

TOWN OF SHARON, VT ANNUAL FY 03 REPORT

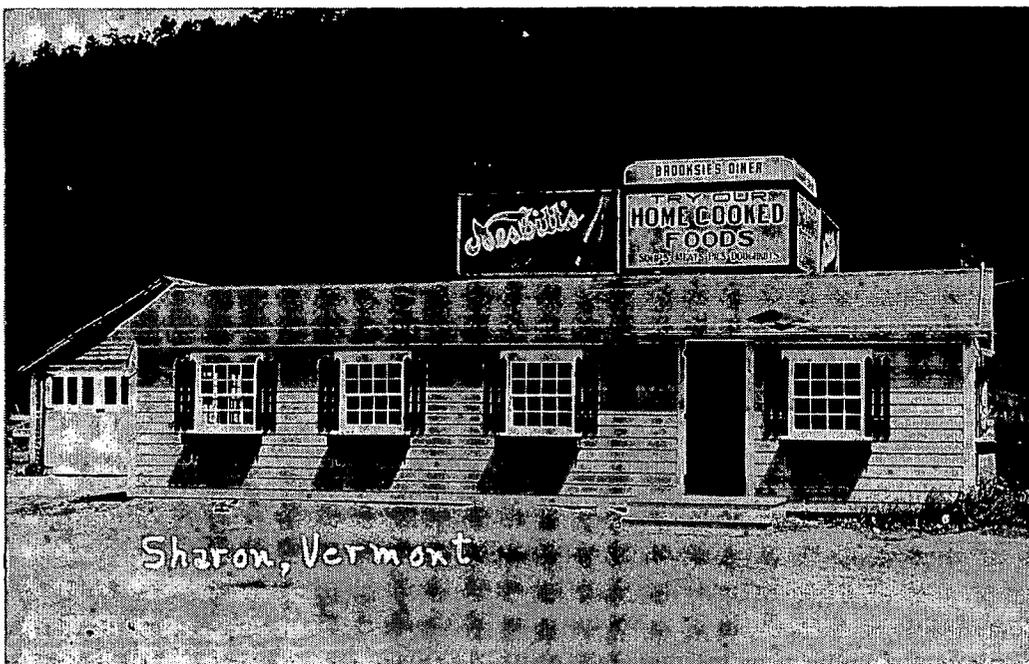
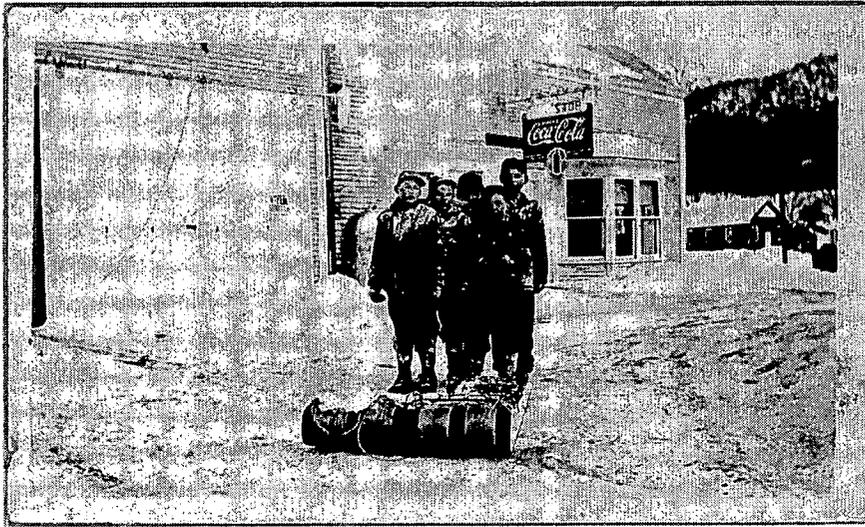


Sharon Town

and

Sharon School District

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING



BROOKSIE'S DINER - As told by Robert Murray

The piece of land on which the diner was built was sold to Joseph & Polly Sharrock by Mary & John Gibson, Nov. 25, 1939. This piece of property, now with The Sharon Garage & lunchroom was sold to Joseph & Ann Cukor. The property was then conveyed to Alex & Gunhild Lindbloom in 1946. My parents, George & Anna Murray, purchased the Sharon Trading Post, also known as The Walbridge Store, and the Sharon Garage & Lunch Room from the Lindblooms in 1947. Sometime, either late 1947 or early 1948, Reynard George & George Flowers rented the lunchroom & Diner from my parents. The building burned in the middle of the night during the summer of either 1948 or 1949. The building was a total loss. (See picture). In the opposite end of the building from the diner was a stall or garage for the Sharon Fire Truck. My understanding that they couldn't get the fire truck started so they had to tow it out of the burning building. Maybe one of the towns first. I believe Charles Dunbar was the Fire Chief at that time. I was away at Boy Scout Camp with your road foreman Ted Wilson when the building burned. Shortly after the fire, a two bay car garage was built on the lot by my parents.

When my parents purchased the store there were two Tydol gas pumps located about 50 or 75 ft. from the store in the diner's parking lot. We did not sell gas.

Sometime in the early 50's, Wilmer Brooks leased the land from my mother, as my father had passed away in fall of 1949. His first diner was a small counter only eatery. (See picture). In June 1953 my mother sold the store to the Trudo's. George, my brother, and I leased a piece of land from Wilmer Brooks, where Sandy's now stands. Here we opened a soft ice-cream stand. In 1954, we wanted to sell food, but because the land belonged to Brooks, and his diner was on my mothers land, she retained possession of the diner lot when the store was sold to the Trudo's. A "trader" name Ross Grindle began negotiations for Brooks with my mother to trade lots. This did happen after a lot of going back and forth between the two parties. This opened the way for Brooks to enlarge his diner, which he did several times to what it was when it too was destroyed by fire. Of course the original "Swirly Top", now Sandy's, was destroyed by fire. The Swirly Top was sold to the Danforth's in 1955.

In 1962, Wilmer again leased from my mother when he took over the Hill Top Diner. He ran this diner for only 2 or 3 years.

Some of this information I gleaned from old deeds that I now have and of course from memory. The deeds are accurate however, my memory may not be.

HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP - Sharon land records

November 25, 1939 - John W. & Mary Gibson to Joseph & Polly Sharrock
April 2, 1946 - Joseph & Polly Sharrock to Joseph T. Cutor
April 8, 1946 - Joseph T. & Ann S. Cutor to Axel H. & Gunhild Lundbloom
April 21, 1947 - Axel H. & Gunhill B. Lindbloom to George & Anna Murray
April 28, 1954 - Anna E. & Richard W. & George W. Murray to Wilmer I. & Gratia Brooks
January 14, 1957 - Wilmer I. & Gratia Brooks to Brooksie's Diner, Inc.
January 9, 1962 - Brooksie's Diner, Inc. to George A. Desnoyers
April 24, 1962 - George A. Desnoyers to Mabel Nelson Delhagen
June 18, 1966 - Mabel Nelson Delhagen to Warren & Lillian Ritter
August 7, 1972 - Warren & Lillian Ritter to Wilmer Brooks
August 7, 1972 - Wilmer Brooks to Fay & Jennie Keyler
September 29, 1972 - Fay & Jennie Keyler to Elizabeth Chapman (Elizabeth Brooks)
October 20, 1972 - Fay & Jennie Keyler to Wilmer Brooks
March 16, 1974 - (straw deed) Elizabeth Chapman to Richard I. Burstein (lawyer)
March 16, 1974 - (straw deed) Wilmer I. Brooks to Richard I. Burstein (lawyer)
March 16, 1974 - (straw deed) Richard I. Burstein to Wilmer & Elizabeth Brooks
June 2, 1981 - Wilmer I. & Elizabeth Brooks to Walter A. & Elizabeth Radiconi, Sr.
February 22, 2001 - Walter A. & Elizabeth Radiconi, Sr. to Walter A. Radiconi, Jr.
August 2003 - Brooksie's Restaurant burned



- Dedication -

SHIRLEY LYMAN KENYON
August 20, 1918 - March 3, 2003

This 2003 Town Report is dedicated to Shirley Lyman Kenyon, a life long resident of Sharon .

Shirley attended elementary school in Sharon and went to South Royalton High School. When she was younger, she traveled to the Eastern States Exhibition, where she worked a booth for "Shorty" Danforth selling Vermont Maple Products. Later, she did the same for Eaton's Sugar House. For several years, she worked as a Vermont Transit Tour Guide to Washington, D.C.

On October 15, 1938, she married Chauncey "Stub" Kenyon. Together they operated two successful businesses, first a sawmill and later a construction business. During this time, she took nursing courses and worked for a time at Brookside Nursing Home in White River Jct. as a Certified Nurses Assistant. Later, the couple combined their operations with their son's business. They operated C. Kenyon Construction for the next 10 years until Mr. Kenyon's death on December 21, 1984. Together with her son, Ted, and her grandsons, Bruce & Brian, she continued the family business, now in its third generation.

She served the community of Sharon well. She was a past Town Auditor from 1966-1968 and 1976-1977, past president of the Pine Hill Cemetery Association, member of the Board of Civil Authority, Justice of the Peace from 1992-2003, Officer of the Sharon Parent Teacher Association, officer of the Sharon Old Home Day, member of the Ladies Aid Society, as well as the Maple Leaf Home Demonstration Club.

She was a member of the Sharon Congregational Church, the Forest Unity Chapter #82 Order of the Eastern Star and the Better Homes Club in South Royalton. She was active with the South Royalton Women's Club and served on the Board of Directors for the Royalton Senior Center.

She enjoyed many hobbies, including knitting, sewing and vegetable and flower gardening, as well as deer hunting, snowmobiling and lawn mowing. She was a hard worker, independent, strong and content with many of life's simpler things. She will be greatly missed.

Town of Sharon

**Annual Reports
For
FY 2003**

From 7/1/02 Through 6/30/03

AUDITORS REPORT

In accordance with Title 24 V.S.A. Section 1651, we have examined the accounts and records of the Sharon Town and Sharon School District . To the best of our knowledge, these accounts and records present accurately and clearly the financial status of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003.

We thank all committees and organizations which make up this Town Report for their contributions, especially those organizations which are so prompt in submitting their reports. It most certainly makes our jobs producing the Town Report much easier.

This year, we have decided to go with a bigger size page for the Town Report. The necessary documents, now required by law, make it almost impossible to use the smaller page, as in the case of last years report, which some pages were hard to read. We would welcome any comments about this change.

It has been a pleasure, this year, to have Phil Pomerville and Todd Robinson as co-auditors. Their help has been extremely welcomed for all the Sharon Town Auditor's tasks.

Valerie Potter
Phillip J. Pomerville
Michael Todd Robinson

CANDIDATES FILED FOR OFFICE - 2004

AUDITOR for 3 years-----Valerie Potter
COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES for 1 year-----Kenneth S. Chase
FIRST CONSTABLE for 1 year-----Kenneth S. Chase
LISTER for 3 years-----Ken Wright
MODERATOR for 1 year-----Vacant
SECOND CONSTABLE for 1 year-----Roland E. Potter
SELECTMEN for 3 years-----Bill Kitchel
TREASURER for 3 years-----Margaret B. Raymond

TOWN OF SHARON
WARNING
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2, 2004

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sharon Elementary School in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 9:00AM to transact the following business. NOTE: THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM FOR VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT.

Absentee ballots for the articles to be voted by Australian ballot may be obtained by a voter by contacting the Town Clerk (763-8268) at any time until 5:00 p.m. (and by an authorized person on the voter's behalf by noon) on Monday, March 1, 2004. Voters wishing to vote by mail should request ballots early. The deadline for submitting voter applications for this annual meeting is 12:00 noon on Monday, February 23, 2004. The Town Clerk's Office is open that day from 7:00AM to 12:00 noon for the receipt of voter application forms.

Article 1. To elect the following Town Officials by Australian Ballot:

Auditor for 3 years
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year
First Constable for 1 year
Lister for 3 years
Moderator for 1 year
Second Constable for 1 year
Selectmen for 3 years
Treasurer for 3 years

Article 2. To elect the following Town Officers:

Town Grand Juror: 1 year term
Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits - 1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds - 3 year term
Trustee of Baxter Library - 5 year term
Trustee of Downer Fund - 3 year term

Article 3. To receive the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 4. To see what specific sum of money the voters of the Town of Sharon will vote to appropriate for necessary Town Expenses, including highways and for the purpose for which the law requires

appropriations, and to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

Article 5. To see whether the voters shall approve increased support to the Baxter Library from the current level of annual support of \$3,000 to \$8,000 annually.

Article 6. To see if the Town of Sharon will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect the Town general and highway tax and the School District Tax on real and personal estate in two installments within the next fiscal year, the first being on or before Tuesday, September 7, 2004 and the second being due on or before Tuesday, February 22, 2005, with interest of one percent per month or part thereof for the first three months and one and one-half percent thereafter for each installment until paid in full, and a late fee of eight percent following any delinquency after the second installment due date.

Article 7. To see if the voters of the Town of Sharon will vote to schedule its next Town Meeting for 9AM Tuesday, March 1st, 2005.

Article 8. To transact any other business relevant to this meeting.

Dated at Sharon, County of Windsor, and State of Vermont this 28th day of January, 2004 A.D.

Board of Selectmen:
Bob Ferguson, Chair
Bill Kitchel, Vice-Chair
Kevin Blakeman, Clerk

**TOWN OF SHARON
2003 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2003**

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon met as warned at 9A.M. on March 4, 2003 at the Sharon Elementary School. Moderator Michael Hillinger led the voters in the salute to the flag. Moderator Michael Hillinger announced that there was babysitting available in the library. A hat was passed for donations toward the purchase of material for a quilt to be made by Martha Fisk. Proceeds from the Quilt raffle will go to the School Hot Lunch Program. Phyllis Potter of Sharon Historical Society spoke to the voters about the Landmark Newspaper that was given to the Sharon Historical Society from Susan Melendy & her mother, Eleanor Wright. The Historical Society has selected a contractor to microfilm the collection and it should be finished by late April, early May. The Historical society would like to thank everyone for his or her donations and support. The Society has received a total of \$5,500.00 in donations and grants. The society plans to have the microfilm reader prepared for use, by the time the museum opens this summer, for viewing and access by the public.

ARTICLE 1: The following Town Officers were elected by Australian Ballot:

Auditor - Phillip J. Pomerville - 2 year term
Auditor - Michael Todd Robinson - 3 year term (Write-in Candidate)
Collector of Delinquent Taxes - Kenneth S. Chase - 1 year term
First Constable - Kenneth S. Chase - 1 year term
Lister - Galen E. Mudgett, Jr. - 3 year term
Moderator - Michael Hillinger - 1 year term
Second Constable - Roland E. Potter - 1 year term
Selectmen - Bob Ferguson - 3 year term
Town Clerk - Joanne Slater - 3 year term

The total number of voters on the checklist = 880
The total number of voters who voted = 128

ARTICLE 2: To elect the following Town Officers:

(The following Officers were elected by voice vote)
Town Grand Juror - Pamela Brackett - 1 year term
Agent To Prosecute & Defend Suits - Douglas Moore - 1 year term
Trustee of Public Funds - Phyllis Potter - 3 year term
Trustee of Baxter Library - Mona Foster - 5 year term
Trustee of Downer Fund - Jim Kearns - 3 year term

***Representative Jim Masland spoke to the voters.**

ARTICLE 3: To receive the reports of the Town Officers:

Elaine Kearns moved the article, seconded. Bob Ferguson stated that the town had most of their Rte. 132 funding for this fiscal year taken away because of the budget restraints of the State. The Selectmen fought very hard and lobbied through Senator Welch and VTRANS for funding for the Rte. 132 project. They were able to get the money to support part of the Rte. 132 budget for this year. Those monies are targeted to the right of way project, which will be the next part of the Rte. 132 project on the schedule. After this part of the project, the final design plans will be created. The Selectboard will be prepared to go out to bid for the 2004 construction season. This summer, pavement will be removed on a section of Rte. 132. The section to be paved is right above the box culvert and up to the section of road that was prepared about 10 years ago. That section of road is full of potholes. After the pavement is off of the road, material will be added, and then material put back on the road. The Selectboard feel that doing this paving will allow them to maintain that section of road and keep it smoother until the Rte. 132 project gets started. Within the next few months those who live along Rte. 132 will be receiving visits from our engineering firm discussing road right of ways. The Selectboard has tried to have a minimum impact on people's property along the road and reduce the amount of property that will have to be taken to improve the road. Bob Ferguson told the voters that an Interim Bylaw for Telecommunications Towers Facilities was passed a year ago. This Bylaw gave the Town the ability to have some regulatory control over telecommunications facilities. The Selectboard has before them right now two active applications for additional facilities. One tower is called a stealth tree tower that would be located down behind

the southbound I-89 rest area on Newcity property. Bob Ferguson told the voters about the upcoming hearings and site visit concerning this tower. The second application is another Nextel application for the conversion of a barn up on Rte. 132 on Eaton property. This application is to rehabilitate the barn and add a cupola to it. This cupola would raise the total height of the building up to about 40-ft. Bob told the voters when the hearings for this tower would be held. The Selectboard also received requests for antennae panels on the Baxter Mt. tower. The town has a moratorium on co-location on that tower, which was a part of a settlement agreement the Selectmen negotiated with Bell Atlantic/Verizon. This moratorium is in effect for about 2 more years and essentially precludes Bell Atlantic/Verizon from putting up any more equipment on this tower. Bob said that it's likely that the Selectboard is going to face more applications for additional panels. The Selectboard needs to decide if the town should use the negotiating power that comes along with having a legal moratorium to try to put together the least offensive esthetic outcome from adding antennae panels to the tower or to ride out the moratorium and essentially let these parties make application through the towns By-law process and then hope for a favorable outcome. There are five or six companies that are looking for locations in Sharon to try and get good coverage on the I-89 corridor through town. Bill Kitchel stated that at this time the Selectboard members are serving as the administrative board for these By-laws. They would welcome any volunteers within the town who would like to be on the Board of Adjustment. The Board of Adjustment would only be dealing with the Telecommunication Facility By-laws. Bob Ferguson said that the Selectboard would probably be proposing, at next years Town Meeting, to make the Interim By-laws permanent. Bob Ferguson acknowledged and thanked the town crew. Bill Kitchel spoke about the Sharon Industrial Park. The property in the Industrial Park, which was owned by C.V. Properties, has been sold to Native-Vest, a Development Company. It went on the market July of 2001 and was listed for \$295,000.00. It sold as of July 2003 for \$100,000.00. A committee had been formed within the town to explore the possibilities of the town purchasing that property. The Committee found that it wasn't a feasible venture for the town to get into. For \$100,000.00 they may have considered buying it, but it is too late now. Greg Fleming who is the sole owner of Native-Vest met with the Selectmen, Conservation Commission and the Planning Commission to discuss what he envisions his plans are for his property. He is well aware of the concerns of the Town as to what happens on the property. A particular concern of the Selectboard and the Conservation Commission is a beautiful piece of river front property that's included in that lot. Mr. Fleming would like to see that some form of recreational use and access is provided to that particular lot. There are seven lots total. At last years town meeting the Selectboard provided information about finding some resolution to the railroad-crossing situation with VTRANS and the prior owners of CV Properties. As of June 2002, the Selectboard signed an agreement to make safety improvements to the grade crossing. This is an initial document that was needed to allow VTRANS to start their planning and to access federal monies. This past year, part of that process was to sign a "Declaration of Easements, Restrictions, and Liens for maintenance of Sharon Industrial Park Roads" on the road that will be established. This is not a road that the town wanted to maintain or get involved in establishing as a public road. The Selectboard felt that this is a private road and had always been a private road. This maintenance agreement makes it so the users of this property will be the ones responsible for the maintenance. The process got complicated when the original Viens property sold to new owners. The new owners were going to lose their access to their property through the process. They finally negotiated an access to their property through the new road on Native-Vest property. This past February the Selectboard signed an agreement to accept the 90 % plan for this industrial park access road. There was a rail accident with a truck this fall at this railroad crossing. There has been no outcome expressed to the town from this accident, other than the police report stating that the accident was the fault of the truck driver and not the engineer. Kevin Blakeman stated that the last three years the Sharon Academy has leased the Old School House property from the town. The Sharon Academy pays 50 % of the capital improvements and all maintenance of the Property. Sharon Academy now has 100% control over the property and makes capital and general improvements within the building. They have re-arranged the floor plans a little and

fixed the bathrooms at their own expense. Their lease with the town is about to expire. The town is going to renew the lease with the Sharon Academy for another 3 years, with the understanding that they give the town a one-year notice if they want to terminate the lease. The well on this property is being tested on a regular basis, and there is a possibility of some contamination from the road salt. Once the results show there is contamination from road salt, the town should get a new well paid for by the State. The Fire station roof needs to be replaced as it is old and leaks. It is estimated that it will cost \$10,000.00 to put a new roof on. The Selectmen would like to find the funds in this year or next year's budget to put a new roof on the Fire Station. The Fire Department also needs to replace a fire truck before long. The Selectmen have decided to set \$5,000.00 aside this year in the equipment fund. If they set aside \$15,000.00 a year until they come up with the funds, they won't need to borrow money to pay for the new truck. It is very similar to the way they buy the town trucks and graders. Dale Potter said that it is his understanding that this year was the last year that the town had to make payments on the fire station. If that were the case then there wouldn't be any new tax money that we would have to generate. Dale said that we should be able to take the money that we have been using to pay for the firehouse and use that for the fire equipment fund. Bob Ferguson said that the town had been paying about \$15,000.00 a year on the loan for the fire station. They also did this for the last Fire truck purchased. The Town funded at \$15,000.00 a year for 5 years to build up this fire truck fund. As long as they could maintain the equipment while building up this reserve fund, It wouldn't be a noticeable tax impact on the taxpayers. The Selectboard fully supports the fire fighters. The article was put to a vote and carried by a voice vote.

***State Senator Matt Dunn spoke to the voters.**

ARTICLE 4: To see what specific sum of money the voters of the Town of Sharon will vote to appropriate for necessary Town Expenses, including highways and for the purpose for which the law requires appropriations, and to authorize the Selectmen to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.

Bob Ferguson made a motion to budget \$786, 793.00 of which \$537,988.00 will be raised by taxes to support the expenses of the Town, seconded. Bob stated that on page 11 in the Town Report the FY2002 figures actually show a deficit. Also on the bottom of page 19, the amount \$127,593.20 is wrong, the actual amount should be \$143,159.00. This figure is really not a deficit. The professional Auditors that audit the town's financial statements changed a few things in the way that the town reports income and expenses. For example we are no longer able to put our surplus on the revenue side of our budget. About \$80,000.00 of what shows up in this figure is surplus funds that in years past would have been carried over on the revenue side of our budget. About \$68,000.00 of this deficit had to do with the timing of the receipt of grant money on the High Lake culvert replacement. The work was conducted before June 30th and the money was received from the State after the expense got into this fiscal year but not the revenue. The town has about a \$5,000.00 surplus. The motion was put to a vote and carried with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town of Sharon will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to collect the Town general and highway tax and the School District Tax on real and personal estate in two installments within the next fiscal year, the first being on or before Tuesday, August 18, 2003 and the second being due on or before Tuesday, February 16, 2004 with interest of one percent per month or part thereof for the first three months and one and one-half percent thereafter for each installment until paid in full, and a late fee of eight percent following any delinquency after the second installment due date.

Edwin West, Jr., moved the article, seconded. The motion was put to a vote and carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: (By Petition) Shall the residents of the Town of Sharon support the following resolution:

Whereas many foods that we eat have been genetically engineered or contain genetically engineered ingredients; and
Whereas genetically engineered foods are fundamentally different from conventional foods in that they have foreign DNA from bacteria, viruses, animals or plants spliced into their genetic codes; and
Whereas such foods can have unpredictable effects on human health; and
Whereas consumers cannot avoid buying such foods since no foods in this country are labeled for genetically engineered content; and
Whereas the principles of democratic society require being able to make informed choices;
Therefore, the residents of the Town of Sharon call upon our legislative and congressional representatives to work towards the mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered food products.

Elaine Kearns moved the article, seconded. Cathy Buxton spoke to the voters about the article. She stated that this is not a law, we are simply just trying to pass a resolution. She said that we want our elected officials to pay attention to the issue surrounding genetically engineered foods. Biotechnology is a very complex science. This resolution just calls simply for labeling of these foods. This is an issue about our right to know what we are buying. We are asking that our elected officials aid and support any bills that come before them which support mandatory labeling by the manufacturer of these foods. David Indenbaum moved the question. It was voted on whether to move the question and carried with a show of the voter cards. The motion was put to a vote and carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the voters of the Town of Sharon will vote to schedule its next Town Meeting for 9AM Tuesday, March 2, 2004.

Maynard F. Baldwin, Jr., moved the article, second. Maynard Baldwin, Jr. amended the article to hold next year's town meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 10am., seconded. Maynard Baldwin said that there was a sparse attendance of voters at the Annual School Meeting on March 3, 2003, where about a \$2.5 million dollar budget was discussed and decided on by probably less than 50 people. The conversation at the Annual School Meeting was about whether or not Monday night was a convenient time to meet. The Town had switched many years ago from a day meeting to a night meeting for the Annual School Meeting. Maynard had made a motion, at the Annual School Meeting this year to have a non-binding vote for the school board to look at whether to put school meeting back on the day time after Town meeting and perhaps a lunch in between the meetings. Maybe this would double the attendance and bring people out to a one day event. Making Town Meeting an hour later will allow the town meeting in his opinion to go right up until lunch and then follow with school meeting in the afternoon. Someone asked if it is feasible to change school meeting to combine with town meeting at next year's town meeting. The moderator said that yes it was feasible. The Moderator said that it is a matter of calling a special Town meeting, which he believes, is done by Australian Ballot. The amendment was voted on and was defeated. The motion was put to vote and carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business relevant to this meeting.

Garfield Barnes moved the article, seconded. Garfield Barnes read a resolution and asked the voters to have a straw vote on it. Garfield told the voters that the Senate passed 27 to 1 a pretty good bill last year about energy. The resolution he was presenting to the voters is as follows; "Be it resolved that the citizens of Sharon urgently call upon our municipal leaders, state legislators, governor, and congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont homes, businesses, public buildings, and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the State of Vermont." The Moderator explained to the voters that any motion made in this section of the meeting does not have the full force of a warned article. Galen E. Mudgett, Jr. moved that we table it, seconded. The motion to table this resolution was voted on and defeated by a voice vote. The original motion

was put to a vote and carried by a voice vote. Elaine Kearns wanted to thank the Selectmen for doing a good job. Marion Sweetser thanked the town for supporting the South Royalton Area Senior Citizens. She said that they are grateful for all of your support. Marion said that you could have a wonderful lunch for around \$3.00 on a Tuesday & Thursday at the Royalton Academy and Wednesday in Strafford. You don't need to be a senior to come to these lunches. Wilfred Moore made a motion to adjourn, seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Approved by Selectmen:

Robert Ferguson
Bill Kitchel
Kevin Blakeman

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanne M. Slater, Town Clerk

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS - 2003
***' (Elected by Australian Ballot)**

		<u>TERM</u>	<u>EXPIRES*</u>
TOWN MODERATOR:	Michael Hillinger		2004
SCHOOL MODERATOR:	Michael Hillinger		2004
* TOWN CLERK:	Joanne M. Slater		2006
* TREASURER:	Margaret B. Raymond		2004
* SELECTMEN:	William Kitchel		2004
	Kevin Blakeman		2005
	Robert Ferguson		2006
* FIRST CONSTABLE & DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR:	Kenneth S. Chase		2004
* SECOND CONSTABLE:	Roland E. Potter		2004
* LISTERS:	Ken Wright		2004
	Helen Barrett		2005
	Galen E. Mudgett, Jr.		2006
* AUDITORS:	Valerie Potter		2004
	Phillip J. Pomerville		2005
	Michael Todd Robinson		2006
GRAND JUROR:	Pamela Brackett		2004
AGENT TO PROSECUTE & DEFEND SUITS:	Douglas Moore		2004
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS:	Judith Tyson		2004
	Martha Fisk		2005
	Phyllis Potter		2006
TRUSTEES OF BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY:	Debra St. Peter		2004
	Paula Duprat		2005
	Laurie Swanson		2006
	Marjorie Diehlmann		2007
	Mona Foster		2008
TRUSTEES OF DOWNER FUND:	Calvin Keyler		2004
	Robert Ferguson		2005
	Jim Kearns		2006
SCHOOL DIRECTORS:	Ronald Amato		2004
	Donald Shaw		2005
	Deborah Hopkins		2006
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE			
ELECTED NOV. 5, 2002:	Maynard F. Baldwin, Jr., Helen Barrett, Linda Blakeman, Joanne Mason & Phillip Pomerville, appointed by the Governor due to the death of Shirley Kenyon.		
			2004

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED OR APPROVED - 2003

		<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SELECTMEN:	Margaret Becker	
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK:	Marion Sweetser	Mar. 2004
ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER:	Vacant	
ROAD FOREMAN:	Theodore Wilson	
ROAD CREW:	Rex Dyer	
	Ernest Punt, Jr.	
	Seasonal: Frederick Holmes	
HEALTH OFFICER:	David Indenbaum	Mar. 2004
SERVICE OFFICER:	Douglas Moore	Mar. 2004
FIRE WARDEN:	Kenneth Chase	Mar. 2005
DEPUTY FIRE WARDEN:	David Potter	Mar. 2005
TREE WARDEN:	Vince Gross	Mar. 2004
POUND KEEPERS:	Roland Potter	Mar. 2004
	Vacant position	Mar. 2004
SURVEYOR OF LUMBER & COAL:	Wilfred Moore	Mar. 2004
FENCE VIEWER:	John Durkee	Mar. 2004
	Roland Potter	Mar. 2004
	Vacant position	Mar. 2004
SHARON PLANNING COMMISSION:	Susan Sellew	Mar. 2007
	Peter Anderson	Mar. 2007
	Anne Berndt	Mar. 2007
	Deborah Wroth	Mar. 2004
	Paul Kristensen	Mar. 2004
	Jason Flint	Mar. 2004
	Vince Gross	Mar. 2006
	Jay McPhretres	Mar. 2006
	Nancy Matthews	Mar. 2006
	Clerk: Helen Barrett	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CHAIRMAN:	Dana Durkee	Mar. 2004
ENERGY COORDINATOR:	Bruce McCoy	Mar. 2004
SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION:	Chairman: Michael Zwickelmaier	Mar. 2004
	Alma Zwickelmaier	Mar. 2004
	Fritz Weiss	Mar. 2004
	Margaret Raymond	Mar. 2004
	Karen Hewitt	Mar. 2004

TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED OR APPROVED 2002 - CONTINUED

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

President:	Carol Flint	Mar. 2004
Vice President:	Michael Tracy	Mar. 2004
Treasurer:	Martin Young	Mar. 2004
Secretary:	Carmen LaFromboise	Mar. 2004
Community Relations:	Jean Amato	Mar. 2004

TWO RIVERS/OTTAQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION:

Town Commissioner:	Debra Wroth	Mar. 2004
Alternate Comm.:	Nancy Matthews	Mar. 2004

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

Vacant	Mar. 2004
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GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE

MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

Edwin A. West, Jr.	Mar. 2004
Wilfred Moore	Mar. 2004

INTERIM FLOOD HAZARD BYLAW

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

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E911 COORDINATOR:

Margaret Becker	Mar. 2004
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VERMONT GREEN-UP:

Alma Zwickelmaier	Mar. 2004
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OTHER TOWN ORGANIZATIONS

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief:	David Potter
Assistant Chief:	Dana Durkee
President:	Dale Potter

OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE:

President:	Scott & Robin Fisk
Co-Vice Presidents:	John Sears
Treasurer:	Martha Fisk
Secretary:	Joanne Mason

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

President:	Edwin West, Jr.	May 2004
Vice President:	Mary Ayer	May 2004
Secretary:	Vivian Viola Kill	May 2004
Treasurer:	Martha Fisk	May 2004
Co-Curators:	Phyllis Potter	May 2004
	Kelly Clark	May 2004
Directors:	Earl Donahue	May 2005
	Rita Doyle	May 2005
	Vivian Moore	May 2005
	Joanne Slater	May 2005

PINE HILL CEMETERY:

President:	Douglas Moore	May 2004
Vice President:	Doris Howe	May 2004
Secretary:	Shelia Conrad	May 2004
Treasurer:	Martha Fisk	May 2004
Sexton:	Maurice Day	May 2004

Selectmen's Report for FY2003

Once again it is time to reflect on the year that has passed and to discuss the Selectboard's priorities for the next eighteen months as appear in the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2005.

As this report goes to print, Selectmen note the distressing news of Huttig Corporation's decision to move its operations from the Sharon facility to Manchester, NH with the accompanying loss of 20+ jobs in the local economy. We wish to express our support to those families coping with job losses mid-winter. This year, as with last year, the Selectboard proposes a "no frills" budget for FY2005 and in keeping with the times.

Fiscal Year 2004 to-date: Last March voters authorized the Town to raise \$537,988 in property taxes to finance a general fund budget of \$786,793. Highway expenditures encompass approximately 80% of our general fund budget expenditures.

The new and signalized rail crossing on River Road was finally completed this fall and the old crossing and entrance to Sharon Commerce Park has been closed. The Town has laid out a class 4 road in order to obtain federal funding for this rail project, however the owner and tenants of the Sharon Commerce Park will maintain this road. The Town will share in the liability for the crossing.

Scour repairs to two box culverts located on Lyman Road and Broad Brook Road were completed this summer. Third party hauling of sand and gravel continues. Heavy rains this summer and fall required extended employment of a 4th seasonal road crew member. If winter storms and squalls continue as evidenced by the pattern of the past few weeks, our highway budget could well be expended entirely. Therefore, the Selectboard is monitoring expenditures very carefully and looking for ways to conserve precious resources wherever it makes sense.

Selectmen are pleased with the effectiveness of the Town's interim Telecommunications Facilities Bylaw, which was just re-enacted for one additional year (until January 2005). Nextel Communications submitted two application requests in February 2003 for permits to install telecommunications facilities, one on the Eaton Property located at 474 Rte. 132, the other on the Newcity Property at 730 Rte. 14. Permits were issued for both facilities as a result of public hearings and site visits. The bylaw review process resulted in a constructive give-and-take dialogue between the Planning Commission, the Selectboard, abutters, and applicants. The Nextel facilities that were finally permitted provide minimal visual impacts to adjacent property owners and the general population while enhancing cellular communications along the I89 corridor and Sharon Village. Selectmen recommend adoption of a permanent telecommunications facilities bylaw.

The Selectboard felt it was prudent to remove pavement on the worst half-mile stretch of Rte. 132. Resurfacing that section only to tear it out during the pending rehabilitation project was not considered a good use of tax dollars. We appreciate the tolerance of everyone who travels the road and will make every effort to keep the problem areas as

vehicle-friendly as we can. The design and right-of-way phases for the Rte. 132 Rehabilitation project are expected to conclude this summer. We have just recently received news from VTrans that the project is now on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). This means that funding is earmarked in the federal fiscal year that starts October 1, 2004. That is the good news. The bad news is that although we are now on the funded project list, it looks like we will be facing another full year and more before actual construction commences. With monies not being available until at least October, we are now planning to begin construction as early as practical in Spring/Summer 2005. This Selectboard has lobbied intensely to secure the funding for this project and will continue to stay in contact with our legislators throughout the 2004 Legislative Session to help insure that the promised funds will actually be made available.

Performing maintenance and capital repairs to Town buildings has become a priority. Window replacements have commenced in the municipal building. More replacements are scheduled for FY2005. A replacement water supply for the Old School House, Municipal Building, and Sharon Church will be needed. The well adjacent to the Old School House has been contaminated by road salt, almost certainly from I-89. A "mock" VOSHA inspection performed at the Selectboard's request by the Town's insurance carrier (VT League of Cities and Towns) has highlighted additional repairs and improvements needed to the Town Garage, playground, and Municipal Building. The most extensive list of repairs will be performed to the Old School House building.

In summary, revenues and expenditures for FY2004 are tracking very much as budgeted. With no anticipated windfalls in revenues, Selectmen are monitoring the highway budget very carefully – due to early and significant winter storms and a continued pattern of "winter squalls" which will "max" our overtime and materials budget.

FY2005 budget: The FY2003 audit has not been completed, so it is premature to state that there will be any surplus carried forward into FY2005. The Town's FY2005 budget is a "bare bones" budget, reflecting business as usual and no increase in the Town's administrative capacity. No major bridge or paving projects will be undertaken, as the Selectboard's goal is to assure completion of the Rte. 132 project. One truck is scheduled for replacement this year. The funds for this purchase have been set aside in the Equipment Fund. There are a few Town organizations that have justifiable requests for increased support from the Townspeople. Please note the requests from Baxter Library and Sharon Firemen's Association.

The local 10% match for the costs of completing the Rte. 132 Rehabilitation project have been set aside over the past several years. Another \$40,000 set-aside is budgeted for 2005 towards construction costs. A \$5,000 set-aside is earmarked for design and right-of-way costs. The Selectboard's goal is to not have to bond for our local share of this construction project now estimated to cost \$2.5 million.

The Selectboard would like to remind Sharon residents that you still have a large voice in determining a future vision for land use development and protection of local natural

resources. A substantially revised Town Plan will proceed to public hearings in FY2005 and possibly as early as this Spring, and Selectmen urge your participation in the public comment phase. The Plan may be adopted by majority vote of the Selectboard at the conclusion of the hearing process.

The Selectboard continues to meet regularly at 7PM on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with occasional special meetings. Our meeting warnings are posted at Sharon Trading Post, Tracy's Midway Station, the Town Clerk's office, and the Sharon Post Office. As always - the Board wants to express its appreciation to all those people serving as Town Officers and volunteers on advisory commissions. We look forward very much to public comments at each of our meetings.

Robert Ferguson, Chair
Bill Kitchel, Vice Chair
Kevin Blakeman, Clerk

**SHARON TOWN GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET FY2003**

ASSETS

CASH	\$	487.83
TOWN CHECKING	\$	398,445.90
GENERAL FUND MM	\$	6,632.97
APPRIASAL FUND	\$	44,350.38
RESERVE FUNDS	\$	170,000.00
PREPAID FY 2004 TAXES	\$	880.00
DELINQUENT TAXES REC.	\$	52,413.13
DELINQUENT INT/OTH RECV	\$	8,945.99
DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$	538.26
Miss ACCOUNTS REC	\$	1,829.25
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	684,523.71

LIABILITIES

DEFERED REVENUE OTHER	\$	(64,928.14)
DEFERED REVENUE DLQT TAXES	\$	44,000.00
DEFERRED GRANTS	\$	78,321.45
FY03 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$	16,702.70
APPRIASAL FUND OWED	\$	2,064.03
ACCRUED SICKTIME	\$	17,906.08
MISC. AMOUNTS DUE	\$	12,342.38
HIGHWAY CAP. RES. FUND	\$	135,203.60
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$	180,901.53
DUE TO/FROM FUNDS	\$	168,141.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	590,655.49
FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	\$	93,868.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$	684,523.71

**SHARON GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BUDGET SUMMARY**

Account	FY 2003 Budget	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Budget	FY 2005 Budget
Taxes	\$ 1,779,732.08	\$ 1,762,801.18	\$ 1,871,479.00	\$ 1,914,835.00
Non tax inc	\$ 53,765.00	\$ 85,309.00	\$ 88,240.00	\$ 74,965.00
Highway	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 169,173.95	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
Miss	\$ 112,025.00	\$ 44,170.21	\$ 21,565.00	\$ 19,000.00
TOTAL REV	<u>\$2,061,522.08</u>	<u>\$2,061,454.34</u>	<u>\$2,077,284.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,104,800.00</u>
EXPENSE				
Town office	\$ 57,288.00	\$ 48,007.80	\$ 66,070.00	\$ 62,985.00
Overhead	\$ 37,246.00	\$ 38,415.96	\$ 38,479.00	\$ 39,479.00
Election	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,415.11	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,588.00
Clerk	\$ 33,317.00	\$ 32,955.75	\$ 41,292.00	\$ 43,005.00
Treasurer	\$ 36,475.00	\$ 33,598.61	\$ 40,655.00	\$ 41,323.00
Auditors	\$ 15,280.00	\$ 17,728.11	\$ 15,583.00	\$ 13,995.00
LISTERS	\$ 38,272.00	\$ 21,764.83	\$ 19,900.00	\$ 18,100.00
Del coll.	\$ 9,355.00	\$ 8,566.08	\$ 9,355.00	\$ 9,355.00
Cons Comm.	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Planning C.	\$ 9,012.00	\$ -	\$ 12,265.00	\$ 6,165.00
Law enforcement	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 44,108.68	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 40,500.00
Fire-rescue	\$ 45,933.00	\$ 50,800.04	\$ 43,685.00	\$ 47,100.00
Cemeteries	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,900.00
Highway	\$ 78,112.00	\$ 73,910.19	\$ 79,984.00	\$ 95,442.00
II Summer	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 44,820.86	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 51,170.00
II winter	\$ 57,850.00	\$ 50,142.23	\$ 55,825.00	\$ 54,070.00
III summer	\$ 73,400.00	\$ 58,372.06	\$ 70,550.00	\$ 68,420.00
III winter	\$ 49,600.00	\$ 56,899.46	\$ 59,150.00	\$ 52,920.00
Contractors	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 67,155.98	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
Health	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 2,870.00	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 5,030.00
Land fill	\$ 7,960.00	\$ 23,381.08	\$ 27,460.00	\$ 24,460.00
School	\$ 1,270,378.30	\$ 1,243,964.73	\$ 1,290,491.00	\$ 1,327,093.00
Rec. Comm.	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Senior	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Old Home Day	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Library	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Abatement expense		\$ 238.23		
Country tax	\$ 9,628.78	\$ 9,628.78	\$ 9,030.00	\$ 9,050.00
Penalty IRS		\$ 18,404.83		
Total Expense	<u>2,061,522.08</u>	<u>1,967,549.40</u>	<u>2,077,284.00</u>	<u>2,104,800.00</u>
TOTAL FUND	<u>-</u>	<u>93,904.94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**TOWN OF SHARON GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT**

	Budget FY 2003	Actual FY 2003	Budget FY 2004	Budget FY 2005
<u>TOWN REVENUES</u>				
BUDGETED TOWN PROP. TAXES	\$ 458,103.78	\$ 457,264.98	\$ 537,988.00	\$ 544,742.00
CHANGE TO PROP TAX BUDGET	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
EST. YEARLY DELINQUENT	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ (95,292.23)	\$ (75,000.00)	\$ (75,000.00)
CURR. SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 1,270,378.30	\$ 1,243,912.00	\$ 1,290,491.00	\$ 1,327,093.00
CURRENT LAND USE PAYMENTS	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 20,824.80	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
TAX REVENUE	\$ 1,684,482.08	\$ 1,638,709.55	\$ 1,773,479.00	\$ 1,817,835.00
DELINQUENT PROP.TAX COLL.	\$ 71,250.00	\$ 100,266.74	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
INTEREST DELINQUENT TAXES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,642.47	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
INTEREST LATE TAXES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,471.28	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAX	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,711.14	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
NON TAX REVENUE	\$ 95,250.00	\$ 124,091.63	\$ 98,000.00	\$ 97,000.00
ALCOHOL & TOBACCO LICENSES	\$ 325.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 350.00
RECORDING & LAND RECORD	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,043.29	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
DOG LICENSE FEES	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,088.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
FISH & GAME FEES	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.50	\$ -	\$ -
DMV REGISTRATION FEES	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,122.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES	\$ 75.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00
LND RCRD PRESERVATION FEE	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,748.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE FEES	\$ 100.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
ORDINANCE FEES	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,126.12	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
GUVSW COUPONS SALES	\$ -	\$ 10,997.40	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 12,000.00
GUVSWD STICKER SALES	\$ -	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
REAPPRAISAL STATE INCOME	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,572.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00
EEGL STUDY VT STATE INC.	\$ 765.00	\$ 762.00	\$ 775.00	\$ 765.00
FINES, LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 39,168.44	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
STATE LAND TAXES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,472.25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
INCOME PC SUBDIVISIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
INCOME PC FUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
FEE INCOME	\$ 53,765.00	\$ 85,309.00	\$ 88,240.00	\$ 74,965.00
GENERAL STATE AID HIGHWAY	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 100,380.80	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
BRIDGE & CULVERT GRANTS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 68,757.15	\$ -	\$ -
REV STATE AID HIGHWAYS	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 169,137.95	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 96,000.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 10,528.76	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 13,000.00
COPY MACHINE & MISS FEE	\$ 75.00	\$ 106.35	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00
DOWNER FUND CONTRIBUTION	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
MISC REVENUES & REFUNDS	\$ -	\$ 595.98	\$ -	\$ -
CV RAILROAD	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,191.98	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
DOWNER ROOM RENTAL	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
SIDEWALK GRANT INCOME	\$ -	\$ 11,467.35	\$ -	\$ -
INCOME POND WEED HAVESTIN	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,771.00	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 1,500.00
SURPLUS	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REAPPRASAL RESERVE INC	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,608.79	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$ 112,025.00	\$ 44,170.21	\$ 21,565.00	\$ 19,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 2,061,522.08	\$ 2,061,418.34	\$ 2,077,284.00	\$ 2,104,800.00

**TOWN OF SHARON GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT**

TOWN EXPENSES

	<u>BUDGET FY03</u>	<u>ACTUAL FY03</u>	<u>BUDGET FY04</u>	<u>BUDGET FY05</u>
SELECTMEN	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$ 20,467.00	\$ 19,738.08	\$ 22,280.00	\$ 22,745.00
TOWN SHARE FICA	\$ 1,566.00	\$ 1,685.53	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,915.00
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ -	\$ 6,174.56	\$ 8,475.00	\$ 10,500.00
RETIREMENT	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 928.75	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,475.00
POSTAGE	\$ 500.00	\$ 763.80	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 611.37	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
ADVERTISING	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 556.88	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 850.00
MEETING SEMINARS	\$ 150.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 750.00
PURCHASED SERVICE COMP.	\$ -	\$ 525.00	\$ -	\$ -
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,182.33	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
ACT 250 LEGAL EXPENSE	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 3,560.02	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
CROSSING	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 203.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
SIDEWALK GRANT EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ 2,659.00	\$ -	\$ -
GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,797.48	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 232.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ -
TOWN OF FAIRLEE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
SELECTMEN EXPENSE	\$ 57,288.00	\$ 48,007.80	\$ 66,070.00	\$ 62,985.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,700.79	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
TWORIVERS/OTTAQ. DUES	\$ 1,559.00	\$ 1,559.00	\$ 1,559.00	\$ 1,559.00
TOWN DUES VLCT	\$ 917.00	\$ 917.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,270.00
AIKEN RC & D AREA	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
INS/LIABILITY/BOND/PUBOFF	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,739.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
INSURANCE/BUILDINGS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,226.38	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
INSURANCE/WC/UNEMP/OTHER	\$ 800.00	\$ 852.89	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,400.00
MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 489.96	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
PAYROLL REP/MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 734.74	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
TOWN OFFICE REP/MAINT	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,468.55	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 10,600.00
TOWN HALL REP/MAINT	\$ 250.00	\$ (374.40)	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
OSH REP/MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOWN LIBRA REP/MAINTENANC	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
TOWN FIRE STATION REP/MAI	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,839.49	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
CEMETERY REPAIR MAINT.	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	\$ 150.00	\$ 16.95	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
CAPITAL IMPROV. TOWN HALL	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
ELECTRICITY	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,625.59	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
HEATING FUEL	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,002.99	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,000.00
TRASH	\$ 220.00	\$ 295.47	\$ 220.00	\$ 250.00
FURNITURE, FIXTURE, COMPUTR	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,851.06	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ 180.50	\$ -	\$ -
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 37,246.00	\$ 38,415.96	\$ 38,479.00	\$ 39,479.00

**TOWN OF SHARON GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT**

	<u>BUDGET FY03</u>	<u>ACTUAL FY03</u>	<u>BUDGET FY04</u>	<u>BUDGET FY05</u>
BALLOT CLERKS SALARY	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,232.50	\$ -	\$ 1,233.00
FICA EXPENSE ELECTIONS	\$ 85.00	\$ 81.74	\$ -	\$ 95.00
POSTAGE	\$ 80.00	\$ 19.83	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 200.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00
ELECTION ADVERTISING	\$ 80.00	\$ 76.04	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
ELECTION EXPENSE	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,415.11	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,588.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$ 22,532.00	\$ 22,640.20	\$ 27,850.00	\$ 28,430.00
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	\$ 3,933.00	\$ 3,900.35	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 5,080.00
TOWN FICA	\$ 2,025.00	\$ 2,030.33	\$ 2,450.00	\$ 2,565.00
RETIREMENT	\$ 1,465.00	\$ 1,356.79	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 1,848.00
POSTAGE	\$ 300.00	\$ 248.80	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00	\$ 466.22	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
MEETINGS SEMINARS	\$ 185.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
DOG/EXP-SUPPLIES-POSTAGE	\$ 190.00	\$ 181.06	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
RECORDS PRESERVATION	\$ 2,187.00	\$ 2,037.00	\$ 2,187.00	\$ 2,187.00
MICROFILMING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 960.00	\$ 960.00
LAND RECORD BOOKS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 510.00	\$ 760.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	\$ 33,317.00	\$ 32,955.75	\$ 41,292.00	\$ 43,005.00
TREASURER	\$ 25,480.00	\$ 25,588.12	\$ 27,850.00	\$ 28,430.00
ASSISTANT TREASURER	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,815.83	\$ 5,080.00	\$ 5,080.00
FICA TOWN	\$ 2,255.00	\$ 2,096.23	\$ 2,515.00	\$ 2,565.00
RETIREMENT	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,469.79	\$ 1,810.00	\$ 1,848.00
POSTAGE	\$ 800.00	\$ 677.05	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,325.74	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
BANK SERVICE FEE/SUPPLIES	\$ 75.00	\$ 34.85	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
ADVERTISING	\$ 500.00	\$ 341.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
MEETINGS SEMINARS	\$ 215.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00
TREASURER EXPENSE	\$ 36,475.00	\$ 33,598.61	\$ 40,655.00	\$ 41,323.00
AUDITORS	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
TOWN FICA	\$ 200.00	\$ 79.88	\$ 153.00	\$ 115.00
POSTAGE	\$ 180.00	\$ 233.58	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
ADVERTISING	\$ 10.00	\$ 21.41	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
MEETINGS SEMINARS	\$ 140.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00
PROF SVC/AUDIT	\$ 6,550.00	\$ 14,289.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
PRINTING	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,015.24	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
AUDITORS EXPENSE	\$ 15,280.00	\$ 17,728.11	\$ 15,583.00	\$ 13,995.00

**TOWN OF SHARON GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT**

	<u>BUDGET FY03</u>	<u>ACTUAL FY03</u>	<u>BUDGET FY04</u>	<u>BUDGET FY05</u>
LISTERS	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 711.00	\$ 8,240.00	\$ 8,240.00
LISTER HRS APPRAISAL	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 17,170.40	\$ -	\$ -
TOWN FICA	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 133.22	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00
LISTERS FICA APPRAISAL	\$ -	\$ 490.56	\$ -	\$ -
POSTAGE	\$ 200.00	\$ 148.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 400.00	\$ 396.82	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
APPRAISAL SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ 559.83	\$ -	\$ -
ADVERTISING	\$ 40.00	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
MEETINGS /SEMINARS/DUES	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,195.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00
CAMA LICENSES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
MIILEAGE	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00
REAPPRAISAL MILLAGE	\$ -	\$ 960.00	\$ -	\$ -
PARCEL MAPPING	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
EQUIPMENT (FILES)	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
APPRAISAL FUND RESERVE	\$ 5,340.00	\$ -	\$ 5,340.00	\$ 5,340.00
LISTERS EXPENSE	\$ 38,272.00	\$ 21,764.83	\$ 19,900.00	\$ 18,100.00
TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSE				
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 7,920.19	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
TAX COLLECTOR FICA	\$ 700.00	\$ 605.89	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 75.00	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
MEETINGS SEMINARS	\$ 80.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTION EXP	\$ 9,355.00	\$ 8,566.08	\$ 9,355.00	\$ 9,355.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
PLANNING COMMISSION				
PLANNING COMMISSION	\$ 9,012.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PLANNING COMM CLERK	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,060.00	\$ 1,500.00
PLANNING COMM FICA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155.00	\$ 115.00
PLANNING COMM POSTAGE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00
PLANNING COMM SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
PLANNING COMM ADV/NOTICE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
PLANNING COMM MEETINGS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
PLANNING PURCHASE SERVICR	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
LEGAL PLANNING COMM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
PRINTING EXPENCES PC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
PRINTING TOWN PLAN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
PLANNING COMMISSION EXPENCE	\$ 9,012.00	\$ -	\$ 12,265.00	\$ 6,165.00
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE				
CONSTABLE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
PUR SERVICE/911	\$ 500.00	\$ 565.73	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
PUR SERVICE/SHERIFF	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 43,542.95	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENSE	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 44,108.68	\$ 39,500.00	\$ 40,500.00

**TOWN OF SHARON GENERAL FUND
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	<u>BUDGET FY03</u>	<u>ACTUAL FY03</u>	<u>BUDGET FY04</u>	<u>BUDGET FY05</u>
PRINCIPAL EXP/FIRE HOUSE	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,466.07	\$ -	\$ -
INTEREST EXP/FIRE HOUSE	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 650.97	\$ -	\$ -
PROCEEDS OLD FIRE HOUSE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT RES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
FIRE HOUSE ROOF	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
FIRE DEPARTMENT VOTED EXP	\$ 20,933.00	\$ 20,933.00	\$ 22,685.00	\$ 26,100.00
SO. ROYALTON RESCUE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
FIRE & RESCUE EXPENSE	\$ 45,933.00	\$ 50,800.04	\$ 43,685.00	\$ 47,100.00
CEMETERIES/OTHER	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
VOTED PINE HILL CEMETERY	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
CEMETERY EXPENSE	\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,900.00
HIGHWAY/GARAGE EXPENSE				
ROAD CREW FICA	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 8,959.71	\$ 9,339.00	\$ 9,552.00
MEDICAL INSURANCE	\$ 15,242.00	\$ 17,100.54	\$ 15,100.00	\$ 18,000.00
RETIREMENT	\$ 7,770.00	\$ 7,630.94	\$ 7,595.00	\$ 7,740.00
DISEL, GAS, OIL	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 9,724.63	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 800.00	\$ 656.74	\$ 800.00	\$ 750.00
MEETING SEMINARS	\$ 150.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
INSURANCE/BUILDING/GARAGE	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 857.50	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
INSURANCE/VEHICLES/ LIAB	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,959.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
INSURANCE/WC/UNEMP/OTHER	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,132.50	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 10,000.00
GEN.REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,271.06	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
MAINTENANCE truck #1	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,054.54	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
MAINTENANCE truck #2	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,902.12	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
MAINTENANCE truck #3	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,097.01	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
MAINTENANCE truck #4	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 870.37	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 900.00
MAINTENANCE loader #5	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,168.69	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
MAINTENANCE grader #6	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,391.14	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
MAINTENANCE backhoe #7	\$ 500.00	\$ 755.50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
MAINTENANCE MOWER #8	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,789.17	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
MEINTENANCE SMALL EQUIP.	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 915.34	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00
GENERAL EQUIPMENT MAINTEN	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 905.78	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
LICENSES, FEES, TAXES	\$ 500.00	\$ 312.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
ELECTRICITY	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,145.91	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
HIGHWAY/GARAGE EXPENSE	\$ 78,112.00	\$ 73,910.19	\$ 79,984.00	\$ 95,442.00

**TOWN OF SHARON GENERAL FUND
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	<u>BUDGET FY03</u>	<u>ACTUAL FY03</u>	<u>BUDGET FY04</u>	<u>BUDGET FY05</u>
IIS/ROAD FOREMAN	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,545.58	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,400.00
IIS/ROAD CREW 2	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,508.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,350.00
IIS/SEASONAL CREW	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,598.81	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,550.00
IIS/ROAD CREW	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,883.48	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 8,370.00
IIS/COLD PATCH	\$ 500.00	\$ 248.64	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
IIS/GRAVEL	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,584.15	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
IIS/BLACKTOP	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
IIS/SIGNS	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,107.95	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
IIS/CHLORIDE	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
IIS/CULVERTS	\$ 800.00	\$ 723.20	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00
GUARDRAILS	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,400.00
SALT	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 818.05	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
IIS/SAND	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00
IIS/STONE	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -
IIS/INTERNATIONAL #1	\$ 500.00	\$ 936.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
IIS/INTERNATIONAL #2	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,471.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
IIS/INTERNATIONAL #3	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,258.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00
IIS/PICKUP #4	\$ 600.00	\$ 474.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
IIS/LOADER	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,492.50	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
IIS/GRADER	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,551.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,800.00
IIS/HOE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,806.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
IIS/MOWER	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,881.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
CLASS II SUMMER EXPENSE	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 44,820.86	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 51,170.00
IIW/ROAD FOREMAN	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,493.30	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,000.00
ROAD CREW #2 II WINTER	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,784.10	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 5,450.00
IIW/SEASONAL CREW	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,999.60	\$ 4,625.00	\$ 2,050.00
IIW/ ROAD CREW	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,625.54	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,170.00
IIW/COLD PATCH	\$ 100.00	\$ 229.04	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
IIW/GRAVEL	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
IIW/SIGNS	\$ 150.00	\$ 10.65	\$ -	\$ 100.00
IIW/CHLORIDE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00
IIW/SALT	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 18,302.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
IIW/SAND	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
IIW/INTERNATIONAL #1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 241.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
IIW/INTERNATIONAL #2	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,384.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
IIW/INTERNATIONAL #3	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,073.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
IIW/PICKUP #4	\$ 500.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
IIW/LOADER	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 864.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
IIW/GRADER	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 978.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
IIW/HOE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 603.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
#8 MOWER	\$ -	\$ 180.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
CLASS II WINTER EXPENSE	\$ 57,850.00	\$ 50,142.23	\$ 55,825.00	\$ 54,070.00

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	<u>BUDGET FY03</u>	<u>ACTUAL FY03</u>	<u>BUDGET FY04</u>	<u>BUDGET FY05</u>
IIIS/ROADFOREMAN	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 10,742.80	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 13,200.00
IIIS/ROAD CREW #2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,762.13	\$ 10,300.00	\$ 10,450.00
IIIS/RD CREW SEASONAL	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 3,274.07	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,050.00
IIIS/ROAD CREW	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 8,577.22	\$ 11,300.00	\$ 11,470.00
IIIS/GRASS SEED	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IIIS/GRAVEL	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,173.50	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
IIIS/SIGNS	\$ 400.00	\$ 54.95	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
IIIS/CHLORIDE	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
IIIS/CULVERTS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 762.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
GUARDRAILS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
IIIS/SAND	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,705.39	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
IIIS/STONE	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00
ROADSIDE MOWING	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ -
IIIS/INTERNATIONAL #1	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,635.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
IIIS/INTERNATIONAL #2	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,495.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,800.00
IIIS/INTERNATIONAL #3	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,813.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
IIIS/PICKUP #4	\$ 500.00	\$ 486.50	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
IIIS/LOADER	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,765.50	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,800.00
IIIS/GRADER	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,051.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
IIIS/HOE	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,200.00
IIIS/MOWER	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,154.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,800.00
CLASS III SUMMER EXPENSE	\$ 73,400.00	\$ 58,372.06	\$ 70,550.00	\$ 68,420.00

IIIW/ROADFOREMAN	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 16,447.68	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 14,200.00
IIIW/ROAD CREW 2	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,264.60	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,150.00
IIIW/ SEASONAL CREW	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 5,487.92	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 2,050.00
IIIW/ROAD CREW	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 7,006.51	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,770.00
IIIW/COLD PATCH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
IIIW/GRAVEL	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,188.25	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
IIIW/SIGNS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
IIIW/CHLORIDE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850.00
IIIW/MISC	\$ -	\$ 434.00	\$ -	\$ -
IIIW/SAND	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 4,774.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
IIIW/STONE	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00
IIIW/INTERNATIONAL #1	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,409.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
IIIW/INTERNATIONAL #2	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,531.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,800.00
IIIW/INTERNATIONAL #3	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 1,902.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,000.00
IIIW/PICKUP #4	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,159.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
IIIW/LOADER	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,032.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
IIIW/GRADER	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,349.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,500.00
IIIW/HOE	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,602.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
#8 MOWER	\$ -	\$ 282.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
CLASS III WINTER EXPENSE	\$ 49,600.00	\$ 56,899.46	\$ 59,150.00	\$ 52,920.00

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	BUDGET FY03	ACTUAL FY03	BUDGET FY04	BUDGET FY05
PAVING TOWN ROADS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,610.48	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -
HAULING CONTRACTOR	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,544.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
CREAK SEALING	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
CAPITAL RES FUND HIGHWAY	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
BRIDGES TOWN	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
CULVERT PROJECTS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
RTE 132 REHABILITATION PROJ	\$ -	\$ 1.50	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
POND GRANT PROJECT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
CONTRACTOR EXPENSE	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 67,155.98	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
POUND KEEPER EXPENSE	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ 200.00
POUND OPERATION EXPENSE	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00
WHITE RIVER MENTAL HEALTH	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
GIFFORD HOME CARE VNA VNH	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 2,070.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,530.00
CLARA MARTIN MENTAL HEALT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
CT VT COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
SAFE LINE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -
WHITE RIVER MONITORING	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
HEALTH EXPENSE	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 2,870.00	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 5,030.00
GREATER UPPER VALLEY SW	\$ 7,760.00	\$ 7,760.00	\$ 7,760.00	\$ 7,760.00
VERMONT GREENUP	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
GUVSW COUPONS	\$ -	\$ 12,346.80	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
GUVSW STICKERS	\$ -	\$ 3,075.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
GREATER UPPER VALLEY SW EXP	\$ 7,960.00	\$ 23,381.80	\$ 27,460.00	\$ 24,460.00
SCHOOL TAX EXPENSE	\$ 1,270,378.30	\$ 1,243,964.73	\$ 1,290,491.00	\$ 1,327,093.00
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RECREATION DEPARTMENT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
RECREATION DIRECTOR	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
RECREATION EXPENCE	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
SENIOR CITIZENS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
OLD HOME DAY	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
VOTED LIBRARY	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
ABATEMENT EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ 238.23	\$ -	\$ -
COUNTY TAX PAYMENTS	\$ 9,628.78	\$ 9,628.78	\$ 9,030.00	\$ 9,050.00
IRS PENALTY	\$ -	\$ 18,404.83	\$ -	\$ -
OTHER EXPENSE	\$ 14,628.78	\$ 33,271.84	\$ 14,030.00	\$ 14,300.00
TOTAL TOWN EXPENSES	\$ 2,061,522.08	\$ 1,967,550.12	\$ 2,077,284.00	\$ 2,104,800.00
TOTAL SHARON GENERAL FUND		\$ 93,868.22		
SHARON SCHOOL TAXES	\$ 1,270,378.30	\$ 1,243,964.73	\$ 1,290,491.00	\$ 1,327,093.00
TOWN OF SHARON BUDGET	\$ (791,143.78)	\$ (723,585.39)	\$ (786,793.00)	\$ (777,707.00)

TOWN OF SHARON ROAD EQUIPMENT

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Date Purchased</u>	<u>After Trade Cost</u>
Air Compressor 5hp	1975	---
10 Ton Floor Jack	1975	---
Mechanic Tool Chest & Hand Tools	1975	---
Ademco Model 1023 Alarm System	1983	---
Welding & Cutting Acetylene	1983	---
Jonsereds Model 920 Chain Saw	1984	---
Post Hole Digger Model G220@40 #3957	1985	---
Jonsereds Chain Saw M455 #7170157	1985	---
4 Radios	1998	---
1 Vicking Reversible Plow	1989	---
1 Electric Welder AC/DC 250	1990	---
Compactor	7/30/1992	425.00
Culvert Thawed	9/3/1992	2,556.00
1992 Caterpillar Loader #8AJ00241	10/17/1992	42,000.00
Generator	11/4/1992	1,315.00
1992 Caterpillar Backhoe #8SG00816	1/18/1993	36,304.00
Utility Trailer Built	4/7/1993	N/A
Petro Vend Site Sentinel	11/17/1993	6,710.00
2 Everest Reversible Plows		
Models RHS 132TMC455-64 & 65	6/30/1996	7,800.00
John Deere 5410 Tractor LV5 10S140901	8/5/1998	30,200.00
New Motrim Boom Mower LMT17A-798507	8 /5/1998	13,859.00
1999 International #1HTSDAAR8XH659667	10/31/1998	19,935.29
Heil Body for above #97-11165	11/20/1998	26,649.00
FLINK VCT-13 SANDER	6/21/1999	1,795.25
YORK RATE #2537	3/17/1999	1,540.00
GENERAOR/WELDER	12/09/1999	2,773.00
AIR JACK 299K & AIR WENCH A00C27	07/27/2000	972.00
2001 INTERNATIONAL #1HTSDADR01H354909	7/1/2000	23,730.82
HEIL BODYFOR ABOVE MODELH9/S#0007001	10/20/2000	21,499.00
2000 CATERPILLAR LOADER 938G#9HS00908	10/16/2000	67,750.00
VALLEY CHIPPER CH260NH 3292324/3993	6/30/2001	10,200.00
JONSERED MODEL 2054#003400093 CHAINSAW	12/2/2001	475.00
CATERPILLAR GRADER 1AL01162	7/30/2001	139,000.00
JONSERED CHAIN SAW #7180157	12/3/2001	460.00
MALSITE DRILL #10094E	2/12/2002	206.00
VICKING REVERSIBLE PLOW CE01298-1	9/2/2002	5,128.93
<u>FORD PICKUP 1FTNF21F83EB25791</u>	11/21/2002	<u>23,114.25</u>
2004 STERLING DUMP TRUCK	09/11/2003	28,353.00
HOWARD P. FAIRFIELD BODY FOR ABOVE	11/17/2003	25,790.00

ROUTE 132 PROJECT

BALANCE SHEET

TOWN FUNDS RT 132	129.483
REC STATE OF VERMONT	5027.22
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>5156.703</u>
GENERAL FUND OWED	-19366.84
DUE TO/FROM	18045.85
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-1320.99
BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	6478.21
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES &ND BALANCE</u>	<u>5157.22</u>

ACCOUNTS	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
<u>REVENUE</u>	FY 2003	FY - 2003	FY - 2004	FY - 2005
132 INCOME FROM TOWN	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 663.14	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,800.00
132 INCOME FROM STATE 90%	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 18,849.41	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 70,200.00
90 % SHARE STATE SPENT	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,080.42		\$ -
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$ 51,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,592.97</u>	<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 78,000.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
PROGECT MANAGER 132	\$ -	\$ 2,858.97	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
DESIGN ENG. 132	\$ 50,100.00	\$ 10,906.56	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00
DEISIGN ENIGNER RIGHTAWAY	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
CONSTRUCTION COMP 132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
10 % VT STATE EXPENSES RT	\$ 900.00	\$ 32.39	\$ -	\$ -
90% COSTS TO STATE R1	\$ -	\$ 316.84	\$ -	\$ -
<u>TOTAL 132 EXPENSE</u>	<u>\$ 81,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,114.76</u>	<u>\$ 80,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 78,000.00</u>
TOTAL RT132 FUND		\$ 6,478.21		

**OFFICE EQUIPMENT
OWNED BY TOWN AS OF 6/30/03**

TYPEWRITER # SILVER REED EZ
 COPY MACHINE KONICA 3135
 DELL XPS 233 MHZ CVSHJ
 DELL XPS 233 MHZ CVH25
 HP DESKJET 722C PRINTER
 FAX UX-510 87218602
 NEOSYS COMPUTER
 NEOSYS COMPUTER
 IBM LASER PRINTER
 HP DESKJET 990CSE PRINTER
 DELL DESKTOP OPTIPLEX 260T
 DELL LAPTOP INSPIRON 2650

REAL ESTATE

BAND STAND
 TOWN OFFICE
 POLE SHED
 OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
 TOWN HALL
 TOWN GARAGE
 FIRE HOUSE

**TOWN OF SHARON
EQUIPMENT FUND
BALANCE SHEET FY 2003**

ASSETS	
MARBLE EQUIP FUND MM	9,481.83
ROAD EQUIPMENT TOWN	548,557.73
ACCUM. DEPREC. ROAD EQUIP.	-280,093.00
Total Assets	<u>277,946.56</u>
LIABILITIES	
OWED TRUCK #1	19,905.00
OWED TRUCK #2	20,485.00
OWED TRUCK #3	6,182.00
OWED PICKUP TRUCK #4	29,811.00
OWED LOADER #5	9,134.00
OWED GRADER #6	19,148.00
OWED BACKHOE #7	59,710.00
OWED MOWER #8	16,162.00
EQUIPMENT FUND BALANCE	274,451.95
DUE FROM/TO GENERAL FUND	-199,194.21
Total Liabilities	<u>255,794.74</u>
Fund Balance Current Year	<u>22,151.82</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>22,151.82</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund	<u>277,946.56</u>

**TOWN OF SHARON
EQUIPMENT FUND BUDGET**

Account	Budget FY 2003	Actual FY 2003	Budget FY 2004	Budget FY 2005
EQUIPMENT EARNINGS				\$ -
EQUIPMENT RESERVE	\$ -		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 20,300.00
#1 TRUCK INCOME	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 8,221.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
#2 TRUCK INCOME	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 8,881.50	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,300.00
#3 TRUCK INCOME	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 7,046.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 5,300.00
#4 PICKUP TRUCK INCOME	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,495.50	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,900.00
#5 BUCKET LOADER INCOME	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 5,154.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 4,500.00
#6 GRADER INCOME	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 7,929.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
#7 BACKHOE INCOME	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 5,991.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,600.00
#8 TRACTOR/MOWER	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,677.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
TOTAL EQUIPMENT EARNINGS	<u>\$ 41,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,395.00</u>	<u>\$ 51,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 62,500.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$ 41,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 50,395.00</u>	<u>\$ 51,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 62,500.00</u>
PURCHASED EQUIPMENT				
#1 TRUCK EXPENSE	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 54,000.00
#2 TRUCK EXPENSE	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
#3 TRUCK EXPENSE	\$ -		\$ 42,000.00	\$ -
#4 PICKUP TRUCK EXP	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 23,114.25	\$ -	\$ -
#5 BUCKET LOADER EXP	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
#6 GRADER EXPENSE	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
#7 BACH HOE EXPENSE	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
#8 TRACTOR/MOWER	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,128.93	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
MISS. SMALL EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL PURCHASED EQUIPMEN	<u>\$ 40,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 28,243.18</u>	<u>\$ 51,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 62,500.00</u>
TOTAL EQUIPMENT FUND	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,151.82</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**TOWN OF SHARON
SUMMARY ROAD EXPENSE**

	Budget FY 2003	Actual FY 2003	Budget FY 2004	Budget FY 2005
HIGHWAYGARAGE EXP. & BENEFITS	\$ 78,112.00	\$ 73,910.19	\$ 79,984.00	\$ 95,442.00
CLASS II SUMMER	\$ 51,150.00	\$ 44,820.86	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 51,170.00
CLASS II WINTER	\$ 57,850.00	\$ 50,142.23	\$ 55,825.00	\$ 54,070.00
CLASS III SUMMER	\$ 73,400.00	\$ 58,372.06	\$ 70,550.00	\$ 68,420.00
CLASS III WINTER	\$ 49,600.00	\$ 56,899.46	\$ 59,150.00	\$ 52,920.00
CONTRACTORS	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 67,155.98	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSE	\$ 425,112.00	\$ 351,300.78	\$ 395,909.00	\$ 394,022.00

HIGHWAY GARAGE EXP. & BENEFITS	\$ 78,112.00	\$ 73,910.19	\$ 79,984.00	\$ 95,442.00
SALARIES	\$ 119,600.00	\$ 117,001.34	\$ 121,775.00	\$ 115,680.00
MATERIALS	\$ 70,900.00	\$ 42,838.27	\$ 72,650.00	\$ 68,700.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ 41,500.00	\$ 50,395.00	\$ 41,500.00	\$ 42,200.00
CONTRACTORS, PROJECTS	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 67,155.98	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 72,000.00
TOTAL ROAD EXPENSE	\$ 425,112.00	\$ 351,300.78	\$ 395,909.00	\$ 394,022.00

TOWN ROAD MILES

CLASS II MILES:

ROUTE 132	4.02
BACK RIVER ROAD	2.43
HOWE HILL	2.72
BROAD BROOK ROAD	1.74
BEAVER MEADOW ROAD	3.62
TOTAL MILES	14.53

CLASS III ROADS:

ALL OTHER UNPAVED
ROADS MAINTAINED
BY TOWN.

TOTAL MILES	31.77
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Old School House Report

The Sharon Academy renewed its lease for continued occupancy of the Old School House Building for 2004-2007. We continue to enjoy our good neighbors.

Rent continues to cover expenses, as originally projected for FY2004. But the situation will change in FY2005. Some general fund support may be needed to complete necessary repairs, in light of the fact that the Town has not performed any major repairs to the building or systems for over a decade.

Even though the roof is relatively new, it continues to leak. Selectmen Kevin Blakeman has been leading the Selectboard's research into possible reconstruction of the cupola as a solution. The Old School House well is failing in quality, due to road salt contamination and a replacement water supply is needed. State funds may be eligible to help offset this cost. The building sorely needs a paint job. Additionally, emergency exit door replacements and handrails are needed, among other usual repair items.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Selectmen

**OLD SCHOOL HOUSE
BALANCE SHEET FY 2002**

ASSETS

OSH CHECKING	9,581.58
CD SECURITY DEPOSITS	666.13
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	1,634.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	83,248.21
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE BUILDING	250,000.00
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(141,834.72)
Total Assets	<u>203,295.20</u>

LIABILITIES

GREEN MOUNTAIN BANK LOAN	3,800.00
SECURITY DEPOSITS OWED	600.00
CONTRIBUTED BUILDING	250,000.00
FUND BALANCE	(63,710.90)
DUE TO GENERAL FUND	11,114.78
Total Liabilities	<u>201,803.88</u>
Fund Balance Current Year	1,491.32
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>203,295.20</u>

**COMPARATIVE BUDGET REPORT
OLD SCHOOL HOUSE FUND**

Account	Budget FY 2003	Actual FY2003	Budget FY2004	Budget FY2005
RENTAL INCOME	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.01	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,200.00
INTEREST INC PRO.BUILDING	\$ 160.00	\$ 86.30	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
INCOME FROM GRNERAL FUND		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 7,360.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,286.31</u>	<u>\$ 7,270.00</u>	<u>\$ 7,270.00</u>
INSURANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
PILOT/IMPROV/ROOF/PAINTIN	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,270.00	\$ 15,000.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	\$ 600.00	\$ 563.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,600.00
WATER TESTING WELL	\$ 600.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 930.00	\$ 800.00
INTEREST EXPENSE	\$ 360.00	\$ 105.99	\$ 70.00	\$ -
LOAN PAYMENT, PRINCIPAL	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -	\$ -
DEPRECIATION		\$ -		
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 7,360.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,794.99</u>	<u>\$ 7,270.00</u>	<u>\$ 21,600.00</u>
OSH FUND		\$ (1,491.32)	\$ -	\$ 14,330.00

HONOR ROLL FUND

<u>ASSETS</u>	FY 2002	FY 2003
Savings Account Honor roll	\$ 171.95	\$ 73.72
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 171.95	\$ 73.72
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Honor Roll Fund Balance	\$ 168.21	\$ 171.95
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 168.21	
FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	\$ 3.74	\$ (98.23)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 171.95	\$ 73.72
<u>REVENUES & EXPENSES</u>		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 3.74	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL HONOR ROLL ACCOUNT	\$ 3.74	\$ -

STEENKEN LEASE LAND FUND

<u>ASSETS</u>			
Steenken Lease Land Account	\$ 895.57	\$ 903.30	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 895.57	\$ 903.30	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Steenken Lease Land Fund	\$ 877.94	\$ 895.57	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 877.94	\$ 895.57	
FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	\$ 17.63	\$ 7.73	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 895.57	\$ 903.30	
<u>REVENUES & EXPENSES</u>			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 19.51	\$ 9.61	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.88	
TOTAL STEENKEN LEASE LAND FUND	\$ 17.63	\$ 7.73	

JAMES JUDSON PARKER MEMORIAL FUND

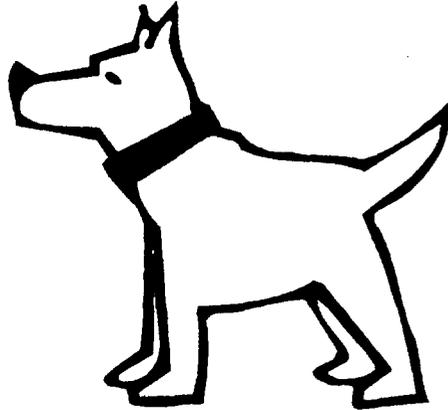
<u>ASSETS</u>			
SAVINGS	\$ 253.51	\$ 253.14	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 253.51	\$ 253.14	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
James Judson Memorial Fund	\$ 256.85	\$ 253.51	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 256.85	\$ 253.51	
FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	\$ (3.34)	\$ (0.37)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 253.51	\$ 253.14	
<u>REVENUES & EXPENSES</u>			
Interest on Savings	\$ 5.72	\$ 2.72	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 5.72	\$ 2.72	
Pine Hill Cemetary	\$ 9.06	\$ 3.09	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 9.06	\$ 3.09	
TOTAL JAMES JUDSON ACCOUNT	\$ (3.34)	\$ (0.37)	

F.Y. 2003 DOG REPORT
7-1-02 THRU 6-30-03
Joanne M. Slater, Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES SOLD:

170 Male or Female neutered	at \$4.00 ea.=\$680.00
<u>43</u> Male or Female	at \$8.00 ea.=\$344.00
212 Total dog licenses sold	
Total late fees collected	\$ 24.00
Total State fees collected	<u>\$213.00</u>
Total money collected:	\$1261.00
Total fees paid to State of Vermont	<u>(\$213.00)</u>
NET TO TOWN:	\$1,048.00

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Slater, Town Clerk



SHARON PLANNING COMMISSION

During the past year, the Planning Commission completed work on revisions to the Town Plan. Public Hearings will be held by both the Planning Commission and the Selectboard, and copies of the Plan will be available at the Town Office.

The Commission accepted applications for six subdivisions during the year, all of which were approved following site visits and public hearings. Two were commercial subdivisions: land belonging to Wallace & Teresa Shippee on Route 14, four lots; and land belonging to Native Vest, LLC, five lots within the former Industrial Park, now the Commerce Park. Land within this subdivision was deeded to the town for creation of a new access road across the railroad tracks. The other subdivisions were residential: two lots each, on land belonging to Donald & Carol Sheehan, Maurice Day & Reta Doyle, James Leiter & Brian Cain, and Gregory Fleming. Plans for these subdivisions are on file at the Town Office.

Two applications for telecommunications towers were submitted by Nextel during the year. Both are so-called "stealth" towers, one a "brown stick" design and the other resembling a pine tree. Following a series of hearings by both the Planning Commission and Selectboard, the towers were approved with substantial modifications to design, height, and location. The successful negotiations are an indicator of the value of the town's telecommunications bylaw. Act 250 hearings were also required for each of these projects, and land use permits were granted.

Two other Act 250 land use permits were granted despite opposition from the Planning Commission. Chateau Industries' proposal to add a large deck and to heat their function barn, thereby expanding to full-time year round use, was approved by the District Environmental Commission. The Commission also approved an expanded EPE Realty proposal for 100 self-storage units on land off River Road. This decision is presently under appeal to the Environmental Board. In both cases, a majority of Planning Commissioners felt that a large-scale project for commercial use is inappropriate for a Rural Residential Area. A fifth Act 250 case, for expansion of parking at the Church of the Latter-Day Saints on Dairy Hill, was unopposed, and the land use permit was granted.

In cooperation with the Selectboard and Two Rivers-Ottawquechee Regional Planning Commission, the Planning Commission is preparing a pre-disaster mitigation program. Possible scenarios include fires, floods, rollovers on I-89 or elsewhere, and railroad accidents.

Planning Commissioners attended workshops on various topics during the year, including river graveling, home occupations, septic ordinances, and transportation regulation.

The Planning Commission would like to thank Helen Barrett for her able assistance to the Commission during the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Planning Commission

Peter Anderson, Clerk

Anne Berndt

Jason Flint

Vince Gross, Vice-Chair

Paul Kristensen

Nancy Matthews

Jay McPhetres

Susan Sellew

Deborah Wroth, Chair

**SHARON PLANNING COMMISSION
BALANCE SHEET FY 2003
2003**

AS OF JUNE 30, 2003

ASSETS

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION CHECKING</u>	<u>8805.65</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	8805.65

LIABILITIES

PLANNING FUND BALANCE	10797.24
<u>DUE TO GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>933.28</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>11730.52</u>

FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	<u>2924.87</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	2924.87

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ FUND BALANCE	<u>8805.65</u>
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**FY03 BUDGET
SHARON PLANNING COMMISSION**

ACCOUNT	BUDGET FY 2003	ACTUAL FY 2003	BUDGET FY 2004 *
INCOME SUB DIVISIONS	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.00	
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 200.00	\$ 133.37	
GENERAL FUND INCOME	\$ 9,012.00	\$ -	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 9,562.00	\$ 333.37	
PLANNING COMM. CLERK	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 822.17	
PAYROLL TOWN PLAN/FICA		\$ 17.05	
PLANNING COMM. FICA	\$ 162.00	\$ 45.84	
POSTAGE	\$ 750.00	\$ 133.26	
SUPPLIES EXPENSE	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,674.58	
LEGAL NOTICES/ADVERTISING	\$ 750.00	\$ 165.34	
MEETINGS-TRAINING	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
CONSULTING FEES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	
LEGAL FEES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	
PRINTING FEES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 9,562.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,258.24</u>	
TOTAL SHARON PLANNING COMM	\$ -	\$ 2,924.87	

* FY 2004 IS NOW ACCOUNTS IN

**The Chester Downer Endowment Fund
Trustees Report 2003**

In the year 2003, your Trustees and the Town of Sharon's Treasurer continued to manage the investments of the fund. The investments are completely in U.S. Treasury backed notes according to the requirements of the Downer Will. Interest has been reduced, but we continue to have funds to help with various projects in Town. The Town continued to realize savings from the operation of the Fund through the offices of the Treasurer.

Grants this year were made for the following:

Again, \$550.00 was given to the Town to assist the project to improve the CC Pond for Town Recreation. The money was used to cover part of the weed removal project.

A sum of \$2000.00 was set aside for the Town to be used for the repair and maintenance of culverts.

A sum of \$300.00 was donated to assist in the building of Rikert's Broad Brook Trail and Veteran's Memorial.

A sum of \$400.00 was donated to the Town to assist in the building of a Memory Garden in honor of Martha Fisk.

\$500.00 was granted to the Pine Hill Cemetery to be used for gravestone cleaning projects.

As in the past, the Fund paid for the maintenance and upkeep of most of the Public Grounds. This included complete lawn maintenance of the Town Common and other Municipal Areas, now contracted to Joe Willis of Sharon.

Your Trustees encourage the proposal of Town projects to which Downer Fund grants can be directed. These, of course, must meet the requirements of the Downer Will and should be presented to the trustees accompanied by outside estimates of the cost of equipment, materials and labor.

The Trustees

Calvin K. Keyler
Jim Kearns
Robert Ferguson

Balance Sheet FY 2003
CHESTER DOWNER TRUST FUND

Account	FY 2003
ASSETS	
CHESTER DOWNER CHECKING	13,599.93
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES	550.00
TREASURY 45000.00 09/0302	45,000.00
TREASURY 70000.00 7/31/99	70,000.00
TREASURY 27000.00 04/18/02	27,000.00
TREASURY 30000.00 5/28/99	30,000.00
TREASURY 50000.00 09/14/00	50,000.00
	236,149.93
Total Assets	236,149.93
LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	236.05
RESTRICTED BAL. PH/CD FUND	215,875.00
DOWNER FUND BALANCE	-9,557.09
FUND BALANCE	30,427.39
	236,981.35
Total Liabilities	236,981.35
Fund Balance Current Year	-831.42
	-831.42
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	236,149.93

**TOWN OF SHARON
CHESTER DOWNER FUND REVENUE AND EXPENSES**

	BUDGET FY 2003	ACTUAL FY 2003	BUDGET FY 2004	BUDGET FY 2005
ACCOUNTS				
Int. Checking /Savings	\$ 800.00	\$ 607.53	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00
Income Treasury Notes	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,040.63	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Unrealized Gain	\$ 200.00	\$ 251.86	\$ 500.00	400
Total Revenues	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,900.02	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 6,900.00
FEES/service charges	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00
Maintenance	\$ 700.00	\$ 355.48	\$ 800.00	\$ 700.00
Camp Downer Pond Weed Grant	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 550.00
Monuments		\$ 700.00		
Town of Sharon Culverts	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Maintenance Town Grounds GAS	\$ 130.00	\$ 73.26	\$ 130.00	
Maintenance Town Wages	\$ 750.00	\$ 323.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 800.00
Maintenance FICA Wages	\$ 75.00	\$ 24.70	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Historical Society		\$ 2,000.00		
Pine Hill Cemetery Stone Yearly	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00
Pine Hill Cemetery Stone Repair		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,410.00	\$ 6,731.44	\$ 4,535.00	\$ 4,830.00
CHESTER DOWNER TRUST FUND	\$ 4,590.00	\$ (831.42)	\$ 3,765.00	\$ 2,070.00

Sharon Conservation Commission 2003

This past year the Conservation Commission has been active on several projects in town and has been working with various groups and organizations.

Green-Up Day was a success. Volunteers including students from the Sharon Elementary School and The Sharon Academy filled three trucks with roadside garbage. As always, scrap metal collection was an overwhelming success. Thanks to all who helped, especially the Girl Scouts for keeping us fed, and Rex Dyer (town road crew) for his general all-around assistance. Working with the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District, we also ran a used tire collection later in the year. Again, thanks to all who helped out.

Under the direction of Margaret Raymond, the Martha Fisk Garden was designed and completed, with the help of Sharon Elementary School teachers, students, and P T O , the Town road crew and Selectboard. The garden is located on the field just outside the school kitchen. We worked with the Upper Valley Land Trust to construct a trail and Veteran's Memorial site on the former property of Hugh Rikert per his wishes. A map is available in the Town Offices. Dedication of this memorial is scheduled for later this year.

We continue to construct and maintain cross-country ski and show shoe trails in Downer State Forest, maps also available in the Town Offices

The Commission has been working with the Select and Planning boards, Native Vest Properties, the White River Partnership, and the Vermont River Conservancy to investigate the possibility of a donation of land on the White River. If the Town does receive this donation, the Commission hopes this land will provide the people of Sharon with a recreational river access in the future. Thanks to Greg Fleming of Native Vest Properties and Jeff Meyers of the VT River Conservancy for their time

As always we encourage anyone who is interested to join the Conservation Commission.

Karen Hewitt
Margaret Raymond
Fritz Weiss
A.J.Zwikelmaier
Mike Zwikelmaier

**TOWN OF SHARON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

BALANCE SHEET

FY 2002 FY2003

ASSETS

CONSERVATION CHECKING	\$	26.95	\$	34.19
CONSERVATION RESERVE	\$	556.65	\$	758.04
Total Assets	\$	583.60	\$	792.23

LIABILITIES

CON. COMM. FUND BALANCE	\$	463.56	\$	403.40
FUND BALANCE CURRENT YEAR	\$	120.04		
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$	583.60	\$	403.40

REVENUE AND EXPENSE

GENERAL FUND	\$	400.00	\$	400.00
DONATION	\$	13.59	\$	45.42
MISC. REVENUE			\$	180.50
<u>INTEREST</u>	\$	16.35	\$	10.21
INCOME TOTAL	\$	429.94	\$	636.13
FEES	\$	75.00	\$	50.00
TREE DONATIONS			\$	127.00
TOWN PLANTINGS	\$	184.90	\$	70.00
<u>MISC. EXPENSE</u>	\$	50.00		
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$	309.90	\$	247.00
TOTAL CONSERVATION FUND	\$	120.04	\$	389.13

**APRIL 1, 2002 GRAND LIST
FY 2003 TAXES SUMMARY**

REAL ESTATE	No. of Parcel	Municipal Totals	Education Totals
Residential I	184	16,930,130	16,930,130
Residential II	228	31,578,092	31,578,092
Mobile Homes-U	53	869,192	869,192
Mobile Homes-L	52	2,817,518	2,817,518
Vacation I	12	341,913	341,913
Vacation II	27	1,582,248	1,582,248
Commercial	22	1,966,629	1,966,629
Commercial Apts	1	142,928	142,928
Industrial	3	1,750,429	1,750,429
Utilities-E	2	1,140,080	1,140,080
Utilities-O	1	180,438	180,438
Farm	4	238,447	238,447
Woodland	64	2,437,324	2,437,324
Other	22	3,040,759	3,040,759
Miscellaneous	67	1,534,712	1,534,712
TOTALS	742	66,550,839	66,550,839
TOTAL LISTED REAL ESTATE PERSONAL	VALUE OF PROPERTY	66,550,839	66,550,839
		MUNICIPAL	EDUCATION
Cable		\$ -	\$ -
Machinery	Equipment	\$ -	\$ -
inventory		\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXABLE	PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -
GRAND LIST	TAXABLE	66,550,839	66,550,839
TAXE RATE	MUNICIPAL	0.7108	
TAXE RATE	STATE ED		1.2743
TAX RATE	LOCAL ED		0.5949
TOTAL \$\$	TAXES	\$473,043.36	\$1,243,968.26
TOTAL ALL TAXES			\$1,717,011.62
ADJUSTMENTS	FY2003	GRANDLIST ADJUSTMENTS	\$ (1,860.69)
	FY2003	TOTAL TAXES BILLED	\$1,715,150.93
	FY2003	ADJUSTMENTS	\$ (147.08)
	FY2002	PREPAID FY2003 TAXES	\$ (2,088.15)
	FY2003	COLLECTIONS	\$ (1,617,643.47)
	FY2003	DELINQUENT	\$95,292.23
	FY2003	TOWN TAXES	\$471,039.20
	FY2003	SCHOOL TAXES STATE	\$848,053.61
	FY2003	SCHOOL TAXES LOCAL	\$395,911.12
			\$1,715,003.93
		PAID TO TREASURER	\$1,619,711.70
		DELINQUENT	\$95,292.23
		TOTAL TAXES	\$1,715,003.93

TOWN OF SHARON
DELINQUENT TAX REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2003

Name	Prior to 2001	2001	2002	2003	TOTAL
ACHBACH, EDWARD A.	-	439.02	-		439.02
BELL ATLANTIC NYNE		6.78			6.78
BOLES, MATTHEW & SHIRLEY	-			1,519.72	1,519.72
BOLES, MATTHEW & SHIRLEY			538.38	394.56	932.94 *
CAMPBELL, TERENCE	-	-		549.14	549.14
DONAHUE, ROGER & SANDRA	-	-		128.50	128.50
DUNCAN, CORAL	150.12	143.02	141.22	153.74	588.10
DURKEE, SANDY L.	-	648.76	427.10	464.94	1,540.80
FREEMAN FARM TRUST				80.79	80.79
JACKSON III, CHARLES	-		11.55	0.36	11.91
JULICH, LEE A				2.00	2.00
KENDALL, MICHAEL S.	637.53	-	1,156.04	1,258.46	3,052.03
LANE, SUSAN A.				1,522.34	1,522.34
LANGSTAFF, JOHN				5.12	5.12
MAURER, HUGH & S.E.			2,625.72	2,858.38	5,484.10
MOSMAN, JUDITH ANN	-		544.79	1,343.86	1,888.65
NORTH AMERICAN FINANCE	-			525.92	525.92
OLIVA, MARY T.		578.22	571.00	621.60	1,770.82
OLIVA, MARY T.	314.10				314.10
OLIVA, MARY T.	1,028.48	1,136.88	1,122.66	1,222.14	4,510.16
PAWLICK, DIANE			260.18	2,114.18	2,374.36
PHELPS, CARLTON W				91.94	91.94
PICKNELL, ROXANNE				501.05	501.05
POON, KANDY				436.72	436.72
PORTER, LINDA L	-		12.14	300.96	313.10
RAMOS, LAURA				800.00	800.00
RAMOS, LAURA	-			201.68	201.68
RAMOS, LAURA & MACKENIZ			171.99		171.99
RAMSEY, RICHARD	94.20				94.20
ROBINSON, REGINALD				49.80	49.80
SCHAFFNER, JEFFERY				1,293.52	1,293.52 *
SCOTT, ROGER P				181.35	181.35
SKOWRONSKI, ROBERT				1,004.31	1,004.31
WOOD, MARC & JOSEPH			57.27	743.12	800.39
WOOD, MICHAEL				279.52	279.52
WOOD, MICHAEL J. & NANCY J.				557.35	557.35
TOTAL	2,224.43	2,952.68	7,640.04	21,207.07	34,024.22

*Some taxes paid after 12/31/03

LISTER'S REPORT 2003

The Reappraisal: During the summer of 2003 after two years of hard work, we, the listers of the Town of Sharon, completed the town-wide reappraisal. We would like to thank all property owners for their gracious cooperation. The final Grand List value of \$97,580,358 was a 46.8% increase over that of 2002. This resulted in a decrease in the tax rate.

2003 Common Level of Appraisal: Every year the State of Vermont collects sales data from the real estate transactions in every town. They compare the sale prices to the listed values of all parcels sold. The Common Level of Appraisal for the 2003 Equalized Grand List is computed to be 102.04%.

Current Use Program: For the 2003 Grand List, 9 more parcels were entered into the Use Value Appraisal Program making a total of 68 parcels with 9,470.72 acres now enrolled in the program. This represents 41% of the total acres within the town. The exempt value of these acres is \$5,874,124. The State of Vermont continues to reimburse the Town for 100% of the tax dollars lost on the **municipal side** of the Grand List.

Important News For All Residential Property Owners: The law requires all home-owning residents to declare ownership of a homestead by April 15 each year. A new procedure will significantly change the way real estate will be taxed for education purposes in 2004. Most significantly, the new law "split" the grand list for education tax purposes, subjecting all non-residential property to a single statewide education tax rate (equalized to account for local "common levels of appraisals" different from fair market value) of \$1.54. Homestead property (now the house and all contiguous land) would be taxed at \$1.05 (equalized the same as for non-residential properties) multiplied by the ratio that local education spending per pupil represented to a "base education spending payment" of \$6,800.

The law requires all home-owning residents to declare ownership of a homestead by April 15 each year. Homeowners make this declaration to the state Commissioner of Taxes, who is the sole determiner of this decision (not the listers). The declaration forms were sent out to resident owners in December. They are also included in the Vermont Income Tax Booklet and available at the Town Clerk's office. Hopefully, all legally qualified homestead owners will have declared by April 15, and no one declares erroneously or fraudulently. If after the list is provided to the town, the town sends out its tax bills, and then someone files a declaration with the commissioner (or an erroneous filing is discovered), the commissioner notifies the town and the town must issue a corrected tax bill, with a **penalty of one percent of the total correct education tax bill**. If the declaration or failure to declare is found by the commissioner to be the result of **fraud**, the town shall issue a corrected bill plus a **penalty of 100% of the total correct education tax bill**. The legislature is in session so any of these procedures may change.

Please feel free to call the Sharon Lister's Office at 763-8268 or the State Dept. of Taxes at 802-828-5860 if you are confused about these changes.

The Board of Listers

LISTER REPORT 2003 SALES

Date	Seller	Buyer	Location	Description	Sale Price
1/13/03	Smith, Edward A & Anna M	Young, Claude L & Stacy H	Downer State Forest Hwy	Camp & 1 Acre	\$27,500
1/21/03	JW Associates, LLC	Stearns, Dean J & Teresa A	47 Kariym Dr	6.2 Acres	36,000
1/30/03	Foss Family Irrevocable Trust	Von ammon, Eric & Martha	2282 Moore Rd	1s Dwl & 4 Acres	68,000
2/6/03	Rogers, Robert B & Margaret S	Ricker, Daniel & Alison D	Daisy Lane	1.76 Acres	25,000
2/27/03	Swanson, Ann & Rice, Timothy S	Sensenich, Jan M & Darlene W	268 Aldrich Farm Rd	10.4 Acres	91,000
3/25/03	George, William Stewart	Barnes, Shane Alan	3230 VT RT 132	1 1/2s Dwl & 4Acre	57,000
5/19/03	Fisk, Robert L & Charlotte E	Oehry, Isabella	1739 Fay Brook Rd	5 Acres	48,000
5/23/03	Swanson, Ann & Rice, Timothy S	Dixon, Peter M & Samuel P	309 Adlrich Farm Rd	10.8 Acres	112,000
6/5/03	Camtliona, Louis R & Kathleen C	Hirschbuhl, Bichael J & Tonia S	410 Harlow Rd	1 1/2s Dwl & 100Acres	500,000
6/23/03	Bumstead, Kimberly	Lavigne, Kevin & Garcia-Novick, Diana	105 Sharhart Rd	2s Dwl & 11.26 Acres	175,000
6/25/03	Mason, Dennis J & Carol	Derkson, Paul D & Julie A	1245 Quimby Mt Rd	4.75 Acres	40,000
7/21/03	Cronan, Dennis J & Wendy S	Cole, Adam H & Emily R	51 Church St	2s Dwl & 4.5 Acres	196,000
7/23/03	Kendall, Paul I & Dorothy M	Tirse, Sylvia	1299 Fay Brook Rd	Mfg Home & 5 Acre	68,000
8/1/03	Crvelli, Stephen P & Barbara J	Broussard, Craig & Paula J	566 Moore Rd	1 1/2s Dwl & 1.7 Acres	163,000
8/1/03	Hebard, Norman E & Kimberly	Disch, Thomas M & Andrea E	6052 VT RT 14	1 1/2s Dwl & 5 Acre	112,500
8/8/03	Levasseur, Rebecca A	Piper, Nicholeis	17 Sharhart Rd	1s Dwl & 1 Acre	100,000
9/4/03	Native-Vest Properties, LLC	Wilson, Richard A & Michelle W	1936 River Rd	10 Acres	92,500
9/8/03	Nelson, Kenneth C & Paula D	Atwood, Bradford T & Lorraine H	1579 Broad Brook Rd	2s Dwl & 10 Acres	263,500
10/6/03	Christensen, Jon E	Barnaby, Jon A	Farm Field Lane	9.22 Acres	90,000
10/6/03	Ramos, John C & Laura L	Rikert, Emma	Downer Rd	16 Acres	36,000
10/6/03	Rodriguez, Alberto	Hadcock, Bradford W & Pamela J	77 Sharhart Rd	2s Dwl & 1.41 Acres	120,000
10/20/03	Cleland, William G IV	Lique, John A & Laura L	5 Clown Alley	1.3 Acres	27,000
11/3/03	Tisdale, Susan L	Guanno, Noel A & Kristine K et al	59 Breezy Lane	1s Dwl & 3.57 Acres	159,000
11/4/03	Thermen, Shiry Hook	Berndt, Arthur & Anne	5161 VT RT 14	Store & 6 Acre	37,500
11/17/03	Wing, Lori N	Holmes, David M & Anderson, Margot L	4650 VT RT 14	2s Dwl & 5 Acre	125,000
12/17/03	Isonor, Donald a & Imogene C	Mather, Pamela	4959 VT RT 14	1 1/2s Dwl & 5 Acre	100,000

2003
VITAL STATISTICS
TOWN OF SHARON
 Joanne M. Slater, Town Clerk

DEATHS REPORTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
Lillian Dorothy Reynolds	F	95	12/29/01	Hartford, Vt.	Sharon, Vt.
Edwin Leon Larkin, Sr.	M	75	02/01/02	Hartford, Vt.	Tunbridge, Vt.
Carley R. Newcity, Jr.	M	74	02/14/02	Hartford, Vt.	Randolph Ctr., Vt.
Kenneth S. Lyman	M	88	04/24/02	Sharon, Vt.	Sharon, Vt.
Sidney R.O. Newman	F	93	07/03/02	Randolph, Vt.	Sharon, Vt.

BURIALS REPORTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

Name	Sex	Age	Date of Death	Place of Death	Place of Burial
Shirley Lyman Kenyon	F	84	03/03/03	Lebanon, N.H.	Pine Hill Cemetery
Leon P. Davis	M	106	04/11/03	White River Jct., VT	Broad Brook Cemetery
Paul A. Barrett	M	76	07/04/03	Lebanon, N.H.	Pine Hill Cemetery
Alfred George Dyer	M	—	08/11/03	Sharon, VT	Pine Hill Cemetery
Therese C. Miller	F	—	08/05/03	Ocala, FL	Howe Hill Cemetery

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MARRIAGES REPORTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence	Date	Place
Donald Ralph Hoyt	Cumming, GA	Patricia Miller Jackson	Sharon, VT	01/15/03	Essex Jct. VT
Jason Robert Welborn	Anderson, S.C.	Kelin Lyle Jones	Sharon, VT	05/31/03	Sharon, VT
Donald Lester Shaw	Sharon, VT	Patricia Ellen Scully	Sharon, VT	06/28/03	Sharon, VT
David Jay LaPierre	Sharon, VT	Bobbi Danielle Sherwood	Sharon, VT	06/28/03	Thetford, VT
Robert Edward Grace, Jr.	Sharon, VT	Tamilee Lynn Lyman	Sharon, VT	07/19/03	Sharon, VT
Erik Wellington Chapman	Seattle, WA	Michele Laura Rosenshield	Seattle, WA	07/26/03	Sharon, VT
Mark Everett Howe	Sharon, VT	Jodi Lynn McCrillis	Sharon, VT	08/12/03	Tunbridge, VT
Heiko Pohl	Sharon, VT	Rahel Kuehne	Sharon, VT	09/18/03	Sharon, VT
Thomas Michael Reilly	Richmond, VA	Emily Margaret Grossman	Richmond, VT	09/27/03	Sharon, VT
Reuben Matthew Sotak	Sharon, VT	Melissa Grace Zoerheide	Sharon, VT	10/01/03	Sharon, VT
Damian-Anthony J. Canuto	Sharon, VT	Laurie Anne Lareau	Sharon, VT	10/18/03	Burlington, VT
Daniel Jay Rose	Sharon, VT	Anna Mae Pero	Sharon, VT	10/04/03	Thetford, VT
Anthony M. Casieri	Sharon, VT	Elizabeth A. Brooks	Sharon, VT	11/17/03	Sharon, VT
Dale M. Youngman	Sharon, VT	Donna DeCoff Talladay	Sharon, VT	12/27/03	Bradford, VT

CIVIL UNIONS REPORTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

Party A	Residence	Party B	Residence	Date	Place
Aileen Bernice Friedman	San Rafael, CA	Sharon Fertitta	San Rafael, CA	08/02/03	Sharon, VT

BIRTHS REPORTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

(Births occurring in NH are not automatically reported to the Town.)

Name	Sex	Date	Place	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Aliza Mae Aldrich	F	09/26/03	Randolph, VT	Alan Wayne Aldrich	Chanda Ann Daniels
Leah Dawn Foster	F	12/22/03	Randolph, VT	Eric Ethan Foster	Donna Foster
Katori Skye Foster	F	12/22/03	Randolph, VT	Eric Ethan Foster	Donna Foster

Baxter Memorial Library
July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003

Fiscal year 2003 was a busy year for the Baxter Memorial Library. We continued to purchase books and catalog the current collection with funds from the Freeman Grant. With about one quarter of the collection cataloged, a goal for the future is to find ways to continue the cataloging now that Freeman Grant funding for this purpose has ended.

Our computer, purchased with a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has seen increased usage throughout the year. We encourage all community members to come in and see what this resource has to offer. We have internet access, a state of the art printer and scanner, and many software programs from games to research and language programs.

We have received wonderful community support this year in a variety of ways. Townspeople responded very generously to our bi-annual fundraising appeal that was mailed in late fall. We were the very grateful recipient of many gifts in memory of Shirley Kenyon for which we would like to thank her family and friends. A historical poster was donated to the library by Sylvia Durkee Walker and beautifully framed with a contribution from the Forest Unity Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. It is now hanging in the library. We wrapped up the year with our annual Plant, Book and Bake Sale in early June. Many people opened their gardens to us so that we could dig perennials, contributed books, and baked an incredible variety of delicious baked goods. We so enjoy seeing you all the morning of the sale and are very appreciative of your support.

Kathy Lowell stepped down after a five year term on the Board of Trustees and was replaced by Mona Foster. Thank you Kathy for all your time and hard work.

At the very end of this fiscal year, the Trustees regretfully accepted the resignation of our librarian, Sue Ferro, whose many contributions to the library were much appreciated. Our new librarian is Michelle Whalen, an elementary school teacher from Chelsea. Michelle brings some unique strengths to the position, particularly in children's literature, and we look forward to working with her.

The library hours are unchanged: Tues. and Thurs. 2:30-6:30 and Sat. from 10:00-12:00. Saturday continues to be staffed with a steadfast group of volunteers. We are fortunate to have such an excellent group as well as some great student volunteers. Thank you!

Trustees: Debra St. Peter, Paula Duprat, Laurie Swanson, Jory Diehlmann, Mona Foster
Librarian: Michelle Whalen

**BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
FINANCIAL REPORT 6/30/03**

BEGINNING BALANCE 7/1/02

Savings Account	6330.48
Checking Account	3116.12
Town Funds for bldg. painting	1000.00

REVENUE:

Stock dividends	2292.90
Fundraising	2808.50
Gifts	1105.00
Interest-Checking	3.17
Interest-Savings	46.39
Freeman Foundation Grant	5000.00
Town Support	3000.00
Copying fees	5.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>14,260.90</u> 24,707.56

EXPENSES:

Books	430.03
Electricity	524.95
Freeman Grant	2,912.37
Fuel Oil	1000.26
Fundraising	8.73
Insurance	699.00
Mileage Reimbursement	126.58
Miscellaneous	65.00
Payroll	4660.15
Postage	382.77
Supplies	529.86
Taxes-FICA	945.64
Taxes-Unemployment	27.47
Telephone	919.16
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>13,232.02</u>

BALANCE ON HAND 6/30/03

Savings Account	6372.50
Checking Account	5103.04
	<u>11,475.54</u> 24,707.56

SHARON RECREATION COMMITTEE 2002-2003 ANNUAL REPORT

The Sharon Recreation Committee continues to support its mission of providing athletic programs for children of Sharon. We are thankful to have Keenan and Kristi Haley as Recreation Directors. They have done a great job scheduling games, keeping track of equipment, running the Summer Recreation program and much more. Even though we have Keenan and Kristi we still rely on volunteers to help so we can make sure everything runs smoothly. We sincerely appreciate all of our coaches, referees, volunteers, parents and players for all they do!

The Summer Recreation Program gives families of Sharon and surrounding towns an affordable alternative to traditional child care in the summer months. This was our fifth year running the six week program and the children had a blast! The program offers activities such as water play, athletics, arts & crafts, and a two week session of swimming lessons. We would like to thank the director of the summer program Lindsey Kearns and the counselors Dustin McClay, Angie Carpenter, Anthony Ostler, Mark LaHaye, and Johnny Moore for adding their special touches to the program. The parents of the children in attendance had many great things to say about the program and we are truly happy to have found such a wonderful group to lead the way for our children.

We would also like to thank Sandra and Vern Flint for the use of their pond to sponsor the fishing derby held in October. Everyone that attended seemed to have a great time. This is a wonderful thing for our children to experience and again we thank the Flint's for sharing this with us.

We are happy to announce that the Sharon Recreation Committee awards scholarships to many children allowing them to participate in our programs. Fund raising is crucial in order to give away these scholarships. To raise money we have food and drink sales at ball games, we sell the Sharon Birthday calendars, and our annual "Cabin Fever" dance in the spring. We can always use volunteers to help with these fund raisers to help support our community.

So come join us in our efforts to make your community the best that it can be. We encourage you to get involved as a volunteer and help us provide recreational activities for children and adults alike. If you have some time to give or an idea to share join us at our meetings which are held on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Sharon School. We hope to see you soon!

Respectfully submitted,
Carmen LaFromboise, Secretary

OFFICERS:

President: Carol Flint
Vice President: Mike Tracy
Treasurer: Martin Young
Secretary: Carmen LaFromboise
Community Relations: Jeanne Amatto

**Sharon Recreation Department
Annual Report
June 30, 2003**

Martin Young - Treasurer

BALANCE ON HAND - JULY 1, 2002 **\$8,665.18**

INCOME

Baseball	\$885.00
Basketball	\$650.00
Calendar	\$5.00
Concession	\$1,338.57
Dance	\$1,719.88
Donation	\$50.00
Interest Inc	\$50.26
Soccer	\$730.00
Summer Camp	\$4,659.32
Town of Sharon	\$5,000.00

TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$15,088.03</u>
	\$23,753.21

EXPENSES

Banking Fees	\$20.18
Baseball	\$275.00
BasketBall	\$1,013.00
Bingo	\$25.00
Concession	\$238.94
Dance	\$648.50
Donations	\$75.00
Fishing Derby	\$97.54
Miscelaneous	\$300.00
Port-A-Toilets	\$910.00
Postal	\$188.38
VRPA	\$60.00
Rubbish Removal	\$192.00
Soccer	\$67.30
Summer Camp	\$11,399.77
Uncategorized	\$57.69

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	<u>\$15,568.30</u>
	\$8,184.91

BALANCE ON HAND - JUNE 30, 2003 **\$8,184.91**

SHARON FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

2003

The Sharon Firemen's Association, Inc. reports on the following for the past year.

The Fire Department responded to 53 calls during 2003. Assistance to the Sharon First Responders, grass fires, and trash burns made up the majority of the calls. There were two significant calls which we responded to in 2003. The first was the fire and subsequent loss of the Brookies' establishment. We were also called to shut down I-89 during a Hazmat incident in Hartford. Members of the community assisted during both of these calls and we wish to give a heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped.

The First Responders responded to 62 calls, many with the assistance of the Fire Department. As a reminder, 911 signs need to be posted with visibility from the road in mind. This greatly aids responding units from Sharon, S. Royalton, as well as Hartford in locating residences. The First Responders would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the Orange Co. Snowmobile club for the donation of a rescue sled. The sled will be used for any necessary rescues along the snowmobile trails in the area.

There were a number of fundraising events throughout the year. The 2nd annual Casino night was a great success. The 3rd annual Casino night will be held in April, 2004. Old Home Day lent itself to 2 fundraisers for the department. The Firemen's chicken barbecue, as well as a dance at the Fire Station in the evening. The dance with 14 North was such a success, we hope to make this a regular part of Old Home Day. Other fundraising activities included the Deer pool and Raffle. We are no longer able to clean chimneys as a fundraiser, but wish to encourage all residents to have their chimneys cleaned and inspected annually. The Fire Department received a grant from the Homeland Security Unit of the federal government. This money will be used to purchase much needed equipment. We thank everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts and donations made to the Fire Department.

Fire Chief David Potter

Assistant Chief Dana Durkee

Captains Jason Flint, Dale Potter, Keith Lyman Sr, Rex Dyer

President Dale Potter

Vice President Rod McClay

Treasurer Bill Brackett

Clerk Alison Ricker

Communications Officers Keith Lyman Sr, Doug Cummings

Training Officers Nathan Potter, Keith Lyman Jr, Rex Dyer

Nominating Committee Henry Moniz, Dan Ricker, Dustin Potter

Auditors Charlie Bullard, Tamilee Grace

Board of Trustees Dale Potter, Rod McClay, Bill Brackett, Alison Ricker, Dan Ricker, Keith Lyman Sr, Rex Dyer, Jason Flint, Denis Carpenter

First Responders Dan Ricker, Alison Ricker, Tamilee Grace, Keith Lyman Sr, Dana Durkee, Keith Lyman Jr, Nathan Potter, Henry Moniz, Truman Kimball

Again, we thank you for your continued support and donations. Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month

Respectfully submitted

Alison D. Ricker, Clerk

Sharon Firemen's Association, Inc

SHARON VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

William Brackett, Treasurer

BALANCE ON HAND - July 1, 2002:

Checking	\$ 1,073.56	
Savings	1,329.01	
Money Market	10,970.40	
Equipment Fund	<u>6,609.33</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 29,982.30

INCOME:

Town of Sharon	\$20,933.00	
Walmart/Casino Night	639.00	
Casino Night	879.04	
Chimney Cleaning	1,133.00	
Deer Pool and Raffle	884.00	
Memorial Contributions	583.00	
Contributions	969.20	
Old Home Day	554.10	
Miscellaneous Income	30.72	
Interest Earned	<u>326.66</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$ 26,931.72</u>
		\$ 56,914.02

EXPENSES:

Dispatch	\$ 783.71	
Dues and Permits	333.50	
Building Expense	383.24	
Utilities: Electricity	668.33	
Heat	2,123.82	
Telephone	1,230.18	
Insurance	8,119.00	
Postage	63.00	
Trash	204.87	
Truck Maintenance	3,749.98	
Truck Fuel	212.47	
Pager/Radio Repairs	765.54	
Equipment	<u>10,051.63</u>	
TOTAL		<u>\$ 28,689.27</u>
		\$ 28,224.75

BALANCE ON HAND - June 30, 2003

Checking	\$ 2,215.73	
Savings	1,348.76	
Money Market	20,616.09	
Equipment Fund	<u>4,044.17</u>	
TOTAL		\$ 28,224.75

SOUTH ROYALTON RESCUE SQUAD

Emergency Number - 911

The South Royalton Rescue Squad responded to 202 rescue and stand-by fire calls during the past fiscal year, 7/1/02-6/30/03. This required approximately 1616 volunteer man-hours of duty.

South Royalton	120 calls	59%
Sharon	75 calls	38%
Tunbridge	6 calls	2%
Chelsea	1 call	1%

There was a total of 186 calls during calendar year 2003.

The South Royalton Rescue Squad went through changes this year along with the Fire Department. As Chief Paul Whitney stepped down after many years of service, David Whitney became the new Fire Chief in January. In September of 2003, Corinne Ingraham stepped down from Captain of Rescue to being an active EMT and taking over as Treasurer. Jeff Knudsen has stepped up to being Captain/Director of the Rescue Squad. Corinne thanks the people from the Town of Royalton and Sharon for the support given to her and the other Squad members over the last few years.

The Rescue Squad also saw the need for more Paramedic intercept calls over the past year and called on White River Valley Ambulance, Hartford Ambulance, Lebanon Ambulance and the Dhart helicopter team 21 times during the year to assist them.

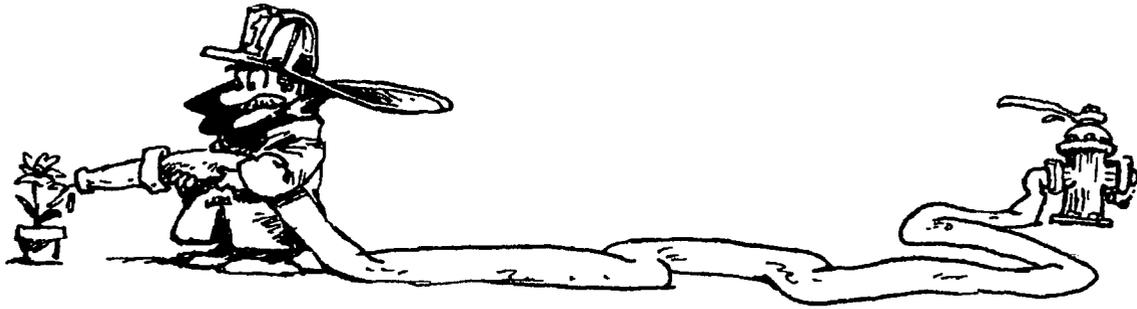
The district offered an EMT class this past year with Samantha Styles-Brown, Forest MacGregor, Alison Ricker, Dan Ricker and Keith Lyman, Sr. attending.

The Rescue Squad members were involved in various fund raising activities throughout the year to help keep our budget request at a minimum. The annual coin drop, chicken pie supper and raffles were done although the primary financial support continues to come from the Town of Royalton, Royalton Town District and the Town of Sharon. The Squad members are also grateful for the many contributions and memorial donations that they receive.

All South Royalton Rescue Squad members and Sharon First Responders are required to take continuing education to maintain their certification. These volunteers give freely of their time for this and to serve the emergency needs of the residents of these two communities. We thank the residents of Royalton and Sharon for their continued support.

Rescue meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the South Royalton Fire Station. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

**Corinne Ingraham, EMT
Treasurer**



TO THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWNS OF ROYALTON AND SHARON:

Within the last year, South Royalton Fire Department and Rescue Squad was marked with the stepping down of two of its key officers. As you may already know, Paul Whitney has stepped down as Fire Chief, a position that his son David Whitney now holds, to a Fire Captain position. Although you may not know it, Corinne Ingraham has stepped down from Captain of the Rescue Squad. She will continue to run calls as an E.M.T. and will take on the roll of Treasurer.

Most people are already familiar with Paul Whitney and his many dedicated years as Fire Chief. You may not be as familiar with Corinne.

Corinne Ingraham joined the Rescue Squad 22 years ago. Soon after taking her first E.M.T. class, she got the bug to teach them. She instructed First Responder, E.M.T. and CPR courses. Corinne is the driving force behind most of the volunteers of the Rescue Squad, past and present.

Corinne was appointed Captain 10 years ago. She is an excellent leader and mentor. She always lead by example, and when her advice was sought, it was always given with good old Yankee common sense.

It has been a pleasure and great honor to have served under Corinne and Paul, and it is of great comfort to me, that both Corinne and Paul are not leaving the Department. I know that the rest of the members and I will need to draw from their knowledge and experiences from time to time.

I believe it is impossible to thank Corinne and Paul enough for dedicating their precious time from their families, jobs and their personal lives to serve the towns of Royalton and Sharon, and all the things that they have taught me. So, I am going to start now, Thank you both ever so much.

Jeff Knudsen, Captain of South Royalton Rescue Squad

SHARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2003

The Sharon Historical Society was formed in 1990 and operates the museum in the Old Town Hall on the Sharon Green. During the summer, the Museum was open Sundays from 1 to 3 pm, on Old Home day, and during the Flea Market in September. Again this year, we participated in the Vermont History Exposition 2003 in Tunbridge with a display of One Room School Houses in Sharon.

In May, Phyllis Potter presented "Revisiting One Room School Houses." a collection of information and stories she has organized about Sharon's one room school houses. In July, at our annual pot luck supper and meeting, Jere Daniell spoke on the History of Sharon and the Upper Valley. At our September meeting, Cameron Clifford's talk was about "Vermont's Women Proprietors".

Our newsletter "Notes From Sharon's Past:" contained articles about the "Recollections of Howe Hill by Homer Moore (in two parts), and The Settlement of Sharon - the full original text from "The Landmark" newspaper published February 18, 1894.

The Society has completed the major objectives of the Landmark Newspaper Microfilming Project. With Grants and Donations totaling \$5606, we contracted with Archival Microfilming Systems to microfilm the newspapers. The contract cost \$3628 and the completed films were delivered in late June. The Hinesburg Library gave us a microfilm reader, which after cleaning and lubrication, provides us with the ability to view the films. The reader service along with supplies and other associated costs totaled \$456. We do not have printer capability. The residual remaining is \$1522 which will be retained in a separate account for the purpose of preserving, protecting and properly exhibiting the "Landmark Newspaper Collection". The Society has a copy of the complete 35 reel collection - consisting of 18 reels from the Vermont collection filmed in 1979 and 17 reels filmed by us in 2003. The Vermont Department of Libraries also has the full 35 reel collection in their Montpelier Library. Potential activities remaining include building flat newspaper storage cabinets, rebinding selected volumes, and microfilm printer capability.

The Society greatly appreciates the two major grants from the Downer Fund and the Mascoma Savings Bank Foundation, and the substantial donations by our membership and friends. Without your support, completion of this project would not have been possible. The Society's thanks to all.

Painting Project: The Society's Museum in the old Town Hall is in need of an interior repainting. The full task was last done in 1991, when the Museum was first prepared for our use. Several years ago the ceiling was touched up in a few places. Last year the Town installed the new roof and replaced and rebuilt some of the trim. Now it is time for the Society to repaint the interior. We have begun the process of finding contractor help. We are asking our membership and friends to donate to the painting project. Any amount that you can donate to the cause will greatly help the project to completion. Please Donate to this painting project!

Please consider donations of treasures and old items to the Society's collection. Contact Phyllis Potter (763-7032) or Kelly Clark (763-8565), curators, for item donations or if you have questions.

The 5th annual Vermont History Exposition will take place at the Tunbridge Fair Grounds June 26 and 27, 2004. Set aside the dates on your calendar for this highly acclaimed exposition. Our Society is planning to participate again this year.

You are invited to join us and become members of the Society. A single membership is \$5.00 per year and a family membership is \$10.00. Please contact Martha Fisk (763-7032) for membership information and registration. The books "Thoughts of E. B. Chamberlain" and "The Birth of Sharon VT" are available from the Society.

Edwin A. West Jr.
President (763-8935)

SHARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003
Martha Fisk, Treasurer

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2002 \$ 715.13

INCOME

Dues	\$ 665.00	
Books sold	44.50	
From Landmark Fund	4,028.72	
Other supplies	40.00	
TOTAL		<u>\$4,778.22</u>
		\$5,493.35

EXPENSES

Society operations	\$ 230.57	
For Landmark Fund	4,028.72	
Museum Supplies	1.97	
Speakers	200.00	
Misc.	53.74	
		<u>\$4,515.00</u>

TOTAL ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003 **\$ 978.35**

LANDMARK FUND

Balance on hand 12/31/02	\$5,521.72	
Interest earned	<u>32.77</u>	
	\$5,554.49	
Microfilming & supplies	<u>4,028.72</u>	
Total on hand 12/31/03	\$1,525.77	

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance on hand 12/31/02	\$1,931.74	
Interest	<u>17.42</u>	
Total on hand 12/31/03	\$1,949.16	

PINE HILL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003
Martha Fisk, Treasurer

CHECKING BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2003 \$ 426.21

INCOME

Interest income	\$ 637.60	
Opening graves	425.00	
Sale of lots & perpetual care	1,855.00	
Town of Sharon	4,500.00	
Downer Fund	500.00	
Misc.	38.09	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>7,955.69</u> <u>\$8,381.90</u>

EXPENSES

Labor, IRS & Vermont		
Dept. Of Employment Training	\$2,477.70	
Opening graves	100.00	
Peerless Insurance	1,187.00	
Repair and cleaning stones	700.00	
Repairs and Misc.	123.72	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$4,588.42</u>

TOTAL ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003 \$3,793.48

PERPETUAL CARE SAVINGS

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2003		\$1,306.06
Interest income		9.11
Sale of Lots and Perpetual care		<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003		<u>\$2,815.17</u>

REGULAR SAVINGS

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2003		\$10,330.15
Interest income		53.15
Gift		<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003		<u>\$11,383.49</u>

SHARON OLD HOME DAY ASSOCIATION
January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003 \$ 833.46

INCOME:

Town of Sharon	\$ 500.00	
Flea market	260.00	
Coffee, donuts & food	190.05	
Face painting & games	88.02	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>1,038.07</u>
		\$1,871.53

EXPENSES:

Food, etc.	\$ 193.97	
Postage	128.20	
Prizes	182.34	
Lyme Town Band	265.00	
Scott Paulson Steel Band	200.00	
Harold Trombley-tent	200.00	
Cheryl Sprague	125.00	
State Coach	50.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$1,344.51</u>

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2003 \$ 527.02

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2003 \$3,354.71

Interest	31.06	
TOTAL		<u>\$3,385.77</u>

MEMORIAL ACCOUNT BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2003 \$1,451.65

Interest	13.09	
TOTAL		<u>\$1,464.74</u>

**JAMES JUDSON PARKER MEMORIAL FUND
REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC FUNDS
January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003**

BALANCE ON HAND - January 1, 2003

CD	\$41,298.42	
Checkbook	<u>1,628.43</u>	
TOTAL		\$42,926.85

RECEIPTS

CD interest	\$ 1,059.16	
Checkbook interest	<u>3.48</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$ 1,062.64</u>
		\$43,989.49

DISBURSEMENTS

Misc. camp scholarships	<u>\$ 820.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$ 820.00</u>
		\$43,169.49

BALANCE ON HAND - December 31, 2003

CD	\$41,298.42	
Checkbook	<u>1,871.07</u>	
TOTAL		\$43,169.49

DOG LICENSE & RABIES CLINIC INFORMATION

THERE WILL BE A RABIES CLINIC FOR CATS AND DOGS ON SATURDAY MARCH 27, 2004 AT THE SHARON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM 12noon to 2P.M. BRING YOUR DOGS BETWEEN 12:00 NOON & 1:30 P.M. AND CATS BETWEEN 1:30 P.M. & 2:00 P.M. BOTH DOGS AND CATS MUST EITHER BE ON A LEASH, IN A CARRIER, OR LEFT IN THE CAR. RABIES SHOTS WILL COST \$9.00. SHARON RESIDENTS RECEIVING RABIES SHOTS FOR THEIR DOGS, MAY OBTAIN TOWN DOG LICENSES AT THIS TIME. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE TOWN OFFICE AT 763-8268.

All dogs and wolf-hybrids six months of age or older must be licensed annually *on or before the first day of April*. Check with your veterinarian to be sure that your dog has had an up to date rabies shot. You must bring a copy of the rabies certificate and proof of neutering or spaying when licensing your dog(s).

You may license your dog(s) at the Sharon Municipal Building on Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 7:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 - 6:00.

The current vaccination laws are as follows:

- 1. A dog or wolf-hybrid of less than one year of age must be vaccinated.
- 2. A dog or wolf-hybrid of one or more years but less than two years old must have been vaccinated within the preceding 12 months; and
- 3. A dog or wolf-hybrid of two or more years must have been vaccinated within the preceding 24 months.
- 4. An owner of a domestic pet (cat, dog, ferret) or wolf-hybrid shall have that animal inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

The dog license fees paid on or before April 1st are as follows:

- 1. Neutered Male/Female is \$4.00
- 2. Unneutered Male/Female is \$8.00
- 3. Breeding License is \$30.00 for the 1st 10 dogs or wolf-hybrids and \$3.00 for each additional dog or wolf-hybrid.
- 4. Kennel Permit is \$10.00

The dog license fees paid after April 1st are as follows:

- 1. Neutered Male/Female is \$6.00
- 2. Unneutered Male/Female is \$12.00
- 3. Breeding License is \$45.00 for the first ten dogs or wolf-hybrids and \$4.50 for each additional dog or wolf-hybrid.

AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$1.00 PER LICENSE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE STATE OF VERMONT, TO BE USED FOR THE STATE RABIES CONTROL PROGRAMS.

According to Vermont law Title 20 V.S.A. 3590, the Municipal Clerk shall furnish to the Selectmen after May 30th, a list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law. Unlicensed or uninoculated dogs or wolf-hybrids may be destroyed. Copies of the Vermont State Laws and the Sharon Dog Ordinance are available in the Town Clerks Office.

If you have any questions, please call 763-8268.

Respectfully,
Joanne M. Slater
Town Clerk



HealthHub Report for Sharon 2004

The South Royalton School-based Heath Clinic opened its doors in December 1995. It was the first on-site school health center in the state of Vermont. Today, the clinic, now known as HealthHub, provides medical, mental health and dental care to a population of about 900 K-12th grade students at the South Royalton School, the Tunbridge Central School, the Sharon Elementary School and the Sharon Academy.

During the past school year individual services were provided by HealthHub to approximately 700 students. About seventy-five percent of the visits were planned, but the other twenty-five percent were walk-in, emergent visits to the clinic.

Students visit the clinic for all of the same things that they would normally see a doctor/nurse practitioner for: infections, colds, flu, tooth aches, strep throat, asthma, diabetes, sports injury, allergies, physical exams, immunizations, drug problems, personal crises, and health advice. Clinic clinicians often help to carry out health plans from the student's "regular doctor" and frequently provide important information to special education teams and to guidance counselors. No student is turned away. Communication with student's families is timely and consistent.

HealthHub requires that parents fill out an enrollment form which asks for insurance, personal and medical history information and gives permission to provide treatment. Bills are submitted to insurance the same as if the child were going to his/her primary care provider. We often assist families to enroll in the Vermont Medicaid program, Dr. Dinosaur. The HealthHub providers, Frank Lamson, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and Susan Hull, RN visit the Sharon Elementary School each Thursday morning. One objective has been to provide follow-up care and advice to students referred by the school nurse, who is present only on Wednesdays. Immunizations are also provided at school, including the Hepatitis B series which is required for entry into the seventh grade at whatever school Sharon graduates attend. Flu shots are an annual feature welcomed by the staff and faculty. HealthHub also enjoys presenting health educational programs to any interested classrooms and in particular, puberty information for fifth and sixth graders.

Typically, in a rural area such as ours, a child ill or injured at school would visit the school nurse, be picked up by a parent and transported to the doctor's office. The child misses the rest of the school day and the parent misses at least one-half day of work. HealthHub treats the student on site, often enabling the child to return to class in minutes. Communications between clinicians, students, parents, and faculty are reliable and direct: all with little interruption to the school day of the student and the work day of the parent.

In addition to the above clinical services health center has successfully written a grant to pay the salary of a Student Assistance Professional to provide:

1. Drug counseling at the high school.
2. Made clinicians available for "hallway consultations" to ensure timely follow-up and informal, non-threatening access to care.

3. Served as a model for the VCHIP youth health assessment program. This Vermont State initiative has adopted some of its assessment tools and drug screening/treatment from procedures already in place at our clinic.
4. Provided supplementary and substitute school nursing services at all of the schools served.
5. Coordinated and presented health education programs at school in subjects such as sex/puberty education, safe babysitting, infant/child care; teacher in-service programs on recognition of abuse and attention deficit.
6. Taught a community educational series for parents on the art of parenting of teens.
7. Designated as a training site for community medicine for Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center's Pediatric residency program.
8. Provided preceptoring for medical and nurse practitioner students.
9. Organized and staffed blood pressure and cholesterol screenings and Red Cross Blood Drives.
10. Presented breast and testicular self-examination classes annually to high school students.
11. Sponsored a date rape program in conjunction with a local women's shelter.
12. Conducted annually, a Hepatitis B immunization program resulting in nearly perfect compliance each year.
13. Presented "Health Care for Seniors" in conjunction with the school guidance department, to help graduates navigate the health insurance system.

This year we plan to work with school staff and faculty to implement a nutrition and exercise program directly addressing the well-known problems of increasing incidence of obesity, inactivity, and diabetes.

Our goal is to "keep students at school and their parents at work" within a community of healthy minds in healthy bodies.

We are always looking for ways to make HealthHub more useful. We welcome all comments and suggestions from the school community. We also welcome volunteers to our board of directors.

Please call Susan Hull, RN at 763-7740x507

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC
Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services -- Report to the Town of Sharon

The Visiting Nurse Alliance is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net - with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay.

We value the continued partnership with the Town of Sharon to help us meet your residents' home care, hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

- Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term and chronic illness. For many such patients, many are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.
- Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through hospice they have that control.
- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants who require hi-tech health care; and children who grow and learn through play groups that offer interaction with other children.

The VNA provided the following services this past year: (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003)

Skilled Nursing	451	<i>Family Support Services</i>	
Physical Therapy	49	Families served	1
Speech Therapy	41	Individuals served	2
Occupational Therapy	29	Home Visits	1
Medical Social Worker	5	Fatherhood Program, Dads served	1
Home Health Aide	469		
Total Visits	1,044		
<i>Hospice VNH</i>		<i>Orange County Parent Child Center</i>	
Patient Families served	1	Families	5
		Children	2

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA
 President and Chief Executive Officer

Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH, Inc.
 46 S. Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001



Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont

	FY04 Total Budget Adult Outpatient Program	% of Total
INCOME:		
PATIENT FEES	\$ 798,499	78%
FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ -	0%
DDMHS	\$ 42,827	4%
CONTRACT/GRANTS		
OTHER STATE GRANTS	\$ -	0%
LOCAL/OTHER	\$ 182,588	18%
REVENUE		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,023,915	100%
EXPENSES:		
SALARIES	\$ 657,301	61%
CONTRACTUAL	\$ -	0%
PERSONNEL		
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 180,919	17%
OTHER CONTRACTED	\$ 1,500	0%
SVS		
GENERAL OPERATING	\$ 83,403	8%
PROGRAM/CONSUMER	\$ 1,650	0%
EXP		
TRAVEL/TRANSPORT	\$ 20,708	2%
BUILDING/OCCUPANCY	\$ 21,992	2%
EXP		
IN-KIND	\$ -	0%
ALLOCATIONS	\$ 103,551	10%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,071,024	100%



CLARA MARTIN CENTER



11 Main Street, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-4466

24 South Main Street, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-6000

1483 Lower Plain Road, Bradford, VT 05033
(802) 222-4477

356 VT Rte. 110, Chelsea, VT 05038
(802) 728-4466

Challenger School
579 VT Rte. 14 So., East Randolph, 05041
(802) 728-3896

CVSAS
Airport Road, Montpelier, VT 05601
(802) 223-4156

Safe Haven
4 Highland Avenue, Randolph, VT 05060
(802) 728-5233

Regional Alternative Program
Norwich Avenue, Wilder, VT 05088
(802) 295-8628

Quitting Time
61 Depot Road, Wilder, VT 05088
(802) 295-1311

The Clara Martin Center's programs serve children, families, and individuals coping with behavioral challenges, emotional stress, mental illness, alcohol and other drug problems. Services are confidential and include (but are not limited to):

- > Counseling
- > Psychiatric Services
- > Short-term crisis intervention
- > School-based & Home-based services
- > Education for families
- > Community resource assistance
- > Free Walk-in Clinic
- > Help with job training
- > Alcohol & other drug treatment
- > Respite Care
- > 24-hour emergency system

WHY SHOULD YOU HELP?

The Clara Martin Center has continually demonstrated its commitment to the greater Orange County community and the 2003 calendar year has been no exception. In May, our Challenger School was awarded a long-term approval rating from the State of Vermont Department of Education. Staff were noted as being "top notch", with an overall sense of caring and flexibility regarding the needs of children.

In July, the Clara Martin Center received another three-year accreditation from CARF (Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities). This marks the 10th consecutive year in which the Agency has been accredited. A rigorous peer review demonstrated the Agency's adherence to internationally recognized standards. Strengths identified, include the following:

- *"Staff members throughout all areas of the organization demonstrate dedication and a commitment to providing quality services to individual persons served and the local community."*
- *"The collaboration between CMC and other healthcare providers in the community allows for a more thorough and comprehensive approach to the care of persons served."*
- *"The organization takes pride in and emphasizes maintaining a safe environment for the staff members and the persons served."*

It is through the continued financial support from our local towns that we are able to report these Agency successes and in turn continue to meet our goal of strategically positioning our Agency for the future behavioral and physical health care needs of our local environment.

FY03 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC

Children & Family Services	635
Adult Services	474
CSP Services*	180
Substance Abuse Services	1,140
Walk-in Clinic Services	106
Emergency Contacts	2,274
Total Served:	4,809

TOTAL SERVED FROM SHARON

Child and Family Services	4
Adult Services	5
Substance Abuse Services	9
Total Served:	18

Additionally, the Clara Martin Center provides services within the Sharon Elementary School one day a week through our Home School Coordinator program.

*CSP is our community support program that serves the chronically mentally ill population.

Vermont Department of Health – Annual Report: Town of Sharon

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 Sharon

Food & Lodging Inspections: Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools, fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreaks. Inspections include review of a 44-item check list to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling. Of the 6 establishments in Sharon, 7 inspections were completed by a sanitarian during 2002.

Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children ('WIC'): 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, 42 women, infants and children living in Sharon received foods as well as health screening and individualized nutrition education through this program.

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 12,054 doses of vaccine to health care providers in Windsor County. This represents a value of \$153,341.90 to these communities, including children living in Sharon.

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 Windsor County from June-Sept. 16th 2002, 110 dead birds were reported, 56 were tested, and 5 found to be infected with WNV. There were no reported human or equine cases reported during this same time period.

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

If you would like more information about these efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the White River Jct. District Office at 802-295-8820. Please visit our web site at www.HealthyVermonters.info for information on health topics, public health emergency preparedness and response, news releases, publications, reports and general public health information.



Central Vermont Council on Aging

Empowering Seniors

**CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING
REPORT OF SERVICES TO THE TOWN OF SHARON
OCTOBER 1, 2002 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

The Central Vermont Council on Aging is a private, non profit organization that supports elders to remain independent as long as possible in their own homes and communities. We use federal, state and local funds to provide a variety of programs and services for elders, either directly or under contract with local groups and organizations.

Services include case management, information and referral, community and home delivered meals, senior center services, transportation and a number of volunteer opportunities for people of all ages.

The Case Manager for the Town of Sharon is Carol Spooner. Case Managers are trained to assess needs and create a care plan for individuals that includes public, private and volunteer resources.

The Council on Aging contracts with South Royalton Senior Center for the provision of community and home delivered meals for seniors. Noontime meals are served Tuesday and Thursday at the Academy Building. Also served at the South Strafford Senior Meals on Wednesday at Barrett Hall. Home delivered meals are also delivered to the homes of elders who cannot get out to the mealsite.

Transportation is provided under contract with the local transportation authority. Under this agreement, rides are provided to elders to get to and from mealsites, medical appointments and shopping.

Other services such as legal assistance, health insurance information and referrals to other agencies can be provided by calling the senior helpline at 1-800-642-5119.

We appreciate the support for programs and services for central Vermont elders from the Town of Sharon. Please call us for more information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Castle, Executive Director

30 Washington Street • Barre, Vermont 05641 • (802) 479-0531 • FAX (802) 479-4235
Information & Assistance 1-800-642-5119
EMAIL: CVCOA@SOVER.NET

SOUTH ROYALTON AREA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER, INC.

The South Royalton Area Senior Citizen Center, Inc. serves the Towns of Bethel, Royalton, Sharon and Strafford. There are two meal sites involved, one in Royalton (the Academy Building) and the other in Strafford (Barrett Hall). The Randolph Stage Coach provides transportation to the Royalton site. Volunteers deliver meals to shut-ins. Meals are served Tuesdays and Thursdays in Royalton and on Wednesdays in Strafford. A total of 10,787 meals were served in the year 2002-2003. Other services included blood pressure clinics, foot clinics and flu shots. In addition, there were four very enjoyable trips this year: (1) St. Patrick's Day Party at the Indian Head Resort in NH, (2) Lipizzans in North Hero, VT, (3) Maine Cruise, (4) Dinner and Show plus a Christmas Lights spectacular in MA. Susan Huff continues to do an excellent job as our Director and Louise Caron and Linda Duchame are still our wonderful cooks. We are also blessed with faithful volunteers.

S.R.A.S.C., Inc. Board of Directors
Elizabeth M. Balsler, President
Shirley Wright, Vice President
Susan Coburn, Secretary
Joni Latuch-Lyman, Treasurer

Fiscal Year ending 9/30/03

EXPENSES:

Personnel & Taxes	\$27,356.83
Nutritional & Center	15,224.91
Transportation	1,529.20
Rent & Utilities	6,167.79
Insurance	3,156.00
Equipment & Repairs	190.28
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$53,625.01

REVENUE:

Federal CVCOA	\$31,015.43
Participants	17,499.71
Town Funds	7,750.00
Community Donations	1,125.60
Fund Raising	2,905.35
Grants and Interest	771.28
Thrift Shop	6,123.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$67,190.37

ROSS GRINDLE ENDOWMENT FUND

Gifford Memorial hospital administers the Ross H. Grindle Fund, which can be used for patients from the Town of Sharon. This fund was established through his Last Will and Testament as follows:

“Said fund shall be held in trust by said Trustees (GMH trustees) and the income therefrom shall be used for the benefit of needy patients who are residents of the Town of Sharon...If, in any calendar year, the income of said fund shall not be completely used, the balance remaining on hand of said income, may be used for the general purposes of the hospital. It shall be within the exclusive discretion of said Trustees to determine the question of whether or not a person is needy.”

The principal balance, (\$26,734.66), is invested with all our endowments and managed by Estabrook Capital Management. During our Fiscal Year Ending 2003, there were gains of \$3,861.39 and income of \$2,365.99.

GREATER UPPER VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT *2003 Annual Report of Activities* -SHARON-

Sharon is a charter member of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District which was created in 1990 for the express purpose of managing waste generated within its member municipalities. The District provided direct service to Sharon in 2003 while also planning for the member towns' long-term waste management needs, including continued planning and development of the North Hartland landfill.

Direct services to **Sharon** and its residents included-

The scrap metal collection on Green Up Day.

A special Fall collection for scrap metal and tires in response to demand.

Access to Household Hazardous Waste and special recycling events in the District.

120 Sharon residents participated in District sponsored events including household hazardous waste events, compost bin sales, tire collections, clothing collections, scrap metal collections, and computer recycling events.

We welcome your suggestions on ways to improve our services and are always on the outlook for new opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle. District events for the upcoming collection season will be available at Town Meeting, at all Town Clerk's offices, and the District office at 296-3688 or on the web at www.guvswmd.org

Fred Moody
Executive Director, GUVSWMD

Planning for Sharon's Future

Winter 2004
Volume 2 Issue 1

Community Planning News
from the Sharon Planning Commission

Town Plan Revisions Completed

The Planning Commission has completed revisions to the Town Plan, and will be scheduling a public hearing in late March. The revisions are based on results of the town-wide survey which was conducted by the SPC in 2000, and on discussions with the Selectboard, the Conservation Commission, the Regional Commission, and interested residents.

Under Vermont law, towns must revise and update their plans every five years. Sharon's first plan went into effect in 1976, and has been periodically updated since then to reflect changes in the town. With the current revision, we are also attempting to respond to charges by the Act 250 District Commission that our current plan contains ambiguity [see article on page 2]. With this in mind, we have attempted to make the language more specific. For example, we have attempted to define more specifically the uses of residences for "home occupations".

We have made no major changes in land use designations, with the exception of extending the White River Conservation Area, for protection of the river. The State of Vermont considers the river a public trust, and many Sharon survey responses mentioned its importance, and the need to preserve it for future generations to enjoy [see article on page 4].

SPC Members (Term)

Deborah Wroth, Chair (04)
Vince Gross, Vice-Chair (06)
Peter Anderson, Clerk (07)
Anne Berndt (07)
Jason Flint (04)
Paul Kristensen (04)
Nancy Matthews (06)
Jay McPhetres (06)
Susan Sellow (07)

Why Does Sharon Need a Town Plan?

In the second half of the twentieth century, Sharon had the highest population growth rate of any town in the region, tripling its size from 470 to 1411. Housing prices in neighboring towns are skyrocketing, making Sharon an attractive option. While we welcome new residents, it is important to have some sort of regulation of land use if we are to preserve the rural character which is so important to many residents.

Sharon residents have chosen not to have zoning, but the new telecommunications ordinance has proved its value with its first two applications in 2003 [see article on page 3]. Without a Town Plan, haphazard development and sprawl could transform Sharon into a sad jumble of the beautiful river valley which we now enjoy.

Copies of the revised Town Plan will be available at the Town Clerk's office, and notices of the hearing date will be posted at the Town Office, the Post office, and the Sharon Trading Post.

The Planning Commission welcomes your comments and suggestions on the revised Plan, and your attendance at the hearing. The Selectboard will be scheduling a second public hearing later in the spring.

Think Green!!

In this winter of snow, sleet, freezing drizzle, and subzero temperatures, it's hard to believe that Sharon will ever be green again. But spring will come, bringing Green-Up Day with it.

Green-Up Day, always the first Saturday in May, this year falls on May 1, May Day. You may not want to dance around a maypole, but please take an hour or two to help clean up the roads around town. Green-Up bags will be available at the Town Office.

For more information about how and where to help, call Joanne Slater at 763-8268, or A.J. Zwickelmaier at 249-2940.

Sharon Act 250 Hearings

In 2003, members of the Sharon Planning Commission learned that we cannot expect the support of Act 250's District 3 Commission. Through their actions, the District 3 Commission has made it clear that Sharon must have a clear and concise Town Plan to control its own growth.

Act 250, Vermont's land use law, requires that people obtain a Permit from the District Environmental Commission or the Vermont Environmental Board prior to commencing a major development or subdivision.

Statutory parties to Act 250 cases include the State, the Regional Commission, the Town Selectboard and Planning Commission, abutters, and other potentially affected individuals or organizations. Before granting a permit, the project must pass ten criteria contained in the Act 250 law. These criteria relate to the environmental, economic and social effects of the project on the community, region, and state. Included among these criteria is a determination on whether the development or subdivision is in conformance with the Town Plan.

The Sharon Planning Commission was unusually busy with Act 250 applications and hearings in 2003. In March and April, hearings were held for Nextel's telecommunications facility on the Newcity property off Route 14. Through the Selectboard's negotiations with Nextel, the height of the tower was reduced from 150 to 86 ft. and the tower location changed. The District 3 Commission approved this revised plan, and we believe the resulting tower is much less obvious than the original design.

In March, we received an amendment to Chateau Industries Act 250 permit. They planned to install permanent heat in their newly remodeled function barn, build a large deck, and extend their hours of operation from 10 AM to midnight, seven days a week. Chateau Industries is located in a Rural Residential Area as defined in the Town Plan.

SPC requested an Act 250 hearing due to concern that the scale of this project was not in keeping with a "small entrepreneur" in an area with Rural Residential designation. We were concerned that noise from people on the open deck, the extended hours of operation, and traffic, would impinge on the privacy and quiet of the neighborhood.

Also, there was concern that the project would burden the town's emergency services. Disregarding the Planning Commission's concerns,

the District 3 Commission issued a permit approving Chateau Industries request to add permanent heat to their barn and to construct a deck. The only restriction was to prohibit parking on Steele Road

In April, an Act 250 hearing was held for Nextel's plan to place a telecommunications tower on the Eaton property on Route 132. This application was approved by the town in March 2003.

In May, the District 3 Commission issued a permit for the new access road to the Commerce Park from River Road.

In June, Verizon submitted an Act 250 application requesting the substitution of panel antennas for the present whip antennas. This application was withdrawn, but they plan to resubmit it in 2004.

In August, an Act 250 hearing was held on the E.P.E. Corporation's proposal to build a hundred storage units on property bordered by River Road, I-89, and the White River. The majority of members of both the Selectboard and the Planning Commission oppose this project because it is in a Rural Residential Area as defined in the Town Plan, and is inconsistent with the scenic designation of the White River. The District 3 Commission granted a land use permit to the E.P.E. Corporation for the storage unit facility despite the objections raised. The District Commissions findings state that the Town Plan is ambiguous and dismissed concerns that this is a Commercial use in a Rural Residential Area, adjacent to the scenic White River. The Selectboard and the Planning Commission appealed this ruling to the Act 250 Environmental Board. The hearing is scheduled for May 2004.

Although it is a controversial decision, the majority of members of the Planning Commission are opposed to the E.P.E. Corporation project for several reasons. We feel that precedent would be set if a commercial project were permitted in an area designated as Rural Residential in the Town Plan. Storage units, or any project of any scale, could be built anywhere in town, and our Town Plan would be powerless to control where these projects were located. Also, in the Town Survey completed in 2000, Sharon residents stated that the White River was one of the unique features of the Town, and wanted the river preserved for use by future generations.

With our revised Town Plan, due out in 2004, we hope to reduce the ambiguity of the current Town Plan and have it supported by the Act 250 Commission.

Sharon Telecommunication Ordinance

Sharon has taken its first step toward zoning with the adoption of a temporary ordinance regulating the construction of cellular phone antenna towers. Following a well publicized and costly court battle with Bell Atlantic Mobile over their tower on Baxter Mountain the selectboard was approached by representatives from seven wireless phone companies in the fall of 2001. Each of these companies was looking to site an antenna facility along the I-89 corridor in Sharon. Fearing more legal battles or the sudden proliferation of towers along the interstate, the Selectboard, along with the town's attorney, adopted a set of interim bylaws regulating telecommunication facilities in January 2002.

Of the seven companies interested in building towers in Sharon, only Nextel Corp. decided to continue with plans to have uninterrupted wireless service along I-89 through Sharon. Following the stringent steps of the newly adopted bylaw, Nextel submitted plans for two facilities in Sharon and began a lengthy process to gain approval for the construction of their two new towers. This process included numerous meetings with the Sharon Planning Commission and selectboard as well as public hearings where abutters and other residents of Sharon could voice their comments on the proposed towers.

The result of all this was a positive outcome for all parties involved. After agreeing to alter their plans at both sites Nextel was granted permission by both the Town of Sharon and the Act 250 Commission to erect their facilities near the south bound rest area on I-89 and above the village on route 132. These alterations included disguising one tower as a pine tree and siting the second tower in an old pasture where it took the form of a "brown stick" next to a shed. Nextel also agreed to slight changes in location, changes to colors of the equipment, and planting of trees at each site to shield their facilities from the public's view.

The Telecommunications bylaw proved to be a success with both of Nextel's applications, thanks in large part to a great deal of patience and compromise from Nextel's representatives. After this initial success the Planning Commission hopes that other telecommunication facilities can be sited in Sharon, not only to meet the needs, but also to suit the tastes of Sharon's residents.

*NB: Both the Telecommunications Facility Bylaw and the Sharon Municipal Plan (which contains an overview of the bylaw) are available at the town offices.

Be Prepared!

Careful readers of the Town Report will have noted that the Planning Commission and Selectboard have been working with the regional planning commission to develop a "pre-disaster mitigation plan". That's a tongue-twisting title which can best be translated into the motto, "Be Prepared".

Sharon's location makes it vulnerable to many potential disasters, and although everyone hopes that they never occur, the time to prepare is before and not after they happen. Floods, fires, railway accidents, rollovers or spills on I-89, or even in the village, are all possible.

More hydrants and a holding tank for the fire department, revised flood plain regulations, better communication with the state police, and designation of a town-wide emergency shelter are some of the provisions included in Sharon's "pre-disaster mitigation plan".

Funding is available to assist with these projects, and the regional commission will help to develop and administer the plan. For further information, contact Kevin Geiger at Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Planning Commission, 457-3188

Town Highway Classifications

Class 1: Most heavily traveled roads usually located in densely settled areas. They are extensions of State Highways and are usually assigned a State number. There are no Class 1 roads in Sharon. **Class 2:** Major town highways selected as the most important in town serving to link towns and high traffic areas such as village settlements and State Highways. Sharon has 5 Class 2 roads, a total of 14.52 miles. **Class 3:** Town roads not class 1 or 2 that can be driven under normal conditions all seasons of the year by a standard car. **Class 4:** Roads representing the lowest order of importance to the Town. Public use is limited and the town receives no financial aid from the State. Reference: Town of Sharon Municipal Plan

Subdivisions

One of the duties of the Planning Commission is to process applications for subdivisions. Under regulations adopted in 1973, anyone wishing to create new parcels of land must submit an application to the Planning Commission, and following a site visit and public hearing, must register the approved application with the Town Clerk.

Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office, and we encourage all landowners who wish to subdivide their property to contact the SPC Subdivision Subcommittee so that we may help you through the process. Feel free to contact Paul Kristensen, Nancy Matthews, Jay McPhetres, or Susan Sellow.

TRORC

The staff of the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission provides technical planning services to town officials, and acts as a resource to local government. The staff assisted Sharon in preparing the Town Plan. The commission is a compact of twenty-seven municipalities in east-central Vermont, and was founded in 1970 by acts of its constituent towns. It is not a part of State Government, but is governed by a Board of Representatives appointed by each of our member towns. The primary goals are to advocate for the needs of our member towns, and to help bridge the opportunities and concerns that exist between towns and the State.

Member towns are Barnard, Bethel, Bradford, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Chelsea, Corinth, Fairlee, Granville, Hancock, Newbury, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Pomfret, Randolph, Rochester, Royalton, Sharon, Stockbridge, Strafford, Thetford, Topsham, Tunbridge, Vershire, West Fairlee, and Woodstock.

Tax Revenues Versus Costs

Farms, forests, vacation homes, and most commercial properties are generally fiscal boosts, paying more in taxes than they cost for services. However, communities with a large number of commercial and industrial properties tend to have higher property taxes. This is largely due to the secondary impact of residential growth and children entering the schools. Reference: Town of Sharon Municipal Plan.

White River Ripples

The White River, fifty-six miles long, is the longest free-flowing (undammed) river in the state of Vermont. The White River corridor has been designated a National Showcase Watershed, one of twelve in the nation and the only one in New England. The river is a tributary of the Connecticut, which has been named an American Heritage River.

The river offers recreation and scenic vistas for humans, and provides a home along its banks for otter, mink, beaver, and the endangered tiger beetle. Its many species of fish include salmon, which are raised and stocked at the National Fish Hatchery in Bethel as part of the federal salmon-restocking program. It is also a migratory flyway for birds and Canada geese.

The White River Partnership has been active for several years, focusing on water quality monitoring and stream restoration projects. Since 2000, more than 18,500 feet of stream restoration work has been completed on the White and its smaller tributaries. During the last two years, 800 volunteers have helped to plant more than 7,000 trees, restoring four miles of river buffer on private and public lands.

Stream teams operate independently in all six sub-basins of the watershed. In Sharon, the Down Stream Team will be focusing on work projects in the Broad Brook area this summer.

The Down Stream team meets at the Sharon Academy middle school (in the village) on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm. Meetings are open to all, and the next one will be held on March 22. For further information, call Walter Hastings at 763-7730.

Sharon Historic Properties

The Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey lists two districts, two bridges, and seven properties in Sharon which are exemplary for their historic, architectural, or engineering significance, and are on the Vermont Register of Historic Places. The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation predicts that another 200 sites or structures are possibly eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Reference: Town of Sharon Municipal Plan.

TWO RIVERS-OTTAUQUECHEE REGIONAL COMMISSION 2003 YEAR-END REPORT

During 2003, the Regional Commission continued to provide technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with state and federal agencies. We function as staff for many of our towns and most of our work was initiated at the request of Selectboards, Planning Commissions, and other town officials. Major accomplishments for this past year included:

Regional and Local Transportation Planning - The Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) worked with member municipalities on numerous local transportation projects. Two Rivers' staff wrote many Transportation Enhancement Grants and assisted our towns in procuring design engineers, processing requisitions for payment, and organizing public meetings for local input - Two Rivers helped projects get built. This office also assisted communities as they worked their way through the environmental permitting process on transportation projects.

Local Technical Assistance - Over the past year, we provided advice and support to all town officials on a wide range of activities. This included grant writing and administration, assistance on town plan revisions, ordinance development, GIS mapping, transportation planning, and Act 250 development review. The TRORC Region once again received the largest share of municipal planning grants statewide. This allowed our towns to conduct the planning necessary to respond to changes in state and federal requirements.

Emergency Planning Activities - The Regional Commission's emergency management planning program continued to be funded by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security. Projects focused on all-hazards planning associated with natural and man-made disasters. Our staff helped write and coordinate many of the \$800,000 First Responder Grants for safety equipment received by our towns.

Economic Development Planning - In 2003, the Regional Commission continued working on a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to assess the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Once the level of contamination is known, the Regional Commission will help towns locate funding sources for clean-up. Additional federal dollars are being sought to continue this program. In addition, TRORC spent considerable time obtaining and maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal economic development administration money. This resulted in over \$800,000 for the Town of Randolph.

We value your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Gregory, AICP, Executive Director

William B. Emmons, III, Chairperson, Pomfret

VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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

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

- Advocacy representation before the State Legislature, administration and judiciary, ensuring that municipalities have the resources and authority to serve their citizens. VLCT is a leader in the education finance debate and in securing revenues for town highway and bridge maintenance programs.

- Training, technical assistance and publications to strengthen the ability of municipal officials to serve their communities. In the past year, we have responded to almost 50,000 telephone calls, 21,200 of them from local officials on the toll-free telephone line available to them. Our Municipal Assistance Center and Group Services staffs provided over 750 workshops and small group training sessions attended by over 4,000 municipal officials and answered over 2,300 legal questions posed by municipal officials. VLCT distributed over 575 copies of local government publications and distributed over 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's Weekly Legislative Report to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.

- Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost. These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to municipal employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members was made painfully clear last year when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for municipal property and casualty insurance was declared insolvent by the State of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies.

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

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



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dedicated to helping communities conserve and develop
their natural and human resources."*



Town Report Information

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

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

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

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

Legislative Report - 2004 from State Representative Jim Masland

It has been an honor and a pleasure to represent you in Montpelier during the past year. During FY '04 we balanced our state budget while retaining the most critical social services. There have been some changes on how we provide medical care to the elderly and disadvantaged that are far from perfect. And, as most of you know, we finally managed to make changes to Act 60, the education funding statute. For the most part, the education funding debate will be less contentious than in previous years. Some difficult questions have yet to settle out. I look forward to your comments on this and other issues that you'd like me to look into.

Controversial problems that we will deal with this session include the following: environmental permit reform, school funding cost containment, stormwater permits, containing healthcare costs, jobs and economic development, the proposed State Energy Plan, and purchasing the dams along the Connecticut River.

Please remember that the Vermont State House and all committee rooms are accessible to all of you, regardless of weather, or via the web. You can keep in touch with legislative issues by calling me at home or in Montpelier or via the web at one of the contacts listed below.

I look forward to hearing from you about any issue, large or small.

Representative Jim Masland

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Town of Sharon

School District Annual Reports For FY 2003

From 7/1/02 Through 6/30/03

“The commitment of the Sharon community is to provide a caring and safe environment for our young people. We will promote quality education that emphasizes high academic standards, sound personal development and positive social growth thus laying the foundation for life-long learning and a personally fulfilling and productive life.”

NOTES

**TOWN OF SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2004**

The legal voters of the Sharon Town School District are hereby WARNED AND NOTIFIED to meet at the Sharon Elementary School in Sharon Village, on Monday, March 1, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., to transact the following business:

Article 1. To Elect a Moderator.

Article 2. To Hear and Act upon the reports of the School District Officers.

Article 3. To Vote a sum necessary for the support of the Sharon Town School District for the year beginning July 1, 2004.

Article 4. To Elect One School Director for a term of three (3) years.

Article 5. To Transact any other business, as needed.

Dated: January 5, 2004

Board of School Directors:

Donald Shaw, Chairperson

Ron Amato, Clerk

Deborah Hopkins, Member

**TOWN OF SHARON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 3, 2003 - 7:00 P.M.**

The legal voters of the Town of Sharon met as warned at 7:00 P.M. on March 3, 2003 at the Sharon Elementary School. The Sharon Boy Scout Troop 205 led the voters in the salute to the Flag. Michael Hillinger announced that there is babysitting in the library. A hat was passed for donations toward the purchase of material for a quilt to be made by Martha Fisk. The proceeds from the quilt raffle will go to the School Hot Lunch Program. Phyllis Potter of the Sharon Historical Society spoke to the voters about the Landmark Newspaper that was given to the Sharon Historical Society from Susan Melendy & her mother, Eleanor Wright. The Historical Society has selected a contractor to microfilm the collection and it should be finished by late April, early May. The Historical Society would like to thank everyone for his or her donations and support. The Society has received a total of \$5,500.00 in donations and grants. The Society plans to have the microfilm reader prepared for use, by the time the museum opens this summer, for viewing and access by the public.

ARTICLE 1. TO ELECT A MODERATOR: Robert Ferguson nominated Michael Hillinger, seconded. Edwin West, Jr. moved to have nominations cease, seconded. The Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Michael Hillinger for Moderator. The motion was put to a vote and carried by a voice vote. Michael Hillinger was elected Moderator for one year.

ARTICLE 2. TO HEAR AND ACT UPON THE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICERS: Pamela Brackett moved the article, seconded. School Director Elaine Kearns went over the School District Officers Report for FY2002 with the voters. The School board approved an Action Plan for the school year, which can be found, on page 76 of the Annual Town Report. In the Action Plan the board made improvements in the subject areas of reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. Some programs they have instituted, which have been quite successful this year are as follows; an after-school enrichment program, study club, summer school, big brother/big sister program, mentoring for new teachers, full-day kindergarten, parenting education, studying the lengthening of the school day, pupil behavior, and a community resource file. There were several policies that were presented to the Schoolboard by the Superintendents Office. The Board reviewed these policies and determined how they would like them to be worded for this community. The Sharon Schoolboard met with the Hartford School Board to go over Hartford's policy for admitting tuition students. In this policy, Sharon students have first priority along with the towns of Hartland and Cornish for space in the freshman class. These three towns are not given preferential treatment in any years after the first year. The Sharon Schoolboard asked the Hartford Board if they would consider giving Sharon students first priority in other years as they do in the freshman year. The Hartford Schoolboard members were hesitant to do this. Superintendent Lanning Nicoloff suggested that perhaps they could give priority to those students who had not had the opportunity to apply to Hartford before. The Hartford Board decided to offer priority consideration to those students who are new to our town and, therefore, did not have the opportunity in previous years to make the choice of which school to attend. The Schoolboard notified the 6th grade parents to let them know that the decisions they make for their student's secondary education will not be as flexible as it used to be. Where the students could easily switch from one school to another, that is no longer the case. Elaine stated that Martha Clavelle polled the Kindergarten parents concerning the 5 full day a week kindergarten. The results from this poll showed that 5 days a week full time seemed to be a little too much for a kindergarten age student. The kindergarten has since changed to a 4 full day a week program. Elaine said that this program

seems to be working quite well. The kindergarten started with a half-day schedule for the first 6 weeks and then went to a full day program. The Schoolboard approved for Martha Clavelle to create a pre-school for students who will be entering kindergarten next fall. January of this year Martha started a pre-school that meets on Fridays, for two sessions each being 2 hours a day. The Board would like to thank the PTO for all they have contributed to the school. Deborah Hopkins made a motion to accept the school District Officers report, seconded. The motion was put to a vote and carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 3. TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS TO BORROW MONEY AS IN THEIR JUDGMENT IS NECESSARY TO OPERATE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT: Edwin West, Jr. moved the article, seconded. The motion was put to a vote and carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. TO VOTE A SUM NECESSARY FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE SHARON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003: The moderator asked Elaine Kearns, School director for the sum to vote on. Elaine Kearns gave the amount of \$2,455,098.00. Eric VonAmmon moved the article with a sum of \$2,455,098.00, seconded. Elaine Kearns stated that on page 78 of the Town Report is a review of the proposed budget. The budget is \$12, 085.00 less than the budget that we are currently in. Even though the overall budget amount has decreased, Act 60 and the common level of appraisal has caused the tax rate to increase. On the bottom of page 82 of the town report, is a chart that explains how the common level of appraisal effects the tax rate. The budget on page 90 is an analysis of the FY2004 budget. The total budget went down \$12,000.00 from last year's budget. The general education budget went down \$67,000.00. The educational support budget went up \$50,000.00. The administrative and other budget went up \$5,000.00. In the budget there are a lot of expenses that the board cannot effect. Elaine said that one expense that the board cannot effect is secondary tuition. Another expense is special education where a lot of educational support is directed out of the supervisory office by the special education director and schoolboard have no access to those records at all. They are told what the needs are based on the students in our community at the time they put the budget together. General education is the area where the Schoolboard does have some control. The Schoolboard have done all they can to keep expenses needed to run the school at a compromise between what they consider a good education and what they feel they can ask the taxpayers to support. In FY2004 they are going back to two full time kindergarten classes because of the number of students that will be attending kindergarten next year. Most of the money that is needed to cover the salary of the second kindergarten teacher hopefully will be coming out of a federal grant called title 6. There is now a school/home coordinator who is also involved in the pre-school, and she works with the parents while Martha Clavelle works with the students. Last year the board set a goal of adjusting the base rate of non-professional salary to be in alignment with the Vermont Legislative Council on Living Wage. The Schoolboard increased the base rate from \$9.00 to \$10.00 per hour. In the No Child Left Behind Act, they found that the non-professional employees needed to have 2 years of higher education beyond High School. Experience does not count in that evaluation. A lot of the Schools non-professional employees have been here for along time. The Board feel that these employees are irreplaceable and so have budgeted professional development dollars for the non-professional employees so that they can meet the new standards required of them. The boards' stipend has been increased to \$400.00. This stipend has been \$200.00 since the 1980's. Sharon is the only town in the Supervisory Union that was still at \$200.00. Martha Fisk has decided to retire after this current fiscal year. This will be a great loss to the school. The Schoolboard wishes Martha a lot of enjoyment in her retirement. Flowers were to be presented to Martha tonight. Unfortunately her mom, Shirley Kenyon, passed away last night and Martha could not be here tonight. The voters gave Martha a standing ovation for her years of service. Loretta Cruz told the voters about a party

for Martha Fisk on 6/28/03 here at the school. The school board is in search of someone to work in the kitchen for the next school year. The Supervisory Union will be taking over a lot of the book-keeping and purchasing for the school lunch program. Secondary education tuition has gone down because of a lower number of students. A voter asked a question about how the state determines our common level of appraisal. Galen Mudgett, Jr., Lister answered this question. Galen said that basically the common level of appraisal is figured by using all the sales in the last 3 years. You then divide that number into the total assessments in the town. If you have a house assessed at \$81,000.00 and you sell it for \$100,000.00, you would divide 100 into 81 and you get the common level of appraisal of 81%. Edwin West, Jr. asked what portion of the \$2,455,098.00 is to be raised for taxes locally in Sharon. Elaine told the voters that the amount to be raised in taxes is \$1,850,000.00. Galen E. Mudgett, Jr. stated that the office expense budget for the principal and superintendent has gone up 18%. Elaine stated that being a school board member and working with the principal and the supervisory union office she would say that we are getting a wonderful service. The reliability of the superintendent, the special education director and our principal creates a lot of the support to allow our school staff to work with the children. With all the State and Federal mandates there are, you wouldn't be able to run a school with out those types of functions. The salaries being paid to the administrative staff are right in the middle of the range of salaries paid in other towns. The Schoolboard tries not to be at the bottom because they want to retain the good people they have. The Town of Sharon pays about 11% of the Supervisory Union budget. The School gets all of these functions for 11% of these peoples salaries. The principal is the mainstay that holds everything together here at the School. It was noted that there were not many townspeople at tonight's meeting. Very few parents of students came. There was talk about maybe changing Annual School District meeting to the same day as Town Meeting Day. The motion was put to a vote and carried by a voice vote.

ARTICLE 5. TO VOTE A SUM OF MONEY TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING AN ELECTRIC GENERATOR INCLUDING ALL RELATED SITE AND HOOK-UP WORK. THIS GENERATOR SHALL BE OF SUFFICIENT CAPACITY TO POWER THE ENTIRE SCHOOL BUILDING IN ORDER TO SERVE THE SCHOOL DURING A POWER OUTAGE AND ALSO BE AVAILABLE AS AN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR THE COMMUNITY: Edwin West, Jr. moved the article, seconded. Donald Shaw, School director said that the Schoolboard sent out some inquires to contractors and got some preliminary figures of how much it would cost for a generator. The Schoolboard are looking for an 80-kilowatt generator. All three of the quotes have come to \$50,000.00 or less for a generator and will also pay to get hooked up on site. The money to pay for the generator would be coming from the budget surplus. A voter brought up that a couple of years ago the state had some grants for emergency prepardarness. Donald said that they had looked into these grants and that they were not for the purchase of a generator, but instead would pay for the site hook up. These funds are no longer available from the State. The generator would be located out by the maintenance building on a cement pad with a roof over the top and trees surrounding it. A voter asked if the town had a generator. Elaine said that yes the town does have a generator, but that their generator was just one that the town could take from building to building to keep pipes from bursting. Elaine said that the budget has a \$195,000.00 surplus from last fiscal year. The Board put \$100,000.00 towards reducing this year's tax. They are left with a \$95,000.00 surplus which thought would be a good one-time expenditure to use for the purchase of this generator. Maynard Baldwin, Jr. moved to amend the motion to vote a sum of money not to exceed \$50,000.00, seconded. The amendment was voted on and passed with a voice. The amended article was voted on and passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. TO ELECT ONE SCHOOL DIRECTOR FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS:

Elaine Kearns nominated Deborah Hopkins, seconded. Wanda Bullard nominated Tina Kenison, seconded. Pamela Potwin nominated Todd Robinson, seconded. Edwin West, Jr., made a motion to have nominations cease, seconded. The nominated people introduced themselves to the voters. The Moderator instructed the voters to vote by paper ballot. The moderator explained to the voters that since we have three candidates, the winning candidate would have to get a majority of the voters. A total of 48 voters voted by paper ballot. The results of the ballot are; Tina Kenison, 8 votes; Todd Robinson, 13 votes and Deborah Hopkins, 27 votes. Deborah Hopkins was elected School Director for three years by paper ballot.

ARTICLE 7: TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS, AS NEEDED: Maynard Baldwin, Jr., spoke to the voters about the idea of changing the school meeting back to Tuesday during the day. Maynard Baldwin, Jr. made a motion that the board pursue the necessary legal aspects to move the meeting back to Tuesday and that if that motion passes, that is a straw vote of opinion for moving the meeting, as soon as possible. The motion was seconded. The moderator stated that this will not have a force of the same level of an article, but the school board will certainly respect and listen to the voters' comments. The motion was put to a vote and carried by a voice vote. Maynard Baldwin, Jr. thanked Elaine Kearns for her years of serving as a School Board Director and told her that we really appreciate her service to the school. Elaine said "thank you very much, it has taken a lot of time, but has really been a pleasant experience." She also said that, "Its been good to make a contribution to the community and to learn how the school operates and how much effort actually goes into the school by the staff. " Ronald Amato presented Elaine with a photograph of the school signed by the staff. He told Elaine that the board was going to miss her. Bob Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved by School Directors:
Donald Shaw
Ronald Amato

Respectfully Submitted:
Joanne M. Slater, Town Clerk

Sharon School Director's Annual Report for 2002 – 2003

This past year ending on June 30, 2003 has been an exciting one. Our staff has had few changes and seems to be excited about the current year. We had two teachers earn their Master's degree.

We stayed within our budget and carried over a modest amount to the next year's budget. We continued to work on adopting all state-required policies. We also worked on the transition to a new food service program director.

The Board adopted a new paraprofessional salary schedule to address the issue of providing a "living wage".

The Board continued its work on a plan to solve the problem of power outages. We continue to seek information on the construction and usage of a generator and have been trying to fund this, in part, with grants from outside sources. Sharon Elementary was designated as an "Emergency Shelter" by the Town of Sharon. This is the first step in seeking such additional funding from the state sources for the generator. We still view the installation of a generator as a goal to be accomplished in the near future.

School Board Review of Proposed Budget for Year 2004- 2005

The Board regretfully must ask your support for a significant increase in the next year's budget. Sharon has experienced a marked increase in secondary education costs (up 18.2%) and special education costs (up 45%). We have no control over these expenses. Tuition is set by receiving schools (Hartford, Royalton, etc.). Sharon has more students entering into secondary school than will be graduating from high school resulting in increased tuition costs. Special education is a federal mandate with the costs dictated by the education plan required to meet the needs of the student. If these two areas were factored out of our budget, we would still need to ask for a modest increase, but not anywhere near we find ourselves requesting now.

Our school is again experiencing growth in the number of entering students. This is different from the other elementary schools in our supervisory union. This means we will continue to see these increased costs for some time to come as our classes mature.

The Board just entered into a new three year contract with the teachers' association that should help fix costs in the coming years.

Budgeted expenses for vocational education are somewhat misleading. Due to the new education funding law, Act 68, we are required to report our vocational educational costs in a new manner. This results in the appearance of greater costs when we really are reimbursed for the costs, resulting in no true net increase.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Shaw
Chair

Ron Amato
Clerk

Deborah Hopkins

Three Prior Years Comparisons

PRELIMINARY

District. County	LEA:		184		FY2002		FY2003		FY2004		FY2005	
	Sharon	Windsor	S	U	Orange	Windsor						
Expenditures												
Budget (local budget approved in prior years)			2,203,802	2,467,183	2,455,098	2,948,971	2,203,802	2,467,183	2,455,098	2,948,971	2,203,802	2,467,183
82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005			not applicable									
S U assessment (included in local budget)			61,582	57,457	57,736	61,582	61,582	57,457	57,736	61,582	61,582	57,457
Deficit (if included in local budget)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years			33,069	35,177	36,777	33,069	33,069	35,177	36,777	33,069	33,069	35,177
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			2,236,871	2,502,360	2,491,876	2,236,871	2,502,360	2,491,876	2,491,876	2,236,871	2,502,360	2,491,876
Union school or joint school district assessment			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deficit if not included in budget or revenues			35,371	28,424	22,400	35,371	35,371	28,424	22,400	35,371	35,371	28,424
Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)			2,272,242	2,530,784	2,514,275	2,272,242	2,272,242	2,530,784	2,514,275	2,272,242	2,272,242	2,530,784
Gross Act 68 Budget			2,272,242	2,530,784	2,514,275	2,272,242	2,272,242	2,530,784	2,514,275	2,272,242	2,272,242	2,530,784
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenues												
Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)			346,560	444,376	485,079	346,560	346,560	444,376	485,079	346,560	346,560	444,376
Capital debt aid			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)			35,371	28,424	22,400	35,371	35,371	28,424	22,400	35,371	35,371	28,424
Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Act 144 revenues			381,931	472,800	507,479	381,931	381,931	472,800	507,479	381,931	381,931	472,800
Total revenues			381,931	472,800	507,479	381,931	381,931	472,800	507,479	381,931	381,931	472,800
Fund raising (if any)			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted local revenues			381,931	472,800	507,479	381,931	381,931	472,800	507,479	381,931	381,931	472,800
Education Spending (Act 68 definition)			1,890,311	2,057,984	2,006,796	1,890,311	1,890,311	2,057,984	2,006,796	1,890,311	1,890,311	2,057,984
Equalized Pupils			270,791	273,433	264,271	270,791	270,791	273,433	264,271	270,791	270,791	273,433
Education Spending per Equalized Pupil			6,981	7,527	7,594	6,981	6,981	7,527	7,594	6,981	6,981	7,527
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)			not applicable									
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment			not applicable									
District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)			not applicable									
(\$8,677 / \$6,800)												
Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized			not applicable									
(127.603% x \$1.10)												
Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity			not applicable									
(127.603% x 2.0%)												

SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROJECTED REVENUE BUDGET
2004-2005

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004	Projected	
						Budget 2004	Budget 2005
BAL. CARRYOVER FROM PRIOR YRS	\$ 93,251	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000
REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES							
Property Taxes Current Exp.	\$ 317,581	\$ 304,993	\$ 419,466	\$ 395,867	\$ 395,355	\$ 353,226	\$ -
Interest	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,003	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,494	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 693	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rentals	\$ 750	\$ 50	\$ 200	\$ 50	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Refunds/Reimbursements	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,867	\$ 2,000	\$ 35,699	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Donations	\$ 500	\$ 1,097	\$ 500	\$ 1,682	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Insurance Proceeds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,437	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues from Local Sources	\$ 330,831	\$ 327,703	\$ 432,166	\$ 444,229	\$ 410,055	\$ 367,926	\$ 12,700
REV. FROM STATE/FED. SOURCES							
General State Support Grant	\$ 1,425,041	\$ 1,442,195	\$ 1,456,632	\$ 1,486,734	\$ 1,457,619	\$ 1,498,632	\$ -
Education Spending Revenue (ACT 68)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,261,740
Local Share Support	\$ 114,620	\$ 110,054	\$ 146,709	\$ 140,206	\$ 117,045	\$ 118,161	\$ -
ACT 60 Related Transportation	\$ 30,750	\$ 32,271	\$ 29,795	\$ 30,297	\$ 34,000	\$ 30,272	\$ 43,100
Small School grant	\$ -	\$ 11,114	\$ 18,020	\$ 18,020	\$ 18,020	\$ 28,353	\$ 26,935
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 2,700	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,965	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Total Rev. From State/Fed. Sources	\$ 1,570,411	\$ 1,598,334	\$ 1,671,156	\$ 1,683,222	\$ 1,636,684	\$ 1,685,418	\$ 2,341,775
SPECIAL ED. REIMBURSEMENT							
Block Grant	\$ 67,163	\$ 67,163	\$ 74,702	\$ 74,702	\$ 74,532	\$ 74,532	\$ 74,014
General Intensive	\$ 79,964	\$ 112,821	\$ 122,415	\$ 159,794	\$ 156,221	\$ 187,395	\$ 250,229
Extraordinary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,163	\$ 13,163	\$ 87,118
Care & Custody	\$ -	\$ 1,471	\$ -	\$ 7,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Wards Tuition Reimb	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Special Ed. Reimbursement	\$ 147,127	\$ 181,455	\$ 197,117	\$ 250,621	\$ 243,916	\$ 275,090	\$ 411,361

SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROJECTED REVENUE BUDGET
2004-2005

Description	Budget 2002		Actual 2002		Budget 2003		Actual 2003		Budget 2004		Actual 2004		Budget 2005	
OTHER GRANTS														
Early Education Grant	\$	9,465	\$	9,465	\$	11,981	\$	12,006	\$	9,680	\$	9,700	\$	11,164
Title I Grant	\$	37,283	\$	34,161	\$	29,963	\$	33,843	\$	29,963	\$	35,660	\$	37,443
Title IIA (formerly Title VI CSR)	\$	15,434	\$	24,872	\$	24,800	\$	23,818	\$	24,800	\$	24,000	\$	25,200
Total Other Grants	\$	62,182	\$	68,498	\$	66,744	\$	69,667	\$	64,443	\$	69,360	\$	73,807
Total Operating Revenues (pre ACT 68)	\$	2,203,802	\$	2,175,990	\$	2,467,183	\$	2,447,739	\$	2,455,098	\$	2,497,794	\$	2,889,643
Vocational Education (NEW ACT 68)														
Received for Tech Ctr-Paid to Tech Ctr	\$	33,069	\$	33,069	\$	35,177	\$	35,177	\$	36,777	\$	36,777	\$	35,575
Grants/Subgrants/Special Programs														
Library Fund	\$	2,127	\$	2,127	\$	2,479	\$	2,479	\$	2,100	\$	2,100	\$	2,100
Summer Program (Medicaid)	\$	28,911	\$	28,911	\$	20,415	\$	20,415	\$	15,800	\$	15,800	\$	16,653
Vt Hunger Campaign	\$	114	\$	114	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Consolidated Grant	\$	4,219	\$	4,219	\$	5,530	\$	5,530	\$	4,500	\$	4,500	\$	5,000
Total Other Revenue Sources	\$	35,371	\$	35,371	\$	28,424	\$	28,424	\$	22,400	\$	22,400	\$	23,753
Gross Act 68 Revenue	\$	2,272,242	\$	2,244,430	\$	2,530,784	\$	2,511,340	\$	2,514,275	\$	2,556,971	\$	2,948,971

**SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005**

Description	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget
	2002	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004	2005
<u>Debt Service - Short Term</u>							
Short Term Interest	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Short Term Interest	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Debt Service</u>							
Interest	\$ 36,094	\$ 30,225	\$ 30,225	\$ 26,373	\$ 22,466	\$ 22,464	\$ 18,449
Debt Service	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 40,812	\$ 40,812
Total Debt Service	\$ 91,094	\$ 85,225	\$ 85,225	\$ 81,373	\$ 77,466	\$ 63,276	\$ 59,261
<u>Remedial Reading</u>							
Salaries	\$ 19,233	\$ 19,600	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,375	\$ 20,783	\$ 20,783	\$ 21,904
Health Ins. Benefits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Employer FICA	\$ 1,471	\$ 1,455	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,597	\$ 1,590	\$ 1,590	\$ 1,676
Life Ins Premiums	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 4	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 27
Workers Comp.	\$ 81	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 202	\$ 94	\$ 94	\$ 101
Professional Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850	\$ 302	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750
Dental Ins	\$ 218	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 204
Supplies	\$ 200	\$ 162	\$ 100	\$ 146	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 150
Books & Periodicals	\$ 200	\$ 12	\$ 150	\$ 119	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 300
Total Remedial Reading	\$ 21,403	\$ 21,229	\$ 23,450	\$ 23,245	\$ 24,167	\$ 24,167	\$ 25,612
<u>General Elementary</u>							
Salaries	\$ 297,629	\$ 291,868	\$ 292,911	\$ 299,741	\$ 304,072	\$ 304,104	\$ 323,674
Stipend-Other Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Aide Salary	\$ -	\$ 14,388	\$ 34,025	\$ 25,333	\$ 30,398	\$ 43,658	\$ 47,931
Substitutes' Salary	\$ 3,800	\$ 10,135	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,588	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,750
Health Ins. Benefits	\$ 37,936	\$ 30,417	\$ 34,333	\$ 35,274	\$ 34,781	\$ 38,196	\$ 43,130
Employer FICA	\$ 22,769	\$ 22,303	\$ 25,684	\$ 23,886	\$ 26,107	\$ 27,124	\$ 28,868
Life Ins. Premiums	\$ -	\$ 525	\$ 800	\$ 613	\$ 357	\$ 357	\$ 368
Annuity Match	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 489	\$ 429	\$ 464	\$ 575
Workers Comp.	\$ 1,193	\$ 500	\$ 1,175	\$ 1,825	\$ 1,536	\$ 2,006	\$ 1,730
Unemployment	\$ 60	\$ 203	\$ 400	\$ 361	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 2,050
Professional Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,655	\$ 8,838	\$ 12,750	\$ 12,750	\$ 10,000
Dental Ins.	\$ 4,864	\$ 3,551	\$ 4,552	\$ 4,618	\$ 3,838	\$ 3,838	\$ 4,246
Photo Copier	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,791	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ 128	\$ -	\$ 1,820	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$ -
Repairs & Maint.	\$ 1,300	\$ 42	\$ 1,300	\$ 445	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
504 Tuition	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,690	\$ 13,000	\$ 10,912	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,000
Books & Periodicals	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,036	\$ 4,700	\$ 3,326	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,500
Audio-Visual	\$ 600	\$ 525	\$ 1,000	\$ 252	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 500
Computer Software	\$ 500	\$ 243	\$ 800	\$ 1,658	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Instructional Equip.	\$ 3,680	\$ 3,795	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,474	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
Computer Hardware	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,412	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,174	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,400
Dues & Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,100

SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005

Description	Budget		Actual		Projected		Budget
	2002	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004	
Act 60 Action Plan	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 581	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Total General Elementary	\$ 408,831	\$ 413,302	\$ 454,135	\$ 438,208	\$ 465,418	\$ 483,647	\$ 508,922
<u>Support Services</u>							
Contracted Services	\$ 600	\$ 612	\$ 600	\$ 788	\$ 640	\$ 640	\$ 800
Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ -
Total Support Services	\$ 600	\$ 612	\$ 650	\$ 788	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 800
<u>School Home Coord</u>							
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ 8,768	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,400	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Total School Home Coord	\$ -	\$ 8,768	\$ 9,000	\$ 8,400	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
<u>Guidance Services</u>							
Salaries	\$ 10,682	\$ 16,268	\$ 11,200	\$ 16,900	\$ 17,407	\$ 17,407	\$ 17,840
Health Ins. Benefits	\$ -	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
Employer FICA	\$ 817	\$ 1,251	\$ 857	\$ 1,293	\$ 1,332	\$ 1,332	\$ 1,365
Life Ins Premiums	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Workers Comp	\$ 49	\$ -	\$ 39	\$ 39	\$ 78	\$ 78	\$ 82
Professional Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 45	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Supplies	\$ 200	\$ 163	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Books & Periodicals	\$ 200	\$ 218	\$ 580	\$ 426	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Audio/Visual	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dues & Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Total Guidance Services	\$ 12,148	\$ 18,300	\$ 13,416	\$ 19,107	\$ 20,617	\$ 20,617	\$ 21,087
<u>Health Services</u>							
Nurse's Salary	\$ 6,223	\$ 6,076	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,783	\$ 6,783	\$ 8,920
Employers FICA	\$ 476	\$ 465	\$ 497	\$ 497	\$ 519	\$ 519	\$ 682
Workers Comp.	\$ 26	\$ -	\$ 23	\$ 23	\$ 31	\$ 31	\$ 41
Professional Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Other Related Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 300	\$ 192	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 300
Books & Periodicals	\$ 50	\$ 22	\$ 100	\$ 80	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 30
Equipment	\$ 100	\$ 227	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 2,250
Total Health Services	\$ 7,175	\$ 6,982	\$ 7,620	\$ 8,008	\$ 9,113	\$ 9,113	\$ 13,523
<u>Psychological Services</u>							
Contracted Services	\$ 15,750	\$ 2,040	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,123	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,200
Total Psychological Services	\$ 15,750	\$ 2,040	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,123	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,200
<u>Support Service - Staff</u>							
Tuition Reimbursement	\$ 10,000	\$ 17,196	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
In-Service Expense	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,294	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Prof Books	\$ -	\$ 175	\$ 300	\$ 393	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 600

**SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005**

Description	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Projected	
	2002	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004	Budget 2005
Total Support Services-Staff	\$ 10,300	\$ 17,371	\$ 800	\$ 1,687	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 1,100
<u>School Library</u>							
Salary	\$ 19,233	\$ 19,600	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,375	\$ 21,165	\$ 21,165	\$ 21,918
Group Health Ins.	\$ 3,515	\$ 3,401	\$ 3,708	\$ 3,573	\$ 3,906	\$ 3,906	\$ 4,963
Employer FICA	\$ 1,471	\$ 1,066	\$ 1,530	\$ 1,047	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,677
Life Ins Premiums		\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 4	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 27
Workers Comp	\$ 80	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ 70	\$ 95	\$ 95	\$ 101
Unemployment	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 170
Professional Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 435	\$ 690	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750
Dental Ins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 587	\$ -	\$ 485	\$ 500
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 400	\$ 205	\$ 400	\$ 324	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 450
Books & Periodicals	\$ 3,375	\$ 3,147	\$ 3,645	\$ 3,336	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800	\$ 4,100
Audio-Visual	\$ 300	\$ 259	\$ 300	\$ 403	\$ 315	\$ 315	\$ 425
Computer Software	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,971	\$ 2,170	\$ 2,935	\$ 825	\$ 825	\$ 600
Equipment	\$ 600	\$ 114	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,232	\$ 450
Dues & Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 520
Total School Lib. Elem.	\$ 30,979	\$ 29,768	\$ 32,628	\$ 33,344	\$ 34,902	\$ 35,619	\$ 36,651
<u>School Board</u>							
Board Stipend	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Sect 125 Admin	\$ -	\$ 206	\$ -	\$ 308	\$ 360	\$ 360	\$ 360
Legal Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 125	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Audit Services	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,150	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,150
Errors & Omissions	\$ 700	\$ 651	\$ 700	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Advertising	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,341	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 61	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
VSBA Dues	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,462	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600
Total School Board	\$ 7,400	\$ 7,359	\$ 6,900	\$ 6,950	\$ 8,810	\$ 8,560	\$ 8,810
<u>Office of the Supt.</u>							
Office of Supt	\$ 13,747	\$ 13,747	\$ 14,514	\$ 14,582	\$ 14,983	\$ 14,983	\$ 18,170
Fiscal Services	\$ 22,068	\$ 22,068	\$ 21,832	\$ 22,112	\$ 22,956	\$ 22,956	\$ 28,234
Speech Services	\$ 9,272	\$ 9,272	\$ 10,948	\$ 10,413	\$ 8,485	\$ 8,485	\$ 9,741
Special Education	\$ 8,589	\$ 8,589	\$ 4,413	\$ 4,394	\$ 5,152	\$ 5,152	\$ 5,395
EEE Services	\$ 7,906	\$ 7,906	\$ 5,750	\$ 5,697	\$ 6,160	\$ 6,160	\$ 7,582
Total Office Of Supt	\$ 61,582	\$ 61,582	\$ 57,457	\$ 57,198	\$ 57,736	\$ 57,736	\$ 69,122
<u>Office of the Principal</u>							
Principals Salary	\$ 57,774	\$ 58,774	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Clerical Salary	\$ 8,120	\$ 12,230	\$ 14,245	\$ 13,367	\$ 15,294	\$ 15,294	\$ 16,747
Health Ins Benefits	\$ 5,973	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,328	\$ 5,349
Employer FICA	\$ 5,041	\$ 5,330	\$ 5,680	\$ 5,613	\$ 6,142	\$ 6,142	\$ 6,253
Annuity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 306	\$ -

**SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005**

Description	Budget		Actual		Projected		Budget
	2002	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004	
Workers Comp.	\$ 263	\$ -	\$ 260	\$ 260	\$ 361	\$ 361	\$ 371
Unemployment	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 341
Professional Development				\$ 395	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Dental Ins.	\$ 971	\$ 384	\$ -	\$ 384	\$ 396	\$ 396	\$ 648
Photocopy Expense	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,846	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,981	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Telephone Exp	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,582	\$ 5,450	\$ 7,267	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,500
Postage	\$ 1,200	\$ 818	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,892	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,500
Book/Periodicals	\$ 500	\$ 493	\$ 400	\$ 80	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 200
Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 982	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,327	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,300
Computer Software	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 100
Equipment	\$ 600	\$ 1,008	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,019	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Dues & Fees	\$ 650	\$ 869	\$ 650	\$ 805	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 800
Total Off. Of Principal	\$ 89,604	\$ 87,328	\$ 97,805	\$ 99,390	\$ 104,809	\$ 107,443	\$ 111,709
<u>Fiscal Services</u>							
Postage	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 325	\$ 262	\$ 325	\$ 263	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ 325
Total Fiscal Services	\$ 550	\$ 262	\$ 550	\$ 263	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 325
<u>Buildings & Grounds</u>							
Regular Salaries	\$ 23,784	\$ 23,338	\$ 24,038	\$ 29,158	\$ 25,007	\$ 25,007	\$ 25,757
Part Time Assistance	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,470	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,385	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 7,000
Substitutes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Health Insurance	\$ 7,029	\$ 6,803	\$ 8,474	\$ 7,144	\$ 8,824	\$ 8,824	\$ 9,927
Employer FICA	\$ 2,201	\$ 2,141	\$ 2,221	\$ 3,009	\$ 2,334	\$ 2,346	\$ 2,487
Workers Comp.	\$ 1,550	\$ -	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,307	\$ 1,373	\$ 1,560	\$ 1,592
Annuity	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Dental Ins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 484	\$ -	\$ 490	\$ 505
Rubbish Removal	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,039	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,300
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 16,000	\$ 15,397	\$ 17,000	\$ 11,944	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 13,000
Service Contracts	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,520	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,309	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,500
Vandalism Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,937	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
General Liability Insurance	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,470	\$ 4,800	\$ 3,946	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,164	\$ 4,410
Water Testing	\$ 750	\$ 1,408	\$ 850	\$ 808	\$ 850	\$ 850	\$ 850
Supplies	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,204	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,725	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,000
Electricity	\$ 23,500	\$ 19,823	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,002	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,000
Bottled Gas	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,194	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,503	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Fuel Oil	\$ 7,600	\$ 8,329	\$ 8,200	\$ 14,453	\$ 8,200	\$ 8,200	\$ 10,000
Equipment			\$ 1,700	\$ 4,098	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,800	\$ 4,000
Total Buildings & Grounds	\$ 109,714	\$ 104,197	\$ 115,590	\$ 125,251	\$ 114,588	\$ 117,241	\$ 122,328
<u>Certified Water Operator</u>							
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -
Total Water Operator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -

**SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005**

Description	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget
	2002	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004	2005
<u>Transportation</u>							
Regular Transportation	\$ 61,500	\$ 61,500	\$ 86,310	\$ 86,310	\$ 90,414	\$ 90,414	\$ 91,560
Extracurricular Trips	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,302	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,529	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Total Transportation	\$ 62,700	\$ 62,802	\$ 87,510	\$ 87,839	\$ 91,914	\$ 91,914	\$ 93,060
<u>Technology Support</u>							
Technology Facilitator							
Salaries	\$ 2,962	\$ 2,939	\$ 3,992	\$ 3,992	\$ 5,152	\$ 5,152	\$ 7,152
Employers FICA	\$ 240	\$ 222	\$ 305	\$ 305	\$ 395	\$ 395	\$ 547
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ 117	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Technology Support	\$ 3,202	\$ 3,278	\$ 4,297	\$ 4,297	\$ 5,547	\$ 5,547	\$ 7,699
<u>EEE Services</u>							
Contracted Services	\$ 7,520	\$ 18,152	\$ 11,178	\$ 73,047	\$ 59,000	\$ 65,000	\$ -
Total EEE Services	\$ 7,520	\$ 18,152	\$ 11,178	\$ 73,047	\$ 59,000	\$ 65,000	\$ -
<u>Special Education</u>							
Regular Salary Elem	\$ 25,970	\$ 25,970	\$ 27,250	\$ 27,250	\$ 29,325	\$ 28,560	\$ 31,075
Tutoring	\$ -	\$ 5,758	\$ 2,771	\$ 8,895	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 3,500
Summer Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Aide Salary Program	\$ 72,444	\$ -	\$ 39,725	\$ 22,093	\$ 60,387	\$ 57,507	\$ 34,457
Individual Aide Salary	\$ -	\$ 81,865	\$ 52,544	\$ 74,086	\$ 43,484	\$ 45,714	\$ 64,183
Substitutes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 551	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,050
Health Ins Benefits	\$ 6,899	\$ 2,566	\$ 2,492	\$ 2,533	\$ 2,965	\$ 2,965	\$ 3,744
Employer FICA	\$ 7,527	\$ 8,616	\$ 9,355	\$ 10,097	\$ 11,793	\$ 11,457	\$ 10,348
Life Ins Premiums	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90	\$ 4	\$ 53	\$ 53	\$ 54
Annuity Match	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,614	\$ -	\$ 2,094	\$ 3,398
Workers Comp	\$ 324	\$ 234	\$ 508	\$ 851	\$ 680	\$ 680	\$ 622
Unemployment	\$ 38	\$ 38	\$ 409	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 1,363
Professional Development	\$ -	\$ (63)	\$ 870	\$ 915	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,000
Dental Ins.	\$ 435	\$ 384	\$ 435	\$ 384	\$ 396	\$ 396	\$ 407
Contract Services OT/PT	\$ 10,000	\$ 22,302	\$ 24,000	\$ 48,078	\$ 32,520	\$ 32,520	\$ 36,000
Contract Services	\$ -	\$ 32,041	\$ 8,000	\$ 3,105	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,780
Psychological Services	\$ -	\$ 5,436	\$ -	\$ 14,940	\$ 16,400	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,635
Other Support Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,780
Transportation	\$ 2,000	\$ 650	\$ 16,625	\$ 6,395	\$ 26,250	\$ 26,250	\$ 10,500
Tuition Other LEA's	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ 33,070	\$ 10,370	\$ -	\$ 29,000	\$ -
Tuition- Private	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,666	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,441	\$ 127,807
Tuition-Out of State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,991
Supplies	\$ 750	\$ 276	\$ 1,200	\$ 619	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Books & Per. Elem	\$ 530	\$ 120	\$ 450	\$ 549	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Audio-Visual Elem.	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -
Software	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 250
Equipment	\$ 1,400	\$ 586	\$ 1,400	\$ 598	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,400
Total Spec. Education	\$ 134,567	\$ 186,779	\$ 225,610	\$ 233,927	\$ 309,544	\$ 335,927	\$ 423,844

**SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005**

Description	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget
	2002	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004	2005
<u>TITLE I Services</u>							
Salaries	\$ 33,933	\$ 30,976	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,364	\$ 20,783	\$ 20,783	\$ 21,904
Summer Prog Sals		\$ -	\$ 9,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Aide Sals		\$ -	\$ 13,475	\$ 8,904	\$ 11,760	\$ 11,760	\$ 12,113
Health Insurance Bene		\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Employer FICA	\$ 2,596	\$ 2,325	\$ 2,257	\$ 2,354	\$ 2,490	\$ 2,490	\$ 2,602
Life Ins Premiums		\$ -	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 27	\$ 27	\$ 27
Workers Comp	\$ 136	\$ -	\$ 103	\$ 221	\$ 146	\$ 146	\$ 156
Professional Development		\$ -	\$ 850	\$ 727	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800
Dental Insurance	\$ 218	\$ 384	\$ 200	\$ 384	\$ 198	\$ 198	\$ 204
Summer Prog-Transp		\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 200	\$ 188	\$ 125	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Books & Periodicals	\$ 200	\$ 288	\$ 300	\$ 184	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 300
Total Title I Services	\$ 37,283	\$ 34,161	\$ 47,560	\$ 34,638	\$ 37,304	\$ 37,304	\$ 38,706
<u>Speech Pathology</u>							
Software	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 224	\$ 250	\$ 148	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 610	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Speech Pathology	\$ -	\$ 224	\$ 935	\$ 148	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ 325
<u>Lunch Program</u>							
Health Insurance	\$ 2,225	\$ 2,657	\$ 4,200	\$ 3,995	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Annuity	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Dental Ins	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ 384	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 994	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Transfers	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,239	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,088	\$ 12,000
Total Lunch Program	\$ 8,225	\$ 9,977	\$ 15,200	\$ 16,612	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,088	\$ 12,000
Sub-Total K-6 Programs	\$ 1,121,627	\$ 1,179,698	\$ 1,303,116	\$ 1,354,843	\$ 1,444,909	\$ 1,489,173	\$ 1,565,084
<u>General Secondary</u>							
Tuition to Other LEA's In VT	\$ 731,706	\$ 617,151	\$ 717,300	\$ 590,595	\$ 581,563	\$ 636,094	\$ 685,477
Tuition to Private Schools	\$ 288,294	\$ 249,321	\$ 284,000	\$ 325,714	\$ 321,400	\$ 345,870	\$ 392,923
Tuition-outside VT	\$ -	\$ 10,753	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,443	\$ 18,663	\$ 10,563	\$ 12,258
Other Purchased Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Excess Costs-504	\$ -	\$ 895	\$ -	\$ 12,803	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total General Secondary	\$ 1,020,000	\$ 878,120	\$ 1,012,800	\$ 943,594	\$ 922,626	\$ 992,527	\$ 1,090,658
<u>Vocational</u>							
Tuition to Other LEA's in VT	\$ 12,675	\$ 14,165	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,317	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,051
Total Vocational	\$ 12,675	\$ 14,165	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,317	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,051

**SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005**

Description	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Projected	Budget
	2002	2002	2003	2003	2004	2004	2005
<i>Special Ed. - MS/Secondary</i>							
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ 8,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,198	\$ -	\$ 5,500	\$ -
OT/PT Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transportation	\$ -	\$ 28,914	\$ 34,697	\$ 15,426	\$ 24,063	\$ 24,063	\$ 43,750
Excess Costs	\$ -	\$ 24,484	\$ 15,000	\$ 41,942	\$ 23,500	\$ 23,500	\$ 43,100
Tuition to Other LEA's	\$ 49,500	\$ 835	\$ 64,570	\$ 920	\$ 25,000	\$ 58,000	\$ 108,000
Tuition to Private Schools	\$ -	\$ 32,445	\$ 22,000	\$ 35,525	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,000
Total Special Ed. - Secondary	\$ 49,500	\$ 94,943	\$ 136,267	\$ 107,051	\$ 72,563	\$ 111,063	\$ 215,850
Subtotal-Grade 7-12	\$ 1,082,175	\$ 987,228	\$ 1,164,067	\$ 1,064,962	\$ 1,010,189	\$ 1,118,590	\$ 1,324,559
Grand Total (pre ACT 68)	\$ 2,203,802	\$ 2,166,926	\$ 2,467,183	\$ 2,419,805	\$ 2,455,098	\$ 2,607,763	\$ 2,889,643
Vocational Education							
ACT 68 Tech Ctr Expenditure	\$ 33,069	\$ 33,069	\$ 35,177	\$ 35,177	\$ 36,777	\$ 36,777	\$ 35,575
Grants/Subgrants/Special Programs							
					<i>ESTIMATED</i>		<i>ESTIMATED</i>
Library Fund	\$ 2,127	\$ 2,127	\$ 2,479	\$ 2,479	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100
Summer Program (Medicaid)	\$ 28,911	\$ 28,911	\$ 20,415	\$ 20,415	\$ 15,800	\$ 15,800	\$ 16,653
Vt Hunger Campaign	\$ 114	\$ 114	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Consolidated Grant	\$ 4,219	\$ 4,219	\$ 5,530	\$ 5,530	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 35,371	\$ 35,371	\$ 28,424	\$ 28,424	\$ 22,400	\$ 22,400	\$ 23,753
Gross Act 68 Budget	\$ 2,272,242	\$ 2,235,366	\$ 2,530,784	\$ 2,483,406	\$ 2,514,275	\$ 2,666,940	\$ 2,948,971

SCHOOL YEAR 2003-2004	ENROLLMENT (as of 10/1/03)	AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (40 day ADM- 10/22/03)
EEE	2	2.00
PreKindergarten	12	2.40
Kindergarten	22	22.00
Grade 1	14	14.00
Grade 2	19	19.00
Grade 3	12	12.00
Grade 4	19	19.00
Grade 5	15	17.00
Grade 6	27	27.00
Grade 7		18.40
Grade 8		21.37
Grade 9		24.00
Grade 10		25.00
Grade 11		25.00
Grade 12		19.00
TOTAL	142	267.17

**SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
LONG TERM DEBT SERVICE
(AS OF 1/12/04)**

Date	Annual Principal	Interest	P&I	Savings	Adjusted Debt Service
06/01/2004		\$ 10,249.25	\$ 10,249.25		
12/01/2004	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 10,249.25	\$ 65,249.25	\$ (14,187.85)	\$ 51,061.40
06/01/2005		\$ 8,199.40	\$ 8,199.40		
12/01/2005	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 8,199.40	\$ 63,199.40	\$ (14,187.85)	\$ 49,011.55
06/01/2006		\$ 6,149.55	\$ 6,149.55		
12/01/2006	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 6,149.55	\$ 61,149.55		\$ 61,149.55
06/01/2007		\$ 4,099.70	\$ 4,099.70		
12/01/2007	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 4,099.70	\$ 59,099.70		\$ 59,099.70
06/01/2008		\$ 2,049.85	\$ 2,049.85		
12/01/2008	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 2,049.85	\$ 57,049.85		\$ 57,049.85

SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

As Agent for the School Lunch Program, I submit the following report.

We provided lunch to Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 every school day. Adult lunches \$2.25, child paid lunch \$1.75, reduced price .40. ½ pint milk comes with each lunch. All other milk .25.

The PTO provided breakfast free to the children that wanted it. A total of 7,508 paid, 680 reduced price and 3,203 free Type breakfast were served daily.

I want to thank everyone that donated maple syrup, fruit and vegetables, and misc. I want to thank Nancy Brown and Sarah Willis for volunteering to wash dishes several days each week. Thank you to everyone that helped in any way during the year. The help was always appreciated.

Cash on hand July, 1, 2002 \$ 612.60

RECEIPTS

Town of Sharon	\$ 6,000.00
Students & Adults	14,637.72
State and Federal	11,469.62
Quilt tickets	775.13
PTO breakfast program	369.89
Interest earned	10.57
Donations & Misc.	<u>142.09</u>

TOTALS \$33,405.02 \$34,017.62

EXPENSES

Food, Milk, Supplies & Misc.	\$14,836.49
Storage & Trucking Commodities	450.60
Loan	1,000.00
Wages, Social Security & Medicare	<u>17,532.92</u>

TOTALS \$33,820.01 \$ 197.61

Respectfully,
Martha Fisk
Agent for Sharon School Lunch Program

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** This report has been prepared on a cash basis and does not reflect a financial position which includes money due to be received or which is already owed at the end of the business year. Beginning with next year's report, the lunch program will be shown on an "accrual basis" which reflects money due and owed as well as cash on hand.

**SHARON SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM
OPERATING BUDGET
FY 2004-2005**

	2003-2004	2004-2005
REVENUE		
Sales-Lunches	\$ 16,187	\$ 17,062
Sales-Breakfast	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,400
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Grants	\$ 500	\$ 500
School Lunch Reimb	\$ 11,303	\$ 12,500
School Breakfast Reimb	\$ 1,925	\$ 2,400
Total Revenue	\$ 34,640	\$ 36,662
 EXPENDITURES		
Food	\$ 14,000	\$ 16,450
Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,076
Wages	\$ 21,538	\$ 21,538
Soc/Sec Medicare Tax	\$ 1,648	\$ 1,648
Fringe Benefits	\$ 0	\$ 0
Health Ins	\$ 0	\$ 0
Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 1,985	\$ 2,000
Workers Comp	\$ 969	\$ 1,150
Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 2,000
Other	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Commodities	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,800
Total Expenditures	\$ 44,640	\$ 48,662
Income/(Loss) before transfer	\$ -10,000	\$ -12,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000
Net Earnings	\$ 0	\$ 0

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT

ENROLLMENT

From 2000 through 2003 there was a small, but steady decline in the elementary student population, a trend we see as temporary. It is significant that 2003's class of four-year-old preschoolers numbered 22. Add these 22 to 2003's 21 first graders and we see a large "bubble" developing. Looking at Sharon's younger preschoolers it appears that these numbers will only grow over the next few years. We once again had to plan for a second kindergarten in the budget for FY '04 and we anticipate needing to do so again for FY '05. In 2002-2003, however, we did enjoy one more year with our art and music room being used for its intended purpose, though this was only a one year respite. As of October 1, 2002, enrollment was:

K.....9	2.....12	4.....15	6.....15
1.....21	3.....21	5.....25	TOTAL.....118

Our secondary students (grades 7-12) continue to take effective advantage of Sharon's status as a "choice town". This means that Sharon's secondary students may attend any approved school of their choosing. Sharon pays full tuition for public middle or high schools which Sharon students choose to attend and the state average tuition for approved independent schools. In 2002-2003 this state average tuition was \$7603 for grades 7-8 and \$7757 for grades 9-12. Sharon also provides transportation for students attending the South Royalton School, Hartford's Middle and High Schools and The Sharon Academy's middle school here on our campus. We have several students in special placement schools, as required by their duly authorized team of decision-makers (which always include parents or guardians), and we are obligated to provide transportation to these placements.

The total secondary population is slightly lower than in 2001-2002 though the average number of students per grade at the secondary level remains higher than that of the elementary distribution. (21.8 average in grades 7-12 compared with 16.9 average in grades K-6). Our 131 students in grades 7-12 are distributed as follows:

Public Schools

Hanover High.....1
Hartford High.....48
Hartford Middle.....18
South Royalton.....21

Independent Schools

Deerfield Academy...1
Proctor Academy.....1
Sharon Academy....39
Thetford Academy....2

STAFF FOR 2002-2003

In 2002-2003 we had seven classroom teachers. We used our federal "class size reduction" grant to support an additional teacher (Susan Engler) with one class which presented unusual academic, emotional and behavioral challenges. Our full-time early childhood teacher, Martha Clavelle, conducted a kindergarten program for four full days each week. Beginning in January 2003, Mrs. Clavelle began teaching two classes of Sharon four-year-olds in our kindergarten space. Authority to operate a preschool on our premises was awarded in December 2002. Robin Amber taught with Debra Walton-Strong in our 1-2 program during Laura Lewis' one year leave of absence following the birth of her first child.

Classroom Teachers

Clavelle, Martha	Kindergarten/Preschool	Full Time
Amber, Robin	Grades 1 & 2	Full Time
Walton-Strong, Debra	Grades 1 & 2	Full Time
Engler, Susan	Grade 3 & 4	Full Time
Haley, Keenan	Grade 3	Full Time
Reynolds, Pat	Grade 4	Full Time
Tewksbury, Martin	Grade 5	Full Time
Kennett, Troy	Grade 6	Full Time

Specialists

Cudhea, Lisa	School Counselor	40%
Kamen, Jess	Speech & Language	OWSU
Freese, Catherine	Librarian	50%

Groblicki, Sharon	Vocal Music	20%
MacLeod, Elizabeth	School Nurse	20%
Phillip, Toni	Special Education	Full Time
Tewksbury, Deborah	Title I Remedial / Reading Recovery	Full Time
VandeGriek, Candace	Art	30%

Administration

Boles, Debra	School Secretary	Full Time
Moran, Sheila	Principal	Full Time

Assistants

Bouchard, Jael	Grade 1 SPED	Full Time
Clark-Ferris, Sheila	Title I	80%
Daniels, Chanda	Grade 1 SPED	Full Time
Kent, Linda	General SPED	Full Time
Isenor, Stacy	Speech & Language	OWSU
Perkins, Cheryl	Grade 1 SPED	Full Time
Perry, Linann	Grade 4 SPED	Full Time
Potwin, Pam	Grade 5 & 6 SPED	Full Time
Robinson, Michele	Planning Room	Full Time
Rogers, Carol	Grade 3 SPED	Full Time
Spittle, Sherri	Grades 3 & 4 SPED	Full Time

Other Necessary People

Barsanti, Michael	Tech. Support	As needed
Fisk, Martha	Food Service Agent Asst. Custodian	Full Time
Nutting, Robert	Custodian	Full Time

Contracted Service Providers

Cameron, Sandra	Occupational Therapist (OT)
Connery, Krystal	Occupational Therapy Assistant
Hover, Toni	Therapist
Macaskill, Tim	Bus Driver
Nutting, Bob	Bus Driver
Nutting, Tink	Bus Driver
Berry, Tori	Clara Martin Center School-Home Coordinator
Struck, Pat	Physical Therapist (PT)

TEST RESULTS: Sharon Elementary School assesses children's progress every year. Assessment comes in many different forms, each providing teachers with different kinds of information. The primary purposes for assessment are (1) to bring focus to needed programmatic changes and (2) to determine a student's relative standing when compared with national norms (the first set reported below) or state standards (the second set reported below). The advent of President Bush's No Child Left Behind law resulted in a flurry of activity requiring tests which measure student progress. There is much work to be done in this arena and the State of Vermont is a leader in the search for tests which assess students in meaningful ways. In the meantime we at Sharon Elementary School use annual data to focus on areas of the curriculum or pedagogy we can see clearly need an infusion of professional development and technical assistance. We report here on two kinds of tests, the national norm-based Stanford Achievement Test Series, Ninth Edition, and the Vermont State Standards-Based tests. These test results do help us focus on instructional areas which need to be made stronger.

We have much to learn from each year's test results. Not least of the lessons is the study of patience and determination to keep our eyes on the prize - a well rounded, well educated child, and a commitment to changes which are already in progress. A single-minded focus on measurable outcomes can blur the reality that a human being is far, far more than test scores. On the yearly march toward academic improvement, spring 2003's test results appear, as a generally "down"

year. With the exception of our very strong DRAs, 2003's test scores were weak. Please keep the following things in mind, however, when looking at these scores:

- ▶ Investing resources and professional development bring results, over time
- ▶ Curriculum transformation requires (1) an aligned curriculum, (2) teachers who understand how best to help children learn a given subject, and (3) students who have the mindset necessary to learn and demonstrate learning. All three must exist for there to be meaningful change.

- ▶ In the past our school invested much time and talent on aligning primary reading instruction with state standards. All three elements identified above were addressed: (1) the curriculum was revised to meet high standards; (2) teachers were trained and supported in their efforts to deliver instruction effectively, and; (3) the children benefitted from classroom culture changes where it was expected that all children would read - no exceptions. With the DRAs we now have a case of classroom instruction and assessments all moving together toward the same goals. While there are still periodic individual "blips", the program itself is strong and consistent; the teaching is very good; the supports are in place for children who are at risk. We should continue to do relatively well on the DRAs.

- ▶ Other curriculum areas have been addressed, but in a more scattershot way. Each year the Action Plan seeks to identify which strategy will help us make progress, often in several content areas at once. For example, the school invested in new "standards based" math and science programs.

- ▶ But standards based programs alone do not yield a program which is aligned with the standards. To use these materials effectively teachers must, themselves, learn totally new ways of thinking about instruction and learning. Many of the instructional changes necessary are frightening and, at first blush, counter-intuitive. Good teachers, such as ours, do not easily let go of what has "worked". The result? Many teachers try to do it all - use the new materials, but teach in ways that have, in the past, yielded "success" (high test scores for some students).

- ▶ I believe we see, in last spring's test scores, the heartening results of change. Things must, if you will, fall apart before they can be reconstituted. In the next two or three years we will begin to have upper grade children who have been exposed, not only to new materials but to new ways of teaching and, as important, new ways of learning.

- ▶ Finally, while I make no excuses for "failure," I do recognize facts. The NSRE tests were taken by an enormously challenged group of children. Please note their SAT9 scores (those in parentheses) in the third grade.

- ▶ What at first blush look like mediocre scores in last year's sixth grade in fact show substantial progress for those children. The following areas showed the following increases: Math (+7 points); Spelling (+3 points); Science (+2) Social Science (+11 points); Study Skills (+9 points); Using Information (+16 points); Thinking Skills (+9 points).

STANDARDIZED NORM-REFERENCED ACHIEVEMENT TESTS

These tests compare our children's achievement with that of a very large (national sample) number of students. This kind of test is designed to see how our students compare with other students across the country. It is important to understand that these tests are designed to plot children on a bell curve so that fifty percent (exactly) of the national group will appear to be "above average" and fifty percent (exactly) will be "below average". A thoughtful look at any group of children will tell you that it is not that simple to be that tidy, but that is what these tests do.

The scores reported below are the median national percentiles. Percentiles indicate the number of individual scores that would occur below the score of any given individual under consideration in a "typical" group of one hundred. They are not percentages. The higher the score the better. Scores can range from a low of "1" to a high of "99" with "50", by definition, the average score of the national sample. Thus a score of "60" for a third grade pupil means that in a "typical" group of one hundred third graders, that particular student's score would be better than sixty of the hundred students.

What follow are group SAT9 reports for each of the three classes to whom the SAT9s were administered. (Numerals in parentheses indicate scores of previous year's test cohort. Compare those in parentheses under grade 3 with NSRE fourth grade results. Compare numbers in parentheses under grade 5 to those not in parentheses under grade 6. Percentile change for the same group of children from fifth to sixth grade is shown in the last column.) It is useful to compare the data from fifth to sixth grade, 2002 to 2003, because it is the same cohort of students.

This information is in bold in the table below. The class average percentiles for April 2003 are as follows:

	<u>Grade 3</u> <u>'03 ('02)</u>	<u>Grade 5</u> <u>'03 ('02)*</u>	<u>Grade 6</u> <u>'03* ('02)</u>	<u>Percentile</u> <u>change...*</u>
Reading	59 (50)	50 (55)	54 (61)	-1
Math	28 (28)	30 (43)	50 (48)	+7
Language	44 (38)	42 (49)	45 (45)	-4
Spelling	36 (24)	33 (37)	40 (27)	+3
Science	49 (49)	47 (57)	59 (50)	+2
Social Science	60 (41)	44 (44)	55 (49)	+11
Study Skills**	NA	42 (45)	54 (44)	+9
Listening	43 (37)	53 (59)	54 (49)	-5
Using Information	54 (42)	42 (40)	56 (48)	+16
Thinking Skills	54 (41)	46 (47)	56 (55)	+9

Grades 1, 2, and 4 not given norm-based tests in 2003.

*...for SAME class over two years.

**Study Skills not tested until the fifth grade.

STANDARDS-BASED TESTING - Vermont State Tests

As part of the testing program required by the State of Vermont, students in the second grade throughout the state take the "Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment" (DRA). Students in fourth grade are given the "New Standards English Language Arts Reference Examination" and the "New Standards Mathematics Reference Examination". These tests provide us with information about the extent to which our children are achieving the level of proficiency the state of Vermont has determined to be essential in these important areas of the curriculum. The table below shows percentages (not percentiles as before) of children who met or exceeded the standard on each category with comparisons to the achievement level for Orange Windsor Supervisory Union schools and for the state as a whole.

	% ACHIEVING THE STANDARD OR BETTER		
	Sharon Elementary	OWSU	Vermont
VT Developmental Reading Assessment - Grade 2	92	91	82
New Standard English Language Arts Reference Exam - Grade 4			
Reading - Basic Understanding	31	83	80
Reading - Analysis & Interpretation	31	69	70
Writing - Effectiveness	23	72	60
Writing - Conventions	23	61	62
New Standard Mathematics Reference Examination - Grade 4			
Mathematical Concepts	18	52	55
Mathematical Skills	0	56	46
Mathematical Problem Solving	0	39	41

ACTION PLAN WORK

The school-community Action Planning Team is charged with responsibility for planning the following year's focus for improving student learning. The Action Planning process is a powerful way to focus resources and energy on needed improvements. After a year of work supported largely through grant monies the school board determines if the work warrants continued funding in the regular school budget. Examples of Action Planning initiatives which are now part of Sharon Elementary School include our summer school for children who are academically at risk, our preschool program for Sharon's four year olds, our Partners program matching older and younger students in supportive relationships, and our mentoring program for beginning teachers. Areas addressed in the 2002-2003 Action Plan. Goals were divided into "Subject Matter" and "Foundational" goals.

- I. FOUNDATIONAL GOALS (These goals are designed to address infrastructure which enhance student success in school.)
 - A. For teachers: Developing a Professional Learning Community
 - B. For parents: Parenting Education
 - C. For students: After school supports & Improving student discipline

- II: SUBJECT MATTER AREAS (focus areas for professional development and technical support)
 - A. Mathematics
 - B. Science
 - C. Writing

THANK YOU

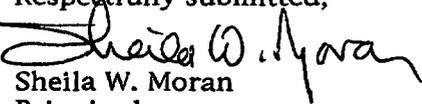
There are many individuals we would want to thank for their many generous contributions. Trying to do so is risky because of those many we would inadvertently leave out. We do hope that the community knows how very much we appreciate its generosity, enthusiasm and support, which take many forms. In particular we would like to thank our remarkable PTO for all that they do. They sponsor an on-going returnable bottle drive at Tracys' Midway Station. In 2002-2003 the PTO supported countless projects. Here is a list of some of these great additions to Sharon Elementary School which the PTO sponsored or to which the PTO contributed:

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| A summer school field trip | Breakfast Club (both \$ and volunteers) |
| Mt. Kearsarge Museum field trip | Picnic tables for the town/school areas |
| 6th grade Hulbert Outdoor Center trip | Martha Fisk appreciation |
| Halloween party | VINS trip |
| Teacher appreciation | <i>First Day</i> performance by <i>Project Harmony</i> |
| Math Club (both \$ and volunteers) | Snow shovels and sleds |
| Steel pan drum lessons | Family dance |
| Nordic ski program | Alpine Ski Runner management and bus |
| CPR course for school personnel | <i>Helping Children Learn</i> parent newsletter |
| Kindergarten t-shirts | <i>Little Mermaid</i> field trip |
| School board scholarship awards | Hartford Project Graduation |
| "Skip's kids" | Hood Museum field trip |
| <i>Christmas Carol</i> ballet field trip | School board appreciation |

Martha Fisk Appreciation

As the 2002-2003 school year came to an end the community and school turned itself into a grand, celebratory party for Martha Fisk who retired from nearly thirty years of service to the children of Sharon. Several generations of "children" are grateful to Martha for her wonderful comfort cooking, her quilting with children, her clear standards for lunchroom and kitchen behavior, her monumental community holiday dinners, but mostly for her presence. We all thank her from the bottom of our hearts. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the Martha Fisk Garden and bench here at Sharon Elementary School, please do so once winter and mud season turn to spring.

I continue to be deeply grateful to so many in the community for their considerable generosity and support. I am especially proud to be able to work with the staff and children of Sharon Elementary School. The town of Sharon has consistently supported a safe and academically challenging school where children are helped to grow into strong and caring people.

Respectfully submitted,

 Sheila W. Moran
 Principal

Orange Windsor Supervisory Union Superintendent of Schools Report

I am happy to submit this report which addresses the work of the supervisory union office during the 2002-2003 school and fiscal years. I have had the privilege of serving as superintendent of the Orange Windsor Supervisory Union for nearly three years. I have genuinely enjoyed working with the board members, administrations, staff members and citizens of Sharon as well as the other four schools and towns that comprise the supervisory union.

Report on the 2002-2003 School Year

Throughout my tenure as superintendent of the Orange Windsor Supervisory Union, I have been guided by the following mission statement for the central office which has been approved each year by the Orange Windsor Supervisory Union Board as a part of my annual goals:

To assist in the provision of quality education for each and every child in the supervisory union by providing needed service, relevant information, and professional leadership focused on improving student achievement.

The following are some of the areas addressed by the central office during the 2002-2003 academic year in pursuit of this mission:

1. We have continued work on school board policies which state the locally-adopted rules and procedures under which each school operates. Policies are a fundamental responsibility of each local board of school directors. The central office works continuously with each local board to review existing policies and to develop new policies as needed. The task of keeping board policies up-to-date is an arduous and never-ending task, and progress continued in all our schools over the last year.
2. During the 2002-2003 school year OWSU schools worked on new drafts of their respective school's "Action Plan." These plans, which are mandated by state law, address the improvement of pupil performance using performance data from test results and other relevant information. The central office strives to provide the necessary financial support for initiatives included in the local action plans through various grant-funded sources. Our schools are now implementing the activities called for by these plans.
3. Under the capable leadership of our business manager, Donna Benoit, the amount of current financial information provided to our school boards has continued to be substantial. Ms. Benoit attends board meetings regularly and meets with principals frequently to keep up-to-date on all information needed by the boards to make reasonable financial decisions and projections. The central office also sought to keep all its school boards informed of the many proposals for school finance reform before the Vermont state legislature during the 2003 spring session, and subsequently to help boards understand the funding that resulted when Act 68 was passed into law.

4. Ms. Benoit has also helped our boards move toward compliance with financial requirements of "GASB34" which requires school districts to keep records on the value of their fixed assets effective for the 2004-2005 school year. This work has continued into the 2003-2004 year, and our schools will be ready when these requirements go into effect.
5. The central office staff continued to endeavor to be responsive to school building administrators, board members, and citizens in dealing with their inquiries and meeting their needs. Our staff is committed to friendly, courteous, helpful service. I am very proud to be working with Lori Ballou, Karen Johnson, Lori Pickett, Anne Simoni, Cynthia Powers and Regina Vogt who are sincerely dedicated to serving our schools and communities well.
6. During the 2001-2002 school year our office initiated an effort to promote regional cooperation with two of our neighboring supervisory unions. Similar efforts were begun on a broader scale during the 2002-2003 school year by Douglas Shiok, Superintendent of the Orange North Supervisory Union. The result has been the formation of the Green Mountain Forest Collaborative composed of five supervisory unions (those with central offices in Royalton, Bethel, Randolph, Williamstown, and Northfield) committed to working together whenever there can be mutual benefits. The "Articles of Agreement" for membership in this collaborative was approved by our Orange Windsor Supervisory Union Board in December of 2003. All parties involved believe there are many potential gains and savings from this effort to share and to support one another.
7. Two other collaborative memberships also promise benefits for Orange Windsor schools. The Orange Windsor Supervisory Union was accepted into the East Central Vermont Literacy Consortium which provides supervision and training for Reading Recovery Teachers in four of our schools as well as professional development opportunities for teachers of reading and writing. Orange Windsor has also become a member of the Lamoille Area Professional Development Academy which provided high quality, readily accessible, and reasonably priced learning opportunities for educators. Costs for both these memberships are paid with federal grant funds.
8. Working with building principals, we were able to continue taking bids for fuel oil supervisory-union-wide and accepted a firm bid of 96.9¢ per gallon. We also took bids for propane and received a firm bid of \$1.07 per gallon. Further, the central office arranged for copier paper at a competitive price for two of our schools which lack adequate space to store a year's supply of the product. We continue to look for other ways our schools can save through joint purchasing and sharing services.
9. Our schools were faced with a difficult situation this last spring when for various reasons three of our four speech & language staff members left Orange Windsor. Don McMahon led an aggressive effort to find well-qualified replacements in this high-shortage specialty. Ultimately, three replacements were found, but for the 2003-

2004 school year, we have one less fully-trained speech language pathologist than we did the previous year. Turn-over of personnel has been a problem for our schools in this field. With the cooperation of the supervisory union board, efforts have been made to make these positions in our schools more attractive and rewarding to speech and language personnel.

10. The Orange Windsor Supervisory Union assumed the fiscal management of "Project Advance" beginning with the 2003-2004 school year. This happened after a struggle lasting over a year to keep this very successful alternative, pre-vocational program available to area students. Orange Windsor played an important role in this effort. Project Advance serves some of our students in a program that is significantly less expensive for our schools than many other alternative programs.
11. Special Education continues to be major focus of the central office. Under the leadership of our Director of Special Education, Don McMahon, OWSU has provided training for special educators to help them serve their students better and comply more fully with special education requirements. Mr. McMahon has worked hard to reduce psychological testing costs by arranging for a course in the administration of one of the most commonly used tests, the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery, Third Edition, in order that our own personnel can administer and score the test accurately. This obviates the need for a psychologist to do this testing. Further savings for testing are being realized as testing for the required three-year evaluations for students on IEPs have been more carefully planned and unnecessary test administration avoided.
12. Mr. McMahon also negotiated a contract with Safe-T-Transit to provide special education transportation. By working with this single contractor, we were able to achieve better compliance with state pupil transportation laws, more reliable performance with greater accountability, and cost savings.

Under the leadership of Principal Sheila Moran, the Sharon Elementary School made significant progress during the 2002-2003 school year. The school continued some of the ambitious work begun the previous year including full-day kindergarten, an after-school supervised study room, its teacher mentoring program, summer school, "planning room" to help with appropriate student behavior, new math program, and other initiatives.

The school passed a significant milestone when Martha Fisk retired as the school's head cook and lunch agent. Martha was exceptionally committed to the lunch program, the school, and, above all, the children. She will be missed at Sharon Elementary for some time.

I am proud to see the school continuing the tradition the staff began when I served as your principal by beginning each year with a "First Day Celebration." I hope that parents and staff continue to find this great way to begin a school year as rewarding and

beneficial as I did. Despite thousands of schools nationwide now beginning each new year this way, I believe that Sharon is still the only one in our area which does.

I am happy to be associated with the on-going work being done at Sharon Elementary by the Sharon staff, administration and school board all of which is focused upon serving the students and community as effectively as possible.

In closing, let me emphasize that the supervisory union office continues to strive to meet the needs of all five of our local schools and, thereby, to serve all our citizens and impact the education of all our children in a positive manner. I am proud to be part of this effort, and will do my best to contribute to the goal of high achievement and healthy development for all of our children.

Lanning Nicoloff
Superintendent of Schools

ORANGE WINDSOR SUPERVISORY UNION
REVENUE BUDGET
2004-2005

	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004	Budget 2005	November-03 Enrollment	Assessment % Bsd on Enroll.
Local Assessments:								
Chelsea	\$ 126,887	\$ 126,887	\$ 118,028	\$ 118,028	\$ 114,985	\$ 115,369	232	20.81%
Royalton	\$ 218,192	\$ 218,138	\$ 225,614	\$ 225,614	\$ 238,285	\$ 243,171	489	43.86%
Sharon	\$ 61,582	\$ 61,582	\$ 57,198	\$ 57,198	\$ 57,736	\$ 69,122	139	12.47%
Strafford	\$ 67,603	\$ 67,437	\$ 64,915	\$ 64,915	\$ 67,033	\$ 62,658	126	11.30%
Tunbridge	\$ 73,134	\$ 73,187	\$ 63,100	\$ 63,100	\$ 69,479	\$ 64,149	129	11.57%
Total Local Assessments	\$ 547,398	\$ 547,231	\$ 528,855	\$ 528,855	\$ 547,518	\$ 554,469	1,115	100.00%

State/Federal Sources								
IDEA B	\$ 114,815	\$ 121,724	\$ 160,000	\$ 184,630	\$ 183,500	\$ 195,000		
Title 1	\$ 57,000	\$ 38,253	\$ 25,995	\$ 91,255	\$ 50,358	\$ 90,596		
Transfer to Royalton EEE	\$ -	\$ 2,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total State/Federal Sources	\$ 171,815	\$ 162,827	\$ 185,995	\$ 275,885	\$ 233,858	\$ 285,596		

Other Sources								
Interest	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,782	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,643	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500		
Medicaid Admin Fees	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,951	\$ 20,000	\$ 11,969	\$ 14,000	\$ 12,000		
Rent	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ -		
Project Advance Admin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500		
Misc.	\$ -	\$ 4,231	\$ -	\$ 1,055	\$ -	\$ -		
Balance from Prior Years	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Other Sources	\$ 25,500	\$ 30,864	\$ 25,900	\$ 16,567	\$ 17,400	\$ 18,000		

Grand Total	\$ 744,713	\$ 740,922	\$ 740,750	\$ 821,307	\$ 798,776	\$ 858,065		
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**ORANGE WINDSOR SUPERVISORY UNION
EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005**

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004	Budget 2005
<u>Office of the Superintendent</u>						
Administrator's Salary	\$ 72,000	\$ 73,000	\$ 74,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 79,950
Clerical Support	\$ 23,406	\$ 23,600	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 27,040	\$ 27,716
Health Insurance	\$ 7,744	\$ 9,378	\$ 8,940	\$ 9,074	\$ 10,544	\$ 11,549
Employer FICA	\$ 7,299	\$ 7,413	\$ 7,650	\$ 7,533	\$ 8,036	\$ 8,236
Life Ins Premiums	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ 880	\$ 880	\$ 880	\$ 880
Support Staff Retirement Cont	\$ 702	\$ 702	\$ 1,092	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,352	\$ 1,386
Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 452	\$ 474
Professional Development	\$ 2,025	\$ 359	\$ 1,725	\$ 876	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Dental Insurance	\$ 412	\$ 430	\$ 430	\$ 516	\$ 443	\$ 457
Legal Fees	\$ 3,850	\$ 53	\$ 2,000	\$ 33	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
In-Service, Meetings, Etc	\$ 525	\$ 506	\$ 825	\$ 425	\$ 825	\$ 825
Printing	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200
Superintendent's Travel	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,391	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,240
Staff Travel	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,697	\$ 250	\$ 1,380	\$ 250	\$ 250
Books & Periodicals	\$ 2,000	\$ 610	\$ 2,000	\$ 872	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Equipment Contingency	\$ 1,500	\$ 110	\$ 500	\$ 1,669	\$ 737	\$ 500
Dues & Fees	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,938	\$ 5,290	\$ 3,943	\$ 5,290	\$ 5,290
Fingerprinting Expense	\$ 150	\$ 1,602	\$ 800	\$ 2,442	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
Total Office of the Superintendent	\$ 129,213	\$ 125,259	\$ 134,822	\$ 134,323	\$ 142,089	\$ 145,753
<u>Special Services Department</u>						
Administrators Salary	\$ 62,400	\$ 66,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 67,600	\$ 69,290
Clerical Support/Medicaid Clerk	\$ 21,960	\$ 22,361	\$ 24,560	\$ 24,560	\$ 25,542	\$ 26,181
Medicare Billing Clerk	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Support Staff Retire Contrib	\$ 659	\$ 659	1,032	1,228	1,277	1,309
Health Insurance	\$ 11,010	\$ 12,297	\$ 12,001	\$ 12,034	\$ 14,279	\$ 15,719
Employer FICA	\$ 6,454	\$ 6,753	6,851	6,712	7,125	7,304
Workers Compensation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 313	419	420
Professional Development	\$ 1,335	\$ 1,178	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,216	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,725
Dental Insurance	\$ 825	\$ 753	861	539	886	913
Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,070	-	-
Travel Reimbursement/Conference	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,888	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,933	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Supplies	\$ 1,800	\$ 918	\$ 1,800	\$ 5,027	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Medicaid Supplies	\$ -	\$ 470	\$ 500	\$ 277	\$ 500	\$ 500
Books & Periodicals	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,028	\$ 1,000	\$ 235	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Equipment & Contingency	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 6,435	\$ 300	\$ 300
Dues & Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,128	\$ 1,000	\$ 322	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Total Special Services	\$ 128,443	\$ 115,433	\$ 120,630	\$ 137,901	\$ 125,853	\$ 129,861
<u>Fiscal Services</u>						
Administrators Salary	\$ 50,000	\$ 51,986	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 58,000	\$ 59,450
Clerical Support	\$ 53,154	\$ 53,475	\$ 57,009	\$ 57,009	\$ 59,288	\$ 61,771
Health Insurance	\$ 15,460	\$ 15,459	\$ 16,848	\$ 16,903	\$ 20,051	\$ 22,088
Employer FICA	\$ 7,891	\$ 8,137	8,492	8,462	8,973	9,273
Workers Comp Ins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	504	535
Support Staff Retire Contrib.	\$ 4,094	\$ 4,094	4,662	5,550	5,864	6,062
Professional Development	\$ 600	\$ 105	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300
Dental Insurance	\$ 1,237	\$ 861	\$ 861	\$ 861	\$ 886	\$ 913
Treasurer Services	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Audit Services	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550

**ORANGE WINDSOR SUPERVISORY UNION
EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005**

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004	Budget 2005
Computer Maintenance	\$ 5,700	\$ 3,390	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,766	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Travel/Conference	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,255	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,144	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,502	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Equipment Contingency	\$ 1,500	\$ 189	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 300
Dues & Fees	\$ 450	\$ 227	\$ 300	\$ 307	\$ 300	\$ 300
Total Fiscal Services	\$ 142,586	\$ 142,067	\$ 151,973	\$ 150,090	\$ 162,116	\$ 168,642
<u>Central Office</u>						
Merit Pay	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Workmen's Comp	\$ 1,875	\$ 45	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,952	\$ -	\$ -
Unemployment Tax	\$ 77	\$ 165	\$ 75	\$ 176	\$ 179	\$ 180
Section 125 Admin	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 259	\$ -	\$ 260
Custodial Services	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,665	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,420	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,580
Repairs & Maint.	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,307	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,321	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700
Rental of Building	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,164	\$ 17,103	\$ 17,192	\$ 17,702	\$ 18,321
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 1,000	\$ 917	\$ 1,000	\$ 929	\$ 1,000	\$ 900
Bond Premiums	\$ -	\$ 196	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ -
Telephone Expense	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,712	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,630	\$ 7,300	\$ 7,300
Postage	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,220	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,577	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,000
Advertising	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,953	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,594	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000
Supplies	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,071	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,829	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500
Phone Equipment	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,066	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Software	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,809	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Electricity	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,533	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,100
Heat	\$ 975	\$ 567	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,229	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
Equipment/lease	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,114	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,000
Total Central Office	\$ 71,427	\$ 67,990	\$ 58,378	\$ 57,322	\$ 58,981	\$ 57,841
<u>Central Office - Wellness</u>						
All Expenses	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Central Office - Wellness	\$ 300	\$ -				
<u>EEE Direct Instruction</u>						
Salary	\$ 40,405	\$ 37,191	\$ 42,425	\$ 42,562	\$ 44,133	\$ 45,236
Aide Salary	\$ 14,560	\$ 5,431	\$ 6,188	\$ 5,871	\$ 7,735	\$ 7,835
Health Insurance	\$ 6,097	\$ 7,744	\$ 8,441	\$ 8,712	\$ 10,044	\$ 11,049
FICA Expense	\$ 4,204	\$ 3,261	\$ 3,719	\$ 3,508	\$ 3,968	\$ 4,060
Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 223	\$ 234
Course Reimbursement	\$ 1,035	\$ 185	\$ 1,035	\$ 386	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,035
Dental Insurance	\$ 412	\$ 430	\$ 431	\$ 354	\$ 443	\$ 457
Travel/Conf Reimbursement	\$ 1,500	\$ 939	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,055	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Supplies	\$ 600	\$ 1,237	\$ 600	\$ 246	\$ 600	\$ 600
Transfer to Royalton/see revenue	\$ -	\$ 2,850	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total EEE Direct Instruction	\$ 68,813	\$ 59,268	\$ 64,439	\$ 63,694	\$ 70,181	\$ 72,506
<u>Speech Services</u>						
Prof Salaries	\$ 108,539	\$ 93,826	\$ 112,159	\$ 119,843	\$ 115,605	\$ 113,332
Support Salaries	\$ -	\$ 1,074	\$ 15,357	\$ 11,291	\$ 15,976	\$ 21,658
Health Insurance	\$ 12,194	\$ 15,096	\$ 17,322	\$ 16,580	\$ 20,613	\$ 22,719
FICA Expense	\$ 8,303	\$ 8,160	\$ 9,755	\$ 9,907	\$ 10,066	\$ 10,327
Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 544	\$ 566	\$ 621
Support Staff Retirement	\$ -	\$ 443	\$ -	\$ 756	\$ 799	\$ 1,083
Professional Development	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,622	\$ 3,200	\$ 1,973	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,200

**ORANGE WINDSOR SUPERVISORY UNION
EXPENDITURE BUDGET
2004-2005**

Description	Budget 2002	Actual 2002	Budget 2003	Actual 2003	Budget 2004	Budget 2005
Other Employee Benefits-loan repay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -
Dental Insurance	\$ 825	\$ 2,975	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,262	\$ 1,773	\$ 1,826
Contracted Services w/ Benefits	\$ 21,000	\$ 18,141	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Speech Evaluations/Outside Services	\$ 16,500	\$ 11,765	\$ 16,500		\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 900	\$ 3,264	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,263	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Supplies	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,739	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,693	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 1,316	\$ -	\$ 152	\$ -	\$ -
Dues & Fees	\$ 600	\$ 210	\$ 600	\$ 925	\$ 600	\$ 600
Total Speech Services	\$ 175,061	\$ 162,631	\$ 184,514	\$ 171,689	\$ 189,198	\$ 192,866
SUBTOTAL	\$ 715,843	\$ 672,648	\$ 714,755	\$ 715,019	\$ 748,418	\$ 767,469
<u>Title I</u>						
Grant Administrator	\$ -	9666	\$ 13,000	\$ 29,120	\$ 34,611	\$ 35,476
Student Achievement Facilitator	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,606
Tutoring Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,475	\$ -	\$ -
Soc Sec/Med	\$ -	739	\$ 995	\$ 2,899	\$ 2,648	\$ 2,714
Health Ins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,060	\$ 400	\$ 6,967
Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 149	\$ 156
Dental Ins	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119	\$ -	\$ -
OWSU Office Networking and Server	\$ 7,500	\$ 6,949	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Consolidated Grant Assistance	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Professional Development/Training Exp	\$ 8,500	\$ 12,720	\$ 7,500	\$ 27,396	\$ 7,500	\$ 13,259
Technology Audit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ -
Technology Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,768
new tchrrecruitment activities/advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Other Contr Services-Story Lady	\$ -	\$ 2,979	\$ -	\$ 4,686	\$ 3,000	\$ 13,100
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 724	\$ -	\$ 36	\$ -	\$ -
Pupil Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,115	\$ -	\$ -
EEE Tuition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,204	\$ -	\$ -
Travel/Mileage Reimb	\$ -	\$ 227	\$ -	\$ 1,491	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 1,124	\$ 500	\$ 1,029	\$ 500	\$ -
Clerical Support	\$ 2,870	\$ -	\$ 3,000		\$ -	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ 2,124	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Dues & Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -
Audit Services	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 625	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,550
Total Title I	\$ 28,870	\$ 38,252	\$ 25,995	\$ 91,255	\$ 50,358	\$ 90,596
Fund Transfers						
Surplus Rebates	\$ -	\$ 52,904	\$ -	\$ 34,496	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fund Transfers						
Total Supervisory Union Budget	\$ 744,713	\$ 763,804	\$ 740,750	\$ 840,770	\$ 798,776	\$ 858,065

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