

TOWN of ST. GEORGE
VERMONT
March 2004

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Annual Report
Fiscal Year

July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

Please bring this copy to the Annual Meeting.

***NOTE:**

MEETING AT VERMONT WARE BUILDING, MARCH 2, 2004

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WARNING
St. George School District
SPECIAL MEETING
March 2, 2004

The legal voters of the St. George School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the St. George Town Office on March 2, 2004, to vote by Australian Ballot between the hours of 9:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, upon the following article of business:

ARTICLE I: Shall the voters of the St. George School District vote to establish the Lake Champlain Regional Technical School District as described in the Governance Planning Committee Report approved by the State Board of Education, a copy of which is on file in the St. George Clerk's Office?

Said voters and persons warned, are further notified that voter qualification, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

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

Sally Dye
School Director

School Director

Kellie Boserup
School Director

School Director

Michaela S. Wallace
School Director

Received for record and recorded prior to posting this 27th day of January, 2004.

Shirley Vaux
Shirley Vaux, St. George Town Clerk

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CHITTENDEN COUNTY BOND VOTE

MARCH 2, 2004

ARTICLE I

Shall general obligation bonds of Chittenden County in an amount not to exceed One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000), subject to reduction from available state and federal construction grants-in-aid, be issued for the purpose of financing the cost of certain public improvements, namely: Chittenden County Court House exterior and structural repairs, heating and ventilation system replacements and grounds reconstruction, all at an aggregate estimated cost of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000)?

If in favor of the proposition,
make a cross (x) in this square:

If opposed to the proposition,
make a cross (x) in this square:



COUNTY COURTHOUSE
P.O. BOX 187
175 MAIN STREET
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
05402

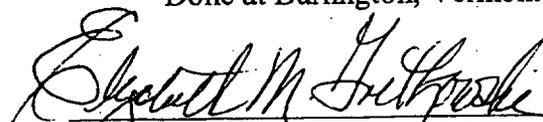
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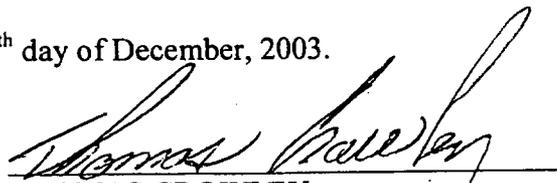
Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. secs. 81(a) and 82(b), notice is hereby given that the Assistant Judges of Chittenden County have completed preliminary plans and cost estimates for the construction of certain capital improvements to the Chittenden County Courthouse located on Main Street in the City of Burlington.

Summaries of such plans and estimates have been delivered to the Clerks of each city and town within the County for inspection and copying by any person during normal business hours. In addition, detailed plans and estimates are available for inspection and copying at the office of the Chittenden County Clerk, Chittenden County Courthouse, 175 Main Street, Burlington, Vermont.

The Assistant Judges of Chittenden County intend to submit a proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness for the financing of such capital improvements to the registered voters of Chittenden County at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2004. The cost of such capital improvements is estimated to be One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000), to be financed by general obligation bonds of the County in such amount, subject to reduction from available state and federal construction grants-in-aid, such bonded indebtedness to be paid by taxes assessed upon the equalized grand list of the County.

Done at Burlington, Vermont this 16th day of December, 2003.


ELIZABETH M. GRETKOWSKI
ASSISTANT JUDGE


THOMAS CROWLEY
ASSISTANT JUDGE

ELECTED OFFICERS 2003

MODERATORS

Sarah Tischler
Tom Carlson

General Town Meeting
School Meeting

TOWN CLERK & TREASURER

Shirley Vaux

Expires 2006

SELECTBOARD

Philip Beliveau
Fred Erdman
Thomas Carlson

Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2004

LISTERS

Laurie Walker
Fred Erdman
Jean Ankeney

Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2004

AUDITORS

vacant
Mary Ann Clark
Phil Goodman

Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2004

SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Sally Dye
Kellie Bosenberg
Micheala Wallace

Term Expires 2004
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2005

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Jean Ankeney
Mary Alice Favro
Jan Hickson

Term Expires 2005
Term Expires 2004
Term Expires 2006

CONSTABLE

Vacant

**AGENT TO PROSECUTE
AND DEFEND SUITS**

Vacant

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Philip Beliveau
Kelly Lyon
Judith Pillsbury
Shirley Vaux
Susan Williams

TOWN GRAND JUROR

Vacant

APPOINTED OFFICERS 2003

Town Service Officer	Jean Ankeney
Civil Defense	Jean Ankeney
CCRP Representative	Wendy Goodrich
Delinquent Tax Collector	Richard Ward
Driveway Permit Officer	Richard Ward
Fence Viewer	Richard Ward
Fire Warden	Ray Berard
Green Up Chairperson	Mary Alice Favro
Health Officer	Richard Ward
Animal Control Officer	Selectboard
Lake Iroquois Representative	Phil Gingrow
Road Commissioner	Thomas Carlson
Tree Warden	Ray Berard
Zoning Administrator	Richard Ward
Assessor	Spencer Potter
CCMPO	Phil Beliveau

Planning Commission/Review Board

Phil Goodman	Term Expires	2006
Tom D'Urso	Term Expires	2006
Mike McHenry	Term Expires	2004
Stephen Faust	Term Expires	2004
Wendy Goodrich	Term Expires	2005
Roland Paronto	Term Expires	2006
Daniel Pillsbury	Term Expires	2005

SELECTBOARD REPORT MARCH 2004

Aside from responding to permit requests and a lawsuit against the Town brought by the disappointed cellular telephone company that wanted to expand use of the Mt. Pritchard tower, this has been a business as usual sort of year. Fortunately, the lawsuit could be settled at minimal expense to the Town, with a reasonable exchange of additional height for a diminished profile by way of removal of some of the existing old antenna dishes. The real battle was waged in the Development Review Board, which wrestled with a much more difficult proposal from radio station WIZN to install its primary broadcast transmitter on the tower. After careful and extended review, the board rejected the proposal and WIZN chose not to appeal the decision. The DRB deserves our thanks for hard work and willingness to tackle a really tough situation.

Another development that began to surface again this year is a convenience store at the Town Center. The Handy family owns the front lot on Rte. 2A, and has hired a consultant to look into whether the site will work for a convenience store. The primary obstacle appears to be a high septic system capacity required by state regulations (it would take about 20% of the total capacity in the existing system). The Board has offered the Handy's some alternative ways of providing them the septic capacity they would need, but have not had a recent response. The Board hopes to hear from the Handys this next year. Other developments on Route 2A include a 4 lot residential subdivision project across from Shirley Vaux's home on Route 2A, and an expansion of the Goosecreek Farm stand to include dealership display and sales of outdoor furnace units and a variety of tractors. We think there will be more permit requests to come before the DRB in the not so distant future, and there will shortly be a vacancy on the board due to the retirement of Phil Goodman. We welcome anyone's interest in serving. We want to thank Phil Goodman for many years of conscientious service, including the past few years as "temporary" secretary. We are going to miss Phil and Barbara when they move to Wake Robin later this year. They have been wise and positive citizens.

The Selectboard has been glad to have its new member, Fred Erdman. Fred is an accountant and has quickly jumped into our continuing effort to modernize the town's accounting system. Fred is working with Shirley and the accounting firm that does our annual review. You will see a proposal in the warning that we no longer elect auditors. That role has been essentially replaced by annual accountant reviews, and we may be able to simplify things a little that way.

You will see two proposals in the warning for a study committees: one to look at Town maintenance of what are now privately maintained roads in St. George Estates, Rocky Ridge Estates, The Forest, the Martel subdivision and the Mt. Pritchard subdivision; and the other to consider construction of another multipurpose Town building on the Town Center property. The Board is not advocating that either project happen in the near future, but is suggesting we consider forming committees to look at the issues that would arise and whether either idea makes any sense. The new building could include a small basketball court, space for the computer resource center now being installed in the Town offices by the school board, other afterschool activities, and of course Town Meeting. We are lucky to be able to hold our meeting at Vermont Ware again this year, but it was a close call. We are hoping that a group of people will come forward to look at each of these projects and come back with a recommendation to the Selectboard and the Town.

Please know you are always welcome at our monthly meetings, usually on the third Thursday evening each month at 7 pm.

Tom Carlson, Phil Beliveau and Fred Erdman

TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of St. George, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the offices of Vermont Ware at the St. George Town Center on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. to transact the following:

- Article 1.* To elect a moderator.
- Article 2.* To elect a Selectperson for a term of three years.
- Article 3.* To elect a Lister for a term of three years.
- Article 4.* To elect an Auditor for a term of three years.
- Article 5.* To elect an Auditor for a term of one year.
- Article 6.* To elect a collector of delinquent taxes.
- Article 7.* To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years.
- Article 8.* To authorize the Town Clerk to approve additions to the voter checklist pursuant to Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 21 44(b).
- Article 9.* To authorize the Selectboard to sell one or both of the remaining unsold permitted lots in the Town Center subdivision for such amounts and for such purposes as the Selectboard may determine in its discretion, provided that all proceeds thereof shall be held in a special account segregated from the general fund and available for expenditure only upon majority vote of the legal voters of the Town at a regular or special Town meeting.
- Article 10.* To authorize collection of personal and real estate taxes as provided by law and as set forth below:
 - a. Taxes to be collected one-half October 1, 2004 and one-half or balance April 1, 2005
 - b. Interest to be charged on unpaid taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month (or fraction thereof) for the first three months and one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month for late payments more than three months from due date.
 - c. In addition to interest, a penalty of eight percent (8%) of the tax bill shall be imposed for any late payment. (Please

note that postmark date is not acceptable for payment of taxes, and that taxpayers are still responsible for insuring that taxes are paid from mortgage escrow accounts.)

- d. A service charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds.

Article 11. To authorize the imposition of property taxes necessary to raise the funds to satisfy the Town budget as warned or as may be amended at Town meeting.

Article 12. To authorize the Selectboard to form a committee to study construction of a multi-use Town building on the Town Center property, utilizing all or part of the remaining proceeds of prior sales of lots in the Town Center subdivision and the proceeds of any future sales of the remaining unsold lots.

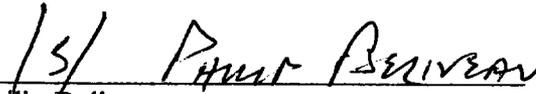
Article 13. To authorize the Selectboard to form a committee to study Town maintenance of roads now privately maintained but serving five or more homes.

Article 14. To transact any other business properly brought before the meeting.

Dated at St. George, Vermont this 15th day of January 2004



Tom Carlson



Philip Beliveau



Fred Erdman

**TOWN OF ST. GEORGE
MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

	<u>Jul '02 - Jun '03</u>		<u>Jul '03 - Jun '04</u>	<u>Proposed Jul '04 - Jun '05</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
10100 · Interest - MM	1,007.53	0	2,400.00	500.00
10200 · Interest - CD	2,596.87	0	1,500.00	1,100.00
10500 · Fees	7,626.75	0	5,000.00	7,000.00
10520 · Highway State Aid	11,593.14	0	2,500.00	3,000.00
10530 · Fines	7,510.30	0	5,000.00	5,000.00
10540 · Truck permits	45.00	0	45.00	50.00
10555 · St. of VT Reappraisal	2,233.00	0	0	0
11000 · Dog licenses	156.00	0	130.00	130.00
11100 · Liquor licenses	100.00	0	100.00	100.00
11300 · Zoning permits	992.07	0	500.00	600.00
11400 · Trailer park licenses	655.00	0	655.00	655.00
16490 · State of VT - Current Use	890.00	0	1,300.00	1,200.00
Prior year taxes	0	0	0	5,000.00
Prior year penalties	0	0	0	500.00
17999 · Miscellaneous income	1,072.63	0	0	0
Total Income	36,478.29	0	19,130.00	24,835.00
Expense				
20100 · Clerk's salary	7,756.00	7,750.00	7,750.00	7,750.00
20200 · Treasurer's salary	5,243.96	5,250.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
20300 · Payroll taxes	1,392.82	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
20400 · Selectboard expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
20550 · Lister's services	4,579.92	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,580.00
20630 · Gifts to schools	2,000.00	0	0	0
20700 · Animal control officer	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
20750 · Delinquent tax coll.	1,274.88	0	0	0
20800 · Zoning administrator	2,750.04	2,750.00	3,000.00	2,750.00
20850 · Road Commissioner	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
20900 · Secretarial	933.00	500.00	500.00	100.00
21100 · Training	80.00	1,200.00	600.00	100.00
22200 · Telephone	775.87	1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00
22250 · Copier maintenance	2,904.55	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
22350 · Postage	245.65	500.00	500.00	400.00
22360 · Binding	0	300.00	0	0
22400 · Supplies	1,840.02	1,500.00	1,700.00	2,000.00
22425 · Rubbish removal	241.00	300.00	200.00	250.00
22450 · Miscellaneous	398.72	0	50.00	150.00
22500 · Computer/support	1,895.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	250.00
22550 · Office Equipment	3,273.38	200.00	2,500.00	500.00
22600 · Electricity - office	1,260.26	1,300.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
22610 · Mortgage interest	1,958.29	0	2,000.00	2,000.00
22625 · Water testing	3,240.00	2,500.00	1,200.00	2,000.00
22650 · Fuel	1,037.66	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
22680 · Audit/Compilation	0	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00

**TOWN OF ST. GEORGE
MUNICIPAL BUDGET AND ACTUAL**

	<u>Jul '02 - Jun '03</u>		<u>Jul '03 - Jun '04</u>	<u>Jul '04 - Jun '05</u>
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
22800 · Election/Town Meeting				
22825 · Printing	969.71	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
22850 · Rent	300.00	300.00	600.00	300.00
23400 · Maintenance - Town building	5,585.62	500.00	9,000.00	4,000.00
23650 · Mowing	1,860.00	1,500.00	1,700.00	1,800.00
23700 · Mowing - cemetery	1,235.00	4,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
24000 · Insurance				
24100 · Workmen's comp.	218.00	250.00	300.00	250.00
24150 · Unemployment	150.00	200.00	300.00	200.00
24200 · Bonding	0	225.00	225.00	0
24250 · Public officials	567.00	750.00	500.00	900.00
24300 · Comprehensive	1,114.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,600.00
24600 · Attorney fees	2,281.35	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
24700 · Notices	99.20	500.00	200.00	200.00
26500 · Dues & assessments				
26510 · CCRP	339.00	339.46	400.00	330.00
26520 · Greenup	0	50.00	50.00	50.00
26530 · County treasurer	2,740.80	2,200.00	2,200.00	3,000.00
26540 · Lake Iroquois	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
26541 · Lake Iroquois gift	0	0	0	1,000.00
26550 · Office on aging	500.00	500.00	600.00	500.00
26565 · C.C. Met. Plan Org.	234.00	253.00	273.00	250.00
26580 · VLCT	674.08	660.00	534.00	750.00
26590 · V.C.I.L.	100.00	100.00	50.00	100.00
26600 · Summer programs	0	350.00	0	0
26850 · VNA	189.00	189.00	750.00	800.00
26860 · Cots	1,000.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
26870 · GBIC	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
26890 · Dorothy Alling Library	750.00	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
26891 · Hinesburg Library	0	0	0	500.00
27000 · Fire & Rescue				
27100 · Hinesburg Fire Dept.	11,394.00	11,394.00	12,500.00	14,460.00
27300 · St. Micheal's Rescue	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
27301 · Chitt. Unit for Special Investigation	0	0	0	1,000.00
27600 · Road repair/maintenance	5,484.30	2,500.00	10,000.00	7,000.00
27700 · Plowing and sanding	7,978.84	7,500.00	7,500.00	9,000.00
Total Expense	93,444.92	82,560.46	96,582.00	93,420.00
Net Income	(56,966.63)	(82,560.46)	(77,452.00)	(68,585.00)

WARNING

**ST. GEORGE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

MARCH 2, 2004

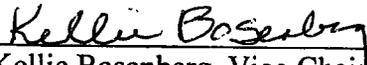
The legal voters of the St. George Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vermont Ware Building in St. George on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. to act upon the following articles:

- ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator.
- ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.
- ARTICLE III: To authorize the Board of School Directors to pay tuition and transportation expenses for resident students in grades 9-12 in conformance with the Vermont Statutes and consistent with those policies duly adopted by the Board.
- ARTICLE IV: To have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$1,790,889.00 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.
- ARTICLE V: To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow and spend money to meet unanticipated expenses for the education of St. George students.
- ARTICLE VI: To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year.
- ARTICLE VII: To elect one School Director for a term of three (3) years that begins March, 2004 and expires March, 2007.
- ARTICLE VIII: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting.

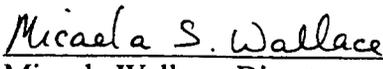
Dated this 28 day of January, 2004.



Sally Dye, Chair

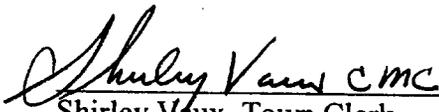


Kellie Bosenberg, Vice Chair



Micaela Wallace, Director

Received for posting and recorded prior to posting this 29 day of January, 2004.



Shirley Vaux, Town Clerk

ST. GEORGE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REPORT

Town Meeting 2004

Dear Citizens of St. George:

At our last Town Meeting, March 2003, the voters of St. George authorized the "Board of School Directors, for a minimum term of ten (10) years, and thereafter until such authorization is rescinded by the voters to pay tuition and transportation expenses for resident students in kindergarten through grade 8..." (article IV, St. George Town School District Annual Meeting, March 4, 2003). Following last Town Meeting Day, the St. George and Williston School Boards entered into a long-term contract.

The following are the main points of the contract (which were previously presented to the St. George community in last years school directors report and at Town Meeting):

- 1) The minimum term of the contract is 10 years.
- 2) Three years notice is required prior to non-renewal of the contract.
- 3) All St. George students would eventually be part of the Williston K-8 program.
- 4) Upon any termination of the contract, currently enrolled students will be entitled to complete their educational program in Williston. Siblings of such students will also be entitled to enroll in Williston provided they are born before the date of termination of the contract.
- 5) St. George may continue to pay tuition for students currently enrolled elsewhere and for the siblings of such students, if the sibling enrolls while current student is also enrolled.
- 6) St. George will continue to pay tuition, debt service, transportation and special education costs for all students attending Williston.

Since finalizing this long-term contract, the Board has focused our efforts in other areas.

◆ **Computer Lab:** Micaela Wallace has spearheaded this effort and recruited Charlie Wilson for his technical expertise. Our supervisory union was also very helpful in handling the purchase of equipment both ensuring the appropriate equipment was selected and shopping for the best price. Finally, the after school component of this lab would not be possible without Deb Arnold volunteering her time to recruit and coordinate the adult volunteers. Please see her if you are willing to volunteer a few hours of your time once per month to supervise, assist with homework and play board games with a small group of students in the lab. (No computer experience is needed. The kids are already way ahead of most of us.) This after school program will only succeed with the help of our community members. It is our hopes to begin by making the computer lab available to students two afternoons per week and to eventually expand this based on the desire and willingness of volunteers. The lab would also be available to adults in the AM when the Town Offices are open.

◆ Advisor to Williston School Board: With the signing of the long-term contract, the Williston School Board has permitted a member of the St. George School Board to attend their meetings in an advisory capacity. Kellie Bosenberg has served this role and attended countless Williston School Board meetings. We feel this is a good way to keep the St. George community informed of what is happening in the school that the majority of their students attend as well as a great way for the St. George Board to lend a helping hand to the Williston Board.

◆ CSSU (Chittenden South Supervisory Union) Board: The CSSU Board is made up of members from each of the local school boards (CVU-3, Charlotte-3, Hinesburg-3, St. George-1, Shelburne-3 and Williston-3). Sally Dye serves on the CSSU Board for St. George. Over the past year there has been extensive dialogue amongst CSSU Board members, local board members, CSSU leadership (superintendent, associate superintendent, chief operations officer, finance director, curriculum director, technology director etc.) and school principals on how best to achieve efficiency, coordination, and consolidation of services with the ultimate goal being to advance student learning. These conversations have led board members, CSSU leaders and principals to better define roles and responsibilities as well as target areas to focus on. The targeted focus areas include: curriculum, assessment, action planning, professional development, instructional supervision & evaluation, student support services, human resources, budget/finance, technology services, facility planning & management, food services, transportation, and board relations.

Turning to the proposed 2004-05 school budget, it represents an increase of approximately 1.45% over last year's school budget and an anticipated equalized school tax rate of \$1.617. Last year's anticipated equalized tax rate was \$2.022.

For an overview of our student population, and their distribution among the grade levels and various schools, please see the Schedule of Student Enrollment that follows this report.

τ TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS τ

If you have a child attending any elementary or secondary school that does not provide transportation, St. George will reimburse you an approved amount for the transportation of a child to school during the academic year.

FOR THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR:

τ SEND A *WRITTEN* REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

τ NO LATER THAN MAY 28, 2004 (Requests received after May 28 cannot be paid)

τ TO: Mr. Bob Mason

CSSU

5420 Shelburne Road, Suite 300

Shelburne, Vermont 05482

Thank you for the opportunity to work on behalf of our students, families, and citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Dye, Chair, Kellie Bosenberg, Micaela Wallace

St. George School District
2004-2005 Proposed Budget

FUNCTION OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	2001-2002 ADOPTED BUDGET	2002-2003 ADOPTED BUDGET	2003-2004 ADOPTED BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED BUDGET	VARIANCE
1100	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM</u>					
1100 561	Kindergarten Tuition - Williston	\$ 38,120	\$ 22,632	\$ 40,690	\$ 27,769	\$ (12,921)
1100 561	Kindergarten Tuition - Hinesburg	\$ -	\$ 3,450	\$ 4,076	\$ 4,575	\$ 499
1100 561	Elementary Tuition (Gr 1-8) - Williston	\$ 625,086	\$ 588,432	\$ 577,798	\$ 539,512	\$ (38,286)
1100 561	Elementary Tuition (Gr 1-6) - Waldorf	\$ 18,084	\$ 12,288	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1100 561	Elementary Tuition (Gr 7-8) - Waldorf	\$ 14,026	\$ 14,776	\$ 15,682	\$ 15,860	\$ 178
1100 561	Elementary Tuition (Gr 1-8) - Shelburne	\$ 32,500	\$ 28,400	\$ 29,800	\$ 24,600	\$ (5,200)
1100 561	Elementary Tuition (Gr 1-8) - Hinesburg	\$ 52,000	\$ 62,100	\$ 81,510	\$ 45,750	\$ (35,760)
1100 561	Elementary Tuition (Gr 1-8) - SB Elem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1100 561	Elementary Tuition (Gr 6-8) - SB Middle	\$ 15,808	\$ 8,354	\$ 7,410	\$ -	\$ (7,410)
1100 561	Elementary Tuition (Gr 1-8) - Schoolhouse	\$ 6,028	\$ 6,144	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1100 561	Elementary Tuition (Gr 1-8) - Essex	\$ 7,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1100 561	Secondary Tuition - CVU	\$ 325,600	\$ 370,500	\$ 401,100	\$ 388,125	\$ (12,975)
1100 561	Secondary Tuition - South Burlington	\$ 16,384	\$ 26,052	\$ 36,972	\$ 40,668	\$ 3,696
1100 561	Secondary Tuition - Essex Voc-Tech	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1100 561	Secondary Tuition - American School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1100 561	Secondary Tuition - Gailer	\$ 64,854	\$ 61,720	\$ 24,318	\$ 9,101	\$ (15,217)
1100 561	Secondary Tuition - (Gr 9-12) Waldorf	\$ -	\$ 7,715	\$ 16,212	\$ 18,202	\$ 1,990
1100 561	Secondary Tuition - Taft	\$ 7,206	\$ 7,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1100 561	Secondary Tuition - Vermont Commons	\$ 14,412	\$ 23,145	\$ 16,212	\$ 27,303	\$ 11,091
1100 561	Secondary Tuition - Holderness	\$ 7,206	\$ 7,715	\$ 16,212	\$ 9,101	\$ (7,111)
	<u>1100 Totals - Instructional Program</u>	<u>\$ 1,244,514</u>	<u>\$ 1,251,138</u>	<u>\$ 1,267,992</u>	<u>\$ 1,150,566</u>	<u>\$ (117,426)</u>
1210	<u>SPECIAL EDUCATION</u>					
1210 561	Program Costs - Williston	\$ 100,000	\$ 240,677	\$ 240,000	\$ 298,641	\$ 58,641
1210 561	Program Costs - CVU				\$ 126,819	\$ 126,819
1210 561	Program Costs - Hinesburg				\$ 18,481	\$ 18,481
1210 561	Excess Costs - Williston	\$ 154,550	\$ 64,156	\$ 77,092	\$ 50,000	\$ (27,092)
1210 561	Excess Costs - CVU	\$ -	\$ 74,759	\$ 62,500	\$ 25,000	\$ (37,500)
	<u>1210 Totals - Special Education</u>	<u>\$ 254,550</u>	<u>\$ 379,592</u>	<u>\$ 379,592</u>	<u>\$ 518,941</u>	<u>\$ 139,349</u>
1215	<u>EARLY ESSENTIAL ED PROGRAM</u>					
1215 561	EEE Costs Reimb. To Williston	\$ 11,603	\$ 8,130	\$ 9,250	\$ 14,124	\$ 4,874
1215 561	EEE Costs Reimb. To Hinesburg				\$ 7,513	\$ 7,513
	<u>1215 Totals - EEE</u>	<u>\$ 11,603</u>	<u>\$ 8,130</u>	<u>\$ 9,250</u>	<u>\$ 21,637</u>	<u>\$ 12,387</u>
1300	<u>VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL CENTERS</u>					
1300 561	Tuition to Burlington Technical Center	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,450	\$ 738	\$ (5,712)
1300 561	Tuition to Essex Technical Center	\$ 11,200	\$ 6,903	\$ 6,450	\$ 5,092	\$ (1,358)
	<u>1300 Totals - Voc-Tech Centers</u>	<u>\$ 11,200</u>	<u>\$ 6,903</u>	<u>\$ 12,900</u>	<u>\$ 5,830</u>	<u>\$ (7,070)</u>
1410	<u>CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS</u>					
1410 561	Education/Enrichment & Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
	<u>1410 Totals - Co-Curricular Totals</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

St. George School District
2004-2005 Proposed Budget

FUNCTION	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	2001-2002 ADOPTED BUDGET	2002-2003 ADOPTED BUDGET	2003-2004 ADOPTED BUDGET	2004-2005 PROPOSED BUDGET	VARIANCE
2310		<u>BOARD of EDUCATION</u>					
2310	118	Director's Expense	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
2310	310	Consulting Services	\$ 50,000	\$ 30,245	\$ 260	\$ -	\$ (260)
2310	330	Legal Expenses	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
2310	340	Audit Expense	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,300	\$ 200
2310	522	Board Liability Insurance	\$ 660	\$ 679	\$ 1,002	\$ 605	\$ (397)
2310	523	Fidelity Bond Insurance	\$ 269	\$ 287	\$ 637	\$ 899	\$ 262
2310	550	Newsletter	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
2310	550	Public Relations	\$ 800	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ -
2310	812	Dues & Fees	\$ 250	\$ 275	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
2310	890	Miscellaneous	\$ 210	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -
		<u>2310 Totals - Board of Education</u>	<u>\$ 54,882</u>	<u>\$ 35,336</u>	<u>\$ 6,099</u>	<u>\$ 5,904</u>	<u>\$ (195)</u>
2320		<u>EXECUTIVE ADMIN. SERVICES</u>					
2320	331	CSSU Assessment-Exec. Adm.	\$ 125	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -
		<u>2320 Totals - Exec. Adm. Svcs</u>	<u>\$ 125</u>	<u>\$ 7,500</u>	<u>\$ 7,500</u>	<u>\$ 7,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
2520		<u>FISCAL SERVICES</u>					
2520	331	CSSU Assessment	\$ 9,373	\$ 9,645	\$ 8,885	\$ 11,415	\$ 2,530
		<u>2520 Totals - Fiscal Services</u>	<u>\$ 9,373</u>	<u>\$ 9,645</u>	<u>\$ 8,885</u>	<u>\$ 11,415</u>	<u>\$ 2,530</u>
2711		<u>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - Resident Students</u>					
2711	513	Contracted Service to reimb. Williston	\$ 22,936	\$ 23,856	\$ 27,540	\$ 22,411	\$ (5,129)
2711	513	Reimbursement of Transp. Costs (Others)	\$ 3,660	\$ 4,260	\$ 5,100	\$ 4,912	\$ (188)
2711	513	Contracted Service to reimb. CVU	\$ 14,350	\$ 14,760	\$ 16,555	\$ 17,705	\$ 1,150
2711	513	Reimbursement of Transp. Costs (Others)	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,880	\$ 4,235	\$ 4,328	\$ 93
2711	513	Education/Enrichment & Transportation	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		<u>2711 Totals - Transportation</u>	<u>\$ 43,746</u>	<u>\$ 60,756</u>	<u>\$ 53,430</u>	<u>\$ 49,356</u>	<u>\$ (4,074)</u>
		<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>\$ 1,630,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,759,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,760,648</u>	<u>\$ 1,786,149</u>	<u>\$ 25,501</u> 1.45%

Schedule of Student Enrollment

**St. George School District
Kindergarten, Grades 1-12, and EEE**

Kindergarten and EEE	2002-03 Estimated	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Estimated	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Estimated
Williston - EEE	1	2	0	2	1
Williston - K	3	4	10	8	7
Shelburne - K	0	0	0	0	0
Hinesburg - EEE	1	1	0	1	1
Hinesburg - K	3	0	1	1	1
TOTAL:	8	7	11	12	10

Grades 1-8	2002-03 Estimated	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Estimated	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Estimated
CSSU Schools					
Williston	85	72	71	63	68
Shelburne	5	6	4	3	3
Hinesburg	8	11	10	8	5
Non-CSSU Schools (grand fathered students)					
Essex Junction	0	0	0	0	0
Waldorf	4	3	2	2	2
South Burlington	2	3	1	1	0
The Schoolhouse	1	0	0	0	0
Gailor School (7-8)	4	2	6	0	0
TOTAL:	109	97	94	77	78

Grades 9-12	2002-03 Estimated	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Estimated	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Estimated
CVU	37	41	42	43	45
South Burlington	2	3	4	3	4
Essex Tech Center	0	0	0	0	0
Essex Junction	0	0	0	0	0
Gailor School (9-12)	3	3	6	1	1
Holderness School	1	2	2	2	1
Vermont Commons	4	2	2	3	3
Taft School	1	1	0	0	0
Waldorf High School	0	1	2	2	2
TOTAL:	48	53	58	54	56
TOTAL ALL STUDENTS	165	157	163	143	144

Three Prior Years Comparisons

District: **St. George**
 County: **Chittenden**

LEA: **178**
 S.U.: **Chittenden South**

Expenditures

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
Budget (local budget approved in prior years)	1,630,000	1,759,000	1,760,648	1,790,889
82% of base payment per FTE paid by the State on behalf of the district	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	4,740
S. U. assessment (included in local budget)	23,848	31,905	32,940	38,620
Deficit (if included in local budget)	-	-	-	not applicable
Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	12,694	6,512	4,822	-
1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-
Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-
Act 68 local adopted budget	1,642,694	1,765,512	1,765,470	1,790,889
Union school assessment	-	-	-	-
Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	-	-	-	-
Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
Gross Act 68 Budget	1,642,694	1,765,512	1,765,470	1,790,889

Revenues

Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	355,579	301,094	231,775	249,272
Capital debt aid	-	-	-	-
Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	-	-	-	-
Act 144 revenues	355,579	301,094	231,775	249,272
Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-
Adjusted local revenues	355,579	301,094	231,775	249,272

Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	1,287,115	1,464,418	1,533,695	1,541,617
Equalized Pupils	159.98	154.38	159.81	154.22
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	8,045	9,486	9,597	9,996
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	9,996
District spending adjustment (\$9,996 / \$6,800)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	147.000%
Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (147.000% x \$1.10)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1.617
Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity (147.000% x 2.0%)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2.94%

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2003

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

August 20, 2003

To the Board of School Directors
St. George School District
St. George, Vermont

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

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

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of St. George School District, as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

JUNE 30, 2003

	Governmental <u>Fund Type</u> <u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash in banks	\$ 420,206
Accounts receivable - State of Vermont	<u>61,778</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 481,984</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities

Due to Champlain Valley Union High School	\$ 43,857
Due to Williston School District	228,894
Deferred revenue - Medicaid	<u>14,955</u>
Total liabilities	<u>287,706</u>

Fund Balance

Unreserved	131,460
Reserved for computer purchase	2,818
Reserved for FY 2004 expenses	<u>60,000</u>
Total fund balance	<u>194,278</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 481,984</u></u>

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	Governmental <u>Fund Type</u> <u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Local options tax	\$ 334,401
State property tax paid to School District	358,303
State education block grant	494,464
State education fund	270,738
Grants - State of Vermont	175,107
Grants - Federal Government	12,783
Earnings on investments	4,538
Prior year refunds	<u>1,058</u>
 Total revenues	 <u>1,651,392</u>
 EXPENDITURES	
Regular programs:	
Transportation	51,657
Tuition	1,227,586
Special education	296,810
Vocational Education	6,634
Board of Education	5,199
Executive administration	7,500
Fiscal services	<u>9,645</u>
 Total expenditures	 <u>1,605,031</u>
 EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	 46,361
 FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2002	 <u>147,917</u>
 FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2003	 <u>\$ 194,278</u>

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Local options tax	\$ 334,401	\$ 334,401	\$ 0
State property tax paid to School District	358,303	358,303	0
State education block grant	494,464	494,464	0
State education fund	270,738	270,738	0
Grants - State of Vermont	220,594	175,107	(45,487)
Grants - Federal Government	14,000	12,783	(1,217)
Earnings on investments	16,500	4,538	(11,962)
Prior year refunds	0	1,058	1,058
	<u>1,709,000</u>	<u>1,651,392</u>	<u>(57,608)</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Regular Programs:			
Transportation	60,756	51,657	9,099
Tuition	1,251,138	1,227,586	23,552
Special education	387,722	296,810	90,912
Vocational education	6,903	6,634	269
Board of Education	35,336	5,199	30,137
Executive administration	7,500	7,500	0
Fiscal services	9,645	9,645	0
	<u>1,759,000</u>	<u>1,605,031</u>	<u>153,969</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES			
	<u>\$ (50,000)</u>	46,361	<u>\$ 96,361</u>
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1, 2002		<u>147,917</u>	
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2003		<u>\$ 194,278</u>	

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2003

St. George School District is organized, according to State Law, under the governance of the Board of School Directors to provide public education for the Town of St. George.

The St. George School District is governed by a three member elected Board. The St. George School District, for financial reporting purposes, consists only of the funds and account groups of the School District. The St. George School District's elected Board of Directors has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity. Control or dependence on the Board was determined on the basis of budget adoptions, designation of management, influence over operations, and accountability for fiscal matters.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Specific criteria are used in the determination of which funds are included in the general purpose financial statements of the District and in the definition of the District as a separate reporting entity from any other unit of government. These criteria are: (1) oversight responsibility, which addresses the extent of the governing authority of elected officials, (2) scope of public services, which addresses the type of services provided in the geographic service area and (3) the existence of any special financing relationships which exist between the District and other entities. Based on these criteria, there are no agencies or entities which should be combined with the general purpose financial statements of the District.

Concentration of Risk

The School District receives the majority of its revenues from property taxes assessed on properties within the Town of St. George. Additionally, the School District receives revenues from the State of Vermont as aid to education and as special education grants.

Basis of Presentation

The accounts of St. George School District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for using a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled.

Fund Accounting

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

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2003
(Continued)

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Governmental Funds

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

Fund Balance

The fund balance of the General Fund is classified into the following categories:

Unreserved fund balance - Indicates the portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation and expenditure in future periods.

Reserved fund balance - Indicates the portion of fund balance which has been legally segregated for specific programs.

Basis of Accounting

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

The District keeps its records and prepares its financial statements on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than interest on long-term debt, are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable.

Use of Estimates

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

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The School Board prepares an annual budget based on the transportation, tuition, and debt service expenditures approved by the voters.

Transportation and Tuition

The School District is billed for its share of expenses related to transportation, tuition and special education cost for its students to attend local schools. The School District had expenses of \$791,602 to Williston Central School and \$435,838 to Champlain Valley Union School District.

ST. GEORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2003
(Continued)

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cash Investing Policies

The School Board authorizes the government to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds and repurchase agreements.

NOTE 2 - CASH

The book and bank balances of the District's deposits were \$420,206. The bank balance is categorized as follows:

Amount insured by the FDIC or collateralized with securities held by the District in its name.	\$ 15,000
Amount collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department in the District's name.	405,206
Uncollateralized	<u>0</u>
Total bank balance	<u><u>\$ 420,206</u></u>

NOTE 3 - TAXES

The legal voters of the Town of St. George at their annual Town Meeting approve a total budget on behalf of the St. George School District, the amount of which is based on tuition at the announced rates of the receiving schools and voter approved transportation rates and debt service. The Town bills and collects all taxes on behalf of the School District. All costs incurred in collecting taxes are borne by the Town and the full amount of the tax levied is remitted to the District.

NOTE 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, errors and omissions. The District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three (3) fiscal years.

CHITTENDEN SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION

**Proposed 2004-2005 Budget
Revenue Summary by Program**

	2001-2002 Adopted Budget	2002-2003 Adopted Budget	2002-2003 Amended Budget	2003-2004 Adopted Budget	2003-2004 Amended Budget	2004-2005 Proposed Budget
Central Office Services						
Assessments to Local School Districts	\$ 1,046,450	\$ 1,009,500	\$ 1,009,500	\$ 1,035,561	\$ 1,079,656	\$ 1,547,343
Balance Carryover and Pmt in Lieu of Services	\$ -	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,500	\$ 40,000	\$ 43,768	\$ 40,500
Funds from Federal Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,000	\$ 71,240	\$ 55,000
Interest Earnings	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,000
Transfer - Interfund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,400	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
E-Rate Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
Payment from CVU for CSSU Office	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500
IDEA-B Funds - Student Services Administration	\$ 60,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 103,437	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 116,000
Totals - Central Office Services	\$ 1,156,450	\$ 1,192,000	\$ 1,322,837	\$ 1,351,061	\$ 1,449,164	\$ 1,843,343
Shared Services						
<u>Assessments to Local School Districts</u>						
C.S.S.U. Maintenance Center	\$ 157,059	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 165,422	\$ 165,422	\$ 172,565
Courier Service	\$ 6,530	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,393	\$ 7,393	\$ 20,779
Student Assistance Program	\$ 34,610	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 48,510
Telecommunications Program	\$ 52,253	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
C.S.S.U. Transportation Services	\$ 1,184,914	\$ 1,234,000	\$ 1,234,000	\$ 1,459,703	\$ 1,352,783	\$ 1,433,882
Totals - Shared Services	\$ 1,435,366	\$ 1,496,000	\$ 1,496,000	\$ 1,727,518	\$ 1,620,598	\$ 1,675,736
Student Services						
<u>Family, Infant & Toddler Program</u>						
-Local Assessment	\$ 84,424	\$ 83,851	\$ 83,851	\$ 90,663	\$ 90,663	\$ 111,233
-IDEA-B	\$ 23,034	\$ 24,149	\$ 24,149	\$ 24,149	\$ 24,149	\$ 23,874
Psychological Services-Local Assessment	\$ 179,211	\$ 183,000	\$ 183,000	\$ 203,665	\$ 203,665	\$ 266,233
Student Services - IDEA-B	\$ 152,580	\$ 302,617	\$ 302,617	\$ 302,617	\$ -	\$ -
Community Skills Program - IDEA-B	\$ 123,059	\$ 127,000	\$ 127,000	\$ 146,685	\$ -	\$ -
Occupational Therapy - Local Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,300	\$ 87,495
English Language Learners - Local Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,880	\$ 43,985
Totals - Student Services	\$ 562,308	\$ 720,617	\$ 720,617	\$ 767,779	\$ 444,657	\$ 532,820
Sub-total Chittenden South Supervisory Union	\$ 3,154,124	\$ 3,408,617	\$ 3,539,454	\$ 3,846,358	\$ 3,514,419	\$ 4,051,899
Grant Programs						
IDEA - B Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 621,093	\$ 610,368
IDEA - B (PreSchool) Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,895	\$ 24,895
Title V-A - Innovative Programs	\$ 65,676	\$ 55,517	\$ 56,154	\$ 56,154	\$ 90,091	\$ 57,198
Title IV - Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities	\$ 55,846	\$ 56,725	\$ 45,850	\$ 45,850	\$ 51,336	\$ 44,575
Title II-D Technology	\$ 57,664	\$ 77,151	\$ 20,678	\$ 20,678	\$ 21,895	\$ 18,883
Title II-A Teacher Quality	\$ 118,298	\$ 152,667	\$ 274,141	\$ 274,141	\$ 330,004	\$ 283,210
Title I-Part A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,062	\$ 275,317
Class Size Reduction Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Medicaid - EPSDT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,171	\$ 38,171
Gates Leadership Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 152,469	\$ 152,469	\$ 125,045	\$ 125,045
SAELP Leadership Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,708	\$ 57,708	\$ 93,118	\$ -
SAELP #2 Leadership Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,030	\$ -
SAELP Demo Site Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,750	\$ -
Peer Prevention Educator #2	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,189	\$ 39,189	\$ -	\$ -
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Peer Prevention Educator #4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 74,350	\$ 74,350
Tobacco Use Prevention Grant	\$ 28,031	\$ 27,390	\$ 26,448	\$ 26,448	\$ 26,652	\$ 26,652
Community Tobacco Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,380	\$ 29,380
Drug Free Schools Project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,443	\$ 12,443
Goals 2000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
New Directions - SAP	\$ 41,082	\$ 44,643	\$ 48,600	\$ 48,600	\$ 66,460	\$ 66,460
New Directions - Coalition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,051	\$ 16,051	\$ 44,706	\$ 36,628
Community Learning Center	\$ 92,290	\$ 93,478	\$ 24,952	\$ 24,952	\$ -	\$ -
Capacity Building	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -
Waters Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 92,470	\$ 92,470
Act 230 - Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,500
Totals - Grant Programs	\$ 648,020	\$ 696,704	\$ 861,373	\$ 861,373	\$ 2,139,160	\$ 1,826,545
Total - Chittenden South Supervisory Union Budget	\$ 3,802,144	\$ 4,105,321	\$ 4,400,827	\$ 4,707,731	\$ 5,653,579	\$ 5,878,444

CHITTENDEN SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION

**Proposed 2004-2005 Budget
Expense Summary by Program**

	2001-2002 Adopted Budget	2002-2003 Adopted Budget	2002-2003 Amended Budget	2003-2004 Adopted Budget	2003-2004 Amended Budget	2004-2005 Proposed Budget
Central Office Services						
Executive Administration	\$ 523,858	\$ 535,000	\$ 535,000	\$ 528,976	\$ 528,976	\$ 572,414
Fiscal Services	\$ 244,525	\$ 259,000	\$ 259,000	\$ 252,640	\$ 290,438	\$ 314,898
Human Resources	\$ 261,096	\$ 247,000	\$ 247,000	\$ 264,704	\$ 280,914	\$ 309,211
Student Services Administration	\$ 126,971	\$ 151,000	\$ 169,437	\$ 168,842	\$ 168,842	\$ 181,953
Technology Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 112,400	\$ 135,899	\$ 179,994	\$ 464,867
Totals - Central Office Services	\$ 1,156,450	\$ 1,192,000	\$ 1,322,837	\$ 1,351,061	\$ 1,449,164	\$ 1,843,343
Shared Services						
C.S.S.U. Maintenance Center	\$ 157,059	\$ 160,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 165,422	\$ 165,422	\$ 172,565
Courier Service	\$ 6,530	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,393	\$ 7,393	\$ 20,779
Student Assistance Program	\$ 34,610	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 48,510
Telecommunications Program	\$ 52,253	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ -
C.S.S.U. Transportation Services	\$ 1,184,914	\$ 1,234,000	\$ 1,234,000	\$ 1,459,703	\$ 1,352,783	\$ 1,433,882
Totals - Shared Services	\$ 1,435,366	\$ 1,496,000	\$ 1,496,000	\$ 1,727,518	\$ 1,620,598	\$ 1,675,736
Student Services						
Family, Infant & Toddler Program	\$ 107,458	\$ 108,000	\$ 108,000	\$ 114,812	\$ 114,812	\$ 135,107
Psychological Services	\$ 179,211	\$ 183,000	\$ 183,000	\$ 203,665	\$ 203,665	\$ 266,233
Student Services - IDEA-B	\$ 152,580	\$ 302,617	\$ 302,617	\$ 302,617	\$ -	\$ -
Community Skills Program	\$ 123,059	\$ 127,000	\$ 127,000	\$ 146,685	\$ -	\$ -
Occupational Therapy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,300	\$ 87,495
English Language Learners	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,880	\$ 43,985
Totals - Student Services	\$ 562,308	\$ 720,617	\$ 720,617	\$ 767,779	\$ 444,657	\$ 532,820
Sub-total Chittenden South Supervisory Union	\$ 3,154,124	\$ 3,408,617	\$ 3,539,454	\$ 3,846,358	\$ 3,514,419	\$ 4,051,899
Grant Programs						
IDEA - B Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 621,093	\$ 610,368
IDEA - B (PreSchool) Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,895	\$ 24,895
Title V-A - Innovative Programs	\$ 65,676	\$ 55,517	\$ 56,154	\$ 56,154	\$ 90,091	\$ 57,198
Title IV - Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities	\$ 55,846	\$ 56,725	\$ 45,850	\$ 45,850	\$ 51,336	\$ 44,575
Title II-D Technology	\$ 57,664	\$ 77,151	\$ 20,678	\$ 20,678	\$ 21,895	\$ 18,883
Title II-A Teacher Quality	\$ 118,298	\$ 152,667	\$ 274,141	\$ 274,141	\$ 330,004	\$ 283,210
Title I-Part A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,062	\$ 275,317
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Chittenden South Supervisory Union Superintendent of Schools Report

The 2003-2004 school year has involved a range of issues and initiatives intended to sustain and improve upon the quality of the education program opportunity offered to all students and ensure a high level of personal growth and learning by our pre-school through grade 12 student body.

Of continued importance is our supervisory union and local school district work focused on curriculum coordination in all subject areas. Amy Cole, Curriculum Director for the Chittenden South Supervisory Union (CSSU) has facilitated work with teams representing all schools to finalize curriculum frameworks that will serve as guiding documents to support K-12 program coordination. Emphasis in the areas of early literacy and mathematics continue as our goal remains one of providing a strong fundamental learning experience for all students in the areas of reading, language arts and math. The acquisition of these core skills enable advanced learning in these as well as all other content areas as students progress through the grade levels.

Evaluating student performance and developing school based action plans to identify and designate areas of school improvement occurs at each of our schools. Besides a supervisory union student assessment report reflecting individual and combined school performance in our elementary schools and CVU High School, more detailed local analyses are also completed annually. I am happy to inform our communities we continue to demonstrate positive growth and progress toward specific student performance goals.

Student performance data is also evaluated due to the recently enacted federal law entitled the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA). One of the requirements of the law is for schools to comply with requirements associated with annual yearly progress (AYP). The State of Vermont, through its approved federal reporting plan, has established performance targets for all of our schools to meet by the year 2013. School performance is evaluated in categories comprised of "all" students, students with disabilities, students eligible for free and reduced lunch, and students with specific minority ethnic backgrounds and students who are English language learners. All schools must meet the targets set for each of these five student categories in reading/language arts, mathematics and other subject areas for defined grade levels. We will continue to monitor our progress and report to local boards and communities on AYP and assess the extent of student testing activity on the instructional program.

As a supervisory union, all school districts and boards have worked closely this year to improve the efficiencies of operational service support offered by CSSU along with ensuring continued focus by school based leaders on the instructional program quality. We have made significant progress in our finance, operations and human resource areas of service. Additionally, we are moving forward with an initiative to create a K-12 supervisory union technology department with the hope of creating greater efficiencies, cost savings and expanded services to all schools.

The transition from the Act 60 state school finance system to the newly established Act 68 version will result in reduced equalized tax rates in all of our communities for the 2004-2005 school year. The implementation process of this law continues to undergo refinements. Collective bargaining activities are underway between the school boards and education

association for the purpose of establishing a new negotiated agreement to replace the existing agreement that expires June 30, 2004.

CVU High School's facility project has begun, thanks to the support of the communities last year in approving the \$18 million project. Construction at the school is expected to begin in March with a completion date of August, 2005. New athletic fields, site-work preparation and detailed facility planning reflected the work completed in the summer and fall of 2003.

An important issue facing voters from all towns in Chittenden County is whether to establish a Regional Technical Academy School District. Informational meetings will be held prior to the Town Meeting Day Australian ballot vote. If the March vote is affirmative, the newly created school board responsible for the operation of the Technical Academy would bring forward school construction project proposal to the same voters on the federal Election Day in November. A newly constructed facility would combine the current technical centers in Essex and Burlington. A copy of the Governance Planning Report is available at the Town Clerk's Office as well as CSSU offices.

I wish to acknowledge and share my appreciation for the work of the staff who serve your children and our students. State finance systems, federal laws, supervisory union and local school improvement initiatives provide an array of challenges for our professional and support staff in all of our schools. As communities, we are fortunate to have the leadership, the commitment and the competence among all of our staff to provide our young learners the opportunity to grow personally and academically. We strive to ensure that growth and development is a maximized experience for all of the students. Your sustained support and involvement in our schools is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I want to thank Art Thompson (33 years) and Rita Foley (24 years) for their services and contributions to the many students and colleagues they have impacted over their career at CVU High School as they retire at the end of this school year.

On behalf of the students and the staff, I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Brian C. O'Regan,
Superintendent of Schools
Chittenden South Supervisory Union

Zoning Administrator/Health Officer's Annual Report

Permits	Construction cost
1 Single family unit	\$ 360,000
3 Mobile home replacements	45,500
16 Residential additions/alterations	108,950
7 Garages/sheds	84,400
1 Communication tower alteration	20,000
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28 Total	\$ 618,850

14- Zoning certification of compliance (issued for the sale or refinancing of a property)

Permits fees in the amount of seven hundred and seventy (\$770) dollars were collected and deposited in the general fund.

Residents are reminded to obtain a zoning/building permit when a construction project exceeds one thousand (\$1000) dollars in construction value. Any project requiring a variance must appear before the Development Review Board, the Board meets monthly on the second Wednesday. All meetings are held at the Town Offices.

Anyone having questions about the need to obtain a permit should contact me on Tuesday mornings at the Town Offices.

Respectfully:

Richard Ward



Lake Iroquois Recreation District
7900 Williston Road
Williston, Vermont 05495

The Lake Iroquois Recreation District beach area, along with its 150 acres of open land continues to server the residents of the district towns (Williston, Richmond, Hinesburg, and St. George) as well as all non-residents. The district lands provide access to swimming, picnicking, playground equipment, and walking trails. The beach area also continues the host Red Cross summer swim lessons, birthday parties, and individual and group functions. Costs for septic maintenance and summer staff represent the bulk of our annual operating expense.

The beach continues to be an affordable and beautiful recreation area for the residents and non-residents alike. The beach will open for the 2004 season on Memorial Day.

(802) 878-1239

Williston
♦
Richmond
♦
Hinesburg
♦
St. George

Respectfully Submitted,
Neil Boyden, Richmond Chair
Phil Gingrow, St. George Vice-Chair
Carlie Geer, Hinesburg Secretary
Susan Bishop, Williston Treasurer

Lake Iroquois Recreation District

Budget vs. Actual Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2003.
Budget Request for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005

	FY 2003 Approved Budget	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Approved Budget	FY 2005 Proposed Budget
<u>Revenue</u>				
Town Allocations	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,325.00	1,325.00
Permit Sales	17,800.00	20,273.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Other Income	600.00	1,018.60	600.00	600.00
Contribution from Fund Balance	4,850.00	0.00	6,000.00	5,250.00
Grant Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Total Revenue	\$24,575.00	\$22,641.60	\$25,925.00	\$35,175.00
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,095.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,150.00
Electricity	1,300.00	1,458.66	1,250.00	1,500.00
Telephone	600.00	218.95	500.00	300.00
Maintenance Supplies	1,400.00	1,844.02	800.00	800.00
Equipment Maintenance	200.00	22.55	300.00	300.00
Building Maintenance	500.00	55.00	500.00	750.00
Water Quality Testing	350.00	150.00	250.00	250.00
Septic System Maintenance	4,200.00	3,748.50	5,000.00	4,500.00
Seasonal Labor	13,700.00	9,053.55	16,000.00	15,500.00
Beach Upgrade/Misc.	1,000.00	95.34	0.00	10,000.00
Audit	125.00	00.00	125.00	125.00
Total Expenditures	\$24,575.00	\$17,741.57	\$25,925.00	\$35,175.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Neil Boyden, Richmond Chair
Phil Gingrow, St. George Vice-Chair
Carlie Geer, Hinesburg Secretary
Susan Bishop, Williston Treasurer

Green-up Day Report May 3, 2003

On a sunny morning with a cold breeze blowing, 25 St. George citizens cleaned all the main roads of litter! People met at a town Hall got a cup of coffee or cocoa, collected their bags and headed out to pick up trash. Fifty-two bags of trash, five tires and an assortment of windows, scrap metal, propane tanks, shoes and part of an old desk were gathered. Our most interesting find was a plastic deer used for target practice. Russ Keil was the earliest Green-Up volunteer beginning work at 7:30 am! Phil Beliveau outdid himself by single handedly cleaning both sides of Route 2A north of Goose Creek Road to the Williston line! The Bamberger family cleared the path on Town Center land using their tractor and cart to haul in three loads of trash. Phil Gingrow, our Lake Iroquois Recreation District Representative, walked the trails at Lake Iroquois and reported not much trash was found. Good news to hear. Thanks to Shirley Vaux for arranging for a dumpster at Town Hall for our collection. Everyone did a spectacular job and deserves our appreciation! Come again, or join us this year for Green-up Day 2004 on Saturday, May 1 from 9-11am.

Our 2003 volunteers:

Dan and Sharon Morris, Bo, Briget and Nathan Bamberger, Phil Beliveau, Kelley Lyon, Louis Phelps, Sally, Katie and Hender Dye, Shirley Vaux, Steve and Sara Faust, Eli and Mary Alice Favro, Phil Gingrow, Tom Carlson, Russ Keil, Jean Ankeney, Gabrielly D'Urso, Barabar Young, Lisa, Dillon and Liam Beliveau and Ron Arms.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Alice Favro
Green-up Day Coordinator



GREEN UP VERMONT

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October, 2003

Dear Select Board:

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Melinda Vreux

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Treasurer

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Hon. Philip Hoff

Hon. F. Ray Keyser

Hon. Madeline Kunin

Hon. Thomas Salmon

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

Thank you for considering Green Up Vermont's request for your community's funding support. Your contribution will help keep Green Up operating not only for your benefit, but for our entire community of Vermont.

We respectfully ask you to include the appropriate amount from the guide below in your budget for next year. The guide remains the same as in previous years.

- For towns under 1,000 population \$ 50
- For towns over 1,000 and under 2000 . . . \$100
- For towns over 1,000 and under 3,000 . . \$150
- For towns over 3,000 and under 4,000 . . \$200
- For towns over 4,000 population \$300

Thank you in advance for your contribution.

Sincerely,

F. Sheldon Prentice
President

P.S. Let us know if you would like to receive information via email.

Our email address is: greenup@greenupvermont.com and website: www.greenupvermont.com

Information for your Annual Report:

"Green Up Vermont"
Green Up Day, May 1 2004

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

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

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

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

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

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



**St. George Cemetery Commission
2003 Report**

The year began with some clean up on Green-up Day when Kelley Lyons volunteered to clear limbs that had fallen in the cemetery over the winter. Kelley also asked that broken tombstones that had been placed as footstones in a path on her property be returned to the cemetery. Unsure of where the stones originally rested, they have been placed along the fence in the southeast corner of the cemetery. We are grateful to have the stones returned. Stokes Gentry worked with the Cemetery Commission, Jean Ankeny, Marley Hickson and Mary Alice Favro, for a morning of "record searching" at the Town Office in the spring. Since we completed documentation of the current headstones in the cemetery last year, we wanted to have a "cross-check" with the burial and death records. We began this task and have yet to complete it. We hope to continue the project this year.

We would also like to acknowledge David and Susan Peet for placing flags on the graves of veterans each year. Thank you for this effort.

We have had one burial in the cemetery this year. Anna Weller was interred in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Alice Favro, Cemetery Commissioner

Short summary of CUSI

The Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations (CUSI) is a multi-agency task force created to investigate reports of sexual assaults, sexual abuse, other sexually related offenses, and serious child abuse within the Chittenden County of Vermont. The county covers 539 square miles and is four times more densely populated than the state average. The Unit serves a population of approximately 147,500 residents. Since CUSI began in 1990 the County population has increased by 11.2%.

The unit investigated 417 cases in 2002. This represents a 4.25% increase in caseload from 2000. As with years past, children were the victims in approximately 70% of the cases.

CUSI is the result of a grass root, inter-governmental effort to create an investigative unit with specialized skills that is able to provide improved investigative and victim services for sexual offense crimes and serious cases of child abuse. The fundamental goal of the Unit is to generate the highest quality criminal investigation for sexual assault and abuse related offenses while recognizing and meeting the sensitive needs of survivors of sexual abuse. A related goal is to attempt to reduce the occurrence of these offenses by providing a program of community training about these crimes that is conducted by CUSI staff. The mission statement for the Unit reflects its commitment to the investigation of crimes of a sexual nature and physical abuse of young children using resources that cross-traditional lines of police jurisdiction. Such cases require special expertise in order to better protect victims and to enable successful prosecutions by the Office of the Chittenden County State's Attorney.

Investigations generally are limited to reports and referrals of such cases within the borders of Chittenden County. The operations of the Unit promote cooperative efforts between municipalities, police agencies, prosecutors, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Women's Rape Crisis Center and Women Helping Battered Women among other victim advocacy groups. The Unit performs its mission lawfully with intelligence, dedication, fairness, compassion and competence while providing special sensitivity to the needs of victims.

For more information on CUSI please call 652-6800.

**Vermont Department of Health
Annual Report – Town of St. George**

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

- **Bioterrorism – Emergency Preparedness:** The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local health department response may include identifying disease and investigating the source; providing information to the general public and to health professionals; collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; planning local and regional responses with hospitals and other partners; and participation in joint exercises. The Burlington District Office has been actively involved in community-wide planning efforts through its representation on Chittenden County's Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC), as well as other local, regional and statewide planning groups.
- **Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care dollars and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced reportable cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record low levels. Still, total annual hospital charges from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont are \$2.6 million, and each year 150 to 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia and influenza. **During 2002, the Vermont Department of Health distributed 45,815 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Chittenden County. This represents a value of \$566,763 to these communities, including St. George.**
- **West Nile Virus Surveillance:** West Nile Virus (WNV) first appeared in the United States in New York City in 1999 and has since become well established throughout the United States. Birds, mammals and humans can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. In 2003, 5 Town Health Officers throughout the state also participated in this program, assisting primarily with mosquito trapping. **In Chittenden County, from June 1 through September 19, 2003, 417 dead birds were reported, 140 were tested, and 9 were found to be infected with WNV.** There were no reported human or equine cases reported during this period.
- **Reportable Disease Case Investigations:** Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and in Vermont, and account for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, to recommend control measures and to prevent further spread of the disease. **In 2002, the Department of Health investigated 529 cases of infectious disease in Chittenden County.**
- **The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC):** One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. **During 2002, 3,710 women, infants and children in Chittenden County, including 30 living in St. George, received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through WIC.** The average value of foods provided is \$35.00 per person per month.

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

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Vermont Department of Health Burlington District Office, which serves all of Chittenden County, at (802) 863-7323. Please visit our website at <http://www.healthyvermonters.info> for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.



Helping People Age with Independence and Dignity

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING, INC. has been helping people age with independence and dignity for over 25 years. CVAA is grateful to the citizens of St. George for their ongoing support of services for area seniors.

THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF ST. GEORGE INCLUDE:

MEALS ON WHEELS ~ CVAA provides hot wholesome meals to seniors who are age 60 or over. Volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound individuals who are ill, frail, or recuperating after a hospital stay and unable to prepare their own meal.

SENIOR COMMUNITY MEALS ~ In St. George, these meals are served at the mealsite at Hinesburg, and at many area restaurants. In addition to a nutritious meal, the mealsite provides socialization and companionship for older people who may be isolated or live alone.

CASE MANAGEMENT ~ CVAA Case Managers make in-home visits and connect individuals with the services and resources they need in order to remain independent and in their own home. Jennifer Gardecki, the CVAA Case Manager for St. George, works with the seniors in your town. Jennifer may be reached through the CVAA office at 865-0360 or 1-800-642-5119.

SENIOR HELPLINE ~ CVAA operates a toll-free service that provides answers to any question or concern regarding services for older people. Seniors, or their family members, can reach the Senior HelpLine by calling 1-800-642-5119 (Voice/TTY) during business hours.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE AGENCY,
OR TO INQUIRE ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES,
CALL 865-0350 OR 1-800-642-5119 (VOICE/TTY)
YOU MAY ALSO VISIT US AT: WWW.CVAA.ORG**



Vermont Center for Independent Living

What is the Vermont Center for Independent Living? VCIL is a nonprofit organization working to eliminate physical, communication and attitudinal barriers that keep Vermonters with disabilities and Deaf Vermonters from realizing their full potential.

What services does VCIL offer? VCIL provides counseling, information and resources that enable people to live independently. The organization works to influence policies on issues ranging from civil rights, accessibility, funding for support services, discrimination, transportation, housing and economic justice.

Who provides these services? Most VCIL employees and board members have disabilities or are Deaf. They know what it's like to have a disability and to be Deaf, and they know what kind of help is needed.

Where is VCIL located? The main VCIL office is in Montpelier. There are satellite offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington, and field-based services are provided in every county in the state.

What are the programs of VCIL? The cornerstone of VCIL is the Peer Advocacy Counseling Program. The PAC program provides information, support and training in self-advocacy to enable Vermonters with disabilities to achieve their personal goals and acquire skills for living as independently as possible. All counselors have disabilities; some focus on the needs of Deaf Vermonters and others work on a cross-disability basis.

The Home and Community Access Program provides grants for entrance and bathroom modifications.

The Sue Williams Freedom Fund pays for services and equipment to help people live more independent lives. Examples include closed-caption decoders, devices to help with reaching, hearing aids and door openers.

Benefits to Work Counseling helps people with disabilities explore work options available to them.

The Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program—Vermont pays for special equipment and repairs for Deaf and blind Vermonters. Examples include TTYs, telephone amplifiers and ring/flashers, and personal computers.

The Meals on Wheels Program provides hot meals to Vermonters under age 60 with disabilities or chronic conditions.

Vermont Center for
Independent Living
FY2004 Budget

ACCOUNT	Amount
Revenues	
Individuals	\$7,500
Corporations	\$5,000
Foundations	\$24,500
United Way	\$60,375
Cities and Towns	\$30,000
Advertising - The Independent	\$2,000
Technical Assistance Fees	\$5,000
Access Solutions	\$12,000
Title VII Continuation	\$544,491
Title VII New Centers	\$224,071
Federal and State Grants	\$1,317,211
Total Revenue	\$2,232,148

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United Way
Member Agency

Vermont Center for
Independent Living
FY2004 Budget

ACCOUNT	Amount
Expenditures	
Direct Services to Peers	
Meals	\$312,300
Home Modifications	\$295,865
Equipment	\$119,119
Peer Participation Support	\$29,300
Program Advisors / Specialists	\$48,500
Grants to other organizations	\$20,000
Salaries	\$742,350
FICA	\$56,790
Health Insurance Premiums	\$86,000
Health Flex	\$26,250
Life & Disability Insurance	\$27,000
Retirement Contribution	\$16,703
Unemployment	\$7,524
Workers Compensation	\$6,500
Reasonable Accommodations	\$23,200
Accounting Services	\$42,000
Legal Services	\$7,500
Consulting - Computer	\$25,000

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
SUMMARY FOR THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE ANNUAL REPORT**

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

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

Statewide, from October 1, 2002 through September 11, 2003, VCIL responded to 2,173 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided on-on-one peer counseling to 342 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided almost 405 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over 340 with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to 68 Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through our Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, and served home-delivered meals to almost 533 Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

VCIL's central office is in downtown Montpelier with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses our resource library and our toll-free

information line, which provides answers to disability-related questions from every Vermont community. Our locally-based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 2003, VCIL provided direct services to residents of St. George, utilizing the following services/programs:

1. Information & Referral
2. Home and Community Access program
3. Meals on Wheels (people with disabilities under the age of 60)
4. Peer Advocacy Counseling
5. Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
6. Sue Williams Freedom Fund

To learn more about VCIL, call us toll-free at 1-800-639-1522.

Vermont Center for
Independent Living
FY2004 Budget

ACCOUNT	Amount
Consulting - Other	\$18,000
Supplies	\$29,000
Telephone	\$40,065
Internet	\$3,560
Postage	\$15,000
Mail Services	\$5,000
Occupancy - Montpelier	\$24,990
Mortgage	\$33,120
Building Reserve	\$3,312
Occupancy - Field Offices	\$23,100
Equipment Maintenance & Rental	\$20,000
Printing/Duplicating	\$25,850
Publications by Others	\$12,450
Travel	\$40,750
Conferences & Meetings	\$3,500
Insurance	\$16,200
Membership Dues	\$4,100
Staff development	\$14,050
Advertising	\$8,200
Total Direct Expenses	\$2,232,148
NET	\$0

**Town of St. George
VNA Fund Request FY 2005**

Visit statistics listed below are for the VNA's fiscal year 2003 (July 2002 – June 2003).

<i>Breakdown of Visits</i>	<i>Visits</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Nursing	75	
Physical Therapy	8	
Speech Therapy	0	
Occupational Therapy	0	
Social Service	34	
Licensed Nursing Assistant	74	42
Homemaker	0	0
Family Educator	0	0
Waiver Attendant	0	0
Home Care Provider	0	0
Continuous Care		0
 Totals	 191	 42
 Total St. George clients cared for:	 9	

Total cost of services	\$16,343.26
Total cost of services reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, contract and patient fees	\$15,357.60
 Balance	 \$985.66
 FY '03 Town Income	 \$189.00
Gain (Loss) FY '03	(\$796.66)
 Requested contribution for FY 2005:	 \$797

CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
TOWN REPORT, FY2004

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) was founded by an act of the Vermont legislature in 1966. CCRPC is a 24-member board consisting of one delegate from each of Chittenden County's 19 municipalities and five at-large members representing the interests of agriculture, conservation/environmental, industrial/business, socio-economic/housing and transportation. CCRPC provides planning leadership in both policy guidance and technical analysis. Member communities benefit from the expertise of staff through its professional and technical assistance services.

In 2003, several CCRPC projects benefited all member communities:

- Pre-disaster Mitigation Planning (required by Federal Emergency Management Agency),
- Open Space Inventory,
- Chittenden County Housing Supply Goals Task Force,
- Sewage Capacity Study;
- Regional Build-Out Analysis (provides an understanding of development potential).

CCRPC also provided a wide variety of technical support to its member communities, especially the application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and modeling services such as:

- Cartographic Services,
- Data Development,
- Decision Support System (DSS) development (used to examine the relationship between transportation and land use).

In addition, **St. George** also has benefited from the following special CCRPC projects:

- Researched information regarding unified development ordinance, and
- Assist with the preparation of a grant application.

CCRPC reviews municipal plans as part of the statutory requirement to confirm municipal planning processes. In addition, the CCRPC regularly reviewed development applications governed by *Act 250* for compliance with the *2001 Chittenden County Regional Plan*.

Maintaining a balanced built and natural environment involves continued cooperation. CCRPC appreciates the opportunity to work with its members to plan appropriately for the region's future to protect the special quality of life that is shared throughout Chittenden County.

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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

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

- **Advocacy representation before the State legislature, administration and judiciary, ensuring that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens.** VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.
- **Training, technical assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities.** In the past year, we have responded to almost 50,000 telephone calls, 21,200 of them from local officials on the toll-free telephone line available to them. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by over 4,000 municipal officials and answered over 2,300 legal questions posed by municipal officials. VLCT distributed over 575 copies of local government publications and distributed over 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's *Weekly Legislative Report* to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.
- **Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost.** These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to your employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members was made painfully clear last year when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for municipal property and casualty insurance was declared insolvent by the State of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies.

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

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

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
July 2002 - June 2003

ADMINISTRATION:

CSWD owns and oversees 12 solid waste or recycling facilities in Chittenden County for its 17 member municipalities. A Board of Commissioners, who sets policy and oversees financial matters, governs CSWD. One Commissioner is appointed by each member community. Monthly meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, typically at the South Burlington City Hall. The audited FY '03 General Fund expenses were \$5,926,456 which is an 8% increase from the FY '02 General Fund expenditures.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES/EVENTS:

All-In-One Recycling started in July 2003 allowing people to recycle bottles and cans together with mixed paper. CSWD invested about \$2 million in equipment and renovations at the MRF aimed at making recycling easier, more convenient, and more economical.

A new Drop-Off Center opened in March at 339 Pine Street in Burlington. Trash fees are based on weight (11 cents/pound).

In June, the Environmental Depot (formerly the Hazardous Waste Depot) closed its Burlington location and moved to 1011 Airport Parkway in South Burlington.

ONGOING OPERATIONS:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OFFICERS include: Chairman, William Leach of Westford; Vice Chair, Bert Lindholm of Jericho, and Secretary/Treasurer, George Gerecke of Williston. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS include: Leach, Lindholm, Ken Nolan of Milton, Paul Stabler of South Burlington, and Steve Goodkind of Burlington. CSWD GENERAL MANAGER is Thomas Moreau.

DROP-OFF CENTERS located in Burlington, Essex, South Burlington, Milton, Williston, Richmond, Colchester and Hinesburg are available to District members who prefer to self-haul their trash and recyclables. Drop-Off Centers collected 3,099 tons of recyclables, an increase of 1% from FY '02, and 6,580 tons of household trash during FY '03, a 3% increase from FY '02.

The MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY in Williston is owned by CSWD and is privately operated by Casella Waste Management, Inc. In FY '03, 20,956 tons of commingled recyclables were collected, sorted, baled and shipped to markets. This represents a 9.5% decrease from the previous year. The average sale price for materials was \$70, a 69% increase from the previous year's average.

The WOOD & YARD WASTE Program, processed 6,088 tons of clean wood waste and brush in FY '03. This amount is up 25% from the previous year. Wood chips are sold to the McNeil Generating Station, and other facilities, where the chips are used to generate electricity. Chips are also sold for use in wood kilns and in creating a colored mulch product.

Member participation increased at the HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT and THE ROVER. These facilities, which collect household and small business-generated hazardous waste, received 9,268 visits with 185 tons of hazardous waste from residents, a 2% decrease from FY '02, and 386 visits with 65 tons from businesses in FY '03, which is a 3% decrease from FY '02.

CSWD brokered 14,492 wet tons of BIOSOLIDS for our member communities in FY '03, down 5% from the previous year.

The focus of CSWD's MARKETING CAMPAIGN in FY '03 was informing people of the changes in CSWD facilities, including the new Burlington Drop-Off Center, the new location of the Environmental Depot, and new hours at Drop-Off Centers.

A variety of EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS are available to assist residents and businesses to reduce and properly manage their wastes. The CSWD HOTLINE (872-8111), WEBSITE: (www.cswd.net), school programs, workshops, informational pamphlets, and waste assessments for businesses are part of this positive community outreach.

Two hundred twenty-four businesses and institutions representing 3,966 employees, approximately 1,685 residents of residential complexes, and over 7,320 students, volunteers, and parishioners were impacted by the BUSINESS OUTREACH PROGRAM. Compared to FY '02, contacts in FY '03 increased by 13%. Eighty school presentations, equipment loans, facility tours, and waste assessments reached over 3,800 students in the 2002-2003 school year through the SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT efforts, which have dual goals of reducing the amount of waste generated and landfilled along with making programs more convenient and cost-effective, focused in FY '03 on drop-off food composting, construction and demolition waste reduction, and computer reuse and recycling.

CSWD provides funding and staff time to support GREEN UP DAY efforts in Chittenden County. In April 2003, 56 tons of litter were collected, including 1,421 tires and 62 cubic yards of scrap metal. CSWD also contributed \$3,650 to Green Up Vermont on behalf of its member municipalities.

The fall and spring TIRE AND APPLIANCE ROUND UPS brought in 969 major appliances and 4,792 tires at no charge from 1,724 households.

The COMMUNITY CLEAN UP FUND helps members keep their communities clean and litter free throughout the year. In FY '03, over \$8,400 was distributed to 12 of our 17 member municipalities through this program.

**TOWN OF ST. GEORGE
MARCH 2003 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
VERMONT WARE BUILDING
ST. GEORGE, VERMONT
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 4, 2003**

SELECTBOARD PRESENT: Michael Felber, Philip Beliveau, Thomas Carlson
MODERATOR: Sarah Tischler.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Sarah Tischler, Moderator, opened the March 2003 Annual Town Meeting at 9:15 a.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Tischler thanked the Dawsons for getting the heat working, and Tom and Brad Carlson for bringing and setting up the chairs from the Hinesburg Fire Department.

George Schiavone, Vermont State Representative, reported on Legislative activities that included Act 60 and transportation issues.

3. MARCH 2003 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Ms. Tischler called the March 2003 Annual Town Meeting officially to order and read the Warning as follows: "The legal voters of the Town of St. George, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at Vermont Ware in the St. George Town Center on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. to transact the warned agenda."

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator

MOTION by Mary Alice Favro, seconded by Mildred Barber, to nominate Sarah Tischler as moderator. There were no other nominations. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Steve Faust, seconded by Fred Erdman, to close the nominations and authorize the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Sarah Tischler as moderator. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 2. To elect a Town Clerk for a term of three years

MOTION by Ray Newman, seconded by Judy Pillsbury, to nominate Shirley Vaux as Town Clerk for a term of three years. There were no other nominations. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Steve Faust, seconded by Jean Ankeney, to close nominations and authorize the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Shirley Vaux as Town Clerk for a term of three years. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. To elect a Town Treasurer for a term of three years

MOTION by Jean Ankeney, and seconded, to nominate and elect Shirley Vaux as Town Treasurer for a term of three years. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 4. To elect a Selectperson for a term of three years

MOTION by Stokes Gentry, and seconded, to nominate Fred Erdman as Selectperson for a term of three years, and **MOTION** by Ray Berard, and seconded, to nominate Sonny Parento as Selectperson for a term of three years. **VOTE:** Fred Erdman received 26 votes, Sonny Parento received 11 votes; motion to elect Fred Erdman carried.

ARTICLE 5. To elect a Lister for a term of three years

MOTION by Stokes Gentry, and seconded, to nominate Fred Erdman as Lister for a term of three years. There were no other nominations. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Steve Faust, seconded by Stokes Gentry, to close nominations and authorize the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Fred Erdman as Lister for a term of three years. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. To elect an Auditor for a term of three years

MOTION by Mary Alice Favro, and seconded, to nominate Mary Ann Clark as Auditor for a term of three years. There were no other nominations. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Steve Faust, seconded by Jean Ankeney, to close nominations and authorize the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Mary Ann Clark as Auditor for a term of three years. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 7. To elect a Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years

MOTION by Mary Alice Favro, and seconded, to nominate Jan Marley-Hickson as Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years. There were no other nominations. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Steve Faust, seconded by Jean Ankeney, to close nominations and authorize the Town Clerk to cast one ballot for Jan Marley-Hickson as Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 8. To elect a Constable

MOTION by Tom Carlson, seconded by George Young, to table Article 8. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

Tom Carlson explained that a Town Constable was a non-functional position. Shirley Vaux reported that a grant was received to pay for continued police patrol another year.

ARTICLE 9. To elect a Town Grand Juror

MOTION by Tom Carlson, seconded by Steve Faust, to table Article 9. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

Jean Ankeney suggested reviewing the duties of both a Constable and a Town Grand Juror for next year and to warn an article to eliminate the two jobs. Tom Carlson noted that several of the warned articles were on the Town Meeting Agenda due to State statutes.

ARTICLE 10. To elect an Agent to prosecute and defend suits

MOTION by Tom Carlson, seconded by Steve Faust, to table Article 10. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 11. To authorize the Selectboard to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes

MOTION by George Young, seconded by Jean Ankeney, to appoint a collector of delinquent taxes.

DISCUSSION: Tom Carlson said that Dick Ward has been serving in the role of St. George's Collector of Delinquent Taxes and has been very effective. Shirley Vaux reported Mr. Ward is paid the 8% penalty charge, and the Town keeps the interest on taxes collected. There were very few delinquent taxes at this point.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

Sarah Tischler requested a town vote to continue Town business or to break for the School Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION by Mary Elizabeth Gentry, seconded by Fred Erdman, to postpone the start of the St. George School Board meeting until 10:30 a.m., and to continue the Town meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 12. To authorize the Selectboard to sell all or part of the Town real property for such amounts and for such purposes as the Selectboard may determine in its discretion, provided that all proceeds thereof shall be held in a special account segregated from the General Fund and available for expenditure only upon majority vote of the legal voters of the Town at a regular or special Town Meeting

MOTION by George Young, seconded by Jean Ankeney, to authorize the Selectboard to sell all or part of the Town real property for such amounts and for such purposes as the Selectboard may determine in its discretion, provided that all proceeds thereof shall be held in a special account segregated from the General Fund and available for expenditure only upon majority vote of the legal voters of the Town at a regular or special Town Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Tom Carlson explained that the article has been included on the Town Warning for the last several years and during that time no Town land has been sold. There were originally 10 lots, but only two lots remain along the roadside and a portion of the 75 acres surrounding the field. The two roadside lots could be used for office space consistent with the Town

Office. The sale of the lots accrued funds for the Town. The Planning Commission and the DRB were exploring potential uses for the remaining lots. It was the consensus of the Selectboard to postpone further commercial development until Town uses, such as a school, were determined. The article authorizes transfer of funds by the Selectboard without a further vote by the Town. The chance of selling a lot was less than 50%. If a lot was sold, the Town voters would be notified. Revenue from past land sales was used to build a tax base, but with Act 60 there was now a disincentive to do so. Barbara O'Brien, resident, asked if a Town forum would be held regarding any sale of Town land. Jean Ankeney reviewed a brief history of Town land sales as a way to increase revenues. In the past, a Town vote was held to sell a land parcel. The article allows the Selectboard to act without going to the Town voters if a good offer came along. Barbara O'Brien said that action on a land sale did not occur that fast and the Town should have a right to vote. A change in the article was not necessary. Mary Alice Favro said that limited town response to a vote was a concern, and the town should avoid gaining the reputation of being an unfriendly town to transact real estate sales. Elizabeth Mann suggested changing the article to allow a town vote regarding limited land resources. Mike Felber pointed out that if a Town vote was required, then a meeting would be required for each offer and counter offer. A special meeting could be called if the Selectboard wanted to accept an offer. The DRB was involved as well. Real estate transactions take time to occur, and much happened in the background that the Town did not see. Sarah Tischler noted that the Planning Commission and the DRB were appointed by the Selectboard. Steve Faust, Planning Commission Chairperson, said that there was a Planning Commission vacancy, and urged the Town to pass Article 12 as written, but to attend meetings for input and to express thoughts. It was noted that the Planning Commission met the second Wednesday of the month and the Selectboard met the third Thursday of the month. Kellie Bosenberg, resident, stated that the Planning Commission did a wonderful job regarding the proposed expansion of the cell tower on Mt. Pritchard. The process worked. The Town elected the Selectboard, and the Planning Commission process included site plan approvals and properly warned public meetings. It took up to 16 months to go through the process. No one would buy a lot unless they could develop it. All public hearings were required to be advertised in the newspapers versus board meetings which were not required to advertise.

VOTE: all ayes except two nays (the majority vote was "aye"); motion carried.

ARTICLE 13. To authorize collection of personal and real estate taxes as provided by law and as set forth below:

a) Taxes to be collected one-half October 1, 2003 and one-half or balance April 1, 2004

b) Interest to be charged on unpaid taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month (or fraction thereof) for the first three months, and one and one-half

percent (1-1/2%) per month for late payments more than three months from due date

c) In addition to interest, a penalty of eight percent (8%) of the tax bill shall be imposed for any late payment (note that postmark date is not acceptable for payment of taxes, and that taxpayers are still responsible for insuring taxes are paid from mortgage escrow accounts)

d) A service charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds

MOTION by Steve Faust, seconded by Fred Erdman, to authorize collection of personal and real estate taxes as provided by law and set forth below:

a) Taxes to be collected one-half October 1, 2003 and one-half or balance April 1, 2004;

b) Interest to be charged on unpaid taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month (or fraction thereof) for the first three months, and one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month for late payments more than three months from due date;

c) In addition to interest, a penalty of eight percent (8%) of the tax bill shall be imposed for any late payment (note that postmark date is not acceptable for payment of taxes, and that taxpayers are still responsible for insuring that taxes are paid from mortgage escrow accounts);

d) A service charge of \$25.00 will be assessed for checks returned for insufficient funds.

DISCUSSION: Sonny Parento asked for clarification regarding the word "personal". Tom Carlson explained that was a tax on business personal property, such as a Machinery and Equipment tax (M&E). M&E tax was eliminated with the enactment of Act 60. Jean Ankeney said that there was no property tax on a person's personal property. Sarah Tischler said that the article was required by State statute.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 14. To authorize the Town Clerk to approve additions to the voter checklist pursuant to Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 2144 (b)

MOTION by George Young, seconded by Jean Ankeney, to authorize the Town Clerk to approve additions to the voter checklist pursuant to Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 2144 (b).

DISCUSSION: Mike Felber explained that in the past as voters moved into or out of town, the Town Clerk amended the voter checklist. Per State statutes, it was the job of the Board of Civil Authority (BCA), a Selectboard member, the Town Clerk and two other persons to amend the list. The article authorizes the Town Clerk to make adjustments without the BCA, and confirm the checklist was correctly written and verifiable. Jean Ankeney said that soon there would be a statewide voter checklist that would coordinate with the town lists.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE 15. To transact any other business properly brought before the meeting

MOTION by George Young, seconded by Fred Erdman, to take Article 15 off the table. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

Steve Faust asked for clarification regarding Town accounting practices. Tom Carlson explained that the Town was working to correct accounting practices and that all corrections should be in place by the next Town Meeting.

Mary Alice Favro reported that Green Up Day was scheduled for May 3, 2003, and asked for volunteers.

Tom Carlson thanked the DRB and Dick Ward, Zoning Administrator, for their excellent work on the Mt. Pritchard communications tower permit application. No appeals have been filed.

Shirley Vaux reported that the Chittenden Solid Waste District Rover was scheduled to visit St. George Saturday, April 23, 2003, for hazardous waste pickup.

The Town thanked Mike Felber, Selectboard member since 1994, for his dedication and major contributions to the Town.

Jean Ankeney passed out proposed statewide health care plans and suggested holding a public meeting for discussion. Also, a Vermont Natural Resources Council was proposed regarding storm water mitigation.

ARTICLE 16. To authorize the imposition of personal and real property taxes necessary to raise the funds to satisfy the Town budget as warned or as may be amended at Town meeting

MOTION by Steve Faust, seconded by Mary Alice Favro, to approve Article 16 as presented.

DISCUSSION: Tom Carlson briefly reviewed the proposed Town budget that included office equipment expenses of \$2,500 and maintenance expenses of \$9,000. The office equipment expense covered a conference table and chairs for Town Hall at a cost of \$1,700. The Town Hall basement was cleared of mold by a haz-mat firm, and the walls were painted. Further work would be necessary which would include completing the concrete floor and outside foundation improvements on the driveway side. A curtain drain was already in place. An internal sump pump was planned. In response to questions regarding accounting line items, Tom Carlson explained that with the help of Fred Erdman, a mortgage interest line item would show an interest expense from the Town land funds that had been set aside. Financial statements showing income/expenses were combined for the first time. Shirley Vaux noted that a CD report needed to be updated. Steve Faust pointed out that cemetery income was missing from the financial statements. Tom Carlson said that trailer park licenses did not appear either. Mary Alice Favro said that \$50 from the Green Up Day line item was not used last

year. Ms. Favro assumed there would be no funding this year and requested funding for the following year.

AMENDMENT to the motion by Stokes Gentry, seconded by Steve Faust, to add \$50 to the budget for the Green Up Day line item.

VOTE on amendment: unanimous; motion carried.

AMENDMENT to motion by Tom Carlson, seconded by Steve Faust, to also add \$1,500 in CD interest income and \$655 Trailer Park License income.

DISCUSSION on amendment: Steve Faust said adding the revenues to the income side should also show on the expense side in the future.

VOTE on amendment: unanimous; motion carried.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON ORIGINAL MOTION AS AMENDED:

Steve Faust pointed out that delinquent taxes collected were \$3,900 last year, but zero this year. Tom Carlson said this was another accounting issue that needed to be sorted out. Jean Ankeney asked if the Town would fund the Summer Program. Sally Dye explained that funding for the Town Summer Program was included in the School Board Enrichment fund. Jean Ankeney expressed concern that the summer programs were held outdoors in the trailer park and should have a permanent shelter. Tom Carlson explained that a committee to use Town land for the children had been discussed.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED: unanimous; motion carried.

4. ADJOURNMENT – 2003 Town Meeting

MOTION by Steve Faust, seconded by Fred Erdman, to adjourn the March 2003 Annual Town Meeting. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

The March 2003 Town Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathlyn Furr, Recording Secretary.

**TOWN OF ST. GEORGE
SCHOOL DISTRICT MARCH 2003 ANNUAL MEETING
VERMONT WARE BUILDING, ST. GEORGE, VERMONT
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 4, 2003**

SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT: Sally Dye, Chairperson; Michaela Wallace, Sarah Tischler.
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Brian O'Regan, CSSU Superintendent; Mark Bouvier, Business Manager.
MODERATOR: Thomas Carlson, Moderator.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Moderator Carlson called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m. and read the warning as follows: "The legal voters of the St. George Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Vermont Ware Building in St. George on Tuesday, March 4, 2003."

ARTICLE I: To elect a moderator

MOTION by Sarah Tischler, seconded by Fred Erdman, to nominate Tom Carlson as moderator. There were no other nominations. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Mike Felber, seconded by Phil Goodman, to close nominations and authorize the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect Tom Carlson as moderator. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE II: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers

MOTION by Jean Ankeney, seconded by Ron Bovat, to hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District Officers.

DISCUSSION: Sally Dye introduced the School Directors, CSSU Superintendent and CSSU Business Manager, and reviewed several options regarding a long term relationship with the Town of Williston related to school issues as outlined in a letter sent to Town residents after the Town Report was printed. The proposed long-term contract to send St. George students to Williston schools was approved by Williston and the School Board, but required approval by the townspeople of St. George. There were no questions regarding the proposed St. George/Williston contract. The School Board reviewed proposed School budget items that included:

- \$15,000 for enrichment programs, a \$2,000 donation for the Williston Playground fund, and \$3,000 for a Williston school district mentoring program. Nancy Carlson thanked the School Board for supporting the mentoring program and explained opportunities and activities. Teachers forwarded student referrals to the program.
- \$5,000 for a computer lab to be located in the Town Hall Conference Room for Grades 4-12, and residential daytime use.

Sarah Tischler, St. George CSSU Board representative, reviewed curriculum coordination for all subjects district wide, a computer lab technician director recently hired, and the CSSU office located at the new Shelburne Village Center building. Helen Neidermeir at CVU should be contacted regarding the Williston school district report on 9th Grade point averages for St. George students. Mr. O'Regan, CSSU Superintendent, reviewed a written CSSU report and noted the following:

1. The St. George Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) was over 100 percent.
2. CSSU was focusing on curriculum coordination and operational service support, and creating opportunities as students go to CVU.
3. Copies of a statewide testing report were available at the CSSU office. Student assessments were related to the "No Child Left Behind" Act federal legislation.
4. Instructional focus included practices, monthly administration/principal instruction, and examining CVU facilities.
5. The CVU Board would forward a new facilities proposal in the spring.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE III: To authorize the Board of School Directors, for a minimum term of ten (10) years, and thereafter until such authorization is rescinded by the voters, to pay tuition and transportation expenses for resident students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 in conformance with Vermont statutes and consistent with those contracts entered into and those policies duly adopted by the Board from time to time

MOTION by Mike Felber, seconded by Mary Elizabeth Gentry, to authorize the Board of School Directors, for a minimum term of ten (10) years, and thereafter until such authorization is rescinded by the voters, to pay tuition and transportation expenses for resident students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 in conformance with Vermont statutes and consistent with those contracts entered into and those policies duly adopted by the Board from time to time.

DISCUSSION: Steve Faust asked for clarification regarding the word "contracts". Sally Dye said that the Board had no intent to enter into any other contract. The language covered a contingency in case negotiations between Williston and St. George were re-opened. Steve Faust pointed out that the Williston contract was not specifically named. Jean Ankeney assured no other schools were involved (in the negotiations). Sarah Tischler noted that there were St. George students at other schools. Superintendent O'Regan said the intent was that the Board has the authority to enter into contractual agreements. Williston already voted to authorize the Williston School Board to enter into the proposed agreement, and the St. George vote was to authorize the St. George School Board to enter into the contract agreement.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE IV: To authorize the Board of School Directors to pay tuition and transportation expenses for resident students in Grades 9-12 in conformance with Vermont statutes and consistent with those policies duly adopted by the Board
MOTION by Jean Ankeney, seconded by George Young, to authorize the Board of School Directors to pay tuition and transportation expenses for resident students in Grades 9-12 in conformance with Vermont statutes and consistent with those policies duly adopted by the Board.

DISCUSSION: Jean Ankeney asked for clarification regarding transportation reimbursement policies. Sarah Tischler explained there was no change to the repayment for transportation of tutioned Grade 9-12 students. Since St. George does not have a high school, the town could not limit where students attend school.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE V: To have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$1,760,648 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004

MOTION by Fred Erdman, seconded by Stokes Gentry, to have presented by the Board of School Directors the proposed budget for the ensuing year in the amount of \$1,760,648 and to appropriate that sum which the District deems necessary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

DISCUSSION: Sally Dye explained there was a .9% increase over last year's budget (1.3% increase in per pupil costs). The tax rate increase was 5.5% due to a slight drop in the St. George CLA from 112% to 105%. Jean Ankeney asked if the Town benefited from the reappraisal. Mark Bouvier replied St. George was the only community over-valued in the CSSU district. Tom Carlson said with the advent of a statewide property tax, the State was looking at 100% of fair market value (FMV) appraisals utilizing the CLA. If a town was under a certain CLA level, the State would increase the town's Grand List. St. George was over FMV. Any town under FMV would pay a penalty. Shirley Vaux pointed out that trailers and homes in St. George were selling for more than the (town) appraised value.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE VI: To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow and spend money to meet unanticipated expenses for the education of St. George students

MOTION by Mike Felber, seconded by Fred Erdman, to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow and spend money to meet unanticipated expenses for the education of St. George students. **VOTE:** unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE VII: To authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year

MOTION by Mike Felber, seconded by George Young, to authorize the Board of School Directors to borrow money by issuance of bonds or notes not in excess of anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE VIII: To elect one School Director for a term of three (3) years that begins March, 2003 and expires March, 2006

MOTION by Nancy Carlson to nominate Kellie Bosenberg as School Director for a term of three (3) years that begins March, 2003 and expires March, 2006. There were no other nominations. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Tom Carlson, seconded by Steve Faust, to close nominations and authorize the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect Kellie Bosenberg as School Director for a term of three (3) years that begins March, 2003 and expires March, 2006. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE IX: To elect one School Director for the remaining one (1) year of a three (3) year term that began March, 2001 and expires March, 2004

MOTION by Micheala Wallace to nominate Sally Dye as School Director for the remaining one (1) year of a three (3) year term that began March, 2001 and expires March, 2004. There were no other nominations. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Sarah Tischler, seconded by Mary Alice Favro, to close nominations and authorize the Town Clerk to cast one ballot to elect Sally Dye as School Director for the remaining one (1) year of a three (3) year term that began March, 2001 and expires March, 2004. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

ARTICLE X: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting
Sarah Tischler was recognized for eight years of outstanding service and dedication to the St. George School Board and to the Town of St. George.

3. ADJOURNMENT – 2003 School District Meeting

MOTION by George Young, seconded by Ron Bovat, to adjourn the 2003 March School District. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The St. George School District Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathlyn Furr, Recording Secretary.

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