



Chisel Factory – Near Covered Bridge, Sunderland, Vermont. Mid 1800's.

# TOWN OF SUNDERLAND, VERMONT

THE ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2003

## NOTICE

*Town Business Meeting: March 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.*  
*School District Business Meeting: March 1, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.*  
*Ballot Boxes Open for Australian Balloting*  
*March 2, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

# TOWN OF SUNDERLAND DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY CALLS - RESCUE SQUAD - FIRE - POLICE .....	911
STATE POLICE (other than emergency).....	442-5421
FIRE DEPARTMENT (other than emergency) .....	375-2323
FIRE WARDEN .....	375-6003
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE .....	375-6106
Hours: Mon., Tues., & Thurs. 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	
Wed., 8:00 AM - Noon & 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	
Fridays By Appointment Only	
TOWN GARAGE .....	375-2865
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER.....	362-3626
BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION.....	362-2452
SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL .....	375-6100
EAST ARLINGTON POST OFFICE .....	375-6695
ARLINGTON POST OFFICE.....	375-6904
TRANSFER STATION .....	362-4082
Hours: 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM everyday except Saturday 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM	
Closed Wednesdays, Sundays, & Holidays - Buy Stickers At Site.	
MARTHA CANFIELD LIBRARY .....	375-6153
Hours: Tuesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday - Friday 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM,	
Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Saturday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.	

**REMINDER TO ALL SUNDERLAND RESIDENTS**  
**ON VERMONT STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS**  
**PLEASE USE CORRECT CODE AS FOLLOWS:**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT CODE 199**

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**TOWN AND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS  
2003-2004**

**TOWN MODERATOR** (1 year term)  
**TOWN CLERK** (3 year term) Expires 2004  
**TREASURER** (3 year term) Expires 2004

Melanie Hogg  
Rose Keough  
Rose Keough

**SELECTMEN:**

Term Expires 2004 (1 year term)  
Term Expires 2004 (1 year term)  
Term Expires 2004 (3 year term)  
Term Expires 2005 (3 year term)  
Term Expires 2006 (3 year term)

Richard Goddard, II  
Mary Grey  
Philip Bahan  
Diane King  
Dorothy Conklin

**FIRST CONSTABLE** (1 year term)

Gordon Hall

**SECOND CONSTABLE** (1 year term)

Dawn Kelley

**DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR** (1 year term)

Kathleen Morse

**LISTERS:**

Term Expires 2005 (3 year term)  
Term Expires 2006 (3 year term)  
Term Expires 2004 (3 year term)

Robert Montgomery  
Peter VanVleck, Jr.  
Vacant

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:**

Term Expires 2005 (3 year term)  
Term Expires 2004 (1 year of 3 year term)  
Term Expires 2004 (3 year term)

Lucille Morse  
Lester Hartman  
James Ennis

**AUDITORS:**

Term Expires 2005 (3 year term)  
Term Expires 2006 (2 years of 3 year term)  
Term Expires 2004 (3 year term)

Richard Ashley  
Vacant  
Frederick Maas

**TOWN GRAND JUROR** (1 year term)

Jack Oventhal

**TOWN AGENT** (1 year term)

Peter VanVleck, Jr.

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

Term Expires 2004 (3 year term)  
Term Expires 2004 (2 year term)  
Term Expires 2005 (2 year tem)  
Term Expires 2005 (3 year term)  
Term Expires 2006 (3 year term)  
**SCHOOL MODERATOR** (1 year term)

Linda McLenithan  
Darri Cepela-Beach  
Weiland Ross  
Russell Housman  
Carl Rice  
Melanie Hogg

**OTHER OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN  
2003-2004**

<b>ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER</b>	Thomas Harriman
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE CHAIRMAN</b>	Richard Goddard, II
<b>FENCE VIEWERS</b>	Selectboard
<b>GREEN-UP CHAIRMAN</b>	Alan "Hap" Eliason
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>	Albert "Bill" Bowen
<b>DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER</b>	Thomas Harriman
<b>INSPECTOR OF LUMBER,WOOD,&amp; SHINGLES</b>	Selectboard
<b>POUND KEEPER</b>	Green Mountain Animal Hospital
<b>SERVICE OFFICER</b>	Kathleen Morse
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	Selectboard
<b>WEIGHER OF COAL</b>	Selectboard
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR</b>	Thaddeus "Ted" Lenczowski
<b>TOWN FIRE WARDEN</b>	Paul Ennis, Sr.
<b>Benn. County Regional Commission Represenatives:</b>	
Edward Toth	Term Expires April 2004
<b>PLANNING BOARD:</b>	
Richard Ashley	Term Expires March 2005
Roy Johnson	Term Expires March 2004
Joseph McNulty	Term Expires March 2004
Weiland Ross	Term Expires March 2006
Edward Toth	Term Expires March 2004
<b>ZONING BOARD:</b>	
<b>VACANT</b>	
Robert Alexander	Term Expires March 2005
William Weibel	Term Expires March 2006
Edward Cotter	Term Expires March 2004
Peter VanVleck, Jr.	Term Expires March 2004
<b>JUSTICE OF THE PEACE :</b>	
<b>Elected November 5, 2002      Term to begin February 1, 2003</b>	
Linda Green	
Amy Jo Montgomery	
Carl Rice	
Rose Stone	
Sally Stone	

## 2003-2004 SCHEDULE OF SALARIES AND WAGES AND ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

By authority granted under Article 2 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting, we hereby establish the following rates of compensation for Town Officers and Employees until the next annual Town Meeting.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER .....	\$150.00 /monthly
AUDITORS.....	7.50 /hour
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY (election matters).....	7.00 /hour
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY (other matters).....	7.00 /hour
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.....	125.00 /annually
CONSTABLES.....	7.50 /hour
HEALTH OFFICER.....	9.00/hour
LISTERS.....	10.00 /hour
MODERATOR.....	50.00 /meeting
PLANNING BOARD - CHAIRMAN.....	350.00 /annually
PLANNING BOARD - SECRETARY.....	300.00 /annually
RECORDING SECRETARY.....	10.00 /hour
ROAD FOREMAN.....	15.28 /hour
ROAD HELPER.....	11.90 /hour
SELECTMEN - CHAIR (as approved by auditors).....	1100.00 /annually
SELECTMEN - CLERK (as approved by auditors).....	1050.00/annually
SELECTMEN (as approved by auditors).....	950.00 /annually
TOWN CLERK.....	10000.00 /annually
TOWN CLERK.....	Fees
TOWN TREASURER.....	10000.00 /annually
TOWN CLERK/TREASURER ASSISTANT.....	7.50 /hour
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.....	9.00 /hour
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.....	Fees
ZONING BOARD - CHAIRMAN.....	350.00 /annually
ZONING BOARD - SECRETARY.....	300.00 /annually
MILEAGE.....	0.31 /mile

## REGULAR MEETINGS OF TOWN OFFICIALS

**SELECTMEN:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Sunderland Elementary School at 7:30 P.M.

**SCHOOL BOARD:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Elementary School at 7:00 P.M.

**CEMETERY COMMISSION:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Sunderland Town Clerk's Office at 6:30 P.M.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Sunderland Elementary School at 7:00 P.M.

### TAX RATES

GENERAL FUND AMOUNT OF \$111,042.00 + GRAND LIST OF \$838,839.34

RATE = \$ .13

HIGHWAY FUND AMOUNT OF \$178,225.00 + GRAND LIST OF \$838,839.34

RATE = \$ .21

CEMETERY FUND AMOUNT OF \$4,546.00 + GRAND LIST OF \$838,839.34

RATE = \$ .01

SCHOOL FUND AMOUNT OF \$1,465,741.00 + GRAND LIST OF \$810,186.00

RATE = \$ 1.81

**TOTAL TAX RATE**

**\$ 2.16**

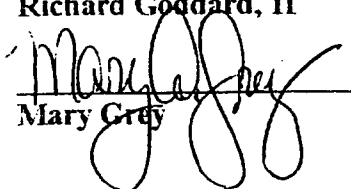
By authority, duly granted by T. 16 Sec. 428 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated, we do hereby establish the forgoing rates of taxation for the 2003 - 2004 Fiscal Year which concludes June 30, 2004.

  
Philip Bahr, Chairman

  
Dorothy Conklin, Clerk

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Richard Goddard, II

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Diane King

  
Mary Grey

## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF SUNDERLAND WARNING**

The legal voters of the Town of Sunderland, Vermont in the County of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland Elementary School in said Town on Monday, March 1, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. to act upon Articles 1 through 18 and at the conclusion of this meeting to adjourn until Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. to vote by Australian Ballot upon Articles 19 through 24.

- Article 1.** To see if the Town will approve the reports of the Town Officers as presented in the Annual Report.
- Article 2.** To see what compensation will be paid the various Town Officers and to authorize the Selectmen to establish the salaries, wages and other compensation of the employees and other officers of the Town.
- Article 3.** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to properly finance the affairs of the Town.
- Article 4.** To see if the Town will pay its personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15 and April 15.
- Article 5.** To see if the Town will levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes of One Percent (1%) Per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months, and thereafter One and One Half Percent (1.5%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date of each installment as provided by T32 VSA Sec. 5136 as amended.
- Article 6.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 7.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,940.00 to be used for general operating expenses for the Arlington Recreational and Park Committee, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 8.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Rescue Squad, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 9.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 to help defray the expenses of the Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount.




- Article 10.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Burdett Commons, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 11.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Highway Equipment Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the State/Town Bridge Co-Op Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to be added to the Paving Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 14.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the Guardrail Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Office Building Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$ 8,305.00 to defray the expenses of the new municipal office building, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount.
- Article 17.** To see if the Town will exempt 4-H Camp Ondawa, Inc. from taxation for three years. (to begin with 2004-2005 fiscal year)
- Article 18.** To transact any other non-binding business.
- Article 19.** Shall the Town of Sunderland borrow (bond or commercial loan) an amount not to exceed the sum of \$ 215,000.00, to be used for the purpose of constructing a municipal office building. (The monies would be added to the Municipal Office Building Sinking Fund.)
- Article 20.** To see if the Town will adopt the interim Telecommunications Facility Zoning Bylaw Section 11.00 as a permanent bylaw of the Town of Sunderland.
- Article 21.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$ 6,625.00 to defray the expenses of the Cemetery Maintenance Fund.
- Article 22.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$ 106,925.00 to defray the General Expenses of the Town. (Budget amount of \$ 120,395.00; Anticipated income estimated at \$ 13,470.00; Taxes estimated at \$ 106,925.00).

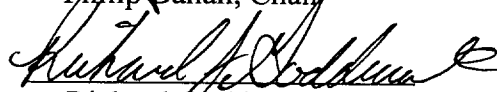
**Article 23.** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$110,340.00 to defray the Highway Expenses of the Town. (Budget amount of \$ 215,240.00; Anticipated income estimated at \$ 104,900.00; Taxes estimated at \$ 110,340.00).

**Article 24.** To elect by Australian Ballot the following officers, as required by law:

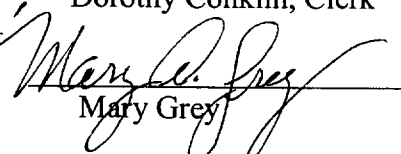
<b>Town Moderator</b> - 1 year term	<b>Town Clerk</b> - 3 year term
<b>Town Treasurer</b> - 3 year term	<b>Selectman</b> - 3 year term
<b>Selectman</b> - 1 year term	<b>Selectman</b> - 1 year term
<b>First Constable</b> - 1 year term	<b>Second Constable</b> - 1 year term
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector</b> - 1 year term	<b>Lister</b> - 3 year term
<b>Cemetery Commissioner</b> - 3 year term	<b>Cemetery Commissioner</b> - 2 year term
<b>Auditor</b> - 3 year term	<b>Auditor</b> - 2 year term
<b>Town Grand Juror</b> - 1 year term	<b>Town Agent</b> - 1 year term

DATED THIS 27th DAY OF JANUARY AD, 2004

  
Philip Bahan, Chair

  
Richard Goddard, II

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Dorothy Conklin, Clerk

  
Mary Grey

\_\_\_\_\_  
Diane King

SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Received for record this 27th day of January A.D.,  
2004 at 7:00 PM.

ATTEST:   
ROSE M. KEOUGH, TOWN CLERK

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND  
DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

**TAX DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT**

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/1/02	\$ 5,004.52
Interest - Checking	466.96
- Late Payments	496.37
Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes (02-03)	1,466,255.59

Disbursements:

Transfers General Fund	\$ 44,000.00
Highway Fund	157,501.57
School Fund	1,266,158.00
Cemetery Fund	3,588.00
Office Supplies	32.75
Total Receipts	
and Disbursements	\$ 1,472,223.44    \$ 1,471,280.32
Cash in Bank 6/30/03	943.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,472,223.44    \$ 1,472,223.44</b>

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND**  
**STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS, SAVINGS & TRUST ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

	<b>Balance 07/01/02</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Outgoing Transfers</b>	<b>Incoming Transfers</b>	<b>Balance 06/30/03</b>
Cemetery Trust	\$ 42517.10	\$ 513.86	\$ 513.86	\$ 600.00	<b>\$43117.10</b>
Certificate of Deposit (National Forest)	136017.00	4180.14	4180.14	0.00	<b>136017.00</b>
Highway Equipment	18628.61	267.51	0.00	20000.00	<b>38896.12</b>
Housing Re-Hab	4830.36	53.24	0.00	0.00	<b>4883.60</b>
Landfill Litigation	22118.48	273.66	1500.00	0.00	<b>20892.14</b>
Municipal Office Bldg	100162.02	1245.95	0.00	10000.00	<b>111407.97</b>
National Forest	9199.44	106.51	0.00	0.00	<b>9305.95</b>
Office Equipment	19034.62	230.32	0.00	0.00	<b>19264.94</b>
Paving	0.00	0.00	40000.00	40000.00	<b>0.00</b>
Planning Grant	2750.21	0.00	2750.21	0.00	<b>0.00</b>
Reappraisal Fund	24380.92	318.69	185.40	4704.00	<b>29218.21</b>
Savings - Tri-Centennial	282.37	.77	0.00	0.00	<b>283.14</b>
State/Town Bridge Co-Op	73032.67	900.59	0.00	15000.00	<b>88933.26</b>
911 Grant	761.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>761.74</b>
Guard Rail Fund	6153.91	0.00	8153.91	2000.00	<b>0.00</b>

# **Proposed Budget General Fund** **For Fiscal Year July 01,2004 to June 30,2005**

	Budget 7/02 to 6/03	Expense 7/02 to 6/03	Budget 7/03 to 6/04	Proposed 7/04 to 6/05
Animal Control	\$2,200.00	\$1,892.80	2,200.00	1,000.00
Appropriations	\$3,595.00	\$3,595.00	4,395.00	4,845.00
Assessment	\$8,000.00	\$8,103.98	8,500.00	9,000.00
Dues	\$600.00	\$820.00	600.00	1,000.00
Fire Protection	\$28,500.00	\$26,727.84	27,000.00	27,000.00
Fire Warden	\$600.00	0	600.00	600.00
Insurance	\$4,500.00	\$5,705.00	4,900.00	7,500.00
Landfill	\$5,000.00	\$3,944.81	5,000.00	5,000.00
Law Enforcement	\$3,000.00	\$6,349.89	3,000.00	3,000.00
Legal	\$5,500.00	\$3,865.34	5,500.00	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$28.52	100.00	100.00
Office Equip/Lease	\$5,000.00	\$3,283.88	4,000.00	4,000.00
Office Rental	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Office Supplies	\$3,200.00	\$3,404.49	3,200.00	3,200.00
Payroll	\$39,000.00	\$38,513.67	39,000.00	40,000.00
Planning	\$1,250.00	\$500.21	500.00	1000.00
Retirement	\$1,500.00	0	1,500.00	1,500.00
Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$837.43	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Meeting	\$1,000.00	\$1,398.47	800.00	1,400.00
Town Reports	\$2,500.00	\$1,629.81	2,500.00	2,000.00
Training/Workshops	\$250.00	\$119.48	250.00	250.00
Zoning	\$150.00	0	150.00	150.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$120,045.00</b>	<b>\$114,320.62</b>	<b>\$118,295.00</b>	<b>120,395.00</b>
Appropriations (Voted)	\$14,650.00	14,650.00	14,890.00	0
Town Office Building	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$144,695.00</b>	<b>\$138,970.62</b>	<b>\$143,185.00</b>	<b>130,395.00</b>
(Taxes to Highway Fund )	0.00	14,009.43	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$144,695.00</b>	<b>\$152,980.05</b>	<b>\$143,185.00</b>	<b>130,395.00</b>

**PROPOSED GENERAL FUND INCOME  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005**

**GENERAL FUND INCOME PROPOSED**

**7-1-04 TO 6-30-05**

Cash in Bank 6-30-04	\$ 0.00
Fees - Beverage Licenses	300.00
Dog Licenses	900.00
Photocopier	40.00
Zoning	1300.00
Interest Earned - Checking	100.00
Investment Accounts	4000.00
Law Enforcement - Traffic Fines	5000.00
Taxes - Current Use	1500.00
Fish & Wildlife	280.00
Railway	<u>50.00</u>
<b>TOTAL General Fund Anticipated Income</b>	<b>\$ 13,470.00</b>
<b>General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$ 120,395.00</b>
<b>Amount to be raised by Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 106,925.00</b>
 Appropriations (Articles 6 - 10 & 16)	 \$ 13,150.00
Town Office Building (Article 15)	\$ 10,000.00

**Appropriation Requests Included in General Fund Budget**

Arlington Area Childcare	\$ 600.00
Arlington Community Club	\$ 950.00
Bennington Coalition for Homeless	\$ 500.00
Bennington County Conservation Dist.	\$ 250.00
BROC	\$ 300.00
Center for Restorative Justice	\$ 400.00
Green Up Vermont	\$ 50.00
George D. Aiken Resource	\$ 50.00
PAVE	\$ 200.00
RSVP	\$ 400.00
The Tutorial Center	\$ 250.00
VCIL	\$ 145.00
Vermont Council on Aging	\$ 750.00

**TOTAL                      \$4,845.00**

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND  
DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

**GENERAL FUND**

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/1/02.....	\$8,669.72
Fees - Beverage Licenses.....	300.00
Dog Licenses/Penalties.....	918.00
Photocopier.....	49.21
Zoning.....	1,300.00
Fines -Dog.....	610.00
Traffic.....	10,409.76
Interest Earned - Checking.....	108.53
Delinquent Taxes.....	9,389.30
Investment Account.....	4,180.14
Late Payment.....	48.65
Miscellaneous.....	20.72
State of VT - Current Use Tax.....	1,543.00
Fish & Wildlife Tax.....	283.00
Railway Tax.....	51.95
Taxes - Current.....	44,148.26
Delinquent.....	91,485.34

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - Selectmen - General Fund.....	\$124,708.95
Transfer to Highway Fund.....	14,009.43
Transfer to Municipal Office Bldg Fund.....	10,000.00
SS Expense (Payroll).....	4,261.67

Total Receipts and Disbursements	\$ 174,493.08	\$ 152,980.05
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Cash in Bank 6/30/03.....	\$21,513.03
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$174,493.08</b>	<b>\$174,493.08</b>
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Proposed Highway Fund Budget  
for Fiscal Year July 01,2004 to June 30,2005

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expensed</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
	<b>7/02 to 6/03</b>	<b>7/02 to 6/03</b>	<b>7/03 to 6/04</b>	<b>7/04 to 6/05</b>
Bldg Maint & Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,822.60	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Chiselville Bridge	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Chloride	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,078.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Cold Patch	\$ 150.00	\$ 97.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Culverts	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,077.90	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Diesel	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,121.35	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Electric	\$ 750.00	\$ 676.93	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Equipment Maint.	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,661.84	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Equipment Purchase	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,724.36	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Erosion Control	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Gravel	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 20,452.73	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Guard Rail	\$ 100.00	\$ 346.09	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Insurance	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 11,719.52	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 16,000.00
Insurance Health	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,177.18	\$ 9,800.00	\$ 12,050.00
Maint Bridge	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,399.65	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 503.25	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Pagers	\$ 300.00	\$ 389.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
Paving	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 11,462.14	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Pavement Marking	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,000.00
Payroll	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 74,678.55	\$ 74,000.00	\$ 75,500.00
Retirement	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 2,938.34	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
Road Side Mowing	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Road Side Trash	\$ 500.00	\$ 680.40	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Road Signs	\$ 500.00	\$ 259.15	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Rubbish-Garage	\$ 120.00	\$ 66.97	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Salt	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,197.38	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Sand	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 9,888.44	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Stone Tailings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,246.57	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Sublet Services	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 11,502.20	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
Telephone	\$ 850.00	\$ 812.77	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
Tools	\$ 400.00	\$ 142.55	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00
Training/Workshops	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Tree Removal	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Uniform Rental	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,091.34	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 198,640.00</b>	<b>\$ 212,234.70</b>	<b>\$ 206,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 215,240.00</b>
Bridge Co-Op Fund	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Equip Sinking Fund	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Paving Fund	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Guard Rail Sinking	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Sub-Totals</b>	<b>\$ 275,640.00</b>	<b>\$ 289,234.70</b>	<b>\$ 278,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 287,240.00</b>
State Share Chloride	0.00	\$ 855.00	0.00	0.00
State Share Equip Maint	0.00	\$ 6,540.00	0.00	0.00
State Share Gravel	0.00	\$ 6,704.50	0.00	0.00
State Share Sublet Serv	0.00	\$ 6,512.50	0.00	0.00
North Rd '02 Reserved	0.00	\$ 8,235.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 275,640.00</b>	<b>\$ 318,081.70</b>	<b>\$ 278,290.00</b>	<b>\$ 287,240.00</b>



**PROPOSED HIGHWAY FUND INCOME  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005**

**HIGHWAY FUND INCOME PROPOSED**

**7-01-04 to 6-30-05**

Cash in Bank 6-30-04	\$ .00
Interest Earned - Checking	100.00
National Forest Revenue	25,000.00
Sale of Motor Fuel to School	1,800.00
State Aid to Highways	<u>78,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL Highway Anticipated Income</b>	<b>\$ 104,900.00</b>
<b>Highway Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$ 215,240.00</b>
<b>Amount to be raised by Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 110,340.00</b>

**Sinking Funds**

Equipment Sinking Fund (Article 11)	\$ 20,000.00
State/Town Bridge Co-Op (Article 12)	\$ 10,000.00
Paving Fund (Article 13)	\$ 40,000.00
Guardrail Fund (Article 14)	\$ 2,000.00

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND  
DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

**HIGHWAY FUND**

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/02.....	\$18,163.71
Voided Check from 2002.....	1,540.00
Insurance Reimbursement.....	1,658.50
Interest Earned - Checking.....	182.31
National Forest Revenue.....	26,000.00
Overweight Permits.....	135.00
Sale of Timber.....	241.50
School District - Fuel.....	2,347.99
State Aid To Highways.....	78,654.40
State Share Kelley Stand Project.....	20,612.00
Taxes.....	171,511.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - Selectmen.....	\$ 82,615.30
Road Orders.....	153,088.85
Transfers - Bridge Co-op Fund.....	15,000.00
Equipment Sinking Fund.....	20,000.00
Guard Rail Sinking Fund.....	2,000.00
Paving Sinking Fund.....	40,000.00
S.S. Expense (Payroll).....	5377.55

Total Receipts and Disbursements	\$ 321,046.41	\$ 318,081.70
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Cash in Bank 6/30/03	\$2,964.71
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$321,046.41</b>	<b>\$321,046.41</b>
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**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND  
DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

**CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND**

Receipts:

Cash in Bank 7/01/02.....	\$4,986.51
Gift.....	1,000.00
Interest - Checking.....	46.64
- Investment.....	513.86
Taxes.....	3,588.00

Disbursements:

Orders Paid - Cemetery Commissioners:

Bid Ads.....	95.00
Cleaning Head Stones.....	500.00
Repairs.....	205.00
Rubbish Removal.....	111.64
Salaries.....	269.12
Sublet Mowing.....	3,825.00

Total Receipts And Disbursements	<u>\$10,135.01</u>	<u>\$5,005.76</u>
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Cash in Bank 6/30/03		\$5,129.25
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,135.01</b>	<b>\$10,135.01</b>
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CEMETERY COMMISSION  
BUDGET FOR 2004-2005

LAWN MOWING	\$5,000.00
GARBAGE REMOVAL	100.00
SALARIES	375.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	50.00
CLEANING STONES	500.00
FIXING HEAD STONES	300.00
CUTTING BRUSH	<u>300.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,625.00</b>

We, the taxpayers owe a thank you to Lester Hartman for his service to the town. He has kept a water tank full for the entire summer season, which is used for watering plants, etc.

LUCILLE MORSE  
JAMES ENNIS  
LESTER HARTMAN

**TOWN OF SUNDERLAND  
TOWN CLERK'S STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSE SALES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

17 Licenses with penalties (2002)	\$ 167.00
2003 Licenses	
149 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @ \$5.00	745.00
41 Males & Females @ \$9.00	369.00
With Penalties 2003	
15 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @ \$7.00	105.00
4 Males & Females @ \$13.00	52.00
7 Neutered Males & Spayed Females @ \$17.00	119.00
3 Males & Females @ \$23.00	69.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1626.00</b>
LESS FEES @ \$2.00 X 236	-472.00
LESS FEE FOR RABIES - PAID TO STATE	-236.00
<b>Amount deposited in Town General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 918.00</b>

### Delinquent Taxes as of 12/31/03

	4/03	10/02	4/02*
Aussicker, Cecelia	45.20		
Boyd, James & Stephanie	990.02	-0-	17.56
Crawford, Ray	345.74		
Crawford, Rose & R.	167.56		
GE Capitol Technologies	2.20	2.20	
Hinrichson, Joyce	1289.74		
Jean, Yeves & C.	1059.64	1059.64	
Livingston, Donna	372.88		
Lobosco, Gennard & D.	1512.76		
Mahon, Joseph	336.30		
McEntee, Diane	300.90		
Morse, Leslie & Diane	331.58	331.58	
Morse, Scott & Michelle	470.82		
*Ott, Lawrence	70.80	70.80	367.80
Quinn, Daniel & Lydia	2826.10	2826.10	
Roderigue, Cindy	147.50	147.50	
*Stone, Eugene etal.	164.74	-0-	33.65
Zabita, Michael	<u>324.50</u>	<u>324.50</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	10758.98	4762.38	419.01
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$15940.37</b>		

### Delinquent Tax Collector's Report

After serious frustration over the lack of progress with tax sales, I decided that I would not rely on an attorney and follow through myself. I identified 17 problem properties and began my efforts to bring them current or start the sale process. Three property owners presented acceptable payment plans, while 14 others were sent sale notices. One owner appealed to the BCA and was rejected and paid, as did others. Only two properties remain seriously delinquent and this was due to the fact that I was unable to contact the owners. I believe the problem will be solved in this year. The year end grand total for 2003 is less than 50% of the grand total for 2002. Interest generated for the Town by the delinquencies was over \$14,000.00 and collections were turned over on a monthly basis.

I want to thank everyone for their support and remind all that I am always available to work out reasonable payment schedules. Our treasurer will also take payments at anytime, so remember that you do not have to wait for due dates.

Kathleen C. Morse

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT  
TO THE VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS  
OF THE TOWN OF SUNDERLAND**

Your Select Board continues to meet at least twice a month, and presents the following report:

**HIGHWAYS:**

The planned paving of the North Road has now been completed, except for a small section that will require a finishing coat, next summer. Our plans for the next few years will include the resurfacing of the north section of Sunderland Hill Road to the Manchester town line and Hill Farm Road to Vermont Route 7A.

The Battenkill Watershed Alliance has helped us to identify and inventory drainage problems along our town roads. These areas pose a problem to the Battenkill watershed and as a result we may be eligible for grant monies when considering repair projects in the future.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT:**

We contract the Bennington County Sheriff's Department for approximately 10 hours per week for traffic control. A large portion of the cost is covered by federal grants.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:**

Tom Harriman is our new animal control officer. He can be reached at 362-3626.

PLEASE LICENSE YOUR DOGS AS REQUIRED BY VERMONT LAW, BY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH YEAR.

**TOWN PLAN AND ZONING BYLAWS:**

The Select Board voted to extend the Interim Zoning Bylaws for Wireless Communications for a period of one year, ending October 2004. It is expected that the voters will vote to adopt this as a permanent bylaw at the annual Town Meeting in March.

**REAPPRAISALS:**

Our land value, "Computer Reappraisals", were completed in 2003 and the values were reflected on your property tax bills issued in August 2003. Our Listers are now in the process of conducting a full town wide reappraisal, we expect this to be completed by April 1, 2004 and will be reflected on your next property tax bill.

**PROPOSED PLANS FOR NEW TOWN OFFICE:**

Your Select Board has over the past year been developing a plan to construct a new Town Office Building on the town site. We have worked with Hap Eliason of RidgeLine and Bill Badger of Badger and Associates and Chris Heines of Woodland Services. We will have a public meeting on the proposed project prior to the annual Town Meeting. Your Select Board intends to have a proposal ready for a vote at the annual Town Meeting.

SUNDERLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## VITAL STATISTICS - 2003

### BIRTHS

#### At Southwestern Vermont Medical Center

NAME	DATE	FATHER MOTHER
SAMUELSON, Hannah Blake	07/19/03	Samuelson, Matthew Deck, Samuelson
ROSENTHAL, Laura Beth	08/30/03	Rosenthal, Daniel Zannelli, Jennifer
MOFFITT, Ian Cole	10/03/03	Moffitt, Wesley Frost, Adina
BRIGGS, Rhyse Alizabeth	10/17/03	Briggs, Shawn Conklin, Amanda
CRANE, Montgomery Ann	10/18/03	Crane, Francis Visconti, Melissa
CARRARA, Matthew Thomas	10/24/03	Carrara, Peter Smith, Melissa
WILLETTE, Hailey Marie	11/20/03	Willette, Joshua Goddard, Aysia

### DEATHS

NAME	DATE	FATHER MOTHER
GUDELIS, Francis Peter	02/19/03	Gudelis, Francis Zabelskis, Anna
OLSEN, Jeremie L.	03/08/03	Lesser, Albert Sharfman, Norma
WRIGHT, Kay L.	05/09/03	Wright, Albert Snyder, Doris
BOWEN, Natalie Flora	05/20/03	Corey, Lynn Harrington, Ruth
LARSEN, Charlotte Nicklaw	08/30/03	Bourdon, Edgar Boss, Cecelia
HILL, Pauline G.	10/27/03	Goyette, Ernest Bull, Lina
PEASE, Elizabeth M.	11/16/03	Pease, Hershey Jones, Bessie
HUNT, Kenneth H.	12/21/03	Hunt, Floyd Thomas, Amy
DAY, William T.	12/22/03	Day, Theodore Mitchell, Margaret

# MARRIAGES

NAME	DATE	FATHER MOTHER
VOGEL, Jr., Thomas W.	03/21/03	Vogel, Thomas Landon, Margaret
RANDAZZO, Susan		Randazzo, Basil Miller, Theresa
TOWSLEE, Jr., Thomas Charles	08/03/02	Towslee, Thomas Cole, Wyneta
MCNAIR, Susan Elizabeth		McNair, David Morin, Carole Ann
COCHRAN, Brian Douglas	08/16/03	Cochran, William Haven, Donna
BISHOP, Julie Young		Bishop, James Jones, Janice
KEOUGH, II, Kevin Patrick	09/13/03	Keough, Kevin Stone, Rose
GAHR, Kate Laurence		Gahr, Laurence Baumcratz, Marie



# **TOWN OF SUNDERLAND MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING**

**MARCH 3, 2003 AND MARCH 4, 2003**

Moderator Melanie Hogg called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Sunderland School Swing Chorus instructed by Mrs. Linda Bischoff sang the Vermont State Song. Moderator Hogg then welcomed everyone and explained the process for the meeting. Approximately 91 people were in attendance. Philip Bahan introduced the Selectboard members and the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Janet Wilson moved to dispense with the reading of the warning, seconded by Ellen Jennings. The motion duly carried.

**Article 1:** To see if the Town will approve the reports of the Town Officers as presented in the Annual Report. Loyal Winters moved to accept article one, Peter Van Vleck seconded the motion. Article one carried.

**Article 2:** To see what compensation will be paid the various Town Officers and to authorize the Selectmen to establish the salaries, wages, and other compensation of the employees and other officers of the Town. Loyal Winters moved to accept article two, Steve Bendix seconded the motion. Article two carried.

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of taxes, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to properly finance the affairs of the Town. Janet Wilson moved to accept article three, Dale Jennings seconded the motion. Article three carried.

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will pay its personal and property taxes to the Town Treasurer in equal installments with the payments to be in the hands of the Treasurer by October 15 and April 15. Patricia Toth moved to accept article four, Ellen Jennings seconded the motion. Article four carried.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will levy an interest charge on all delinquent taxes of One Percent (1%) per month or fraction thereof, for the first three months, and thereafter One and One Half Percent (1.5%) per month or fraction thereof from the due date as provided by T32 VSA Sec. 5136 as amended. Rose Stone moved to accept article five, Shirley McTernan seconded the motion. Article five carried.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$250.00 to help defray the expenses of the Bennington County Conservation District, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount. Dale Jennings moved to accept article six, Steve Bendix seconded the motion. Kathleen Morse asked for someone to explain what this is and Richard Goddard stated that it had to do with the Battenkill. With twenty-eight people in favor and thirty people opposed article six failed.

At 7:45 PM Moderator Hogg stated that if there were no objections Representative Molloy would address the people. Representative Molloy discussed the topics of the FY2004 budget, health care permit reform, school taxes, school funding, and transportation priorities. Frederick Maas asked how other schools could form a school fund and avoid being in the "shark pool" and Representative Molly agreed that it was not a good situation. Richard Ennis stated that he disagrees with the town of Manchester and he will not donate and they will boycott his business. He stated that he lives in Sunderland and that is where he will pay taxes. Representative Molloy was asked why the State wants to start new bridge projects when Sunderland has a project that has yet to be done. Representative Molloy will look into the matter. Representative Molloy left the meeting at 8:05 PM.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00 to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase in the General Fund Budget by this amount. Shirley McTernan moved to accept article seven, Roberta Housman seconded the motion. Article seven carried.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,940.00 to be used for general operating expenses for the Arlington Recreational and Park Committee, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase in the General Fund Budget by this amount. Stuart Hill moved to accept article eight, Edward Toth seconded the motion. Article eight carried.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 to help defray the expenses of the Arlington Rescue Squad Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase in the General Fund Budget by this amount. Peter Putis moved to accept article nine, Ellen Jennings seconded the motion. Article nine carried.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,250.00 to help defray the expenses of the Martha Canfield Memorial Free Library, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase in the General Fund Budget by this amount. Shirley McTernan moved to accept article ten, Marjorie Maas seconded the motion. Article ten carried.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 to help defray the expenses of the Burdett Commons, Inc., and if so voted, to authorize an increase in the General Fund Budget by this amount. Janet Wilson moved to accept article eleven, Marjorie Maas seconded the motion. Article eleven carried.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Highway Equipment Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount. Weiland Ross moved to accept article twelve, Peter Putis seconded the motion. Article twelve carried.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to the State/Town Bridge CO-OP Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase in the Highway Fund Budget by this amount. Rose Stone moved to accept article thirteen, Loyal Winters seconded the motion. Article thirteen carried.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to be added to the Paving Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount. Peter Putis moved to accept article fourteen, Stuart Hill seconded the motion. Article fourteen carried.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the Guardrail Sinking Fund, and if so voted, authorize an increase to the Highway Fund Budget by this amount. Peter Putis moved to accept article fifteen, Weiland Ross seconded the motion. Article fifteen carried.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Office Building Sinking Fund, and if so voted, to authorize an increase to the General Fund Budget by this amount. Ellen Jennings moved to accept article sixteen, Loyal Winters seconded the motion. Article sixteen carried.

**Article 17:** Will the town of Sunderland build a town office on property owned for such purposes, with construction beginning by 1 May 2003 and be completed by 1 October 2003. Building to be no larger than 2000 square feet, built on a concrete slab foundation. Cost not to exceed \$200,000.00 Also to authorize selectmen to borrow the balance of cost over our current building fund, if any. (By petition). Stuart Hill requested article seventeen to be read aloud and Moderator Hogg accommodated the request. Stuart Hill moved to amend the article to read a suitable foundation and remove the wording of slab foundation, Kathleen Morse seconded the motion. James Ennis stated that he looked at foundations with a four-foot frost wall on a slab. Mary Grey stated that we would need to define the project more and figure out what a suitable foundation is. Kathleen Morse asked James Ennis to stand and give a presentation. Paul Ennis stated that his house is a slab foundation and it is fine. Stuart Hill stated he was worried about heat. Joseph Boutin stated that prints were needed along with an engineer to inspect the land, to start a project without a set of prints is unheard of. The amendment did not carry. Philip Bahan stated that the Selectboard has had no research done on the project. The Board had a meeting on the project about one and a half years ago and only eight people showed up. Philip Bahan noted that Diane King volunteered to chair a committee on the proposal of a office building and there have been no meetings. Philip Bahan stated that he checked with Rex Burke of the BCRC and Rex questioned the time frame involved, with no engineering and the time involved in the permitting process. Ellen Jennings asked if the petition is legal and Philip Bahan stated that it was. Edward Toth

asked about a site plan and landscaping. With no site plan how can the people decide. Edward Toth noted that he has grave reservation and thought it would be best to step back and think about this. James Ennis stated that he checked with the town of Windham and even with the permitting process they were in their building in four weeks. Richard Ashley stated that the egress from the building site is dangerous. Ellen Jennings asked about the water supply and if a well would need to be drilled. Clem Morse stated that the people have waited fifteen years and it is now time for the Selectmen to get in gear and do something. Clem Morse stated that he felt no need for an engineer and the Windham town hall is perfect. Edward Toth asked if the motion was to build the Windham town hall and Clem Morse stated that it is. Weiland Ross asked if this article could be voted down and under article eighteen instruct the Selectboard to get things set up. Kevin Keough called the question. Peter Van Vleck requested a paper ballot for article seventeen and eight additional people agreed. The results of the paper ballot was sixty-two no votes, thirty-three yes votes, one spoiled. Article seventeen failed.

**Article 18:** To transact any non-binding business. Anne Ehret requested that the petition she had concerning renewable energy source be read aloud. Moderator Hogg read the following:

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

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

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

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

"Be it resolved that the citizens of the town of Sunderland 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."

Anne Ehret moved to accept the resolution, seconded by Rose Stone. The motion duly carried.

Weiland Ross moved to request the Selectboard to move on building a town hall as soon as possible using the money from the Office Building Fund as required to develop building and site plans, to be presented to the voters as soon as feasible, seconded by Edward Toth. Weiland Ross noted that the request is non-binding. The motion duly carried. Philip Bahan stated that it is the intent of the Selectboard to work on the project.

Kevin Keough moved to adjourn, seconded by Dale Jennings. Philip Bahan noted that the intent of the board is to level fund and even lower the expenses of the town. Shirley McTernan asked if there would be a new grand list and Peter Van Vleck stated that a computerized assessment would be completed before April 1, 2003.

Helen Weller stated that the retirement included in article twenty-one is actually a bonus, she does not have a problem with a retirement plan however this is not a qualified plan therefore it is a bonus. Diane King stated she disagreed and Helen Weller noted that input from Diane King is a conflict of interest.

Moderator Hogg adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM until 10:00 AM Tuesday March 4, 2003.

The ballot boxes were declared open, on March 4, 2003, at 10:00 AM by Town Clerk, Rose Keough, and declared closed at 7:00 PM. The results follow:

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$6,675.00 to defray the expenses of the Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

YES	181	NO	42	BLANK	2
TOTAL			225		

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$107,665.00 to defray the General Expenses of the Town. (Budget amount of \$118,295.00; Anticipated income estimated at \$10,630.00; Taxes estimated at \$107,665.00)

YES	178	NO	44	BLANK	3
TOTAL		225			

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$109,190.00 to defray the Highway Expenses of the Town. (Budget amount of \$206,290.00; Anticipated income estimated at \$97,100.00; Taxes estimated at \$109,190.00)

YES	175	NO	48	BLANK	2
TOTAL		225			

**Article 22:** To elect by Australian Ballot all officers required by law.

<b>For Auditor, for 3 years</b>		<b>For First Constable, for 1 year</b>	
WRITE IN Richard Ashley	2	WRITE IN Gordan Hall	13*
WRITE IN Ralph Thomas	2	WRITE IN Anthony Ennis, Sr.	6
WRITE IN Other	8	WRITE IN Jesse Stone	3
BLANK	213	WRITE IN Other	9
TOTAL	225	BLANK	192
		SPOILED	2
		TOTAL	225
<b>For Town Grand Juror, for 1 year</b>			
WRITE IN Marianne Kennedy	2		
WRITE IN Other	10		
BLANK	213		
TOTAL	225		
<b>For Town Agent, for 1 year</b>		<b>For Second Constable, for 1 year</b>	
WRITE IN Marianne Kennedy	2	WRITE IN Dawn Kelley	11*
WRITE IN Other	6	WRITE IN Tony Ennis, Jr.	2
BLANK	217	WRITE IN Other	9
TOTAL	225	BLANK	201
		SPOILED	2
		TOTAL	225
<b>For Selectman, for 3 years</b>		<b>For Lister, for 1 year</b>	
DOROTHY CONKLIN	180*	WRITE IN Other	7
WRITE IN Other	3	BLANK	218
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TOTAL	225		
<b>For Selectman, for 1 year</b>		<b>For Lister, for 3 years</b>	
RICHARD J. GODDARD, II	190*	PETER R. VanVLECK, JR.	189*
MARY A. GREY	154*	BLANK	36
WRITE IN Other	2	TOTAL	225
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TOTAL	450	<b>For Cemetery Commissioner, for 3 years</b>	
		WRITE IN Lucille Morse	5
		WRITE IN Other	15
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		TOTAL	225

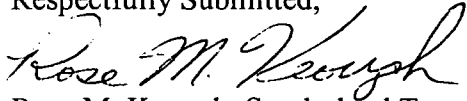
<b>For Delinquent Tax Collector, for 1 year</b>	
<b>KATHLEEN MORSE</b>	<b>173*</b>
<b>WRITE IN Other</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BLANK</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225</b>

<b>For Town Moderator, for 1 year</b>	
<b>WRITE IN Melanie Hogg</b>	<b>25*</b>
<b>WRITE IN Andrew McKeever</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>WRITE IN Other</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>BLANK</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225</b>

\*Denotes Election to Office

After announcing the results of balloting it was moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

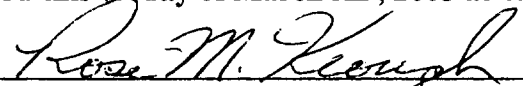


Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk

**SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Received for record this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March AD, 2003 at 4:35 PM.

ATTEST:



Rose M. Keough, Town Clerk

**THADDEUS M. LENCZOWSKI  
P.O. BOX 47  
EAST ARLINGTON, VT 05252-0047  
802-375-9375**

January 20, 2004

**REPORT OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR - 2003**

**Permits Issued:**

New Construction	-	10
Accessory Building		5
Addition/Alteration		9
Subdivision		2

**VT. Supreme Court -- Bianchi Case Responses issued -- 34**

**Contact the Zoning Administrator to determine if a permit is necessary before planning to make any property changes.**

Respectfully submitted,



Thaddeus M. Lenczowski  
Zoning Administrator

## **Report From the Sunderland Planning Commission**

The Sunderland Planning Commission was very active in 2003 with two main areas of focus. First, the commission under the leadership of Joe McNulty, prepared, approved (after a public hearing) and sent to the Sunderland Select Board the Proposed Sunderland Telecommunications Facility Zoning Bylaw. Mr. McNulty was instrumental in the development of the bylaw including all legal and technical coordination. After nearly a half decade of service on the Planning Commission, Mr. McNulty stepped down. His productive energy will be missed.

In addition, the Commission, under the leadership of Ed Toth, prepared, approved (after a public hearing) and sent to the select board a revised Sunderland Town Plan to be re-adopted with the consent of the town voters. Plan revisions reflect the general feeling by Sunderland residents and property owners, based on the 2002 questionnaire results, that the Town Plan's past and current direction was adequate to guide Sunderland into the future.

For the most part, changes to the Sunderland Town Plan were minor, primarily to update data based on the 2000 U.S. Census. In addition sections were added to provide direction for telecommunication facilities and childcare facilities. The Planning Commission would like to thank the Bennington County Regional Commission for providing the 2000 U.S. Census rewrites, timely technical support, and Town Plan review.

Once the Sunderland Town Plan is re-adopted, the zoning administrator, Ted Lenczowski, the Planning Commission, and Zoning Board will jointly focus their efforts on the review of current Sunderland Zoning By-laws to insure that they: (1) accurately reflect the purpose and intent of the Town Plan, (2) deal effectively with emerging land use issues and (3) correct implementation problems of current zoning regulations.

## **Auditors Report**

In accordance with Section 1681 of Title 24 VSA, we have examined the orders and accounts of the various officers of the Town of Sunderland for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2003. In general, we find the records of the Town Treasurer to be in order and the accompanying statements to be accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frederick Maas  
Richard Ashley

**SOUTHWEST VERMONT REGIONAL  
TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO V009  
WARNING OF ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 1 AND MARCH 2, 2004**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Signatures**

Brian Doxsee, Chair

Lance R. Matteson, Vice Chair

Donald K. Wilson

Craig J. Ghidotti

Joan L. La Vigne

Leon Johnson

Timothy T. Holbrook

Richard C. Pembroke

Patricia A. Toth

Robert D. Agone

Richard G. Zens

Received for recording this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2004

Timothy K. Corcoran  
Timothy Corcoran, Clerk SVRTSD

## **WARNING**

### **SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The legal and qualified voters of Sunderland Town School District are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Sunderland School, in said town, at 7:30 P.M., on Monday, March 1, 2004 to transact any business not involving voting by Australian Ballot nor voting required by law to be by ballot, and at the conclusion of this meeting to recess until 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 to transact any business involving voting by Australian Ballot. Polls will close at 7:00 P.M. on the evening of March 2, 2004.

#### **To be acted upon on Monday, March 1, 2004:**

Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District officers.

Article 2: Shall the voters authorize the School District to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the fiscal year?

Article 3: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian Ballot (Article 6).

Article 4: To discuss the other Articles (7 through 9) to be voted upon by Australian Ballot.

Article 5: To transact any other business found necessary and proper to come before this meeting.

#### **To be voted upon by Australian Ballot on Tuesday, March 2, 2004:**

Article 6: Shall the electorate approve the sum of \$1,820,760 for the support of the Town School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005?

Article 7: Shall the electorate appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the school bus reserve fund?

Article 8: Shall the electorate approve the establishment of a reserve fund for parking lot improvements and authorize the transfer of \$1,000 of surplus funds to this reserve fund?

Article 9: Shall the electorate approve payment of the announced tuition of Burr & Burton Academy in the amount of \$10,100 per pupil for the 2004-2005 school year, for those pupils in Grades 9 through 12 who are residents of the Town of Sunderland and attend private and independent schools (Burr & Burton Academy, Long Trail School, Pine Cobble School, etc.)?

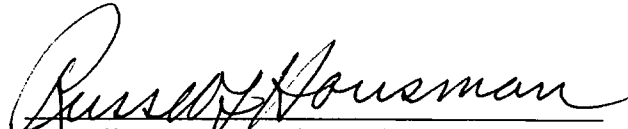
Article 10: To elect Town School District officers and directors as follows:

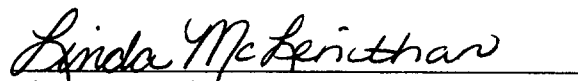
1. Moderator for 1-year
2. School Directors
  - a. One (1) school director for a 2-year seat
  - b. One (1) school director for a 3-year seat


Absentee voting will be permitted on all matters to be voted upon by Australian Ballot. For purposes of Australian Balloting, the polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2004.

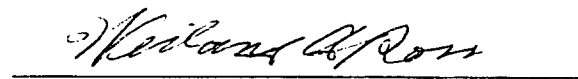
Sunderland Board of School Directors

  
Russell Housman, Ed.D., Chair

  
Linda McLenithan, Clerk

  
Darri Cepela-Beach

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Carl Rice

  
Weiland Ross

**SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

Received for record this 26th day of January A.D., 2004  
at 4:35 PM.

ATTEST:   
ROSE M. KEOUGH, TOWN CLERK

# Sunderland School District

FY '05 Budget

		<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '05 Budget</u>	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Secondary</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
10	ELEMENTARY PROGRAM	\$451,639	\$449,040	\$446,982	\$396,922	\$370,266	\$370,266	
15	SECONDARY PROGRAM	559,031	608,313	725,950	748,349	840,500		\$840,500
20	SPECIAL EDUCATION-Elementary	103,194	127,074	129,513	123,268	119,347	119,347	
21	SPECIAL EDUCATION-Secondary	146,050	142,059	173,301	208,687	175,327		175,327
30	EARLY EDUCATION CENTER	45,287	36,838	36,072	38,684	35,751	35,751	
40	VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	4,365	4,365	3,584	3,796	7,802		7,802
45	OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL	1,000	358	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
50	HEALTH SERVICES	18,060	17,219	18,351	17,752	18,952	18,952	
52	SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM	2,600	1,587	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	
65	GENERAL ADMIN - BOARD	11,475	10,459	10,343	10,502	11,120	8,340	2,780
66	GEN. ADMIN. - TREASURER	5,530	5,610	5,530	5,483	5,530	4,424	1,106
67	GEN. ADMIN. - SUPERINTENDENT	29,710	29,895	31,157	31,192	34,135	20,481	13,654
68	GEN. ADMIN. - FISCAL SERVICES	15,920	18,883	19,181	20,035	20,135	16,108	4,027
70	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	80,810	66,033	75,749	78,593	83,251	83,251	
75	CARE & UPKEEP - BUILDING	46,074	51,683	48,602	49,060	51,228	51,228	
76	CARE & UPKEEP - GROUNDS	2,700	2,220	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	
80	VEHICLE OPERATION SERVICES	21,150	23,326	24,830	22,715	23,948	23,948	
81	VEHICLE SERVICING	3,400	4,368	3,400	4,500	3,400	3,400	
90	SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	3,000	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
95	LONG TERM DEBT	<u>11,750</u>	<u>11,750</u>	<u>11,265</u>	<u>11,265</u>	<u>10,768</u>	<u>10,768</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED</b>		<b>\$1,562,745</b>	<b>\$1,611,080</b>	<b>\$1,773,110</b>	<b>\$1,780,103</b>	<b>\$1,820,760</b>	<b>\$775,564</b>	<b>\$1,045,196</b>
96	PAYMENTS TO THE STATE	\$0	\$99,366	\$0	\$126,759	\$0		
	Transfer To Reserve Fund	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b><u>\$1,567,745</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,715,446</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,778,110</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,911,862</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,826,760</u></b>	<b>\$781,564</b>	<b>\$1,045,196</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>								
1000	LOCAL	\$423,007	\$540,145	\$605,202	\$728,030	\$48,500		
3000	STATE	1,027,138	1,036,380	1,051,308	1,097,458	1,697,160		
4000	FEDERAL	<u>21,600</u>	<u>21,150</u>	<u>21,600</u>	<u>21,600</u>	<u>21,100</u>		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$1,471,745</b>	<b><u>\$1,597,675</u></b>	<b>\$1,678,110</b>	<b><u>\$1,847,088</u></b>	<b>\$1,766,760</b>		
Transfers From Reserve Funds		<u>60,000</u>		<u>100,000</u>		<u>60,000</u>		
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE</b>		<b><u>\$1,531,745</u></b>		<b><u>\$1,778,110</u></b>		<b><u>\$1,826,760</u></b>		
							Less EE	(35,751)
								\$745,813
							Budgeted Enrollment	68
							Budgeted Per Student	<u>\$10.968</u>
								<u>78</u>
								<b><u>\$13,400</u></b>

# Sunderland School District

FY '05 Budget

			<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY'05 Budget</u>
<b>10</b>	<b>ELEMENTARY PROGRAM</b>						
1120	110	Salaries - Teachers	\$324,096	\$322,452	\$313,552	\$243,020	\$259,229
1120	115	Salaries - Aides	9,998	9,837	9,998	9,998	10,345
1120	120	Substitutes	6,000	6,273	6,000	6,000	6,000
1120	210	Group Medical	45,863	46,341	53,700	28,191	31,805
1120	212	Disability	1,125	889	906	689	733
1120	220	Social Security	26,017	25,366	25,211	19,815	21,081
1120	230	Life Insurance	1,117	941	897	784	911
1120	240	Retirement	400	413	400	400	414
1120	250	Workers' Compensation	715	1,136	973	958	1,019
1120	260	Unemployment Taxes	1,616	1,425	1,726	1,003	1,524
1120	270	Tuition Reimbursement	3,500	4,765	3,500	3,500	3,500
1120	280	Group Dental	4,739	4,489	4,616	2,297	2,702
1120	430	Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	200	200	200
1120	440	Copier Lease	3,650	3,967	3,650	3,650	3,650
1120	610	Teaching Supplies	10,000	10,341	10,000	10,000	10,000
1120	640	Textbooks & Periodicals	5,003	3,066	5,003	5,003	5,003
1120	670	Technology Supplies	1,500	207	1,500	1,500	1,500
1120	739	Equipment (Includes Technology)	500	1,453	500	500	6,000
2100	320	Contracted Srvc (OT/PT, Couns, e	1,000	4,242	1,000	1,000	1,000
2100	321	Assessment	400	177	400	400	400
2100	330	Contracted Srvc - Technology	1,000	107	1,000	1,000	1,000
2200	325	Professional Development	1,500	1,068	1,500	1,500	1,500
2200	580	Travel/Conferences	<u>1,900</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
			<b><u>\$451,639</u></b>	<b><u>\$449,040</u></b>	<b><u>\$446,982</u></b>	<b><u>\$342,158</u></b>	<b><u>\$370,266</u></b>
<b>12</b>	<b>EARLY RETIREMENT</b>						
1120	110	Salaries			\$0	\$47,457	\$47,457
1120	220	Social Security			0	3,892	3,630
1120	210	Medical			<u>0</u>	<u>3,415</u>	<u>4,649</u>
					<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$54,764</u></b>	<b><u>\$55,736</u></b>
<b>Total Elementary &amp; Early Retirement</b>					<b><u>\$446,982</u></b>	<b><u>\$396,922</u></b>	<b><u>\$426,002</u></b>
<b>15</b>	<b>SECONDARY PROGRAM:</b>						
1130	561	Tuition Public VT	\$401,246	\$328,948	\$433,450	\$365,595	\$482,400
1130	564	Tuition Out of State	31,028	25,800	18,000	18,000	10,100
1130	566	Tuition Private VT	93,757	218,434	237,500	292,878	292,000
1130	890	Tuition Prior Year	<u>33,000</u>	<u>35,131</u>	<u>37,000</u>	<u>71,876</u>	<u>56,000</u>
			<b><u>\$559,031</u></b>	<b><u>\$608,313</u></b>	<b><u>\$725,950</u></b>	<b><u>\$748,349</u></b>	<b><u>\$840,500</u></b>

# Sunderland School District

FY '05 Budget

			<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY'05 Budget</u>
<b>20</b>	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION-Elementary</b>						
1200	110	Salaries - Teacher	\$40,782	\$52,430	\$53,922	\$40,996	\$48,564
1200	115	Salaries - Assistants	11,331	10,742	13,069	12,627	13,069
1200	120	Substitutes	0	690	0	7,980	0
1200	210	Group Medical	4,380	8,798	10,473	14,650	13,605
1200	212	Disability	151	144	167	127	151
1200	220	Social Security	3,987	4,811	5,160	4,713	4,715
1200	230	Life Insurance	176	194	206	122	147
1200	240	Retirement	453	430	541	505	523
1200	250	Workers' Compensation	109	204	216	228	228
1200	260	Unemployment Taxes	313	354	342	334	315
1200	280	Group Dental	438	735	862	1,066	1,231
1200	610	Supplies	1,000	349	1,000	500	500
1200	739	Equipment	0	0	600	600	600
2100	320	Contracted Services	13,650	18,233	12,700	9,500	8,600
2152	110	Salaries	13,607	14,424	14,919	0	12,000
2152	210	Group Health	1,095	1,089	1,325	0	2,822
2152	212	Disability	50	43	46	0	37
2152	220	Social Security	1,041	1,094	1,141	0	918
2152	250	Workers' Compensation	29	46	48	0	44
2152	260	Unemployment Taxes	142	142	142	94	131
2152	280	Dental	109	110	117	0	228
2152	320	Speech Contracted Services	0	0	0	16,000	0
2152	610	Supplies	900	107	900	500	500
2200	325	Professional Development	0	684	375	375	375
2200	580	Local Travel	500	0	100	100	100
2200	590	Conference Travel	0	255	400	100	100
2200	270	Tuition	200	126	900	930	1,100
2400	331	Shared Services - BRSU-60%	8,751	10,310	9,842	11,221	8,744
2600	739	Facility Improvements	0	530	0	0	0
			<u>\$103,194</u>	<u>\$127,074</u>	<u>\$129,513</u>	<u>\$123,268</u>	<u>\$119,347</u>
<b>21</b>	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION-Secondary</b>						
1200	320	Secondary Assistants	\$0	\$2,207	\$4,000	\$7,500	\$0
1200	561	Tuition - Public	56,575	45,084	66,000	66,283	20,200
1200	566	Tuition - Private	33,875	48,220	39,150	94,083	128,802
2100	320	Contracted Services	12,650	11,128	24,550	6,150	4,300
2152	320	High School Speech	15,200	3,493	15,400	2,720	2,495
2400	331	Shared Services - BRSU-40%	8,750	6,873	9,841	7,480	5,830
2711	510	Student Transportation	19,000	25,054	14,360	24,471	13,700
			<u>\$146,050</u>	<u>\$142,059</u>	<u>\$173,301</u>	<u>\$208,687</u>	<u>\$175,327</u>
<b>30</b>	<b>EARLY EDUCATION CENTER:</b>						
2100	320	Contracted Services	\$2,600	\$428	\$2,600	\$1,000	\$1,000
2300	331	Shared Services - BRSU	42,687	36,410	33,472	37,684	34,751
			<u>\$45,287</u>	<u>\$36,838</u>	<u>\$36,072</u>	<u>\$38,684</u>	<u>\$35,751</u>
<b>40</b>	<b>VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:</b>						
1300	569	Portion paid directly by state					\$4,405
1300	569	Vocational Tuition					3,397
			<u>\$4,365</u>	<u>\$4,365</u>	<u>\$3,584</u>	<u>\$3,796</u>	<u>\$7,802</u>

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			<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY'05 Budget</u>
<b>45 OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL:</b>							
1400	320	Student Activities	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$358</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
			<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$358</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<b>50 HEALTH SERVICES:</b>							
2130	110	Salary	\$16,009	\$15,468	\$15,985	\$15,468	\$16,544
2130	220	Social Security	1,225	1,183	1,223	1,183	1,266
2130	250	Workers Compensation	34	50	51	57	61
2130	260	Unemployment Taxes	142	142	142	94	131
2130	320	Purchased Services	250	46	250	250	250
2130	610	Supplies	400	330	500	500	500
2200	325	Professional Development	0	0	100	100	100
2200	580	Travel	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
			<u>\$18,060</u>	<u>\$17,219</u>	<u>\$18,351</u>	<u>\$17,752</u>	<u>\$18,952</u>
<b>52 SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM:</b>							
2220	430	Equip. Repairs	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200	\$200
2220	610	Library Supplies	600	373	600	600	600
2220	640	Books & Periodicals	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,214</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,800</u>
			<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$1,587</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>	<u>\$2,600</u>
<b>65 GENERAL ADMIN - BOARD:</b>							
2310	110	Salaries	\$1,700	\$1,335	\$1,700	\$1,700	\$1,700
2310	220	Social Security	130	102	130	130	130
2310	330	Moderator/Election Officials	0	74	0	0	0
2310	332	Agenda Preparation	1,700	638	0	0	0
2310	333	Services	0	390	0	400	400
2310	360	Legal Services	300	0	300	300	300
2310	520	Comprehensive Insurance	3,800	3,794	4,363	4,122	4,740
2310	540	Advertising	2,500	3,061	2,500	2,500	2,500
2310	580	Travel	100	0	100	100	100
2310	610	Supplies/Services	200	15	200	200	200
2310	810	VSBA Dues	<u>1,045</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,050</u>
			<u>\$11,475</u>	<u>\$10,459</u>	<u>\$10,343</u>	<u>\$10,502</u>	<u>\$11,120</u>
<b>66 GEN. ADMIN. - TREASURER</b>							
2313	110	Salary	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
2313	220	Benefits	430	382	430	383	430
2313	610	Supplies	<u>100</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
			<u>\$5,530</u>	<u>\$5,610</u>	<u>\$5,530</u>	<u>\$5,483</u>	<u>\$5,530</u>
<b>67 GEN. ADMIN. - SUPERINTENDENT</b>							
2321	331	BRSU Assessment	<u>\$29,710</u>	<u>\$29,895</u>	<u>\$31,157</u>	<u>\$31,192</u>	<u>\$34,135</u>
<b>68 GEN. ADMIN. - FISCAL SERVICES</b>							
2520	115	Services (Treasurer)	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
2520	220	Benefits	670	732	731	1,181	725
2520	330	Bookkeeping Services	5,000	8,123	8,700	8,654	9,100
2520	332	Payroll Charges	500	0	0	0	0
2520	500	Travel/Postge	0	0	0	150	150
2520	610	Supplies/Software Svcs	0	278	0	300	300
2317	370	Audit Services	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,250</u>	<u>2,360</u>
			<u>\$15,920</u>	<u>\$18,883</u>	<u>\$19,181</u>	<u>\$20,035</u>	<u>\$20,135</u>



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			<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY'05 Budget</u>
<b>70</b>	<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:</b>						
2410	110	Salaries	\$59,800	\$53,104	\$57,650	\$60,396	\$63,207
2410	210	Group Medical Insurance	7,089	2,637	3,423	3,423	4,696
2410	212	Disability	165	124	131	144	146
2410	220	Social Security	4,575	4,039	4,410	4,620	4,835
2410	230	Group Life Insurance	312	182	286	269	315
2410	240	Employee Retirement	552	603	551	553	572
2410	250	Workers' Compensation	126	170	184	223	234
2410	260	Unemployment Taxes	285	257	256	168	236
2410	270	Tuition Reimbursement	0	0	900	1,738	1,760
2410	280	Group Dental Insurance	656	322	308	559	750
2410	320	Conference	0	955	500	500	500
2410	530	Telephone/Fax	3,400	2,154	3,400	2,500	2,500
2410	580	Conference Travel	1,000	96	750	500	500
2410	610	Office Supplies	2,000	945	2,000	2,000	2,000
2410	739	Computer System	500	0	500	500	500
2410	810	Dues & Memberships	<u>350</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
			<b><u>\$80,810</u></b>	<b><u>\$66,033</u></b>	<b><u>\$75,749</u></b>	<b><u>\$78,593</u></b>	<b><u>\$83,251</u></b>
<b>75</b>	<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP - BUILDING:</b>						
2600	110	Salaries	\$12,253	\$12,253	\$12,682	\$12,682	\$13,126
2600	210	Group Medical Insurance	4,767	4,767	5,673	5,673	6,226
2600	212	Disability	43	38	38	39	39
2600	220	Social Security	937	897	970	970	1,004
2600	240	Employee Retirement	490	490	507	507	525
2600	250	Workers' Compensation	367	467	483	604	625
2600	260	Unemployment Taxes	71	71	71	47	66
2600	280	Group Dental Insurance	496	499	528	528	567
2600	411	Water Testing Etc	500	223	500	500	500
2600	421	Rubbish Removal	2,300	1,813	2,300	2,000	2,000
2600	430	Repairs & Maint	5,000	3,815	5,000	5,000	5,000
2600	500	Labor and Industry	50	0	50	50	50
2600	580	Travel	0	55	0	0	0
2600	610	Custodial Supplies	3,000	5,340	4,000	4,000	4,000
2600	622	Electricity	11,300	11,726	11,300	11,300	12,000
2600	624	Heating Oil	4,500	5,348	4,500	5,160	5,500
4000	739	Facility Improvements	<u>0</u>	<u>3,881</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<b><u>\$46,074</u></b>	<b><u>\$51,683</u></b>	<b><u>\$48,602</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,060</u></b>	<b><u>\$51,228</u></b>
<b>76</b>	<b>CARE &amp; UPKEEP - GROUNDS:</b>						
2630	424	Lawn Care	\$2,500	\$2,150	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
2630	490	Improvements	100	0	100	100	100
2630	610	Supplies	<u>100</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
			<b><u>\$2,700</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,220</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,700</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,700</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,700</u></b>

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			<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY'05 Budget</u>
<b>80</b>	<b>VEHICLE OPERATION SERVICES:</b>						
2711	110	Salaries	\$12,253	\$13,128	\$14,286	\$12,682	\$13,126
2711	120	Substitutes	400	0	400	400	400
2711	210	Group Medical	4,767	4,767	5,673	5,673	6,226
2711	212	Disability Insurance	43	38	38	39	39
2711	220	Social Security	968	964	1,123	1,001	1,035
2711	240	Retirement	490	490	509	507	525
2711	250	Workers' Compensation	512	726	812	905	936
2711	260	Unemployment Taxes	71	87	99	47	66
2711	280	Dental	496	499	528	528	567
2711	330	Medical Testing	200	150	200	200	200
2711	524	Bus Insurance	550	663	762	633	728
2711	530	Phones on Bus	300	276	300	0	0
2711	591	Workshops	100	0	100	100	100
2711	610	Supplies	0	23	0	0	0
2711	739	Equipment	0	1,515	0	0	0
			<u>\$21,150</u>	<u>\$23,326</u>	<u>\$24,830</u>	<u>\$22,715</u>	<u>\$23,948</u>
<b>81</b>	<b>VEHICLE SERVICING:</b>						
2740	430	Maintenance	\$1,500	\$2,847	\$1,500	\$2,600	\$1,500
2740	626	Gasoline	1,800	1,521	1,800	1,800	1,800
2740	690	Other Expenses & Supplies	100	0	100	100	100
			<u>\$3,400</u>	<u>\$4,368</u>	<u>\$3,400</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$3,400</u>
<b>90</b>	<b>SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:</b>						
3130	630	Breakfast/Lunch	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
<b>95</b>	<b>LONG TERM DEBT</b>						
5100	830	Interest	\$1,750	\$1,750	\$1,265	\$1,265	\$768
5100	910	Principal	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
			<u>\$11,750</u>	<u>\$11,750</u>	<u>\$11,265</u>	<u>\$11,265</u>	<u>\$10,768</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO BE VOTED</b>			<b>\$1,562,745</b>	<b>\$1,611,080</b>	<b>\$1,773,110</b>	<b>\$1,725,339</b>	<b>\$1,820,760</b>
<b>96</b>	<b>PAYMENTS TO THE STATE</b>						
5200	950	Payment to the Education Fund	\$0	\$99,366	\$0	\$126,759	\$0
			<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$99,366</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$126,759</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Transfers To Reserve Funds			<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>			<b><u>\$1,567,745</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,715,446</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,778,110</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,857,098</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,826,760</u></b>

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<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY'04 Budget</u>	<u>FY'04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY'05 Budget</u>
<b>LOCAL</b>					
1110 Local Spending	\$405,007	\$504,078	\$570,202	\$672,630	\$0
1322 Tuition	15,000	30,300	32,000	53,400	46,500
1500 Interest	3,000	1,755	3,000	2,000	2,000
1990 Misc./Prior Year Tuition Reimb	0	4,012	0	0	0
	<u>\$423,007</u>	<u>\$540,145</u>	<u>\$605,202</u>	<u>\$728,030</u>	<u>\$48,500</u>
<b>STATE</b>					
3100 Education Fund					\$1,441,991
3109 GSSG from Municipality	\$802,729	\$762,080	\$798,373	\$793,111	0
3110 GSSG from Education Fund	0	40,649	0	27,726	0
3145 Small Schools Grant	61,741	61,741	61,045	63,184	60,000
3150 Transportation Reimbursement	13,723	13,723	12,790	14,797	16,796
3160 Hold Harmless Capital Debt Aid	1,800	2,094	1,800	1,528	0
3201 Special Ed Block Grant	39,613	39,613	39,396	39,396	41,935
3202 Spec Ed Reimbr	101,628	108,404	131,542	147,442	129,095
3202 Spec Ed Reimbr - Prior Years	0	2,159	0	3,899	0
3204 Early Education	5,905	5,917	6,362	6,375	7,343
	<u>\$1,027,138</u>	<u>\$1,036,380</u>	<u>\$1,051,308</u>	<u>\$1,097,458</u>	<u>\$1,697,160</u>
<b>FEDERAL</b>					
4810 Forest Revenue	<u>\$21,600</u>	<u>\$21,150</u>	<u>\$21,600</u>	<u>\$21,600</u>	<u>\$21,100</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,471,745</b>	<b>\$1,597,675</b>	<b>\$1,678,110</b>	<b>\$1,847,088</b>	<b>\$1,766,760</b>
Surplus To Lower Taxes	<u>36,000</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
<b>Total Revenues Prior to Transfers</b>	<b>\$1,507,745</b>		<b>\$1,678,110</b>		<b>\$1,766,760</b>
5902 Transfer from Impact Aid Reserve Fund	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>17,787</u>	<u>60,000</u>
<b>TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$1,567,745</u></b>	<b><u>1,657,675</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,778,110</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,864,875</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,826,760</u></b>

# Sunderland School District

FY '05 Budget

	General Fund	Impact Aid Reserved For Tax Relief	Special Revenue				
			Total	Bus	Improvements	Enrichment	Grants
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>							
<b>Balance June 30, 2002</b>	<u>\$49,994</u>	<u>\$246,555</u>	<u>\$12,939</u>	<u>\$5,336</u>		<u>\$6,674</u>	<u>\$579</u>
Actual Revenue FY '03	\$1,597,675	\$162,540	\$35,902	\$80		\$4,614	\$4 31,204
Actual Expenditures FY '03	(1,710,446)	(60,000)	(24,243)	0		(6,014)	(20) (18,209)
Transfer - Impact Aid	60,000						
Transfer- Special Revenue	(5,000)		5,000	5,000			
<b>Actual Balance June 30, 2003</b>	<u>(\$7,777)</u>	<u>\$349,095</u>	<u>\$29,598</u>	<u>\$10,416</u>		<u>\$5,274</u>	<u>\$13,574</u>
Anticipated Revenue FY '04	\$1,847,088	\$60,598					
Anticipated Expenditures FY '04	(1,852,098)	(17,787)					
Transfer- Impact Aid	17,787						
Transfer - Reserves			5,000	5,000			
Transfer- Special Revenue	(5,000)						
<b>Anticipated Balance June 30, 2004</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$391,906</u>	<u>\$34,598</u>	<u>\$15,416</u>		<u>\$5,274</u>	<u>\$13,574</u>
Budgeted Revenue Receipts FY'05	\$1,766,760	\$63,000					
Budgeted Expenditures FY'05	(1,820,760)						
Surplus to Lower Taxes	0						
Transfer- Impact Aid	60,000	(60,000)					
Transfer- Special Revenue	(6,000)		6,000	5,000	1,000		
<b>Budgeted Balance June 30, 2005</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$394,906</u>	<u>\$40,598</u>	<u>\$20,416</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$5,274</u>	<u>\$13,574</u>

# Sunderland Town School District Prior Year Comparison

as prescribed by the Commissioner to meet the requirements of 16 V.S.A. § 563(11) as amended by section 48 of Act 68 of the 2003 Legislative session

Expenditures	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005
<b>Budget</b> (proposed budgets and local budget approved in prior years)	1,628,825	1,562,745	1,773,110	1,820,760
82% of base payment per FTE paid to tech centers by the State on behalf of the district in FY2005	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	4,405
S.U. assessment (included in local budget)	29,839	29,710	31,157	34,135
Deficit (if included in local budget)	-	-	-	-
+ Block grant paid by State to tech center in prior years	9,643	8,126	6,507	not applicable
+ 1. Separately warned article passed at town meeting	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
+ 2. Separately warned article at town meeting	-	-	-	6,000
- Act 144 Expenditures, (excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-
<b>Act 68 local adopted budget</b>	1,643,468	1,575,871	1,784,617	1,826,760
+ Union school or joint school district assessment	-	-	-	-
+ Deficit if not included in budget or revenues	-	-	-	-
+ Special programs expenditures (if not included in local budget)	40,000	50,000	51,000	48,000
<b>Gross Act 68 Budget (a)</b>	1,683,468	1,625,871	1,835,617	1,874,760
Act 144 expenditures (if any - excluded from "Education Spending")	-	-	-	-
<b>Revenues</b>				
+ Local revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including Act 144 revenues)	399,386	358,209	407,735	384,769
+ Capital debt aid	2,061	2,094	1,528	-
+ Special program revenues (if not included in local budget)	40,000	50,000	51,000	48,000
- Deficit if not included in budget or expenditures	-	-	-	-
- Act 144 revenues	441,447	410,303	460,263	432,769
<b>Total revenues</b>	882,894	819,606	920,526	865,538
- Fund raising (if any)	-	-	-	-
<b>Adjusted local revenues (b)</b>	882,894	819,606	920,526	865,538
<b>Education Spending (Act 68 definition) (a-b)</b>	1,242,021	1,215,568	1,375,354	1,441,991
Equalized Pupil	150.96	145.68	142.40	145.83
<b>Education Spending per Equalized Pupil =</b>	8,227	8,344	9,658	9,888
Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil (if any)	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	-
Per pupil figure used for calculating District Adjustment	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	9,888
<b>District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%) (\$9,888 / \$6,800)</b>	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	145.412%
<b>Anticipated homestead tax rate, equalized (1) (145.412% x \$1.10)</b>	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	\$1.600
<b>Household Income Percentage for income sensitivity (145.412% x 2.0%)</b>	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	2.91%

(1) Note: The above equalized tax rate is based on current law at the time of print (1/22/04) and is subject to changes by the legislature. The Sunderland Town School District experienced a deficit of \$7,777 as of 6/30/03; this deficit will be eliminated during the current fiscal year.

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003  
GENERAL FUND**

**RECEIPTS:**

Cash in Bank 7/1/02 Checking	\$115,369.53
Savings	46,524.89
Gifts - Hannaford Program	36.00
Kindergarten Class	400.00
Grants - IEP Medicaid	3,948.26
Kindergarten Orientation	160.00
Title I	4860.00
VSMIT	6490.99
Interest - Checking Account	1,037.80
Impact Aid	375.94
Savings	256.44
Milk & Lunch	10,903.42
Miscellaneous - Book Fair	627.56
Box Tops	123.00
Other	187.95
National Forest Revenue	21,149.78
P.L. 874 H.E.W.	159,901.00
Reimbursements - Insurance -Teachers	1,445.80
- Other	289.16
School Table	215.00
State of Vermont	139,617.49
Taxes	1,266,158.00
Transfer- Enrichment Fund	7,039.02
Impact Aid	60,000.00
Tuition	31,200.00

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

By Regular School Orders	\$ 1,136,825.28
Payroll	556,972.99
Payroll Expenses	41,831.39
Payroll Deductions Paid on Regular Orders	(39,675.36)
Transfers - Bus Sinking Fund	5,000.00
Impact Aid	57,598.00

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,878,317.03</b>	<b>\$1,758,552.30</b>
Cash in Bank, June 30, 2003 (Checking)		17,085.79
(Impact Aid)		102,678.94
(Savings)		0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,878,317.03</b>	<b>\$1,878,317.03</b>

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS & SAVINGS ACCOUNTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

**INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**

	<b>Balance 07-01-02</b>	<b>Incoming Transfer</b>	<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>Transfers Out</b>	<b>Balance 06-30-03</b>
Bus Sinking	5336.29	5000.00	80.02	0.00	10416.31
Enrichment(Donated)	9827.07	4399.26	114.24	7039.02	7301.55
Impact Aid(Bank/Benn)	51555.59	45000.00	474.92	0.00	97030.51
Impact Aid(Charter One)	99291.27	0.00	1206.24	5000.00	95497.51
Impact Aid(Chitt)	95707.87	0.00	928.16	55000.00	41636.03
Impact Aid(BankNorth)	0.00	12598.00	8.67	0.00	12606.67
Bockwith Fund(Donated)	349.96	0.00	3.95	0.00	353.91

**SAVINGS**

General(Bank/Benn.)	46524.89	45000.00	77.67	91602.56	0.00
General(BankNorth)	0.00	85000.00	178.77	85178.77	0.00
Student Activity Acct.	1238.51	5095.79	13.01	5087.85	1259.46

**SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2003**

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank, The Howard Bank, Burlington, VT

Energy Conservation Bond      \$ 40,000.00

Principal Payment                      10,000.00

TOTAL                                      \$ 30,000.00

Amortized at the rate of \$10,000.00 annually.



**SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT**

The Sunderland Board of School Directors engaged Jeffrey R. Bradley, CPA, Mendon, VT, to conduct an audit of its FY '03 accounts. Copies of the audit report will be available for public inspection at the Sunderland Town Clerk (375-6106) or the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union Office (362-2452).

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT**

This is my fifteenth report to you as your Superintendent of Schools. The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union (BRSU) central office continues to offer support and assistance to our nine school districts as each addresses its own concerns, needs and local issues. The average daily membership of students in the BRSU over the past fifteen years (1989 to 2004) has increased by over 200 students (1,627 to 1,835); over the last 5 years, however, we have seen an average decrease of 1% per year.

The Act 60 educational funding law had brought us significant financial concerns. This past year's enactment of Act 68 has changed the rules once again. While budgets are being prepared and tax rates are being projected using the new rules, additional reporting requirements have also been imposed on school districts. This year for the first time we are required to present to voters, on a Commissioner approved form, a more detailed four year budget comparison.

Each school continues to be actively involved in assessing its students' performance and planning strategies for improving instruction. Each school continues to prepare an annual Action Plan to address areas that need attention based on current assessment results. All schools report on their results to their local boards and to the public. In addition, the 2002 federal *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)* law requires other reporting and notification. One important component of this law requires the schools that receive Title I compensatory funding (Currier, Manchester, Mettawee, and Sunderland) to hire both highly qualified teachers and teacher assistants. Teachers must be licensed; and teacher assistants must have either completed at least two (2) years of college or pass an equivalent test to assure competency in reading and math. I have asked Assistant Superintendent John Bacon to present an accompanying report, along with 2003 test scores, for your local school.

For the past four years, Dr. Bacon has served as our Assistant Superintendent. His duties include overseeing the Title I, II, IV, and V federal programs; the Section 504 federal law; and Safe and Drug-Free Schools programs; coordinating professional development activities; and assisting with the overall administration of our nine school districts.

The BRSU Board-approved model for special education administration includes a part-time central office coordinator along with special education directors employed either directly or indirectly by the town school districts. Judith Adams is serving in her fifth year as our Coordinator as well as our Early Education Program Director. Debbie Gould serves as Director for Manchester, Susan Kristoff for Pawlet and Rupert, Debbie Brophy-Antonez for The Dorset School, and Mary K. Murphy for Sunderland, Danby, Mt. Tabor, along with Dorset's secondary students. We continue to operate a highly successful Early Education Program serving approximately seventy handicapped and at-risk children at centers located at the Mt. Tabor Town Hall, the Manchester Elementary Middle School, the Happy Days Play School in Arlington and the Mettawee Community School in Pawlet.

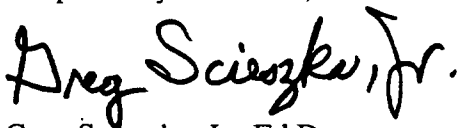
Dr. Charlene Rapinz continues for the thirteenth year in her role as our full-time school psychologist and is joined for the fourth year by our part-time school psychologist Dr. Mary Hissong. Greg Rosenthal continues as our federally funded School-to-Work facilitator who assists our special needs high school students in transitioning to the work force.



Over the past seven years, our supervisory union has been a strong proponent of Asian studies. When our elementary students enter high school and college, they will be studying side by side with students from many backgrounds and cultures. With the emerging global economy focusing on Asia, it is important that we provide multi-cultural Asian experiences for our students. At least ten BRSU educators have participated and received funding from the Freeman Foundation for study programs in Asia. Our schools have served as hosts for teachers from China, Japan, and Thailand. The BRSU joined with other local supervisory unions to write and implement a Freeman Foundation grant that is allowing our local high school students to participate in Asian exchange programs. Last year, sixteen students from China visited local high schools and even toured *Hildene*; and another group of students will be arriving at the end of January. A group of local high school students, including participants from Burr & Burton Academy, Mill River UHS, and Poultney HS, will be traveling to China in April and another group will follow in June.

Our office continues to provide a multitude of services, including the monitoring of high school tuition payments for over seven hundred students; assisting Boards in determining residency; preparing budgets and most meeting agendas; dealing with truancy and legal issues; arranging for appropriate insurance coverage; preparing and overseeing a multitude of contracts; and providing assistance to our boards, principals, teachers, parents, and to community members in general. We look forward to serving our communities in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Scieszka, Jr." in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

Greg Scieszka, Jr., Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

## Town Report

The Sunderland School Directors are pleased to report on the status of the Sunderland Elementary School. The blend of new and experienced faculty under the guidance of our principal has provided for a productive learning environment. The cordial and warm atmosphere of the school along with recent test scores bear this out. The contributions of the newly reconstituted Parent Teacher Association have also become a positive part of the Elementary School ambience.

The Board report on the Secondary Education program is not as positive as that of the Elementary School. The Directors, our Superintendent and our attorney have spent many hours attempting to get Arlington's Superintendent and Board to comply with both the State Education Department policies and Federal government regulations relative to the education of several of our students. The Arlington administration and Board have refused admission to several Sunderland students in violation of the State and Federal regulations. As of the writing of this report, these Arlington officials have not complied with the demands and warnings sent to them by the State. The Directors will, however, continue to press our complaints to the State for our students and our town until Arlington complies with the law.

As we prepare this report to you we the Directors expect that our fiscal oversight and economies within the budget of operations will, in spite of increased health insurance costs and some under funded mandates, produce a reduction in school system costs. Barring some unforeseen circumstances, continued oversight should result in additional cost reduction under the policies of the new State Act 68 for school funding.

The Directors wish to thank: all at the Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union; our Superintendent Dr. Greg Scieszka, Jr.; our attorney Gordon Black, esq.; and the Manchester School system and its School Directors for the co-operation and assistance given us during this difficult year. We also wish to thank the residents of Sunderland for your continued encouragement and support. Your understanding has been a real motivation to stay the course and continue with you the improvement and development of our school system.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_, Chair  
Russell F. Housman, EdD

\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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## **SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2003-2004**

The Sunderland Elementary School began the 2003-2004 school year with five new staff members. All classroom teachers were trained in the Responsive Classroom approach to student discipline and a new set of student expectations and consequences were developed over the summer months. The opening of school in August brought many new faces and changes, touching students and parents alike. A new parent group has formed, choosing to affiliate with the national PTA.

A major concentration and focus of our Action Plan is improvement of student performance. Curriculum continuity through all grade levels with an emphasis on mathematics, literacy and science is a top priority for faculty attention. Development of more integrated instruction across curriculum areas is another major goal in achieving increased student success. New faculty members have been working closely with a literacy coach to assure the use of best practices in the classrooms. In addition, a trainer from the Vermont State Math Institute has been working with all of our teachers to refine the effective delivery of our standards-based math program. In addition, some changes in curriculum materials have assured that students are moving from grade to grade with the solid foundations and clear focus necessary to scaffold their learning.

Another school-wide effort this year has been the enhancement of positive school climate by reaching out to our parents and community to become active participants in both school events and classroom activities. We welcomed sixty grandparents to their special day, presented by our faculty with lots of help from the PTA. They were treated to a breakfast, served family-style, followed by a multitude of teacher developed classroom activities involving their grandchildren. The Winter Concert, too, was extremely well attended and treated the community to a wonderful performance by our students. Parents are also involved in working within the classrooms as readers and assisting with special projects on a regular basis. Parent volunteer efforts have helped in organizing our library for wider student use.

The first session of our after-school club program began in November. The program, funded by an enrichment grant, provides experiences beyond the regular school day and curriculum for students grades K-6. This year's offerings include Jump Rope Team, Basketball, Crafts, Art, Swing Chorus, Cooking through Literature, and Homework Help. The addition of some groups focusing on Money, Measurement and Time in math and Reading and Writing Effectiveness for younger students will round out the program during the second session, beginning in February. In addition, we will be providing extra remedial assistance to fourth graders in both English/Language Arts and Mathematics through after-school groups and we will hold evening math workshops for parents and students to help to support our students' needs at home.

Summer School Extension Camps are planned again this year as well. The program will offer an opportunity to further engage our students in continued support of their skills in literacy and mathematics. The summer camp program will also offer opportunities to engage in challenging expansion of curriculum learning through scientific and math experimentation, technology, literacy studies and art.

We have been awarded another grant from the Southern Vermont Arts Council Outreach Program this year. Assisted by funding from our PTA, we will launch a literacy-based puppetry program engaging all of our students, grades K-6 during the month of January. Working with an artist in residence whose expertise is in puppet making, our students will be choosing a literary theme or author, creating puppetry and producing written works. The project will culminate in a night of presentations to our community late in January that will showcase all of our students' work, learning and talents.

As we move ahead toward our goals, all changes and efforts will be clearly directed at developing and maintaining respectful and successful learners at Sunderland Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Trancho, Principal

SUPERINTENDENT'S ENROLLMENT REPORT  
SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ENROLLMENT: DECEMBER 1, 2003

<u>SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</u>			<u>ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL</u>			<u>BURR &amp; BURTON ACADEMY</u>
<u>GRADE</u>			<u>GRADE</u>			
K	-	7	7	-	7	
1	-	8	8	-	4	
2	-	8	9	-	9	4
3	-	10	10	-	6	7
4	-	14	11	-	8	6
5	-	7	12	-	5	5
6	-	10				
		<u>64</u>	TOTAL		<u>39</u>	<u>22</u>
		6 (Non-Residents)				
TOTAL		<u>70</u>				

Early Education Program - 5

			<u>OTHER SCHOOLS</u>		
			<u>Manchester</u>	<u>Long Trail</u>	<u>Other Private</u>
<u>Grade</u>					
7	-	2		5	
8	-	1		4	
9	-				1
10	-				2
11	-			1	2
12	-				2
TOTAL		<u>3</u>		<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

# Percentages of Students in 2003 Mastering or Exceeding the Vermont Standards

TEST	State Average	BRSU Schools Combined	Sunderland
<b>DRA 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	82%	77%	60%
<b>4th Grade Math</b>			
Skills	73%	74%	76%
Concepts	36%	42%	63%
Problem Solving	41%	40%	76%
<b>4th Grade Language Arts</b>			
Reading - Basic Understanding	80%	80%	88%
Reading - Analysis & Interpretation	70%	63%	63%
Writing Effectiveness	60%	49%	38%
Writing Conventions	62%	63%	75%
<b>5th Grade Science</b>			
Total Score	46%	52%	76%
<b>8th Grade Math</b>			
Skills	67%	68%	-
Concepts	40%	37%	-
Problem Solving	48%	31%	-
<b>8th Grade Language Arts</b>			
Reading - Basic Understanding	62%	54%	-
Reading - Analysis & Interpretation	36%	35%	-
Writing Effectiveness	66%	76%	-
Writing Conventions	52%	65%	-

\* The Sunderland School enrolls students K-6 and does not have 8th grade classes.

# **MINUTES OF THE SUNDERLAND TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

**MARCH 3, 2003 AND MARCH 4, 2003**

**Moderator Melanie Hogg called the meeting to order at 9:25 PM.  
Approximately 50 were in attendance.**

**School Board Chairman Russell Housman introduced Assistant Superintendent John Bacon, Mary Murphy from the special education program, Principal Nancy Trancho and the Board Members.**

**Peter Putis moved to allow Assistant Superintendent Bacon and Principal Trancho to speak at this meeting, Frederick Mass seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
Russell Housman highlighted the items that increased such as secondary education students up by 39%, Special Education up by 35%, Insurance increased by 19% and Sunderland is paying \$99,000.00 to the State for Act 60.**

**Moderator Hogg stated that she would read the articles.**

**Article 1: To hear and act upon the reports of the Town School District officers.  
Peter Van Vleck moved to accept article one, Dorothy Conklin seconded the motion.  
Article one carried.**

**Article 2: Shall the voters authorize the School District to borrow money by issuance of notes not in excess of anticipated revenue for the school year?  
Peter Van Vleck moved to accept article two, Edward Toth seconded the motion.  
Article two carried.**

**Article 3: To discuss the budget to be voted upon by Australian ballot (Article 6).  
Kevin Keough moved to accept article three, Dorothy Conklin seconded the motion.  
Richard Ashley noted that these are really big numbers and not sure where it will end.  
Richard Ashley stated that it would cost \$1,100,000.00 should we tuition our students which is \$667,000.00 less than our budget. Donald Fisher stated that it will become so costly that people will not be able to afford it. Donald Fisher stated that at our current rate we will double our taxes within 6 years. Darri Cepela-Beach stated that a committee has been formed. Weiland Ross stated that the committee has met seven times and started with the Arlington study, which was done three years ago.  
The committee tried to contact Manchester however they did not return any of the three calls made. The committee discussed forming a regional school with Bennington. The committee is expected to report to the Board probably in June with two possibilities.  
The Board would then decide on what to present to the voters. Anything will be confusing and hard core decisions will have to be made. Richard Ashley asked about the possibility of school choice. John Bacon explained that if no elementary school deal has been made to join together then students could go to any public school and the Town would have to pay the full amount. It is not as easy as it sounds to send students to other schools because they want some commitment.**

Donald Fisher stated that he has never known Arlington not to accept our children. Mary Murphy stated that Arlington has been unable to service our special education students. Donald Fisher stated that it is costing over ten thousand dollars, closer to twelve thousand. Something needs to happen. Weiland Ross stated that Arlington is very interested and cooperative. The deal needs to be worked out for our children. Edward Toth thanked everyone on the study group and on the School Board.

Edward Toth asked about the difference between the block grant and the cost to BBA and others. John Bacon stated that the block grant is \$5566.00 per student and could go up to \$7000.00. Tuition at BBA is \$9000.00; Arlington charges \$9000.00 and then hits us with another charge of \$1000.00. The state average for a union high school is \$8200.00 for next year and Long Trail will be \$15500.00 but will accept \$9000.00 if the voters approve article eight. Mary Van Vleck asked if the \$210,000.00 budget increase was because of increased numbers. John Bacon reported that there are fifteen more secondary students or about 25% increase. Shirley McTernan asked what the projected tax would be with this budget. John Bacon stated that it would be \$2.27 or about 20% increase. Peter VanVleck stated that would not include the town it is just the school rate.

Peter Van Vleck asked how much money is in the Bus Sinking fund and it was noted that there is \$10,336.00. Linda McLenithan stated that the bus would be replaced in another eight years.

Patricia Toth asked everyone to support and vote yes on article ten. All sending schools would get a voice. Linda McKeever asked if we currently have any students attending CDC and it was noted that there are two.

Frederick Maas thanked the Board and the Principal for all their work.

Kevin Keough moved to adjourn, Rose Stone seconded the motion. Moderator Hogg declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM until 10:00 AM on Tuesday March 4, 2003.

The ballot boxes were declared open, on March 4, 2003, at 10:00 AM by Town Clerk, Rose Keough, and declared closed at 7:00 PM.

The results follow:

**Article 6:** Shall the electorate approve the sum of \$1,773,110. For the support of the Town School District for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004?

YES	139	NO	84	BLANK	2
		TOTAL	225		

**Article 7:** Shall the electorate appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the school bus reserve fund ?

YES	176	NO	49
	TOTAL	225	

**Article 8:** Shall the electorate approve payment of the announced tuition of Burr and Burton Academy in the amount of \$9,000 per pupil for the 2003-2004 school year, for those pupils in Grades 9 through 12 who are residents of the Town of Sunderland and attend private and independent schools (Burr & Burton Academy, Long Trail School, Pine Cobble School, etc.)?

YES	125	NO	98	BLANK	2
		TOTAL	225		

**Article 9: To elect Town School District Officers:**

**For School District Moderator, for 1 year**  
WRITE IN Melanie Hogg 19\*  
WRITE IN Andrew McKeever 6  
WRITE IN Other 6  
SPOILED 1  
BLANK 193  
TOTAL 225

**For School Director, for 1 year**  
DARRI CEPELA-BEACH 179\*  
WRITE IN Linda McLenithan 10\*  
WRITE IN Other 9  
BLANK 252  
TOTAL 450

**For School Director, for 2 years**  
WEILAND ROSS 181\*  
WRITE IN Other 1  
BLANK 43  
TOTAL 225

**For School Director, for 3 years**  
CARL RICE 184\*  
WRITE IN Linda McLenithan 1  
BLANK 40  
TOTAL 225

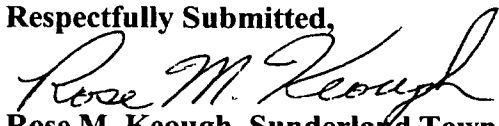
**Article 10:** Shall the voters of the Sunderland School District vote to establish the Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District as described in the Governance Planning Committee Report dated and approved by the State Board of Education on October 16, 2002.

YES 145 NO 71 BLANK 9  
TOTAL 225

**\*Denotes Election to Office**

**After announcing the results of the balloting it was moved that the meeting be adjourned.**

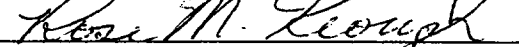
**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Rose M. Keough, Sunderland Town Clerk**

**SUNDERLAND TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Received for record this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March AD, 2003 at 4:35 PM.**

**ATTEST:**   
**Rose M. Keough, Town Clerk**



**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union**  
**General Budget - FY 2005**

		<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '05 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>						
110	Salaries	\$264,920	\$257,597	\$278,587	\$276,816	\$286,691
115	Salaries-Board Minutes	0	244	0	250	250
210	Medical Insurance	42,353	36,925	41,703	42,901	49,473
212	Disability Insurance	953	828	850	887	983
220	FICA	21,013	20,095	22,794	20,731	23,304
230	Life Insurance	2,126	2,098	2,097	2,245	2,326
240	Employee Retirement	4,519	4,747	5,253	5,287	5,518
250	Workers Comp	577	956	953	1,097	1,145
260	Unemployment	597	414	584	372	372
270	Tuition Reimbursement	1,900	0	2,000	1,000	1,500
280	Dental Insurance	3,999	3,806	3,996	4,010	4,229
320	Conferences Fees	1,600	1,320	1,650	1,650	1,650
321	Workshops	600	233	600	500	500
330	Temp Service	400	0	200	200	200
332	Accounting Sftw/Business Cons.	700	519	700	550	550
333	Technical Services	600	639	1,000	800	800
360	Legal	11,900	11,538	11,900	12,000	12,100
370	Audit	1,600	765	900	890	1,100
423	Custodial	2,200	1,897	2,200	2,200	2,200
430	Equipment Repairs	200	200	200	200	200
440	Equip Rent/Copier	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300
441	Rent	23,679	23,679	24,330	24,330	24,999
520	Comprehensive Insurance	2,400	2,251	2,494	2,422	2,773
530a	Telephone	4,900	4,333	4,900	4,800	4,900
531	Postage	2,300	2,027	2,300	2,300	2,300
540	Advertising	1,800	616	1,500	1,000	1,500
580	Travel - Local	6,800	6,630	6,800	6,800	6,800
590	Conference Expenses	1,550	1,005	1,600	1,400	1,600
610	Supplies	7,700	7,346	7,800	7,800	7,800
622	Electricity	3,600	3,902	3,800	3,800	3,800
624	Fuel	2,400	199	2,000	2,000	2,000
670	Software/Upgrades	500	115	500	500	500
739	Equip Purchase	1,950	229	2,000	1,000	500
810	Reference Mtrs/Dues	<u>4,300</u>	<u>3,934</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,300</u>	<u>4,300</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b><u>\$429,936</u></b>	<b><u>\$404,387</u></b>	<b><u>\$445,791</u></b>	<b><u>\$440,338</u></b>	<b><u>\$462,163</u></b>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union**  
**General Budget - FY 2005**

	<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '05 Budget</u>
<b>REVENUE</b>					
1510 Interest	\$8,200	\$5,043	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
1990 Miscellaneous	250	625	250	250	350
1991 Indirect Costs-Title IID,V,VI	2,500	1,345	2,500	951	1,000
1991 Indirect Costs-Title II	3,000	2,327	5,000	0	0
5200 Fees/Title I	22,500	22,500	25,000	22,858	24,000
5200 Fees/Special Education	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,250
5200 DFS Administrative Fee	2,000	2,000	2,200	742	750
9999 Surplus to lower assessment	<u>4,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,000</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$51,950</b>	<b>\$42,840</b>	<b>\$62,950</b>	<b>\$39,801</b>	<b>\$49,350</b>
1931 Assessments:	<u>377,986</u>	<u>377,986</u>	<u>382,841</u>	<u>382,841</u>	<u>412,813</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$429,936</u></b>	<b><u>\$420,826</u></b>	<b><u>\$445,791</u></b>	<b><u>\$422,642</u></b>	<b><u>\$462,163</u></b>

<u>FUND BALANCE</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Equipment Reserve Fund</u>
Balance June 30, 2002	\$13,786	
Actual Revenues FY'03	\$420,826	
Actual Expenditures FY'03	<u>(404,387)</u>	
<b>Actual Fund Balance June 30, 2003</b>	<b><u>\$30,225</u></b>	
Designated for FY'04	15,000	
Undesignated	15,225	
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	(\$2,000)	<u>\$2,000</u>
Anticipated Revenues FY'04	422,642	
Anticipated Expenditures FY '04	<u>(440,338)</u>	
<b>Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2004</b>	<b><u>\$10,529</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,000</u></b>
Budgeted Revenues FY'05	\$462,153	
Budgeted Expenditures FY '05	(462,153)	
Transfer to Equipment Reserve Fund	(2,500)	<u>2,500</u>
Surplus to Lower Assessments	<u>(8,000)</u>	
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance June 30, 2005</b>	<b><u>\$29</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,500</u></b>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION  
GENERAL ASSESSMENT FY '05**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland	UD #23	UD #47
ADM 12/03	1,834.93	137.54	320.12	744.05	19.25	115.35	62.35	151.68	104.55	180.04
Percentage	100.00%	7.50%	17.45%	40.55%	1.05%	6.29%	3.40%	8.27%	5.70%	9.81%
<b>FY'05 Assessment Before Surplus</b>	<b>\$420,813</b>	<b>\$31,543</b>	<b>\$73,415</b>	<b>\$170,636</b>	<b>\$4,415</b>	<b>\$26,454</b>	<b>\$14,299</b>	<b>\$34,786</b>	<b>\$23,977</b>	<b>\$41,288</b>
Less: Surplus applied to lower assessment at prior year's ADM %										
ADM 12/02	1,839.88	128.91	306.68	764.41	21.60	126.15	57.74	149.84	110.56	173.99
Percentage	100.00%	7.01%	16.67%	41.55%	1.17%	6.86%	3.14%	8.14%	6.01%	9.46%
Surplus applied	(\$8,000)	(\$561)	(\$1,333)	(\$3,324)	(\$94)	(\$549)	(\$250)	(\$652)	(\$481)	(\$756)
<b>FY'05 Proposed Assessment</b>	<b>\$412,813</b>	<b>\$30,982</b>	<b>\$72,082</b>	<b>\$167,312</b>	<b>\$4,321</b>	<b>\$25,905</b>	<b>\$14,049</b>	<b>\$34,134</b>	<b>\$23,496</b>	<b>\$40,532</b>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union**  
**Special Education Budget**  
**FY '05**

	<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '05 Budget</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES:</u></b>					
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	\$94,181	\$89,901	\$97,923	\$96,926	\$101,455
ADMINISTRATION	103,269	106,725	101,922	106,344	110,683
PROGRAM DIRECTORS	<u>143,220</u>	<u>139,881</u>	<u>149,952</u>	<u>164,677</u>	<u>177,270</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$340,670</u></b>	<b><u>\$336,507</u></b>	<b><u>\$349,797</u></b>	<b><u>\$367,947</u></b>	<b><u>\$389,408</u></b>
 <b><u>REVENUE:</u></b>					
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL IDEA - Budgeted	181,500	183,877	182,000	182,000	220,000
FEDERAL IDEA - Additional	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>56,530</u>	<u>0</u>
FEDERAL IDEA - Applied to Assessments	<u>\$181,500</u>	<u>\$183,877</u>	<u>\$182,000</u>	<u>\$238,530</u>	<u>\$220,000</u>
<b>REVENUE BEFORE ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$181,500</b>	<b>\$183,877</b>	<b>\$182,000</b>	<b>\$238,530</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>
 SURPLUS APPLIED	 7,000	 0	 15,000	 0	 0
REGULAR ASSESSMENTS	<u>152,170</u>	<u>148,170</u>	<u>152,797</u>	<u>100,473</u>	<u>169,408</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$340,670</u></b>	<b><u>\$332,047</u></b>	<b><u>\$349,797</u></b>	<b><u>\$339,003</u></b>	<b><u>\$389,408</u></b>

**FUND BALANCE:**

<b>Balance June 30, 2002</b>	<b>\$23,319</b>
Actual Revenue FY'03	332,047
Actual Expenditures Fy'03	<u>(336,507)</u>
<b>Balance June 30, 2003</b>	<b>\$18,859</b>
 Anticipated Revenue FY '04	 339,003
Anticipated Expenditures FY '04	<u>(367,947)</u>
<b>Anticipated Balance June 30, 2004</b>	<b><u>(\$10,085)</u></b>
 Budgeted Revenue FY '05	 455,958
Budgeted Expenditures FY '05	<u>(455,958)</u>
 <b>Budgeted Balance June 30, 2005</b>	 <b><u>(\$10,085)</u></b>

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union**  
**Special Education Budget**  
**FY '05**

			<u>FY '03</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY '03</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY '04</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>FY '04</u> <u>Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '05</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES:</b>							
2140	110	Salary	\$75,948	\$78,522	\$80,750	\$81,551	\$82,381
2140	115	Salary - Clerical	4,350	4,604	4,604	4,766	4,766
2140	119	Salary/Other Adjustments	<u>4,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,038</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,246</u>
		Total Salaries/Adjustments	<u>84,498</u>	<u>83,126</u>	<u>86,392</u>	<u>86,317</u>	<u>89,393</u>
2140	210	Medical	8,181	8,181	9,100	9,420	10,582
2140	212	Disability	220	193	202	199	206
2140	220	Social Security	6,464	6,300	6,609	6,603	6,839
2140	230	Life Insurance	342	336	672	672	672
2140	240	Retirement	0	221	239	238	247
2140	250	Worker's Compensation	177	267	276	319	331
2140	260	Unemployment Taxes	234	226	227	147	144
2140	270	Tuition Reimbursement	400	0	400	400	400
2140	280	Dental	465	577	606	611	641
2140	320	Conferences	600	629	600	600	600
2140	339	Psych Consultants	1,000	0	1,000	0	0
2140	530	Telephone	700	267	700	500	500
2140	580	Travel	1,000	852	1,000	1,000	1,000
2140	590	Conference Travel Expenses	650	58	650	650	650
2140	611	Supplies for Testing	800	493	800	800	800
2140	810	Dues/Membership	450	175	450	450	450
2140	999	Grant Reimbursement	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>
		<b>TOTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL</b>	<b><u>\$94,181</u></b>	<b><u>\$89,901</u></b>	<b><u>\$97,923</u></b>	<b><u>\$96,926</u></b>	<b><u>\$101,455</u></b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION: ALL DISTRICTS</b>							
2400	110	Coordinator (40% FTE)	\$23,681	\$24,800	\$25,800	\$25,800	\$25,800
2400	111	STW Coordinator	4,916	3,397	3,397	3,715	3,618
2400	115	Salaries - Clerical	11,150	11,650	11,650	12,250	12,250
2400	116	Salaries - Training Components	100		100	0	0
2400	119	Salary/Other Adjustments	<u>2,400</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,700</u>
		Total Salary and Adjustments	<u>42,247</u>	<u>39,966</u>	<u>41,549</u>	<u>41,765</u>	<u>44,368</u>
2400	210	Medical	5,298	5,193	5,971	5,812	6,412
2400	212	Disability	156	123	129	129	138
2400	220	Social Security	3,224	2,962	3,171	3,195	3,394
2400	230	Life Insurance	128	126	120	119	188
2400	240	Employee Retirement	577	583	606	613	634
2400	250	Workers' Compensation	89	128	133	155	164
2400	260	Unemployment Taxes	94	79	91	63	59
2400	270	Tuition Reimbursement	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union  
Special Education Budget  
FY '05**

			<u>FY '03 Budget</u>	<u>FY '03 Actual</u>	<u>FY '04 Budget</u>	<u>FY '04 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY '05 Budget</u>
2400	280	Dental	334	201	199	480	524
2400	320	Professional Development	2,500	428	2,500	2,500	2,500
2400	321	Conferences	700	11	700	700	700
2400	330	Contracted Service	1,300	20	1,300	1,300	1,300
2400	360	Legal	2,000	24,329	5,000	10,000	10,000
2400	370	Audit	1,195	698	660	660	700
2400	423	Custodial	800	1,005	800	800	800
2400	430	Equip Service Contracts	100	302	100	100	100
2400	440	Copier Fees	1,815	1,815	1,815	1,815	1,815
2400	441	Rent	11,287	10,518	11,597	10,822	11,116
2400	520	Comprehensive Insurance	1,400	1,265	1,456	1,366	1,571
2400	530	Telephone	1,200	931	1,200	1,200	1,200
2400	531	Postage	1,050	739	1,050	1,050	1,050
2400	540	Advertising	1,500	177	1,500	1,000	1,000
2400	580	Travel	600	305	600	600	600
2400	590	Conference Travel Expenses	850	82	850	850	850
2400	610	Supplies	3,000	1,558	3,000	3,000	3,000
2400	611	Assessment Materials	4,000	0	0	0	0
2400	622	Electricity	1,575	1,860	1,575	2,000	2,000
2400	624	Fuel	1,200	95	1,200	1,200	1,200
2400	670	Student Management Software	1,500	1,489	1,500	1,500	1,500
2400	739	Equipment	750	0	750	750	750
2400	810	Reference Materials/Dues	800	737	800	800	800
2400	930	Overhead Allocation	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,250</u>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>			<b><u>\$103,269</u></b>	<b><u>\$106,725</u></b>	<b><u>\$101,922</u></b>	<b><u>\$106,344</u></b>	<b><u>\$110,683</u></b>
<b>PROGRAM DIRECTORS</b>							
2401	110	Salaries	\$86,682	\$89,630	\$89,630	\$101,857	\$106,322
2401	115	Salaries - Clerical	11,150	11,650	11,650	12,250	12,250
2401	119	Salary/Other Adjustments	<u>4,000</u>	<u>1,102</u>	<u>4,051</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,449</u>
		Total Salary and Adjustments	<u>101,832</u>	<u>102,382</u>	<u>105,331</u>	<u>114,107</u>	<u>121,021</u>
2401	210	Medical Insurance	13,113	13,113	15,080	18,583	24,267
2401	212	Disability	377	316	327	354	375
2401	220	Social Security	7,790	7,513	8,058	8,729	9,258
2401	230	Life Insurance	538	529	865	840	865
2401	240	Employee Retirement	577	583	606	613	634
2401	250	Workers' Compensation	214	324	337	422	448
2401	260	Unemployment Taxes	225	225	225	201	95
2401	270	Tuition Reimbursement	800	0	800	800	800
2401	280	Dental Insurance	1,530	1,405	1,475	1,780	2,132

**Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union**  
**Special Education Budget**  
**FY '05**

			<u>FY '03</u>	<u>FY '03</u>	<u>FY '04</u>	<u>FY '04</u>	<u>FY '05</u>
			<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Anticipated</u>	<u>Budget</u>
2401	320	Professional Development	500	300	500	500	500
2401	321	Conferences	1,000	322	1,000	1,000	1,000
2401	423	Custodial	300	349	300	300	300
2401	440	Copier Lease	825	825	825	825	825
2401	441	Rent	4,499	4,499	4,623	4,623	4,750
2401	530	Telephone	1,000	1,755	1,500	1,800	1,800
2401	531	Postage	650	446	650	650	650
2401	540	Advertising	1,000	0	1,000	2,000	1,000
2401	580	Travel	3,000	3,066	3,000	3,000	3,000
2401	590	Conference Travel Expenses	1,000	309	1,000	1,000	1,000
2401	610	Supplies	1,000	683	1,000	1,000	1,000
2401	622	Electricity	650	741	650	750	750
2401	624	Fuel	500	38	500	500	500
2401	810	Reference Materials/Dues	300	158	300	300	300
		<b>TOTAL DIRECTORS</b>	<b><u>\$143,220</u></b>	<b><u>\$139,881</u></b>	<b><u>\$149,952</u></b>	<b><u>\$164,677</u></b>	<b><u>\$177,270</u></b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>			<b><u>\$340,670</u></b>	<b><u>\$336,507</u></b>	<b><u>\$349,797</u></b>	<b><u>\$367,947</u></b>	<b><u>\$389,408</u></b>

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION**  
**SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENTS - FY '05**

	Total	Danby	Dorset	Manchester	Mt. Tabor	Pawlet	Rupert	Sunderland
<b>PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES</b>								
ADM December 2003	1,834.93	224.09	320.12	744.05	37.25	255.78	101.96	151.68
Percent of ADM	100.00%	12.21%	17.45%	40.55%	2.03%	13.94%	5.56%	8.27%
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>\$101,455</b>	<b>\$12,390</b>	<b>\$17,700</b>	<b>\$41,139</b>	<b>\$2,060</b>	<b>\$14,142</b>	<b>\$5,638</b>	<b>\$8,386</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>								
ADM December 2003	1,834.93	224.09	320.12	744.05	37.25	255.78	101.96	151.68
Percent of ADM	100.00%	12.21%	17.45%	40.55%	2.03%	13.94%	5.56%	8.27%
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>\$110,683</b>	<b>\$13,517</b>	<b>\$19,310</b>	<b>\$44,881</b>	<b>\$2,247</b>	<b>\$15,428</b>	<b>\$6,151</b>	<b>\$9,149</b>
<b>SPED DIRECTORS</b>								
Percent of Staff	1.90	0.41	0.20	0.00	0.04	0.75	0.25	0.25
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>\$177,270</b>	<b>\$38,255</b>	<b>\$18,667</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,740</b>	<b>\$69,950</b>	<b>\$23,329</b>	<b>\$23,329</b>
<b>TOTAL GROSS Expenses</b>	<b>\$389,408</b>	<b>\$64,162</b>	<b>\$55,677</b>	<b>\$86,020</b>	<b>\$8,047</b>	<b>\$99,520</b>	<b>\$35,118</b>	<b>\$40,864</b>
<b>Number of Students 12/1/03</b>	<b>251.00</b>	<b>38.00</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>88.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>32.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>Percent of Students</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>15.14%</b>	<b>16.73%</b>	<b>35.06%</b>	<b>1.99%</b>	<b>12.75%</b>	<b>6.38%</b>	<b>11.95%</b>
<b>Fed/IDEA State Est.</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>	<b>\$33,307</b>	<b>\$36,813</b>	<b>\$77,131</b>	<b>\$4,382</b>	<b>\$28,048</b>	<b>\$14,025</b>	<b>\$26,294</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>	<b>\$33,307</b>	<b>\$36,813</b>	<b>\$77,131</b>	<b>\$4,382</b>	<b>\$28,048</b>	<b>\$14,025</b>	<b>\$26,294</b>
<b>FY'05 ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$169,408</b>	<b>\$30,855</b>	<b>\$18,864</b>	<b>\$8,889</b>	<b>\$3,665</b>	<b>\$71,472</b>	<b>\$21,093</b>	<b>\$14,570</b>



(As required by 16 V.S.A. 261a)

**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION  
FY'03 State Special Education Grants**

<u>District</u>	<u>Block Grant</u>	<u>Reimbursement</u>	<u>Extraordinary Reimbursement</u>	<u>State Placed Reimbursement</u>	<u>Early Education Grant</u>	<u>Total</u>
Danby	\$54,344	\$160,611	\$0	\$0	\$7,006	\$221,961
Dorset	88,342	281,073	1,702	0	10,880	381,997
Manchester	198,354	570,632	9,744	0	29,721	808,451
Mt. Tabor	11,767	41,626	0	0	1,909	55,302
Pawlet	72,266	182,851	0	0	9,225	264,342
Rupert	26,496	125,075	0	0	3,436	155,007
Sunderland	<u>39,613</u>	<u>110,563</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,917</u>	<u>156,093</u>
Total	<u>\$491,182</u>	<u>\$1,472,431</u>	<u>\$11,446</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$68,094</u>	<u>\$2,043,153</u>



**BENNINGTON-RUTLAND SUPERVISORY UNION  
AUDIT OF SUPERVISORY UNION ACCOUNTS**

The Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union has engaged Jeffrey R. Bradley, CPA, Mendon, VT, to conduct an audit of its FY '03 accounts. Copies of the audit report are available for public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools (362-2452).

## REPORT ON TEACHER QUALITY AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE

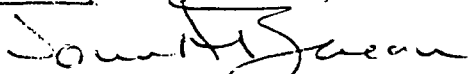
The primary focus of our schools is not just teaching but constantly improving our teaching so that eventually all of our students are successful at meeting high standards for learning. Toward this goal, teachers participate in professional development activities continuously and take courses to improve their teaching. We hire the best teachers possible and half of our teachers have masters degrees. In compliance with the federal *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)* law, all of our teachers are highly qualified and either fully licensed in Vermont or licensed in another state and provisionally licensed in Vermont. Parents may contact their school's principal to review the credentials of their child's teachers. We also test students routinely in order to measure student progress and the school's performance as required by *NCLB*.

Each year our students' performance is measured using the Vermont Department of Education's testing program to determine if our schools are making "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) toward the goal of all students mastering the state standards in English Language Arts, Math and Science. As you can see from the chart below, although the percentages of our students meeting or exceeding the standards varies from school to school and test to test, our students' performance is generally comparable to the state averages. We have found over the years that these results fluctuate depending on different versions of the tests and on the strengths and weaknesses of the different groups of students being tested especially in our smaller schools.

Within each school, Action Planning Teams of parents, teachers, administrators and board members review and compare test results annually in order to plan program changes, curriculum revisions and professional development to improve student performance in the areas identified as weak. (Please contact your building principal if you would like to review the test results in more detail or be part of your school's Action Planning Team.) All of our schools continue to improve and make "adequate yearly progress" according to the state's analysis of our test scores. Student performance for all students combined and for those students receiving free and reduced hot lunch met the state's goals in all areas. For the first time, however, students with disabilities did not make adequate yearly progress in English Language Arts under the accountability system for *NCLB*. For more detailed information, please contact your building principal or our office or access the Vermont Department of Education website at [http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pgm\\_assessment/data.html](http://www.state.vt.us/educ/new/html/pgm_assessment/data.html).

While the performance of our students may seem low, Vermont's standards are high and the tests are much more difficult than the usual multiple choice tests. Instead of just basic knowledge and skills, the tests also measure higher order thinking skills and require students to write explanations to justify or explain their answers. In fact, when Vermont students are compared nationally on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests and National Assessment of Educational Progress tests, Vermont students' average scores rank among the averages for students from the other top ten states in the country. So while we would like more of our students to do better, our students do as well as the best students in the nation, thanks to Vermont's high standards, our solid educational programs, and the hard work of our talented teachers.

Respectfully Submitted,



John A. Bacon, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

The legislative session of the Vermont State Legislature convened on January 6, 2004. I will be serving on the Institutions Committee. Their job is to put together the capital budget for the year, appropriating and allocating funds for various purposes in capital construction.

This year the whole legislature will be addressing once again the financing of education, reducing the cost of health care and trying to symplify the permit system.

ON the local level I am working with the Transportation Dept. to help make the junction of Warm Brook Rd and 313 East a safer place for all.

I will continue to fight for issues and concerns affecting my district and can be reached in Montpelier at: 1-800-322-5615 or at my home at 375-2300.

I welcome hearing from my constituents in Arlington , Sunderland, Sandgate and West Rupert at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Lawrence Molloy

Rep. Lawrence E. Molloy

**Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service Inc.**  
**P O Box 62**  
**Arlington, Vermont 05250**

The Arlington Nursing Service has been conducting Public Health Nursing Services in Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland for 57 years. Our purpose is to promote programs to improve the health of individuals, of families and of our schools. We make these services available to all age groups in all economic and social circumstances-to those who can afford to pay full or partial fees, as well as those who cannot.

We offer financial support toward the schools' health education programs and specific equipment. We employ a Dental Hygienist to provide screenings on all elementary aged children in the Arlington and Sunderland schools.

Our biggest financial commitment to our three-town community is our contract with the Manchester Health Service to provide visiting home nursing care. In full or in part it is the Arlington Nursing Service that contributes to the availability of home health care in Arlington, Sandgate and Sunderland. All this is done in the strictest confidence.

We offer scholarships to those individuals pursuing degrees in health related fields. For high school seniors and adults, applications can be obtained through the AMHS Guidance office.

The Nursing Association meets eight times a year and the date of the meeting is published in the Bennington Banner. The meetings are open to the public.

We appreciate the support of the Sunderland community and hope you will continue your support in the future.

Sincerely,



Sheila W. Hoyt  
President

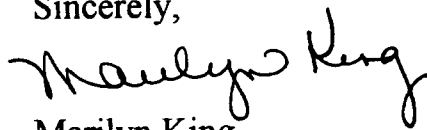
Arlington Community Public Health

The Arlington Community Club, Inc. currently offers rooms for use to private individuals and non-profit organizations. In addition to housing the Martha Canfield Library Book Sale; these rooms are used by such groups as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Arlington Garden Club, the Shriners, and the Arlington Area Nursing Association. While use fees are not charged, donations are encouraged.

We are currently exploring other possible uses for our historic building; one possibility would be to house an Arlington Historical Society. We welcome suggestions from the community. To offer your suggestions, or to learn more about the Arlington Community Club, Inc., please contact President Ron King at 375-2786. We are always looking for new members.

The officers and members of the Arlington Community Club, Inc. wish to thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

  
Marilyn King

## Arlington Area Childcare's Town Report 2002-2003

2002-2003 was the first year we spent at our beautiful new center on East Arlington Road. We moved in on November 4, 2002. A couple weeks later we served Thanksgiving dinner to over 100 children, teachers, parents and friends in our central big room and five classrooms. Our cook, Roberta Stannard, had just started working but went over and above to make our special dinner memorable.

Our new space allowed us to increase infant, toddler and twos slots from 8 to 23!! We now had 4 preschool classes, instead of three. By August we had served over 128 children, including those at our summer Camp Adventure. 86 of the children were from Arlington, 3 from Sandgate, 19 from Sunderland and 20 from other towns.

Classrooms in the new building have their own bathrooms, counter and cabinets, large closet and door to the playground. Our three playgrounds have been designed for under threes, preschoolers and schoolagers. Our kitchen and cook serve nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks each day to 50-75 children and teachers.

With our move, a formal collaboration with Battenkill Valley Supervisory Union, Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union and Head Start commenced. Now we have an Early Interventionist, a Family Service Worker doing nutrition activities, two Occupational therapists once/week and a Speech and Language therapist at our site. This allows children and families to receive many services at one site.

Our Board and staff look forward to a new year and new challenges. Our goals for year 2003-04 include: paving the driveway and sidewalk, planting screening trees, expanding our collaboration, having a Math Outreach program by the local kindergarten teachers and achieving NAEYC national accreditation.



## Arlington Recreational & Park Committee, Inc.

P.O. Box 218 • Arlington, Vermont 05250

### 2003 Annual Report

2003 was another successful year at the Arlington Park. Utilization of the park facilities has grown in recent years and 2003 was no exception. In addition to hosting several events for families and companies, the park also was the site of several recreational programs and activities for area residents. We had a successful softball league, numerous golf tournaments, a children's camp, as well as a successful golf clinic. And of course, we once again were home to our successful youth and school athletic programs throughout the year.

Improvements to the grounds and facilities were numerous. The renovation of green #8 on the golf course, as well as the reconstruction of the baseball dugout are just a couple examples of the many projects completed during the year. As we have added facilities over the year, we have been fortunate to have a strong staff, which has not only maintained, but also enhanced the quality of our assets. As we move into 2004 we are looking to further enhance recreational activities for all in our community. We have plans to renovate our skating rink, and have already received some generous gifts in support of that endeavor.

The park operates on an annual budget of approximately \$60,000. These funds are raised equally from three major sources: annual appropriations from the towns of Arlington, Sandgate & Sunderland; Park use fees, including individual contributions and donations from group functions; and interest from an endowment account. The financial support from the area towns and the endowment account allow the Park Committee to continue to offer a fantastic facility to individuals and groups with only a request of modest fees or donations. Your continued support of the Park facility is appreciated.

In addition we would not be able to operate without the many volunteers who generously contribute their time and talent. Without the generous support of individuals, groups within our community, and the towns of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate the park would simply not be possible. Thanks to all who have supported this wonderful asset, it is truly a community treasure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Arlington Recreational and Park Committee, Inc

# ARLINGTON RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

PO BOX 295  
ARLINGTON, VT. 05250

EMERGENCY NUMBER 911  
NONEMERGENCY NUMBER 802-375-6589  
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December 7, 2003

Dear Friends,

Arlington rescue had a total of 395 calls this year. This represents an increase of 13% over last year. We had 269 calls in Arlington, 43 mutual aid calls to Manchester, 17 in Sandgate, 21 in Shaftsbury and 42 in Sunderland. We have an average response time of 9.9 minutes.

Arlington Rescue squad is continuing to improve our services to the communities we serve. Approximately 1/2 of our members are trained in the new advanced procedures at the intermediate level of care. These are additions to the current treatment techniques that are currently available such as IV therapy, advanced patient assessment skills and cardiac monitoring and defibrillation. All these advancements will help increase the chances of survival in critical patients.

We continue to strive to offer the best pre hospital care possible. However, without your support, these goals would not be obtained. We urge you to continue to show your support by voting yes for the appropriations requested to appear on the town ballot in March 2004.

Amount requested \$12,000.00

Respectfully,



Frank G. Mugavin, Chairman Board of Trustees



**Bennington  
Coalition *for*  
the Homeless**  
INCORPORATED

FOR THE TOWN ANNUAL REPORT

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless gratefully acknowledges the town's appropriation in support of the 6 Bank Street Shelter for Families in Transition.

The 6 Bank Street Shelter is the only shelter in Bennington County and provides transitional shelter for families that are homeless. A family's average stay is 3 months and during that time they participate in programs designed to move them toward self-sufficiency. Last year we served 17 families consisting of 61 individuals. Families participated in parent education groups, smoking cessation classes, budget counseling, work search and/or education programs, domestic violence support groups and cooking and nutrition education classes. The children also participated in a program introducing them to arts and entertainment, building self esteem, skill building and establishing healthy relationships. We experienced a 70% success rate for placing families in permanent housing and continue to visit them through an aftercare program to help them maintain their housing.

The Bennington Coalition for the Homeless is embarking on a new project, a 4 unit apartment building that will be used for long-term transitional housing for families completing the program at 6 Bank Street who cannot find affordable housing and still need continued supports. In addition, we continue to research possibilities for sheltering homeless individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendy Skidmore  
Executive Director

Bennington County Conservation District  
310 Main St., PO Box 505  
Bennington, VT 05201  
802 442-2275; fax 802 447-1934

December 2, 2003

To: Bennington County Towns  
Re: Informational Report on FY 2003

Dear folks,

Following is our summary of activities supported by citizens of your towns in the last fiscal year. We thank you for your ongoing support.

**Bennington County Conservation District**

BCCD is a public non-profit organization which works with private landowners, other conservation organizations, local governments, and state and federal agencies to promote rural livelihoods and protect natural resources in the county. Major activities in fiscal year 2003 included:

- *Yarns from Farms and Forests*, 3 evenings of storytelling by area farmers and foresters. Six story tellers participated. A total of approximately 150 people attended the evenings and heard of what it was like to make a living on the land in earlier years.
- *Walloomsac River clean-up/trash to treasures art event*. 50 volunteers participated in the clean-up, filling five dump trucks with a trash. Bennington County 4-Wheeler Club members transported the trash from the river to the stockpiling area. Photographs taken by volunteers and trash art created by volunteers were displayed by Vermont Arts Exchange at its Stark Hose Gallery in Bennington in October and November.
- *Working for Wildlife day*. Seventeen volunteers participated in this planting project on more than one mile of streambank on the Batten Kill.
- *Walloomsac watershed assessment*. This survey concluded a study of Roaring Branch, South Stream, and the Walloomsac begun in 2001. Thirty-four volunteers participated in the project over the years.
- *Serving as fiscal agent and advisor to new bi-state Batten Kill Watershed Alliance*.
- *Mettawee Community School water quality monitoring project*. This project provided supplies for a monitoring program and some instruction for teachers. It also built a deck and created interpretive signs at the monitoring site. About twenty students and two teachers participated.

Submitted by



Shelly Stiles, district manager





## *Bennington County Regional Commission*

P.O. BOX 10 • ARLINGTON, VERMONT 05250 • (802) 375-2576 OR 375-9964 • FAX (802) 375-1561

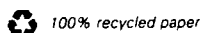
### For Town Report

### **Bennington County Regional Commission**

The following is a summary of services and projects during the past year. Check our website:  
[www.rpc.bennington.vt.us](http://www.rpc.bennington.vt.us)

### Municipal Assistance:

**Arlington** - Arlington/East Arlington sidewalk, Arlington Area Childcare Inc. grant, Town Plan stats, Route 7A/313 intersection, cell phone coverage/study grant, solid waste plan, bridge & culvert inventory, zoning telecom maps, 911, ArcExplorer & GPS training, plan approval; **Bennington** - Roaring Branch issues, Ross Pavilion grant, Hampton Inn data, Bypass info to legislators, Bald Mt. trail/bypass crossing, pathway projects, Route 67A access management pilot grant, road network study, airport, enhancement grant, consultant support for park and recreation plan, tree inventory map, WHIPS map, input to state study of bypass needs, zoning maps, Middle School trail map and sidewalk study, ArcView training; **Dorset** - ridgeline zoning, plan approval, plan stats/update, housing study/maps, East Dorset transportation improvements, Dorset horse show/Act 250, home occupations, highway structures, zoning & conservation maps, solid waste plan, ArcView training; **Glastenbury** - Plan update, zoning administration, land swap/wilderness/wind turbines, parcel maps; **Landgrove** - plan approval, solid waste info, So.VT trail, data info.; **Manchester** - consultant support for underground utility study, cell phone coverage study, Malfunction Junction project management, Manchester TPI & Economic Committee, solid waste plan, hazardous waste collection, Equinox wind turbines, multi-use paths, aquifer map; **Manchester Village** - Equinox wind turbines, solid waste plan, zoning map, telecom/cell coverage study, bridge/culvert study, GPS training; **North Bennington Village** - designation, bridge culvert inventory, pathway project, Park McCullough Enhancements, school district map, Route 67A retaining wall, intersection design study, Village plan & trail maps; **Old Bennington Village** - Plan update, traffic calming study & maps, Corkscrew pathway study; **Peru** - path/traffic calming study, zoning info; **Pownal** - Oak Hill Childcare grant, Green Mt. Track map, Pownal sewer project, plan & zoning maps, Tannery lands project/mapping, sewer map, 911 map, resource inventory/trails maps, solid waste plan; **Rupert** - Town Plan info & approval, solid waste & hazardous waste collection, defibulator grant, Route 153 flood damage grant, bridge #6 report/grant, planning grant; **Sandgate** - Town plan & maps, solid waste plan, bridge & culvert inventory, parcel map update, hazardous waste collection; **Shaftsbury** - Plan update & maps/adoption procedures, zoning maps, mixed use zoning, floodplain issue, rail crossing safety, solid waste plan and amendments, multi-use paths/sidewalks, compost bin sales, economic study grant(s) bridge/culvert inventory; **Stamford** - ArcExplorer training, solid waste plan, Rapid Response Plan, road name maps; **Sunderland** - draft subdivision regulations, Town office site map, plan update and map, solid waste plan, Route 7A traffic access study, bridge &



culvert inventory, GPS training, hazardous waste collection; **Woodford** - zoning recreation overlay revision & map, town plan approval, cell antenna zoning permit, Route 9 corridor study.

Regional Projects/Services:

Molly Stark Route 9 Scenic Byway study/designation, regional solid waste plan, all-hazards emergency operations, and pre-disaster plans, VIT planning/zoning training, Regional Transportation Plan, 9-Town Solid Waste Plan, Strategic Economic Plan, grant management and assistance, brownfields grant proposal, recreation use & issues survey, public transportation assistance, village center designations, access management inventories/town plans, road capacity/intersection studies, Batten Kill geomorphic/land cover study, workshops/training for local officials and distribution of educational materials.

Current Regional Issues:

Other regional issues: Green Mt. National Forest Plan update, wilderness, Glastenbury land swap/Searsburg wind farm proposal, Equinox wind turbine project, Route 9 scenic byway, emergency management/planning support, permit reform, solid waste, access management and village improvements, Bennington bypass issues, Arlington area cell phone coverage, rail/airport service, strategic economic plan, affordable housing.

Robert M. Hartwell, Chairman  
Rex Burke, Executive Director

# BROC

*Community Action in Southwestern Vermont*  
Since 1965

January 7, 2004

To the Citizens of the Town of Sunderland and Members of the Selectboard.

First, BROC would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Sunderland who have supported the agency through the appropriation process over the years, acknowledging the important work we do. This past year BROC continued to experience a large increase in limited income families who needed help just meeting their *basic* needs -- enough food on the table; heat for warmth through the winter; and a roof over their heads.

**BROC helped meet the basic needs of 14 individuals in the Town of Sunderland** between 10/1/02 and 9/30/03. BROC also created several new partnerships and collaborations throughout the year with local organizations and businesses to help raise food for our emergency food shelf; as well as to help raise much needed funds through events and fund raising so that the needs of our neighbors continue to be met.

BROC staff work hard each and every day to not only address immediate crisis, but to work on developing prevention plans with each person who needs our help. We are very proud of moving an individual or family up from the effects of poverty in their lives. In doing so, we advance our mission of "Helping people. Changing Lives." and we thank you, the Sunderland community, for helping make this possible.

***Our appropriation request for the upcoming year is \$300.00.***

Sincerely,



Linda G. Rooker  
Executive Director

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Satellite Office: 332 Orchard Road, Bennington, VT 05201 802-447-7515 Fax: 802-447-7516

Linda G. Rooker, Executive Director lrooker175@aol.com ' www.broc.org



**Burdett Commons, Inc**  
**Community Center for Arlington, Sunderland, & Sandgate**

2003 has seen real growth in Burdett Commons as a community center. Though it is not yet the center that has been envisioned, it is moving closer to that vision. The Burdett Board had a focus on youth for 2003. It is important that the children of our communities have options for healthy activities and personal growth. We are involving youth directly in the community center through a youth advisory board and have made progress with the hiring of Tessa (Hess) MacDonald, in August, as a part time director. Tessa and the youth board have organized, planned, and carried out several activities for the youth of Arlington, Sunderland, and Sandgate. The greatest interest in the advisory board has been with youth ages 11-13 years old. Our goal is that this group will grow with and have continued interest in community through activity at Burdett Commons and pass that interest to other youth.

Having a director has made it possible to have more contact with area schools, the Martha Canfield Library, other organizations, and community members to assess the needs of our communities. The Burdett Board is interested in forming partnerships that will benefit community and welcomes suggestions at any time. Please call us at 375-6515 or drop by to see what's going on.

Burdett has been the meeting place of the following local groups during 2003: S.A.S.S.I.E.S (Senior group meets for refreshments, conversation, activities, & a monthly movie viewing), Battenkill Runner's Club, A.A. Twelve Steps, ALANON, Cub & Tiger Scouts, MOM to MOM Mother's Network (open houses, monthly mentor meetings & Empowering your Adolescent), Happy Days' Parenting Classes, Green Mountain Fold Origami group, Garden Club work meetings, study groups, AMHS reunion planning meetings, Burdett Board & committee meetings( including youth advisory) and an Ecumenical Youth group. The facilities are also available for private gatherings for a small donation or volunteering at the center.

Burdett Commons, Inc. depends upon volunteerism, town allocations, its annual fund drive, and actively participates in grant writing to continue and improve its programming. Grants & designated funds received in 2003 included the following: Lucy S. Nisbet Charitable Fund( youth program), Stewart's Holiday Match(youth program), Federated Church Men's Fellowship( director), Vermont Women's Foundation, Zion Episcopal Church, St. James Episcopal Church Outreach, Powerful Women of Arlington( MOM to MOM : A Mother's Network area programs), and United Way(director youth program).

In the future, we are hoping to offer more youth opportunities during vacations and summer months. We also hope that our facilities may be open more of the time as a gathering place for all ages.

The Board wishes to thank all who have supported our programs, who have volunteered, and who share the vision of a community center.

Our board members for 2003-2004 are: Rev. David Bort, Lynn Bruhn, Ben Brumaghim, Anna Chapman, Sheila Hoyt, Rose Keough, Marilyn King, Ron Ray, Margie Record, and Jim Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Record, Burdett Board President

## 2003 Town Report

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.

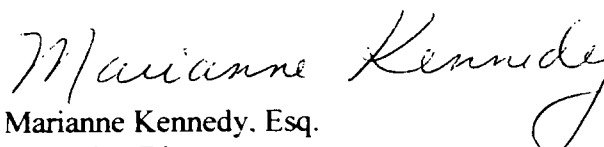
Over the years this opportunity has been expanded to include adults; other programs have been added as well. Today Court Diversion is an agency sponsoring several grant-funded programs; Juvenile Restorative Probation Program, and Community Support and Supervision Program (Street Checkers) which provide 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 TASP referrals are Sunderland 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, Second Chance Animal Shelter, Martha Canfield Library and Equinox Terrace 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 Sunderland 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

**“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 501© (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.



## **SUBMITTAL FOR TOWN REPORT**

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### **I.S.W.A.P.**

### **Integrated Solid Waste Applications Program**

#### **ISWAP Programs**

The household hazardous waste (HHW) collection program continues to be a priority. HHW collection protects the environment, as hazardous waste is collected and disposed of properly and safely. This year, two HHW collections were held at the Manchester Elementary School, with the help of Long Trail School students.

A Memorandum of Understanding to add Rupert to the ISWAP was signed by the ISWAP towns and Rupert, and was then forwarded to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) on January 31. Since Rupert formally joined the ISWAP in January, the town has participated in the two Household Hazardous Waste collection events held annually by the ISWAP towns. An amendment to the "Solid Waste Management Implementation Plan for Bennington County" (SWIP) was approved by the ANR on June 19. This amendment included the Town of Pownal Wastewater Treatment and Biosolids Composting Facility in the SWIP.

The Bennington County Regional Commission once again sponsored a non-profit compost bin sale, with support from various towns in the region. 72 compost bins and 78 compost turners were sold in 2003.



# MARTHA CANFIELD MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY, INC.

528 East Arlington Road PO Box 267  
Arlington, Vermont 05250

## DR. GEORGE RUSSELL COLLECTION OF VERMONTIANA

### MARTHA CANFIELD MEMORIAL FREE LIBRARY REPORT

Year ending Dec. 31, 2003

Our facility continues to impress visitors with its homelike, warm and welcoming atmosphere. A busy place, our membership increases each year, as do the services we offer. Thanks to our many volunteers and local supporters we look forward to doing more in the coming year for our patrons.

The Freeman Foundation incentive grant, awarded to the Library for year 2 of a 2 year grant, has been adding new materials and services for the community. We have been increasing the book, book-on-tape, video and music collections for both adults and children, and we have started to purchase books-on-CD.

The Freeman Grant also funded adding records for the books in the Russell Vermontiana Collection to our computer catalog. The Collection also includes a fascinating look at our local history through photos, letters, documents, clippings, diaries, account books, and other materials.

Through a state cooperative, we now subscribe to the Vermont Online Library, a database of periodicals (many with full text) and other reference sources, including a business database and health information. The VOL can be accessed from home at [infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/vol\\_a5](http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/vol_a5) and you will need to enter your library card barcode number as the password. Or you can come to the library, where we will be happy to assist you in navigating the database.

The library has been able to offer the public a wide variety of free programs this year, including talks, slide presentations, gallery shows, and workshops, as well as summer children's activities and a weekly storyhour. We also held our fourth annual Literacy Fair in June, with activities, programs, information and free books.

The library would like to thank the town of **Sunderland** for its financial support in 2003. This money is used for regular operating expenses, such as book purchases, maintenance, supplies, and insurance. The Library also receives funds from donations, interest on our endowment, book sales, and a bridge tournament. We would like to thank those who helped extend our book budget this year by purchasing a book from our Holiday Wish Tree.

The Board looks forward to the continuing support of the town of **Sunderland**.

Respectfully submitted

Frederick Baum, President

Phyllis Skidmore, Librarian

Hours: Tues. 9-5 6:30-8  
Wed. 9-5  
Thurs. 9-5 6:30-8  
Fri. 2-5  
Sat. 10-3

Russell Vermontiana Collection:  
Tuesday only, 9-5, or by  
appointment with curator  
Wolf Roxon at 375-6153 or 375-0007

## **PROJECT AGAINST VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS**

*Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services*

P.O. Box 227 Bennington Vermont 05201

802-442-2370 office V/TTY ☎ 802-442-6162 fax ☎ 802-442-2111 emergency hotline

*PAVE is a United Way Member Agency*

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**December 9, 2003**

**To: Residents of the Town of Sunderland:**


**In 2003 PAVE continued to offer comprehensive services to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Those services include: 24-hour emergency hotline, court and social service advocacy, support groups, transitional housing, emergency financial assistance, information and referrals, community education, healthy relationship curriculum for schools and access to several different types of emergency, safe housing. Services are free and confidential.**

**All volunteer advocates are trained and supervised by staff. These dedicated citizens helped us provide safety, support and options to more than 1,000 individuals in the past year. The volunteer coordinator continues a vigorous recruitment process and tailors the training schedule to the needs of potential volunteers.**

**Our supervised visitation program, Family Time, provides children with safe access to their non-custodial parent. The size of this program has doubled in the past year. The nine trained monitors supervise visits for families with issues related to violence, separation or divorce. Visits take place in neutral locations throughout the community.**

**We continue to offer violence prevention programming to young people throughout Bennington County. Our focus this year is on: healthy relationships – high school, community service – middle school, and management of anger – “Hands are not for hitting” – elementary grades. In addition in collaboration with CAT-TV we are developing a teen video project that will enable high school students to raise and address issues of importance to local teenagers.**

**On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff I thank you for your ongoing commitment to PAVE. Our staff and volunteers promise to continue to offer quality services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and respond to each town's desire for healthy and violence free communities.**

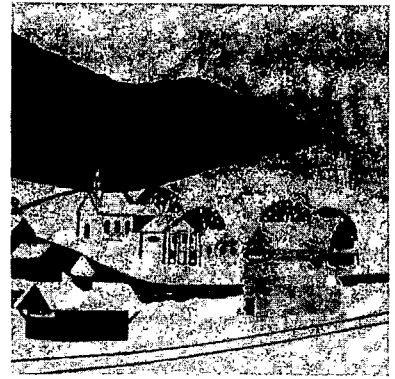
Sincerely,  
  
**Joan M. Sakalas**  
**Executive Director**



**George D. Aiken Resource  
Conservation & Development Council, Inc.**

22 North Main St., Suite 2  
Randolph, VT 05060  
(802) 728-9526  
Fax: (802) 728-5951

*"A non-profit non-partisan network of local people  
dedicated to helping communities conserve and develop  
their natural and human resources."*



**Town Report Information**

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

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

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

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



## Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Bennington County

### The Bennington County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Town of Sunderland Annual Report Fiscal Year 2003

The goal of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) remains one of *"reinvesting the talents and skills of a lifetime"* in our communities. RSVP initiates and develops programs for seniors who wish to volunteer and provides support to volunteers in the form of excess liability insurance, training, transportation, and recognition.

There are currently 65 residents in the Arlington/Sunderland area actively serving as RSVP volunteers in nonprofit agencies and public institutions throughout Bennington County. During this past fiscal year, the towns of Arlington and Sunderland received a total of **7,150 hours** of service from RSVP volunteers. Using a modest figure of **\$10.00** per hour, this service represents a total value of **\$71,500** returned to the Arlington and Sunderland community. This year, through a grant from a local corporation, RSVP volunteers began an exercise program in the area, designed to prevent/delay the effects of osteoporosis.

The RSVP volunteers also serve in a variety of other ways that benefit citizens in communities all over the county. Examples, include "friendly visiting" with residents in nursing homes; serving as hospital "Gray Ladies;" staffing blood mobiles; coordinating volunteer recognition functions; serving in an advisory capacity to the RSVP project director and directors of other non-profit organizations; participating in fund raising events; delivering meals on wheels; knitting or crocheting lap blankets for nursing home residents, or hats and mittens for children in area daycare centers; and assembling bulk mailings for agencies with a critical need to get their service information out to community residents.

RSVP is a very cost-effective organization with a modest budget. Town support is critical to the development of new and creative opportunities for volunteers, as they continue to address pressing community needs.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia M. Palencsar

Director





**SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT  
COUNCIL ON AGING**

***Report to the Citizens of Sunderland***

This report briefly describes the services and support provided to elders in Sunderland by the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging during the past year; these included:

***Senior Meals:***

The Council provided funding for meals served to elder residents of Sunderland. This funding helped make available 870 meals that were prepared and delivered to the homes of 5 older persons in your community who were in need of this special support. This service, provided through contract, is often referred to as "Meals on Wheels". We also supplied "Blizzard Bags" to Meals on Wheels participants and other isolated elders, containing "shelf-stable" meals for use in a weather related or other emergency situation. In addition, 22 Sunderland elders participated at one or more of the luncheon sites available in our region, enjoying 560 meals.

***Case Management Assistance:***

6 elder residents of your community were served by SVCOA Case Management staff who provided help with applications and problem solving around programs such as Fuel Assistance, SSI, Medicaid, Food Stamps, etc. Case Managers also helped frail elders who were facing long term care placement, assisting those who wanted to and were able to remain independent connect with available supports including Medicaid Waiver assistance.

***Other Services:***

The Council on Aging also made available the following services to help support older persons in your community: 1) Telephone support through our "Senior HelpLine" (786-5991 or 1-800-642-5119). This service provided easy phone access to elders and others in need of information about available programs and supports for older persons; 2) Health benefit counseling information and form filing assistance through our SHIP Program; 3) Legal service support through a contract with the Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; 4) Provision of information related to elder issues through the "Elder Connection" column written by Barbara Hanson appearing weekly in the Bennington Banner; 5) Nutrition education and counseling provided by a Registered Dietician to elders who needed to improve their dietary intake; 7) Senior Companion support on a one on one basis for frail, homebound elders; 8) Elder Care Clinician outreach services to elders struggling with a variety of mental health issues provided through a contract with United Counseling Services; 9) Community Development assistance and 10) Caregiver information and support for family members and others who are providing help to elders in need of care.

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
SUMMARY FOR THE TOWN OF ANNUAL REPORT**

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) teaches people with significant disabilities how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. We also conduct public education and systems change activities that promote the full inclusion of disabled people into community life.

An estimated one in five Vermonters has a disability. VCIL, a private not-for-profit corporation, is Vermont's first and only cross-disability center for independent living and the first organization in the state to be directed and staffed by a majority of people with diverse disabilities.

Statewide, from October 1, 2002 through September 11, 2003, VCIL responded to 1,974 requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information and referrals on a broad range of subjects related to living with a disability. We provided on-on-one peer counseling to 342 individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided 405 households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over 340 with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to 67 Deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through our Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program, and served home-delivered meals to almost 533 Vermonters through VCIL's Meals On Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

VCIL's central office is in downtown Montpelier with three smaller regional offices in Bennington, Brattleboro and Burlington. The Montpelier office houses our resource library and our toll-free information line, which provides answers to disability-related questions from every Vermont community. Our locally-based Peer Advocacy Counselors are available to people with disabilities in every municipality in Vermont.

During FY 2003, VCIL provided direct services to Vermonters, utilizing the following services/programs:

1. Information & Referral
2. Home and Community Access program
3. Meals on Wheels (people with disabilities under the age of 60)
4. Peer Advocacy Counseling
5. Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
6. Sue Williams Freedom Fund

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT VCIL, CALL US TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-639-1522**

## 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 serve and 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 4,000 municipal officials and answered over 2,300 legal questions posed by municipal officials. VLCT distributed over 575 copies of local government publications and distributed over 3,200 hard copies or electronic mail versions of VLCT's *Weekly Legislative Report* to municipal officials each week during the legislative session.
- **Purchasing opportunities to provide needed services at the lowest cost.** These include an array of municipal insurance programs, among many others. Examples of how this saves local taxpayers dollars are the securing of municipal employee health insurance and liability coverage for town operations. The VLCT Health Trust represents the most affordable option available to provide health insurance to your employees. The value of VLCT PACIF to all our members was made painfully clear last year when the major re-insurer for the largest private sector option available for municipal property and casualty insurance was declared insolvent by the State of Pennsylvania, threatening the payment of claims made under those policies.

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

Individuals interested in finding out more about Vermont League of Cities and Towns, including reviewing its audited financial statements can visit its website at [www.vlct.org](http://www.vlct.org).



# The Tutorial Center

*Helping to meet the educational needs of our community*

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Academic Tutoring • Adult Education and Literacy • GED Preparation • Vermont Adult Diploma  
Bridge-to-College • ESL Instruction • Computer Skills Training

December 23, 2003

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Sunderland  
P.O. Box 295  
Sunderland, VT 05252

Dear Selectmen:

The Tutorial Center, Bennington County's non-profit educational services organization, would like to request funding support from the Town of Sunderland this coming year, in the amount of \$250.

For the past 32 years, The Tutorial Center has been serving the citizens of Bennington County with educational supports ranging from tutoring for school-aged children through basic literacy and high school equivalency programs for adults. This past year, The Tutorial Center provided services to approximately 700 adults and children in our region. Through our services, children struggling in school are able to build academic skills and remain on track for successful graduation. Adults turn to us to gain the literacy and life skills that enable them to meet personal and family literacy goals: Goals such as learning to read well enough to read a story with their school-aged child; or mastering the skills and knowledge needed to obtain a GED high school equivalency diploma, which can increase their access to better-paying jobs.

To make these services as accessible as possible for Sunderland residents, we invest significant funds to maintain and staff a full-service educational center just a short distance away in Manchester, Vt. We also operate a full-service center in Bennington, Vt., to ensure our services are as accessible as possible to all residents of Bennington County.

*The availability of our Manchester educational center proved of value to Sunderland this past fall when the Arlington schools refused to accept the three Sunderland students. While the issues were being sorted out, those three students were connected with tutors at The Tutorial Center, who made sure the students' education continued while the school placement was being determined.*

We have never before asked for funding support from the Town of Sunderland. But reductions in state funding have led us to turn to you for some assistance in the current economic times. We request your support this year that we may continue to have our essential services available to Sunderland residents.

Sincerely,

  
Jack Glade  
Executive Director

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# Healthy Vermonters 2010

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With *Healthy Vermonters 2010*, we:

- Identify health priorities for Vermont
- Measure where we are today compared to where we want to be
- Measure where we are compared to the nation
- Build on the success of *Healthy Vermonters 2000*
- Emphasize prevention
- Encourage Vermonters to take an active role in improving their health

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- *Healthy Vermonters 2010: Contents of Report*
- Downloadable file of *Healthy Vermonters 2010* cover and associated material (Four pages in Adobe PDF format).
- Downloadable file of *Healthy Vermonters 2010* report (48 pages in Adobe PDF format).
- Free downloadable Adobe Acrobat Reader, a software utility that will allow you to view or download these documents.

## INTRODUCTION

September, 2000

Dear Vermonter,

With the start of a new decade, I am pleased to present *Healthy Vermonters 2010*, our blueprint for continuing to improve the health of Vermonters.

We are making progress! Working together we have met or made substantial progress toward more than two-thirds of the goals established in *Healthy Vermonters 2000*, the predecessor to this document. For example, since 1990, breast cancer deaths are down, fewer teens are smoking, and childhood lead poisoning has decreased.

I want to thank the hundreds of people, including educators, policy makers, health professionals, and citizens who had a hand in identifying the priorities laid out in *Healthy Vermonters 2010*. This document was guided by volunteer work groups and responses to public health interviews all over the state asking, "What is needed to improve the health of Vermonters?" and "What keeps us from improving health in Vermont?"

Looking ahead to the next 10 years, we've set some ambitious goals. With continued commitment and leadership from the many voices represented here, I am confident we will succeed!

Jan K. Carney, MD, MPH  
Commissioner of Health

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# 911 For Everyone...



## ENHANCED 911 BOARD REPORT

Statewide System Operations - Jan 1 2003 to Nov 30 2003

Total Calls Handled System-wide	Wire-Line	113,763	Wireless	60,374
Total Abandoned Calls System-wide	Wire-Line	15,464	Wireless	3,656
Average Call Answer Time System-wide	5 Seconds			
Average Call Duration System-wide	1 Minute 54 Seconds			

The Vermont E-911 system continues to perform within established benchmarks.

The Enhanced 911 Board operates ten 911 call answering points, known as Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP). They are located at the Springfield Police Department, the Hartford Police Department, the Montpelier Police Department, the Lamoille County Sheriff's Office, the Saint Albans Police Department, the Shelburne Police Department, and the State Police Barracks at Williston, Rutland, Rockingham and Derby to be operational by Jan 2004.

### E 9-1-1 Address Confidentiality

In 1996, the General Assembly passed a law requiring Towns that created new street addresses for enhanced 9-1-1 to provide a confidentiality option to residents.

This option allows residents to prevent their names from being linked with their new street addresses in municipal public records, such as the Grand List. If you choose to exercise this option, you are required by law to provide the Town Clerk with an alternate mailing address, such as a Post Office box. Copies of the "Confidentiality Option Form" and instructions are available at your Town Office or on the internet @ [www.state.vt.gov/e911](http://www.state.vt.gov/e911). Your Confidentiality Option Form is not a public record and is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law. Town officials are required to preserve your privacy.

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