050							\$717.86	\$717.86
09-054						\$178.26	\$342.24	\$520.50
09-055						\$166.41	\$156.68	\$323.09
09-056							\$179.87	\$179.87
09-058							\$120.79	\$120.79
09-059							\$235.17	\$235.17
09-061						\$8.09	\$450.45	\$458.54
09-065						\$399.54	\$408.84	\$808.38
09-069							\$415.22	\$415.22
09-079						\$369.21	\$347.63	\$716.84
09-088				\$142.10				\$142.10
09-092						\$1,019.20	\$969.44	\$1,988.64
	\$252.60	\$2,568.53	\$3,883.04	\$2,206.33	\$5,346.14	\$23,243.71	\$59,348.59	\$99,511.82 *

\* These figures include \$2,662.88 of 1994 taxes still owed.

### DELINQUENT TAXES COLLECTED

Year	To Be Collected	Abated	Adjusted	Collected	Balance
1994	\$2,662.88				\$2,662.88
1998	\$252.60				\$252.60
1999	\$2,585.20			\$16.67	\$2,568.53
2000	\$4,665.16			\$782.12	\$3,883.04
2001	\$5,262.49			\$3,056.16	\$2,206.33
2002	\$16,744.35			\$11,398.21	\$5,346.14
2003	\$61,366.51			\$38,122.80	\$23,243.71
2004	\$112,166.06		(\$36.23)	\$52,781.24	\$59,348.59
Total	\$205,705.25	\$0.00	(\$36.23)	\$106,157.20	\$99,511.82

## WHITE RIVER VALLEY AMBULANCE INC. 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Call volume remains constant, running slightly higher than last year's figures. Calls in each of the eight towns are as follows:

Barnard	37	E. Granville	4
Bethel	147	Pittsfield	20
Braintree	66	Randolph	539
Brookfield	65	Stockbridge	43

The area has done very well in its receipt of Homeland Security Grant money. Below is a synopsis of the funds that WRVA has received. This grant money has helped the service purchase equipment that it would otherwise be unable to afford. In addition, it has afforded upgrades to existing equipment that might otherwise not have occurred.

Total HSU Grants to Date:	FY99	\$ 403,000
	FY00/01	\$ 758,000
	FY02	\$ 2,772,000
	FY03	\$ 4,963,000
	FY04	\$10,494,800
FY02	White River Valley Ambulance	\$24,785
FY03 Part I	White River Valley Ambulance	\$16,670
FY03 Part II	White River Valley Ambulance	\$48,483
FY04	White River Valley Ambulance	\$42,049

Some of the equipment that has been purchased with the grant money includes:

- Bi-Phasic Manual 12 Lead Defibrillators
- Extrication Apparel
- Stair Chairs and New Stretcher
- Mobile and Portable Radios, Minitor Pagers, Charger/Conditioner System
- Transport Ventilator and I.V. Pumps
- Fiber Optic Laryngoscopes, Misc. Paramedic Equipment and Pharmaceuticals
- Vehicle Lifting Airbags, Holmatro Cutter and Cribbing
- Access Control System for Ambulance Building
- Portable Shelter for Snowmobile and Rescue Sled

Check out the Homeland Security website at [www.dps.state.vt.us](http://www.dps.state.vt.us) for more information, tips on family preparedness and protecting yourself and your family.

As always, our sincere thanks to the residents of the eight towns we serve for their continued support of this ambulance service.

Amy Estey, Administrator

# KIMBALL PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

The staff and trustees of Kimball Library devoted considerable thought in 2004 to the Library's place in the community. The input of dozens of community members and a dedicated committee helped us create a new long-range plan. This new plan focuses on four roles for the Library: to provide books, magazines, newspapers, audio books, and videos to meet local demand; to create a community gathering place; to provide access to all kinds of information; and to support and promote lifelong learning.

Thanks to grants from the Vermont Public Library Foundation, the Lamson Howell Foundation, Randolph National Bank, Chittenden Bank, and the State Department of Buildings & General Services for their grants and contributions. Most importantly, special thanks to you, as both taxpayer and donor. Because of you, the Library has maintained and in many cases improved on the wonderful start these grant funds gave us. In particular, the increase in the children's librarian's paid time to 35 hours per week has allowed her to meet the community's demand for youth programming and services. What a wonderful way for the Library to begin its second century of service to the community!

Two groups merit special recognition: our dedicated volunteers, and the Friends of Kimball Library. Volunteers perform many of the most vital library functions, from preparing new books, to putting those books on the shelves, to preparing notices when books are overdue. Without their generous contributions of time, skill, good humor, and good sense, the Library would never function so smoothly. The Friends of Kimball Library raise money that helps fund the Library's summer reading program for youth and allows us to purchase a new children's book in honor of every baby born in the community. As advocates and supporters, they are, indeed, friends of the Library.

Please visit Kimball Library often – enjoy our many offerings, and bring us your questions, comments, or concerns.

## Vital numbers (January - December 2004):

Registered borrowers	3635	Internet sessions	4483
<b>Braintree borrowers</b>	<b>556 (15%)</b>	Deliveries to the homebound	76
Visits to the Library	32,942	Deliveries to daycares	294
Number of items borrowed	45,728	<b>in Braintree</b>	<b>130</b>
Overdue notices mailed	1410	Programs-	
Interlibrary loans-		For adults (#/attendance)	67/812
sent to other libraries	340	For youth (#/attendance)	221/3405
borrowed from other libraries	928		

## Funding:

SOURCE	CURRENT (July 2004-June 2005)	NEXT YEAR (July 2005-June 2006)
Kimball Library: fundraising,		
investment revenue, fines & fees	\$39,600	\$46,250
Randolph taxpayers	\$100,959	\$110,873
per capita (pop. 4853)	\$20.80	\$22.85
Braintree taxpayers	\$6500	\$7000
per capita (pop. 1194)	\$5.44	\$5.86
Braintree percentage of total budget	4.4%	4.3%

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy C. Grasmick, Director

## VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services -- Report to the Town of Braintree*

The VNA and Hospice is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net - with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. We are committed to provide care to those uninsured and under-insured individuals residing in the communities we serve to access needed and medically necessary, skilled-level home-health services.

We value the continued partnership with the Town of Braintree to help us meet your residents' home care, hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

- Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, and chronic illness. Many such patients are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.
- Provides skilled clinical care as well as emotional support and pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care includes spiritual counseling and support of volunteers as well. In addition, bereavement support extends to loved ones. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through Hospice they have that control.
- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants and young children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.

The VNA provided the following services this past year:  
(July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004)

### *Home Care Program*

Skilled Nursing visits	111
Physical Therapy visits	11
Speech Therapy visits	0
Occupational Therapy visits	4
Medical Social Worker visits	1
Home Health Aide visits	30
Homemaker visits	10
<b>Total Home Care Visits</b>	<b>167</b>

### *Orange County Parent Child Center*

Families served	20
Children served	28
<b>Total OCPCC Home Visits</b>	<b>24</b>

### *Hospice Program*

Patient Families served	2
Volunteer Hours	7
Volunteer Visits	4

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.



Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA  
President and CEO

Visiting Nurse Association and  
Hospice of VT and NH, Inc.  
46 S. Main Street,  
White River Junction, VT 05001-7911

## CLARA MARTIN CENTER

Clara Martin Center programs serve children, families, and individuals coping with behavioral challenges, emotional stress, mental illness, alcohol and other drug problems. Services are confidential and include (but are not limited to):

- Outpatient Counseling
- Free Walk-in Clinic
- Psychiatric Services
- Vocational Services
- Short-term crisis intervention
- Alcohol & other drug treatment
- School-based & Home-based services
- Respite Care
- Education for families
- 24-hour emergency system
- Community resource assistance

### WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

Clara Martin Center continually remains focused on the quality enhancement of services provided to our consumers. In conjunction with the state Agency of Human Services we have restructured our Child and Family programs. The new Director of School Services position allows us to have a stronger focus on the school services we provide. Our Challenger School, Regional Alternative Program, Home School Coordinator and Student Assistance Professional contracts and employees are centralized. Our school-based staff continues to be an integral part of the school community and the Clara Martin Center workforce.

Care Partner positions, which were created to integrate primary care and behavioral health services have been added to our Chelsea site location and have enabled us to offer services out of the Gifford Family Health Center in Bethel. The establishment of these positions serve to assist adults and adolescents with solution focused, behavioral interventions.

It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these Agency successes and in turn continue to meet our goal of strategically positioning our Agency for the future behavioral and physical health care needs of our local environment.

<b>FY04 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC</b>		<b>TOTAL SERVED FROM BRAINTREE</b>	
Children & Family Services	663	Child and Family Services	34
Adult Services	565	Adult Services	16
CSP Services*	179	CSP Services*	5
Substance Abuse Services	1,251	Substance Abuse Services	24
Walk-in Clinic Services	100	Walk-in Clinic Services	1
Emergency Contacts	1,977	Total Served:	80
Total Served:	4,735		

2005 Town Appropriations Request = \$2,054  
(Same figure we have used for the past 19 years)

*\*CSP is our community support program that serves  
the chronically mentally ill population. 10/04*

## TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION 2004 YEAR-END REPORT

During 2004, the Regional Commission provided technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. TRORC functions as staff for many of our towns and most of our work was initiated at the request of Selectboards, Planning Commissions, and other town officials. Major accomplishments for this past year include:

**Regional and Local Transportation Planning** - The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) worked with member municipalities on numerous local transportation projects. Two Rivers' staff wrote many Transportation Enhancement Grants and assisted our towns in procuring design engineers, processing requisitions for payment, and organizing public meetings for local input - Two Rivers helped projects get built. TRORC also assisted communities as they worked their way through the environmental permitting process on transportation projects and conducted many traffic counts, speed limit studies and intersection analyses.

**Local Technical Assistance** - Over the past year, we provided advice and support to all town officials on a wide range of activities. This included grant writing and administration, assistance on town plan revisions, ordinance development, GIS mapping, transportation planning, and Act 250 development review. The TRORC Region once again received the largest share of municipal planning grants statewide. This allowed our towns to conduct the planning necessary to respond to changes in state and federal requirements.

**Emergency Planning Activities** - The Regional Commission's emergency management planning program continued to be funded by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Projects focused on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff helped write and coordinate many of the First Responder Grants for safety equipment received by our towns.

**Economic Development Planning** - In 2004, the Regional Commission continued working on a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to assess the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Once the level of contamination is known, the Regional Commission helps towns locate funding sources for clean-up. An additional \$200,000 was received by TRORC this year to help those communities with properties contaminated by petroleum products. In addition, TRORC spent considerable time maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal economic development administration money.

We value your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director  
William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

## VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

The Vermont League of Cities and Towns' mission is to serve and strengthen Vermont local government. Vermonters use more local government services and interact more with their local government officials on a daily basis than with any other level of government. These governmental services 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 all but a very few municipalities, the property tax is the sole option a municipality has for raising revenue to fund its municipal and school responsibilities. In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead local governments.

VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns to serve and strengthen the ability of municipal officials to provide quality services at affordable costs:

Training, municipal assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities. In the past year, we have responded to more than 3,000 telephone and e-mail inquiries. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by municipal officials. VLCT distributed more than 575 copies of local government publications and distributed more than 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's Weekly Legislative Report to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.

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, in land use discussions and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs. 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 is realized daily as members take advantage of loss prevention training and assistance as well as reasonable insurance rates.

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 \$500 service fee per year. These funds support much of the work of the VLCT Municipal Assistance Center. VLCT maintains its offices in Montpelier and employs 42 staff members. It has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3.2 million. Individuals interested in finding out more about the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including reviewing its audited financial statements, can visit the VLCT Website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).

## **RANDOLPH AREA SENIOR CENTER**

The Greater Randolph Senior Center serves the towns of Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph. This past year the Greater Randolph Area Senior Center provided 10,613 home delivered meals to people in all three towns, enabling them to stay in their own homes in their own communities. In addition, the Center served 7,655 dinners to people who came to the Senior Center to meet friends and participate in activities such as Bingo, blood pressure checks, foot clinic, manicures, flu clinic, crafts classes & craft workshops, music, speakers, exercise, and excursions. The Center served 18,268 meals this year, an increase of 2,165 meals over last year.

The Morning Meal program had to be cut due to funding cuts by the Central Vermont Council on Aging. We will not be able to bring the Morning Breakfast program back due to cuts in this year's budget. The estimated amount of the funding cut is \$11,800.00.

To reach out and serve the needs of the seniors we must fund our programs another way. Due in part to the financial support from grants from Lamson Howell, Oakland Foundation and a donation in memory of Betty Bowen, the Senior Center has been able to make the improvements to the large parking lot.

The continued support of the community will help the Senior Center grow in its ability to provide nutritious meals and activities for more seniors in the coming year.

Debra English, Executive Director  
6 Hale Street 728-9324

## **THE ORANGE COUNTY COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM**

Orange County Court Diversion is a cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for first offenders referred by the State's Attorney. It offers both juveniles and adults an opportunity to make amends for their offenses in a way that teaches responsible behavior and deters future delinquent or criminal activities.

Orange County Court Diversion budgeted \$73,822.00 for its FY04 operating budget. Approx. 80% of the operating budget was funded by a State grant and client fees. The remaining 20% of the program's funds came from miscellaneous and local funding sources. These local sources were Green Mountain United Way, town appropriations, and individual donations. For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director, Orange County Court Diversion, P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038. (802-685-3172)

## CENTRAL VERMONT COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

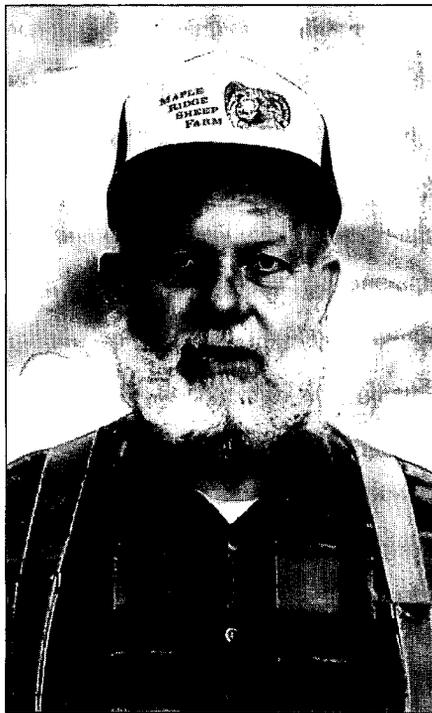
Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council, Inc. (CVCAC) has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services are designed to help families work toward better lives and to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. This year, CVCAC worked with 9,123 individuals in 4,150 households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support Services, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 108 individuals in 39 Braintree families with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

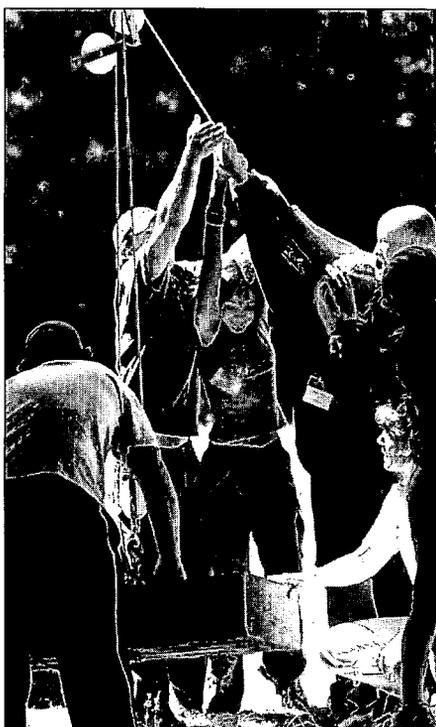
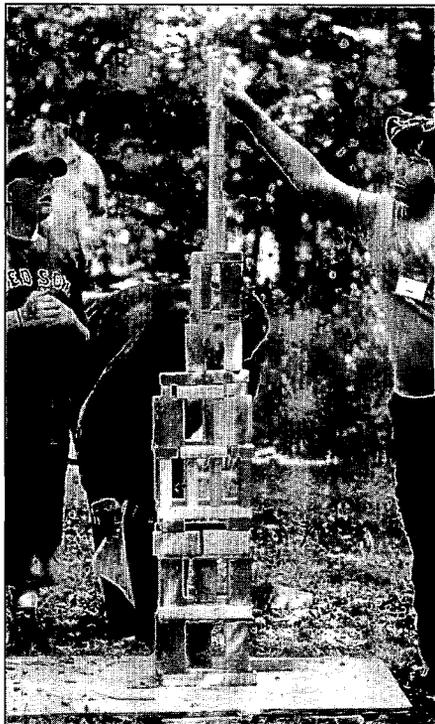
Here are some CVCAC program statistics for Braintree:

- 31 households (including 80 family members) received emergency assistance with food, shelter, Crisis Fuel, and other basic needs. An additional person received assistance through Wellness on Wheels, our mobile outreach project.
- 2 households participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 3 family members.
- 1 household was issued a donated vehicle for free benefiting 4 family members.
- 2 daycare providers participated in our Child Care Food Program to provide nutritious meals to the 16 children in their care.
- 2 people received training and technical assistance from our Micro Business Development program to start or expand small businesses.

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**of the School Board**  
**for the**  
**TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**of Braintree, Vermont**



*Tuthill (above) and Linda Doane organized a Sixth Grade Challenge Day last June. The event brought all 6th graders about to enter the district Junior High School together, working as integrated teams on twelve sets of problem challenges. In addition to new friendships, the day provided their new school with information about students, their strengths, needs, and different preparation. Among the challenges (some pictured facing page) were pulley operation, building tall structures, and identifying historic objects. (Photos: Bob Eddy)*



## WARNING

### BRAINTREE SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING BRAINTREE, VERMONT MARCH 1, 2005

The legal voters of the Braintree School District in the County of Orange are hereby notified and warned to meet in the West Braintree Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. to transact the following business:

**NOTICE TO VOTERS: ARTICLE IX WILL BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT. POLLS WILL BE OPEN IN THE BRAINTREE TOWN HALL FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M. TO VOTE ON THIS ARTICLE. ARTICLES I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, AND X WILL BE VOTED ON THE FLOOR.**

The legal voters and residents of the Braintree Town School District are further warned and notified that an informational meeting will be held at the Braintree Town Hall in the Town of Braintree on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of explaining the proposed school building improvements and the financing thereof, and for discussion of the proposed school budget.

- ARTICLE I: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE II: To elect one School Director for a term of three years.  
To elect one School Director to complete two remaining years of a three year term.
- ARTICLE III: To fill any vacancies in any office.
- ARTICLE IV: To hear and act upon the reports of the School Directors.
- ARTICLE V: To see if the School District will appropriate the sum of \$1,645,311.00 for the support of the Braintree Elementary School for the 2005-2006 school year?
- ARTICLE VI: To see if the School District will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the support of the existing School Bus Replacement Fund for the 2005-2006 school year?
- ARTICLE VII: To see if the School District will appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the support of the Building Maintenance Fund for the 2005-2006 school year?
- ARTICLE VIII: To see if the School District will authorize the School Directors to borrow money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE IX: To vote by Australian Ballot on the following:**  
Shall general obligation bonds of the Braintree Town School District in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Eleven Thousand, Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$311,313.00), subject to reduction from

available construction grants-in-aid and state appropriations (estimated to be \$83,490.00), be issued for the purpose of financing the District's share of making certain public improvements, viz; construction of school building additions and renovations to the Braintree School, such improvements estimated to cost Three Hundred Eleven Thousand, Three Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$311,313.00), and the District's bonded indebtedness for such purpose estimated to be Two Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$227,823.00)?

ARTICLE X: To transact any other business proper to be brought before said meeting.

DATED at Braintree, Vermont, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

Marc Fournier, Chair  
Joseph Bent, Vice-Chair  
Richard Klodahl, Clerk  
Braintree School Board

Received and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Braintree Town School District, at Braintree, Vermont on January 20, 2005 before being posted.

ATTEST: Cora Benoir  
Town Clerk

**EARLY OR ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** You, or a family member on your behalf, may request an early or absentee ballot from your Town Clerk by telephone 728-9787, mail or e-mail at any time up until 5 p.m., or closing of the Town Clerk's Office on the day before the election, March 1, 2005. An authorized person can apply for you to get a ballot only in person or in writing.

## SCHOOL MEETING SUMMARY 2004 TOWN OF BRAINTREE, VERMONT

Moderator Tuthill Doane called the School Meeting to order at Noon. Tuthill read the warning.

Tuthill Doane was elected School Moderator for the ensuing year.

Rick Klondahl expressed an interest in becoming a School Director, but hasn't yet registered to vote. No one else was interested in becoming a School Director, so it was decided to not elect anyone and have the Selectboard appoint Rick as soon as he registers to vote.

The School section of the report was reviewed and accepted.

The voters voted in favor of appropriating the sum of \$1,557,984.00 for the support of the Braintree Elementary School for the 2004-2005 school year.

The voters appropriated \$10,000 to the School Bus Replacement fund.

It was voted to allow the School Directors to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

After much discussion the voters decided to approve a Bond not to exceed \$200,000 for roof repairs, structural repairs, and mold eradication. The voters did not approve any addition to the building. (\*)

A moment of silence was held for all those who are no longer with us.

A big thank you was given to the Hearth and Heath club for their wonderful lunch.

Representative Patsy French and Stephen Webster spoke to the voters. Patsy said that she enjoyed how Braintree still votes articles from the floor. She also stated that if people have questions they should feel free to call their Representatives. Steve spoke about ACT 60 & 68.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cora L. Benoir, CVC  
Braintree Town Clerk

(\*) This article was found to be done incorrectly, as a Bond vote needs to be done by Australian Ballot.



*(Photo: Bob Eddy)*

## SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2005

The past twelve months have passed by extremely quickly and, in my case, they have been exciting, rewarding and enjoyable. The Orange Southwest Supervisory Union continued to make considerable gains: we successfully completed new initiatives in the areas of communications, finances, school operations, systems and technology, and special education.

In the area of communications, the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union generated its first community newsletter, held a public forum to discuss the impacts of the No Child Left Behind Act on school systems, and introduced its new website ([www.orangesw.k12.vt.us](http://www.orangesw.k12.vt.us)). Financially, the school district continued to develop its financial reporting mechanisms, budget development processes, and the manner in which it administers Consolidated Federal Programs grants.

In terms of school operations, the Orange Southwest Supervisory Union became an active member in the Vermont Data Consortium (a joint student warehouse initiative with the Department of Education and several other school districts), formally created the Green Mountain Forest Collaborative with its surrounding supervisory unions (Washington South S.U., Orange Windsor S.U., Orange North S.U., and Windsor Northwest S.U.), and continued development of a coordinated K through Grade 12 curriculum system.

The school district made considerable improvements in the field of systems and technology. Specifically, Pat Woodin has done an excellent job coordinating our technology systems among the three elementary schools (Braintree, Brookfield, and Randolph). I am confident that Tom Karlen, with the help of a community-led technology committee, will realize similar success at the high school level.

In the final area of Special Education, Steve Kinney (Director of Special Education) has worked hard to improve communications with special education parents, the Department of Education and Vermont Parent Information Center. In addition, he has organized several on-going staff professional development initiatives to ensure that we continue to provide excellent services.

This past year, we recognized four teachers for their outstanding contributions in the field of education. Jan Stratton (RAVC), Sara Aulis (Randolph Elementary School), Scott Sorrell (Randolph Union High School), and Paulette Staats (Braintree School) received Orange Southwest Supervisory Union Teacher of the Year Awards. I would like to formally congratulate them on this achievement and recognize the dedicated service they provide our children. In similar fashion, I feel impelled to thank Falaza Beloyi for his service at the Randolph Union High School during the past twelve months (he has returned to his native South Africa) and I welcome Terry McManamy back from his Fulbright Teaching Exchange in South Africa. Finally, Charlie Herzog (Brookfield School) successfully completed a very challenging National Board Certification process in December.

In closing, I would like to emphasize the quality of educational services that our children receive. It is important to realize that without strong community involvement and support, active school boards, and dedicated staff, this achievement would not be possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent Kay  
Superintendent of Schools  
January 7, 2005



## **BRAINTREE SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S ANNUAL REPORT 2004 – 2005 SCHOOL YEAR**

*“Year by year the complexities of this spinning world grow more bewildering and so each year we need all the more to seek peace and comfort in the joyful simplicities.”*  
-Woman’s Home Companion, December 1935

As I sit down to reflect on the school year, where we have been, where we are and where we hope to be in the not too far future, it’s hard to believe that I’ve had five years serving as the principal of the Braintree School community. I want you to know that it has been both an honor and a privilege and a very rewarding experience!

Two important questions I ask myself everyday are: “How are we doing? and “How are we measuring our progress and success?” In finding answers, I reflect first on the positive attitudes of our staff and students as I come to work each and everyday. Many of you will remember a few years back when our artist in residence helped us plant ‘seeds of positivity’ – thanks Patty Warlick! Braintree School is indeed a great place to work and learn. Our school is a place where learning is valued and celebrated for all ages, where teachers help teachers, where community volunteers help students and where commitment to ensuring that every learner succeeds is paramount. Our commitment to offer a curriculum that encourages and supports our mission to provide an excellence in education is evident in the Braintree School song –

### **BRAINTREE SCHOOL SONG**

In the wonderful town of Braintree, there’s a mighty fine family  
A special family we are  
Friends and neighbors, sisters and brothers, from five years to many more  
A special family we are  
And when we are together, we all feel a little better  
A special family we are  
We’re learning about caring, reading and writing, giving and sharing  
Our family is called the Braintree School!

A community must go through the process of examining everything it does: setting higher expectations for the school and re-thinking how we use time, staff, money, and physical space to achieve our goals. Education reform starts in the hearts and minds of concerned educators, parents and community members and through collaboration and hard work, grows into meaningful changes, visible improvements, and improved student achievement. Our school has embraced being a member of Foundation For Excellent Schools and has used opportunities and resources to build a strong foundation for giving our students a learning community that defines our sense of place within the

greater world. We continually review educational programs, develop assessments that measure student progress and reflect on our best practices.

The areas of focus for 2004-05 include:

*School Theme – Asian Studies*

*Reading Comprehension Across the Curriculum*

*Partnering with OSSU Elementary Schools*

*Fostering a Respectful School Environment*

*Facilities Review/Recommendations*

The success of our school family depends upon many hands and minds working together as a team -- and what a great team we have! Our staff inspires a love for learning, they keep the wheels of curiosity turning, and they educate and learn in their caring and nurturing ways to pave the way to a more peaceful and thoughtful environment. Our community volunteers that come in weekly to support our students and give the gift of friendship are truly making a positive difference in each of those students' lives. Please, if you find an hour or two extra in any given week, stop in and be rewarded as you encourage our students to do and be their best!

To the staff, students, friends and community, thank you for being my guiding lights – the school's future as a community of learners is certainly much brighter with your support!

As I greet the staff and students each morning and begin another busy day of learning together, I want you to know that your support, time, and taxes are making a tremendous difference in the lives of the students – our future. Thank you for granting me the privilege to serve the school community as your school principal!

In the spirit of learning,

Nancy S. Frenette, Principal



## SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT 2004-2005

We'd like to start this year's report by thanking those who contribute to making an excellent environment for learning at the Braintree School. This includes the teachers, the Para-educators, the support staff, the bus drivers, and the parents who have made the commitment to become involved in the education of their children and the other students who may benefit from their time. All the schools in our union have made adequate yearly progress as required by the No Child Left Behind act, and this is a reflection of the levels our educators are rising to in order to come in line with this demanding law. Once again, Nancy Frenette has proven herself to be an extremely effective administrator. She puts a huge amount of time and effort into her job, and our school's success is a direct result of her leadership. She takes great pride in having had our school chosen as a model and participant in the Foundation for Excellent Schools. She also continues to be a Wizard at finding grant money from agencies and places that we board members didn't know existed.

You are all so valuable to this community and we thank you for making The Braintree School a much sought-after educational option for our children and for Families moving into this area. We'd also like to thank Brent Kay for his skilled leadership and knowledge of the laws governing school administration, legislative maneuvering, and his clear ability to look into the future of education and prepare and educate us all in what will be necessary to keep abreast of the constant changes required to meet educational standards, while at the same time allowing the different schools in our union a certain sense of school culture. We were so lucky to find him to fill the position of superintendent and liberate him from the prairies of Canada. Perhaps it was due to our moderate climate and fine golf courses. The time and dedication that he puts into his job is inspiring.

Last year we all faced some tough decisions regarding the deteriorating condition of our not-so-old school. It was very difficult for the board and the taxpayers to come to a decision on how much to allocate for repairs that were needed to solve a water problem that was affecting the building in many ways, especially considering that we were entering into a facilities review that began well after town meeting. The discoveries from this facility inspection by the firm of Dore and Whittier proved that the water problem was not related solely to the condition of our roof, but the problems were mainly at the north and south walls of the school. This changed our focus completely, and as soon as it became evident that this discovery was of an emergency nature, we went into action to obtain emergency funding and scrambling to line up contractors to fix the problem. It may shock some people to know that the swift action of all involved prevented the possibility of not being able to open the school this past September. It was a scary situation. So more thanks go out to Tut Doane, Walter Scott, Rob Fitzgerald, Steve Frenette, the Bent's, Van Coleman, PCI Construction, and the teachers and students for their patience while last minute details were being completed. (Please forgive me if I missed your name.)

Please take some time to attend the pre-town meeting on Feb. 23 at 7pm at the Town Hall. Rob Fitzgerald from D&W will be there to detail what was found upon the inspection. There will be pictures of the conditions that were found, remedies, and a detailed plan can be put before the voters to finish the work required to bring the school into shape for years to come. If you read the local papers you may realize that our building problems seem to pale in comparison to other surrounding schools, some requiring repairs costing multiple millions of dollars. It could give us all perspective into our own school maintenance needs.

Our budget increase is modest this year. We have not had to cut any programs or positions as of yet. The main cost increases are directly related to special education programs, health insurance cost, and salary increases. The state has decided to cut funding for our language and reading programs which has pulled the rug out from under a program that is so essential to bringing a relatively large number of our students up to grade level in these skills. So much of our costs and funding rely on decisions made in the legislature! Call them and let them know your ideas.

Thank you all for your continued support and consideration in maintaining a solid and unique learning environment for the students of Braintree.

Respectfully submitted by the  
Directors of the Braintree School Board:  
Marc R. Fournier  
Joe Bent  
Rick Klodvahl



*Joe Bent and Steve Frenette (left), Ray and Kelly Gray, at the fall school Work Day.*



*Lianna Reed and Ariel Connolly having their I Love To Read bags packed by Amy Noyes at The Royal Butcher. (Photo: Bob Eddy)*

## SCHOOL FINANCIAL CONDITION JUNE 30, 2004

**ASSETS:**

District Accounts (Bank Bal.) .....	\$ 7,244
Bus Fund CDs (Sched 1) .....	<u>\$ 23,131</u>
	\$ 30,375

**LIABILITIES:**

Outstanding Transactions (Bank to Book) .....	(\$ 47,886)
Notes Payable – Bond .....	<u>(\$310,000)</u>
	(\$357,886)

Liabilities over Assets June 30, 2004..... \$327,511

Increase in Liabilities..... \$165,161



*Beth Keenhold watching the result of her 2-week dance residency, supported by The Lamson-Howell Foundation.*

**BRAINTREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INDEBTEDNESS**

PURPOSE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	AMOUNT	REISSUE	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST PAID BY 6/30/2004	PRINCIPAL PAID BY 6/30/2004	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004
SCHOOL BOND	7/10/1991	\$790,000	N/A	7.15%	\$495,401	\$480,000	\$310,000

Three Prior Years Comparisons - Format as Provided by DOE

PRELIMINARY

District: Braintree County: Orange		LEA: 024 SLU: Orange Southwest	
		Act 60	
<b>Expenditures</b>			
1.	Budget local budget, excluding special programs reported in line 3, but tech expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	FY2003 \$1,335,288	FY2004 \$1,445,588
2.	Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years under Act 80	\$58,220	\$73,845
3.	Special revenue program expenditures (federal dollars, restricted grants, etc.)	\$1,393,501	\$1,557,984
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$15,000	\$10,000
5.	1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-
6.	2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-
7.	3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-
8.	Act 68 locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,408,501	\$1,528,433
9.			
10.	Union school or joint school district assessment	\$1,092,978	\$1,186,322
11.	Prior deficit reduction if net included in budgets	\$2,501,077	\$2,717,785
12.	Gross Act 68 Budget	\$54,044	\$0,975
13.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data		
14.	Prior deficit reduction (if included in local budget) - informational data		
<b>Revenues</b>			
15.	Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$448,052	\$476,903
16.	Capital debt aid	-	-
17.	Special program revenues (if not included in local budget, included in FY2006)	-	-
18.	Prior deficit reduction if included in revenues	\$448,052	\$476,903
19.	Total revenues	\$448,052	\$476,903
20.			
21.	Fund raising (if any)	-	-
22.	Adjusted local revenues	\$448,052	\$476,903
23.	Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$2,053,025	\$2,240,852
24.	Equalized Pupils	248,000	241,540
25.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$8,245	\$9,277
25b.	Less eligible construction costs (or PBI) per equalized pupil	-	-
26.	Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	-
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	-	-
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$10,588 / \$6,975)	-	-
29.	Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (151.75% x \$1.02)	\$1,802	\$1,944
30.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	100.28%	95.64%
31.	Estimated homestead tax rate, actual (\$1,548 / 78.83%)	\$1,747	\$1,984
32.	Household Income Percentage for Income sensitivity (151.75% x 1.85%)	3.28%	3.53%

Prior Years Comparison

06/06/06 Braintree 1/22/2006

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*Atop Braintree Hill.*

*(Photo: Bob Eddy)*

**BRAINTREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2004-05 BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED	TOTAL INC/DEC
<b>1 GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>REVENUE:</b>					
A. LOCAL TAXES	369,477	473,279	0	0	
		28.09%	-100.00%		
B. STATE REVENUES	1,677,726	1,748,399	2,285,436	2,442,727	6.88%
		4.21%	30.72%	6.88%	
C. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	304,193	348,680	301,523	316,344	4.92%
		14.62%	-13.52%	4.92%	
D. OTHER REVENUES	137,959	144,284	96,100	92,100	-4.16%
		4.58%	-33.40%	-4.16%	
E. SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-93,762	-42,360	0	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,395,594</b>	<b>2,672,282</b>	<b>2,683,059</b>	<b>2,851,171</b>	<b>6.27%</b>
		<b>11.55%</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>6.27%</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
F. INSTRUCTION	502,988	548,961	573,928	621,861	8.35%
		9.14%	4.55%	8.35%	
G. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	237,481	307,880	277,275	325,969	17.56%
		29.64%	-9.94%	17.56%	
H. ADMINISTRATION	117,756	123,553	129,254	138,817	7.40%
		4.92%	4.61%	7.40%	
I. SUPPORT SERVICES	96,987	101,905	79,278	79,287	0.01%
		5.07%	-22.20%	0.01%	

	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 PROPOSED	TOTAL INC/DEC
J. MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	85,742	112,713	101,870	114,036	11.94%
K. TRANSPORTATION	60,843	31,46%	-9.62%	11.94%	-4.90%
L. SUP STAFF CONTINGENCY	0	62,792	58,020	55,175	
	0	3.20%	-7.60%	-4.90%	
M. FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	0	0	18,205	0	-100.00%
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,101,797</b>	<b>1,261,643</b>	<b>1,237,830</b>	<b>1,335,145</b>	<b>7.86%</b>
N. OTHER EXPENDITURES	206,008	183,200	186,444	153,180	-17.84%
O. TECHNICAL EDUCATION	37,572	-11.07%	1.77%	-17.84%	9.24%
		47,624	143,710	156,986	
		26.75%	201.76%	9.24%	
<b>TOTAL VOTER APPROVAL</b>	<b>1,345,378</b>	<b>1,492,467</b>	<b>1,567,984</b>	<b>1,645,311</b>	<b>4.93%</b>
P. RUHS ASSESSMENTS	1,092,576	10.93%	5.06%	4.93%	
		1,188,322	1,115,075	1,205,860	8.14%
		8.76%	-6.16%	8.14%	
Q. SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-42,360	-8,507	0	0	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,395,594</b>	<b>2,672,282</b>	<b>2,683,059</b>	<b>2,851,171</b>	<b>6.27%</b>
		<b>11.55%</b>		<b>0.40%</b>	<b>6.27%</b>

## BRAINTREE SCHOOL DISTRICT - REVENUE

Account Name	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Proposed	Under (Over)
<i>LOCAL TAXES:</i>					
Educational Above Block	369,477	473,279	0	0	0
<i>STATE REVENUES:</i>					
General State Support Grant	1,327,714	1,329,478	0	0	0
Homestead Property Tax	0	0	632,610	676,783	44,173
Non-Residential Property Tax	0	0	446,675	376,263	-70,412
State Grant for Tech Centers	0	0	93,432	85,198	-8,234
State Education Fund	297,614	364,250	1,062,544	1,242,533	179,989
State Transportation	25,459	22,585	24,675	25,450	775
Hold Harmless Capital Debt	0	4,198	0	0	0
Small Schools Grant	26,939	27,888	25,500	36,500	11,000
Total State Revenues	1,677,726	1,748,399	2,285,436	2,442,727	157,291
<i>SPECIAL ED:</i>					
Core Block Grant	65,242	70,052	68,047	67,725	-322
Special Ed Reimbursement	219,236	256,071	222,600	240,000	17,400
Extraordinary Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0
Essential Early Ed	6,837	8,897	10,876	8,619	-2,257
Special Ed Aide Reimb	12,878	13,660	0	0	0
Total Special Ed	304,193	348,680	301,523	316,344	14,821
<i>OTHER REVENUES:</i>					
Tuition	62,904	56,542	32,000	25,000	-7,000
Transportation	18,264	25,891	12,000	17,500	5,500
Interest	7,050	2,032	5,000	2,500	-2,500
Rental Income	375	300	100	100	0
Title I - Salary Reimb	25,472	35,625	25,000	25,000	0
Title II - Salary Reimb	23,354	23,895	22,000	22,000	0
Prior Year Refunds	540	0	0	0	0
Total Other Revenues:	137,959	144,284	96,100	92,100	-4,000
<i>BEGINNING BALANCE:</i>					
	-93,762	-42,360	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,395,594</b>	<b>2,672,282</b>	<b>2,683,059</b>	<b>2,851,171</b>	<b>168,112</b>

## BRAINTREE SCHOOL DISTRICT - EXPENDITURES

Account Name	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Proposed	Difference	% Inc/Dec
<b>INSTRUCTION:</b>						
Salaries	332,012	363,970	369,945	394,855	24,910	6.73%
Benefits	74,059	93,622	92,309	117,414	25,105	27.20%
Title I/Title II Services	57,251	62,027	67,474	63,392	-4,082	-6.05%
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT/Speech	4,347	65	4,500	5,700	1,200	26.67%
Contracted Services	2,740	2,842	2,000	1,000	-1,000	-50.00%
Staff Training	6,208	3,479	6,000	7,000	1,000	16.67%
Travel/Field Trips	2,057	1,185	2,800	3,300	500	17.86%
Supplies/Textbooks/Equip	24,314	21,771	28,900	29,200	300	1.04%
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>502,988</b>	<b>548,961</b>	<b>573,928</b>	<b>621,861</b>	<b>47,933</b>	<b>8.35%</b>
<b>SPECIAL PROGRAMS:</b>						
Salaries	101,045	128,844	132,969	162,650	29,681	22.32%
Benefits	23,025	27,645	25,520	39,019	13,499	52.90%
Contracted Services	2,835	5,639	8,000	0	-8,000	-100.00%
Transportation	11,456	28,237	12,150	26,800	14,650	120.58%
Supplies/Textbooks	1,384	1,321	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
Tuition	33,056	49,486	24,500	46,500	22,000	89.80%
Testing/Tutorial/OT-PT Svcs	46,192	29,115	33,500	29,000	-4,500	-13.43%
Speech Services	18,489	37,592	38,636	20,000	-18,636	-48.23%
<b>Total Special Programs</b>	<b>237,481</b>	<b>307,880</b>	<b>277,275</b>	<b>325,969</b>	<b>48,694</b>	<b>17.56%</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>						
Salaries	80,740	84,397	85,260	91,330	6,070	7.12%
Benefits	29,315	32,896	35,494	38,987	3,493	9.84%
Postage/Telephone	4,718	3,206	5,500	5,500	0	0.00%

Account Name	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Proposed	Difference	% Inc/Dec
Travel	536	776	500	500	0	0.00%
Supplies/Equipment	2,448	2,277	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>117,756</b>	<b>123,553</b>	<b>129,254</b>	<b>138,817</b>	<b>9,563</b>	<b>7.40%</b>
<b>SUPPORT SERVICES:</b>						
Guidance	16,131	12,213	12,723	13,475	752	5.91%
School Nurse	38,939	47,272	21,828	23,246	1,418	6.50%
Media Services	19,036	23,446	23,645	20,722	-2,923	-12.36%
Board of Education	5,925	9,157	7,460	7,915	455	6.01%
Legal Fees	6,164	854	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
Fiscal Services	10,792	8,965	11,122	11,429	307	2.76%
<b>Total Support Services</b>	<b>96,987</b>	<b>101,905</b>	<b>79,278</b>	<b>79,287</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.01%</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:</b>						
Salaries	24,383	25,724	24,560	27,575	3,015	12.28%
Benefits	14,059	15,882	17,325	19,096	1,771	10.22%
Contracted Svcs	16,833	35,173	23,700	24,595	895	3.78%
General Liability Insurance	3,415	4,252	4,785	4,400	-385	-8.05%
Utilities	20,308	20,367	22,500	24,870	2,370	10.53%
Supplies/Equipment	6,745	11,314	9,000	13,500	4,500	50.00%
<b>Total Maintenance</b>	<b>85,742</b>	<b>112,713</b>	<b>101,870</b>	<b>114,036</b>	<b>12,166</b>	<b>11.94%</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION:</b>						
Salaries	24,772	27,519	25,000	24,650	-350	-1.40%
Benefits	3,542	3,770	3,935	5,840	1,905	48.41%
Contracted Svcs/Rent	8,549	8,442	9,510	9,510	0	0.00%
Insurance	1,672	1,238	1,500	1,200	-300	-20.00%
Repairs/Supplies/Equip	4,634	2,772	4,075	5,475	1,400	34.36%
Diesel Fuel	2,674	9,051	4,000	8,500	4,500	112.51%

Account Name	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Proposed	Difference	% Inc/Dec
Vehicle Replacement	15,000	10,000	10,000	0	-10,000	-100.00%
<b>Total Transportation</b>	<b>60,843</b>	<b>62,792</b>	<b>58,020</b>	<b>55,175</b>	<b>-2,845</b>	<b>-4.90%</b>
SUP STAFF CONTINGENCY	0	0	18,205	0	-18,205	-100.00%
FOOD SERVICE TRANSFER	0	3,839	0	0	0	
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,101,797</b>	<b>1,261,642</b>	<b>1,237,830</b>	<b>1,335,145</b>	<b>97,315</b>	<b>7.86%</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES:</b>						
RUHS Special Ed Tuition	65,971	40,984	46,080	16,500	-29,580	-64.19%
RUHS Special Ed Transportation	9,206	3,790	1,320	0	-1,320	-100.00%
RUHS Special Ed Counseling	0	5,873	3,000	3,700	700	23.33%
Adult Ed Tuition	10,447	9,540	9,200	9,540	340	3.70%
Debt Service	65,540	62,880	60,180	57,440	-2,740	-4.55%
OSSU Admin/Sp Ed/EEE	54,844	60,133	66,664	66,000	-664	-1.00%
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>206,008</b>	<b>183,200</b>	<b>186,444</b>	<b>153,180</b>	<b>-33,264</b>	<b>-17.84%</b>
Technical Ed - Act 68 State	0	0	76,615	85,198	8,583	11.20%
Technical Ed - Local	37,572	47,624	67,095	71,788	4,693	6.99%
<b>Total Technical Education</b>	<b>37,572</b>	<b>47,624</b>	<b>143,710</b>	<b>156,986</b>	<b>13,276</b>	<b>9.24%</b>
<b>TOTAL VOTER APPROVAL</b>	<b>1,345,378</b>	<b>1,492,466</b>	<b>1,567,984</b>	<b>1,645,311</b>	<b>77,327</b>	<b>4.93%</b>
RUHS Regular Ed Assessment	924,771	1,010,011	948,766	1,011,749	62,983	6.64%
RUHS Special Ed Assessment	167,805	178,311	166,309	194,111	27,802	16.72%
Surplus/Deficit	-42,360	-8,507				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,395,594</b>	<b>2,672,282</b>	<b>2,683,059</b>	<b>2,851,171</b>	<b>168,112</b>	<b>6.27%</b>

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2002-03 ACTUAL	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 BUDGET	2005-06 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
<b>1 GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>REVENUE:</b>					
A. LOCAL TAXES	406,325	413,879 1.86%	452,936 9.44%	467,862 3.30%	14,926
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	106,199	111,578 5.07%	118,745 6.42%	123,151 3.71%	4,406
C. OTHER REVENUES	42,579	38,165 -10.37%	36,473 -4.43%	68,726 88.43%	32,253
D. BEGINNING BALANCE:	37,034	28,588	0	20,000	20,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>592,137</b>	<b>592,210</b> <b>0.01%</b>	<b>608,154</b> <b>2.69%</b>	<b>679,739</b> <b>11.77%</b>	<b>71,585</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
E. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE	193,246	192,671 -0.30%	215,875 12.04%	276,528 28.01%	60,653
F. C.A.R.	19,218	10,508 -45.32%	23,877 127.23%	26,377 10.47%	2,500
G. OTHER EXPENSES	93,952	89,679 -4.55%	83,450 -6.95%	79,750 -4.43%	-3,700
H. SPECIAL EDUCATION	109,531	115,316 5.28%	118,745 2.97%	123,151 3.71%	4,406
I. FISCAL SERVICES	147,603	157,353 6.61%	166,207 5.63%	173,933 4.65%	7,726
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>563,549</b>	<b>565,526</b>	<b>608,154</b>	<b>679,739</b>	<b>71,585</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>28,588</b>	<b>26,684</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>592,137</b>	<b>592,210</b> <b>0.01%</b>	<b>608,154</b> <b>2.69%</b>	<b>679,739</b> <b>11.77%</b>	<b>71,585</b>

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
REVENUE**

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>2002-03 Actual</b>	<b>2003-04 Actual</b>	<b>2004-05 Budget</b>	<b>2005-06 Budget</b>	<b>Balance Under (Over)</b>
<i>A. LOCAL TAXES</i>					
Assessment	406,325	413,879	452,936	467,862	14,926
<i>B. SPECIAL ED:</i>					
Assessments	106,199	111,578	118,745	123,151	4,406
<i>C. OTHER REVENUES:</i>					
Interest	9,925	5,263	9,200	5,500	-3,700
Transportation Salary Reimb	12,389	12,886	13,273	13,670	397
Technology Coord Reimb	0	0	0	32,556	32,556
Admin Svcs - EPSDT	2,500	3,000	0	0	0
Admin Svcs - Project Advance	1,476	0	0	0	0
Admin Svcs - VIP	11,016	11,016	11,000	11,000	0
Admin Svcs - Flo-Thru	3,000	6,000	3,000	6,000	3,000
Prior Year Refunds	2,273	0	0	0	0
Total Other Revenues:	42,579	38,165	36,473	68,726	32,253
<i>D. BEGINNING BALANCE:</i>					
	37,034	28,588	0	20,000	20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>592,137</b>	<b>592,210</b>	<b>608,154</b>	<b>679,739</b>	<b>71,585</b>

**ORANGE SOUTHWEST SUPERVISORY UNION  
EXPENDITURES**

Account Name	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Budget	2005-06 Budget	Balance Under (Over)
<i>E. SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE:</i>					
Salaries	146,822	152,181	167,920	208,505	40,585
Benefits	34,175	36,235	41,505	61,473	19,968
Contracted Services	9,745	3,290	4,750	4,850	100
Travel	2,504	964	1,700	1,700	0
Total Superintendent's Office	193,246	192,671	215,875	276,528	60,653
<i>F. C.A.R.</i>					
Salaries	12,046	9,677	16,660	19,160	2,500
Benefits	922	740	1,288	1,288	0
Travel/Conferences	6,196	0	3,605	3,605	0
Supplies	55	90	2,324	2,324	0
Total CAR	19,218	10,508	23,877	26,377	2,500
<i>G. OTHER EXPENSES:</i>					
Contracted Services	1,125	605	0	0	0
Criminal Records	2,925	3,030	3,000	3,000	0
Legal Fees	6,264	14,849	6,000	2,000	-4,000
Staff Development	368	445	2,000	2,000	0
Utilities	4,968	5,350	5,200	5,500	300
Rent/Maintenance	12,350	12,350	12,350	12,350	0
Repairs	7,054	3,838	7,000	7,000	0
Insurance	4,400	5,091	6,000	5,000	-1,000
Travel/Conferences	4,710	3,094	5,000	5,000	0
Supplies/Equipment	49,788	41,028	36,900	37,900	1,000
Total Other Expenses	93,952	89,679	83,450	79,750	-3,700
<i>H. SPECIAL EDUCATION:</i>					
Salaries	86,991	93,579	95,020	98,876	3,856
Benefits	14,066	17,407	18,900	19,450	550
Travel/Conferences	2,698	2,054	2,500	2,500	0
Supplies/Equipment	5,776	2,276	2,325	2,325	0
Total Special Education	109,531	115,316	118,745	123,151	4,406
<i>I. FISCAL SERVICES:</i>					
Salaries	105,659	111,021	115,275	118,683	3,408
Benefits	41,944	46,332	50,932	55,250	4,318
Contracted Svcs	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fiscal Services:	147,603	157,353	166,207	173,933	7,726
SUPLUS/DEFICIT	28,588	26,684			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>592,137</b>	<b>592,210</b>	<b>608,154</b>	<b>679,739</b>	<b>71,585</b>

**BRAINTREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS**

YEAR	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Kindergarten	18	13	15	12	12	10	17	10	18	10
Grade 1	19	17	11	21	16	17	14	17	10	17
Grade 2	27	18	22	8	15	11	19	18	15	11
Grade 3	20	23	17	20	8	16	15	18	15	20
Grade 4	20	18	22	15	22	10	21	12	21	12
Grade 5	17	23	20	22	19	25	10	21	12	21
Grade 6	21	17	23	18	24	25	25	12	20	12
TOTALS	142	129	130	116	116	114	121	108	111	103

**BRAINTREE SECONDARY POPULATION**

YEAR: GRADE	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05
7	23	21	27	21	21	22	26	22	9	17
8	22	22	22	26	26	23	24	23	22	11
9	18	20	23	23	22	25	22	25	23	22
10	19	17	26	19	22	22	23	22	24	23
11	14	20	19	20	22	21	20	22	16	21
12	14	12	19	17	17	19	19	17	24	18
TOTALS	110	112	136	126	130	132	134	131	118	112

**2004-2005 ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWN**

	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
RUHS	17	11	21	22	12	11	94
RAVC	0	0	0	1	9	6	16
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIP/CHALLENGER	0	1	0	0	1		2

## BIRTHS

NAME OF CHILD	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Cameron Matthew Kennedy	M	December 21, 2003	Brian Matthew Kennedy	Kathryn A. C. Conserva
Gianna Jolie Charland	F	February 15, 2004	James Edson Charland	Jessica Lynn Tibbetts
Angela Cantell Stevens	M	March 5, 2004	Richard L. Stevens, Jr.	Sofia Martinez Amador
McClaine Ashton Aplin	M	April 2, 2004	Adam Paul Tousignant	Kristen Anne Osgood
Skylar Real Gendron	M	April 12, 2004	Travis Real Gendron	Deanna Marie Hightower
Matthew Isahia Stevens	M	April 22, 2004		Shaline Marie Stevens
Ryan Kaden Ryll	M	June 17, 2004	Nathan Harrison Ryll	Sandra Jean Connelly Greene
Jordon James Lake	M	August 3, 2004		Jeanna JoAnn Lake
Troy Michael Flint	M	August 17, 2004	Matthew Gordon Flint	Leslie Marie D'Amico
Autumn Mae Smith	F	November 21, 2004	Eric Lloyd Smith	Kelly Mae Mears

## MARRIAGES

NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE	DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE
Travis Real Gendron	Braintree	Deanna Marie Hightower	Braintree	March 13, 2004	Braintree
Christopher Michael Mongeur	Braintree	Angela Jean Roderick	S. Royalton	April 17, 2004	Braintree
Reginald K. Mongeur II	Braintree	Allyssa Lyn Ashline	Randolph Ctr.	May 8, 2004	Randolph
Juergen Paul von Rutenberg	Berlin, Germany	Miranda Emily Robbins	Braintree	May 14, 2004	Braintree
Richard Paul Faude	Winston-Salem, NC	Pamela Ann Gray	Winston-Salem, NC	May 15, 2004	Randolph
Matthew Gordon Flint	Braintree	Leslie Marie D'Amico	Braintree	June 26, 2004	Braintree
Timothy O'Brien Caulfield	Oakland, CA	Linda Fuller Morse	Oakland, CA	July 1, 2004	Braintree
Richard Henry Spinks II	Braintree	Christina Noel Allen	Braintree	July 31, 2004	Braintree
Justin Matthew Babcock	Salem, MA	Kristyn Michelle Lane	Salem, MA	August 21, 2004	Braintree
Mitchell Henry Goad	Braintree	Toni-Rae Gray	Braintree	September 4, 2004	Randolph
Nathan H. Ryll	Braintree	Sandra Jean Greene	Braintree	September 11, 2004	Braintree
Sean David Chamberlin	Randolph	Shelley J. Miller	Braintree	September 16, 2004	Randolph

## DEATHS

NAME OF DECEDED	AGE	SEX	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	RESIDENCE
Martha M. Sumner	101	F	January 12, 2004	Barre	Braintree
Wallace E. Illsley	89	M	January 13, 2004	Berlin	Braintree
Gordon F. Joyce	91	M	January 16, 2004	Braintree	Braintree
Arline F. Kribstock	64	F	January 22, 2004	Randolph	Braintree
Elmer G. Archer, Jr.	69	M	February 29, 2004	Berlin	Braintree
Bernard N. Doty	62	M	April 17, 2004	Braintree	Braintree
Donald C. Dustin	79	M	May 29, 2004	Braintree	Braintree
Ruth E. Ahearn	80	F	June 3, 2004	Burlington	Braintree
Wayne C. Keyes	81	M	June 16, 2004	Braintree	Braintree
Frank O. Bradley	75	M	July 20, 2004	Braintree	Braintree
Bessie L. Huntley	83	F	September 16, 2004	Randolph	Braintree
Robert D. Ferris	81	M	September 20, 2004	Randolph	Braintree

## BURIALS

NAME OF DECEDED	AGE	SEX	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL
Mary Cassidy	80	F	December 28, 2003	Randolph	East Braintree
Wallace E. Illsley	89	M	January 13, 2004	Berlin	East Braintree
John J. Messier	71	M	March 6, 2004	Lebanon, NH	East Braintree
Richard A. Menard	68	M	January 6, 2004	White River Jct.	East Braintree
Donald C. Dustin	79	M	May 29, 2004	Braintree	Braintree Hill
Frederick L. Kunkle	65	M	December 13, 2003	Schenectady, NY	Lower Branch
Frank O. Bradley	75	M	July 20, 2004	Braintree	Mountain View
Robert D. Ferris	81	M	September 20, 2004	Randolph	Mountain View
Evelyn Chadwick	86	F	July 12, 2004	Northampton, MA	East Braintree

## BRAINTREE COAL KILNS

During the eighteenth century the making of charcoal was a flourishing business in New England. It was a necessary source of energy, used to run trains, iron forges, mills, etc. There were many kilns built around this area at that time, three of them in Braintree.

The kilns were dome-shaped structures that looked like huge old-fashioned bee hives, made of bricks, each with a steel door. Before brick was used, deep pits were dug into the ground in which wood was stacked to form a cone, then covered with dirt. Four-foot hardwood sticks were piled in these furnaces and burned into charcoal.

Some kilns could hold 80-90 cords of wood, stacked in layers, leaving a small tunnel through the center for an air vent where it could be lighted. It took about 10-12 days for a "burn" and a week to cool. Usually three kilns were built together, one being filled, one burning, and one cooling at the same time. It took a week to stack and fill one, and a week to cool.

About the nineteenth century, with the coming of Appalachian coal and imported oil, the need for charcoal was eliminated. Today it is used mainly for hibachis and grills.

All of these great beehive-like kilns are gone now, having either deteriorated, or been raided for their bricks for chimneys or other household uses.

In March 1861, Lucius Webb came to Braintree from Massachusetts with his family, where he had made charcoal for years. He built three brick kilns in the small field to the right of Thresher Road, just before you cross the railroad. This area was ideal for loading the charcoal onto trains.

The kilns were round, about 12-14 feet high and 75 feet in diameter. They held about 75 cords of four-foot wood. Heavy iron bands reinforced the walls. A door was left open at the bottom, large enough to admit a horse-drawn cart. As the lower area was filled a small tunnel was left that extended on the ground from the door to the back wall, for lighting the wood. There was a ramp going up the outside which allowed wood to be drawn to the top of the kiln by a horse-drawn cart. A hole at the top allowed the top of the dome to be filled.

When the kiln was filled it was sealed and ready. Birch bark and other combustible material was pushed into the tunnel and the fire started. As soon as the wood began to burn the steel door was closed, and vents in the wall were used to control the burning process. The color of the smoke indicated if the burning was okay. Too much air meant ashes, and a ruined kiln. A close watch was kept on the kiln both night and day.

When the burn and cooling were finished, large, flat baskets, made expressly for this purpose, were used to load the charcoal, by hand, onto the train.

Webb's kilns were still standing in 1883.

As wood near the Braintree kilns became scarce, another source was needed. About 1865 Webb bought a large tract of land in Roxbury and Granville. A small settlement soon developed around the falls, named Sandusky. Webb built a big house there, which burned in 1967.

There was a sawmill with a large overshot wheel on the brook above the mill, two log-crib dams with a flume that led water to the top of the wheel and an open ditch that led the water back to the brook. This saw mill, with its up-and-down saw, was still in use in 1878.

The wood for charcoal was cut into four-foot lengths, stacked near the kilns, and stored in large sheds to season. The Sandusky kilns closed in 1883. Later these sheds were used to store wood for the trains that stopped to refuel.

Webb lived in Braintree until 1865, when he moved to Sandusky, leaving Lucius Jr., then 18, to operate the Braintree kilns, which he did for two years.

My dad, Perkins Flint, told me a story about Lucius Webb Jr. In those days, when boys went to high school they had to dress in a suit and tie. One day for a joke Lucius Jr. and another boy went to school dressed in overalls and boots. They were suspended.

When Lucius Sr. found out about it, he told his son that if he didn't want to go to school and behave, he had a place for him. He sent him up on the mountain with the loggers, to cut logs, where overalls and boots were acceptable.

Katherine Flint DuClos

***Town Clerk's Office Hours:***

Tuesday	8:00 - 12:00	1:00 - 5:00
Wednesday	8:00 - 12:00	1:00 - 5:00
Thursday	8:00 - 12:00	1:00 - 5:00

braintreetownclerk@adelphia.net

***Selectboard Meetings:***

1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month at 6:00 PM  
at the Town Office.  
braintreevt@adelphia.net

***School Directors Meetings:***

3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM  
at the Braintree School.

***Planning Board Meetings:***

2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM  
at the Town Office.

**TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

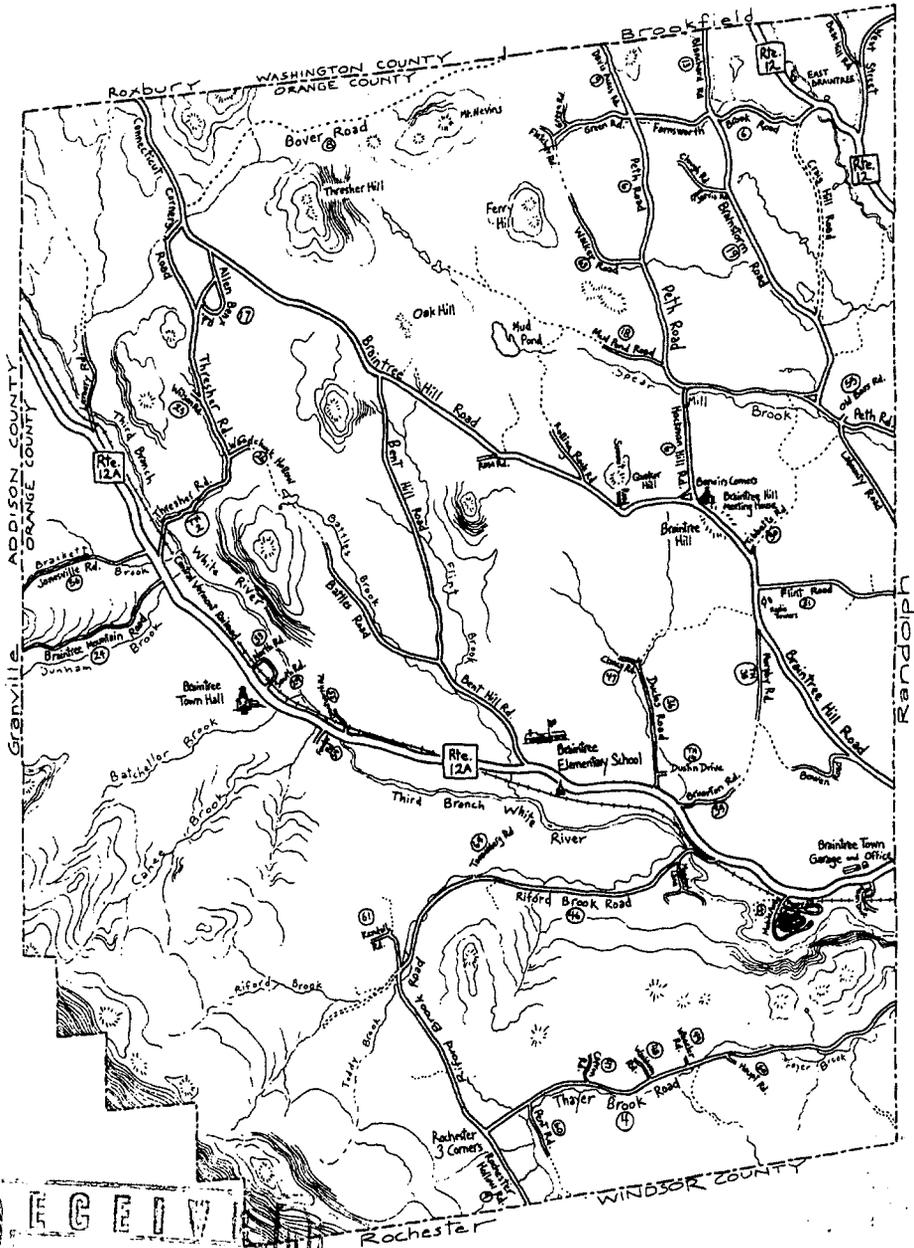
Town Clerk/Town Office	728-9787
Town Garage	728-9380
Braintree Elementary School	728-9373
	728-9429
Randolph Union High School	728-3397
Randolph Area Vocational Center	728-9595
Superintendent's Office	728-5052
Zoning Administrator	728-5460

**EMERGENCY — DIAL 911**

Fire Department	728-3322
Ambulance	234-6800
State Police	234-9933
Fire Warden	728-9790

**LEGISLATORS**

Sen. Mark MacDonald	433-5867
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Rep. Jim Hutchinson	728-5294



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