

Town of Shrewsbury, Vermont



2003
Annual Report

2003 Dedications

June Wilk

June Wilk passed away July 16, 2003 at home with her family by her side. She was born in Searsburg, VT, raised in Danby and attended local schools. She graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Rutland. After graduating from high school June enlisted in the United States Air Force serving during the Korean Conflict in Japan.

She married Cyril Webster and they built their home in Shrewsbury. This is where she raised their children. Cyril died in 1972. In 1980 June married John Wilk.

June Wilk served the Town of Shrewsbury for 28 years as Town Clerk. The Shrewsbury Town Office was located in June's house for many years. She had a room in the basement of her home where she kept the safe that contained all the land records for the town. A typewriter and a few pieces of office furniture and later a photocopier completed the Town Office. It was from there that June kept a watchful eye on the workings of our town during her tenure. The duties and responsibilities of a Town Clerk changed greatly during the period that June served Shrewsbury in this capacity. She served us well. June retired from this office in 1999.

Mrs. Wilk was a longtime member of the Shrewsbury Community Church, the SnoBees (a snowmobile club), the American Legion Post 31, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 648, and The Ladies of the Moose, the American Legion Post 31 Ladies Auxiliary and the Rutland (Elks) Emblem Club. June loved her family and was a proud grandparent spending as much time with her grandchildren as possible. She also loved the outdoors and fishing. June was a member of several veteran organizations and was buried with full military honors at the Randolph Veterans Cemetery in Randolph, VT.



Dedications continued

Lloyd Bert Potter

Lloyd Bert Potter was a Shrewsbury resident for over 40 years. He passed away July 22nd 2003 at the age of 84 with his family around him.

He married Frances Lorange and raised 3 children at their home on Route 103.

He was a member of the Vermont National Guard and during WWII served five years with the U.S. Army in India. He joined the Vermont State Police in 1947 as a Major after 30 years of service.

Throughout his life he was known for his public service. He did not look for high profile, however, he was noted as being a man that did his job efficiently, without complaining. After retirement he volunteered his time and served as a member of the State Appraiser Board from 1977-2003. He was a president of the Wallingford Rotary and member of the Montpelier Rotary Club. He was a member and former President of the Vermont State Employees Association, and served on the Governors State Advisory Commission. He had also held various positions with local Boy Scouts, including Iroquois District Chairman.

He raised his children, participated in the community and supported the school and Fire Department. After an election he could be found at the Town Hall, counting votes-even though it was past his bedtime.

He enjoyed visiting with friends at Over Easy's, being with his family, gardening, reading, outdoor life, politics and going to his camp at Lewis Pond. He believed in "public service" and modeled his life on the fundamentals of: being kind to others, showing patience and understanding, supporting his family and community and extending his help to those in need.

Doris Erb

Doris Erb, 90, formerly of Shrewsbury, died with dignity and peace, surrounded by the love and support of three generations of family on October 19, 2003. She was born in Newark, New Jersey. She graduated from Columbia High School in South Orange, NJ and attended the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Arts, graduating in 1934.

Doris married George Erb in 1936 and recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary.

Throughout her life she was a devoted and enthusiastic artist, teaching and sharing her talent with her family and communities that surrounded her: teaching art in the old schoolhouses of Shrewsbury, exhibiting her art work at exhibitions in New Jersey, Stratton Arts Festival, Chaffee Art Center, Coolidge Homestead and the Hopkins Art Center in Hanover, NH.

Doris' historic portraits and shadow boxes are on permanent display at the Shrewsbury Town Hall. Articles about her have been published in Yankee Magazine, the Goodfellow Catalogue, and many regional newspapers. Additional contributions include the whimsical murals she painted during the Depression, unique shadow boxes, historic figurines, and an array of other delightful objects. She sold hundreds of pastel portraits over the course of her life, finishing the most recent one only three months ago.

Her love of history revealed itself in many ways: Demonstrating the Charleston dance routine for her grandchildren, her love of antiques and memorabilia of all kinds, and her painstaking research of her family which often revealed fascinating information. She was an avid reader, and remained curious and involved with social and political issues.

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Town of Shrewsbury
2003 ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

<u>Elected Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Elected Officer(s)</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
MODERATOR	1 Year	Eldred French	2004
TOWN CLERK	3 Years	Anne Haley	2006
TOWN TREASURER	3 Years	Linda McGuire	2006
SELECTMEN	3 Years	Donald Parrish	2004
		Bert Potter	2005
		Michael Stewart	2006
AUDITORS	3 Years	Judith Thomas	2004
		Vacant	2005
		Steven Nicholson	2006
LISTERS	3 Years	Betsy Jesser	2004
		Gary Chapin*	2005
		Richmond Congdon II	2006
MOUNTAIN SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Steven Bankert*	2004
		Edmund Hemmer	2005
		Adrienne Raymond	2006
MILL RIVER SCHOOL DIRECTORS	3 Years	Grace Korzun*	2004
		Lee Wilson	2005
TOWN GRAND JUROR	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2004
TOWN AGENT	1 Year	Barry Griffith	2004
1ST CONSTABLE	1 Year	Todd Westbay	2004
2ND CONSTABLE	1 Year	Bennie Carrara	2004
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES	1 Year	Randy A. Page	2006
PLANNING COMMISSION	3 Years	Laura Black	2004
		Mark Goodwin*	2004
		George Brigham, Jr.	2005
		David Rice	2005
		Francis Wyatt	2005
		Marilyn Dalick	2006
		Ann Vanneman	2006
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 Years	George Brigham, Jr.	2004
		Larry Carrara	2005
		George Richards	2006

*appointment valid until next election, March 2, 2004

GENERAL ELECTION FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE	Sally Adams	2005
Elected November 5, 2001 to serve from	John Berryhill	2005
February 1, 2003 through January 31, 2005	Larry Carrara	2005
	Barry Griffith	2005
	Marilyn (Sally) Jones	2005
	Hull Maynard	2005
	Julanne Sharrow	2005

Town of Shrewsbury			
2003 OFFICES APPOINTED BY THE SELECTBOARD			
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2004
		Vacant	2004
		Alan Shelvey	2005
		Tony Poell	2005
		Mark Youngstrom	2006
		Betsy Jesser	Alternate
		Dennis Start	Alternate
TRUSTEES of the COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE	3 Years	Paul Sgalia	2004
		Louise Bray	2005
		James Pollock	2006
		Leonard Korzun	2006
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	4 Years	Sally Greene	2004
		Sharon Winnicki	2004
		Scott Darling	2006
		John Davis	2006
		Deborah Schoch	2006
		Vacant	2006
		Liesbeth van der Heijden	2007
		Vacant	2007
		Vacant	2007
RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		David Rice	-
		Mark Goodwin (alternate)	-
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR		Michael Stewart	
ROAD COMMISSIONER		Herb Carrara	-
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS		Rene Lincoln	-
		Dale West	
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR	3 Years	Adrienne Raymond	2005
TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANT		Adam Oney	
SEWAGE OFFICER		Adrienne Raymond	-
SERVICE OFFICER		George Richards	-
HEALTH OFFICER		Irene Gorden	6/1/2005
HOUSING AUTHORITY REHABILITATION PROG		Don Parrish	-
STATE FIRE WARDEN		Kevin Brown, Al Ridlon, Asst.	6/20/2008
TREE WARDEN		Eldred French	2004
FENCE VIEWERS		Randy Page	2004
		Michael Stewart	2004
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES		Sally Greene, Ann Vanneman, alternate	
EAST/WEST HIGHWAY COALITION		Sally Greene	-
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL		George Gulick	-
REGIONAL AMBULANCE REPRESENTATIVE		Richard Swartz	-
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER, SHINGLES & WOOD		Eldred French	2004
WEIGHER OF COAL		George Richards	-
OTHER TOWN EMPLOYEES			
			Years of Service
TOWN ROAD CREW	James Carrara		18
(appointed by Road Commissioner)	Gilbert Pitts		17
	Greg Osborne		3
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK (appointed by Town Clerk)	Linda McGuire		4
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER (appt. by Treasurer)	Anne Haley		2

Town of Shrewsbury
223rd ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2004

The legal voters of the Town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	1 year term
One Selectman	3 year term
One Auditor	3 year term
One Auditor	2 year term
One Lister	3 year term
One Lister	1 year term
One Grand Juror	1 year term
One Town Agent	1 year term
One 1 st Constable	1 year term
One 2 nd Constable	1 year term
Two Planning Commissioners	3 year term
Cemetery Commissioner	3 year term
2. Shall the Town approve a budget of **\$572,557**, and appropriate **\$398,263** to be raised by taxes or other revenues to defray the general expenses of the Town, including highways, until the next year's collection of taxes?
3. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,500** for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
4. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,500** for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
5. Shall the Town appropriate **\$30,000** for the Road Equipment Fund?
6. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,000** for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
7. Shall the Town appropriate **\$25,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
8. Shall the Town appropriate **\$9,600** for the Community Meeting House?
9. Shall the Town appropriate **\$26,000** for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?
10. Shall the Town appropriate **\$5,000** for the Shrewsbury Library?
11. Shall the Town appropriate **\$2,000** for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
12. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,058** for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns?
13. Shall the Town appropriate **\$50** to help support the George D. Aiken Resource Conservation & Development Council?
14. Shall the Town appropriate **\$200** to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?

Town of Shrewsbury
223rd ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2004

15. Shall the Town appropriate **\$500** for dues to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission?
16. Shall the Town appropriate **\$4,709** for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
17. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$2,526** to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice in fiscal year 2003: **\$300** to support Rutland Area Hospice and **\$2,226** to support RAVNAH home and community health services?
18. Shall the Town appropriate **\$100** to help support Green Up Vermont?
19. Shall the Town appropriate **\$130** to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
20. Shall the Town appropriate **\$700** to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
21. Shall the Town appropriate **\$1,152** to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?
22. Shall the Town appropriate **\$150** to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?
23. Shall the Town appropriate **\$600** to help support the Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council?
24. Shall the Town appropriate **\$500** to help support the Rutland County Parent/Child Center?
25. Shall the Town appropriate **\$500** to help Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education provide direct educational services to adults?
26. Shall the Town appropriate **\$500** to help support the Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Service.
27. Does the Town vote to raise **\$200** for the Rutland County Community Land Trust to assist Shrewsbury and its residence with their affordable housing needs?
28. Shall the voters of the Town of Shrewsbury elect not to tax business personal property in accord with the provisions of 32 VSA § 3949 effective for the grand list of April 1, 2004?
29. Shall the taxes be postmarked or in the hands of the Treasurer on or before Tuesday, October 5, 2004?

Dated: January 28, 2004
Michael J Stewart
Bert Potter
Donald A Parrish
Board of Selectmen

The informational meeting for the annual Town Meeting will be held at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road. This meeting will take place immediately following the Town School District information meeting, which begins at **5:30 pm, Monday, March 1, 2004.**

Town of Shrewsbury
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS
March 4, 2003

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:30 pm., March 3, 2003

LOCATION: Shrewsbury Town Hall/Meetinghouse

PRESENT: Moderator Eldred French, Selectboard Members: Bert Potter, Michael Stewart and Donald Parrish; Town Clerk Anne Haley, Town Treasurer Linda McGuire and approximately 80 voters.

Senators Hull Maynard II and Kevin Mullin, representing Rutland County, spoke of proposed legislation regarding Act 60. Representative Gail Fallar presented a Legislative update to the voters. The Moderator read all items on the warning. Board members reviewed all budget articles. No action was taken at this meeting.

This meeting recessed at 8:15 pm. until 10:00 a.m., March 5, 2003 for voting by Australian ballot at the Shrewsbury Meetinghouse.

Election results as follows:

1. To elect all town officers as required by law:

One Moderator	One year term	Eldred French
One Selectboard Member	Three year term	Michael Stewart
One Town Clerk	Three year term	Anne Haley
One Town Treasurer	Three year term	Linda McGuire
One Auditor	Three year term	Steven Nicholson
One Lister	Three year term	Richmond Congdon II
One Lister	Two year term	Robert Ferguson Sr.
One Lister	One year term	Betsy Jesser
One Grand Juror	One year term	Barry Griffith
One Town Agent	One year term	Barry Griffith
One 1st Constable	One year term	Todd Westbay
One 2nd Constable	One year term	Bennie Carrara
One Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Three year term	Randy Page
One Planning Commissioner	Three year term	Marilyn Dalick
One Planning Commissioner	Three year term	Ann Vanneman
One Cemetery Commissioner	Three year term	George Richards

2. Shall the Town approve a budget of \$528,601, and appropriate \$363,601 to be raised by taxes or other revenues to defray the general expenses of the Town, including highways, until the next year's collection of taxes? Yes 312 No 128
3. Shall the Town appropriate and expend up to \$20,000 from existing reserved planning funds for Parcel mapping? Yes 274 No 165
4. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 for the Town Office Reserve Fund? Yes 281 No 160
5. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund? Yes 305 No 137
6. Shall the Town appropriate \$30,000 for the Road Equipment Fund? Yes 314 No 128

Town of Shrewsbury
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS
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7. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
Yes 269 No 171
8. Shall the Town appropriate \$25,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department
Equipment Reserve Fund? Yes 280 No 160
9. Shall the Town appropriate \$500 for the Fire Warden for the purchase of new equipment?
Yes 301 No 138
10. Shall the Town appropriate \$9,600 for the Community Meeting House? Yes 282 No 157
11. Shall the Town appropriate \$ 26,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?
Yes 315 No 127
12. Shall the Town appropriate \$3,870 for the Shrewsbury Library? Yes 282 No 160
13. Shall the Town appropriate \$2,000 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society? Yes 252 No 190
14. Shall the Town appropriate \$720 for the Vermont League of Cities and Towns?
Yes 232 No 207
15. Shall the Town appropriate \$50 to help support the George D. Aiken Resource
Conservation & Development Council? Yes 245 No 195
16. Shall the Town appropriate \$75 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources
Conservation District? Yes 250 No 187
17. Shall the Town appropriate \$500 for dues to the Rutland Regional Planning Commission?
Yes 224 No 213
18. Shall the Town appropriate \$4,709 for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
Yes 357 No 86
19. Shall the Town appropriate \$2,526 to support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse
Association and Hospice? Yes 348 No 95
20. Shall the Town appropriate \$170 to help support the Vermont Center for Independent
Living? Yes 269 No 169
21. Shall the Town appropriate \$100 to help support Green Up Vermont? Yes 302 No 138
22. Shall the Town appropriate \$130 to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer
Program (RSVP)? Yes 311 No 128

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESULTS
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23. Shall the Town appropriate \$700 to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging? Yes 296 No 145
24. Shall the Town appropriate \$1,152 to help support Rutland Mental Health Services? Yes 277 No 164
25. Shall the Town appropriate \$150 to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter? Yes 295 No 144
26. Shall the Town appropriate \$600 to help support the Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council? Yes 232 No 205
27. Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to help support the Rutland County Parent/Child Center? Yes 255 No 182
28. Shall the Town appropriate \$500 to help Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education provide direct educational services to adults? Yes 262 No 178
29. Shall the Town of Shrewsbury discontinue the use of Australian ballot for all budget items? Yes 122 No 318
30. Shall the legislature be urged to change Vermont's voting law for statewide elections, which currently can result in no candidate receiving a majority and the selection of a governor by the legislature instead of the voters; and replace it with a system where the top vote getter wins, a system which is currently in place for electing legislators and the congressional delegation? Yes 289 No 139
31. Should Vermont Governors have a four-year term beginning in the year 2008? Yes 241 No 198
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Shrewsbury vote to approve the following resolution:
"Be it resolved that the citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor, and Congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont's homes, businesses, public buildings, and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the state of Vermont." Yes 321 No 114
33. Shall the taxes be postmarked or in the hands of the treasurer on or before Monday, October 6, 2003? Yes 390 No 47

Town of Shrewsbury
AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited, to the best of our ability, the financial statements from the various town offices. We believe these statements reasonably reflect the financial status of the Town of Shrewsbury for the year ended 31 December 2003.

There are separate statements for all accounts operated independently.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Shrewsbury Town School District for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2003. The school district was audited this year by the firm Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, Montpelier, Vermont.

The financial statements provided to the town auditors by the RSSU Business Manager for inclusion in the 2003 Annual Report are not audited numbers and as such are not verified for accuracy. As of the annual report printing date, February 9th, Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner, P.C. was not done with the audit of the Shrewsbury Town School District.

The RSSU audit was done by Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Nicholson
Judith G.-Thomas

Special thanks to Christina Clarke and Helen Start for helping with the production of this year's town report. We truly appreciate the assistance. It would have been most difficult to meet our short deadline without them. Chris, in particular, volunteered tirelessly to help get us to print on time. Our list of supporters would not be complete without Anne Haley who was always there to lend a helping hand. Lastly we would like to thank Sharon Winnicki and Sally Greene who along with Anne helped get the reports ready to be mailed.

The front cover photo was taken by Amy Leah deCamp-Thomas at the Mountain School. The young artists pictured along with teachers and friends created the miniature Carrousel and paper mache animal piñatas. Each of the piñatas was put up for bid by silent auction. The proceeds will be used to bring artist-in-residence Brent McCoy from Circus Smirkus to the school February 23rd through 27th and March 1st through the 5th.

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

The Town Treasurer is elected for a three-year term and serves as the Town School District Treasurer pursuant to State Statute. Taxes are due once a year in Shrewsbury, the voters set the date by Australian ballot. Payment must be received by October 5, 2004; U. S. Postal Service postmark is accepted. If the payment is not received on time, a warrant is issued to the collector of delinquent taxes and an 8 percent penalty is charged on the unpaid balance. However, tax payments are accepted at anytime throughout the year.

This year Act 68 has changed Vermont's education funding law. Vermont residents are required to file a declaration of homestead, to facilitate the tax rates to be calculated for residential and non-residential rates. These forms are to be filed by April 15th and were mailed to residents in December, but are also available in your state income tax booklet or, at the town office if you did not receive the form.

As always, we invite you to visit or call for any comments or questions you might have.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda McGuire, Town Treasurer

Town Treasurer's Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Town of Shrewsbury
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
For The Year Ended December 31, 2003

	General Fund	Sinking Funds	Long Term Debt	TOTAL
Assets				
Cash	74,402	169,822	0.00	244,224
Retire Lt. Debt			0.00	0.00
Total Assets	74,402	169,822	0.00	244,224
Liabilities and Fund Equity				
Debt Service			0.00	0.00
Fund Equity				
Reserved Funds	(1)	169,822		169,822
Unreserved Funds	74,402			74,402
Total Fund Equity	74,402	169,822	0.00	244,224
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	74,402	169,822	0.00	244,224

Town of Shrewsbury School District
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE,
EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2003

	General Fund	Lunch Fund	TOTAL
Revenue	2,213,088	16,894	2,229,982
Expenditures	2,088,714	19,300	2,108,014
Excess of Revenue	124,374	(2,406)	121,968
Fund Balance July 1, 2002	(16,122)	3,523	(12,599)
Adjustments & Transfers	99,587	449	100,036
Fund Balance June 30, 2003	<u>207,839</u>	<u>1,566</u>	<u>209,405</u>
Unreserved	100,042	-	100,042
Reserved General Funds	4,938		4,938
Reserved	102,859	1,566	104,425
	<u>207,839</u>	<u>1,566</u>	<u>209,405</u>

SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SINKING FUND

	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Estimate	2004-05 Budget
Beginning Balance July 1	76,448	102,859	56,770
Audit Adjustments	7,343	(1,065)	
Adjusted Balance July 1	83,791	101,794	56,770
Receipts from Operational Fund	24,712	14,000	54,000
Receipts from Interest	1,355	1,102	769
Expenditures	(7,000)	(60,125)	(60,125)
Ending Balance June 30	<u>102,858</u>	<u>56,771</u>	<u>51,414</u>
Bus Fund	68,265	15,757	2,768
Building Maintenance Fund	23,813	31,223	45,781
Preschool Fund	10,781	9,790	9,865
	<u>102,859</u>	<u>56,770</u>	<u>58,414</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND
Year Ending December 31, 2003

BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2003 **\$ 86,293.42**

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax Receipts

Taxes: Current	\$	2,101,662.37
Abatements		-591.25
Overpayments		3.58
Delinquent Tax 2003		76,915.44

Total Property Tax Receipts

2,177,990.14

Other Tax Receipts

Land Use		27,604.00
Release of Land Use Property		208.00
Leased Land		30.00
State in Lieu of Tax		8,405.00
Federal in Lieu of Tax		3,385.00
Railroad Tax		526.20

Total Other Tax Receipts

40,158.20

Road Commission Receipts

State Aid		123,294.04
Services Rendered		5,483.50
Weight Permits		60.00

Total Road Commission Receipts

128,837.54

Other Receipts

Act 60 Funds		5,208.00
Computer Disposal		75.00
Dog Licenses		771.00
Fines Received		659.00
Interest		1,643.63
Miscellaneous		32.75
Planning Grant		2,700.00
Rebates/Refunds		40.00
Recycle		1,803.94
Restoration Fees		1,197.00
SHARP		1,488.40
Subdivision Permits		225.00
Town Office Rug Fund		100.00
Zoning Permits		2,444.40

Total Other Receipts

18,388.12

Pass Through Receipts

Compliance Letters		50.00
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees		6,094.60
Dog Licenses		466.00
Numbers Signs		15.90
Paving Grant		42,000.00
Sewage Fees		118.00
Shrewsbury Meeting House Income		1,574.39
Town Clerk Fees		7,357.00

Total Pass Through Receipts

57,675.89

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 2,423,049.89

Transfers from Reserved Funds

51,845.82

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE

\$ 2,561,189.13

Town of Shrewsbury
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND
Year Ending December 31, 2003

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DISBURSEMENTS:

School Account	1,721,589.00
Selectboard's Orders	241,937.58
Road Commissioners Orders	399,515.42
Receipts Transferred to "Reserved/Restricted" Funds	10,693.40

Warned Items:

Bennington Rutland Opportunity Council	600.00
Fire Warden	500.00
Garage Facility Repairs	1,500.00
George D. Aiken Resource Conservation	50.00
Green Up	100.00
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	130.00
Road Equipment Sinking Fund	30,000.00
Rutland Area Community Services	1,152.00
Rutland Area Visiting Nurse & Hospice	2,526.00
Rutland County Women's Network	150.00
Rutland Natural Resources Conservation	75.00
Rutland Parent/Child Center	500.00
Rutland Regional Ambulance	4,709.00
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	500.00
Shrewsbury Community Meeting House	9,600.00
Shrewsbury Historical Society	2,000.00
Shrewsbury Library	3,870.00
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	26,000.00
SVFD-Equipment Sinking Fund	25,000.00
Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging	700.00
Town Office Sinking Fund	1,000.00
Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Vermont Adult Learning	500.00
Vermont Center for Independent Living	170.00
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	720.00
Total Warned Items	<u>113,052.00</u>

Total Disbursements	<u>2,486,787.40</u>
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GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2003	\$ 74,401.73
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL TOWN FUNDS	<u>169,822.00</u>
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(See Reserved and Additional Town Funds Report for detail)

TOTAL GENERAL FUND AND ADDITIONAL TOWN FUNDS	<u><u>\$ 244,223.73</u></u>
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Respectfully submitted,
Linda McGuire, Treasurer

RESERVED AND ADDITIONAL TOWN FUNDS⁽¹⁾

Act 60/EEGL

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 14,673.88	
Interest	427.37	
Transferred from Reappraisal Fund	14,757.18	
Transferred from General Fund	5,208.00	
Disbursement	(5,401.90)	
Disbursement for Parcel Mapping	<u>(2,658.26)</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 27,006.27

Brown Bridge Management Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 1,324.02	
Interest Earned	17.88	
Disbursement	<u>(581.73)</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 760.17

Equipment Sinking Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 29,143.58	
Interest Earned	342.27	
Transferred from General Fund	<u>30,000.00</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 59,485.85

Fire Truck Sinking Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 5,012.22	
Interest Earned	48.01	
Transferred from General Fund	25,000.00	
Disbursement (Lease Payment)	<u>(26,369.00)</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 3,691.23

Garage Facility Repairs

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 2074.99	
Interest Earned	<u>24.25</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 2,099.24

Garage/Transfer Station Facility Sinking Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 6,165.65	
Interest Earned	59.93	
Transferred From General Fund	<u>1,500.00</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 7,725.58

Parcel Mapping Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 10,539.41	
Interest Earned	99.83	
Disbursements	<u>(10,639.24)</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 0.00

RESERVED AND ADDITIONAL TOWN FUNDS (Continued)

Planning Grant

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 3,600.00	
Interest Earned	22.73	
Transferred from General Fund	2,700.00	
Disbursements	<u>(4,377.49)</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 1,945.24

Reappraisal Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 18,693.91	
Interest Earned	65.26	
Transferred to Act 60 Fund	<u>(14,757.18)</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 4,001.99

Restoration Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 1,922.42	
Interest Earned	7.27	
Transferred from General Fund	2,197.00	
Disbursements	<u>(1812.67)</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 2,314.02

Shrewsbury Housing and Rehabilitation Program

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 25,646.86	
Interest Earned	185.60	
Payments on Loans	<u>1,488.40</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 27,320.86

Smith Brook Culvert Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 3,636.76	
Interest Earned	59.50	
Disbursements	<u>(5.53)</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 3,690.73

Special Highway Needs Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 25,675.63	
Interest Earned	<u>253.83</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 25,929.46

Town Office Rug Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 60.00	
Interest Earned	1.77	
Transferred from General Fund	<u>100.00</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 161.77

Town Office Sinking Fund

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 2,644.91	
Interest Earned	44.68	
Transferred from General Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Ending Balance December 31, 2003		\$ 3,689.59

TOTAL RESERVED AND ADDITIONAL TOWN FUNDS		<u>\$ 169,822.00</u>
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TOWN OF SHREWSBURY
STATEMENT OF TAXES RAISED
Year Ending December 31, 2003

GRAND LIST

Real Estate	84,591,738
Personal Property	<u>233,137</u>

TOTAL GRAND LIST 84,824,875

TAXES BILLED

Municipal Grand List	848,249	
Tax Rate	<u>0.5525</u>	
Municipal Taxes Billed		468,658.27
Education Grand List	845,917	
Tax Rate-Statewide Share	<u>1.1425</u>	
		966,460.11

Education Grand List	845,917	
Tax Rate-Local Share	<u>0.8935</u>	
		<u>755,827.25</u>

TOTAL TAXES BILLED 2,190,945.63

TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR

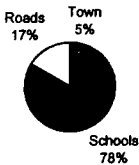
Taxes Collected 2003	2,101,078.72
Delinquent Taxes	85,779.07
Abatements/Appeals	3,995.02
Errors and Omissions	92.82

TOTAL TAXES ACCOUNTED 2,190,945.63

TAX RATE PERCENTAGES

The 2003 Tax Rate of 2.4222 is divided as follows:

General Town	0.5525	468,658.27
Schools	<u>2.036</u>	<u>1,722,287.36</u>
	2.5885	2,190,945.63



TAX COMPARISON

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GRAND LIST</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>TAXES BILLED</u>
2003	848,249	2.59	2,190,946
2002	849,073	2.42	2,052,053
2001	830,680	1.99	1,647,629
2000	767,026	1.93	1,479,282
1999	758,948	1.99	1,510,858
1998	754,316	1.88	1,417,931
1997	749,362	1.77	1,326,371
1996	747,857	1.93	1,443,364
1995	790,754	1.80	1,423,357
1994	792,602	1.75	1,387,054
1993	784,069	1.58	1,238,829

Reappraisal done in 2001.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Reserved/Restricted Funds

Act 60/EEGL	Funds designated for the purpose of maintaining and updating our equalized grand list. A portion of these funds will be expended for Tax Mapping Expenses (Town Warning 2002)
Brown Bridge Management Fund	Funds Designated for the Management of the Brown Bridge Area
Equipment Sinking Fund	Funds designed for replacement/purchase of Town equipment
Fire Truck Sinking Fund	Funds designated for fire truck
Garage Facility Repairs	Funds designated for garage facility repairs (Established Town Warning 2000).
Garage/Transfer Station Facility Sinking Fund	Funds designed for the installation of a restroom facility at the Town Garage and Transfer Station (Established Town Warning 2000)
Parcel Mapping Sinking Fund	Funds to be used for parcel mapping. A portion of these funds were transferred from the Act 200 Fund (Approved by Selectboard 10/18/2001)
Planning Grant	Funds to be used for planning purposes (State Grant awarded 2001 & 2002)
Reappraisal Fund	Funds to be used for reappraisal costs
Restoration Funds	Funds collected (\$1 per page for recorded documents) at Town office set aside for restoration of Town documents
Shrewsbury Housing and Rehabilitation Program	Funds available as loans to town residents for home improvements
Smith Brook Culvert Funds	Funds designated for costs associated with a review of the Smith Brook culvert on Town Highway #4
Special Highway Needs Fund	Funds set aside for Special Highway Department Needs (Established Town Warning March 6, 2001)
Town Office Rug Fund	Funds received beginning 2002 from contributions for a rug for the town office.
Town Office Sinking Fund	Funds designated for improvements/repairs of the Town Office

2. **Transfer Station Costs**

In addition to expenses currently listed, it is estimated that 200 hours of road crew wages spent working at the transfer station for 2003, or approximately \$2,628.00 worth of additional expenses are directly attributed to the transfer station

3. **Receivables/Payables**

At year end the following amounts are outstanding:

Receivable: From Shrewsbury Meeting House \$638.61, which was
received in January

From Delinquent Taxes - \$9,822.51

Payable: To the Town Clerk \$12.00 owed for Permits Recorded
To the Zoning Administrator \$5.00 for Sewage Permits

PAYROLL FOR TOWN OFFICIALS, APPOINTED AND EMPLOYEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Burt Potter	Selectperson	\$ 600.00
	Transfer Station Assistant	<u>60.00</u>
		\$ 660.00
Donald Parrish	Selectperson	600.00
Michael Stewart	Selectperson	600.00
David H. Johnson	Selectboard Clerk	1,100.00
Steven Nicholson	Auditor	676.69
Judith Thomas	Auditor	187.31
Bernard C. Wheeler	Transfer Station Attendant	6,805.00
Adam Oney	Transfer Station Attendant	1,540.26
Larry Carrara	Transfer Station Assistant	700.00
Adrienne Raymond	Zoning/Sewage Administrator	1,363.00
Irene Gordon	Health Officer	700.00
Betsy Jesser	Lister	2,495.84
Gary Chapin	Lister	821.82
Robert Ferguson	Lister	378.01
Richmond Congdon	Lister	1,096.91
Willard Smith	Building Maintenance*	1,950.00
David Rice	Planning Commission	570.00
Marilyn Dalick	Planning Commission	750.00

Based on fees collected and salary

Linda McGuire	Treasurer		22,040.96
Anne Haley	Town Clerk	20,899.25	
	Lister's Assistant	984.00	
	DRB Clerk	<u>330.00</u>	
			22,213.25

Based only on fees collected

Randy Page	Delinquent Tax Collector		<u>6,094.60</u>
			\$ 73,343.65
Social Security/Medicare Matching Town Funds			<u>\$ 5,335.92</u>
Total Town Payroll Expense			<u>\$ 78,679.57</u>

*Salary and associated expenses are reimbursed from the Meeting House Committee.

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 SELECTBOARD REPORT

As can be seen by the figures on the warning, the proposed Town budget has increased and the amount to be raised by taxes or other revenues has increased also. The major portion of this increase is due to wear on the roads. Because of the increase in traffic over the years, the paved roads need to be resurfaced more often. The associated costs have also risen dramatically over the past several years. Thanks to our Road Commissioner, the Town will be applying for a grant from the State, which, if successful, will significantly reduce the amount of monies needed to be raised. As it stands, if the budget passes, the increase will be approximately 9.5%. If our application for the grant is successful, the budget will actually decrease by almost 2%. The Board has worked very hard to keep the costs of operating the Town as low as possible while maintaining the current services.

A major area of concern to the Board this past year has been the transfer station. The State is pressuring the Town to adopt a fee-for-service system which would require the homeowner to pay individually for the waste generated by each household, i.e., you pay for each bag you bring to the transfer station. While the Board is doing everything possible to keep the present system in place, unless everyone who uses the facilities is willing to cooperate, we will be forced to adopt such a program or close the transfer station. People need to take the responsibility of getting stickers on their vehicles, recycle as much as possible, and listen to the attendant when he explains the rules governing the transfer station. If we all work together on this, we will not only be able to maintain the current arrangement, but we will save tax dollars.

On a different note, the parcel mapping project is well under way. All the deeds have been accounted for and the preliminary map from GIS for boundaries has been obtained. All the deeds have been microfilmed, the metes and bounds for all parcels have been traced, and all the surveys currently at the Town Office have been put together to start the actual mapping process. Sometime in the near future, we will hold public meetings to review the maps, at which time, the public will be invited to make any corrections. When the process is complete, the listers will receive training in the use of these maps.

As usual, the officials of the Town have accomplished a lot this year. The current Board of Listers is working hard to remedy some of the problems created during our last reappraisal. They are taking as many training courses as they are able, and it shows in their efforts to make property values equitable across the board. The Planning Commission drafted a new Town Plan and after hearings by the Commission and the Selectboard, it was adopted this year. The Commission is currently working on the Zoning Regulations which will reflect the policies outlined in that Plan. The Emergency Management Committee has presented the Selectboard with an Emergency Management Manual, consisting of a Rapid Response Plan, an Emergency Management Ordinance, and an Emergency Management Operations Plan. This will be a tremendous asset in the event that disaster should strike Shrewsbury. These are some of the larger projects undertaken this year, but recognition must be given to all the other dedicated officials and employees who have worked hard in the daily operation of the Town to keep it running smoothly and efficiently.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Stewart
Bert Potter
Don Parrish
Shrewsbury Selectboard

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 Road Commissioner's Report

With the help of a state grant we were able to cut brush, trim overhanging tree limbs, clean ditches, stone-line some ditches and resurface the paved portions of the Eastham and Mt. Holly Roads.

The summer was spent resurfacing roads with gravel, cleaning ditches and grading roads. Brush was cut as well as dead roadside trees, which provide firewood for the town garage. We maintained equipment and replaced culverts where needed.

A state encouraged bridge and culvert inventory was done by the road crew. All culverts and bridges were inspected; the length, diameter, type, material made of, general condition and locations were recorded. A road inventory still needs to be done. The inventory needs to be done every three years and is intended to ensure bridges, culverts, and roads are in good condition.

TH # 1 - .70 miles leveled and paved
TH # 2 - .40 miles leveled and paved
TH # 3 - 1.10 miles leveled and paved
TH #50 - .20 miles leveled and paved

8024 tons of sand was stockpiled for winter use
5837 tons of gravel was used on various roads
9 culverts were replaced

2003 Inventory of Town Equipment
Estimated Value

2002	International with plow and sander	\$70,000
2000	928 G loader	70,000
1998	International with plow and sander	35,000
1996	L-8000 Ford with plow and sander	20,000
1996	416-8 Cat back hoe	32,000
1992	120 G Cat grader	45,000
1991	L-9000 Ford with plow and sander	18,000
1986	L-9000 Ford 4X4 with plow and sander	18,000
1968	Tractor and Mower	1,500
	York rake	500
	6 two-way radios	1,500
	Miscellaneous tools	<u>5,000</u>
	Total	<u>\$316,500</u>

Town of Shrewsbury
Revenues - General and Road
Year Ended December 31, 2003

	ACTUAL 2002	BUDGET 2003	ACTUAL 2003	BUDGET 2004
REVENUES				
TAXES:				
Current Property Taxes	\$ 357,862	\$ 363,601	\$ 380,073	\$ 398,263
Delinquent Tax	112,593		76,915	
Federal in Lieu of Taxes	2,961	2,961	3,385	3,000
State In Lieu of Taxes	8,199	8,000	8,405	8,000
Land Use Taxes	18,205	18,000	27,604	25,000
Release of Land Use	1,533		208	
Railroad Tax	526	525	526	526
ROADS:				
State Aid To Roads	117,896	121,625	123,294	123,228
Services Rendered-Roads	7,345	5,484	5,484	5,450
Weight Permits	75	75	60	60
Act 60 Funds	5,229	5,000	5,208	5,200
Computer Disposal	60		75	
Dog Licenses	785	700	771	700
Fines	550		659	
Leased Land	30	30	30	30
Other Income	121		33	
Planning Grant Income	7,350		2,700	
Recycling	674		1,804	
Restoration Fees	900		1,197	900
Rebates/Refunds	514		40	
Subdivision Permits	200	100	225	100
Town Office Rug Fund	60		100	
Zoning Permits	3,714		2,444	1,500
Interest Income	2,441	2,500	1,644	600
Total Revenue	649,821	528,601	642,884	572,557
Beginning Cash Balance	75,035	86,293	86,293	74,402
Total Revenue and Beginning Cash	\$ 724,856	\$ 614,894	\$ 729,177	\$ 646,959

**Town of Shrewsbury
General Expenses
Year Ended December 31, 2003**

	ACTUAL 2002	BUDGET 2003	ACTUAL 2003	BUDGET 2004
TRANSFER STATION⁽²⁾				
Tipping Fees	\$ 21,412	\$ 21,500	\$ 22,274	\$ 21,500
Hauling	6,995	6,300	7,016	6,300
Salary	8,675	8,840	9,105	8,100
Maintenance	693	500		500
Solid Waste Dues	720	720	1,941	2,083
Equipment/Facilities	4,100	1,500	5,451	2,000
Household Hazardous Waste Disp.	1,124	1,200	1,037	1,200
Supplies	348	250	432	250
Payroll Expenses	664	680	690	620
Electric	600	600	600	600
Total Transfer Station	45,330	42,090	48,547	43,153
TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSE				
Payroll Expenses	5,550	4,197	5,222	4,800
Public Officials Liability Insurance	1,036	1,152	1,152	997
Emp. Practices Liability Insurance	477	453	453	451
Office Heat/Electric	1,344	2,300	3,603	4,000
Training/Education	1,143	1,200	892	1,200
Postage	2,175	1,500	1,498	1,500
Supplies & Equipment	2,883	2,500	4,389	3,500
Salaries	47,516	47,625	46,900	48,200
Office Expense and Mileage	2,010	2,100	2,073	2,500
Building Maintenance/Repair	388	1,500	961	1,500
Warnings	1,316	1,000	370	1,000
Town Report	1,217	1,000	1,125	1,300
Printing & Copying	482	550	363	500
Ballots & Checklists	73	400	34	
Total Town Officers Expense	67,610	67,477	69,035	71,448
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS				
Interest Expense	152	-		
Court Tax	9,321	10,870	10,045	10,556
Animal Damage and Control	1,357	400	351	400
Legal Fees	900	3,000	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous			331	
Tree Maintenance		500	485	500
Total Other Disbursements	11,731	14,770	14,212	14,456
TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	\$ 124,671	\$ 124,337	\$ 131,794	\$ 129,057

Town of Shrewsbury
Road Expenses
Year Ended December 31, 2003

	ACTUAL 2002	BUDGET 2003	ACTUAL 2003	BUDGET 2004
ROADS				
Gravel	\$ 34,716	\$ 30,000	\$ 27,869	\$ 30,000
VLCT Unemployment	306	400	332	400
BC/BS Health Insurance	29,485	36,270	37,335	34,720
Salt	9,693	10,000	9,350	10,000
Cold Patch	413	800	-	-
Winter Sand	35,574	42,000	57,414	50,000
Culverts & Bridges	3,204	3,500	2,131	3,000
Chloride	3,405	3,000	3,828	-
Other	15	-	115	200
Covered Bridge	723	-	-	-
VLCT Workmen's Compensation	6,991	6,916	7,027	8,429
Salaries	123,858	130,500	125,476	130,500
Equipment Rental	-	5,000	808	2,500
Paving	72,967	70,000	68,336	105,000
Payroll Expenses	9,475	9,983	9,599	9,983
VT State Retirement	4,943	5,220	5,019	5,220
Total Roads	335,767	353,589	354,637	389,952
TOWN EQUIPMENT				
Parts & Repairs	12,889	17,000	10,194	17,000
Tires & Repairs	2,825	3,000	4,055	3,000
Fuels & Lubricants	10,688	15,000	15,655	17,000
Rentals	-	500	-	500
New Equipment	3,700	-	-	800
Misc. Supplies	407	1,000	495	500
Signs	710	500	226	200
Total Town Equipment	31,218	37,000	30,625	39,000
TOWN GARAGES				
Equipment	848	1,300	1,400	800
Maintenance & Supplies	-	500	-	500
Utilities	1,562	1,500	1,868	2,000
Buildings & Repair	2,585	5,000	5,610	5,000
Property & Casualty Insurance	5,530	5,375	5,375	6,248
Total Town Garages	10,525	13,675	14,254	14,548
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSES	377,510	404,264	399,516	443,500
GRAND TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES				
AND ROADS	\$ 502,181	\$ 528,601	\$ 531,310	\$ 572,557

**Town of Shrewsbury
Expenses Offset by Designated Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2003**

	ACTUAL 2002	BUDGET 2003	ACTUAL 2003	BUDGET 2004
PASS THROUGH AND RESERVED/ADDITIONAL FUND EXPENSES				
<u>Restricted/Sinking Funds</u>				
Act 60 Expense			5,402	
Brown Bridge Maintenance	5,524		-	
Brown Bridge Management	463		582	
Delinquent Tax Collector - Tax Sale Escrow Acct	30		-	
Fire Truck	26,369		26,369	
Parcel Mapping Expense			13,298	
Planning Grant Expenses	8,238		4,377	
Restoration Expenses	847		1,813	
Road Equipment	28,031		-	
SHARP	477		-	
Smith Brook	1		6	
Tax Sale Costs	2,096			
Paid from Restricted/Sinking Funds	72,076	-	51,846	-
<u>Other Pass Through Funds</u>				
Brown Bridge Maintenance	35,358		-	
Compliance Fees	75		50	
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	9,007		6,095	
Dog License Fees	487		466	
Paving	40,808		42,000	
Shrewsbury Meeting House Expenses ⁽³⁾	2,188		2,213	
Signs	104		16	
Town Clerk's Fees ⁽³⁾	5,893		7,345	
Sewage Fees ⁽³⁾	120		113	
Total Other Pass Through Funds	94,040	-	58,298	-
Total All Pass Through Funds	166,115	-	110,144	-
TOTAL GENERAL, ROADS, AND PASS THROUGH EXPENSES	\$ 668,296	\$ 528,601	\$ 641,453	\$ 572,557

Town of Shrewsbury
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR
Report for period 01/01/03-12/31/03

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Delinquent Taxes

Balance outstanding December 31, 2002		<u>\$ 958.88</u>
Warrant to Collect, October 20, 2003	\$ 81,757.19	
Amended Warrant, October 28, 2003	3,616.13	
Amended Warrant, December 3, 2003	<u>498.57</u>	
2003 Total Delinquent	\$ 85,871.89	
Total taxes delinquent		<u>\$ 86,830.77</u>

Errors and Omissions

1 account on 11/19/2003	(92.82)
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Delinquent Taxes Collected in 2003

	(76,915.44)
Balance outstanding December 31, 2003- 7 accounts (2)	<u>\$ 9,822.51</u>
Overpayments (1)	\$2.71

8% fees to collector - \$6094.60.

(1) \$2.71 to be applied to 2004 taxes

(2) Outstanding accounts:

2002

Judy Johnson for \$276.13.

Michele A. Demici, Jeanette Ann Schiro, Ann T. Schiro for \$588.59.

2003

Eva Benware for \$779.14

John, Lynn, & Arnold LaGuardia for \$406.39 (unknown address)

Michele A. Demici et al. for \$629.01

Our Lady of Guadalupe Home Found. for \$6,644.68 (Chapter 11)

Warren Gardner, Jr. for \$498.57 (collected 1/14/04)

Randy A. Page
Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 VITAL STATISTICS

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
BIRTHS	3	4	7	9	7	12
DEATHS	7	3	7	6	8	6
MARRIAGES	8	5	6	6	9	6
CIVIL UNIONS	1	1	2	2	-	-

Upon recommendation of the Vermont Department of Health no names are published in this report.
The Vital Records are available at the Town Office and are public records.

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 SHREWSBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY REHABILITATION PROGRAM

In 2003, there was little activity to report. Again this year, none of the five outstanding loans are current, but an effort is being made by most of the participants to catch up and become current. I am confident that all of our current loans will eventually be paid back in full.

The following is a transaction report for 2003.

Beginning Balance January 1, 2003	\$ 25,646.86
Mortgage Principal	\$ 814.07
Mortgage Interest	224.33
Legal Fees Repayment	450.00
Bank Interest	<u>185.60</u>
Total income	<u>1,674.00</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2003	<u>\$ 27,320.86</u>

If you, or anyone you know, qualify based on income and need, and would like to take advantage of this program, please contact the Administrator or a member of the Loan Review Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Parrish, Administrator

Kate Shattuck
Frances Wyatt
Sally Greene
Loan Review Committee

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 ANIMAL LICENSES

QUANTITY	TYPE	FEE	TOTAL COLLECTED
199	NEUTERED	\$5.00	\$995.00
28	UN-NEUTERED	\$9.00	\$252.00
5	SPECIAL	\$31.00	\$155.00
1	KENNEL	\$10.00	\$10.00
2	½ YEAR LICENSE	\$3.00	\$6.00
1	TOWN TO TOWN	\$0.00	\$0.00
	LATE FEES	\$47.00	\$47.00
236 LICENSES			\$1,465.00
2	EXTRA TAGS (SPECIAL)	\$3.00	\$6.00
TOTAL			\$1471.00

Fees submitted to Town of Shrewsbury	\$771.00
Fees retained by Clerk	\$466.00
Fees submitted to the State of Vermont Rabies Control Fund	<u>\$234.00</u>
	\$1,471.00

A person who owns or keeps a dog more than six months old, shall annually on or before April 1st, cause it to be licensed and shall pay \$4.00 for each neutered or spayed dog, \$8.00 for each un-neutered or unspayed dog. If the license fee is not paid by April 1, a 50% penalty is added. Also, \$1.00 for each license and each special breeding license under V.S.A. Chapter 20 Section 2081 (f), is to be used to fund rabies control programs.

Before a person shall be entitled to obtain a neutered or spayed license for a dog, he shall exhibit to the Town Clerk, a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, showing that the dog has been sterilized.

Before obtaining a license for a dog six months of age or older, a person shall deliver to the Town Clerk, a certificate signed by a duly licensed veterinarian, stating that the dog has within 24 months been vaccinated against rabies with a vaccine approved by the Agency of Agriculture. The Town Clerk shall keep the certificated or copies thereof on file.

2004 ANIMAL LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN OFFICE, OR BY MAIL. If ordered by mail please include your new rabies certificate (if needed), a check for \$5 (neutered) or \$9 (un-neutered) for each animal. To avoid late fees please license your dog by APRIL 1!

RABIES CLINIC 2004

DATE: SATURDAY
MARCH 6, 2004 10 AM- 12 NOON

LOCATION: TOWN OFFICE 9823 COLD RIVER RD

FOR: DOGS & CATS

LICENSE YOUR DOG BY APRIL 1, 2004 Please call 492-3511 for more information

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 LISTERS REPORT

In 2003, the Listers appraised several new homes and adjusted existing properties according to submitted permits. We held Grievance Hearings in late May and acquired appeals from the previous Listers, two of which we are still awaiting court decisions.

Act 68 changed Act 60 substantially. Most significantly it splits the Grand Lists for education tax purposes. The \$1.10 Residential Rate and the \$1.59 Non-Resident rate. The \$1.10 Residential Rate will increase according to local spending in education. Included in your tax bill will be an insert from the State Tax Commissioner explaining why the tax rates on your tax bills never equaled the \$1.10 you heard about through the media and will explain the effects of the education spending in our town and its relationship to the actual tax rate. The \$1.59 Non -Resident rate will remain static until it is changed by the legislature.

Our mission in 2004 is to continue to equalize the Grand List values as we have experienced dramatic change in sales this past year. We are presently working on a Land Sales Analysis to evaluate the disparity between appraised values and inflated sale prices. Information from this study along with assistance from our District Advisor will enable us to keep the Grand List as close to 100% as possible. Our goal is to stay within these limits set by the State thus avoiding the cost of a State Mandated Town Wide Reappraisal in this ever-changing Market.

Thank you for all your cooperation and the positive experiences we have enjoyed this past year. We hope we have met your needs and you feel comfortable in contacting us with any questions. Until we meet again remember we are taxpayers also. We value your homes but we do not determine your taxes.

Gary Chapin
Rich Congdon
Betsy Jesser

2003 SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Shrewsbury Meeting House Committee oversees the maintenance and use of one of our most treasured Town buildings, the Center Meeting House. Membership of the Committee is comprised of appointees by both the Town and the Shrewsbury Community Church. Financial and volunteer support of the building comes from both the Church and Town.

The Meeting House Committee is a committee of the Town, comprised of 4 Town representatives and 3 Church representatives. Because funds from both the Town and Church are joined to maintain this building, the Committee maintains a separate banking account as reported here each year in the Town Report.

Over the past year the old fuel oil furnace has been replaced with two new propane furnaces, located in a new furnace room meeting building codes. The old furnace had a history of high maintenance costs and was located in a space which was not fire protected. Following work on the heating system, the Committee needs to focus on additional improvements throughout the building, some required by the State. Projects include a code compliant handicapped ramp with roof, a downstairs handicapped accessible bathroom, some fire alarm improvements, kitchen improvements and removal of the old buried fuel tank.

The Meeting House is one of the town's historical treasures and the mission of this committee is to assure that the building is well kept and available for use by townspeople and town organizations. We thank the Shrewsbury Food Coop for their \$500 donation this year as well as providing all the paper goods for the building. Thank you's are also due Jason Smith, for clearing all the brush around the building, and to Rene Pollock and Louise Bray for their attentiveness to the garden. As always Bill and Donna Smith oversee the building and attend to many details. This building sees a lot of community use, at least every week some community group or family uses the hall. The hall and kitchen are available for any Town or Church function, and can be rented for private functions hosted by town residents. Use of the hall can be arranged by calling Paul Sgalia at 492-3649. Use of the sanctuary can be arranged by calling Pastor Chris Heintz at 492-3402.

The Shrewsbury Meeting House Committee

2003 Trustees of the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House

	Term Expires:
Appointed by the Selectboard:	
Louise Bray	March 2004
Leonard Korzun	March 2004
James Pollock	March 2004
Paul Sgalia	March 2004
Appointed by the Shrewsbury Community Church:	
Pastor Chris Heintz	February 2004
Donna Smith	February 2004
Mark Youngstrom	February 2004

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

BEGINNING BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 2003 **23,596**

RECEIPTS

Town of Shrewsbury	9,600
Shrewsbury Community Church	3,600
Hall Rental	743
Interest	164
Donation from Shrewsbury Food Coop	500

Total Receipts **14,607**

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	1,368
Fuel Oil	1,881
Propane	529
Telephone	477
Custodian	2,213
Maintenance	1,754
Insurance	2,510
Supplies	404
Improvements	16,640

Total Disbursements **27,778**

ENDING BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2003 **10,425**

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY MEETING HOUSE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
RECEIPTS				
Town of Shrewsbury	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,800
Shrewsbury Community Church	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,700
Hall Rental	920	800	743	800
Interest	161	200	164	200
Insurance Claim	4,264	-	-	-
Donation from Shrewsbury Food Coop	-	-	500	-
Total Receipts	18,545	14,200	14,607	14,500
DISBURSEMENTS				
Electricity	1,303	1,600	1,368	1,500
Fuel Oil	1,446	1,000	1,881	500
Propane	420	1,000	529	2,000
Telephone	395	400	477	400
Custodian	2,188	2,200	2,213	2,200
Maintenance	1,794	800	1,754	800
Insurance	2,182	2,200	2,510	2,650
Supplies	68	300	404	100
Improvements	108	15,000	16,640	7,000
Repairs - Insurance Claim	2,078	1,000	-	-
Total Disbursements	11,982	25,500	27,778	17,150

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Vermont State Statutes require that Town Plans be reviewed and adopted every five years. Therefore, during 2003 the Planning Commission focused its efforts on the revision and adoption of the updated Shrewsbury Town Plan. They hosted public hearings on the Plan and also received letters from interested citizens containing recommendations. Following the Selectboard public hearing in August, the Selectboard adopted the updated Town Plan on Aug. 20, 2003. The updated Town Plan for 2003-2008 contains new sections on Emergency Management, Cultural Assets, Affordable Housing, and updated statistics on school populations, housing, and census. Copies are available at the Town Office. Martha Izzi and Anne Vannemann have recently retired from the Planning Commission because of other obligations. The Planning Commission appreciates their outstanding work on the revision of the Town Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rice
Chairman

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 Zoning Administrators Report

It was another busy year for home improvements in Shrewsbury. There were 26 building permits issued last year. Seven were for new or replacement homes and the rest were for additions, garages, sheds, etc. Twelve septic permits were issued; 7 for new systems and 3 for repairs to existing systems. One septic system was issued a permit by the Selectboard because, although the system was the most effective for the site, it was not an allowable design under the Town's current regulations.

I would like to thank my fellow Townspeople for their cooperation in the past year. While no one likes to be told what to do, our zoning regulations are meant to make living in our community easier and better for everyone. In the coming year the Planning Commission will be updating our zoning regulations and making them a better match with our Town Plan. So if you have suggestions for improvements, additions, or deletions, please call a Commission member and share your ideas.

Please call me, if you have any questions about needing a permit or you have concerns about your or others' compliance with our regulations.

Submitted by

Adrienne Raymond

Zoning Administrator and Sewage Officer

Town of Shrewsbury
2003 SHREWSBURY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD REPORT

As required by our Town's zoning ordinance and State statute, the Development Review Board reviews applications for **subdivisions, variances, conditional uses, development in overlay zones or floodplains and appeals of the zoning administrator's decisions.**

The Board meets as required, depending on the applications received. All hearings are publicly warned as required by law, open to all interested persons and an attempt is made to give adjacent landowners individual courtesy notice. All records of applications, findings, decisions and minutes are public record and retained at the Town Office.

Applications to the Development Review Board are available from the zoning administrator. The zoning administrator will also assist an applicant with completing applications and providing information to make the process easier to understand, and to assure the Board receives the necessary information to review an application. The Board continues to work towards a better understanding of development law and precedent cases so all our decisions are as fair as possible to the Town's ordinances, the applicant and any affected parties.

This past year we heard fewer applications than usual.

Through the Board's continuous work with the current zoning regulations, it has become evident that the current zoning ordinance needs updating. Now that the updated Town Plan is in place it is important that the Town update its zoning ordinances for conformance with the Town Plan. The Development Review Board will be assisting the Planning Commission so that this important task can be completed during 2004.

Current Board members are: Tony Poell, Alan Shelvey, Adrienne Raymond, Betsy Jesser and Mark Youngstrom. Dennis Start and Tim Upton currently serve as alternates.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P. Youngstrom, Chair

SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC)
2003 Annual Report

The Solid Waste Alliance Communities are comprised of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinnmouth, and West Haven. Through a cooperative effort, these towns endeavor to resolve solid waste management issues in a cost effective manner. SWAC functions with one administrator, Pam Clapp (518-854-9702). SWAC fulfills the statutory requirements of the state laws covering solid waste. It would prove difficult for individual municipalities to meet state requirements and operate as inexpensively as SWAC. This year the organization has:

- ❖ Restructured the Joint Municipal Survey Committee/Solid Waste Alternative Committee (JMSC/SWAC) into the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) under an Interlocal Contract
- ❖ Sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Collection events (mandated by the State)
- ❖ Attended and represented each town at state-wide solid waste planning meetings
- ❖ Written and received state grants to help reduce costs
- ❖ Coordinated paper recycling pickups with Putney Paper (towns receive money for paper collected)
- ❖ Fielded citizen questions and concerns regarding solid and hazardous waste issues.
- ❖ Overseen joint Solid Waste Plan (mandated by the State)

The State adopted its Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP), effective November 1, 2001. All municipalities in the State had 18 months to update their existing Plans. SWAC took steps to ensure that SWAC towns would be in compliance with this State mandate. SWAC submitted an updated SWIP to the State in May 2003, meeting the State deadline. It is anticipated that SWAC will adopt this updated SWIP in 2004. Citizen participation continues to play a major role in the operation of SWAC. We look forward to ongoing dialogue with our citizens. We wish to thank those citizens who participate in our ongoing efforts to recycle and appropriately dispose of solid and hazardous waste.

Town of Shrewsbury
SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

During 2003, the Conservation Commission worked on several new projects. We co-sponsored an eight week reading/discussion series with the Shrewsbury Library. "A Sense of Place" was the theme selected from the Vermont Earth Institute's group of reading/discussions. Because of the participation we will again be hosting another, but shorter reading/discussion in 2004.

We were fortunate to receive a grant from Rutland West Housing Development, which allowed us to sponsor "One Day for Shrewsbury". We were able to bring a large enough group of volunteers from around town to spruce up and revitalize Marjorie Pierce's gardens along the road in Northam; to do some work on (and inside) the town office building and grounds around it; and to plan to replace the old oak trees that were cut down in Northam. Many thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time to paint and plant!

As usual, we also sponsored Green Up Day, which brought in about 4000 pounds of trash off of our roadsides. Thanks again to everyone who worked so hard to keep our town beautiful.

We also continued to participate in the public hearings on Coolidge State Forest. Also, as part of our grant for the Brown Bridge Management Area, we arranged for random patrols by a sheriff in an attempt to keep down some of the problems. According to folks who live in the area, it worked. The year 2004 will be the last year that we will be able to afford the sheriff as the funds from the grant will expire.

The Conservation Commission still has openings on the board. If anyone is interested please contact the Board of Selectpersons!

Sincerely,

Sharon Winnicki

2003 CONSERVATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance, 01/01/03	\$ 707.33
Income 01/01/03 – 12/31/03	727.94
Expenses 01/01/03 – 12/31/03	(359.14)
Ending Cash Balance, 01/31/03	<u>\$1,076.13</u>

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2004

8:00 a.m. - noon - RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, in Northward Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland Town
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - CHITTENDEN TRANSFER STATION, Chittenden

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2004

8:00-9:30 a.m. - PAWLET, Mettowee Community School Parking Lot, Route 153, West Pawlet
10:30-noon - MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS Transfer Station, behind fire house, Middletown Springs
1:30-3:00 p.m. - FAIR HAVEN TRANSFER STATION, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven
3:30-5:00 p.m. - former WEST HAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, corner of Main Road and Rt. 22A, West Haven

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2004

8:00 - 9:30 a.m. - SHREWSBURY CENTER GARAGE, behind Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, Shrewsbury Center
11:00 A.M.- 12:30 p.m. - BENSON TRANSFER STATION, Benson
2:00-3:30 p.m. - SUDBURY RECYCLING CENTER, across from the Town Garage, Williams Lane, Sudbury

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2004

8:00 A.M. - noon - RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, in Northward Park, off Post Road Extension, Rutland Town
1:30-3:00 p.m. - TINMOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER, across from Snack Bar, Route 140, Tinmouth

AVAILABLE TO: Residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed above, not just the one scheduled for your town. Residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. Please call Tom at 770-1333 for more information. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED!!!**

COST: Free to SWAC residents.

BUSINESS WASTE: Businesses should contact the Rutland County Solid Waste District (Tom at 770-1333) to arrange for disposal and cost information.

- ☑ Use products up for their intended use to lower disposal costs for your community.
- ☑ Keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!
- ☑ No smoking or fires allowed at the collection site.
- ☑ Stockpiling of wastes at the collection site is not allowed.

***COMPUTER COLLECTION:** Permanent computer collection boxes are available in the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, and Tinmouth. West Haven residents can access the computer collection box located in Fair Haven. Please check with your town office or transfer station attendant for disposal fees. In addition, computers are also accepted for recycling or disposal at the Rutland County Solid Waste Facility during regular operating hours. There is a nominal fee for disposal.

For questions or more information, please call TOM at 802-770-1333 or PAM at 518-854-9702.

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WHAT TO BRING

From the Yard/Garden

Pesticides
Herbicides
Insect Sprays
Rodent Killer
Pool Chemicals
Flea Powder
No -Pest Strips
Fertilizer
Lighter Fluid

From the Garage

Wax Polish
Engine Degreaser
Carburetor Cleaner
Gas Treatments
Creosote
Radiator Flusher
Roofing Tar
Used Motor Oil

From the House

Drain Cleaners
Oven Cleaners
Floor Cleaners
Toilet Cleaners
Rug/Upholstery Cleaners
Furniture Polish
Metal Polish
Arts and Crafts Supplies
Photo Chemicals
Chemistry Kits
Mothballs
Unbroken Fluorescent Tubes
Lithium, Mercury, Ni-CAD Batteries

From the Workbench

Rust Proofers
Wood Preservatives
Wood Strippers and Stains
Paint Thinners
Lead and Oil-Based Paints
Solvents/Varnish Sealants

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- > **LATEX PAINT** - Latex Paint is not a hazardous waste! Use it up or give it to a friend to use. It may be dried and landfilled as a solid waste. Open container and let dry until solid or mix in cat-litter to speed up the process.
- > ***COMPUTERS** - See above.
- > **CAR BATTERIES** may be taken to the Rutland County Solid Waste Facility during regular operating hours. Most service stations will take used car batteries.
- > **Tires** are also accepted at the Gleason Road facility for a nominal fee.

Town of Shrewsbury
Shrewsbury State Forest Fire Warden

In 2003, Shrewsbury did not have any forest fires. I would like to thank everyone who burned for doing it safely. Once again we would like to remind everyone that you can only burn natural wood and you must call for a permit. If you need a permit, please call Al Ridlon or myself.

Al Ridlon Home: 492-3722 Work: 492-2055
Kevin Brown Home: 775-6194 Work: 775-5518

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Brown
State Forest Fire Warden
Town of Shrewsbury

To the Shrewsbury Selectmen and Voters:

We would like to request a budget of \$500.00 for 2004 for the purpose of continuing to update our equipment (i.e. Pack Pumps and Pack pump straps for firefighters on a scene). Our equipment is outdated and will need to be replaced. Al Ridlon and myself would like to thank you for your support.

Kevin Brown, State Forest Fire Warden
Al Ridlon, Assistant State Forest Fire Warden
Town of Shrewsbury

2003 Shrewsbury State Forest Fire Warden Financial Report

Beginning Balance:	January 1, 2000		0.00
Receipts:	Article 6 Warning	500.00	
Disbursements:	Radio	(545.00)	
Ending Balance	December 31, 2000		<u>-45.00</u>
 Beginning Balance:	 January 1, 2001		 -45.00
Receipts:	Article 4 Warning	500.00	
Disbursements:		0.00	
Ending Balance:	December 31, 2001		<u>455.00</u>
 Beginning Balance:	 January 1, 2002		 455.00
Receipts:	Article 12 Warning	500.00	
Disbursements:	Asst Fire Warden Radio	(669.25)	
Ending Balance:	December 31, 2002		<u>285.75</u>
 Beginning Balance:	 January 1, 2003		 285.75
Receipts:	Article 9 Warning	500.00	
Disbursements:		0.00	
Ending Balance:	December 31, 2003		<u>785.75</u>

2003 REPORT OF THE SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

In the year 2003, the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department responded to 23 alarms as categorized below:

8 structure fires	8 vehicle accidents
2 vehicle fires (including one military fuel truck)	2 chimney fires
1 downed power line	1 smoke scare
1 false alarm	

During the course of the year, mutual aid agreements were signed between Mount Holly, Clarendon, and Shrewsbury to provide automatic responses between the towns for any structure fires. These are very important assets to the fire protection in all three towns as they ensure additional equipment and manpower any time a serious situation occurs. These agreements may also help to lower the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) ratings for our communities.

The SVFD currently has 19 active firefighters, twelve of whom are air pack qualified and trained for interior structure firefighting. This year was a significant one in terms of training. Two firefighters, Jamie Carrara and Bobby Flanders, completed the 135 hour Firefighter I course. At this writing, there are four others who are taking the same intensive training. Those firefighters are Jim Coton, Jeff Monder, Ray Dambrackas, and Greg Notzelman. The Firefighter I course trains firefighters in all basic areas of firefighting and certifies them as being proficient to serve in the fire service. SVFD members have also attended the regional fire school, and Chief Snarski completed his third year as Chief of Academy at the Vermont State Cadet Fire Academy in Pittsford.

In the area of equipment and buildings, the SVFD building committee, under the direction of Assistant Chief Al Ridlon Jr., oversaw the replacement of the siding, the installation of new windows, and the construction of a chimney at the Northam station. The siding is vinyl with insulation underneath, and the windows are also well insulated. These applications should provide energy efficiency to the station for years to come.

This past year, the SVFD received three major grants from Homeland Security. The first grant for \$10,300.00 was used to purchase hi and low band radios for all of the trucks, and eight new ultra light MSA air bottles for the department's air packs.

The second grant covered the cost of professional assistance in our ongoing efforts to upgrade the ISO rating for the town. This involved inspecting all stations, equipment, and records to see how Shrewsbury might improve the rating from its current "9" to a lower rating that could impact insurance rates in the future.

The third grant, written by David Rice with assistance from Chief Snarski, provided a generator and "gen pack" for the town office. This will enable the town to have power and a command center in the event of a natural disaster. The grant will also allow the town to purchase first aid supplies, radios, and reference/training materials.

Many thanks go to the Shrewsbury property owners who contributed so generously to our annual mailer. Because of this, the SVFD was able to purchase two Automatic External Defibrillators. All SVFD members received training in their use, and one AED was placed on a truck at each station. Hopefully, these devices will never have to be used, but should the need be there, they could provide a chance to save the life of someone stricken with a heart related incident.

In July, the SVFD traveled to Newport for the Vermont State Firefighters Association Convention. The department returned to Shrewsbury with three trophies earned in the muster games, one marching unit trophy, and best of all, the trophy for "Best Tanker, Factory Built." This is the 11th year in a row that our tanker has received this award, and it's a real testament to the level of maintenance and care given to SVFD equipment.

None of the achievements above would have been possible had it not been for the dedication and hundreds of hours of effort given by the nineteen active firefighters who volunteer their valuable time so generously to make things safe for our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Snarski - Chief
Jeff Monder - President
Barry Griffith - Secretary/Treasurer

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Financial Statement, For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

SUMMARY

Total Funds, January 1, 2003		\$ 234,842.94
Total Receipts	306,839.34	
Total Disbursements	(70,233.87)	
Net change in cash		236,605.47
Total Funds, December 31, 2003		<u>471,448.41</u>

GENERAL FUND Beginning Balance, January 1, 2003 \$ 36,751.95

RECEIPTS:

Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 26,000.00	
Homeland Security Grant	9,897.70	
Coin Drop	4,067.00	
Sale of Old Pumper	1,500.00	
Refunds & Rebates	1,228.73	
Donations	1,095.00	
Tent Use	300.00	
Interest	175.56	
Fire Warden for Radio	169.25	
Shirt Sales	89.00	

TOTAL GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS 44,522.24

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

(44,693.28)

GENERAL FUND Ending Balance, December 31, 2003 \$ 36,580.91

REPLACEMENT FUND BALANCE, January 1, 2003 6,048.92

Receipts:

Race Pool Donations	19,134.00	
Jaws of Life Donations	9,505.00	
Defibrillator Donations	4,745.00	
Interest Income	556.86	
		33,940.86

Expenditures:

Transfer to Race Pool Account	(11,000.00)	
Siding Northam Station	(7,252.00)	
Defibrillator Purchases	(6,009.09)	
Race Pool Expenses	(1,025.00)	
Bank Charges	(254.50)	
		(25,540.59)

REPLACEMENT FUND BALANCE, December 31, 2003 \$ 14,449.19

MINNIE SHAW ENDOWMENT

Beginning balance January 1, 2003	180,000.00	
Balance of Bequest Received	196,961.33	
Repayment re 2002 Loan	3,000.00	
Interest Earned	1,321.60	
Ending Balance, December 31, 2003		<u>381,282.93</u>

TIM STEWART MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning balance January 1, 2003	12,042.07	
Donations Received	610.00	
Interest Earned	114.31	
Ending Balance, December 31, 2003		<u>12,766.38</u>

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SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Financial Statement, For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

RacePool Account - opened 10/03

Receipts

Transferred from Replacement Fund	11,000.00	
Donations from 2004 Sponsors	1,480.00	
Trial Electronic Deposits	0.58	
		12,480.58

Expenditures

Paid out to 2003 Winners	(4,110.00)	
Paid 2004 Advertising & Costs	(3,919.11)	
Paid Website Related Costs	(900.00)	
Bank Charges	(11.85)	
		(8,940.96)

Ending Balance, December 31, 2003 **3,539.62**

Truck Lease Purchase Payment

Beginning balance January 1, 2003	0.00	
Received from Town Fire Truck Sinking Fund	26,369.00	
Paid Lease Payment #5 of 7 on 12/20/03	(26,369.00)	
Ending Balance, December 31, 2003		0.00

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
RECEIPTS:				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00
Raised by SVFD	18,036.19	12,000.00	18,522.24	12,250.00
TOTAL	44,036.19	38,000.00	44,522.24	38,250.00
OPERATING EXPENDITURES:				
New Equipment	11,095.81	6,500.00	16,983.46	5,900.00
Operating	5,334.66	3,500.00	3,399.82	3,700.00
Maintenance	1,937.97	2,000.00	4,377.92	2,500.00
Stations	8,734.99	8,000.00	1,922.35	9,000.00
Debt - New Pumper	0.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance	6,799.00	7,000.00	7,875.00	8,000.00
Communications	1,791.23	2,000.00	2,257.07	2,400.00
Heating	1,700.17	1,800.00	1,098.00	1,200.00
Electric	1,271.43	1,400.00	1,642.47	1,700.00
Dues/Training	500.00	1,500.00	1,491.00	1,400.00
Fund Raising	4,497.95	2,000.00	380.75	200.00
Bank Chgs & Miscellaneous	321.64	300.00	265.44	250.00
TOTAL	43,984.85	38,000.00	44,693.28	38,250.00

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Capital Lease

On December 23, 1998 the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department signed a contract to purchase:

One (1) Pierce Suburban 1250 GPM Triple Combination Pumper
 The lease by ABN AMRO was signed on March 12, 1999 for the principal amount of \$152,950, (original cost of \$177,950 less \$25,000 deposit) bearing an interest rate of approximately 4.93%, to be financed over seven (7) years. At each anniversary date, there is a pay off purchase option as stated below. The remaining payments due are as follows:

Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount	Purchase Option
12-31-2004	26,369.00	2,421.16	23,947.84	25,359.68
12-31-2005	26,369.00	1,239.71	25,129.29	-0-
Balance due	52,738.00	3,660.87	49,077.13	

2003 HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT
Funding Request \$2000

During the past year the Shrewsbury Historical Society has accomplished a great deal for our community.

Scrapbooks of newspaper articles about our town are available from 1880's to present day. Genealogical research has been helpful to folks with Shrewsbury connections. In order to preserve the artifacts, new shades have been installed in five museum windows.

The Program Committee presented a One-Room Schoolhouse Reunion of former students, many from the 1930's. The audience enjoyed hearing the recollections which were recorded on video and are available at the Historical Society.

The Fund Raising Committee raised monies for the maintenance of the museum with tow very successful events: The Spring Bake and Plant Sale and the Autumn Festival, The Quilt Show was a success and created a great deal of interest.

The Shrewsbury Historical Society is a non-profit, all volunteer organization and our annual request from the Town for \$2000 will greatly help pay for the operating and maintenance costs of the historical museum building.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Ridlon, Sr., President
Bud Clark, Vice President

John Elwert, Treasurer
Ruth Winkler, Secretary

Trustees:

Fran Patten, Don Butler, Lucille Fiske
Marty Pinkowski, Conrad Winkler and Richard Wiedmann

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Financial Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2003

SUMMARY

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE

Checking Account	\$ 2,723.27	
Certificates of Deposit & Money Market Account	<u>35,185.78</u>	
CASH BALANCE, January 1, 2003		\$ 37,909.05
Total Receipts		8,507.34
Total Operating Expenses		<u>(4,016.61)</u>
Checking Account	3,562.96	
Certificates of Deposit & Money Market Account	<u>38,836.82</u>	
ENDING CASH BALANCE, December 31, 2003		\$ <u>42,399.78</u>

COMPARATIVE OPERATING STATEMENTS

	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004
RECEIPTS:				
Town of Shrewsbury	\$ 2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Membership dues	1,150.00	1,100.00	495.00	500.00
Fund Raising	1,147.33	1,200.00	1,995.15	1,500.00
Contributions	26,725.00	2,000.00	3,547.00	2,000.00
Interest on certificates of deposit	574.66	550.00	470.19	0.00
Other	-	-	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	<u>31,596.99</u>	<u>6,850.00</u>	<u>8,507.34</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURES:				
Building Repairs & Maintenance	-	3,200.00	89.95	2,500.00
Insurance	414.00	414.00	414.00	414.00
Electricity	292.57	320.00	320.07	350.00
Heating Fuel	811.68	900.00	1,894.81	1,000.00
Archival Supplies	396.08	400.00	766.47	400.00
Supplies and misc	55.00	75.00	369.21	300.00
Postage	158.95	170.00	162.10	175.00
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 2,128.28</u>	<u>\$ 5,479.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,016.61</u>	<u>\$ 5,139.00</u>
Excess Receipts over Expenditures	<u>\$ 29,468.71</u>	<u>\$ 1,371.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,490.73</u>	<u>\$ 861.00</u>

2003 SHREWSBURY LIBRARY REPORT

Shrewsbury Library has just completed a \$154,652 renovation project, with funds from the Marjorie Pierce Trust; the Preservation Trust of Vermont; a private family foundation; and individual local donations. The Library now has an elevator/lift to the second floor meeting room; a conventional bathroom (with a pumpable holding tank for septic waste); a kitchenette; an expanded children's room; and a reading loft for young adults. John Berryhill of NBF Architects designed the renovations; Over & Danico Construction completed the work, while allowing the library to stay open. Our building is now fully handicapped accessible, and available for use by other organizations.

Library circulation increased by 4% in 2003: from 5,446 books, videos, audio-tapes and CDs in 2002 to 5,667 this year. Patron count was down 4%, but still totaled 3,107. 281 people attended 22 adult programs, including concerts, films, book discussions, and the Mettawee Theatre Company's annual production. 744 children (and parents) attended 54 children's programs, including Super Saturdays, Junior Librarians, Mother Goose, and the Summer Reading program. The Library met the Vermont Department of Libraries' standards for public libraries for the 5th straight year, and participated in the Vermont Automated Library System, an on-line catalog for inter-library exchange. Our Library borrowed 123 books for our patrons from other libraries on inter-library loan and loaned 42 to other libraries--an increase from 2 in 2002.

For the past 4 years, we have asked the Town for level funding at \$3870, an amount that no longer comes close to covering operating expenses: heat, electricity, and telephone service. These building-related costs do not include the purchase of books, videos, CDs, programs, postage or supplies.

This year, with rising electric and fuel costs (even with a new, efficient furnace), and a sharp (and unavoidable) rise in insurance costs (from \$379 in 2002 to \$1232 in 2003), we estimate that operating expenses will rise to approximately \$6,000 in 2004. We are asking the Town for \$5000, an increase of \$1130. Aware of the need to hold down costs, we have eliminated one phone line, but still must pay the business rate, even though we are a non-profit corporation.

We fund-raise throughout the year, with a Tag & Book Sale, a recent Silent Auction, an annual appeal, and benefit concerts and other cultural events. We maintain a capital expenditures fund, in anticipation of the need to paint and re-roof the main building in the near future.

The Library has increased its offerings of on-going learning to townspeople, as well as opportunities for community effort and the encouragement of local talents. We hope that you will approve our funding request as you have in the past.

Joan Aleshire, President

Vermont Certified Librarian: Ellie Tufano

Trustees: Mary Bell, Debbie Blecich (treasurer), Eldred French, Gail Hartigan, Alex Hemmer, Turiya Manheimer (corresponding secretary), Karen Melen (secretary), Gregg Over, Lisa Sharrow, Donna Swartz, Brendan Taaffe (vice-president), Dirk Thomas.

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY
Financial Report, For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

BEGINNING BALANCE, January 1, 2003		\$ 124,815
RECEIPTS:		
Operating	12,828	
Capital Fund	70,834	
Restricted	<u>6,763</u>	
Total Receipts		90,425
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating	8,431	
Capital Fund	154,652	
Restricted	<u>4,878</u>	
Total Expenditures		(167,961)
ENDING BALANCE, December 31, 2003		<u>\$ 47,279</u>
Capital Fund - Beginning January 1, 2003		\$ 89,079
Receipts		70,834
Board designation of funds		25,000
Expenditures		(154,652)
Capital Fund - Ending December 31, 2003		<u>\$ 30,261</u>

Restricted and Grant Revenue and Expense:

	Beginning <u>Balances</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expended</u>	Ending <u>Balances</u>
Ben Perry Fund	\$ 3,310	\$ 300	\$ 744	\$ 2,866
E. Jeffords Permanent Fund	3,500	-	-	3,500
Freeman Grant	38	5,773	3,217	2,594
Books	280	100	380	-
Summer Programs	-	100	100	-
Allan YA Book Fund	650	-	70	580
Music Collection	40	-	-	40
Viola Parker Fund	-	490	7	483
RCPCC - Parenting Grant	14	-	14	-
Speakers Fund	825	-	-	825
Bathroom Facilities	117	-	117	-
Furnace Fund	192	-	192	-
Mitch Spencer Fund	326	-	37	289
	<u>\$ 9,292</u>	<u>\$ 6,763</u>	<u>\$ 4,878</u>	<u>\$ 11,177</u>

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Financial Report, For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

COMPARATIVE OPERATING REPORT

	2002	2003		2004
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Operating Revenue:				
Town	\$ 3,870	\$ 3,870	\$ 3,870	\$ 5,000
Donations	5,222	2,500	6,459	2,500
Fundraising	2,437	1,710	1,092	2,540
Interest Earned	1,396	1,100	1,257	165
Other income	36	-	150	600
Total Operating Revenue	<u>12,961</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>12,828</u>	<u>10,805</u>
Operating Expenses:				
Advertising	200	220	220	220
Bank Charges	42	40	26	40
Books: Adult Books	791	750	594	750
Books: Children's Book	555	200	38	200
Children's Program Expense	528	1,000	741	900
Equipment & Repairs	-	300	-	300
Electricity	456	495	707	1,140
Fuel	936	1,300	1,250	1,600
Fundraising Expense	1,131	1,200	851	1,200
Insurance	379	390	1,232	1,420
Librarian Expense	55	100	43	75
Maintenance-Other	502	575	289	560
Miscellaneous	424	150	64	100
Organizational Dues	15	40	-	25
Portapotty Rent	780	780	660	400
Postage	85	80	57	80
Postage-Interlibrary loan	75	150	136	150
Program Expense	15	300	212	300
Supplies	594	500	426	525
Telephone	274	610	885	820
Total Operating Expense	<u>7,837</u>	<u>9,180</u>	<u>8,431</u>	<u>10,805</u>
Excess of operating revenue over operating expenses	<u>\$ 5,124</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,397</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**Vermont Department of Health
Annual Report – Shrewsbury**

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

Bioterrorism – Emergency Preparedness:

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

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

One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 23 women, infants and children living in Rutland City received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$35,00 per person per month.

West Nile Virus Surveillance:

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

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

RUTLAND COUNTY PARENT/CHILD CENTER INC.

61 Pleasant Street • Rutland, Vermont 05701 • Telephone: (802) 775-9711 • Fax: (802) 775-5473

December 23, 2003

Select Board
Town of Shrewsbury, VT
PO Box 301
Shrewsbury, VT 05738

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

Rutland County Parent/Child Center, Inc. (RCPCC) is a private, community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and meeting the needs of parents, children and families. RCPCC provides all services at low cost (or no cost) to all families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC provides services to all 28 Rutland County cities and towns, with weekly outreach occurring in a minimum of 13 of these communities. In total, RCPCC provided services to over 2,830 individuals and 1,154 families in 2003.

We are requesting funds of \$500.00 from your town to support our continued efforts to provide services and supports to families throughout Rutland County. We thank you for considering our request. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 775-9711.

Sincerely,



Tammy DeRosia
Program Director



United Way

RUTLAND REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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

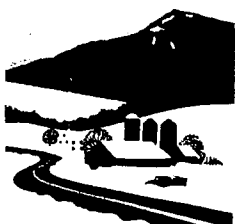
All municipalities in the Rutland Region are encouraged to be active in the Transportation Council and those with representatives named to the Council may vote on any issues. Municipalities are not obligated to participate in the Council and those that do participate may cease their involvement at any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

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

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

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

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



**George D. Aiken Resource
Conservation & Development Council, Inc.**

22 North Main St., Suite 2
Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-9526
Fax (802) 728-5951

*"A non-profit non-partisan network of local people
dedicated to helping communities conserve and develop
their natural and human resources."*



Town Report Information

George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council Report

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) has been "making things happen" for towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects over the past year. We are here to serve your community. We coordinate and facilitate assistance to town governments, school districts, fire departments watershed groups and nonprofit organizations in the six southern Vermont counties. By bringing together help from our extensive network of resources, we can focus technical and financial resources on your specific needs. We get technical assistance and staff help through the U.S. Department of Agriculture but private sources make up most of our budget. The Council is a self-supporting 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. Highlights of our work in the six counties in 2003 include:

- 14 towns received funding to improve water quality and upgrade backroads through our better backroads grants
- Two towns received complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting in the town
- 16 towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires
- 6 towns received Jeffords fire safety grants to purchase personal protective gear for firefighters
- Numerous farmers received technical and marketing assistance with agritourism ventures
- 5 Farmers received grants to support agritourism on their farms
- 10 towns received assistance from a consultant to help them prepare for an ISO (Insurance Service Office) evaluation. Towns are given a rating from 1 to 10 by the ISO and many insurance companies use that rating to set their rates. If a town can lower their ISO rating, it may lead to lower insurance costs for businesses and residents in that town
- We continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership and Connecticut River Birding Trail
- Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Envirothon

Other current projects include helping a town with flooding problems, erosion control and streambank stabilization in several locations, helping to develop community centers and recreation fields. We currently have funding available for low interest loans (3.0 – 5.0%) to develop agritourism ventures on farms. In Shrewsbury, we provided an ISO consultant to work with the town and fire department. Do you have a project or program that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organization on a variety of projects. We work on a request basis, so the first step is up to you, giving us a call. For information and free consultation call Kenneth Hafner our RC&D Coordinator at (802) 728-9526 or email: kenneth.hafner@vt.usda.gov.

"Helping to Make Things Happen"



Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District
170 S. Main St. - Rutland, VT 05701 - Phone (802) 775-7192, Ext. 17

Select Board, Town Clerk, and Auditors for the Town of Shrewsbury
RR 1 Box 658
Cuttingsville, VT 05738-9732

November 24, 2003

Dear Sirs/Madam,

As in previous years, the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District (RNRCD) is asking for your support of our many natural resources conservation programs/projects.
A contribution of \$200.00 per town would be a major help for our 2004 program.

We have had a very busy year working on issues of importance to Rutland County landowners and are focusing on two very important projects:

#1. Watershed Planning for the upper part of the Otter Creek and its tributaries. The District has coordinated a group of folks (Upper Otter Creek Watershed Council) who have identified, with the help of the general public, what water quality issues and concerns there are in the watershed. This Council is currently holding monthly meetings to prioritize these issues and concerns and will draft a water quality management plan for the upper Otter Creek.

#2. Preserving Family Farms and the Working Landscape. The District in cooperation with Green Mountain College and Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District is sponsoring a series of forums regarding important agricultural issues that farmers are facing today.

This fiscal year the District will continue to focus on watershed planning and preservation of family farms along with a new program (Town Road Assistance) where the District will assist town select boards, road foreman and commissioners in defining needs and applying for state-aid grants for roads and bridge improvement/rehabilitation projects that contribute to better erosion control.

The District receives a limited amount of funds from the State each year and would greatly appreciate any help that you could provide.

We are not able to petition each of the towns within our area, so we ask that this contribution be included in the Select Board's budget.

Enclosed you will find an abbreviated version of our FY 2003 annual report to include in your town report. Please feel free to contact Nanci McGuire our District Manager at the Conservation District office at 775-8034 ext. 17, with any questions or concerns that you may have.

We are here as a resource and look forward to helping meet the needs of your community.
We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

Nanci J. McGuire
(For) Marshall F. Reed; Chairman



ANNUAL REPORT - 2003

Rutland Regional Planning Commission

THE RRPC'S MISSION:

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

2003 ACTIVITIES:

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

- Provided **technical assistance** on community development issues - including assisting in the update and implementation of town plans, zoning & subdivision regulations, telecommunications ordinances in virtually every member community.
- Assisted -- communities to successfully apply for funds through the **Municipal Planning Grant** program.
- Continued the RRPC's very successful **cooperative purchasing program** with-- municipal and non-profit entities organizations in --towns, saving them substantial amounts on fuel oil, diesel and gasoline.
- Used **GIS (Geographic Information Systems)** tools to work on transportation, watershed planning, and emergency management initiatives. Also continued involvement of GIS in planning projects, the RRPC intern program, and community training.
- Continued **support of the Rutland Region Transportation Council** in their planning for the future transportation needs of the Rutland Region; participated in several route / intersection upgrade studies; continued to work with communities to create bridge and culvert inventories for use with GIS.
- Worked with the **Rutland Economic Development Corporation**, and the **Rutland Region Chamber of Commerce** on a regional strategy to better coordinate community development, economic development and travel and tourism activities. Both organizations have become permanent ex-officio members of the Board of Regional Commissioner.
- Assisted communities with **emergency management planning**, including updates to Rapid Response Plans, assisting in the re-formation of the Rutland Local Emergency Planning Committee, and beginning Federal Hazard Mitigation planning.
- Received \$200,000 Federal **Brownfields Assessment** grant and began the organization of a steering committee and the identification of potential sites.
- Continued to offer **education, training, and information distribution programs** to municipal officials and to pay for those program related to planning and zoning and other community development issues.

For the sixteenth consecutive year, dues will remain at \$500. All communities are voting members of the Commission regardless of whether or not they pay dues. Dues paying members receive discounted technical services and are able to participate in the cooperative fuel purchasing program.



REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC.

275 Stratton Road
Rutland, VT 05701

Business: 802-773-1746
Emergency: 802-773-1700
FAX: 802-773-1717

20th ANNUAL REPORT

(Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2003)
20 Years of Service 1983 - 2003

To the Honorable Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury, VT:

We are pleased to present our 20th annual report to the Citizens we serve. Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service for twenty years. From 1983 to the end of this fiscal year, Regional has responded to 90,384 ambulance calls. This past year, ending June 30, 2003, the service responded to a total of 6,754 ambulance calls in our 12 communities and an additional 1,875 "Medic One" paramedic intercept calls. Call volume continues to increase. **We commend our staff for keeping up with the increased demand and for providing excellent service.**

In February of this year a fire destroyed one ambulance, damaged our remaining vehicles and caused extensive damage to our facilities. Our staff has done an outstanding job coping with the situation and continue to provide the excellent service that our communities deserve. We would like to thank the Rutland City Fire Department for their outstanding response and quick suppression of a fire that could have been even more devastating. We also thank Fair Haven Rescue, Brandon Rescue and Wallingford Rescue for covering our service area the morning of the fire. Although the fire severely damaged our facilities our employees pulled together and put us back into service in three and one half hours. At the end of the fiscal year we were still undergoing repairs to our building. Our insurance covered the cost of repairs to our vehicles and building. We again thank everyone for their support during this stressful time period.

With the continued support of the citizens, our employees, and community governing bodies, we have been able to level fund or lower our assessment rate for the past 19 years. Our current assessment rate is \$4.25 per capita and remains unchanged for the next fiscal year. The public support of our Membership program, direct donations, memorials and estate gifts have been vital to our continued success. We extend our appreciation to everyone for their support.

Our motto "Serving People First with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism" is demonstrated by our employee's commitment to continuing EMS training. Each year our employees have specialized training in Critical Care Paramedicine, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support, Prehospital Advanced Trauma Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Emergency Vehicle Operations, Bloodborn Pathogens and a variety of continuing education programs. Our professional staff is extremely capable and dedicated.

Monthly C.P.R. classes are taught at Regional Ambulance. Last year, through the R.A.S. Training Center, 1,783 people were trained in C.P.R. Tours, lectures, demonstrations, and C.P.R. classes are available for the general public. For information on Healthy Homes or our other services call 773-1746.

The public is encouraged to visit and talk to the employees and Administrator at our Stratton Road facility. Please feel free to contact James Finger, Chief Executive Administrator, or your Representative, if you have any questions concerning the service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Regional Ambulance Service, Inc. will continue working to provide the highest quality of emergency ambulance care at the lowest possible cost to all of the citizens we serve.

Sincerely: Paul Kulig, President
R.A.S. Board of Directors

Richard Swartz,
Town of Shrewsbury Representative
R.A.S. Board of Directors



RONALD J. CIOFFI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RUSS GATES, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Town of Shrewsbury

TO THE TOWN MANAGER, OFFICERS AND CITIZENS OF SHREWSBURY:

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

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

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

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

We could not have been successful without our dedicated staff. RAVNAH's staff and volunteers made over 84,000 visits to 2,494 different patients. In the town of Shrewsbury we provided 636 visits to 16 individuals.

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

Again, we say thank you for your support.



GREEN UP VERMONT

P.O. Box 1191

Montpelier, Vermont 05601-1191

(802)229-4586, or, 1-800-974-3259

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October, 2003

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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
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.



RSVP & The Volunteer Center



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REQUEST FOR TOWN FUNDING TOWN OF: SHREWSBURY AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$130.00

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

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

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

Currently in Shrewsbury, 8 volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit organizations: Rutland Regional Medical Center, Headstart, Community Cupboard, Rutland County schools, Eden Park, RSVP Good-time Singers, Godnick Adult Center, Mountain View Center, Northeast and Northwest Elementary School, Clarendon Elementary School, The Meadows, The Rutland Recreation and Parks Department, the *RSVP Rutland County Reads* program, *RSVP Bone Builders*, and *RSVP Operation Doll*.

The volunteer services they provide include: knitting and sewing items for children and elders, entertaining elders and youngsters through song, information desk clerk and courtering at the hospital, delivering and preparing meals, designing and implementing the Lifeline program at RRM, tutoring and mentoring children, and exercise trainers for *RSVP Bone Builders*.

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

Sincerely,

Nan M. Hart, Director
October 15, 2003

Cardiovascular Worksite Wellness
Career Choices
Child & Family Services
Community Access Program
Community Rehabilitation & Treatment

Emergency Crisis Services
Evergreen Substance Abuse Services*
Green Mountain Foster Grandparents Program*
InterAge*
One-to-One*

RSVP*
Rutland Area Prevention Coalition*
Rutland County Head Start*
Vocational Opportunity Works
*United Way Member Agency



Report to the Citizens of Shrewsbury

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

Senior Meals:

The Council provided funding for meals served to elder residents of Shrewsbury. This funding helped make available 227 meals that were prepared and delivered to the homes of older persons in your community who were in need of this special support. This service, provided through contract, is often referred to as "Meals on Wheels". We also supplied "Blizzard Bags" to Meals on Wheels participants and other isolated elders, containing "shelf-stable" meals for use in a weather related or other emergency situation. Nine Shrewsbury elders participated at one or more of the luncheon sites available in our region.

Case Management Assistance:

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

Other Services:

The Council on Aging also made available the following services to help support older persons in your community: 1) Telephone support through our "Senior HelpLine" (786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119). This service provided easy phone access to elders and others in need of information about available programs and supports for older persons; 2) Health benefit counseling information and form filing assistance through our SHIP Program; 3) Legal service support through a contract with the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Provision of information related to elder issues through the "Elder Connection" column written by Barbara Hanson appearing weekly in the Rutland Herald; 5) Nutrition education and counseling provided by a Registered Dietician to elders who needed to improve their dietary intake; 6) Senior Companion support on a one on one basis for frail, homebound elders; 7) Elder Care Clinician outreach services to elders struggling with a variety of mental health issues provided through a contract with Rutland Mental Health; 8) Transportation support through the Elders on the Go Program and One-2-One; 9) Community Development assistance and 11) Caregiver information and support for family members and others who are providing help to elders in need of care.



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

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

During fiscal year 2003, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 602 hours of services to 27 Shrewsbury residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Shrewsbury in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

Mark G. Monson

President and Chief Executive Officer



**Rutland County
Women's Network
& Shelter**

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

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

This year the shelter has been constantly busy. In addition to families needing immediate housing for their safety, we gave counseling and other support services to well over 3400 people. We assist people with counseling, support groups, help with relocation, are available on a 24 hour crisis line for domestic violence and rape, assist with family court advocacy, and other services necessary to keep families safe.

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

Sincerely,

Rebecca Roguen
Assistant Director

REQUEST

The Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter is requesting the sum of \$150.00 which will be voted on in March, at the town meeting of 2004, for assistance in supporting the shelter. We are very grateful for the help that the people of Shrewsbury have given us in the past. We provided services for 31 residents of Shrewsbury this year.



BROC

Community Action in Southwestern Vermont
Since 1965

January 6, 2004

To the Citizens of the Town of Shrewsbury and Members of the Selectboard,

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

BROC helped meet the basic needs of 19 families in the Town of Shrewsbury between 10/1/02 and 9/30/03. In addition, our Micro Business Development Program worked with 2 residents interested in starting or expanding a small business, and weatherized 3 homes, comprised of 7 individuals through our Weatherization & Energy Conservation program. BROC also created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds through events and fund raising so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

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

Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$600.00.

Sincerely,



Linda G. Rooker
Executive Director

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VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

1 Scale Avenue / Suite 93 / Rutland / Vermont 05701 / 802-775-0617 / Fax: 802-773-0323

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

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

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

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

Last Year Vermont Adult Learning served 520 adult residents of Rutland County and provided 15355 hours of instruction. Of these totals, 7 residents of Shrewsbury were served and provided with 363 hrs of instruction.

Student achievements included:

- * Obtaining high school diploma
- * Earning GED
- * Acquiring job readiness skills
- * Obtaining employment
- * Retaining or improving employment
- * Improving parenting skills
- * Increased participation in children's education

providing adult education and life skills programs statewide

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Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services

NeighborWorks ®
HomeOwnership Center
Of Vermont

Annual Report 2003

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

Year to date, we have invested \$441,956 in loans for homeowners as well as rehabilitation of existing homes.

With the Vermont Community Development grant of \$375,000 from the years 2002-2003 almost completed and our new grant of \$375,000 just beginning, the work of the rehab construction department continues at an industrious rate. The Rehab department assisted 37 families from Rutland County thus far this year addressing health and safety issues in homes. Families interested in applying for help are encouraged to call Rutland West.

88 families from Rutland County, who attended the HomeBuyer Education class were counted among our list of new homeowners in 2003. The HomeBuyer Education classes are now offered in West Rutland, Middlebury and Bennington. Call Rutland West for a schedule and to register.

The Emergency Shelter Program at Rutland West assists those in crisis with housing arrangements or utility bills. Our shelter fund assisted 110 families in Rutland County this year. Grant funds are received from the Vermont Office of Economic Opportunity, Department of Mental Health, Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as other generous donations from special benefactors.

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

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

Together we can build strong communities!

Respectfully,

Ludy Biddle

Executive Director

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Rutland County Community Land Trust Inc.

Dear Shrewsbury Voters,

The **Rutland County Community Land Trust** is a local non-profit organization that works with communities and families to find **affordable housing solutions**. The RCCLT develops and manages affordable apartments, mobile home parks and single-family homes throughout Rutland County. We also work with individual towns to discuss what a town as a whole can do to address the affordable housing needs of its residents. While a number of our publicized efforts have occurred in the more heavily populated communities in the County, our service area includes Shrewsbury and other more rural towns.

One of our current goals is to expand our presence in the County's rural communities. The Rutland County Community Land Trust could assist Shrewsbury with housing related discussions and planning efforts that implement community ideas.

We look forward to working with you and ask that on Town Meeting Day you vote in favor of the following question:

"Does the Town vote to raise \$200.00 for the Rutland County Community Land Trust to assist Shrewsbury and its residents with their affordable housing needs?"

The RCCLT thanks the community at large for its support.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Kulas
Elisabeth Kulas
Executive Director

Rutland County Community Land Trust ☎ 128 Merchants Row ☎ Rutland, VT 05701 ☎ 802-775-3139

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT
(For Fiscal Year July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003)**

I. PERSONNEL (School Year 2003-2004)

A. School Board

Ed Hemmer, (Chairperson)	2005
Adrienne Raymond	2006
Steve Bankert	Appointed 2004
Mill River Board: Grace Korzun	Appointed 2004
Lee Wilson	2005

B. Administration and RSSU Programs

Walter J. Goetz	Superintendent of Schools
George Janas	Principal - Shrewsbury Mountain School
Sue DeCarolis	Curriculum Coordinator
Virginia Grey	Technology Coordinator
Mary Hissong	School Psychologist
Lily French	RSSU Speech
Sharon Reynolds	RSSU Director of Special Services
Lori Hancock	RSSU Business Manager

C. Faculty and Staff

Janas, George	Principal/Teacher
Arthur, Victoria	Library/Technology Specialist
Blongy, Amy	Speech Asst/Preschool Teacher
Bonafine, Julia	Elementary Teacher
Brigham, Grace	Title I
Congdon, Marjorie	Secretary
Couch, Heather	Special Education Teacher
Fishwick, Debra	Elementary Teacher
Fredette, Julie	Art
Goodwin, Carol	Special Education Program Assistant/Kindergarten
Hannah, Lynn	Special Education Individual Assistant
Hulsebus, Janelle	General Education Paraprofessional
Jones, Marilyn	Bus Driver
Lattuca, Ann	School Nurse
Maynard, Joanna	Physical Education
Olney, Linda	Elementary Teacher
Pecor, Lynn	Elementary Teacher
Redington, Julie	Preschool Paraprofessional
Reed, Ann	Music
Sheehan, Cynthia	Elementary Teacher
Sheehan, Thomas	Bus Driver
Smith, Willard	Custodian
Youngstrom, Connie	Kindergarten Paraprofessional

ENROLLMENT:

The 2003-2004 enrollment at the Shrewsbury Mountain School is 79 students as of our January count. This is a decrease from our 2002-2003 enrollment by 19 students. Presently there are 112 Shrewsbury students attending Mill River Union High School.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2001-2002</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2002-2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003-2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2004-2005</u>
Preschool	16	14	17	14
K	11	12	9	9
1	8	12	9	9
2	12	7	10	9
3	6	15	7	11
4	7	8	10	7
5	17	9	9	10
6	13	21	8	9
Total Elementary	90	98	79	78
7	21	16	18	8
8	19	22	16	18
9	24	19	24	16
10	18	26	14	24
11	10	17	22	14
12	16	15	18	22
Total Mill River	108	115	112	102
Total	198	213	191	180

Budget

The school board is proposing a Shrewsbury District budget for the 2003-2004 school year with expenditures of \$1,199,860 for the operation of the elementary school, secondary special education and Stafford Technical Center tuition. This represents an 8% increase from the previous year's budget. This figure is misleading as Act 68 requires that state paid expenditures to Stafford Tech on Shrewsbury's behalf be included in the expenditure budget. A similar figure is included on the revenue side resulting in no additional cost to taxpayers. Excluding the additional Stafford Tech amount, the budget reflects a 3.6% increase. The proposed budget is contained within the financial reports on the ensuing pages.

Federal Programs

Rutland South Supervisory Union receives a limited amount of federal funds which support educational programs in all of our schools. **Title I** supports remedial reading and mathematics instruction; **Title II** supports improvements in mathematics and science instruction; **Title IV** (Safe and Drug Free Schools) provides drug and alcohol abuse education for students; and **Title VI** provides funds for mini-grants for teachers, the purchase of instructional materials, and curriculum development and class size reduction. Parents or others wishing to have additional information or to comment on these programs are encouraged to contact Walter J. Goetz, Superintendent of Schools (775-3264).

Special Education

Rutland South Supervisory Union offers comprehensive special education services to ensure that eligible students with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations. In an effort to respond to the unique learning characteristics which result from disabilities, special education is offered in various ways and includes: consulting teacher programs, resource rooms, speech and language services, EEE (Essential Early Education), consulting services and special placements. Anyone with knowledge of children in need of services (including preschool) is encouraged to contact Sharon Reynolds, Director of Special Services (775-3264). All special education costs and state revenues are included in the financial reports.

School Board Meetings

The Shrewsbury School Board meets every second and fourth Monday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. in the library of the Mountain School. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings. Also, the board holds special meetings to transact other business such as contract negotiations.

Financial Audits

Rutland South Supervisory Union's financial records are audited on an annual basis by professional auditors. Clarendon, Shrewsbury, and Wallingford have their records audited by professional auditors once every three years. This past year the firm of Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, and Montpelier, Vermont performed these audits. Copies of these audits are available through the Rutland South Supervisory Union Central Office.

Non-discrimination Policy

The Shrewsbury School Board offers employment and educational opportunities without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap. Inquiries regarding this policy may be directed to: Walter J. Goetz, Superintendent of Schools. Telephone (802) 775- 3264.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The School Board extends its thanks to the people of Shrewsbury for approving the Shrewsbury Town School District '03-'04 budget.

The past year has seen some changes on the Shrewsbury School Board. Kelly Moreton resigned. We want to recognize Kelly for her hard work and service. Steve Bankert was appointed to fill Kelly's term. We thank Steve for stepping up when needed. Ed Hemmer was elected Chair.

In formulating the '04-'05 budget, we were very conscious of the need to contain costs while still meeting the educational needs of our students in these times of declining enrollment. Many people, working together, put this budget together after months of work: Principal, teaching staff, School Board, Superintendent, Business Manager, and the public. The budget is the dollars and cents plan of how we are going to provide our students with the education they need and deserve while striving to accomplish this in the most efficient manner.

Some people have the misconception that this is the elementary school budget. The Shrewsbury Town School District budget contains expenditures for both secondary and elementary students. In an effort to clearly distinguish these expenditures, we have broken secondary and elementary

expenditures out by assigning separate account numbers. Expenditures for secondary students include transportation, Special Ed., Stafford Technical Center tuition, Supervisory Union assessments, and Mill River Union School assessments.

Please note that the Stafford Technical Center tuition shows an increase of \$49,000 because of Act 68; this figure shows as both an expenditure and revenue. Since the expenditure is offset, there is no increased cost to the town.

The elementary portion of the budget is a 5.9% decrease from the '03-'04 budget and a 13.6% decrease from the budget 2 years ago ('02-'03). The total Shrewsbury Town School District budget is a 1.6% increase compared to '03-'04 (factoring in the \$49k of Stafford tuition noted above).

The school district was able to realize significant savings in its '02-'03 expenditures compared to budget. This carryover (savings) will be used towards '04-'05 to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes.

We traded in our 9-year-old bus (125,000 miles) and bought a new bus using funds from the Bus Sinking Fund, this past December. However, our other bus will finish the current year with over 125,000 miles. The Board has grave concerns about this bus making it safely through the next winter. We are asking the voters to approve the placement of \$40,000 of the carryover in the Bus Sinking Fund. This would enable us to replace the current bus before it becomes unsafe and/or repairs become too costly.

In December, the School Board was presented with a petition to warn an Article that would, if passed, mandate the closing of the Mountain School after the current school year. The Article also mandated that Shrewsbury elementary students be tuitioned to public schools outside the Town of Shrewsbury. The School Board voted unanimously to take no action on this petition. In respect to the petition signers and to honor the spirit of the requested Article, we are requesting direction from the voters on whether they approve of gathering information on the feasibility and cost effectiveness of tuitioning our students to another school district. The question is a complex one and all the possibilities must be looked at closely before any decision be made. If the question is approved, a committee will be formed including interested townspeople.

On a similar topic, in response to the realities of changing enrollment and changing educational funding, the Rutland South Supervisory Union Board created a Planning Committee in 2003. The Committee explored many issues concerning the governance, effectiveness, and efficiency of all three town school districts in the union (Clarendon, Wallingford, and Shrewsbury) as well as the Supervisory Union. It held four "Study Circle" sessions involving community members, school staff, and school board members to examine the issues. It was the conclusion of this committee that more in-depth research is needed to formulate new school governance structures, enabling the towns to successfully face the challenges in the years ahead. The State of Vermont will provide funds to explore the issues involved in creating new school governance structures if school districts also invest a modest amount. We are placing an article before the voters requesting \$1,900 to study the advisability of forming a union school district; other governance structures will also be studied. All three town school districts are putting this question before their voters. If the voters approve, the State will provide funds and half the amount approved by the voters will be returned to the town school districts.

The board has worked hard on policies this past year. We revised or wrote seven policies, covering a range of issues, from in-school solicitations/advertising to preschool guidelines, to gifted and

talented. We are participating in an RSSU committee to work on policies that can be used by all three town school districts. Besides providing consistency, having policies that are the same will enable us to work together more efficiently and may save money.

Looking forward, the board will be conducting a search for a new Principal. We thank George Janas for his dedication and hard work bringing stability and educational focus to our Mountain School. He will be missed. We will also be starting negotiations with the Teachers' Union on a new contract to begin in the '05 - '06 school year.

Respectfully submitted by:
Edmund Hemmer, Chair

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I am pleased to make this annual report to the Shrewsbury community.

One of the strengths of the Shrewsbury Elementary School is the staff. Mr. George Janas, the school's principal for the past few years, has decided to retire at year's end. Many thanks to Mr. Janas for his consistent leadership. We wish him a healthy and enjoyable (second) retirement. Overall, there has been little change in teaching and support personnel. Lynn Hannah has joined the staff as Special Education Assistant. I commend the staff for their efforts on behalf of the children.

Our supervisory union, like most school districts in the country, is beginning to understand and implement the provisions of the new federal education legislation, "No Child Left Behind". The law, aimed at improving the performance of America's schools and student achievement, is very complex. I am hopeful that the nation's school children will benefit from this legislation.

All schools in the Supervisory Union review a variety of assessment data, both informal and formal, and implement Action Plans as required by the Vermont State Department of Education and federal law. Shrewsbury's Action Plan is being implemented and reviewed in light of new information. Test scores alone, however, cannot measure the quality of a school. The Principal's Report gives a good overview of the testing administered. All school assessment results are available from the school or the superintendent's office.

Sue Decarolis, the Rutland South Supervisory Union's Director of Curriculum and Assessment has shown a great deal of leadership in heading many curriculum and instructional initiatives. In addition to providing needed professional development to faculty in order to enhance their teaching skills and strengthen content-based knowledge, Ms. Decarolis is providing guidance in our efforts to improve our curricula. The reading program introduced during the last school year has been expanded to all grades. Work has begun to develop a new science curriculum. The math curriculum will receive attention next. As a supervisory union, we are reviewing our Teacher Evaluation Process.

The overall budget increase, including the Mill River assessment, is 1.6%. Mr. Janas and the elementary school faculty have designed a staffing pattern that is responsive to declining enrollments while at the same time keeping the interests of the children in mind. Mr. Hemmer notes the decline in elementary expenditures (5.9% decrease in the elementary school budget since last year and 13.6% decrease over the last two years). The FY05 budget for the elementary school, secondary special education and Stafford Tech has increased approximately 8%. This figure is misleading as Act 68 requires that state paid expenditures to Stafford Tech on Shrewsbury's behalf be included in the

expenditure budget. A similar figure is included on the revenue side resulting in no additional cost to taxpayers. Excluding the additional Stafford Tech amount, the budget reflects a 3.6% increase.

As you may know, Act 68 is the new and improved Act 60. Its overall purpose is to simplify Act 60. Act 68 creates a two-tier tax system. Primary homesteads are assessed at \$1.10 per \$100 of fair market property value, while secondary homes and commercial property are assessed at \$1.59. These figures are subject to change. Income continues to be used as an alternative to property taxes, presently 2%. As of this writing, the House has passed a bill, H540 that reduced these numbers to \$1.05, \$1.54 and 1.9%. The bill is in committee in the Senate. Until this technical correction bill is passed, we are not able to cite accurate tax rates. The \$1.10 rate generates a state support grant of \$6,800. The percent of a school's actual per pupil spending above \$6,800 is then applied to the \$1.10 rate to generate actual tax rate. The Common Level of Appraisal is then applied to this rate.

Special thanks to RSSU Business Manager, Lori Hancock, for keeping the district's finances in order; and Ed Hemmer, (chairman), Adrienne Raymond and Steve Bankert for their dedication as School Directors.

Many thanks to the Shrewsbury community for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter J. Goetz

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION:

The Shrewsbury Elementary School opened its doors to Eighty-Seven students, Pre-K through grade six. Two of these students are attending other District Elementary schools under the school choice option. All staff worked hard moving and designing their new rooms for the opening day of school. The first week was comfortable as well as exciting for all students and staff. I would like to extend my appreciation to the Shrewsbury PTO and all of the parents who helped make opening day a complete success.

ASSESSMENTS:

The Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment:

- These assessments measure the degree to which our second grade students are making progress toward the Vermont Standards 1.2 (Reading Accuracy) and 1.3 (Reading Comprehension). This assessment is not about grade two by itself, but rather about the Pre-Kindergarten grade two program. Parent/Teacher conferences will give a clear explanation of your child's performance on these assessments.

The Vermont New Standards Reference Exam: Grade Four.

- These assessments serve as a measure of progress toward Vermont's Framework of Standards and learning in mathematics and language arts. The test results are used to promote better instruction and curriculum goals. Parent/Teacher conferences are used to explain each child's strengths and weaknesses in these areas.

The National Science Education Standards Assessments: Grade Five.

- These assessments measure the student's ability in the areas of Science Inquiry, Physical Science, Earth and Space Science and Life Sciences. The criteria reflect a careful item-by-item analysis in light of the recommendations of the Vermont Framework and the National Science Standards.

* The data collected are designed not for the purpose of measuring adequate yearly progress, but rather, to assist Teachers and Action Planning Teams as they consider evidence for curriculum and instructional change.

The Terra Nova Assessment Series: Grades Two through Six.

- Terra Nova Assessments truly reflect today's curricula. The content specialists reviewed curriculum guides from states, districts, and private schools; and analyzed the content of widely used textbooks and basal series to define the test objectives-objectives that align with the goals of educators. The Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies tests measure concepts and skills that students should know and use. Parent/Teacher conferences are the best way to review these assessments of your child.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS/PRESENTATIONS. Our Elementary School budget allows for some additional educational programs throughout the school year. The Shrewsbury Parent/Teacher Organization also contributes toward the cost of these extra-curricular activities. All students benefit by having these extended programs.

- The Kids On The Block Program on Bullies and School Safety. September. The main theme: "There will always be times when two people or groups of people, will not agree with one another. Those times of disagreement will test the ability of everyone involved to find ways to talk it out or work it out". This presentation used life-sized puppets to present the theme.
- Circus Smirkus: "Circus Smirkus is a nonprofit organization founded in Vermont to provide a format for children and adults to collaborate as colleagues in life-enhancing artistic adventures through the circus." This is a two-week residency.
- GeoClub: For seven weeks in November, December and January, approximately fourteen students in grades four, five, and six participated in an after-school Geography Club. An appreciation for world cultures and learning how to locate places in the world were the objectives for the club's time together. The activities, led by Vicky Arthur and Pam Monder, included art projects, making and sampling foods, games, customs, dances and music from other countries. Students enjoyed examining artifacts from other cultures, as well as viewing slides and photos and listening to travel stories offered by guest speakers. Funding for the club's activities was possible through a mini-grant for enrichment activities in the RSSU District through the Gifted and Talented program, and through a donation from the Mountain School PTO for materials.

ELEMENTARY SPORTS 2003-2004.

- Boy's and Girl's Soccer. 22 students.
- Boy's and Girl's Basket ball 22 students.

Without the time and dedication of the following school volunteers, these activities would not have been possible. We extend our appreciation to all of you. Thank you!

Janelle Hulsebus
Cindy Benneck
Liz Bullock
Bruce Bullock
Michael Uhler

VERMONT INSTITUTE OF NATURAL SCIENCE

- ELF Program K-4. ELF is a natural science program taught by volunteers once a month to all students in the Kindergarten through fourth grade.
- EC. Environmental Citizenship challenges the Fifth and Sixth Grade students to explore environmental issues, learn field investigation techniques, and undertake service learning projects that help them to become informed citizens. This program is also taught by volunteers. Without their support, this program would not be possible. Thank you volunteers!

PAST AND FUTURE:

My initial review of the Shrewsbury Elementary School during my first year as its academic administrator introduced some interesting changes in the perception of what we were all about. I found that I needed to emphasize the concept of "education" first and "recreation" second when it came time to reorganize the Shrewsbury Ski Program. This was an unpopular movement; however, a necessary one. I also introduced the terms "student configuration", "student distribution" and "building organization" when developing the annual budget for this elementary school knowing that we were experiencing a slight decline in enrollment every year. Using the above-mentioned concepts, we reduced the Shrewsbury Elementary School budget every year. My goal is to propose a reduction in the Elementary School budget again for the 2004-2005 school year. Small schools in Vermont are struggling to survive. They are the center of the community, making the struggle well worth the effort. Bigger, consolidated Elementary Schools are not always the best solution. We need to keep this in mind at all times. All Shrewsbury citizens have the responsibility of supporting our community school. The State of Vermont and the Federal Government have the responsibility of financially supporting the state and federal mandates. When this becomes the demand of all citizens, the small community schools will be financially safe and secure. Thank you.

George Janas – SMS Principal

REFLECTIONS:

My tenor as your Principal for the past three years has been a most positive experience for me. It was my goal to bring stability and comfort to the children and staff here at the Shrewsbury Elementary School. I have tried my best to meet that goal. The Teaching and Support Staff have always provided me with the encouragement and assistance needed to make the Shrewsbury Elementary School a strong academic learning environment as well as a comfortable home for all of our children. The citizens of our community have been very supportive of us all. I extend my appreciation to everyone for this kind of support. Stepping out of my administrative role will be my second attempt at retirement. It is one goal that has been very difficult for me to achieve. Thank you everyone.

George J. Janas

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ESTIMATED COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 2003**

	General	Lunch	Fixed Assets	LT Debt
Assets				
Cash	421,478	500		
Accts Receivable	85,143	(122)		
Due from Other Funds		1,188		
Prepaid Expense				
Retire LT Debt				90,000
Fixed Assets			1,429,445	
TOTAL ASSETS	506,621	1,566	1,429,445	90,000
Liability & Fund Equity				
Liabilities				
Notes/Bonds Payable, note 1				90,000
Accts Payable	186,230			
Payroll Accruals	111,364			
Due to other Funds	1,188	0		
Total Liabilities	298,782	0	0	90,000
Fund Equity				
Reserved Sinking Fund	102,859			
Reserved Special Programs	4,938			
Unreserved	100,042	1,566		
Building and Equipment			1,429,445	
Total Liab & Fund Equity	506,621	1,566	1,429,445	90,000

Note: An updated balance sheet will be available once the reconciliation of accounts and audit is complete

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

	General	Lunch	Total
Revenue	2,213,088	16,894	2,229,982
Expenditures	2,088,714	19,300	2,108,014
Excess of Revenue	124,373	(2,406)	121,967
Fund Bal June 30, per 2002 annual report	(16,122)	3,523	(12,599)
Adjustments, 2001/2002 Audit	102,588	(2,551)	100,037
Adjusted Fund Balance July 1, 2002	86,466	972	87,438
Transfers	(3,000)	3,000	0
Fund Bal June 30, 2003	207,839	1,566	209,405
Unreserved	100,042		
Reserved	107,797		

	Bus Fund	Building Fund	Preschool Fund	Total Funds
Sinking Fund				
Ending Bal June 30, 2002 (2002 annual report)	60,078	16,370	0	76,448
Audit Adjustments to Actual	247	7,096	0	7,343
Beginning Balance July 01, 2002	60,325	23,466	0	83,791
Receipts from Operational Fund	7,000	7,000	10,712	24,712
Receipts from Interest	940	347	68	1,355
Adjustments / Transfers	0	(7,000) (1)	0	(7,000)
Ending Balance June 30, 2003	68,265	23,813	10,781	102,859
Receipts from Operational Fund	7,000	7,000	0	14,000
Estimated Receipts from Interest	617	410	75	1,102
Adjustments / Transfers				
Bus Purchase	(60,125)			(60,125)
2002/2003 Operational Shortage			(1,065)	(1,065)
EST Ending Balance June 30, 2004	15,757	31,223	9,790	56,770
Est. Receipts from Operational Fund	47,000	7,000	0	54,000
Est. Receipts from Interest	136	558	75	769
Est. Adjustments / Transfers				
Bus Purchase	(60,125)			(60,125)
EST Ending Balance June 30, 2005	2,768	38,781	9,865	51,414

Note: (1) 2001/2002 transfer request to the general fund for building repairs not processed until the 2002/2003 school year

**Shrewsbury School District
Operational Expenditures**

	Budget 2002-2003	Estimate 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004	Estimate 2003-2004	Budget 2004-2005
Total Elementary Operational Cost and Special Ed	1,113,713	1,063,986	1,100,092	1,100,092	1,118,960
Secondary Operational Costs Included in Elementary	(156,194)	(209,697)	(221,670)	(221,670)	(292,029)
Net Shrewsbury Elementary Expenditures	957,519	854,290	878,422	878,422	826,931

**Shrewsbury Town School District
Debt Service**

2002	15,000
2003	15,000
2004	15,000
Thereafter	60,000
Total	<u>105,000</u>

Note 1 Vermont Municipal Bond Bank general obligation Bonds; \$15,000 principal due annually through December 2008 plus semi-annual interest (6.95% to 7.45%)

SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

	BUDGET 2002-2003	ESTIMATE 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ESTIMATE 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005
Total Revenue	2,201,431 (1)	2,213,088	2,202,285 (2)	2,266,511	2,213,716
Total Expenditures	2,148,703 (1)	2,088,714	2,243,580 (2)	2,243,580	2,314,486
Excess (Rebate) of Revenue	52,728	124,373	(41,295)	22,931	(100,770)
Fund Bal. June 30, per 2002 annual report	0	(16,122)	0	0	0
Adjustments, 2001/2002 Audit	0	102,588	0	0	0
Adjusted Beginning Bal July 1	0	86,466	59,408	207,839	230,770
Transfers	0	(3,000)	0	0	0
Ending Bal June 30	52,728	207,839	18,113	230,770	130,000
Reserved		107,797			
Unreserved		100,042			

OPERATIONAL FUND REVENUE

Code	Account	BUDGET 2002-2003	ESTIMATE 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ESTIMATE 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005
	LOCAL REVENUE					
1322	Tuition	0	0	0	0	0
1314	Tuition school choice	0	5,991	0	0	0
1422	Transport	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
1510	Investments	8,500	5,555	13,500	6,500	5,500
1990	Other Local	11,500	14,853	4,500	4,500	4,500
	Total Local	32,000	38,400	30,000	23,000	22,000
2000	SUB-GRANTS	20,708	29,050	20,708	21,240	27,635
	STATE REVENUE					
	ACT 60 Above Block Grant	684,117	709,590	813,348	815,508	0
	ACT 60 Block Grant	1,097,615	1,097,059	1,071,656	1,103,553	0
	ACT68 Res/Non Res EEGL Support	0	0	0	0	1,740,209
	ACT68 Technical Support Payment	0	0	0	0	49,236
	ACT 60 Debt Service Aid	3,000	4,341	2,437	615	0
	ACT 60 Small School Aid	51,764	51,764	47,793	49,137	49,137
	ACT 60 Transport Aid	25,000	33,600	25,000	34,437	34,165
3201	Spec Ed Block Grant	56,446	56,446	57,133	57,133	62,447
3202	Spec Ed Intensive	186,067	123,723	138,530	138,530	149,733
3203	Spec Ed Extraordinary	0	0	0	0	0
3204	Spec Ed EEE	5,714	5,726	5,268	5,268	7,154
3205	Spec Ed State Placed	25,000	67,275	64,000	64,000	72,000
	TOTAL STATE REVENUE	2,134,723	2,149,524	2,225,165	2,268,181	2,164,081
4810	Federal Forest	0	0	0	0	0
5200	Transfers, approved	14,000 (1)	14,000	14,000 (2)	14,000	0
5400	Refunds/Other	0	(2,224)	0	0	0
5220	Payment to Education Fund	0	(15,662)	(87,588)	(59,910)	0
	TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	14,000	(3,886)	(73,588)	(45,910)	0
	TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES	2,201,431 (1)	2,213,088	2,202,285 (2)	2,266,511	2,213,716
5000	Transfers, pending approval					14,000 (3)

Note: (1) 2002/2003 Revenue & Expense budget increased to include \$14,000 approved by voters to appropriate monies to the building and bus reserve funds;

(2) 2003/2004 Revenue & Expenses - budget adjusted to reflect final approved draft and increased to include \$14,000 approved by voters to appropriate monies to the building and bus reserve funds;

(3) Separately warned article pending approval

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURES**

TABLE II

Code	Account	BUDGET 2002-2003	ESTIMATE 2002-2003	BUDGET (1) 2003-2004	ESTIMATE 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005
1100	INSTRUCTION					
	Salaries	248,544	266,925	274,243	274,243	251,852
	Benefits	88,146	76,531	91,633	91,633	83,347
	Purchased Services	4,800	1,541	4,500	4,500	5,400
	Tuition Reimbursement	4,000	5,671	6,000	6,000	6,000
	Tuition, school choice	0	0	0	0	3,835
	Supplies/Software & Travel	8,475	10,068	6,800	6,800	7,200
	Books	4,000	9,538	4,000	4,000	4,000
	Equipment	750	381	2,500	2,500	1,500
	Total Instruction	358,715 (2)	370,655 (2)	389,676 (2)	389,676	363,133
1105	PRESCHOOL					
	Salaries	13,500	19,611	18,828	18,828	21,662
	Benefits	1,033	2,621	2,868	2,868	3,013
	Supplies & Snacks		1,594	450	450	1,650
	Insurance / Heat/ Electricity		857	857	857	914
	Total Preschool	14,533 (2)	24,682 (2)	23,003 (2)	23,003	27,239
1120	ACTIVITIES	1,059	698	1,171	1,171	1,171
2120	GUIDANCE	15,000	2,989	12,000	12,000	12,500
2130	HEALTH SERVICES	11,934	8,572	15,208	15,208	11,353
2210	IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION	10,267	9,629	12,630	12,630	12,537
2220	LIBRARY/MEDIA					
	Salaries & Benefits	35,646	34,968	35,714	35,714	24,894
	Supplies & Repairs	1,000	677	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Books	2,500	2,442	2,500	2,500	2,500
	Equipment & Software	2,100	1,879	2,100	2,100	1,600
	Total Library/Media	41,246	39,966	41,314	41,314	29,994
2310	BOARD OF EDUCATION	11,437	8,956	8,114	8,114	11,564
2320	ADMINISTRATION, RSSU	16,783	16,778	16,379	16,379	17,269

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXPENDITURES**

TABLE II

Code	Account	BUDGET 2002-2003	ESTIMATE 2002-2003	BUDGET (1) 2003-2004	ESTIMATE 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005
2400	ADMINISTRATION, SCHOOL					
	Salaries/Benefits	78,818	83,504	70,926	70,926	79,569
	Contracted Services	0	0	300	300	300
	Telephone and Postage	3,000	2,527	3,500	3,500	3,500
	Travel/Supplies/Books	1,350	1,652	1,000	1,000	1,100
	Equipment & Software	600	0	500	500	400
	Dues and Fees	720	715	600	600	800
	Total Administration, School	84,488	88,398	76,826	76,826	85,669
2520	FISCAL SERVICES					
	S.U. Assessment	10,719	10,714	10,039	10,039	10,584
	Audit/Other	5,969	4,869	5,469	5,469	6,140
	Total Fiscal Services	16,688	15,583	15,508	15,508	16,724
2600	BUILDING/GROUNDS/EQUIPMENT					
	Salaries & Benefits	34,084	34,468	36,384	36,384	38,019
	Repair & Maintenance	5,600	4,929	5,600	5,600	5,000
	Insurance	6,785	4,774	7,200	7,200	7,920
	Supplies	4,500	3,746	4,500	4,500	4,840
	Electricity	8,476	7,527	8,500	8,500	8,000
	Fuel Oil & Bottled Gas	6,500	5,276	8,500	8,500	5,804
	Equipment-Copier	3,600	3,836	3,600	3,600	3,259
	Equipment	750	165	1,500	1,500	1,000
	Total Building/Grounds/Equip.	70,295	64,721	75,784	75,784	73,842
2711	TRANSPORTATION					
	Salaries & Benefits	27,278	27,647	26,211	26,211	30,398
	Repair and Maintenance	5,950	7,331	5,950	5,950	6,805
	Transportation Contracts	12,000	22,907	19,500	19,500	19,500
	Insurance	1,344	1,272	1,400	1,400	1,540
	Diesel Fuel & Supplies	3,350	3,490	3,700	3,700	3,875
	Total Transportation	49,922	62,647	56,761	56,761	62,118

SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXPENDITURES

TABLE II

Code	Account	BUDGET 2002-2003	ESTIMATE 2002-2003	BUDGET (1) 2003-2004	ESTIMATE 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005
2720	TRANSPORT, ACTIVITIES	1,615	901	1,722	1,722	1,615
2790	TRANSPORT, FIELD TRIPS	1,292	793	861	861	861
5100	DEBT SERVICE	22,648	22,192	22,700	22,700	16,162
5200	ADJUSTMENTS	600	0	600	600	0
5350	TRANSFER-sinking fund, approved	14,000 (3)	14,000	14,000 (3)	14,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES		742,522	752,160	784,257	784,257	743,750
1200	SPECIAL EDUCATION					
	Salaries & Benefits	91,845	56,107	43,954	43,954	59,944
	Purchased Service	0	1,519	3,150	3,150	3,154
	Assessment-Spec Ed/EEE	24,903	22,853	23,840	23,840	19,528
	Tuition	149,518	148,784	154,053	154,053	201,337
	Supplies & Equipment	950	728	2,500	2,500	2,500
	Psychological Serv./Consulting	10,386	7,997	10,564	10,564	10,443
	Speech Services	15,306	13,084	10,563	10,563	8,244
	Assessment-Administration	31,694	29,644	34,474	34,474	32,941
	Transportation/Other	13,033	0	0	0	2,250
	Total Special Education	337,635	280,716	283,098	283,098	340,341
1400	TITLE I	33,556	31,110	32,737	32,737	34,869
TOTAL OPERATING & SPECIAL ED EXP		1,113,713	1,063,986	1,100,092	1,100,092	1,118,960
1100	TUITION - STAFFORD	16,354	15,873	24,540	24,540	31,664
1100	TUITION - STAFFORD ACT68	0	0	0	0	49,236
1100	UNION SCHOOL ASSESSMENT	1,018,636	1,008,855	1,118,948	1,118,948	1,114,626 (4)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,148,703	2,088,714	2,243,580 (1)	2,243,580	2,314,486
5350	TRANSFER-pending approved	0	0	0	0	14,000 (4)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, pending transfer		2,148,703	2,088,714	2,243,580	2,243,580	2,328,486

Note: (1) 2003/2004 Budgeted adjusted to reflect actual approved budget;

(2) Preschool expenditures separated from general instructions

(3) Expenses increased to reflect voter approval to appropriate monies to the building and bus reserve funds

(4) Separately warned article pending approval

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District: **Shrewsbury**County: **Rutland****Expenditures**

1. **Budget** (local budget approved in prior years)
2. 82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005
3. S.U. assessment (included in local budget)
4. Deficit (if included in local budget)
5. + Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years
6. + 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting
7. + 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting
8. + 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting
9. - Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")
10. **Act 68 local adopted budget**
11. + Union school or joint school district assessment
12. + Deficit if not included in budget or revenues
13. + Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)
14. **Gross Act 68 Budget**
15. Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")

Revenues

16. + Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)
17. + Capital debt aid
18. + Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)
19. - Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures
20. - Act 144 revenues
21. **Total revenues**
22. - Fund raising (if any)
23. **Adjusted local revenues**

24. **Education Spending** (Act 68 definition)

25. Equalized Pupils

26. **Education Spending per Equalized Pupil**

27. Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)
28. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment

29. **District spending adjustment** (minimum of 100%)
(\$9,143 / \$6,800)

30. **Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized**
(134.456% x \$1.10)

31. **Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity**
(134.456% x 2.0%)

PRELIMINARY

Three Prior Years Comparisons

ESTIMATES
ONLYLEA: 190
S.U.: Rutland South

FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	
1,000,069	1,116,067	1,110,632	1,199,860	1.
not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	49,236	2.
96,347	112,358	109,489	101,369	3.
-	-	-	-	4.
18,142	25,993	39,682	not applicable	5.
3,500	7,000	7,000	7,000	6.
3,500	7,000	7,000	7,000	7.
-	-	-	1,900	8.
-	-	-	-	9.
1,025,211	1,156,060	1,164,314	1,215,760	10.
967,049	1,018,636	1,118,948	1,114,626	11.
-	-	-	-	12.
-	-	-	-	13.
1,992,260	2,174,696	2,283,262	2,330,386	14.
-	-	-	-	15.
311,616	343,594	429,727	540,941	16.
2,932	4,341	614	-	17.
-	-	-	-	18.
-	-	-	-	19.
-	-	-	-	20.
314,548	347,935	430,341	540,941	21.
-	-	-	-	22.
314,548	347,935	430,341	540,941	23.
1,677,712	1,826,761	1,852,921	1,789,445	24.
209.09	201.77	196.77	195.71	25.
8,024	9,054	9,417	9,143	26.
not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	-	27.
not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	9,143	28.
not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	134.456%	29.
not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1.479	30.
not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2.69%	31.

RUTLAND SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION

OPERATING FUND REVENUE

	ESTIMATE 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ESTIMATE 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005
ASSESSMENTS TO SCHOOLS				
Central Office Administration				
Clarendon	67,618	64,538	64,538	83,040
Shrewsbury	27,492	26,017	26,017	27,853
Wallingford	54,985	45,530	45,530	55,705
Mill River UHS	217,559	214,127	214,127	262,297
Total Central Office	367,654	350,212	350,212	428,895
Computer Service/Curriculum				
Clarendon	14,100	17,168	17,168	17,535
Shrewsbury	6,267	7,630	7,630	6,460
Wallingford	12,534	13,353	13,353	12,920
Mill River UHS	45,435	57,226	57,226	55,373
Total Curriculum/Comp	78,336	95,377	95,377	92,288
Total Assessments	445,990	445,589	445,589	521,183
Interest	1,347	3,000	3,000	2,000
Service to Other LEA'S	37,636	39,511	39,511	44,059
Other	11,109	20,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL REVENUE	496,082	508,100	508,100	587,242

EXPENDITURES

Computer Technology Services	77,863	95,377	95,377	92,289
Central Office Administration	180,210	180,545	186,740	188,790
Improvement of Instruction	44,976	45,000	45,000	51,072
Fiscal Services	167,155	165,097	165,097	182,031
Buildings/Grounds/Equipment	21,733	22,570	22,570	19,818
Transportation	39,728	39,511	39,511	61,559
Adjustments				
Total Expenditures	531,665	548,100	554,295	595,558

Summary of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes to Fund Balance

Total Revenue	496,082	508,100	508,100	587,242
Total Expenditures	531,665	548,100	554,295	595,558
Excess of Revenue	(35,583)	(40,000)	(46,195)	(8,316)
Beginning Balance July 1	90,094	110,942	54,511	8,316
Ending Balance June 30	54,511	70,942	8,316	0

RUTLAND SOUTH SUPERVISORY UNION

FUND 3 REVENUE

	ESTIMATE 2002-2003	BUDGET 2003-2004	ESTIAMTE 2003-2004	BUDGET 2004-2005
Clarendon	28,926	22,868	22,868	18,990
Shrewsbury	12,856	10,163	10,163	7,844
Wallingford	22,499	17,786	17,786	14,449
Total Speech	64,281	50,817	50,817	41,283
Clarendon	51,419	53,747	53,747	47,278
Shrewsbury	22,853	23,887	23,887	19,528
Wallingford	39,992	41,803	41,803	35,972
Total EEE / Early Ed	114,264	119,437	119,437	102,778
Clarendon	66,699	76,691	76,691	79,753
Shrewsbury	29,644	34,085	34,085	32,941
Wallingford	51,877	59,649	59,649	60,682
Total Spec Ed Admin	148,220	170,425	170,425	173,376
Clarendon	14,099	15,670	15,670	18,303
Shrewsbury	6,266	6,964	6,964	6,743
Wallingford	12,533	12,188	12,188	13,486
Mill River UHS	45,531	52,234	52,234	57,799
Total Psych Srv.	78,429	87,056	87,056	96,331
Total Programs	405,194	427,735	427,735	413,768
Other Local	76,196	0	0	0
State Revenue IDEA-B	150,845	129,163	129,163	166,408
State Revenue IDEA-B Preschool	3,191	3,352	3,352	3,173
Grants	350,767	273,177	273,177	296,682
Adjustments/Refunds	115			
TOTAL REVENUE	986,308	833,427	833,427	880,031

EXPENDITURES

Summer Programs	20	0	0	0
Special Education	51,457	57,763	57,763	66,445
EEE Early Ed.	102,356	130,289	130,289	105,951
Hearing Impaired	0	0	0	0
Title I	6,780	9,500	9,500	0
Psychological Services	85,828	94,556	94,556	96,332
Speech Services	200,575	187,480	187,480	207,690
Special Ed Administration	98,905	120,161	120,161	106,931
Grant Expenditures	199,198	155,265	155,265	166,682
Subgrants/Other	129,909	108,413	108,413	130,000
Total Expenditures	875,028	863,427	863,427	880,031

Summary of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balance

Total Revenue	986,308	833,427	833,427	880,031
Total Expenditures	875,028	863,427	863,427	880,031
Excess of Revenue	111,280	(30,000)	(30,000)	0
Beg Bal July 1	436,227	112,864	547,507	
Ending Bal June 30	547,507	82,864	517,507	0

Title I Funds Included in Fund 3

Total Revenue	127,970	108,413	149,084	120,000
Total Expenditures	127,970	108,413	149,084	120,000
Excess of Revenues	0	0	0	0

Note 1: Actual 2001/2002 Ending balance of \$131,048 adjusted to \$436,227 based on final audit.

Note 2: Estimated carry forward from 2003/2004 reflected as zero as determination of restricted funds is not yet complete.

Town of Shrewsbury
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING RESULTS
MARCH 4, 2003

CALLED TO ORDER: 8:40 pm., March 3, 2003

LOCATION: Shrewsbury Town Hall/Meetinghouse

PRESENT: Moderator Eldred French, School Board Members: Thomas Hartigan, Kelly Moreton, Adrienne Raymond; Town Clerk Anne Haley, Town Treasurer Linda McGuire and approximately 40 voters.

The Moderator read all items on the warning. Board members and the Business director reviewed all budget articles and the Mountain School budget. No action was taken at this meeting.

This meeting recessed at 9:30 pm. until 10:00 a.m., March 5, 2003 for voting by Australian ballot at the Shrewsbury Meetinghouse.

Election results as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Town School District Moderator: Eldred French

ARTICLE 2. Town School Director 3 year term: Adrienne Raymond

ARTICLE 3. Town School Director 2 year term: Edmund Hemmer

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town School District vote the sum of \$7,000 to be placed in the building maintenance sinking fund? Yes 248 No 188

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town School District vote the sum of \$7,000 to be placed in the bus replacement sinking fund? Yes 267 No 173

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town School District approve a budget of \$1,120,496.00 for the operational expenditures of said school district which includes secondary billback expenditures of \$166,433.00 and Stafford Technical tuition of \$24,540.00? Yes 215 No 229

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town School District vote to authorize the Board of School directors to borrow money temporarily, from time to time, as may be required to pay orders? Yes 246 No 195

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING RESULTS
APRIL 22, 2003

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 pm., April 21, 2003

LOCATION: Shrewsbury Mountain School

PRESENT: School Board Members Kelley Moreton, Adrienne Raymond and Ed Hemmer; Principal George Janus; Clerk Anne Haley; Townspeople Deborah Loevy-Reyes, Ted Izzi, Lee Wilson.

The special election ballot question was reviewed and discussed. The present proposed budget represents a \$12,000 decrease from the March, 2003 defeated budget. This would result in an estimated school tax rate of \$2.08-\$2.10, for 2003, if the MRUHS budget also passes. No action was taken at this meeting.

This meeting recessed at 7:35 pm. until 10:00 a.m., April 22, 2003 for voting by Australian ballot at the Shrewsbury Meetinghouse.

Election Results:

1. Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury Town School District approve an expenditure budget of **\$1,110,632** for operational expenditures of said school district, which includes Stafford Technical Tuition of **\$24,540**? **Yes 150 No 103**

Anne Haley, Clerk

**SHREWSBURY TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

The legal voters of the town of Shrewsbury in the County of Rutland are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. to take action by Australian Ballot on the following matters:

- Article 1 To elect a town school district moderator for a term of one year.
- Article 2 To elect a town school director for a term of 3 years.
- Article 3 Shall the town school district appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be placed in the bus replacement reserve fund?
- Article 4 Shall the town school district appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to be placed in the building maintenance reserve fund?
- Article 5 Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury School District vote to transfer \$40,000 from the 2002/2003 general fund surplus to be placed in the bus replacement reserve fund?
- Article 6 Shall the voters of the Shrewsbury School District approve a budget of \$1,199,860 for the operational expenditures of said school district which includes the elementary school, secondary special education and Stafford Technical School tuition?
- Article 7 Shall the Shrewsbury School Board research the benefits, costs and feasibility of closing the Shrewsbury Mountain School and paying tuition in accordance with law to one or more elementary schools?
- Article 8 Shall the school district of Shrewsbury appropriate \$1,900 as the share of the district in order to finance the study of advisability of forming a union school district with some or all of the following school districts: Clarendon, Mill River and Wallingford and the school directors be authorized to appoint a planning committee for the purpose?
- Article 9 Shall the town school district vote to authorize the school directors to borrow money temporarily from time to time as may be required to pay orders?

Dated: 26 of January, 2004

\s Edmund Hemmer, Chair
\s Steve Bankert
\s Adrienne Raymond

Shrewsbury School Directors

The informational meeting for the annual School District Meeting will take place on Monday, March 1, 2004 beginning at 5:30 P.M. The informational meeting for the annual Town Meeting will take place immediately following the school informational meeting at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road.

These Green Mountains

Diane Martin



These green hills and sil ver wa ters Are my home they be long to me



And to all her sons and daugh ters May they be strong and for e ver free



Let us live to pro tect her beau ty And look with pride on the gol den dome



They say home is where the heart is These green moun tains are my home



These green moun tains are my home

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**Tuesday, March 2, 2004
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10:00 AM - 7:00 PM