

**217th  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TOWN OFFICERS**



**READSBORO, VERMONT  
2003  
INCLUDING  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD**

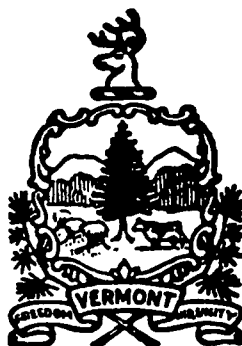
**Warner W. Wheeler**  
**1916-2003**  
**Transfer Station Operator**

This Town report is dedicated in memory of the late Warner Wheeler for his many years of service to the Town of Readsboro. Warner served the Town as Transfer Station Operator from 1990 to 2003 up until the time of his death on December 26, 2003. Mr. Wheeler was an asset to the Town of Readsboro; he was dedicated to his job for which he gave the last years of his life. His understanding, kindness and courage were remarkable. Warner worked in all types of weather, the only day he requested off was Easter Sunday. Mr. Wheeler worked for forty-seven years at the former Deerfield Glassine Company. He also worked for the Readsboro Cemetery Department and as a fireman at the former Chair Factory in Readsboro. He was a life long resident of our community. He will be missed and his death will be mourned by many for a long time.

Readsboro Selectboard

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**AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**AND**  
**ANNUAL EXHIBIT OF THE FINANCES**  
**TOWN OF READSBORO**  
**VERMONT**



**For the Year Ending**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2003**

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## Town Officers

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### MODERATOR

Robert Tool - 1 Year

### TOWN CLERK

Deborah Calnan - 2005

### TOWN TREASURER

Deborah Calnan - 2005

### SELECTBOARD

Teddy Hopkins

Term Expires 2004

Lee Bolognani

Term Expires 2005

Stephen Hartman

Term Expires 2006

### DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

David Switz, Jr. - 1 Year

### LISTERS

Holly Caruso

Term Expires 2004

Arthur Passardi

Term Expires 2005

Frank Goodermote

Term Expires 2006

### TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cynthia Candiloro

Term Expires 2004

Priscilla Margola

Term Expires 2005

Helyn Strom-Henriksen

Term Expires 2006

Mary Angus - Chairperson

Term Expires 2007

Barbara Birch

Term Expires 2008

### AUDITORS

Elizabeth Rugar

Term Expires 2004

Kathy Nichols

Term Expires 2005

Joanne Birch

Term Expires 2006

### JUSTICES OF THE PEACE - 2 Years

Arthur Passardi

Thomas Dente

Betty Bolognani

Robert Tool

Donald King

**CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Betty Bolognani	Term Expires 2004
Arne Strom-Henriksen, Resigned,	
Robert Scott, Appointed	Term Expires 2005
Thomas Maroni	Term Expires 2006
Viola Caruso	Term Expires 2007
Priscilla Margola	Term Expires 2008

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

Readsboro Selectboard

**GRAND JUROR**

Donald King - 1 year

**TOWN AGENT**

Donald King - 1 year

**UNITED STATES SENATORS**

Patrick J. Leahy

James M. Jeffords

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

Philip Bartlett - Dover

**STATE SENATORS**

Mark Shepard  
Bennington, VT

Dick Sears  
Bennington, VT

**UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE**

Bernard Sanders

**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTBOARD**

Fence Viewers	Barry Howes
	Anthony Caruso, Jr.
	Donald King
Inspector of Coal & Lumber	Anthony Caruso, Jr.
Tree Warden	Tim Bolognani, Resigned
	Michael Boisvert, Appointed
Fire Warden 6/01 - 6/06	Michael Massari
Memorial Day Committee	American Legion
Energy Coordinator	Selectboard
Zoning Administrator	Rodney Salamone
Pound Keeper	Carl Moon
Emergency Management	Rick Noel, Resigned
	Bruce Lescarbeau, Appointed
Health Officer (Appointed by State) 1/02 - 1/05	Ellen Comai
Sanitation Engineer	Richard Codogni
Representative to Library Superboard	Phil Jillson

Rep. to Windham Solid Waste Mgmt. District  
 Program 911 Coordinator  
 Windham Reg. Planning Commission

James Damato  
 Kenneth LeQuier  
 Priscilla Margola  
 John Whitman

### PLANNING BOARD

Mary Angus - 2006, Resigned  
 Eunice Crowell - 2004  
 Gig Zboray - 2006

Rodney Salamone - 2005  
 Norma Abel, Appointed - 2005  
 John Whitman - 2007

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 1 Year Term

Jody Berard  
 Joyce Dix

Eunice Crowell  
 Priscilla Margola

### SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Bruce Busa  
 Lawrence Hopkins  
 Edward Femenella

Term Expires 2004  
 Term Expires 2005  
 Term Expires 2006



*This is the culvert replaced  
 by the town crew at the  
 intersection of Ross and  
 Howe Pond Road in the  
 summer of 2003.*



## **Warning for Town Meeting March 1st & 2nd, 2004**

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The legal voters of the Town and Town School District of Readsboro, Vermont are hereby notified to meet at the School Auditorium in the Town of Readsboro on Monday, March 1st, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. to act on the articles of the Town and School Warrants.

The meeting will then be adjourned until 10:00 A.M. o'clock on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at which time ballot boxes open for Australian Ballot.

Ballot boxes close at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

## **Town Warrant**

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ARTICLE 1: To hear the report of the Town officers and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2: (BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT) to elect all officers required by law to be elected at said March 2nd, 2004 Town meeting.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to pay the County tax from the General Fund this year.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 510,370.00 or any other sum to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town of Readsboro.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 or any other sum for the Bridge Fund.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,652.00 to go towards the cost of the paid person for the Whitingham Ambulance Service.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters authorize the Town to create a reserve gravel fund not to exceed \$15,000.00 per year.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 or any other amount toward Readsboro's 4th of July celebration scheduled for July 3rd, 2004. (ARTICLE PETITIONED).



ARTICLE 9: (A) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,910.00 or any other sum for the operation and maintenance of the Readsboro Fire Department. (ARTICLE PETITIONED).

ARTICLE 9: (B) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 or any other sum, for the Fire Department Truck Replacement Fund. Said money and interest not to be expended without the vote of the townspeople at a duly warned special or annual town meeting. (ARTICLE PETITIONED).

ARTICLE 10: To see what action the Town will take in regard to the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectboard and treasurer to borrow money for current expenses in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to acquire by gift or purchase land for Municipal Forest to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices.

ARTICLE 13: To transact any other business that legally comes before the meeting.

DATED AT READSBORO, in the County of Bennington and State of Vermont this 27th day of January, 2004.

TEDDY HOPKINS, Chairperson  
LEE BOLOGNANI  
STEPHEN HARTMAN  
Readsboro's Board of Selectmen

## Report of the Selectboard

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Early into the 2003 year a complaint from an industrial rate user against the Readsboro Electric Department was brought to the attention of the Public Service Board. That complaint (Docket 6807) has been answered in full by the Town, at a cost close to \$4600, and we are awaiting a decision soon.

In February a grant was applied for from VTrans and received (\$58,500) to offset the costs associated with the refurbishing of Bridge #5 located by the Community Club.

New computers units were purchased for the Town Clerk, Utility Clerk and Listers. These units consist of the current updates as well as extra storage capability for future needs.

The Selectboard signed an agreement (February 26, 2003) with Alpenwald Village Inc. concerning the association's fees levied against any current or future Town owned Alpenwald lots.

Shortly after the March 2003 Town Meeting and with the assistance of Priscilla Margola, Readsboro's co-representative to Windham Regional Commission, the Town received a small grant for electronically recording the locations of highways, bridges and culverts.

In late March the Readsboro Electrical Department was fined by the Public Service Board a total of \$917 for the billing of improper rates associated with Town owned units/structures.

An "electrical class cost of service study" (akin to a general reappraisal of real estate) was performed and implemented as per order of the Public Service Board. As a result of this study and order the industrial electrical rate was lowered by 25.69%, the commercial rate was lowered by 15.45%, the residential rate was increased by 6.36% and the street lighting rate was increased by 6.11%.

The Readsboro Electric Department purchased three (3) additional shares of VELCO stock @\$100/share making a total of 52 shares currently owned.

On May 6, 2003 a joint agreement with VTrans concerning the winter maintenance of Rue Madeline Road (T.H. #50) was finalized. The Town re-assumed responsibility for winter road work in exchange for 75 yards of winter sand per year provided by VTrans to a location of the Town's choice.

The summer of 2003 highway project was directed at Freezing Hole and Collins Drives. These roads were widened and dangerous trees and boulders removed. It is hopeful that in the near future the electrical department can relocate the utility lines along these roads to allow for easy access and repair.

In August the Selectboard approved the purchase of a John Deere tractor with roadside mower and eight (8) foot snowblower for a cost of \$74,750. The unit is scheduled to arrive in January 2004.

A large diameter culvert was replaced at the intersection of Ross & Howe Pond Roads. The cost of this project was defrayed in part by a \$2895 grant received from "Better Back Roads".

A portion of Howe Pond Road was discontinued and the new portion of highway was officially opened.

The Selectboard adopted the proposed parking ordinance and the effective date was October 25, 2003.

In early November, during mild weather, the final coat of blacktop was applied on Bosley Hill stretching from the Whitingham line to the Community Club Bridge #5.

Lastly, in December 2003 the semi final plans for Bridge #32 (Tunnel Street) and preliminary plans for Bridge #31 (by Dente's store) were received and reviewed.

Once again the Selectboard would like to thank all of the public servants who assisted the Town in its operation. It can only be through joint efforts that the way to the future will be paved.

2003 Readsboro Selectboard

## 2004 Selectboard Budget Summary Main Article Only

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2004 Budget:	\$701,520
2004 Anticipated revenue:	\$191,150

2004 R & A:	\$510,370
2003 R & A:	\$543,126

2004 R & A decrease:	\$32,756
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Actual voted 2003 R & A	= \$571,626
**Total projected 2004 R & A	= \$588,932
Increase	= \$17,306

\*\* If all articles are voted as written



*Selectman Stephen Hartman tending the clam chowder at the Lion's Club pig roast.*

## Statement of Taxes Raised 2003

Real Estate & Personal Property			
\$47,615,136.00 @ 0.01	=	\$ 476,151.36	
Total Municipal Assessed & Billed			
\$476,151.36 @ \$1.2078			\$ 575,086.31
Education Grand List			
\$47,780,078.00 @ 0.01	=	477,800.78	
\$512,974.00 - \$477,800.78	=	1.0737	
\$125,981.00 - \$477,800.78	=	<u>0.2637</u>	
Total school rate		1.3374	
			635,757.93
	Fractional Difference		<u>0.00</u>
	Total		<b>\$1,210,844.24</b>
<b>* Above or Beyond Grand List:</b>			
Fish & Wildlife		38.00	
BCA Adjustments		<u>(20.37)</u>	
Total Adjustments		17.63	
			<u>17.63</u>
<b>Total Taxes</b>			<b>\$1,210,861.87</b>

### TAXES ACCOUNTED FOR:

Town Treasurer	\$1,014,996.63
2002 credits applied to 2003 taxes	54.83
BCA adjustment	(20.37)
Delinquents	<u>195,830.78</u>
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,210,861.87</b>

### TOWN PROPERTY TAX RATE

General Fund & Highway	1.2078
School	<u>1.3374</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.5452</b>

## Comparative Budget Report

	GENERAL		
	Budget FY-2003	Actual FY-2003	Budget FY-2004
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>			
<b>Taxes</b>			
Curr. Property Taxes	\$543,126.00	\$1,014,996.63	\$510,370.00
Curr. Prop. Tax Pd. Late	0.00	159,431.83	0.00
Curr. Tax Pd. Late Interest	1,000.00	2,484.37	1,000.00
Del. Property Taxes	25,000.00	47,628.41	0.00
Del. Property Tax Interest	5,000.00	11,538.79	5,000.00
Sale of Lots	<u>11,000.00</u>	<u>2,900.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b><u>\$585,126.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,238,980.03</u></b>	<b><u>\$516,870.00</u></b>
<b>Interest</b>			
Investment Interest	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 60,000.00
Additional Savings Interest	3,000.00	161.96	1,000.00
MM Plus Interest	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,160.06</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b><u>\$ 67,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,322.02</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 65,000.00</u></b>
<b>Services</b>			
Dog Licenses	\$ 600.00	\$ 739.00	\$ 600.00
Dog Fines	50.00	50.00	50.00
Use of Copier	150.00	363.25	200.00
Liquor Licenses	250.00	250.00	250.00
Zoning Permits	1,500.00	2,657.00	2,000.00
Warehouse Rental	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Use of Fax Machine	150.00	165.00	150.00
KGB Rental	<u>300.00</u>	<u>337.50</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<b>Total Services</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,061.75</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,050.00</u></b>
<b>Solid Waste</b>			
Tipping Fees	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 14,200.20	\$ 12,200.00
Car Stickers	2,300.00	2,410.00	2,300.00
Trash Bags	<u>100.00</u>	<u>87.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,400.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 16,697.20</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 14,600.00</u></b>

	<u>Budget FY-2003</u>	<u>Actual FY-2003</u>	<u>Budget FY-2004</u>
<b>Other</b>			
General Reimbursements	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,806.73	\$ 3,000.00
Fire Dept. Heating Reimb.	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Howe Timber Sales	0.00	1,275.00	10,200.00
Rev. from Machinery Sink	72,000.00	70,887.75	0.00
Reimbursement Postage	0.00	82.90	0.00
Rev. From Revaluation	0.00	4,122.00	0.00
Rev. From Other Govts.	64,000.00	98,383.18	80,000.00
Misc.	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>8,033.17</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
<b>Total Other</b>	<b><u>\$147,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 185,590.73</u></b>	<b><u>\$100,200.00</u></b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$818,026.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,451,651.73</u></b>	<b><u>\$701,720.00</u></b>

**EXPENDITURES****Selectmen**

Selectmen Salaries	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 5,000.00
Selectmen's Special Meet	500.00	345.00	500.00
Selectmen's Clerk Salaries	1,500.00	1,256.18	1,500.00
FICA	400.00	399.97	400.00
MEDI	100.00	93.63	100.00
Selectmen's Projects	5,000.00	3,442.50	10,000.00
Town Agent	100.00	30.00	100.00
Travel Expenses	<u>100.00</u>	<u>108.80</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Selectmen</b>	<b><u>\$ 12,700.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 10,376.08</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 17,700.00</u></b>

**Clerk**

Clerk Salaries	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 8,877.70	\$ 10,000.00
Asst. Clerk Salaries	1,500.00	1,208.92	1,500.00
Ballot Clerks Salaries	600.00	150.00	300.00
BCA Member	300.00	180.00	300.00
Moderator Salaries	80.00	40.00	80.00
Town Agent	0.00	15.00	0.00
Dog Officer	525.00	525.00	525.00
FICA	1,100.00	1,261.24	1,300.00
MEDI	300.00	295.04	350.00
Retirement	800.00	1,168.18	1,000.00
Travel Expenses	200.00	129.15	200.00
Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,553.31	2,500.00
Postage & Envelopes	1,700.00	1,843.02	1,700.00
Printed Forms	50.00	0.00	100.00

	<b>Budget FY-2003</b>	<b>Actual FY-2003</b>	<b>Budget FY-2004</b>
Town Meeting Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	1,714.46	1,500.00
Office Equipment	2,500.00	1,278.50	2,000.00
Dog Expense	200.00	219.82	200.00
Telecommunications	2,100.00	1,350.41	1,400.00
Professional Services	5,000.00	3,779.75	4,500.00
Training	1,000.00	695.00	1,000.00
Membership Dues	1,000.00	792.00	800.00
Spec. Meeting - Selectmen	0.00	150.00	0.00
Equipment Repair	500.00	0.00	500.00
Copier Contract	2,000.00	2,127.45	2,000.00
Restoration of Records	2,000.00	4,882.00	2,000.00
Misc.	500.00	269.99	500.00
<b>Total Clerk</b>	<b>\$ 37,455.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,505.94</b>	<b>\$ 36,255.00</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>			
Treasurers Salaries	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,332.50	\$ 10,500.00
Auditors Salaries	1,100.00	899.99	1,100.00
FICA	700.00	1,601.96	700.00
MEDI	200.00	391.23	200.00
Retirement	500.00	640.07	525.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield - VT	9,200.00	8,552.77	11,200.00
Bank & Check Charges	100.00	365.99	100.00
Misc.	0.00	32.00	100.00
<b>Total Treasurer</b>	<b>\$ 22,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,816.51</b>	<b>\$ 24,425.00</b>
<b>Listers</b>			
Listers Salaries	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,337.06	\$ 8,000.00
FICA	300.00	454.91	500.00
MEDI	100.00	106.40	150.00
Travel Expenses	200.00	255.50	300.00
Postage & Envelopes	200.00	80.70	100.00
Office Supplies	400.00	370.01	500.00
Office Equipment	400.00	3,145.00	500.00
Contracted Services	1,500.00	1,834.04	1,500.00
Telephone	200.00	200.33	300.00
Professional Services	300.00	889.71	500.00
Training	0.00	190.00	300.00
Misc.	400.00	270.00	300.00
Revaluation Tax Maps	0.00	54.08	0.00
<b>Total Listers</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,187.74</b>	<b>\$ 12,950.00</b>



	<b>Budget FY-2003</b>	<b>Actual FY-2003</b>	<b>Budget FY-2004</b>
<b>Zoning &amp; Planning</b>			
FICA	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.60	\$ 80.00
MED	20.00	18.85	20.00
Sanitation Officer	0.00	500.00	0.00
Zoning Administrator	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Zoning Miscellaneous	100.00	63.00	100.00
Zoning Brd. Of Adjustments	200.00	195.64	200.00
Planning Commission	200.00	58.94	200.00
911 Project	250.00	0.00	50.00
Beautification Fund	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Zoning &amp; Planning</b>	<b>\$ 2,245.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,217.03</b>	<b>\$ 2,050.00</b>
<b>911 Co-ordinator</b>			
911 Co-ordinator	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
FICA	0.00	0.00	7.00
MEDI	0.00	0.00	3.00
<b>Total 911 Co-ordinator</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 110.00</b>
<b>Police</b>			
Contracted Services	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,702.10	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Total Police</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,702.10</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
<b>Misc. Other</b>			
Electricity (Streets)	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,195.33	\$ 5,500.00
Electricity (Lions Park)	550.00	581.00	600.00
Historical Society	100.00	92.67	100.00
Sewer	200.00	214.56	225.00
Historical Society	125.00	108.00	125.00
Bandstand	150.00	167.05	175.00
Windham Reg. Planning	1,125.00	1,125.00	1,125.00
<b>Total Misc. Other</b>	<b>\$ 7,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,483.61</b>	<b>\$ 7,850.00</b>
<b>Ballfield</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 125.46</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>
Health Officer	250.00	225.00	225.00
FICA	20.00	13.95	20.00
MED	5.00	3.26	5.00
<b>Total General</b>	<b>\$ 97,625.00</b>	<b>\$100,656.68</b>	<b>\$107,715.00</b>

	<u>Budget FY-2003</u>	<u>Actual FY-2003</u>	<u>Budget FY-2004</u>
<b>HIGHWAY</b>			
<b>Winter Roads</b>			
Winter Road Salaries	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 67,150.41	\$ 55,000.00
FICA	4,100.00	5,017.84	3,500.00
MEDI	1,000.00	1,173.53	800.00
Retirement	3,000.00	4,021.65	2,500.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield -VT	20,000.00	14,222.14	15,000.00
Travel Expense	50.00	0.00	50.00
Outside Equipment	500.00	77.20	500.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	7,975.00	1,000.00
Uniforms	700.00	608.35	700.00
Road Sand	10,000.00	25,575.44	20,000.00
Road Salt	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,102.54</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
<b>Total Winter Roads</b>	<b><u>\$110,350.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$130,924.10</u></b>	<b><u>\$106,050.00</u></b>
<b>Winter Garage</b>			
Office Supplies	\$ 250.00	\$ 220.13	\$ 250.00
Supplies/Garage	2,500.00	1,576.08	2,000.00
Telephone	700.00	640.15	700.00
Electricity	1,300.00	1,299.93	1,300.00
Sewer	250.00	223.95	250.00
Water	<u>100.00</u>	<u>90.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Winter Garage</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,100.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,050.24</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,600.00</u></b>
<b>Summer Roads</b>			
Summer Road Salaries	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 69,698.26	\$ 70,000.00
Summer Help Salaries	2,000.00	1,762.51	2,000.00
FICA	5,300.00	3,576.02	4,500.00
MEDI	1,300.00	836.43	1,100.00
Retirement	4,000.00	4,383.37	3,500.00
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	24,000.00	19,248.94	22,000.00
Property-Comp.-Liab. Ins.	33,600.00	37,723.06	30,000.00
Travel-Summer Highway	250.00	37.10	150.00
Postage-Highway	25.00	8.75	25.00
Professional Services	1,500.00	331.25	1,000.00
Outside Equipment	5,500.00	5,628.50	5,500.00
New Equipment	72,000.00	0.00	0.00
Uniforms	1,200.00	698.50	1,000.00
Lawn Mowing	100.00	0.00	100.00

	<b>Budget FY-2003</b>	<b>Actual FY-2003</b>	<b>Budget FY-2004</b>
Road Materials	65,000.00	56,259.23	65,000.00
Gravel	15,000.00	30,920.35	15,000.00
Stone	0.00	1,133.00	0.00
Bridge Repair	12,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Misc.	500.00	217.20	250.00
<b>Total Summer Roads</b>	<b><u>\$328,275.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$232,462.47</u></b>	<b><u>\$231,125.00</u></b>
<b>Summer Garage</b>			
Garage Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,599.16	\$ 3,500.00
Telephone	950.00	975.47	950.00
Electricity	700.00	591.84	700.00
Sewer	350.00	313.53	350.00
Water	150.00	126.00	150.00
Misc.	100.00	0.00	100.00
<b>Total Summer Garage</b>	<b><u>\$ 6,250.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,606.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,750.00</u></b>
<b>Special Projects Summer</b>			
Special Projects Summer	\$ 0.00	\$ 305.59	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Special Proj. Summer</b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 305.59</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>
<b>Fuels</b>			
Heating Oil	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,497.50	\$ 4,000.00
Gas	500.00	285.15	500.00
Diesel	12,000.00	11,477.33	14,000.00
<b>Total Fuels</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 14,259.98</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,500.00</u></b>
<b>Parts &amp; Supplies</b>			
Tr. #1/Parts & Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 405.55	\$ 2,000.00
Tr. #2/Parts & Supplies	500.00	0.00	0.00
Tr. #10/Parts & Supplies	1,000.00	496.75	500.00
Tr. #1/Plow	250.00	0.00	250.00
Tr. #2/Plow	500.00	0.00	0.00
Tr. #20/Plow	250.00	524.03	250.00
Tr. #21/Plow	500.00	0.00	500.00
Tr. #22/Plow	500.00	0.00	500.00
Tr. #20/Parts & Supplies	500.00	171.00	500.00
Tr. #21/Parts & Supplies	2,000.00	704.90	2,000.00
Tr. #22/Parts & Supplies	1,500.00	1,218.60	1,500.00

	<b>Budget FY-2003</b>	<b>Actual FY-2003</b>	<b>Budget FY-2004</b>
Backhoes/Parts & Supplies	3,000.00	341.31	3,000.00
Loaders/Parts & Supplies	1,000.00	691.40	1,000.00
Grader/Parts & Supplies	3,000.00	1,144.44	3,000.00
Chainsaws/Parts & Repairs	250.00	85.01	250.00
Mower/Parts & Supplies	150.00	384.42	150.00
Compressor/Parts & Sup.	250.00	0.00	250.00
Brush Cutter/Parts & Sup.	250.00	40.85	250.00
Chipper/Parts & Sup.	500.00	0.00	500.00
Supplies for Equipment	500.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Total Parts &amp; Supplies</b>	<b>\$ 18,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,208.26</b>	<b>\$ 16,900.00</b>
<b>Vendor Equipment Repairs</b>			
Tr#1/Repairs	\$ 0.00	\$ 330.14	\$ 0.00
Tr#21/Repairs	0.00	1,612.04	0.00
<b>Total Vendor Equip.Repairs</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,942.18</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Misc.	500.00	423.36	500.00
<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>\$485,375.00</b>	<b>\$395,182.18</b>	<b>\$383,425.00</b>
<b>Solid Waste</b>			
<b>Solid Waste Payroll</b>			
Solid Waste Salaries	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,388.12	\$ 9,500.00
FICA	675.00	513.97	675.00
MEDI	160.00	127.81	160.00
<b>Total Solid Waste Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 9,335.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,029.90</b>	<b>\$ 10,335.00</b>
Electricity	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,194.32	\$ 1,200.00
Professional Services	250.00	482.55	250.00
Container Rental & Pickup	32,000.00	26,868.50	30,000.00
WSWD Assessment	6,100.00	8,275.08	6,100.00
Repairs	500.00	1,405.00	1,500.00
Misc.	500.00	500.71	500.00
<b>Total Solid Waste</b>	<b>\$ 50,085.00</b>	<b>\$ 47,756.06</b>	<b>\$ 49,885.00</b>

	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY-2003</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2004</u>
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>			
<b>Readsboro Fire Dept.</b>			
Insurance Expense	\$ 3,445.00	\$ 3,432.00	\$ 2,200.00
Postage & Envelopes	50.00	0.00	50.00
Telephone	800.00	938.53	800.00
Electricity	800.00	616.47	800.00
Sewer	300.00	277.22	300.00
Water	100.00	108.81	100.00
Heating Oil	1,600.00	1,645.95	1,600.00
New Equipment	2,000.00	4,591.03	2,000.00
Training	500.00	0.00	500.00
Training Officer	1,200.00	949.00	1,200.00
Membership Dues	2,000.00	2,120.90	5,100.00
Gas	250.00	42.77	250.00
Diesel	600.00	125.40	600.00
Parts & Supplies	250.00	674.20	250.00
Repairs	200.00	854.40	200.00
Radio Repairs	1,500.00	1,235.83	1,500.00
Equipment Repairs	3,000.00	1,490.36	3,000.00
Misc.	250.00	0.00	250.00
<b>Total Readsboro Fire Dept.</b>	<b><u>\$ 18,845.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 19,102.87</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,700.00</u></b>
<b>Readsboro Library</b>			
Library Salaries	\$ 12,169.00	\$ 10,818.56	\$ 12,534.00
Programs	500.00	501.26	500.00
FICA	769.00	670.75	792.00
MEDI	180.00	156.86	209.00
Insurance	170.00	278.00	300.00
Travel	145.00	297.00	300.00
Office Supplies	353.00	284.57	300.00
Postage & Envelopes	125.00	124.00	125.00
Books	1,450.00	1,292.00	1,700.00
Periodicals	400.00	439.52	400.00
Telephone	625.00	528.52	425.00
Technology	0.00	0.00	100.00
Membership Dues	105.00	105.00	105.00
<b>Total Readsboro Library</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,991.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 15,496.04</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 17,790.00</u></b>

	<b>Budget FY-2003</b>	<b>Actual FY-2003</b>	<b>Budget FY-2004</b>
Machinery Replacement Fund	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 56,809.13	\$ 50,000.00
Bridge Repair Fund	25,000.00	23,519.94	0.00
Cemetery Approp.	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
County Tax	4,500.00	4,481.78	4,800.00
Appropriated Requests	1,000.00	3,700.00	1,000.00
Property Revaluation	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
Council on Aging	900.00	900.00	900.00
Home Health Nursing	1,825.00	1,825.00	1,825.00
Green Up Day	50.00	0.00	50.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
Vt. Center for Ind. Living	230.00	230.00	230.00
Vt. Assoc. for the Blind	300.00	300.00	300.00
Memorial Day	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Gathering Place	200.00	0.00	0.00
Benn/Rutl Opp. Council	0.00	0.00	500.00
Readsboro School	638,955.00	638,955.00	0.00
Sewer Bond Issue	18,000.00	17,600.00	18,000.00
Water Bond Issue	32,100.00	32,080.00	32,100.00
Misc. Appropriations	4,000.00	2,200.00	2,000.00
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$ 823,896.00</b>	<b>\$ 832,199.76</b>	<b>\$160,695.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,456,981.00</b>	<b>\$1,375,794.68</b>	<b>\$701,720.00</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>	<b>\$ 638,955.00</b>	<b>\$ 75,857.05</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>CEMETERY REVENUE</b>			
Interest Income	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 496.75	\$ 1,500.00
Rev From Savings	2,150.00	0.00	2,150.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	0.00	25.00	0.00
Tax Appropriation	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Cemetery Misc.	0.00	200.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 12,650.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,721.75</b>	<b>\$ 12,650.00</b>

	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY-2003</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2004</u>
<b>CEMETERIES EXPENDITURES</b>			
Office Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 57.06	\$ 0.00
Cemeteries in General	5,650.00	0.00	5,150.00
Materials Loam, Sand, Etc.	<u>0.00</u>	<u>532.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Cemeteries General</b>	<b>\$ <u>5,650.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>589.06</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>5,150.00</u></b>
<b>Village Cemetery</b>			
Contracted Services	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,360.00	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Total Village Cemetery</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,800.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,360.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>3,000.00</u></b>
<b>North Hill Cemetery</b>			
Contracted Services	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,561.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total North Hill Cemetery</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,400.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,561.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,500.00</u></b>
<b>South Hill Cemetery</b>			
Contracted Services - South	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,561.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total South Hill Cemetery</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,400.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,561.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,500.00</u></b>
<b>Heartwellville Cemetery</b>			
Contracted Services	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,579.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Heartwellville Cem.</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,400.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,579.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,500.00</u></b>
<b>Total Cemetery Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ <u>12,650.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>7,650.06</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>12,650.00</u></b>
<b>Total Cemetery</b>	<b>\$ <u>0.00</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,071.69</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>0.00</u></b>

**Auditors Note:** At the request of some voters at the 2003 Town Meeting, the Auditors have changed the placement of some of the financial statements within this report. We separated the Comparative Budget Report and the Balance Sheet for the Utilities from those of the General Accounts, Library and Cemeteries. It should be understood that the Utilities are not independent from Town funding. Taxpayers support certain utility Bond funding, for example.

We are interested in suggestions from Readsboro voters for inclusions, additions, and deletions to this report to make it more useful and more reader-friendly. Please forward your suggestions in care of the Town Office or to [readtown@sover.net](mailto:readtown@sover.net).

## Balance Sheet - General

Year End 2003

### ASSETS

Net GF Checking Balance	
BankNorth General Checking	\$ 30,205.97
Money Market Plus	729,186.19
Due From/To Other Funds	<u>-41,123.78</u>
<b>Total Net GF Checking Balance</b>	<b>718,268.38</b>
 Tax Sale Escrow	 64,663.42
Machinery Sinking Fund CD	2,512.50
Land Fill Closure/CD	7,737.93
Timber Sales - Howe Fund	4,499.01
Restoration Fund	2,920.73
Bridge CD #31 & 32 170-8943	79,587.00
Bridge CD #31 183-00-7021	26,283.51
Bridge CD #31 & 32 183-00	94,663.87
Re-Valuation CD	10,496.33
Fleet Inv Trust 34002881	<u>583,307.11</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,594,939.79</b>

### LIABILITIES

#### Short Term

Accounts Payable	-672.30
Tax Sale Escrow	-2,875.15
School Tax Appr.	-597,955.38
Restoration Fund	-2,948.73
Fica Payable	627.08
Medi Payable	146.66
Federal Payable	416.58
Prop Taxes Paid in Adv	-477.58
Bridge Rep 183-00-6969	-114,663.87
Clerk Fees	-378.00
Asst. Clerk Fees	-7.00
Del. Tax Collector	<u>-629.73</u>
<b>Total Short Term</b>	<b>-719,417.42</b>



**Long Term**

Land Fill Closure	-7,737.93
Bridge CD #31&32 170-8943	-79,587.00
Bridge CD #31 183-00-7021	-26,283.51
Machinery Sinking Fund CD	-32,512.50
Fleet Inv Trust 34002881	-583,307.11
Re-Valuation	-21,292.33
Planning Grant	-2,312.61
<b>Total Long Term</b>	<b><u>-753,032.99</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>-1,472,450.41</u></b>

**FUND BALANCE**

<b>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-46,632.33</u></b>
Fund Balance Current Year	<u>-75,857.05</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-122,489.38</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-1,594,939.79</u></b>

**CEMETERY****ASSETS**

Cemetery General Savings	7,250.62
Cemetery CD-183-00-	<u>28,336.46</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>35,587.08</u></b>

**LIABILITIES**

Sale of Cemetery Lots	-200.00
Cemetery CD 183-00-7028	<u>-25,304.21</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>-25,504.21</u></b>

**FUND BALANCE**

<b>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</b>	<b>-8,011.18</b>
Fund Balance Current Year	<u>-2,071.69</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-10,082.87</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities ,Reserves, Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-35,587.08</u></b>

**LIBRARY**

**ASSETS**

**Total Assets** **0.00**

**LIABILITIES**

Library Grant Telecommunications -989.98

**Total Liabilities** **-989.98**

**FUND BALANCE**

Fund Balance 989.98

**Total Fund Balance** **989.98**

**Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance** **0.00**

The Fund Balance is the remaining telecommunications grant.



*Father and daughter enjoying the Fishing Derby.*

## Comparative Budget Report - Utilities

	<b>ELECTRIC</b>		
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b><u>FY-2003</u></b>	<b><u>FY-2003</u></b>	<b><u>FY-2004</u></b>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>			
Special Dep Interest	\$ 100.00	\$ 26.70	\$ 25.00
Interest VELCO Stock	500.00	585.58	450.00
Current Meter Collection	220,000.00	227,699.92	230,000.00
Electric Meter Interest	200.00	593.91	500.00
Delinquent Meter Coll.	3,000.00	4,185.13	3,000.00
Bill-back	8,000.00	3,559.32	0.00
Dis./Rec. Charges	100.00	255.00	150.00
TV Pole Rent	500.00	492.48	500.00
Line Extensions	0.00	1,140.58	0.00
Elec. Reimbursements	0.00	1,858.50	0.00
Interest Elec. Line MM	300.00	116.18	100.00
Misc.	0.00	199.90	0.00
<b>Total Electric Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$ 232,700.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 240,713.20</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 234,725.00</u></b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
<b>Salaries</b>			
Electric Salaries	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 238.34	\$ 500.00
Utility Clerk	12,500.00	11,141.40	13,500.00
Auditors	200.00	170.45	300.00
FICA	800.00	719.89	900.00
MEDI	200.00	168.33	400.00
Retirement	700.00	741.18	700.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield - VT	7,200.00	6,807.92	8,800.00
Travel Expenses	25.00	2.10	15.00
<b>Total Salaries</b>	<b><u>\$ 24,150.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,049.61</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 25,115.00</u></b>
<b>Taxes</b>			
VT Sales Taxes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,410.60	\$ 2,500.00
Gross Revenue Tax	1,100.00	1,075.17	1,100.00
Weatherization Tax	1,100.00	1,171.27	1,100.00
Telephone	600.00	694.83	650.00
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,800.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,351.87</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,350.00</u></b>

	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>FY-2003</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>FY-2004</u>
<b>Professional Services</b>			
VPPSA	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,325.46	\$ 7,500.00
Primmer & Piper, P.C.	7,000.00	9,740.60	8,000.00
Bemis Electric	0.00	390.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,456.06</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 16,500.00</u></b>
<b>Purchased Power</b>			
Green Mt. Power Corp.	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 6,941.20	\$ 0.00
Dept. of Public Service	200.00	132.19	150.00
VT Electric Power Co.	200.00	0.00	0.00
Contracted Services	25,000.00	9,773.50	10,000.00
Energy Efficiency Program	8,500.00	7,625.21	8,000.00
VPPSA	125,000.00	155,611.83	147,000.00
Velco Stock	0.00	300.00	0.00
<b>Total Purchased Power</b>	<b><u>\$168,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$180,383.93</u></b>	<b><u>\$165,150.00</u></b>
<b>Line Extension</b>			
Line Extension Upgrade	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Line Extension</b>	<b><u>\$ 400.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,000.00</u></b>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Interest on Meter Deposit	\$ 200.00	\$ 196.98	\$ 200.00
Office Supplies	700.00	496.86	500.00
Postage & Envelopes	800.00	638.34	800.00
Town Reports	400.00	194.50	200.00
Training	250.00	0.00	360.00
Membership Dues	0.00	250.00	250.00
Contracted Services	0.00	106.67	600.00
Parts & Supplies	7,000.00	814.75	2,000.00
Equipment Purchase	2,000.00	748.75	2,000.00
Repairs	0.00	0.00	200.00
Power Line Trimming	8,000.00	7,700.00	10,000.00
Misc	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,350.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 11,146.85</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 17,610.00</u></b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$232,700.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$235,388.32</u></b>	<b><u>\$234,725.00</u></b>
<b>Total Electric</b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,324.88</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>

	<b>WATER</b>		
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>	<b><u>FY-2003</u></b>	<b><u>FY-2003</u></b>	<b><u>FY-2004</u></b>
<b>Current Water Rents</b>			
Current Water Rents	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 27,554.36	\$ 28,000.00
Interest & Penalties	400.00	423.67	400.00
Delinquent Water Rents	350.00	584.04	350.00
Service Charges	0.00	500.00	325.00
Misc.	0.00	118.71	0.00
Interest from Savings	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>488.53</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>Total Water Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$ 28,750.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 29,669.31</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 30,075.00</u></b>

**EXPENDITURES****Payroll Expenses**

Labor	\$ 200.00	\$ 154.38	\$ 200.00
Chief Operator	3,000.00	384.01	1,500.00
Assistant Operator	8,300.00	8,758.89	8,300.00
Extra Labor	0.00	295.27	300.00
Utility Clerk	2,700.00	2,685.43	2,600.00
Auditors	100.00	142.12	200.00
Summer Help-Water	500.00	0.00	500.00
FICA	1,100.00	900.03	1,000.00
MEDI	300.00	210.46	200.00
Retirement	650.00	785.96	650.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	2,500.00	2,151.11	3,000.00
Travel Expenses	1,500.00	1,659.00	1,800.00
New Equipment	<u>500.00</u>	<u>698.50</u>	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,350.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 18,825.16</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 20,300.00</u></b>

**Other Expenses**

Office Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ 87.51	\$ 100.00
Postage & Envelopes	600.00	617.99	700.00
Town Reports	400.00	194.50	200.00
Telephone	0.00	36.63	0.00
Electric	1,800.00	1,714.38	1,800.00
Sewer	300.00	306.00	300.00
Water	125.00	108.00	125.00
Heat	500.00	381.30	500.00
Water Line Extension	300.00	0.00	300.00
Training	100.00	0.00	100.00
Membership Dues	200.00	204.87	250.00
Contracted Services	200.00	156.92	300.00
Operating License	500.00	242.17	300.00

	<b>Budget FY-2003</b>	<b>Actual FY-2003</b>	<b>Budget FY-2004</b>
Parts & Supplies	1,000.00	1,089.02	1,000.00
Repairs	100.00	138.15	100.00
Chemicals	2,500.00	3,127.06	1,500.00
Lab Supplies	500.00	2,012.52	1,950.00
Misc.	250.00	37.00	250.00
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,475.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,454.02</b>	<b>\$ 9,775.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 30,825.00</b>	<b>\$ 29,279.18</b>	<b>\$ 30,075.00</b>
<b>Total Water</b>	<b>\$ 1,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 390.13</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**SEWER**

	<b>Budget FY-2003</b>	<b>Actual FY-2003</b>	<b>Budget FY-2004</b>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>			
Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 131.53	\$ 0.00
Current Sewer Rent	74,000.00	70,188.99	70,000.00
Interest & Penalties	1,200.00	987.47	1,000.00
Delinquent Sewer	1,000.00	1,141.91	1,200.00
Service Charges	100.00	500.00	100.00
Rev. from User Fees	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Sewer Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 76,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,949.90</b>	<b>\$ 72,300.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES****Payroll**

Chief Operator	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,027.68	\$ 1,500.00
Assistant Operator	20,300.00	20,143.27	21,000.00
Labor	0.00	125.88	500.00
Utility Clerk	2,700.00	2,689.43	2,600.00
Auditors	200.00	141.79	200.00
Summer Help-Sewer	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
FICA	1,750.00	1,366.34	1,750.00
MEDI	450.00	319.54	400.00
Retirement	1,200.00	1,516.57	1,200.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield-VT	2,500.00	2,388.53	3,000.00
Travel Expenses	1,500.00	2,204.65	1,500.00
Sewer - Prof. service	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 35,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 31,923.68</b>	<b>\$ 35,650.00</b>

	<u>Budget FY-2003</u>	<u>Actual FY-2003</u>	<u>Budget FY-2004</u>
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Office Supplies	\$ 200.00	\$ 152.35	\$ 200.00
Postage & Envelopes	600.00	613.22	700.00
Town Reports	400.00	194.50	200.00
Telephone	700.00	600.59	700.00
PE #1 Electricity	1,400.00	1,511.73	1,400.00
PE #2 Electricity	2,000.00	1,023.84	1,500.00
PE #3 Electricity	1,500.00	1,444.41	1,500.00
PS #1 Electricity	1,000.00	823.77	1,000.00
G/M Pump	125.00	112.95	125.00
Heater Tapes	400.00	242.53	400.00
Treatment Plant	15,000.00	13,820.48	15,000.00
Sewer	650.00	612.00	650.00
Water	300.00	216.00	300.00
Sewer - Gas	200.00	627.00	700.00
New Equipment	2,750.00	698.50	3,000.00
Training	200.00	145.00	200.00
Membership Dues	100.00	100.00	100.00
Contracted Services	200.00	156.91	200.00
Operating License	675.00	0.00	675.00
Parts & Supplies	3,000.00	1,491.63	1,500.00
Repairs	3,000.00	736.03	3,000.00
Lab Supplies	1,000.00	377.18	1,000.00
Sinking Fund	5,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00
Misc.	<u>100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$40,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$35,700.62</u></b>	<b><u>\$36,650.00</u></b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$76,300.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$67,624.30</u></b>	<b><u>\$72,300.00</u></b>
<b>Total Sewer</b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,325.60</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>

## Balance Sheet - Utilities

### YEAR END 2003 ELECTRIC

#### ASSETS

##### Electric Checking Balance

Elec Line Maint. MM	18,099.94
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Due From/To GF (CASH)	<u>11,602.48</u>
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<b>Total Electric Checking Balance</b>	<b><u>29,702.42</u></b>
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Electric Meter Deposit	<u>5,735.96</u>
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>35,438.38</u></b>
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#### LIABILITIES

Electric Meter Deposit	<u>-2,946.04</u>
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>-2,946.04</u></b>
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#### FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance	<u>-27,167.46</u>
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<b>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-27,167.46</u></b>
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Fund Balance Current Year	-5,324.88
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<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-32,492.34</u></b>
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<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-35,438.38</u></b>
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### WATER

#### ASSETS

##### Water Checking Balance

Due From/To GF (CASH)	<u>11,204.66</u>
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<b>Total Water Checking Balance</b>	<b><u>11,204.66</u></b>
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Water User Fees Savings	<u>35,646.98</u>
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>46,851.64</u></b>
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**LIABILITIES**

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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**FUND BALANCE**

Fund Balance	<u>-46,461.51</u>
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<b>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</b>	<b>-46,461.51</b>
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Fund Balance Current Year	<u>390.13</u>
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<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-46,851.64</u></b>
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<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-46,851.64</u></b>
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**SEWER****ASSETS****Sewer Checking Balance**

Due From/To GF (CASH)	<u>21,957.37</u>
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<b>Total Sewer Checking Balance</b>	<b><u>21,957.37</u></b>
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Sewer Sinking Fund/CD	76,692.09
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Sewer Sinking Fund M. M.	<u>20,663.57</u>
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>119,313.03</b>
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**LIABILITIES**

Sinking Fund CD	<u>-6,613.51</u>
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>-6,613.51</b>
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**FUND BALANCE**

Fund Balance	<u>-102,373.92</u>
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<b>Total Prior Years Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-102,373.92</u></b>
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Fund Balance Current Year	<u>10,325.60</u>
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<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-112,699.52</u></b>
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<b>Total Liabilities, Reserves, Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>-119,313.03</u></b>
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## Employee Wage Summary Report

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Arnold, Edward J.	\$ 16,617.41
Bachand, Alcide E.	29,424.84
Birch, Barbara E.	2,662.01
Birch, Joanne	537.38
Birch, Robert W.	807.64
Bolognani, Anna	5,333.30
Bolognani, Betty	60.00
Bolognani, Dianne	80.62
Bolognani, Lee J.	1,725.00
Bosley, Isabell	75.00
Calnan, Deborah A.	28,570.95
Caruso, Annette B.	17,650.73
Caruso, Viola	1,256.18
Comai, Ellen	225.00
Crowell, Eunice	152.50
Dente, Thomas	45.00
Goodermote, Franklin	1,681.04
Hartman, Ryan M.	879.38
Hartman, Stephen	1,680.00
Holly, Caruso	1,930.14
Hopkins, Teddy	1,925.00
Howes, Barry	34,710.32
Howes, Bartholomew B.	28,902.16
King, Donald	105.00
Marchegiani, NormaJean	12.50
Massari, Sandra J.	2,838.25
Mc Kenna, David	29,702.60
Moon, Carl Sr.	525.00
Nichols, Kathleen	21.00
Page, Michael B.	883.13
Passardi, Arthur	3,461.37
Rugar, Elizabeth A.	795.97
Salamone, Rodney P.	1,300.00
Switz III, David	280.26
Switz Jr, David	14,820.42
Tool, Robert	70.00
Wheeler, Warner	7,414.58
Wheeler, William W.	865.54
Wilber, Norman	<u>\$ 27,657.50</u>
Totals	\$267,684.72

## Readsboro Utility Office Report

<b>Delinquent Accounts</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Electric</b>	<b>Water</b>	<b>Sewer</b>
Bailey, Charles	\$ 63.05	\$ 9.00	\$25.50
Baltzer, Shannon	58.16	35.04	25.50
Boudreau, Thomas	117.48	11.93	25.50
Carrier Park (house)	60.30	-	-
Carrier Park (apts)	29.68	61.20	102.00
Cecchini, Charles	5.77	-	-
Colby, Richard	27.97	-	-
Conklin, Danielle	72.17	-	-
Cuzio, Barbara	62.41	-	-
Demizza, Kristy	105.05	28.16	25.50
Edwards, Belinda	92.35	-	-
Gordon, Marcy	80.78	-	25.50
Hammerle, Thomas	43.41	9.00	25.50
Hinton, Dorothy	249.70	-	-
Holland, Eric	64.08	-	-
Howes, Justin	85.33	36.00	96.20
Lescarbeau, Bruce Sr.	37.45	-	-
Mchale, Elizabeth	55.13	-	-
Mozelak, Karen	145.67	-	-
Murdock, Allen	32.20	-	24.11
Peck, Clarence	2.21	-	-
Shartrand, Laurelle	4.68	-	-
Somner, Dawn	3.83	-	-
Tatro, Dennis	21.90	-	-
Thurber, Megan	62.86	-	-
Voulgarakis, Nicholas	48.12	-	-
Wheeler, Heather	16.72	-	-
Delinquents paid after 12/31	2,919.15	329.88	874.22
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENT 2003</b>	<b>\$4,567.61</b>	<b>\$520.21</b>	<b>\$1,249.53</b>

**ELECTRIC**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Amt Due</b>	<b>Interest Paid</b>
2002	4,185.13	4,185.13	-	-
2003	232,267.53	227,699.92	4,567.61	593.91
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>236,452.66</b>	<b>231,885.05</b>	<b>4,567.61</b>	<b>593.91</b>

**WATER**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Amt Due</b>	<b>Interest Paid</b>
2002	584.04	584.04	-	-
2003	28,074.57	27,554.36	520.21	423.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,658.61</b>	<b>28,138.40</b>	<b>520.21</b>	<b>423.67</b>

**SEWER**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Amt Due</b>	<b>Interest Paid</b>
2002	1,141.91	1,141.91	-	-
2003	71,438.52	70,188.99	1,249.53	987.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72,580.43</b>	<b>71,330.90</b>	<b>1,249.53</b>	<b>987.47</b>

**TIPPING FEES**

<b>Fees:</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
General Tipping Fees	\$14,200.20
10.00 Car Stickers	2,410.00
Sale of Trash Bags	87.00
<b>TOTAL TIPPING FEES</b>	<b>\$ 16,697.20</b>

## Statement of Dog Licenses

Type	#	Rate	Fees	State	Kennel	Late	Total
Spayed	55	4.00	220.00	55.00	0.00	56.00	331.00
Neutered	62	4.00	248.00	62.00	0.00	41.00	351.00
Female	19	8.00	152.00	19.00	0.00	28.00	199.00
Male	33	8.00	264.00	33.00	0.00	32.00	329.00
Neutered	1	8.00	8.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	9.00
Neutered	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.50	0.00	7.50
Female	1	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.50	0.00	7.50
Male	2	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	15.00
# Sold	174		892.00	170.00	30.00	157.00	1,249.00

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\$170.00

owed to state

Clerk Fees \$340.00

\$340.00

clerk fees

\$739.00

**Amount Due Town**

## Vehicle and Mobile Equipment

	Year	Make	Model
Fire	1979	Ford	Fire Truck
Fire	1991	Ford	LN8000
Fire	1998	Freight Liner	FL80 Tanker
Highway	1975	INGR	Air Compressor
Highway	1985	GMC	Dump
Highway	1988	Mack	Dump
Highway	1992	Dresser	TKG Grader
Highway	1995	International	Dump
Highway	1996	Caterpillar	416B Backhoe
Highway	1999	International	4900 Dump
Highway	2000	Ford	F550 Dump Truck
Highway	2001	Komatsu	WA320-3ML Loader
Highway	2002	Ford	F578

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 2003

Date	Name of Child	Father	Mother
Aug. 15	Alexis Mackenzie Boyd	Kent M. Boyd	Mackenzie F. Boyd
Aug. 27	Ezra Timothy Holland	Mitchell H. Holland	Amber J. Holland
Oct. 31	Richard James Ranker	Martin J. Ranker	Aimee D. Ranker
Dec. 13	Thomas Daryl Peterson, Jr.	Thomas Daryl Peterson	Jennifer Leigh Peterson

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 2003

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
Mar. 26	James Thomas Nagle	Readsboro, VT	Patricia Alice Fox	Readsboro, VT
Apr. 18	Michael J. Dankulich	Trumbull, CT	Mary Ellen Clark	Trumbull, CT
May 9	Michael Morrissey	Agawam, MA	Livia Maria Ribeiro da Silva	So. Hadley, MA
June 7	Christopher Charles Luke	Hermitage, TN	Layle Anne Jillson	Hermitage, TN
May 31	Nicholas Alika Webb	Readsboro, VT	Cindy Elaine Florence	Readsboro, VT
Aug. 23	Brian Anthony Barnes	Readsboro, VT	Traci Deana Massey	Readsboro, VT
Sept. 13	Zachary James Fink	Readsboro, VT	Shanah Elise Miner	Readsboro, VT
Oct. 1	Jason Lance Edwards	Readsboro, VT	Belinda Judy Newlands	Readsboro, VT

## DEATH AND BURIALS

Name	Age	Sex	Date of Death	Date of Burial	Place of Burial
Frances Margaret Lusignan	77	F	Jan. 8	Jan. 13	Cremation Bennington, VT
Peter L. Bryant	38	M	Mar. 4	Mar. 8	Cremation Bennington, VT
Henry John Gottardi	81	M	Mar. 28	May 10	Village Cemetery
Fred Boyd, Jr.	84	M	May 25	May 29	North Hill Cemetery
Camille Gaberial Eynard	95	M	July 12	July 16	Eternal Flame, Brattleboro, VT
Sean Lewis Cutler	28	M	Found May 1, 1997		Vale Crematory, Schenectady, NY
Bernice Elva Polucci	73	F	Oct. 3	Oct. 8	South Hill Cemetery
Roland R. Johnson	62	M	Sept. 29	Oct. 2	Village Cemetery
Paul Merrill Hamilton	76	M	Oct. 15	Oct. 20	Sadawga Cemetery, Whitingham, VT
Warner W. Wheeler	87	M	Dec. 26	Dec. 30	Vermont Cremation, Bennington, VT

## Delinquent Taxes Report

Delinquent Property Taxes			
Year	Due	Paid	Balance
1990	476.86	-	476.86
1991	570.62	-	570.62
1992	2,947.67	-	2,947.67
1993	3,381.63	-	3,381.63
1994	4,735.26	-	4,735.26
1995	4,994.49	-	4,994.49
1996	5,077.49	248.60	4,828.89
1997	7,883.52	261.03	7,622.49
1998	6,786.86	255.38	6,531.48
1999	8,798.02	426.57	8,371.45
2000	17,237.99	6,190.26	11,047.73
2001	21,949.72	11,480.56	10,469.16
2002	47,526.88	28,766.01	18,760.87
2003	195,830.78	159,431.83	36,398.95
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 328,197.79</b>	<b>\$207,060.24</b>	<b>\$ 121,137.55</b>

**Total delinquent property interest paid to Town = \$14,023.16**

PROPERTY	TAX YR.	TOTAL
1990		
Patten Corp. Northeast, Inc.	\$ 476.86	
		<b>\$ 476.86</b>
1991		
Alpenwald Lots		
Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	150.38	
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene	276.04	
VanKrunirigen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	144.20	
		<b>570.62</b>
1992		
Alpenwald Lots		
Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	159.87	
Brothers, Timothy (L67 S3)	140.16	
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene	293.46	
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty (L144 S2)	162.06	
Hanssen, Harold (L169 S2)	140.16	
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	148.92	



Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	212.43
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	289.08
Patten Realty, Inc. (L17,19 S2;	
L217 S2; L244, 261 S5; L68 S1)	932.94
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	153.30
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	72.59
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	201.48
Zelinski, John Jr. (L221 S2)	41.22

2,947.67

1993

**Alpenwald Lots**

Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	158.41
Brothers, Timothy (L67 S3)	138.88
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene	290.78
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty (L144 S2)	160.58
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	147.56
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	210.49
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	112.56
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	286.44
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	91.37
Manzolli, Anthony &	
Margaret (L59-60 S8)	184.45
Patten Realty, Inc. (L17,19 S2;	
L217 S2; L244, 261 S5; L68 S1)	924.42
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	87.07
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	164.92
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	7.70
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	68.80
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	199.64
Zelinski, John Jr. (L221 S2)	147.56

3,381.63

1994

**Alpenwald Lots**

Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	170.09
Brothers, Timothy (L67 S3)	149.12
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene	312.22
Cavariaugh, Thomas & Betty (L144 S2)	172.42
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L165)	87.15
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	158.44
Groder, Linwood & Evelyn (L248 S5)	90.63
Hanssen, Harold (L169 S2)	149.12
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	226.01

Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	158.44
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	307.56
Laney, Jack (L241 S1; L54 S8)	319.21
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	198.05
Manzoli, Anthony & Margaret (L59-60 S8)	198.05
CDP Realty, Inc. L217 S2; L244, 261 S5; L68 S1)	992.58
Ostby, Joann (L170a)	153.78
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	188.73
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	177.08
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	163.10
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	149.12
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	214.36

4,735.26

1995

**Alpenwald Lots**

Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	167.17
Brothers, Timothy (L67 S3)	146.56
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene (L2 & 34)	306.86
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty (L144 S2)	169.46
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L165)	160.30
Dodd, Robert & Evelyn (L142 S2)	176.33
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	155.72
Groder, Linwood & Evelyn (L248 S5)	169.46
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	222.13
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	155.72
Kern, Barbara (L20 S8)	155.72
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1; L59-60 S8)	302.28
Laney, Jack (L241 S1; L54 S1)	313.73
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	194.65
Manzoli, Anthony & CDP Realty, Inc. L217 S2; L244, 261 S5; L68 S1)	194.65
Ostby, Joann (L170a)	975.54
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	151.14
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	185.49
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	174.04
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	160.30
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	146.56
	210.68

4,994.49

1996

**Alpenwald Lots**

Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	160.60
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene (L2 & 34)	294.80
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty (L144 S2)	162.80
CDP Realty, Inc.	
L217 S2; L244, 261 S5; L68 S1)	937.20
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L165)	154.00
Dodd, Robert & Evelyn (L142 S2)	169.40
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	149.60
Griffith, Suzanne & Linda (L3 S1)	67.52
Groder, Linwood & Evelyn (L248 S5)	162.80
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	213.40
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	149.60
Kern, Barbara (L20 S8)	149.60
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	290.40
Laney, Jack (L241 S1; L54 S1)	301.40
Lawrence, Bruce (L79 S1)	154.00
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	187.00
Manzolli, Anthony &	94.77
Peker, Muella (L49-50 S7)	91.40
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	178.20
Selvig, Walter & Joyce (L85-6 S2)	96.00
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	167.20
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	154.00
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	140.80
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	202.40

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1997

**Alpenwald Lots**

Arnold, Florence (L51 S1)	82.28
Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	168.63
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene (L2 & 34)	309.54
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty (L144 S2)	170.94
CDP Realty, Inc.	
L217 S2; L244, 261 S5; L68 S1)	984.06
Cummings, Arnold (L140 S2)	173.25
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L165)	161.70
Dodd, Robert & Evelyn (L142 S2)	177.87
Foley, Lawrence & Marcy (L26 S1)	389.62
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	157.08
Griffith, Suzanne & Linda (L3 S1)	147.84

Groder, Linwood & Evelyn (L248 S5)	170.94
Hanssen, Harold (L169 S2)	13.33
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	224.07
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	157.08
Kern, Barbara (L20 S8)	157.08
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	304.92
Krongberg, Gus (L28 S1)	161.70
Laney, Jack (L241 S1; L54 S1; L258 S5)	1,067.22
Lawrence, Bruce (L79 S1)	161.70
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	196.35
Manzoli, Anthony &	196.35
Ostby, Joann (L170a)	152.46
Peker, Muella (L49-50 S7)	200.97
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	187.11
Selvig, Walter & Joyce (L85-6 S2)	210.21
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	175.56
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	161.70
Vazzano, Stephen (L4 S1 & L97 S3)	267.96
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	147.84
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	212.52
Hanssen, Harold	34.01
Lescarbeau, Bruce (PP)	138.60

7,622.49

1998

**Alpenwald Lots**

Arnold, Florence (L51 S1)	153.68
Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	164.98
Bleau, Robert & Grace (L80 S1)	162.72
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene (L2 & 34)	302.84
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty (L144 S2)	167.24
CDP Realty, Inc. (L17,19 S2;	
L217 S2; L244, 261 S5; L68 S1)	962.76
Cummings, Arnold (L140 S2)	169.50
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L 165)	158.20
Dodd, Robert & Evelyn (L142 S2)	174.02
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	153.68
Griffith, Suzanne & Linda (L3 S1)	144.64
Groder, Linwood & Evelyn (L248 S5)	167.24
Hartman, William (L94-5 53)	219.22
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	153.68
Kern, Barbara (L20 S8)	153.68
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	298.32

Laney, Jack (L241 S1)	164.98
Laney, Jack (54 S8)	144.64
Lawrence, Bruce (L79 S1)	158.20
Lines, Mark (L96 S3)	153.68
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	192.10
Manzolli, Anthony & Margaret (L59-60 S8)	93.92
Ostby, Joann (L170a)	149.16
Peker, Muella (L49-50 S7)	196.62
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	183.06
Selvig, Walter & Joyce (L85-6 S2)	205.66
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	171.76
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	158.20
Vazzano, Stephen (L4 S1; L97 S3)	262.16
Vazzano, Rudolph et als (L420 S2)	172.38
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	144.64
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	207.92
Lescarbeau, Bruce (PP)	66.00

6,531.48

1999

**Alpenwald Lots**

Arnold, Florence (L51 S1)	163.88
Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	175.93
Brothers, Timothy (L67 S3)	121.74
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene	322.94
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty (L144 S2)	178.34
CDP Realty, Inc. L217 S2; L244, 261 S5; L68 S1)	1,026.66
Cummings, Arnold (L140 S2)	180.75
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L 165)	168.70
Dodd, Robert & Evelyn (L142 S2)	185.57
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	163.88
Griffith, Suzanne & Linda (L3 S1)	154.24
Groder, Linwood & Evelyn (L248 S5)	178.34
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	233.77
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	163.88
Kelly, Betty (L237 S2)	133.92
Kern, Barbara (L20 S8)	163.88
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	318.12
Kosa, Irene (L53 S1)	163.88
Kronberg, Gus (L28 S1)	168.70
Laney, Jack (L241 S1)	154.24

Laney, Jack (54 S8)	175.93
Lawrence, Bruce (L79 S1)	168.70
Lines, Mark (L96 S3)	163.88
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	204.85
Manzoli, Anthony &	158.10
Mordwinkin, George (L257 S5)	168.70
Ostby, Joann (L170a)	159.06
Peker, Muella (L49-50 S7)	209.67
Pierro, Anthony (L46 S1; L173b S2)	256.68
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	195.21
Schiffman, Harvey & Jean (L218 S2)	137.37
Selvig, Walter & Joyce (L85-6 S2)	219.31
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	183.16
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	168.70
Vazzano, Stephen (L4 S1; L97 S3)	279.56
Vazzano, Rudolph et als (L420 S2)	375.96
Vere, John (L69 S1)	144.60
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	154.24
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	221.72
Ditmore, Dan Alan	80.52
Tool, Robert (PP)*	24.17

8,371.45

2000

**Alpenwald Lots**

Arnold, Florence (L51 S1)	157.76
Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	169.36
Bleau, Robert & Grace (L80 S1)	167.04
Brothers, Timothy (L67 S3)	148.48
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene	229.14
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty (L144 S2)	171.68
CDP Realty, Inc. ( 6 Lots)	988.32
Cummings, Arnold (L140 S2)	174.00
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L165)	162.40
Dodd, Robert & Evelyn (L142 S2)	178.64
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	157.76
Griffith, Suzanne & Linda (L3 S1)	148.48
Groder, Linwood & Evelyn (L248 S5)	171.68
Hale, James (L238 S2)	123.12
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	225.04
Hendry, Pauline (L232 S2)	157.76
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	157.76
Kelly, Betty (L237 S2)	167.04

Kern, Barbara (L20 S8)	157.76
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	306.24
Kosa, Irene (L53 S1)	157.76
Kronberg, Gus (L28 S1)	162.40
Laney, Jack (L241 S1)	148.48
Laney, Jack (54 S8)	169.36
Lawrence, Bruce (L79 S1)	162.40
Lines, Mark (L96 S3)	157.76
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	197.20
Manzolli, Anthony &	197.20
Mienik, Noreen (L32 S8)	119.70
Mordwinkin, George (L257 S5)	162.40
Ostby, Joann (L170a)	153.12
Peker, Muella (L49-50 S7)	201.84
Penrod, Charles & Norma (L46,47,48 S7)	172.71
Pierro, Anthony (L46 S1; L173b S2)	320.16
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	187.92
Schiffman, Harvey & Jean (L218 S2)	132.24
Selvig, Walter & Joyce (L85-6 S2)	211.12
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	176.32
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	162.40
Vazzano, Stephen (L4 S1; L97 S3)	269.12
Vazzano, Rudolph et als (L420 S2)	361.92
Vere, John (L69 S1)	139.20
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	148.48
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	213.44
Decker, Todd & Laurie (Degiacomo)	939.60
<b>Engle, Joan*</b>	<b>923.54</b>
<b>Sheridan, Michael*</b>	<b>380.48</b>

11,047.73

2001

**Alpenwald Lots**

Arnold, Florence (L51 S1)	65.54
Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	65.54
Bleau, Robert & Grace (L80 S1)	63.28
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene	155.94
Carlson, Daniel & Dawn (L56 S1)	65.54
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty Ann (L144 S2)	81.36
CDP Realty, Inc. ( 6 Lots)	388.72
Clark, Wm. & Christine (L250 S5)	6.52
Cummings, Arnold (L140 S2)	85.88
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L165)	72.32

Dodd, Robert & Evelyn (L 142 S2)	85.88
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	65.54
Gonzalez, Manuel & Anna Laura (L 19&20 S1	124.30
Griffith, Suzanne & Linda (L3 S1)	79.10
Hale, James (L238 S2)	85.88
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	97.18
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	70.06
Kelly, Betty (L237 S2)	76.84
Kern, Barbara (L20 S8)	51.98
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	287.02
Kosa, Irene (L53 S1)	63.28
Kronberg, Gus (L28 S1)	65.54
Laney, Jack (L241 S1)	65.54
Laney, Jack (L54 SB)	76.84
<b>Horn, John (L258 S5)*</b>	<b>736.76</b>
Lawrence, Bruce (L79 S1)	54.24
Lines, Mark (L96 S3)	1.81
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	228.26
Manzoli, Anthony &	97.18
Mienik, Noreen (L32 S8)	65.54
Mordwinkin, George (L257 S5)	63.28
Ostby, Joann (L170a S2))	30.46
Peker, Muella (L49-50 S7)	185.32
Penrod, Charles & Norma (L46,47,48 S7)	194.36
Pierro, Anthony (L46 S1; L173b S2)	189.84
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	67.80
Schiffman, Harvey & Jean (L218 S2)	51.98
Selvig, Walter & Joyce (L85-6 S2)	94.92
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	70.06
Solorow, Russell & Joan (L9 S1)	45.12
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	65.54
Vazzano, Marjorie (L4 S1; L97 S3)	108.48
Vazzano, Rudolph et als (L420 S2)	67.80
Vere, John (L69 S1)	51.98
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	83.62
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L151 S2)	79.10
<b>Bebie, Florence</b>	<b>12.12</b>
Bolognani, Dan & Lee (Moore owns)	146.71
<b>Bowen, Virginia</b>	<b>868.22</b>
<b>Brose, Jean</b>	<b>119.54</b>
<b>Engle, Joan</b>	<b>2,237.40</b>
<b>Kabrin, Michael</b>	<b>257.64</b>



Mercier, Andrew & Sally (State owned)	316.70
<b>Scheveloff, Saul &amp; Luisa</b>	<b>286.50</b>
<b>Sheridan, Michael</b>	<b>377.42</b>
Sylvia, Norman & Jean (State owned)	381.94
<b>Thompson, John</b>	<b>485.90</b>

**\$ 10,469.16**

2002

**Alpenwald Lots**

Arnold, Florence (L51 S1)	74.24
Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	74.24
Bleau, Robert & Grace (L80 S1)	71.68
Carlson, Daniel & Dawn (L56 S1)	74.24
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty Ann (L144 S2)	92.16
CDP Realty, Inc. ( 6 Lots)	440.32
Clark, Wm. & Christine (L250 S5)	56.32
Cummings, Arnold (L140 S2)	97.28
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L165 S2)	81.92
Dodd, Robert & Evelyn (L142 S2)	97.28
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	74.24
Gonzalez, Manuel & Anna Laura (L 19&20 S1	140.80
Griffith, Suzanne & Linda (L3 S1)	89.60
Hale, James (L238 S2)	54.34
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	110.08
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	79.36
Kelly, Betty (L237 S2)	87.04
Kern, Barbara (L20 S8)	58.88
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	325.12
Kosa, Irene (L53 S1)	71.68
Kronberg, Gus (L28 S1)	74.24
Laney, Jack (L24i S1)	74.24
Laney, Jack (L54 S8)	87.04
<b>Horn, John (L258 S5)</b>	<b>834.56</b>
Lawrence, Bruce (L79 S1)	61.44
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L8i S8)	258.56
Manzoli, Anthony &	110.08
Mienik, Noreen (L32 S8)	74.24
Mordwinkin, George (L257 S5)	71.68
Ostby, Joann (L170a S2))	79.36
Peker, Muella (L49-50 S7)	209.92
Penrod, Charles & Norma (L46,47,48 S7)	220.16
Pierro, Anthony (L46 S1; L1 73b S2)	215.04
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	76.80

Schiffman, Harvey & Jean (L218 S2)	58.88
Selvig, Walter & Joyce (L85-6 S2)	107.52
Skavnes, Ingrid (L138 S2)	79.36
Solorow, Russell & Joan (L9 S1)	107.52
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	74.24
Vazzano, Marjorie (L4 S1; L97 S3)	122.88
Vazzano, Rudolph et als (L420 S2)	76.80
Verre, John (L69 S1)	58.88
Vidal, William Sr. (L150 S2)	94.72
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (1-1 S1 S2)	89.60
<b>Bebie, Florence</b>	<b>107.52</b>
<b>Boudreau, Thomas &amp; Joanne</b>	<b>1,258.46</b>
<b>Bowen, Virginia</b>	<b>1,681.92</b>
<b>Brose, Jean</b>	<b>171.52</b>
<b>Dente, Margaret &amp; Daniel</b>	<b>1,111.04</b>
<b>Devries, Douglas &amp; Sherwood, Linda</b>	<b>414.72</b>
<b>Engel, Joan</b>	<b>2,534.40</b>
<b>Faris, Anna</b>	<b>1,617.92</b>
Florence, John & Desautels, Michelle	1,356.74
<b>Mowczan, Charles &amp; Palmer, Carl</b>	<b>430.08</b>
<b>Olson, James &amp; Bonnie</b>	<b>358.93</b>
<b>Scheveloff, Saul &amp; Luisa</b>	<b>422.40</b>
<b>Sheridan, Michael</b>	<b>427.52</b>
<b>Taylor, Linsky Jane</b>	<b>215.04</b>
<b>Thompson, John</b>	<b>550.40</b>
Turek, Paul	290.11
<b>White, Thomas</b>	<b>243.57</b>
	<b>\$ 18,760.87</b>

2003

**Alpenwald Lots**

Arnold, Florence (L51 S1)	73.81
Berlingo, Marilyn (L227 S2)	73.81
Bleau, Robert & Grace (L80 S1)	71.27
Bulatao, Isidro & Irene (L34 S8)	18.59
Carlson, Daniel & Dawn (L56 S1)	73.81
Cavanaugh, Thomas & Betty Ann (L144 S2)	91.63
CDP Realty, Inc. ( 6 Lots)	437.79
Clark, Wm. & Christine (L250 S5)	55.99
Cummings, Arnold (L140 S2)	96.72
D'Angelo, Anthony & Lynn (L165 S2)	81.45
Dodd, Robert & Evelyn (L 142 S2)	96.72
Giardino, Wyatt (L255 S1)	73.81

Gladyszak, Helen (L52 S7)	86.03
Gonzalez, Manuel & Anna Laura (L19&20 S1)	139.99
Griffith, Suzanne & Linda (L3 S1)	89.08
Gutierrez, Pascual (L77 S8)*	36.69
Hale, James (L238 S2)	96.72
Hartman, William (L94-5 S3)	109.44
Hendricks, Frances (L24 S8)	686.91
Hendry, Pauline (L232 S2)	68.21
Kahn, David & Barbara (L69 S8)	78.90
Kelly, Betty (L237 S2)	86.54
Kern, Barbara (L20 S8)	58.54
Klemm, George & Carol (L48-9 S1;	323.24
Kosa, Irene (L53 S1)	71.27
Kronberg, Gus (L28 S1)	73.81
Laney, Jack (L241 S1)	73.81
Laney, Jack (L54 S8)	86.54
<b>Horn, John (L258 S5)</b>	<b>829.74</b>
Lawrence, Bruce (L79 S1)	61.08
Lehrbach, Charles & Melissa (L251 S5)	183.25
Lehrbach, Jeifry & Charles (L57 S8)	73.81
Lockhart, Mary Linda (L81 S8)	257.07
Manzoli, Anthony &	109.44
Mercer, Doris (L55 S8)	86.54
Mienik, Noreen (L32 S8)	73.81
Mitchell, Phillip Jr. (L256 S5)	31.63
Mordwinkin, George (L257 S5)	71.27
Ostby, Joann (L170a S2))	78.90
Peker, Muella (L49-50 S7)	208.71
Penrod, Charles & Norma (L46,47,48 S7)	218.89
Pierro, Anthony (L46 S1; L1 73b S2)	213.80
Regan, John & Eleanor (L5 S1)	35.43
Salazar, Joseph & Marta (L220 S2)	76.36
Sattler, Edward & Ellen (L163 S2)	76.36
Schiffman, Harvey & Jean (L218 S2)	58.54
Selvig, Walter & Joyce (L85-6 S2)	106.90
Skavnes, Irigrid (L138 S2)	78.90
Solorow, Russell & Joan (L9 S1)	106.90
Stapleton, Frank & Veronica (L242 S1)	2,170.62
VanKruningen Ken & Jackie (L226 S2)	73.81
Vazzano, Marjorie (L4 S1; L97 S3)	122.17
Vazzano, Rudolph et als (L420 S2)	76.36
Verre, John (L69 S1)	58.54

Vidal, Willlam Sr. (L150 S2)	94.17
Willmont, Bruce & Rita (L1Si S2)	89.08
Woodbury Family Trust (L7i S1)*	55.67
Yaconiello, Richard & Thomas (L44 S1)	91.09
Blake, Harley III	1,606.02
<b>Boudreau, Thomas &amp; Joanne</b>	<b>1,883.45</b>
<b>Bowen, Virginia</b>	<b>1,672.20</b>
<b>Brose, Jean</b>	<b>160.35</b>
Brower, Howard*	536.45
Collins, John Interiors	262.74
Crowell, Eunice	1,959.80
Davis, Ralph Jr.	369.05
<b>Dente, Margaret &amp; Daniel*</b>	<b>1,104.62</b>
<b>Devries, Douglas &amp; Sherwood, Linda*</b>	<b>412.32</b>
<b>Engel, Joan</b>	<b>2,519.75</b>
<b>Faris, Anna</b>	<b>1,608.57</b>
Florence, John & Desautels, Michelle*	1,580.57
Helie, Roger & Barbara	570.61
<b>Kabrin, Michael</b>	<b>213.80</b>
Kennedy, Michael	341.06
Lanoué, Robert & Susan	2,415.39
Lavery, Wm. & Hugh; Maher, Elizabeth	732.02
<b>Mowczan, Charles &amp; Palmer, Carl</b>	<b>427.59</b>
Murdock, Allen	1,959.80
Nolan, Kimberly	842.46
Onofrio, Robert	410.43
Ouimette, Denis & Fishbein, Jacqueline	315.03
Quinn, Kathy Lynn	230.27
<b>Scheveloff, Saul &amp; Luisa</b>	<b>228.30</b>
Shartrand, Laurelle	1,288.87
Stewart, Janice & Baer, John	81.82
<b>Taylor, Linsky Jane</b>	<b>213.80</b>
Tool, Robert (PP)	12.37
<b>Thompson, John</b>	<b>547.22</b>
Turek, Paul	590.49
<b>White, Thomas</b>	<b>21.77</b>

**Scheduled for 2004 Tax Sale.**

\* Paid after January 1, 2004.

**\$ 36,398.95**  
**TOTAL: \$121,137.55**

## Cemetery Commission Report

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### 2003 MAINTENANCE:

The maintenance project for all four cemeteries in Town was once again awarded to Edward Arnold for a yearly sum of \$7,000.00.

On July 17, 2003 the cemetery commissioners accepted the resignation of a great member of the committee (Arne Strom Henriksen). Mr. Henriksen served the committee well for sixteen long years (1987-2003). He served as chairperson as well as an assistant to our sexton. He was a dedicated member, we all wish him a long and happy retirement.

We were very fortunate to have Robert Scott join the committee on July 17, 2003 bringing our membership back up to five.

In 2004 we would like to start developing the newly purchased land in the Village cemetery, into cemetery lots for future use, also to continue the restoration project of our old monuments.

Unfortunately we were unable to restore all the old monuments so once again we hereby request the voters to approve a budget of \$9,000.00 for the year of 2004 to be raised and appropriated for repairs and upkeep of all four cemeteries in Town, the restoration of monuments and the development of cemetery lots in the Village cemetery.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the selectboard, town employees, Edward Arnold, our sexton Arthur Dassatti and to anyone else who in any way helped keep our cemeteries looking nice, ongoing thanks to our Town Clerk and Treasurer for her help.

Respectively submitted,

BETTY BOLOGNANI  
PRISCILLA MARGOLA  
THOMAS MARONI  
ROBERT SCOTT  
VIOLA CARUSO  
Cemetery Commissioners

## Planning Commission Report

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During 2003, the Commission neared completion of a proposed update of the Readsboro Zoning Bylaw, last revised in 1990. A public hearing for review of draft text and maps was held on December 19, 2003. Changes discussed at that hearing now have been made. The Commission will forward its completed draft to the Selectboard in January, 2004. Further public input will be invited at a second hearing to be scheduled by the Selectboard. Town vote on adoption of the proposed revisions should take place in the spring - slightly missing a goal of being ready on Town Meeting day. Also in the spring, we plan to document a set of procedures for zoning matters.

One area where Zoning Bylaw revisions are proposed is to include the text of the Interim Telecommunications Bylaw adopted by the Town in mid-2002. A second is a proposed reduction in the size of the Village Zoning District. In the current Bylaw, the Village District extends east along Route 100 and south along Tunnel Street all the way to the Whitingham line and includes much land that is beyond not only the present public water and sewer utility service areas, but also beyond the feasible extension of those village services. We propose to place the outlying areas in an expanded Rural Residential District. Other proposed Bylaw changes improve or clarify wording and definitions to make requirements more clear, add or reallocate some new uses as permitted or conditional in the various districts, and update the text to better agree with changes that have occurred in Vermont statutes since 1990.

Work on Zoning Bylaw updating has been supported by a Municipal Planning Grant awarded in 2002. That grant gave us access throughout 2003 to valuable assistance from planning professionals at the Windham Regional Commission (WRC). We applied successfully for a grant again in September 2003. WRC will assist us this year as we review the Readsboro Town Plan. The present Town Plan, adopted in January 1999, has reached the 5-year expiration date set by Vermont law. Review and re-adoption or revision of the Town Plan should be done this year since its policies are a factor in Act 248 and Act 250 hearings and to keep Readsboro eligible for Municipal Planning Grants in future years.

Parcel maps covering the entire Town were completed in 2003. These assist the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator, as well as the Listers, in their work. The maps have now been delivered in electronic form as well as on paper. During 2004 it will be possible for municipal officials

and the public to access them using Town Office computers.

We report with regret that in mid-year Mary Angus tendered her resignation. Mary had been an active Commissioner for many years. We miss her valued service and experienced counsel.

The Commission meets monthly, and our meetings are open to the public. Please feel welcome to bring to our attention any suggestions or concerns regarding planning or zoning topics.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMA ABEL  
EUNICE CROWELL  
RODNEY SALAMONE  
JOHN WHITMAN  
GISELA ZBORAY

## Health Officer Calls

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Month	Call	Action
Feb.	Trash Complaint	Tenants cleaned up
May	Illegal dumping	Certified letter, sheriff's department called, referred to selectman
	Apartment trashed/ dog feces	Landlord notified
July	Bat feces in attic	Landlord notified
	Dog feces in driveway	Tenants notified
	Anonymous call; leaching field	Anonymous calls are not acted upon, but referred to selectman
Aug.	Trash at apartment bldg. building up	Landlord notified
	Perk Test	Failed
Sept.	Dead Bird	Sent to the state
Oct.	Midnight phone call: mold questions	Referred to district office in the morning

Respectfully submitted,

ELLEN M. COMAI  
Town Health Officer

## Public Health Services

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

**Food & 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 of food borne disease 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. Of the 4 establishments in Readsboro, 6 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

**Reportable Disease Case Investigations:** Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S. and Vermont, accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Health Department investigates all cases of disease such as meningitis, hepatitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea to determine their source, to recommend control measures (including current treatment standards) and to prevent further spread of the disease. In 2002, the department investigated 115 cases of disease in Bennington County.

**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, 33 women, infants and children living in Readsboro 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.

**Town Health Officer Program:** Every town in Vermont has a town health officer who is nominated by the select board and appointed by the commissioner of health. Town health officers work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints,



and septic systems. The Health Department supports health officers with training, information and technical assistance. Your town health officers report describes the nature of calls received for 2002.

**Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care dollars, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced reportable cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record low levels. Still, total annual hospital charges from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont is \$2.6M, and each year 150 to 200 Vermonters die of pneumonia or influenza. During 2002, the Health Department distributed 9,105 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Bennington County. This represents a value of \$127,348.65 to these communities, especially children living in Readsboro.

**West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance:** WNV first appeared in the U.S. in New York City in 1999 and has become well established in the United States. Birds, mammals and people can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity in the fall. In 2003, 5 Town Health Officers in different parts of the state also participated in the program, assisting primarily with mosquito trapping. As of September 19, 2003: 450 mosquito pools were tested, with nine positive for WNV, and three horses have tested positive (one each from Addison, Orleans and Franklin Counties). In Bennington County from June-Sept. 19th 2003, 38 dead birds were reported, 13 were tested, and 3 were found to be infected with West Nile virus. There were no reported human or equine cases reported during this same time period.

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Bennington District Office at 802-447-3531. Please visit our web site at [www.HealthyVermonters.info](http://www.HealthyVermonters.info) for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.

## Forest Fire Warden's Report

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There were no reported forest fires during the year. Issued 130 permits for the year.

MICHAEL MASSARI  
Fire Warden

## Fire Department's Report

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The Readsboro Fire Department responded to 15 fire incidents and 11 motor vehicle accidents during 2003. We conducted 8 training drills throughout the year. We have 21 firefighters on the roster presently.

The Fire Department was awarded an \$18,000.00 Homeland Security Grant. The grant specified that the monies are to be used for the purchase of 4 Scott Air Packs with PASS devices, 2 mobile radios and 4 portable radios. This acquisition of the Scott Air Packs increases the department's inventory to 9 new SCBA's (self-contained breathing apparatus).

We have been notified by the Southwestern New Hampshire District of the Fire Mutual Aid system that there will be an increase of \$5,063.00 for the mutual aid/dispatch fees for 2004. This increase was mandated by the resignation of a large law enforcement group from the SWNH District, subsequently requiring the remaining public service groups to fund the difference. Townspeople will see this increase reflected in the fire department's operations and maintenance budget.

As most of you know, the department currently has three fire trucks - Engine 1, a 1998 Freightliner Pumper/Tanker; Engine 2, a 1979 Ford Pumper/Tanker; and Engine 3, a 1991 Ford Pumper/Tanker. Due to the age of Engine 2, the Fire Department needs to begin preparation for its replacement within the next few years. Voters will see an article on the town meeting warrant for 2004 requesting that monies be placed in a truck replacement fund, in order to begin this process.

The Readsboro Fire Department officers and members wish to thank the townspeople and taxpayers of Readsboro for their continued support. We hope everyone has a safe and prosperous year in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL J. MARCHEGIANI  
Chief

## Librarian's Report

Readsboro Community Library has made great strides in updating the collection this past year. Many currently popular novels for adults are now available. The library also subscribes to a variety of magazines that are circulated. People that commute to work should check out the expanded books on tape collection.

In 2003 the library has offered a variety of programs of interest adults and children. Programs sponsored by the library included, Archer Mayor, author of the Joe Gunther Series, Jessie Haas, children's author, Nutrition and Health Issues with Jeanette Linnehan, Preparing Sushi with Dennis Butchko, Family Mask Making with Mary Angus & Bill LeQuier, China Culture presented by visiting Chinese teacher Peng, Nutcracker Ballet with dance instructor Shelly Lanciani, Native American Circles of Life with storyteller Michael Caduto, and a storytelling workshop with Judith Witters.

The library also sponsors literacy week and grandparents day at the school. Literacy week is a yearly event that brings community members into the school to read to children. Bingo for books, a book fair, and a free book distribution also take place during the week long celebration.

Other yearly events are the perennial plant and used book sale in the spring and the tree lighting in December.

Basic computer skills were offered to help beginners gain confidence in their keyboarding skills and create and edit word documents with graphics.

The summer reading program, "Summer Feast," supported with materials from the Vermont Department of Libraries, was great fun for the children of Readsboro. The kids listened to stories, cooked, and played games.

Readsboro Community Library has once again successfully passed the Vermont State Standards for Public Libraries. The library plans to continue providing quality programs and collection development to suit the needs of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA BOLOGNANI

M.Ed., Library Media Specialist



## Readsboro Historical Society

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This year the Readsboro Historical Society had a new ceiling installed in the building, painted the upper part of the walls above the wainscoting, the antique lights were rewired and polished and the floor was refinished — probably the first time in over 100 years. Funds to do this work were raised through the sale of postcards produced for us by Ron Waterman as well as the computer discs of the 119 photos of “Early Readsboro,” also done by Ron. (Ron was honored for his significant contribution to the Readsboro Historical Society by the Vermont League of Local Historical Societies at the 50th Annual meeting in Strafford, VT.) Members also raised money with a raffle made possible through the generosity of local merchants, an “Antique Appraisal Night” with auctioneer Walt Kolenda, as well as donations and the yearly dues.

We wish to remember our long time trustee, Warner Wheeler. He had a wealth of knowledge which he shared with us and never refused to help us out with repairs and advice when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTY BOLOGNANI, President  
EUNICE CROWELL, Vice President  
PRISCILLA THAYER, Secretary  
PRISCILLA MARGOLA, Treasurer  
Trustees: TOM BOUDREAU  
CHRISTOPHER CROWELL  
JAMES DAMATO  
WILLIAM (BUZZ) WHEELER

## Whitingham Ambulance Service

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The Whitingham Ambulance Service had 191 calls this year which is a drop from the previous years. In light of this it has been a trying year for our Service to meet all of these calls. The reason being is that we are low in our numbers for squad members and for members who might be available to take the calls during the day due to people's work schedules. This is why you have seen other ambulance services coming in to our area for Mutual Aid for us. The Mutual Aid has been approximately 25% +- of our total calls.

This is why you saw a flyer in the subscription letter looking for volunteers.

We have also had meetings with Deerfield Valley Rescue to discuss this issue along with having joint meetings with Deerfield Valley Rescue, Select Boards of WHITINGHAM, Halifax & Readsboro, along with the Fire Chiefs of the above Towns. We met twice as a group to discuss the problem. What came out of these meetings was a consensus to look into hiring a paid person to be available during the day time hours. The Board of WASI has sat down and have come up with figures for a paid person, and a job description. The Select Boards have the figures to be put out at Town Meeting in March. In the mean time WASI will be advertizing this position internally and externally for this position and will be interviewing people for this position.

Hiring a paid person will only solve part of this problem we will still need to INCREASE OUR NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS TO PICK UP THE SLACK WHETHER IT BE DRIVERS BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY PEOPLE TO BE TRAINED TO BE IN BACK OF THE AMBULANCE DOING PATIENT CARE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CALL PETER MADDEN @ 368-2004, DANA DIX @ 368-7612, LARRY KINGMAN @ 368-2493.

## Windham Solid Waste Management District

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The Windham Solid Waste Management District Staff are pleased to report another successful year of operating the only large municipally owned and operated Material Recycling Facility in Vermont. The Staff also thanks the District residents and businesses for your continued support over the past year.

The rural drop-off recycling program continues to experience increased quantities over the previous year due to the conscientious recycling habits of the residents and area businesses. The District received approximately 7,000 tons of recyclables for the year. The actual expenditure for the Fiscal Year was \$276,885 without the surplus fund subsidy. The District provided the recycling drop-off and processing program, household hazardous waste collection, convenience center, universal waste and computer disposal for a net cost of \$39.55 per ton. This represents a \$367,115 savings if all the recyclables were disposed of as refuse at the local commercial transfer station.

The District did experience problems due to recycling contamination from people putting garbage and other non-recyclable items in the recycling drop-off containers. This resulted in having to close yet another drop-off site this past year along Route 30 in West Dummerston. Everyone's cooperation is needed to help keep these sites clean and used properly for recyclable materials.

The District once again obtained a federal grant to provide educational assistance to residents, businesses and institutions within the District. We provided book and textile recycling throughout the District and continue to accept textiles full time at the District Facility in Brattleboro. The thermometer exchange and hypodermic needle disposal from home use projects have also been highly successful and will continue to be available for District residents. Please call if there are questions about these programs.

The permanent paint drop-off program at the District facility in Brattleboro is also assisting residents by providing the resources to recycle paints year round rather than waiting for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection (HHW) day each year. We have eliminated one of the HHW days due to the new paint program but have added a "rover" site that will be located in different towns during the HHW event each year.

As always, the District Convenience Center in Brattleboro is available for use by residents and accepts used crankcase oil, fluorescent tubes,

batteries, ballasts and other materials on a daily basis. Call ahead for questions related to costs and a list of items that can be disposed of, or recycled through this program.

Please call the District at 257-0272 with any questions or to arrange a tour of the facility. Everyone is always welcome to view what happens to the recyclables once they arrive at the Materials Recycling Facility for processing.

## Windham Regional Commission

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The Windham Regional Commission works with 27 towns in south-eastern Vermont to address regional issues and help towns to provide effective local government. Each town annually appoints two representatives to the commission. Readsboro's current representatives are John Whitman and Priscilla Margola. Commissioners serve on a number of committees that mirror the concerns of the region, including both standing committees and ones that are formed on an ad hoc basis to address specific issues.

2003 brought with it some new and extensive work for the WRC. Fitting those tasks into our already full schedule has not been easy, but we have nonetheless worked to address those important issues, and we will continue those efforts in the coming year. Examples of new and un-anticipated tasks have included:

### Energy issues:

- Catamount Energy, Inc.-a Central Vermont Public Service subsidiary—is seeking to develop up to 50 megawatts of wind power on Glebe Mountain in Londonderry and Windham, which may mean construction of up to twenty-seven wind turbines. To date, the WRC has convened a series of public meetings to review and discuss major issues and worked with state and other regional organizations to better understand the potential impacts involved. We currently are participating in a series of community-based discussions, led by others, that are aimed at resolving some of the difficult conflicts that such a development presents.
- On a later schedule and therefore consuming less WRC staff time at present, is an anticipated proposal by Green Mountain Power to significantly expand the Searsburg wind farm, currently consisting of eleven turbines rated at about 6 megawatts, potentially adding up to 19 new turbines and 34 additional megawatts of rated power.

- Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee filed an application for Vermont Public Service Board approval to increase its power output by approximately 20%, from 540 to about 650 megawatts. The WRC is participating in this proceeding, which began in January 2003 and is expected to continue into spring 2004. At the same time, we anticipate that Entergy will apply in 2004 for approval of dry cask, on-site storage of spent nuclear fuel, which will extend this higher level of involvement well into 2005 or 2006.

**Public Transportation:**

- This region, along with most of Windsor County, received public transportation services from Town and Village Transportation Services (TVTS) for several years. Also known as "Town & Village Bus," TVTS experienced severe financial difficulties and ceased to exist as a non-profit transit provider at the end of 2003. Throughout the fiscal year, the WRC and our counterpart to the north worked with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, at the Agency's request, to try and save the troubled transit provider, which efforts were not successful. Since that time, we have helped to form a new corporate entity, Connecticut River Transit, Inc. which is filling the important role of providing transportation for human services, medical needs, and travel to work.

**Other on-going work has included:**

- Regional transportation efforts, which included work with many towns to conduct Road Surface Management System inventories; identification of bridge and culvert issues; helping the Vermont Agency of Transportation to develop and implement its highway access management system; continued work on the West River Trail project; continued management of the Route 121 reconstruction project in Rockingham and Grafton (with phase 1 being completed in 2003 and phase 2 to follow with bids in December 2003); help to towns on lower-scale but important projects like sidewalks and other bicycle/pedestrian improvements; and others.
- Natural resource planning, which is at the core of the WRC's mission and has included work with the West River Watershed Alliance and other "basin planning" groups, review of state programs and policies aimed at improving energy efficiency in Vermont; work to improve local and regional programs and policies that affect water quality, such as stormwater management and wastewater disposal rules; and others.



- Community development and related planning work, which included major efforts like the WRC's Brownfields Reuse Initiative which now has completed assessments on 14 of over 20 nominated sites (the Brownfield program received its 3rd block of funding from the (USEPA this year) and will continue through 2004; municipal planning and land use regulation assistance, which included help with municipal planning and land use regulation projects in eleven towns; increased work to provide education and information for local officials, including five "Cross-Town Talks" educational sessions, four Zoning Administrator Workshops, sponsorship and participation in three state-wide sessions over Vermont Interactive Television; help to the Vermont Environmental Board as it considered changes to its rules and procedures; the "Livable Communities" education program which wrapped up later in calendar year 2003 with a highly successful two-day course for forty-six participants; continued help on Connecticut River Scenic Byway projects, including the now completed Bellows Falls Waypoint Interpretive Center; and others.
- Support of regional emergency planning and preparation efforts, which included continued work with towns and support of the Local Emergency Planning Committee; increased efforts to assist local governments to coordinate their responses to ever-increasing federal and state-sponsored security and emergency preparedness programs; efforts to continually improve homeland security and pre-disaster mitigation planning, which aim to minimize damage or disruption from reasonably predictable events, such as floods and severe storms; and others.

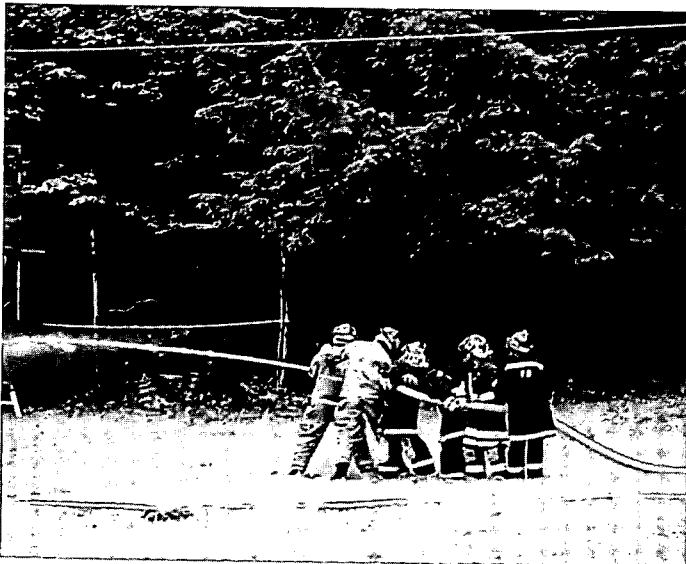
The WRC's core budget is partially funded by member town assessments, which are essential to receiving other state and federal support. The \$1.39 per resident rate for 2004, based on 2000 population estimates, results in a total assessment of \$1,125.00 from Readsboro for the new fiscal year. For information on the WRC and its programs, contact your Town Representative or the WRC office at 139 Main Street, Suite 505, Brattleboro, (802) 257-4547; e-mail [wrc@sover.net](mailto:wrc@sover.net). Visit our website at [www.rpc.windham.vt.us](http://www.rpc.windham.vt.us).

## Auditor's Statement

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WE, the undersigned Auditors, to the best of our knowledge, declare the foregoing to be a correct account of all orders and accounts turned in to us by the Officers of the Town of Readsboro, Vermont for the year ending December 31, 2003.

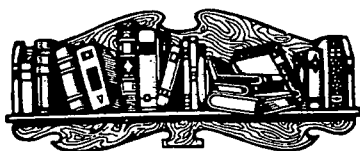
JOANNE BIRCH  
KATHLEEN NICHOLS  
ELIZABETH RUGAR  
Town Auditors



*Readsboro Fire Department competing in water polo game at the 4th of July celebrations.*

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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**SCHOOL BOARD**



**FOR THE**  
**TOWN OF READSBORO**  
**VERMONT**

**2003**

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## **SVRT School District Warning March 1st & 2nd, 2004**

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The legal voters of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District Service Region (consisting of Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Manchester, North Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Sandgate, Searsburg, Shaftsbury, Stamford, Sunderland, and Woodford) are hereby warned to meet in the Assembly Room of the Southwest Vermont Career Development Center, 321 Park Street, Bennington, Vermont, at 5:00 o'clock in the evening, on Monday, March 1, 2004 to transact the following business from the floor.

**ARTICLE 1:** To establish the annual salaries of the District directors at \$500 each.

**ARTICLE 2:** To authorize the School District Board to borrow money in anticipation of revenues to meet current operating expenses of the District.

**ARTICLE 3:** To hold a public information hearing on articles to be voted upon by Australian Ballot on March 2, 2004.

**ARTICLE 4:** To transact any other business found proper when met.

The legal voters of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School district #V009 are hereby **WARNED FURTHER** to meet on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, when the polls will be open to transact business by Australian Ballot as follows:

**ARTICLE A:** To elect a Moderator for a term of three (3) years beginning April 1, 2004.

**ARTICLE B:** To elect a District Clerk for a term of (3) years beginning April 1, 2004.

**ARTICLE C:** To elect a Treasurer for a term of (3) years beginning April 1, 2004.

**ARTICLE D:** To elect (eleven) 11 School Directors, who are legal residents of the Service Region as listed above in accordance with the by-laws of the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District as follows:

Initial three (3) year terms: The Candidates receiving the four (4) largest vote totals.

Initial two (2) year terms: The Candidates receiving the fifth through eighth largest vote totals.

Initial one (1) year term: The Candidates receiving the ninth through eleventh largest vote totals.

ARTICLE E: Shall the voters of the Service Region of Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District appropriate \$2,639,632.44 necessary for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2004?

Voting at the meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, shall be at large by Australian ballot. The polls will be open as indicated below for each respective town, as follows:

Residents of Arlington vote at the Arlington High School Gym, 529 East Arlington Road, Arlington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Bennington vote at the Bennington Fire House, River Street, Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Dorset vote at The Dorset School, Morse Hill Road, Dorset, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Glastonbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Manchester vote at the Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Center Vermont. Polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Residents of North Bennington vote at the McCullough Firehouse, North Bennington, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Pownal vote at the Pownal Center Fire House, Route 7, Pownal Center, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Readsboro vote at the Readsboro Central School Gym, Readsboro, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Residents of Sandgate vote at the Sandgate Town Hall, Sandgate Road, Sandgate, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Residents of Searsburg vote at the Searsburg Town Offices, Searsburg, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Residents of Shaftsbury vote at the Shaftsbury Fire House, Buck Hill Road, Shaftsbury, Vermont. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Stamford vote at the Stamford Elementary School, 986 Main Road, Stamford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Sunderland vote at the Sunderland Elementary School, 98 Bear Ridge Road, Sunderland, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Residents of Woodford vote at the Woodford Town Office Building, Route 9, Woodford, Vermont. Polls will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

**Register to Vote! Applications for addition to voter checklist must be received by the Town Clerk's Office of said District by Monday, February 23, 2004 at 12:00 Noon for approval by your Town Clerk.**

Interpreting services for this meeting will be provided upon request. If this service is required, please notify SVRTSD at 447-0220, at least three (3) days before the meeting.

BRIAN DOXSEE, Chair  
LANCE R. MATTESON, Vice Chair  
DONALD K. WILSON  
CRAIG J. GHIDOTTI  
JOAN L. LaVIGNE  
LEON JOHNSON  
TIMOTHY T. HOLBROOK  
RICHARD C. PEMBROKE  
PATRICIA A. TOTH  
ROBERT D. AGONE  
RICHARD G. ZENS

Received for recording this 27th day of January 2004  
TIMOTHY CORCORAN, Clerk SVRTSD

## School Warning

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### **TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, READSBORO, VERMONT**

The legal voters of the Town School District of Readsboro, Vermont are hereby notified to meet at the School Auditorium in the Town of Readsboro, Vermont on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. to act on the following articles of the School District Warning.

The meeting will then be adjourned until Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. for voting on the remaining articles by Australian Ballot. For this purpose the polls will open at 10:00 AM. and close at 7:00 P.M.

#### **ARTICLE I**

To elect a Moderator, by Australian Ballot.

#### **ARTICLE II**

To elect a School Director for three (3) years, by Australian Ballot.

#### **ARTICLE III**

To elect a School Director for the remaining two (2) years of a three (3) year term, by Australian Ballot.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

To hear the reports of the Town School District Officers and act thereon.

#### **ARTICLE V**

To see if the Town School District will vote to authorize the School Directors to borrow money on the notes of the Town School District in anticipation of taxes.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

To see if the Town School District will vote to appropriate \$1,303,519 for the support of its school for the year beginning July 1, 2004 by Australian Ballot.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

Shall the voters of the Readsboro School District vote to exempt the district from the requirement of 16 V.S.A. § 1264 that it operate a school breakfast program for the 2004-2005 school year?

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

LAWRENCE HOPKINS

EDWARD FEMENELLA

BRUCE BUSA

Readsboro School Directors

Dated at Readsboro, Vermont this 28th day of January 2004.



## **Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

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### **Windham Southwest Supervisory Union 2002 - 2003**

Two of the major and significant highlights of the 2002-2003 year involved the passage of the Joint Contract by the Whitingham and Wilmington Town School Districts and the passage of Act 68 replacing Act 60.

The Joint School District Contract was passed by a plurality of both the Towns of Whitingham and Wilmington on 4 November 2003. This event was the watermark of over two years of meetings, negotiations and planning between both school boards and the school administration. The passage of the Joint Contract Agreement was historically significant not only because of several efforts to combine the school districts in the past decade but also because of over fifty years of on and off debate regarding the merits of combining both school districts. The combining of grades 6-12 was manifested in the impracticality of having two small high schools eight miles apart and the increased academic and extra curricular opportunities that are possible.

The 2003 legislature finally dealt with the financial inequities inherent in Act 60 for the past six years especially for the school districts of Halifax, Whitingham, Wilmington and Searsburg. The technical revisions in Act 68 essentially eliminated the "shark pool" for these towns and the potential for a favorable impact on property tax rates.

In spite of the continued financial penalties of Act 60 on the towns of Halifax, Searsburg, Whitingham and Wilmington their FY '04 budgets were all approved. Readsboro approved a budget amount that was actually lower than the school budget in 2002-2003. This was attributable to a major shift in tuition costs with a large twelfth grade graduation class and a small eighth grade graduating class.

The Wilmington School District, matched by Federal and State grant monies, approved \$427,000 in WMHS building renovations as well as \$200,000 in technology improvements including a "state of the art" wireless computer laboratory. Whitingham, while passing their budget, also approved an additional \$57,000 for a roof replacement and a new fire alarm system. The Halifax School Directors' were assisted by a group of volunteers called the "Friends of Halifax" who raised \$10,600 to renovate and rebuild the Halifax School playground. Searsburg, also struggling under

Act 60, debated the issue of withholding state education payments to the state and the costs of special education.

Seven new board members also joined the WSSU, two each from Searsburg, Whitingham and Wilmington and one to Halifax.

Academically much progress was made with the second year of implementation of alternative special education programs at the WSSU level (grades K-5) and the Pioneer Program at WMHS (grades 9-12). With the passage of the Joint School District the intent is to restructure alternative special education programming at the middle school level with the objectives of improving services as well as cost effectiveness.

In respect to student performance and progress our WSSU scores on the New Standards Reference Exams (NSRE's) remained equal or better than the state averages. However, some uneven scores in certain areas have precipitated a closer examination and we have already begun an analysis and have begun working with some schools which are intended to lead to interventions designed to remedy any weaknesses in our curriculum and instruction.

The Whitingham Wings Program, initiated and directed by Elizabeth McEwen, and funded by a federal 21st Century Grant, is also an example of programming which has united the community and school provided after school enrichment and homework support which has been instrumental for laying the foundation for academic improvement in the community which is supported by data from teacher surveys.

Extensive training for teachers, as well as paraeducators across the districts in the supervisory union, has also been provided in the areas of Thinking Maps and Portfolio Scoring.

As Asian Studies Program has also been initiated in most of the schools in the WSSU through a Freeman Foundation shared with Brattleboro (WSESU) and has provided the services of two Chinese teachers to work with our children in the areas of Chinese language and culture. The grant also provides for ten high school students from both districts to visit China.

There continues to be new educational, financial and human resource challenges every year and the implementation of the federal mandate of No Child Left Behind and the measures of determining "highly qualified" teachers and support staff will be most challenging across the supervisory union as well as the state and country in 2004-2005.

The integration of the two school districts of Whitingham and Wilmington grades 6-12 will be probably our greatest challenge locally and hopefully our greatest success.

Special thanks to Arnold Coombs, Ann Betit, Susan Andrews, Lorraine Janowski, David Wheeler and Matthew Yakovleff for their service to their respective communities over the past years which ended in 2003.

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Special thanks to the members of the Readsboro Board of School Directors: Lawrence Hopkins, Chairperson, Ed Femenella, Vice-Chair and Bruce Busa, Clerk.

I would also like to thank the Town Selectboard: Ted Hopkins, Stephen Hartman and Lee Bolognani.

Ongoing thanks to Town Clerk Deborah Calnan for her continued cooperation with the school district.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. M. PETER WRIGHT  
WSSU Superintendent of Schools

## School Directors

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Bruce Busa - Term Expires 2004

Lawrence Hopkins - Term Expires 2005

Edward Femenella - Term Expires 2006

## Auditor's Report

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The independent Auditor's report of the Town School District is available in the Town Clerk's office for anyone who wishes to read it.



*Pumpkin judging contest - overall winners for teens.*

## Readsboro School Enrollment

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As of December 31, 2003

<b>ELEMENTARY:</b>	<b><u>GRADES</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
	K	9
	1	6
	2	5
	3	10
	4	7
	5	7
	6	8
	7	13
	8	<u>10</u>
Total Elementary		75
<b>SECONDARY:</b>		
Drury		17
Whitingham School		6
McCann Vocational		13
Mt. Greylock Regional		1
Hoosac Valley		2
Wilmington MHS		2
Putney School		<u>2</u>
Total Secondary		43
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>		<b>118</b>

## Staff List

Name	Years of Experience	Degree	03-04 Budget	03-04 Actual
Anna Bolognani	9	M+15	\$ 34,330.00	\$ 34,330.00
Thomas Boudreau	32	BS+ 30	39,350.00	39,350.00
Dennis Butchko	35	MS+30	46,880.00	46,880.00
Kim Femenella	1	M	7,328.00	7,328.00
Rebecca Richardson	16	B	15,282.00	15,282.00
Elinor Roden	37	MS + 30	46,880.00	46,880.00
Peter Siegel	6	M	4,320.00	4,320.00
Helyn Strom-Henriksen	2	M+15	10,405.00	10,405.00
David Switz	32	MS + 30	53,983.00	53,983.00
Rhonda Wainshilbaum	16	B	4,320.00	4,320.00
Jennifer Wood	1	BS	25,545.00	25,545.00
Debra Bailey	0	Intensive Prog. Para		
Tammy DeBlois	1	Intensive Prog. Para		
Margaret DeLisle	1	Title I Para		
Kim Femenella	5	SPED Title 1 Para		
Teddy Hopkins	11.5	Custodian		
Pat Kidney	4	Secretary		
Sandra Massari	5	P/T Librarian Asst.		
Alan Nartowicz	7	Tech. Consultant		
Elaine Schofield	0	Cafeteria		

## Hot Lunch Program

	2002-2003	
Fund Balance FY '2002		\$ 1,852.39
(Inventory Value \$172.37)		
Food Sales	\$ 5,297.35	
Misc. Sales	31.90	
State Reimbursement	356.35	
Federal Reimbursement	11,787.84	
Commodities	2,776.00	
Total Receipts		20,249.44
Readsboro General Fund		-
Total Expenditures		17,665.01
Fund Balance FY '2003		\$ 4,436.82
(Inventory Value \$176.10)		

## Anticipated Revenue FY '2005

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<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	\$139,128
Balance of funds 6/30/2003	
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>	0
Interest on school bank accounts	
<b>TITLE I</b>	11,040
Federal funds for remedial education for students	
<b>FEDERAL FORESTRY</b>	7,500
Subsidy for federal government property	
<b>VOCATIONAL TUITION REIMBURSEMENT</b>	15,000
State reimbursement for out of state vocational high school tuition costs	
<b>TRANSPORTATION AID</b>	28,224
State reimbursement for transportation costs to and from school (reimbursement figured at 49% of FY 2003 cost)	
<b>SMALL SCHOOL SUPPORT GRANT</b>	68,354
State support for small schools with an enrollment of less than 100 or an average grade size of 20 or fewer students	
<b>MAINSTREAM BLOCK GRANT</b>	39,967
State block funds for special education costs	
<b>INTENSIVE REIMBURSEMENT</b>	48,162
State reimbursement based on special education expenses	
<b>EEE BLOCK GRANT</b>	4,208
State block funds to support Early Education costs	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL ANTICIPATED REVENUES</b>	361,583
<b>FY '2005 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	1,303,519
<b>EDUCATION SPENDING (BUDGET-REVENUES)</b>	941,936
<b>EQUALIZED PUPILS</b>	138.52
<b>EDUCATION SPENDING PER PUPIL</b>	\$ 6,800

## School District 2004-2005 Budget

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Fiscal year 2004-2005 budget has increased \$73,624.00 from 2003-2004.

Basic Overview:

### INCREASES/DECREASES

The teacher agreement for next year is in negotiations at this time. Health insurance rates increased 9.75%.

Classroom equipment has increased by \$5,400 to purchase desk chairs and other classroom equipment.

Technology costs have increased by \$24,689 to provide the school with increased computers and related technology equipment.

High school tuition increased by \$58,368 due to a projected shift of students attending vocational school.

Out of state vocational tuition decreased by \$58,416 due to a projected shift of students attending the vocational center. In state vocational tuition increase due to a state requirement that the full cost of the tuition be shown in the budget, this expense is offset by revenue.

Special education costs have decreased by \$25,051, areas of decrease include tuition and transportation, areas of increase include occupational therapy services and high school paraprofessionals.

WSSU assessment increase of \$7,033 mainly due to an increase in the Readsboro percentage.

Preschool costs have increased by \$1,179 due to teacher cost.

Plant maintenance costs have increased by \$72,505 mainly due to funds available for classroom upgrades, outbuilding with generator, fire code upgrades and other building maintenance upgrades.

Total revenue is projected at \$361,583.

The above revenue figure covers 28% of the proposed 2004-2005 budget.



# **Readsboro School District Comparative Budget Report**

<b>Instruction</b>	<b>Budget 2002-2003</b>	<b>Actual 2002-2003</b>	<b>Budget 2003-2004</b>	<b>Budget 2004-2005</b>
Dennis Butchko	45,625	45,625.00	46,880	46,880
Elinor Roden	45,625	45,625.00	46,880	46,880
Thomas Boudreau	39,350	39,350.00	39,350	39,350
Ellen Keogh	29,310	0.00	29,310	0
Jennifer(Hayes) Woods	0	24,290.00	0	25,545
Dan Seiden 20%	4,320	0.00	0	0
Music 20%	0	0.00	0	4,320
Anna Bolognani 50%	15,283	16,537.50	17,165	17,165
P.E. Teacher 20%	0	0.00	0	4,320
Caryn King 20%	4,320	0.00	0	0
Jennifer Lovett 20%	0	3,796.00	4,320	0
Tyler Bickford 20%	0	4,324.50	4,320	0
Art 20%	0	0.00	0	4,320
Substitutes	2,500	2,110.00	2,760	2,760
Hospitalization	35,065	31,995.88	42,798	41,292
Dennis Butchko	3,490	3,298.40	3,586	3,586
Elinor Roden	3,490	3,346.15	3,586	3,586
Thomas Boudreau	3,010	2,818.24	3,010	3,010
Ellen Keogh	2,242	0.00	2,242	0
Jennifer(Hayes) Woods	0	1,756.53	0	1,954
Dan Seiden 20%	330	0.00	0	0
Music 20%	0	0.00	0	330
Anna Bolognani 50%	1,169	1,170.29	1,313	1,313

	Budget 2002-2003	Actual 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004	Budget 2004-2005
P.E. Teacher 20%	0	0.00	0	330
Caryn King 20%	330	0.00	0	0
Jennifer Lovett 20%	0	290.41	330	0
Tyler Bickford 20%	0	330.82	330	0
Art 20%	0	0.00	0	330
Substitutes	191	161.47	211	211
Workmens Comp	1,070	715.92	1,095	1,100
Unemployment Compensation	1,000	3,922.74	1,000	1,000
Credit Reimbursement	1,750	536.00	1,750	1,750
Dental Program	2,812	2,467.93	2,871	3,141
Life & Disability	1,140	1,159.46	1,203	1,230
Professional Development	0	0.00	0	1,000
Student Programs	0	400.00	0	0
Asian Studies	0	0.00	0	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	2,700	2,720.81	2,700	2,700
Field Trips	200	50.00	250	250
Supplies	3,000	3,027.31	3,531	3,715
Art Supplies	0	500.00	500	500
Music Supplies	0	615.04	500	500
Science Supplies	730	3,768.91	727	200
Books & Periodicals	1,700	2,012.83	1,487	1,600
Manipulative Devices	250	166.43	699	249
Equipment	500	374.02	100	5,500
Equip Industrial Arts	100	0.00	100	100
Home Economics	75	59.40	75	75
Contingency Fund	0	0.00	0	8,100
Action Plan Expenses	0	0.00	0	0

PG&E Grant Expenses	0	1,552.00	0	0
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>252,677</b>	<b>250,874.99</b>	<b>266,979</b>	<b>281,192</b>
<b>Technology</b>				
Technology Consultant	5,544	5,071.00	5,796	5,960
Technology Consultant	424	387.97	443	456
Workmens Comp	31	17.56	32	33
Technology Coordinator	1,832	1,567.81	1,832	1,832
Repairs & Maintenance	500	445.43	500	500
Internet Connection	4,704	1,749.75	3,480	3,480
Technology Software	500	765.34	500	1,000
Equipment	2,800	4,011.50	2,800	26,811
<b>Total Technology</b>	<b>16,335</b>	<b>14,016.36</b>	<b>15,383</b>	<b>40,072</b>
<b>Student Activities</b>				
Expenses	500	309.23	500	500
<b>Total Student Activities</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>309.23</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Athletics</b>				
Salaries	1,200	900.00	1,500	1,500
Social Security	92	68.85	115	115
Supplies	220	211.46	200	200
Equipment	0	0.00	0	0
Dues & Fees	120	158.75	150	160
<b>Total Athletics</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>1,339.06</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>1,975</b>
<b>Guidance</b>				
Guidance 20%	0	0.00	0	0
Guidance	0	0.00	0	0
Workmens Comp	0	0.00	0	0
<b>Total Guidance</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	Budget 2002-2003	Actual 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004	Budget 2004-2005
<b>Health Services</b>				
Professional Services	1,538	1,538.00	1,633	1,770
Supplies	250	250.99	250	1,250
<b>Total Health Services</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>1,788.99</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>3,020</b>
<b>Library Services</b>				
Anna Bognani 50%	15,283	16,537.51	17,165	17,165
Library Aide	1,728	1,744.00	1,782	1,879
Substitute	0	186.25	0	0
Hospitalization	4,132	3,806.36	5,043	5,534
Anna Bognani 50%	1,169	1,170.29	1,313	1,313
Library Aide	132	133.38	136	144
Substitute	0	14.25	0	0
Workmens Comp	95	53.81	106	107
Dental Program	312	296.33	319	349
Life & Disability	99	102.47	115	120
Postage	175	150.00	175	180
Supplies	115	121.51	175	175
Books & Periodicals	1,200	1,137.9	1,724	1,864
Audio Visual Materials	250	234.10	250	250
Dues & Fees	100	109.00	100	125
<b>Total Library Services</b>	<b>24,790</b>	<b>25,797.17</b>	<b>28,403</b>	<b>29,205</b>
<b>School Board Services</b>				
Salaries	3,600	3,600.00	3,600	3,600
School Board Secretary	0	0.00	0	600
Social Security	275	275.40	275	275

School Board Secretary	0	0.00	0	46
Professional Services	0	0.00	0	0
Audit	2,150	2,650.00	2,150	2,150
Attorney Fees For Negot	0	0.00	500	0
Attorney Fees-other	0	0.00	350	3,350
Liability Insurance	157	193.99	213	1,022
Advertising	1,500	408.91	1,500	2,000
Dues & Fees	850	901.00	925	1,050
Expenses	900	1,597.26	1,500	1,600
<b>Total School Board Services</b>	<b>9,432</b>	<b>9,626.56</b>	<b>11,013</b>	<b>15,693</b>

<b>Superintendents Office</b>				
Sup Union Assessment	52,034	62,777.00	59,529	66,562
<b>Total Superintendents Office</b>	<b>52,034</b>	<b>62,777.00</b>	<b>59,529</b>	<b>66,562</b>

<b>Office of the Principal</b>				
David Switz	52,728	52,728.00	53,983	55,238
Assistant Principal	250	250.00	250	250
Patricia Kidney	9,850	9,775.15	10,100	10,550
Hospitalization	8,263	8,262.62	10,085	11,068
David Switz	4,034	3,690.90	4,130	4,226
Patricia Kidney	754	747.84	773	807
Assistant Principal	19	19.13	19	19
Workmens Comp	352	199.37	360	375
Dental Program	625	605.93	638	698
Life & Disability	343	341.12	362	387
Postage	450	468.00	500	500
Telephone	2,280	2,458.11	2,400	2,500
Conferences	600	396.87	600	600

	Budget 2002-2003	Actual 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004	Budget 2004-2005
Equipment	400	2,088.69	0	250
Dues & Fees	500	354.00	525	500
<b>Total Office of the Principal</b>	<b>81,448</b>	<b>82,385.73</b>	<b>84,725</b>	<b>87,968</b>
<b>Maintenance of the Plant</b>				
Teddy Hopkins	23,400	24,063.83	24,648	26,000
Substitutes	0	785.75	0	0
Hospitalization	3,196	3,196.18	3,804	4,174
Teddy Hopkins	1,790	1,707.08	1,886	1,989
Substitute	0	60.10	0	0
Non-professional Retirmt	1,170	958.96	1,232	1,300
Workmens Comp	688	790.79	1,686	1,778
Water Rent	1,320	1,298.25	1,320	1,320
Sewage	2,700	3,024.40	3,360	3,360
Garbage Removal	200	200.00	200	200
Substitutes-contract Serv	600	120.00	600	500
Repairs & Maintenance	4,000	4,503.04	3,500	61,424
Roof Renovation	0	42,147.60	0	0
Boiler Replacement	0	203.00	0	0
Voted Maintenance List	0	1,154.00	0	0
Lawn Mowing	1,100	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
Property Insurance	2,015	2,943.83	3,533	4,204
Travel	0	0.00	0	100
Supplies	3,800	2,292.52	3,000	2,500
Electricity	6,000	7,558.39	7,400	7,600
Fuel Oil	6,500	5,827.93	6,500	6,500
Equipment	0	0.00	0	12,225
<b>Total Maintenance Of The Plant</b>	<b>58,479</b>	<b>103,835.65</b>	<b>63,669</b>	<b>136,174</b>

<b>Pupil Transportation</b>			
Contracted Service	28,440	28,440.00	28,440
<b>Total Pupil Transportation</b>	<b>28,440</b>	<b>28,440.00</b>	<b>28,440</b>
<b>Reserve Fund Contribution</b>			
Reserve Fund Maintenance	0	0.00	0
<b>Total Reserve Fund Contribution</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Preschool Services</b>			
Rebecca Richardson	0	0.00	15,282
Hospitalization	0	0.00	2,087
Rebecca Richardson	0	0.00	1,169
Workers Compensation	0	0.00	86
Contracted Serv.preschool	14,000	15,320.00	0
Preschool Supplies	0	0.00	75
Preschool Equipment	0	0.00	395
Preschool Dues & Fees	0	0.00	50
Total Preschool Services	14,000	15,320.00	19,144
High School Tuition			
Tuition Vermont LEA's	63,000	55,950.70	68,000
Tuition Outside Vt LEA's	125,713	110,494.80	118,236
Private School Tuition	15,730	7,757.00	26,184
<b>Total High School Tuition</b>	<b>204,443</b>	<b>174,202.50</b>	<b>212,420</b>
<b>Vocational Education</b>			
Tuition Vermont LEA's	5,126	4,831.85	12,328
Tuition Outside Vt LEA's	283,100	221,168.54	155,324
<b>Total Vocational Education</b>	<b>288,226</b>	<b>226,000.39</b>	<b>167,652</b>

	Budget 2002-2003	Actual 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004	Budget 2004-2005
<b>High School Transportation</b>				
Contracted Service - H.S.	29,160	29,160.00	29,160	29,160
Voc Transportation	0	0.00	0	0
<b>Total High School Transportation</b>	<b>29,160</b>	<b>29,160.00</b>	<b>29,160</b>	<b>29,160</b>
<b>Prior Yr Tuition Charge</b>				
Prior Yr Tuition Adjustmt	0	6,489.00	0	0
Prior Yr. Voc. Tuition Adj	0	0.00	0	1,321
<b>Total Prior Year Tuition Charge</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,489.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,321</b>
<b>Special Education</b>				
Special Education Teacher	33,075	0.00	33,075	33,075
Helyn Strom-Henriksen	0	10,335.01	0	0
Summer Services	0	0.00	0	0
Kim Femenella 35%	4,252	4,827.38	4,252	4,370
Substitute	0	0.00	0	0
Hospitalization	8,263	2,450.40	10,085	11,068
Special Education Teacher	2,530	0.00	2,530	2,530
Kim Femenella 35%	325	369.25	325	334
Helyn Strom-Henriksen	0	723.24	0	0
Summer Services	0	0.00	0	0
Substitute	0	0.00	0	0
Non-professional Retire	213	268.01	213	0
Workmenscomp	209	118.37	209	210
Credit Reimbursement	250	375.00	250	250
Dental Program	625	0.00	638	698



Life & Disability	215	0.00	222	232
Professional Services	0	600.00	0	0
Travel	50	0.00	50	50
Conferences	250	195.00	250	250
Supplies	200	628.01	200	100
Books & Periodicals	150	152.64	100	508
Audio Visual Materials	200	142.69	100	0
Manipulative Devices	100	9.45	140	0
Equipment	0	470.79	0	0
<b>Total Special Education</b>	<b>50,907</b>	<b>21,665.24</b>	<b>52,639</b>	<b>53,675</b>

### Intensive Special Education

Tutor	0	11,778.00	0	0
Jo-anne Boudreau	5,103	0.00	0	0
Tammi Deblois	0	4,137.00	4,995	7,088
Summer Paras	160	416.50	0	0
Substitute	0	0.00	0	0
Substitute	0	0.00	0	0
Tutor	0	901.03	0	0
Jo-anne Boudreau	390	0.00	0	0
Phyllis Desautels	0	0.00	0	0
Tammi Deblois	0	316.49	382	542
Summer Paras	12	31.86	0	0
Non-professional Retire	0	0.00	0	0
Workmans Compensation	29	16.42	28	40
Behavior Specialist	3,996	3,996.00	4,817	3,498
EEESummer Program	1,200	1,019.28	1,200	1,200
Para Training	150	0.00	150	150
Purchased Services/Tutor	13,085	1,601.08	0 0	0
Tuition Priv School/EEE	0	0.00	0	0

	Budget 2002-2003	Actual 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004	Budget 2004-2005
Private School	0	0.00	0	0
Supplies	450	369.00	300	300
<b>Total Intensive Special Education</b>	<b>24,575</b>	<b>24,582.66</b>	<b>11,872</b>	<b>12,818</b>
<b>Physical Therapy</b>				
Physical Therapy	0	0.00	0	0
<b>Total Physical Therapy</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Occupational Therapy</b>				
OT Consultant	6,120	11,412.66	6,450	9,300
<b>Total Occupational Therapy</b>	<b>6,120</b>	<b>11,412.66</b>	<b>6,450</b>	<b>9,300</b>
<b>Evaluations</b>				
Comprehensive Evaluation	2,800	2,245.64	4,200	2,500
Comp Evaluation	0	800.00	0	0
<b>Total Evaluations</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>3,045.64</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>2,500</b>
<b>Professional Services</b>				
Professional Services	0	0.00	0	0
Professional Services	1,000	1,394.00	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Professional Services</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,394.00</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Speech Services</b>				
Speech Services	5,724	5,724.16	3,930	5,200
<b>Total Speech Services</b>	<b>5,724</b>	<b>5,724.16</b>	<b>3,930</b>	<b>5,200</b>

<b>Special Ed Transportation</b>				
Transportation Private School	0	0.00	0	0
Transportation	1,428	128.52	0	0
<b>Total Special Educ. Transportation</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>128.52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>High School Special Education</b>				
Para High School	0	0.00	10,125	0
Parahigh School	0	0.00	3,132	0
Audrey Arnold	9,788	7,005.33	10,125	14,175
Debra Bailey	0	0.00	0	18,000
Drury Para Sub	0	0.00	0	0
Drury Para Sub	0	0.00	0	0
Para High School	0	0.00	775	0
Para High School	0	0.00	240	0
Audrey Arnold	749	535.94	775	1,084
Debra Bailey	0	0.00	0	1,377
Non-professional Retire	489	291.00	1,012	1,609
Workers Comp	55	31.15	132	180
Purchased Para Services	21,759	1,007.31	0	5,600
Sped Tuition Vt LEA's	0	0.00	0	0
Sped Tuition Outside Lea	28,700	33,126.00	49,809	21,600
Private School	1,500	3,815.90	4,800	0
Excess Cost	0	775.00	2,500	4,000
<b>Total High School Special Education</b>	<b>63,040</b>	<b>46,587.63</b>	<b>83,425</b>	<b>67,625</b>

<b>High School Evaluations</b>			
Comprehensive Evaluations	3,200	2,550.00	2,000
<b>Total High School Evaluations</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>2,550.00</b>	<b>2,000</b>
High School Professional Services			

Professional Services	0	770.00	0	0
<b>Total High School Professional Serv.</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>770.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>High School Transportation</b>				
Transportation-High School	18,576	8,666.16	13,483	1,080
<b>Total High School Transportation</b>	<b>18,576</b>	<b>8,666.16</b>	<b>13,483</b>	<b>1,080</b>
<b>Title I/Remedial Education</b>				
Ilene Russell 50%	15,283	0.00	0	0
Kim Femenella 25%/50%	0	7,014.00	14,655	14,655
Margaret Delisle /50%	0	4,679.50	5,328	6,120
Kim Femenella 65%/45%/15%	7,898	9,037.88	5,468	1,874
Hospitalization	0	0.00	0	0
Margaret Delisle	0	358.00	408	468
Kim Femenella 65%/45%/15%	604	691.38	419	144
Ilene Russell 50%	1,169	0.00	0	0
Kim Femenella 25% / 50%	0	536.63	1,121	1,121
Non-professional Retirement	395	497.73	273	0
Workmens Comp	130	73.63	142	126
Credit Reimbursement	250	930.00	250	250
Dental Program	0	0.00	0	0
Reading Recovery Training	600	0.00	0	0
Supplies	300	254.34	300	300
<b>Total Title I/Remedial Education</b>	<b>26,629</b>	<b>24,073.09</b>	<b>28,364</b>	<b>25,058</b>
<b>Food Service</b>				
Food Service Support	2,000	0.00	0	4,015
<b>Total Food Service</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,015</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,269,383</b>	<b>1,182,962.39</b>	<b>1,229,895</b>	<b>1,303,519</b>

## Readsboro Budget Highlights

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### 2004-2005

	<b>2003-2004</b>	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>Increase/ Decrease</b>
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	
<b>Elementary Costs (Grades PreK-8)</b>	<b>552,014</b>	<b>685,520</b>	<b>133,506</b>
<b>Special Services</b>	<b>207,363</b>	<b>179,006</b>	<b>(28,357)</b>
<b>Tuition (Secondary - Regular)</b>			
Vermont Regular	36,400	68,000	
Mass. Regular	101,208	118,236	
Private Schools	16,444	26,184	
Vocational Vermont	5,126	13,649	
Vocational Mass.	213,740	155,324	
<b>Subtotal Tuition</b>	<b>372,918</b>	<b>381,393</b>	<b>8,475</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>57,600</b>	<b>57,600</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Maintenance Reserve Fund</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>1,229,895</b>	<b>1,303,519</b>	<b>73,624</b>

District: **Readsboro**  
County: **Bennington**

LEA: **164**  
S.U.: **Windham Southwest**

**Expenditures**

**Budget** (local budget approved in prior years)  
82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005

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 or joint school district 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** (minimum of 100%)

(\$6,800 / \$6,800)

**Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized**

(100,000% x \$1.10)

**Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity**

(100,000% x 2.0%)

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
1.	1,178,218	1,269,383	1,189,895	1,303,519
2.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	6,800
3.	53,174	52,034	99,529	66,562
4.	-	-	-	not applicable
5.	15,363	14,360	10,865	not applicable
6.	-	-	40,000	not applicable
7.	-	-	-	not applicable
8.	-	-	-	not applicable
9.	-	-	-	not applicable
10.	1,193,581	1,283,743	1,240,760	1,303,519
11.	-	-	-	not applicable
12.	-	-	-	not applicable
13.	1,193,581	1,283,743	1,240,760	1,303,519
14.	-	-	-	not applicable
15.	-	-	-	not applicable
16.	274,287	258,387	247,457	361,583
17.	-	-	-	not applicable
18.	-	-	-	not applicable
19.	-	-	-	not applicable
20.	274,287	258,387	247,457	361,583
21.	-	-	-	not applicable
22.	-	-	-	not applicable
23.	274,287	258,387	247,457	361,583
24.	919,294	1,025,356	993,303	941,936
25.	154.15	148.75	143.54	138.52
26.	5,964	6,893	6,920	6,800
27.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
28.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	6,800
29.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	100,000%
30.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1,100
31.	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2,00%

## WSSU Assessment

### FY '2005 (2004-2005)

Assessment 802,698 -8,027 (Searsburg 1 %) = 794,671

STAFF COUNT 2003-2004	WSSU:	794,671 /	
		102.26	
	Ratio:	7771.08	
		<u>2002-2003</u>	
Halifax	8.1	8.1	63,635
Readsboro	7.8	7.3	60,614
Stamford	8.7	9.6	67,608
Whitingham	27.7	27.8	215,259
Wilmington	50	50	388,554
Total	102.3	102.8	794,671

PUPIL COUNT, 2003-2004	WSSU:	794,671 /	
		811	
	Ratio:	979.87	
		<u>2002-2003</u>	
Halifax	62	61	60,752
Readsboro	74	67	72,510
Stamford	70	81	68,591
Whitingham	228	242	223,409
Wilmington	377	378	369,409
Total	811	829	794,671

### PERCENTAGE TO WSSU

### AVERAGE OF STAFF & PUPILS

		<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	Increase/ Decrease
Halifax	7.7%	7.5%	61,693	62,023	(330)
Readsboro	8.3%	7.5%	66,562	62,022	4,540
Stamford	9.5%	9.5%	68,100	77,980	(9,880)
Whitingham	27.3%	27.8%	219,334	229,479	(10,145)
Wilmington	47.2%	46.7%	378,982	384,553	(5,571)
Searsburg	1.0%	1.0%	8,027	8,243	(216)
Total	100.0%		802,698	824,300	(21,602)

## Financial Summary of Windham Southwest Supervisory Union

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
	Actual 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004	Budget 2004-2005
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Interest	705.29	1,500	1,000
Federal Revenues	22,184.00	24,542	25,204
Assessments	748,569.00	824,301	802,698
Misc. Income	33.81	0	0
<b>General Fund Revenues:</b>	<b>771,492.10</b>	<b>850,343</b>	<b>828,902</b>
Fund Balance	39,759.16	24,310	86,173
<b>Total Gen Fund Revenues:</b>	<b>811,251.26</b>	<b>874,653</b>	<b>915,075</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
Curriculum Development	62,727.63	66,826	72,251
Superintendent's Office	256,654.65	267,029	273,979
Fiscal Services	67,258.05	73,002	77,418
Speech Services	110,131.78	118,911	123,887
Alternative Program	58,585.74	200,930	210,682
EEE Program	66,618.09	65,457	70,836
Title I Administration	7,656.25	7,911	8,213
Special Education	71,135.92	74,587	77,809
<b>Total Gen Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>700,768.11</b>	<b>874,653</b>	<b>915,075</b>
<b>Excess/(Deficiency)</b>	<b>110,483.15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The Windham Southwest Supervisory Union expects the financial budget for the current year (2003-2004) to be as budgeted.



**SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

State Funds	Actual 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004
Revenues:		
BEST Grant	7,500.00	0
New Directions State Grant	92,399.22	76,056
Other State Revenues	<u>4,426.62</u>	<u>5,024</u>
	104,325.84	81,080
Expenditures:		
BEST Grant	7,500.00	0
New Directions State Grant	53,094.03	76,056
Other State Grants	<u>1,821.12</u>	<u>5,024</u>
Total State Expenditures	62,415.15	81,080
Excess/(Deficiency)	41,910.69	0

	Actual 2002-2003	Budget 2003-2004
Federal Funds:		
Special Programs Fund Revenues:	921,788.16	742,735
Local & Private Funds:	<u>25,950.76</u>	<u>24,675</u>
Total Revenues:	947,738.92	767,410
Special Programs Fund Expenditures:	616,032.73	742,735
Local & Private Expenditures:	<u>13,734.35</u>	<u>24,675</u>
Total Expenditures:	629,767.08	767,410
Excess/(Deficiency)	317,971.84	0
Title I Fund Revenues:	83,816.64	203,543
Title I Fund Expenditures:	7,090.00	143,513
Title I Transfer to Towns:	<u>75,926.00</u>	<u>60,030</u>
Excess/(Deficiency)	800.64	0
Title V Fund Revenues:	17,850.00	21,479
Title V Fund Expenditures:	<u>10,287.77</u>	<u>21,479</u>
Excess/(Deficiency)	7,562.23	0

Federal Revenues for 2002-2003 include carryover from 2001-2002.

Budgeted Federal Revenues for 2003-2004 include carryover from 2002-2003, and are restricted for use in those programs only.

## Estimated Tax Rate and Education Funding

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 247,547	\$ 361,583
Budget	1,229,895	1,303,519
Block Grant to Tech Center	10,865	
Gross Act 68 Budget	1,240,760	1,303,519
Less: Anticipated Revenues	247,457	361,583
Education Spending	993,303	941,936
Equalized Pupils	143.54	138.52
Education Spending Per Pupil	6,920	6,800

Estimated School Tax Rate for FY'2005		ESTIMATED****	
	<u>FY'2004</u>	<u>FY'2005</u>	<u>Increase</u>
School Tax	\$ 1.074	\$ 1.090	\$ 0.016
School Local Share Tax	0.264	-	(0.264)
Town Tax (Level Funded)	<u>1.208</u>	<u>1.208</u>	<u>0.000</u>
Total Tax	2.545	2.298	(0.247)

**FY 2005 Tax rate is figured at a Common Level of Appraisal of 100.55%.**

\*\*\*\* Tax rate estimates are based on pending legislature bill H.540. The bill is expected to proceed through the House & Senate in the next two weeks. If the estimated tax rates change, new information will be available at town meeting but it may not be possible to estimate the tax rate accurately. Another factor that could change these rates would be an appeal from the town of the property valuation.

	<u>State Rate</u>	<u>CLA</u>	<u>Adjusted Tax Rate</u>
Non-residential School Tax Rate	1.59	100.55%	\$1.58
Residential School Tax Rate \$1.10	1.10	100.55%	\$1.09

Another part of H. 540 lowers the residential and non-residential base tax rates.

	<u>State Rate</u>	<u>CLA</u>	<u>Adjusted Tax Rate</u>
Non-residential School Tax Rate	1.54	100.55%	\$1.53
Residential School Tax Rate \$1.05	1.05	100.55%	\$1.04

## Report of the School Principal

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**"Change is the law of life.**

**And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future"**

**- John F. Kennedy**

The field of education has never been stagnant and/or boring; and this year has been and will continue to be no different. Changes have occurred and will, no doubt, continue to occur with respect to staffing, policy, professional development, assessment, technology, and programming. Even the building and grounds have not been immune! The report that follows will attempt to provide you with the facts about how these changes have affected your school and its residents.

We began the school year with the smallest turnover in the past several years. Our yearly change in part-time (one day a week) art and music teachers continued, however, with the hiring of Rhonda Weinshelbaum and Peter Siegel. Rhonda is a certified art teacher with over 20 years of experience working with children; while Peter brings his professional music background and several years of teaching experience to Readsboro Central School. I look forward to their continued work at our school. Elaine Schofield has taken over in the kitchen and brings a wealth of cooking experience to our hot lunch program. After the school board decided to take over the operation of the preschool program, Rebecca Richardson from Rowe, MA was hired as the teacher. Finally, the school board has recently hired Donna Magnussen as school board secretary.

As evidenced by the following State assessment scores in language arts, math, science, and reading, the changes brought about by the focus of our yearly action plan have been positive. The students' scores have met the guidelines of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as put forth in No Child Left Behind legislation. Of course these scores are but one means of assessing student academic progress. Quality standards also exist in the areas of staffing, programming, services, and learning opportunities.

Professional development opportunities allow the staff to continue to remain "green and growing". During our inservice times, we have continued to focus on the areas of science, math, and higher order thinking skills. Special education topics have also been addressed with respect to legal issues, accommodations, confidentiality, and alternative assessments. The Cast-a-Spell spelling program has been instituted in grades 1-4. Both Ms. Roden and Mrs. Woods have received the necessary train-

# NSRE - LANGUAGE ARTS 1997 - 2003

## 4TH GRADE

	STANDARD		NEARLY		BELOW	
	1997-99 3 yr ave (n=36)	1997-02 2003 (spr) 6 yr ave (n=61)	1997-99 3 yr ave (n=36)	1997-02 2003 (spr) 6 yr ave (n=61)	1997-99 3 yr ave (n=36)	1997-02 2003 (spr) 6 yr ave (n=61)
Basic Understanding	76%	82%	24%	17%	3%	1%
Analysis Interpretation	55%	60%	41%	38%	9%	2%
Writing Effectiveness	48%	52%	43%	32%	9%	15%
Writing Conventions	39%	33%	44%	42%	21%	25%
						n=8
						0%
						0%
						50%
						25%

## 8th Grade

	STANDARD		NEARLY		BELOW	
	1997-99 3 yr ave (n=38)	1997-02 2003 (spr) 6 yr ave (n=81)	1997-99 3 yr ave (n=38)	1997-02 2003 (spr) 6 yr ave (n=81)	1997-99 3 yr ave (n=38)	1997-02 2003 (spr) 6 yr ave (n=81)
Basic Understanding	68%	63%	28%	29%	5%	8%
Analysis & Interpretation	48%	39%	31%	44%	24%	18%
Writing Effectiveness	88%	56%	16%	40%	0%	5%
Writing	89%	80%	10%	16%	0%	4%
						0%
						0%
						20%
						0%
						0%

10/9/2003

# SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

1998, 1999, 2002, 2003

<u>1998 (N=10) 6th Grade</u>		<u>1999 (N =19) 6th Grade</u>		<u>2002 (n=14) 5th Grade</u>		<u>2003 (n=9) 5th Grade</u>	
Standard	11%	Standard	42%	Standard	14%	Standard	33%
Nearly	33%	Nearly	32%	Nearly	80%	Nearly	66%
Below	56%	Below	26%	Below	7%	Below	0%

1998-2003 (N=51) 4 year average

Standard	25%
Nearly	53%
Below	22%

10/9/2003

## NEW STANDARDS REFERENCE EXAM - MATH

# NSRE - MATH 1997 - 2003

4TH GRADE

	STANDARD			NEARLY		BELOW			
	1997-99 3 Yr. Ave. (n=38)	1997-02 6 Yr. Ave. (n=61)	2003 (spr) (n=8)	1997-99 3 Yr. Ave. (n=38)	1997-02 6 Yr. Ave. (n=61)	2003 (spr) (n=8)	1997-99 3 Yr. Ave. (n=38)	1997-02 6 Yr. Ave. (n=61)	2003 (spr) (n=8)
Skills	66%	78%	54%	31%	20%	38%	8%	2%	13%
Concepts	31%	47%	13%	39%	39%	50%	34%	14%	38%
Prob. Sol.	37%	49%	26%	39%	26%	0%	29%	25%	76%

8TH GRADE

	STANDARD			NEARLY		BELOW			
	1997-99 3 Yr. Ave. (n=38)	1997-02 6 Yr. Ave. (n=81)	2003 (spr) (n=5)	1997-99 3 Yr. Ave. (n=38)	1997-02 6 Yr. Ave. (n=81)	2003 (spr) (n=5)	1997-99 3 Yr. Ave. (n=38)	1997-02 6 Yr. Ave. (n=81)	2003 (spr) (n=5)
Skills	60%	64%	100%	18%	23%	0%	21%	14%	0%
Concepts	18%	26%	100%	21%	21%	0%	66%	53%	0%
Prob. Sol.	5%	28%	100%	18%	16%	0%	81%	56%	0%

10/9/2003

# VERMONT DEVELOPMENTAL READING ASSESSMENT (GRADE2)

1998 - 2003

1998	(n=6)	1999	(n=13)	2000	(n=7)	100% 0% 0%
standard nearly below	84% 16% 0%	standard nearly below	69% 23% 8%	standard nearly below		
2001	(n=6)	2002	(n=7)	2003	(n=10)	90% 10% 0%
standard nearly below	60% 40% 0%	standard nearly below	71% 14% 14%	standard nearly below		

6 YEAR AVERAGE (1998 - 2003)

(n=43)

STANDARD	79%
NEARLY	17%
BELOW	4%

ing. The training received in the past for standards-based science kits allowed us the opportunity to purchase nine kits at a substantial savings for use in grades 16. These kits are aligned to the new WSSU science curriculum and provide students experiences with inquiry-based science.

The future world for our children will be all-inclusive and noticeably different. An attempt to help them understand different cultures led to opportunities to learn about the cultures and language of China and several Spanish speaking countries. We were very fortunate to have an AFS program Chinese teacher, Chuanfang Peng, at our school from September through December. Students in all grades were introduced to China and its culture in a variety of ways. Since Peng's departure, our China focus has continued with weekly visits (Friday) from Yuan Chow, thanks to an Asian Study grant received by the WSSU. Mary Greene and several Whitingham high school students made weekly visits to our school and worked with classes on the Spanish language and culture of Spanish speaking countries. Mrs. Woods has continued work with middle school students during the winter months.

Several programs from the past continue to be an important part of our school culture. The bi-annual trip to Nature's Classroom by the 5th and 6th graders took place in the early fall. This is a week-long stay at a designated site where students focus on many content-rich environmental activities. Cooperation, team building, individual, and group responsibility are important components of the program. For the second year we have students involved in the Vermont Kids Against Tobacco (VKAT) program. These middle school students present timely information and activities to their peers and younger students on the topic. This year's 7th and 8th grade spelling team placed second in the State spelling competition held in Montpelier this November. The 5th and 6th grade team placed second in the supervisory union competition. Special events and activities were also offered that focused on physical fitness, geography, math, and community service.

Undoubtedly, the school board's decision to take over the operation of the preschool program was the news event of the year. After several meetings and a variety of communications and conflicting information, the board decided to be responsible for the operation of the program. A license to operate was granted by the State of Vermont in late August. Since the decision was made, a licensed teacher, Becky Richardson, has been hired and a new preschool handbook and policy have been adopted. The program is open to all three and four year olds whose parents are Readsboro residents. The preschool operates five days a week and the hours are 12:15-3:15 PM. Feel free to contact the school office if you would



like more information on the program.

The building and grounds received a fair amount of change during the past year. The building's trim was repainted, drain overflows were installed, and several interior doors were refinished. There were several other small projects. The board approved a cleanup and give-away of old and unused books, materials, and equipment, which many residents took advantage of in June. The PTG assumed responsibility for purchasing bark chips and organizing a work-bee to cover the playground area. If passed, the 2004-05 budget will provide continued improvement in many areas of the school building and grounds. Major work will center on classrooms, fire code improvements, an emergency generator, technology, and the multipurpose room. More detailed information will be shared in the weeks leading up to the School District meeting.

Finally, I believe that if we continue to receive the understanding and cooperation of Readsboro residents, our small rural school and its students will certainly not "miss the future". Your efforts and support are always welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID SWITZ

Principal

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