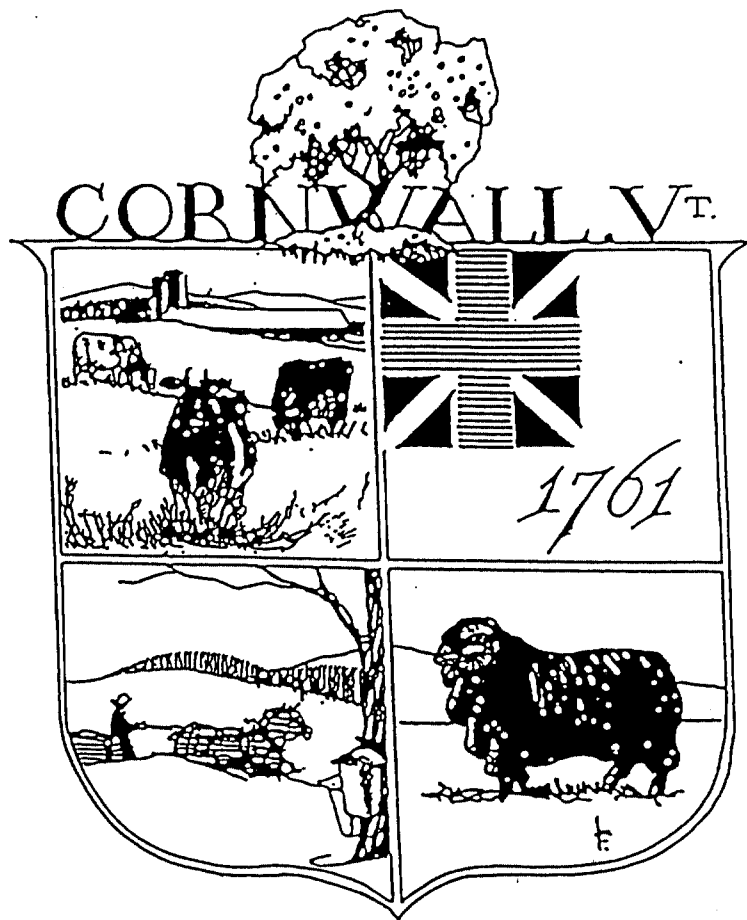

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF
CORNWALL, VERMONT



For Year Ending
December 31, 2003

*Please bring your copy of the Town Report to the Town Meeting
on March 1, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.*

Directory of Cornwall Organizations

EMERGENCY - Dial 9-1-1 or:

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department	462-2551
Dennis Rheume, Chief	(home) 462-3866
Ambulance	DIAL 911 or 388-3333
State Police	388-4919

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectboard Chair, Ed Peet	462-2133
Town Clerk, Susan Johnson	(home) 462-2324 (office) 462-2775
Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30	
Treasurer, Susan Johnson	(home) 462-2324 (office) 462-2775
Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30	

SCHOOLS

Cornwall Elementary	462-2463
Middlebury Union Middle School	382-1600
Middlebury Union High School	382-1500
Addison County Vocational Center	388-3115
Superintendent's Office	388-1274

STATE LEGISLATORS

Senator Claire Ayer	545-2142
Senator Gerry Gossens	352-9058
Representative Willem Jewett	388-0320

CORNWALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Don Shall, President	462-3394
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CORNWALL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

462-3111

CORNWALL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Doris Severy, Librarian	462-2775
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MARY BAKER ALLEN CHAPTER NSDAR

Sheila Foote, Regent	462-2781
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CORNWALL 4-H

Tricia Foster, Leader	388-9764
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FRIENDS OF CORNWALL SCHOOL

Raph Worrick and Meg Harris, co-Presidents	462-2735
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CORNWALL LITTLE LEAGUE

Mike Ringey, Coach	462-3929
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Annual Report

Town of Cornwall

***Dinner will be served!!!!
Starting at 5:30 PM until.....
See further details on Page 2!!
This benefits the M.U.H.S.
Varsity Baseball Team***

Anyone who needs a ride to the Town Meeting
may call Gary Margolis at 462-2129
or Peter Conlon at 462-3134
Call the same numbers if you can volunteer to be a driver.

**COME TO
TOWN MEETING
AND
JOIN THE M.U.H.S.
VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM
FOR DINNER AND
A BAKE SALE!!**

**MENU:
HOT DISHES, TOSSED SALAD AND ROLLS
\$5.00 A PLATE
ALSO
DESSERTS, BEVERAGES OR A LA CARTE
AND
MANY BAKE SALE ITEMS!**

Benefit M.U.H.S. Varsity Baseball

Cornwall Players:

Brett Ringey

Steven Rheaume

Kirk Ringey

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Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 1, 2004, at 6:30 PM to transact the following business (the meeting recessing, if necessary, to allow the school district meeting to convene at 8:30 PM).

- ARTICLE 1: To elect all town officials as required by law. Voting for officials will be by Australian ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are: Moderator; Town Clerk; Treasurer; Selectboard, 3 years; Selectboard, 2 years; Road Commissioner; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Lister, 3 years; Town Agent; 2 Grand Jurors; School Director, 3 years; School Director, 2 years; Auditor, 3 years; Auditor, 2 years (to fill an unexpired term); Auditor, 1 year (to fill an unexpired term); Trustee of Public Funds, 3 years; Trustee of Public Funds, 2 years (to fill an unexpired term); Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year (to fill an unexpired term); Library Trustee, 5 years; Library Trustee, 2 years (to fill an unexpired term); 2 Planning Commission members, 3 years.
- ARTICLE 2: To receive and act upon the reports of the various town officers.
- ARTICLE 3: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus or deficit for the fiscal year 2002-2003.
- ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$109,266.00
- ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$218,775.00. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving approximately \$158,775.00 to be raised by taxes.
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will approve a sum not to exceed \$120,000 to replace the town's grader.
- ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will appropriate \$1,500 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.
- ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate \$41,200 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005.
- ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to set the property tax rate and to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- ARTICLE 10: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of August 1, 2004 for property taxes, payment of half the amount due November 1, 2004, and payment of the

second half due May 1, 2005. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes paid after November 1, 2004 are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes paid after May 1, 2005 are considered delinquent. Interest will be charged on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, plus a collector's fee of eight percent (8%).

ARTICLE 11: To see if the voters will raise by tax the following amounts for the listed agencies (please see specific information about each agency printed elsewhere in this report):

a.	Addison County Community Action Group, Inc.	\$3,000.00
b.	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.	\$1,403.80
c.	Addison County Parent/Child Center	\$1,600.00
d.	Champlain Valley Agency on Aging	\$ 950.00
e.	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	\$2,200.00
f.	Elderly Services, Inc.	\$ 800.00
g.	George D. Aiken Resource Conservation & Development Council	\$ 50.00
h.	Green Up Vermont	\$ 100.00
i.	Hospice Volunteer Services	\$ 250.00
j.	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	\$1,925.00
k.	Mary Johnson Children's Center	\$ 450.00
l.	Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association	\$1,827.00
m.	Open Door Clinic	\$ 500.00
n.	The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 325.00
o.	Vermont Adult Learning	\$ 380.00
p.	WomenSafe, Inc.	<u>\$ 550.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$16,310.80

ARTICLE 12: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD

Ed Peet, Chairman
Mike Quesnel
Vaughn Berno
Joe Severy
Roth "T" Tall

Who's Who in Local Government
Roles of Elected Officers
Supplied by the Vermont Secretary of State's Office

Moderator: Runs the Annual and Special Town/School Meeting. Should have a good sense of humor, be good at group process, and have experience following Robert's Rules of Order.

Selectboard members: General supervision and control over town, enacts ordinance, regulations and policies for town, oversees town property and personnel, prepares, presents and manages budget, oversees roads, including laying out, discontinuing and reclassifying roads, sits as local board of health, liquor control commission and sewer commission. Should know the town well, be able to understand all sides of complex issues, and have very thick skin.

School Directors: Prepare the school budget, hire teachers, and generally supervise the operation of the school.

Union High School Director: Represents Cornwall on the Union High School Board, which does for the District what local school boards do.

Town Clerk: Records, preserves and certifies the public records of the town, issues dog, marriage, civil union and hunting and fishing licenses. Runs the local elections, serves as clerk of the Board of Civil Authority, and hears tax abatement requests and tax appeals. Should have the patience of a saint and be a good ambassador for the town.

Treasurer: Keeps the town and school's accounts (unless a separate school treasurer is elected), invests money (with the approval of the legislative body), keeps a record of the taxes voted and pays orders drawn on him or her. Collects the taxes for the town. Should be very precise, detail oriented and good at math.

Listers: Appraise property within the town for the purpose of property tax assessment. Should be able to be polite, yet firm, and not oversensitive to criticism.

Auditors: Review and audit all town accounts and prepare the annual town report. Should be very detail oriented.

Collector of Delinquent Taxes: Collects delinquent taxes for the town. Should be good with numbers and also able to work with people who are in difficult circumstances. Should also have thick skin.

Justices of the Peace: Perform marriages, help at elections, and hear property valuation appeals and abatement appeals as members of the Board of Civil Authority.

Constables: Has the power to serve civil process, assist the health officer in the discharge of his or her duties, destroy unlicensed dogs, kill injured deer, remove disorderly people from town meeting. Should be good at de-escalating and resolving conflicts.

Town Agent: The town agent used to prosecute and defend suits. The selectboard now have that authority. Thus, the Town Agent's duty consists merely of assisting when litigation is in progress at the request of the selectboard. (Generally not a very active position).

Grand Jurors: Helps to prosecute criminal offenses that occur in the town by giving information to state and local law enforcement. (Generally not a very active position).

Planning Commissioners: Prepare the municipal plan, make recommendations on matters of land development, conservation, and preservation, and participate in a regional planning program. Make site plan and subdivision permit decisions unless there is a Development Review Board in town. Should have a good working knowledge of all aspects of the town and be able to listen to many sides of an issue.

Regional Planning Delegate: Represents Cornwall at Addison County Regional Planning Commission meetings. Helps develop the regional plan and assess municipal land use plans.

Zoning Administrator: Approves or denies applications for zoning permits. Administers the municipal bylaws literally. Enforces regulations pertaining to the zoning ordinance.

Board of Zoning Adjustment: Holds hearings and makes decision on land use permit applications and appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator.

Health Officer: Enforces the rules and regulations for the prevention and abatement of public health hazards.

Fire Warden: Prevents forest fires in town by giving permits allowing for open burning of grass and brush.

Road Commissioner: Is responsible for maintenance of all town roads and advises about placement of driveways and installation of culverts.

Town Service Officer: Assists individuals within the town who require emergency food, fuel or shelter assistance when the Vermont Department of Social Welfare is not available.

Fence Viewers: When called up they examine fences and other boundaries within the town.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Is responsible for the organization, operation and management of a local organization for emergency management within the Town.

Civil Defense Coordinator: Organizes emergency response by coordinating the activities of radio operators, Red Cross, Fire and Rescue Departments.

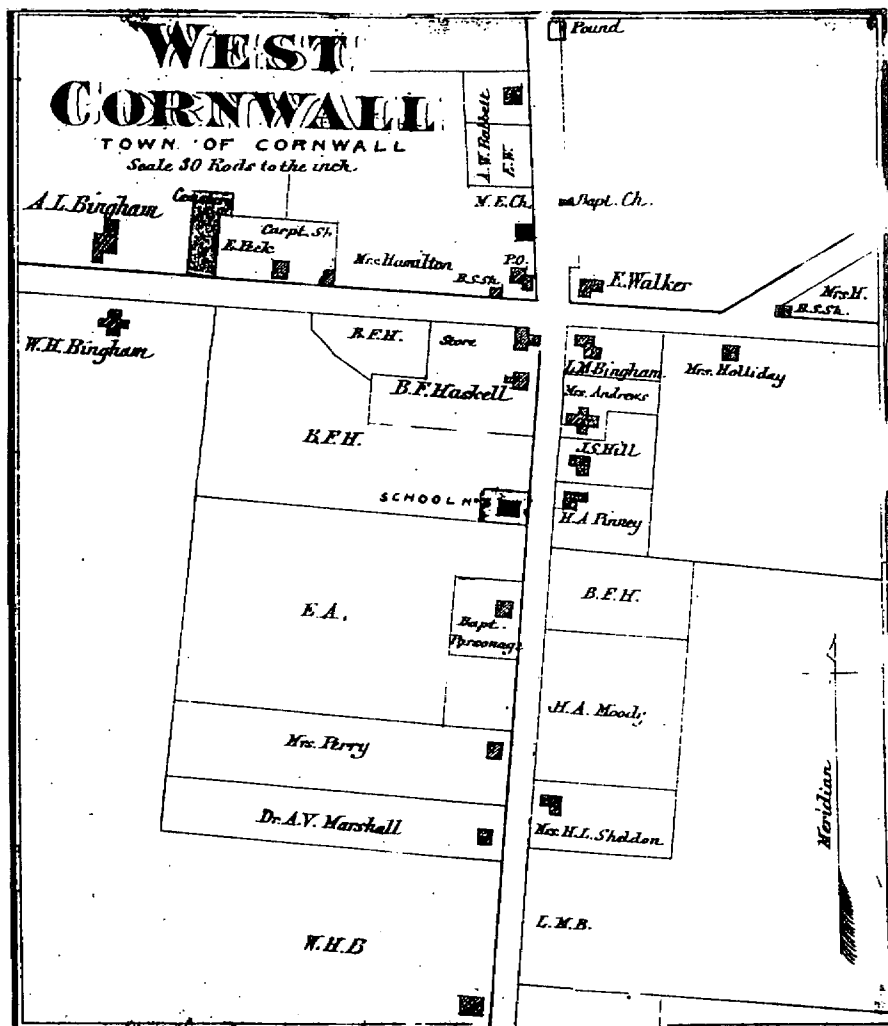
Inspector of Lumber: Will examine and classify the quality of lumber, shingles and wood, measure it, and issue a certificate.

Tree Warden: May remove dead or fallen limbs, and propose and implement ordinances for tree planting, care and removal of trees within public ways or on public lands.

Weigher of Coal: Serves as a referee over weights of contested loads of coal.

Town Energy Coordinator: Responsible for developing the town energy plan and conducting the town energy audit.

Trustee of Public Funds: Manages, invests and reports on real and personal property held in trust by the town. This includes cemetery trust funds. Should like investing money.



Elected Town Officers 2003

Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted

Moderator		Cynthia Tall
Town Clerk		Susan Johnson (appointed until Town Meeting 2004)
Treasurer		Susan Johnson
Selectmen, 3 years:	Term expires 2004	Ed Peet
	Term expires 2005	Michael Quesnel
	Term expires 2006	Vaughn Berno
Selectmen, 2 years:	Term expires 2004	Roth "T" Tall
	Term expires 2005	Joseph Severy
Road Commissioner		Stuart Johnson
First Constable		Dennis Rheume
Second Constable		Luke Jerome
Collector of Delinquent Taxes		Rodney Cadoret
Listers:	Term expires 2004	Thomas Moser
	Term expires 2005	Richard Urbanak
	Term expires 2006	Doris Severy
Town Agent		John Kirk
Grand Jurors		Raymond Paquette
		Rodney Cadoret
School Directors, 3 years:	Term expires 2004	Junius Calitri
	Term expires 2005	Cynthia Peet
	Term expires 2006	Jordan Young
School Directors, 2 years:	Term expires 2004	Ann Deppman
	Term expires 2005	Gregg Mousley
Union High School Director:	Term expires 2005	Lisa Roberts
Auditors:	Term expires 2004	Dan Borden
	Term expires 2005	Ken Manchester (appointed until Town Meeting 2004)
	Term expires 2006	Shawn Fetterolf (appointed until Town Meeting 2004)
Trustees of Public Funds:	Term expires 2004	Susan Johnson
	Term expires 2005	Sally Cadoret (appointed until Town Meeting 2004)
	Term expires 2006	Frank Punderson (appointed until Town Meeting 2004)
Library Trustees:	Term expires 2004	Doris Severy
	Term expires 2005	Judy Dunning
	Term expires 2006	Joan Bingham (resigned)
	Term expires 2007	Nancy Kemp
	Term expires 2008	vacant

Justices of the Peace (Terms expire Feb. 1, 2005): William English, Sheila Foote, Robert Gerlin, Susan Johnson, Gary Margolis, Ronald Stevens, Deane Wolff van de Velde

Planning Commission	Term expires 2004	Randy Laframboise
	Term expires 2004	Nancy Kemp
	Term expires 2005	Malcolm Harding
	Term expires 2005	John Roberts, chair
	Term expires 2005	Michael Brinkman
	Term expires 2006	Bruce Byers
	Term expires 2006	Tracy Himmel-Isham

Appointed Town Officers 2003

Terms are for one year unless otherwise noted

Board of Adjustment:	Term expires 2006	J. Barnett Hodges, III, Chair
	Term expires 2004	Melissa Gill
	Term expires 2005	Ingrid Jackson
Assistant Town Clerk		Joan Bingham
Assistant Treasurer		Maurice Laframboise
Zoning Administrator		Robert Bingham
Health Officer		David Van Vleck
Fence Viewers		Robert Bingham
		Justus DeVries
		Judson Severy
Energy Coordinator		Robert Brooks
Town Service Officer		Barbara Laframboise
Civil Defense Chairman		Richard Isenberg
Emergency Management Coordinator		Ross Conrad
Addison County Regional Planning Commission		
	Delegates:	Don Shall
		William McQuillan
	Alternates:	Laurel Kritkauskay
		vacant
Solid Waste Management Board	Representative:	Thomas Bechtel
	Alternate:	Ed Peet
Weigher of Coal		Lachlan Field
Inspector of Lumber		Leo Gorton, Jr.
Tree Warden		Barbara Harding
Fire Warden		Larry Clark
Cemetery Sextons:	Evergreen, Richard Brusco; South, Richard Brusco;	
	Central, Arthur Blaise; Fair, Bruce Payne	
Green-Up Coordinators	Charlotte Phillips and Peter Conlon	

2003 Select Board Report

Before summarizing the year's activities, we want to salute Joan M. Bingham. Joan was elected Cornwall's Town Clerk in March 1980 and retired on August 31, 2003 after 23+ years of dedicated service. She has served with the utmost of integrity, patience and good humor. We look forward to working with Sue Johnson as your new Town Clerk.

Your Select Board dealt with a number of issues which will affect the Town in the years ahead.

We approved a plan in which Town employees may choose the type of Blue Cross coverage (i.e., JY or Freedom Plan) that works best for them. A Medicare Carve Out Plan also was established for employees more than 65 years of age. Work also began to determine a suitable Retirement Plan for our employees.

In highway matters, we felt it necessary to add Ken Manchester on a full time basis to assist our Road Commission. We also discussed the best way(s) to deal with the east wall of the Sand Shed which is deteriorating. Voters will have the opportunity at Town Meeting to approve our recommendation to purchase a new or used road grader because the 22 year-old one we now have is showing its age.

The Sewerage Ordinance was repealed because of its potential conflict with the new State Statutes.

In June, the Listers will be reappraising all open land because its current values do not adequately reflect the selling price for those parcels.

Your Planning Commission is to be commended for securing the readoption of the Town Plan. They now are working to rewrite those sections of the Plan which need revision.

Through the efforts of Ross Conrad, your Emergency Response Coordinator, the American Red Cross approved the use of the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Elementary School as an Emergency Shelter.

Last April the Fair Cemetery at the junction of Mountain Road and Route 125 was given a major cleanup. Much appreciation goes to Bob Bingham for donating and installing the new fencing and posts.

Last July the members of the First Congregational Church of Cornwall celebrated their 200th Anniversary. The Town Hall, May Lavalley's store, and the DAR building all were spruced up to help with the event. Judging from the quality of the exhibits prepared for that weekend, it's obvious that the Town has a great number of talented artisans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Selectboard's General Fund Budget

	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2003/2004	2004/2005
Fixed Appropriations	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Budget	6 mos. Exp	Pro.Budget
Humane Society	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$280.00
Town Cemeteries	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$2,400.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00
County Tax	\$7,020.63	\$8,588.18	\$8,531.08	\$9,134.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,946.22	\$10,850.00
Regional Planning	\$951.78	\$970.10	\$1,004.81	\$1,011.04	\$1,085.00	\$1,084.68	\$1,109.00
Otter Creek Conservation	\$0.00	\$121.11	\$121.11	\$121.11	\$130.00	\$121.11	\$130.00
VLCT	<u>\$631.00</u>	<u>\$656.00</u>	<u>\$681.00</u>	<u>\$738.00</u>	<u>\$1,011.00</u>	<u>\$1,011.00</u>	<u>\$1,097.00</u>
Totals	\$8,853.41	\$10,985.39	\$11,018.00	\$11,684.15	\$14,406.00	\$12,863.01	\$14,466.00
Salaries							
Auditors	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Selectboard	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Town Clerk	\$4,550.00	\$4,689.96	\$4,830.00	\$4,974.96	\$5,125.00	\$2,562.48	\$6,925.00
Town Treasurer	\$7,899.96	\$8,869.96	\$8,385.00	\$8,637.00	\$8,896.00	\$4,447.98	\$9,075.00
Listers	\$3,714.00	\$3,275.00	\$3,070.00	\$3,447.50	\$4,000.00	\$702.00	\$5,000.00
Custodian	\$378.00	\$582.00	\$598.00	\$636.00	\$800.00	\$143.00	\$800.00
Asst. Town Clerk	\$89.00	\$65.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$200.00	\$240.00	\$1,000.00
Asst. Town Treasurer	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
Planning Commission	\$0.00	\$622.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
Town Secretaries	<u>\$452.50</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$164.00</u>	<u>\$422.50</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Totals	\$18,533.46	\$20,073.92	\$19,037.00	\$20,137.96	\$22,921.00	\$8,115.46	\$26,700.00
Meetings							
Town Meeting	\$49.58	\$94.99	\$94.72	\$69.22	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Elections	\$0.00	\$1,237.00	\$485.01	\$1,593.75	\$400.00	\$162.00	\$2,500.00
Civil Authority	\$375.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Planning Commission	\$567.34	\$216.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Zoning Adjustment	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$234.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Totals	\$992.12	\$1,563.62	\$813.73	\$1,662.97	\$1,050.00	\$162.00	\$3,600.00
Office Expense							
Auditors	\$170.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Town Clerk	\$1,259.27	\$1,268.45	\$894.73	\$1,426.50	\$1,400.00	\$1,044.59	\$1,300.00
Town Treasurer	\$627.20	\$1,041.49	\$1,213.93	\$1,356.16	\$1,200.00	\$582.26	\$1,300.00
Selectmen	\$0.00	\$85.30	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$243.44	\$150.00
Tax Collector	\$0.00	\$211.00	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$200.00	\$197.00	\$200.00
Listers	\$906.38	\$475.20	\$2,968.92	\$618.23	\$1,500.00	\$334.10	\$1,500.00
Listers Mapping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Listers Reappraisal Issues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Zoning Administrator	\$106.87	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$84.44	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Planning Commission	\$126.00	\$155.70	\$138.00	\$653.87	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$750.00
Town Secretary	\$33.00	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Town Office/General	\$2,232.90	\$1,634.78	\$1,231.09	\$853.42	\$1,500.00	\$370.04	\$2,000.00
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$746.06	\$1,159.00	\$800.00	\$760.00	\$1,000.00
Board of Zoning Adj.	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$150.52</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$143.04</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Totals	\$5,462.52	\$4,939.92	\$7,192.73	\$6,413.14	\$12,700.00	\$3,974.47	\$14,450.00

Selectboard's General Fund Budget (continued)

	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2003/2004	2004/2005
General Expenses	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Budget	6 mos. Exp	Pro. Budget
Town Reports	\$1,686.27	\$1,750.67	\$1,883.57	\$2,090.15	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00
Social Security	\$3,134.52	\$3,551.07	\$2,913.07	\$3,320.08	\$3,300.00	\$1,388.63	\$4,000.00
Legal Services	\$1,980.82	\$1,701.67	\$2,079.00	\$822.39	\$1,500.00	\$834.91	\$1,500.00
Sheriff's Patrol	\$2,687.12	\$3,669.18	\$2,954.16	\$3,111.29	\$3,000.00	\$1,530.18	\$3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,215.35	\$569.49	\$699.10	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Restore Town Records	\$1,145.00	\$1,141.00	\$1,195.00	\$1,008.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00
Water Contamination	\$279.80	\$336.60	\$369.90	\$290.74	\$400.00	\$191.20	\$400.00
Financial Records Review	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$850.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Totals	\$10,913.53	\$13,365.54	\$11,964.19	\$12,191.75	\$13,300.00	\$5,444.92	\$16,000.00
Town Buildings							
Town Hall - Heat	\$1,767.07	\$2,625.65	\$984.44	\$1,764.55	\$2,000.00	\$319.44	\$2,000.00
Town Hall - Utilities	\$2,000.61	\$2,010.93	\$2,011.84	\$2,078.09	\$2,100.00	\$946.98	\$2,100.00
Town Hall - Supplies	\$319.40	\$218.87	\$319.31	\$196.92	\$350.00	\$153.00	\$300.00
Town Hall - Repairs	\$583.68	\$773.48	\$532.51	\$3,449.59	\$1,400.00	\$898.96	\$2,500.00
Town Garage - Heat	\$892.40	\$895.29	\$432.65	\$1,632.42	\$1,000.00	\$197.48	\$1,500.00
Town Garage - Utilities	\$2,115.75	\$2,216.62	\$1,762.42	\$1,721.95	\$2,500.00	\$713.33	\$2,000.00
Town Garage - Supplies	\$218.00	\$97.79	\$0.00	\$105.81	\$300.00	\$74.30	\$150.00
Town Garage - Repairs	<u>\$69.72</u>	<u>\$1,171.21</u>	<u>\$56.59</u>	<u>\$1,391.90</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>	<u>\$495.73</u>	<u>\$3,500.00</u>
Totals	\$7,966.63	\$10,009.84	\$6,099.76	\$12,341.23	\$13,150.00	\$3,799.22	\$14,050.00
Parks & Cemeteries							
Mowing/Grounds	<u>\$1,639.00</u>	<u>\$1,845.00</u>	<u>\$1,690.00</u>	<u>\$1,807.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,684.00</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
Totals	\$1,639.00	\$1,845.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,807.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,684.00	\$2,000.00
Insurance							
Town Officers	\$1,391.00	\$1,391.89	\$1,380.00	\$1,279.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Town Property	\$3,452.00	\$4,386.10	\$5,751.00	\$5,510.00	\$5,600.00	\$275.58	\$5,500.00
Workmen's Compensation	\$1,856.00	\$2,425.01	\$2,820.00	\$3,374.92	\$3,300.00	\$305.43	\$3,800.00
Health	\$4,777.00	\$4,851.26	\$4,428.99	\$4,588.57	\$5,000.00	\$2,786.52	\$6,000.00
Unemployment	<u>\$265.00</u>	<u>\$311.50</u>	<u>\$354.00</u>	<u>\$422.42</u>	<u>\$350.00</u>	<u>\$156.42</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Totals	\$11,741.00	\$13,365.76	\$14,733.99	\$15,174.91	\$15,550.00	\$3,523.95	\$17,000.00
Debt Service							
Interest (Capital Items)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest (Tax Anticipation)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$805.47	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Principal	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Totals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$805.47	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$66,101.67	\$76,148.99	\$72,549.40	\$82,218.58	\$96,077.00	\$39,567.03	\$109,266.00

Auditors' Report

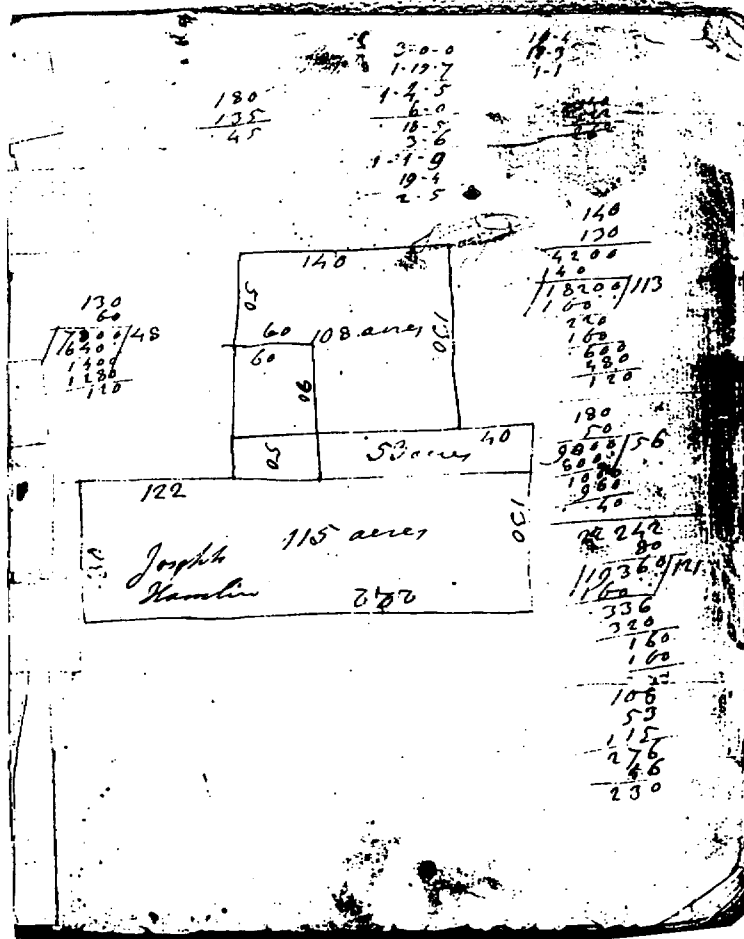
We, the elected Auditors for the Town of Cornwall, in accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24, V.S.A., have examined the accounts and records of Cornwall for the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. To the best of our knowledge and belief, these records present a fair and accurate accounting of Cornwall's financial activities.

The Auditors wish to express our appreciation to Sue Johnson for her assistance in making this examination possible, and for the energy put into compiling nearly all the information you see in this Town Report. Thanks, Sue for your fine work.

Dan Borden, Chair
Ken Manchester
Shawn Fetterolf

SURVEYS in the Town of Cornwall

1774 - 1788
Early Record Book Kept by
JEREMIAH BINGHAM
Proprietor's Clerk



Treasurer's Report

The third year as Treasurer has been very uneventful. There have been no major upgrades or additions to the accounting system for the town. The One-Write System continues to perform very well for the town. At the close of the 2002/2003 fiscal year, the large surplus which was found during the Audit of 2000 has been entirely used for the purchase of the town's new fire truck. This was a process that took 3 years to complete.

The town is fortunate to be able to report a surplus at the close of the 2002/2003 fiscal year. This figure of \$10,164.28 will be voted on at town meeting to determine it's disposition.

The current office hours for the Treasurer are Tuesday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please note this is a change from last year. I do expand my hours when property taxes are due. I will post these hours outside the town hall and in the local newspapers. You will also see signs posted at various locations in town as a reminder that property taxes are due. I can also be reached at my home phone at any time (462-2324).

I would like to thank Fran Fraga for his assistance during the past year, Doris Severy for her help printing the tax bills from the lister's computer, Dan Borden, Ken Manchester and Shawn Fetterolf for their vigilance as Auditors. I would also like to thank my daughter Martha for her help in creating the graphics in this year's report. A sincere Thank You to Joan Bingham for her help in many ways too numerous to mention.

Susan Johnson, Treasurer

Town Clerk's Report

As there was a changing of the guard this year, I felt it would be important to write a brief report about the Town Clerk's office.

Firstly, I must take a moment to personally thank Joan Bingham for her many years of service to our community as Town Clerk. Her efficient running of this office made it possible for me to move in easily and "hopefully" continue providing the level of service that Cornwall's residents have come to expect.

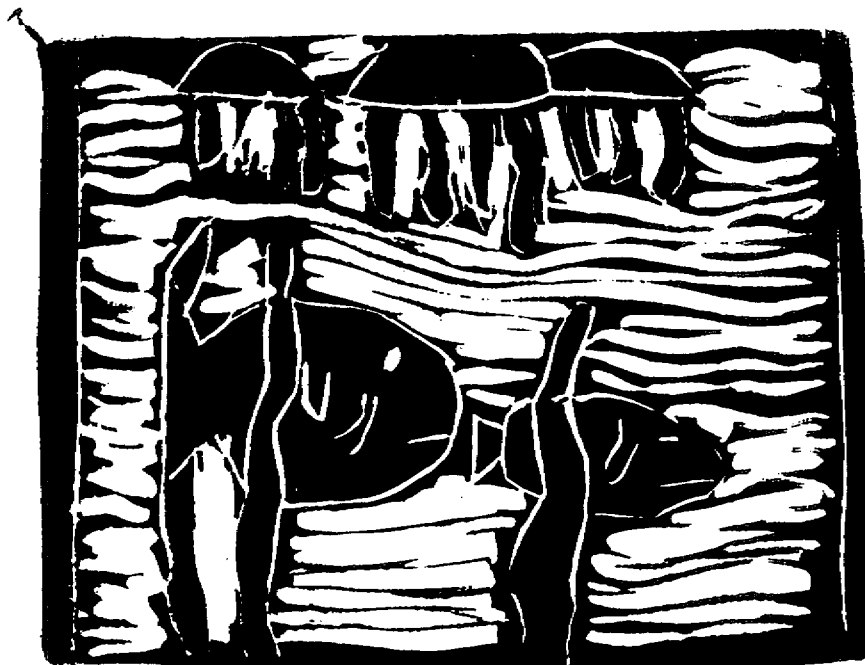
I would like to inform Cornwall residents that the **office hours have changed** for both the Clerk and Treasurer. The office is now open Tuesday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is now also required to be open the 2nd Monday preceding a vote for taking applications for addition to the Checklist. This is a change in the State Statute. The office used to be open on Saturday's for this purpose.

Hunting and fishing licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office, effective January 2004

Susan Johnson, Clerk

2003 - 2004 Voted Budgets

GENERAL FUND		TAX RATE
Selectmen's Budget	\$96,077.00	
Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept.	\$36,220.00	
Town Plan	\$10,000.00	
Outside Agencies	\$16,043.00	
(Surplus)/Deficit	\$4,771.37	
Hold Harmless	<u>-\$17,369.00</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$145,742.37	\$0.16
HIGHWAY		
Highway	\$184,522.00	
Less State Aid	<u>-\$60,000.00</u>	
TOTAL HIGHWAY	\$124,522.00	\$0.14
STATE EDUCATION	\$1,145,946.00	\$1.26
LOCAL EDUCATION	<u>\$1,169,094.00</u>	<u>\$1.28</u>
TOTAL TAXES TO BE RAISED:	\$2,585,304.37	
GRAND LIST	<u>\$91,008,300.00</u>	\$2.84



William Conlon gr. 4

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
Year Ending June 30, 2003**

Revenues

Property Taxes	\$2,115,667.78
Delinquent Taxes	\$43,183.29
Delinquent Tax Fees and Interest	\$5,588.99
National Bank of Middlebury/Tax Anticipation	\$100,000.00
Board of Zoning Adjustment Fees	\$100.00
Certificate of Occupancy Fees	\$1,425.00
Planning Commission Hearing Fees	\$400.00
Town Clerk Fees	\$17,025.25
Building Permits	\$1,050.00
Licenses	\$1,106.00
State of Vermont/Highway Aid	\$61,753.36
VTrans Class 2 Roadway/Structures Program	\$88,088.89
Wildlife	\$49.00
Town Hall Rent	\$1,163.00
Interest	\$2,244.91
Dividends	\$316.80
Judicial/Local Fines	\$5,470.80
State of Vermont/Hold Harmless	\$13,783.00
State of Vermont/Reappraisal	\$4,081.00
State of Vermont/PILOT	\$1,981.00
Miscellaneous	\$644.34
Land Use Tax	<u>\$7,764.80</u>
Total Revenues	\$2,472,887.21

Expenditures

General Government	\$84,620.67
National Bank of Middlebury/Tax Anticipation	\$100,000.00
National Bank of Middlebury/Interest	\$805.47
Highway Department	\$176,132.83
VTrans Class 2 Roadway/Structures Program	\$88,088.89
Town Clerk Fees	\$17,711.75
Other Fees	\$599.50
Mapping Update/South Mountain Surveying	\$2,144.00
School Assessment	\$1,897,437.40
State of Vermont Education Tax	\$31,361.92
Delinquent Tax Salary	\$4,308.70
Voted Transfer	\$59,511.80
Equipment Purchase - Fire Truck	<u>**** \$142,319.53</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,605,042.46

Statement of Revenues Continued

Excess (Deficit) of Revenues	- \$132,155.25
Over Expenditures	

**** As the money for the Fire Truck was a Town Voted Appropriation,
the amount of \$142,319.53 was subtracted from the deficit of -\$132,155.25.

This leaves a FY 2002/2003 surplus of - - - - - \$10,164.28

Fund Balance June 30, 2002	\$219,258.00
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Fund Balance June 30, 2003	\$133,026.58
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Combined Balance Sheet

December 31, 2003
Governmental Fund Type
General Fund/Highway Department

ASSETS:

Cash	\$70,329.23
Cash Designated	\$17,222.66
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$45,474.69</u>

Total Assets	\$133,026.58
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LIABILITIES:

Accounts payable	\$0.00
Deferred tax revenue	<u>\$45,474.69</u>

Total Liabilities	\$45,474.69
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FUND BALANCES:

Unreserved	\$70,329.23
Reserved	<u>\$17,222.66</u>

Total Fund Balance	\$87,551.89
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$133,026.58
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**Statement of Maturities
June 30, 2003
General Fund**

As of June 30, 2003, the Town of Cornwall, General Fund, had no long term debt, or tax anticipation notes due.

**Statement of Maturities
June 30, 2003
Highway Fund**

As of June 30, 2003, the Town of Cornwall, Highway Fund, had no long term debt, or tax anticipation notes due.

**Statement of Long Term Debt
December 31, 2003
General Fund**

As of December 31, 2003, the Town of Cornwall, General Fund, had no long term debt.

**Statement of Long Term Debt
December 31, 2003
Highway Fund**

As of December 31, 2003, the Town of Cornwall, Highway Fund, had no long term debt.

**Statement of Short Term Debt
December 31, 2003
Tax Anticipation Borrowing**

As of December 31, 2003, the Town of Cornwall had no short term debt. The Town did not have to borrow tax anticipation money this year!!

**Statement of Taxes Raised
Billed vs. Collected 2002/2003**

Billed	Collected
\$2,154,285.49	\$2,115,667.78

**Statement of Estimated and Actual Receipts
2002/2003
General Fund/Highway Department**

	Estimated	Actual
Taxes	\$2,154,285.49	\$2,115,667.78
Delinquent Tax	\$28,000.00	\$43,183.29
Delinquent Fees & Interest	\$5,000.00	\$5,588.99
Town Clerk Fees	\$15,000.00	\$17,025.25
License & Fees	\$4,000.00	\$4,130.00
Town Hall Rent	\$500.00	\$1,163.00
Interest	\$2,500.00	\$2,244.91
Dividends	\$300.00	\$316.80
State Aid Highway	\$60,000.00	\$61,753.36
Hold Harmless	\$13,783.00	\$13,783.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,500.00	\$2,625.34
Reappraisal Funds	\$4,000.00	\$4,081.00
Judicial/Local Fines	\$2,000.00	\$5,470.80
Class 2 Road/Structures Program	\$0.00	\$88,088.89
Land Use Tax	\$0.00	\$7,764.80
TOTALS	\$2,291,868.49	\$2,372,887.21

Town of Cornwall Savings Accounts

ACT 200 FUNDS

Opened 9/14/90	
Balance 12/31/2002	\$3,116.88
Interest 2002/2003	<u>\$9.42</u>
BALANCE 12/31/2003	\$3,126.30

COPIER MACHINE

Opened 8/16/90	
Balance 12/31/2002	\$590.70
Interest 2002/2003	<u>\$1.78</u>
BALANCE 12/31/2003	\$592.48

TOWN HALL RESTORATION FUND

Opened 1/9/86	
Balance 12/31/2002	\$179.40
Interest 2002/2003	<u>\$0.53</u>
BALANCE 12/31/2003	\$179.93

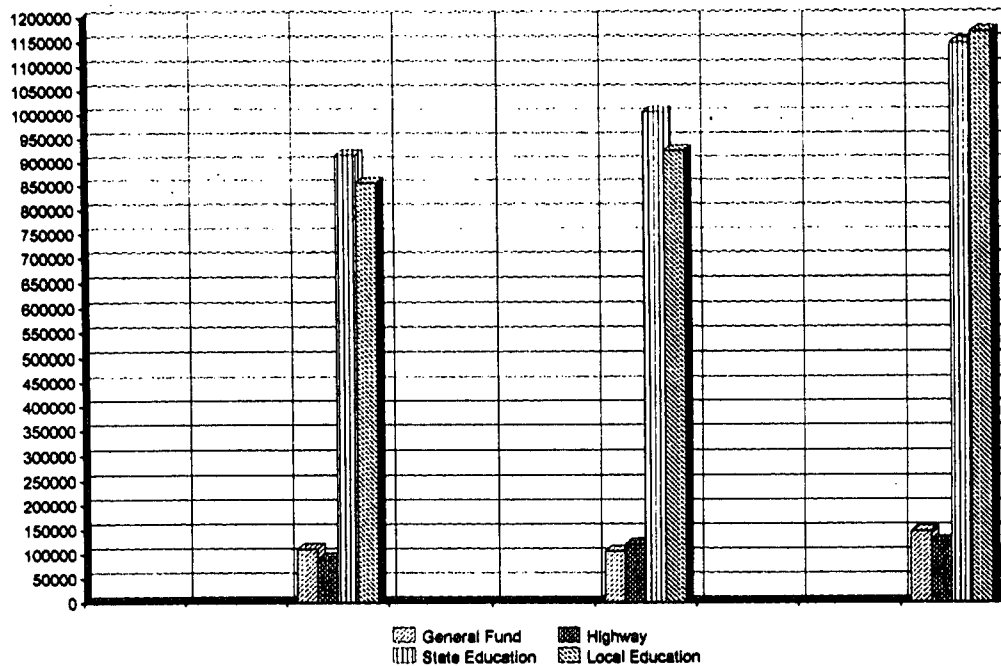
MISCELLANEOUS/UNEXPENDED VOTED ITEMS

Opened 6/30/94	
Balance 12/31/2002	\$13,030.65
Interest 2002/2003	<u>\$293.30</u>
BALANCE 12/31/2003	\$13,323.95

Comparative Statement of Taxes

	FISCAL 2001/2002	FISCAL 2002/2003	FISCAL 2003/2004
General Fund	\$75,700.00	\$83,016.00	\$96,077.00
(Surplus)/Deficit	**\$199,000.00	\$23,298.31	\$4,771.37
Hold Harmless	\$16,500.00	\$13,783.00	\$17,369.00
Fire Department	\$33,830.00	\$35,700.00	\$36,220.00
Fire Department Defib	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Library	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Town Plan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Outside Agencies	\$15,924.00	\$16,311.80	\$16,043.00
Highway	\$155,600.00	\$180,200.00	\$184,522.00
Less State Aid	\$65,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total General Fund & Special Articles	\$201,054.00	\$225,646.49	\$270,264.37
State Education	\$915,530.00	\$1,004,740.00	\$1,145,946.00
Local Education	\$855,627.00	\$923,899.00	\$1,169,094.00
Total Taxes to be Raised	\$1,972,211.00	\$2,154,285.49	\$2,585,304.37
Grand List	\$87,275,400.00	\$88,933,400.00	\$91,008,300.00
Tax Rate	\$2.26	\$2.43	\$2.84

**This is the surplus reported after the professional audit which was discussed at the 2001 Town Meeting. It was used to purchase the new Fire Truck.



Trustees of Public Funds Report

Balances as of 6/30/2003

District #7 Cemetery Fund (Chittenden Trust Co. Account #030-0005927)

Balance 6/30/2002	\$428.34
Interest 7/1/2002 - 6/30/2003 at .185%	\$2.88
Debit (Service Charge) 3/31/2003	<u>-\$12.00</u>
	\$419.22

Permanent School Fund (CD @ Chittenden Trust Co. Account # 313-003-0332044)

Certificate @ 2.40%, down to 1.29% effective 1/24/2003
Maturity = January 24, 2004

Balance 6/30/2002	\$460.01
Interest 7/1/2002 - 6/30/2003 24%	<u>\$17.85</u>
	\$477.86

Linsley School Fund (CD @ Chittenden Trust Co. Account # 313-003-0332044)

Certificate @ 2.40%, down to 1.29% effective 1/24/2003
Maturity = January 24, 2004

Balance 6/30/2002	\$1,456.72
Interest 7/1/2002 - 6/30/2003 76%	<u>\$56.52</u>
	\$1,513.24

Certificate of Deposit (Chittenden Trust Co. Account # 313-003-195202)

Certificate @ 1.78%, down to .90% effective 11/14/2003
Maturity = November 16, 2004

Balance 6/30/2002	\$9,589.68
Interest 7/1/2002 - 6/30/2003	<u>\$210.64</u>
	\$9,800.32

Lemuel Peet Bequest (CD @ National Bank of Middlebury Acc#201346)

Certificate @ 2.00% 5/18/2002, down to 1.00% effective 5/13/2003
Maturity = August 11, 2003 (every 3 months)

Balance 6/30/2002	\$33,383.64
Interest 7/1/2002 - 6/30/2003	<u>\$510.08</u>
	\$33,893.72

TOTAL CASH \$46,104.36

Selectperson's Account (360 shares of CVPS stock)

at cost	\$4,365.00
Dividends 7/1/2002 - 6/30/2003	\$316.80
Dividends transferred to General Fund	<u>-\$316.80</u>
	\$4,365.00
Market Value 6/30/2003	\$6,012.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$50,469.36

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Johnson, Trustee
Frank Punderson, Trustee
Sally Cadoret, Trustee

Collector of Delinquent Taxes Report

FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

Taxes collected July 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

Property	\$23,849.82	
Interest	1,250.17	
Collector's fees	<u>1,907.98</u>	
Subtotal	\$27,007.97	
Legal fees	.00	
Overpayments	<u>331.03</u>	
TOTAL		\$27,339.00

Taxes collected January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003:

Property	\$21,074.57	
Interest	938.67	
Collector's fees	<u>990.36</u>	
Subtotal	\$23,003.60	
Legal fees	.00	
Overpayments	<u>1.53</u>	
TOTAL		\$23,005.13

GRAND TOTAL **\$50,344.13**

FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

Taxes collected July 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003:

Property	\$16,187.35	
Interest	977.05	
Collector's fees	<u>1,294.95</u>	
Subtotal	\$18,459.35	
Legal fees	.00	
Overpayments	<u>8.60</u>	
TOTAL		\$18,467.95

Rodney Cadoret, Collector of Delinquent Taxes

Delinquent Taxes Updated as of December 31, 2003

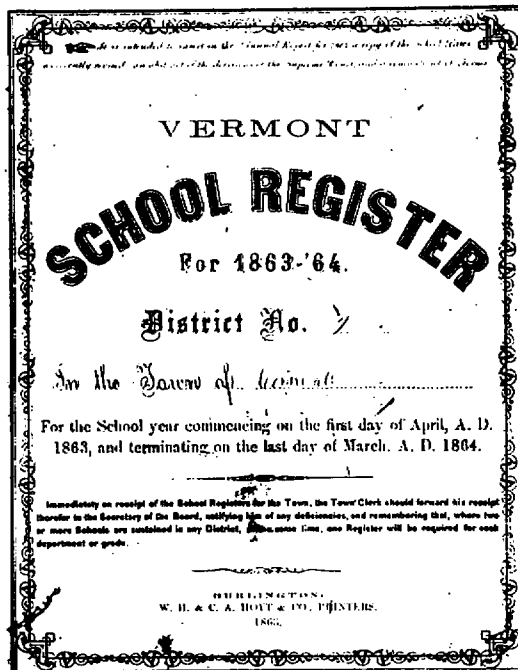
Name	* 1st 03/04	2nd 02/03	1st 02/03	2nd 01/02	1st 01/02	2nd 00/01	99/00/1st01
Berno, Vaughn & Marie	\$3,152.40						
Josephine Billings Estate	\$51.12						
Cobb, Joyce		\$1,716.79	\$491.70				
Dalley, Donna	\$1,327.70	\$1136.02***	\$1136.03**	\$1056.55**			
Dickerson, James/Allison	\$552.38	\$472.63	\$472.64	\$439.57	\$439.57	\$441.51	\$844.89
Downs, Donald	\$44.02	\$37.66	\$37.67				
Downs, Francis and Patrick	\$147.68	\$126.36	\$126.36				
Ethier, Eugene & Janice	\$781.17						
Foote, A.W. Estate	\$2,182.54	\$1,185.32					
Gambardella, Mona	\$1,522.24	\$1,302.48	\$1,302.48	\$1,211.36			
Gorton, Wayne	\$1,743.76	\$1,492.02	\$1,492.02	\$1,387.64	\$242.47		
Lampron, Richard and Kathryn	\$2,524.76						
Meunier, Winston	\$33.86						
Noble, Christopher		\$5.70					
Phillips, Florence	\$842.06						
Powers, Keith and Peg	\$360.42						
Rheume, Rick	\$245.66	\$210.19					
Richardson, Lisa	\$759.70	\$650.02				\$346.51	
United States of America	\$2,695.16	\$2,456.73	\$2,456.73	\$2,284.86	\$2,284.86		
West Morgan Horse Farm, LLC	\$2,558.84						
Totals	\$21,525.47	\$10,791.92	\$7,515.63	\$6,379.98	\$2,966.90	\$788.02	\$844.89
Grand Total	\$50,812.81						

* This column refers to property taxes that are late, not delinquent

** Paid after December 31, 2003

*** Partial payment after December 31, 2003

DIRECTIONS FOR THE TEACHER.



1. See Sections of School Law, on last page outside cover.
2. Fill the blanks at the top of the page of the record of attendance.
3. Fill the blanks on the left hand of the same page by entering each scholar's number; by entering his name, and his age, in years and months.
4. If a scholar is absent at the opening of the school in the morning, put a perpendicular mark (thus |) in the upper part of the column for that day. If he is present any part of the A. M., make a horizontal mark, across the top of the perpendicular (thus T). If dismissed make a horizontal mark at the bottom of the perpendicular (thus L). The perpendicular mark will indicate absence; the perpendicular and horizontal mark, called, will indicate tardiness or dismissal, as the case may be. Proceed in like manner, in the P. M., in the lower part of the column.
5. If a scholar does not enter the school at the beginning of the term, draw a horizontal line (thus —) to the day of his entrance. If a scholar, for any cause, leaves the school two or more weeks before the close of the term, draw a line from the day of his leaving to the close of the term.
6. To find the average attendance, count the number of days the scholar was absent while a member of the school, and having deducted it from the whole number of days the scholar has belonged to the school, put the remainder in the column of "No. of days' attendance." Then find the attendance of each scholar. Then add up the column containing the whole number of days' attendance of the scholars, deducting the number of days' attendance of scholars under 5 and above 20, and divide the amount by the number of school-days in the term, and the quotient will be the average attendance of scholars between 5 and 20.
7. In the column of "Department," if the scholar's general moral department, observance of the rules of the school, and diligence in study, be ordinary, insert a cross (thus X); if below mediocrity, insert a sign minus (thus —); if above mediocrity, insert a sign plus (thus +). When it has been necessary to inflict corporal punishment upon a pupil, insert a large letter P in the daily sheet for each pupil.
8. This Register is intended for the whole of the school year from April 1st, A. D. 1863, to March 31st, A. D. 1864. The teacher teaching first after April 1st, 1863, will insert his or her answers to the questions on next page in the column headed "First Term." The Teacher teaching next after, in the column headed "Second Term," &c., &c.; each Teacher inserting his own initials at the foot of the column as used by him.
9. At the close of each school, the Teacher having carefully kept the record of attendance, tardiness, and department, will draw a line across the two pages, beneath his name; and then, add his remarks, as follows, giving the date: "This—day of —, 18—, Teacher, hereby certify that the above is a true record of the attendance, tardiness, and department of the scholars attending my school, in District No. —, in —, and that my answers to the statistical interrogatories are correct." And the Teacher teaching subsequently will commence his record on the next page—over the last, &c., &c.
10. The names of visitors should be inserted by themselves on the page prepared therefor, giving the date of their visit, and inserting with each name a mark in reference to the condition and appearance of the school. By "visitors," is meant those citizens or parents who visit the school; the names of boys and girls visiting their mates, need not be recorded, and trustees are requested not to record them.
11. The importance of an accurate knowledge of the existing condition of Schools, School Houses, &c., can hardly be over-stated. Upon this knowledge, as the only safe basis, all measures for the good and wholesome improvement of our school system must rest; itself the only reliable index of the true condition of these schools, it furnishes the safe means of adapting future movements to the relief of these necessities. All these movements, as far as successful, must result in producing, in the various communities, an increase of interest in our schools, and of faith in their capabilities, and thus ultimately lead to the consolidation of Districts and grading of schools; to the permanency of school terms; to the more permanent employment of Teachers; to a better appreciation of the Teacher's position; and to a larger compensation. Thus, labored by parent, as well as professional and patriotic interest, it is hoped—as the labor of keeping the Register may properly be performed within the six hours of the customary daily session of the schools—all true Teachers will examine the related directions, fully understand the requirements of the Register, and true cordially and carefully perform their allotted portion of this most important work.

School Register from 140 years ago!

Cornwall Town Report 2003

Highway Report

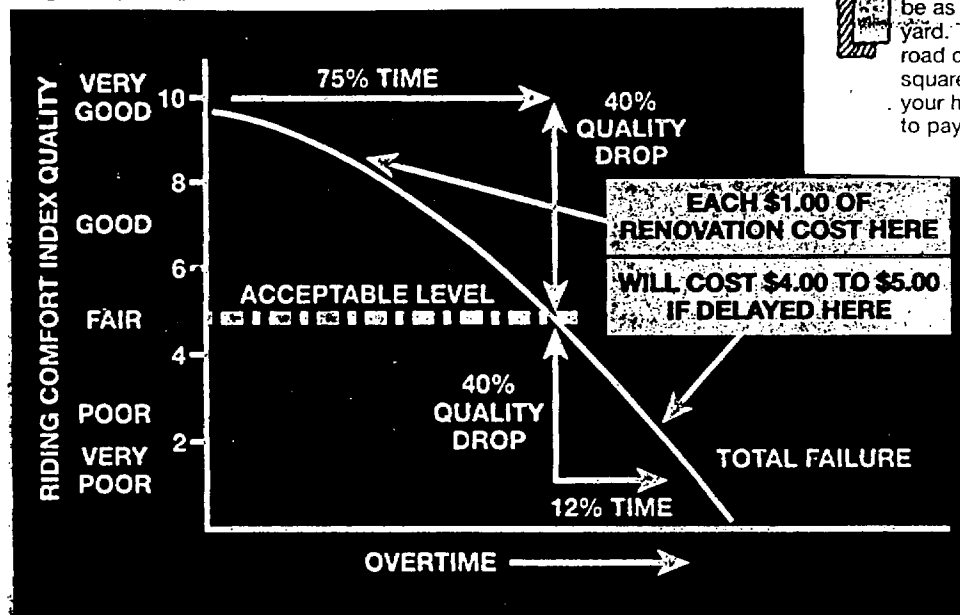
While this past year did not contain any unmanageable calamities it did provide some unexpected experiences, some good, some not so good. I will attempt to cover them as they occurred and discuss the impact to the town.

Early last spring, we had an invited inspection of the town garage facility to get an evaluation with regard to compliance with several water quality related permits. At this time, it appears that with some modifications of our fueling facility and equipment, floor drains, storage and drainage, we may qualify for a no-exposure exemption. This is primarily because the town already has covered salt and sand storage, which provides the opportunity to point out that the Onduline lifetime warranted super roof is pretty well shot and will need to be replaced in the next few years, as well as some serious structural repairs to the concrete walls.

Late spring found all the area towns in the midst of a price war between liquid chloride vendors. This resulted in significantly lower prices and enhanced the differential between material put into storage and that applied by the vendor. While it was still economically efficient to have one vendor do some application work, their equipment was not as well suited to do some of our roads. On those roads we began to work with the Town of Shoreham, using their application and storage equipment. This system worked pretty well, but with limited storage capacity in Shoreham, the logistics of keeping enough material on hand was an issue (we were not the only town with this arrangement). While Shoreham is still willing to continue this arrangement, with regard to the application equipment, the surrounding towns are putting in their own storage facilities. The price differential now makes this cost effective and will hopefully allow us options we didn't have or couldn't afford i.e.: secondary applications as needed when the weather doesn't cooperate. The increase in the new equipment line in the budget is to set up this storage capability.

In an effort to avoid the issues in neighboring towns over paving, we have laid out the history and proposal for the near future on a following page. This past year's paving project was to resurface a section of West Street. After many years of talking about the cost efficiency of re-paving a road before it becomes too distressed, I present the following graph which is used throughout the paving industry to better explain this theory. The proposal for the next few years is a little more confusing. This coming summer will continue resurfacing work on West Street. The town will be applying for state aid matching grants to pave the west end of Swamp Road, approximately .75 miles and possibly .2 miles at the east end. Since this is a Class 2 road and qualifies for matching grants, we don't plan to pave it until those funds are available. As one can see on the following page, if those grants are not forthcoming, we propose to start paving Sperry road, starting at Route 30 and proceeding West. While the cost of paving a heavily traveled gravel road is significant, the cost and efficiency of maintaining a paved road, especially in the winter is considerably less. Discussions on these proposals will be ongoing.

Highway Report continued:



he cost to maintain a road could be as low as 60 cents a square yard. The cost to reconstruct a road could easily exceed \$6.00 a square yard. Which price does your highway department want to pay?

The next issue that came up this year was whether the town crew needed to be two men year around. While it was not felt that any critical projects were not dealt with, there have been others that have not been completed as soon as planned. These are primarily ditching, shoulder work and repair of some heavy rain damage. The proposed budget reflects two men full time, year around.

Just before Thanksgiving while shaping the roads up for winter, the grader transmission had a bearing go bad and this resulted in some fairly serious damage. As of this writing, the expected cost of this repair is in the vicinity of \$8,000.00. As part of the investigation to determine not only the cost of repair, but whether the machine was worth fixing (the original cost was expected to be nearly 3 times the present estimate), other options were brought forth and considered. The selectboard has opted to include an article to ask for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, to allow for the option of purchasing a grader should it be deemed the best option. While it appears the transmission can be repaired, the question must be asked, what next? By industry standards, based on hours, the machine is about at half life. However, at 22 years the availability of parts and the question of dependability become an issue. The trade in value of the machine will not get any higher and with the warned money the town can purchase a new machine. There are newer machines available through a return from lease program, however, they tend to have the same or more hours as our present machine. We presently and for the past ten years have been averaging about 150 hours a year on the machine. If the towns follows the paving schedule as proposed for the next 5 years, those hours may be cut by as much as 25 %. In this regard, perhaps the town could get by with the present grader. It is a tough call. We have survived the winter thus far, however, we certainly had more to do this fall and the grader would have been used during those December snow storms. We need to have a grader available this spring and not knowing what the rest of the winter will bring as far as snow fall, it would be important to have a grader in town as soon as practical. By town meeting we hope to have a better handle on the options before us.

Highway Report continued:

Again this year I need to bring up the issue of mailboxes. First off, we will replace or repair those mailboxes and/or posts we physically hit. I get to make that decision. Most damage to mailboxes is done by the snow coming off the plows at 20 +/- mph. While it is not difficult to build or maintain a mailbox that can withstand this snow, there are many mailboxes out there, new and ancient that can't. Many post designs include a half lap feature that is very susceptible to damage. The location of the mailbox is also a critical issue in determining it's susceptibility to damage. We would be happy to work with homeowners and mail carriers to best locate your mailbox. A mailbox placed appropriately off the edge of the road and at the height specified by the postal service is typically quite safe. See the diagram for mailbox siting below.

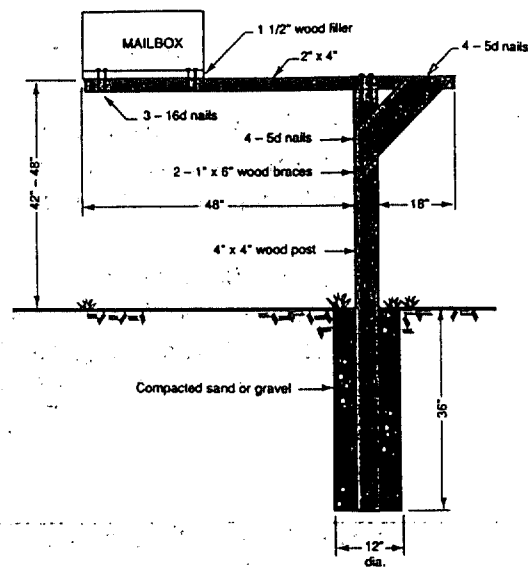
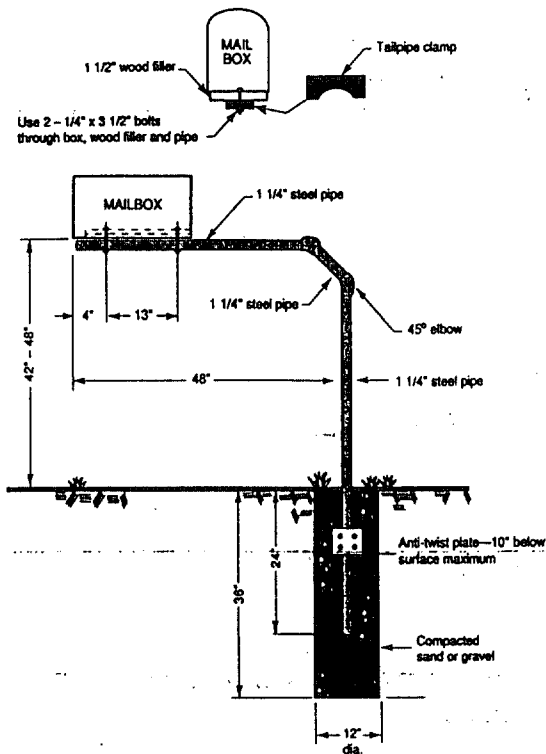


Figure 4: Example of a wood cantilever mailbox support

NOTICE

Recommended Mailbox Installations

To avoid damage to your mailbox and also allow the snowplows to remove the snow from under your mailbox, the following dimensions are recommended.

The diagram shows a mailbox (BOX) mounted on a post. The mailbox is 24" min. high and 48" min. wide. The post is 48" min. high. The mailbox is placed 24" min. from the edge of the pavement. The edge of the pavement is 48" min. from the center line. The edge of the shoulder is 48" min. from the edge of the pavement.

Placing mailboxes a short distance away from drive-ways and intersections helps to avoid vision restricting snowbanks and also damage to your mailbox. The box and base should be strong enough to withstand flying snow and slush from traffic and snowplows.

By order of the _____
and with the approval of the U.S. Postal Service.

Highway Commissioner

Postmaster

Highway Report continued:

As most everyone knows, Millie Longey, the town and fire department's radio dispatcher has retired and moved out of town. I would once again like to Thank her for her many years of helpful service, mostly unbeknownst to the community unless you are part of scanner world. I must make my perennial Thank You to the folks at the Shoreham Telephone Company for all the services they provide that have little or nothing to do with phone service. The area towns can only hope the same commitment to the communities they serve will continue with the new owners. Regardless, thanks for all you've done.

Stu Johnson, Road Commissioner

Proposed Future Highway Paving

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| 2004 | Audet Road, 100 foot apron
West Street, Route 74 to Gorton's
West Street, West Street Dairy north |
| 2005 | <u>with State Aid</u> , Swamp Road
.7 miles east from Route 30 &
.2 miles west from the covered bridge
West Street, north from 2004 joint to Route 125

or

Sperry Road, .75 miles west from Route 30, plus 300 ft. at
Bourdeau Road intersection |
| 2006 | Whichever of the above doesn't get done, Swamp Road dependent on
State Aid or the next section of Sperry Road. |
| 2007 | Swamp Road, dependent on State Aid
or the last section of Sperry Road (North Bingham to Cross Street) |
| 2008 | Cider Mill and James Road |
| 2009 | Cider Mill and James Road

Dependent on degradation, School Road and South Bingham Street to Wooster
Road will need to be resurfaced as well within this time frame. |

Town of Cornwall Paving History

1991	Cider Mill Road, North and South West Street, the very north end	Shim and overlay thin overlay	D & F Paving D & F Paving
1992	West Street, Shorkey to Gorton's sawmill	1 3/4 inch on dirt	Whitcomb
	West Street, Ethier Farm to south of Cross Street	1 3/4 inch on dirt	Whitcomb
1993	West Street, K. Powers to Shafer Farm		Pike Industries
	West Street, Leo Gorton to Ethier Farm		Pike Industries
	West Street, J. Payne to top of hill at intersection with Rte. 125		Pike Industries
	Sampson Road, Route 125 to McCardell's		Pike Industries
	Sampson Road, Ledgemont Lane to the town line		Pike Industries
	Cross Street, West Street intersection to gravel joint	shim and overlay	Pike Industries
	School Road, Route 30 to parking lot		Pike Industries
1994	South Bingham Street, Route 74 to Meunier on Parkhill Road		Whitcomb
	North Bingham Street, Route 74 to orchard		Whitcomb
1995	Sampson Road, McCardell to Mike Quesnel's	shim and overlay	Pike Industries
	West Street, Shafer Farm to south of intersection with 125		Pike Industries
1996	West Street, Shafer Farm to Ethier Farm	shim and overlay	D & F Paving
	West Street, Route 74 to Gorton Sawmill	shim and overlay	D & F Paving
1997	South Bingham Street, Parkhill Road to Leo Larocque's on dirt		Pike Industries
	Parkhill Road, Meunier to Hanson	shim and overlay	Pike Industries
	School Road, Route 30 to parking lot	shim and overlay	Pike Industries
1998	Parkhill Road, Hanson to Route 30 on dirt		D & F Paving
1999	Cider Mill Road and James Road, town line to Route 30	(state money) shim and overlay	D & F Paving
	Ridge Road, Route 30 to Kempe	apron	D & F Paving
	Peet Road, Route 30 to Phillips	apron	D & F Paving

Paving History continued:

1999	Swamp Road, Route 30 to top of hill by Williams	apron	D & F Paving
2000	Sampson Road, Route 125 to the town line	shim and overlay	D & F Paving
	West Street and Route 125 intersection		D & F Paving
	West Street, Ethier Farm to Gorton	shim	D & F Paving
2001	West Street, finish Ethier to Gorton	shim and overlay	D & F Paving
	Cross Street, intersection with West St. to Rheaume Farm House		D & F Paving
2002	South Bingham Street, Parkhill Road to Route 30		Pike Industries
	North Bingham Street, Route 74 to orchard		Pike Industries
	Cross Street, Rheaume farm house to intersection with North Bingham		Pike Industries
	Morse Road, Route 30 to top of hill past Green's		Pike Industries
2003	West Street, Ethier Farm to Randy Quesnel tenant house		D & F Paving

Paved Mileage

TH 1	South Bingham Street/Parkhill Road (North & West)	2.20
TH 2	Cider Mill Road/James Road	2.50
TH 3	Swamp Road	.05
TH 4	West Street	3.50
TH 5	South Bingham Street (South)	.40
TH 6	Cross Street	.35
TH 12	Lemon Fair Road (was Sampson Road)	.75
TH 18	Morse Road	.14
TH 24	School Road	.11
		10.00

Cornwall Highway Budget

	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2003/2004	2004/2005
	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Budget	6 mos. Exp.	Pro. Budget
Materials							
5011-01 Salt	\$2,845.78	\$5,317.33	\$5,797.44	\$6,820.00	\$6,500.00	\$3,669.05	\$6,800.00
5012-01 Sand	\$8,167.95	\$7,611.98	\$9,069.55	\$8,834.87	\$8,500.00	\$9,172.97	\$10,000.00
5013-01 Gravel	\$12,399.30	\$15,388.13	\$16,164.22	*\$33,209.66	\$22,500.00	\$15,459.90	\$25,000.00
5016-01 Paving	\$100,996.88	\$39,998.92	\$39,977.74	**\$125,581.36	\$52,500.00	\$52,575.70	\$52,500.00
5017-01 Chloride	\$18,496.80	\$14,636.22	\$14,906.64	\$10,538.80	\$15,500.00	\$3,714.00	\$15,000.00
5018-01 Culverts	\$4,343.72	\$3,238.09	\$1,888.14	***\$2,692.60	\$2,500.00	\$1,088.84	\$3,000.00
5019-01 Bridge Repair	\$571.74	\$194.25	\$76.32	\$544.31	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
5029-01 Signs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124.10	\$270.60	\$0.00	\$79.26	\$250.00
TOTALS	\$147,822.17	\$86,384.92	\$88,004.15	\$188,492.20	\$109,000.00	\$85,759.72	\$113,550.00
Equipment							
5021-01 Parts/Repairs	\$6,633.73	\$7,589.19	\$6,809.26	\$10,263.15	\$8,000.00	\$5,180.40	\$8,000.00
5022-01 Equipment Rental	\$0.00	\$1,007.99	\$147.53	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
5023-01 Pick Up Allowance	\$1,100.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00
5024-01 Fuel	\$4,462.90	\$6,338.60	\$3,749.87	\$5,094.14	\$5,000.00	\$2,326.62	\$5,500.00
5025-01 Misc/Small Tools	\$39.99	\$319.85	\$511.43	\$756.32	\$500.00	\$191.50	\$500.00
5026-01 Equipment Purchase	\$0.00	\$1,399.69	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
5028-01 Roadside Veg. Manager	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$164.48	\$100.00
5030-01 Lubricants/Fluids	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$293.60	\$641.05	\$0.00	\$374.40	\$500.00
5034-01 Contracted Labor	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,098.00	***\$3,249.96	\$4,000.00	\$500.00	\$4,000.00
5042-01 Unplanned Maintenance	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$4,042.65	\$229.33	\$2,000.00	\$250.00	\$2,000.00
TOTALS	\$12,236.62	\$19,255.32	\$19,017.34	\$21,493.95	\$21,800.00	\$9,587.40	\$25,600.00
Personnel							
5027-01 Administrative	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$300.00
5031-01 Personnel/Labor	\$38,029.29	\$41,266.16	\$43,620.56	\$47,080.50	\$46,560.00	\$20,179.20	\$67,000.00
5032-01 Personnel/Soc. Sec.	\$2,909.24	\$3,033.59	\$3,336.69	\$3,505.07	\$3,562.00	\$1,149.43	\$5,125.00
5033-01 Personnel/Health	\$1,996.28	\$2,177.76	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$1,800.00	\$7,200.00
TOTALS	\$42,934.81	\$46,477.51	\$50,557.25	\$54,235.57	\$53,722.00	\$23,313.63	\$79,625.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$202,993.60	\$152,117.75	\$157,578.74	\$264,221.72	\$184,522.00	\$118,660.75	\$218,775.00
				*-\$88,088.89			
				\$176,132.83			

* This figure includes \$37.45 that was recouped from the Class 2 Roadway/Structures Program

** This figure includes \$84,860.14 that was recouped from the Class 2 Roadway/Structures Program

*** This figure includes \$1816.30 that was recouped from the Class 2 Roadway/Structures Program

**** This figure includes \$1375.00 that was recouped from the Class 2 Roadway/Structures Program

*Grand Total from the State of Vermont = \$88,088.89

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department

The past year has been significant for the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department in a number of ways.

Perhaps most important is the fact that for the first time in many years there were no serious structure fires in town and no fatal motor vehicle accidents, though the Department responded to many calls of a less serious nature. As has been the case for the past several years the medical first response team was busy, and provided care to several residents. In most cases this involved getting patients ready for transport to Porter Hospital by the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association, but in several instances, the first response unit was able to take care of the situation itself.

In February, Dennis Rheume, became Chief of the Department, succeeding Doug Fenn, who had served with distinction as Chief for 6 years. Chief Rheume has been a firefighter for 13 years, and an officer with the Department for the past 6 years. He is also an EMT with the MVAA, a security officer with Middlebury College, and long time resident of the town. Fenn is continuing as an officer in the department, serving as First Assistant Chief.

In the spring, CVFD put into service a new engine that will serve the town well for many years to come. Several features of the truck are notable, including an easily controlled pumping system, color coded hoses, and the ability to draft water from several sources. In designing the truck, members of the department worked hard to get the most flexible system possible and succeeded. The Department also put into service a utility vehicle. This unit was purchased and refurbished through a volunteer subscription from many of the town's residents and will be used to carry equipment and personnel as needed for both medical and fire/motor vehicle accident calls.

During the summer, Millie Longey retired from service as the Dispatcher for CVFD. Coming to Cornwall in 1962 as owner, with her husband Hugh, of the Cornwall Store, Millie soon found herself at the center of the town's life, including the operations of the Fire Department. For many years she was the de facto head of the CVFD auxiliary, working tirelessly to help raise funds for the department with bazaars, chicken BBQ's, spaghetti dinners... whatever was required. No annual meeting of the Department went without her organizing skills. She also gravitated into being the dispatcher for the Department where she performed invaluable service. Millie knew everybody, where they lived, and what problems those responding to a call might face. She also served as a kind of den mother for generations of firefighters, offering history lessons, kind words and, when called for, diplomacy. In August, CVFD honored her with it's lifetime membership award at a special dinner attended by members of the Department and others from the local public safety community. In February of this year, she will be honored by the Vermont State Fire Fighters Association with its Distinguished Service Award. Thank you, Millie, for all you've done!

Fire Department - continued

The Department has been active in seeking out grants from various governmental agencies to improve its capability to serve the community. With the leadership of CVFD member Raph Worrick, CVFD has been successful in obtaining a grant for \$20,000 from the Vermont Department of Homeland Security to cover Self Contained Breathing Apparatuses, communications gear, and medical equipment. Additional grants have been applied for through the Federal Emergency Management Administration to provide fire fighting equipment such as bunker gear, additional SCBA's, hose, and other tools of the trade, as well as a fire safety program for the town. The Department was also a recipient of a SCBA from the Vermont Fire Academy.

Your Department is constantly striving to upgrade its professionalism through training so that Cornwall can be better protected. Members train at least once a month working with the department's equipment in various scenarios. In addition, members take courses offered through the Addison County Fire Fighters Association. The Medical First Response team has additional training in their specialties; most members of this group are also members of MVAA so that they get a chance to practice their skills frequently outside Cornwall as well as within the borders of the town. I should note that an important part of the training program are the doughnuts contributed each month by Jean Cadoret; it would be impossible to overemphasize the importance in ensuring good attendance at our training sessions!

Current members of the department include: Charlie Bearor, Chris Bearor, Dave Bearor, Dave Berno, Paul Berno, Vaughn Berno, Mike Brinkman, Lew Castle (2nd Assistant Chief), Ann Crystal, Cody the rescue dog, Ross Conrad, Donna Dalley, Chris Dayton, Liam English, Shawn Fetterolf, Doug Fenn (1st Assistant Chief), Willie Foote, Bill Fuller, David Fuller, Dave Guertin, Rich Isenberg, Emily Jannene, Luke Jerome, Ron Kumetz, Millie Longey (life member), Ken Manchester, Gary Margolis, Ed Peet, Will Porter, Lawrence Pyne, Dennis Rheaume (Chief), Dave Sears, Scott Selleck, Conor Stinson, Matt Severy, Sean Stearns, Raph Worrick and Chad Zeno. All have contributed many hours to the Department in all kinds of weather and at all times of the day and night.

The CVFD is always eager to talk with members of the community who might be interested in serving in the Department. If you are fit, eager to help your town and community, give me a call. You will find it to be one of the most satisfying volunteer services you can perform and one of the best ways in which to come to know your fellow citizens.

Dennis Rheaume, Chief

Fire Department Statistics for 2003

Medical	31
Vehicle Accidents	10
Vehicle Fires	1
Grass Fires	0
Chimney Fires	1
Structure Fires	0
Brush Fires	1
Miscellaneous	14
Mutual Aid Calls	
Shoreham	1
Salisbury	1
Bridport	0
Whiting	0
Middlebury	<u>3</u>
TOTAL	63

Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department Budget for FY 2004-2005

Category	Actual 2002-2003	Budgeted 2003-2004	Spent* 2003-2004	Proposed 2004-2005
Heat	\$3,477.00	\$2,500.00	\$295.00	\$3,500.00
Electricity	\$1,308.00	\$1,400.00	\$332.00	\$1,400.00
Telephone	\$632.00	\$720.00	\$296.00	\$700.00
Insurance	\$11,827.00	\$12,000.00	\$4,910.00	\$13,500.00
Gas/Oil	\$1,050.00	\$1,000.00	\$140.00	\$1,200.00
Truck Maintenance	\$5,907.00	\$4,000.00	\$406.00	\$4,000.00
Comm. Equipment	\$4,385.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,284.00	\$3,000.00
Department Equipment	\$4,300.00	\$3,800.00	\$180.00	\$3,800.00
Personal Equipment	\$542.00	\$1,000.00	\$98.00	\$2,000.00
Medical Equipment	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$81.00	\$1,000.00
Education & Meetings	\$102.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Hose	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Dues	\$738.00	\$600.00	\$150.00	\$750.00
Fire Training	\$428.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
Building Maintenance	\$1,278.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Office	\$252.00	\$100.00	\$37.00	\$150.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$561.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTALS	\$36,787.00	\$36,220.00	\$10,389.00	\$41,200.00

* Money spent in the current fiscal year (7-01-03 - 12-31-03)

A Message from the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department

On several recent emergency calls, the Cornwall Fire Department and the MVAA have been delayed in finding the home at which the emergency was occurring due to missing or poorly visible house numbers. We are taking this opportunity to point out several important issues in labeling your house for emergency responders. In the case of a medical emergency such as heart failure, or a spreading house fire, an unnecessary delay of even a few minutes could mean the difference between life and death. Please take a moment to check your house numbering against the following short list of points, and make any necessary changes.

- 1) All house entrances should be numbered at the road with reflective numbers (four inch high are recommended), visible from both directions. Even if you do not have a mailbox, a post placed in the ground with numbers should be present. Make sure the numbers will not be obscured by brush growth or by plowed snow. At night, some unmarked driveways on rural roads are nearly invisible: they must be numbered.
- 2) If you live on a driveway with multiple residences, or your on-street number is part of a group, make sure you also have reflective numbering identifying each turnoff towards your house as you proceed up the driveway.
- 3) If your house is located among other residences, or other buildings that might be mistaken for a residence, you should place reflective numbering on the house itself as well.

Basic self adhesive numbers are available at any hardware store; higher quality signage can be purchased from special vendors. Make sure that whatever numbers you use are easily legible from the roadway during both day and night. Assuring that your house numbers can be quickly and easily found by emergency personnel could save a life.

If you have specific questions, please call any Cornwall Fire Department member for information.

Thank you for your help!!

Forest Fire Warden Report

The Forest Fire Warden issues open burning permits on a daily basis according to weather conditions. The permit system helps to prevent false alarms when smoke is sighted.

The total permits issued this year by Millie Longey and myself was 196, this is up by 38 from last year. Weather conditions required that we stop issuing permits for a couple weeks in the spring.

Statewide there were 101 forest fires. 100 of these fires were caused by humans. This figure is about "normal" for the State of Vermont.

Sue Johnson has been appointed as my alternate permit issuing person, as Millie Longey has moved out of town. Sue will issue permits during her work week as the Town Clerk, Tuesday - Friday if you are unable to reach someone at my home.

Larry Clark, Forest Fire Warden



Cornwall's New Fire Truck

Zoning Administrator's Report

The Zoning Administrator acts on all requests for permits to construct buildings on property in the Town of Cornwall. An application for a structure which conforms to the requirements of the Cornwall Zoning Regulations, adopted in 1987, amended in 1988, and revised in 1999, can be acted upon directly by the Zoning Administrator. An application not meeting the regulations may be appealed to the Board of Adjustment if it meets other criteria under the zoning regulations. All expenses of the office are met by fees paid by the applicants.

Robert B. Bingham, Zoning Administrator

Report of Zoning Activity 2003

<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>DATE APPROVED</u>
Randy & Sue Laframboise	Horse barn	January 19
Serge & Nancy Vanier	Kitchen	January 31
Benj & Maureen Deppman	Residence	February 11
Craig & Kathryn Newton	Residence	March 14
Lewis & Sue Castle	Storage barn	April 7
David & Patricia Anderson	Addition	April 9
Geoff & Valerie Demong	Residence	May 14
Jim & Melissa Gill	Garage	May 20
William & Judith Beaney	Sunroom	May 21
Churchill Franklin	Residence	June 13
Charles Brunetto & E.Fahey	Addition	June 23
Jim Arnold & M. McKenna	Addition	June 23
Rob & Lucille Williams	Storage	July 8
Stephen Cobden & Cynthia Whitstone	Residence & Garage	July 18
Randy & Sue Laframboise	Addition	July 18
Scott Sperry	Residence	July 22
Victor & Jane Quale	Storage	July 22
Donald Guptill	Garage	August 1
James B. Hodges Jr.	Addition to Packing house	August 2
Brian & Carrie Trombley	Addition	August 2
Ben Curtis Inc.	Residence	August 12
Rob & Lucille Williams	Storage shed	August 15
Randall & Anne McFall	Garage	August 16
Paul & Doris Seiler	Addition	August 29
Mike Quesnel	Residence	September 10
Joseph Barth	Music room & study	September 14
Patricia Ross	Residence	September 17
Catamount Fence Co.	Storage building (pole)	September 18
Jim & Shelley Payne	Storage, workshop	September 30
Lawrence & Eileen Sims	Residence	October 6
Chesley & Tina Deering	Addition to garage	October 18

Certificates of Compliance
Issued by Zoning Administrator 2003

January 8	Rita Glidden (Denis), 1989 Route 30
January 9	Jay Leshinsky, 380 Robbins Road
January 9	David & Joan Donahue, 13 South Bingham Street
January 19	Ben & Nancy Rosenberg, 500 Ridge Road
March 11	Ralph Shepard & Pat Mayo, 265 Douglas Road
March 14	Chris Hamilton, 215 Ledge Lane
March 18	Karen Hescok (Rabinovitch) 1283 Route 30
March 25	Steve & Eileen Barker, 1921 North Bingham Street
March 27	David & Diane Guertin, 1599 Route 30
April 1	John Nordmeyer & Elizabeth Marino, 2570 South Bingham Street
May 6	Henry & Joan Audet, 225 Audet Road
May 8	S. Whitney Blodgett, 2011 North Bingham Street
May 21	Agnes Underwood & Kathleen Johnson, 1595 Delong Road
May 21	Sheldon & Margaret Sax, 147 Cross Street
May 30	Joan Payne, 2838 West Street
June 4	Mildred Longey, 2487 Route 30
June 5	Mike Quesnel, 71 Sampson Road
June 7	Roberto & Susan Viguez, 314 James Road
June 27	Janice Warner, 110 West Street
July 8	Jane Quale, 39 Lemon Fair Road
July 18	Kim & Q. Montgomery, 29 James Road
July 23	Dennis & Cheryl Burnham, 3697 Route 30
July 23	Jeff Rehbach, 2098 Route 74
July 30	Joanne Bryden, 216 Delong Road
August 1	William & Jane Mandigo, 144 Ledge Lane
August 11	Louise Zipp, 2099 Route 74
August 14	Thomas & Connie Bisson, 3263 Route 30
August 15	Robert & Lucille Williams, 5840 Route 30
August 15	Richard Winslow & Deborah Jordan, 1104 West Street
August 28	Joel & Carol King, 3075 Route 30
August 28	Jennifer Ellsworth, 101 South Bingham Street
September 9	Gloria Shaw Estate, 128 Lemon Fair Road
September 19	Elizabeth Paquette, 1107 North Bingham Street
October 2	David & Sue Rahr, 249 Cow Hill
October 8	Robert & Lucille Williams, 5840 Route 30
October 13	Frank Kelley, 83 Abernathy Place
October 15	John & Bonnie McCardell, 299 Lemon Fair Road
November 6	Janice Warner & Patricia Shorkey, 110 West Street
November 6	John & Karen Kirk, 461 Tulley Road

Property Transfers 2003

- Bruce and Suzanne Byers and James and Christiana Hodges to James and Christiana Hodges, 4.2 acres on West Street
- Bruce and Suzanne Byers and James and Christiana Hodges to Bruce and Suzanne Byers, 21.8 acres on West Street
- Bruce and Suzanne Byers and James and Christiana Hodges to West Morgan Horse Farm, LLC, house, barns and 303 acres at 1684 West Street
- Randy and Jean Quesnel to Charles and Susan Grigg, 19.42 acres on North Bingham Street
- Mina Catton to Daniel Breen and James Burnett, house and 60 acres at 535 Sperry Road
- Jay Leshinsky to David and Joan Donahue, house and 14.66 acres at 380 Robbins Road
- David and Joan Donahue to Thomas Keefe and Elizabeth Karnes, house and 1.3 acres at 13 South Bingham Street
- Estate of Lora Foote to Hilton W. Foote, 2 swamp lots
- Jeffrey, Marjorie and Bethany Barth to Jeffrey and Marjorie Barth and L. Mark and Charity Bassett, house and 10 acres at 187 Parkhill Road
- Rene and Donna Audet to Henry and Joan Audet, easement on land on Audet Road
- Ralph Shepard and Patricia Mayo to George and Nancy Marcus, house and 2.2 acres at 265 Douglas Road
- Bernard Rabinovitch Estate to Stephen McKibben and Andrea Baier, house and 10.05 acres at 1283 Route 30
- Stephen and Eileen Barker to George Chapline and Margaret Paine, house and 5 acres at 1921 North Bingham Street
- Josephine Billings Estate to Gerald Billings, 8 acre woodlot east of West Street
- Gerald Billings to Jason Billings, 8 acre woodlot east of West Street
- Robert Bingham to Brenda Deering, house and 13.99 acres at 280 Ledgemont Lane
- Henry and Joan Audet to John and Sheila Doyle, farm buildings and 227.71 acres on Audet Road
- Rene and Donna Audet to John and Sheila Doyle, farm buildings on Audet Road
- S. Whitney Blodgett, Jr. to Richard Fuld, Jr., house and 6.3 acres at 2011 North Bingham Street
- Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. to Matthew DeBisschop and Courtney Houston, house and .11 acres at 2711 Route 30
- Margaret Payne Robbins to Joan Payne, easement on land on West Street
- Joan Payne to Stephen Payne, house and 3.5 acres at 2838 West Street
- Michael Quesnel to Jean Ryan, house and 2.03 acres at 568 Lemon Fair Road
- Michael P. Quesnel to Judith and Ernest Stires, 0.21 acres on Lemon Fair Road
- Harris and Susan Zuckerman to James, Helen, and David Wright, house and 11.92 acres at 99 Ledgemont Lane
- Phyllis Quesnel to Michael and Gail Cowherd, house and .7 acre at 5949 Route 30
- Mildred Longey to Brian and Kelly Gill and James and Melissa Gill, house, mobile home, and 7 acres at 2487 Route 30

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- Charter One Bank to Michael Palmer, Cynthia Allen, and Susan Kay, mobile home, barn and 5.8 acres on Route 125
 - Scott Sutor and Mary Jane Daly to Mary Jane Daly, house and 1.2 acres on Route 30
 - Dolores Gilmore to Brian and Carrie Trombley, mobile home and 5 acres on West Street
 - Dennis and JoAnne Packard to Thomas and Susan Record, house and .8 acre on DeLong Road
 - Dorothy Lincoln to Bonnie Lins, house and 1.1 acres on South Bingham Street
 - James, Helen and David Wright to The Wright Family Limited Partnership, house and 11.92 acres on Ledgemont Lane
 - John and Sheila Doyle to Hibernia Farm, LLC, house and 227.71 acres on Audet Road
 - Thomas and Constance Bisson to Harvey and Judith Huetter, house and 7.58 acres on Route 30
 - Marie Sperry to Scott Sperry, 12.6 acres on Ridge Road
 - Richard Winslow to Deborah Jordan, house and 17 acres on West Street
 - Doris and Harvey Paquette to John and Christina Richmond, 2.5 acres on North Bingham Street
 - Sue Hooper MacMartin to Timothy A. Hooper, 33.1 acres on Bourdeau Road
 - Deborah L. Walters to Deborah L. and Harold D. Walters, mobile home and 1 acre on James Road
 - Deborah L. and Harold D. Walters to Anne M. and Paul D. Walters, mobile home and 1 acre on James Road
 - Gloria Gail Regan (Sole Trustee Gloria Shaw Family Trust) to Morgan Wolaver, house and 6 acres on Lemon Fair Road
 - Marianne Doe to Marianne Doe and Albert Lawton, house and 14.40 acres on Cobbs Corner Road
 - Jane Quale to Fred and Janet Greenman, house and 2.89 acres on Lemon Fair Road
 - Jane Quale and Robert Cantu to Fred and Janet Greenman, 10.16 acres on Lemon Fair Road
 - James and Ann Ross to Patricia Ross, 7.49 acres on Cider Mill Road
 - T.W. and Gale Synnott to Courtney Houston and Matthew DeBisschop, easement on land on Vermont Route 30
 - David and Susan Rahr to Susan Walcott, house and 6.2 acres on Cow Hill Road
 - Louise Zipp to Aaron Coburn and Laurel Kritkauskys, house on Route 74
 - Deborah Jordan to Richard Winslow, house and 1.53 acres on West Street
 - Deborah Jordan to Richard Winslow, house and 1.15 acres on West Street
 - Robert and Lucille Williams to Bradley Jenne and Blanca Kalandros, house and 13.6 acres on Route 30
 - Lewis and Kathleen Schassler to Roderick and Janet Devold, house and 4.1 acres on Douglas Road
 - Elizabeth C. Paquette to Michael and Jennifer Christy and Marianne Neill, house and 2.4 acres on North Bingham Street
 - Marcia A. Adams, Alison P. Ignatowicz and Lynne S. Paquette to Raymond N. Paquette, house and 5 acres on DeLong Road

- Raymond N. Paquette to James Petrie, house and 5 acres on Delong Road
- Jeffrey and Marjorie Barth and Larry Mark and Charity Bassett to Jeffrey and Marjorie Barth and Andrew and Ann-Elizabeth Barth, house and 10 acres on Parkhill Road
- Janice S. Warner and Patricia M. Shorkey to Donna Quesnel, house and 8.8 acres on West Street
- Barbara G. Kirk Trust to John and Bonita McCardell, house and 53.42 acres on Tulley Road
- William and Ingrid Jackson to Frank and Linda Punderson, easement on land on Cider Mill Road
- Lena M. Plouffe to David P. Munson, 2.33 acres N/E corner Route 74 and West Street
- Arlyn T. & Charles L. Towle to Liam James Fitzpatrick, swamp lot on Morse Road
- Jean L. Foote to James & Carma Fitzpatrick, swamp lot on Morse Road
- Jean L. Foote, Arlyn T. & Charles L. Towle to Thomas & Constance Fitzpatrick, 2 swamp lots on Morse Road
- Jennifer K. Ellsworth to Norman Weiner & Laura Lieber, house and 1.5 acres on South Bingham Street
- Robert Burton Jr. to J. Anne & Richard Weinstein, land on Delong Road
- E. Rodney Robbins to Esther Roundy, Joyce Stephens and Cynthia Aube, house and 80 + acres on Route 30
- Frederick William Sunderman, Jr., Trustee of the Frederick William Sunderman, Jr. Trust to Emily L. Sunderman and Michael J. Lee, 10.33 acres of land on South Bingham Street
- William G. Collins to Michael J. Lee and Emily L. Sunderman, 10.49 acres on South Bingham Street
- Nancy Wright to Gary, Lesley, Donald and Catherine Wright, a house and 1.8 acres on Ridge Road



Zoning Board of Adjustment

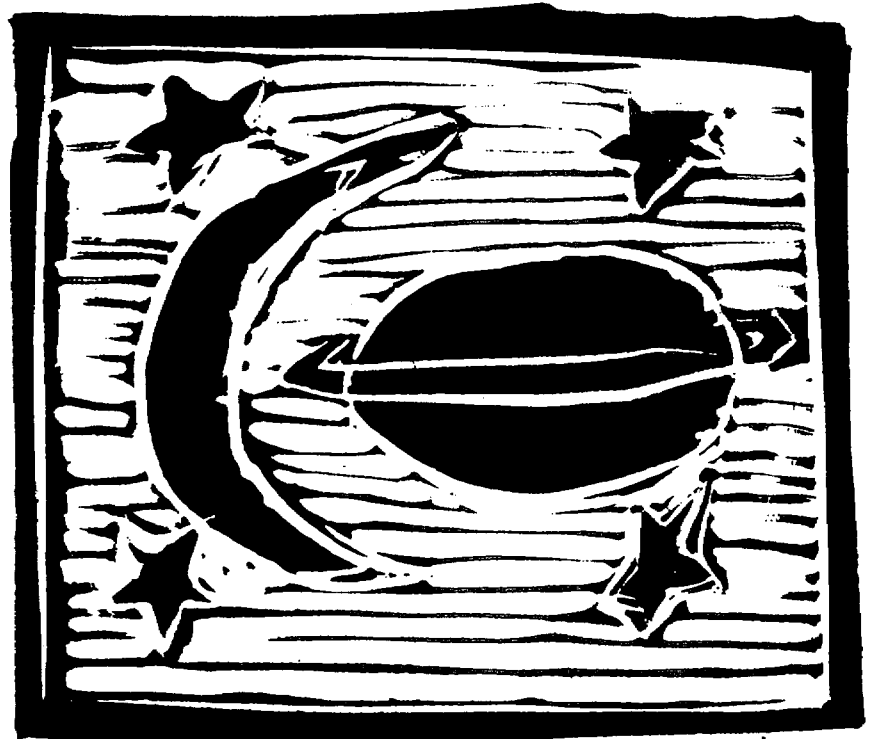
The Cornwall Zoning Board of Adjustment (CZBA), established through appointment of its members by the Selectboard, consists of three members:

Barney Hodges III, Chairman
Melissa Gill, Secretary
Ingrid Jackson

The CZBA hears appeals, conditions for variance relief, and warns public notice when necessary, on issues referred to them by the Zoning Administrator. The CZBA also hears cases for Conditional Use Permits. Businesses and homeowners may apply to the CZBA for a Conditional Use Permit. The CZBA reviews the application, warns a hearing and hears the applicant and public in a public format. From the hearing, the CZBA determines the effect the proposed use may have on the community based on criteria and guidelines set forth in the zoning regulations. In 2003 two applicants came before the CZBA and a hearing was warned and held for each. The first was that of Craig Burnham seeking a variance for side yard set back. The second was that of Michael Palmer seeking a conditional use permit for this property on Route 125. Minutes for both hearings and their results are available at the town clerk's office.

This annual report on the Cornwall Zoning Board of Adjustment is respectfully submitted by:

Barney Hodges III, Chairman



Whitney Williams
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Health Officer's Report

The local health officer performs an important function for the town. He is the individual a citizen may call to complain of unsafe conditions in rental housing or on public and private property, or to report a septic failure, or an animal that might be rabid.

Beginning in the year 2007, the sewage control job of the town health officer in all Vermont towns will be taken over by state employees. The state will then be responsible for Cornwall's sewage/septic system construction.

David B. Van Vleck, Health Officer

Certificates of Occupancy Issued by the Health Officer 2003

January 8	Mina Catton, 535 Sperry Road
January 9	Jay Leshinsky, 380 Robbins Road
January 10	Joan Donahue, 13 South Bingham Street
January 10	Rita Glidden (Denis), 1989 Route 30
February 4	Chris & Becky Dayton, 770 Cider Mill Road
March 18	Karen Hescock (Rabinovitch), 1283 Route 30
March 25	Steve & Eileen Barker, 1921 North Bingham Street
May 2	Rene Audet, 188 Audet Road
May 6	S. Whitney Blodgett, 2011 North Bingham Street
May 7	Phyllis Quesnel, 5949 Route 30
June 5	Mike Quesnel, 568 Lemon Fair Road
June 5	Bald Hill Builders, 1121 Galvin Road
June 10	Roberto & Susan Vaguez, 314 James Road
June 11	Mildred Longey, 2487 Route 30
June 17	Mike Quesnel, 568 Lemon Fair Road
June 27	Jane Quale, 39 Lemon Fair Road
June 27	Harris Zuckerman, 99 Ledgemont Lane
July 8	Norman Blackard, 388 Route 30
July 8	Courtney Houston, 2711 Route 30
July 22	Bilt-Well Builders, 3697 Route 30
July 22	Kim & Q. Montgomery, 29 James Road
July 24	Jeff Rehbach, 2098 Route 30
July 25	Joanne Bryden, 216 DeLong Road
August 13	Tom & Connie Bisson, 3263 Route 30
August 15	R. Winslow/D. Jordan, 1104 West Street
August 26	Lewis & Kathleen Schassler, 2 Douglas Road
August 26	Joel & Carol King, 3075 Route 30
September 10	Gloria Shaw Estate, 128 Lemon Fair Road
September 19	Elizabeth Paquette, 1107 North Bingham Street

October 3	Elizabeth Paquette, 1107 North Bingham Street
October 3	David & Sue Rahr, 249 Cow Hill
October 8	Robert & Lucille Williams, 5840 Route 30
October 15	Frank Kelley, 83 Abernathy Place
October 21	Ray Paquette, 1740 Delong Road
October 21	Noel Smith, 607 Cider Mill Road
October 29	John & Bonnie McCardell, 299 Lemon Fair Road
November 6	John & Karen Kirk, 461 Tulley Road
December 2	Jennifer Ellsworth, 101 South Bingham Street

2003 Planning Commission Report

I would first like to thank my fellow commission members, Nancy Kemp, Tracy Himmel-Isham, Randy Laframboise, Mike Brinkman, Bruce Byers and Rusty Harding for their hard work.

This has been a very hectic year. The lapsed town plan was re-authorized by the end of September 2003. This enabled the town to apply for a planning grant from the State of Vermont to help us write a whole new town plan. We received the grant and are now in the process of taking the necessary steps to gather information needed to start writing a town plan. We anticipate that this information-gathering phase, including the design and distribution of a town wide survey, will take us through the summer of 2004 and we will then get into the process of writing the proposed town plan in the fall and winter of 2004. We are dedicated to as much town resident participation as we can get and we encourage you all to note when meetings concerning the town plan take place. We will be setting up a schedule. In addition, I hope that none of you will hesitate to contact me personally with your thoughts or concerns (John Roberts, Phone 462-2252).

In addition to re-authorizing the old town plan, we deal with a steady flow of sub-division applications. There is a steady process of building development going on in Cornwall. There is potential for this development to have far reaching impacts on the quality of life of the town's residents. It is important that we all understand those potential impacts, and are prepared to accept or modify them, if we all so desire. Again I emphasize that you should all participate as best you can in the process of writing the new town plan.

We meet every third Wednesday of the month, with items for the agenda to be submitted fifteen days prior to the meeting date. If you have any questions, please call me at 462-2252 or e-mail at bwickfrm@together.net.

John D. E. Roberts, Chair

Listers' Report

Senator Gerry Gossens has introduced a bill in this legislative session that will clarify Statute 32 V.S.A. 34041a. This legislation would insure that certain funds the state provides yearly to towns throughout Vermont would be set aside in a special fund to be used only for reappraisal purposes. While most towns have been setting aside these funds each year, Cornwall has been placing them in the general fund rather than protecting them for reappraisals as the state originally intended, but did not stipulate clearly enough in the original legislation.

The Town received it's equalization schedule in December. This schedule indicated the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) had dropped to 76.43. The listers notified Property, Valuation and Review that they plan to do a new land schedule in June or July 2004. The listers intend to contract with Douglas McArthur, who did the town's most recent reappraisal in 1999. If McArthur's work doesn't bring the town up to the required 80% level, the next step will be to undertake a TLF (Time Location Factor) study, reappraising all houses and buildings.

Over the past year, we assessed ten new houses and some fifteen buildings, including additions to existing properties. There are many new houses under construction (10 to 12), which we will need to assess this spring. In addition, there have been other building and land subdivision changes during the past year. The Town has contracted with South Mountain Surveying to do an update of the town maps as there were fifteen new surveys done in 2003. This work on the town maps is in the final stages.

The listers work peaks in the spring, however the listers keep active the year around.

The following Grand List statistics may be of interest to Cornwall residents:

REAL ESTATE:

Residential I	187
Residential II	200
Mobile Home -U	7
Mobile Home -L	17
Vacation I	5
Vacation II	16
Commercial	7
Commercial Apts.	0
Industrial	0
Utilities-E	1
Utilities-O	1
Farm	10
Woodland	0
Miscellaneous	127
TOTALS	578

The current use program started in 1984. At that time, Cornwall had 7 properties enrolled. This number has increased to 73 properties in 2003. Cornwall's properties enrolled in the program range from 8.6 acres to 679.7 acres. The total value for these 73 parcels is \$7,454,300.00. This figure is deducted from the town's total property value to arrive at the town's Grand List figure each year. This years Grand List figure is \$91,008,300.00. 1 % of this figure, or 910,083.00 is used when calculating the town's tax rate each year.

Doris Severy, Chair, Richard Urbanak, Thomas Moser

Cornwall Free Public Library

The Cornwall Historical Society continues to make good use of three quarters of the Library room.

The Library Board of Trustees conducted a town wide survey of 387 homes in October and November of 2003. 57 replies were returned. As reported in the Addison Independent, 36 respondents were in favor of the Library continuing. 21 respondents felt the Library should be closed. The Board of Trustees will be meeting in January of 2004 to review the survey and make it's recommendations at the Town Meeting in March 2004.

Doris Severy, Librarian

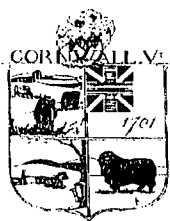
Library Treasurer's Report

Balance 1-1-03	\$2036.24		
INCOME:		EXPENSES:	
Book and Calendar Sales	133.00	Librarian	\$180.00
Town Appropriation 2002	<u>1500.00</u>	Insurance	100.00
Subtotal	\$3669.24	Books	47.88
Less Expenses	<u>598.37</u>	Survey	152.99
		Book Disposal	75.00
		VT Heritage Videos	<u>42.50</u>
Balance 12-31-03	\$3070.87	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$598.37

Fund Balances 12-31-03

Foote and Morse (\$1,000) and C. Ringey (\$1,000) Combined CD at the National Bank of Middlebury, balance = \$4009.75. Earned interest of \$98.33.

Judy Dunning, Treasurer



CORNWALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Greetings Neighbors,

2003 was active and busy. Membership grows slowly and steadily (now numbering almost 50 Cornwallians). We hosted public programs every other month, including a look at Addison County schoolhouses, in January (by Natalie Peters); historic cemeteries and their care and restoration, in March (by Charles Marchant of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association); Cornwall's link to Macchu Pichu, in May (by Cornwall's Allan Cremer); and, the British Ballad Tradition in New England, in November (by Burt Porter).

The BIG event of the year was the **Bi-centennial Celebration of the Cornwall Congregational Church** this past Summer (July 18-20). It provided the anchor for a thoroughly enjoyable, well-attended weekend of events at the Church AND throughout Cornwall. Volunteers from the church membership and the Historical Society organized events on the Town Green plus five additional historical sites (see photos to the right), public tours, displays and exhibits, music & refreshments.

Cornwall (Lavalley) Store: The store, which was donated to our town in 2001, has received a lot of attention this past year. Several workbees focused on cleaning and preparing the store for visits during Open Houses in July, and again on Saturday mornings in the Fall. A new, 'membrane' roof was installed on the leaky northern section, by Lance Waterman and his roofing crew, in September. Discussions and planning continue for further repair, restoration and public access.

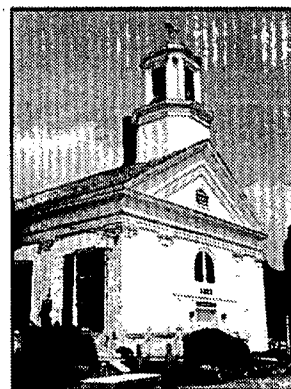
Historical Society Archives: A workbee in the Fall successfully moved the collections and archives from the DAR Building to the heated, and more stable environment in former Library space in Town Hall.

Community History Project of the Vermont Historical Society: In the Fall CHS applied to the Vermont Historical Society for a two-year grant to become one of the new **Community History Project** partnerships for 2004-2006. Partnerships are defined as collaborations between a local public school and historical society to choose a topic / project, and work together to tell and document the story. The project will be integrated into the school's curriculum and the results digitized and placed permanently on the Society's website. The grant includes two new, high-speed IBM computers (one for the school and the other for the Society).

VT History EXPO 2004: The Society will have an exhibit at the 5th Annual EXPO in Tunbridge, June 19-20; interested volunteers are needed.

If you have an interest in being part of the Cornwall Historical Society, or have any questions about any of its activities, please talk to any of our members, or contact me.

*Respectfully submitted, Don Shall (462-3394), dshall@shoreham.net
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*First Congregational Church
(1803)*



*Congregational Cemetery
(1803)*



Blacksmith Shop (1791)



Town Hall (1882)

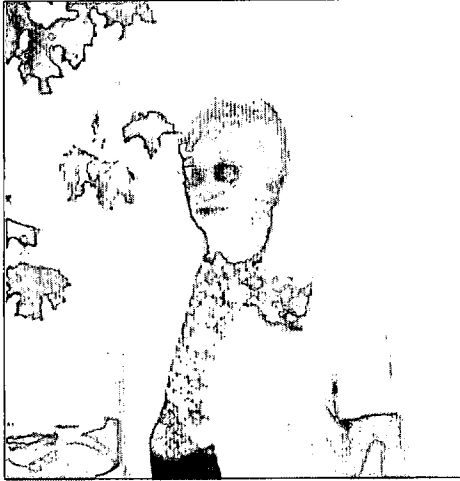


*Cornwall Store Site (since 1824)
Lavalley Store (through-1933)*



DAR House (1915)

Joan (Payne) Bingham



Town Clerk; Ballot Official; Unofficial Mayor; Assistant to the Selectmen, Listers, Auditors and Planning Commission; and such nongovernmental activities as genealogical research and directing delivery persons to the proper address. These are just a few of the duties Joan Bingham has performed during her 23+ years as Town Clerk for the Town of Cornwall. This list is just the tip of the iceberg, as Joan has done many things for the town that no one ever sees.

Joan has lived in various spots around Cornwall for her entire lifetime. She has such a wealth of knowledge about our Town of Cornwall and its current and former residents, that the rule of thumb was always (and still is) to ask Joan whenever information was needed about a particular property or historical figure.

When Joan started as the Town Clerk of Cornwall, her office was on her front porch and in the kitchen of her home. Her office equipment was a basic typewriter, phone and several floor safes. By the time of Joan's retirement, she had brought the town into at least the 20th century by utilizing a computer, fax machine, photocopy machine and, with the renovation of the town hall, an official town clerk's office with a walk-in vault.

Joan has also been a strong presence in the Town of Cornwall by serving on many committees and through membership in the Cornwall Congregational Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and as recent Co-Chairperson of the Cornwall Historical Society, to name a few.

Joan, we take great pleasure in acknowledging your dedication and volunteerism to and for the Town of Cornwall. Thank you, Joan, we will miss seeing you at the town hall, but it's time for you to enjoy some leisure activities.

Perhaps we will meet you snow shoeing over the cross country trail!

Mildred Longey

Millie Longey's contributions to the town are numerous in her over forty years as a member of this community. She and her late husband Hugh owned and operated Longey's Country Store from 1959-88. For some folks in the community, it was their first introduction to town and usually involved a quick history lesson about the town or the house into which they had moved.



To the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, Millie was our contact person. She has been the voice of base '901' for many years. She was instrumental in organizing bazaars, barbecues, rummage sales, and our capital fund drive for the Route 30 station. She was in charge of the department's social events. For many years, she and Hugh would have us at their home for our annual dinners. Millie also was a help to the Highway Department and was Assistant Fire Warden.

At her surprise retirement party in September 2003, the Fire Department honored Millie by naming her a Life Member. At our annual dinner in early February 2004, she was once again surprised by receiving a Certificate of Recognition from the Vermont State Firefighters Association for her Outstanding Contributions to the Fire Service.

She became "the voice" now known as 901
Millie would tone us out and we'd have all the fun
Every Monday night she would do our weekly test
During all night calls and fires, she was one of us: she would not rest

But one of her twice monthly frets
Was to remind someone to get the donuts at Jean Cadoret's
To Ken and Stu she was a very dear friend
They had someone to call, to help them 'til the storm's end

I could go on with your contributions all day
But the one thing I can say
Millie Longey, you're the best and a very dear friend
You deserve your rest, as your stay in Cornwall has come to an end.

Excerpt from "The Voice of Choice," by firefighter Dave Sears

Thank you, Millie, for your outstanding volunteer spirit and contributions to the Town of Cornwall.

Dog Licenses

Dog licensing is an annual event. Dogs more than 6 months of age may be licensed any time after January 1st of a calendar year, but must be licensed no later than April 1st of the same year in order to avoid an additional 50% fee assessment. If a dog reaches 6 months of age after April 1st, the owner has within 30 days to apply for a license; after October 1, the fee is reduced by half. Registration fees are \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$9.00 for unspayed or unneutered dogs. This fee includes a \$1.00 charge which is turned over to the state to help defray the expenses of the rabies control program. **A current rabies certificate must be presented or be on file before an animal can be registered.**

Fees received in 2003

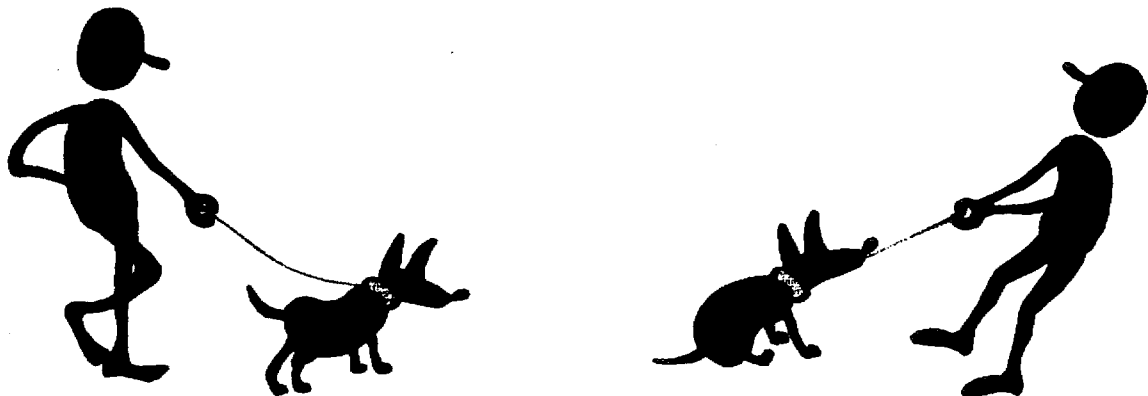
Spayed or neutered	146 @ \$ 5.00 =	\$ 730.00
Unspayed, unneutered	26 @ 9.00 =	234.00
Late spayed, neutered	37 @ 7.00 =	259.00
Late unspayed, unneutered	5 @ 13.00 =	65.00

Totals	214	\$1288.00
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To State @1.00/dog	\$ 214.00
To Clerk @2.00/dog	428.00
To Town	<u>646.00</u>

Total	\$1288.00
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Thanks to Cider Mill Animal Hospital for donating time and staff for a low-cost rabies clinic for dogs and cats. The 2004 clinic is scheduled for Friday, March 26, 2004 from 5:00-6:00 PM at the Route 30 fire station.



Births

Name	Date	Place
Lucy Hannah Barringer <i>Parents: Hoyt and Nancy (Tighe) Barringer</i>	February 11	Burlington
Cecilia Riker Barringer <i>Parents: Hoyt and Nancy (Tighe) Barringer</i>	February 11	Burlington
Drew Macfarlane Gill <i>Parents: Brian and Kelly (Macfarlane) Gill</i>	April 10	Burlington
Jeffrey Mark Bassett <i>Parents: L. Mark and Charity (Barth) Bassett</i>	April 14	Cornwall
Clara Ann Wolff <i>Parents: Alexander and Vanessa (James) Wolff</i>	May 4	Middlebury
Silas Chittenden Jackson <i>Parents: William and Ingrid (Punderson) Jackson</i>	July 21	Middlebury
Olivia Joan Audet <i>Parents: Leo and Sara (Rheaume) Audet</i>	September 30	Middlebury
Alexander Calvin Tolgyesi <i>Parents: Zsolt and Kristianne (Grief) Tolgyesi</i>	October 8	Middlebury
Emma Grace Ranney <i>Parents: Joshua and Nicole (Dunbar) Ranney</i>	October 29	Cornwall
Jarod Charles Richmond <i>Parents: John and Christina (Smith) Richmond</i>	November 3	Middlebury

Deaths

Name	Age	Residence	Date	Place
Roberta M. Meunier	74	Cornwall	July 16	Burlington
Anne C. Kelley	75	Cornwall	August 11	Cornwall
Henry L. Audet	77	Cornwall	October 4	Burlington
Howard Gero	91	Cornwall	December 1	Vergennes

Marriages

<u>Groom/Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
Dennis A. Packard JoAnne B. Bryden	Cornwall Cornwall	February 14	Cornwall
Gregory W. H. Hillier Jane S. Costello	Cornwall Cornwall	April 3	Cornwall
Nicholas R. Iocco Bethany A. Barth	Cornwall Cornwall	May 10	Cornwall
Robert B. Bingham Joan M. Payne	Cornwall Cornwall	June 28	East Poultney
Matthew P. Clark Michelle L. Berno	Cornwall Cornwall	August 2	Cornwall
Shawn P. Fetterolf Laura K. Boyden	Cornwall Cornwall	August 9	Cornwall
Thomas F. Keefe Elizabeth H. Karnes	Cornwall Cornwall	August 29	Cornwall
Randall J. Boise Tina R. Yaw	Cornwall Cornwall	September 13	Middlebury
Matthew S. Debisschop Courtney R. Houston	Cornwall Cornwall	October 4	Vergennes
Bradley C. Jenne Blanca E. Kalandros	Cornwall Cornwall	October 18	Richmond
Walter N. Sears Elizabeth C. Paquette	Cornwall Cornwall	November 7	Middlebury

Information and Services Available from the Town Clerk's Office

Green Mountain Passports - available to anyone who is a resident of Vermont and 62 years old or older; or totally disabled as a result of disease or injury suffered while serving in the armed forces; or a resident of the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington. Passport holders are eligible for free admission to state parks, museums, and fully state-sponsored events, as well as reduced prices on goods and services from several Vermont private businesses. The fee is \$2.00.

Copies of Birth, Death, or Marriage Records on File - used for a variety of purposes. Certified copies are \$7.00, uncertified copies \$2.00.

Dog Licenses - due by April 1st every year. Current rabies certificate must be presented or be on file. See further information elsewhere in this report.

Hunting & Fishing Licenses - All types of licenses are available. Waterfowl stamps are available in season.

Copies of Zoning Regulations and Building Permit Applications.

Applications for Certificates of Occupancy

Applications for Disposal System Construction Permits

Guide to Building or Modifying a Home in Cornwall

Subdivision Regulations and Applications

Applications to the Board of Adjustment - for variance.

Mobile Home Registration Forms

Minutes of Meetings - Selectboard, School Board, Planning Commission.

Applications for Addition to the Checklist

Absentee Ballots

Petitions and information about running for and holding town office

IRS and STATE tax forms

Warnings and Notices of upcoming meetings - Selectboard, School Board, Planning Commission, etc.

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

The district reached a milestone this year with the resolution to hold a District-wide bond vote on Town Meeting Day, March 2, 2004. This decision concludes a two-year planning process reviewing potential improvements to the District's Transfer Station on Route 7 South, in Middlebury. The Transfer Station is the central conduit for the majority of solid waste collected in our member towns by the commercial waste haulers. For the past 10 years, this Transfer Station has allowed for competition to flourish in Addison County, thereby saving the residents and businesses money and providing a facility that all of the hauling companies can access.

By redesigning the Transfer Station, we intend to:

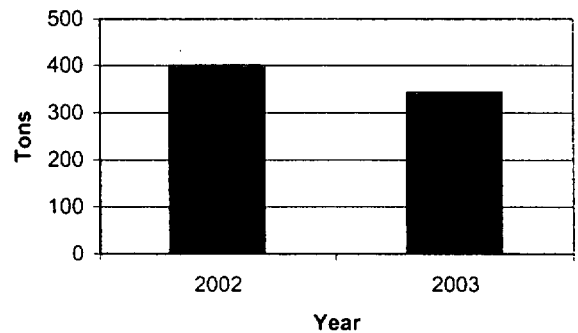
- Improve the traffic flow in and out of the Transfer Station;
- Make the Transfer Station a safer place for all staff and customers;
- Save the commercial haulers time and money by increasing the speed at which they drop off their waste and get back on the road;
- Expand the facility to keep up with continued growth for the next 20 years; and
- Comply with pending storm water runoff and other regulations in the State.

The District has just retired its original bond that paid for the construction of the existing facility, so bonding for these improvements is timely. As with the original bond, the District will pay for the cost of the bond through the tipping fees charge at the District's Transfer Station, not through member town assessments.

The District also completed its Solid Waste Implementation Plan, which was submitted to the Agency of Natural Resources for review and comment. The District will be soliciting public input on the essential elements of the Plan and holding public hearings in the near future.

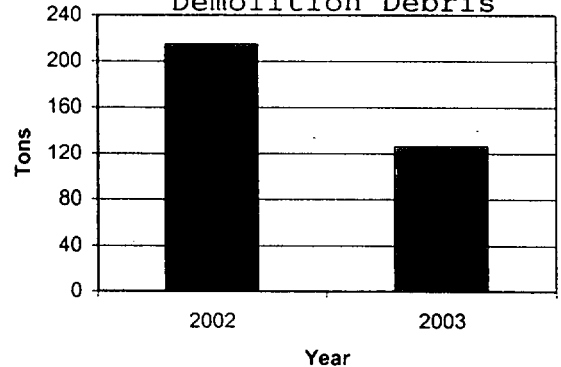
Tonnage To Date -- MSW

MSW = Municipal Solid Waste

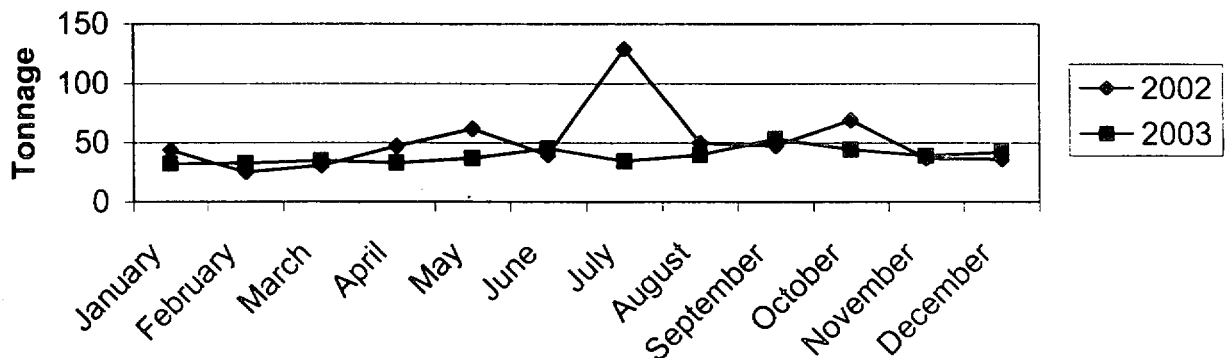


Tonnage To Date -- C&D

C&D = Construction & Demolition Debris



Total Tonnage per Month -- MSW & C&D



ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TRANSFER STATION RATE SCHEDULE

Effective: January 1, 2004

Hours

Monday – Friday -- 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00

Closed Sundays and Holidays

Trash, Construction & Demolition	\$100.50/ton
Minimum Fee Minimum Load Size - 5 Cubic Yards or 1/2 ton for <u>regular trash only</u>	\$50.25
Minimum Fee – 100 lbs. or less – all other material	\$5.00
Non-Friable Asbestos	\$125.00/ton
Clean Wood/ Raw Lumber	\$20.00/ton
Bulky Wastes Full, queen, & king mattresses or boxsprings and couches	\$5.00/ea.
Smaller Bulky Wastes Mattress or box spring (twin or smaller), Chairs, Sinks or Toilets	\$3.00/ea.
Appliances w/ Freon Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water fountains, etc.	\$10.00/ea.
Appliances—no freon , furnaces, Washers, dryers, hot water heaters, stoves, dish washers, microwaves, etc.	\$5.00/ea.
Computers (System consists of monitor, CPU and accessories)	\$11.00 per system
Per Pc.	\$6.00 per pc.
Per Lb.	\$0.227/lb.
Televisions	\$0.257/lb
Regular	\$7.00/ea.
Console	\$15.00/ea.
Light Ballasts With PCB's	\$5.00/ea.
Scrap Metal - Friday and Saturdays Only (includes electrical wire, all metals, etc.)	\$1.00/cy
Tires	\$0.0565/lb.
Passenger Tires	\$2.00/ea.
Large Truck Tires	\$6.00/ea.
Off-road Vehicle & Heavy Equip. Tires	\$20.00/ea.
Fluorescent Light Bulbs	
Smaller than 4'	\$.25/ea.
4' Bulbs	\$.50/ea.
8' Bulbs	\$1.00/ea.
Lead Acid Batteries – (Auto, Motorcycle, etc. All sizes of wet cell)	\$1.00/ea.
Antifreeze	\$1.00/gal.
Corrugated Cardboard (Minimum \$2.00)	\$2.00/cy.
Used Motor Oil (In containers of 5 gallons or less)	No Charge
Oil Filters	
3 or less	No Charge
4 or more	\$.25/ea.
55 gallon drum of filters	\$35.00/drum
Propane Cylinders	
1lb. Cylinder (small camping and torch size)	No Charge
20lb. Cylinder (Grill size)	\$3.00/ea.
District Fee (Charged On Waste Not Delivered To The Transfer Station)	\$33.40/ton

District surcharges for violations of the Waste Management Ordinance separation requirements:

Recyclables, Metal, Yard Waste **10% Of Tipping Fee**

Hazardous Waste **20% Of Tipping Fee plus handling and disposal**

Contact the District Office (388-2333) for disposal locations and times for items not listed here.

January 6, 2004

Vermont Department of Health

For many years the Vermont Department of Health submitted reports, which were shared with communities through the Annual Town Reports. This ended in the late 1980's. We have resumed this once again, since public health issues are of increasing interest and concern to local communities.

Food and Lodging Inspections:

National surveys show that more people are eating out more often. Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk for food borne outbreaks. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are: keeping food too long at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, food from an unsafe source, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling as well as to identify where there is a high likelihood of practices contributing to illness if left uncorrected. At the 3 establishments in Cornwall, 3 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

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

One of the most effective ways to improve the health of the overall population is to improve nutrition and physical activity. WIC improves the health of pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and young children by assuring access to health care, teaching families about good nutritional practices, and providing an individually designed package of nutritious food to eligible individuals. During 2002, 20 women, infants, and children living in Cornwall 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.

Vaccine-Preventable Disease:

Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care dollars, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced reportable cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record low levels. Still, total annual hospital charges from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont is \$2.6M, and each year 150 to 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia or influenza. During 2002, the Health Department distributed 9206 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Addison County. This represents a value of \$119,335.80 to Addison County.

Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District

The Otter Creek NRCDC has been serving the land use needs of the landowners of Addison County since 1941. The mission of the district is to enhance conservation awareness in all citizens so they understand and act on basic principles of rational use and care for Addison County's environment.

- To ensure the wise use and protection and enhancement of Addison County farm land, woodland, water and related natural resources.
- To provide leadership for conservation issues in the county to identify local natural resource needs and to find funding and expertise to address those needs.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

USDA's Farm service Agency (FSA) and the State of Vermont have launched a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) to protect the 490-square mile Lake Champlain and its tributaries. CREP uses federal and state resources to safeguard environmentally sensitive land through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Producers enrolled in CRP remove lands from agricultural production and plant native grasses, trees, and other vegetation to reduce sediment runoff and improve the quality of water and wildlife habitat. **The Otter Creek Natural Resources Conservation District (OCNRCDC) supplied 29,565 trees, tubes, mats and stakes to 14 area farmers to plant on 152 CREP contract acres in 2003.**

Middlebury River Watershed Partnership

The MRWP is working to remove the Middlebury River from the State's list of Impaired Waters. Local landowners in cooperation with OCNRCDC took major steps to reduce bacteria and phosphorus, but problems persist.

These are but a few of the programs available through the OCNRCDC. The Town of Cornwall appropriates \$121.11 each year to the District. This is \$.11 per resident, the same assessment since 1983.

ADDISON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, INC.
P.O. Box 165 - 282 Boardman Street Middlebury, Vermont 05753
phone: (802)388-3608 fax: (802)388-0756

ACCAG's mission is "to end poverty in Addison County, and enable all persons to fully participate in a just society." ACCAG strives to provide Addison County residents with emergency services, and we also work to provide people with the tools and resources they can use to become economically empowered.

ACCAG's services include, but are not limited to: the **Emergency Food Shelf**, which provided food for meals to hungry families and individuals in 2003. ACCAG provides funds for **emergency medical and dental needs**, including prescriptions, and assists with costs of transportation to medical appointments. Our **Emergency Fuel Assistance and Rental Assistance** programs prevent people from losing their homes when they face an eviction or have no heat in the winter. ACCAG also maintains an emergency wood supply for people who have run out of fuel and who have woodstoves or fireplaces in their homes. ACCAG has created many units of **affordable housing**. **RetroWorks** and the **Marion Munford Thrift Shop** have the joint goals of reducing the amount of items going into our landfills, providing items to those in need, and providing job training in retail sales, computer and appliance repair. Two additional programs sponsored by ACCAG are the **Wheels for Jobs** (low-cost autos, money for fuel and car repairs for persons who need a vehicle to get to work), and the **Transitional Supported Housing Program** for chronically homeless persons with serious mental illness.

Expenses:	Fundraising	2 %
	Facilities	26 %
	Salaries	46 %
	Office expenses	4 %
	Programs	16 %
	Other	6 %
Total expenses 2003		\$1,186,000
Total income 2003		\$1,217,000
Cornwall residents served 2003		55
Cornwall funding request 2003		\$3,000
Cornwall funding request 2004		\$3,000

ADDISON COUNTY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE, INC.
P. O. Box 754
Middlebury, Vermont 05753
Tel: (802) 388-7259 Fax: (802) 388-6126

The mission of Addison County Home Health and Hospice is to provide high quality, comprehensive community health care to residents of Addison County.

Addison County Home Health & Hospice was founded in 1968 by a group of Addison County residents, it has been providing high quality, comprehensive community health care services to Addison County individuals and their families since March of 1970. Starting with two part-time nurses and an operating budget of \$12,000, today the Agency's budget is \$6 million and we employ over 160 staff to meet the home care needs of the community. From 291 visits in our first year, this year we provided nearly 60,000 visits. In the past year we provided almost \$100,000 in free care.

The nature and complexity of home health care has changed greatly and the challenges have been many. Changing expectations about growing older, advances in technology, impending staff shortages and reductions in reimbursement are just a few of the challenges ahead. Through it all, our mission remains the same!

Thanks to the towns we serve and their commitment to that mission, we are able to continue with our ongoing philosophy of providing care to all clients regardless of their ability to pay. We are available to address the needs of our clients 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a year. ACHH&H made 1,245 visits to Cornwall residents for FYE 6/30/03.

Expenses:	Fundraising	<1%
	Facilities	8%
	Salaries/benefits	78%
	Office Expenses	6%
	Programs	4%
	Other/Mileage	4%
Total expenses 2003		\$5,750,000
Total income 2003		\$5,900,000
Cornwall residents served 2003		33
Cornwall funding request 2003		\$1,403.80
Cornwall funding request 2004		\$1,403.80



**Addison County
Parent/Child Center**

P.O. Box 646 • Middlebury, Vermont 05753 • Tel: 802-388-3171
Fax: 802-388-1500 • E-Mail: shapcc@sover.net • www.sover.net/~shapcc

The Parent/Child Center was created in 1979 by a group of Addison County parents, educators, health professionals, clergy, and human service providers because this community believed two things:

- 1) Raising children is the most important, yet challenging, job any of us will ever have and all families deserve whatever help and support they need to do the best job possible, and
- 2) Supports should be available from the very start, before problems have a chance to take seed.

The Parent/Child Center provides a broad array of services including: parent education, home visiting, food services and nutrition education for adults and children, child care, play groups, academic classes, driver's education, prevention services, counseling, and community development. the most intensive service is our "Learning Together" program, a training program that serves as the model for the other Parent Child Centers in the state.

"Learning Together" includes parenting, vocational and academic classes for young parents, transportation to and from the Center, and developmental child care for infants and toddlers. Home visits and comprehensive support services for pregnant teenagers and young families continue to be a major part of the Center's programs. Playgroups are held weekly in Middlebury, Orwell, Bristol and Vergennes. These playgroups offer young children and their parents an opportunity to socialize and to learn about parenting and child development. A variety of parenting classes and workshops are offered at the Center throughout the year.

Expenses:

Salary & benefits (34 staff)	\$1,113,323
Contracts	52,420
Depreciation	33,660
Program Expenses	116,558
Building Expenses	39,200
Travel/Transportation	28,700

Total expenses 2003 \$1,383,861

Cornwall residents served 2003 *unable to
provide due to HIPPA regulations

Cornwall funding request 2003	\$1,600
Cornwall funding request 2004	\$1,600



Helping People Age with Independence and Dignity

Champlain Valley Agency on Aging

The Champlain Valley Agency on Aging's Mission is to support people 60 and older in their efforts to remain active, healthy, financially secure and in control of their own lives. CVAA connects older people and the services they need to live independently for as long as possible.

Services available:

- Meals on Wheels - CVAA provides hot wholesome meals to seniors who are age 60 or over. Volunteers deliver meals to homebound individuals who are ill, frail, or recuperating after a hospital stay and unable to prepare their own meal.
- Senior Community Meals - served at the mealsite in Middlebury, and at many area restaurants. In addition to a nutritious meal, the mealsite provides socialization and companionship for older people who may be isolated or live alone.
- Case Management - Case Managers make in-home visits and connect individuals with the services and resources they need in order to remain independent and in their own home. Colleen Holland, the CVAA Case Manager for Cornwall, may be reached through the CVAA office at 865-0360 or 1-800-642-5119.
- Senior HelpLine - CVAA operates a toll-free service that provides answers to any question or concern regarding services for older people. Seniors, or their family members, can reach the HelpLine by calling 1-800-642-5119 (Voice/TTY) during business hours.

Expenses:

Fundraising	<1%
Facilities	3%
Salaries	54%
Office Expenses	2%
Programs	37%
Other	3%

Total expenses 2003 \$3,846,000
Total income 2003 \$3,866,000

Cornwall residents served 2003 25

Cornwall funding request 2003	\$900
Cornwall funding request 2004	\$950

Counseling Service of
Addison County, Inc.



The Counseling Service of Addison County (CSAC) is a non-profit community mental health center committed to a philosophy based on appreciating people's strengths, instilling hope, and working with people in the context of their families and community. We serve children, adolescents, adults and families who are struggling to cope with life's challenges; individuals living with developmental disabilities and their families; people with severe and persistent psychiatric illness, and people confronting problems with substance abuse.

This past year CSAC underwent extensive review by the Vermont Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services (DDMHS) as part of Redesignation of CSAC as the designated mental health agency of Addison County. Each program received high praise in their evaluations and CSAC has been redesignated.

One of the big events of the year was the construction of new quarters at 67 Catamount Park on Exchange Street in Middlebury. Ground was broken in December of 2002. In April, 2003 we moved in, with the dedication attended by Gov. Douglas and many members of the community. The new building now houses the Administrative Offices, our Employee Assistance Program, and Youth & Family Services.

Finally, the financial position of the agency remains positive. Despite the downturn in the economy, management has kept us on the black side of the ledger. We look forward to continuing to play a vital role in meeting the needs of communities.

Major expenses by program:

Youth & Family	27%
Adult Outpatient	5%
Substance Abuse	2%
Community Support	14%
Crisis Intervention	1%
Administration	10%
Development Services	41%
Total expenses 2003	\$11,773,945.00

Cornwall residents served 2003 *unable to provide due to HIPPA regulations. 9790 hours provided to Cornwall residents.

Cornwall funding request 2003	\$2,150
Cornwall funding request 2004	\$2,200

Elderly Services, Inc.
Project Independence Adult Day Care

Elderly Services is committed to providing the best care possible. That means supporting families in caring for their elderly relatives, catering to each individual's needs, and promoting a sense of caring fellowship. It is our mission to provide high-quality programs to help elders live safe and satisfying lives in their own homes and communities.

Project Independence is an adult day care program for frail elders providing safe, medically oriented daytime care that includes:

- Fun social activities
- Specialized van transportation to and from home
- Hot, delicious meals
- Individualized nursing care
- Personal care including toileting assistance and hygiene
- Educational programs and entertainment
- Coordination with other health care providers and social service agencies
- Daytime respite for family caregivers

In addition to daytime care services, our staff also provide caregiving education and emotional support to family members whose elderly relative attends our center. **Our monthly Caregiver Support Group is open to all Cornwall residents** and takes place on the second Wednesday and third Friday of each month.

Elderly Services celebrated its 20th year of providing quality eldercare to the people of Cornwall and Addison County.

Expenses:

Nursing/Caregiving	30%
Alzheimer's Day Care	23%
Therapeutic Activities/Meals	20%
Countywide Transportation	17%
Administration/Facility/Fundraising	10%

Total expenses 2003	\$1,264,204
Total income 2003	\$1,379,953

Cornwall residents served 2003 - 8 Adult Day Care participants, 18 respite or counseling recipients
Cornwall funding request 2003 \$800
Cornwall funding request 2004 \$800



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."*



Green Up Vermont Green Up Day, May 1, 2004

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 and nonprofit groups 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. The Council is a self-supporting 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Highlights of our work in the six counties in 2003 include:

- Fourteen 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 usable 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.
- Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Envirothon.
- We continue to serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership and Connecticut river Birding Trail.
- 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 result in lower insurance rates.

Cornwall funding request 2003 \$50
Cornwall funding request 2004 \$50

Thirty-four 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 Vermont tradition of annually 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% of our budget. The rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses.

Cornwall funding request 2003 \$100
Cornwall funding request 2004 \$100



Hospice Volunteer Services is a healthy, growing agency providing services in three related focal areas. Our primary commitment is to the hospice program and to providing the support of trained hospice volunteers to people with terminal illness and their families. Our current volunteer roster presently carries the names of 75 remarkable folks. Our nine week training course for hospice volunteers is usually offered each fall. Hospice volunteers offer both practical and emotional support tailored to the individual needs of each patient and family.

Our second area of focus, grief support, follows naturally on the heels of our work with hospice patients, but these services are offered to all residents of Addison County. It is our desire to be responsive to community needs and creative in our response, and so we offer a variety of programs to assist people who are grieving. We offer regular grief support groups, consultation, one-to-one volunteer outreach, special supportive and educational events, and the Phoenix Group (a monthly potluck supper gathering of widowed people for the purpose of social and community connection).

Lastly, Hospice Volunteer Services has a commitment to serving as a resource and leader in providing education and support throughout Addison County around the issues of end of life care, death and bereavement. In this effort we have offered education opportunities, national teleconferences, publications and acted as a resource to schools, agencies and churches. Each November more than 150 people attend our Service of Remembrance where hospice patients and loved ones in our community are remembered with a candle lighting ceremony.

Expenses:

Fundraising	6%
Facilities	0%
Salaries	69%
Office Expenses	19%
Programs	4%
Other	1%

Total expenses 2003 \$100,220

Cornwall residents served 2003 2 patients and countless others participating in special programs.
 Cornwall funding request 2003 \$200
 Cornwall funding request 2004 \$250



John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.

Location: 69 Main Street
 Vergennes, VT 05491
 (802) 877-2677
 (802) 877-2048

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 165
 Middlebury, VT 05753
 (802) 388-3608
 (802) 388-0754 Fax

The John W. Graham Emergency Shelter, located on Main Street in Vergennes, provides temporary shelter to people who find themselves without housing. The Shelter has a seventeen bed capacity, with separate bunk rooms for men and women, a family room, and a handicap accessible room with a bath.

The reasons for homelessness are many. The largest increase in homelessness over the past few years has been among working families with children. Many families live paycheck-to-paycheck. An unexpected medical or other expense can cause a family to be unable to pay the rent, resulting in late fees which further strain their budget. In addition, housing costs often exceed what can be afforded by the large number of people working for low pay. Many families struggle and parents work multiple jobs, barely able to make ends meet. In this common situation, something as simple as a car problem or an illness leading to even temporary loss of wages can spiral into homelessness.

Expenses:

Fundraising	0%
Facilities	20%
Salaries	0%
Office Expenses	4%
Programs	66%
Other	0%

Total expenses 2003 \$99,000

Cornwall residents served 2003 6

Cornwall funding request 2003 \$1,925
 Cornwall funding request 2004 \$1,925



Besides providing quality child care for children and families throughout Addison County, the Center provides a number of services that are critical for young families with children. Not only is the Center the sponsoring agency for the child care food program funded through the USDA, but it also administers the Child Care Eligibility Program which provides state supported funding for qualifying families using child care. The Center is also the county agency that provides referral services for families seeking child care anywhere in Addison County. The Center also administers the Resource project which provides training and support for home based child care providers. Finally the Center administers the county's Success by Six program which funds community playgroups, parenting classes, and a monthly calendar of events for parents with young children.

Approximately 50% of the children served in the Center's preschool program are from low income families and receive state support. These children struggle with all the problems that accompany families living in poverty. Additionally 38% of the children come from single parent homes, and 10% of the children attending the Center are substantiated victims of abuse or neglect. We serve children with special needs and handicapping conditions. Serving this population uses all the resources and experience of the Center's staff.

Expenses:	Fundraising	1%
	Facilities	7%
	Salaries	75%
	Office Expenses	3%
	Programs	6%
	Other	10%
Total expenses 2003		\$707,235
Cornwall residents served 2003		9
Cornwall funding request 2003		\$450
Cornwall funding request 2004		\$450



MIDDLEBURY VOLUNTEER
M V A A
AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

The Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association responded to over 1300 calls in 2003, 29 of which were in Cornwall. We are fortunate to have 49 volunteers in Middlebury and our surrounding communities. 6 of the 49 volunteers live in Cornwall. They are: Denny Rheame, Bill Fuller, Donna Dalley, Emily Jannene, Dave Guertin and Liam English. These folks are part of the First Response Unit in Cornwall as well as taking call for MVAA. We owe them a deep debt of gratitude.

10 of our volunteers are fully qualified Heavy Rescue Technicians. "JAWS" carries equipment for vehicle extrication, the Jaws of Life, cutters and pneumatic air bags, as well as equipment for high angle rescue, backcountry rescue and ice rescue. Additionally, there are 3 modular ambulances, the most recent having been purchased in 2002. All of our ambulances bear plates honoring folks who have made significant contributions to the Association: "DOLLY" is named after Dolly LaFleur, whose legacy to the Association made a new vehicle purchase possible. "SARA" honors Sara McCarty, a long-standing MVAA officer and member who continued to contribute to the Association while stricken with multiple sclerosis. And "WEDGE" is named after Wedge Murdoch, the only remaining charter member and current President.

In September, Scott Supernaw of Salisbury, a former MVAA member, was hired by the Association as Operations Supervisor. Scott, a paramedic, was formerly employed by Central Vermont Medical Center following 9 years as a paramedic and educator for Rutland Regional Ambulance Service. In addition to training and quality assurance functions, Scott will augment crews when called upon, in addition to providing paramedic availability.

Thanks to Scott, the Association is experiencing exciting and dynamic growth and development. We are always interested in recruiting new members, and are investigating options for development of an expanded station. For any questions or comments, please contact Scott Supernaw at 388-3286.

Total expenses 2003	\$235,000
Cornwall residents served 2003	29

Cornwall funding request 2003	\$1760
Cornwall funding request 2004	\$1827



The Open Door clinic is a program of Community Health Services of Addison County (CHSAC). The clinics are operated in local medical practices on Tuesday evenings in Middlebury and on Thursday evenings in Bristol. In 2003 the Open door clinic provided free health care to nearly 300 people through over 800 clinic and medication assistance visits, and referrals.

CHSAC provides preventive, acute and chronic care; assistance with public health insurance applications; and a prescription medication program. CHSAC, with Porter Medical Center (PMC) and area physicians, operates a referral system whereby patients are provided vouchers for ancillary services such as lab work, x-rays and ultrasounds.

In 2003 CHSAC significantly expanded several programs. CHSAC began partnerships with the Addison County Tobacco Roundtable to administer a state grant for tobacco education and prevention and the Ladies First program to provide more comprehensive health services to women over age 40. CHSAC received a state grant to overhaul its patient chart system to better track medical histories and chronic health problems, as well as expand its tobacco cessation services.

CHSAC expanded its case management hours to better serve its growing patient base, especially patients with chronic health problems such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and mental health concerns. Finally, CHSAC formalized its internship program with local college and nursing students to ensure a complete picture of serving its patient population.

Expenses:	Fundraising	1%
	Facilities	5%
	Salaries	73%
	Office Expenses	3%
	Programs	5%
	Other	13%

Total expenses 2003 \$119,700

Cornwall residents served 2003 9

Cornwall funding request 2003 \$500

Cornwall funding request 2004 \$500

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, interest 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 interest 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.

RSVP Bone Builders is one such program. It provides free strength and balance exercise classes with RSVP volunteer instructors to Addison County residents.

RSVP is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Addison County with 200 + volunteers. From July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003, volunteers in Addison County provided 25,500 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Addison County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$379,950.

Currently, in Cornwall 11 volunteers donate their services to the following non-profit agencies: United Way, CVAA, Porter Medical and Helen Porter Health and Rehab, American Red Cross, Elderly Services, ACCAG the Christmas Shoppe, and Field Days. Cornwall residents also reap the benefits of RSVP members from other towns who volunteer at more than 70 agencies within the county that serve Cornwall residents.

Expenses:	Personnel	\$121,471
	Volunteer Exp.	\$ 11,905
	Office Expenses	\$ 13,826
	Rent	\$ 6,221
	Programs	\$ 12,492
	Other	\$ 8,280

Total expenses 2003 \$174,195

11 Cornwall residents were members of RSVP in 2003.

Cornwall funding request 2003 \$300

Cornwall funding request 2004 \$325



VERMONT ADULT LEARNING

282 Boardman St., Suite 2 / Middlebury / Vermont 05753 / 802-388-4392 / Fax: 802-388-4396

The mission of Vermont Adult Learning is to help adults gain knowledge, skills, and confidence to reach their personal and education goals and to expand their options and decision making capabilities as individuals, family members, citizens and workers.

Vermont Adult Learning has a wide variety of classes and individual learning opportunities to help adults achieve their goals. In our Adult Basic Education program individuals improve their basic reading, writing or math skills, learn English as a second language, and obtain a GED or adult diploma through their local school district. This program is free and confidential to all adults over the age of 16 who are not enrolled in high school or who lack pre-college level skills.

Bridge to College is offered to individuals with a GED or diploma who want to attend college but need additional skills. A variety of computer classes are offered to the public on a fee for service basis. We also provide businesses affordable skills assessments and customized classes to meet the educational and training needs of their employees.

In recent years, we have become increasingly involved in providing job readiness preparation for the unemployed. We offer courses with a focus on goal setting, career exploration, self-esteem, problem solving and decision-making. This program has been very successful in helping welfare recipients' transition into the workforce. An important ingredient to our success in the above-mentioned programs has been the fully licensed childcare facility that has been available to our students for the past three years. We are in a handicapped accessible facility.

Expenses:	Fundraising	*not done locally
	Facilities	6%
	Salaries	75%
	Office Expenses	3%
	Programs	13%
	Other	5%
Total expenses 2003		\$478,622
Total income 2003		\$487,040
Cornwall residents served 2003		8
Cornwall funding request 2003		\$380
Cornwall funding request 2004		\$380

WomenSafe

WomenSafe, Inc.
PO Box 87
Middlebury, VT 05753

Working to end violence against women and children.

WomenSafe works toward the elimination of physical, sexual and emotional violence against women and their children through direct service, education and social change.

WomenSafe has been providing services to Cornwall families since 1980. We are dedicated to providing services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Our 24-hour hotline, staffed by trained volunteers and staff offers crisis advocacy, safety planning, information, referrals, emotional support, social service advocacy and safe housing for victims and their children. We assist victims in accessing Relief From Abuse Orders and provide support and advocacy throughout the medical procedures that might follow an act of sexual or domestic violence. We offer supervised visitation in a safe, neutral environment to ensure children's safety. Our support groups provide a place for women to gain the support they need to help them and their children be safe.

WomenSafe staff spoke to over 500 students about violence and healthy relationships in over 30 presentations to students in pre-school through high school, in addition to presentations to various community groups.

We work with many community agencies to assist in the further development of a coordinated community response to domestic and sexual violence sending a consistent message that perpetrators will be held accountable for their violence and victims will be supported.

Expenses:	Fundraising	2%
	Facilities	6%
	Salaries	61%
	Office Expenses	1%
	Programs	30%
	Other	0%

Total expenses 2003	\$221,230
Total income 2003	\$213,004
Cornwall residents served 2003 - at least 5	

Cornwall funding request 2003	\$500
Cornwall funding request 2004	\$550

Town Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2003

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall met at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 3, 2003, at 6:30 PM as warned. Approximately 135 people were in attendance. Senator Claire Ayer and Representative Willem Jewett were present to speak briefly about their work in the legislature. Senator Ayer serves on the Finance, Transportation and Agriculture committees and reported that there is a shortfall in the Transportation budget and some projects will need to be postponed. Representative Jewett serves on the Judiciary committee and reports that, while the budget is up, the crime rate is down.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited and the meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by Moderator Cynthia Tall.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all town officials as required by law. Voting for officials will be by Australian ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are: Moderator; Town Clerk; Treasurer; Selectboard, 3 years; Selectboard, 2 years; Road Commissioner; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Lister, 3 years; Town Agent; 2 Grand Jurors; School Director, 3 years; School Director, 2 years; Auditor, 3 years; Auditor, 2 years (to fill an unexpired term); Trustee of Public Funds, 3 years; Trustee of Public Funds, 2 years (to fill an unexpired term); Trustee of Public Funds, 1 year (to fill an unexpired term); Library Trustee, 5 years; 2 Planning Commission members, 3 years.

No action taken on this article since it is to be voted on by Australian ballot tomorrow.

ARTICLE 2: To receive and act upon the reports of the various town officers.

The article was moved and seconded by John Roberts and David Guertin and approved by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus or deficit for the fiscal year 2001-2002.

Susan Johnson moved that the deficit be covered by taxes. This was seconded by Ed Peet. Sue pointed out that the deficit as shown on page 20 of the town report is \$5220.43 and corrected the figure to \$4771.37. Ross Conrad inquired where we had overspent and Sue explained that a shortfall occurs when there are delinquent taxes. There were no large budget problems.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$96,077.

Lisa Roberts moved the article, which was seconded. Ross Conrad asked for an explanation of increases. These were pointed out as being new line items for the listers to use for mapping and

reappraisal issues, an increased amount to cover costs incurred in repairing and maintaining town cemeteries, general cost increases in several areas, and some needed town garage repairs. The listers pointed out that we may be looking at a reappraisal and they feel the \$6 per parcel we receive from the state should be set aside in a separate fund for this purpose. Selectboard Chair Ed Peet said that the listers spend approximately twice that amount and that the \$5500 in new line items would allow fixing areas such as the land schedule that are out of line. The article was approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$184,522. State aid is expected to be approximately \$60,000, leaving approximately \$124,522 to be raised by taxes.

The article was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate \$36,220 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

The article was moved, seconded, and approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will authorize the Selectboard to set the property tax rate and to authorize the Selectboard to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Lisa Roberts moved the article; it was seconded and approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will approve a sum not to exceed \$10,000 for the preparation of an updated Town Plan.

The article was moved by John Roberts and seconded by Lisa Roberts. John Roberts explained that some money may be received from state grants. A survey of townspeople will be done and tabulated, there will be public meetings and discussions. The old town plan will be updated slightly and will hopefully be adopted in the meantime so new health regulations can be used. Since the Planning Commission necessarily spends so much time considering new subdivisions, Marc Lapin asked whether development review might be split from planning. John Roberts said this might be considered in the future. The article was approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of August 1, 2003, for property taxes, payment of half the amount due November 1, 2003, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2004. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes paid after November 1, 2003, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes paid after May 1, 2004, are considered delinquent. Interest will be charged on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, plus a collector's fee of eight percent (8%).

The article was moved, seconded and approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the voters will endorse the Earth Charter and recommend that the Town of Cornwall, the State of Vermont, the United States of America, and the United Nations use the Earth Charter to guide decision-making on issues of local, state national, and international importance. (This was included in last year's warning as Article 12 and resulted in a vote to table until this year's meeting.)

The article was moved and seconded. Spencer Wright asked that it be tabled for another year, but this was defeated. Several people spoke for and against the article and it was defeated by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$3,025 to be given to the Addison County Community Action Group, Inc.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$1,403 to be given to Addison County Home Health & Hospice, Inc.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$1,600 to be given to the Addison County Parent/Child Center.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$900 to be given to the Champlain Valley Agency on Aging.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$2,150 to be given to the Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$800 to be given to Elderly Services.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$50 to be given to the Geroge D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$100 to be given to Green Up Vermont.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$200 to be given to Hospice Volunteer Services.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$1,925 to be given to John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Services.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$450 to be given to Mary Johnson Children's Center.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$1,760 to be given to the Middlebury Volunteer Ambulance Association.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$500 to be given to the Open Door Clinic.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$300 to be given to the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$380 to be given to Vermont Adult Learning.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the voters will approve the sum of \$500 to be given to WomenSafe, Inc.

Moved, seconded and approved.

ARTICLE 27: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

Jim Ross suggested that all agencies appear under one article next year. Shari Klinck said that it was helpful to have information about the agencies printed in the town report.

David Littlefield announced an upcoming meeting of the Cornwall Historical Society at which Charles Marchant, an officer of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association, will speak and show slides on cemetery restoration.

Ann Crystal, a member of the Cornwall Fire Department, presented Cody, a search dog, for people to meet. Ed Peet announced that there are now five defibrillators in service in town. Douglas Fenn, fire chief for many years, has now stepped down and the new chief is Dennis Rheaume.

John Roberts inquired whether it might not be a good idea for us to have a town web page where information could be posted for ready access to those who wish to use this means of obtaining it. Ed Peet said this will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

Voters were reminded that the resolutions about to be discussed are opinions only and not binding.

Resolutions:

- I. Whereas genetically manipulated foods have not undergone rigorous, independent long-term studies; and whereas Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) have been found to contaminate other crops through cross-pollination, and are stringently regulated in more than 30 countries; and whereas the impacts of GMOs in our food, our children and the environment are unknown,
 1. Shall the residents of Cornwall call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to support the mandatory labeling of all genetically manipulated foods and seeds.
 2. Shall the residents of Cornwall call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to issue a statement condemning the growing of genetically engineered crops until there is credible and independent scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health, the environment and the survival of family farms.
 3. Shall the residents of Cornwall direct our state and federal elected representatives to enact legislation that shifts all liability from farmers and gardeners to the commercial developers and patent holders of genetic engineering technologies for any past, present or future damages resulting from the growing of, the consumption of, or the contamination by, said technologies.

Approval of this resolution was moved and seconded. Ross Conrad spoke in favor of it, but John Roberts, a farmer, said he is concerned that the article has broad implications. Others felt it could be approved individually and not as a town, that it is far-reaching and not enough is known about it. The resolution was not approved.

- II. Whereas the environmental, economic, and public health effects of global climate change, caused primarily by the burning of fossil fuels, pose serious threats to Vermont and to all of the earth's natural systems, and nuclear power produces dangerous and long-lasting nuclear waste;

Whereas the efficient use of energy saves money and reduces all types of pollution at the same time; and renewable energy sources, including solar, wind, biomass, hydro, and geothermal power, have the potential to provide affordable energy with minimal environmental harm;

Whereas the state and national economies would be strengthened by the creation of millions of new jobs in the manufacturing and installation of renewable energy systems; in the creation of a fuel-efficient private and public transportation system; and in energy efficiency improvements in all residential, commercial, and government buildings;

Whereas Vermont and American would become more secure by becoming more independent in our ownership, production, and management of energy sources, especially by importing less oil from foreign countries;

Therefore, the citizens of the town of Cornwall 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.

Approval of this resolution was moved and seconded. Wendy Lynch said she feels it should be approved to let legislators know they should continue to study the issues. The resolution was approved.

"T" Tall urged voters to find out who is interested in town offices which have no candidates on the ballot before voting tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Joan Payne, Clerk

WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
MARCH 1, 2004

The legal voters of the Cornwall Town School District are hereby warned to meet at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School in said Cornwall, Vermont on Monday, March 1, 2004, at 6:30 PM, immediately following the Cornwall Town Meeting, to transact the following business:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town School District will approve the sum of \$1,065,071 to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the voters of the Town School District exempt the Cornwall School from the requirement of 2003 Vermont Legislature Act 22 to operate a school breakfast program for a period of one (1) year, that year commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005?

ARTICLE 4: Shall the legal voters of Cornwall, Vermont vote to adopt the Cornwall School District Budget, as well as any other Cornwall School District question, including, but not limited to raising money to support the Cornwall School District and to pay any indebtedness of said District, BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT?

ARTICLE 5: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting. Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at the Cornwall Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the following business of the Town School District by Australian Ballot.

Polls will be Open 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 6: One Town School Director for a period of three years.

ARTICLE 7: One Town School Director for a period of two years.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Jordan Young, Chair

Junius Calitri

Ann Deppman

Gregg Mousley

Cindy Peet

ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

**Bridport, Cornwall, Middlebury ID#4, Ripton, Salisbury,
Shoreham, Weybridge and Union District #3**

Addison Central Supervisory Union is a marvelous conglomeration of ten schools sustained and nurtured by seven supportive communities and 48 dedicated school board members serving voluntarily in 53 slots on nine school boards. During the past year our schools welcomed and challenged 2,101 students to learn. The educational accomplishments are exemplary, however, there is more to be achieved. Student assessments across ACSU challenge students, teachers, administrators and parents to do better. Test results show clearly what has been accomplished and what must be done to meet our ten performance targets. Those goals constitute the continuing mission of Addison Central Supervisory Union.

UD#3 Charter Change

At a November 2003, election, ACSU voters approved significant changes in the Union District #3 Charter. When schools open next September the seventh and eighth grade students from Bridport will be attending Middlebury Union Middle School for the first time in the history of ACSU.

Representation on UD#3 Board will change in 2005 with implementation of the constitutional principle of one-person one vote. Each of the six smaller towns in ACSU will have one representative on the Board. Middlebury will have seven representatives based on the number of registered voters in each of the towns.

Hannaford Center To Become A Regional Technical School District

At the March town meeting this year, all of the voters of Addison County will be asked to approve a change in the governance structure of the Patricia A. Hannaford Career Center. It will cease to be governed by the Union District #3 Board and will become governed by a board of elected and appointed officials representing each of the three Addison County Supervisory Unions. Access for students and tuition charges will remain the same. If the voters approve the proposal the Hannaford Career Center will become a separate regional technical school district.

Student Assessment Efforts Continue

Our commitment to the development of student assessments has reached the stage where the full range of test results is nearing completion for each student in the schools. Teachers have at their fingertips the individual student assessment results that provide diagnostic information to direct and inform instruction. Under the skilled leadership of Associate Superintendent Jan Willey and the long serving K-12 Assessment Committee, so much progress has been made that federal funding will soon be flowing into ACSU to expand the evaluation program, Making Assessment Purposeful for Students (MAPS), for use throughout Vermont and the nation.

Changes In State Funding Of Schools

Last year, Act 68 replaced Act 60, the state mechanism for funding education. The result will be a lightened burden on property taxpayers of Vermont. A one-cent increase in the sales tax is already offsetting some of the property tax. The new legislation places great emphasis on cost containment. All schools in ACSU will be working to achieve that objective.

A Pervasive Spirit Of Concern And Cooperation

As interim superintendent of schools I discover again, every day, a spirit of empathy, concern and cooperation, which pervades this complex and extraordinary supervisory union. From that first day on the job when a kindergartner, eyes bright with curiosity, crept around a book case in the library seeking The Wizard of Oz, to the spectacle of town trucks leading school buses onto icy roads to make sure every child is returned safely home, it is a school system to gratify the community. The mission to educate all our children is never fully achieved. It is always a work in progress. The people of this community demonstrate an abiding commitment to that task.

Harold Raynolds, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools



Emma Nordmeyer
gr. 5

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' REPORT

This school year has been marked by significant changes in educational policy at both the national and state level. In the midst of all these changes, Cornwall's Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School has continued to educate the individual students in our community, meeting the needs of each one as best we can determine what those are, and as our resources permit.

Our student population has changed slightly from last year, but well within the variation that we expect from year to year in a small school. Our school population is currently 93. Figures for each class are listed at the end of this report. 10% of our students have individualized educational plans, which is to say they have qualified under state law for "special education" services. This is similar to the figure last year.

As approved in last year's budget, we now have a fourth-grade teacher. Janne Giles came to Cornwall school from the Neshobe School in Brandon. Many members of the Addison County community stepped forward to encourage us to add her to our instructional team and we are very pleased to have done so. On one hand, because of the individual needs of our students, we were able to reduce our complement of instructional aides by one. On the other hand, we have employed a full-time classroom aide in the Kindergarten. Educational expectations on kindergarteners have increased in recent years. The diversity of the kindergarten class has also increased; for some of our students, this is their first experience in a structured setting with many other children their own age. Others come to us after a number of years in pre-school programs that resemble kindergarten in many ways. We believe the presence of an aide allows individual students to become comfortable in the school environment while still preparing our children for more challenging material in first grade.

Finally, with regard to staff, note that Cornwall is the only district in the Addison Central Supervisory Union that does not routinely have a classroom aide in each classroom. The principal and the board believe that in general, resources for aides are best targeted for students with individualized educational plans (IEPs), and that classroom teachers are expected to teach to the range of students in their classroom.

Last year, the six smaller towns in the Addison Central Supervisory Union concluded joint contract negotiations with our teachers, represented by the Vermont Education Association. In these times of dramatically increasing health insurance premiums, the board did not feel that we could responsibly continue to pay 100% of teachers' health insurance. The new contract includes provisions by which teachers will be responsible for 10% (or more) of their health insurance premiums. As this line item has been the fastest increasing one in our school budget for some years, this provision will help control our budget. This year, with health insurance premiums up 12%, our health insurance costs increase by only 2%.

The school board worked this year to minimize the increase in the overall budget, however the budget is up 5.7%. Over 80% of the increase results from salary adjustments and district-wide assessments. The second-largest increase in the budget is in the EEE (Essential Early Education) program; this program increased by \$9,605, accounting for 1% of the 5.7% increase. This program identifies pre-kindergarten students who would benefit from early education. Significant study data indicates that the earlier children with challenges receive educational support, the better their ultimate outcome, and the fewer resources they require later in their education. We feel this is a good investment, both in the children involved and considering the future educational resources they will require. Our tuition for this program is assessed by the number of students we have, and though it increased significantly this year, the total is not out of line with previous years. The only other significant individual increases were in the bus service (up 4.3%; accounting for 0.2% of the 5.7% increase), and in maintenance (accounting for 0.1% of the 5.7% increase).

We were able to decrease two areas significantly. Consistent with the practice outlined above, we allocate aides to individual students and not to classrooms. With our changing school population, we were able to

decrease our aide staff by one, resulting in a saving that trimmed 1% off the budget. Renegotiation of the debt incurred for the roof construction has also resulted in a smaller saving, but one that will carry on into the future. Support with this very technical process is just one of the kind of services we receive from the ACSU central office. Their ability to absorb many of the technical details that increasingly regulate educational policy results in a significant savings for the town.

Legislation and regulations affecting this year's tax rate continue to be undefined as of this writing. As a result of last year's Act 68, we expect a decrease in the tax rate this year, despite the fact that our property tax common level of appraisal has fallen from over 85% to 76%. While we don't know what the exact effects of this will be, we know they will not be good. This is an issue will need to be addressed in some way. We expect to have more information about next year's tax situation by the time of the District meeting.

The effects of the Federal "No Child Left Behind" act are beginning to appear at the local level. NCLB is about ensuring that schools make progress towards its ambitious goal that all students in all grades will meet state standards every year. (Depending on how regulations evolve, it currently seems that, depending on their special needs, between one student in the school, or one student per grade may be eligible to meet an alternate standard; the details just go on getting more complex from there.) Most of the work needed to determine how Vermont schools will measure and certify their compliance with the NCLB law is being done at the State level, allowing us to continue concentrating on educating our students. In addition, because of our small size, results affecting our school will be delayed for one or two years.

Making progress toward this goal has two parts: where we're starting from and how fast we're getting there. This year we received our first NCLB assessment, so we know where we're starting from. We can be pleased with the fact that in some areas, we are on track towards meeting NCLB's ambitious goals. Our test results in English are consistently good and our NCLB results reflect this. However, we have known for some years that our results in mathematics present a challenge for us. From non-NCLB assessments, we know that in math skills, we do relatively well compared to the ACSU and Vermont as a whole. Math problem solving is the area that needs, and has been receiving a great deal of attention. This year, in the lower grades, we are using a new mathematics program that is designed specifically to help in this area. As materials become available, we will be extending this program to our middle grades. Unfortunately, only time will tell how much of a difference this program, and our emphasis on math, can make.

Since this is the first year of NCLB assessment, we have no indication of how fast we're getting to NCLB's 100% goal. As the debate over this law continues at the state and federal levels, the school board and the school remain focused on the needs of our children; by teaching to their individual strengths and weaknesses, we believe we are on providing each of them the best education possible with our available resources.

The school board continues to take an active interest in these larger issues while overseeing the monthly business and policy needs of the school. We welcome your participation; we meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the school. Finally, on a personal note, I am mindful of the trust you have placed in me as chairman of your school board as I have gone up the learning curve this first year, and look forward to your input on issues relating to the school.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Bingham Memorial School is dedicated to serving the needs of the children of Cornwall. Your Board of School Directors and the professional staff work hard to maintain the high standards that are the tradition of the school. We are proud of our students' accomplishments and strive to be worthy of the support the community has always afforded the school and the town's children.

The past few years have been very unusual in terms of the number of students who have moved in and out of our classes. Our enrollment has fluctuated from 79-103 over the past four years. This makes it difficult for the staff to plan from year to year and for students to benefit from a consistent instructional program over time. While several families have moved, we welcomed nine new families who have joined the school community. In addition to new students, we also welcome new staff members. Janne Giles has joined us as a teacher for Grade 4. Julie Hogan has returned to work part-time as a kindergarten assistant and Susan O'Dell has also joined our custodial staff this year.

Like all schools in Vermont and across the country, we are being asked to do more, better. The regimen of mandatory assessments continues to grow and all schools are expected to make "Adequate Yearly Progress" until all students are performing to the high standards that have been set by the state. While this is a significant challenge, it is not new. We have always been committed to helping each child succeed academically and personally. Our efforts have been complicated by larger than usual numbers of students moving in and out of our district and more students with serious learning issues. However, we continue to work on providing the best education possible for all our students. The reestablishment of a class for each grade level has made it much easier to focus on grade level expectations and assessments. We also continue staff training in a variety of areas, especially in implementing our new math program in primary classes, and in maintaining our strong reading programs across the school. For the past few years our School Improvement Action Plan has focused on math problem solving, writing mechanics, and science. Results from last year's assessments were encouraging that we are making progress in those areas.

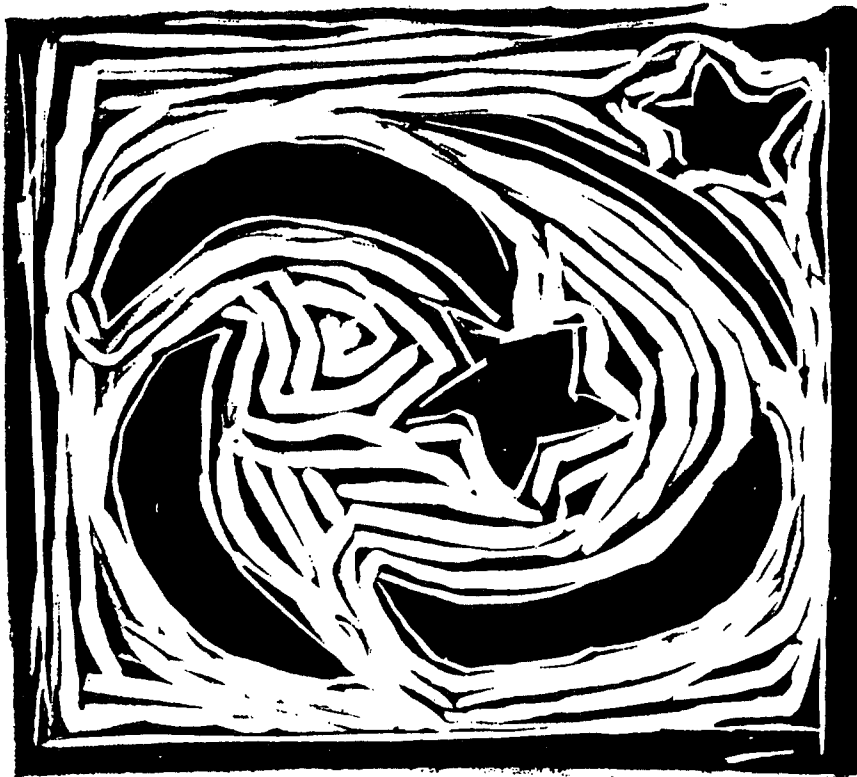
In addition to academic programs, we work to provide students with a wide range of learning opportunities. Stephanie Gallas, our Arts teacher, has again been working to make "integrated arts" a rich and satisfying approach to arts education. The staff and guest artists, funded by Gilligan and Vermont Council on the Arts grants, continue to create thematic, performance-based productions. In addition to physical education classes, several after school sports programs and adventure education have been offered to promote fitness. Our "Peer Advisor" program and health instruction teach students fundamentals of safety and healthy decision-making. We have been particularly focused this year on "civility" and maintaining a polite and productive work environment for everyone.

Under the leadership of the Friends of Cornwall School, and with support from Gilligan Fund grants, we have been able to offer many after school programs again this year. Traditional sports programs like soccer, basketball, and baseball continue. The Outing Club has offered hikes, skiing, snow shoeing and paddling experiences for students and their parents. Chess also continues, with over 20 active players each week. Several of our students have become active tournament players around the state and region. Knitting continues as a serious after school pastime every Wednesday afternoon for many of our students. Plans are being finalized to offer a second language experience after school as well. Most of these opportunities are made possible by talented, dedicated parents and staff who volunteer their time.

We invite you to learn more about and to become involved in the life of your town's school, whether you have children enrolled here or not. We always welcome volunteers who have time, a special talent, or an experience they would be willing to share. The Friends Of the Cornwall School meet on the second

Tuesday of each month and hold many special events throughout the year. We welcome volunteers any time we can arrange for a productive learning opportunity. Residents are invited to keep informed about school matters by attending Board meetings the third Thursday of each month. Pressing questions or concerns can be addressed to the principal or superintendent of schools at any time.

Richard Isenberg, Principal



Emerson Coulton
gr. 6

TEACHING AND BUILDING STAFF

Rich Isenberg	Principal
Linda Brown	Kindergarten
Lisa Beck	Primary Unit
Susan Sears	Primary Unit
Jennifer Moeykens	Grade 3
Janne Giles	Grade 4
Paul Montaperto	Grade 5
Andrew Hirsch	Grade 6
Patti Hunt	Learning Specialist
Elizabeth Bell*	Instructional Support
Linda Kautzman*	Library & Media Specialist
Francis Paquette*	Physical Education
Stephanie Gallas*	Arts
Deb Tetreault*	Speech/Language Pathologist
Wendy Whaley Sauder*	Guidance Counselor
Barbara Thompson-Snow*	Nurse
Robin Falta*	Special Education Assistant
Julie Hogan*	Kindergarten Assistant
Susan Humphrey*	Kindergarten Assistant
Barbara Kaiser-Ianni*	Special Education Assistant
Judy Larson	Special Education Assistant
Suzanne Sampson	Special Education Assistant
Donna Severy	Secretary
Marie Berno*	Library Assistant
Peg Powers	Cook/Lunch Agent
Susan O'Dell*	Custodian
Lisa Richardson*	Custodian
Debbie Williams*	Custodian

**Part-Time*

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Students	15	13	8	9	17	14	17	93

STUDENTS ATTENDING UNION DISTRICT #3

- GRADE 7:** Luc Arseneau, Troy Audet, Adam Berno, Laylin Cowherd, Gillian Guertin, Kate Higgins, Megan Laframboise, Dane Liljestrand, Kelly Mandigo, Elizabeth Moureau, Jameson Ringey, Thomas Ryan, Deanna Vaida, Jeffrey Winslow, Margaret Young
- GRADE 8:** Benjamin Almquist, Brittany Berno, Ben Cram, Aaron Crystal, Tiffany Desjadon, Jackson Downey-Teachout, Justin Gero, Noah Ianni, Jacob McDowell, Harriet Napier, Marley Nordmeyer, Nathaniel Severy, Amanda Swinhart, Reuben Williams
- GRADE 9:** Robyn Berno, Tyler Berno, Luke Brande, Alexis Cowherd, Dewey Dunnington, Claire Greene, Heather Holcomb, Robert Karzmarczyk, Laura Leonard, Erika Liljestrand, Ira Norton, Emma Novins, James Payne, Megan Sears, Ashley Severy
- GRADE 10:** Autumn Almquist, Michael Avery, Alex Bailey, Andy Desjadon, Christa Downey-Teachout, Joshua Edwards, Nathaniel Fisher, Derek Gero, Elizabeth Hamilton, Katie Hoxie, Martha Johnson, Erin Mandigo, Annie Murawski, Andrew Napier, Ann Nordmeyer, Amanda Payne, Steven Rheaume, Kirk Ringey, Annina Seiler, Barrett Swinhart
- GRADE 11:** Allison Cram, Rachel Crystal, Emily Falta, Molly Greene, Andrew Guertin, James Jannene, Matthew Leonard, Mark Moureau, Krista Paquette, Matthew Paquette, Chelsey Pletts, Kelsi Powers, Evan Roberts, Nathanael Seiler, Erin Severy, Annakeara Stinson
- GRADE 12:** Kaley Boire, Kenneth Brande, Chelsy Cowherd, Sarah Dalton, Justus Tor Devries, Caleb Dorsey, Anneke Dunnington, Krysta Hoxsie, Christopher Liljestrand, Tyler Paquette, Katherine Powers, Brett Ringey, Eric Severy

**CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2004-05 BUDGET**

	SPENT 2002-03	BUDGET 2003-04	PROPOSED 2004-05	
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS				
110 Salaries	240,396	278,847	300,000	
112 Salaries - Aides	10,269	12,043	12,659	
120 Substitutes	6,976	3,000	3,000	
121 Summer School Program	1,410	1,400	1,400	
210 Health Insurance	50,144	63,600	63,628	
220 Social Security	19,818	22,590	24,255	
230 Life Insurance	0	0	524	
270 Course Reimbursement	4,224	3,000	3,000	
280 Dental Insurance	1,876	2,142	2,100	
290 Disability Insurance	883	1,045	1,197	
320 Professional Ed. Services	300	0	0	
430 Equipment Repair	0	200	200	
580 Professional Travel	606	600	600	
610 Supplies	4,422	5,500	5,500	
615 Testing Materials	932	500	500	
640 Books & Periodicals	4,576	9,000	9,000	
650 A.V. Materials	807	1,050	1,050	
660 Manipulatives	1,158	1,200	1,200	
680 Technology	5,236	7,000	7,000	
730 Equipment	760	1,200	1,200	
890 Inservice Training	730	2,000	2,000	
891 ACSU Curriculum Development	842	875	991	
1100 Total	\$356,365	\$416,792	\$441,004	5.8%
1200 SPECIAL EDUCATION				
110 Salaries	46,987	48,031	52,200	
112 Salaries - Aides	54,728	54,033	42,796	
120 Substitutes	2,031	3,500	3,500	
121 Extended Year Programs	2,538	1,000	1,000	
210 Health Insurance	9,203	10,235	8,788	
220 Social Security	8,031	8,152	7,611	
230 Life Insurance	0	0	75	
270 Course Reimbursement	100	1,080	1,080	

	SPENT	BUDGET	PROPOSED	
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	
280 Dental Insurance	332	357	300	
290 Disability Insurance	173	183	208	
330 Other Special Ed Services	36,149	40,000	40,000	
513 Transportation	13,530	13,869	15,154	
515 Field Trips	635	500	600	
565 EEE Tuition	14,640	5,814	15,419	
610 Supplies	343	800	800	
640 Books & Periodicals	256	250	250	
660 Manipulatives	36	125	125	
680 Software	347	300	300	
730 Equipment	1,090	150	150	
1200 Total	\$191,149	\$188,379	\$190,356	1.0%
1300 SHARED PERSONNEL				
110 Salaries	34,411	35,787	40,680	
120 Substitutes	680	500	500	
210 Health Insurance	7,503	8,928	9,468	
220 Social Security	2,684	2,776	3,150	
230 Life Insurance	58	59	67	
270 Course Reimbursement	92	200	200	
280 Dental Insurance	249	261	256	
290 Disability Insurance	0	0	162	
610 Supplies	985	1,000	1,000	
640 Books & Periodicals	20	300	300	
730 Equipment	321	800	800	
1300 Total	\$47,003	\$50,611	\$56,583	11.8%
2120 GUIDANCE				
110 Salaries	9,715	10,104	10,560	
210 Health Insurance	1,876	2,232	2,260	
220 Social Security	743	773	808	
230 Life Insurance	14	15	15	
270 Course Reimbursement	0	190	190	
280 Dental Insurance	62	65	60	
290 Disability Insurance	0	0	42	
610 Supplies	0	110	110	

	SPENT 2002-03	BUDGET 2003-04	PROPOSED 2004-05	
640 Books & Periodicals	0	110	110	
660 Manipulative	0	110	110	
2120 Total	\$12,410	\$13,709	\$14,265	4.1%
2130 HEALTH				
110 Salary	9,986	10,214	10,800	
210 Health Insurance	0	0	3,390	
220 Social Security	764	781	826	
230 Life Insurance	22	22	22	
270 Course Reimbursement	68	60	60	
280 Dental Insurance	94	99	90	
290 Disability Insurance	0	0	43	
320 Professional Services	0	410	410	
430 Equipment Repair	0	25	25	
580 Travel	77	130	130	
610 Supplies	431	300	300	
640 Books & Periodicals	0	50	50	
650 A.V. Materials	0	25	25	
2130 Total	\$11,442	\$12,116	\$16,171	33.5%
2220 MEDIA SERVICE				
110 Salary	20,048	20,674	22,320	
112 Salary-Aide	4,565	4,930	5,126	
120 Substitutes	110	250	250	
210 Health Insurance	7,165	7,296	7,380	
220 Social Security	1,810	1,978	2,119	
230 Life Insurance	0	0	45	
270 Course Reimbursement	0	648	648	
280 Dental Insurance	0	0	180	
290 Disability Insurance	75	45	89	
320 Contracted Technical Support	9,105	9,436	9,641	
430 Equipment Repair	0	200	200	
610 Supplies	135	300	300	
640 Books & Periodicals	2,879	3,000	3,000	
650 A. V. Materials	0	250	250	
730 Technology	900	1,000	1,000	
2220 Total	\$46,792	\$50,007	\$52,548	5.1%

	SPENT 2002-03	BUDGET 2003-04	PROPOSED 2004-05	
2310 BOARD OF EDUCATION				
250 Workers Compensation	3,451	3,424	4,386	
260 Unemployment Insurance	1,421	2,145	1,800	
320 Secretary Stipend	0	0	0	
330 Board Stipends	500	500	500	
332 Audit	1,900	0	0	
333 Legal Fees	125	0	200	
335 Payroll Service	1,501	1,340	1,576	
524 Umbrella Insurance	413	400	421	
540 Advertising	2,634	2,512	2,766	
810 Dues & Fees	885	850	1,050	
890 Miscellaneous	235	300	300	
900 Contingency	75	1,000	1,000	
2310 Total	\$13,140	\$12,471	\$13,999	12.3%
2320 ASSESSMENT				
331 ACSU	34,965	38,062	44,375	
336 ACSU Insurance Pool	0	219	99	
339 Special Education	4,406	4,744	6,172	
2320 Total	\$39,371	\$43,025	\$50,646	17.7%
2410 PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE				
110 Salary - Principal	56,925	59,202	61,568	
111 Salary - Secretary	14,685	15,273	15,879	
210 Health Insurance	10,936	12,660	12,800	
220 Social Security	5,492	5,697	5,925	
230 Life Insurance	273	293	307	
240 Administrative Retirement	1,708	2,368	3,078	
270 Course Reimbursement	125	1,080	1,080	
280 Dental	332	357	357	
290 Disability	219	225	246	
430 Equipment Repair	0	100	100	
431 Service Contracts	299	300	300	
530 Communications/Postage	352	500	500	
610 Supplies	641	800	800	
730 Equipment	535	100	100	
731 Copier Lease	2,225	2,650	2,650	

	SPENT 2002-03	BUDGET 2003-04	PROPOSED 2004-05	
810 Conferences & Dues	150	200	200	
2410 Total	\$94,897	\$101,805	\$105,890	4.0%
2540 OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE				
110 Salary	17,335	17,050	17,732	
220 Social Security	1,326	1,304	1,356	
310 Contracted Services	315	320	400	
311 Contracted Professional Services	0	0	750	
421 Disposal Services	2,908	2,300	3,112	
430 Repairs & Maintenance	6,720	6,000	7,056	
431 Water Testing	504	200	525	
513 Lawn Mowing	2,215	2,300	2,370	
521 Property Insurances	3,312	3,882	4,714	
530 Communication/Telephone	1,767	2,000	2,000	
531 Internet Connection	471	500	500	
610 Supplies	3,068	3,500	3,500	
622 Electricity	9,084	9,500	9,629	
624 Fuel Oil	5,101	6,000	6,000	
730 Equipment	94	500	500	
2540 Total	\$54,220	\$55,356	\$60,144	8.6%
2550 TRANSPORTATION				
513 Contracted Services	51,414	52,673	54,253	
514 Field Trips	269	450	450	
2550 Total	\$51,683	\$53,123	\$54,703	3.0%
2560 FOOD SERVICE				
430 Equipment Repair	0	200	200	
610 Supplies	3,000	3,000	3,000	
623 Propane	179	300	300	
2560 Total	\$3,179	\$3,500	\$3,500	0.0%
5100 DEBT SERVICE				
830 Interest	2,025	1,669	262	
910 Principal	5,000	5,000	5,000	
5100 Total	\$7,025	\$6,669	\$5,262	-21.1%
Grand Total Budget	\$928,676	\$1,007,563	\$1,065,071	5.71%

**CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2004-05 FINANCE**

	Act 60	Act 68	
	Current	Proposed	Change
	2003-04	2004-05	
<u>Estimated Education Spending:</u>			
Elementary Budget	1,007,563	1,065,071	5.71%
High/Middle School Assessment	965,355	1,037,324	7.46%
Technical Center Assessment	53,907	49,906	-7.42%
Technical Center Base Payment *	42,413	38,084	-10.21%
Total Expenditures	2,069,238	2,190,385	5.85%
Less Anticipated Receipts			
Special Ed Block Grant	46,108	53,169	
Special Ed Intensive	53,500	41,247	
Small Schools Grant	52,554	52,554	
Interest Income	2,300	1,325	
Transportation Aid	28,025	27,908	
Hold Harmless Construction Aid	10,290	-	
Fund Balance	37,104	4,967	
Total Estimated Receipts	(229,881)	(181,170)	
Estimated Education Spending	\$1,839,357	\$2,009,215	9.23%
<u>Estimated Education Spending Revenue to State:</u>			
Estimated Total Equalized Grand List	\$1,041,769	\$1,190,750	14.30%
Estimated Equalized Homestead Grand List	n/a	\$877,940	
Anticipated Equalized Homestead Tax Rate**	\$2.2222	\$1.7710	-20.30%
Estimated Homestead Taxes to be Raised	n/a	\$1,554,832	
Estimated Equalized Non-Residential Grand List	n/a	\$312,810	
Anticipated Equalized Non-Residential Tax Rate	n/a	\$1.59	
Estimated Non-Residential Taxes to be Raised:	n/a	\$497,368	
Education Property Tax Raised with Act 60	\$2,315,019	n/a	
Estimated Education Spending Revenue to State	\$475,662	\$42,985	-90.96%

A change in education funding formulas occurred for FY 2005. Act 60 was in effect during FY 2004, and Act 68 takes effect in FY 2005. Changes to Act 68 were pending in the legislature at the time of publication of this report.

* Technical Center base payments are sent by State directly to Technical Center

** Anticipated Equalized Homestead Tax Rate has been adjusted from \$1.10 homestead tax rate for spending over \$6,800 per pupil. This is the rate estimated to be paid if property assessments are at 100% of fair market value as determined by the state.

CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT

<u>Amount of Original Note</u>	<u>Indebtedness July 1, 2004</u>	<u>Principal Payment 2004-05</u>	<u>Interest Payment 2004-05</u>	<u>Indebtedness July 1, 2005</u>
Roof Replacement June, 1983 \$123,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$262	\$15,000

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & THE UNION HIGH SCHOOL

	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>
Elementary	\$719,948	\$803,344	\$874,146	\$928,677
High School	\$1,031,442	\$1,012,386	\$1,005,185	\$896,380
Vocational	\$42,821	\$59,038	\$64,106	\$54,620

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

2002-03	Elementary Average Daily Membership	100.30
2002-03	Elementary Per Pupil Cost	\$9,259
2002-03	High School Average Daily Membership	88.03
2002-03	High School Per Pupil Cost	\$10,183
2002-03	Vocational Average Daily Membership	7.30
2002-03	Vocational Per Pupil Cost	\$7,482

AUDIT

We are meeting the requirements of Title 16 V.S.A. Section 563 (17) requiring School Boards to employ public accountants to audit their financial statements at least every three years. Cornwall's FY 2002 records were audited and the audit report is available at the offices of the Superintendent and Town Clerk.

CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2002-03 FUND BALANCE

REVENUE

Property Taxes	1,897,281	
State Aid - Small Schools Grant	54,408	
State Aid - Transportation	24,298	
State Aid - Holdharmless Debt	12,383	
Interest Income	2,321	
Special Education	192,108	
Gilligan Donations	15,872	
Miscellaneous	229	
Total Revenue		\$2,198,900

EXPENSES

Regular Programs	356,364	
Special Education	191,149	
Shared Personnel	47,003	
Guidance	12,410	
Health Service	11,442	
Media Services	46,792	
Board of Education	13,140	
ACSU Assessment	34,965	
Special Ed Assessment	4,406	
Principal's Office	94,897	
Operations & Maintenance	54,221	
Transportation	51,683	
Food Service	3,180	
Debt Service	7,025	
UD #3 Assessment	951,000	
Total Expenses		(\$1,879,677)

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Gilligan Fund	10,966	
Special Ed Transfer Account	80,855	
Payment to the Education Fund (ACT 60)	217,524	
Total Special Accounts Expenses		(\$309,345)

CORNWALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2002-03 FUND BALANCE

(continued)

Excess Revenue over Expenses	\$9,878
Beginning Balance July 1, 2002	79,804
Ending Balance June 30, 2003	\$89,682

Note: The Fund Balance is reserved as follows:

Gilligan Fund	\$6,319	
Education Reserve Account	\$40,670	
Bus Fund	\$622	
2003-04 Tax Reduction	\$37,104	
Uncommitted Fund Balance		\$4,967

AUDIT

Title 16 V.S.A. Section 563 (17) requires school boards to employ public accountants to audit their financial statements at least every three years. Cornwall records were audited for FY '02 and will be audited next for FY '05.

Three Prior Years Comparisons

District: **Cornwall**
County: **Addison**

LEA: **053**
S.U.: **Addison Central**

Expenditures

Budget (local budget approved in prior years)
82% of base payment per FTE paid by the State on behalf of the district
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)
Deficit (if included in local budget)
+ Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years
+ 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting
+ 2. Separately warned article passed at town meeting
+ 3. Separately warned article passed at town meeting
- Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")

Act 68 local adopted budget

+ Union school assessment
+ Deficit if not included in budget or revenues
+ Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)

Gross Act 68 Budget

Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")

Revenues

+ Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)
+ Capital debt aid
+ Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)
- Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures
- Act 144 revenues

Total revenues

- Fund raising (if any)

Adjusted local revenues

Education Spending (Act 68 definition)

Equalized Pupils

Education Spending per Equalized Pupil

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

District spending adjustment
(\$10,948 / \$6,800)

Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized
(161.000% x \$1.10)

Household Income Percentage for Income sensitivity
(161.000% x 2.0%)

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	
1.	928,576	978,515	1,061,470	1,153,061	1.
2.	38,956	39,370	43,025	38,084	2.
3.				50,648	3.
4.					4.
5.	48,596	44,639	42,413		5.
6.					6.
7.					7.
8.					8.
9.					9.
10.	977,172	1,023,154	1,103,883	1,153,061	10.
11.	1,005,184	896,380	965,355	1,037,324	11.
12.					12.
13.					13.
14.	1,982,356	1,919,534	2,069,238	2,190,385	14.
15.					15.
16.	208,820	182,755	219,591	181,170	16.
17.	14,749	12,383	10,290		17.
18.					18.
19.					19.
20.					20.
21.	223,569	195,138	229,881	181,170	21.
22.					22.
23.	223,569	195,138	229,881	181,170	23.
24.	1,758,787	1,724,396	1,839,357	2,009,215	24.
25.	189,53	182,90	176,50	183,52	25.
26.	9,280	9,428	10,421	10,948	26.
27.					27.
28.				10,948	28.
29.				161.000%	29.
30.				\$1,771	30.
31.				3.22%	31.

ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
PROPOSED 2004-05 BUDGET

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	
	Spent	Budget	Proposed	
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>				
Salaries	523,460	557,600	594,284	
Health Insurance	86,156	112,580	112,700	
Social Security	37,453	41,600	44,659	
Life Insurance	2,032	2,250	2,310	
Retirement	13,002	16,300	16,310	
Workers Compensation	954	950	1,045	
Unemployment	928	0	500	
Dental	8,540	9,160	9,670	
Disability	1,852	2,125	2,359	
Inservice	890	1,100	1,100	
Audit	924	1,050	1,160	
Professional Services	7,323	7,800	7,800	
Legal	176	1,000	1,000	
Payroll Service	1,792	1,900	1,900	
CO Equipment Repairs	587	1,632	1,700	
Business Office Computer Support	5,384	5,450	6,250	
Copier Lease	6,911	9,500	9,500	
Postage Meter Rental	1,200	1,250	1,250	
Telephone	11,912	13,775	14,464	
Postage	6,806	7,700	7,700	
Advertising	1,521	1,700	1,700	
ACSU Schools Report	1,071	1,700	1,200	
Star Awards	1,263	1,000	1,200	
Staff Mileage Reimbursement	7,794	6,572	6,901	
Office Supplies	11,733	12,500	13,000	
Books	879	1,500	1,500	
Central Office Software	1,450	1,500	1,500	
Business Office Equipment (AS400)	5,736	5,740	6,027	
Central Office Equipment	6,474	5,000	6,015	
Conferences & Dues	10,056	14,000	14,000	
Technology Equipment Repairs	1,625	1,050	1,103	
Technology Supplies	208	840	882	
Technology Office Software	1,373	2,000	2,100	
Technology Office Equipment	10,261	12,000	12,600	
Miscellaneous	2,360	2,500	2,500	
Superintendent Search	12,356	0	0	
Contingency	0	1,000	1,000	
Total Administrative	794,442	865,324	910,889	5.3%

ADDISON CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION
PROPOSED 2004-05 BUDGET

Continued

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	
	Spent	Budget	Proposed	
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>				
Salary	6,110	6,085	7,493	
Social Security	467	465	573	
Monitoring System	120	130	137	
Workers Compensation	200	200	220	
Water & Sewer	647	550	700	
Trash Removal	938	945	1,013	
Maintenance	480	3,500	3,640	
Building Upgrade	4,500	2,000	2,000	
Building Rent	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Property/Liability Insurance	750	871	915	
Supplies	1,085	800	1,140	
Furniture	500	500	500	
Electricity	9,068	9,241	9,615	
Total Maintenance	28,865	29,287	31,946	9.1%
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$823,307	 \$894,611	 \$942,833	 5.4%
Less Prior Year Fund Balance		(10,000)	(32,100)	
Less Grant Administration Fees		(15,000)	(15,000)	
Assessments		\$869,611	\$895,733	3.0%

**ESTIMATED ACSU ASSESSMENTS
BASED ON PROPOSED 2004-05 BUDGET**

	Professional Count	% of ACSU Budget	2004-05 ACSU Assessment	2003-04 ACSU Assessment	ACSU Incr/(decr)	2004-05 Special Ed Assessment	2003-04 Special Ed Assessment	Special Ed Incr/(decr)	Total Assess Incr/(dec)
Bridport	14.65	6.15%	\$55,093	\$57,904	(\$2,811)	\$7,653	\$7,213	\$440	(\$2,371)
Cornwall	11.80	4.95%	\$44,375	\$38,062	\$6,313	\$6,172	\$4,744	\$1,428	\$7,741
ID#4	43.53	18.28%	\$163,697	\$168,373	(\$4,676)	\$22,755	\$20,967	\$1,788	(\$2,888)
UD#3	127.90	53.70%	\$480,978	\$468,538	\$12,440	\$55,368	\$58,353	(\$2,985)	\$9,455
Ripton	6.45	2.71%	\$24,256	\$22,548	\$1,708	\$3,380	\$2,805	\$575	\$2,283
Salisbury	13.58	5.70%	\$51,069	\$41,237	\$9,832	\$7,099	\$5,133	\$1,966	\$11,798
Shoreham	12.43	5.22%	\$46,744	\$44,989	\$1,755	\$6,500	\$5,599	\$901	\$2,656
Weybridge	7.85	3.30%	\$29,521	\$27,960	\$1,561	\$4,115	\$3,487	\$628	\$2,189
TOTALS	238.19	100%	\$895,733	\$869,611	\$26,122	\$113,042	\$108,301	\$4,741	\$30,863

ACSU SPECIAL EDUCATION 2004-2005 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

	2002-2003 Spent	Approved 2003-2004 Budget	Proposed 2004-2005 Budget	Proposed 2004-2005 Assessment
Salaries	183,130	198,247	205,608	73,145
Health Insurance	35,604	42,867	48,199	14,993
Social Security	14,092	15,166	15,729	5,596
Life Insurance	718	1,111	1,171	443
Retirement	3,872	5,706	5,062	1,588
Workers Comp	92	100	104	37
Dental	3,584	3,764	4,292	1,341
Disability	707	873	822	293
Audit	1,092	1,400	1,400	225
Payroll Services	1,376	1,430	1,600	1,600
Legal Fees	3,825	1,150	2,400	2,400
Equipment Repair	2,771	2,650	3,000	3,000
Postage	896	875	925	925
Telephone	1,816	1,394	1,259	1,100
Advertising	2,392	2,200	1,600	456
Travel	1,703	1,700	1,875	-
Office Supplies	3,197	4,176	4,200	2,500
Equipment	720	5,380	2,000	2,000
Conferences & Dues	1,293	934	1,400	1,400
Total Special Ed Budget	262,880	291,123	302,646	
Less: Revenue Resources		(182,822)	(189,604)	
Special Ed Assessments		108,301	113,042	113,042 (4.4% Inc.)

ACSU SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS

	Percent of Teacher Count	2003-2004 Assessment	Proposed 2004-2005 Assessment	Dollar Difference
Bridport	6.77%	7,213	7,653	440
Cornwall	5.46%	4,744	6,172	1,428
ID#4	20.13%	20,967	22,755	1,788
UD#3	48.98%	58,353	55,368	(2,985)
Ripton	2.99%	2,805	3,380	575
Salisbury	6.28%	5,133	7,099	1,966
Shoreham	5.75%	5,599	6,500	901
Weybridge	3.64%	3,487	4,115	628
Total	100%	108,301	113,042	4,741

Note: Technical supported added after budget was approved. Cost will be \$2,043

Town School District Meeting

March 3, 2003

Following the town meeting, the school meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by board chair Stu Johnson.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for a term of one year.

John Roberts nominated Cynthia Tall, who was elected by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town School District will approve the sum of \$1,007,563 to defray current expenses of the Town School District for the ensuing year and to pay outstanding orders and obligations.

Lisa Roberts moved the article and it was seconded. Susan Brande opposes the article since she feels the budget is too high. Stu Johnson said that many of the items are not under the control of the local board. Junius Calitri pointed out that a six-town contract recently has been renogiated. While we are now paying 100% for health insurance, the teachers will pay more next year and will continue to increase their contribution. Two Cornwall school students, Meg Young and Alex Sears, expressed their opinions. The article was approved by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3: To transact any other business proper to come before said meeting. Upon completion of the transaction of the aforesaid business, or upon adjournment of the aforesaid meeting for any other purpose, said meeting shall be reconvened on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at the Cornwall Town Hall for the purpose of voting on the following business of the Town School District by Australian Ballot.

Polls will be Open 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

ARTICLE 4: One Town School Director for a period of three years.

ARTICLE 5: One Town School Director for a period of two years.

Under Article 3, Jordan Young announced that Stu Johnson is leaving the board and he was given a round of applause for his services.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Joan Payne, Clerk

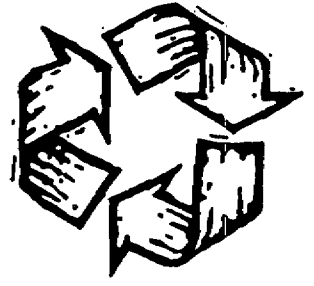
Services Available to Cornwall Residents

ADDISON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP, INC. Provides emergency service, dental care, affordable housing	388-3608
ADDISON COUNTY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE, INC. Provides home health care.	388-7259
ADDISON COUNTY PARENT/CHILD CENTER Provides education and support for young families.	388-3171
CHAMPLAIN VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING Provides social and nutritional services for older residents.	865-0360 1-800-642-5119
COUNSELING SERVICE OF ADDISON COUNTY Provides mental health care to town residents.	388-6751
ELDERLY SERVICES Project Independence (adult day care), Alzheimer's support group.	388-3983
HOSPICE VOLUNTEER SERVICES Provides hospice volunteer support to people with terminal illness.	388-4111
JOHN GRAHAM EMERGENCY SHELTER Provides shelter for the homeless.	877-2048
MARY JOHNSON CHILDREN'S CENTER Provides pre-school daycare.	388-2853
MIDDLEBURY VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION Provides pre-hospital emergency service.	(Emergency) 388-3333
OPEN DOOR CLINIC Provides free clinic for uninsured or under-insured.	388-0137
RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM Provides opportunities for volunteering services to organizations.	388-7044
VERMONT ADULT LEARNING Provides help in obtaining high school diploma, GED, or pre-college training	388-4392
WOMENSAFE, INC. Provides counseling, support, and legal advocacy to women who have been battered and/or sexually abused.	388-4205

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