

THE TOWN OF WINHALL, VERMONT



2003 ANNUAL REPORT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2002 - JUNE 30, 2003

Town of Winhall, Vermont
2003 Annual Report
For Fiscal year July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

Population

2000 State of Vermont Census – 702

Registered Voters – 559

Community Information

Town Clerk (802) 297-2122
winclerk@adelphia.net (802) 297-2177 Fax
Office Hours: Mon. – Thurs., 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, Closed Friday

Town Treasurer (802) 297-1994

Town Administrator (802) 297-2119
townhall@adelphia.net (802) 297-2177 Fax
Office Hours: Mon. – Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, or by Appointment

Board of Selectmen (802) 297-2119
Scheduled Meetings: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month
November 1st to March 31st - 6:00 PM April 1st to October 31st - 7:00 PM
All meetings are held at Town Hall, 3 River Road, Winhall, VT 05340-0420

Winhall Planning Commission
Scheduled Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Meetings scheduled as necessary

Zoning Administrator (802) 297-2373

Board of Listers (802) 297-2151
Meetings Scheduled as necessary

School Board
Scheduled Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM

The Mountain School (802) 297-2662

Winhall Library (802) 297-9741
Every Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 – 6:30 PM

E-911 Emergency Response 911
Police Emergency (802) 297-2121
Fire Emergency and Rescue Squad (802) 824-3166

Winhall Highway Department (802) 297-2120
Solid Waste Transfer Station (802) 297-2130

Hours of Operation
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM November 1st to March 31st
Sunday: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM April 1st to October 31st
Closed Wednesday and Thursday



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Marion Jenks

The 2003 Town Report is dedicate to our Town Clerk Marion Jenks. After many years on the school board, planning boards, as well as being Town Clerk for 21 years. Marion and Larry plan to travel and spend the cold winters in Arizona. The Town of Winhall acknowledges and congratulates Marion on her 21 years of dedicated and honorable stewardship. Thank you Marion and the best to you and Larry now and in the future.

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**Elected Officials
for
The Town of Winhall**



**William "Bill" Simmers
Chairman of the Board of Listers**

**Town of Winhall, Vermont
Town Officials**

Elected Officials

		Term Expires
Moderator	Paul Carroccio	2004
Town Clerk	Marion Jenks	2004
Town Treasurer	Kathryn Coleman	2004
Selectmen	Frank Pinto, Chair	2005
	Randy Ameden, Vice Chair	2004
	Brian VanHorn, Member	2006
Listers	William Simmers, Chair	2004
	Edgar Rice	2005
	Raymond Guttroff	2006
Delinquent Tax Collector	Kathryn Coleman	2004
Grand Juror	Kimberlie Jenks	2004
Town Agent	Gerald Salkin	2004
Justices of the Peace	Frank Burns	2004
	Ted Friedman	2004
	Raymond Guttrof	2004
	Barbara Little	2004
	Brian VanHorn	2004

Elected School Officials

Moderato	Paul Carroccio	2004
School Treasurer	Kathryn Coleman	2004
School Directors	Douglas Velso	2005
	Diane Whatley	2006
	Scott Bushee	2004

**Appointed Officials
for
The Town of Winhall**



**Elizabeth "Beth" Jenks
Assistant Town Clerk**

**Town of Winhall, Vermont
Town Officials**

Appointed

		Term Expires
Town Administrator	Dennis C. McCarthy	9-25-04
Chief of Police	Jeffery Whitesell	2-17-05
Secretary to the Boards	Lucia Wing	6-30-04
Assistant Town Clerk	Elizabeth Jenks	3-02-04
	Kathryn Coleman	3-02-04
Planning Commission	Marcel Gisquet, Chair	6-30-05
	Ray Guttroff, Vice Chair	6-30-04
	Paul Molinelli	6-30-04
	Patricia Glabach	2-30-06
	Tom McMahon	6-30-06
	John Lingley	6-30-05
	Lucia Wing	6-30-06
Zoning Administrator	Jerome Driscoll	6-30-05
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Alexander Mackinnon, Chair	6-30-06
	Stuart Fause, Vice Chair	6-30-05
	Janice Luurtsema	6-30-06
	David Glabach	6-30-04
	Rudy Weaver	6-30-05
Town Health Officer	Charles Simonetti	6-30-06
Forest Fire Warden	Lawrence Jenks	6-30-08
Asst. Forest Fire Warden	Vernon Jenks	6-30-08
Trustee of Public Funds	Selectboard	NA
Cemetery Commissioners	Selectboard	NA
Fence Viewers	Selectboard	NA
Weigher of Coal	George Abel	3-02-04
Pound Keeper	Tom Harriman	3-02-04
Inspector of Lumber	Peter Cornell	3-02-04
Tree Warden	Stuart Coleman	3-02-04
Council on Aging	Estelle Schwartz	6-30-04
Town Service Officer	Lawrence Jenks	6-30-04

**Town of Winhall
Financial Reports**



Kathryn "Kate" Coleman
Town Treasurer
with
Betsy

D.L. FIELDING & CO.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS

David L. Fielding Jr., RPA, CFP

Norman E. Favor III, CPA

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

To: Selectboard
Town of Winhall
Bondville, VT 05340

We have compiled the accompanying combined balance sheet of Town of Winhall as of June 30, 2003 and the combined statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – All Governmental Fund Types for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Town's financial position and results of operation. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

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Manchester Center, VT
License #92-0000152
December 15, 2003

Town of Winhall, Vermont
Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types And Account Groups
June 30, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Total Memo Only
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Nonexpendable Trust and Agency Funds	
Assets					
Cash	\$597,105	\$45,022	\$97,916	\$6,435	\$746,478
Investments	0	73,238	0	4,610	77,848
Receivables, Net of Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts	55,516	0	0	0	55,516
Due From Other Funds	0	612	0	0	612
Total Assets	\$652,621	\$118,872	\$97,916	\$11,045	\$880,454
Liabilities and Fund Balances					
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$176,289	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$176,289
Accrued Expenses	309	0	0	0	309
Due To Other Funds	612	0	0	0	612
Deferred Revenue	30,360	0	0	0	30,360
Total Liabilities	207,570	0	0	0	207,570
Fund Balances					
Restricted	0	78,372	0	11,045	89,417
Unrestricted:					
Designated	0	40,500	97,916	0	138,416
Undesignated	445,051	0	0	0	445,051
Total Fund Balance	445,051	118,872	97,916	11,045	672,884
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$652,621	\$118,872	\$97,916	\$11,045	\$880,454

See Accountant's Compilation Report

Town of Winhall, Vermont
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Fund Types
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Total (Memo Only)
Revenues				
Property Taxes	\$4,715,397	\$0	\$0	\$4,715,397
Interest Delinquent Accounts	15,485	0	0	15,485
Intergovernmental Revenue	126,517	1,000	0	127,517
Licenses, Permits and Fines	37,866	0	0	37,866
Investment Income	19,801	(932)	813	19,682
Other	47,366	700	0	48,066
Total Revenues	4,962,432	768	813	4,964,013
Expenditures				
General and Administrative	631,718	4,018	0	635,736
Public Safety	257,534	0	0	257,534
Public Works	650,384	0	0	650,384
Cemetery	1,375	0	0	1,375
Capital Outlay	164,665	0	0	164,665
Total Expenditures	1,705,676	4,018	0	1,709,694
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	3,256,756	(3,250)	813	3,254,319
Other Financial Sources/Uses				
Loan Proceeds	150,000	0	0	150,000
Operating Transfers In	1,730	7,800	50,000	59,530
Operating Transfers Out	(57,800)	(1,730)	0	(59,530)
State Education Fund	(3,409,963)	0	0	(3,409,963)
Total Other Financial Sources/(Uses)	(3,316,033)	6,070	50,000	(3,259,963)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	(59,277)	2,820	50,813	(5,644)
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002	504,328	116,052	47,103	667,483
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	\$445,051	\$118,872	\$97,916	\$661,839

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Town of Winhall, Vermont
 Combining Balance Sheet - Special Revenue Funds
 June 30, 2003

Assets	Municipal Forest Fund		Planning Fund		DARE Fund		Comptroller Closure Fund		Law Enforcement Block Grant		Total Memo Only	
	Beautification Fund	Municipal Forest Fund	Planning Fund	DARE Fund	Comptroller Closure Fund	Law Enforcement Block Grant	Total Memo Only					
Cash Savings	\$9,619	\$0	\$21,370	\$1,851	\$7,048	\$5,134	\$45,022					
Due From General Fund	0	0	0	612	0	0	612					
Investment - Stock	0	73,238	0	0	0	0	73,238					
Total Assets	\$9,619	\$73,238	\$21,370	\$2,463	\$7,048	\$5,134	\$118,872					
Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0					
Accounts Payable	9,619	73,238	21,370	2,463	7,048	5,134	118,872					
Fund Balance												
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$9,619	\$73,238	\$21,370	\$2,463	\$7,048	\$5,134	\$118,872					

Town of Winhall, Vermont
 Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Special Revenue Funds
 June 30, 2003

Revenues	Municipal Forest Fund		Planning Fund		DARE Fund		Comptroller Closure Fund		Law Enforcement Block Grant		Total Memo Only	
	Beautification Fund	Municipal Forest Fund	Planning Fund	DARE Fund	Comptroller Closure Fund	Law Enforcement Block Grant	Total Memo Only					
Interest	\$21	\$0	\$228	\$8	\$68	\$48	\$371					
Investment Income (Loss)	0	(1,303)	0	0	0	0	(1,303)					
State of Vermont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Donations	100	0	0	0	0	1,000	1,000					
Seizure	0	0	0	600	0	0	700					
Total Revenues	121	(1,303)	228	608	66	1,048	768					
Expenditures	-3,768	0	0	143	0	107	4,018					
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(3,647)	(1,303)	228	465	66	941	(3,250)					
Other Financing Sources (Uses):												
Operating Transfers In	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	7,800					
Operating Transfers Out	0	(1,730)	0	0	0	0	(1,730)					
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures	2,353	(3,033)	228	465	1,866	941	2,820					
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002	7,266	76,271	21,142	1,988	5,182	4,193	116,052					
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	\$9,619	\$73,238	\$21,370	\$2,463	\$7,048	\$5,134	\$118,872					

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Town of Winhall, Vermont
Combining Balance Sheet - Capital Project Fund
June 30, 2003

	Emergency Equipment Fund	Equipment Replacement Fund	Total Memo Only
Assets			
Cash	\$43,486	\$54,430	\$97,916
Fund Balance	43,486	54,430	97,916
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$43,486	\$54,430	\$97,916

Town of Winhall, Vermont
Combining Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
June 30, 2003

	Emergency Equipment Fund	Equipment Replacement Fund	Total Memo Only
Revenues			
Interest Income	\$380	\$433	\$813
Expenditures	0	0	0
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	380	433	813
Other Financing Sources:			
Transfers In (Out)	20,000	30,000	50,000
Excess Revenues(Deficiency) and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures	20,380	30,433	50,813
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002	23,106	23,997	47,103
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	\$43,486	\$54,430	\$97,916

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Town of Winhall, Vermont
Combining Balance Sheet - Fiduciary Fund Types
June 30, 2003
Non-Expendable Trust Funds

	Chester Beebe Fund	Pearl S. Landman Fund	Almon Dean Lot Fund	Total Memo Only
Assets				
Cash Savings	\$761	\$5,038	\$636	\$6,435
Investment - Stock	0	4,610	0	4,610
Total Assets	<u>\$761</u>	<u>\$9,648</u>	<u>\$636</u>	<u>\$11,045</u>
Fund Balance	<u>\$761</u>	<u>\$9,648</u>	<u>\$636</u>	<u>\$11,045</u>

Town of Winhall, Vermont
Combining Statement Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balances
Fiduciary Fund Types
June 30, 2003
Non-Expendable Trust Funds

	Chester Beebe Fund	Pearl S. Landman Fund	Almon Dean Lot Fund	Total Memo Only
Revenues				
Interest	\$7	\$53	\$7	\$67
Investment Income	0	(82)	0	(82)
Total Revenues	<u>7</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>(15)</u>
Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess Revenues over (Expenditures)	7	(29)	7	(15)
Fund Balance - July 1, 2002	<u>754</u>	<u>9,677</u>	<u>629</u>	<u>11,060</u>
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	<u>\$761</u>	<u>\$9,648</u>	<u>\$636</u>	<u>\$11,045</u>

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**Town of Winhall, Vermont
Statement of Debt
June 30, 2003**

	Interest Rate	Balance 06/30/2002	Loan Principal Received	Loan Principal Paid	Balance 06/30/2003
Equipment	2.10%	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00

Town of Winhall, Vermont
Statement of Taxes
June 30, 2003

Grand List	
Real Estate	\$3,791,404
Personal Property	<u>19,210</u>
	<u>\$3,810,614</u>
Taxes Assessed and Billed	
General and Other Funds	1,304,622
School	<u>4,030,238</u>
	<u>5,334,860</u>
Taxes Accounted For As Follows:	
State of Vermont	3,409,963
General and Other Funds	932,495
School	<u>620,275</u>
Total Collected	4,962,733
Delinquent To Tax Collector	<u>372,127</u>
	<u>\$5,334,860</u>

Town of Winhall, Vermont
Statement of Aging and Delinquent Taxes
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

	07/01/2002 Delinquent	To Collector	Abated	Collected	06/30/2003 Delinquent
2000/2001	\$10,726.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,817.57	\$1,908.86
2001/2002	30,409.92	0.00	0.00	20,262.92	10,147.00
2002/2003	0.00	372,126.66	148.50	337,677.80	34,300.36
	<u>\$41,136.35</u>	<u>\$372,126.66</u>	<u>\$148.50</u>	<u>\$366,758.29</u>	<u>\$46,356.22</u>

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT
As of June 30, 2003

2001	Payment
Almour, Jay A.	\$245.06
Hagerman, Kenneth	\$1,663.80
Total 2001	\$1,908.86
2002	
Almour, Jay A.	\$365.00
Hagerman, Kenneth*	\$1,752.00
Hagerman, Kenneth	\$5,548.00
Romano, Karen A	\$803.00
Ryl, Michael T.*	\$292.00
Ryl, Michael T.*	\$292.00
Wild, Henry S.	\$1,095.00
Total 2002	\$10,147.00
2003	
Albuerne, Carlos A.	\$1,540.00
Almour, Jay A.1	\$350.00
Chouinard, James R.*	\$1,400.00
Clingenpeel Willi*	\$1,330.00
Coleman, Roy E.	\$560.00
Coleman Land Company	\$420.00
Crawford, Cynthia*	\$49.26
Epstein, Jerrold*	\$190.88
Finley, John W.*	\$560.00
Galleni Maurizio*	\$420.00
Hagerman, Kenneth*	\$1,680.00
Hagerman, Kenneth	\$5,320.00
Hayes, Anne	\$4,303.33
Juceam, Michael*	\$2,380.00
Marino, Vera G.*	\$2,940.00
McNeel, Andrea*	\$420.00
Mitchell, George*	\$501.35
Polson, Allen E.*	\$1,481.74
Rayfield, Rhoda G.*	\$4,060.00
Reveley, Randolph*	\$410.54
Romano, Karen A.	\$770.00

Ryl, Michael T.*	\$280.00
Ryl, Michael T.*	\$280.00
Sloan, Judd*	\$1,400.00
Thomas, Tullis*	\$42.00
Thomas, Tullis*	\$56.00
Thomas, Tullis*	\$56.00
Weidenbenner, Perry	\$49.26
Wild, Henry S.	\$1,050.00
Total 2003	\$34,300.36
Grand Total	\$46,356.22

*Paid since June 30, 2003

**Statement of Aging and Delinquent Taxes
July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003**

	7/1/2002 Delinquent	To Collector	Abated	Collected	6/30/203 Delinquent
2000/2001	\$10,726.43	-0-	-0-	8,817.57	\$1,908.86
2001/2002	\$30,409.92	-0-	-0-	\$20,262.92	\$10,147.00
2002/2003	-0-	\$367,366.66	-0-	\$333,066.30	\$34,300.36
	\$41,136.35	\$367,366.66	-0-	\$362,146.79	\$46,356.22

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4	TOWN OF WINHALL								
5	Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance								
6	For the Year Ended June 30, 2003								
7			2002/03 FY				Current FY		
8		Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	2004/05 FY
9		7/01/01	7/1/02	7/01/02	7/1/02	7/01/02	7/1/02	7/1/02	7/1/04
10		6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/04	6/30/05
11	REVENUES								
12	Taxes	788735.36	1271840.00	923640.66	1289277.00	1289277.00		1306685.00	
13	Taxes - (Over) Short	3.80	0.00	162.00	0.00	162.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Taxes - Delinquent (schedules)	487183.76	0.00	373903.07	0.00	373903.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Interest on Taxes	12866.89	10000.00	15485.35	8000.00	15485.35	8000.00	10000.00	10000.00
16	PILT-Vt. Fish & Game	7688.00	7000.00	7728.00	7500.00	7728.00	7500.00	6500.00	6500.00
17									
18	Dog Licenses	276.00	200.00	243.00	200.00	243.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
19	1st Class Licenses	1000.00	1200.00	700.00	1000.00	700.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
20	2nd Class Licenses	200.00	150.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
21	Tobacco License	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	Copier Fees	517.00	200.00	569.44	500.00	569.44	500.00	500.00	500.00
23	Municipal Forest Fund	2015.76	1900.00	1729.94	2000.00	1729.94	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
24	Sewage Hook-Up Permits/MSA	12381.49	10000.00	20018.12	20000.00	20018.12	20000.00	25000.00	25000.00
25	Timber Sales	6711.38	20000.00	0.00	25000.00	0.00	25000.00	25000.00	25000.00
26	Truck Permits	65.00	100.00	120.00	100.00	120.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
27	National Forest - Federal	36445.00	12000.00	21418.00	12000.00	21418.00	12000.00	12000.00	12000.00
28	Transfer Station Fees	1835.00	2500.00	4299.00	4000.00	4299.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00
29	Miscellaneous	5997.29	500.00	603.00	500.00	603.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
30	Vt. ACT 60 Revenue	0.00	0.00	3867.00	0.00	3867.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TOWN OF WINHALL									
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance									
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003									
	2002/03 FY			Current FY			2004/05 FY		
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
	7/01/01	7/1/02	7/01/02	7/1/03	7/01/02	7/1/03	7/1/04	7/1/04	7/1/04
	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05	6/30/05	6/30/05
31	Interest Income	32015.97	12500.00	19800.76	15000.00	15000.00	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00
32	Reappraisal Reimbursement	15008.00	15000.00	14833.00	15000.00	15000.00	15000.00	15000.00	15000.00
33	Discounts Earned	53.22	0.00	95.59	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
34	Rental Income - Mountain School	30540.00	30000.00	26356.00	26000.00	26000.00	26000.00	26000.00	26000.00
35	Sale of Vehicles	0.00	0.00	14000.00	2000.00	2000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36									
37	Vt. State Aid - Highway	82659.78	80000.00	86399.40	80000.00	80000.00	80000.00	80000.00	80000.00
38	Equipment Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110000.00	110000.00	110000.00
39	Surplus	0.00	30000.00	0.00	168000.00	168000.00	220000.00	220000.00	220000.00
40									
41	Planning Commission	3435.00	1000.00	3465.00	3435.00	3435.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
42	Building Permits	0.00	0.00	2825.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
43									
44	Police								
45	Salary Reimbursement	28107.46	9000.00	18955.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
46	Snowmobile Safety & Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
47	Highway Safety & Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00
48	Fines	12309.09	4000.00	9560.89	9000.00	9000.00	9000.00	9000.00	9000.00
49	Other	1254.80	2025.00	2276.60	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
50									
51	TOTAL REVENUES	1629715.05	152115.00	1573163.88	1699712.00	1699712.00	1875885.00	1875885.00	1875885.00
52									
53	GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE								

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	7/01/01	7/1/02	7/01/02	7/1/03	7/1/04	7/1/04
	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05	6/30/05
54 General Expenses						
55 Elections	660.00	1500.00	1822.50	1000.00		1800.00
56 Printing	2000.00	2500.00	0.00	2500.00		2500.00
57 Supplies & Other Expenses	5627.65	4500.00	5894.38	5000.00		5000.00
58 Office Equipment & Maintenance	3312.06	7000.00	5650.30	7000.00		9000.00
59 Postage	3952.05	4500.00	4574.39	4500.00		4500.00
60 Advertising	1516.06	3500.00	590.00	3000.00		3000.00
61 Board of Civil Authority	270.00	300.00	425.00	300.00		400.00
62 Tax Abatements	0.00	0.00	148.50	0.00		0.00
63 Tax Map Update	1450.00	1600.00	12147.00	8000.00		2500.00
64 Tax Re-Appraisal	9440.00	20000.00	18319.00	20000.00		20000.00
65 Town of Jamaica - Forest	3059.18	3200.00	3099.42	3200.00		3500.00
66 Bennington County Tax	36734.83	45000.00	34371.29	40000.00		40000.00
67 VLCT Dues	354.00	450.00	1342.00	720.00		800.00
68 Professional/Consulting Services						
69 Attorney Fees	33587.77	22000.00	38576.59	25000.00		25000.00
70 Act 60 Expenses	4106.38	8500.00	1265.00	6000.00		0.00
71 Accounting	3600.00	4000.00	3850.00	4000.00		4000.00
72 Engineering	4398.78	7500.00	3273.41	7500.00		7500.00
73						
74 Town Hall						
75 Electricity	2507.19	3500.00	1684.18	3000.00		1500.00
76 LP Gas	1901.35	2600.00	3010.21	2600.00		2600.00

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	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05	6/30/05
77 Telephone	8770.05	12500.00	6714.10	12500.00	7000.00	7000.00
78 Repair & Maintenance	1964.94	5000.00	7695.86	10000.00	6500.00	6500.00
79 Municipal Building						
80 Utilities	6201.21	7000.00	9723.56	7000.00	7000.00	7000.00
81 LP Gas	158.58	1000.00	148.62	1000.00	500.00	500.00
82 Repair & Maintenance	5202.64	7000.00	6317.56	7000.00	8000.00	8000.00
83 Other Expenses						
84 Street Lights	5635.94	6000.00	6005.51	6000.00	6000.00	6000.00
85 Cemetery Maintenance	2050.00	1500.00	1375.00	2000.00	1500.00	1500.00
86 Animal Control Officer	0.00	0.00	786.97	500.00	700.00	700.00
87 Library Maintenance	4226.11	5000.00	1482.97	3000.00	1000.00	1000.00
88 Town Insurance	58539.00	50000.00	42268.79	54000.00	55000.00	55000.00
89 Recreation Area Maintenance	2470.00	4000.00	0.00	2500.00	7500.00	7500.00
90 911 Mapping	0.00	0.00	5896.09	3500.00	500.00	500.00
91 Community Center						
92 Community Center Expense	22859.12	4000.00	9955.95	6000.00	5000.00	5000.00
93 Building Repairs	11299.34	10000.00	22285.07	10000.00	22000.00	22000.00
94 Electricity	10914.74	7000.00	10604.26	7000.00	11000.00	11000.00
95 Heating Oil	0.00	6000.00	4365.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
96 Admin. Salaries & Expense						
97 Selectboard Salaries	8100.00	8100.00	8099.88	8100.00	8280.00	8280.00
98 Selectboard Travel & Expense	3269.88	4000.00	5107.95	4500.00	5000.00	5000.00
99 Administrative Salaries	52782.15	70000.00	61815.90	65000.00	90000.00	90000.00

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	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05	6/30/05
100	Administrative Travel & Expense	903.01	2500.00	542.47	1500.00	1500.00
101	Computer System Expense	0.00	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	1500.00
102	Listers Travel & Expense	1942.47	6000.00	1980.72	4000.00	5000.00
103	Town Report	992.96	1500.00	3410.00	1500.00	1500.00
104	Town Records	4697.50	10000.00	1530.00	5000.00	2500.00
105	Custodial Services	31719.16	30000.00	43347.31	32000.00	33000.00
106	Community Center Lease	25000.00	25000.00	25000.00	25000.00	25000.00
107						
108	Total General & Administrative	388176.10	426250.00	426512.71	427920.00	451080.00
109						
110	Allocable Expenses					
111	Social Security	39698.40	45000.00	41214.47	45000.00	45000.00
112	Unemployment Insurance	495.00	800.00	443.90	666.00	800.00
113	VMERS Pension Plan	22352.56	22000.00	21268.81	23000.00	25000.00
114	Health Insurance	71247.47	70000.00	70940.46	80000.00	100000.00
115	Dental Insurance	3109.80	4000.00	2154.57	4000.00	4500.00
116	Life Insurance & ST Disability	5277.25	3100.00	5461.61	6000.00	6000.00
117						
118	Total Allocable Expenses	142180.48	144900.00	141493.82	158666.00	181300.00
119						
120	APPROPRIATIONS					
121	Winhall Memorial Library	4000.00	2500.00	2500.00	4500.00	8000.00
122	Grace Cottage Hospital	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1650.00	1650.00

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	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05	6/30/05
123	1000.00	1500.00	1500.00	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
124	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
125	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1100.00	1350.00	1350.00
126	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
127	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
128	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
129	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
130	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1650.00	1650.00	1650.00
131	0.00	0.00	200.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
132	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
133	10000.00	11000.00	11000.00	11000.00	11000.00	11000.00
134	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
135	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
136	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	250.00	250.00
137	5000.00	6000.00	6000.00	0.00	7500.00	7500.00
138	3672.00	15000.00	2819.00	2000.00	15000.00	15000.00
139	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
140						
141	33622.00	46250.00	34769.00	31650.00	55650.00	55650.00
142						
143						
144	11376.85	10000.00	5758.48	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00

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	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05	6/30/05
145	WRC Assessment	700.00	955.00	955.00	976.00	976.00
146						
147	Total Planning Commission	12076.85	10955.00	6713.48	5976.00	5976.00
148						
149	Fire & Rescue					
150	Fire Department Appropriation	40000.00	42000.00	42000.00	42000.00	42000.00
151	Equipment Fund	20000.00	20000.00	20000.00	20000.00	20000.00
152	Debt Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
153						
154	Total Fire & Rescue	60000.00	62000.00	62000.00	62000.00	62000.00
155						
156	Police Department					
157	Salaries & Wages	223266.46	203500.00	203655.46	214700.00	178000.00
158	Administrative Support	14882.53	15600.00	14507.68	16300.00	17000.00
159	Replacement Police Officer's Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35000.00
160	Extra Duty	11728.53	9000.00	7243.14	0.00	0.00
161	Snowmobile Safety & Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	5000.00	5000.00
162	Highway Safety & Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	4000.00	4000.00
163	Mileage	926.91	1000.00	985.85	900.00	900.00
164	Vehicle Purchases	24525.02	0.00	0.00	24000.00	0.00
165	Gas & Oil	8972.75	8500.00	6636.99	9000.00	9000.00
166	Repair & Maintenance - Cruisers	8285.35	6900.00	7826.84	4500.00	8000.00

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	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05
167	Repair & Maintenance - Snowmobile	265.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
168	Radios/Paging Services	3086.80	1800.00	864.38	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00
169	Telephone	6778.47	5500.00	7097.89	5500.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
170	Office Equipment Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	0.00
171	Uniforms	10027.85	6000.00	5708.93	6000.00	4300.00	4300.00	4300.00	4300.00
172	Supplies & Other Expenses	16962.39	10100.00	10237.37	10100.00	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00	10000.00
173	Postage	752.71	900.00	787.80	900.00	1100.00	1100.00	1100.00	1100.00
174	PD/Rescue Training	3950.41	4500.00	1492.12	4500.00	4500.00	4500.00	4500.00	4500.00
175	Radar Equipment Certification	442.00	0.00	517.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
176	Court Time	2305.50	1000.00	3057.23	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
177	Prisoner Transport	335.26	1000.00	198.51	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00
178	Information Systems	3919.53	4000.00	5444.07	4000.00	5300.00	5300.00	5300.00	4300.00
179	Medical Expense	443.28	0.00	237.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
180	Rescue Supplies & Equipment	4794.53	4000.00	3802.48	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00
181	K-9 Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2184.00
182									
183	Total Police Department	346652.04	283300.00	280302.22	283300.00	320400.00	320400.00	320400.00	296334.00
184									
185	Transfer Station								
186	Attendant	25841.34	19570.00	27043.50	19570.00	20350.00	20350.00	20350.00	21645.00
187	Compactor	137963.74	110000.00	59292.42	110000.00	90000.00	90000.00	90000.00	70000.00
188	Windham Solid Waste District - Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5500.00
189	Electricity	1095.91	1000.00	1134.57	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00

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	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05	6/30/05
190	Supplies & Maintenance/Improvements	15049.69	13000.00	895.30	13000.00	13000.00
191	Closure Fund	800.00	800.00	1800.00	0.00	0.00
192	Uniforms	881.07	800.00	609.02	800.00	800.00
193	Recertification	0.00	3000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
194						
195	Total Transfer Station	181631.75	148170.00	90774.81	125150.00	111945.00
196						
197	Highway Department Expenses					
198	Salaries & Wages	99101.69	110240.00	107880.93	114650.00	113300.00
199	Materials					
200	Gravel	23632.50	25000.00	21798.85	30000.00	30000.00
201	Chloride	7533.12	10000.00	7965.76	10000.00	10000.00
202	Cold Patch	176.70	400.00	924.09	400.00	400.00
203	Culverts	907.69	3000.00	1064.25	3000.00	3000.00
204	Outside Equipment / Services	5642.00	5000.00	3436.00	5000.00	5000.00
205	Sand	38902.50	40000.00	58098.00	42000.00	44000.00
206	Salt	27608.99	30000.00	36631.90	30000.00	30000.00
207	Guard Rails	0.00	2000.00	0.00	2000.00	4000.00
208	Road Signs	1055.00	1000.00	842.90	1500.00	1500.00
209	Bituminous Concrete	38299.25	40000.00	216720.48	150000.00	180000.00
210	Other	500.00	1000.00	1085.00	1000.00	1000.00
211	Road Improvement	24947.62	25000.00	13195.56	25000.00	25000.00
212	Ditching Equipment Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05	6/30/05
213						
214	Gas - No Lead	3000.00	1000.00	1000.00		1000.00
215	Diesel	4338.78	14000.00	14192.95	14500.00	14500.00
216	Oil	280.51	650.00	368.95	700.00	700.00
217						
218	Truck Repairs	17288.92	10000.00	25493.63	10000.00	10000.00
219	Heavy Equipment Repairs					
220	Grader	2743.08	0.00	5215.29	1000.00	1000.00
221	Backhoe '00 Deere	787.65	1000.00	2.25	1000.00	1000.00
222	Bucketloader '93 Deere	272.27	1000.00	661.56	1000.00	1000.00
223	Sanders	140.76	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	1500.00
224						
225	Other Maintenance	1067.45	6000.00	1416.39	6000.00	6000.00
226	Supplies & Other Expenses	17928.19	19000.00	17794.25	19000.00	20000.00
227						
228	Town Garage					
229	Electricity	2381.56	2500.00	2448.17	3500.00	3500.00
230	Heating Oil	4052.71	4500.00	2243.31	5000.00	5000.00
231	Repairs & Maint - Town Shed	24057.14	5000.00	1139.91	5000.00	7000.00
232	Uniforms	3160.53	2500.00	3281.27	3200.00	3200.00
233	Medical Expense	300.00	0.00	-285.00	0.00	0.00
234	Other Expenses					
235	Outside Equipment	0.00	6000.00	602.50	5000.00	5000.00

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	6/30/02	6/30/03	6/30/03	6/30/04	6/30/05				
236	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	1000.00				
237	30000.00	30000.00	30000.00	40000.00	40000.00				
238	0.00	0.00	0.00	35000.00	33000.00				
239	0.00	0.00	14665.33	0.00	110000.00				
240									
241	377356.61	399290.00	589884.48	567950.00	711600.00				
242									
243									
244	1629715.05	1521115.00	1573163.88	1699712.00	1875885.00				
245	1541695.83	1521115.00	1632440.52	1699712.00	1875885.00				
246									
247									
248	88019.22		-59276.64						
249									
250	Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	418778.34	506797.56						
251	Fund Balance at								
252	End of Year	506797.56	447520.92						

**Town of Winhall
Governmental Reports**



**Randy Ameden
Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen**

Select Board Report

Well it's budget time again, it seems it was just a short time ago that the Select board was sitting down doing the 03/04 budget. If it wasn't for our new Act 68, we would report that we are living in a low tax town. The School and Select board are working with our legislators, Rick Hube and Walt Freed, who are trying to rewrite the bill to help Winhall, we will inform the town when we have something to report.

This year the town's part time Town Administrator Steve Cole passed away on Fathers day 2003. He brought a good sense of humor and a great deal of knowledge to this office, he will be missed by all. . At the beginning of November we hired Dennis McCarthy to fill the now full time position. Dennis was the Town Administrator in Shaftsbury for five years and a Select board member for 13. Please feel free to stop in at the Town Hall and introduce yourself to Dennis.

Transfer Station: We budget 70,000. for trash removal this year, in 01/02 our actual expense for trash removal was 137,000. You can ask how this could happen. Well you can take a good part of the credit for the savings, your recycling has saved most of this money. The Select board also signed a 3 year contract with Casella which is also saving on the carting charges. Being a member of the Windham Solid Waste District helps us reduce the cost of handling our recyclables.

Roads: After almost 5 years French Hollow Road is finished. Thanks to Bob Oakes, with help from Ed Molinelli and George Abel, who followed the project to the end.

Winhall Police/Rescue squad: Because of their excellent reputation, we were able to sign a 1 year contract with Stratton Corp. for traffic control on the weekends and back up to their new Internal Security Department. This contract represents close to 20% of the Departments budget and is renewable after the first year if both parties agree.

Beautification Committee: As always has done a wonderful job in keeping the village and Town Hall areas looking great. This year, through donations only, they were able to constructed a monument to our town Veterans at the Town Library. Please go and look at it.

The Select board would like to thank all our employees, elected officials volunteers and of course our Recreation Committees for their contributions this year, they all do a wonderful job for our town.

Frank Pinto, Chair
Randy Ameden, Vice Chair
Brain VanHorn

Lister's Report

This year the new tax law Act 68 goes into effect. If you think Act 60 was bad you will find Act 68 is going to be Disastrous to the town of Winhall. Due to the change from Act 60, which spread the cost of education equally among all the property owners of the town of Winhall, to Act 68 the entire cost of their education, which exceeds \$ 6800 per pupil, will have to be borne by the 265 Vermont residents of the town of Winhall.

Despite a very unusual increase in the real estate prices in this area last year the common level of appraisal for the town of Winhall was approximately 95.6 %. This means that the value of the town's grand list as reported was accepted by the state to be within 4.4 % of true market value. In addition, our coefficient of dispersion, COD, was approximately 10 %, which indicates a fair appraisal for all areas of the town. These values are well within the guidelines set by the state.

This year there were 304 property transfers as compared to the 190 property transfers last year. The average sale price for the transferred properties was \$278,588 versus the average appraised value of those same properties of \$267,052. There were a total of 95 building permits issued of which 38 were for new dwellings.

We appreciate your past support of the Stratton Winhall Education Foundation (SWEF). This coming year, due to Act 68, SWEF can no longer contribute to the school. We wish to thank those SWEF volunteers for their efforts in the past years that contributed greatly to the reduction of school taxes in Winhall.

Winhall Board of Listers

William Simmers, Chair

Edgar Rice

Raymond Guttroff

Planning Commission

The Winhall Planning Commission drafts the Town Plan, Zoning Bylaw, and Subdivision Regulations, reviews proposals of amendments to the above, reviews site plans of commercial development, and reviews subdivision proposals.

The Planning Commission meets in the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Special meetings are called pursuant to public notice. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and to comment on any proposals before the Commission.

In 2003 the Winhall Planning Commission granted the following:

- Subdivision Permit to: Beechwood Ridge Development for nine (9) lots located on the Stratton Mountain Access Road.
- Subdivision Permit to: Patrick Williams for two (2) lots located on Winhall Hollow.
- Subdivision Exemption to: Eric Weindl, Old Town Road.
- Subdivision Exemption to Cabouli Family Trust, Upper Taylor Hill Road.
- Subdivision Exemption to Heidi & Mike Lynn, Kendall Farm Road.

After many months of review as well as two Public Hearings, the Planning Commission in conjunction with Bud Knickerbocker of the Windham Regional Commission finalized the draft of the revision of the Winhall Zoning Ordinance and turned it over to the Winhall Selectboard for their review and approval. The Planning Commission also welcomed new member Jerome J. Driscoll.

Winhall Planning Commission:

Marcel Gisquet, Chair
Paul Molinelli, Vice-Chair
Ray Guttroff
Tom McMahon
Patricia Glabach
Lucia Wing
Jerome Driscoll



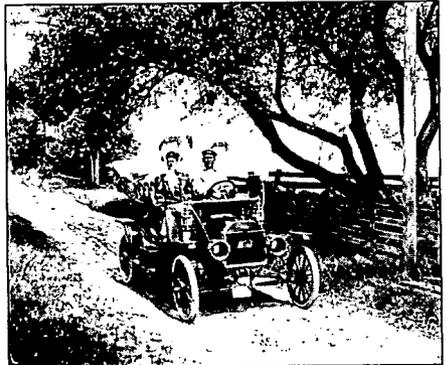
Zoning Administrator's Report

There were 95 permit applications in 2003. The breakdown is as follows:

Single Family Residences 38
Additions 19
Garages 11
Sheds 4
Barns 4
Signs 7
Temporary Signs 2
Pool 1
Change of use 2
Decks 2
Porch 1
Access to rising bear 1
Remodel 3

There were 4 permits that were denied and went to the ZBA for a variance. A temporary sign for the Mountain School was approved to be put on the retaining wall by the cemetery. A sign for Stratton Mountain at the town border was denied as a third party off premise advertising sign. An addition was denied because it further infringed on the back set back and there was other legal places that it could be put with out further infringement. A shed was denied because of set back infringement and was moved to comply with set back.

Sincerely submitted,
Jerry Driscoll,
Zoning Administrator



Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment acts as the Board of Appeals when a permit has been denied by the Winhall Zoning Administrator. The Board hears appeals for variances and conditional use permits and amendments to permits already granted.

In 2003, the Zoning Board of Adjustment took the following action:

- Granted a sign variance re: Winhall Mountain School.
- Granted a front setback variance re: Maxwell Soper, Stratton Ridge Road.
- Denied a sign variance re: Stratton Corporation.
- Denied a rear setback variance re: Lee Powers Jr., Old Snow Valley Road.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment generally meets in the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month. Special meetings are called pursuant to public notice. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and to comment on any proposals before the Board.

Winhall Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Alexander Mackinnon, Chair

Stuart Fause, Vice-Chair

Rudy Weaver

Dave Glabach

Janice Luurtsema



Board of Civil Authority

The Board of Civil Authority is made up of three Selectmen, five Justices of the peace, and the Town Clerk. Some of the duties of the Board are:

- To update the checklist (Additions and Deletions).
- To make arrangement for elections.
- To hear property grievances.
- To serve as the majority of the Board of Abatement which consists of the Board of Civil Authority, Delinquent Tax Collector, and the Listers of the Town

Marion Jenks
Town Clerk



Winhall Volunteer Fire Department

The Winhall Fire Department responded to the following calls for 2003:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	32
Fire sightings	2
Standby	2
Plane crash.	1
Snowmobile accidents	3
False alarms	27
Fire alarms	10
CO detector investigation	4
Trees on lines	15
Chimney fire	1
Structure fires	8
Brush fire	3
Propane leak	3
Gas spills	4

Winhall Fire Department Elected Officers

Jeremy Stone	President
Paul T. Carroccio	Vice President
Jerry Driscoll	Treasurer
Harold Coleman	Fire Chief
Steve Avison.	1st Asst. Fire Chief
Stuart Coleman	2nd Asst. Fire Chief
Randy Ameden	Captain
Gordon Searles	Captain
Jennifer Cohn	Secretary

We would like to thank the Winhall residents and taxpayers for their financial support. Your support allows the on going training our members need, and keeps our equipment updated and in top condition.

This year we applied for and obtained a Homeland Security Grant which was used to purchase radios and self-contained breathing apparatus. We also purchased an AED (automatic external defibulator) with your donations and tax dollars.

We would like to ask at this time that you place your new 911 numbers at the entrance of your driveways if you have not already done so. The quicker we can identify your location the quicker we

can be on scene.

We also request that your fire alarm systems are in good working order to prevent costly and time consuming false alarms.

Once again, if this applies to you, we would impress upon you to put your ashes in a metal container, with lid, away from your house, deck or any wooden structure.

Sincerely,

Chief Harold Coleman
Winhall Fire Department

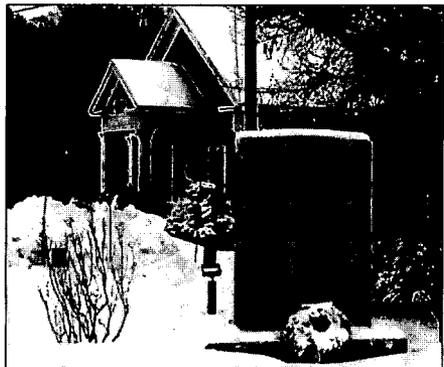


Winhall Beautification Committee

Since its establishment in 1997, the goal of the Winhall Beautification Committee has been to enhance the attractiveness of Winhall and Bondville Village. Flowers and gardens around the town hall, which are planted and watered by the committee volunteers, provide an attractive setting for this historic building and the mini-park next to the river. We also maintain the lilacs and arborvitae that border the cemetery (and mowing of the bank along the cemetery), supervise plantings of the bridge baskets and welcome signs, and maintenance of the riverside garden. We also plan the holiday decorations for the bridge, town hall and municipal building. Contributions also made it possible for the committee volunteers to provide flowers for the Winhall Veterans Honor Roll.

This year the committee took on the job of replacing the old Winhall Veterans Honor Roll which was in front of the church in Bondville. We initiated the Winhall Veterans Memorial Committee to provide expertise for this project and thanks to their help and to the many donations from residents, businesses and organizations the new memorial was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11th. The memorial stands next to the Library facing Route 30. We hope everyone will take a few minutes to stop and honor the men and women of Winhall who served our country since W.W.I.

The Winhall Beautification Committee is very grateful for the contributions of time and money from businesses and individuals as well as the appropriation from our town, though last year we did not request town funding. More volunteers are needed and your input is welcome.



Winhall Beautification Committee Finance Report

Balance on Hand 7/01/02	\$7265,50
Income	
Town Appropriation for 2003/2004	\$6000.00
Donations	\$100.00
Refund (nursery)	\$58.00
Bank Interest	\$21.30
Total	\$6179.30
Expenditures: Mowing, plantings, tree care, holiday decorations, American flags, postal fees	
Total	\$3826,16
Balance on Hand 6/30/03	\$9618.64

Winhall Veterans Memorial Committee Finance Report

Cost of Memorial	\$5765.00
Contributions	\$5762.69

Love, life and happiness:
may your troubles be few
and your blessing plenty.

Winhall Memorial Library

2003 has been a good year for the Library. We purchased approximately \$4000 worth of books mostly current fiction and a great deal of Biography and History as well. Our readers are asking for much more non-fiction, particularly books concerning our current situations at home and around the world. We did not purchase many Books on Tape in 2003 as three very generous patrons have been donating them to us. It is a wonderful gift and a large saving of funds for us.

We held our Annual Summer Celebration in July. It was once again an Ice Cream Social. We raised more than \$2000. That is a lot of ICE CREAM!!! ... lots of Raffle Tickets, and a show of great support. Thanks to all who help make our party so successful each year.

We are now officially a Public Library. The Selectmen asked that we become our own non-profit organization and it is finally done. What does this mean to us at the Library and to you our readers? We will continue to receive a generous annual appropriation from the Town of Winhall. As I wrote last year, a Public Library by definition from the State of Vermont, is one that receives Town Tax support annually... usually the majority of its support. The Building, which the Town owns, is rented to us for 20 years. The lease is renewable by the mutual consent of the Select Board and the Library Board. The maintenance of the Building will be funded by Winhall. The agreement specifies our responsibilities for the upkeep of the interior. The corporate entity that is the Winhall Memorial Library owns all the books, the computers, and all the furnishings. We expect no fiscal change that will impact on our book funds.

We held 3 Computer Courses during 2003. Thanks to the Stratton Foundation for their generosity in funding these courses. They were well attended and the "students" all progressed to new levels of computer skills. There will be 2 or 3 courses offered again this year. They will start in late May 2004. Do inquire about them at the Library! Anna Rushford will gladly answer your questions. Anna continues to be our wonderful part-time Librarian. She steps in in my absence and does a FANTASTIC job. Please visit us soon and often. We have all the BOOKS YOU WANT TO READ ... and then some!!!!!!

Fran Rosenthal, Librarian

Winhall Memorial Library Financial Statement

	Checking Account	Charter One Bank	Certificate of Deposit	Combined
Starting Balance 1/1/2003	20370	20370	13632	34002
Income				
Library Party	2374			
Town of Winhall	4500			
Town of Stratton	1000			
Contributions	295			
C. Ford Trust	1230			
Stratton Foundation	7			
Interest	78		216	
Plus Total Income		10227	216	
Expenses				
Library Party	259			
Ameripride Rugs	322			
CVPS	488			
Book Purchases	3892			
Computer Courses & Serv.	2777			
Misc. Expenses	577			
Minus Total Expenses		8315		
Year End Balances		22822	13848	36130

Winhall Recreation Committee

The Winhall Recreation Area Committee is excited to report that during the months since last town meeting, a new regulation sized little league/softball field has been added to the Community Center/School Grounds and will be ready for play this spring.

With the assistance and expertise of Homestead Landscaping, a professional little league diamond was installed last fall. First, a new level infield was created using a W.E. Dailey Baseline product. This product has a binder in it so it is more than just sand and looks very sharp. It was leveled and compacted with a vibratory roller.

The backstop construction is in process. When completed will consist of three 20' sections with a 12' height using a 6 gauge mesh on the bottom 2/3rds and 9 gauge on the top 1/3 of the fence. There will be a 6' canopy on top of these three sections using 11 gauge mesh fencing. There will then be two 15' long x 7' high extensions to the backstop for the protection of the players. The infield poles have also been installed.

There is still a bit of work to finish in the spring. The backstop will be completed, the foul line poles will be installed and the bases will be added. The site will also be re-seeded.

.....The baseball field is stage three of the Recreation Area Project. As many of you know over the past few years, a much-needed Community Recreation Area was built for the town. Two new playgrounds were installed, as well as two soccer fields, A lovely outdoor pavilion was also built, complete with outdoor grills for picnics. A major force in this project came from Volunteers for Peace, a volunteer organization that arranged eleven international volunteers aged from 18-22 to come and work with us for three weeks. So much was accomplished! They even painted the gymnasium during rainy days. The area is open to the public every day and is also available by reservation for private parties.

Now that the field is nearly ready for play, it is time to gather our baseball enthusiasts to rally. We are asking anyone who has a passion for baseball to get involved. For many years, our town did have a little league team (a winning one at that!). We do already have a couple of townspeople who have expressed an interest in helping but could always use a few more. If you have a passion to play ball and would like to be a part of the Winhall's newest little league team, please contact Cindy Logan at 297-2488.

Respectfully submitted,
Winhall Recreation Committee:
Cindy Logan, Barbara Coleman, Mary Hatt

**30th Annual Bondville
St. Patrick's Day Parade
Sunday, March 14, 2004**

What comes to minds of people in Bondville when they think about the month of March? Lions, lambs, basketball, the US Open, and of course, Bondville's Annual St. Patrick's Day parade!

Three proud Irishmen who were running the Red fox Inn at the time started this parade in 1974. Transplants from NYC, they could not bear not marching somewhere on March 17th. So, off they went weaving their way through the few watering holes in Bondville, waving the Irish flag. A tradition was born. Since then, there have been 28 more parades of every shape, size and weather element. Just for a second, think of trying to organize a parade in the mountains of Vermont in the middle of march. There was even a protest march in lieu of one parade when the town thought the US Open traffic would cause too much of a snarl. "CAN'T STOP TRADITION" read the leading float and so the tradition continued uninterrupted.

Over the years, the parade has evolved into an authentic hometown community event. it brings out every Irishman this side of the Connecticut River with a chance to strut their proud Irish spirit. Is also brings out those who want to be Irish for a day and celebrate being a part of this truly unique community. It has become a rite of passage into spring for the area. A chance to reconnect with those you have not seen throughout the busy winter season. If it is St. Patrick's Day, you know mud season cannot be too far behind. And it is not just for adults. There are literally hundreds of kids in the area who will forever hold the memory of the St. Patrick's Day parade in their souls. Cousins by the dozens. Free green shamrock balloons and more candy thrown from the floats than any Halloween could offer.

It is also a chance for the local businesses to get creative with floats. Over the years, there have been bathtubs and go-carts, snakes and bears, horses and llamas, and even some Irish wolfhounds. Batman in his batmobile once made his way waving down Rt. 30. St. Patrick himself has even made a few appearances. And if it is fire engines you're looking for, we've got 'em all! There will also be an Irish step-dancer performing for the judges this year. Speaking of judges, they are made up of former Grand

marshals, all celebrities in their own right.

Music is always a huge focus for the parade. This year the parade has contracted the American Legion Marching Band once again. They are a phenomenal band that has won many awards in competition. The parade is thrilled to be hosting them this year. They will not only be playing while marching, but they will also continue to play as the entire parade passes by and have their grand finale at the Red Fox Inn parking lots as everyone arrives.

As many of you know, the parade ends at the Red Fox Inn, the largest seller of Guinness in Vermont! Tom and Cindy Logan, a couple of Boston Irish, and owners of the Red Fox Inn have been organizing the parade since 1976, and are very proud supporters of the parade and the community. There is always plenty of corned beef and cabbage, Irish Soda Bread, and lots of Irish music into the wee hours at the Red Fox that day.

The Bondville St. Patrick's Day Parade is indeed the largest and oldest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the state of Vermont. It is easy to make yourself part of the tradition. Do not miss it, better yet, be a part of it. It is what Bondville living and being Irish is all about.

This year the parade will be held on Sunday, March 14, 2004 at 1 PM on Route 30 in Bondville. To register, participate or if you just want more information, contact Tom or Cindy Logan at 802-297-2488 or www.redfoxinn.com. Erin go Bragh!



Winhall Museum

This was a quiet year for the Winhall Museum. We have acquired a VCR and our library of video tapes may be viewed in the museum. Included in the library of tapes are interviews from the Winhall School's history project as well as tapes from the Nearing and Pearl Buck symposium from the Stratton Foundation. We also participated in the Northshire History Museum's exhibit with photos and artifacts. The Northshire Museum behind Ye Olde Taverne in Manchester is a very interesting place to visit and you can see our Winhall contributions on view ...

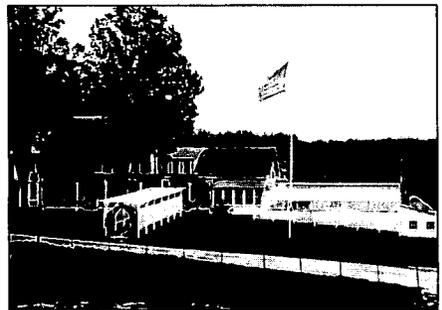
We have mounted a new exhibition of old Winhall school photos with students and teachers from various collections. Included are some recent photos of the schools still standing and the Winhall Elementary School. There were 8 school districts in Winhall in the 1800's and we have photos of them all at various stages of their careers. Please come up and view this and other items we have on exhibit in the Town Hall.

We are planning to revamp our photo albums to make them safer for our old photos and to recatalogue our various artifacts. Volunteers are always appreciated.

We opened the year with \$3,161.88 in our account. We received \$500 from the town, as budgeted, received \$262.40 from Book sales and earned \$13.02 in interest on our bank account. Expenditures include Photos for the Northshire exhibit, membership in the Vermont Historical Society, box rent and bank service charges. These add up to \$107.45. Our balance at the end of 2003 is \$3,829.85.

Respectfully submitted.

*Barbara Little,
Keeper of the Winhall Museum*



Bondville Cemetery Association

The 67th Annual Meeting of the Bondville Cemetery Association was held at the Fire House at 11:30 a.m. on September 2, 2003.

Sprague Lyons presented a complete, updated Treasurer's Report. Expenditures were itemized including monies spent on ground maintenance and for cleaning, repairing and up righting older gravestones.

Under new business the possibility of purchasing additional land was discussed. Sprague indicated that he had had correspondence with Michael Kidd and that land was indeed for sale. Motion by Wink Roberts, seconded by Stuart Coleman, that Sprague be authorized to enter negotiations with Mr. Kidd, to acquire the land in question. Motion passed unanimously. The strong feeling was expressed that the acquisition would be a great asset for Cemetery usage by future generations.

Next on the agenda was the lot map with names that would show lots that are currently taken. The issue came up in 2000 when Stuart was to check with Bill Creamer. No action has been taken to date. Pres. Magoon brought the original "plot map" diagram denoting gravesites taken. Members were all given copies in case of an emergency when he could not be reached.

It was noted that the Association needed some younger members who are permanent residents of the Town of Winhall. This matter will be pursued.

Respectfully,
Helen K. Vail Secretary

Note: The Cemetery Association is pleased to report that negotiations with Michael Kidd went well; so the additional land was purchased.

Winhall Industrial Society The Bondville Fair

The 206th Bondville Fair was held on August 26-28. Unlike 2002, when a tremendous rainfall washed out all Saturday afternoon and evening events the Fair was blessed with fabulous weather for all three days. Weather, of course, is so important to the Fair and the great weather saw the 2003 Fair experience the second largest attendance ever.

The increased attendance allowed the Fair, which is non-profit, to make several monetary awards. Scholarships amounting 10 \$1500.00 were given, over \$1000.00 was donated to the Winhall Veterans Memorial, and smaller amounts were given to both the Winhall fire and the Londonderry Rescue Squad.

Again the Quilt Hall was jammed to capacity. An increase in number of exhibits in Floral Hall was very evident. Many Fairgoers both young and "other" enjoyed the sugarhouse, the school and especially the pole barn animals. The six track pulls were both well attended by spectators as well as having many participants.

The Tenth Annual Program was dedicated to Allison and John Angermeyer, long time workers for the Fair. Through the years they both have devoted much time and effort to insure the improvement and continuance of the Fair.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6471 of Manchester presented the Fair with an award for Americanism. All Fair members were proud that their efforts were so recognized.

Because of the small 2002 income very little was done in the way of capital improvement. Still, the parking area was illuminated and safety improvements were made for the carnival's electrical supplies. An ambitious building program is planned for the 2004 Fair that will allow for additional venues.

This report reflects an upbeat tone. However there have been some resignations of Fair members due to illness or impossible work conflicts. The Fair desperately needs people to replace those who have left and to oversee the new attractions that have been added. With so many areas where folks may participate - the track, animals, Floral and Quilt Halls, concession supervision, ticket takers and parking attendants, etc. - people can be placed in areas of their interests. Please help so that the Oldest Continuous Fair in Vermont may continue to grow and to exist.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Robert Vail

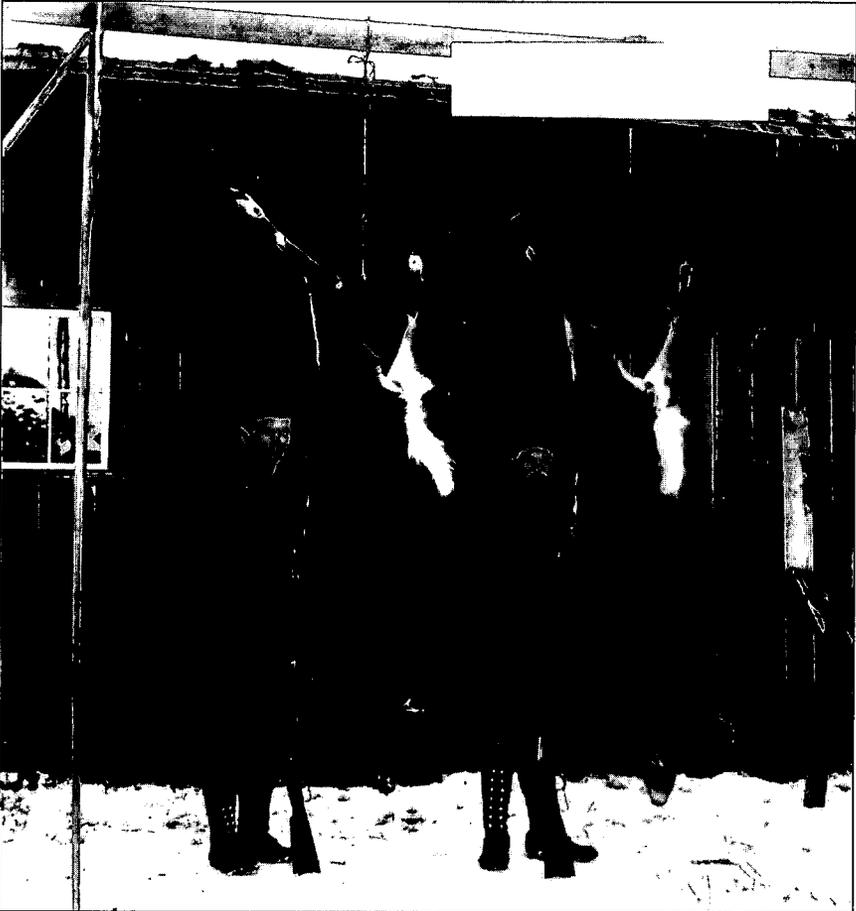
Health Officer Report

There were 38 Health Permits issued in 2003 for septic systems.
Four of the permits were for replacement of failed septic systems.

Permits issued for 2002: 23

Permits issued for 2003: 38

*Charles Simonetti,
Health Officer*



Forest Fire Warden Report for Winhall

We issued 310 fire permits for the 2003 season. Winhall had 0 fires out of control, 0 acres burned.

*Lawrence Jenks,
Winhall Forest Fire Warden*

Fires and Acres by County 1999-2003

COUNTY	2003		2002		2001		2000		1999	
	#Fires	Acres	#Fires	Acres	#Fires	Acres	#Fires	Acres	#Fires	Acres
Addison	1	0.50	6	37.83	7	59.00	2	4.00	13	24.85
Bennington	6	1.50	6	4.08	3	6.60	0	0.00	12	31.25
Caledonia	11	5.51	14	8.17	29	22.50	3	0.21	19	33.68
Chittenden	3	8.00	3	3.25	26	23.90	0	0.00	17	33.75
Essex	2	1.00	2	0.51	4	0.75	0	0.00	2	0.63
Franklin	19	13.46	8	15.10	25	51.84	0	0.00	17	60.90
Grand Isle	0	0.00	2	2.60	2	0.50	3	1.20	0	0.00
Lamoille	15	23.62	8	6.22	13	39.15	8	4.90	29	38.39
Orange	14	13.12	12	8.40	22	44.16	4	0.89	13	13.71
Orleans	8	5.64	6	19.35	5	5.25	1	10.00	10	15.46
Rutland	5	10.01	9	19.20	11	9.03	1	2.00	7	10.10
Washington	12	10.16	9	10.26	10	10.71	2	1.11	4	5.35
Windham	3	0.45	9	8.01	12	10.73	3	6.50	8	20.25
Windsor	2	2.50	6	3.26	20	10.67	4	36.15	10	7.55
TOTALS	101	95.47	100	146.24	189	294.79	31	66.95	161	295.87

Fires and Acres by Cause December 10, 2003

Cause	#Fires	#Acres
Lightning	1	2.50
Campfire	5	8.00
Smoking	2	0.60
Debris burning (brush)	58	60.46
Arson	0	0.00
Equipment Use	10	7.31
Railroads	1	0.01
Children	1	0.33
Misc. (burning grass)	23	16.26
Total fires and acres	101	95.47

Winhall Police and Rescue

Winhall Police & Rescue continues to be committed to the philosophy of community policing. We are a dual service offering full medical as well as policing service. All full-time officers of Winhall Police & Rescue are certified at minimum at the EMT-B (Emergency Medical Technician Basic) level.

Total calls for service (excluding burglar alarms) are up this year by approximately 5%. Winhall Police & Rescue responded to 942 calls for service (1230 including burglar alarms) compared with 900 calls last year (1229 including burglar alarms). As the Winhall & Stratton areas continue to grow, so do the calls for service. You will find a summary of the calls in the next few pages.

With the New Year comes change. Your police & rescue department is no exception. Officer Mark Heberts has moved on to the Department of Motor Vehicles as a Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officer. Mark has had much experience in commercial motor vehicles. That coupled with his knowledge and experience as a Winhall Police Officer made him the top choice from more than 40 applicants. Congratulations to Mark! Mark will remain as a part-time officer with us.

Alison Bradley, the department's office administrator/clerk has also moved on. Alison is now residing in San Diego, CA where she helps run her family business. She has been replaced with former town administrator, Brian Van Horn. We welcome him back to the Town of Winhall family.

A welcomed addition to the department is K-9 officer Calix. Calix is a 2-year-old German shepherd owned and handled by one of our night shift officers, Officer Lucy Newton. Night shifts are particularly dangerous for police officers. Calix acts as Lucy's protector and backup since it could take more than 30 minutes or more for another patrol officer to arrive to assist her. Calix also has specialties in narcotics detection, tracking, evidence recovery and search and rescue. A Federal Homeland Security Grant and a Federal Block Grant paid for course and shift coverage.

In September 2003, the Town of Winhall signed a contract with the Town of Stratton and The Stratton Corporation to provide Police Services for the Stratton Mountain Resort area. Winhall Police & Rescue already had the infrastructure and officers in place to provide these services. We work in conjunction with Censor Security, which is the private security firm hired to handle all non-law enforcement related calls. Under the terms of this agreement Stratton receives high quality professional policing and EMT services while the Town of Winhall receives \$92,000 in revenue.

We continue to be successful in obtaining alternate funding sources to supplement patrols in Winhall. One of those programs is the Southern Vermont Snowmobile Law Enforcement Task Force. This enforcement, rescue and education program is 100% funded through a state grant. VAST (Vermont Association of Snow Travelers) grooms many miles of trails in Winhall and our region. Snowmobiling has become a huge recreational sport and attracts hundreds of riders to our town daily. This state grant pays for all equipment and supplies. The Grant also reimburses the town for any personnel related expenses associated with snowmobile enforcement, education and search & rescue operations. This is a program that costs the town nothing because of the state grant.

Winhall Police & Rescue continues to work with the Town, alarm companies, caretakers and citizens having alarm systems in their businesses and homes. The Town's alarm ordinance went into effect this past July and all seem to be responding well to the new rules. False alarms have dropped 14% from last year. We expect the downward trend to continue into 2005. If you have an alarm system installed, you must register with us. Registering gives us all the information we need to respond to your alarm quickly, providing the best possible service to you and it is now mandatory. You can contact us Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. -3 p.m. by calling 297-1013 for more information or stop by anytime to pick up a registration form and information packet. The alarm registration form and complete town alarm ordinance is available on line at www.sover.net/~winhalpd/

911 addresses continue to be a real concern for emergency services. You must post your 911 address in a place visible from the road so emergency workers can easily locate your residence. Emergency workers cannot help you if they cannot locate you. I urge all property owners to verify your 911 address and ask for the instruction sheet on how to properly display your address. You can do this by contacting Elizabeth Jenks at the Winhall Town Offices at 297-2122.

Please take advantage of our ride-along program. It is open to any member of the public, and I encourage you to come out and ride along and get a feel for what we do. We are here to serve you and we appreciate your continued support.

*Respectfully yours,
Jeffery L. Whitesell
Chief of Police & Rescue*



Students of The Mountain School at Winhall, Vermont



Winhall Police & Rescue Statistical Summary

	2002	2003
Homicide	0	1
Annoy/Harass Phone Calls	9	2
Search & Arrest Warrants	14	16
Assaults	2	7
Burglary	25	10
Drug Offenses	2	8
DUI	22	21
Disorderly/Domestic	40	48
Fraud	1	5
Larceny	20	22
Liquor Violations	8	12
Lost/Found Property	9	11
Missing Person	3	5
Parking Problem	16	14
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	68	68
Trespass Violation	8	15
Vandalism	24	11
Welfare Check	12	11
Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injuries	62	76
Motor Vehicle Accident, With Injuries	15	12
Traffic Hazard/Vehicle Off the Road	103	148
Snowmobile Incident	7	15
Citizen Assist	77	89
Alarms	336	288
Assist Fire Department	27	36
Medical	81	80
Animal Complaint	31	36
Criminal Motor Vehicle Offenses	20	8
Other Criminal Offenses	30	30
Other Calls for Service	157	125
Total	1229	1230
Traffic Tickets	150	210
Traffic Warnings	419	166

Dennis C. McCarthy Hired by the Winhall Board of Selectmen as Town Administrator



Dennis C. McCarthy was hired by the Winhall Board of Selectmen on November 3, 2003 to fill the full time position of Town Administrator.

Dennis was the previous Town Administrator for Shaftsbury, Vermont a position that he held for five years. Dennis has held several elected and appointed positions including Selectmen for thirteen years, Planning Commission and Zoning Board for five years, Justice of the Peace for fifteen years, Moderator for five years, Shaftsbury Veterans' Committee and Memorial Day Parade Chairman for eleven years, Vermont League of Cities and Towns Quality of Life Committee for three years and the Transportation Advisory Committee for Bennington County for three years.

Dennis brings to the position extensive business background. He operated B. A. McCarthy & Son Inc. a plumbing, heating and water systems business for sixteen years and remains a Master Plumber in good standing in the State of Vermont. McCarthy also worked for Chemical Fabrics, Inc. as a materials manager for three years.

Dennis received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Vermont College, located in Bennington, Vermont. He also holds the title of Vermont Roads Scholar received from Vermont Local Roads Program under the direction of Executive Director Hank Lambert.

Dennis is a Vietnam veteran having served with the United States Navy/Mobile Construction Battalion MCB 121 in Phu Bia Vietnam as support for the Third Marine Division and the 101st Airborne.

Dennis is married to Marcelaine (Garges) McCarthy and together they have three children. Padraic works for Sperry Rail Testing of Danbury, Connecticut. Sarah is a senior at Maine Maritime Academy, in Castine, Maine and is enrolled in Marine Science. Trent is a sophomore at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York and is a Business and English major.

Dennis's hours of operation are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday at the Town Office located at 3 River Road. Should you wish to discuss a town issue or just introduce yourself, Dennis can be reached at 3 River Road or 802-297-2119, Fax 802 297-2177, e-mail townhall@adelphia.net or by mail; Town of Winhall, PO Box 420, Bondville, Vermont 05340-0420.

**Town of Winhall
School District Reports**



Ms. Irene Nadler, Headmaster
The Mountain School at Winhall

The Mountain School

This is my first opportunity to publicly thank the Board of Trustees and the community for the privilege of serving the students, parents and community of Winhall and Stratton.

Introduction

The Mountain School's fifth year as an independent school was exciting and challenging, with both growth and change. In keeping with our commitment to serve students in grades K-8 for as long as there are sufficient students enrolled in the middle school grades, the Mountain School continued its development and expansion of the middle school program despite decline in both our overall enrollment and our middle school enrollment. Last year's Town report, which bridged the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school years highlighted the staff who joined our program in September, 2002. To that list, which included David Kelley, Kata Welch, Karen Healey, Marilyn Thompson, Joanne Beck and Tatyana Case, The Mountain School added Dr. Brenton Pinkus as a physical education teacher in Spring, 2003. The School also saw a change in leadership at the end of March, 2003, when David Kelley resigned and was replaced by Irene Nadler, a retired elementary principal from New York State. Mrs. Welch and Ms. Case left our staff at the end of the school year and Mr. Grant Healey and Mrs. Lisa Kelly, respectively, have joined our staff to fill those positions.

Programs and Activities

As stated above, this was an exciting and challenging year with many changes. Foremost among them was the curricular advances made this year. The language arts curriculum was revisited and rewritten to ensure that the entire K-8 language arts program's scope and sequence met not only the Vermont standards, but the standards and expectations of the Board of Trustees and the professional staff. As part of this curriculum revising and rewriting effort, the K-5 staff attended a nationally-sponsored language arts conference to enhance their knowledge base and understanding and to help them to translate their vision into a program to be delivered at The Mountain School. Additionally, the staff and Head of School examined the Vermont State testing results to determine if our language arts program met both State and local expectations. That examination led to the conclusion that

while the State standards were met, the students' results in "Writing Conventions" were not as strong as the school desired and expected of its students. Therefore, the staff has implemented a 'Writer's Workshop' model and program for the 2003-04 school year to strengthen both the students' skills and the language arts curriculum in this area.

The staff also worked diligently to successfully complete and implement K-8 curricula in both science and social studies. These curricula include a scope and sequence that not only meets VT State Education Department standards and local expectations, but facilitate the integration of these subjects with other learning areas of the overall program. This was a monumental effort and exercise and the staff deserves much praise for the successful efforts and results. They have developed programs about which they and the community may be proud. But, more important, programs that effectively prepare our students to meet the academic challenges of high school. As part of this curricular effort, new science laboratory tables, equipment, reference materials and supplies were purchased from budgeted funds.

As part of our efforts to provide the best possible education for our students The Mountain School instituted a comprehensive K-8 study skills program in Spring, 2003. This program goes well beyond traditional methods of how to study for a test. It introduces, teaches, reinforces and requires students' mastery of a wide range of learning skills including, but not limited to, note-taking and effective retrieval of learning from those notes; organizing information for effective learning; successful reading, understanding and remembering of text material as well as methods and skills for teachers to employ to help students with varying learning styles to effectively learn what is being taught.

The Mountain School's physical education program was, until Spring, 2003 an activity included as part of the classroom teachers duties and instructional program. This obvious deficit in our effort to provide a comprehensive program was erased with the employment of Dr. Brenton Pinkus, a professional soccer player, local Chiropractor and a person with training in fitness and sports training and exercise, as a physical education teacher. The physical education program has become an organized, 2 day per week class organized by grade level and delivered as a curriculum with both instruction and practice of the skills being taught. This pro-

gram will continue in 2003-04.

Our computer technology program took a quantum leap forward with the donation by Mr. David Hoopes and the Buckley School of Manhattan of 15 used, but very usable, Windows-platform computers. With these computers and the purchase of upgrading software through budgeted funds and grant monies we will implement a comprehensive computer plan for a computer lab with a computer technology teacher to deliver an instructional program integrating important computer skills with the K-8 curricula and instructional program. This lab will be separate from and in addition to, the Mac computers in the library, but will also be networked so that the computers can be joined for whole class or group instructional purposes as well as be accessed from remote locations.

Our library is in the process of being expanded both in volumes available and services provided. The start of the 2003-04 school year will see the completion and implementation of a library automation system. Our enlarged and enhanced collection will be computerized so that an electronic card catalog with easier access and greater sorting power will be available to our students. Additionally, the computerized system will process the circulation data for our library books. But what is most exciting and important for our students and staff is that this computerized system will give us access to the collections of 14 other area libraries, facilitating inter-library loan capabilities and enhancing our access to research, teaching, text materials and literature not available in our library. This is an exciting prospect and we look forward to its implementation. The employment of a librarian in addition to the outstanding and much appreciated work of Mrs. Maggie Ellis is anticipated and will provide professional library service throughout the week for both direct instruction and instructional support of the program.

Also planned for the coming year, with budget funds allocated for the purpose, is the employment of a professional school counselor one day per week to provide direct classroom instruction in effective problem-solving and decision-making as well as to provide group counseling for students, individual counseling for students or students and parents and to provide workshops as requested or needed.

Our middle school program will continue to be both expanded

and refined in the coming year. The employment of Mr. Grant Healey to work in conjunction and in team partnership with Mrs. Karen Healey is expected to bring our middle school program far forward from its present level of development. Their long professional association and shared experience will help to expand as well as align the middle school program so that it will emerge as a set of integrated learning experiences that are the culmination of our K-8 program as well as the effective introduction to and preparation for entry into a high school program. Additionally, we expect the middle school program to better address the unique social and developmental needs of that age group while helping those students to become leaders and positive role models for our younger learners.

Our Spanish language program continues to develop. We will try to deliver a program that meet the goals of the K-8 program while facing several obstacles - - two most significant are time constraints within the instructional week and the presence of a small number of students per class/grade-level, many of whom have different levels of fluency, skill and exposure to Spanish language instruction as a result of the demographic and in-migration patterns of the student population. Our goal, however, is to eventually deliver a program that prepares each and all of our graduating 8th graders to meet the Spanish level 1 standard and be able to enter Spanish level 2 in the 9th grade.

The Educational Community

Our staff continues to be very professional, conscientious and committed to the success of The Mountain School. Despite the flux created by the change in leadership in the Spring, 2003, the staff continued the initiatives already begun and embraced new ideas put forth by the new Head of School. They continue to be concerned, first and foremost, with meeting the needs of each as well as all of the students and helping parents to support the teachers' and school's efforts on behalf of their children.

The Parent Council continues to be a fundamental part of the educational community and a tremendous asset to the school. Their input is important; their support as volunteers and helpers as well as financial support is vital. Their efforts and contributions of all kinds are too numerous to mention but are both valued and prized.

The Board of Trustees continues to provide leadership, direction, support and encouragement to our efforts and actions. Their on-going commitment to the vision and the principles of The Mountain School has caused us to become an excellent, successful independent school, in spite of the hardships inherent in our small size and on-going funding issues driven by Act 60 and its successor legislation. I would like to personally thank the Board of Trustees for making the transition from one Head of School to another as easy and smooth as possible. Your support, public and private helped to make a potentially difficult time for the school and community into a smooth and seamless change that continued, uninterrupted, the progress of the school and the program it offers.

Conclusion

The 2003-04 school year will see many changes for and in The Mountain School. New staff and new programs will support and enhance our evolution and progress toward the excellence we desire and require. We are a model of successful independent education and a demonstration that a small school can both survive and thrive. We face, however, many challenges to our continued operation and success. Foremost among them is the education financing uncertainty created by the changes in Act 60 and Act 68. We need the continued support of the community, as well as grants, donations, etc., to continue to provide the quality local education of which we are so proud. Like the movie *Field of Dreams*, I believe that if we build it, they will come." Building a school of which we are proud, with an excellent educational program that successfully prepares its students to meet the demands of high school, will continue to generate the community's support of our efforts, our program and our existence.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene V. Nadler
Head of the School

School Director's Report

It has now been five full years that we have offered the parents in our town complete freedom of choice for their children in grades K-12. We began the 2002 / 2003 school year with 129 students attending 13 different schools. Locally, the enrollment is as follows: The Mountain School at Winhall - 52; Maple Street School - 12; Long Trail School - 12; Stratton Mountain School - 13; Burr & Burton Academy - 23; Manchester Elementary & Middle School - 2; Leland & Grey - 3; Flood Brook - 1; and Dorset Elementary School - 2.

Your School Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank the Staff and the Trustees of the Mountain School at Winhall for their efforts in providing a community school for our town. The MSW remains on track in fulfilling it's mission to our community - offering excellent educational opportunities for our children who wish to attend the school, as well as providing a magnet school for children of other towns who wish to enroll.

The Board has purchased a new 54- passenger bus at a cost of \$54,938. This new bus replaces our aging 1995 model (with 130,000 miles on it) and we look forward to delivery late this spring. We are asking the voters to allow us to transfer monies currently in the Capital Fund to the Bus Fund to avoid financing. We also again extend our thanks to for the services of our two dedicated bus drivers.

Last June the Vermont State Legislature replaced Act 60, enacting a new education funding law, Act 68; with the stated intent of creating a simpler funding system. In brief, the new legislation:

- Eliminates the 'sharing pool' (and with it the primary financial incentive for private educational foundations)
- Replaces \$50 million in education property tax with an equal amount of broad-based non-property taxes (including a 1% increase in the state sales tax)
- Splits the local grand list into two parts; homesteads and all other property
- Taxes all non-homestead property at a uniform statewide rate
- Taxes homesteads at a variable rate, adjusted within each school district to reflect that district's education spending

The net impact for Winhall is a significant tax increase over which we have very little control. In an effort to minimize that increase, the School Board has spent a great deal of time over the last six months researching available educational options and resultant costs. The budget presented continues the option of school choice and represents the most cost-effective manner of providing a high quality of education to all Winhall students. You will note that the 2005 budget no longer includes contributions from the Stratton Winhall Educational Foundation and this artificially raises the percentage variation in both school tuition costs and total expenditures.

School Directors:

Doug Velsor

Diane Whatley

Scott Bushee

May we always have a clean shirt,
a clear conscience
and a few coins in our pockets.

Stratton Winhall Education Foundation, Inc.

Dear Residents and Property Owners of Stratton and Winhall,

Now in its fifth year, SWEF has continued to meet its goals of providing for a quality education for out town's children while maintaining the lowest possible tax rate for all our property owners. Although it is impossible to calculate, your foundation, since its inception, has saved us all in excess of \$24,000,000 in ADDITIONAL property taxes.

As you may be aware, Vermont has significantly changed its educational funding formula, once again. The new methodology, so-called ACT 68, sets up two distinct tax rates: one for non-residents and another for residents. Each group has a different formula: the non-residential rate is a flat \$1.59 per \$100 of assessed valuation, while the residential rate is \$1.05 PLUS a penalty surcharge if the school district spends ABOVE the state's black grant. The rate paid by residents will be a direct function of each school district's approved budget. The Calculated rate could be less than, equal to, or more than, the rate paid by non-residents. As the rate paid by non-residents is no longer determined by the school district's spending budget, the need for an educational foundation is significantly diminished. As such, your Foundation will no longer be requesting contributions. It is the intention of your Foundation to remain dormant for the next few school years, as the State's funding mechanisms may very well change again, and your Foundation may again be needed. If there are any changes in the law making the Foundation once again a viable option, SWEF will contact you.

SWEF has adequate resources to meet the needs of the students of Stratton and Winhall for the current school year.

Thank you for all your past support.

Stratton Winhall Education Foundation Board of Trustees

**Town of Winhall
School District Financial Reports**



**Ms. Loretta Clark , Administrative Assistant
The Mountain School at Winhall**

WINHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2005 PROPOSED BUDGET PLAN

	FY2003 Adopted Budget	FY2003 Actual	FY2004 Adopted Budget	FY2005 Proposed Budget	% Variance 05 vs 04
REVENUES:					
Property Taxes	0	0	0	0	
Stratton Winhall Educational Foundation	237,391	337,391	351,351	0	
Transportation revenue	4,000	6,000	6,000	6,600	10.0%
Interest Income	15,000	21,524	19,000	22,500	18.4%
Green Mtn. National Forest	15,000	5,387	15,500	15,500	
Lease of Winhall Community Center	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
Total Local Revenue	296,391	395,302	416,851	69,600	-83.3%
State Aid:					
state block grant	5,566	5,566	5,651	n/a	
State Aid - Ed Spending Revenues	620,275	620,275	718,232	1,289,923	79.6%
State Aid - Career Ctr on behalf of Dist.	3,674	3,674	3,835	2,119	
General State Aid-transport.	20,698	6,761	19,590	21,822	11.4%
Sp Ed.-State Block Grant	27,739	27,739	34,054	36,888	8.3%
Sp Ed.-State Intensive aid & EEE	53,420	82,922	55,995	64,732	15.6%
Total State Aid	725,806	741,371	831,706	1,415,483	70.2%
TOTAL REVENUES	1,022,197	1,136,673	1,248,557	1,485,083	18.9%

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

Elementary Enrollment	61	58	59	50	
minimum tuition rate - grades K - 6	5,971	5,971	6,958	7,375	6.0%
Elementary Public School Tuition	5,900	48,978	20,874	17,000	
Elementary Private School Tuition	358,270	334,034	396,606	354,000	
504 Services				8,378	
Total General Instruction	364,170	383,012	417,480	379,378	-9.1%

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Professional Services (EYP)	3,000	29,822	6,000	65,395	
WCSU Special Ed Assessment Tuition	20,423	20,423	24,223	22,368	-7.7%
Transportation	55,000	3,245	90,500	0	
Total Special Education	78,423	53,490	120,723	88,563	-26.6%
				800	

ESSENTIAL EARLY ED:

WCSU Program Assessment	3,630	3,630	3,744	4,023	7.5%
Essential Early Ed tuition	1,000	1,155	1,000	0	
Total Essential Early Ed	4,630	4,785	4,744	4,023	-15.2%

TOTAL DIRECT INSTRUCTION

	447,223	441,287	542,947	471,964	-13.1%
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SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Directors Salary	0	0	3,500	3,500
Professional - Services	1,500	685	1,000	1,000
Advertising	500	876	500	500
Travel & Expenses	1,440	696	1,040	1,000
Dues & Supplies	500	318	500	500
Total Board of Education	3,940	2,575	6,540	6,500
				-0.6%

WCSU ADMIN. ASSESSMENT

	21,395	21,396	21,274	22,453	5.5%
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ACCOUNTING:

Accounting Services	2,850	2,850	2,975	3,100	4.2%
Audit Services/Fees	0	0	2,400	0	
Total Accounting Services	2,850	2,850	5,375	3,100	-42.3%

BUILDING SERVICES

	0	0	0	0	
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TRANSPORTATION:

Salary	29,284	29,961	30,163	30,615	1.5%
Sub Driver	750	138	750	750	
Fica	2,298	2,046	2,365	2,400	1.5%
Repairs & Maintenance	3,500	5,569	5,000	4,250	-15.0%
Insurance	1,900	1,992	1,500	2,100	40.0%
Fuel	5,400	4,285	3,600	4,500	25.0%

Bus Acquisition/Transfer	10,000	10,000	10,000	7,500	-25.0%
Total Transport Services	53,132	53,991	53,378	52,115	-2.4%
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES	81,317	80,812	86,567	84,168	-2.8%
SECONDARY EXPENSES:					
Enrollment - 7 & 8	23	23	20	28	
minimum tuition rate - grades 7 & 8	6,946	6,946	7,803	9,250	18.5%
Public School Tuition - 7 & 8	21,600	7,600	7,803	37,000	L&G
Private School tuition - 7 & 8	138,923	157,563	148,257	222,000	L&G
Enrollment - 9-12	46	51	48	55	
minimum tuition rate - grades 9 - 12	7,138	7,138	8,067	9,250	14.7%
Public School Tuition - 9 -12	8,400	25,471	25,800	9,250	L&G
Private School tuition - 9 -12	292,638	341,452	306,013	510,050	BBA
Out of State Tuition - 7-12	28,276	38,785	40,335	30,300	BBA
504 Tuition	12,000	10,000	0	9,158	
Career Center Tuition				6,733	
Special Ed Tuition & Services	73,553	71,314	64,500	81,760	26.8%
Special Ed Transportation	4,500	0	1,000	1,200	
TOTAL SECONDARY EXPENSES	579,890	652,185	593,708	907,451	52.8%
Debt Service:	21,500	23,497	21,500	21,500	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,129,930	1,197,781	1,244,722	1,485,083	19.3%

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Total Cost per Student Statistics

Total essential early ed enrollment	0	1	0	0	0
Total essential early ed cost per student	0	4,785	0	0	0
Total elementary enrollment k-6	61	57	59	50	-15.3%
Total elementary cost per student k-6	7,957	8,381	9,884	10,072	1.9%
Total secondary enrollment 7-12	69	74	68	83	22.1%
Total secondary cost per student 7-12	9,030	9,428	9,413	11,566	22.9%
Total eee-12 enrollment	130	132	127	133	4.7%
Total eee-12 cost per student	8,526	8,927	9,632	11,004	14.3%

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	
EDUCATION SPENDING (act 68 definition)	739,265	861,340	1,073,418	1,292,041	20.4%
equalized student count	100.72	112.1	124.71	130.23	4.4%
Education Spending per equalized student	7,340	7,684	8,607	9,921	15.3%

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES

	June 30, 2003
General Fund	93,193
Capital Fund	29,079
Bus Fund	33,756
Total Fund Balance	156,028

Regional Reports
Agencies - Foundations - Associations - Commissions



Jamaica Ambulance
at the
Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade 2003

Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad responded to 474 calls in 2003. This is up from 416 calls last year. The locations of these calls are as follows: 1 in Andover, 11 in Jamaica, 7 in Landgrove, 117 in Londonderry, 90 in south Londonderry, 29 in Peru, 15 in Stratton, 48 in Weston, 26 in Windham, 68 in Winhall, and 2 in manchester. There were 60 calls at the following ski areas: 30 at Bromley, 22 at Stratton mountain, 7 at Magic Mountain, and 1 at Viking.

Of these calls: 214 were illnesses, 130 injuries, 71 motor vehicle accidents, 11 stand-by calls, 9 cancelled or dry runs, 7 transport, and 32 public assists. We responded to 14 mutual aid calls, while 19 calls resulted in other services coming to our aid. Our members stalled 114 pre-hospital IV's, and we used the Paramedic Intercept service 9 times.

We are excited with the many changes and upgrades that took place in 2003 that will continue into 2004. The State of Vermont has finally passed the advanced life support protocols that we first proposed over four years ago. A 34-hour course this spring will enable our EMT-Intermediates to do many of the procedures that we now call a paramedic to do. We are fortunate to have 34 members on our squad with 15 of them being EMT-Intermediates.

We have a new "Road Rescue" ambulance on order that should arrive sometime in February. This ambulance is slightly larger than our current ambulances, mounted on a Ford E450 chassis. With the trade in of our 1994 ambulance, the new ambulance will cost \$106,520. We have been awarded a total of \$66,555 in Homeland Security Grants. This has enabled us to purchase radios, a portable power unit for our extrication unit, air bags, Thermal Imaging Camera, AED's and medical supplies. We will also be purchasing a bi-phasic heart monitor, generator, portable lights, electric saw, air chisel, impact wrench, and other tools and medical supplies. We received \$2,300 from the Thrifty Attic to purchase a new stair chair. The State of Vt. EMS gave us an Automatic External Defibrillator, which is now located at Mountain Valley Medical Center and will cover Flood Brook School as well.

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad thanks you for

your continued generosity and support. New members are desperately needed. if you have the time, desire, and the dedication it takes, please contact one of our members or go to the town of Londonderry's website for information about joining.

William "Pete" Cobb, Jr.
President, LVRS

Treasurer's Report

For the year 2003 Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad had expenses totaling \$105,855.27. There were 474 calls at an average expense of \$223.32 per call.

Claudia Harris
Treasurer, LVRS

May big headaches
and little fevers
stay far from you always.

Stratton Mountain Rescue

Stratton Mountain Rescue responded to 136 ambulance calls in 2003. The locations of these calls are as follows: 105 from Stratton, 16 from Winhall, 16 to Londonderry, 3 to Jamaica and 2 to Peru, 1 each to Weston, Windham and Townshend. 75 of the 136 responses were transfers of critically ill or injured patients from the Carlos Otis Clinic to area hospitals for definitive care treatment. The remaining 61 ambulance calls were emergency responses to the community for illness and injury initiated through the statewide 911 system.

The 61 community responses that Stratton Mountain Rescue responded to may be broken down further; 30 were on Stratton, 16 in Winhall, 4 of which were mutual aid to the Londonderry Volunteer Rescue Squad (LVRS) coverage area. Other mutual aid calls into the LVRS coverage area included 6 to Londonderry, 2 to Peru and one time each to Weston and Windham. We also responded 3 times on mutual aid support to the Jamaica Rescue coverage area.

During this past year Stratton Mountain Rescue was fortunate to receive mutual aid support by LVRS. As well, we also received paramedic services from LeFevre Ambulance Service and Manchester Rescue. On two occasions this past year our patients were transported by helicopter to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, once by the Dartmouth Hitchcock Air Medical Response Team (DHART) and once by Hartford Life Star.

Stratton Mountain Rescue's call volume increased from 119 calls in 2001 and 124 in 2002 to 136 in 2003. This year almost 50 percent of our duties were to the community, with 61 of the 136 calls generated by the state 911 system.

Stratton Mountain Rescue is made entirely of volunteers and is a joint effort by the Stratton Corp. and the Carlos Otis Stratton Mountain Clinic; a non-profit organization founded in 1971 to provide medical care to the Stratton Community. We increased our membership from 41 members in 2001 to 56 this past year. Additionally, we increased our advanced life support capabilities from 1 Paramedic and 1 advanced-care EMT to 2 Paramedics and 4 advanced-care EMTs this year. This makes Stratton Mountain Rescue one of the largest volunteer emergency services in the area, especially during the winter recreation season. As we

increase our membership and continue to train our members to higher levels of emergency medicine we look forward to supporting the community in both preventative and emergency medical roles. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Josh Rosenblum
EMS Supervisor and Training Officer,
Stratton Mountain Rescue

Peace on your hand
and
health to all who shake it.

Mountain Valley Medical Clinic

Mountain Valley has been quite busy during the past year. We have undertaken several "behind-the-scenes" upgrades with the goal of a more efficient facility and better delivery of medical services. We finished installation of a new roof and completely reworked the heating system, as well as acquiring a new piece of laboratory equipment that greatly decreases waiting time for vital test results.

The Clinic continues its mission to serve all who seek care without regard to their ability to pay and continues to provide very large amounts of unreimbursed care. We are assisted in making up this deficit by your generous Town appropriations, by proceeds from the Mountain Valley Open Golf Tournament, by donations to our Annual Campaign, and by grants from local organizations including Wantastiquet Rotary, the Thrifty Attic, and the Stratton Foundation.

We are grateful for your monetary contributions and we thank you for your ongoing support of our mission. If you are not a current patient, we would be pleased to introduce you to our Clinic and to become your family doctor. Please contact any of the directors listed below or stop in at any time to visit the Clinic and meet our caring and competent staff.

*Jean G. Cavanagh,
President*

*Londonderry
Annie Fujii
Jean Cavanagh
John L Barry III
Rollin Rowley
Robert McCabe MD
Peter Stock*

*Peru
Barbara O'Donnell
Adele Martin*

*Weston
Carole Lechthaler*

*Landgrove
Warren D. Fuller
D. Jay Snyder
Michael Jeffrey*

*Winhall
Barbara Little*

**Mountain Valley Medical Clinic
Financial Summary
Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2003**

	2003	Budget 2004
Patient Visits	11,500	11,600
Net Revenue	\$922,600	\$1,000,000
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,244,700	\$1,248,000
(Loss from Operations)	(\$322,100)	(\$248, 000)
Other Income:		
Annual Fund	\$134,600	\$150,000
Misc. Income/Gifts*	\$231,000	\$100,000

*This income is from a variety of sources: Fundraising events like the Tater Skins Golf Tournament, Town appropriations, special gifts; bequests, grants, interest income from our modest endowment, rental income.

Otis Health Care Center Grace Cottage Hospital

2003 was an extremely busy and productive year at the Otis Health Care Center. Messenger Valley Pharmacy, Grace Cottage Hospital Rehab, the laboratory, X-ray and Grace Cottage Family Health (the physicians' practice) continued to expand services in response to increased demand. Dr. Timothy Shafer and his staff, including nurse practitioner Louise McDevitt, joined Grace Cottage in July. Dr. Maurice Geurts joined the medical staff in September, following his three-year residency program at the University of Vermont; prior to this he was the chief medical officer at a 200-bed hospital in Malawi, Africa. Dr. Moss Linder and Dr. Kimona Alin bring the total to five family physicians on staff, in addition to a psychiatrist, Dr. Judy Tietz, two podiatrists, Drs. David and Kimberly Liebow, and a pediatrician, Dr. Elizabeth Linder.

The West River Valley Elder Care Task Force and the Otis Health Care Center board's eldercare committee continue to explore options for home and community-based eldercare, in addition to the 14-bed Heins Home and Grace Cottage Adult Day Services. During the year, the task force produced an eldercare needs assessment and the Otis Health Care Elder Care committee commissioned a market feasibility study on special needs housing for elders; copies of both reports are available upon request.

Grace Cottage Hospital has seen an increase in occupancy from an average of 67% to 95% this past fall and early winter. We stand ready to serve the residents of Winhall with personal, professional healthcare.

Winhall residents are always welcome to join me for a cup of coffee and a tour of the entire hospital complex.

*Al LaRochelle,
Administrator*

Services	FY1993*	FY2002*	FY2003*
Emergency Room Visits	1,216	1,978	1,006
Ambulance Calls	109	303	308
Lab Tests	16,014	39,033	43,391
X-Rays	1,858	2,580	2,695
Physician Visits	0	23,576	24,412
Physical, Occupational & Speech Therapy	4,661	18,916	19,637
Retail Prescriptions Filled	0	39,764	43,576
Dollars of Free Care Provided	\$126,214	\$255,300	\$363,795

*The Otis Health Care Center's fiscal year is Oct. 1- Sept. 30.

May you be
as well as
you can bear to be.

Windham Solid Waste Management District

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

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

The District did experience problems due to recycling contamination from people putting garbage and other non-recyclable items in the recycling drop-off containers. This resulted in having to close yet another drop-off site this past year along Route 30 in West Dummerston. Everyone's cooperation is needed to help keep these sites clean and used properly for recyclable materials. The District once again obtained a federal grant to provide educational assistance to residents, businesses and institutions within the District. We provided book and textile recycling throughout the District and continue to accept textiles full time at the District Facility in Brattleboro. The thermometer exchange and hypodermic needle disposal from home use projects have also been highly successful and will continue to be available for District residents. Please call if there are questions about the programs.

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

As always, the District Convenience Center in Brattleboro is

available for use by residents and accepts used crankcase oil, fluorescent tubes, batteries, ballasts and other materials on a daily basis. Call ahead for questions related to costs and a list of items that can be disposed of, or recycled through this program. Please call the District at 257-0272 with any questions or to arrange a tour of the facility. Everyone is always welcome to view what happens to the recyclables once they arrive at the Materials Recycling Facility for processing.

Safe and Easy "Weed" Killer

**1 Gallon Vinegar
1 Teaspoon Salt
1 Tablespoon Dish Detergent**

**Place ingredients in a hand sprayer,
mix thoroughly,
and then spray on those nasty weeds.**

Center for Restorative Justice

In 1979 Court Diversion began as a program that offered a community's response to juvenile offenses as an alternative to the formal court procedure. The Diversion Review Board, a volunteer board of community citizens, strives to respond to the needs of the victim by mandating apologies and restitution, to the community by requiring public service and donations, and to the offender by demanding participation in programs that may change behavior such as job training, parenting skills, GED tutoring, alcohol & other drug screening, therapy, etc.

Over the years this opportunity has been expanded to include adults; other programs have been added as well. Today Court Diversion is an agency sponsoring several grant-funded programs; Juvenile Restorative Probation Program, and Community Support and Supervision Program (Street Checkers) which provide support and supervision to at-risk adolescents, as well as traditional Diversion. Additionally, in July 2000 the Teen Alcohol Safety Program (TASP) was established in response to a change in legislation that decriminalizes first-offense Possession of Malt Beverage charges. The Court Diversion Program was designated as administrator of TASP by the State. Now a civil ticket, the legislature mandated that every young person be assessed and treated, if necessary, for their alcohol use. We believe prevention, education, and treatment, as well as enforcement, will help to stem the tide of underage alcohol consumption.

1% of Court Diversion referrals and 2% of TASP referrals are Bondville residents. 91% of all referrals are under the age of 21. 87% of Diversion participants successfully completed the requirements of their Diversion contract. 91% of those who complete their requirements do not commit further criminal acts. In addition, Court Diversion participants have returned over \$58,000 in restitution and donations to their communities and performed over 31,000 hours of public service work. The Senior Meals Program, American Red Cross, Bennington Project Independence, The Wilson House, Equinox Terrace and Manchester Parks and Recreation are some of the organizations or projects that have benefited from Diversion clients' community service work or charitable donations.

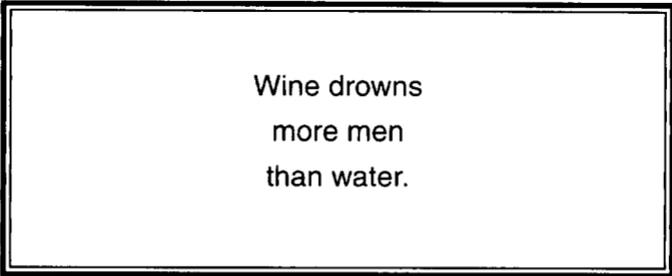
Although the Juvenile Restorative Probation Program and the

Community Support and Supervision Program (Street Checkers) are self-sustaining through grants from the Agency of Human Services, the Court Diversion Program and Teen Alcohol Safety Program must rely on local fundraising to supplement the appropriation from the legislature and client fees.

We thank the voters of Bondville for their support and look forward to continuing our commitment to provide programs that respond to the needs of the victim, the community and the offender.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Kennedy, Esq.
Executive Director



Wine drowns
more men
than water.

Council on Aging of Southeastern Vermont, Inc.

The Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. (COASEV, Inc.) fosters and supports successful aging of seniors in the Winhall community and throughout Windham and Windsor Counties. COASEV staff, along with seniors and other community members, develop, advocate, coordinate and assure access to services which enhance the quality of their lives in Winhall. To accomplish this mission in Winhall we provide direct services as those listed below, as well as work collaboratively with other organizations in Winhall.

- Information and Assistance - Through the Senior Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 - Providing resources, tips, applications for benefits, and assistance with health insurance information.
- Senior Nutrition - Home-delivered meals have been arranged through a local provider and delivered by local volunteers, and congregate meals are available in Townshend and Londonderry.
- Transportation - Special arrangements are made for non-Medicaid seniors requiring medical transportation.
- Case Management - Providing one on one case management to those wishing to stay in their community and by managing the Medicaid Waiver program which provides nursinghome like care. With self-neglect referrals we assist the individual to become aware of and access services thus regaining control of their lives. One client is currently receiving these services.
- Advocacy - Assisting with accessing a wide array of benefits such as VHAP pharmacy, fuel assistance, food stamps, telephone lifeline, tax rebates, and Supplemental Security Income. These services are provided through home visits.
- Care Giver Respite - Through grants we are able to provide respite assistance for caregivers of those diagnosed with dementia and other chronic diseases.
- Senior Companion Program - Providing friendly visiting as well as a stipend employment opportunity for older, limited income workers.
- Planning - for seniors is accomplished by working with legislators, other agencies, and the communities we serve.
- Successful Aging Initiatives - Providing a series of small community grants for groups and organizations to create and expand their programs.

Your town contribution of \$400 will generate \$2267 in Federal matching funds. Services are provided at no cost, but participants are encouraged to make anonymous, voluntary contributions. The support of Winhall citizens as well as that of the hundreds of volunteers and dedicated staff make these services possible.

Marie Saunders, Executive Director

Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc

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 Winhall 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	42
Medical Social Worker	6
Home Health Aide	14
Total Visits	62

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 & NH
2003 Budget Statement of Operations**

	<u>2003 Budget</u>
INCOME	
Patient Billings	\$ 13,360,576
Grant Income	661,586
Contract Income	152,428
Municipal/County/United Way	817,775
MHMH Operating Support	98,250
Net Assets Released from Restriction	434,000
Clinic Revenue	30,063
Total Operating Income	<u>\$15,824,678</u>
EXPENSE	
Wages	\$9,586,700
Benefits	2,205,835
Mileage	610,982
Purchased Services - Direct	260,247
Purchased Services - Misc	320,875
Program/Clinical Supplies/Pharmacy	532,945
Office Expense	380,225
Insurance	51,260
Administrative	275,792
Depreciation	245,735
Fundraising	15,702
Occupancy Related	620,999
Telephone Expense	345,291
Bad Debt Expense	204,459
Vermont Provider Tax	470,101
Interest Expense	39,859
Total Operating Expense	<u>\$16,167,007</u>
Operating Gain/Loss	<u>-\$342,329</u>
Non-Operating Income	
Contributions/Fundraising Events	\$539,010
Interest & Dividends	\$57,045
Total Non-Operating Income	<u>\$596,055</u>
NET GAIN/(LOSS)	<u>\$253,726</u>
Gains/losses on investments	<u>\$0</u>
Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>\$253,726</u>

Green Mountain National Forest

The phrase "CARING FOR THE LAND AND SERVING THE PEOPLE," captures the Forest Service mission. As set forth in law, the mission is to achieve quality public land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse need of people. Some of the highlights of this past year's programs include:

We are feverishly trying to finish the Green Mountain National Forest ***Land and Resource Management Plan*** (Forest Plan). The Forest Plan is an extremely important document, and directs how we will manage the Green Mountain National Forest (Forest), including what types and amounts of goods and services will be provided. Here is a listing of the meeting we held:

- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **Notice of Intent** comments and Desired Future conditions, January and February, 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **draft goals**, March 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **recreation and lands acquisition**, April 2003;
- Species Viability Evaluation panels for **plants and animals**, April-August 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **newly acquired lands** (9.2 lands), may 2003
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **Class I and II roads**, June 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **trails**, July 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **biodiversity and ecosystem management**, August 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **Wilderness**, September 2003;
- Public meetings in Arlington and Londonderry on **vegetation and timber management**, October 1003; and

We are now holding public planning group meetings on the final details of the plan, (setting up the zoning or management areas, setting goals and objectives, etc.), I cannot encourage you enough to become involved in this effort! Watch the newspaper for upcoming meetings or contact the Forest to get on the mailing list. Your opinion is important, and we want to hear from you!

In the field, our wildlife program continues to focus on federally listed threatened and endangered species. Working with State (Vermont and New York) and Federal agencies, we continue to

monitor the Indiana bat populations in Vermont. We also continued Canada lynx surveys using hair snares for a fourth year. As in the past, no lynx were detected. Surveys for both species are likely to take place in 2004. The Forest continued its apple tree release program on the Manchester District using both Forest staff and volunteers to complete approximately 15 acres of release work.

In fisheries management, we continue to work with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department and southern watershed groups on a variety of inventory and habitat surveys of the Batten Kill, as well as riverbank restoration projects.

In vegetation management, we have four timber sale projects on the entire Forest. Timber stand improvement happened on 112 acres and site preparation for natural regeneration on 94 acres. Environmental Analysis continued for the Greendale Project in Weston; and the Nordic Project in Winhall, Peru and Landgrove.

In recreation management, construction was completed on the Hapgood Pond dam. The Vermont Youth Conservation Corps rebuilt trails and bridges in several areas. Numerous volunteer groups, including VAST and the Green Mountain Club, as well as campground hosts and other individuals donated of their time and energy to improving recreation opportunities on the Forest.

The Forest grew by 2,844 acres through the acquisition of 4 parcels of land, and is now approximately 387,000 acres. The largest parcel was 2,720 acres in the Town of Wardsboro. Smaller parcels were acquired in Woodford, Warren, and Rochester.

U.S. Forest Service personnel were on site of the Challenger spacecraft disintegration in February. They helped NASA find pieces in a small area of Texas and were instrumental in finding several pieces that became part of the overall puzzle of that incident. We also sent out 15 interagency crews (20 people crews) to help in fighting wildfire in the west.

We wish to thank our many partners and cooperators who have helped us make 2004 a very successful year! We look forward to serving you in the new year, and in working closely with you on the stewardship of YOUR Green Mountain National Forest.

*Sincerely,
Ginna Owens,
District Ranger*

Flood Brook Athletic Association

The board of the Flood Brook Athletic Association would like to thank all town residents for their support of our efforts during the past year. The FBAA has traditionally provided basketball and baseball programs for our area's youth, and we strive to make children's participation in athletic activities a positive and rewarding experience.

This past year, our young athletes also learned how they could help others. In March, at our first annual "Shoot-A-Thon" event, the basketball players not only had an opportunity to showcase their skills, but also through their fundraising efforts were able to raise over \$3000 for the ALS Foundation.

Also, this past spring saw the beginning of our third program-lacrosse. Over 30 5th through 8th grade girls participated in this exciting sport. We hope to expand and provide a boys team this year as well.

Due to these new programs and growing participation, our numerous fund raising activities, as well as registration fees, are not enough to cover our increasing expenses. Player uniforms and equipment, Pingree Park baseball field maintenance, custodial expenses at Flood Brook School, umpire and referee fees, and many other costs continue to exceed our income. Many area residents and businesses have supported our efforts through the years with donations, team sponsorships and volunteer services, but still we fall short.

Therefore, we request of the select board and the residents of Winhall your consideration for an appropriation of \$500 to assist us in providing these valuable athletic programs.

In closing, I would like to thank the very dedicated past and present members of our board, as well as our many parent coaches and managers for all of their many hours of wonderful contributions to the youth of our community. Their efforts are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Bob Borella
President, FBAA

Flood Brook Athletic Association Financial Statement

Income

Baseball Registration	\$1,980.00
Baseball Team Sponsors	\$2,400.00
Basketball Registration	\$1,320.00
Fundraising Events	\$1,700.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00
Thrifty Attic Donation	\$1,000.00
Town Donations	\$5,000.00
Concession Income	\$250.00

Total Income: **\$15,650.00**

Expenses

Advertising	\$1,000.00
Basketball Tournament	\$600.00
Concession Food	\$600.00
Construction of New Concession Building	\$500.00
Concession Stand Propane Connections	\$700.00
Dumpster	\$300.00
Equipment Expenses	\$3,400.00
Field Maintenance	\$300.00
Office Supplies	\$300.00
Portable Toilet Service	\$600.00
Printing	\$400.00
Referee	\$1,000.00
Uniforms	\$6,000.00

Total Expenses: **\$18,900.00**

Net Income: **(\$3,250.00)**

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.

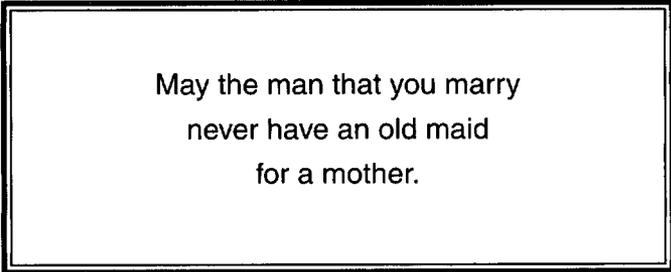
In large part, volunteer elected and appointed municipal officials lead these governments. VLCT provides the following services to its member cities and towns, to strengthen the ability of these officials to provide quality services at affordable levels of taxation:

- 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 4,00 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 of 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 municipi-

pal 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.



May the man that you marry
never have an old maid
for a mother.

Vermont Coalition of Municipalities

The organized effort to substantially reform Act 60 and reduce the reliance on the property tax to fund education is not over. Despite the recent enactment of Act 60 reform,, we believe the promise of lower education property taxes will be short term.

We contend that in July of 2004, when this new law goes into effect,, the property taxes will be a good deal higher than estimated and will continue to rise rapidly over the next two years. When the rising tax impact is felt, the pressure to reform the statewide property tax system will greatly increase.

In a letter to all legislators in May of 2003, we stated the following reason for our opposition to the changes in the reform legislation because is still retained many of the onerous features that were a part of Act 60 such as:

- Over-dependence on the property tax to fund education;
- Reliance on a flawed property valuation and equalization system;
- Rapidly rising property values, which under the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) system, increase tax rates;
- A system based on tax rate instead of tax burden;
- Lack of cost controls over rising education costs; and
- Tax policy inhibiting economic development and job creation.

As noted above, there continue to be serious problems with the state system of financing education. The Coalition intends to continue to be an organized force fighting for property tax relief. In the coming year we also intend to monitor closely the studies on cost containment and grand list issues established by the law.

We will also work through the legislature and the administration to correct the inequities in the education equalization system and the problems caused in the way property values are determined.

Windham Regional Commission

The Windham Regional Commission works with 27 towns in southeastern Vermont to address regional issues and help towns to provide effective local government. Each town annually appoints two representatives to the commission. Winhall's current representatives are Ted Friedman and George Abel. Commissioners serve on a number of committees that mirror the concerns of the region, including both standing committees and ones that are formed on an ad hoc basis to address specific issues.

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

Energy issues:

- Catamount Energy, Inc.-a Central Vermont Public Service subsidiary-is seeking to develop up to 50 megawatts of wind power on Glebe Mountain in Londonderry and Windham, which may mean construction of up to twenty-seven wind turbines. To date, the WRC has convened a series of public meetings to review and discuss major issues and worked with state and other regional organizations to better understand the potential impacts involved. We currently are participating in a series of community-based discussions, led by others, that are aimed at resolving some of the difficult conflicts that such a development presents.
- On a later schedule and therefore consuming less WRC staff time at present, is an anticipated proposal by Green Mountain Power to significantly expand the Searsburg wind farm, currently consisting of eleven turbines rated at about 6 megawatts, potentially adding up to 19 new turbines and 34 additional megawatts of rated power.
- Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee filed an application for Vermont Public Service Board approval to increase its power output by approximately 20%, from 540 to about 650 megawatts. The WRC is participating in this proceeding, which began in January 2003 and is expected to continue into spring 2004. At the same time, we anticipate that Entergy will apply in 2004 for approval of dry

cask, on-site storage of spent nuclear fuel, which will extend this higher level of involvement well into 2005 or 2006.

Public Transportation

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

Other on-going work has included:

- Regional transportation efforts, which included work with many towns to conduct Road Surface Management System inventories; identification of bridge and culvert issues; helping the Vermont Agency of Transportation to develop and implement its highway access management system; continued work on the West River Trail project; continued management of the Route 121 reconstruction project in Rockingham and Grafton (with phase I being, completed in 2003 and phase 2 to follow with bids in December 2003); help to towns on lower-scale but important projects like sidewalks and other bicycle/pedestrian improvements; and others.
- Natural resource planning, which is at the core of the Work's mission and has included work with the West River Watershed Alliance and other "basin planning" groups, review of state programs and policies aimed at improving energy efficiency in Vermont; work to improve local and regional programs and policies that affect water quality, such as storm water management and wastewater disposal rules; and others.
- Community development and related planning work, which included major efforts like the Work's Brownfield's Reuse Initiative which now has completed assessments on 14 of over 20 nominated sites (the Brownfield program received its 3d block of funding from the USEPA this year) and will continue through 2004; municipi-

pal planning and land use regulation assistance, which included help with ' planning and land use regulation projects in eleven towns; increased work to provide education and information for local officials, including five "Cross-Town Talks" educational sessions, four Zoning Administrator Workshops, sponsorship and participation in three state-wide sessions over Vermont Interactive Television; help to the Vermont Environmental Board as it considered changes to its rules and procedures; the "Livable Communities" education program which wrapped up later in calendar- year 2003 with a highly successful two-day course for forty-six participants; continued help on- Connecticut River Scenic Byway projects, including the now completed Bellows Falls Waypoint Interpretive Center; and others.

- Support of regional emergency planning and preparation efforts, which included continued work with towns and support of the Local Emergency Planning Committee; increased efforts to assist local governments to coordinate their responses to ever-increasing federal and state-sponsored security and emergency preparedness programs; efforts to continually improve homeland security and pre-disaster mitigation planning, which aim to minimize damage or disruption from reasonably predictable events, such as floods and severe storms; and others.

The WRC's core budget is partially funded by member town assessments, which are essential to receiving other state and federal support. The \$1.39 per resident rate for 2004, based on 2000 population estimates, results in a total assessment of \$976.00 from Winhall for the new fiscal year. For information on the WRC and its programs. contact your Town Representative or the WRC office at 139 Main Street, Suite 505, Brattleboro, (802) 257-4547; e-mail wrc@sover.net. Visit our website at www.rpc.windham.vt.us.

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.

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.

"Green Up Vermont"
Green Up Day, May 1 2004

Thirty-three years strong, "Green Up Day" is a special -day when Vermonters clean and spruce up their communities. We were the first state in our nation to designate a day for such cleaning of the entire state. Working together, we can keep our unique Green Up spirit growing for Vermont.

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 5010 (3) organization that promotes litter-free communities by supporting Green Up Day, civic pride and education.

Over 13,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2003, using over 33,000 Green Up bags, collecting over 200 tons of trash, piles of mixed metals and tires. Green Up Vermont arranged widespread promotional support in excess of \$25,000.

The success of Green Up for Vermont depends upon two essential ingredients. One is the combined efforts of individuals and civic groups who volunteer to make it all possible; and two, the financial support given by the public and private sectors throughout Vermont

With your town's help, we can continue our unique annual Vermont tradition of, taking care of our beautiful landscape and promoting civic pride so our children grow up with Green Up.

Careful use of resources minimizes Green Up's costs. The State appropriates funds that cover about 15 percent of our budget. The rest comes from gifts from towns, individuals and businesses. These funds pay for supplies, promotion and services of two part-time employees. We ask your community to contribute, according to population, to keep Green Up growing for Vermont.

F. Sheldon Prentice
President

The Chapel of the Snows

November 10, 2003

Dear Friends of the Chapel:

As the holiday season approaches, we ask that you take a moment to consider the Chapel of the Snows and the important role it plays in the Stratton community as a whole.

Be assured that your past support has been greatly appreciated as the Chapel launches its annual fund-raising drive. Annual giving is the most important source of funding for the community's non-denominational Chapel.

The Chapel is funded by only three other means: Rent from weddings and meetings; \$2,400 from the Catholic Diocese; and the Offertory at the Protestant service on Christmas Eve. Your thoughtful gifts are the most significant source of operating funds for the Chapel.

And, as we reflect on the seriousness of our commitment to the Chapel of the Snows, we look to you for your continued support. Please make your tax-deductible gifts payable to the Chapel of the Snows, c/o Holly Skea, P.O. Box 18, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

And finally, please make a note of our direct phone number, 802-297-4493, which has a recording of church services and events.

On behalf of the Chapel of the Snows Board of Trustees, I want to thank you for your continued support.

All the best,

Dr. David J. McKenna
President

**Winhall Town and School District
2003 Minutes - 2004 Warnings**



Herman Howard and Bear (1905)
Vaile Collection

Winhall Town Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2003

Lou Costanzo, Chairman of the Select board, called town meeting to order. First order of business was to appoint a moderator pro tem as Moderator Marcel Gisquet was out of town. Motion was made and seconded to nominate Paul Carroccio. Motion carried 'in the affirmative. Paul Carroccio opened with Flag salute. He stated the voting for officers was now open by Australian ballot and would remain open until 7:00 p.m. He also stated the meeting would be run by Robert's Rules. Frank Pinto made motion that we suspend the rules for speaking by state officials and others. Mr. Klemchuk seconded. Discussion on this motion. Stuart Coleman moved the question. Motion carried to suspend rules. Paul stated that David Kelly, Principal would be at the school and anyone who wished would be given a tour. The moderator told everyone that the original published warning in their town reports was invalid and the original warning posted February 10, 2003 was valid.

Article 1. To elect all town officers as required by law by Australian ballot. Motion made by Pat Glabach to approve. Seconded by Doug Velsor. No discussion. Motion approved by voice vote.

Article 2. To see if the town will approve the budget proposed by the Select Board and to authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to provide same. Motion by Ted Friedman to approve article 2. Seconded by Stu Fause. Lou explained some budget articles. Darlene asked what roads would be paved. They said about 2 1/2 miles on Winhall Hollow Road.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the Select Board to borrow money for the town in anticipation of taxes and federal and state monies allotted to the town. Motion by Dave Glabach to so authorize. Seconded by Stuart Coleman. No discussion. Article voted in the affirmative.

Article 4. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Bob Oakes said that lower Taylor Hill road was being used more

by the thru traffic and that accidents were becoming more frequent. He would like the board to look into how this road could be made safer. Discussion. Darlene Palola made motion that the town votes in favor of the resolution for sustainable energy. Darlene read the resolution.

A resolution that the citizens of the town of Winhall urgently call upon our Municipal leaders, state legislators, governor and congressional delegation to put Vermont in the forefront of a sustainable energy future. Specifically, we request immediate and ongoing action on legislative initiatives designed to promote energy efficiency in Vermont's homes, businesses, public buildings and transportation systems, and to encourage expansion of the renewable energy industry in the state of Vermont.

Seconded by John Spencer. Select board said it would be a non-binding vote. Discussion. Motion was approved in the affirmative.

Bob Oakes motion to have the Select board investigate purchasing a piece of property to build a new town office building and to report back with preliminary plans and cost at the next annual town meeting. Seconded by Carlene Palola. Teresa Ameden motion to amend to read new or to renovate existing building. Seconded by Joan Suttie. No discussion. The amendment was voted in the affirmative. The original motion was also voted in the affirmative.

Cindy Logan said the St. Patrick's Day parade would be held March 16.

Ted Friedman mentioned that the Town was redoing the zoning bylaws and he thought that everyone should be aware of any changes being made to the zoning. Ted also said that he thought the beautification committee should have a round of applause for the work in different areas of the town plantings etc

David Glabach said that spring green up day would be the 2nd weekend in May this year.

Motion by Lou Costanzo to adjourn until 7:00 p.m.

*Marion Jenks,
Town Clerk*

Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Winhall are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Winhall Community Center at the Mountain School on **TUESDAY MARCH 2, 2004** to transact the following business;

(The polls will be open for voting on Articles requiring Australian Ballot at **10:00 AM** and will close at **7:00 PM**)

ARTICLE 1. To elect all town officers as required by law.
(Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 2. To Determine: Will the Town approve Winhall's "proposed" Zoning Regulations as prepared by the Planning Commission. (Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 3. To Determine: Will the Town approve the budget proposed by the Select Board and authorize the Select Board to set a tax rate to provide same?

ARTICLE 4: To Determine: Will the Town authorize the Select Board to borrow money for the Town in anticipation of taxes and federal and state monies allotted to the Town?

ARTICLE 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 21st day of January 2004

Winhall Board of Selectmen
Frank Pinto, Chairman
Randy Ameden, Vice Chairman
Brian VanHorn, Member

**Winhall School District Meeting
March 4, 2003**

Article 1. To elect officers as required by law. Opened at 10:00 a.m.

Article 2. To see if the town will approve the budget proposed by the school directors. Motion by Kathy Velsor to approve. Seconded by Meg Costanzo. Ted Friedman amendment to the budget to include a salary of \$1,000.00 to the chairman and \$500.00 paid to the other two board members. Discussion. Article 2 was approved by voice vote with the addition of \$2,000.00.

Article 3. To see if the town will authorize the school board to borrow monies in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district. Motion by Pat Glabach to so authorize. Seconded by Bill Simmers. Article 3 was approved by voice vote.

Article 4. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting. None.

Meeting was adjourned until 7:00 p.m.

*Marion Jenks,
Town Clerk*

Your son is your son today,
but your daughter
is your daughter forever.

Winhall School District Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Winhall are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Winhall Community Center on **Tuesday, March 2nd, at 10:00 AM** to transact the following business:

(The polls will be open for voting on articles requiring Australian Ballot at **10:00 AM** and will close at **7:00PM**)

ARTICLE 1. To elect one (1) School Director for a three year term
(to be voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 2. To elect a moderator for the ensuing year. (to be
voted by Australian Ballot)

ARTICLE 3. To set the Annual 2004-2005 tuition rate to private or
approved independent schools up to the amount of
\$9,250.00 per pupil for students in grades 7 - 8 who
are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 4. To set the Annual 2004-2005 tuition rate to private or
approved independent schools up to the amount of
\$10,100.00 per pupil for students in grades 9 - 12
who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will approve the budget proposed
by the School Directors.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors
to transfer \$25,000 from the Capital Fund to the Bus Fund.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors
to borrow money for the school district in anticipation
of taxes and state money allocated to the district.

ARTICLE 8. To transact any other business that may legally come
before the meeting.

Dated this 21st day of January 2004.

Winhall School Directors:

Douglas Velsor

Diane Whatlety

Scott Bushee

1994



1995



1996



1997



1998



1999



2000



2001



2002



2003



This page is dedicated to Mr. Sandy Read a true friend of Winhall.

The prints represent ten consecutive years (1994 annual report to 2003 annual report) of Sandy's artistic drawings for the front cover of Winhall's annual Town Report.

**Vital Statistics
2003**

Births:

St. George, Maximilliam D'Artagnan May 10, 2003

Deaths:

Benson, Wendell Clarence June 16, 2002

Culnane, Michelle R. January 9, 2003

Cabouli, David April 26, 2003

Coffin, Peter October 20, 2003

Jacoby, Helen November 14, 2003

Burials:

Ogrinc, John William August 24, 2003

Marraiges:

Lombard, Deon to Pratt, Pamela Elizabeth March 10, 2003

Stevens, Gerald Erin to Stoddard, Linda Lee March 19, 2003

Burack, Paul Andrew to Meixner, Joan March 29, 2003

Pillsbury, Dana Walter to Birch, Abigail Holly June 15, 2003

Blask, Bradley John to Cornell, Jennifer Hill July 12, 2003

Dominick, David C. to Rouse, Tamara Marie August 2, 2003

Loew, Jonathon to Jones, Wendy K. September 27, 2003

Faucher, Thomas Edward to Miller, Katherine October 4, 2003

Spear, Brian to Pannkuk, Mariann October 4, 2003

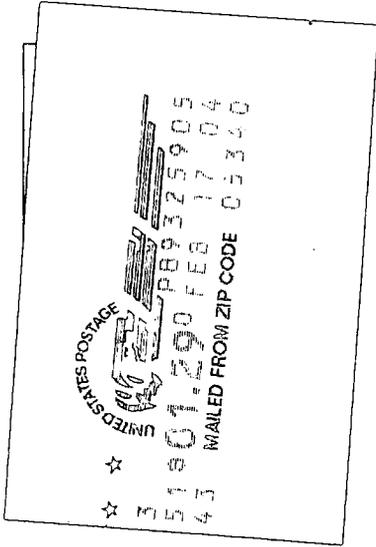
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