

# ANNUAL REPORT



*Barbara Betjemann*

OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF

## MAIDSTONE

## VT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

## 2003

INCLUDING A REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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Town Clerks Office open Mon. & Thurs. 9 - 11 a.m.

Tel. & Fax 802 676-3950

## TOWN OFFICERS

		Term Expires
Moderator – Town	Shawn Conant	2004
Town Clerk	Susan Irwin	2004
Town Treasurer/ Asst. Clk.	Geraldine McVetty	2004
Selectmen	Gail Tattan-Giampaolo	2004
	Shawn Conant	2005
	Bradley McVetty	2006
Listers	Joy Collins	2004 Resign 12/29/03
	Louis Lamoureux	2005
	Joyce Brady	2006
Constable	Raymond Lovell	2004
Delinquent Tax Collector	Ann Whitehead	2004
Town Grand Juror	Craig Sanborn	2004
Town Agent	Craig Sanborn	2004
Auditors	Nancy Lamoureux	2004
	Mary Richardson	2005
	Joyce Brady	2006

### APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

Road Commissioner	Bradley McVetty	2004
Fire Warden	William Sanborn	2005
Inspector of Wood/Timber	Richard Hart	2004
Tree Warden	Richard Hart	2004
Pound Keeper	Jared Irwin	2004
Fence Viewers	Pete Cardin	2004
Health Officer	Mary Fitch	2004
Town Services Officer	Mary Fitch	2004
Zoning Administrator	Kathleen Hart, Appt. by PC	2004 Resign 8/4/03
	Craig Sanborn Appt. 9/8/03	2006
Administrative Assistant	Susan Irwin	2004
Assistant Town Clerks	Joy Collins & Roger Irwin	2004

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Maidstone are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Town Hall in the said Town of Maidstone on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 7 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles.

1. To elect all Town Officers as required by law.
2. To take action on the Town Officer reports.
3. To see if the Town will vote to collect its 2004 taxes up to and including Oct. 15th. and pay same to Treasurer.
4. To see if the Town will approve a \$5,000 donation to the Maidstone Lake Camp Owners Association to serve as a contingency fund to support the Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Program at Maidstone Lake. The Association is to repay \$4,000 of this donation by the end of the fiscal year.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$2,500 to donate to the Maidstone Lake Camp Owners Association General fund.
6. Shall the voters authorize the Selectboard to establish a reserve fund for administration of grants and appropriations related to Maidstone Lake dam reconstruction, continued maintenance, and insurance costs, and authorize the Selectboard to expend these funds for this purpose.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to establish, from the General Fund, a \$20,000 reserve fund for the Town Hall repairs, additions and or improvements, and authorize the Selectboard to expend these funds for this purpose.
8. To see if the Town will raise \$106,154 plus any amount voted to be raised by taxes in Article 4 and 5, to pay current expenses and appropriations as requested in the proposed budget.
9. Shall the Town vote to use the 2003 General fund surplus to pay expenses until 2004 tax monies become available?
10. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year.
11. To see if the Town will vote to hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 7 o'clock p.m.
12. To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.
13. Adjournment.

Selectmen **Shawn Conant, Chairman**

*Shawn Conant*

**Bradley McVetty**

*Bradley McVetty*

**Gail Tattan-Giampaolo**

*Gail Tattan-Giampaolo*

Received for record  
January 23, 2004

Attest: *Susan L. Irwin*  
Susan L. Irwin, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF MAIDSTONE  
PROPOSED BUDGET  
2004**

**ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL ACCOUNT**

Salaries: Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant	\$ 3,500.00
Assistant Town Clerk	1,500.00
Treasurer	4,853.00
All Other Officers	2,500.00
FICA/Medicare	1,850.00
Town Officer's Training	500.00
Election	170.00
Town Reports	500.00
Maps/Contract Updates	385.00
Cemeteries, Upkeep	850.00
Fire Protection	7,000.00
Legal Fees/Notices	5,000.00
Dues: VLCT, NVDA	325.00
PACIF/Workman's Comp	1,200.00

**TOWN HALL/OFFICE**

Office Supplies/Equipment/Expenses	6,500.00
Lights/Fuel	1,500.00
Maint: Grounds/Bldg	1,000.00

<b><u>TOWN/LAKE WASTE REMOVAL/RECYCLING</u></b>	<b>37,000.00</b>
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<b><u>COUNTY ASSESSMENT</u></b>	<b>14,470.00</b>
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

Guildhall Public Library	1,000.00
Lancaster Emergency Medical Service	917.00
Groveton Fire Dept.	3,000.00
Stratford Fire Dept.	2,000.00
NEK Learning	100.00
RC & D	50.00

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

NEK Human Services	110.00
Area Agency on Aging	112.00
Caledonia Home Health	50.00
VT. Ctr. Independent Living	105.00

<b><u>HIGHWAYS</u></b>	<b>4,200.00</b>
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<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	<b>\$106,154.00</b>
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**TOWN OF MAIDSTONE  
2004  
PROPOSED BUDGET**

**ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL ACCOUNT**

Salaries: Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant	\$ 3,500.00
Treasurer	4,971.00
All Other Officers	3,000.00
FICA/Medicare	2,100.00
Town Officer's Training	500.00
Election	600.00
Town Reports	629.00
Maps/Contract Updates	385.00
Cemeteries, Upkeep	900.00
Fire Protection	7,000.00
Legal Fees/Notices	5,000.00
Dues: VLCT, NVDA	500.00
PACIF/Workman's Comp	2,000.00

**TOWN HALL/OFFICE**

Office Supplies/Equipment/Expenses	3,500.00
Lights/Fuel	1,800.00
Maint: Grounds/Bldg	1,500.00

**TOWN/LAKE WASTE REMOVAL/RECYCLING**

41,500.00

**COUNTY ASSESSMENT**

14,470.00

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Guildhall Public Library	1,000.00
Lancaster Emergency Medical Service	1,572.00
Groveton Fire Dept.	3,000.00
Stratford Fire Dept.	2,000.00
NEK Learning	100.00
RC & D	50.00

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

NEK Human Services	110.00
Area Agency on Aging	112.00
Caledonia Home Health	50.00
VT. Ctr. Independent Living	105.00

**HIGHWAYS**

4,200.00

**Total Proposed Budget**

**\$106,154.00**

**TOWN OF MAIDSTONE  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003**

**Receipts**

<b>Beginning Balance - Checkbook</b>	<b>\$187,300.76</b>
<b>2003 Taxes Received</b>	<b>447,104.77</b>
<b>State of Vermont: PILOT</b>	<b>655.00</b>
- Current Use	6,872.00
- Natural Resources	18,582.00
- Act 60	2,576.00
- Highways	10,414.36
- Fire Reimbursement (2)	89.38
<b>Highways - Other</b>	<b>3,014.63</b>
<b>Leased Land</b>	<b>15.57</b>
<b>Town Clerk Fees</b>	<b>4,911.85</b>
<b>Delinquent Taxes Received</b>	<b>51,205.79</b>
-Interest	2,063.71
-Penalties	4,145.44
<b>Interest NOW Account</b>	<b>225.68</b>
<b>Dog License Fees</b>	<b>143.00</b>
<b>Dog Fees, State</b>	<b>43.00</b>
<b>Zoning Administrator (s) Fees</b>	<b>1,080.00</b>
<b>Refund: NEMRC Training</b>	<b>95.00</b>
<b>2003 Tax Overpayments</b>	<b>20.61</b>
<b>Delinquent Tax Overpayment</b>	<b>16.09</b>
<b>Grants: Lake Monitoring</b>	<b>5,962.00</b>
- Fire Safety	300.00
<b>Campowner's Association, Bal for Lake Monitoring</b>	<b>1,571.43</b>
<b>Town Misc: Copies, etc.</b>	<b>102.88</b>
<b>Cash Received</b>	<b>\$561,210.19</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$748,510.95</b>

## Disbursements

### ADMINISTRATION & GENERAL ACCOUNT

Salaries: Town Clerk/Administrative Assistant	\$ 3,093.19
- Assistant Clerk	999.81
- Treasurer: (\$500+1% Taxes Received)	4,853.00
- All Other Officers (Selectmen, Auditors, Listers)	1,794.81
Town Clerk Fees	4,845.68
Delinquent Tax Collector Penalties	4,147.35
Zoning Administrators Fees	1,080.00
FCIA/MED	1,521.76
Town Officer's Training	443.00
Election Expense	106.78
Town Reports	512.90
Town Maps/Contract	385.00
Cemeteries/Upkeep	811.50
Fire Protection: Fire (Cambio)	78.75
- Fire Safety Equip. Grant	600.00
- Shaw Communications - Radio	444.00
- FF Tools	231.50
Dues: VLCT & NVDA	420.00
Legal Services	3,287.65
PACIF Insurance	1,873.99
Maidstone Lakeowner's Assoc.	2,500.00
Refunds: Overpayments	36.68
State of Vermont: Fees	41.00
GHS Chem Free Contribution	100.00
Out Dated Check Cashed	26.07

### TOWN HALL/OFFICE

Office Supplies/Equip/Expenses	6,500.00
Lights/Fuel	1,623.17
Maintenance: Grounds/Bldg	2,787.57

### TOWN/LAKE WASTE REMOVAL/RECYCLING

Waste Pick Up	19,930.00
Tip Fee	9,079.48
NEKWMD-Surcharge	2,954.18
Recycling Pick Up	4,360.04
Recycling Trailer Repairs	30.16
Bulk Waste Day	858.52
Advertisement for Bids	30.33

### ASSESSMENT- County

10,357.25

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Guildhall Public Library	1,000.00
Lancaster Medical Service	1,048.00
Groveton Fire Dept.	2,000.00
Stratford Fire Dept.	2,000.00
NEK Learning	100.00
RC & D	50.00

**SOCIAL SERVICES**

NEK Human Services	110.00
Area Agency on Aging	112.00
Caledonia Home Health	50.00
VT Center of Independent Living	105.00

**HIGHWAYS**

Maintenance	14,211.55
Winter	9,802.94

**REAPPRAISEL**

Clodfelter	14,300.00
Tax Appeal	500.00
Printing Notices	380.30

**LAKE MONITORING**

Salaries/Benefits	7,166.43
Worker's Comp	367.00

**EDUCATION FUND**

Local Share education property tax sent to school District	}	
Sent to School District for the GSSG (General State Support Grant)	}	246,714.00
Act 60, State of VT Education Fund - June 2003		104,324.75
Act 60, State of VT Education Fund - December 2003		75,733.43

Total Disbursements \$572,820.52

Ending Cash Balance \$175,690.43

**EARMARKED FUNDS WITHIN GENERAL FUND**

**Balance in Checking Account** **\$175,690.43**

**Less Earmarked Funds:**

**State Education Fund** **\$ 75,733.43**

**Book Restoration Account** **2,278.28**

**Maintenance of Grand List Account** **408.20**

**Town Highway Account** **5,338.64**

**Total Earmarked Funds** **\$ 83,758.55**

**Balance General Fund** **\$ 91,931.88**

**BOOK RESTORATION ACCOUNT**

**Receipts**

**Balance in Account January 2003** \$2,529.96

**Receipts for 2003: None**

**Total Receipts** \$2,529.96

**Disbursements**

**Land Records Books/Paper** 251.68

**Total Disbursements** \$ 251.68

**Balance in Account** \$2,278.28

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**REAPPRAISAL & MAINTENANCE OF GRAND LIST ACCOUNT**

**Receipts**

**Balance in Account** \$13,012.50

**Act 60 - 2003 Payment** 2,576.00

**Total Receipts** \$15,588.50

**Disbursements**

**E. Clodfelter** \$14,300.00

**Tax Appeal** 500.00

**Printing Reappraisal Notices** 380.30

**Total Disbursements** \$15,180.30

**Balance in Account** \$408.20

**BUDGET COMPARED WITH ACTUAL EXPENDITURES**

2003

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Town Clerk	\$3,500.00	\$3,093.19	\$ 406.81
Assistant Clerk	1,500.00	999.81	500.19
Town Treasurer	4,853.00	4,853.00	.00
All Other Officers	2,500.00	1,794.81	705.19
FICA/Medicare	1,850.00	1,521.76	328.24
Town Officer's Training	500.00	443.00	57.00
Election	170.00	106.78	63.22
Town Reports	500.00	512.90	(12.90)
Town Maps/Update Contract	385.00	385.00	.00
Cemeteries	850.00	811.50	38.50
Fire Protection	7,000.00	1,354.25	5,645.75
Legal Fees/Notices	3,500.00	3,287.65	212.35
Dues: VLCT, NVDA	325.00	420.00	(95.00)
PACIF/Workman's Comp	1,200.00	1,873.99	(673.99)
 <u>TOWN OFFICE/HALL</u>			
Office Supplies/Equipment/Exp	6,500.00	6,500.00	.00
Lights/Fuel	1,500.00	1,623.17	(123.17)
Maintenance: Grounds/Bldg	1,000.00	2,787.57	(1,787.57)
 <u>TOWN &amp; LAKE WASTE</u>			
<u>REMOVAL &amp; RECYCLING</u>	37,000.00	37,242.71	(242.71)
 <u>ASSESSMENT- County</u>			
	10,357.00	10,357.25	(.25)
 <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Guildhall Public Library	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00
Lancaster Medical Service	1,048.00	1,048.00	.00
Stratford Fire Dept.	2,000.00	2,000.00	.00
Groveton Fire Dept.	2,000.00	2,000.00	.00
NEK Learning	100.00	100.00	.00
RC&D	50.00	50.00	.00
 <u>SOCIAL SERVICES</u>			
NEK Human Services	110.00	110.00	.00
Area Agency on Aging	112.00	112.00	.00
Caledonia Home Health	50.00	50.00	.00
VT Ctr. For Independent Living	105.00	105.00	.00
 <u>HIGHWAYS</u>			
	4,200.00	4,200.00	.00
 <b>Proposed Budget Compared to</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$95,765.00</b>	<b>\$90,743.34</b>	<b>\$ 5,021.66</b>

**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>Current Assets:</b>	<u>Dec. 31, 2002</u>	<u>Dec. 31, 2003</u>
Checking Account	\$187,300.76	\$175,690.43
<b>Receivables:</b>		
Delinquent Taxes	\$35,189.48	\$29,064.64
Leased Land Acc't.	41.22	47.77
	\$35,230.70	\$29,112.41
<b>Current Liabilities:</b>		
Payables	.00	.00
<b>Total Current Assets And Liabilities</b>	<b>\$222,531.56</b>	<b>\$204,802.84</b>

**LEASED LAND ACCOUNT**

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Div</u>	<u>Yearly Rental</u>	<u>Paid 2003</u>	<u>Pd To</u>	<u>Due</u>
State of Vermont	28	3	\$1.00	\$ --	3/1/01	\$3.00
State of Vermont	63	2	2.55	--	3/1/01	7.65
State of Vermont	33	3	3.00	--	3/1/01	9.00
Young/McKenzie	65	1	1.50	1.50	3/1/04	1.50
Young/McKenzie	12	2	3.90	3.90	3/1/04	3.90
Brooks	60	1	3.60	3.60	3/1/04	3.60
Elmer Young	9	1	2.00	2.00	3/1/04	2.00
R & D Funk	3	2	4.12	4.12	3/1/04	4.12
St. of VT						
Small Portion	63	2	.45	.45	3/1/04	.45
John Hancock	59	3	6.00		Pd Direct to Society	6.00
			\$28.12	\$15.57		\$47.77

**TOWN OF MAIDSTONE  
ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT  
2003**

**MAINTENANCE**

Order No.		
4	A.W. Rogers Trucking, Truck & Driver	\$ 135.00
5	Newport Sand & Gravel, Crushed Gravel	183.55
6	McVetty's Trucking, Equip to repair washouts	1,020.00
7	Chemical Solutions, Chloride	1,854.30
8	Peaslee's: Unloading Chloride	20.00
9	Work Safe, Replacing 911 Road Signs	268.28
10	McVetty's Trucking, Grader/Operator Grading Roads	1,495.00
11	Lane Enterprises, Steel culverts	4,252.46
12	A. W. Rogers, Truck & Driver hauling gravel	495.00
13	Carroll Concrete, Crushed gravel	2,560.96
16	McVetty's Trucking, Backhoe, Truck, Grader, North Rd	1,927.00
	Total Maintenance	\$14,211.55

**WINTER**

1	McVetty's Trucking: Plow Truck & Driver 1/03	\$ 1,332.50
2	McVetty's Trucking: Plow Truck & Driver 2/03	1,170.00
3	McVetty's Trucking: Plowing & Sanding 3/03& 4/03	682.50
8	Peaslee's: Sand Pile Storage, Unloading chloride	500.00
14	A.W. Rogers: Truck & Driver, Hauling winter sand	292.50
15	Carroll Concrete: Winter Sand	1,531.05
17	McVetty's Trucking: Backhoe & Truck, Winter Sand Pile	215.00
18	North American Salt, Road Salt for Sand Pile	796.89
19	McVetty's Trucking: Plow & Sand Rds, 11 & 12/03	3,282.50
	Total Winter	\$9,802.94

<b>Total Road Expenditures</b>	<b>\$24,014.49</b>
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**HIGHWAY ACCOUNT**

Carryover 2003	\$11,724.14
Town Appropriation	4,200.00
State Aide	10,414.36
Culverts/Permits	3,014.63
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$29,353.13</b>
<b>Total Spent:</b>	
-Maintenance	14,211.55
-Winter	9,802.94
<b>Carryover 2003</b>	<b>\$5,338.64</b>

# TOWN OF MAIDSTONE DELINQUENT TAX ACCOUNT

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

## 1997

Chester McLain \$ 772.49

**Total for Year 1997 \$ 772.49**

## 1998

K. & S. Fuller/R. McLain \$1699.52

K. & S. Fuller/R. McLain \$ 957.11

K. & S. Fuller/R. McLain \$ 306.80

Timothy White \$ 773.98

Gary and Tammy Young \$ 199.89

**Total for Year 1998 \$3937.30**

## 1999

K. & S. Fuller/R. McLain \$ 203.92

K. & S. Fuller/R. McLain \$2165.76

K. & S. Fuller/R. McLain \$ 306.80

Timothy White \$1355.04

Garry and Tammy Young \$ 306.72

**Total for Year 1999 \$4338.24**

## 2000

K. & S. Fuller/R. McLain \$1194.27

K. & S. Fuller/R. McLain \$2120.64

Chester McLain/McLain Logging \$ 314.43

Gary and Tammy Young \$ 300.33

**Total for Year 2000 \$3929.67**

## 2001

Gary and Tammy Young \$ 493.33

**Total for Year 2001 \$ 493.33**

## 2002

K. & S. Fuller/R. & N. McLain \$1721.78

Lida Knudsen \$ 4.22

Chester McLain/McLain Logging \$ 453.31

Jean McLain \$1018.43

Gary and Tammy Young \$ 502.10

**Total for Year 2002 \$3,699.84**

**2003**

Philip Bedard/Lorraine Masters	\$ 10.34
Anne H. Carr	\$1794.49
K & S Fuller/R & N McLain	\$1124.35
K & S Fuller/R & N McLain	\$ 441.47
Lida Knudsen	\$2256.14
Kelth & Deborah Loiselle	\$ 171.53
H. Mason, Jr. & C. McKelvey	\$ 32.02
Sean & Lisa McCarthy	\$ 703.65
Kristine McDade	\$ 461.65
C. McLain/McLain Logging	\$ 327.62
Jean McLain	\$1044.92
Mark & Christine Myers	\$ 506.33
Richard & Linda Pepin	\$ 505.90
Zachary & Linda Rhodes	\$ 1.68
Robert & Joan Schafer	\$1716.30
William Wilcox	\$ 521.16
Gary & Tammy Young	\$ 273.02
Joseph & Colleen Zaccardo	\$ 1.20

**Total for Year 2003****\$11,893.77****TOTAL DELINQUENT ACCOUNT \$29,064.64**

## VITAL STATISTICS

	NAME	DATE	PLACE
<b>Births:</b>	None		
<b>Marriages:</b>	Jared Thomas Irwin Kelly Beatrice Bennett	31 May 2003	Maidstone, VT
<b>Deaths:</b>	None		
<b>Burials:</b>	None		

## LICENSES & PERMITS

**DOG LICENSES** - In the year 2003 Maidstone authorized 41 dog licenses. Any dog that is more than six months old must be registered and licensed annually by April 1 by the clerk of the municipality in which the dog is kept.

<b>License Fees:</b>	<b>Jan. 1 – Apr. 1</b>	Male/Female	\$ 9.00
		Neutered/Spayed	\$ 5.00
	<b>Apr. 2 – Sept. 30</b>	Male/Female	\$13.00
		Neutered/Spayed	\$ 7.00
	<b>Oct. 1 – Dec. 31</b>	Male/Female	\$ 5.00
		Neutered/Spayed	\$ 3.00
<b>Special License:</b>	\$30.00 up to 10 dogs kept for breeding purposes. \$ 3.00 each additional dog		
<b>Kennel Permit:</b>	\$10.00 two or more dogs kept for sale or breeding purposes, not for your own use		
<b>Late Fees:</b>	50% in excess of that otherwise required is paid on all licenses and permits issued after April 1 unless the dog is obtained or becomes 6 months old after April 1. 20 VSA &3582		

All dogs must have a current rabies certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian before a town license can be obtained. In March, the Selectmen or their designated appointee will be taking a list of all dogs within the town. All dogs not licensed within a reasonable time after April 1st may have to be destroyed. VSA T20 &3621

**FIRE PERMITS** – A permit must be obtained before an open fire or burning can occur. Permits may be obtained from the Fire Warden, Bill Sanborn, 676-3902, Maidstone Lake Lot #75, or his Assistant Guy Giampaolo, 676-3538, Lot #21. All forest fires should be reported to the Fire Warden. See Fire Warden's Report on the following page.

**ZONING PERMITS** – No land or building development as defined in the Zoning Bylaws may commence unless a zoning permit has been duly issued by the Zoning Administrator, Craig Sanborn. For questions he may be reached at 676-9869. Zoning Permit Applications may be picked up at the Town office on Mon. & Thurs. from 9-11 a.m., or will be mailed upon request by calling 802 676-3210. A fee of \$37.00 must accompany each application. Variance or Conditional Use Permit Hearings may be set up with the Secretary of the Zoning Board, Linda Lavertu's at 676-3902. That fee is \$47.00.

### LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATION

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Janice Peaslee</b> PO Box 12 Guildhall, VT 05905	<b>328-4452</b>
<b>Senators</b>	<b>Vincent Illuzzi</b> 38 Water St. Orleans, VT 05860	<b>754-2200</b>
	<b>James H. Greenwood</b> 72 Main St. Barton, VT 05822	<b>754-6357</b>
<b>Judge of Probate</b>	<b>Honorable Marilyn Maxwell</b> Essex Main St. Island Pond, VT 05846	<b>723-4470</b>
<b>Essex County Sheriff</b>	<b>Amos Colby</b> 91 Courthouse Drive Guildhall, VT 05905	<b>676-3500</b>
<b>Vermont State Police</b>	<b>Derby</b> St. Johnsbury	<b>766-2211</b> <b>748-3111</b>

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### AGENCY

### SERVICE

Northeast Kingdom Mental  
Health Service  
1 802 748-3181

Counseling, 24 hour  
hotline

Vermont Center for  
Independent Living  
1 800 622-4555

Assistance for the  
disabled

Caledonia Home Health Care  
1 802 748 8116

Home nursing, Hospice

Northeastern Vermont  
Development  
1 802 748-5181

Assistance with land use  
planning and economic  
development

Umbrella Incorporated  
1 802 748-8645

Women's center, rape  
crisis 24 hour line,  
shelter for women and  
children

Governor's Action Line  
1 800 642-3131

Information regarding  
Vermont government

## TOWN SERVICES

**RUBBISH REMOVAL** is currently provided by Murray Hodgdon and is picked up at roadside on Monday for In Town, Maidstone Lake and the North Road. Exceptions to this schedule are the pick up of rubbish on Wednesdays following Memorial Day and Labor Day.

**RECYCLABLES** will be picked up at roadside every other Friday for In Town and North Road. At Maidstone Lake Recyclable pickup is every other Monday from May through September.

Schedules are available at the Town Office and may be picked up during office hours or will be mailed upon request. Schedules subject to change.

For questions or concerns contact Murray Hodgdon at 328-3582, or the Town Office on Monday or Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. at 676-3210.

## INVENTORY OF THE PROPERTY OWNED BY TOWN

### Town Hall and Office

3 office filing cabinets & 2 fireproof filing cabinets

2 two drawer file box & 2 one drawer file boxes

Steel desk

Folding table & wooden table

Folding chairs

1 electric and 1 battery operated clock

American Flag and staff, Bicentennial Flag & Bennington Flag

30 % interest in Huack Thawing Machine (with towns of Guildhall & Granby, stored in Guildhall)

AT&T Phone

Southwestern Bell Answering machine

Sharp Copy Machine Model SF-7750

Copystar CS-2030

Bosch Coffee Maker

Micron Pentium computer, speakers & keyboard

MicroScan/AD1 Monitor

Gateway 2000 E-3000 Pentium Computer, & Gateway E V-3000 monitor

Panasonic KX-F1124i printer

### Software:

Brother MFC 1500

DOS 5.0

Sears Shop Vac 3 HP 12 gallon

PC Tools

Singer 8.5 amp Upright Vacuum Cleaner

MyMailList

Polaroid Instant Camera

Microsoft Windows

Metal Table

USRobotics Quick

4 Leather Chairs, 2 Office chairs

TEAM E911

Rolling Cart/Cabinet

Windows 95

Black Board

Slimswitch

Fireproof Safe

CAMA 2000

Panasonic KX E2000 Typewriter

Texas Instrument Calculator T1-8250

Mylar Map Folder, Box map holder

Miscellaneous Office Supplies

**MAIDSTONE ZONING/PLANNING BOARD  
2003 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Zoning/Planning Board meets four times a year in March, June, September and December. The meetings are held on Monday at the Town Hall starting at 7 p.m. and are open to the public.

The Board consists of five members and one alternate. The Board members are Bruce Hobaugh, Chairman; Guy Giampaolo, Roger Emery, Linda Lavertu and at present one vacancy. The alternate member is Rick Hart. The present Zoning Administrator is Craig Sanborn, who was appointed by the Board of Selectmen on September 8, 2003.

The Board had no variances applied for during the year. There were 20 building permits issued by the previous Zoning Administrator, Kathy Hart. There were also 16 permits issued by the new Zoning Administrator bringing the total number to 36.

For those persons wanting building permits, they can be obtained from the Town Clerk or the Zoning Administrator. Any questions regarding building permits, variances or building regulations contact the Zoning Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Lavertu, Secretary  
Planning/Zoning Board

**Town of Maidstone**  
**Fire Warden's Report**  
**2003**

The 2003 fire season proved to be considerably wetter overall than the previous year, thus keeping fire occurrence low. The state of Vermont received reports of 101 fires that burned 100 acres during the 2003 fire season. Of these, 100 were human caused and 1 was caused by lightning.

The town of Maidstone experienced one wildland (grass/brush) fire. This was the result of a person burning without authorization on a very windy day and the fire got away and into the brush. Due to quick work by some town residents the fire was held to under one acre. The town also experienced one structure fire during the year. This should continue to serve to remind us that we can never be too safe when it comes to using fire.

There were a total of 38 burning permits issued by Guy and Bill during the year. Once again, two verbal warnings were issued, both for burning without a permit. Although most town and lake residents are mindful about the need to obtain a permit from the Fire Warden or Deputy Fire Warden before burning outside, there are still some that believe this is not necessary. This issue will continue to be addressed as the need arises.

**Burning Permits Required:** In general a permit is required for any outside burning except when there is snow covering the site.

**Burning Permits Not Required:** A permit is not required for a small campfire (any fire for cooking or warming) on a person's own land.

**Also, please remember that any fire kindled must be attended at all times and shall be totally extinguished before leaving it.**

If there are any questions as to when a burning permit is, or is not required, or for any other questions that may arise, please call either the Fire Warden or the Deputy Fire Warden.

Fire Warden	William Sanborn	Lot 75	4488 Maidstone Lake Road	676-3902
Deputy Fire Warden	Guy Giampaolo	Lot 21	5520 Maidstone Lake Road	676-3538

All wildland fires should be reported to the Fire Warden or the Deputy Fire Warden at the telephone numbers listed above, or to Fire Dispatch using 9-1-1.

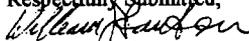
Respectfully submitted,

  
William J. Sanborn  
Forest Fire Warden

**Town of Maidstone**  
**Forest Fire Protection**  
*Inventory of Tools*  
 2003

Qty.	Item	Location	Condition
10	Council Rakes	7 at Bill's & 3 at Guy's	All serviceable
5	Forestry Shovels	3 at Bill's & 2 at Guy's	All serviceable
5	Pulaski Tools w/sheaths	3 at Bill's & 2 at Guy's	All serviceable
5	Forestry Brooms	All at Bill's	All serviceable
6	Indian Pack Tanks (canvas)	4 at Bill's & 2 at Guy's	5 serviceable; 1 needs repair
8	Indian Pack Tanks (metal)	8 at Bill's	2 serviceable; 6 need repair
3	Two-way Radios (portable)	All at Bill's	1 serviceable; 2 need batteries
1	Utility Trailer (1/4 ton)	Bill's	Serviceable
1	Pintle Mount (trailer hitch)	Bill's	Serviceable
8	Forest Fire Fighter's Outfits	7 at Bill's & 1 at Guy's	All serviceable

Note: 1 Two-Way Radio, 3 Forestry Brooms, 1 Indian Pack Tank, 1 complete Forest Fire Fighter's outfit and 1 Pintle Mount trailer hitch were added as a result of this year's budget. 1 complete Forest Fire Fighter's Outfit was issued by the State of Vermont at no cost to the town. Additionally, 6 complete Forest Fire Fighter's Outfits have been added as a result of receiving a matching grant through the federal government.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
 William J. Sanborn  
 Forest Fire Warden

# MAIDSTONE AQUATIC NUISANCE PROGRAM

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Town of Maidstone and its full-time and seasonal residents have become increasingly alarmed at the encroaching threat of aquatic nuisances, particularly Eurasian milfoil. Therefore, in conjunction with the efforts of the Maidstone Lake Camp Association (MLCOA), we wish to continue the aggressive prevention program, established last year with the aid of this grant, to protect our lake from the environmental and economic devastation already being experienced in lakes and towns throughout the region. The MLCOA, incorporated in 1959 as a non-profit organization, has long been active in its efforts to maintain water quality at the lake, working with the town to promote proper septic system installation and encouraging the use of vegetative buffer strips. The Association has been a member of the Lay Monitoring Program since 1979. Maidstone Lake currently ranks second highest in Vermont for clarity, and second lowest in phosphorus and chlorophyll levels.

The pristine nature of this remote lake attracts a wide variety of users, from the avid fisherman to the casual canoeist, as well as a pair of mating loons. Maidstone Lake is one of only two lakes in Vermont to support a population of native lunge trout, which, along with stocked rainbow and lake trout, attracts many sportsmen in search of the trophy catch. In addition to fishing, recreational boating, water-skiing, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, and scuba diving are popular activities at the lake. Also, in addition to the 202 seasonal and year-round houses on its shores, Maidstone Lake is the site of a popular campground comprised of 45 tent/trailer sites and 37 lean-tos. Although no records exist to verify the number, many campers towed recreational or fishing boats with them.

In light of such increasing use and the ever-widening path of aquatic nuisances, both the Town of Maidstone and the MLCOA regard the continuation of the preventive program as a high priority.

The components of the Aquatic Nuisances Prevention Program for Maidstone Lake in 2003 are as follows:

### **A. Educational**

Last year's efforts in this area were extremely beneficial in heightening awareness of the threat of aquatic nuisances. Informational leaflets, flyers, and posters were distributed, and this aspect of the program will continue in 2003. In addition, video tapes were distributed to camp owners for viewing, and a videotape was made of an educational presentation given by Ethan Swift of the Water Quality Division of DEC. This will also be distributed to camp owners, and offered to campground personnel for viewing by campers.

### **B. Boat Monitoring**

The most vital link of our efforts, and the most costly, is providing paid personnel to monitor the boat access area. We are fortunate to have only one access to the lake, which is located near the spillway outlet and downwind of prevailing winds. By hiring persons to monitor this area, we will extend our educational program and establish a defensive front line against the threat of invasion.

The monitors will be responsible for inspecting and screening boats prior to launching, distributing informational literature, and maintaining a log of all boats launched at the access ramp. This last activity was extremely useful in obtaining an accurate picture of boat usage on Maidstone Lake, and has enabled us to anticipate coverage requirements for this year. As a result, we have extended the total

monitoring hours of last year's 760 hours to 958 hours for 2003, while reducing the pay rate from \$10/hr. to \$8/hr. The result is almost the same total cost (\$7,664 this year; \$7,600 in 2002), but extends the hours of coverage during the busy months. Week-day launches in May and June, regardless of the weather conditions, were extremely light, often non-existent, but weekend traffic was quite heavy. This year we plan to provide coverage from Friday afternoon through Sunday evening beginning May 16<sup>th</sup>. With the exception of Memorial Day Monday, which will be manned all day, full week-day coverage will not begin until June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at which time it will continue through Labor Day, when the program ends. Twelve hour coverage will be provided on weekends, and week day coverage will be ten hours. Two people will rotate shifts on a schedule determined on a weekly basis.

### **C. Shore Patrol**

This aspect of the program took longer than anticipated to get organized last year, and not until July did it become fully active, yet full lake coverage was never realized. This year the patrollers are in place and more time will be spent in patrolling vulnerable areas. Budgeted time has been increased from the 149 hours logged last year to 180 hours for 2003. Member participation is increasing, and awareness of the need for active preventive measures has been established. Of all the components of the program, this is the one that needs to be carried forward, because it will serve to defend against invasion when such grant monies as this are no longer available.

**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MAIDSTONE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**For The Year Ending**

**June 30, 2003**

**December 31, 2003**

**Also Includes**

**Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union Reports**

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<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Shawn Conant</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Geraldine McVetty</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>School Directors</b>	<b>Jack Donnelly</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>Craig Sanborn</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>Cheryl McVetty</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Bus Driver</b>	<b>Joyce Brady</b>	

MAIDSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARNING  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Legal Voters of the Town of Maidstone School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 7:00 PM to transact the following business:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To elect a School Director for 3 years.

Article 3: Will the voters authorize the School Directors to place all unencumbered funds into the Reserve Fund, the purpose of meeting future tuition costs?

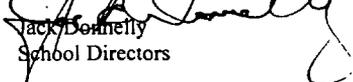
Article 4: To see what sum of money the Town will vote for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to hold its Annual Meeting on March 1, 2005, beginning at Seven O'clock in the evening.

Article 6. To transact any other nonbinding business deemed necessary and proper when met.

  
Cheryl McVetty, Chairperson

  
Craig Sanborn

  
Jack Donnelly  
School Directors

Received for Record

Date: *January 22, 2004*

  
Susan L. Irwin, Town Clerk

Maidstone School District		2004-05	2003-04	2002-03
		PROPOSED	BUDGET	ACTUAL
		BUDGET	BUDGET	EXPENDITURES
<b>1100</b>	<b>REGULAR INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:</b>			
320	Contracted services			
561.1	Elementary Tuition	\$0	\$67,977	\$4,718.92
561.2	Secondary Tuition	\$0	\$125,960	\$105,531.27
561.07	Riverside Tuition Gr. K-6	\$0		\$89,135.00
561.08	Guildhall Tuition Gr. K-6	\$25,200		
561.18	Riverside Tuition Gr. K7-8	\$0		
561.24	Lyndon Institute Gr. 9-12	\$9,374		
561.25	St. Johnsbury Academy Gr. 9-12	\$9,500		
564.01	Northumberland Gr. K-6	\$44,400		
564.02	White Mountain Regional Gr. K-6	\$7,670		
564.1	Northumberland Gr. 7-8	\$29,600		
564.11	White Mountain Regional Gr. 7-8	\$8,859		
564.20	Northumberland Gr. 9-12	\$43,470		
564.22	White Mountain Regional Gr. 9-12	\$26,577		\$0.00
	TOTAL:	\$204,650	\$193,937	\$199,385.19
<b>1211</b>	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS:</b>			
110	Para-educator Salary	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
200	Social Security	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
220.1	Medicare	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
250	Worker's Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
320	Professional Educational Services	\$9,500	\$8,900	\$4,946.80
540	Advertising	\$0.00		
561.2	Secondary Tuition	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
	TOTAL:	\$9,500	\$8,900	\$4,946.80
<b>2135</b>	<b>PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES</b>			
320	Contracted Services	\$0	\$0	\$65.00
	TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$65.00
<b>2142</b>	<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING SERVICES:</b>			
300	Evaluations & Re-evaluations	\$720	\$720	\$0.00
	TOTAL:	\$720	\$720	\$0.00

Budget

<b>2144 PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES</b>				
330 Counseling services	\$0	\$0	\$552.50	
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$552.50	
<b>2150 SPEECH &amp; LANGUAGE SERVICES:</b>				
330 Other Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
TOTAL:	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
<b>2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION SERVICES:</b>				
100 School Director's Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
220 Social Security	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
220.1 Medicare	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
250 Worker's Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
330.1 Reimb. Criminal Record Check	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
522 Liability Insurance shows in ECSU Budget	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
523 Fidelity Bond FY 06	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
610 General Supplies	\$50	\$0	\$99.70	
810 Dues and Fees	\$275	\$275	\$406.22	
TOTAL:	\$325	\$275	\$505.92	
<b>2313 TREASURER SERVICES:</b>				
100 Treasurer/Clerk Salary	\$957	\$957	\$957.00	
220 Social Security	\$59	\$59	\$59.32	
220.1 Medicare	\$13	\$13	\$13.88	
250 Worker's Compensation	\$3	\$0	\$0.00	
TOTAL:	\$1,032	\$1,029	\$1,030.20	
<b>2321 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:</b>				
331 Assessment of S.U. Services	\$6,197	\$4,141	\$3,536.38	
TOTAL:	\$6,197	\$4,141	\$3,536.38	
<b>2520 FISCAL SERVICES:</b>				
370 Audit Services fy 06	\$0	\$0	\$700.00	
TOTAL:	\$0	\$0	\$700.00	

Budget

<b>2700.1</b>	<b>STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES:</b>				
100	Bus Driver Salary	\$6,408	\$6,222	\$6,119.99	
100.1	Substitutes	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
220	Social Security	\$397	\$368	\$468.19	
220.1	Medicare	\$93	\$86	\$0.00	
250	Worker's Compensation	\$272	\$100	\$312.04	
260	Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
430.1	Repair to Vehicles	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,963.17	
510.1	Student Transportation Services	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
510.4	Special Education Transportation	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	
523	Driver Exams	\$0	\$0	\$175.00	
524	Pupil Transportation Insurance	\$370	\$678	\$361.00	
626	Diesel Fuel	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,438.81	
732	Bus Fund	\$34,000	\$4,000	\$4,000.00	
	TOTAL:	\$46,540	\$15,454	\$16,838.20	
4000	DEBT SERVICE				
900	Long Term Debt	\$24,000	\$0	\$40,383.56	
	TOTAL	\$24,000	\$0	\$40,383.56	
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND:</b>	<b>\$292,964</b>	<b>\$224,456</b>	<b>\$267,943.75</b>	

**MAIDSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003**

**Receipts**

Beginning Check Book Balance	(Negative)	\$ - 6,241.86
Town Appropriation		166,991.00
Act 60 - GSSG Appropriation		30,574.00
State of Vt. - Special Education		22,699.65
Interest NOW Acct.		99.20
Bank Loan		54,800.00
Transfer from Money Market Acct		30,000.00
Tuition Refund		4,430.04
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$303,352.03</b>

**Disbursements**

<b>1100 REGULAR INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:</b>		
- 504 Tutor		\$4,718.92
- 561.1 Elementary Tuition		\$ 105,531.27
- 561.2 Secondary Tuition		89,135.00
<b>1211 SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS:</b>		
-115 Para-Educator Salary		\$ 4,946.80
2136-300 -Occupational Therapist		65.00
2144-330 - Counseling		552.50
2310-610 BOARD OF EDUCATION SERVICES, General		99.70
-810 Dues and Fees		406.22
<b>2313 TREASURER SERVICES:</b>		
- 100 Salary		957.00
- 220,220.1 Social Security/Medicare		73.22
2321 - 331 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT - Assessment		3,536.38
2520-370 - Audit Services		700.00

<b>2700.1 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION</b>	
-100 Bus Driver	6,119.99
220,220.1 Social Security/Medicare	468.19
250 Worker's Compensation	312.04
430.1 Bus Maintenance	3,963.17
523 Driver Exams	175.00
524 Pupil Transportation Insurance	361.00
626 Diesel Fuel	1,438.81
732 Bus Fund -	4,000.00
5100-910 Redemption of Principle	40,383.56
5200-950 Act 60 - State of VT - Educational Fund	30,746.83
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$298,690.60</b>
<b>Ending Balance, June 30, 2003</b>	<b>\$ 4,661.43</b>

**MAIDSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
July 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003**

**Receipts**

Beginning Check Book Balance	\$ 4,661.43
Town Appropriation } Act 60 - GSSG Appropriation }	246,714.00
State of VT - Mainstream Block Grant	4,170.00
Interest NOW Account	42.06
Refund, Tax	27.75
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$255,615.24</b>

**Disbursements**

<b>1100 REGULAR INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:</b>	
- 561.1 Elementary Tuition	\$ 8,319.58
- 561.2 Secondary Tuition	22,017.36
 1211-300- Special Ed	 6,297.07
 2135-300 - SPECIAL EDUCATION	 236.17
 2310-810 BD OF EDUCATION SERVICES - Dues & Fees	 282.00
 2321 - 331 OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT - Assessment	 2,070.42
 <b>2700.1 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION</b>	
100 Bus Driver	2,414.85
220,220.1 Social Security/Medicare	196.38
250 Worker's Compensation	36.37
430.1 Bus Maintenance	657.02
524 Pupil Transportation Services	362.40
626 Diesel Fuel	568.18
 5200-950 Act 60 - State of VT - Education Fund	 16,032.00
 <b>Total Disbursements</b>	 <b>\$ 59,641.96</b>
 <b>Ending Balance December 31, 2003</b>	 <b>\$195,973.28</b>

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

**Berlin City Bank**

**Balance in Account December 31, 2003** **\$3,759.52**

**MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT**

**Bus Fund**

**CD Transferred to Money Market Account** **\$31,480.42**

**Interest Received 2003** **26.25**

**Transferred to General Fund** **30,000.00**

**Balance in Money Market Account December 2003** **\$ 1,506.67**

**TERM NOTE**

**Berlin City Bank**

**Loan Number 904063386**

**The Maidstone School District promises to pay Berlin City Bank an amount not to exceed \$120,000 with interest rate of 3.20% no later than November 30, 2008.**

**Commencing on November 30, 2004 and continuing on each November 30 of succeeding years thereafter, the issuer shall make principal payments not to exceed \$24,000.00 together with interest due on the outstanding principal balance of note.**

THREE-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON - Makistone

	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
<b>1. EXPENDITURES</b>				
<b>BUDGET (Local budget approved in prior years)</b>				
3. SU assessment (included in local budget)	\$156,198	\$166,967	\$224,456	\$288,964
4. Deficit (if included in local budget)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5. Block Grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6. 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7. 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8. 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9. Act 144 Expenditures (excluded from education spending)	\$156,198	\$166,967	\$224,456	\$288,964
10. Act 68 adopted budget	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11. Union School or joint school district assessment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
12. Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
13. Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
14. Gross Act 68 Budget	\$156,198	\$166,967	\$224,456	\$288,964
15. Act 144 expenditures (if any-excluded from "education Spending")	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>16. REVENUES</b>				
17. Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuition, surplus, Act 144 etc)	\$14,877	\$14,200	\$18,316	\$19,030
18. Capital debt aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
19. Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
20. Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
21. Act 144 revenues	\$14,877	\$14,200	\$18,316	\$19,030
22. Total revenues	\$14,877	\$14,200	\$18,316	\$19,030
23. Fund raising (if any)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
24. Adjusted local revenues	\$14,877	\$14,200	\$18,316	\$19,030
25. Education Spending (Act 68 definition)	\$141,521	\$162,767	\$206,140	\$269,934
26. Equalized Pupils	20.02	24.09	30.46	32.69
27. Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$7,069	\$6,342	\$6,768	\$8,267
28. Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	NA	NA	NA	\$0
29. Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	NA	NA	NA	\$8,267
30. District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) Line 29/\$6800				121.432%
31. Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (Line 32 x 1.10)				\$1.34
32. Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity				2.43%

**MAIDSTONE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**  
December 2003

**NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Tuition Rates/per year: Kindergarten: \$3,524.00  
Elementary: 7,048.00  
Secondary : 6,900.00

Students: Amber Lovell            Parker Lovell  
          Kylie Potter                Jessica McKenzie  
          Earl Brady                    Cody Curtis  
          Alexa Demsey                Crystal McKenzie  
          Nicholas Potter            Angela Wright  
          Dana Breault                Ashley Holmes  
          Tonia McKenzie            Derek Sanborn  
          Aaron Breault              Stefan Alter  
  Jacob Brady

**WHITE MOUNTAINS REGIONAL:**

Tuition/year: Elementary: \$7,305.00  
Secondary: 8,437.00

Students:                    Douglas Gorman  
          Julie Gorman            Jamie Gorman  
          Chesley Ramsdell       Mitchell Emery

**ST. JOHNSBURY ACADEMY:**

Tuition/year: \$8,995.00

Student: Ariel Conant

**GUILDHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT:**

Tuition/year: \$4,800.00

Students: Kaley Sanborn        Katalynn McKenzie  
          Alicia Labounty            Tanner Rich  
          Andrew Kachmarik        Alix McKenzie

**LYNDON INSTITUTE:**

Tuition/year: \$8,885.00

Student: Jacob Carter

## Superintendent's Report

2003

Year In Review

### Throughout the Supervisory Union

During the past year, we have continued to improve instruction in a variety of ways. As a result, the student assessment scores continue to improve. We have strived to focus on sustained imbedded professional development. In this model, teacher-leaders in each school work intensely with colleagues as mentors, and instructional coaches who model best practice in pedagogy. This system emphasizes analysis of student assessment scores, and the recording of each student's acquisition of specific skills.

In just a few years, classroom instruction has changed significantly and rapidly. We are learning constantly from research about how children learn (brain research), learning styles, and multiple intelligences. This means that teachers must be learning about how to teach better. Accordingly, they must have continued professional development to keep them apprised of current best practices, methods and materials.

The children in today's classrooms are very different from those of a decade ago, as we live in a complex and ever changing technological world. Our children are technologically savvy, however, teaching now also requires bridging gaps between our children in rural Vermont and this multifaceted planet.

The schools of ECSU have experienced phenomenal success in early literacy. We will continue to prioritize this fundamental building block of learning. Concomitantly, in the immediate future, with the assistance of our teacher leaders, we will concentrate on supporting literacy in grades 3-8. Additionally, we are working on similar initiatives designed to support math and, during the 2004-05 school year, science.

American education has experienced a whirlwind of change and the era of transition continues. All schools in the United States are concerned with the mandates of the No Child Left Behind Legislation. This will redefine teacher licensure and training; it poses sanctions on schools that do not meet annual progress goals, and it clearly defines student success via assessments. Meeting these goals will prove challenging, but I believe our schools will meet the challenge.

The new educational funding legislation Act 68, the replacement to Act 60, comes into effect this year. The budget and proposed tax information you review will be based upon this new system. We have been told that once this system is in effect, it will provide greater predictability in preparing budgets. This system also encourages school boards to curtail spending by assessing penalties for overspending. One of the ways in which districts are encouraged to limit raising costs in education is to consolidate schools, districts, and even supervisory unions. In this rural part of Vermont, consolidation is much more difficult than in more populated areas. This is a topic the boards of ECSU will continue to discuss.

On a personal note, I have served this supervisory union as a central office administrator for 12 years as Director of Special Services, Assistant Superintendent and now as Superintendent. However, being a superintendent of a rural, geographically large supervisory union (ECSU is comprised of 8 school districts) is difficult. I spend, on average, over 100 evenings a year devoted to board meetings.

Being a superintendent of a multi-district supervisory union is not just a job but it becomes a lifestyle. After many years keeping this schedule, I have decided to pursue other interests. I resigned as superintendent effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion with the boards of the ECSU, I may share this position with another superintendent through next year, to allow time for the ECSU boards to search for a new superintendent.

Of my 26 years as an educator, I have enjoyed 19 years in this supervisory union. Many of the children in our schools are my second-generation students. It has been gratifying and heartwarming to serve the children of Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union. My tenure as Superintendent has been rewarding and challenging. I am pleased by the success of our school reform initiatives, and hope that we have built a strong foundation on which to continue to build. I wish the greater school community the best as they continue the journey ahead.

#### In Maidstone

Since Maidstone does not operate a school of its own, your students attend area schools, in both Vermont and New Hampshire. We encourage all Maidstone residents to visit area schools and explore the changes in instruction and programs. We encourage you to investigate school reform initiatives and the variety of schools attended by Maidstone students.

Mariann Wall Bertolini, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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	Approved Budget 2003-2004	Budget Expended To Date 12/31/03	Balance
1100			
1100-115 Early Literacy/M. Bratko/Flow Through	\$0	\$1,560.52	-\$1,560.52
1100-115.10 Migrant Ed. Grant Salary	\$0	\$1,720.00	\$0.00
1100-220 Social Security	\$0	\$203.41	-\$203.41
1100-220.1 Medicare	\$0	\$47.58	-\$47.58
1100-250 Worker's Compensation	\$0	\$56.03	-\$56.03
1100-270 Unemployment Compensation	\$0	\$2.00	-\$2.00
TOTAL:	\$0	\$3,589.54	-\$3,589.54
2150			
2150-330 Speech Pathology Services:			
2150-330 Other Professional Services	\$26,458	\$12,000.00	14,458.00
TOTAL:	\$26,458	\$12,000.00	14,458.00
2200			
2200-330 Support Services:			
2200-330 Contracted Computer Ed.Services	\$2,000	\$110.00	1,890.00
TOTAL:	\$2,000	\$110.00	1,890.00
2321			
2321-110 Office of the Superintendent:			
2321-110 Superintendent's Salary	\$72,000	\$36,000.01	35,999.99
2321-110.1 Admin. Assistant	\$24,805	\$12,400.56	12,404.44
2321-110.2 Executive Secretary	\$21,632	\$10,816.00	10,816.00
2321-110.3 Stipends	\$0	\$98.00	-98.00
2321-210 Health Benefits	\$20,880	\$13,709.50	7,170.50
2321-210.1 Dental Benefits	\$730	\$418.46	311.54
2321-220 Social Security	\$7,343	\$3,677.42	3,665.58
2321-220.1 Medicare	\$1,718	\$859.94	858.06
2321-240 Municipal Retirement	\$1,857	\$932.64	924.36
2321-250 Worker's Compensation	\$379	\$554.21	-175.21
2321-260 Unemployment Comp.	\$14	\$8.00	6.00
2321-270 Tuition Reimbursement	\$500	\$297.50	202.50
2321-522 Liability Insurance	\$9,900	\$0.00	9,900.00
2321-580 Travel	\$4,000	\$2,000.00	2,000.00
2321-810 Dues & Fees	\$3,000	\$3,173.00	-173.00
TOTAL:	\$168,758	\$84,945.24	83,812.76
2420			
2420-110 Special Programs:			
2420-110 Special Education Co-ordinator(s)	\$61,585	\$30,920.50	30,664.50
2420-210 Health Benefits	\$11,976	\$7,353.36	4,622.64
2420-210.1 Dental Benefits	\$365	\$209.23	155.77
2420-220 Social Security	\$3,835	\$1,916.98	1,918.02
2420-220.1 Medicare	\$897	\$448.24	448.76
2420-250 Worker's Compensation	\$198	\$248.06	-50.06
2420-260 Unemployment Comp.	\$24	\$18.00	6.00
2420-270 Tuition Reimbursement	\$600	\$225.00	375.00

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	Approved	Budget	Balance
2420-580 Travel	\$1,650	\$825.00	825.00
2420-610 General Supplies	\$300	\$0.00	300.00
2420-640 Books & Periodicals	\$100	\$0.00	100.00
2420-810 Dues & Fees	\$1,000	\$761.21	238.79
2420-810.1 Fees/Flow-Through	\$0	\$1,441.89	-1,441.89
TOTAL:	\$82,530	\$44,367.47	38,162.53
2520 Fiscal Services:			
2520-110 Fiscal Manager Salary	\$35,994	\$17,997.06	17,996.94
2520-110.10 Overtime Fiscal Services	\$2,500	\$0.00	2,500.00
2520-210 Health Benefits	\$4,516	\$2,773.40	1,742.60
2520-210.1 Dental Benefits	\$365	\$209.23	155.77
2520-220 Social Security	\$2,356	\$1,115.80	1,240.20
2520-220.1 Medicare	\$551	\$260.92	290.08
2520-240 Municipal Retirement	\$1,520	\$719.94	800.06
2520-250 Worker's Compensation	\$126	\$176.06	-50.06
2520-260 Unemployment Comp.	\$5	\$3.00	2.00
2520-270 Tuition Reimbursement	\$400	\$0.00	400.00
2520-330 NEMRC	\$350	\$320.00	30.00
2520-580 Travel	\$200	\$0.00	200.00
2520-610 Supplies	\$0	\$0.00	0.00
2520-810 Dues & Fees	\$0	\$125.00	-125.00
TOTAL:	\$48,883	\$23,700.41	25,182.59
2526 Auditing Services:			
2526-330 Purchased Prof. Services	\$2,000	\$1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL:	\$2,000	\$1,000.00	1,000.00
2600 Operation/Maintenance of Plant:			
2600-110 Custodial Salary	\$1,090	\$545.04	544.96
2600-220 Social Security	\$68	\$33.80	34.20
2600-220.1 Medicare	\$16	\$7.93	8.07
2600-250 Worker's Compensation	\$120	\$170.06	-50.06
2600-250.11 Work.Comp./ECSU-Wide/Flow Through	\$0	\$12,560.38	-12,560.38
2600-250.20 Worker's Comp. Audit ECSU-Wide	\$0	\$2,610.00	-2,610.00
2600-260 Unemployment Comp.	\$5	\$3.00	2.00
2600-430 Equipment Repair	\$450	\$271.30	178.70
2600-441 Office Rental	\$9,600	\$5,250.00	4,350.00
2600-521 Office Contents Ins.	\$350	\$433.00	-83.00
2600-521.1 Computer Insurance	\$250	\$259.00	-9.00
2600-530 Telephone Service	\$3,450	\$1,794.79	1,655.21
2600-530.1 Postage	\$2,000	\$876.36	1,123.64
2600-530.2 Internet Access	\$287	\$251.45	35.55
2600-540 Advertising	\$150	\$100.00	50.00
2600-610 Custodial Supplies	\$100	\$23.28	76.72
2600-610.1 Office Supplies	\$3,000	\$1,040.92	1,959.08
2600-622 Electricity	\$0	\$582.49	-582.49

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		Approved	Budget	Balance
2600-730	Office Equipment	\$500	\$0.00	500.00
2600-733	Furniture & Fixtures	\$350	\$0.00	350.00
2600-800.2	Equipment Fund	\$2,000	\$3,842.14	-1,842.14
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$23,786</b>	<b>\$30,654.94</b>	<b>-6,868.94</b>
5300-900	Medicaid Flow-Through	\$0	\$1,438.68	-1,438.68
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,438.68</b>	<b>-1,438.68</b>
		 <b>\$354,415</b>	 <b>\$201,806.28</b>	 <b>\$152,608.72</b>

### PROJECTED REVENUES FY 2005 MAIDSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

3201	Mainstream Block Grant	\$9,936
3202	Intensive	\$0
3204	EEE	\$1,052
2000	EEI	\$0
2000	IDEA-B	\$0
1400	Transportation	\$8,042
1510	Interest	\$0
1990	Misc	\$0
		<b>\$19,030</b>

General State		
Support Grant	32.69 x \$6,800 =	\$222,292
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$241,322</b>





Budget

2600	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE OFFICE:			
100	Custodial Salaries	\$1,111	\$1,090	\$1,078.00
220	Social Security	\$69	\$68	\$65.01
220.1	Medicare	\$16	\$16	\$15.09
250	Worker's Compensation	\$55	\$120	\$120.00
260	Unemployment Compensation	\$1	\$5	\$0.75
421	Rubbish Removal	\$1,800	\$0	\$0.00
430	Equipment Repair	\$450	\$450	\$253.98
441	Office Rental	\$9,300	\$9,600	\$8,400.00
521	Office Contents Insurance	\$400	\$350	\$350.00
521.1	Computer Insurance	\$250	\$250	\$250.00
530	Telephone Service	\$3,520	\$3,450	\$3,519.14
530.1	Postage	\$2,100	\$2,000	\$1,928.14
530.2	Internet Access	\$287	\$287	\$262.40
532	Fidelity Bond FY 05	\$700	\$0	\$0.00
540	Advertising	\$125	\$150	\$68.70
610	Custodial Supplies	\$150	\$100	\$143.76
610.1	Office Supplies	\$2,600	\$3,000	\$1,952.10
622	Electricity	\$1,200	\$0	\$0.00
730	Office Equipment	\$800	\$500	\$703.00
733	Furniture & Fixtures	\$350	\$350	\$58.65
800.2	Equipment Fund	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$6,335.00
	TOTAL	\$27,284	\$23,786	\$25,503.72
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND:	\$390,657	\$354,688	\$339,786.72

**MAIDSTONE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 4, 2003**

**CTO: 7:04 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Donna & Ronald Allaire, Joyce Brady, Lois Cardin, Joy Collins, Shawn & Judi Conant, Lori Demsey, Lynn & Roger Emery, Charles & Mary Fitch, David & Lolita Forbes, Guy Giampaolo, John Gonyer, Bruce Hobough, David & Elaine Hodge, Roger & Susan Irwin, Louis Lamoureux, Linda Lavertu, Donna LeMoine, Bruno & Brenda McKenzie, Bradley & Cheryl McVetty, Geraldine & Richard McVetty, Craig & Jed Sanborn, William Sanborn, Gail Tattan-Giampaolo, Ann Whitehead, & Elmer & Joanne Young. **Visitors:** Jordan Caito, Timothy Gormley, Representative Janice Peaslee, Sandy Ramsdell, Dennis Ripley, Derek Sanborn, Larry Tilton, and Edith Tucker.

Shawn Conant welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked all in the community who serve in various town positions. He commended them for their honesty and integrity.

Shawn asked if they wanted the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management budget vote counted now or after the meeting. Roger Irwin moved that we postpone the count until after both the town and school meetings were completed. Cheryl McVetty seconded it and it passed by an aye vote.

**ARTICLE 1: TO ELECT ALL TOWN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW:**

**MODERATOR:** Shawn Conant stepped down as Moderator. Susan Irwin, Town Clerk, opened the floor for nominations for Moderator. Susan moved that we nominate Shawn Conant for Moderator. Cheryl McVetty seconded it. There being no further nominations a vote was taken. All were in favor and the motion carried, electing Shawn for a 1-year term.

**TOWN CLERK:** Joy Collins nominated Susan Irwin and Gail Tattan-Giampaolo seconded it. There being no further nominations, Susan was then elected for a 1-year term by a voice vote.

**TREASURER:** Lois Cardin nominated Geraldine McVetty and Ann Whitehead seconded it. There being no further nominations, Geraldine was then elected for a 1-year term by a voice vote.

**SELECTMAN:** Lois Cardin nominated Bradley McVetty and Joyce Brady seconded it. There being no further nominations, a paper ballot was taken. It was unanimous, with 34 votes being cast for Bradley for a 3-year term.

**LISTER:** Louis Lamoureux nominated Joyce Brady and Gail Tattan-Giampaolo seconded it. A paper ballot was taken and 34 ballots came back with 33 for Joyce and 1 for Louis. Joyce was elected for a 3-year term.

**CONSTABLE:** Roger Irwin nominated Raymond Lovell. Lois Cardin seconded it. Ray was elected for a 1-year term by a voice vote with all in favor.

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:** Joyce Brady nominated Ann Whitehead and Gail seconded it. A voice vote was taken and Ann was elected for a 1-year term with all in favor.

**TOWN GRAND JUROR:** Gail nominated Craig Sanborn and David Hodge seconded it. A voice vote was taken and Craig was elected for a 1-year term.

**TOWN AGENT:** Susan Irwin nominated Craig Sanborn and Lynn Emery seconded it. A voice vote was taken and Craig was elected for a 1-year term.

**AUDITOR:** Susan Irwin nominated Joyce Brady and Brad McVetty seconded it. Ballots were cast by 34 voters and all were for Joyce thereby electing her for a 1-year term.

#### **ARTICLE 2: TO TAKE ACTION ON THE TOWN OFFICER REPORTS**

Gail Tattan-Giampaolo moved that we accept the Town Officer Reports as printed. Roger Irwin seconded it and it passed by an aye vote.

#### **ARTICLE 3: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO COLLECT ITS 2003 TAXES UP TO AND INCLUDING OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

Geraldine McVetty moved that we accept Article 3 as printed and Ann Whitehead seconded. It passed by an aye vote.

#### **ARTICLE 4: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AUTHORIZE THE SELECTBOARD TO SPEND UP TO \$2,500 FROM THE REAPPRAISAL FUND TO COMPLETE THE REAPPRAISAL OF TOWN PROPERTIES.**

Louis Lamoureux made a motion to accept Article 4 as printed. There was a second and Shawn asked if there was any discussion. Louis explained that the money was for training the listers, for computer and footwork and for grievances. He explained how the different districts in town would be affected by reappraisal and then thanked everyone for making reappraisal a pleasant experience as they visited dwellings. A voice vote was then taken and the article passed by an aye vote.

#### **ARTICLE 5: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO BORROW MONEY IN TEMPORARY LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

Joyce Brady made a motion to accept Article 5 as printed. Bruce Hobaugh seconded it. Elmer Young asked if the voters could put a cap on the money the Selectmen are allowed to spend. Gail Tattan-Giampaolo, a Selectperson, explained that they could only spend what was budgeted. If they were to purchase land they would have to have a public hearing. A vote was taken and the Article passed by an aye vote.

**ARTICLE 6: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$100 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE GROVETON HIGH SCHOOL CHEM FREE GRADUATION FUND, THESE FUNDS, \$50 PER GRADUATING RESIDENT, TO BE USED TO PROMOTE ALCOHOL AND DRUG-FREE YOUTH BY SPONSORING A CHEMICAL-FREE GRADUATION CELEBRATION.**

Joyce Brady moved we accept Article 6 as printed. Bruce Hobaugh seconded it. Ann Whitehead commented that other schools have fund raisers. Cheryl McVetty explained that Groveton High School also had fundraisers but the school asked her if she would submit this request to the Selectboard as a Warrant Article. David Hodge asked if we had any other graduating seniors. Besides Jason McVetty and Jed Sanborn from Groveton High School, Thoron Richardson is graduating from St. Johnsbury Academy. Judi Conant said it is up to a school to ask for it to be put on the warrant and felt that the money would be well spent. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 7: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL APPROVE A \$7,500 DONATION TO THE MAIDSTONE LAKE CAMP OWNERS ASSOCIATION, \$5,000 OF WHICH SHALL BE RETAINED AS A CONTINGENCY FUND TO SUPPORT THE AQUATIC NUISANCE PREVENTION PROGRAM AT MAIDSTONE LAKE, SAID \$5,000 TO BE REPAID IN FULL BY THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AND REMAINING \$2,500 TO BE RAISED BY TAXES.**

Judi Conant moved that we accept Article 7 as printed. Gail Tattan-Giampaolo seconded the motion. The discussion revealed that the requests in the article should be separated. Donna LeMoine moved to divide the question and Bruce Hobaugh seconded it. A voice vote was taken and the question was divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is "To see if the Town will approve a \$5,000 donation to the Maidstone Lake Camp Owners Association which shall be retained as a contingency fund to support the Aquatic Nuisance Prevention Program at Maidstone Lake, said \$5,000 to be repaid in full by the end of the fiscal year." The question was raised that if the State reimbursed the \$5,000, why did we have to donate the money in the first place. The response was that the Town is the applicant and the State only reimburses after a detailed account of the expenditure of the money is presented to them. A voice vote was then taken on the first part of the divided article and it passed by an aye vote.

The motion on the floor next was "To see if the Town will approve a \$2,500 donation to the Maidstone Lake Camp Owners Association to be raised by taxes." After discussion, a paper ballot was then requested by more than 7 voters, and taken and the vote was 29 YES, 6 NO, and 1 BLANK. The motion carried.

**ARTICLE 8: SHALL THE TOWN AUTHORIZE THE SELECTBOARD TO ENTER A CONDITIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MAIDSTONE LAKE DAM REPAIR COMMITTEE TO ULTIMATELY ACCEPT OWNERSHIP OF MAIDSTONE LAKE DAM AND BOAT LAUNCH AREA, DEFINED AS LOT 120A ON THE TOWN OF MAIDSTONE ASSESSORS MAP AND 3.37 ACRES OF UNLOTTED LAND WHICH ABUTS LOT 120a, AND THE .48 ACRE ISLAND COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS LOON ISLAND. CONDITIONS INCLUDE:**

- A. THE DEED WILL BE HELD IN ESCROW BY TOWN COUNCIL PENDING SATISFACTION OF ALL REMAINING CONDITIONS.**
- B. THE NEW OR RECONSTRUCTED DAM HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND OR CERTIFIED BY THE STATE OF VERMONT AND IS FOUND TO BE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ISSUED PERMITS.**
- C. ANY ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS DEEMED "NECESSARY" FOR THE GOOD OF THE TOWN AGREED BY THE SELECTBOARD.**

Craig Sanborn moved that we accept Article 8 as read. Gail Tattan-Giampaolo seconded the motion. There was a question as to whether the dam is now owned by Champion Realty Corp. or International Paper Corp. The liability issue was discussed and debated. In the case of the boat launch, the Leasee would be liable but the Town could always be dragged into it. It was understood that the Town's coverage with PACIF would cover it. It was determined that we would lose over \$1,000 in tax revenues, but gain \$5,000 in leasing fees for the boat ramp. Judi Conant asked the Moderator if a yes vote on this article would mean that the Town would take over the dam, or if the Selectboard had the ultimate decision on what happened. Shawn Conant Moderator/Selectman, explained that the Selectboard had the final authority but they wanted to hear out the people. The question was posed as to why the Maidstone Lake Camp Owners Association doesn't take over the dam and it was explained that their by-laws don't provide for that action. An information sheet had been handed out with projected costs and revenues. These were discussed. The agreement is that there is to be no cost to the Town. It was explained by Mr. Craig Sanborn that the Town as owner expedites the permitting process and the fees are considerably less. Selectperson Gail Tattan-Giampaolo explained that the Board had consulted with the Town Attorney and he suggested that the potential responsibility should be discussed, and that the Town should go into the agreement with their eyes wide open. He asked if the promises from the people with the money are vague promises and stated that if they are willing to pay for it, they should own it. He said the Selectboard should look at the big picture, including the fact that it would be removed from the tax rolls and that there is no guarantee that the State will keep paying the \$5,000 lease fee as state regulations change. He cautioned the Board to explore the potential liability issue. He expressed concern that "If the State doesn't want it and IP doesn't want it, it is a hot

potato." He asked "With all the road problems, do you want to have dam problems as well?" He also said that if they were considering it as a way to protect the Lake tax base, it may be a consideration. The survey that was sent to the campowners was then discussed with a debate as to whether it was a true picture of what the majority of the campowners really want. A paper ballot was requested by more than 7 voters. The vote was taken with the results as follows: 20 YES, 14 NO, and 1 BLANK. The motion carried.

**ARTICLE 9: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL RAISE \$95,634 PLUS ANY AMOUNT VOTED TO BE RAISED BY TAXES IN ARTICLE 6 AND 7, TO PAY CURRENT EXPENSES AND APPROPRIATIONS AS REQUESTED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET.**

Joyce Brady moved to accept Article 9 as read. Lois seconded the motion. Gail Tattan-Giampaolo moved to amend the line item in the Proposed 2003 Budget under Lancaster Emergency Medical Service from \$917 to \$1048 to reflect the \$131 increase, and that the bottom line be changed to \$95,765. The amended motion was then voted on with a voice vote. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Ann Whitehead asked about several line item increases which were then explained.

The motion on the floor "To see if the Town will raise \$95,765 plus any amount to be raised by taxes in Article 6 & 7, to pay current expenses and appropriations as requested in the proposed budget" was then voted on by a voice vote and the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 10: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2004 AT 7 O'CLOCK P.M.**

Ann Whitehead moved to accept Article 10 as read. Bruce seconded the motion and it passed by an aye vote.

**ARTICLE 11: TO CONDUCT ANY OTHER NONBINDING BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY AND PROPER WHEN MET.**

Representative Janice Peaslee had left information on the progress of the Maidstone/Stratford Bridge building project. She had reported that there was a 99% go ahead awaiting the response from the State of New Hampshire. It will be put out to bid and hopefully construction will begin this summer with completion coming sometime next summer.

With a request by Gail Tattan-Giampaolo for a report, Delinquent Tax Collector Ann Whitehead reported that delinquent taxes for the year 1997 had remained the same at \$772.49. The total for 1998 had dropped from \$4376.87 to \$3937.30, 1999's total dropped from \$4914.16 to \$4338.24, the year 2000's total dropped from \$4478.16 to \$3929.67, the year 2001's total dropped from \$2961.99 to \$493.93 and

the year 2002 had dropped from \$17,685.81 to \$5,878.65, making the total delinquent account \$19,349.68 as of today's date. In October of 2002 the total delinquent taxes were \$75,948.05. Appreciation for a job well done was expressed by all to Ann.

**ARTICLE 12: ADJOURNMENT**

William Sanborn moved that we adjourn, the time being 9:15 p.m. Guy Giampaolo seconded the motion and it passed by an aye vote.

**MINUTES** as taken by Susan Irwin, Town Clerk

Gail Tattan-Giampaolo moved to accept the article as read. Lynn seconded it. Joyce moved to add the word "School" after "Annual", in the Article. Lynn seconded it and it passed by an aye vote. The motion on the floor was then voted on and it too passed by an aye vote.

**ARTICLE 6: SHALL THE VOTERS OF THE MAIDSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVE THE TUITION PAYMENT NOT EXCEEDING THE AVERAGE STATE UNION HIGH SCHOOL TUITION FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 AND 8 ATTENDING AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL?**

Craig Sanborn moved we accept the article as read. Joyce Brady seconded the motion. The question was posed, "What is the purpose of the article?" and it was explained that it protects us from paying a "too high" tuition.

A voice vote was taken. The ayes had it and the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 7: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO BORROW MONEY IN TEMPORARY LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.**

Gail Tattan-Giampaolo moved that we accept article 7 as read. Brad seconded it and it passed by an aye vote.

**ARTICLE 8: TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER NONBINDING BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY AND PROPER WHEN MET.**

Gail Tattan-Giampaolo asked about the bus situation. Cheryl McVetty explained that they were looking into the options of buying or leasing for the year 2005. Bus Driver Joyce Brady was asked how it was going with the new schedule of running up to the lake road. She said it was working great, especially without the second run to Guildhall where she spent many afternoons waiting and no children showed up to ride.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

**MINUTES** as taken by Susan Irwin, Town Clerk

**MAIDSTONE ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING**  
**March 4, 2003**

**CTO: 7:00 P.M. by Moderator Shawn Conant**

Joyce Brady moved that we postpone the School Meeting until after the Town Meeting. Cheryl McVetty seconded the motion and it passed by an aye vote.

**RECONVENED: 9:20 P.M.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Shawn Conant, Bradley & Cheryl McVetty, Gail Tattan-Giampaolo, Guy Giampaolo, Roger and Lynn Emery, Roger & Susan Irwin, Joyce Brady, Donna LeMoine, Bruce Hobaugh, & Craig & Jed Sanborn. Visitors: Jordan Caito.

**ARTICLE 1: TO ELECT A MODERATOR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

Shawn Conant stepped down as moderator and Susan Irwin opened the floor for nominations. Lynn Emery nominated Shawn Conant for Moderator and Cheryl McVetty seconded it. There being no other nominations a voice vote was taken and all were in favor, electing Shawn for a 1-year term.

**ARTICLE 2: TO ELECT A SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR 3 YEARS.**

Craig Sanborn nominated Cheryl McVetty; Lynn Emery seconded it. There being no other nominations, a paper ballot was taken with 12 for Cheryl McVetty and 1 for Joe Young. Cheryl was duly elected to a 3-year term.

**ARTICLE 3: WILL THE VOTERS AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO PLACE ALL UNENCUMBERED FUNDS INTO THE RESERVE FUND, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING FUTURE TUITION COSTS?**

Gail Tattan-Giampaolo moved we accept Article 3 as read. Roger Emery seconded the motion and it passed by an aye vote.

**ARTICLE 4: TO SEE WHAT SUM OF MONEY THE TOWN WILL VOTE FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**

Joyce Brady made a motion to see if the Town will raise the sum of \$224,456 for support of schools for the ensuing year. Gail Tattan-Giampaolo seconded it and with a unanimous aye voice vote the motion carried.

**ARTICLE 5: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 2, 2004 BEGINNING AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.**

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