

# Corinth, Vermont

## Annual Report



**For the Year July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004**

## ON THE COVER

# East Corinth Bridge

The photo on the cover shows the East Corinth Bridge over the Waits River at the intersection of Vermont Route 25 and Village Road. Winterset Inc. of Lyndonville, Vermont rehabilitated this bridge during the summer of 2004. At 72 feet in length, this two-span bridge is the longest in town. It is hard to travel anywhere in town without crossing at least one bridge or large culvert. Corinth is blessed with something like forty bridges or structures having a span of four feet or longer. There are four major bridges in East Corinth alone.

This project involved removing the old concrete deck and beams, patching and pouring new caps on the abutments and center pier and then building new reinforced concrete beams and the deck. The bridge was widened four feet to twenty-two feet to allow more room for vehicles to pass. The work went quickly for a bridge of this size because the abutments and the center pier were still sound enough to be used to support the new deck.

Well-maintained and sturdy bridges are key to our economic life. Your Board of Selectmen has made replacing and repairing bridges a high priority for many years. Working closely with the Agency of Transportation, we have steadily repaired or replaced our structures as fast as time and resources have allowed. We still have two bridges with low weight limits that need to be replaced, but the planning and engineering are in progress; so, these two projects will be done soon. Take note of the bridges you cross as you drive through town - without them travel would be very difficult.

Photo by Chuck Wise

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## 2. Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters of the town of Corinth are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, Cookeville on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following, to wit:

- Article 1.** To elect the following by Australian Ballot. For the purpose of this article the polls will be open from 8:30 AM to 7 PM.
- Moderator for one year
  - Selectman for 3 years
  - Lister for 3 years
  - School Director for 3 years
  - Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years
  - First Constable for 1 year
  - Second Constable for 1 year
  - Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year
  - Grand Juror for 1 year
  - Town Agent to Deed Real Estate for 1 year
  - Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits for 1 year
- Article 2.** To see if the voters will accept the various Officers' Reports as presented in the Town Report.
- Article 3.** To see if the voters will vote a sum of money to support the Highway Fund.
- Article 4.** To see if the voters will vote \$15,000.00 for the Bridge Reserve Fund.
- Article 5.** To fix the compensation for the elected Town Officers for the coming year.
- Article 6.** To see if the voters will vote to support the Valley Health Center with an appropriation of \$2,000.00 for the upcoming year only.
- Article 7.** To see if the voters will vote the sum of \$18,500.00 to pay the Town's portion of the Tax Parcel Mapping Project.
- Article 8.** To see if the voters will vote to support the Bradford Regional Community Center with an appropriation of \$1.00 per capita (\$1,461.00) for the upcoming year only.
- Article 9.** To see if the voters will vote a sum of \$500.00 to support the Sugar Maple Preschool of Waits River for the upcoming year only.
- Article 10.** To see if the voters will vote a sum of money to undertake a project to replace the existing porch on the Town Hall.
- Article 11.** To see if the voters will vote a sum of money for the General Fund.

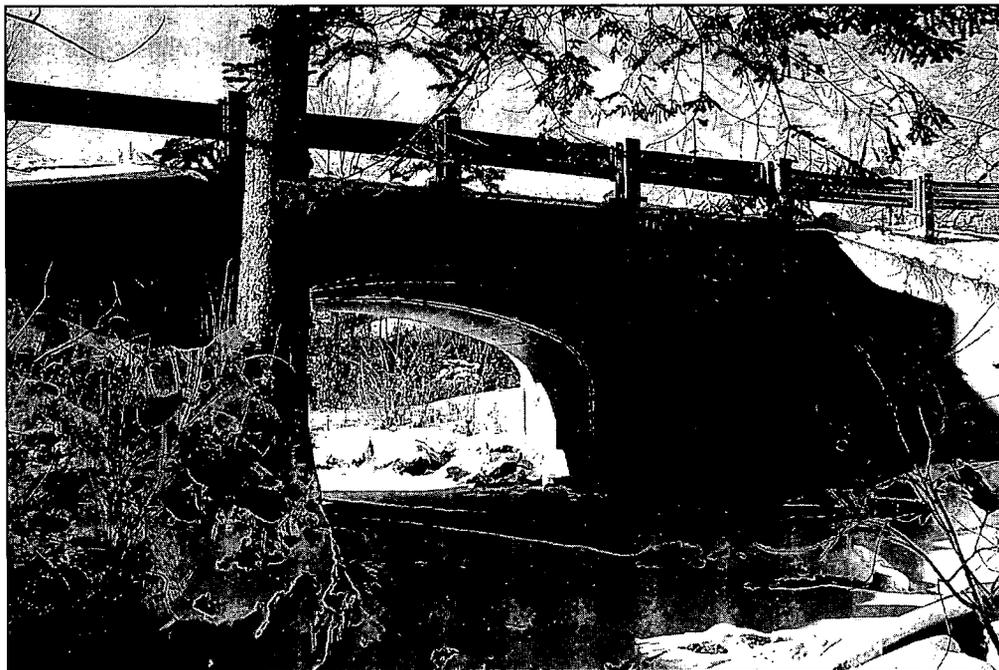
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to have the taxes collected by the Treasurer and to fix the dates for payment of the same
- Article 13.** To recommend two members-at-large for the Budget Committee for 1 year.
- Article 14.** In case of unanticipated State Aid Funds (funds not included in the budget) for specific highway and bridge projects applied for and received during the fiscal year shall the Town appropriate such funds for those projects.
- Article 15.** To see if the voters will vote to have the term of office for the Town Clerk to be for one (1) year beginning Town Meeting 2006 and remaining a one (1) year term until otherwise voted at a regular or special Town Meeting.
- Article 16.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Dated at Corinth, Vermont this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005.

Selectboard of Town of Corinth  
Francis J. Roderick  
Kyle Thompson  
Andrew Martin

Dated at Corinth in the County of Orange and State of Vermont this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005.  
Received for record this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005, 11:30 AM.

ATTEST: Linda D. Pastelnick, Town Clerk



# 3. Financial Reports

## Independent Audit

TOWN OF CORINTH  
AUDIT REPORT  
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Independent Auditor's Report

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We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Corinth, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, as listed in the Table of Contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Town did not adopt Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No.'s 34, 37 and 38 as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These statements would significantly change the accounting and reporting structure of the Town. These changes include the presentation of government-wide financial statements, reporting major funds, reporting of governmental capital assets, increased detail in the notes to the financial statements, reporting governmental activities on the full accrual basis of accounting and presenting management's discussion and analysis.

Because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Town of Corinth, Vermont, as of June 30, 2004 or the changes in its financial position for the year then ended.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed as Schedules 1 through 5 in the Table of Contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Corinth, Vermont. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

September 21, 2004  
Montpelier, Vermont  
Vt Lic. #92-000180

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET  
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
JUNE 30, 2004

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Trust and Agency Funds	General Long Term Debt	
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash - Note 2	\$ 136,330	\$ 17,675	\$ 0	\$ 724	\$ 0	\$ 154,729
Investments - Note 3	0	117,223	0	2,796	0	120,019
Receivables - Note 4	144,338	0	0	0	0	144,338
Loans Receivable - Note 5	0	19,628	0	0	0	19,628
Inventory - Note 6	0	6,654	0	0	0	6,654
Due from Other Funds	0	101,374	50,009	0	0	151,383
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0	22,696	22,696
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 280,668</b>	<b>\$ 262,554</b>	<b>\$ 50,009</b>	<b>\$ 3,520</b>	<b>\$ 22,696</b>	<b>\$ 619,447</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,008	\$ 2,128	\$ 567	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,703
Accrued Payroll	1,965	1,356	0	0	0	3,321
Due to Other Funds	151,187	196	0	0	0	151,383
Due to Others	684	0	0	0	0	684
Deferred Revenue - Note 7	122,115	24,108	20,386	0	0	166,609
Compensated Absences - Note 8	0	0	0	0	2,696	2,696
Note Payable - Note 9	0	0	0	0	20,000	20,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>293,959</b>	<b>27,788</b>	<b>20,953</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,696</b>	<b>365,396</b>
<b>Fund Balances/(Deficit):</b>						
Restricted - Note 10	0	206,987	0	3,520	0	210,507
Unrestricted:						
Designated - Note 11	0	27,779	29,056	0	0	56,835
Undesignated	(13,291)	0	0	0	0	(13,291)
<b>Total Fund Balances/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(13,291)</b>	<b>234,766</b>	<b>29,056</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>254,051</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 280,668</b>	<b>\$ 262,554</b>	<b>\$ 50,009</b>	<b>\$ 3,520</b>	<b>\$ 22,696</b>	<b>\$ 619,447</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Funds	Expendable Trust Fund	
Revenue:					
Property Taxes	\$ 159,467	\$ 279,880	\$ 15,000	\$ 0	\$ 454,347
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	14,193	0	0	0	14,193
Intergovernmental	25,142	216,067	0	0	241,209
Investment Income	2,498	14,564	0	4	17,066
Licenses and Permits	5,932	0	0	0	5,932
Charges for Services	23,845	5,107	0	0	28,952
Other	1,422	4,421	0	0	5,843
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>232,499</b>	<b>520,039</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>767,542</b>
Expenditures:					
General Government	147,832	5,594	0	151	153,577
Public Safety	41,876	0	0	0	41,876
Highways and Streets	0	315,905	0	0	315,905
Sanitation	74,231	0	0	0	74,231
Cemetery Expense	190	6,960	0	0	7,150
Capital Outlay	0	131,267	2,266	0	133,533
Debt Service:					
Principal	0	20,000	0	0	20,000
Interest	0	800	0	0	800
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>264,129</b>	<b>480,526</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>747,072</b>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	(31,630)	39,513	12,734	(147)	20,470
Fund Balances - July 1, 2003	18,339	195,253	16,322	871	230,785
Fund Balances/(Deficit) - June 30, 2004	<u>\$ (13,291)</u>	<u>\$ 234,766</u>	<u>\$ 29,056</u>	<u>\$ 724</u>	<u>\$ 251,255</u>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenue:			
Property Taxes	\$ 209,480	\$ 159,467	\$ (50,013)
Fees Due Town	14,000	19,575	5,575
State Hold Harmless Taxes	18,000	24,578	6,578
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	16,000	14,193	(1,807)
Liquor Licenses	0	200	200
Restoration of Records	1,600	2,487	887
Dog Licenses	1,200	966	(234)
Hall and Chair Rent	300	740	440
Solid Waste Collections	1,000	1,648	648
Sewage Fees	50	135	85
Interest Income	6,500	2,498	(4,002)
Miscellaneous	100	682	582
Emergency Management Grant	0	190	190
Transfer Station Grants & Permits	5,000	4,766	(234)
Household Hazardous Waste Grant	500	374	(126)
	<u>273,730</u>	<u>232,499</u>	<u>(41,231)</u>
Total Revenue			
Expenditures:			
Selectmen:			
Salaries	1,500	1,500	0
Clerk- Selectmen	800	668	132
Social Security	175	166	9
Miscellaneous	50	30	20
Meetings	100	90	10
Discretionary	300	0	300
	<u>2,925</u>	<u>2,454</u>	<u>471</u>
Total Selectmen			
Auditors:			
Postage	400	438	(38)
Printing	4,300	3,877	423
Town Auditors - Hired	6,000	5,500	500
	<u>10,700</u>	<u>9,815</u>	<u>885</u>
Total Auditors			
Elections:			
Payroll	600	828	(228)
Social Security	45	26	19
Supplies	175	270	(95)
	<u>820</u>	<u>1,124</u>	<u>(304)</u>
Total Elections			

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Listers:</b>			
Payroll	\$ 13,750	\$ 9,634	\$ 4,116
Social Security	1,055	737	318
Supplies	250	528	(278)
Postage	125	4	121
Telephone	600	1,051	(451)
Dues & Meetings	250	374	(124)
Travel	250	299	(49)
Appeals	100	0	100
Computer Equipment	300	416	(116)
Furniture & Equipment	0	81	(81)
	<u>16,680</u>	<u>13,124</u>	<u>3,556</u>
<b>Town Office:</b>			
Town Clerk Salary	11,520	11,520	0
Asst. Clerk Salary	16,000	12,170	3,830
Town Treasurer Salary	11,520	11,520	0
Social Security	3,000	2,683	317
Retirement	0	318	(318)
Health Insurance	6,675	3,431	3,244
Restoration of Records	1,800	2,990	(1,190)
Microfilming	1,800	1,335	465
Office Supplies	3,000	2,782	218
Computer Supplies	0	90	(90)
Postage	2,400	2,079	321
Miscellaneous	400	625	(225)
Computer Consultant	200	1,090	(890)
Internet	150	90	60
Telephone	600	763	(163)
Meetings & Dues	450	655	(205)
Contracts	1,500	1,559	(59)
Furniture & Equipment	3,000	2,315	685
	<u>64,015</u>	<u>58,015</u>	<u>6,000</u>
<b>Legal &amp; Insurance:</b>			
Legal Notices	600	1,045	(445)
Workman's Compensation	1,200	642	558
Bonds and Insurance	3,500	4,077	(577)
Legal Services	1,000	403	597
	<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,167</u>	<u>133</u>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Public Services:</b>			
Abated Taxes	\$ 1,000	\$ 8	\$ 992
Ambulance Services	20,000	21,945	(1,945)
Animal Control	500	1,205	(705)
Bad Debt- Uncollected Ambulance	100	79	21
Board of Civil Authority Social Security & Medicare	15	0	15
Board of Civil Authority Expenses	215	193	22
Central Vermont Humane Society	600	600	0
County Tax	15,750	18,566	(2,816)
Debt Service	500	0	500
Fire Services	12,000	12,000	0
Vermont League of Cities & Towns	1,229	1,229	0
CTERT	3,600	3,600	0
Blake Memorial Library	1,461	1,461	0
<b>Total Public Services</b>	<b>56,970</b>	<b>60,886</b>	<b>(3,916)</b>
<b>Appropriations:</b>			
ACORN	300	300	0
Adult Education	800	800	0
Bradford Regional Comm. Center.	1,461	1,461	0
Central Vermont Community Action Council	300	300	0
Council on Aging	100	100	0
Visiting Nurse Alliance	5,460	5,460	0
Clara Martin Center	2,177	2,177	0
George Aiken Council	50	50	0
Green Up Vermont	100	100	0
Green Mountain Economic Development Center	730	730	0
Orange East Senior Center	2,000	2,000	0
Two Rivers Regional	1,614	1,614	0
Northeast Slopes	1,460	1,460	0
Orange County Diversion Program	150	150	0
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300	300	0
Safeline	200	200	0
Vermont Center for Independent Living	170	170	0
Upper Valley Services	700	700	0
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>18,072</b>	<b>18,072</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Town Hall:</b>			
Janitor	720	660	60
Supplies	300	429	(129)
Rubbish Removal	65	71	(6)
Repair & Maintenance	5,000	7,400	(2,400)
Utilities	3,600	4,543	(943)
Equipment	2,000	1,575	425
<b>Total Town Hall</b>	<b>11,685</b>	<b>14,678</b>	<b>(2,993)</b>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station:</b>			
Contract	\$ 38,400	\$ 37,449	\$ 951
Tipping Fees	27,575	28,330	(755)
Hazardous Waste	600	711	(111)
Metal Collections	2,000	1,700	300
Tire/Refridge Disposal	1,000	424	576
Transfer Station- Payroll	1,700	1,092	608
Transfer Station- SS and Medicare	130	84	46
Transfer Station- Materials	4,000	4,441	(441)
Total Solid Waste Disposal/Transfer Station	75,405	74,231	1,174
<b>Law Enforcement:</b>			
Constable Payroll	2,875	891	1,984
Hired Safety Services	4,000	2,565	1,435
Social Security & Medicare Constable	223	68	155
Supplies, Constable	50	496	(446)
Meetings, Constable	200	157	43
Constable Mileage	400	154	246
Total Law Enforcement	7,748	4,331	3,417
<b>Delinquent Tax Collector:</b>			
Social Security	765	661	104
Supplies	50	0	50
Tax Sale Costs	1,000	0	1,000
Meetings	95	5	90
Total Delinquent Tax Collector	1,910	666	1,244
<b>Health and Sewage:</b>			
Payroll	255	315	(60)
Social Security	20	24	(4)
Officer Expenses	75	37	38
Total Health and Sewage	350	376	(26)
<b>Cemetery:</b>			
Supplies	150	190	(40)
Total Cemetery	150	190	(40)
Total Expenditures	273,730	264,129	9,601
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 0	(31,630)	\$ (31,630)
Fund Balance - July 1, 2003		18,339	
Fund Balance/(Deficit) - June 30, 2004		\$ (13,291)	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - HIGHWAY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>Revenue:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 279,880	\$ 279,880	\$ 0
State of Vermont - Road Aid	145,000	151,149	6,149
State of Vermont- Paving	0	56,000	56,000
Special Highway State Aid	0	1,617	1,617
Miscellaneous	0	580	580
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>424,880</b>	<b>489,226</b>	<b>64,346</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>			
<b>Administration:</b>			
Payroll	2,500	999	1,501
Misc. Adm. Expense	0	641	(641)
Uniforms	2,600	2,622	(22)
Social Security & Medicare	8,000	6,609	1,391
Retirement	3,750	3,416	334
Health Insurance	22,200	20,150	2,050
Holidays & Vacations	5,380	5,110	270
Unemployment Insurance	1,000	991	9
Sick Time	1,795	2,079	(284)
Highway Meetings	250	45	205
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>47,475</b>	<b>42,662</b>	<b>4,813</b>
<b>Highway Labor</b>	<b>81,755</b>	<b>78,200</b>	<b>3,555</b>
<b>Patch and Pave</b>			
Paving	72,500	129,833	(57,333)
Blacktop Ptch CII & CIII	2,500	192	2,308
<b>Total Patch and Pave</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>130,025</b>	<b>(55,025)</b>
<b>Materials:</b>			
Gravel	25,000	27,899	(2,899)
Chloride	7,000	7,644	(644)
Salt	25,000	21,596	3,404
Sand	25,000	22,428	2,572
Stone	2,500	0	2,500
<b>Total Materials</b>	<b>84,500</b>	<b>79,567</b>	<b>4,933</b>
<b>Other Materials and Services:</b>			
Hired Services	25,000	15,919	9,081
Posts and Guardrails	3,000	3,000	0
Culverts	4,000	4,185	(185)
Signs	1,000	752	248
Other Material	500	201	299
<b>Total Other Materials and Services</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>24,057</b>	<b>9,443</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - HIGHWAY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Garage:			
Town Labor	\$ 1,100	\$ 0	\$ 1,100
Supplies	175	34	141
Office Supplies	50	22	28
Office Equipment	50	400	(350)
Repairs & Maintenance	1,000	3,774	(2,774)
Rubbish Removal	200	208	(8)
Electric	2,275	2,772	(497)
Telephone	600	656	(56)
Heat	1,750	2,187	(437)
Salt Shed	20,000	11,488	8,512
Total Garage	<u>27,200</u>	<u>21,541</u>	<u>5,659</u>
Operating Supplies:			
Supplies & Fuel	14,000	12,587	1,413
Gas, Oil, Chains	2,000	1,381	619
Small Tools & Equipment	1,500	1,606	(106)
Total Operating Supplies	<u>17,500</u>	<u>15,574</u>	<u>1,926</u>
Repairs and Maintenance:			
Hired Maintenance	30,000	38,006	(8,006)
Town Labor	12,000	0	12,000
Small Parts and Equipment	2,000	3,057	(1,057)
Mileage	650	987	(337)
Total Repairs and Maintenance	<u>44,650</u>	<u>42,050</u>	<u>2,600</u>
Other:			
Highway Insurance	9,500	8,737	763
Welder Purchase	0	1,852	(1,852)
Truck Purchase	20,800	20,800	0
Other Equipment Purchase	0	699	(699)
Total Other	<u>30,300</u>	<u>32,088</u>	<u>(1,788)</u>
Equipment Rental	3,000	967	2,033
Total Expenditures - Note 12	<u>444,880</u>	<u>466,731</u>	<u>(21,851)</u>
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures - Note 13	\$ <u>(20,000)</u>	22,495	\$ <u>42,495</u>
Fund Balance - July 1, 2003		50,370	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2004		<u>\$ 72,865</u>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Library Trust Fund</u>
Revenue:	
Interest	\$ <u>31</u>
Total Revenue	<u>31</u>
Expenses:	
Library Expenses	<u>31</u>
Total Expenses	<u>31</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	0
Fund Balance - July 1, 2003	<u>2,796</u>
Fund Balance - June 30, 2004	\$ <u><u>2,796</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Library Trust Fund</u>
Increase in Cash:	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	\$ <u>0</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>0</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>0</u>
Net Cash Provided by Capital Financing Activities	<u>0</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Purchase of Certificate of Deposit	<u>(2,796)</u>
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	<u>(2,796)</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(2,796)
Cash - July 1, 2003	<u>2,796</u>
Cash - June 30, 2004	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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The Town of Corinth, Vermont, (herein the "Town") operates under a selectmen form of government and provides the following services: public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health and social services, culture and recreation, public improvements, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The Town, for financial reporting purposes, includes all of the funds and account groups relevant to the operations of the Town of Corinth. The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the Town of Corinth.

Note 1:        SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town did not adopt Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No.'s 34, 37 and 38 as required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These statements would significantly change the accounting and reporting structure of the Town if adopted. These changes include the presentation of government-wide financial statements, reporting on major funds, utilization of the direct method on the cash flow statement, reporting of governmental capital assets, increased detail in the notes to the financial statements reporting the governmental activities on the full accrual basis of accounting and presenting management's discussion and analysis.

A.    REPORTING ENTITY

The criteria of oversight responsibility, special financing relationships and scope of public service was used in determining the agencies or entities which comprise the Town for financial reporting purposes. Oversight responsibility is determined by the extent of financial interdependency, control over the selection of the governing authority and management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. Based on these criteria, there are no agencies or entities which should be combined with the financial statements of the Town.

B.    FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Town are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue and expenditures or expenses, as appropriate. Town resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into two (2) fund types and six (6) fund categories, as follows:

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
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Note 1:  
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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trust, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted or designated for expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities and assets.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Trust and Agency Funds - Trust and Agency Funds are used to account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity for individuals, other governments and/or other funds.

Expendable Trust Funds - These account for assets of which both principal and interest may be expended.

Nonexpendable Trust Funds - These account for assets of which the principal may not be expended.

Agency Funds - Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the Town as an agent for individuals, other governments and/or other funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. FIXED ASSETS AND LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All Governmental Funds and Expendable Trust Funds are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund balances (net current assets) are considered a measure of "available spendable resources". Governmental Fund operating statements present increases (revenue and other financing sources) and decreases (expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Accordingly, they are said to present a summary of sources and uses of "available spendable resources" during a period.

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JUNE 30, 2004

Note 1:  
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Fixed assets used in Government Fund type operations (general fixed assets) should be accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group and expensed when purchased.

The Town does not maintain the historical cost information needed for establishment of a General Fixed Assets Account Group.

Because of their spending measurement focus, expenditure recognition for Governmental Fund types is limited to exclude amounts represented by noncurrent liabilities. Since they do not affect net current assets, such long-term amounts are not recognized as Governmental Fund type expenditures or fund liabilities. They are reported as liabilities in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from Governmental Funds are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group, not in the Governmental Funds.

An Account Group is not a "fund". It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with results of operations.

#### D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to when revenue and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All Governmental Funds and Expendable Trust Funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenue is recognized when it becomes measurable and available as net current assets. The term "available" as applied to delinquent property taxes and penalty and interest thereon is limited to collections within sixty (60) days of the fiscal year end. The amount of property taxes uncollected within that time period are accounted for as deferred revenue. Expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is to recognize principal and interest on general long-term debt when paid.

All Nonexpendable Trust Funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

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Note 1:  
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E. CASH

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits as well as short-term investments with a maturity date within three months of the date acquired by Government.

Cash balances of most Town funds are pooled and invested by the Town Treasurer. Excess cash of individual funds are shown as due from other funds and excess cash withdrawals are shown as due to other funds.

F. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The Town provides an allowance for uncollectible accounts for the estimated losses that will be incurred in the collection of all accounts receivable. The estimated losses are based on the judgement of management and a review of the current status of existing receivables.

G. DUE TO'S/FROM'S

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "Due From Other Funds" or "Due To Other Funds" on the balance sheet.

H. FUND BALANCES

Fund Balances are classified in three separate categories. The categories, and their general meanings, are as follows:

Restricted - Indicates amounts that are not appropriable or are legally restricted for a specific use.

Unrestricted - Designated - Indicates that portion of fund equity for which the Town has made tentative plans.

Unrestricted - Undesignated - Indicates that portion of fund equity which is available for appropriation and expenditure in future periods.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
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JUNE 30, 2004

Note 1:  
(Cont'd)

I. OPERATING TRANSFERS

Operating transfers are legally authorized transfers from a fund receiving revenue to the fund through which the resources are to be expended.

J. ESTIMATES

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. OPERATING BUDGET

The operating budget for the General and Highway Funds are approved at Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen set the tax rate based on the grand list and approved budgets.

L. TOTAL COLUMNS ON COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW

Total Columns on the Combined Statements - Overview - are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation, as interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
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 JUNE 30, 2004

Note 2: CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Cash and Certificates of Deposit at June 30, 2004 consisted of the following:

	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Insured - FDIC	\$148,617	\$163,079
Uninsured, Not Collateralized	23,857	23,950
Cash on Hand	<u>101</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$172,575</u></b>	<b><u>\$187,029</u></b>

The difference between the book balance and bank balance is due to reconciling items such as deposits in transit and outstanding checks. Due to higher cash flows at certain times of the year, the amount of uninsured, uncollateralized cash was much higher than at year end.

Cash and certificates of deposit are comprised of the following:

Cash	\$154,729
Certificate of Deposit	<u>17,846</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$172,575</u></b>

Note 3: INVESTMENTS

The Town's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held in the Town's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which securities are held by a counterparty's trust department or agent in the Town's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by a counterparty, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the Town's name. The Town has only Category 1 investments. An analysis of the Town's investments by category at June 30, 2004 is as follows:

	Category			Market Value
	(1)	(2)	(3)	<u>Value</u>
Mutual Funds	\$96,185	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 96,185
Common Stock	5,988	0	0	5,988
Certificate of Deposits	17,846	0	0	<u>17,846</u>
<b>Total Investments</b>				<b><u>\$ 120,019</u></b>

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 JUNE 30, 2004

Note 4:        RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of the receivables at June 30, 2004:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Delinquent Taxes Receivable	\$127,888
Interest Receivable on Delinquent Taxes	16,450
Other Receivables	500
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	<u>(500)</u>
 Total	 <u>\$144,338</u>

Note 5:        LOANS RECEIVABLE

Loans receivable totaling \$19,628 represent amounts due the Town under the Home Improvement Loan Fund. At June 30, 2004, five (5) loans were outstanding with interest at 1% and maturity dates from October, 2000 to April 1, 2009. The loans are secured by mortgages on the properties. The loan that was due in October, 2000 is in arrears with a balance of \$2,584.

Note 6:        INVENTORY

Inventory totaling \$6,654 represents the cost of producing three (3) different history books that the Town had on hand for sale at June 30, 2004.

Note 7:        DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred Revenue in the General Fund consists of \$121,000 of delinquent property taxes and interest not collected within sixty (60) days of the balance sheet date as these would not be available to liquidate current liabilities. It also includes \$1,115 of prepaid transfer station fees for fiscal year 2005. Total deferred revenue in the General Fund is \$122,115.

Deferred Revenue in the Special Revenue Funds consists of \$19,628 of grant funds loaned out as described in Note 5 and \$4,480 of grant money received in advance that will be recognized in fiscal year 2005 as expenditures occur. The loan revenue will be recognized as the loans are repaid to the Town.

Deferred Revenue in Capital Projects Funds consist of \$20,386 of grant money received for the Chicken Farm Bridge Fund that will be recognized in fiscal year 2005 as expenditures occur.

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Note 8: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

It is the policy of the Town of Corinth to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits. No liability is reported for unpaid accumulated sick leave because it is not a vested benefit. Amounts not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. No expenditure is reported for these amounts until paid. At June 30, 2004, the Town had the following vested benefits earned by their employees:

Vested Vacation Payable	<u>\$2,696</u>
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Note 9: NOTE PAYABLE

The following is a summary of changes in note payable for the year ended June 30, 2004:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2003</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2004</u>
<u>General Long-Term Debt Account Group:</u>				
Note Payable - State of Vermont Municipal Equipment Loan Fund, Dump Truck, Interest at 2%, \$20,000 Principal and Interest Payments are Due Annually on June 30 through 2005	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$ _____ 0</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
Total General Long-Term Debt Account Group	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$ _____ 0</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>

The Town anticipates maturities to be the following for the General Long-Term Debt:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2005	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>	<u>\$20,400</u>
Total	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>	<u>\$20,400</u>

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 JUNE 30, 2004

Note 10: RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES

The fund balances in the following funds are restricted as follows:

Special Revenue Funds

Restricted for Highway Expenditures by State Statute	\$ 72,865
Restricted for Cemetery Fund Expenditures by Endowments and Donations	120,750
Restricted for Inventory - History Book Fund	6,540
Restricted for Home Improvement Loan Fund by Grant Agreement	<u>6,832</u>
Total Restricted Special Revenue Funds	<u>206,987</u>

Trust Funds

Restricted for Historical Fund by Donations	724
Restricted for Library Trust Fund by Donations and Trust Agreement	<u>2,796</u>
Total Restricted Trust Funds	<u>3,520</u>
Total Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$210,507</u>

Note 11: DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES

The Fund Balances in the following funds are designated as follows:

Special Revenue Funds:

Designated for Reappraisal Expenditures	\$ 26,033
Designated for Town Planning Expenditures	<u>1,746</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	<u>27,779</u>

Capital Projects Funds:

Designated for Bridges	<u>29,056</u>
Total Capital Projects Funds	<u>29,056</u>
Total Designated Fund Balances	<u>\$ 56,835</u>

The undesignated deficit of \$13,291 in the General Fund will be funded with future tax revenue.

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JUNE 30, 2004

Note 12: EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

For the year ended June 30, 2004, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the Highway Fund by \$21,851. This was funded by unbudgeted revenue and available fund balance.

Note 13: BUDGETED DEFICIT

The Town elected to budget expenditures in excess of revenues by \$20,000 in the Highway Fund in order to reduce the prior year's surplus. This is reflected as a current year's budgeted deficiency of revenues over expenditures in Exhibit IV.

Note 14: PROPERTY TAXES

The Town property tax bills are due in three installments on August 19, October 21 and February 10. Amounts become delinquent on February 11. The Town bills and collects its own property taxes and also for school property taxes. The Town assesses an 8% penalty on all delinquent accounts. Interest is calculated at 1% for the first (3) months and 1.5% thereafter. The tax rate for 2004 is as follows:

Town	.275
Highway	.386
School	<u>1.802</u>
 Total	 <u>2.463</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2004, the Town billed \$1,880,184 in property taxes of which \$1,375,293 was allocated to school property taxes, \$279,880 to the Highway Fund, \$15,000 to the Bridge Fund and \$210,011 to the General Fund. The General Fund reported \$159,467 in property tax revenue due primarily to an increase in deferred property tax revenue.

Note 15: RETIREMENT PLAN

All applicable employees of the Town of Corinth are covered under the State of Vermont Municipal Employee's Retirement Plan. The plan requires a 2.5% contribution of gross salary by the employee and a 4% contribution by the Town of Corinth. The Town of Corinth pays all costs accrued each year for the plan. The premise of this plan is to provide a retirement plan covering municipal employees at a uniform State-wide contribution rate based upon an actuarial valuation of all State of Vermont municipal employees. Activity in this plan is done in the aggregate, not by municipality. Due to the nature of this pension plan, net assets available for benefits as well as the present value of vested and nonvested plan benefits by municipality are not determinable. The Town's total payroll was \$145,148 while its covered payroll for the retirement plan was \$92,653. Pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2004 was \$3,706.

Additional information regarding the State of Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System is available upon request from the State of Vermont.

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JUNE 30, 2004

Note 16:     RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town of Corinth is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town of Corinth maintains insurance coverage through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc. (the Fund) covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Town of Corinth. Settled claims have not exceeded this coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Town must remain a member of the Fund for a minimum of one year and may withdraw from the Fund after that time by giving sixty days notice. Fund underwriting and ratesetting policies have been established after consultation with actuaries. Fund members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the assets of the Fund were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the Fund's liabilities.

In addition, the Town of Corinth is a member of the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Health Trust. The Health Trust is a nonprofit corporation formed to provide health insurance and wellness programs for Vermont municipalities and is owned by the participating members. The agreement does not permit the Health Trust to make additional assessments to its members.

The Town of Corinth self insures itself for unemployment coverage. The Town must pay the Vermont Department of Employment and Training for any paid claims. The Town paid \$-0- for unemployment claims for the year ended June 30, 2004.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2004

	Highway Fund	Cemetery Fund	Reappraisal Fund	History Book Fund	Town Planning Fund	Home Improvement Loan Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>							
Cash	\$ 0	\$ 4,535	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,243	\$ 6,897	\$ 17,675
Investments	0	117,223	0	0	0	0	117,223
Loans Receivable	0	0	0	0	0	19,628	19,628
Inventory	0	0	0	6,654	0	0	6,654
Due from Other Funds	75,341	0	26,033	0	0	0	101,374
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 75,341</b>	<b>\$ 121,758</b>	<b>\$ 26,033</b>	<b>\$ 6,654</b>	<b>\$ 6,243</b>	<b>\$ 26,525</b>	<b>\$ 262,554</b>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,343	\$ 785	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,128
Accrued Payroll	1,133	223	0	0	0	0	1,356
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0	114	17	65	196
Deferred Revenue	0	0	0	0	4,480	19,628	24,108
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,476</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>19,693</b>	<b>27,788</b>
Fund Balances:							
Restricted	72,865	120,750	0	6,540	0	6,832	206,987
Unrestricted - Designated	0	0	26,033	0	1,746	0	27,779
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>72,865</b>	<b>120,750</b>	<b>26,033</b>	<b>6,540</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>6,832</b>	<b>234,766</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 75,341</b>	<b>\$ 121,758</b>	<b>\$ 26,033</b>	<b>\$ 6,654</b>	<b>\$ 6,243</b>	<b>\$ 26,525</b>	<b>\$ 262,554</b>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Highway Fund	Cemetery Fund	Reappraisal Fund	History Book Fund	Town Planning Fund	Home Improvement Loan Fund	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>							
Property Taxes	\$ 279,880	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 279,880
Intergovernmental	208,766	0	7,301	0	0	0	216,067
Loan Repayments	0	0	0	0	0	5,107	5,107
Investment Income	0	14,337	0	0	12	215	14,564
Miscellaneous	580	3,025	0	0	228	0	3,833
Book Sales	0	0	0	588	0	0	588
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>489,226</b>	<b>17,362</b>	<b>7,301</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>5,322</b>	<b>520,039</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>							
Highway Expenses	315,905	0	0	0	0	0	315,905
Book Expenses	0	0	0	475	0	0	475
Planning Expenses	0	0	0	0	54	0	54
Cemetery Expense	0	6,960	0	0	0	0	6,960
Loan Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Expense	130,026	0	1,241	0	0	5,065	131,267
Debt Service:							
Principal	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	20,000
Interest	800	0	0	0	0	0	800
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>466,731</b>	<b>6,960</b>	<b>1,241</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>5,065</b>	<b>480,526</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures</b>	<b>22,495</b>	<b>10,402</b>	<b>6,060</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>39,513</b>
<b>Fund Balances - July 1, 2003</b>	<b>50,370</b>	<b>110,348</b>	<b>19,973</b>	<b>6,427</b>	<b>1,560</b>	<b>6,575</b>	<b>195,253</b>
<b>Fund Balances - June 30, 2004</b>	<b>\$ 72,865</b>	<b>\$ 120,750</b>	<b>\$ 26,033</b>	<b>\$ 6,540</b>	<b>\$ 1,746</b>	<b>\$ 6,832</b>	<b>\$ 234,766</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Bridge Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Chicken Farm Bridge Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Due From Other Funds	\$ <u>29,623</u>	\$ <u>20,386</u>	\$ <u>50,009</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>29,623</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>20,386</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>50,009</u></b>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 567	\$ 0	\$ 567
Deferred Revenue	<u>0</u>	<u>20,386</u>	<u>20,386</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>567</u></b>	<b><u>20,386</u></b>	<b><u>20,953</u></b>
Fund Balances:			
Unrestricted:			
Designated	<u>29,056</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>29,056</u>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b><u>29,056</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>29,056</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ <u>29,623</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>20,386</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>50,009</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND  
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

	Bridge Reserve Fund	Chicken Farm Bridge Fund	Total
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Revenue:			
Property Taxes	\$ <u>15,000</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>15,000</u>
Total Revenue	<u>15,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Expenditures:			
Construction and Engineering	<u>2,266</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,266</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>2,266</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,266</u>
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditures	12,734	0	12,734
Fund Balance - July 1, 2003	<u>16,322</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,322</u>
Fund Balance - June 30, 2004	<u><u>\$ 29,056</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29,056</u></u>

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TOWN OF CORINTH, VERMONT  
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET  
 ALL FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES  
 JUNE 30, 2004

	<u>Expendable Trust Fund</u>	<u>Nonexpendable Trust Funds</u>	
	<u>Historical Fund</u>	<u>Library Trust Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
 <u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash	\$ 724	\$ 0	\$ 724
Investment	<u>0</u>	<u>2,796</u>	<u>2,796</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 724</u>	 <u>\$ 2,796</u>	 <u>\$ 3,520</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>			
Liabilities:	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	<u>724</u>	<u>2,796</u>	<u>3,520</u>
 Total Fund Balances	 <u>724</u>	 <u>2,796</u>	 <u>3,520</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	 <u>\$ 724</u>	 <u>\$ 2,796</u>	 <u>\$ 3,520</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

# Budget Committee Report

The Town Budget Committee recommends the following budgets:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>To Be Raised</u>
General Fund	\$273,030	\$212,380
Highway Fund	472,990	322,990
Bridge Reserve Fund	-0-	15,000

Respectfully submitted,  
 Frank Roderick, Selectman  
 Andrew Martin, Selectman  
 Kyle Thompson, Selectman

Brenda A. Carter, Member-at-Large  
 Earl Adams, Member-at-Large  
 Susan L. Fortunati, Treasurer  
 Linda Pastelnick, Clerk

## Budget Report

	Actual 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004	Budget 7/1/2004 to 6/30/2005	Proposed 7/1/2005 to 6/30/2006
<b>Income</b>			
<b>General Fund - Income</b>			
Current Tax Levy, Town	159,466.60	231,506.00	212,380.00
Sale of Land or Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees Due Town	19,965.46	16,150.00	16,100.00
Interest Late & Delinquent Taxes	14,193.42	10,000.00	10,000.00
Restoration of Records	2,487.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Land Use Change Tax	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hold Harmless Money	24,578.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
Dog Licenses	966.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
Hall Rental	740.00	300.00	300.00
Solid Waste Collections	1,648.00	1,500.00	0.00
Household Hazardous Waste Grant	374.41	0.00	0.00
Transfer Station Grant & Permits	4,766.00	4,500.00	800.00
Sewage Fees	135.00	50.00	100.00
Misc. Gen Fund Income	682.09	250.00	250.00
Interest on Savings	2,497.91	2,000.00	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$232,499.89</b>	<b>\$297,056.00</b>	<b>\$273,030.00</b>
<b>Highway Fund - Income</b>			
Current Tax Levy, Highway	279,880.00	286,095.00	322,990.00
Proceeds of Notes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highway State Aid	151,148.96	150,000.00	150,000.00
Highway State Aid for Paving	56,000.00	0.00	0.00
Special Highway State Aid	1,617.00	0.00	0.00
Bridge State Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. Highway Receipts	580.00	0.00	0.00
State Flood Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$489,225.96</b>	<b>\$436,095.00</b>	<b>\$472,990.00</b>

	Actual 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004	Budget 7/1/2004 to 6/30/2005	Proposed 7/1/2005 to 6/30/2006
<b>Chicken Farm Bridge Fund</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Bridge Reserve Fund - Income</b>			
Current Tax Levy, Bridge Reserve	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
<b>TOTAL BRIDGE RES. FUND INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>All "Other" Funds - Income</b>			
PLANNING COMMISSION	\$240.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
SCHOOL	\$1,375,293.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HISTORY BOOKS	\$588.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
REAPPRAISAL			
Current Tax Levy, Reappraisal	0.00	0.00	0.00
State Grant	7,301.00	7,125.00	7,125.00
	\$7,301.00	\$7,125.00	\$7,125.00
HISTORICAL FUND	\$4.45	\$0.00	\$0.00
HOME IMPROVEMENT			
Loan Repayment	5,107.14	4,600.00	4,600.00
Interest Income	215.38	130.00	130.00
	\$5,322.52	\$4,730.00	\$4,730.00
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	\$30.53	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL "OTHER" INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,388,779.97</b>	<b>\$12,335.00</b>	<b>\$12,335.00</b>
<b>Grand Total All Income</b>	<b>\$2,125,505.82</b>	<b>\$760,486.00</b>	<b>\$773,355.00</b>

## Expenses

### General Fund - Expenses

Selectmen	2,454.36	3,172.00	3,025.00
Town Report & Auditors	9,814.91	11,150.00	9,500.00
Elections	1,124.85	3,165.00	785.00
Listers			
Payroll	9,634.50	21,153.00	16,500.00
Office Expense	3,491.67	5,120.00	5,150.00
Town Office			
Town Clerk Salary	11,520.00	15,000.00	16,000.00
Asst Town Clerk Salary	9,373.50	2,500.00	6,500.00
Town Treasurer Salary	11,520.00	16,000.00	20,000.00
Asst Town Treasurer Salary	2,796.19	2,500.00	2,500.00

<sup>1</sup>Road Commissioner Hourly Rate Increase +\$147.00

	Actual 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004	Budget 7/1/04 to 6/30/05	Proposed 7/1/05 to 6/30/06
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSES, cont'd</b>			
Office Expense	22,805.39	23,360.00	24,280.00
Legal & Insurance	6,166.56	7,150.00	7,400.00
<b>Services</b>			
Abates Taxes	7.53	1,000.00	500.00
Ambulance Service	21,945.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Bad Debt-Uncollect Ambulance	79.00	0.00	0.00
Animal Control	1,204.83	1,000.00	1,000.00
BCA Expense	192.75	230.00	240.00
Central VT Humane Society	600.00	1,300.00	850.00
Blake Memorial Library	1,461.00	1,461.00	1,460.00
County Tax	18,566.00	21,240.00	24,450.00
CTERT	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Debt Service	0.00	500.00	500.00
Fire Services	12,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
E-911 Locatable Addressing	0.00	0.00	0.00
VT League of Cities & Towns	1,229.00	1,315.00	1,590.00
<b>Appropriations</b>			
ACORN	300.00	300.00	300.00
Adult Education, Central VT	800.00	800.00	800.00
Bradford Regional Community Center	1,461.00	1,461.00	0.00
Central VT Community Action	300.00	300.00	300.00
Council on Aging	100.00	100.00	100.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance	5,460.00	5,460.00	5,844.00
Clara Martin Center	2,177.00	2,177.00	2,177.00
George Aiken Council	50.00	50.00	100.00
Green Mountain Economic Development	730.00	730.00	740.00
Green Up Vermont	100.00	100.00	100.00
Orange East Senior Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,200.00
Two Rivers – Dues	1,614.00	1,614.00	1,614.00
Northeast Slopes	1,460.00	1,460.00	1,460.00
Orange County Diversion Program	150.00	150.00	150.00
Oxbow Senior Independence Program	300.00	300.00	300.00
Safeline	200.00	200.00	200.00
VT Center Independent Living	170.00	200.00	170.00
Upper Valley Services	700.00	700.00	700.00
<b>Town Hall</b>			
Town Hall Expenses	14,679.11	10,945.00	13,550.00
Solid Waste Disposal	74,229.50	78,680.00	48,550.00
Law Enforcement	4,330.38	8,405.00	8,475.00
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	666.30	1,165.00	1,165.00
Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health and Sewage	376.09	393.00	955.00
Cemetery	189.32	450.00	250.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$264,129.74</b>	<b>\$297,056.00</b>	<b>\$273,030.00</b>

	Actual 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004	Budget 7/1/2004 to 6/30/2005	Proposed 7/1/2005 to 6/30/2006
<b>Highway Fund - Expenses</b>			
Administration			
Payroll	999.00	2,500.00	<sup>4</sup> 1,800.00
Benefits	40,976.48	<sup>2</sup> 52,390.00	<sup>5</sup> 63,215.00
Other Expense	685.64	250.00	700.00
Highway Labor	78,200.15	84,580.00	82,500.00
Bridges	0.00	<sup>3</sup> 4,000.00	2,000.00
Gravel	27,898.64	25,000.00	30,000.00
Patch and Pave	130,025.57	75,000.00	100,000.00
Chloride	7,644.00	7,000.00	8,500.00
Salt	21,596.13	25,000.00	25,000.00
Sand	22,428.04	25,000.00	30,000.00
Stone	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Posts & Guard Rails	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Other Materials	200.50	500.00	500.00
Culverts	4,185.10	4,000.00	4,000.00
Signs	752.07	1,000.00	1,500.00
Hired Services	15,918.50	25,000.00	20,000.00
Garage	10,053.53	7,775.00	8,450.00
Salt Shed	11,488.45	0.00	0.00
Operating Supplies & Fuel	15,573.65	18,500.00	25,500.00
Repairs and Maintenance			
Hired Maintenance	0.00	25,000.00	30,000.00
Town Labor, Maintenance	0.00	12,000.00	0.00
Other Expense	42,050.35	2,700.00	4,000.00
Other			
Highway Insurance	8,736.59	10,000.00	<sup>6</sup> 2,825.00
Purchase New Truck FY'06	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Purchase of '2002 Mack Truck	20,800.00	20,400.00	0.00
Other Equipment Purchases	2,551.09	0.00	0.00
Equipment Rental	967.50	2,000.00	2,000.00
South America Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00
South America Road #34431	0.00	1,000.00	0.00
Jordan Bridge Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Farm Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$466,730.98</b>	<b>\$436,095.00</b>	<b>\$472,990.00</b>

### Chicken Farm Bridge State Grant

Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CHICKEN FARM BRIDGE STATE GRANT</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<sup>2</sup>Health Insurance

<sup>3</sup>Goose Green Bridge

<sup>4</sup>\$150.00 Monthly Salary

<sup>5</sup>\$7,000.00 Workman's Compensation Insurance

<sup>6</sup>Property and Casualty

	Actual 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2004	Budget 7/1/2004 to 6/30/2005	Proposed 7/1/2005 to 6/30/2006
<b>Bridge Reserve Fund - Expenses</b>			
East Corinth Bridge	2,213.67	0.00	0.00
Hutton Hill Bridge	13.23	0.00	0.00
Jordan Bridge	39.44	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL BRIDGE RESERVE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,266.34</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>All "Other" Funds - Expenses</b>			
PLANNING COMMISSION	54.44	0.00	0.00
SCHOOL	1,375,293.00	0.00	0.00
HISTORY BOOKS	474.60	0.00	0.00
REAPPRAISAL	1,240.45	900.00	900.00
HISTORICAL FUND	150.90	0.00	0.00
HOME IMPROVEMENT	5,065.00	0.00	0.00
BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY	30.53	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL ALL "OTHER" FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,382,308.92</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
<b>Grand Total All Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,115,435.98</b>	<b>\$734,051.00</b>	<b>\$746,920.00</b>

Excess Revenues over Expenditures	26,435.00	26,435.00
History Books	480.00	480.00
Reappraisal	6,225.00	6,225.00
Home Improvement	4,730.00	4,730.00
Bridge Reserve	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
	<u>\$26,435.00</u>	<u>\$26,435.00</u>



# Abstract of the Grand List

REAL ESTATE	Count	Municipal LV (taxable)	Education LV (taxable) Homestead	Education LV (taxable) Non-Residential	Total Education LV (taxable)
Residential I	202	16,480,603	13,186,000	3,294,603	16,480,603
Residential II	247	30,549,855	24,837,571	5,712,284	30,549,855
Mobile Homes-U	24	347,200	140,200	207,000	347,200
Mobile Homes-L	70	3,651,300	2,148,900	1,502,400	3,651,300
Vacation I	72	3,204,478	77,200	3,127,278	3,204,478
Vacation II	128	10,700,607	1,322,538	9,378,069	10,700,607
Commercial	19	1,880,200	78,800	1,943,959	2,022,759
Commercial Apts	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	1	73,200	0	73,200	73,200
Utilities-E	2	1,610,300	0	1,610,300	1,610,300
Utilities-O	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	10	1,308,725	1,027,847	280,878	1,308,725
Other	3	347,071	0	347,071	347,071
Woodland	38	1,325,629	75,389	1,250,240	1,325,629
Miscellaneous	199	6,273,931	385,000	5,888,931	6,273,931
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>77,753,099</b>	<b>43,279,445</b>	<b>34,616,213</b>	<b>77,895,658</b>
Cable		0	0	0	0
Machinery and Equipment		0			
Inventory		0			
<b>TOTAL TAXABLE</b>		<b>77,753,099</b>	<b>43,279,445</b>	<b>34,616,213</b>	<b>77,895,658</b>
<b>TOTAL GRAND LIST</b>		<b>777,530.99</b>	<b>432,794.45</b>	<b>346,162.13</b>	

NON-TAX SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS                      26 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411  
0

Status on Personal Property	
1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city	Yes <u>XX</u> No <u>    </u>
2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by vote of your town/city?	Yes <u>XX</u> No <u>    </u>
3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? (include percentage)	<u>    </u> 0.00 <u>    </u>
4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used)	
a) at fair market value <u>    </u>	b) at depreciated value <u>    </u>

Adjustments to Education Taxable Value (Local Agreements Etc.)	
Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions	0
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	142,559
Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Non-Resi Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	142,559
Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax)	0
Special Exemptions (Ski Lifts Etc.)	0
Land Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)	4,704,927
Veteran Exemptions	80,000

## Comparative Grand Lists and Rates

Grand List	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
	\$740,445.40	\$740,333.69	\$757,255.25	\$763,387.74
	<u>Rate</u> % of	<u>Rate</u> % of	<u>Rate</u> % of	<u>Rate</u> % of
General Fund	0.237    14%	0.252    11%	0.293    13%	0.275    11%
Local School	0.197    11%	0.427    20%	0.546    24%	0.582    24%
Statewide School	0.988    56%	1.118    51%	1.106    48%	1.22    50%
Highway	<u>0.327</u> 19%	<u>0.394</u> 18%	<u>0.373</u> 16%	<u>0.386</u> 16%
	1.749	2.191	2.318	2.463

## Statement of Taxes Raised July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004

Grand List	\$76,338,774
	<u>      x 1%</u>
	763,387.74
Tax Rate	<u>      x 2.463</u>
Billings	1,880,224
Less Billing Adjustments	<u>          (40)</u>
Total Billed	<u><u>\$1,880,184</u></u>
Less Collections:	
School Fund:	
State	(930,875)
Local	(444,418)
Highway Fund	(\$1,375,293)
Bridge Fund	(279,880)
* General Fund	(15,000)
* General Fund	<u>(210,011)</u>
Total accounted for	<u><u>(\$1,880,184)</u></u>

\* 99,213 of this amount was not collected by June 30, 2004  
 The total delinquent taxes at June 30, 2004 for *all years* was \$127,888  
 Refer to note 13 of the auditors report

# Delinquent Tax Report

## As of December 31, 2004

Total Delinquent Taxes at December 31, 2003	\$ 42,608.23
Plus 2003-2004 Delinquent Taxes effective February 11, 2004	+170,636.78
Total Delinquent Taxes to collect in 2004	Subtotal 213,245.01
Less Abatement Adjustment	- 7.53
	Subtotal \$213,237.48
Less total taxes collected	-177,824.16
<b>Balance of uncollected Delinquent Taxes at December 31, 2004</b>	<b><u>\$ 35,413.32</u></b>

Number of Delinquent Accounts	Year(s) Billed	Amount
1	2001-2002	\$28.47
11	2002-2003	8,873.74
23	2003-2004	26,511.11
<b>Total Delinquent Taxes at December 31, 2004</b>		<b><u>\$35,413.32</u></b>

On the recommendation of the Town's professional auditing firm, the names of property owners having "delinquent taxes" owing at December 31st are being published in the Annual Town Report accordingly. Following is the list of Delinquent Taxes owing at December 31, 2004. This is the principal amount only and does not include interest, penalties or other fees that may be due. (2) indicates two separate parcels of property for this person with total combined amounts owing as indicated:

Tax Year	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
(2) Augustine, Adam .....			1,487.64
Bicknell, et al., Rhonda R, Gary Bicknell & Geraldine Elliott .....		692.88	3,655.08
Butler, Richard .....			531.99
Carrier, David .....		1,284.15	1,364.49
Danforth, Cindy T & Raymond West, Jr. ....			531.99
Danforth, David & Cindy .....		500.67	
(2) Danforth, Robert W & Annette L. ....		299.01	2,174.82
Duprey, Ellen .....	28.47	27.81	
Ertle, Nancy J. ....		1,578.54	1,677.30
Fellows Jr., Fred & Laurie .....			509.02
Flye, Jerrold & Beverly .....			719.13
Griffen, Sr., Lawrence & Lawrence Griffen, Jr. ....		310.59	330.03
Hazlett, Joseph .....			2,573.82
Howell, Gail A. & Steven .....		1,615.65	1,716.69
Larabee, Jessie & Shawn Comstock .....			453.18
(2) Millard, Brian .....			645.30
Senecal, Ezra & Bonne Smith .....		1,977.24	2,100.93
Senecal, Terri .....		231.78	82.10
Slattery Mary, et al. ....			756.12
Sybiak, et al. c/o Mary F Slattery .....		355.42	
(2) Thurston, Francis .....			307.86
Thurston, Lee .....			151.06
Turner, Alexandra .....			926.07
(2) Turner, Ira .....			1,955.38
Welch Jr., Gene .....			1,583.70
Williams, Roger .....			277.41
<b>Totals by Year</b>	<b><u>\$28.47</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,873.74</u></b>	<b><u>\$26,511.11</u></b>

The last tax sale was held January 28, 2003; thus, a tax sale is scheduled for January 18, 2005 and will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Corinth Town Hall.

Monies collected are turned into the Town on a monthly basis along with a detailed collections report. Reports are also filed biannually with the State of Vermont Director of Property Valuation & Review in accordance with state statute.

**TOWN OF CORINTH POLICY FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2000**

The following policy was established for the collection of delinquent taxes. It is mailed with each February and March Delinquent Tax Collectors Notice and as necessary thereafter:

1. As soon as the warrant has been received, and each month thereafter, the Collector of Delinquent Taxes will send a notice to each Delinquent Taxpayer. Interest is assessed at 1% for the first three months and at 1.5% thereafter on any unpaid principal tax amount. A one time 8% penalty is assessed on the unpaid delinquent principal tax amount at the time the account goes delinquent. 32 VSA § 4873, 5142
2. Make payments payable to Town of Corinth.  
Mail to: Susan L. Fortunati  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
440 Rollie Day Road  
Corinth, Vermont 05039
3. Payment(s) that would leave an unpaid balance due of less than \$100.00 will not be accepted.
4. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest portion of the amount due; the remainder will be divided proportionally between the principal amount of the tax and the 8% penalty.
5. If payment made with a check that is returned due to insufficient funds, personal/business checks will no longer be accepted from that party. Payment will only be accepted if made with cash, bank or treasurer's check or postal money order.
6. There will be a \$25.00 "return check" fee imposed for each check returned unpaid by the bank. Any acceptable payment received will first be applied to cover the return check charge, remaining funds will then be applied as outlined in item #4 of this policy.
7. Post-dated checks are not acceptable.
8. Taxpayers may request an abatement of taxes pursuant to 24 VSAS.1535 by written request to the  
Corinth Board of Abatement  
c/o Corinth Town Office  
PO Box 461  
Corinth, VT 05039
9. Payment arrangement requests to avoid tax sale must be submitted in writing to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes. The Collector of Delinquent Taxes will furnish a written response either accepting or denying the request.
10. Once accounts have been submitted to the Attorney in preparation for tax sale, payment must be by cash, money order, bank, treasurer's or certified check. Personal checks will not be accepted. Call before sending final payment to insure the correct amount 32 VSA § 4874.
11. Pursuant to 32 VSA 5254b, the owner of a property being sold for taxes may request in writing, not less than 24 hours prior to the tax sale, that a portion of the property be sold. Such request must clearly identify the portion of the property to be sold, and must be accompanied by a certification from the District Environmental Commission and the Town Zoning Administrative Office that the portion identified may be subdivided and meets the minimum lot size requirements.

Susan L. Fortunati  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
440 Rollie Day Road,  
Corinth, VT 05039  
802-439-6179 (phone & fax)

# Home Improvement Loan

## Report

One new loan was approved on April 13, 2004, making a total of (5) five loans on the books at June 30, 2004. Unfortunately, some of the borrowers have not been making regular monthly payments. This limits the funds available for lending to other interested persons. It should be remembered that this fund is a community program and will only continue to work if the responsibilities of the financial commitments are adhered to as agreed upon when the loan is approved and issued to the borrower(s).

Funds are loaned specifically for "home improvement" at the low interest rate of 1% annually.

Anyone making application must be within certain financial guidelines to qualify for a loan.

Cash on hand at June 30, 2004	\$ 6,897.49
Loan Receivables at June 30, 2004	<u>+19,627.69</u>
Total Assets at June 30, 2004	<u>\$26,525.18</u>
Deferred Revenues	19,627.69
Other Liabilities	65.00
Fund Balance	<u>+6,832.49</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance at June 30, 2004	<u>\$26,525.18</u>
Total of loans (principal only) out as of July 1, 2003	\$ 19,734.83
(1) New loan(s) issued 2003-2004	<u>+5,000.00</u>
	\$24,734.83
Loan principal repayment received 2003-2004	<u>- 5,107.14</u>
Total of all loans (principal only) on books at June 30, 2004	<u>\$19,627.69</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan L. Fortunati  
Loan Committee Treasurer

## Requirements

1. Applicant(s) must be a Corinth resident and will be required to complete and file an application form, provided by the Loan Fund Committee. Applications are available at the Town Treasurer's Office.
  - a. The Committee may require a co-signer if deemed necessary.
2. Applicant(s) must be within the approved financial guidelines set and approved by the Loan Fund Committee to qualify for a low interest loan.
3. Funds must be used only for "home improvement" projects on property located in Corinth.
4. Maximum loan amount issued will be \$5,000.
5. No loan shall be issued for the payback period to exceed a maximum of 48 months.
6. Only one loan per applicant(s) may be maintained at any one time – (i.e. John Smith and Mary Jones have a current joint loan; neither John Smith nor Mary Jones may qualify for a second loan individually nor with another party as long as their name is associated in any way with a current outstanding loan).
7. Subordination agreements will not be granted.

8. Financial documentation such as the most current income tax return(s) and other sources of income may be required for review by the Committee members.
9. Current loan obligations, monthly expenses, and any other reasonable information may be required for review by the Committee members.

## Bylaws

1. The "Loan Fund Committee" shall be comprised of the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, one Selectboard member as well as three community members appointed by the Selectboard to serve one – 1 year term; one – 2 year term and one – 3 year term.
2. The Town Clerk shall be the Committee Secretary and the Town Treasurer shall be the Committee Treasurer. The minutes and financial records shall be kept at the Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office. A Chairman shall be elected for a term of three years.
3. The Committee will meet at least twice a year and on an as need basis.
4. A meeting may be called by any member of the Loan Committee to address and review loan applications, bylaw changes, etc.
5. A meeting of the Committee members shall be called to review any and all loan applications. A majority of the Loan Committee members is required for a quorum.
6. A quorum majority vote of the Loan Committee is required on any and all actions taken by the Committee - (i.e. – loan approvals/denials, bylaw changes, etc.)
7. The Selectboard shall be asked to replace any Loan Committee member(s) (other than the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer or Selectboard representative) missing three or more consecutive meetings.



## 4. Town Reports

### Selectmen's Report

The past year, 2004, has been a year of changes. We elected a new Selectman, Andy Martin, appointed a new Road Commissioner, Kyle Thompson, and named a new Chairman of the Selectboard, Frank Roderick. The transitions have gone pretty well.

The biggest excitement was certainly Chris Weathersbee and his goat farm in Cookeville. Despite good intentions, the goats became a real problem for anyone living near the farm. Chris finally packed up his goats and moved to Kentucky in December, but not before involving the State Police, the Sheriff's Department, the First Constable, the Health Officer, the Department of Agriculture, the Attorney General, the Humane Society, the District Court, animal-loving volunteers and, of course, the Selectmen. We had two Special Town Meetings to discuss the issue and various people spent many hours trying to get the goats to stay on the farm property. We were front-page news many times, but in the end it took charges of animal cruelty and some time in jail to resolve the issue. There were threats and hard feelings all around and some intemperate actions on both sides, but the issue has finally ended for us. During the struggle, we enacted an Animal Cruelty Ordinance to give us local power so we can act to prevent problems like this from getting out of hand.

World affairs reached into town when some of our local National Guard members were activated and sent to the Middle East. Joe Blodgett, a member of our road crew, was one of the men called up. We hope he fares well and returns safe and sound.

Another fellow from the road crew, Billy Eastman, has retired after more than ten years on the job. Bill's experience and skill with a road grader will be sorely missed. Many thanks to him for his faithful service and long winter nights keeping our roads safe for travel. The local deer will have to be alert now that Billy will have more free time on his hands.

Some items of interest on the Town Meeting Warning are a plan to replace the stoop on the front of the Town Hall with a wide porch similar to the one built when the building was new. We will also be asked to raise some funds to help pay for town-wide parcel mapping. We have some money from a state grant to the Listers and a Planning Commission grant, but a little extra tax money will be needed to have enough for the project. When the mapping is done, you will be able to figure out who owns a particular parcel with a quick glance at the map instead of having to search the Grand List, the Land Plats and the deed files. This is something that has been needed for a long time.

The Valley Health Center is seeking some financial help as well as the very successful Bradford Regional Community Center, which gives our children a place to recreate when school is closed and offers the community at large a space to hold meetings and large functions.

If you can manage to attend Town Meeting, you will find it to be a very interesting day. You will get a chance to take part in true Democracy as we elect officers and decide what the Town will do over the next year. You will also get a chance to relax and visit with your neighbors and meet the new folks who have moved into town. There will also be a down-home lunch prepared by our local cooks. It is a meal to enjoy. Please join us.

Frank Roderick, Chairman  
Kyle Thompson  
Andy Martin  
Selectboard

## Town Clerk's Report

It is that time of year again! I want to thank the following people for their assistance this past year: (1) Lois Covey for her work as the Recording Clerk while funds were available; (2) Tom Shea for helping move furniture and other acts of kindness while painting the Town Hall; and (3) Susan Shea for volunteering to coordinate the Town Report.

There have been 763 transfer permits issued so far this year, and 316 dogs licensed.

There were nine (9) marriage licenses issued, and seven (7) births recorded. Unfortunately, there were some deaths also. Applications for marriage licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office.

The town hall is available for rent by calling the Town Clerk's office. The cost is \$40.00 for residents of the town, plus a \$50.00 security deposit. It is also available for non-residents for \$80.00, plus a \$100.00 security deposit.

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office, and *all* dogs *should be* licensed by April 1, 2005. Additional fees are charged if licensed after that date unless one has recently moved to Corinth. A rabies clinic is tentatively scheduled for March 15, 2004, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at the East Corinth Fire Department. Effective September 2004, all dogs and wolf-hybrid over three (3) months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination which is valid for 36 months (3 years).

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting and throughout the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda D. Pastelnick  
Town Clerk

## Treasurer's Report

In March of 2004 action was taken to collect the taxes in two installments instead of three installments. This has been helpful in the work associated with the collection process and in no way has it been a cash flow problem for the Town. Thus, there was no need again this year, to secure any short term borrowing to meet the financial needs of the Town.

Funds were invested in the fall of 2004 with two of our banking institutions at double the interest rate received on our regular checking account. Although the funds invested resulted in being short term, the agreement made eliminated any withdrawal penalties and provided for the flexibility of early fund withdrawal needs. In the past, it had been a concern on how to invest for a better interest rate but at the same time be able to secure the flexibility necessary to meet our financial cash flow requirements.

The new computerized payroll program put in place September 2003 has worked out very well. Various kinds of information and reports are simpler to generate. The year end W-2 forms are printed from this program, payroll tax liability information is available by running a pre-programmed report for both the quarterly 941's as well as unemployment and state tax reports to mention a few. More detailed information is also provided on the payroll stubs for the employees use.

There were numerous changes to the April 2004 Grand List resulting in the need to issue "revised" or "corrected" tax bills. The Listers are responsible for maintaining the Grand List. Any changes to it after it has been lodged with the Town Clerk must be approved by the Selectboard. Upon their approval the changes are then made and revised/corrected tax bills are issued. However, as Treasurer, a number of steps are taken to identify and record the changes to the Grand List and the result those changes have in the tax book and tax billing. The billing is reviewed by the auditors and the accountability is essential to be able to answer any questions they or a taxpayer may have. The process in identifying, outlining, balancing, making and issuing revised/corrected bills is extensive but important.

Once again, due to Act 68, the education funding law, if you are a Vermont resident and own and occupy a Vermont dwelling as your principal residence on April 1, 2005, you must file Form HS-131 by April 15<sup>th</sup>. This form is used to determine your base school property tax rate. There are two separate base rates, one for "Homestead" properties and the other for "Non-residential" properties. You may be subject to a penalty and interest charge(s) if you are required to file the homestead declaration form and either file late or fail to file at all. If you have access to a computer and the internet you can file this form electronically at [www.state.vt.us/tax](http://www.state.vt.us/tax).

Our progress in implementing GASB34, the reporting and accounting of fixed assets belonging to the Town, was discussed with the auditors. There were a couple of important issues that were the main focus of the discussion. First, there was no specific penalty identified for not adopting GASB34. Second, once GASB34 is fully implemented, the audit procedure becomes more involved and time-consuming making the cost of the audit more expensive. Also, once GASB34 is fully implemented and audited it must be including in the audit report, which in turn is printed in the Town Report. This would increase the overall number of pages and cost of the Town Report. And finally, the research and documentation of the Town's fixed assets is still in the work-in-progress stage and thus incomplete. After bringing these points to the attention of the Selectboard, the decision was made to continue on with the research and documentation but not to fully implement the reporting as yet.

Brenda Carter and Deede Thurston have continued to be my main backup help on an "as need basis". They are greatly appreciated and both do a great job. I thank both of them for their help and support. However, because of the sparing use of their time, a review of task procedures is always important. Things are always changing and evolving for a variety of reasons. A procedures manual is in the developing stages but needs constant review and updating to keep it current.

The internet is a tool we find ourselves using more and more. To keep the NEMRC programs current updates are downloaded over the internet. The program files are backed up to NEMRC via the internet. The Grand List is sent to the state via electronic transfer. These are just a few of the increased uses of the internet. The current internet service is setup for access 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday only. This limited access has not always been conducive to the times we are in the office working. The current dial-up connection also ties up the phone line eliminating the ability for anyone to call into the office. A proposal was made to the budget committee this year to fund changing the internet service to DSL. This will leave the phone lines open but at the same time allow for us to have continued access to the internet at a faster speed. This change will benefit everyone's needs.

Thank you to Tom Shea for the nice paint job and little extras at the Town Hall. It really brightens things up and gives a cleaner, warmer and more pleasant feel to the office. I would also like to thank Robert Fortunati for his part in our new "CORINTH TOWN HALL" sign - it looks great.

My appreciation to Brenda Carter and Deede Thurston, once again, for their continued help and support.

Susan L. Fortunati  
Treasurer

## Road Commissioner's Report

This was a new task last year for me doing the Road Commissioner's job. We need to thank Frank Roderick for a job well done in the years past.

There was a change in the highway personnel. Joe Blodgett had to report to National Guard active duty, and Bill Eastman retired after 10 years of a job well done. Larry Bassett was hired to take Bill's place. After working for a short while he left for a number of reasons. Now we have two (2) new highway personnel: Guy Welch is full time and taking Bill's place. Nelson LaFrancis will take Joe's place until Joe returns.

It has been a busy year checking roads during mud season, issuing driveway permits, checking culverts that needed to be changed, fixing the turn-around at Zach and April Taylor's place, checking out trees that needed to be cut on the roadside and ditches.

We found a new source of winter sand in Pike, New Hampshire, from Don Beattie. It is nice looking sand. Don lined up the trucking. Everything went well. The sand was put up early enough so that the salt had a chance to work into the sand.

The East Corinth Bridge Project went well and looks great. Thanks to Sheila Chaloux for letting us put a temporary bridge through her parking lot. The Chicken Farm Bridge project is in the paper-work stage. We should know more by Spring.

We had an icy start this winter and things were a little slow with only two men. Jim and Bill did a good job. Now, with a full crew, we should be able to keep things running smoothly.

Kyle R. Thompson  
Road Commissioner

# Road Plan

## Proposed Road Plan 2005-2006

### PAVEMENT RETREATMENT

Vershire Town Line Back  
Fill in pot holes on others

### STAYPAK RETREATMENT

Areas that are needed to be determined after mud season  
Rebuild surface as funds allow

### CHLORIDE APPLICATION – High Traffic Areas

TH#2 – Cookeville Road from Maplewood Road  
TH#6 and 13 – Pike Hill/Richardson Hill Loop  
TH#10 – Taplin Hill Road  
TH#28 – Fairground Road  
TH#19 – Page Hill Road to Thompson Lane  
TH#57 – Abe Jacobs Road  
Th#60 and 61 – Turkey Hill/Dearborn Hill Loop

### OTHER PROJECTS

Steel Guardrail – L and J Hill (Brook Road)  
Roadside Mowing  
Ditch Digging  
Replace Culverts  
Brush Trimming  
Fix rust areas on Cat Grader and other equipment  
Guardrails may be widened on the corner between Kralls' and Emersons' on the Goose Green Road

## Listers' Report

Calendar year 2004 continued to see elevated prices paid for real estate. The areas which have seen the greatest increases include the categories of Woodland, Miscellaneous Land, and Residential 2. Increases in selling prices are not limited to these categories, however. It is quite a disappointment to see that although Corinth had a town-wide reappraisal in 2000, our common level of appraisal continues to have a large effect on our tax rate. Although we have been making neighborhood adjustments to offset the sales the State does not see our improvements when they do their "Sales Study". We have started negotiating with the State to improve this situation.

The enactment of Act 68 has been a nightmare for the Listers. Confusion reigned. We have managed to keep up with the software changes even though as many as three versions of our software had to be downloaded in one day. Many of our homeowners did not file the Homestead Declaration in a timely fashion. Sometimes this was because many of the tax preparers were unaware of the implications of Act 68. However, we have been making changes right up to the December 31 deadline.

A new bill has been introduced in the Legislature (H.01) which, if passed, would essentially lay the groundwork for the State taking over the Town Listers' duties. Let us hope that this bill dies a quiet death.

Ed Eilertsen  
Ken Paronto  
Jen Eilertsen

# Planning Committee Report

The year 2004 was a productive one for the Town of Corinth Planning Commission. We met regularly to oversee the administration of the Subdivision Bylaws, the set of rules and regulations governing the division of property in Corinth. As a review of the regulations, property owners who wish to subdivide their properties must apply for a Town permit. There are two major categories of subdivisions: The first type, Exempt Subdivisions, accounted for the majority of permits issued this year and involves the division of one parcel into two parcels on a property that has not been previously subdivided. The second type, Regular (non-exempt) Subdivisions, involves dividing one parcel into three or more and requires an extensive application process and a public hearing. The Subdivision Bylaws were originally approved by the voters of the Town of Corinth in March 1995 and revised on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Copies of the Subdivision Bylaws can be obtained at the Town Hall outside the Town Clerk's Office.

The Planning Commission has also been very busy working on the Tax Parcel Map Project. We started the project by requesting quotes from contractors. Upon review of the quotations the commission unanimously chose Grass Roots GIS of Jericho, Vermont. One major deciding point was their quality driven process for developing the Tax Parcel Maps. This process starts with mapping all the Town road centerlines to create a solid foundation for locating the parcels. Once all road centerlines have been defined, they collect all the available property surveys and enter them into the map. The next step is to research the remaining property deeds to get data that defines the shape of the remaining parcels. The maps are then reviewed by the Town to fix errors. Upon completion, the Town will be provided an electronic copy of the map connected to the grand list database, two printed copies of the map, and a copy of all the data used to generate the maps.

The entire process will take 1 - 1½ years to complete. As of writing this summary Grass Roots GIS has completed the mapping of the road centerlines. They have also scanned all the available property surveys and are preparing the files to be entered into the tax parcel map. The next step will be the most time consuming as the deed research begins. To allow us to finish the project there is an article in the warning requesting the approval of the funding. Below is a breakdown of the project cost and the funding we already have committed:

Tax Parcel Project Cost:	\$35,700
Current Funding:	
Department of Housing and Community Affairs Grant	\$11,200
Committed funding from Listers Budget	\$6,000
Required Funding:	
Requested Amount from Town	\$18,500

There will be many benefits for the Town from the creation of Tax Parcel Maps: For the townspeople, informational requests to the Town will be answered more quickly. Determination of abutters can be performed directly from the maps and their lot sizes determined without lengthy deed research. Other Town information can be tied to the maps, such as roads, trails, and topography, increasing everyone's knowledge of Town infrastructure. For the Listers, it will allow them focus more time on improving assessments because the Tax Parcel Maps will make daily time-consuming tasks much easier. Mailings to subsets of landowners, currently a very time consuming task, could be performed almost instantly. The identification of book and page numbers for landowners and abutters will require much less time. And reassessments will be faster and less costly to the Town. For the Planning Commission, Tax Parcel Maps would assist us in dealing with the new growth that is predicted to affect Corinth in the next several years as development pressure increases. Tax Parcel Maps will also allow us to track land ownership patterns, and identify and work with potential developers early in the process to help structure development that conforms to Corinth's Town Plan.

Looking ahead to the coming year, we would like to continue to serve the citizens of the Town of Corinth by continuing to shepherd the process of Tax Parcel Mapping along, as well as, performing our customary role of insuring that growth and development of the Town follow the guidelines in our Town Plan by continuing to oversee the subdivision process and by holding public hearings that address planning, growth, development, and subdivision issues. Thank you.

John Hanzas, Chair  
Corinth Planning Commission

# Transfer Station Report

This has been a busy year for trash-related issues. Corinth's Solid Waste Implementation Plan was due for a five-year review and update about a year ago and the Selectmen worked with Casella Waste Services to complete the update and submitted it to the State for review. The reply came back last summer with fourteen pages of comments and changes that need to be made to comply with the State Plan. We are again working with Casella to rewrite the Plan to meet the requirements.

One big change we have to make is in the way we pay for our trash service so that each household recognizes a link between the amount of trash it produces and the cost of disposal. That means that we can no longer fully fund our trash service with tax monies and have to charge a cash fee at the Transfer Station for each unit of trash dumped in the compactor truck. Paying directly for trash disposal will bring the cost of trash directly to those who produce it and will encourage more recycling, since recycling will still have no direct charges.

## **Beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, this will be the new regime at the Transfer Station:**

- 1) All residents will still need to buy a RESIDENT PERMIT STICKER for each household vehicle.
- 2) There will be a cash charge of \$1.50 for each 30-gallon bag, or equivalent, of trash dumped by Resident Permit holders, paid to the Casella truck operator. People who fail or refuse to obtain a Town Permit will be charged \$4.00 per bag.
- 3) There will be a charge of \$4.00 per bag for any non-residents who try to use our facility.
- 4) Combined containers, combined paper and corrugated cardboard will be recycled as we do now.
- 5) Large items will have a separate schedule of charges as we do now.
- 6) White goods and scrap metals will be collected for free.
- 7) Refrigeration equipment will be charged a fee for safe collection of the coolants.
- 8) Tires will be charged a schedule of fees depending on their size and whether wheels are included.

The purpose of these changes is to increase the percentage of trash that is recycled. Presently there is no apparent "fee" for trash disposal since it is paid for by taxes, so many people see separating recyclables from their trash as more effort than it is worth. Now that there will be direct cost for trash disposal, free recycling will look like a better idea. The new charges will shift the cost of disposal to those that generate a lot of trash and reward those who reduce the volume of their trash by recycling and buying strategies.

The direct fees collected by Casella Waste Services will pay only for the disposal or tipping fees at the landfill. The cost of the trucks, the operators, the recycling bins and hauling will still be paid for with taxes. The cost of handling the metals, white goods, tires and refrigeration equipment will be paid for mostly by taxes and will be reduced by any fees collected and any income from scrap values.

Frank Roderick  
Chairman, Selectboard

# Cemetery Commissioners' Report

General Maintenance was carried out on all of the Cemeteries this year.

Improvements continue in most all of the 8 Cemeteries that we are responsible for. They include:

1. The Center
2. Corinth Corner
3. West Corinth
4. Darling (the small cemetery in West Corinth)
5. McCrillis (near Waits River side of town)
6. Munn (South Corinth)
7. East Corinth Old
8. East Corinth New

The Meadow Cemetery is taken care of by the Meadow Meeting House Association and is not the responsibility of our Cemetery Commission.

Financially, the Cemetery Commission functions with some help from the Town, but mainly with interest generated by funds established over the years. Many generous donors have made it possible for these funds to exist. Without them the whole financial burden of maintaining the Cemeteries would fall on the Town.

The fund is not yet large enough to grow and to generate enough money to maintain all 8 Cemeteries! Donations to the Cemetery Commission Funds are tax deductible, welcome and always needed.

Our Thanks to all who helped out in one way or another this year and in years past!

Norm Collette  
Ben Eilertsen  
Raymond Moulton  
Cemetery Commissioners

# Corinth Historical Society Report

The year 2004 events began with a record number of people being served lunch at the Annual Town Meeting. The turn-out for the meeting was large and the meeting lasted well into the afternoon, so most folks stayed for lunch and we had to apologize for the fact that we actually ran out of some food items. The problem was compounded by the fact that although our usual soup menu is appreciated on a cold March day, it was not as popular on an unusually balmy spring day as was the case last year. We will take these issues into consideration this year and try to be more versatile.

A large and enthusiastic group of volunteers showed up in June to help clean and reorganize the Corinth Academy Museum. The exhibit space was rearranged to make it easier to get around the Museum and see all of the exhibits.

Also in June we participated once again in the Vermont Historical Society Expo 2004 by joining the Orange County Mining Coalition in their exhibit at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. There was a very full schedule of events in reference to mining of all kinds and a lot was available to be learned and enjoyed.

As in the past several years, the Corinth Academy Museum in Cookeville was opened on Saturdays through July and August from 10:00 – 12:00 AM with the traditional "Café" on the grounds and the Museum open to repeat and new guests from near and far. And once again the Museum season was brought to a close with our annual "Open House" at the Agricultural and Trades Museum in East Corinth village on Labor Day Monday. This museum schedule is very ambitious for a small Town organization and requires the commitment of many dedicated volunteers. Thank you to all who helped make our historical collection available to the public and to the many people who took the time and effort to visit the Museums.

Our Annual Meeting in 2004 was held on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. This was an earlier time slot than usual because we wanted to see if having the meeting before our Auction would help to make the coordination of this major fundraiser more efficient and also to keep us from running too late into the year (into the Holidays and winter season). Our program this year was presented by Michael Batten, of Topsham, who spoke to us on the

“History of the Wood Industry in Vermont and the Effect It Had on Our Forests”. We had a very good turn out, accomplished much and the program was very well received.

Two weeks later, on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> we held our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Country Harvest Auction. It was a great success and we brought in more than the last couple years. We also had a record number of volunteers helping this year and we very much appreciated the extra hands and “backs”.

Our last event of the year was the annual Christmas party. This event gets bigger and better every year with pony rides, horse-drawn cart rides, decoration making and tree trimming, refreshments and an ever growing musical cast which included quite a number of new musicians this year and the addition of the accordion to the instrumental repertoire. A great way to end the year! Our thanks to the coordinators, music makers, pony/horse owners, food makers and participants for this fun filled event.

In addition to all of these events we also produced, mailed and placed in prominent locations three newsletters and a couple new rows of memorial pavers were placed in the Sarah Jane Ginand Memorial Walkway at the Academy. Work was also done on proper organization and exhibition of our historical paper and photo collection.

It takes many volunteers and donators to make all of this come together and we thank each and every one of you who has participated in any way to make it all possible.

For more information, to become a member or to be added to our mailing list call (802) 685-3812.

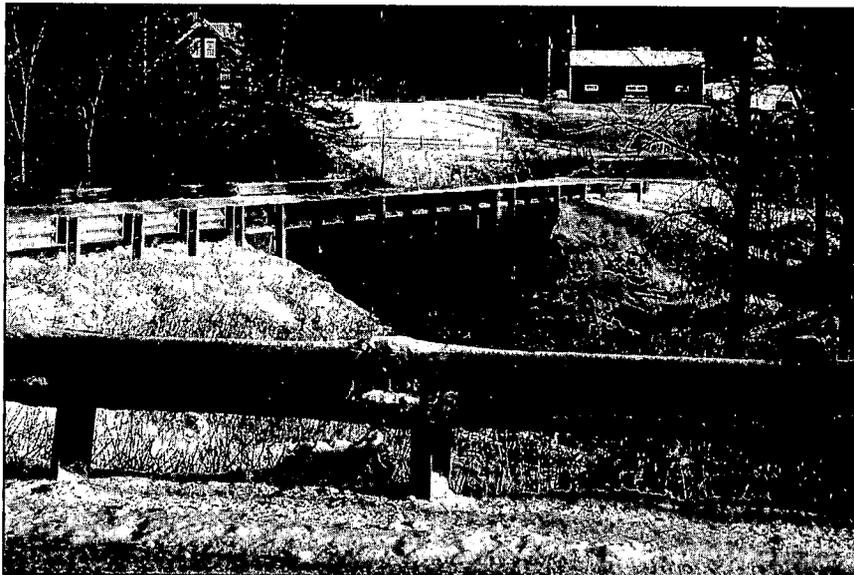
Respectfully Submitted,  
Consiglia Longo  
Secretary

## **Waits River Valley School Unified School District #36 1-802-439-5534**

The annual report for the school is printed as a separate report independent of the Corinth Annual Town Report.

The Annual School Meeting is held the first Monday in May at the Waits River Valley School in the gymnasium commencing at 7:30 PM.

Please contact Amy Cramer, Administrative Assistent, to receive a copy of the Annual School Report.



## 5. Services

### Blake Library

East Corinth, VT, 05040 1-802-439-5338

The Trustees of the *Blake Memorial Library* are pleased to report that 2004 was a productive and successful year for the Library. Thanks to the residents of Corinth and the support of private endowments we are able to provide access to materials, reference services, and programs for all ages.

For the past several years the residents of Corinth have approved funding of \$1.00 per capita for the Library. This funding is a welcome addition to our general fund and, because of your support, allows the Library to apply for state and private grants that can help us grow and diversify our collection and make improvements to our building.

In 2004, we rebuilt the front walk and steps. Rumford Reproduction and Ferno Electric did the work under the sponsorship of the Holland family. Our collection has been entered into our new automation system, which was made possible by a gift from the family of Don and Mabel Rugg. During the year, we were pleased to have several local artists exhibit their work at the Library.

With the automation of the collection, access to materials is more readily available. We currently have 14,563 holdings (print and nonprint material) in our collection. Our patron information shows 921 people have library cards. At least 508 patrons are from Corinth (an impressive number considering the population of 1,461). We have added 885 new items to our shelves and circulation increased 4%.

The year 2005 will see the completion of the outside renovations and the implementation of our automated circulation system. We expect to continue artists' exhibitions and our book discussions series co-sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council.

The Trustees thank you for your continuing support. Our growth and expansion of services and materials can only persist with your help. We ask that you approve our request for \$1.00 per capita that will allow us to continue to provide expanded Library services. In the coming months, we hope that you will visit the Library and, if you haven't been in for a while, drop in and sign up for a Library card.

*Blake Memorial Library* Board of Trustees: John Pierson, President; John Morris, Vice-President; Hal Drury, Corinth Town Appointment; Nancy Frost; Lisa H. Locke; Sarah W. Polli; Steven M. Smith; Wells Smith.

## Central Vermont Humane Society

Shelter: Mekkelsen Hill Road, Barre, VT, 1-802-476-3811

Mailing: PO Box 687, Montpelier, VT 05601-0687

email: [cvhs@together.net](mailto:cvhs@together.net)

website: [www.cvhumane.com](http://www.cvhumane.com)

### CORINTH STATISTICS

#### CALENDAR YEAR 2003

Strays by Resident	4 cats
Strays by PD/ACO	2 dogs
Total Strays	6 animals
Strays Returned to Owner	0
Investigations	4 + Weathersbee (ongoing 2002-2004)
Owner Giveups	4 cats, 3 dogs

CALENDAR YEAR 2004 (through Dec 14)

Strays by Resident	0
Strays by PD/ACO	3 dogs
Total Strays	3 animals
Strays Returned to Owner	0
Investigations	2 + Weathersbee (ongoing 2002-2004)
Owner Giveups	1 kitten, 4 cats, 3 dogs

CERTAIN COSTS – 2004

Investigations/Seizure	60 goats from Feb. 2 to Dec. 8
Direct Animal Care Cost	\$8,600.00 feed, vet care, equipment
Other Related Costs	\$2,272.10

**SAVINGS TO THE TOWN OF CORINTH IN 2004: \$10,872,10**

(If the town had not contracted with CVHS for investigations, this would have come out of the town's pocket.)

Contract Fee 2004-2005 FISCAL (July 1 – June 30) was \$850.00.

Contract Fee 2005-2006 FISCAL (July 1 – June 30) will be \$1,000.00.

## **Corinth Topsham Emergency Response Team**

### **PO Box 58, West Topsham, VT 05086**

### **Emergency Number Call 911**

We responded to approximately 200 calls this year, including car accidents, ATV accidents, trauma and medical calls. We currently have 12 active members and 3 new members. Active members are Wayne Bernier (EMT-I, D), Chairman; Dick Dolan (FR/ECA +4), Vice-Chairman; Susan Barnes (EMT-B), Treasurer and District #6 Representative; Annie Dolan (EMT-I, NREMT-B), Clerk and District #6 Alternate; Linda Limlaw (NREMT-B), Training Officer; Heather Josler (NREMT-B); Mike Smith (ECA); John Barnes (ECA); Joe Truss (Radio Control). New members are Larry Eastman (EMT-I, D); Crystal Vance (FR/ECA, EMT-B in training); Beverly Ordway (EMT-B in training).

We would like to thank the towns for their continued support during the past year and the many generous individuals who supported us with donations. We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining our team contact one of our officers for more information.

Remember that donations can be sent to CTERT, P.O. Box 58, West Topsham, VT 05086.

**CHECKING - RECEIPTS**

<b>Beginning Balance (1/1/04)</b>	<b>\$1,934.20</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	
Town of Topsham	1,600.00
Tri-Village FD	785.11
Town of Corinth	3,600.00
Corinth FD	785.11
Town of Orange	1,500.00
Homeland Security, Grant 1	8,684.89
Homeland Security, Grant 2	7,822.46
Donations	633.38
Pikcomm refund	360.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$25,770.95</b>

**Transfers to Checking**

From Radio Fund	3,125.00
From General Fund	1,000.00
<b>Total Transfer to Checking</b>	<b>4,125.00</b>

**SAVINGS, RECEIPTS**

**WALT STALKER SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Beginning Balance (1/1/04)	\$1,478.67
<b>Deposits</b>	
In memory of Eric Knapp	500.00
In memory of Eric Knapp	500.00
Interest	4.32
<b>TOTAL WALT STALKER ACC'T</b>	<b>\$2,482.99</b>

<b>RADIO FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	
Beginning Balance (1/1/04)	\$3,894.49
Deposits	
Town of Topsham	2,000.00
Interest	6.99
Total Receipts	\$5,901.48
Transferred to checking	<u>3125.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RADIO FUND ACC'T</b>	<b>\$2,776.48</b>

<b>GENERAL FUND SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>	
Beginning Balance (1/1/04)	\$2,638.89
Interest	5.01
Total Receipts	\$2,643.90
Transfer to checking	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND ACC'T</b>	<b>\$1,643.90</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Postmaster	\$122.28
Training/Course Material	1,142.01
Insurance	764.00
Workman's Comp. Insurance	757.00
Merriam Graves	605.22
Telephone	1,079.00
Tower Repairs	790.00
Rinkers	1,557.25
Barre City Dispatch	4,885.75
Basic Supplies	1,065.00
Advertisements	146.56
Zoll-Homeland Sec. Grant 1	8,684.89
Roundtree-Homeland Sec. Grant 2	7,822.46
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$29,421.42</b>

**BALANCE, DECEMBER 30, 2004**  
**CHECKING** **\$2,408.73**

## East Corinth Volunteer Fire Department Emergency Number Call 911

**2004 ANNUAL REPORT**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE , CDs</b>	<b>\$3,366.68</b>
<b>CASH ON HAND</b>	<b>225.96</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Town of Corinth	11,500.00
Insurance refunds	1,766.00
Grant Money for Dry Hydrants	1,250.00
Raffle	516.00
Dunk the Dope (ECGs)	204.00
Donations	<u>2,447.85</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>17,683.85</b>
<b>TOTAL MONEY AVAILABLE</b>	<b>\$21,276.49</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Insurances	\$7,497.00
Dispatch services	5,068
Heating – Both Stations	1,601.99
Electricity – Both Stations	345.45
Truck expenses	1,168.05
CTERT	785.11
Radio repair	557.70
New equipment	578.00
Hydrotesting – Air tanks	390.37
EJP – Dry Hydrant supplies	1,097.52
Muzzleloader for raffle	225.00
Postage	63.00
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>61.92</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$19,439.24</b>

**BALANCE ON HAND 1/1/2005: \$1,837.25**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nelson Tillotson

**Upper Valley Ambulance Service**  
**PO Box 37, 5445 Lake Morey Road, Fairlee, VT 05045**  
**1-802-333-4043 1-800-683-9196**  
**email: uvambulance@valley.net**  
**website: www.uppervalleyambulance.org**

We are pleased to present our 14<sup>th</sup> annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our eight (now – nine) communities since July 1, 1990. In the past fourteen years, Upper Valley has responded to over 19,000 ambulance calls. This year (2004) we will have responded to over 900 requests for emergency medical assistance from the nine communities we serve.

Corinth voted to join at last year's Town Meeting. They are the ninth town served by UVA. We are very pleased providing emergency services to a larger portion of Vermont and New Hampshire. 2004 has proven to be a challenging year from a business perspective. We have had a difficult time finding qualified employees in a tight labor market. We continue to absorb double digit increases in health insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance. Reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payers continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Despite this, we strive to continue providing a high level of service.

2005 should be no different. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which placed ambulances on a fixed fee schedule was implemented in 2002 and "adjustments" are ongoing. Insurance rates continue to climb, and the job market remains tight. UVA continues to practice conservative fiscal management. After countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors have approved the 2005 budget reflecting no increase in our request of \$15.00/per capita.

The cornerstone of Upper Valley Ambulance is our personnel. We are proud to have paramedic level EMTs staffing our ambulances. The clinical equipment is updated and hands-on training is ongoing. Further training allows Critical Care Paramedics to transport critical patients with the complex equipment between hospitals.

Our Domicile Risk Assessment Program, "Home Sweet Home...Home Safe Home" continues to grow. Members of Upper Valley Ambulance trained in identifying hazards in and around your home will meet with you to offer recommendations for a safer home environment. This no cost program was developed to reduce risks around your home and help you identify hazards in the hopes of preventing an injury from occurring. We strongly urge everyone to take advantage of this free program. If you would like to schedule an assessment, or would like to volunteer to assist us with this worthwhile program, please give our office a call.

Many of you are familiar with our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$40 entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee.

We encourage you to join your friends and neighbors who stop by to visit, or have their blood pressure checked at our Lake Morey Road facility. Please feel free to contact John Vose, Administrator or your Town Representative, Gregory Thurston, if you have any questions concerning our service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and Employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,  
Larry A. Lancaster, Chair  
Board of Directors

## 6. Appropriations

### ACORN

**The Rivermill Commercial Center  
85 Mechanic Street, Suite 240, Lebanon, NH 03766  
1-603-448-8887  
email: acorn@valley.net**

Annually, A Community Resource Network, (ACORN) asks many of the 96 municipalities that comprise our four county catchment areas in Vermont (Windsor and Orange) and New Hampshire (Grafton and Sullivan) **to partner with us** in the provision of our programs and services. Specifically, we are asking **Corinth** to allocate \$300.00 from your town taxes to help us continue to fulfill our mission.

In the past year, ACORN provided many vital services, as well as, financial assistance to almost 200 individuals either living with HIV/AIDS or directly affected by HIV/AIDS by a family member.

This spring, ACORN's Board of Directors voted to change our name and mission statement in a manner that would allow us to incorporate programs and services for members of our communities both infected and affected by Hepatitis C (HCV). HCV is now the leading blood born viral pandemic both in the U.S. and internationally. To provide a local perspective, it is now estimated by state Health Epidemiologists that we have approximately 660 persons living in Vermont with HIV/AIDS and over 11,000 with HCV. Likewise in New Hampshire, HIV/AIDS estimates are around 1,500 while estimates for HCV exceed 26,000. In all cases of Hepatitis C infection, if a person remains undiagnosed and untreated, 80% will go on to develop chronic liver disease. Treatment for HCV can last a full calendar year requiring weekly injections with side affects that can leave an individual unable to function in their normal daily activities.

Much the same as in the beginning of the AIDS pandemic when there were no state and federal dollars to provide services, we begin our battle with HCV with only local municipal and private funding sources. ACORN has a twelve year history leading the way in our community's fight against HIV/AIDS and we will now lead the fight to reduce both the incidence and suffering associated with Hepatitis C.

Your town tax contribution means more this year than ever. Not only will it allow us to continue providing vital services to those living with HIV/AIDS it will allow us to begin doing the necessary community education, outreach, testing and support for those with HCV. ACORN wants to insure that no individual or family living in our community has to face the challenges of dealing with either of these chronic, life threatening diseases unassisted and unsupported.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support. Should you require additional information or require a spokesperson from ACORN present at your decision-making meeting, please feel free to contact Thomas Mock, Executive Director.

*The continued support of \$300.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

**Bradford Regional Community Center  
Waits River Rd., Bradford VT 05033  
1-802-222-5456**

*Serving Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Piermont Topsham and West Fairlee*

In 1999 many greater Bradford Community members got together and began the process of finding a way to have a Community Center that could be used for many different activities. After using a planning grant from

the Vermont Community Development Program (VCDP), it was determined that the vacant Upper Valley Press Building would provide many options. In the summer of 2003 the VCDP awarded the Town of Bradford an Implementation Grant for \$300,000 which was \$100,000 short of what the committee felt was needed to renovate the building when added to the \$150,000 plus that had been raised from fundraisers as well as personal and town donations. In the fall of 2003, Robert E. Miller of REM Development offered to help. His help came in the form of supervising the project as a donation, providing equipment as a donation and keeping the cost of materials down which when all added together had a value of over \$125,000. So during December 2003 and the first two months of 2004 Mr. Miller, his son Tim and many workers and volunteers, including local firefighters and teens, made the Bradford Regional Community Center a reality. The building was used, on a limit basis, from March until the official opening on June 2, 2004, by Governor Jim Douglas.

Even after the opening, there were still many 'small' jobs that needed to be completed. We have received donations of paint, flooring, computers, tables, chairs, bulletin boards, pool table, air hockey, baby cribs, playpens, televisions, coffeemaker and much more – any of these gifts that were in need of installation, etc. were done by local volunteers.

The building houses the Stonecliff Animal Clinic, the Orange East Senior Center and the Bradford Regional Community Center which houses the Bradford Teen Center, an athletic area, Bingo Room (which is used by many groups for a variety of events), a living room, a computer room, a kitchenette, 0-6 room and a large L-shaped entrance which is also used for different activities and meetings and the Bradford Community Development Corporation's office. The Stonecliff Animal Clinic is a business and thus a tenant in the building. The OESC and the BCDC are 501©(3) organizations.

The building has hosted the following events since its official opening: baby showers, bridal showers, wedding receptions, flea markets, craft shows, girl scouts, brownies, local non profit events, regular Teen Center hours, adolescence exercise classes, gym for the Connecticut River Academy, Halloween Party and meetings. Many of these events have attendees from towns surrounding Bradford (the greater Bradford region). As a point of note – our first wedding reception was for a Corinth couple.

The Orange East Senior Center is open five days a week for meals as well as offering many other programs and activities. Anyone interested in knowing about the Senior Center should call 222-4782.

Orange County's public transportation – Stagecoach – now has a bus barn on the property. Six buses are housed in the barn and Stagecoach is in the process of developing new and/or expanded routes for our area. The objective being to provide transportation to jobs and any other activities that resident would like and need.

The Bradford Community Development Corporation would like to encourage all Corinth residents to think of the BRCC when they want to hold an event. There isn't any rental charge although donations are encouraged. Call 222-5900 for more information.

*Funding of \$1,461.00 was approved in 2003-2004 for one year only.*

## **Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Inc. in Corinth**

**Barre Learning Center, 46 Washington St., Barre, VT 05641  
1-802-476-4588**

**Bradford Learning Center, 24 Barton St., Bradford, VT 05033  
1-802-222-3282**

Corinth adults and youth over 16 years of age who want help with learning basic reading, writing, math and English as another language may receive that help through a free program of instruction provided by Central Vermont Adult Basic Education. Students enrolled in the program also have the opportunity to study for their high school equivalency exam (GED) or the adult diploma program.

Students and teachers meet in classes, one-to-one, and/or small group sessions to complete an individual learning program which suits the requirements of each adult student. This "school without walls" ties together basic literacy and math skills with practical interest areas. Helping children with homework, budgeting, filling out forms and applications, beginning computer skills, studying for a driver's permit or a Commercial Driving License, reading work related texts or writing reports are just a few of the many areas for which adults seek help.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education has served the people of Orange, Washington, and Lamoille County for nearly forty years. There are fifteen staff teachers in the tri-county program working with an annual cadre of over 200 volunteers. The program served 747 students last year at an annual cost per student of \$1,200.00.

Eight Corinth residents were enrolled in the free programs of Central Vermont Adult Basic Education last year with free, individualized instruction and GED testing services. CVABE hopes the request for \$800.00 from Corinth will be positively considered by the voters. The funds will help to continue this important local educational service to Corinth adults and out of school youth.

*The continued support of \$800.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

## **Central Vermont Community Action Council**

**195 US RT 302, Berlin, VT 05641-2267**  
**1-802-479-1053 or 1-800-639-1053**

Since 1965, the Central Vermont Community Action Council (CVCAC), Inc. has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. CVCAC's programs and services are designed to help families work toward better lives and to improve the overall quality of life in their communities. This year, CVCAC worked with 9,123 individuals in 4,150 households through Head Start/Early Head Start, our Child Care Food Program, Community Economic Development programs, Family/Community Support Services, Weatherization assistance, Crisis Fuel resources, and Community Action Motors.

In our most recently completed program year, Central Vermont Community Action helped 69 individuals in 28 Corinth families with emergency assistance and comprehensive program services designed to teach important skills and help people access the resources they need to build better futures.

Here are some CVCAC program statistics for Corinth:

- 16 households (including 39 family members) received emergency assistance with food, shelter, Crisis Fuel, and other basic needs.
- 5 households participated in Head Start and Early Head Start programs that supported 11 family members.
- 1 household was issued a donated vehicle for free benefiting 4 family members.
- 1 daycare provider participated in our Child Care Food Program to provide nutritious meals to the 8 children in her care.
- 5 people received training and technical assistance from our Micro Business Development program to start or expand small businesses.

**Our 2005 Funding Request:** Community Action uses a formula for our funding requests to all towns based on population, number of residents served, and dollars spent in each community. Based on that formula, we are requesting \$300 from the citizens of Corinth to support Community Action. Your support is critical to our work, and the Board and staff of Community Action are most grateful for your help.

**Central Vermont Community Action Council is supported in part by the towns we serve!**

*The continued support of \$300.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

**Central Vermont Council on Aging**  
**30 Washington Street, Barre, VT 05641**  
**Corinth Case Manager Marianne Barnett: 1-802-751-0299**  
**Senior Help Line: 1-800-642-5119**

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

CVCOA requests funding from the communities it serves in order to support its case management program. Case managers are trained to work with elders in their own homes to assess needs and develop individualized care plans. By connecting elders with public benefits programs and other community and state resources, case managers aid elders in making life choices. The case manager for Corinth is Marianne Barnett. To speak with her, please call 751-0299.

Other services provided directly or under contract are: information and assistance; community and home delivered meals; food stamp outreach; rides to doctors, grocery stores, and a variety of essential destinations; legal services; health insurance counseling; home sharing; companionship; assistance with household tasks; nutrition education; caregiver support services and grants; successful aging initiatives; support for senior center activities; mental health services; and the *Silver Voice* newsletter. The Council involves a number of community volunteers by hosting programs such as Neighbor to Neighbor, AmeriCorps, Senior Companion, Home Share, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

**More information on all Council initiatives can be obtained by calling the toll-free Senior Help Line: 1-800-642-5119. Please don't hesitate to call for more information or assistance.**

The Central Vermont Council on Aging recognizes and appreciates the valuable support for case management for central Vermont elders from the town of Corinth.

*The continued support of \$100.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

**Clara Martin Center**  
**1483 Lower Plain Road, Bradford, VT 05033**  
**1-802-222-4477**

Other Locations:

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

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

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

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

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

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

CVSAS  
100 Hospitality Drive, Berlin, VT  
802-22304156

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

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

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

Clara Martin Center continually demonstrates its commitment to the community and remains focused on the quality enhancement of services provided to our consumers. Thus, in conjunction with the reorganization of the Agency of Human Services throughout 2004 at the state level, Clara Martin Center has also reshaped the manner in which our Child and Family program is structured. The Director of School Services position is a recently developed role that allows us to have a stronger focus on the school services we provide throughout the greater Orange County area. Our Challenger School, Regional Alternative Program, Home School Coordinator and Student Assistance Professional contracts and employees are centralized. Our school-based staff continue to be an integral part of the school community and the Clara Martin Center workforce.

Care Partner positions, which were created to integrate primary care and behavioral health services have been added to our Chelsea site location and have enabled us to offer services out of the Gifford Family Health Center in Bethel. The establishment of these positions serves to assist adults and adolescents with solution focused, behavioral interventions.

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

<b>FY 2004 TOTAL SERVED AT CMC</b>		<b>TOTAL SERVED FROM CORINTH</b>	
Children & Family Services	663	Children & Family Services	25
Adult Services	565	Adult Services	23
CSP Services*	179	CSP Services*	10
Substance Abuse Services	1,251	Substance Abuse Services	20
Walk-in Clinic Services	100		
Emergency Contacts	1,977		
<u>Total Served:</u>	<u>4,735</u>	<u>Total Served:</u>	<u>78</u>

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

*The continued support of \$2,177.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

## **George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.**

**22 North Main St, Randolph, VT 05060**

**1-802-728-9526**

The George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) celebrated 40 years of 'making things happen' for towns with natural resource conservation and rural development projects this 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 2004 include:

- 13 towns received a total of \$68,685 to improve water quality and upgrade backroads through our better backroads grants.

- We are developing complete water supply plans identifying all potential useable water sources for fire fighting for three towns.

- 26 towns received funding and engineering assistance to design and install dry hydrants as a source of water to fight fires.

- We provided \$60,000 in grants and \$119,000 in loans to support agritourism on farms.

- 1 town received assistance from a consultant to help them prepare for and go through 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 serve as the fiscal agent for the White River Partnership, Orange County Headwaters project and Connecticut River Birding Trail.

- Teams of high school students from throughout the area participated in the Vermont Environthon.

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 and two projects helping to connect residents with locally grown food. In Corinth, we are developing a water supply plan for firefighting and also provided \$2,500 for the installation of a dry fire hydrant. We currently have funding available for low interest loans (3.0-5.0%) to develop agritourism ventures on farms. Do you have a project that could use some assistance to "make it happen"? Over the years the George D. Aiken RC&D Council has helped many communities and organizations 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).

*An increased amount of \$100.00 (last year's amount was \$50.00) is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

## **Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation**

**P.O. Box 246, White River Jct., VT 05001**

**1-802-295-3710 website: [www.gmedc.com](http://www.gmedc.com)**

Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation (GMEDC) has completed another very active year. Our thanks to all of those who have served and made a contribution over the months and years.

A major portion of our endeavors have fallen under the Pilot Program, a formal way of approaching new and existing clients. It features reliance on SBDC and SCORE for consultation assistance. At the mid point of our year we were working with 29 clients in 29 communities that represented 516 jobs.

Governor Douglas, Secretary of Commerce Kevin Dorn and Commissioner Mike Quinn have made regular visits in our area promoting economic development and job growth opportunities. We are pleased to have received their attention and assistance in our efforts. The State of Vermont has provided significant assistance in all that we have accomplished.

The most significant single venture has been in Hancock where GMEDC worked diligently to support the capital formation efforts of Vermont Plywood LLC in their effort to purchase and restart the former Chesapeake Plywood facility. We helped the Town of Hancock obtain a \$730,000 grant to be used for working capital and purchase of the equipment. USDA and Union Bank joined the team to make this acquisition a reality, which will create as many as 50 jobs. The Town of Hancock eagerly supported this effort and has worked well with GMEDC to make this happen.

We have spent considerable energy on the Randolph School/Dubois & King project. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for November 22, 2004. The community has other significant projects under way, as well, including the Randolph Craft Center. They continue to utilize our services and more opportunities are emerging at this time.

The Bradford area is on the verge of several new and exciting ventures and GMEDC wants to be on the leading edge of that movement.

It is our continuous goal to assist communities and businesses in any way that we can to retain and create jobs. It is our desire to assist the 30 towns in our region with any economic development problems or opportunities. This will help to enhance the economic vitality in our region and the State of Vermont.

We sincerely seek opportunities to serve in any way we can. Your support is appreciated.

*An increased amount of \$741.50 (last year's amount was \$730.00) is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

**Green Up Vermont**  
**P.O. Box 1191, Montpelier, VT 05601-1191**  
**1-802-229-4586 or 1-800-974-3259**  
**email: [greenup@greenupvermont.org](mailto:greenup@greenupvermont.org)**

**Green Up Vermont**  
**Green Up Day, May 7, 2005 – 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

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

Green Up Vermont is the not-for-profit 501© (3) organization that works to enhance our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the benefits of a litter free environment.

Well over 15,000 Vermonters participated in Green Up Day 2004, using over 35,000 Green Up bags, collecting hundreds of 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 10 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.

*The continued support of \$100.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

**Northeast Slopes**  
**10397 Rte 25, East Corinth, VT 05040**  
**1-802-439-5789**

Northeast Slopes was able to operate for its 67<sup>th</sup> season thanks to the continued support of the three Towns of Corinth, Topsham and Bradford.

We continue to offer our Wednesday after school ski program to area schools as well as Saturday ski lessons. We have strived to involve area youth in the operation of Northeast Slopes as a way to build character and help our youth become responsible citizens. It is our goal to keep ticket prices as low as possible to keep skiing affordable for members of our community.

We have been successful in our quest for our 501(3)(C) status with the IRS. With this new tax status, we are hopeful that we will be able to attract other types of funding for our area.

We continue to operate by ALL volunteer help, with all ticket sales and donations being applied to our operating expenses, insurance and mortgage payments.

New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

*The continued support of \$1460.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

## **Orange County Court Diversion Program**

**P.O. Box 58, Chelsea, VT 05038**  
**1-802-685-3172**

The Orange County Court Diversion Program (OCCDP) is a cost effective alternative to the criminal court system for first offenders referred by the State's Attorney. It offers both juveniles and adults an opportunity to make amends for their offenses in a way that teaches responsible behavior and deters future delinquent or criminal activities. The State's Attorney dismisses the charges of participants who successfully complete Diversion, resulting in a clean record.

The OCCDP is a local non-profit organization run by a Board of Trustees and staffed by a three-quarter time director, a one-fifth time caseworker and the 28 community volunteers from Orange County who serve as Review Board members. A volunteer citizen Review Board interviews each offender and decides who will be accepted into the program. The main criterion for acceptance into the program is an admission of wrongdoing, and no prior history of criminal activity. Each client accepted into diversion is required to discuss all issues and question concerning their offense with the Review Board. Throughout the discussion, the client is made aware of the concerns and needs of both the victim and the community, and held responsible for the offense. The Review Board designs an individualized contract that specifies the conditions of the person's participation. Contracts may involve an apology to the victim, mediation between offender and victim, restitution, mental health or substance abuse counseling, a jail tour, community service, a donation to a worthy cause, completion of a GED, a job search, writing an essay, or other appropriate activities related to the offense. Diversion clients have performed volunteer work for local libraries, hospitals, cemeteries, road crews, recycling centers, schools, senior centers, volunteer fire departments and the like. Approximately 85% of the clients who participate in the Orange County Court Diversion program successfully complete the program. Less than 5% of the clients who successfully complete the program end up becoming repeat offenders.

The citizen Review Board replaces the judge and jury in deciding how an offender must make amends for his/her wrongdoing. This approach is a powerful way to help the offender realize the impact and seriousness of the crime to his community and its citizens. For the offender, it takes the act out of the abstract and puts it in a real context where responsibility is both unavoidable and an expected outcome of the program.

In addition to processing criminal cases from court, the Orange County Court Diversion program administers Orange County's Teen Alcohol Safety Program for first time, civil cases of underage drinking. All clients who are referred on a civil offense of underage drinking meet with our Review Board and are required, in addition to other contract conditions, to complete an alcohol assessment and any recommended follow-up counseling or treatment services.

A total of 177 clients were referred for services during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2004. Of this amount, 79 clients were referred from juvenile and adult court for criminal offenses, and 98 clients were referred for a civil offense of underage drinking. With the exception of a few cases that were transferred from other counties throughout the State, nearly all of the client caseload represented crimes and offenses that occurred in Orange County. In cases involving criminal offenses, clients who successfully completed their Diversion contract during FY04 paid a total of \$7,793.00 in restitution to victims and victim related causes, and performed 478 hours of community service.

Orange County Court Diversion budgeted \$73,822.00 for its FY04 operating budget. Approximately 80% of the operating budget was funded by a State grant and client fees. The remaining 20% of the program's funds came from miscellaneous and local funding sources. These local sources were Green Mountain United Way, town appropriations, and individual donations. For a number of years we have been proud to be supported by appropriations from every town in Orange County.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions and additional information concerning the program should be directed to David Savidge, Executive Director.

*The continued support of \$150.00 is requested from the Corinth Taxpayers.*

**Orange East Senior Center**  
**176 Waits River Rd., Bradford VT 05033**  
**1-802-222-4782**

*Serving: Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Topsham, and West Fairlee*

We would like to thank the people of Corinth for the annual appropriation to this Center. The Town's appropriation helps us to serve the seniors of Corinth with hot nutritional meals and transportation. All income is spent for the seniors' needs.

We delivered approximately 1,533 meals in Corinth in 2004. Our meals increased 30% over the past fiscal year. Home delivered meals increased nearly 58%. Our wonderful volunteers donated 4,444 hours to the Center. Our volunteer drivers drove 14,065 miles this year to deliver hot meals to those in need. Without these volunteers these meals would not be possible. The Executive Director, Victoria Chaffee thanks every one of them. They are very special people.

We are serving meals 5 days a week in our new center in the Bradford Regional Community Center. Our meals have increased 25% in the last 4 months. Funding from Federal and State sources has not matched the increasing use of services by seniors. Town funds were the third most important source of cash income, just behind contributions from meal participants and just ahead of fund raising receipts. By far our largest financial benefit is the work of our volunteers who deliver meals and assist at the meal site.

Several Corinth seniors were helped with their Federal and State Income Tax returns. The Center has offered other services such as blood pressure clinics, foot care clinics, flu shots, hearing test and repairs of hearing aids, exercise class.

We have had speakers at the meal sites speaking on important issues such as fire safety, and medicare issues.

Activities held for seniors to encourage them to get out and socialize were live music, special speakers, raffles, holiday celebrations, coffee socials and visits from local schools.

We always have a need for volunteers to deliver meals either on a regular basis or as a substitute. We need volunteers to help at the meal sites and at the Center. If you have some free time and would love to feel appreciated call Victoria Chaffee at the Center anytime. Please feel free to come and join us anytime. Everybody is welcome.

*An increased amount of \$2,200.00 (last year's amount was \$2,000.00) is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

**Oxbow Senior Independence Program**  
**ADULT DAY SERVICES**  
**Main Street, Newbury, Vermont 05051**  
**1-802-866-5465**

The "Golden Years" aren't quite so golden if one lives alone without opportunities for socialization. Elders who no longer drive, family members working, spouses and/or friends in nursing homes or home-bound with ill health: this is all too common for many of Vermont's senior citizens.

Fortunately, there are Adult Day programs. Given the choice, most people want to remain in their own home or, if not at home, at least in the community. We, at the Adult Day Program, serve men and women who come from Bradford, Corinth, Fairlee, Newbury, Ryegate, Topsham, and Wells River, giving people the community-based care so important to them.

Participants who attend the OSIP Adult Day Services benefit in several ways. They spend the day socializing with friends new and old, participating in arts and crafts activities, music, exercise and cognitive games. They're served a nourishing meal and receive care for their basic medical needs. The program advocates for participants and promotes flexibility in managing choices to control more of their lives.

In 2004 we provided 7,542 hours of service. Your contribution directly supports a relative, a friend, a neighbor, or someone unknown to you who lives down the road.

*The continued support of \$300.00 is requested from the Corinth Taxpayers.*

**Safeline**  
**P.O. Box 446, Randolph, VT 05060**  
**Crisis Hotline: 1-800-NEW-SAFE or 1-800-639-7233**  
**Direct Service Coordinator, Joan Colburn**

Safeline, Inc. is the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Crisis Agency for all of Orange County and the five upper towns of Windsor County in central Vermont.

Safeline exists entirely on Federal and State and in-State grants. More than one third of our funding comes from local and private donations. Safeline could not continue to provide all of the necessary services to the towns in these two counties without the support of each individual town. All of our Services, Programs and Advocates are provided to all people of our service area at no cost.

Throughout the service area, over 500 people were provided services and outreach.

As the primary crisis service provider to Orange and Upper Windsor Counties, we are members of the Orange County Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force, and attend Child Protection Team meetings throughout the area. Safeline is a member of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Our Crisis Hotline is reached at 1-800-NEW-SAFE or 1-800-639-7233 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Trained Advocates are available at no charge anytime day or night. We provide advocacy services at Family Court, Hospitals, Police Stations and any situation where we are needed.

Safeline has a large resource library available to anyone who would like to learn more about these. Our trained staff can also provide presentations to area schools and organizations. We invite businesses, educational and private organizations to use our services and presentations in the effort to end Domestic and Sexual Violence in our lifetime.

Safeline, Inc. is a non-profit 501 © (3) Corporation and is not affiliated with the United Way at this time. Thank you for your continued support

*The continued support of \$200.00 is requested from the Corinth Taxpayers.*

**Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission**  
**3117 Rose Hill, The King Farm, Woodstock VT 05091**  
**1-802-457-3188 website: www.trorc.org**

During 2004, the Regional Commission provided technical expertise and resources for municipal officials as well as advocated for members' needs with the State Legislature and with State and Federal agencies. Two Rivers – Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) functions as staff for many of our towns and most of our work was initiated at the request of Selectboards, Planning Commissions, and other town officials. Major accomplishments for the past year included:

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

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

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

**Economic Development Planning** – In 2004, the Regional Commission continued working on a \$200,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant to assess the level of contamination on many sites throughout our Region. Once the level of contamination is known, the Regional Commission helps towns locate funding sources for clean-up. An additional \$200,000 was received by TRORC this year to help those communities with properties contaminated by petroleum products. In addition, TRORC spent considerable time maintaining the eligibility of our Region for federal economic development administration money.

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

*The continued dues of \$1614.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers*

**Upper Valley Services, Inc.**  
**RR1 Box 76, Pierson Industrial Park, Bradford, VT 05033**  
**1-802-222-9235**

Upper Valley Services, Inc. is a private non-profit agency, which provides a variety of services to individuals with developmental disabilities in Orange County. We also provide a statewide crisis program, for the more challenging individual, which is located in Moretown, VT.

The services that we provide are as follows:

- Residential Supports. These supports range from minimal supports to individual 24 hour support in a Group Home setting, or 24 hour support through contracts with private providers, Developmental Home Providers, who take the individual into their home.

- Community and Social Supports. These supports include volunteer sites, community integration, social interaction, etc.

- Vocational Supports. These supports include 1:1 training for competitive employment as well as job development services for those who do not need the continual 1:1 job support. In the Town of Bradford, we operate the Connecticut River Redemption Center as a job site for those individuals who wish to work there.

- Service Coordination. These supports are available to support natural families, guardians, consumers and providers with coordination of services needed by the consumer. Our service coordinators provide 24 hour/7 days a week emergency response.

- Assessments and Evaluations. These services determine the eligibility of any individual who requests services from Upper Valley Services. State regulations require that individuals requesting services meet specific eligibility and System of Care priority requirements.

- Crisis Services. This service is a statewide service available to any agency/family where the consumer meets entrance criteria. The Department of Developmental and Mental Health Services determines if the consumer meets the criteria for entrance into this program. This is a short-term program, usually not more than two weeks, with assistance to families/agencies with reintroduction into their own communities.

- Family Respite. This service provides limited funding to assist families in keeping their family member with developmental disabilities within their natural home.

*The continued support of \$700.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers*

## **Valley Health Center**

**PO Box A, East Corinth, VT 05040**  
**1-802-439-5321**

Located in the center of the Village of East Corinth, the Valley Health Center (VHC) provides primary health care services to the people of Corinth, Topsham and 51 other upper Connecticut River Valley communities. Our service is our mission.

The Valley Health Center is governed by a Board of Trustees. Operations and administration are managed by a trustee formed Management Committee and a part time executive director. Clinical services are provided by a family practice physician, a family nurse practitioner and two licensed practical nurses.

The Valley Health Center is the primary health care provider for almost 2,000 active patients from some 38 rural communities in Vermont and 15 border towns in New Hampshire. The VHC is a trusted and relied upon institution that has been meeting the health care needs of patients in our community for almost 50 years. The Towns of Corinth and Topsham furnish approximately seventy percent (70%) of VHC's patients. Our services above and beyond the daily clinic appointments include the following:

- Critical Care Considerations: Timely care of patients in crisis is absolutely crucial in our rural community where patients in medical emergency situations arrive at the VHC without warning. Our caring and able staff assess each emergency, then treat and comfort patients and their families while waiting for ambulance service to transport them to the nearest hospital located some thirty miles away. The VHC works closely with personnel of our all-volunteer emergency response team, the FAST Squad.

- Waits River Valley School is a K – 8 educational institution serving the towns of Corinth and Topsham and is a 5-6 minute drive from the VHC. The School does not have a fulltime nurse on duty and often relies on the VHC to treat students with chronic or acute medical conditions (asthma and seizure disorders, falls, accidents, and others). Future plans at the VHC include utilizing state and federal grants to expand service to the school to include additional preventive medical care and immunizations.

- Northeast Ski Slopes, a volunteer/nonprofit winter sports venue, the oldest continuously operating rope tow ski facility of its kind in the US, is located adjacent to the Waits River Valley School and is within a 5-6 minute drive from the VHC. Valley Health Center provides emergency care in cases of illness or injury at the Slopes.

- Considerations of the Rural Locale: VHC serves the health needs of this rural community's many loggers, farmers, and those self-employed in other rural occupations, providing treatment and/or triage for a variety of medical needs, including chronic and acute conditions including farming and logging accidents.

- Home Visits and Other Considerations: Road conditions during the winter months and mud season sometimes make for hazardous travel. Many of our elderly patients and those with disabilities rely on home visits from our staff, or the generosity of family, friends, or neighbors to transport them for medical assistance. Of invaluable benefit is the accessibility and close proximity of the VHC to many of our patients as well as our ability to provide in-home visits. Our clinic and all our services are fully handicap accessible.

*A first-time request of \$2,000.00 is made to the Corinth Taxpayers.*

## **The Vermont Center for Independent Living**

**11 East State St., Montpelier 05602**

**1-800-639-1522 email: [vcil@vcil.org](mailto:vcil@vcil.org)**

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 non-profit organization, 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, 2003 through September 30, 2004 VCIL responded to over **2,000** 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 one-on-one peer counseling to **355** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and life opportunities; provided **401** households with financial and technical assistance for making their bathrooms and entrances accessible to a disabled family member; provided over **345** with personal assistance and/or assistive technology; provided communications equipment to **76** deaf, hard-of-hearing or speech-impaired individuals through the Vermont Equipment Distribution Program, and delivered meals to almost **555** Vermonters through VCIL's Meals on Wheels program for Individuals Under 60 with Disabilities.

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

During FY2004, VCIL provided direct services to **3** residents of the Town of Corinth utilizing the following services/programs: Information and Referral, Meals on Wheels (for people with disabilities under the age of 60), Home and Community Access Program and the Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF).

*The continued support of \$170.00 is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*

# Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

*Of Vermont and New Hampshire*

**46 South Main Street, White River Junction, VT 05001-7911**

**1-802-295-2604 or 1-800-858-1696**

**email: [www.vnahospicevtnh.org](http://www.vnahospicevtnh.org)**

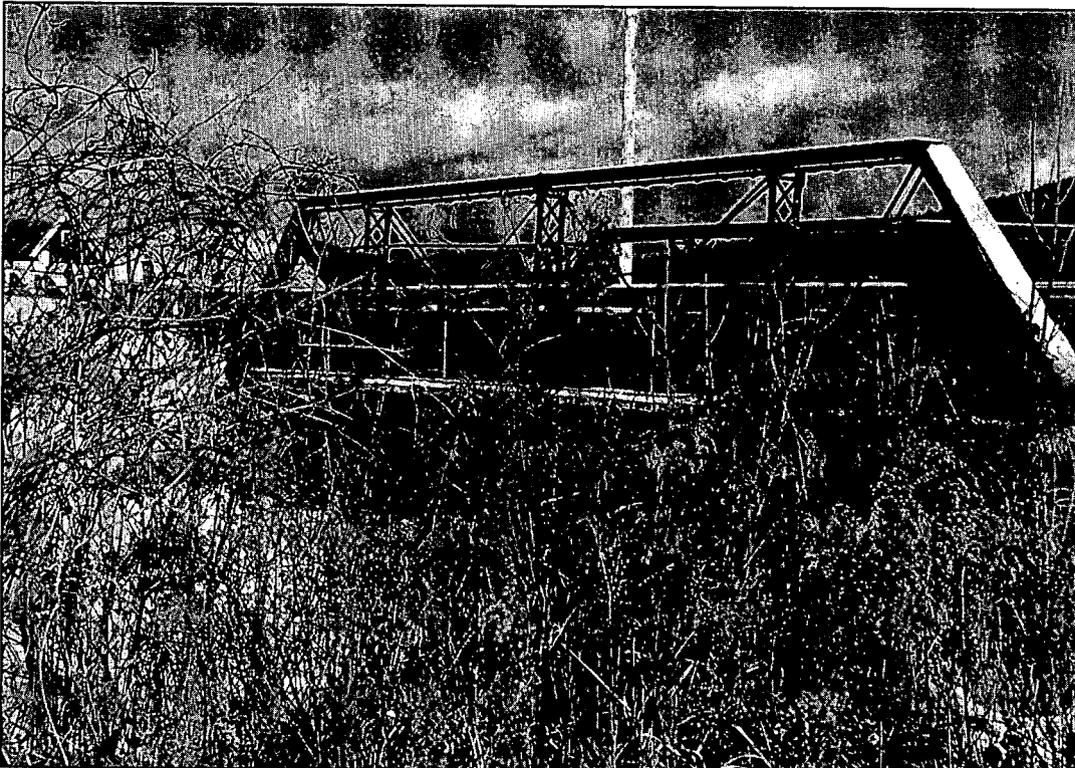
We are grateful to the citizens of the Town of Corinth for partnering with the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc, to ensure quality home healthcare, Hospice, and family services. Regardless of an individual's ability to pay, we are committed to providing skilled care to uninsured and under-insured residents in you community.

The salaries and benefits climbed by 5.8% this year. In addition, 2003 delivered some harsh news: home care reimbursements were reduced in October 2002 by 4.9% with an additional 10% that followed in April of 2003. Currently, there is a 2004 gap in funding on average of \$891 per average homecare patient episode. As hospitals are releasing patients sooner, we are seeing patients at home facing more complex and costly recovery issues. As a responsible steward of the trust and resources given to us by our donors and the towns that support us, we have been successful in re-engineering clinical and business practices without compromising care.

Implementation of our new laptop technology means our nurses spend more time with patients and less with paperwork. The Medicare and Medicaid system measures our effectiveness, and they compare us nationally. Overall, we are as effective, if not more so, than many other providers in the nation.

While we recognize the increased pressures on the towns, we are requesting a modest increase in funding for the coming year to continue offering home healthcare, family support services, and Hospice care. Would you consider providing support at the level of \$5,844? Even still, this request remains below that of other towns of comparable size and reflects a steady increase in service provided over the last years. In addition, we understand we are not required to submit a petition for consideration in this process.

*An increased amount of \$5,844.00 (last year's amount was \$5460.00) is requested from Corinth Taxpayers.*



## 7. State and County Services

### Vermont Department of Health

White River Junction, VT

1-802-295-8820

website: [www.healthyvermonters.info](http://www.healthyvermonters.info)

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Preparedness:** The Vermont Department of Health is actively working with local, state and federal agencies to assure a rapid and effective response to bioterrorism and other public health threats or emergencies. Local health office activities include monitoring and early identification of disease; investigating disease sources; providing accurate and timely information to the public and health professionals; collaborating with other agencies during biological, environmental or weather events; training personnel; as well as planning and testing regional responses with hospitals and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) #12.

**Special Supplemental Food & Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC):** WIC improves the health of eligible pregnant and postpartum women, infants and young children through access to health care, nutrition education and individually designed nutritious food packages. In 2003, 28 women, infants and young children living in Corinth received health and nutrition screening, education and nutritious foods through this program. The average value of foods provided is \$40.00 per person each month.

**Reportable Disease Investigations:** Infectious diseases continue to be a major source of illness, disability and death in the U.S., accounting for 25% of all doctor visits each year. The Department of Health investigates all reportable disease cases, such as hepatitis, meningitis, pertussis (whooping cough), and infectious diarrhea. When these illnesses occur, we strive to determine their source and recommend measures to control and prevent further spread of disease. In 2003, Orange County had 69 cases of disease investigated.

**Vaccine-Preventable Diseases:** Proper vaccination protects children and adults against many diseases, saves health care costs, and minimizes sick leave from school or work. Immunization has reduced reportable cases of preventable diseases in Vermont to record low levels. Still, total annual hospital costs from vaccine-preventable disease in Vermont are more than \$2.5 million. In 2003, the Vermont Department of Health distributed more than \$244,777 worth of vaccine to health care providers in the White River Junction District.

**Food & Lodging Inspections:** Public health sanitarians inspect eating establishments (restaurants, schools and fairs) to decrease the risk of food borne disease outbreak. The five greatest risks for food borne outbreaks are storing food at improper temperatures, inadequate cooking, contaminated equipment, unsafe food sources, and poor personal hygiene among food handlers. Inspections include a 44-item review to evaluate food storage, preparation and handling, as well as to identify potential risks. Of the 7 establishments in your area there were 7 inspections in 2003. For the most recent inspection scores and results in your area, please go to [www.healthyvermonters.info](http://www.healthyvermonters.info) and select "Program List," then scroll down to "Division of Health Protection" and select "Restaurant Inspection Scores."

**Town Health Officer (THO) Program:** Every town in Vermont has a THO who is nominated by the Select Board and appointed by the Commissioner of Health. THOs work on a variety of environmental and health issues, and respond to calls on public health concerns as varied as animal bites, West Nile virus, rental code complaints and septic systems. The Department of Health supports THOs with training, information and technical assistance. From July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004, the Health Department assisted your THO, Carrie Sandin, and Corinth residents with 1 inquiry.

**West Nile Virus (WNV) Surveillance:** WNV first appeared in the U.S. in 1999. Birds and mammals (including people) can get WNV from the bite of an infected mosquito. The Vermont Departments of Health and Agriculture conduct surveillance for WNV each year from June until cold weather limits mosquito activity. As of September 20, 2004 there had been 19,639 mosquitoes collected, with one mosquito pool testing positive. In Orange County from June – September 20, 2004, 28 dead birds were reported, 11 were tested, and none was found to be infected with WNV. There were no horses testing positive, or probable human cases of WNV reported in Vermont during this time period.

The Vermont Department of Health works to protect and promote the public's health. Current challenges include emergency preparedness and response to disease threats, development of substance abuse treatment opportunities, and the reorganization of the Agency of Human Services, which shifted Vermont's mental health efforts to the Department of Health. This past year, the Department also increased its services to women age 40 and older to help access screening for conditions such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease in addition to breast and cervical cancer.

If you would like to learn more about these or other efforts, or if you have a public health concern, please call the Health Department's White River Junction District Office at (802) 295 8820. Please visit our website at [www.healthyvermonters.info](http://www.healthyvermonters.info) for recent publications, news updates and other current information about public health.

## **Vermont Enhanced 911**

**94 State Street, Drawer 20, Montpelier, VT 05620-6501**

**1-802-828-4911 or 1-800-342-4911**

**email: [info@e911.psa.state.vt.us](mailto:info@e911.psa.state.vt.us)**

**website: <http://www.state.vt.us/e911>**

Please visit the Vermont Enhanced 911 website for information on current activities.  
The number of 911 calls from Corinth in Calendar Year 2004 was 245.

## **Vermont State Police**

**Troop 'B'**

**Rte 25, Bradford, VT 05033**

**1-802-222-4680**

**website: [www.vtsp.org/bradford.html](http://www.vtsp.org/bradford.html)**

The Vermont State Police at Bradford has undergone a series of significant changes during the last year. In December 2003, our dispatching shifted from the Bradford Barracks to the derby Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The Derby PSAP is a brand new state of the art modern facility, utilizing the latest available dispatching technologies. This final phase of a multi year project will enable our department to better meet the communications challenges that lie ahead.

At the Bradford station, we've had three new Vermont State Troopers assigned during the last eighteen months. Troopers Hugh O'Donnell, Mark Potter and Robert Giolito have become members of our community and are now on patrol in your town.

Our mission and efforts continue to be focused on reducing highway fatalities by aggressively apprehending impaired drivers (DUIs) while on patrol. We also continue to prioritize the detection, investigation, and apprehension of those individuals who have chosen to violate Vermont criminal laws.

By working together, we can keep our families and neighbors safe, and improve the quality of life in our communities.

Please visit with us at one of the many community events that we participate in each year, or at our web site: [www.vtsp.org/bradford.html](http://www.vtsp.org/bradford.html).

The Tables below give the 2003 Crime Statistics for the Town of Corinth.

On behalf of the entire staff at the Bradford State Police barracks, I, LT Walter Goodell, Station Commander, want to thank you for your continued support.

## Crime Statistics for the Town of Corinth - 2003

**Town of Corinth:** Estimated 2002 Population: 1,483

<b>CRIME RATE</b>			
<b>Actual Counts</b>		<b>Crime Rate per Thousand</b>	
Part I	Part II	Part I	Part II
23	73	15.51	49.22

<b>PART I CRIME</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>PART II CRIME</b>	<b>#</b>
Homicide	0	Forgery	0
Rape	1	Fraud	1
Robbery	0	Embezzlement	0
Aggravated Assault	0	Stolen Property	1
Burglary	9	Vandalism	16
Larceny	13	Sex Offense	6
Auto Theft	0	Drugs	5
Arson	0	Family/Child	9
		Liquor Violations	2
		Disorderly Conduct	6
		Simple Assault	6
		Weapons	0
		Prostitution	0
		Gambling	0
		Vagrancy	0
		DUI	2
		Other	19



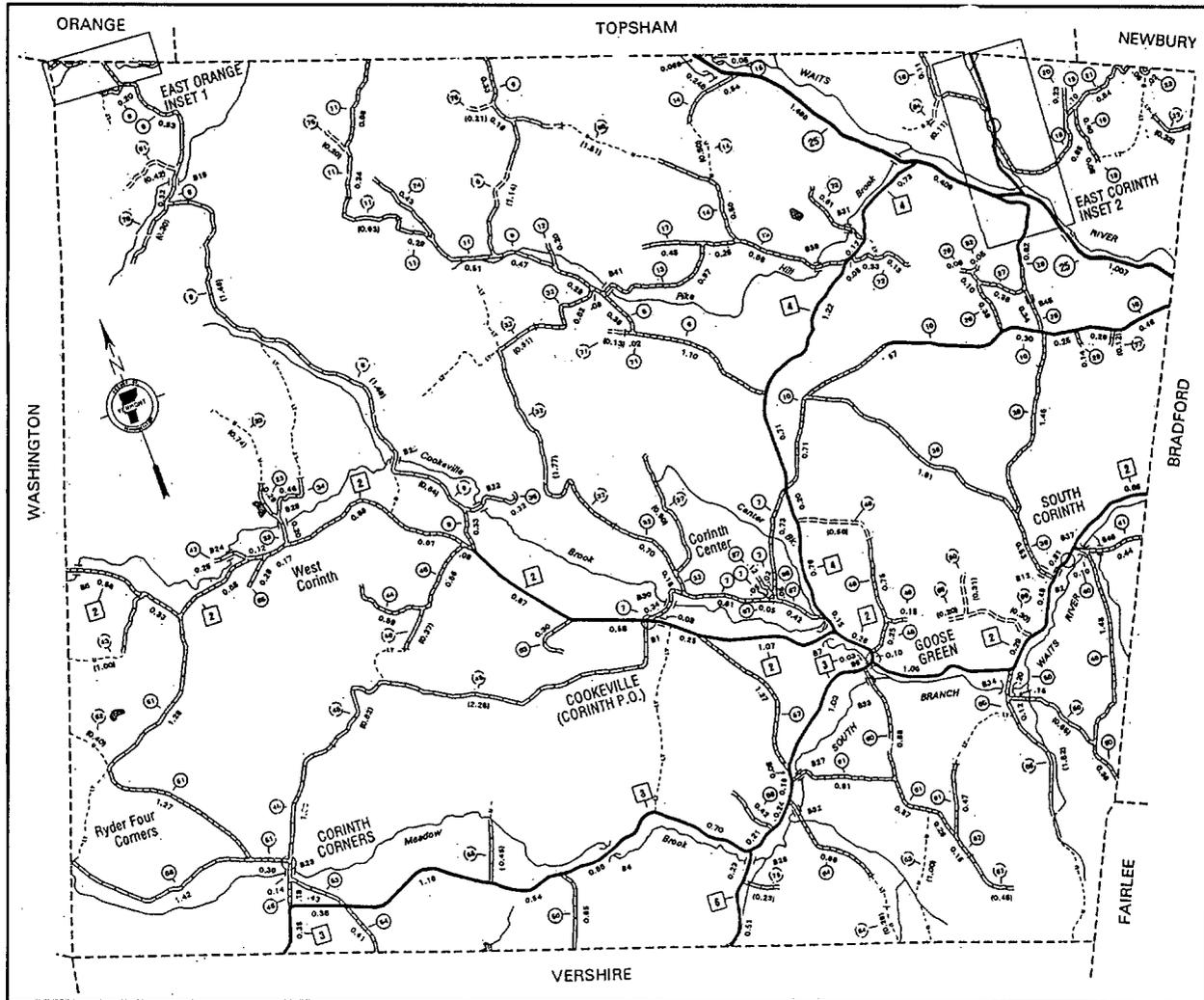
# 8. Town Information

## Corinth Area, Population, Highways and Map

Area second in County, 16<sup>th</sup> in State ..... 23,040 acres  
 Population – 2000 Census ..... 1,461  
 Housing Units – per 2000 Census ..... In 1990 – 618 Units  
 ..... In 2000 – 728 Units

### Highways

Class 1 Town Highways ..... none  
 Class 2 Town Highways ..... 21.21 miles  
 Class 3 Town Highways ..... 49.23 miles  
 Class 4 Town Highways ..... 23.35 miles  
 Total Town Roads ..... 93.79 miles  
 State Highway (Rte 25) ..... 3.963 miles  
 Total Miles of Road ..... 97.753 miles



# Vital Statistics

## 2004

### Births

Name of Child	Name of Parents
Jacob Matthew Langlois	Arlyn B. Bruccoli and Shamus M. Langlois
Abigail Kathryn Shelton-Kidder	Heather L. Shelton and James S. Kidder
Isaac Tadashi Greenberg	Karen E. Weinberg and Joseph E. Greenberg
Jonah Issac Rain Cattaneo	Farrah L. and Thomas A. Cattaneo
Silas Michael Betit	Elsa M. I. and Michael J. Betit
Hannah Elizabeth Osmer	Melissa L. and Harold E. Osmer, Jr.
Madelyn Inez Garrett	Melisa A. Mahony and Larry P. Garrett

### Marriages

Name of Groom	Residence	Name of Bride	Residence
Randy R. Hansen	Oklahoma	Janet L. Shepherd	Oklahoma
David E. Royce	Corinth	Robin E. Spaulding	Corinth
Philip E. Brown, Jr.	E. Corinth	Mary J. Horne	E. Corinth
Jonathan L. Covey	E. Corinth	Keisha M. Barbour	E. Corinth
William B. Bonser	Corinth	Robin L. Ricker	Corinth
Raymond X. Dauphinais	Corinth	Pamela A. Hazlett	Corinth
Gian G. Romagnoli	Corinth	Lauren A. Paradise	Wisconsin
William S. Simmons	Corinth	Crystal L. Danforth	Corinth
Tyler E. Rich	New Hampshire	Rachel L. Pierson	E. Corinth

### Deaths

Name	Place of Death
Walter R. Butler, Sr.	Barton
Larry C. Martin	Burlington
Richard C. Palisoul	Lowell, MA
Ivah A. Tullar	Corinth
John W. Brockardt	Lebanon, NH
Juliabelle L. Sweet	Berlin
Mable Pierson	Haverhill, NH
Kenneth F. Magoon	Barre City
Carole B. LaRowe	Norwich
Sharon Miller	Corinth
Marion Moulton	Laconia, NH
Walter O. Peatman, Jr.	Corinth
Jean Harvey	Corinth

# Dog and Wolf-Hybrid Licenses

## General Requirements 20 VSA 3581

A copy of the complete dog law and rabies manual is available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office. Any person who fails to follow the requirements of the law shall be fined in an amount not more than \$500.00. **ALL UNLICENSED DOGS NEED TO BE LICENSED.**

## Summary of General Requirements

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

All dogs and wolf-hybrids three months of age or older must be registered *on or before the first of April* on each year. Dogs and wolf-hybrids licensed after April 1, 2005 will cost 50 percent (50%) in excess of the regular fee.

### DOG LICENSE FEES 2005 (These fees include the \$3.00 Vermont State fee):

	Licensed by April 1	Licensed after April 1
Altered Male or Female	\$7.00	\$9.00
Unaltered Male or Female	\$11.00	\$15.00

In order to qualify for a neutered male or spayed female license, the owner must exhibit to the clerk a certificate signed by a veterinarian showing the dog has been sterilized.

### CERTIFICATION OF RABIES VACCINATION:

An owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid shall deliver to the Town Clerk a certificate or certified copy of a current vaccination certificate against rabies. For the purposes of this law, a current vaccination against rabies means that:

1. All dog and wolf-hybrid vaccinations recognized by state and local authorities shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
2. All dogs and wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination.
3. All subsequent vaccinations following the initial vaccination shall be valid for 36 months.
4. All vaccinations, including the initial vaccination, shall be with a U.S. Department of Agriculture-approved three-year vaccine product.

The rabies clinic is tentatively scheduled for March 15, 2005, at the East Corinth Fire Dept. from 6:30-7:30 PM.

## Dog License Report for Corinth

316 Dogs were licensed in 2004.

# Property and Equipment

## Town Garage

- 1 2002 Mack Truck Model RD690P (New 2001)
- 1 1991 International Truck Model 4800  
(Used 2003)
- 1 1999 Caterpillar Model 928G Wheel Loader
- 1 1996 International Diesel Dump Truck with plow  
& wing
- 1 1973 Farmall International Tractor Model 766  
with rotary mower (Used 2001)
- 1 1993 Grader CAT 120G with wing
- 1 Chloride System (New 2003)
- 1 Used Snow Plow
- 1 York Rake (New 1992)
- 2 Slide in sanders
- 1 Culvert Thawer with Pressure Washer – 1999
- 1 Brush Cutter – 1992
- 1 Trailer
- 1 Chain Saw (New 2001)
- 1 Chain Saw – 1995
- 1 Chain Saw – 1992
- 1 Bandit Model 100 Chipper
- 1 Trimmer 245R (New 2003)
- Snow Fence

## Fire Warden

- Indian Pumps
- Fire Rakes

## Listers' Office

- 2 4-drawer Metal Files (New 2002)
- 1 Dell Dimension 8200
- 1 HP Deskjet 952C Printer
- 2 Metal Book Cases (New 2002)
- 1 1-2 drawer Metal file
- 1 Goldstar Studio works Computer and Printer –  
1998 (Out of Service)
- 1 Printer Table
- 1 Computer Desk
- 1 Computer Chair (New 2002)
- 2 Metal Side Chairs

## Town Hall and Contents

- Chairs - 126
- Tables – 8 Folding; 6 Wooden of various sizes
- 4 Chair Carts (New 2002)
- 1 Frigidaire Gas Stove (New 2003)
- 1 Frigidaire Electric Stove
- 1 Frigidaire Refrigerator (New 2002)
- 1 Regency Dishwasher
- 1 Minute Man Vacuum Cleaner (New 2002)
- 1 Generator
- 1 Hot Air Furnace
- 1 Hot Water Heating System
- 1 4-unit Collapsible Voting Booths (New 2000)
- 1 Piano and Bench
- Misc. Janitorial Supplies

## Town Clerk and Treasurer's Office

- 2 Desks
- 3 Office Chairs
- 1 Olympia Startype 3 Typewriter (New 2000)
- 2 Adding machines
- 1 Unit Shelving
- 2 Check Protectors
- 1 Wooden Storage Cabinet (Used 2000)
- 3 4-drawer Metal Files
- 1 2-drawer Metal File
- 1 1-drawer Metal File
- 1 Copy Machine (New 2004)
- 1 Compaq Deskpro EX MT Pentium (New 2001)
- 1 Monitor and Epson AP5500 Printer – 1996 (Out of  
Service)
- 1 Compaq Deskpro EN (New 2001)
- 1 HP Deskjet 952 Printer (New 2001)
- 1 Hp LaserJet 1200 Series Printer (New 2002)
- 1 HP PSC 2110 All-in-One Printer Scanner Copier  
(New 2003)
- 1 IBM Model 35 SX Computer, Monitor and Printer  
– 1992 (Out of Service)
- 2 Computer Tables
- 1 Oak Writing Table
- 4 Side Chairs
- 1 Sharp UX-1300 FAX (New 1997)
- 1 Fellowes Powershred PS 55 Paper Shredder  
(New 2000)
- Various Software

# Town Insurance Policies and Bonds as of June 30, 2004

## Buildings

Town Hall and Contents, Multi-peril	\$250,000
Town Garage, Multi-peril	75,000
Corinth Academy Building	125,000

## Liability and Equipment

Liability on Buildings	\$2,000,000
Public Officials Liability	2,000,000

Workman's Compensation (standard)	per statute
Contractors Equipment Coverage	value of equipment
Business Auto Policy	2,000,000

Town Hall Contents	20,000
Town Crime Coverage	500,000
Garage Contents	15,000

## Surety Bonds

Public Employee Blanket Bond  
Issued to Town of Corinth, July 1, 1998

Money and Securities	\$25,000 (1 year)
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# Town Meeting Proceedings

## March 2, 2004

Corinth Town Moderator, Harvey Carter, called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Harvey Carter announced that copies of corrections to the Town Report were available. These were distributed. He called upon Marge Silagyi to make an announcement. Marge described the Valley Health Center Auxiliary Project. The Health Center is selling cookbooks with recipes from local residents to raise money for the Health Center. Harvey Carter pointed out that many bills of interest to the community, including a transportation bill, would soon come up for vote in the Legislature. Our two (2) representatives: Sylvia Kennedy and Phil Winters would be coming to the meeting to discuss these. (Senator Mark MacDonald had been invited, but declined.) He asked if there was any objection to interrupting the meeting to hear them. There was none.

**The legal voters of the town of Corinth are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall, Cookeville, on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following, to wit:**

Moderator Harvey Carter officially started the meeting by reading Articles 1-13.

**Article 1: To elect the following by Australian ballot. For the purpose of this article the polls will be open from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM.**

	<i>Votes Received of 358 Votes Cast</i>
Moderator for 1 year	Forbes Morrell..... 115
Selectman for 3 years	Andrew (Andy) Martin..... 237
Lister for 3 years	Edward Eilertsen..... 283
School Director for 2 years	Lorraine (Devins) Houle..... 287
School Director for 3 years	Richard Kelley..... 155
Cemetery Commission for 3 years	Raymond Moulton..... 278
First Constable for 1 year	Joe Hill..... 292
Second Constable for 1 year	David (Bubbi) Danforth..... 241
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year	Susan Fortunati..... 272
Grand Juror for 1 year	Edward Eilertsen..... 270
Town Agent to Deed Real Estate for 1 year	Rick Cawley (Write-in)..... 60
Town Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits for 1 year	Rick Cawley (Write-in)..... 67

**Article 2. To see if the voters will accept the various officers' reports as presented in the Town Report.**

Moderator Harvey Carter asked for permission to turn this Article over to the Selectmen. Walter Peatman made the motion and Ginny Barlow seconded. The motion carried.

Jack Learmonth referred to page 43, and stated that the report showed \$300.00 had been paid to ACORN. Jack stated it **had not** been paid. Greg Thurston stated that it had been paid after the budget meetings. Susan stated that the check had been sent out and it was returned. The mail Forwarding Order had expired; there was no listed phone number; attempts had been made. Linda Weiss asked if the money had been paid to ACORN. Susan said it had been paid.

Louise Sandberg mentioned page 87, Vital Statistics. It was mentioned that the corrected "Statistics" were on the table. Susan mentioned that we try to make sure all reports are correct before they are sent to the publisher. Ginny Barlow suggested that the Town Report be edited since town reports are for townspeople.

Irene Mann asked about the Road Commissioner's report on page 53, and also the Transfer Station Report on page 67. There was discussion about the charges, and if the town made any profit on the items brought to the transfer station. Greg answered "no."

Irene Mann quoted from page 49 of the "Annual Report" pertaining to the listers' report "...a 17.62 % (percent) increase in appraisals. It is stated that we have reached an understanding with Property Valuation and Review (PVR) whereby a 'rolling reappraisal'...would be instituted." What do we mean by a "rolling reappraisal" and who is affected by it? Harvey asked Ed Eilertsen, Chairman of Listers, to answer the question. Ed stated that it occurs when we do a sales analysis and properties are selling for more than what the re-evaluation is. The State tells us what is meant by classifications such as R1, and R2. The State requires us to change appraisals when the listed value is not in line with the selling price. Irene Mann asked who was affected. Ed stated that everyone who is in that category. Irene asked about the R1 and R2. Ed stated that an R1 was anything less than 6 acres and an R2 was more than 6 acres. Jen Eilertsen, a lister, spoke, mentioning that a rolling appraisal was more popular. The town is informed by the State that every few years a re-appraisal needs to be done. An appraiser is paid to appraise each property. The rolling appraisal is done by the listers for each section during different years.

TR Jackson mentioned Tax Mapping. Since the Planning Commission is dealing with Tax Mapping, Harvey asked John Hanzas to comment on that. Is appropriate money available? Postponed – See Article 8.

Raymond Moulton commented that there was no report from the Fire Department. Mentioned that town money given and wanted to know if the selectmen know more about what has happened.

Hal Drury asked about the power of enforcement at the transfer station. Jen Eilertsen mentioned that the Transfer Station Monitor needed an ID. Moderator Carter restated about the enforcement powers at the transfer station. Greg Thurston, Chairman of the Selectboard, mentioned that the town has an ordinance, and that a monitor had been hired. The monitor needed to get together with the selectboard to determine what his duties will be. Greg stated that the town pays \$73,000.00 for the removal of garbage, and did not want people from other towns to use the Corinth transfer station. The monitor would take names and tag numbers and report to the constables. He could not remember the amount of the fines as a means of enforcement for those residents refusing to use stickers. There was discussion on the use of the stickers and what could be done. Frank Roderick stated that there is a mandate from the State to reduce trash, and as an alternative the residents could pay for their own trash pick-up. There was more discussion on the stickers, and reducing the number of stickers after the first Saturday in July.

**Moderator Harvey Carter interrupted the discussion at this time to allow Representatives Sylvia Kennedy and Philip Winters to address the meeting.**

Sylvia Kennedy informed the townspeople that she was changing from the Judiciary Committee to the House Government Operations Committee. She told everyone to feel free to call. She is working with a number of issues, and she is more than willing to answer questions. Her home phone number is 685-7770. People may also call the Sergeant-at-Arms. Harvey told the townspeople that they could ask questions.

TR Jackson moved to permit representatives to be interrogated. Judith Drury seconded the motion. It passed.

Linda Weiss asked the representatives to talk about the matters before the Legislature.

Sylvia said that the Agency of Health and Human Services (HHS) is being reorganized—that some constituents were getting two (2) checks from HHS. She hopes that the State Hospital will get a new building, but it will not be able to be soon recertified due to some deaths there. The Chairman of Fish and Wildlife wants the issue of the deer herd under the Fish and Wildlife Board instead of under the Legislature.

Gloria Miller asked Sylvia to explain more about "school choice". Sylvia stated that every child has an opportunity to have an education, and can carry block grants which makes it possible to move from one town or school to another. The bill is back in the Education Committee.

Jen Eilertsen asked Sylvia to speak on GMOs (genetically modified organisms). Sylvia asked Phil to address GMOs. Harvey asked Representative Phil Winters to address the meeting. Phil stated that in response to Ed (Lister) changes re the re-appraisal - \$6.00 per parcel goes towards reappraisal, and that Sylvia had covered a lot of issues. He stated he had been on the Agriculture Committee, and was now on the Natural Resources and Energy Committee. Phil said he would address GMOs. There are three (3) bills in the Senate; one would call for an outright ban; one on Labeling and one on Liability. The Liability bill to come out of the Senate, and go to the House. The other two (2) bills (Phil's feeling) will stay in the Senate. His position, as a long-time dairy farmer,

that there is an organic market, and the two (2) sides are fighting. He feels it is 8 or 9 years too late to ban GMOs, since so many farmers are using this technology today. Natural Resources worked on Act 250 Permit review. Glad to make changes to Act 250 process. Act 250 is a sacred cow, but changes should be made.

**This concluded Representatives Kennedy's and Winters' reports. The meeting resumed to further discuss Article 2.**

*Jack Learmonth moved to accept Article 2. Susie Learmonth seconded. The motion carried.*

**Article 3. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money to support the Highway Fund.**

*Jack Learmonth moved \$307,047.00 as the amount of money to support the Highway Fund. Holly Noble seconded the motion. Susan Fortunati stated that the amount of money recommended (on page 42 of the town report) was \$436,095. Moderator Carter asked for an amended motion and/or discussion. Jack moved to amend the motion to \$436,095, as the amount of money to support the Highway Fund, and Holly Noble seconded the amended motion. The motion, as amended, passed.*

**Article 4. To see if the voters will vote \$15,000.00 for the Bridge Reserve Fund.**

*Jack Learmonth moved to accept \$15,000.00 for the Bridge Reserve Fund. Jack Blanchard seconded the motion. Harvey asked for discussion. Frank discussed the bridge reserve fund. He also stated that the Road Commissioner is applying for other State programs. Harvey restated Article 4. The motion carried.*

**Article 5. To see if the voters will vote to have the town join the Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. Organization.**

*Raymond Moulton made a motion to join. Susan Fortunati seconded the motion. Harvey asked for discussion. Jack Learmonth asked the Selectboard to explain. Greg Thurston, Chairman, Selectboard, explained about the problem that residents had experienced with Woodsville Ambulance Service, and explained that the Upper Valley Ambulance Service has a much better response time, and has accepted Corinth. There was considerable discussion, but the motion carried.*

**Article 6. To fix the compensation for the elected town officers for the coming year.**

*Jack Learmonth moved to pay \$10.00 per hour to all elected town Officials except for the Selectmen which should remain at \$500.00 per year; \$16,000.00 for the Town Treasurer, and \$10,000.00 per year plus fees for the Town Clerk; mileage at \$.38 per mile. It was seconded by Susie Learmonth.*

*Raymond Moulton moved to amend the motion to keep the current salaries for all elected officials at \$9.00 per hour except for the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer at \$11,520.00 each; the Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Treasurer at \$8,000.00 each. The mileage would be \$.325 per mile. It was stated that the "fees" currently go to the town. There was considerable discussion on the hours that the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer work. Holly Noble stated that the IRS allows \$.36 per mile. TR Jackson seconded the motion.*

*Moderator Carter asked for discussion.*

*Raymond Moulton asked for leave to withdraw his amendment and suggested the town leave the hourly rate at \$9.00 per hour for town officials, except the highway crew, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer, and the mileage at \$.325; the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer's salary to be \$15,000.00 each; fees stay with Town; and Selectmen stay at \$500.00 per annum. TR Jackson seconded the motion.*

*Susan Fortunati made a motion to break for lunch. Jack Learmonth seconded. Moderator Carter mentioned that Jack Learmonth and Dina DuBois wanted to make announcements. Jack honored Greg Thurston for his service on the Selectboard. Greg gave his thanks to Guy Miller. Guy said he appreciated having his picture on the cover of the Town Report and honored for his service before he died. He also stated that he would like to have students taught in school how to run the government.*

*Dina asked residents to take note of and comment on the poster exhibit in the hallway depicting the former porch on the town hall and the drawing of the proposed porch restoration. She asked for comments, and for people to sign up to donate time, materials and/or money.*

**Harvey adjourned for lunch at 12:08 PM.**

**Moderator Carter brought the meeting back to order at 1:00 PM. He asked for a motion to amend Article 6.**

*TR Jackson made a motion to amend the motion to pay the Town Clerk \$15,000.00; fees to remain with the Town. Joyce McKeenan seconded the motion. The amendment passed.*

*Harvey restated the motion as amended: pay elected Town officials \$10.00 per hour; Selectmen \$500 per year; Town Treasurer \$16,000.00 and Town Clerk \$15,000.00; fees to go to town; and mileage at \$.325 per mile. The motion carried.*

**Article 7. To see if the voters will vote a sum of money for the General Fund.**

*Jack Learmonth moved to postpone action on Article 7 until Articles 8 and 9 were voted on. It was seconded by Ed Eilertsen. The motion carried.*

**Article 8. To see if the voters will vote to approve creating Tax Parcel Maps for the Town and to appropriate funds for the same.**

*Ginny Barlow moved in favor; Judy Drury seconded the motion. John Hanzas was asked to discuss tax parcel mapping. He indicated that the Planning Commission is proposing to hire a company to have everyone's parcel on the maps. The Planning Commission had applied to Housing and Community Action and had received a grant for \$11,200.00. Next year the Listers will have funds they can contribute if they have the approval to do so. There was considerable discussion regarding the tax maps and their use in surrounding towns that have the tax maps. The listers mentioned that there are three (3) parcels of property with camps where the listers cannot identify the owners. The pictures are on the bulletin board in the hallway. Ed Eilertsen, Chairman of the Listers, mentioned that the Listers don't have a handle on the acreage; it was controlled by warranty deeds and surveys. Joyce McKeenan moved to vote on the question; Robert Sandberg seconded. The motion carried*

**Article 9. To see if the voters will vote to support the Bradford Regional Community Center with an appropriation of \$1.00 per capita (\$1,461.00) for the upcoming year only.**

*Linda Weiss moved Article 9. Susie Learmonth seconded the motion. Ryan Chase spoke on the Bradford Regional Community Center (BRCC). It is located in the Upper Valley Press building. The BRCC has been remodeled. The motion carried.*

**Article 7. (Revisited) To see if the voters will vote a sum of money for the General Fund.**

Harvey threw open to the floor motions for amendments to the General Fund.

*Jack Learmonth made a motion for the General Fund expenses to be \$293,866.00; TR Jackson seconded. Linda Weiss made a motion to amend Jack's motion to add a new sum of \$300.00 for ACORN; Jack also wanted to amend the motion to contribute \$200.00 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living. Joyce McKeenan seconded the motion. Carrie Sandin made a motion to contribute an additional \$450.00 for the Central Vermont Humane Society. Dina DuBois seconded. Linda Pastelnick made a motion to increase the Assistant Town Clerk's salary to \$10,000.00, and the Assistant Town Treasurer's salary to \$4,000.00. Susan Fortunati seconded the motion. Susan Fortunati stated that the increase of \$2,240.00 for the County Tax was mandatory, and that the town had to accept an amendment to that effect, and moved to accept. Jack Learmonth seconded the motion. The main motion, as amended, carried for the sum of: \$300.00 for ACORN; \$200.00 for the Vermont Center for*

*Independent Living; an additional \$450.00 for the Central Vermont Humane Society; and \$2,240.00 for the Country Tax. The Assistant Town Clerk's salary will remain at \$2,500.00 and the Assistant Town Treasurer's salary will remain at \$2,500.00. The motion carried to have a sum of \$297,056.00 for the General Fund.*

**Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to have the taxes collected by the treasurer and to fix the dates for payment of the same.**

*Raymond Moulton moved Article 10, keeping three (3) dates for collecting taxes. Susan Fortunati, Treasurer, made a motion for two dates, i.e., September 10, 2004, and February 8, Brenda Carter seconded. Susan explained why it will be better for the town and taxpayers to have two dates instead of three. The motion carried to have the treasurer collect the taxes with the two dates for payment as September 10, 2004, and February 8, 2005.*

**Article 11. To recommend two (2) members-at-large for the budget committee for 1 year.**

*Robert Fortunati nominated Susan Shea and Brenda Carter. Susan Shea declined. Susan Shea recommended Earl Adams. No action was necessary on this article*

**Article 12. In case of unanticipated State Aid Funds (funds not included in the budget) for specific highway and bridge projects applied for and received during the fiscal year, shall the Town appropriate such funds for these projects?**

*Jack Learmonth moved the Article and Robert Sandberg seconded. The motion carried.*

**Article 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**

*Greg Thurston thanked Susan Shea for her services. Walter Peatman mentioned getting a microphone for use at Town Meetings.*

*Carrie Sandin introduced the "Animal Cruelty Ordinance", and moved that it be adopted. Jen Eilertsen seconded the motion. (The animal ordinance had to be posted.) Louise Sandberg mentioned that the animal cruelty ordinance would help the owner of the goats on Cookeville Road. The motion carried.*

*Dina DuBois spoke on the addition of a "piazza" to the town hall building so it would look like it had at one time. Last year she had brought up the suggestion of a piazza, and since there was strong support, she brought a poster showing what it had looked like, and would like comments. It would be an historically inspired porch renovation. A show of hands of the assembly showed strong support again for the project. It was suggested she have a petition drawn up, have the petition signed by voting residents, and then present it to the selectboard. Buss Carter asked how many parking spaces would be lost if the "piazza" was added to the building.*

*Jack Learmonth moved to adjourn; Robert Fortunati seconded; the meeting was adjourned by Harvey Carter at 3:03 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda D. Pastelnick  
Town Clerk

# Elected Town Officers 2003-2004

802-439-5850 (phone & fax)

	TERM EXPIRES	
<b>MODERATOR – 1 Year</b>		
Forbes Morrell .....	2005 .....	439-6312
<b>TOWN CLERK – 3 Years</b>		
Linda D. Pastelnick.....	2006 .....	Office 439-5850
.....		Home 439-5784
<b>TREASURER – 3 Years</b>		
Susan L. Fortunati.....	2006 .....	Office 439-5850
.....		Home 439-6179
<b>SELECTMEN – 3 Years</b>		
Francis J. Roderick, Chair .....	2005 .....	439-6258
Kyle Thompson.....	2006 .....	439-5832
Andrew (Andy) Martin.....	2007 .....	439-6388
<b>LISTERS</b>		
Jen Eilertsen.....	2005 .....	439-5855
Kenneth Paronto .....	2006 .....	439-5416
Edward Eilertsen-Chair .....	2007 .....	439-5855
<b>COLLECTOR of DELINQUENT TAXES– 1 Year</b>		
Susan L. Fortunati.....	2005 .....	Home 439-6179
<b>CONSTABLE, First – 1 Year</b>		
Joseph Hill .....	2005 .....	439-6848
<b>CONSTABLE, Second – 1 Year</b>		
David Danforth, Jr. ....	2005 .....	439-5668
<b>GRAND JUROR – 1 Year</b>		
Edward Eilertsen.....	2005 .....	439-5855
<b>TOWN AGENT to DEED REAL ESTATE – 1 Year</b>		
Richard A. Cawley.....	2005 .....	222-9234
<b>TOWN AGENT to PROSECUTE and DEFEND SUITS – 1 Year</b>		
Richard A. Cawley.....	2005 .....	222-9234
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS– 3 Years</b>		
Norman Collette.....	2005 .....	685-3812
Ben Eilertsen.....	2006 .....	439-5474
Raymond Moulton.....	2007 .....	439-5465
<b>WAITS RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #36 DIRECTORS – 3 Years</b>		
Wells Smith .....	2005 .....	439-5308
Loraine (Devins) Houle .....	2006 .....	439-5758
Richard Kelley.....	2007 .....	439-6589
<b>JUSTICE of the PEACE - Term expires January 31, 2007</b>		
Brenda Carter.....		439-6250
Marian Cawley.....		439-5511
Lois Covey.....		439-5568
Susan Fortunati .....		439-6179
John (Jack) Learmonth.....		439-5399
Guy Miller.....		439-5052
Linda Weiss .....		439-5280

# Appointed Town Officers 2003-2004

## ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK

Lois Covey ..... 439-5568  
 Marie Paton.....  
 Christine E. Minery.....

## ASSISTANT TOWN TREASURER

Linda D. Pastelnick..... 439-5784  
 Brenda A. Carter ..... 439-6250  
 Deidra Thurston ..... 439-5908

## AUDITORS (Contracted)

Sullivan, Powers & Co., Certified Public Accounts- professional auditing firm

## BUDGET COMMITTEE (At Large)

Brenda A. Carter ..... 439-6250  
 Earl Adams ..... 439-6552

## DOG OFFICER(S)

Joseph Hill ..... 439-6848  
 David Danforth, Jr. .... 439-5668

## E-911 COORDINATOR

John (Jack) Learmonth..... 439-5399

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Robert Fortunati ..... 439-6179

## ENERGY COORDINATOR

Francis J. Roderick..... 439-6258

## FENCE VIEWERS

George Bruder..... 439-6250  
 Greg Thurston..... 439-5956  
 Guy C. Miller, Sr. .... 439-5052

## FIRE CHIEF

Bryan King.....

## FIRE WARDEN (Appointed by State)

Wade M. Pierson..... 439-5535

## HEALTH OFFICER

Carrie Sandin ..... 439-6671

## PLANNING COMMISSION

### Term Expires

Virginia Barlow .....	2005 .....	439-5252
John Pierson.....	2005 .....	439-5516
Lois Covey.....	2006 .....	439-5568
John Hanzas, Chair .....	2006 .....	222-3536
Kevin J. Kinerson .....	2007 .....	439-5516
Forbes Morrell .....	2007 .....	439-6312

## REVOLVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Blanche Cooper..... 439-6798  
 Susan L. Fortunati (Treasurer)..... 439-6179  
 Linda Pastelnick (Secretary)..... 439-5784

<b>REVOVING LOAN FUND COMMITTEE, continued</b>	
Sam Porter.....	439-5899
Kyle Thompson (Selectman) .....	439-5832
Linda Weiss .....	439-5280
<b>ROAD COMMISSIONER</b>	
Kyle Thompson (Selectman) .....	439-5832
<b>SELECTBOARD CLERK</b>	
Laurel Marden-Sheridan .....	439-6299
<b>SERVICE OFFICER</b>	
Glen Gaetz .....	439-6163
<b>SEWAGE OFFICER</b>	
Edward Eilertsen.....	439-5855
<b>SURVEYOR of WOOD and TIMBER</b>	
Virginia Barlow .....	439-5252
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	
Forbes Morrell .....	439-6312
<b>UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE</b>	
Gregory Thurston.....	439-5956
<b>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OFFICER</b>	
Edward Eilertsen.....	439-5855
<b>ZONING BOARD of ADJUSTMENT</b>	
Forbes Morrell .....	439-6312
Carroll Porter .....	439-6294
Laurel Marden-Sheridan .....	439-6299

*IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY APPOINTED POSITION, PLEASE MAKE YOUR WISHES KNOWN TO ONE OF YOUR TOWN OFFICERS.*

## Ordinances

**Animal Cruelty Ordinance:** In effect since December 10, 2004, protects the welfare of animals in Corinth under the authority of 24 V.S.A. Ch. 61, SS2291 (21). Copies of this ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Anti-nuclear Ordinance:** On Monday, May 18, 1992, the Selectmen adopted an ordinance to ban the construction and operation of commercial nuclear reactors and/or mines for fissionable material or any other nuclear facility and the transportation, storage or disposal of radioactive wastes for such reactors and or such mines in the land, air or water of the Town of Corinth.

**Dog Ordinance:** In effect since May 15, 1995, requires that all dogs and wolf-hybrids shall be licensed and restrained from running at large. Copies of this ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Driveway Permit:** Permits shall be required to develop, construct, or re-grade any driveway entrance or approach to a town highway.

**Flood Hazard Area Zoning Regulation:** This ordinance was adopted by ballot vote on November 8, 1988. Permits are required for all new construction, substantial improvements and other developments, within all lands to which these regulations apply. Copies of this ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Highway Ordinance:** A comprehensive Highway Ordinance has been in effect since October 30, 1987. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish municipal policy and practice on the maintenance and upgrading of existing town roads and to describe construction standards and procedures for accepting new roads into the town highway system. Copies of this ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Sewage Ordinance:**

In effect since January 30, 1988, requires that a permit be obtained by any person who intends to build, replace or alter a sewage disposal system. Applications and copies of the Sewage Ordinance may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office.

**Speed Ordinances:** There are several speed ordinances for the villages of this town. Copies of these ordinances are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Stop Sign Ordinance:** In effect since May 7, 2004, regulates traffic in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Copies of this ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Subdivision Bylaws:** This ordinance was adopted by vote on November 7, 1995 and is effective as of that date. Requires registration of all division of land in Corinth. Requires approval by Planning Commission of all multi-lot or serial subdivision. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Subdivision Permit:** Application for approval of a proposed subdivision shall be made to the Corinth Planning Commission.

**Zoning:** There is no zoning ordinance in effect at this time.

## Policies

On February 29, 1988 the Selectmen voted to continue the policy regarding operation of snowmobiles and ATV's.

**Snowmobiles:** The policy for snowmobiles is that "all unplowed roads are available for use by snowmobiles. There are no other restrictions."

**ATVs:** The policy for ATVs is that "the Town has not opened any roads to trails to ATV travel."

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# Notes:



# Emergency Phone Numbers

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** .....911  
**CORINTH-TOPSHAM EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM** .....911

Give your Name, Phone Number, Location, Nature of Problem.  
**DO NOT** hang up – wait and be sure the team has all the information.

**VALLEY HEALTH CENTER**..... 439-5321 or 439-5322  
**CENTRAL VERMONT HOSPITAL** ..... 229-9121  
**DARTMOUTH HITCHCOCK MEDICAL CENTER** .....(603) 650-5000  
**First CONSTABLE – JOSEPH HILL**..... 439-6848  
**Second CONSTABLE – DAVID DANFORTH, JR.** ..... 439-5668  
**FIRE WARDEN – WADE PIERSON** .....439-5535 (Home) or 439-5745 (Garage)  
**ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF** ..... 685-4875  
**STATE POLICE**..... 222-4680

## MEETINGS

**Selectmen** - Second Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at Town Hall  
**Planning Commission** – First and Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at Town Hall; during months of November through April – First Tuesday of Month *only*  
**School Directors** – Second and Fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM Waits River Valley School  
**Solid Waste Disposal** at Town Garage Saturdays only 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Transfer Station stickers *required*)

### TOWN CLERK’S OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
 Tuesday – 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM  
 Thursday – 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
 Saturday – By appointment only

### TOWN TREASURER’S OFFICE HOURS

Monday – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
 Tuesday 12:00 Noon to 6:00 PM  
 Thursday – 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

### TOWN OFFICES ARE CLOSED WEDNESDAYS AND FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Phone & Fax number: 439-5850

### LISTER HOURS

Monday only, 8:30 AM to Noon or by appointment  
 Phone 439-5098 (and answering machine for messages) e-mail: corinth@tax.state.vt.us

**Zoning Administrative Officer** – By appointment only

**Blake Memorial Library** ..... 439-5338  
 East Corinth Village – Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM; Saturdays, 10:00 AM to Noon

## YOUR GOVERNMENT

<b>STATE</b>	Senator Mark MacDonald .....1-800-322-5616
	Representatives Sylvia Kennedy and Philip Winters .....1-800-322-5616
	Governor James Douglas.....1-800-649-6825
	Lt. Governor Brian Dube.....1-802-828-2226
<b>FEDERAL</b>	Senator Jim Jeffords .....1-800-835-5500
	Senator Patrick Leahy .....1-800-642-3193
	Representative Bernard Sanders.....1-800-339-9834

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